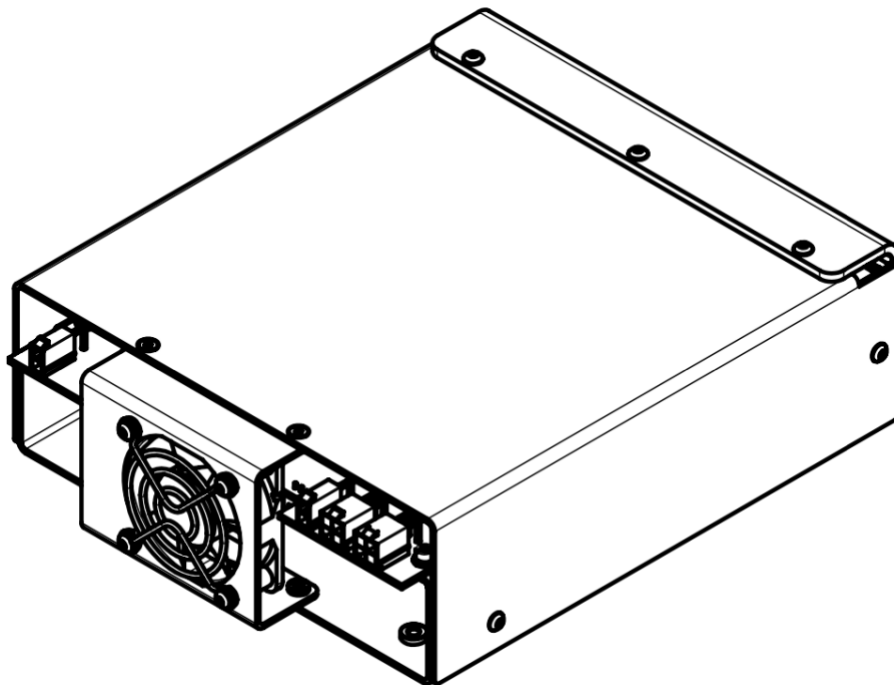


NBU-0808 discharge circuit

User manual



Warning! This equipment may be dangerous.
Please read the entire user manual carefully before using the product.

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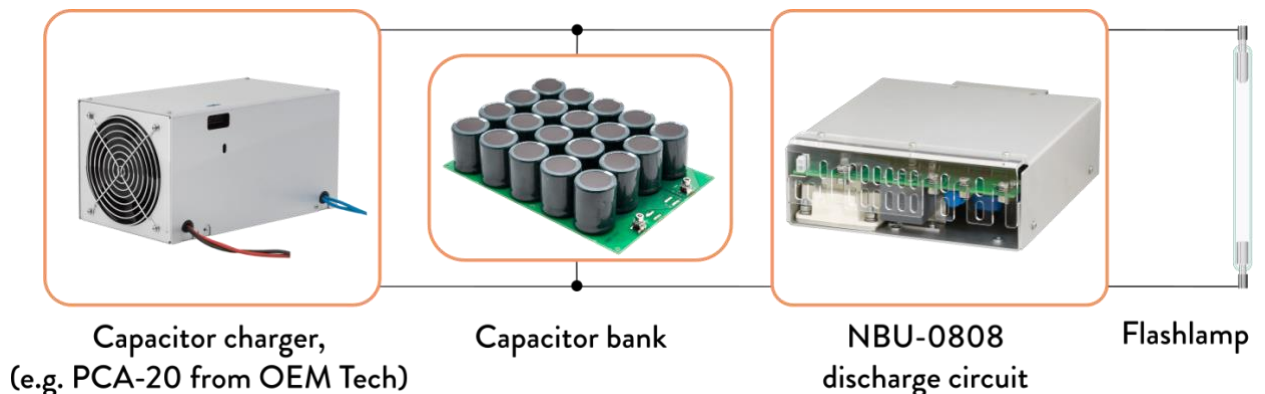
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Overview / Applications

The NBU-0808 discharge circuit is designed for simplification of solid-state laser systems development. The module forms quasi-rectangular pulses on a flashlamp using energy stored in external capacitors bank. The module includes IGBT, its driver, protective circuits, simmer and trigger circuits and controls.

The module doesn't include embedded discharge resistors, although includes all the necessary circuits to control them. Discharge resistor assemblies of different size and resistance can be purchased as accessories by us.

It's important to emphasise that the NBU-0808 is not a stand-alone solution. It requires a capacitor charging power supply and a capacitor bank, as well as some minor parts and controls to operate properly.



By default, NBU-0808 includes capabilities both for serial and external triggering (See *Triggering* section for details). Simplified as well as more complex modifications are available on request.

Important feature of NBU-0808 is a clear and visible separation between low voltage and high voltage parts. 24V power input and all interface circuits (SIM and PWF) are separated from the high voltage circuits by 4mm creepage distance and solid insulation to 2500VAC test voltage.

Cooling

The module is cooled with a built-in fan.
No external cooling is required.

Appearance



Contents of delivery

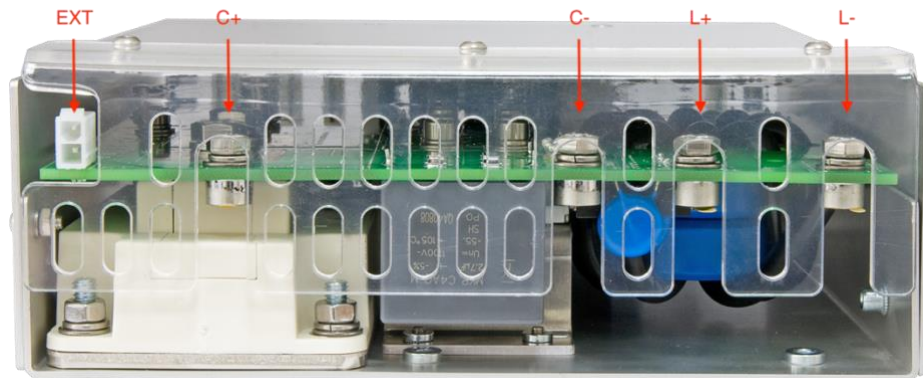
By default, the delivery package contains the NBU-0808 module only.

The following standardized set of cables can be purchased optionally:

- Flashlamp connection cable – 2pcs (150cm each)
- Capacitor connection cable – 2pcs (30cm each)
- External trigger transformer connection cable with mounted 1:70 trigger transformer – 1pc (150cm)
- 24VDC cable – 1pc (50cm)
- SIM cable – 1pc (50cm)
- PWF cable – 1pc (50cm)

A DR cable and a discharge resistor itself can not usually be supplied. Customized delivery content is available on request.

Connections, signals, signal descriptions



CAPACITOR BANK CONNECTION: Two M5 terminals

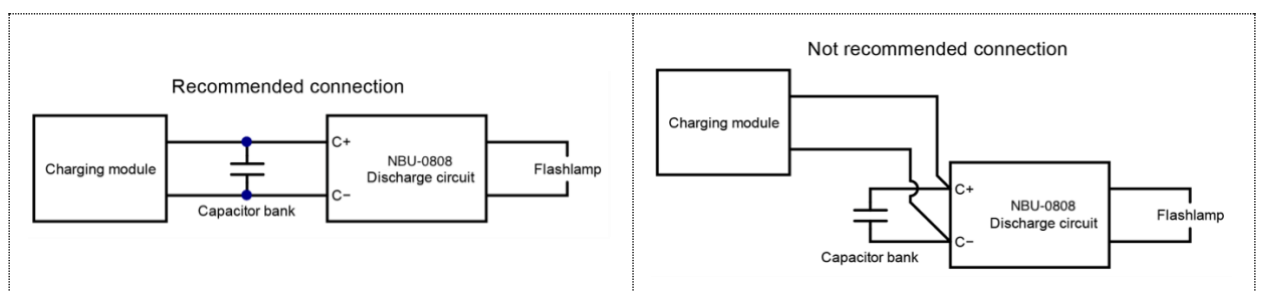
C+ – to the capacitor bank positive
C– – to the capacitor bank negative

FLASHLAMP CONNECTION: Two M5 terminals

L+ – to the flashlamp anode
L– – to the flashlamp cathode

CAPACITOR CHARGER CONNECTION CONSIDERATIONS

Note: we recommend connecting the capacitor charging power supply not to C+/C– terminals, but directly to the capacitor bank.



EXT (TO THE TRIGGER TRANSFORMER): Molex 39-30-1020

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PIN (color)	DESIGNATION	DESCRIPTION
1 (-)	GND	Trigger transformer connection.
2 (-)	TRIGGER	Once a trigger transformer is connected, trigger pulses will be automatically applied to the EXT connector instead of L- flashlamp connector. Trigger pulse parameters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 350V by default, other on request • ~20mJ by default, other on request



DR (TO DISCHARGE RESISTORS): Molex 39-30-1020

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PIN (color)	DESIGNATION	DESCRIPTION
1 (-)	C+	Discharge resistors connection
2 (-)	RELAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIN1 is always under the same potential as C+ • PIN2 is commutated by embedded relay and follows Discharge signal of PWF connector Please do not exceed the peak and the average discharge current (500mA).

We suggest using NBU-0808 with discharge resistors of your choice. The resistance and the power rating of discharge resistors must be selected accordingly to your application. Real operating voltages, your capacitor bank capacitance and the required quick discharge time are the most important parameters affecting the choice. You are welcome to contact us for assistance.

24VDC (TO 24VDC POWER SUPPLY): Molex 39-30-1020



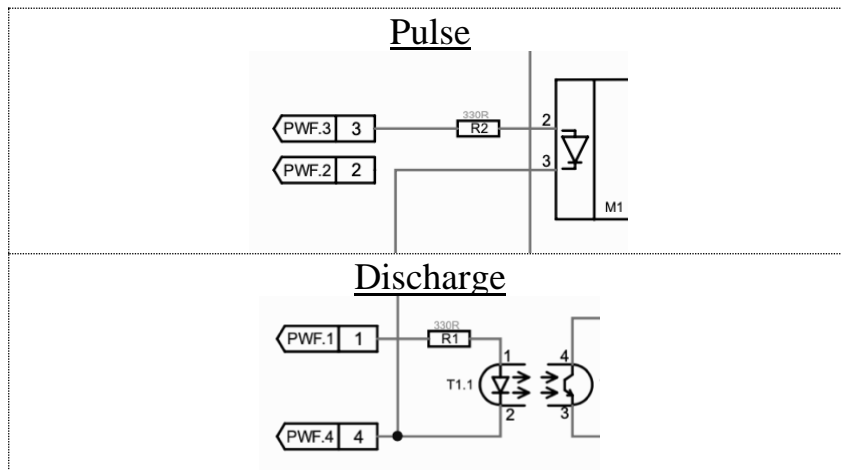
PIN (color)	DESIGNATION	DESCRIPTION
1 (-)	+24VDC	Supply power to the control circuits of NBU-0808 as well as to the integrated simmer supply module <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voltage: 24VDC Current: 5A max (up to 10A peak)
2 (-)	+24VDC Return	Return of 24VDC power supply

PWF (PULSE CONTROL): Molex 39-30-1040



PIN (color)	DESIGNATION	DESCRIPTION
1 (-)	Discharge	When no voltage is applied to <i>PIN1</i> (or <i>PIN1</i> is unconnected), i.e. while <i>Discharge</i> is <i>ON</i> , the capacitor battery continuously discharges on discharge resistors connected to DR connector of NBU-0808. Be careful, while <i>Discharge</i> is <i>ON</i> the capacitor charging is prohibited and capacitor charging power supply must be disabled. While +5V voltage is applied to <i>PIN1</i> (<i>Discharge</i> is <i>OFF</i>) module can be operated in the regular way.
2 (-)	Not Connected	–
3 (-)	Pulse	Duration of +5V TTL pulse at <i>PIN3</i> completely defines IGBT-key open state time and, as a consequence, the flashlamp pulse duration
4 (-)	Interface Return	Return of <i>Pulse</i> and <i>Discharge</i> signals

PWF CIRCUITS:

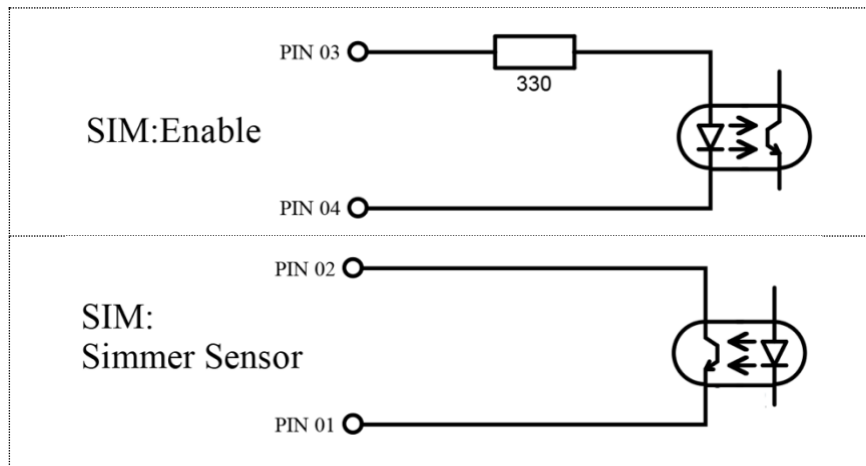


SIM (SIMMER SUPPLY CONTROL): Molex 39-30-1040



PIN (color)	DESIGNATION	DESCRIPTION
1 (-)	Sensor Return	Return of the <i>Simmer Sensor</i> signal
2 (-)	Simmer Sensor	<i>Simmer Sensor</i> circuit is closed while simmer current flows through flashlamp and is open while simmer current is absent
3 (-)	Enable	Once +5V voltage is applied to <i>PIN3</i> , the integrated simmer supply attempts to strike and maintain a low-current discharge (simmer) in the flashlamp. If flashlamp triggering is failed, the simmer supply module will try to trigger it again at a few Hertz repetition rate. After a successful triggering, the simmer supply can support up to 500mA flashlamp current (400mA is a preset by default). Simmer will be maintained until 0V is applied to <i>PIN3</i> .
4 (-)	Enable Return	Return <i>Simmer Enable</i> signal

SIM CIRCUITS:



LED:

There is the warning LED indicating that NBU-0808 circuits are under high voltage.

HV LED (**red**) – is ON when NBU-0808 circuits are under high voltage

GND: M4 THREAD

The module should be grounded using this thread.
Grounding should be carried out before the module is powered up.

Safety

Warning! This equipment produces high voltages that can be very dangerous. Be careful around the device.

- During operation all the protective covers of the equipment must be securely fixed in place and all electrical connections must be properly attached
- The NBU-0808 discharge circuit is designed to be installed inside a properly grounded metal enclosure. It is the user's responsibility to ensure that personnel are prevented from accidentally contacting the NBU-0808, especially C+/C-, DR and L+/L- connectors and cables.
Casual contact could be fatal!
- After shutdown, do not handle the capacitance load until it has been discharged. Use an appropriate meter to check for complete discharge.
- Disconnect the module from the DC power source before making or changing electrical or mechanical connections.
- **Don't remove protective covers!** There are no user serviceable parts inside this equipment.

Operations

A typical start-up sequence for the NBU-0808 is given below:

1. Connect your capacitor charging power supply, the +24V DC power supply, the capacitor bank and your flashlamp to the NBU-0808 module
2. Set +5V voltage on the PWF PIN1 to switch off the capacitor bank discharging

Warning! By default, the capacitor discharge is switched on.

Be careful and always switch off capacitor discharging before turning on your capacitor charging module.

Otherwise, it may lead to failure of discharge resistors used in the system.

3. *Disable* simmer supply (*PIN3* of *SIM* connector)
4. Apply +24V DC power to the module
5. *Enable* your capacitor charging power supply (charging module).
As soon as charging module starts operation, capacitors are charged
6. *Enable* simmer supply (set +5V on *PIN3* of *SIM* connector)
7. Wait a few seconds for *Simmer Sensor*. If it fails shut down your system
8. *Disable* your capacitor charging power supply before pulse

Note that PCP-series and PCA-series power supplies by OEM Tech are well-protected and it isn't obligatory to disable them. We recommend you do not disable PCP (PCA) at high on-off time ratio

9. Set +5V TTL pulse on *PIN3* of *PWF* connector. This pulse duration defines IGBT-key open state time and flashlamp pulse width.
10. *Enable* your power supply after the pulse
11. Repeat #8-#10

To power down the NBU-0808 and discharge the capacitor bank:

1. *Turn off* or *Disable* your capacitor charging power supply (important!)
2. *Disable* simmer supply
3. Set 0V on *PIN1* of *PWF* connector to switch on capacitor bank discharging. Wait for the complete discharge of the capacitors.

Warning! If the capacitor bank capacitance is enormously high, this might lead to the overheating of the discharge resistors used in the system.

4. Remove +24V DC power from the module.

Specifications

ELECTRICAL

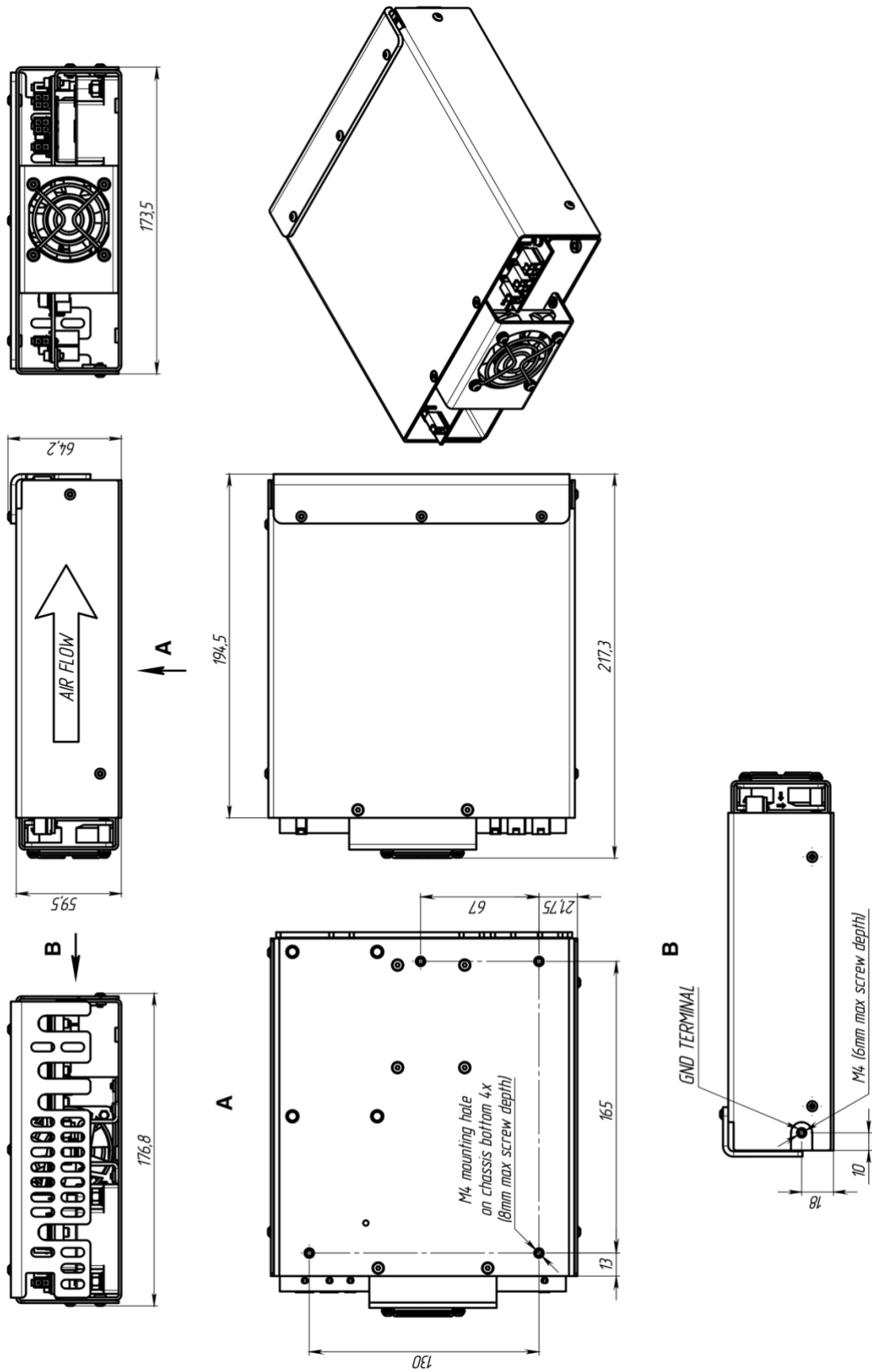
+24VDC:	
Voltage	+24V DC
Maximum current consumption	5A max, up to 10A peak
PULSE PARAMETERS:	
Max. voltage	800V (<i>up to 1000V on request</i>)
Max. discharge current (depends on flashlamp impedance K0)	1000A for pulse width < 1ms 500A for pulse width > 1ms (<i>other on request</i>)
Max. average power	2000W (<i>other on request</i>)
Min. pulse width, max. pulse width	Accordingly to <i>PWF:Pulse</i> signal
Max. rep. rate	100Hz (<i>up to 200Hz on request</i>)
RECOMMENDED WIRES:	
For capacitor bank connections	FLEXI-2V or similar (>1000V rated voltage, >4mm ² cross-section), short length (30cm recommended)
For flashlamp connections	For external triggering – FLEXI-2V or similar (>1000V rated voltage, >4mm ² cross-section) For serial triggering additional insulation (e.g. with silicone tubing) or spacing (e.g. with spiral bundle hose) of L– wire is required
SIMMER PARAMETERS:	
Simmer current	400mA (<i>200-500mA on request</i>)
Max output voltage	300V
Max output power	100W
Open circuit voltage	1500V
FLASHLAMP TRIGGERING PARAMETERS:	
Trigger pulse width	~1us
Restrike rate	A few Hertz (automatically adjusted)
EXTERNAL:	
Pulse energy / trigger voltage	~20mJ / 350V positive to the EXT connector (<i>other on request</i>)

Trigger transformer	External transformer (purchased separately) Recommended p/n <i>ZS1324-24V LUL1(H)</i> by Excelitas Technologies (Digikey p/n <i>ZS1324- 24VLUL1(H)-ND</i>)
SERIAL:	
Pulse energy / trigger voltage	~160mJ / 10kV negative to L– (<i>other on request</i>)
Trigger transformer	Integrated transformer
Cooling	Forced air cooling with built-in fan
Safety	1 MOOP/MOPP between high voltage and low voltage parts (4mm creepages / 2500VAC HiPot)
Protections	From overheating of internal components
ENVIRONMENT:	
Operation temperature	0 ... +40 °C
Storage temperature	-20 ... +60 °C
Humidity	<90%, non-condensing

MECHANICAL

Size (LxWxH)	Approx. 217x177x64mm (see also the dimensional drawing below)
Weight	Approx. 2.0kg (w/o cables)

Dimensional drawing



How to order? / Options

By default there is the only standard part number, namely NBU-0808.

The following options are available on request:

- Integrated current sensor
- High power / current / voltage IGBT with extended parameters
- Low power / current / voltage IGBT with reduced cost
- Digital RS-232 / RS-485 interface
- Modified cables and connectors
- Modified simmer and / or trigger parameters

Triggering (serial triggering, external triggering, triggering basics)

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Default parameters for external triggering are (other on request):

- 350V voltage (applied to EXT connector)
- ~20mJ energy
- Recommended transformer (sold separately) – 1:70 e.g. *ZS1324-24V LUL1(H)* by Excelitas Technologies (Digikey p/n *ZS1324-24VLUL1(H)-ND*)

If EXT connector is left unconnected, NBU-0808 automatically recognizes this and applies serial triggering to the flashlamp.

Default parameters for serial triggering are (other on request):

- 10kV voltage (applied to L-)
- ~160mJ energy