

Title (en)

Circuit arrangement for operating several fluorescent lamps with one ballast

Title (de)

Schaltungsanordnung zum Betreiben mehrerer Leuchtstofflampen mit einem Vorschaltgerät

Title (fr)

Circuit pour le fonctionnement de plusieurs lampes fluorescentes avec un ballast

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Abstract (en)

[origin: EP0558772A1] If a single electronic ballast (1, 2, 3) is used for the joint operation of at least two fluorescent lamps (LL1, LL2), then, even in the event of one fluorescent lamp being deactivated in the case of a defect, the operation of the other fluorescent lamps is intended to be maintained without defect. For this purpose, a switching device (S1, 5) is arranged between the individual fluorescent lamps and lamp inductors (DR1, DR2) allocated individually to them. This switching device (S1, 5) is triggered by a defect condition, in the case of which the starting voltage is applied to one of the fluorescent lamps for longer than a predetermined time interval (t1). On switching over, the lamp circuits are jointly connected to only one of the lamp inductors. A single series-resonant circuit is formed from the two series-resonant circuits of the two lamp circuits, in which single series-resonant circuit it is irrelevant which of the fluorescent lamps is deactivated, and no high starting voltage occurs as long as only one of the fluorescent lamps is illuminated. <IMAGE>

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