

Title (en)  
DC-AC converter with protection means, for supplying a discharge lamp.

Title (de)  
Geschützter Umrichter zur Steuerung einer Entladungslampe.

Title (fr)  
Onduleur avec circuit de protection, pour alimenter une lampe à décharge.

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Abstract (en)  
The invention relates to a circuit arrangement for igniting and operating a discharge lamp, which arrangement comprises a DC-AC converter provided with comprising at least one switching element (S1,S2) for generating a current with alternating polarity by being conducting and non-conducting with a frequency  $f$  and a branch A provided with terminals (1,2) suitable for being connected to a DC voltage source, a load branch B comprising inductive means (L1), capacitive means (C4,C5,C9), and means (L2) for coupling the discharge lamp to the load branch B, a control circuit for rendering the switching element (S1,S2) conducting and non-conducting with the frequency  $f$ , comprising a resonant circuit which comprises further inductive means (L2) and further capacitive means (C2). According to the invention, the circuit arrangement is also provided with means for limiting an ignition voltage, which means comprise a branch C coupled to the resonant circuit and comprising a series arrangement of a frequency-dependent impedance (L7) and a semiconductor element (T) provided with a control electrode for influencing the impedance of the semiconductor element in dependence on a potential at the control electrode, a branch D coupled to the load branch and to the control electrode of the semiconductor element for influencing the potential of the control electrode in dependence on the voltage across the discharge lamp. An effective limitation of voltages and currents in the circuit arrangement during ignition of the discharge lamp is realised thereby. <IMAGE>

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