

Title (en)

Circuit for operating one or more low pressure discharge lamps

Title (de)

Schaltungsanordnung zum Betrieb einer oder mehrerer Niederdruckentladungslampen

Title (fr)

Circuit pour alimenter une ou plusieurs lampes à décharge basse-pression

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Abstract (en)

[origin: EP0693864A2] Two lamps (LP1,LP2) are connected in series and supplied with current from a resonant circuit contg. an inverter (Q1,Q2). Their electrodes (E1-E4) are preheated from an auxiliary circuit including a semiconductor switch (Q3) with a resistive element (Z) in series. The voltage drop across the series combination of the resistance and semiconductor drain-to-source path in the low-impedance condition is sufficient to hold the switch in its conductive state. <IMAGE>

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