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Inrush current limiting circuit

Title (de)
Einschaltstrombegrenzungsschaltung

Title (fr)
Circuit limiteur de courant d'appel

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Abstract (en)
[origin: EP0895443A1] The lamp (L) is series-connected, across the AC e.g. mains supply (P,N), with a single-pole switch and a peak-clipping circuit based on two MOSFET transistors (M1,M2). The load-carrying current connection between MOSFETs includes a resistance (Rm) providing current-related input levels to bipolar transistors (T1,T2) controlling the MOSFETs. Bypass diodes (D1,D2) ensure one MOSFET is inoperative during positive current half-cycles. The other during negative half-cycles. The series resistor provides current measurement for the relevant control transistor in both half-cycles. In one variant, a single peak-clipping is used, with a full-wave rectifier. In another, a MOSFET is used in a chopping mode. Optionally, IGBTs replace MOSFETs.

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