

## DEFINITIONS

$C_N$	Rated Capacitance measured at 20°C.
$U_N$	Maximum operating peak voltage of either polarity of a non reversing type waveform for which the capacitor has been designed for continuous operation.
$U_{rms}$	Rated rms ripple voltage = $0.1 \times U_N$ max (max 150 V <sub>rms</sub> )
$U_S$	Surge (not repetitive) peak voltage
$U_I$	Rated insulation voltage. Rms value of the AC voltage for which the terminal to case insulation has been designed and tested
$I_{MAX}$	Maximum rms current value for continuous operation
<b>Clearance</b>	Shortest distance in air between terminals conducting parts or between terminal and case
<b>Creepage</b>	Shortest distance along an insulated surface between terminals conducting parts or between terminal and case
<b>Q</b>	Reactive power = $2 \times \pi \times f \times C \times U_{rms}^2$
<b>f</b>	Frequency of the ripple voltage
$R_S$	Series resistance representing the sum of all ohmic resistances in the capacitor. Rs is a typical estimated value based on average film metallization parameters.
<b>ESR</b>	Equivalent Series Resistance defined as $ESR = R_S + \tan \delta_0 / (2 \times \pi \times f \times C)$
$\tan \delta_0$	Dielectric dissipation factor. It can be considered constant in the normal working frequency range. Typical value for polypropylene is $2 \times 10^{-4}$
$\tan \delta$	Dissipation factor calculated as follows: $\tan \delta_0 + 2 \times \pi \times f \times C \times R_S$
$dv/dt$	Maximum slope of the voltage waveform
$I_{PK}$	Peak current $I_{PK} = C \, dv/dt$
<b>P</b>	Active power (losses) = $Q \times \tan \delta_0 + R_S \times I_{rms}^2$

$R_{th}$  Thermal resistance between the hot-spot in the winding and the environment (natural cooling), so that:  
 $P = (\theta_n - \theta_0) / R_{th}$   
 In case of forced air cooling the thermal resistance will be reduced of 20%.  
 $R_{th}$  is a global parameter that doesn't consider localized overheating due to high frequency current.

$\theta_n$  Hottest point in the capacitor winding  
 $= R_{th} \times P + \theta_0$

$\theta_0$  Operating ambient temperature.  
 It is the air temperature measured under steady conditions at 0,1m from the capacitor case and at two-thirds of the height from its base.

**Tc** Temperature coefficient of capacitance.  
 The coefficient is equal to  $-260 \text{ ppm/}^\circ\text{C}$

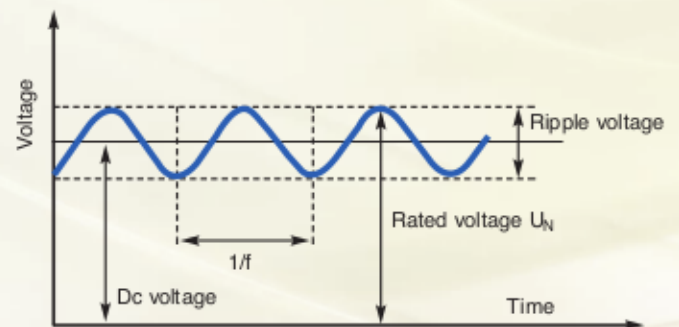
**Ln** Expected life at rated voltage  $U_N$  and hot-spot temperature of  $70^\circ\text{C}$  ( $65^\circ\text{C}$  for LNK-M3, LNK-M2 and LNK-P3 series)

**L** Expected life at the actual working conditions

$L_s$  Self inductance of the capacitor.  
 It is due to the internal connections, terminals, winding characteristics and physical dimensions.

$\lambda$  Failure rate (FIT) =  $10^9 \times \text{failures/component} \times \text{hour}$

### Graphical meaning of rated voltage $U_N$ and peak to peak ripple voltage



The maximum allowed rms ripple voltage has to be lower than 10% of the rated voltage  $U_N$  (max 150V<sub>rms</sub>)