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Objective

To determine the Advanced Smoke analysis is able to capture the violation of Current, Voltage, Temperature and power dissipation for all circuits.

SMOKE ANALYSIS

Smoke analysis is an Advanced analysis in PSPICE, which is technically termed as Stress Analysis and It's not a worst case analysis.

Smoke warns of component stress due to power dissipation(PDM), increase in junction temperature(T_j), secondary breakdowns(T_b), or violations of voltage / current limits.

Smoke analysis compares the simulation values with the rated values given for the component and if it exceeds the rated value, it will be highlighted in red colour. In case of failures, you need to change the component and Re-run the simulation.

Spreadsheet analysis is a manual stress analysis to calculate Current, Voltage, Power and Temperature of all components.

Advantages and Limitations of Smoke Analysis

Advantages:

- Easy to simulate even complex circuits.
- Manual calculation error can be neglected.
- Overall circuit knowledge is sufficient to run the simulation.
- Derating can be applied to all components parameter as per the requirement and those derating values are not interlinked (i.e., PDM derating is not Interlinked with Tj derating value)
- One time effort itself sufficient for Custom derating, if your are going to use same derating factor.
- By giving extra derating to components, we can overcome the worst case.
- Less time to compute the circuit.
- Smoke capture the Transient peak voltage, current, PD in “PEAK” type and It has the Average and RMS as well.

Limitations:

- Circuit cannot take the Component tolerance for smoke analysis, So it will not able to compute Worst Case.
- “[Parts](#)” other than this cannot be covered under smoke Analysis and IC’s Cannot be covered under smoke analysis.
- If Specific Parts PSICE library file is not available in Website, You need to go for alternative.
- “[Smoke parameter](#)” other than this cannot be added.

Case Study1:

- Analog circuit.
- Circuit Contains 34 passive components and 6 active components.
- Out of 6 active component, 4 were readily available in PSPICE Advanced library and 2 downloaded from site.
- Out of 34 passive components, 3 diodes .lib files downloaded from site.
- Comparison of Tool based Advanced smoke analysis and spreadsheet based Manual analysis.

| S.no | Advanced Smoke Analysis | Manual Analysis |
|------|--|---|
| 1 | Time Taken for analysis is 8.5hrs | Time Taken for analysis is 2days. |
| 2 | Basic knowledge is sufficient to run the simulation. | In depth knowledge of circuit is required to do analysis. |
| 3 | Easy to simulate even for complex circuit. | Difficult to calculate for complex circuit. |







- Time Taken for the Advanced Smoke analysis is given in below table.

| S.no. | Task | Time(hrs) |
|-------|---|-----------|
| 1 | Downloading .lib files | 0.5 |
| 2 | Part Creation | 0.5 |
| 3 | Adding Smoke Paramaters. | 2 |
| 4 | Circuit Creation | 3.5 |
| 5 | Derating Factor Table Creation | 1 |
| 6 | Adding Derate type to the specific Part | 0.5 |
| 7 | Simulating PSPICE and smoke analysis | 0.5 |



Intentionally introduced Fault into the circuit to check whether the tool detects the fault or not:

Before Introducing fault into the Circuit

1. Mosfet(Q4):







| | | | | | | | | |
|----|------|---------|------|-----|------|-----------|---|----|
| Q4 | ID | Average | 115m | 100 | 115m | 2.5615m |  | 3 |
| Q4 | PDM | Average | 200m | 100 | 200m | 350.4019u |  | 1 |
| Q4 | TJ | Average | 150 | 100 | 150 | 27 |  | 19 |
| Q4 | VDG | Average | 60 | 100 | 60 | 1.1372 |  | 2 |
| Q4 | VDS | Average | 60 | 100 | 60 | 4.8871 |  | 9 |
| Q4 | VGSF | Average | 20 | 100 | 20 | 3.7499 |  | 19 |

2. Resistor(R5):



| | | | | | | | | |
|----|-----|---------|------|-----|-----------|---------|---|----|
| R5 | PDM | Average | 250m | 84 | 210.7675m | 5.4825m |  | 3 |
| R5 | TB | Average | 200 | 100 | 200 | 31.3860 |  | 16 |

After Fault

1. Mosfet(Q4):

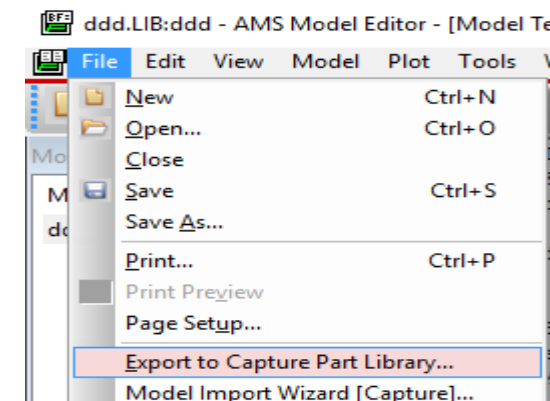
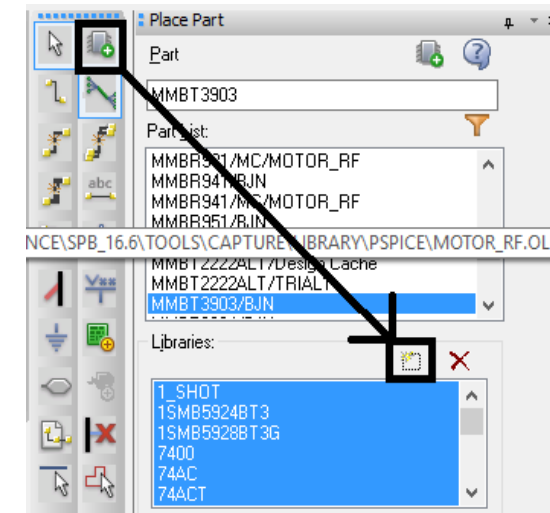
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|----|------|---------|------|-----|------|-----------|---|-----|
| Q4 | ID | Average | 115m | 100 | 115m | 231.6759m |  | 202 |
| Q4 | PDM | Average | 200m | 100 | 200m | 170.8924m |  | 86 |
| Q4 | TJ | Average | 150 | 100 | 150 | 27 |  | 19 |
| Q4 | VDG | Average | 60 | 100 | 60 | 1.6149 |  | 3 |
| Q4 | VDS | Average | 60 | 100 | 60 | 5.3666 |  | 9 |
| Q4 | VGSF | Average | 20 | 100 | 20 | 3.7517 |  | 19 |

2. Resistor(R5):

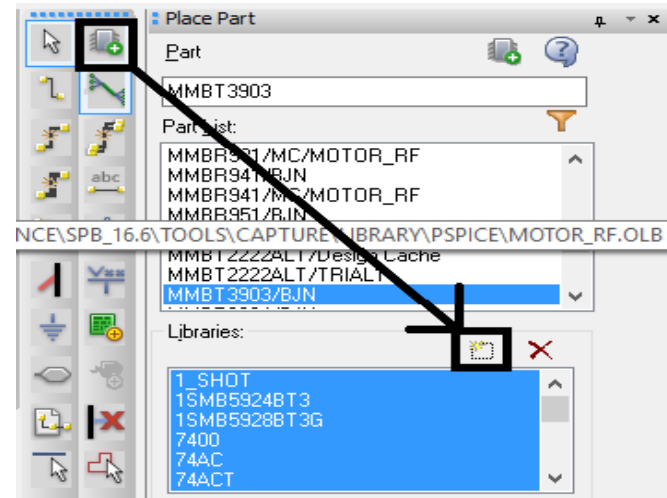
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|----|-----|---------|------|-----|-----|----------|---|---------|
| R5 | PDM | Average | 250m | 0 | 0 | 1.1249 |  | < MAX > |
| R5 | TB | Average | 200 | 100 | 200 | 926.8823 |  | 464 |

Smoke Analysis Procedure:

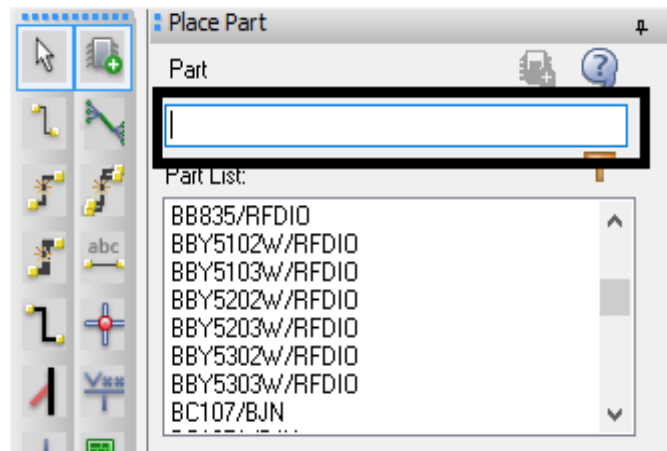
1. From your Design Entry CIS, Open your circuit or Create a new one from File menu New -> Project, Select “Analog or Mixed A/D” and Create a Blank Project.
2. Use advanced analysis library (<Target_directory> \ Capture \ Library \ PSpice \ AdvAnls \) Parts for simulating Smoke Analysis and for Source(Vdc, Vac), you can use normal pspice library (<Target_directory> \ Capture \ Library \ PSpice \Source).
3. When you download .lib file from manufacturer site, Use MODEL EDITOR to create a part from .lib file. From File menu, Open the .lib file and click Export to capture library to create the part.





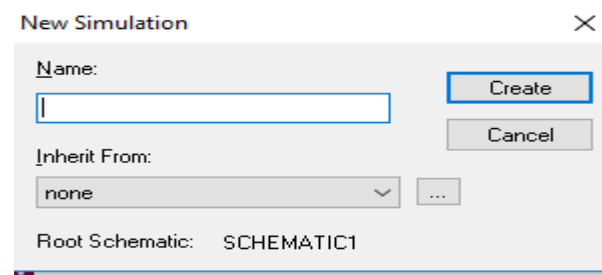
4. Select the Part which you created from .lib file, Place Part -> Add library(Alt+A).



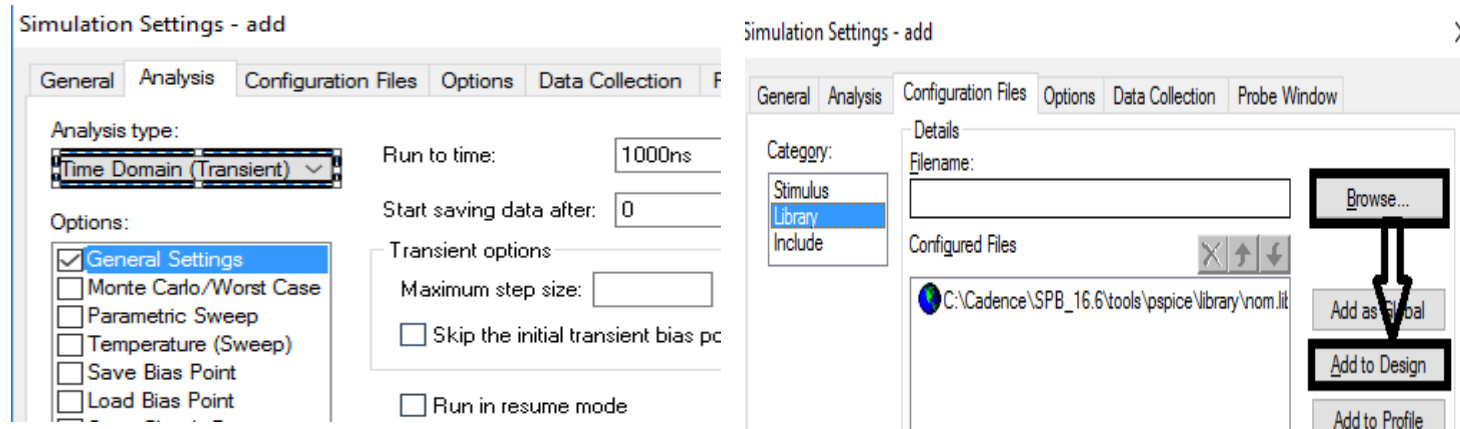
5. Search Parts Under Part Box and add to circuit.



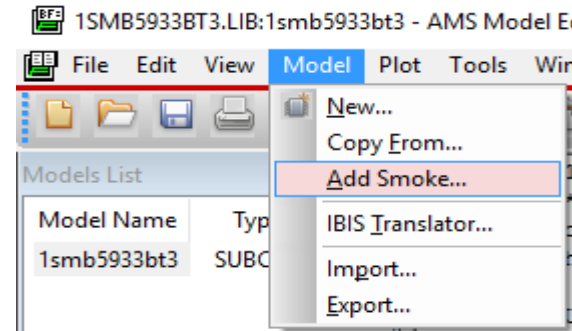
6. Draw Wire(w) using  this symbol, Gnd(g) using  this symbol and rotate parts using “R”.
7. From PSPICE menu, Select New Simulation and Create.



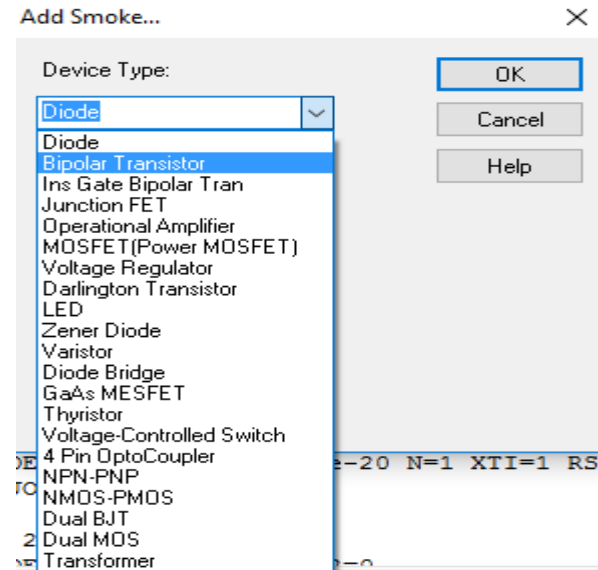
8. Select Transient analysis under Analysis menu. Browse & Add the .lib file to design which you used to create part.



9. Each and Every component in the smoke analysis must have smoke parameter specified, For downloaded components right click -> Edit PSPICE Model -> From MODEL menu select “ADD SMOKE” to the Active Components and for Passive components right click on the component -> Edit Properties. Click “[Parameter](#)” to see the default smoke parameters for the Passive Components.



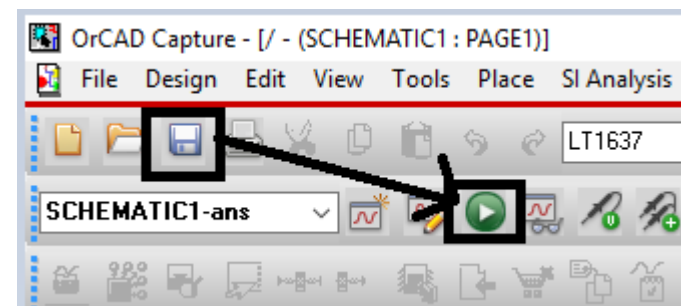
10. Select the Component from Device Type drop down menu.



11. Add the Smoke Parameter for the Transistor and save. Similarly add smoke parameter for other components as well. Please click “[Smoke Paramater](#)” to see the parameters to be filled for different components and verify the smoke parameters in advanced library with datasheet before proceeding the simulation.

| Smoke Parameters | | | |
|---|-----------------------|-------|------|
| These are Device Maximum Operating condition parameters required for Smoke Analysis | | | |
| Device Max Ops | Description | Value | Unit |
| IB | Max base current | | A |
| IC | Max collector current | | A |
| VCB | Max C-B voltage | | V |
| VCE | Max C-E voltage | | V |
| VEB | Max E-B voltage | | V |
| PDM | Max pwr dissipation | | W |
| TJ | Max junction temp | | C |
| RJC | J-C thermal resist | | C/W |
| RCA | C-A thermal resist | | C/W |
| SBSLP | Second brkdown slope | | |
| SBINT | Sec brkdwn intercept | | A |
| SBTSLP | SB temp derate slope | | %/C |
| SBMIN | SB temp derate at TJ | | % |

12. Run a PSPICE simulation as Time Domain (transient) analysis (Smoke does not work on other types of analyses, such as DC Sweep or AC Sweep/Noise analyses).



13. Run a Smoke analysis from PSPICE -> Advanced Analysis -> Smoke. Smoke Output window displays, how much the component stressed in the circuit.

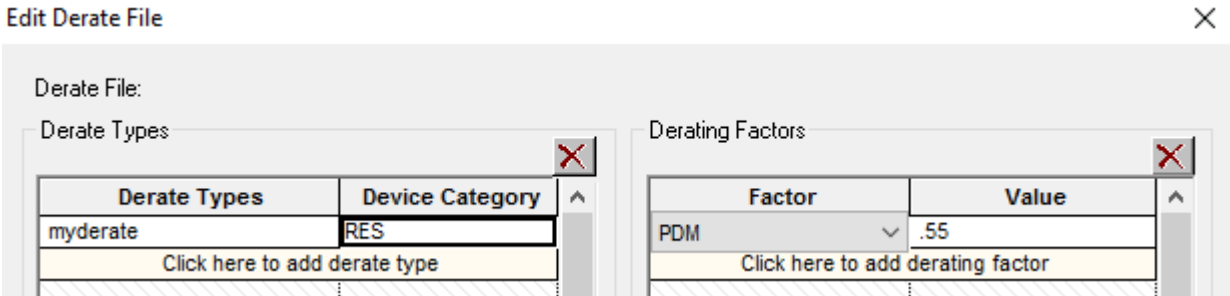
| Component | Parameter | Type | Rated Value | % Derating | Max Derating | Measured Value | % Max |
|-----------|-----------|---------|-------------|------------|--------------|----------------|-------|
| R1 | PDM | Average | 250m | 59 | 148.5000m | 1.5000m | 2 |
| R1 | TB | Average | 200 | 100 | 200 | 81.2000 | 41 |
| R2 | PDM | Average | 250m | 59 | 147.7500m | 2.2500m | 2 |
| R2 | TB | Average | 200 | 100 | 200 | 81.8000 | 41 |

14. Green Bars shows that the component are within the safe operating limits, Red bar indicate value that exceeds the safe operating limits and Grey bar indicate limit is not valid for the parameter.
15. Right Click on the smoke analysis window to select type such as Average, Peak and RMS value of each parameter.
16. Right click on the smoke analysis window and select the “DERATING” from the pop-up menu.
17. Select one of the three from derating options on the pull right menu:
- No Derating
 - Standard Derating
 - Custom Derating

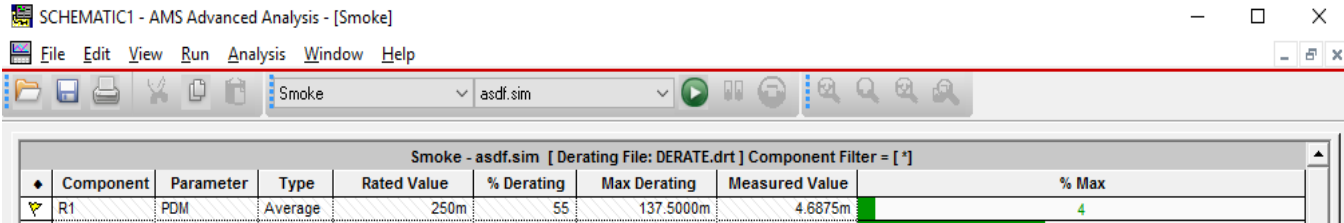
18. To create a new derate file, Click the custom derating file button.



19. Add the Derate type, category, factor and value in the block and similarly add other derate type as per your requirement and save the file.

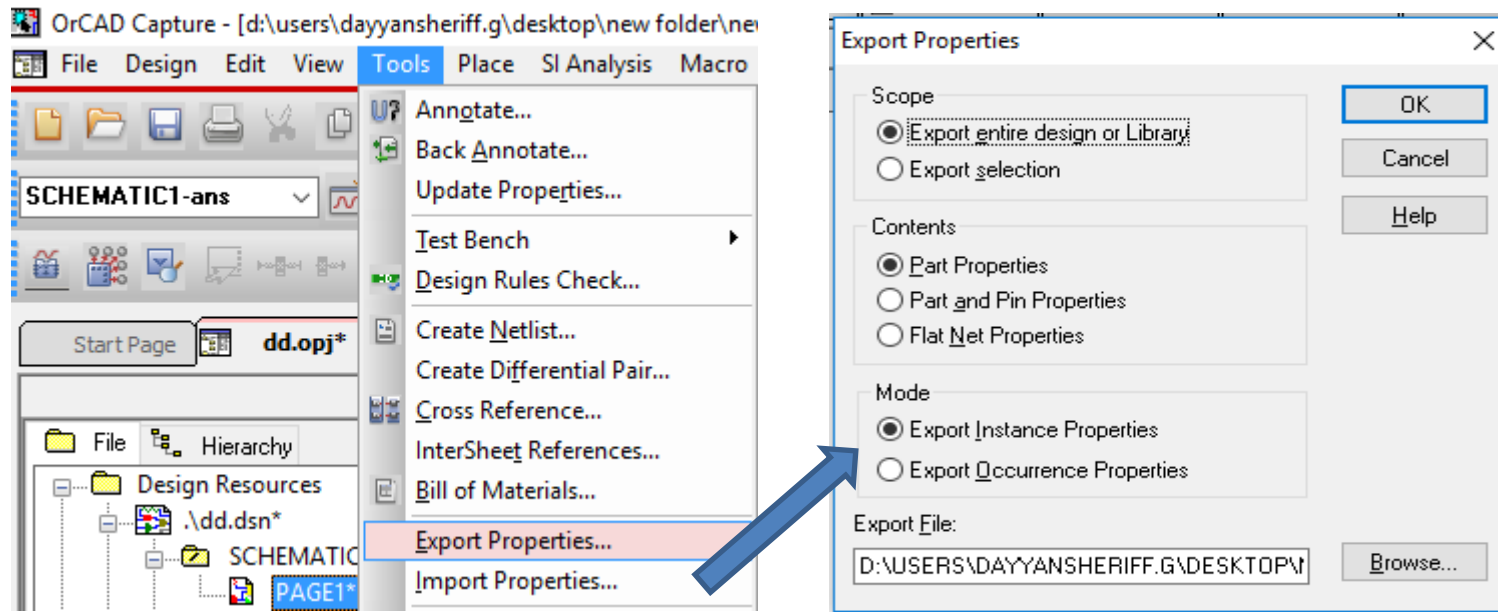


20. To use the custom derate file, In the Property Editor, add a new property for the component with the name `DERATE_TYPE` and value same as the Derarte Type specified, such as *myderatetype*. Select the corresponding derate file and run smoke.



Alternate method to fill the parameters for Project specific Components

1. Select your Project, From TOOLS menu -> Export Properties and save it.



2. Use Tab as delimiter while opening the .EXP from excel and change the parameters for all components like DERATE_TYPE.
3. Save the file and Import the file into your project using Import Properties from TOOLS menu.

Appendix 1:

Default Smoke Parameter for passive components

| Smoke User Interface Parameter Name | Passive Component | Maximum Operating Condition | Symbol Property Name | Symbol Smoke Parameter Name | Variable Table Default Value |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| CI | Capacitor | Maximum ripple | CURRENT | CIMAX | 1A |
| CV | Capacitor | Voltage rating | VOLTAGE | CMAX | 50 V |
| IV | Current Supply | Supply Max. voltage current source can withstand | VOLTAGE | VMAX | 12V |
| LI | Inductor | Current rating | CURRENT | LMAX | 5A |
| LV | Inductor | Dielectric strength | DIELECTRIC | DSMAX | 300V |
| PDM | Resistor | Maximum power dissipation of resistor | POWER | RMAX | 0.25W |
| RBA* (=1/SLOPE) | Resistor | Slope of power dissipation vs. temperature | SLOPE | RSMAX | 0.005W/degC |
| RV | Resistor | Voltage Rating | VOLTAGE | RVMAX | - |
| SLP* | Capacitor | Temperature derating slope | SLOPE of volt temperature curve | CSMAX | 0.005 V/degC |
| TBRK* | Capacitor | Breakpoint temperature | KNEE | CBMAX | 125 degC |
| TMAX* | Capacitor | Maximum temperature | MAX_TEMP | CTMAX | 125 degC |
| TMAX, TB | Resistor | Maximum temperature resistor can withstand | MAX_TEMP | RTMAX | 200 degC |
| VI | Voltage Supply | Max. current voltage source can withstand | CURRENT | IMAX | 1A |

Smoke Parameter Table:

| Smoke ParameterName and SymbolProperty Name | Semiconductor Parameter/ OPAMP Parameter | Maximum Operating Condition |
|---|--|---|
| IB | BJT | Maximum base current (A) |
| IC | BJT | Maximum collector current (A) |
| PDM | BJT | Maximum power dissipation (W) |
| RCA | BJT | Thermal resistance, Case-to-Ambient(degC/W) |
| RJC | BJT | Thermal resistance, Junction-to-Case(degC/W) |
| SBINT | BJT | Secondary breakdown intercept (A) |
| SBMIN | BJT | Derated percent at TJ (secondary breakdown) |
| SBSLP | BJT | Secondary breakdown slope |
| SBTSLP | BJT | Temperature derating slope (secondarybreakdown) |
| TJ | BJT | Maximum junction temperature (degC) |
| VCB | BJT | Maximum collector-base voltage (V) |
| VCE | BJT | Maximum collector-emitter voltage (V) |
| VEB | BJT | Maximum emitter-base voltage (V) |
| IF | Diode | Maximum forward current (A) |
| PDM | Diode | Maximum power dissipation (W) |
| RCA | Diode | Thermal resistance, Case-to-Ambient(degC/W) |
| RJC | Diode | Thermal resistance, Junction-to-Case(degC/W) |
| TJ | Diode | Maximum junction temperature (degC) |

| Smoke ParameterName and SymbolProperty Name | Semiconductor Parameter/ OPAMP Parameter | Maximum Operating Condition |
|---|--|--|
| VR | Diode | Maximum reverse voltage (V) |
| IC | IGBT | Maximum collector current (A) |
| IG | IGBT | Maximum gate current (A) |
| PDM | IGBT | Maximum Power dissipation (W) |
| RCA | IGBT | Thermal resistance, Case-to-Ambient(degC/W) |
| RJC | IGBT | Thermal resistance, Junction-to-Case(degC/W) |
| TJ | IGBT | Maximum junction temperature (degC) |
| VCE | IGBT | Maximum collector-emitter (V) |
| VCG | IGBT | Maximum collector-gate voltage (V) |
| VGEF | IGBT | Maximum forward gate-emitter voltage (V) |
| VGER | IGBT | Maximum reverse gate-emitter (V) |
| ID | JFET or MESFET | Maximum drain current (A) |
| IG | JFET or MESFET | Maximum forward gate current (A) |
| PDM | JFET or MESFET | Maximum power dissipation (W) |
| RCA | JFET or MESFET | Thermal resistance, Case-to-Ambient(degC/W) |
| RJC | JFET or MESFET | Thermal resistance, Junction-to-Case(degC/W) |
| TJ | JFET or MESFET | Maximum junction temperature (degC) |
| VDG | JFET or MESFET | Maximum drain-gate voltage (V) |

| Smoke ParameterName and SymbolProperty Name | Semiconductor Parameter/ OPAMP Parameter | Maximum Operating Condition |
|---|--|--|
| VDS | JFET or MESFET | Maximum drain-source voltage (V) |
| VGS | JFET or MESFET | Maximum gate-source voltage (V) |
| ID | MOSFET or Power MOSFET | Maximum drain current (A) |
| IG | MOSFET or Power MOSFET | Maximum forward gate current (A) |
| PDM | MOSFET or Power MOSFET | Maximum power dissipation (W) |
| RCA | MOSFET or Power MOSFET | Thermal resistance, Case-to-Ambient(degC/W) |
| RJC | MOSFET or Power MOSFET | Thermal resistance, Junction-to-Case(degC/W) |
| TJ | MOSFET or Power MOSFET | Maximum junction temperature (degC) |
| VDG | MOSFET or Power MOSFET | Maximum drain-gate voltage (V) |
| VDS | MOSFET or Power MOSFET | Maximum drain-source voltage (V) |
| VGSF | MOSFET or Power MOSFET | Maximum forward gate-source voltage (V) |
| VGSR | MOSFET or Power MOSFET | Maximum reverse gate-source voltage (V) |
| ITM | Varistor | Peak current (A) |
| RCA | Varistor | Thermal resistance, Case-to-Ambient(degC/W) |
| RJC | Varistor | Thermal resistance, Junction-to-Case(degC/W) |
| TJ | Varistor | Maximum junction temperature (degC) |
| IFS | Zener Diode | Maximum forward current (A) |
| IRMX | Zener Diode | Maximum reverse current (A) |

| Smoke ParameterName and SymbolProperty Name | Semiconductor Parameter/ OPAMP Parameter | Maximum Operating Condition |
|---|--|--|
| PDM | Zener Diode | Maximum power dissipation (W) |
| RCA | Zener Diode | Thermal resistance, Case-to-Ambient(degC/W) |
| RJC | Zener Diode | Thermal resistance, Junction-to-Case(degC/W) |
| TJ | Zener Diode | Maximum junction temperature (degC) |
| IPLUS | OpAmp | Non-inverting input current |
| IMINUS | OpAmp | Inverting input current |
| IOUT | OpAmp | Output current |
| VDIFF | OpAmp | Differential input voltage |
| VSMAX | OpAmp | Supply voltage |
| VSMIN | OpAmp | Minimum supply voltage |
| VPMAX | OpAmp | Maximum input voltage (non-inverting) |
| VPMIN | OpAmp | Minimum input voltage (non-inverting) |
| VMMAX | OpAmp | Maximum input voltage (inverting) |
| VMMIN | OpAmp | Minimum input voltage (inverting) |

Conclusion

Smoke analysis is a time saving one but it doesn't take component tolerance so will not be able perform Worst Case analysis.

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Tolerance does not have any effect on SMOKE. Smoke is audit of current operating conditions against rated specification under current operating and environmental conditions.

Tolerance parameter places a role in Monte Carlo, Sensitivity analysis.
So, there is no effect of tolerance in SMOKE analysis.

FAQ (Frequently Asked Question)

1. Smoke Parameter other than listed can be added?
Ans: No, Smoke Parameter other than listed in "[Table](#)" cannot be added to the Part.
2. IC's can be covered under smoke analysis like Voltage regulator?
Ans: NO, Parts other than listed in "[Table](#)" cannot be covered under smoke analysis.
3. What to do, If PSPICE model is not available for the component?
Ans: You need to go for alternative part, If the specific part model is not available.
4. Does the analysis capture the transient peak value and if it does means your result is wrong right?
Ans: YES, But it shows three value PEAK(Transient peak Value), Average and RMS as well
5. Is Tj Derating interlinked with PDM derating?
Ans: NO, Both has separate derating factor.
6. Advanced analysis library smoke parameters need to be verified?
Ans: Yes, Sometimes Parameters would have updated in datasheet.

You're Done!