

TSAL design explanation

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1 Introduction

This document goal is to explain everything about the TSAL.

2 Rule clarification

The TSAL is composed of two separate component. The Red light circuit and the Green light circuit.

2.1 Red light

The red light is the simplest component, if the inverter detect more than 60V accross any of its DC-link capacitor, it triggers the red light circuit. This circuit consist of make the red light flash at a rate between 2Hz and 5Hz with a duty cycle of 50% .

2.2 Green light

The green light is active continuously if :

- LVS active
- all AIR opened
- pre-charge relays openend
- Voltage at vehicle side of the AIRs inside the TSAC does not exceed 60V DC (*this detection must be done inside the TS enclosure*)

Each states of the relays need to be actual mechanical states. (it can differs from intentionnal states ie.*Relays stuck*s)

3 Latching mechanism and clarification

TSAL guarentee the security of the vehicle. In this sense it needs to cover any failure, because one can be electrotuded if the TSAL mislead somebody into thinking that the vehicle is safe! for this aim two seemingly complex rule are written, the EV4.10.13 and EV4.10.14. I will explain how to implement it and why are they here.

Without the Latching mechanism, as an exemple we will break each component at a time and see if we can notice a problem thanks to the TSAL.

- Red light voltage detect signal is always below 60V : TSAL is off, when green goes off. We can detect failure.
- Red light voltage detect signal is always over 60V : TSAL is flashing orange and green at startup. We can detect failure.

- one AIR signal is always opened : We cannot proceed to detect this failure!
- one AIR signal is always closed : the TSAL green is off at start. We can detect failure.
- The green voltage detect signal is always below 60V : We cannot proceed to detect this failure!
- The green voltage detect signal is always over 60V : The TSAL green is off at start. We can detect failure.

Following the list up here, at startup we cannot detect already two cases of the 6 breakout. The thing that we want to be sure is that we don't want that the TSAL show green if there is still voltage outside of the TSAC. This case can become dangerous if chained with other issue. So we need to detect this state, but the only way to decide whether the AIR is opened or if the cable is not connected is to compare AIR state when we want it to be closed.

To do this we need to have the intentional state of the AIR coming to the TSAL. Since the intentional state are SCS compliant we can detect if they are shorted to ground to supply or open circuit. So we erase any issue with it concerning connectivity. (We need to have this feature on the VCU)

3.1 VCU SCS intentional relay signal

It is necessary to have a logic behind VCU SCS intentional signal. VCU output 12V to control the relays the TSAL works on 5V. One of the best ways to do it in my opinion, is to make main VCU output between 0V and 12V and to have a direct auxiliary output between 1V and 4V. This low power output can be separated by optocoupler in the VCU side but won't be separated in the TSAL (it will be more convenient to make comparison)

4 SCS Truth table

This Truth table aim is to prove the SCS latching mechanism