

## **DID YOU KNOW?** THICK FILM VOLTAGE DIVIDER NETWORKS

There is an increased interest in the current electronics component market for high voltage divider networks. They offer the following advantages:

- 1. Save board space (multiple components built into one network)
- 2. Improved board-level reliability due to decreased solder joints
- 3. Reduce assembly costs
- 4. Better performance (better tolerance and ratio matching within the network) compared to individual components

A typical schematic of a voltage divider circuit is shown below. A high voltage is applied along the pins 1 and 2 of the circuit. Since the current (I) in a series circuit is the same in both the resistors, the resistor with the largest value ( $R_1$ ) has a higher voltage drop and the second resistor ( $R_2$ ) has a much lower voltage drop. The voltage drop in each of these resistors ( $V_1$  and  $V_2$  respectively) will be calculated as  $V_1 = I \times R_1$  and  $V_2 = I \times R_2$ . The output voltage is recorded between the pins 2 and 3. This is usually much lower than the input voltage. Hence, the term voltage divider.



Vishay Dale offers multiple industrial high voltage divider networks in SMT and through-hole configurations and tin-lead and lead (Pb)-free combinations to serve various customer applications and design needs. In addition to standard offerings, Vishay Dale also has the capability to fully customize the products to the customer's needs.

## **Voltage Divider Product Series:**

- 1. CDMV Series: SMT; industrial; maximum working voltage rating of 1415 V; multiple ratios avaiable
- 2. <u>CDHV Series</u>: SMT; industrial; maximum working voltage rating of 3000 V; multiple ratios available
- 3. TD Series: through-hole; industrial; planar/radial leads; maximum working voltage rating up to 30 kV

## Thick Film Voltage Dividers Are Frequently Used in Applications That Involve High Voltages:

- Voltage monitoring and control
- Over-voltage protection

## **Typical End Products:**

- High voltage power supplies
- Medical and test equipment