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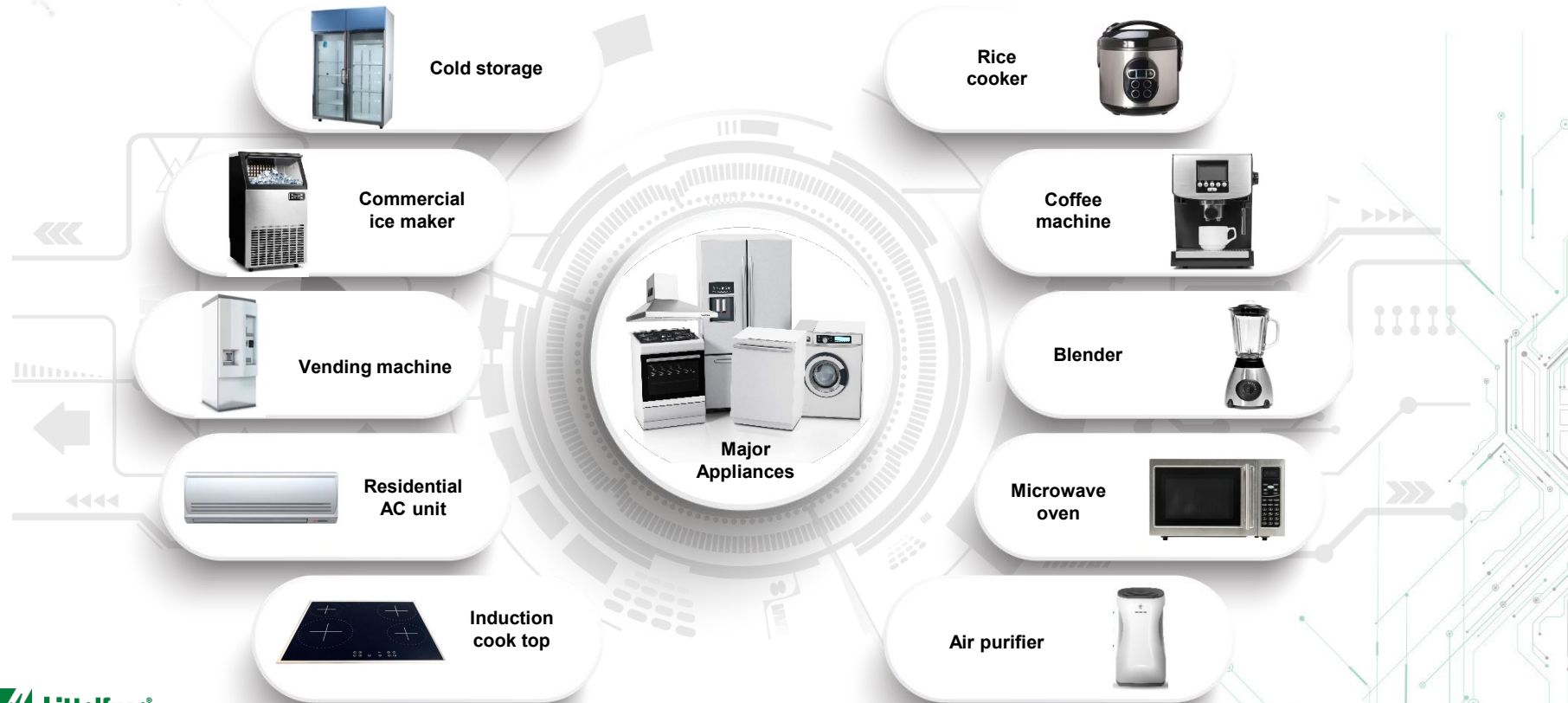
System Solutions for Major Appliances



Appliances

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Common design principles across many types of appliances



Major appliance market: ~760M units in 2023

Market trends and drivers

IoT and smart technologies enable remote control and automation of appliances, which boosts demand for advanced electronics.

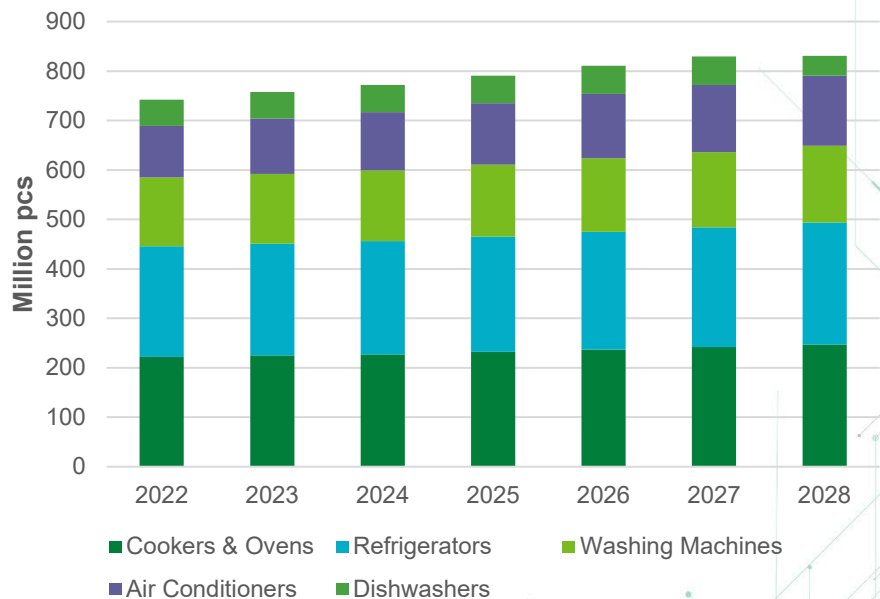
Emphasis on energy-efficient appliances driven by regulations and consumer demand, with technologies such as inverter-driven motors and sensing options.

Enhanced safety features, including advanced circuit protection solutions, help improve appliance reliability and user safety.

Rising incomes in developing regions, especially Asia Pacific, drive growth in appliance sales.

AI, machine learning, and sensor technologies enable new features such as diagnostics and predictive maintenance.

Projections for major appliances CAGR ~2%



Sources: [Statista Market Insights](#) and Littelfuse estimate

Littelfuse technologies for appliances



1

Input protection
Fuse, MOV

2

Power supply
Fuse, TVS Diode, Load Switch

3

Control Board
PPTC, Current Sensing Resistor, TRIAC

4

User interface
TVS Diode Array, Polymer ESD, Switch

5

Mechanical subsystems
TMR Sensor, NTC, Custom Reed Sensor, Reed Switch

Acronyms:

MOV: Metal Oxide Varistor

TVS: Transient Voltage Suppressor

PPTC: Polymeric Positive Temperature Coefficient

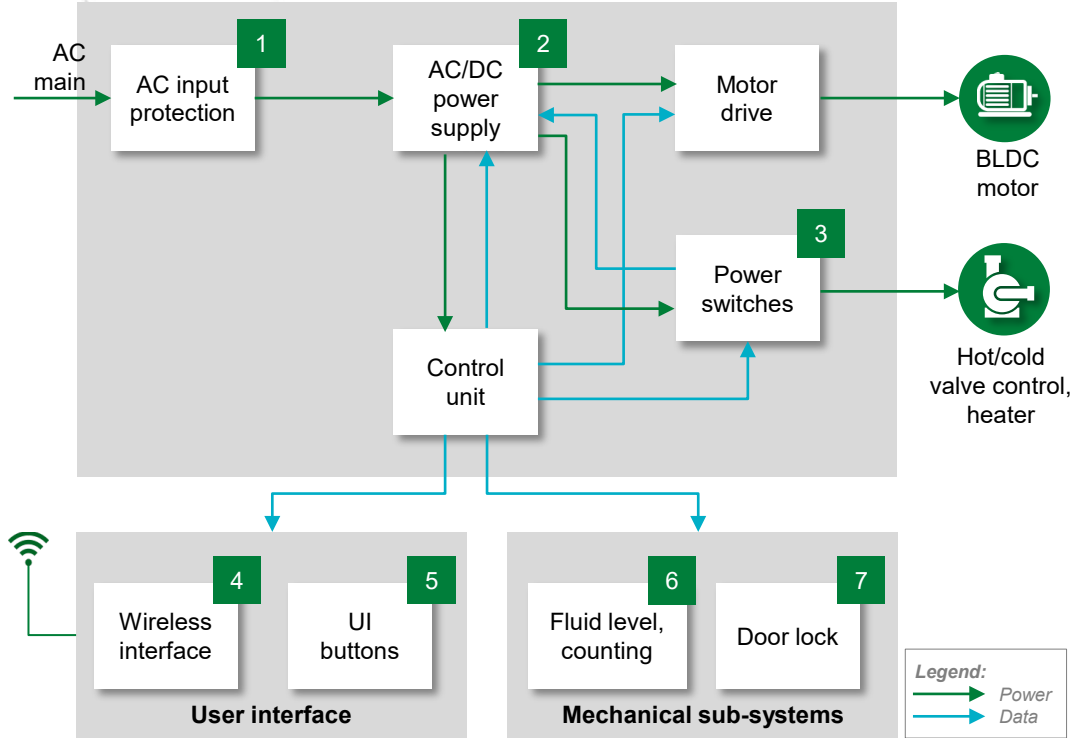
TRIAC: Triode For Alternating Current

ESD: Electrostatic Discharge

TMR: Tunnel Magnetoresistance

NTC: Negative Temperature Coefficient

Functional block diagram for washing machine



	Technology	Series
1	Fuse	5X20mm Fuse
	MOV	M3, Xtreme
2	Fuse	Nano 448
	TVS Diode	SACB, SMAJ
	Load Switch	LQ050
3	PPTC	LVR
	Current Sensing Resistor	WPB
	TRIAC	QJxx16xHx, QS8004xHx
4	TVS Diode Array	SP3423, SP1064
	Polymer ESD	PESD
5	Switch	PTS
6	TMR Sensor	54140
	NTC	USP12755
	Reed Sensor	Reed switch PCB, customized
7	Reed Switch	HA-15



Click the product series in the table below for more info

Features and benefits of a typical refrigeration unit

	Technology	Function in application	Product series	Benefits	Features
1	Fuses	Protects the power stage from overcurrent	5X20mm Fuse	Reduces design qualification time by complying with third-party safety standards such as UL/IEC	Third-party compliance with UL/IEC; low internal resistance; shock-safe; vibration resistant
	MOV	Protects power unit from voltage surges. Supports UL/IEC requirements.	M3, Xtreme	Reduces design qualification time by complying with third-party safety standards such as UL/IEC	Peak current up to 15000 A; maximum operating temperature of 125 °C
2	Fuse	Overcurrent protection for auxiliary power supply	Nano 448	Helps solve the problem of nuisance “opening”	Wide range of current rating available (0.375A to 12A), has enhanced inrush withstand characteristics,
	TVS Diode	Protects sensitive circuits by clamping excessive transient voltages	SACB, SMAJ	Improves system reliability by clamping the voltage at safe levels during transients	Excellent clamping capability
	Load Switch	Controls the flow of power to subsystems	LQ050	Slew rate control; integrated output discharge switch, and internal EN pull-down resistor	Ultra-low I _Q : 7 nA Typ @ 5.5 V _{IN} ; low R _{ON} = 31 mΩ Typ @ 5.5 V _{IN}
3	PPTC	Resets itself after clearing a fault	LVR	Fast time to trip; saves board space; reduces design qualification time by complying with UL/IEC	Line voltage ratings of 120 VAC and 240 VAC; low resistance; holds current up to 2 A; compact size
	Current Sensing Resistor	Part of current measurement circuitry	WPB	Cost-effective solution compared to competing technologies; low profile	Tolerance down to 0.5%; power rating up to 3 W
	TRIAC	AC switching for heater or motor control loads	QJxx16xHx	Enables easier thermal management and higher surge handing capability	High T _J of 150 °C; surge capability of 200 A at 60 Hz half cycle
	TRIAC	Switching for valve control	QS8004xHx	High voltage clamping function to ensure ability to withstand high over-voltage events	Surge capability up to 55 A; requires only a short gate activation pulse in each half-cycle
4	TVS Diode Array	Protect sensitive chipsets from ESD while maintaining signal integrity	SP3423, SP1064	Small, space-saving design; low capacitance to prevent signal disruption	µDFN-2 (0201) footprint; ±30 kV ESD withstand voltage
	Polymer ESD		PESD	Ultra-low leakage current; available in many form factors	<0.01 µA leakage current; 0.25 pF capacitance
5	Switch	Various user interface functions: cycle control, timing etc.	PTS	Provides tactile feedback; enhances user interface experience	Sealed construction for protection against dust and moisture
6	TMR Sensor	Position detection or water level detection	54140	Ultra-low power consumption at 1.5 µA; longevity of up to 20 billion operations	IP67 rated; 17 Gauss sensitivity
	NTC	Measures water/liquid temperature	USP12755	Customized probes and assemblies to meet individual customer requirements	Wide range of requirements for customer-specific applications; various precision levels available
	Reed Sensor	Magnetic level or position detection	Reed switch PCB, customized	Highly reliable; long operational life	Simple mechanical design; capable of switching in high humidity environments; custom design available
7	Reed Switch	Magnetic position detection for door lock	HA-15	Durable; no power required for operation	Can be used in harsh environments; high current switching

Custom magnetic sensors

Sensor modeling

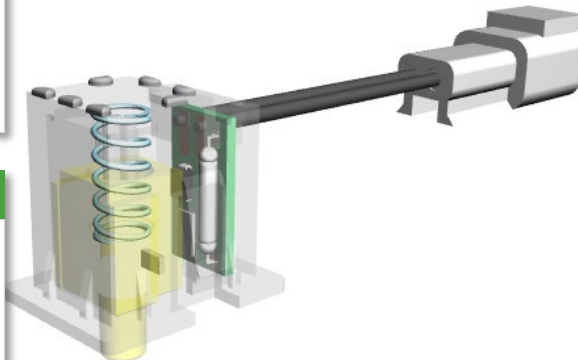
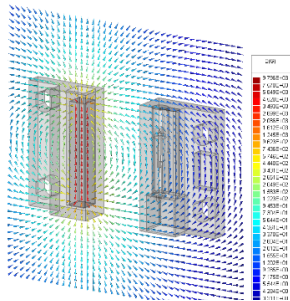
- Reduce cost and increase reliability
- Tolerance variation analysis
- Rapid prototyping with 3D printing

Encapsulation and sealing

- Transfer and low-pressure overmold
- Epoxy or urethane
- Meter or mix dispensing
- Ultrasonic welding or heat staking

Sensor effect assembly

- Automated, cellular, and manual
- Custom reed switch forming
- Integral magnets within sensors



Circuit board assembly

- Vision systems
- SMD pick-and-place automation
- In-circuit test

Terminations

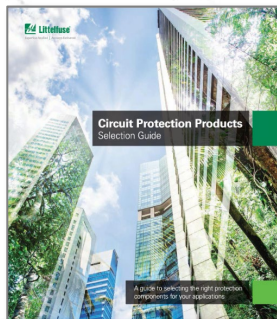
- Injection or insert molding
- Automated cut, strip, and crimp
- Connector type flexibility

Performance and reliability test

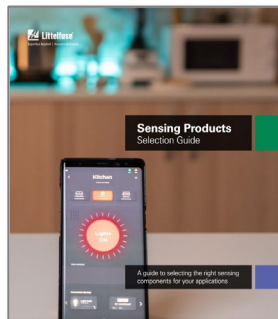
- Validation testing
- 100% automatic end-line testing
- Actuation and contact resistance
- Long-term reliability testing

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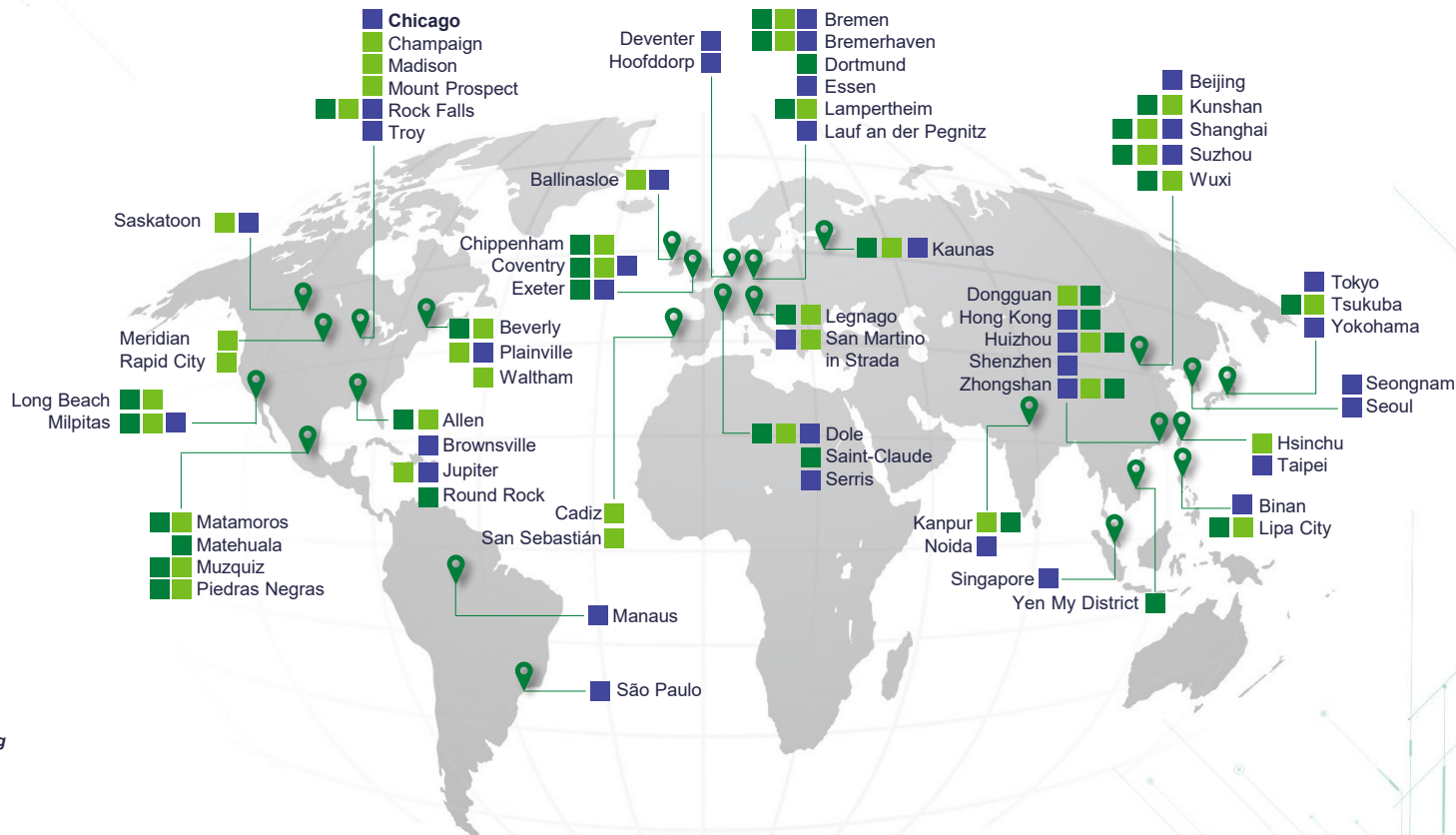


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