

Beware the

# Zombie Surge Protector



## Is your surge protector one of the living dead?

The surge protection component in power-strip/surge protectors has a finite ability to absorb voltage spikes — and once that limit is reached, the component is **DEAD** — and will **no longer** shield your equipment against voltage spikes. However, the outlets on many surge protector models (like the one on the right) **will remain LIVE and continue to supply power** to plugged-in equipment.

Before the next thunderstorm rolls through, it is a good idea to check to see if your surge protectors **are still fully functional** and continuing to protect your sensitive electronic equipment. Consult the manufacturer's product manual for specific information about your device. Visit [www.CIRMA.org](http://www.CIRMA.org) for additional risk management resources.

### How to identify a zombie

The SURGE LED is **off** on this device, indicating that its surge protection circuitry is **dead**. However, the power outlets remain **live** — and will still supply power to plugged in equipment.

The next victim of this zombie? Whatever is plugged into the power strip during the next voltage spike.