

ESP History

Featuring a history that spans over 25 years, Electronic Systems Protection, Inc. has become the global leader in energy intelligence.



- ESP was originally established when microprocessor technology was first introduced to control photocopier machines in 1985. Our founders discovered that microprocessor-based photo copiers could not meet their design copies between calls (CBC) and clean power was required for these technologically sophisticated products to function properly. Office equipment dealers and manufacturers, in turn, needed a cost effective solution to reduce ground noise and provide clean power. Electronic Systems Protection, Inc. was created to deliver that solution. Over the years ESP has introduced a variety of cutting-edge technologies into the market, including microprocessor-based diagnostic intelligence and energy management protection solutions.
- ESP acquired SurgeX in 2010 to expand into new vertical markets. Founded in 1995, SurgeX introduced a new type of surge protection technology into the audio video market. It was the first and only in the industry to block and contain surge energy without the use of any sacrificial or diversionary components and did not contaminate the safety ground. In 2005, SurgeX expanded its protection technology to include zero let-through to further protect AV systems, in addition to other proprietary technologies. Over the past 15 years the SurgeX product line has been used to protect high-end multimedia equipment in nationally recognized concert halls, sports arenas, and auditoriums, including: Dallas Cowboys Stadium, Carnegie Hall, and the Hubble Space Telescope.
- Today, equipment manufacturers and dealers in multiple industries worldwide have relied on our patented power protection technology to protect their equipment and enhance the operations of their business. Our company has been recognized as the industry leader and partner due to our innovative B2B

power protection portfolio, channel business expertise, and unmatched customer support. Our technology is proudly made in the USA, custom built in our North Carolina manufacturing facility, and is certified by leading standard and safety organizations.

- The firm is owned by **Gridiron Capital, LLC**, a large private equity firm headquartered in New Canaan, Connecticut. Gridiron Capital is focused on creating value by acquiring and building middle-market manufacturing, service, and specialty consumer companies in the United States and Canada.