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ABSTRACT

A load control device connected in series between an AC power source and a load, includes a main opening/closing unit connected in series between the power source and the load for controlling supply of power to the load and including a switch element; an auxiliary opening/closing unit for controlling a supply of power to the load when the main opening/closing unit is in a non-conduction state; a control unit for controlling opening and closing of the main opening/closing unit and the auxiliary opening/closing unit; and a voltage detector for detecting a voltage inputted to the third power source unit. While the load is powered, the control unit makes the main opening/closing unit conductive for a first predetermined period of time when the voltage detector detects that the voltage inputted to a third power source unit reaches a predetermined threshold and makes the auxiliary opening/closing unit conductive for a second predetermined period of time when the main opening/closing unit is in non-conductive state.