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**How long is the surplus below zero?** (English) Zbl 0777.62096  
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For the classical compound Poisson continuous-time surplus process the following evaluations are considered: duration of the first negative surplus, duration of any other negative surplus, total duration of negative surplus.

The author develops the Gerber model [*H. U. Gerber*, *Insur. Math. Econ.* 9, No. 2/3, 115-119 (1990; [Zbl 0731.62153](#))], using his martingale method. The symmetry between the distributions of time of ruin and duration of a negative surplus is discussed for the zero initial surplus. Finally, the author presents two examples, considering exponential and gamma  $(2, \beta)$  distributions.

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