# UL 508A Industrial Control Panels





# **Objectives**

- ☐ Who is UL?
- ☐ UL508A Origin
- Current emphasis on UL508A
- What is the UL 508A Standard?
- Implementation of the Standard
  - Component Selection
  - Short Circuit Current Ratings
- □ Q & A







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# **UL Standards-Setting**

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#### **UL508A Standard**

□ UL508A Origin, Title: *Industrial Control* Panels First edition 2001

Latest: Second Edition, December 2013

□ Current emphasis NFPA 70, The National Electrical Code (NEC), made reference to the UL508A standard in the 2005 edition. The new Article 409, titled "Industrial Control Panels", was introduced.



UL508A definition:

"2.27 INDUSTRIAL CONTROL PANEL FOR GENERAL USE – A control panel intended to be installed in accordance with the general use requirements in Chapter 4 of the National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA 70."





#### **NEC 2017 Definition**

Industrial Control Panel. An assembly of two or more components consisting of one of the following:

- (1) power circuit components only, such as motor controllers, overload relays, fused disconnect switches, and circuit breakers;
- (2) control circuit components only, such as push buttons, pilot lights, selector switches, timers, switches, and control relays;
- (3) a combination of power and control circuit components.

These components, with associated wiring and terminals, are mounted on, or contained within, an enclosure or mounted on a subpanel.





# NEC 409.110 Marking

An industrial control panel shall be marked with the following information that is plainly visible after installation:

- (1) Manufacturer's name, trademark, or other descriptive marking by which the organization responsible for the product can be identified.
- (2) Supply voltage, number of phases, frequency, and full-load current for each incoming supply circuit.



Source: NEC 2017



# NEC 409.110 Marking (contd.)

- (4) Short-circuit current rating of the industrial control panel based on one of the following:
  - a. Short-circuit current rating of a listed and labeled assembly
  - b. Short-circuit current rating established utilizing an approved method

Informational Note: ANSI/UL 508A, Standard for Industrial Control Panels, Supplement SB, is an example of an approved method.

Exception to (4): Short-circuit current rating markings are not required for industrial control panels containing only control circuit components.



Source: NEC 2017



# UL 508A Industrial Control Panels

- ☐ Industrial Control Panels are rated:
  - ❖ 1000V or less
  - ❖ 40°C ambient
- □ UL 508A Standard does not include:
  - Panels for Hazardous Locations "NRBX" which are covered under UL698A
  - Panels Containing Intrinsic Safety Barriers and Intended for Circuits in Hazardous Areas



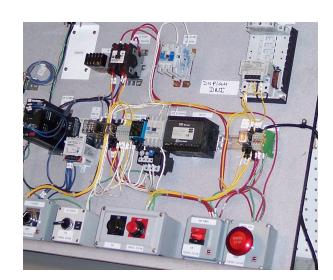


## UL 508A - The Standard

- The Standard Covers...
  - Industrial Control Panel Assemblies which may contain:
    - Motor controllers
    - Overload relays
    - Fused Disconnects / Circuit Breakers
    - Buttons, Switches, Timers & Controllers
    - Wiring
    - > Terminals
    - Enclosures
- Four Parts
  - ❖ Part 1 General Use
  - ❖ Part 2 Specific Use
  - Part 3 Specific Component Requirements
  - Part 4 Short Circuit Current Ratings







# How is equipment SCCR determined?

- 1. Short-circuit testing in high power laboratory
  - Tested and listed to UL product standard
- 2. Analysis methods (for device or apparatus)
  - Example: *UL 508A Industrial Control Panel* product standard, *Supplement SB*





# Industrial Control Panels UL 508A – Circuit Type Definitions

# PART 1 – GENERAL USE INDUSTRIAL CONTROL PANELS

- 2.38 POWER CIRCUIT –
   Conductors and components of branch and feeder circuits.
  - Supply LOADS Motor, Lighting, Heating, Appliances, etc.
- 2.11 CONTROL CIRCUIT A circuit that carries the electric signals directing the performance of a controller, and which does not carry the main power circuit. A control circuit is, in most cases, limited to 15 amperes.

SCCR applies to POWER CIRCUIT devices, not CONTROL CIRCUIT devices.

Exception: SCCR also applies to the overcurrent protective device protecting the primary side of the control transformer or power supply.

See SB3.2.1



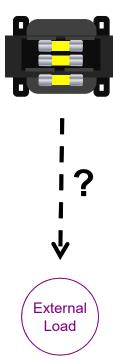


# Industrial Control Panels UL 508A – Transformer Type Definitions

# PART 1 – GENERAL USE INDUSTRIAL CONTROL PANELS

- 2.39 POWER TRANSFORMER –
   A transformer whose secondary
   winding supplies power to loads or
   a combination of loads and control
   circuit devices operating at the
   secondary voltage.
- 2.12 CONTROL TRANSFORMER

   A transformer whose secondary supplies power to control circuit devices only (excluding loads).



#### KEY QUESTION:

Does the transformer feed a load outside the panel?

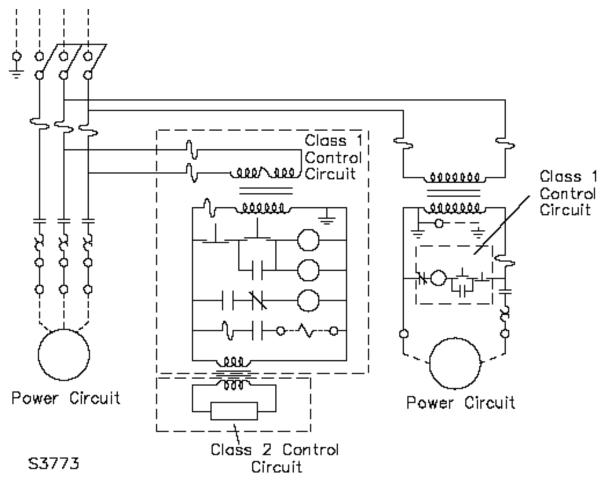
If YES - Power
Transformer, considered in
Panel SCCR
If NO - Control
Transformer, not considered
in Panel SCCR





# Industrial Control Panels UL 508A – Transformer Type Definitions

Control Circuit vs. Power Circuit







# **Industrial Control Panels** UL 508A – Circuit Location Definitions

## PART 1 – GENERAL USE INDUSTRIAL CONTROL **PANELS**

Fuses in Disconnect

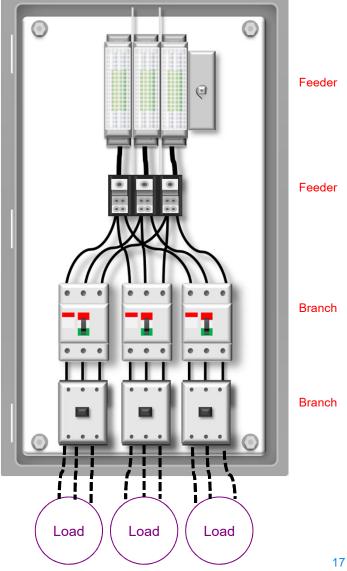
2.18 FEEDER CIRCUIT – The conductors and circuitry on the supply side of the branch circuit overcurrent protective device.

Power Distribution **Block** 

2.3 BRANCH CIRCUIT – The conductors and components following the last overcurrent protective device protecting a load.

Circuit **Breakers** 

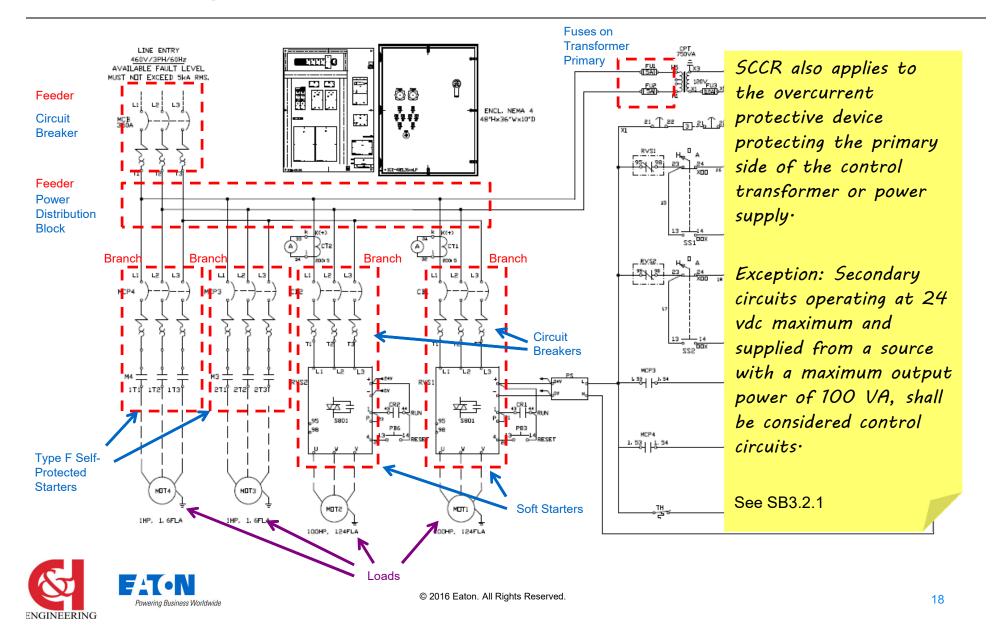
Motor Controllers







# **Example Panel**



# Summary

Power circuit components are evaluated when determining SCCR for an industrial control panel:

Any device in the panel that is either

- in a circuit path that leads to an external load, or
- any overcurrent protective device on the transformer/power supply primary





# **Component Ratings**

Remember, the panel SCCR is determined based on the rating of the components <u>inside or on</u> the panel.

### Which component ratings are used?

- For overcurrent protective devices: Interrupting rating
- For other devices: Component SCCR





# Component SCCRs – Standard Fault

### **Component Standard Fault**

- This is the *minimum* rating that electrical components are required to have attained when tested with an OCPD.
- If standard fault ratings are unknown, UL allows a default rating to be used.
- Standard fault ratings can be used when rating panels, but are often too low for those who want to achieve an adequate panel SCCR.
- Standard fault ratings are usually found on the product label.

Table SB4.1
Assumed maximum short circuit current rating for unmarked components

Table SB4.1 effective April 25, 2006

Component	Short circuit current rating, kA
Bus bars	10
Circuit breaker (including GFCI type)	5
Current meters	а
Current shunt	10
Fuseholder	10
Industrial control equipment:	
a. Auxiliary devices (overload relay)	5
b. Switches (other than mercury tube type)	5
c. Mercury tube switches	
Rated over 60 amperes or over 250 volts	5
Rated 250 volts or less, 60 amperes or less, and over 2 kVA	3.5
Rated 250 volts or less and 2 kVA or less	1
Motor controller, rated in horsepower (kW)	
a. 0 - 50 (0 - 37.3)	5°
b. 51 – 200 (38 – 149)	10°
c. 201 - 400 (150 - 298)	18 <sup>c</sup>
d. 401 - 600 (299 - 447)	30°
e. 601 - 900 (448 - 671)	42°
f. 901 - 1500 (672 - 1193)	85°
Meter socket base	10
Miniature or miscellaneous fuse	10 <sup>b</sup>
Receptacle (GFCI type)	2
Receptacle (other than GFCI type)	10
Supplementary protector	0.2
Switch unit	5
Terminal block or power distribution block	10

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> A short circuit current rating is not required when connected via a current transformer or current shunt. A directle connected current meter shall have a marked short circuit current rating.





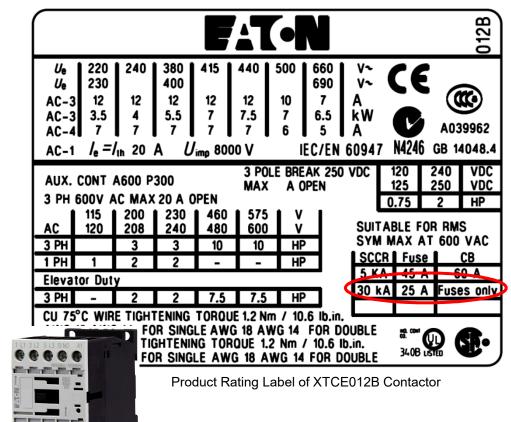
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> The use of a miniature fuse is limited to 125-volt circuits.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Standard fault current rating for motor controller rated within specified horsepower range

# Component SCCRs – High Fault

SB2.2 HIGH FAULT SHORT CIRCUIT CURRENT RATING – Marked short circuit current rating of a motor controller that is greater than the standard fault short circuit current rating.

- •High fault ratings will include a maximum ampacity and may include a specific type of OCPD for the short circuit protective device.
- High fault ratings can be found either on the product or in instructions (not on UL's website).
- Procedures may have to be modified to include the reference high fault info.







# Combination Ratings – Motor Starter & Contactor

# **Component High Fault**









		High Fault Current		
Contactor Catalog Number	Overload Relay Catalog Number	kA (600 Vac)	Class J Fuse Size	Class CC Fuse Size
XTCE007B	XT0BP40BC1	100	1	1
XTCE007B	XTOBP60BC1	100	1	1
XTCE007B	XT0B001BC1	100	1	1
XTCE007B	XTOB001BC1	100	1	1
XTCE007B	XTOB1P6BC1	100	3	3
XTCE007B	XTOB2P4BC1	100	3	3
XTCE007B	XTOB004BC1	100	3	3

XT Part Number	kA (600 Vac)	Class	Max. Upstream Fuse Ampere Rating
XTCE007B	100	J	20
XTCE009B	100	J	20
XTCE012B	100	J	45
XTCE015B	100	J	60





## Component SCCR - PDBs

## **Component High Fault**

PDBFS220 (4 – 14 Load Side Conductors) – 100kA with 175A Class J fuse or less



Series PDBFS

#### Series PDBFS

		Termina	Short-Circuit Current Ra						
		Line	Load	Configuration	Condu	ictors	Ma	x Fuse	Class &
Catalog Number				Openings per Pole	Line	Load	J	т	RK1
(All Single Pole)	Amps	Wire Range	Wire Range	Line Load	AWG or kemil	AWG or kcmil	LPJ	JJS JJN	LPS-RK LPN-RK
PDBFS204	175A	2/0 - 8 AWG 70 - 10 mm²	2/0 - 8 AWG 70 - 10 mm²		2/0 - 8	2/0 - 8	200	200	100
		2/0 - 8 AWG	4 - 14 AWG			4 - 12	200	200	100 <sup>†</sup>
PDBFS220	175A	70 - 10 mm²	25 - 2.5 mm²		2/0 - 8	4 - 14	175 <sup>†</sup>	175 <sup>†</sup>	100 <sup>†</sup>
		70 10 11111	20 - 2.0 11111			4 - 14	200†	200†	100 <sup>†</sup>

Note: If used in feeder circuits, power distribution blocks must have feeder circuit spacing - typically a Listed (not Recognized) power distribution block is required.

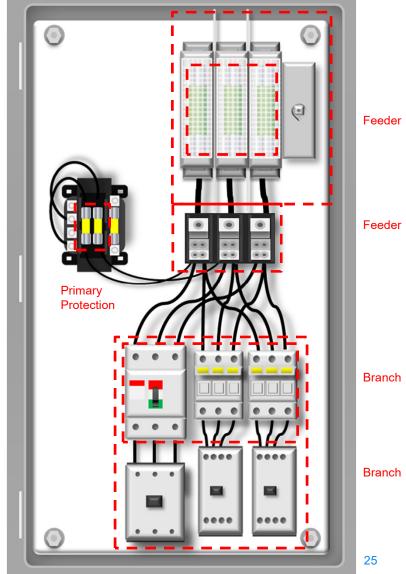




#### SB4.4

- 1. Determine the SCCR of each branch circuit.
- 2. Determine the SCCR for each feeder component.
- 3. Identify the interrupting rating for each overcurrent protective device.
- 4. The panel SCCR is the lowest value from steps 1-3.

Let's take a closer look at step 1....



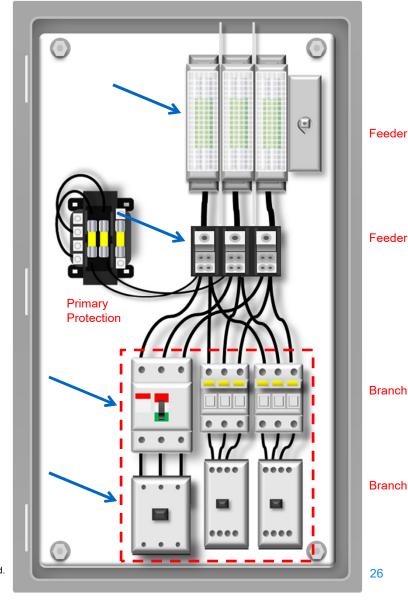




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  - a) Identify the component SCCR of each device in the branch circuit (SB4.2)
  - b) Determine if branch component SCCR can be effectively raised using feeder components (SB4.3)
- 2. Determine the SCCR for each feeder component.
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Let's take a closer look at step 1 a)....



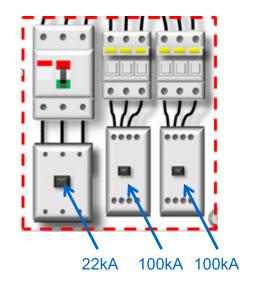


Short Circuit Current Ratings of Individual Power Circuit (Feeder or Branch) Components (SB4.2)

- The SCCR marked on the component or on instructions.
- The SCCR determined by the voltage rating of the component and the assumed short circuit current from Table SB4.1.

or

 The short circuit current rating for a component that has been investigated in accordance with the performance requirements, including short circuit test requirements for standard fault currents or high fault currents specified in the associated product standard, and described in the manufacturer's Procedure.



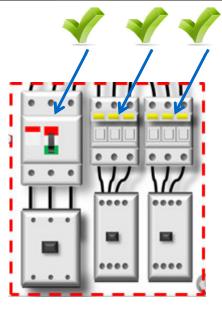
Previously only indicated high fault ratings for motor controllers (UL 508) applied, now can be any feeder or branch component.





Short Circuit Current Ratings of Individual Power Circuit Components (SB4.2) SB4.2.3

 A high fault short circuit current rating for a motor controller, an overload relay, or a combination motor controller, as specified in SB4.2.2 (a) or (c), shall only be used as the short circuit current rating of the component when the specified branch circuit protective device is provided.



22kA 100kA 100kA



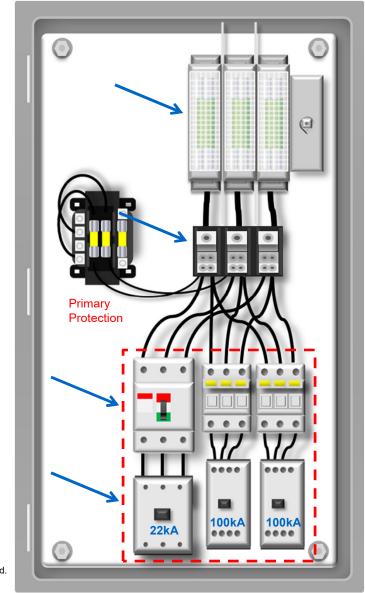


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Let's take a closer look at step 1 b)....







Feeder

Feeder

Branch

**Branch** 

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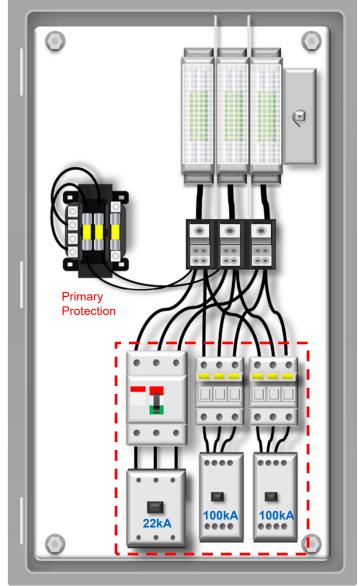
Branch component SCCR can be effectively raised by components in the feeder by the following four methods (SB4.3)

- SB4.3.1 Use of an upstream power transformer in the feeder circuit.
- SB4.3.2 Use of an upstream current limiting circuit breaker in the feeder circuit.
- SB4.3.3 Use of an upstream current limiting fuse in the feeder circuit.
- SB4.3.4 Use of an upstream current limiting breaker or fuse supplied in the field when the panel is marked per SB5.1.3.

Let's take a closer look at each...







Feeder

Feeder

Branch

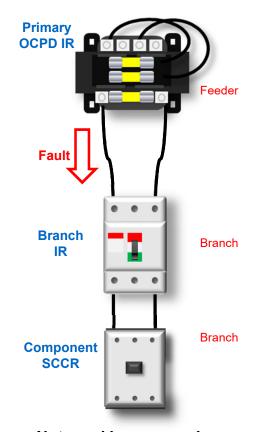
**Branch** 

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#### SB4.3.1

 For feeder and branch components and overcurrent devices supplied by a power transformer with an isolated secondary winding, the short circuit current rating on the line side of the transformer shall be one of the following:

Fault Current (Calculated or from Table SB4.3 or 4.4)	Branch OCPD Interrupting Rating	Branch Component SCCR	RESULTING SCCR
Is the fault current less than or equal to	YES	YES	Resulting SCCR equals the interrupting rating of the primary OCPD
Is the fault current less than or equal to	NO	YES	Resulting SCCR equals the interrupting rating of the branch OCPD
Is the fault current less than or equal to	NO	NO	Resulting SCCR equals the lower branch OCPD or component IR/SCCR



Not used in our panel example...

Let's look at an illustrated example on the next page...



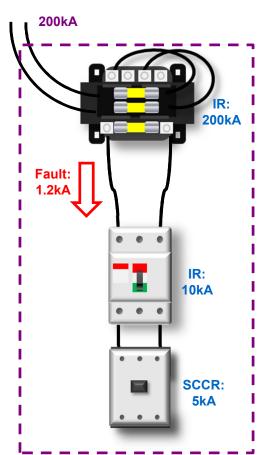


#### Example...

- Downstream component SCCR = 5kA
- Primary side overcurrent protective device has an interrupt rating of 200kA
- Single phase 3000VA transformer with 120V secondary
- 5kA > 1.2kA, thus this circuit is considered 200kA.

Table SB4.3
Single phase transformer secondary available short circuit currents (Amps)<sup>a</sup>

Column 1	Column 2											
Transformer	Minimum Transformer Secondary Voltage (V)											
Max kVA	120	120 120/240 <sup>b</sup> 208 240 277 347 480										
<u>1</u>	400 A	300 A	230 A	200 A	180 A	140 A	100 A	80 A				
3	1,200 A	900 A	690 A	600 A	520 A	420 A	300 A	240 A				
5	1,990 A	1,490 A	1,150 A	1,000 A	860 A	690 A	500 A	400 A				
10	3,970 A	2,980 A	2,290 A	1,990 A	1,720 A	1,380 A	1,000 A	800 A				
(15)	5,960 A	4,470 A	3,440 A	2,980 A	2,580 A	2,060 A	1,490 A	1,200 /				
25	9,930 A	7,450 A	5,730 A	4,970 A	4,300 A	3,440 A	2,490 A	1,990 /				
37.5	14,890 A	11,170 A	8,590 A	7,450 A	6,450 A	5,150 A	3,730 A	2,980 /				
50)	19,850 A	14,890 A	11,450 A	9,930 A	8,600 A	6,870 A	4,970 A	3,970 /				
75	29,770 A	22,330 A	17,180 A	14,890 A	12,900 A	10,300 A	7,450 A	5,960 /				



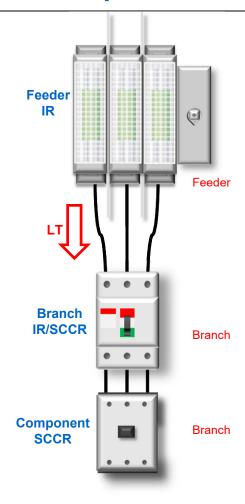




Short-circuit current shown is line-to-neutral

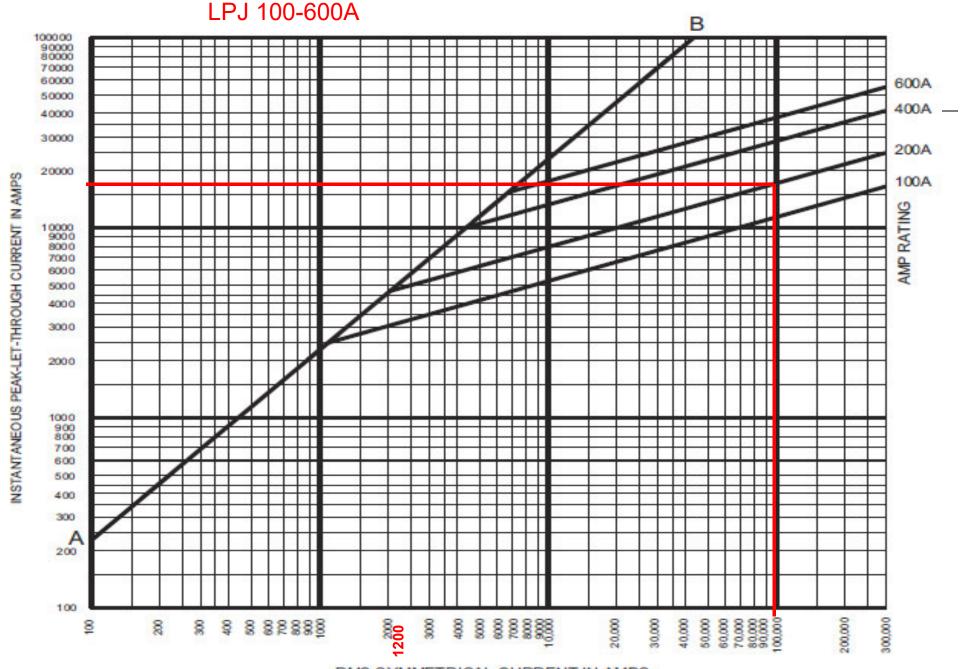
#### SB4.3.3

- For branch circuits supplied by a Class CC,
   G, J, L, RK1, RK5, or T in the <u>feeder circuit</u>:
  - Determine the "<u>peak</u> let-through current" at a given prospective fault current from Table SB4.2
  - Compare the peak let-through to the component SCCR, if the peak let-through is less than the component SCCR, adjust to the component SCCR to the prospective fault current.
  - Compare adjusted component SCCR to Branch IR/SCCR – lower of the two is the branch circuit SCCR.



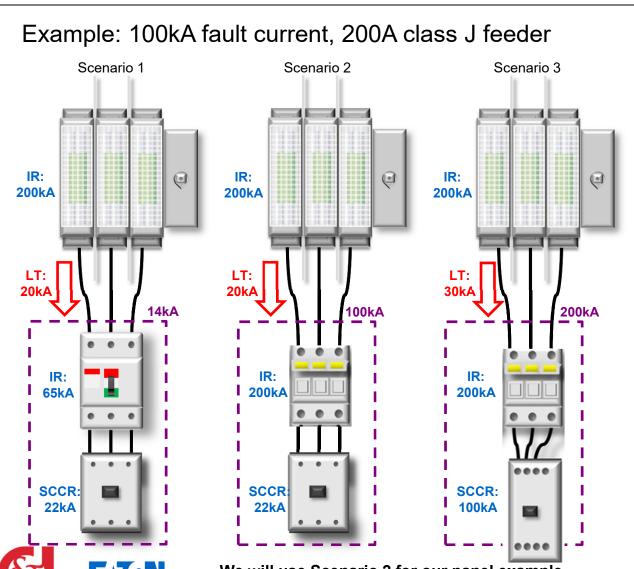






RMS SYMMETRICAL CURRENT IN AMPS

A-B = ASYMMETRICAL AVAILABLE PEAK (2.3 X SYM RMS AMPS)



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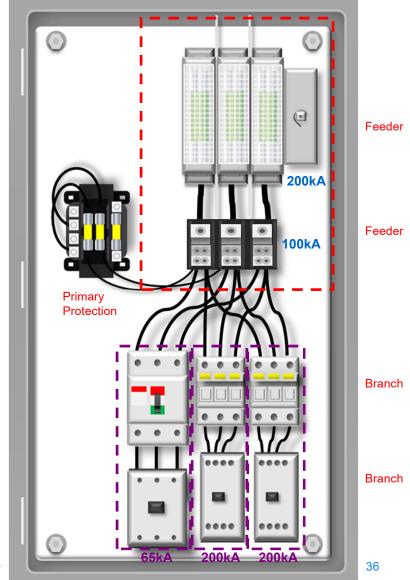
Excerpt from Table SB4.2

	Fuse rating	100	kA
Fuse types	amperes	$I^2t \times 10^3$	$I_p \times 10^3$
Class CF	1	0.8	1
(up to 100			
A. Class J			
volt Class			
Tb			
	3	1.2	1.5
	6	2	2.3
	10	3	3.3
	15	4	4
	20	5	5
	25	5.5	6
	30	7	7.5
	35	12	7.5
	40	17	8
	45	18	8.5
	50	22	9
	60	30	10
	70	50	11.5
	80	60	12.5
	90	75	13.5
	100	80	14
	110	100	14.5
	125	150	15.5
	150	175	17
	175	225	18.5
		300	20
	225	350	22.5
	250	450	24

Ip at 200kA = 30kA

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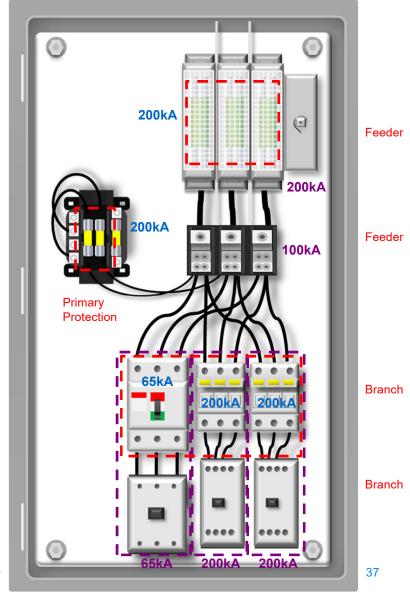
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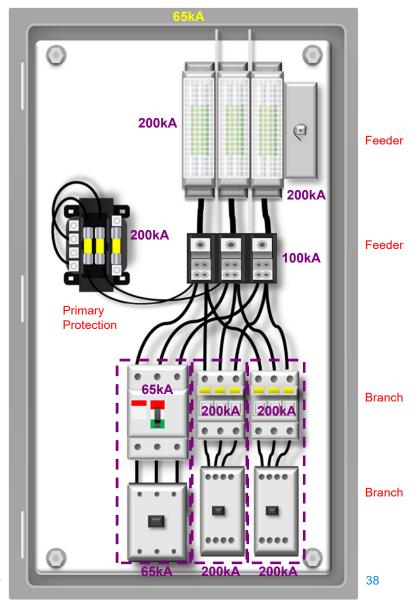
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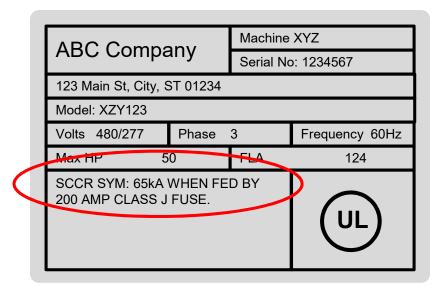
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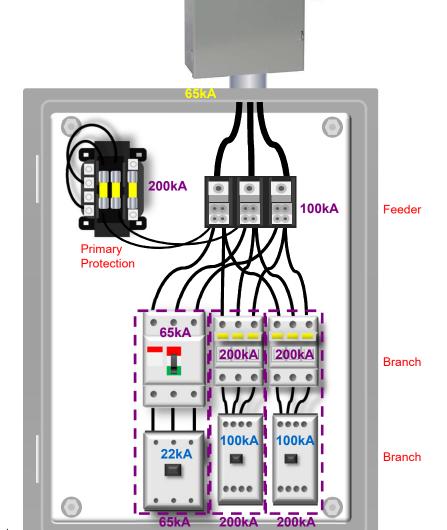






# Applying External Current Limiting Feeder





Feeder

200kA





# **UL Link For Short-Circuit Ratings**

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		Component Description Combination Motor Controller Ratings													
Database Identification Number	Construction Type	Component Type Abbreviation	Manufacturer Name	Complete Part Number	Voltage, V	Number of Phases	SCCR, kA	Full Load Current, A	Hp Rating	Voltage, V	Number of Phases	SCCR, kA	Current Rating, FLA or FLA/LRA	Hp Rating	Enclosure Volume, cubic inches
		MSP	Eaton	XTPR1P6BC1	600Y347	3	50	1.3	3/4						
XTITF1	F	MC	Eaton	E111A06X3N	600	3	5	3.9	3	600Y347	3	35	1.3	3/4	257
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		ACC(ADAPTOR)	Eaton	XTPAXLSA	600	3		-							
		MSP	Eaton	XTPR1P6BC1	480Y277	3	50	1.6	3/4						
XTITF2	F	MC	Eaton	E111A06X3N	480	3	5	4.8	3	3 480Y277	3	35	1.6	3/4	257
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