



low-voltage
air circuit
breakers

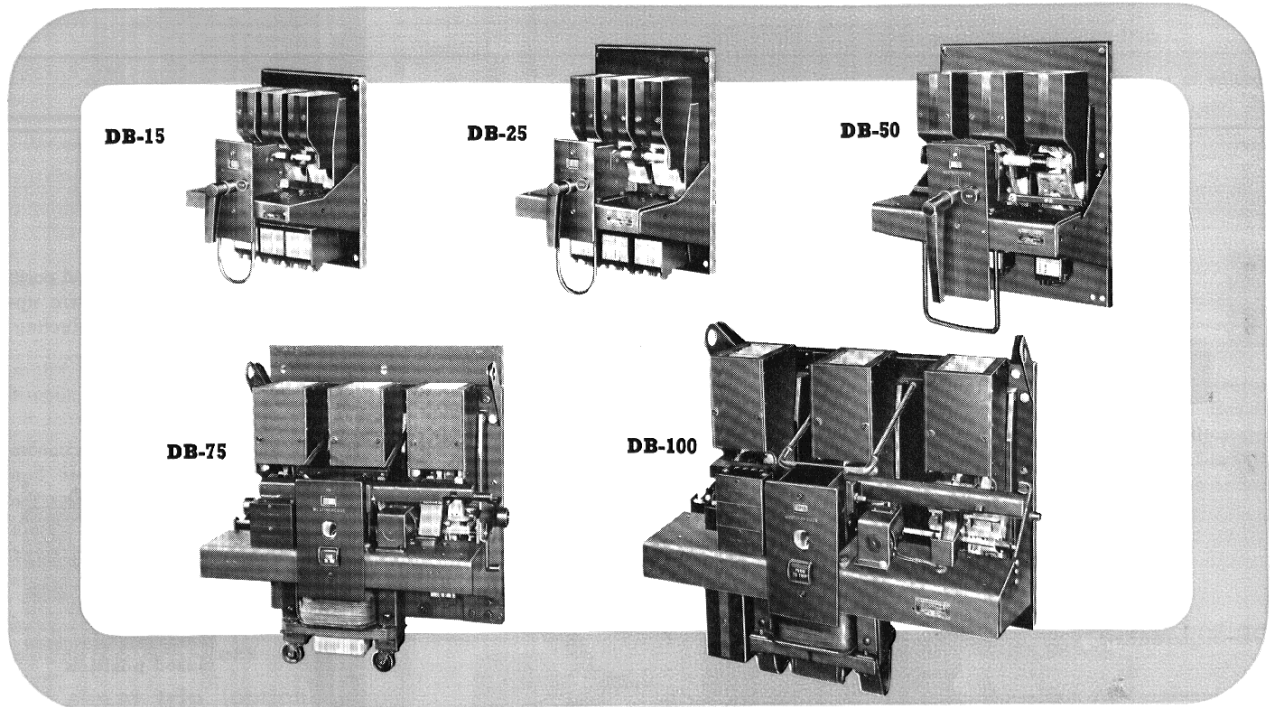
DB De-ion® circuit breakers 15-4000 amperes, a-c or d-c

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*manually or electrically operated • 2 or 3-pole
15,000 to 100,000 amp interrupting capacity*

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application

For protection of low-voltage a-c or d-c power distribution systems in industrial plants and electric utility station auxiliaries.

advantages

selector guide

standard circuit breakers are calibrated from 80 to 160% of current rating

range of ratings: amperes, a-c/d-c	type breaker	inter- rupting capac- ity, am- peres at 600 v a-c, 250 v d-c†
15 to 225	DB-15	15,000
40 to 600	DB-25	25,000
200 to 1600	DB-50	50,000
2000 to 3000	DB-75	75,000
4000 a-c	DB-100	100,000
6000 d-c	DB-100	100,000

† For interrupting capacity at reduced voltages, see page 6.

complete low-voltage air circuit breaker line: DB De-ion breakers are supplied in five basic sizes of two or three-pole design with a range of current ratings from 15 to 4000 amperes a-c or d-c.

application flexibility with choice of operating mechanisms: Standard DB breakers are equipped with either manual, manual-spring or electrical operating mechanisms. Optional attachments provide for modifications to suit any circuit protective scheme.

overcurrent tripping device: Standard tripping devices have long delay and instantaneous tripping characteristics—both independently adjustable. Selective trips have long and short delay characteristics—both independently adjustable.

variety of mountings: DB breakers can be supplied for fixed switchboard mounting or separate enclosures depending on the hazards of the installation site, or in single unit one-high draw-out assembly.

sub-assembly plan: Provides mounting of basic DB breaker and components on all metal base to form a single compact unit. The plan features factory-assembled, tested and stocked components, for improved service on a variety of DB breaker accessories.

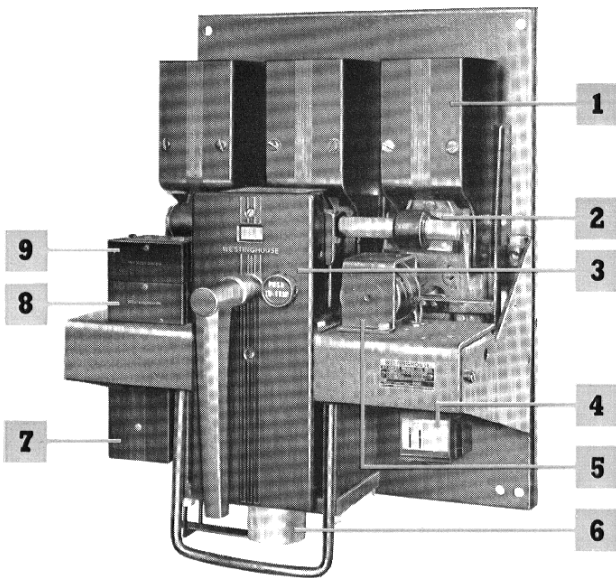
3-position DB drawout breakers: Single unit one-high drawout stack-up units provide a factory-assembled standardized design for the make-up of low-voltage metal-enclosed switchgear.

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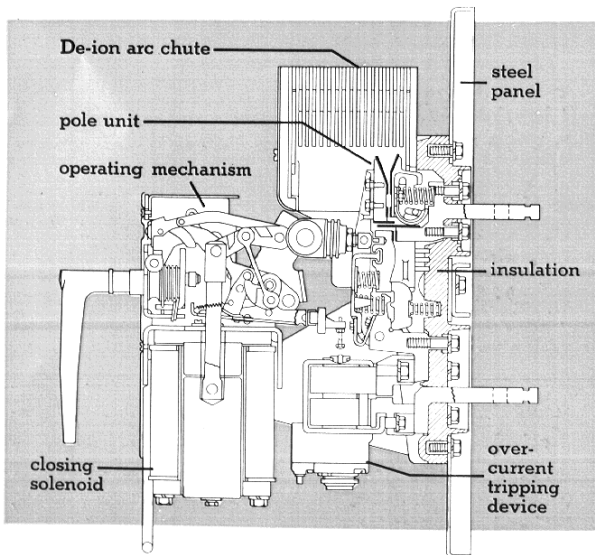


design features

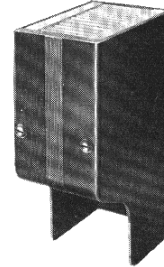


DB-50 breaker

All breakers have similar construction to the DB-50 breaker illustrated here and the same basic design modified to suit their sizes and ratings.

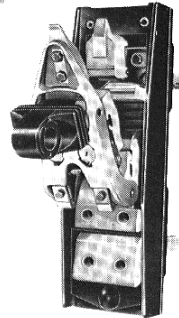


1 De-ion arc chutes (one per pole)

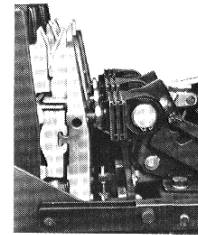


To prevent contact burning, arcs are quickly and positively interrupted. Strong magnetic fields pull the arc upward into the arc chute; rising gas blasts carry conducting particles out of the arc path to break the arc.

2 pole unit (2 or 3 supplied)



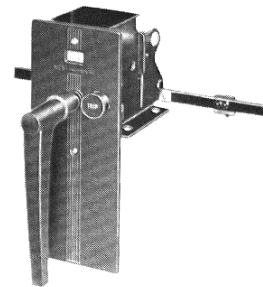
open position



closed position

All breakers have solid-block, silver-inlaid main contacts, insuring lasting current-carrying ability. Main contacts will not arc: When breaker opens, main contacts part first, then secondary contacts and finally arcing tips. When arcing tips break, arc flashes at the point and is blown into De-ion arc chute.

3 operating mechanism



manually-operated breaker: Rotary operating handle operates the breaker directly or through a manual-spring closing mechanism.

electrically-operated breaker: Has solenoid closing, shunt trip, control relay and 4-pole auxiliary switch.

Mechanical indicator shows breaker position at all times.

Push to trip button with protective side brackets can be padlocked.

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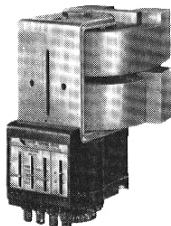
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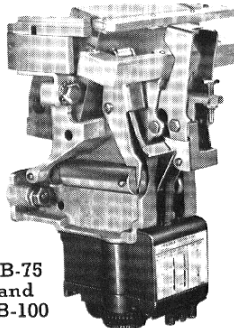
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4 overcurrent tripping device (one dual unit per pole)



DB-50



DB-75
and
DB-100

motor protection or general duty: Breakers are supplied with tripping devices having long delay and instantaneous tripping characteristics—both independently adjustable.

selective tripping: Selective overcurrent trip devices have long and short delay tripping characteristics—both independently adjustable.

Each unit consists of a magnetically operated trip plunger delayed by an air diaphragm. Time delay is adjusted by controlling the size of orifice between chambers of the air unit.

attachments supplied with electrically-operated breakers

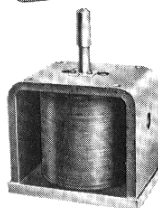
5 shunt trip (optional with manually-operated breakers)

Non-adjustable coil provided for remote tripping; intermittently rated.



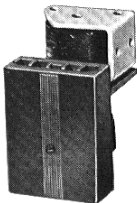
6 closing solenoid

D-c solenoid for DB-50, 75 and 100 breakers. Use Rectox® for a-c control. A-c solenoid for DB-15 to DB-25 breakers. Used also for d-c control.



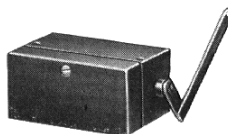
7 control or closing relay

Consists of a cut-off contact and a seal-in contact to operate the closing solenoid.



8 4-circuit auxiliary switch

Rotary switch consisting of two "a" contacts and two "b" contacts ("a" contacts are closed when breaker is closed; "b" contacts are open when breaker is closed).

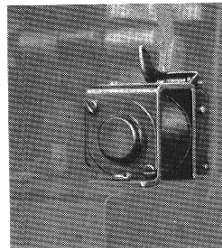


9 8-point terminal block

All attachment leads on separately enclosed and non-drawout breakers are connected to terminal block for easy access.

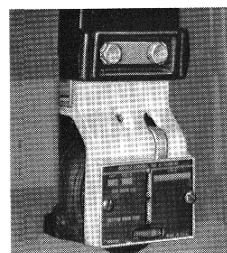


optional attachments



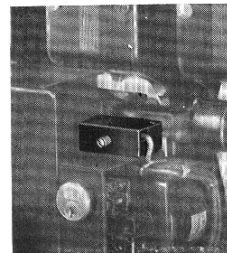
undervoltage trip

Trips breaker on loss of voltage and is automatically reset by breaker action. Attachment is available for instantaneous or time delay tripping.



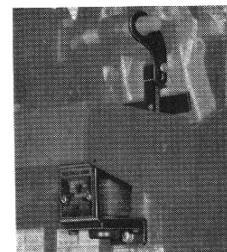
reverse current trip

Opens breaker upon a reversal of current in the circuit. This direct-current device is adjustable and may be set to trip at 5 to 25% reverse current, based on normal current rating.



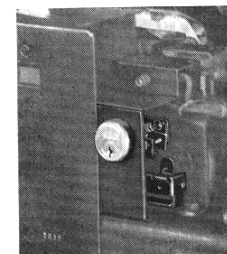
alarm switch

Closes to initiate alarm when breaker is tripped by an automatic tripping device (does not operate when breaker is tripped manually or by shunt trip).



electrical lockout

Holds breaker linkage in trip-free position to prevent closing until lockout is energized. After breaker is closed, de-energizing coil will not trip breaker.



key interlock

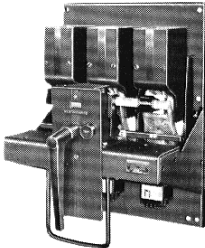
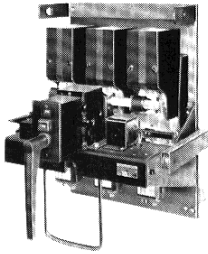
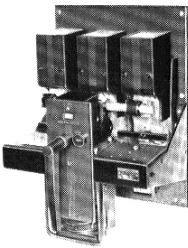
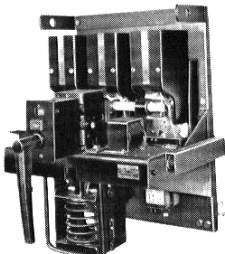
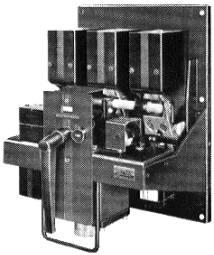
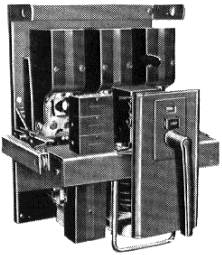
Several designs available for interlocking two or more breakers.



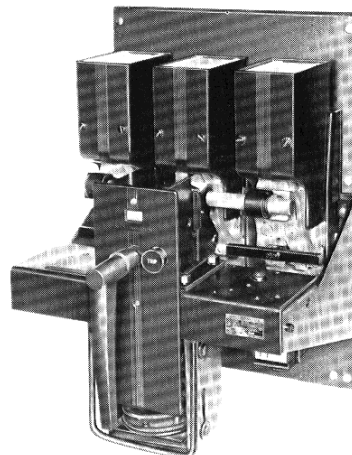
design features

choice of breaker closing mechanisms

To match application requirements, DB breakers are available with manual, manual-spring or electric solenoid closing mechanisms.

	for fixed position mounting	for 3-position drawout mounting
manual closing		
manual-spring closing		
electric solenoid closing		

manual-spring closing mechanism



DB breaker with manual-spring closing mechanism

The manual-spring closing mechanism is available for the DB-15, DB-25 and DB-50 breakers. This spring mechanism assures rapid safe closing against all possible fault currents. The closing portion of the mechanism involves no latches or triggers. Simplicity, sturdiness and reliability are distinctive features of this mechanism.

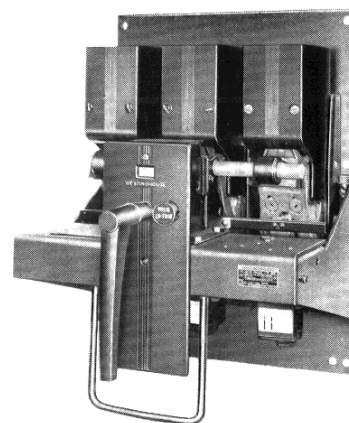
sub-assembly plan • mountings • enclosures

The basic DB breaker and all components are mounted on an all-metal base to form a single compact unit. All parts are accessible for inspection and adjustment. Attachments can be added or removed easily; mounting holes are provided. This sub-assembly plan affords factory-assembled, tested and stocked components for quick assembly or changes of installed breakers—for ease of maintenance and most efficient breaker operation.

The design features illustrated on pages 2 and 3, of nine main components, illustrate the sub-assembly arrangement and its simplicity.

fixed mounting for switchboard use

All-steel mounting panel of the basic DB breaker has mounting holes suitable for bolting to framework or switchboard. All breakers for switchboard fixed mounting are furnished with horizontal bar studs (vertical bars or round studs are not available). The breaker is supplied without front panels. Non-flanged front panel or hinged panel can be supplied as addition.



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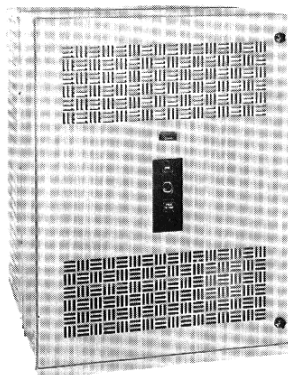
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typical enclosures

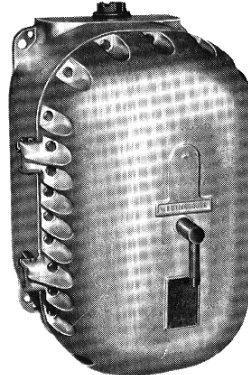
ventilated enclosure



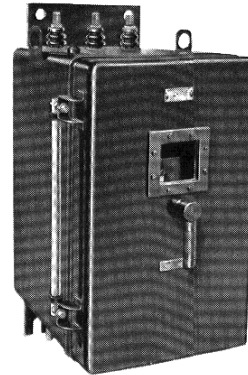
weather-proof, dust-tight or semi-dust-tight enclosure



explosion-proof enclosure



submersible enclosure



All enclosures, except DB-75 and DB-100, include clamp-type connectors for cables and cover interlocks. Ventilated, weather-proof, dust-tight and semi-dust-tight enclosures have suitable knock-outs or entrance plates for conduit entrance. Explosion-proof en-

losures have tapped conduit holes or entrance plates. Submersible breakers are supplied complete with external porcelain bushings. (See page 8 for details.)

removable arrangements

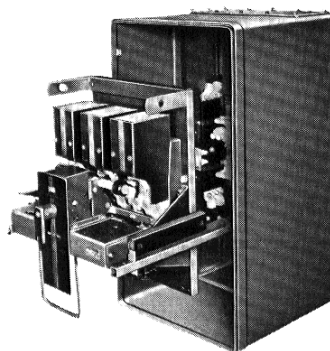
All breakers except the DB-75 and DB-100 are removable as a unit from all enclosures. Rail extensions as shown are provided with all DB-50 breakers only.

All breakers are free-standing when removed.

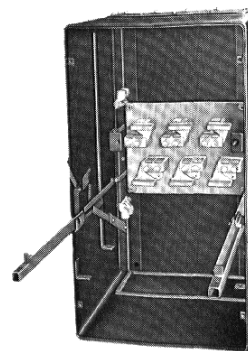
- a. Breaker with angle members for lifting to mounting positions.
- b. Breaker rolled forward on rail extension for easy test and inspection.
- c. Breaker removed for access to cable connectors. Note optional solid neutral on left wall of enclosure.



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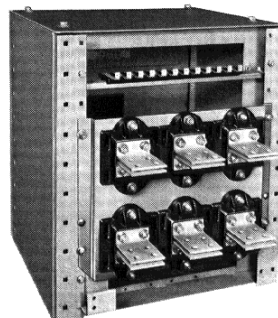
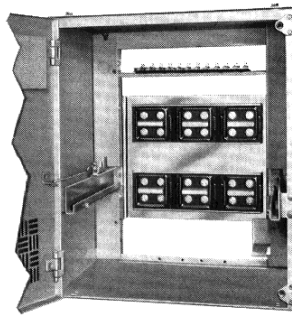
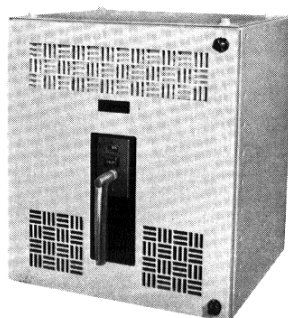
b



c

3-position drawout breakers

single unit—one high



Single unit, one-high drawout stack-up units provide a factory-assembled standardized design for low-voltage metal-enclosed switchgear. In this 3-position arrangement, the door of the breaker compartment can be closed with the breaker in any of its three recognized positions—"connected", "test", "disconnected". The 3-position feature offers a new convenience and safety to operating and maintenance personnel and greater protection for the circuit breakers.

**standard ratings****continuous current ratings** • *standard ratings are calibrated 80 to 160% ratings*

rating range, amperes	breaker type	standard ratings, amperes
15-225	DB-15	15, 20, 30, 40, 50, 70, 90, 100, 125, 150, 175, 200 or 225
40-600	DB-25	40, 50, 70, 90, 100, 125, 150, 175, 200, 225, 250, 300, 350, 400, 500 or 600
200-1600	DB-50	200, 225, 250, 300, 350, 400, 500, 600, 800, 1000, 1200 or 1600*
2000-3000	DB-75	2000, 2500, 3000
4000	DB-100	4000
6000 d-c	DB-100	6000 d-c

* 1600 ampere rating available for fixed mounting or ventilated enclosure only

interrupting ratings

a-c or d-c service	line voltage	type breaker	minimum continuous current rating amperes	interrupting rating		maximum short circuit current at which breaker can be applied			
				asymmetrical amperes	symmetrical amperes	selective system		cascade system	
						asymmetrical amperes	symmetrical amperes	asymmetrical amperes	symmetrical amperes
a-c all values are 60 cycles (rms)	240 and below	DB-15	30	30,000	25,000	15,000	14,000	60,000	50,000
		DB-25	150	50,000	42,000	25,000	22,000	100,000	85,000
		DB-50	600	75,000	65,000	50,000	42,000	120,000	100,000
		DB-75	2000	100,000	85,000	75,000	65,000	150,000	130,000
		DB-100	4000	150,000	130,000	100,000	85,000	150,000	130,000
	241-480	DB-15	20	25,000	22,000	15,000	14,000	50,000	42,000
		DB-25	100	35,000	30,000	25,000	22,000	70,000	60,000
		DB-50	400	60,000	50,000	50,000	42,000	100,000	85,000
		DB-75	2000	75,000	65,000	75,000	65,000	100,000	85,000
		DB-100	4000	100,000	85,000	100,000	85,000	100,000	85,000
	481-600	DB-15	15	15,000	14,000	15,000	14,000	30,000	25,000
		DB-25	40	25,000	22,000	25,000	25,000	50,000	42,000
		DB-50	200	50,000	42,000	50,000	50,000	100,000	85,000
		DB-75	2000	75,000	65,000	75,000	75,000	100,000	85,000
		DB-100	4000	100,000	85,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	85,000
d-c	250 and below	DB-15	15	15,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		DB-25	40	25,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		DB-50	200	50,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		DB-75	2000	75,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		DB-100	4000	100,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

overcurrent tripping devices

standard long delay and instantaneous device, and selective device		standard long delay and instantaneous device			selective trip device short delay settings			
long delay settings for DB-15, DB-25, DB-50, DB-75, and DB-100		instantaneous pickup in % of trip unit rating			pickup settings in % of trip unit rating			short delay, cycles for
pickup settings % rating	long delay, seconds	DB-15 and DB-25	DB-50	DB-75 and DB-100	DB-15 and DB-25	DB-50	DB-75 and DB-100	DB-15, DB-25, DB-50, DB-75 and DB-100

standard settings for feeder breakers (preferred)

80-100-120-140-160	20 and 30	800 and 1200	800 and 1200	800 and 1200	500-750-1000	500-750-1000	500-750-1000	6, 14 and 30
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standard settings for transformer secondary and main incoming line breakers (preferred)

80-100-120-140-160	20 and 30	500 and 1000	500 and 1000	500 and 1000	500-750-1000	500-750-1000	500-750-1000	6, 14 and 30
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optional settings available when specified (preferred)

80-100-120-140-160	①25-150	...	200 and 350 or 250 and 400	②250 and 400	...	200 and 350 or 250 and 400	③200 and 350 or ③250 and 400	6, 14 and 30
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special settings (non-preferred) available on special request only

80-100-120-140-160	12 and 20	800 and 1200	800 and 1200	800 and 1200	500-750-1000	500-750-1000	500-750-1000	6, 14 and 30
80-100-120-140-160	30 and 40	500 and 1000	800 and 1200	800 and 1200	500-750-1000	500-750-1000	500-750-1000	6, 14 and 30
80-100-120-140-160	40 and 60	500 and 800	500 and 1000	800 and 1200	500-750-1000	500-750-1000	500-750-1000	6, 14 and 30
80-100-120-140-160	①25-150	200 and 350 or 250 and 400	...	...	200 and 350 or 250 and 400	...	...	6, 14 and 30

① One calibrated mark between 25 and 150 seconds (specify mark) at 165% of trip unit rating.

② Lowest calibration must not be less than 5000 amperes.
③ Lowest calibration must not be less than 10000 amperes.

standard control voltages for electrically controlled breakers and shunt trip and undervoltage trip attachments

d-c	a-c
48, 125, 250	230, 460

standard potential coil voltages for reverse current trip and electrical lockout attachments

d-c
125, 250

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specification guide for prices, refer to price lists 33-820 and 33-821

item | choice or specification

when ordering circuit breakers, specify:

type	DB-15, DB-25, DB-50, DB-75 or DB-100
number of poles	2 or 3
type of mounting	fixed (switchboard) ventilated enclosure weather-proof enclosure dust-tight enclosure semi-dust-tight enclosure explosion-proof enclosure submersible (watertight) enclosure single unit—one high
method of operation	manual, manual spring, or electric If electrical, specify control voltage, a-c or d-c, and frequency (see page 6)
circuit or service	voltage, a-c or d-c, and frequency (25-50 or 60 cycles)
ampere rating	(from table on page 6)
type of series trip attachment	one supplied per pole, choose and specify type: standard tripping device: long delay and instantaneous selective tripping device: long delay and short delay instantaneous tripping unit only.

when ordering attachments, specify:

shunt trip (on manually operated breaker)	specify control voltage, d-c or a-c, and frequency (see page 6)
undervoltage trip	instantaneous or delayed specify control voltage, d-c or a-c, and frequency (see page 6)
reverse current trip	specify voltage of potential coil (see page 6)
additional auxiliary switch	specify number of "a" and "b" circuits a: closed when breaker is closed b: open when breaker is closed note: All electrically operated breakers are supplied with one 4-circuit auxiliary switch (with two "a" and two "b" circuits).
alarm switch	manually or electrically reset
electrical lockout	specify voltage of potential coil (see page 6)
key interlock	specify ultimate uses and destination

net weights in pounds

type	DB-15				DB-25				DB-50				DB-75		DB-100	
	manual		electrical		manual		electrical		manual		electrical		electrical		electrical	
	2 pole	3 pole	2 pole	3 pole	2 pole	3 pole	2 pole	3 pole	2 pole	3 pole	2 pole	3 pole	2 pole	3 pole	2 pole	3 pole
switchboard (fixed)	60	70	75	85	80	90	100	110	220	280	295	355	415	475	445	525
ventilated enclosure	135	155	150	170	155	175	175	195	375	455	470	530	665	725	695	775
weather-proof enclosure	145	165	160	180	165	185	185	205	395	475	490	550	665	725	695	775
semi-dust-tight enclosure	135	155	150	170	155	175	175	195	375	455	470	530	...	...	...	...
dust-tight enclosure	145	165	160	180	165	185	185	205	395	475	490	550
explosion-proof enclosure	1480	1490	1500	1510	2440	2500	2515	2575



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dimensions, wiring data

type breaker	approximate overall dimensions, inches▲			conduit entrance	cable size range for clamp-type connectors
	A	B	C		

fixed mounting for switchboard • figure 1

DB-15	17	16 $\frac{5}{8}$	12	unit is unenclosed	studs only supplied: 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " long; two 1 $\frac{1}{32}$ " dia. connect- ing holes
DB-25	20	18 $\frac{3}{4}$	13	unit is unenclosed	studs only supplied: 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " long; two 1 $\frac{1}{32}$ " dia. connect- ing holes
DB-50	27	23 $\frac{7}{16}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	unit is unenclosed	studs only supplied: 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ " long; two 2 $\frac{1}{32}$ " dia. connect- ing holes
DB-75	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	unit is unenclosed	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " long
DB-100	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	29	unit is unenclosed	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " long

ventilated or semi-dust-tight enclosure • figure 2

DB-15	27 $\frac{1}{8}$	20 $\frac{1}{8}$	16 $\frac{1}{8}$	service wiring: two knockouts top and bottom, 4 $\frac{5}{8}$ x 3 $\frac{5}{8}$ x 3"	one or two #6 to 350 MCM conductor or one 750 MCM con- ductor
DB-25	27 $\frac{1}{8}$	22 $\frac{1}{8}$	16 $\frac{1}{8}$	control wiring: two knockouts top and bottom, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
DB-50	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	29 $\frac{1}{4}$	24 $\frac{3}{8}$	removable entrance plate top and bottom for drilling to ac- commodate desired conduit sizes: 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	from one #3 to four 900 MCM cables or any combination of four between three sizes. Buswork to be ordered separately.
DB-75	46 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{8}$	34		
DB-100	46 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{8}$	34		

dust-tight or weather-proof enclosure • figure 2

DB-15	27 $\frac{1}{8}$	23 $\frac{1}{4}$	16 $\frac{1}{8}$	same as for ventilated or semi- dust-tight enclosure	same as for ventilated enclosure I
DB-25	27 $\frac{1}{8}$	25 $\frac{3}{8}$	16 $\frac{1}{8}$		
DB-50	44 $\frac{3}{8}$	32 $\frac{3}{8}$	24 $\frac{3}{8}$		
DB-75	53	43 $\frac{1}{8}$	34 $\frac{3}{8}$		
DB-100	53	43 $\frac{1}{8}$	34 $\frac{3}{8}$		

explosion-proof enclosure • figure 3

DB-25	37	29 $\frac{1}{4}$	25 $\frac{1}{8}$	non-removable entrance plate top and bottom drilled for con- duits up to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (specify num- ber, size and location)	same as for ventilated enclosure
DB-50	49 $\frac{1}{8}$	36 $\frac{1}{4}$	36 $\frac{1}{8}$	removable entrance plate top and bottom for drilling to con- duit sizes up to 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ " each	same as for ventilated enclosure I

submersible enclosure • figure 4

DB-25	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	25 $\frac{3}{8}$	22 $\frac{1}{4}$	one porcelain bushing per pole top and bottom with threaded terminal studs, $\frac{3}{4}$ "— 16 threads, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " long and pipe plug outlet top and bottom, 1"—1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", for control wiring. Alternate arrangements avail- able. Check factory.	same as for ventilated enclosure
DB-50	54 $\frac{1}{2}$	33 $\frac{1}{16}$	30 $\frac{3}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 12"	

I For cases where cables must by-pass, four 500 MCM cables per stud is maximum arrangement.
▲ For stack-up units refer to Headquarters.

further information

prices	price lists 33-820 and 33-821
instructions, official dimensions	DB-15, DB-25: instruction book 33-850—1 and 2 DB-50: instruction book 33-850—3 DB-75, DB-100: instruction book 33-850—4 and 5

figure 1

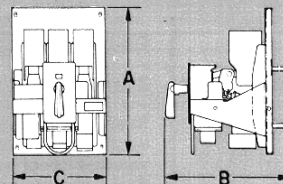


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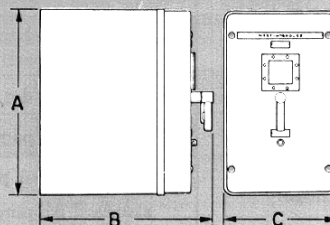


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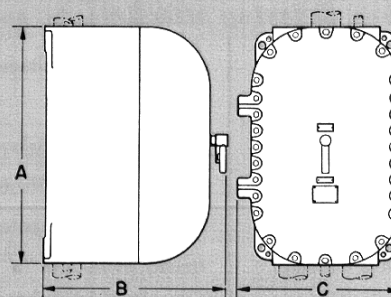
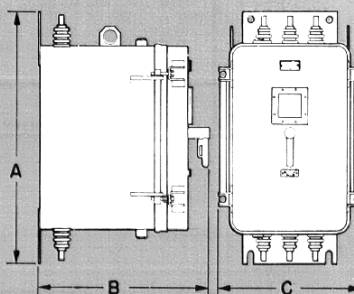


figure 4



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