



Short-Circuit Current Rating - SCCR

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Effective April, 2006 through UL508A, the National Electric Code (NEC®) requires that electrical panel assemblies be marked with the available fault current or Short-Circuit Current Rating (SCCR). See Article 409.110 of the 2008 edition of NEC®. The SCCR rating must be marked on all industrial electrical panels and will be rated at the level of the lowest SCCR component.

What Is Short-Circuit Current Rating (SCCR)?

SCCR is a safety consideration that gives a rating, that a circuit or piece of equipment will survive without producing a dangerous arc flash. An arc flash results in an explosion caused by an insulation failure or air ionization from an over voltage event. An arc flash with 1,000 amperes or more can cause substantial damage, fire or injury. The massive energy released in the fault rapidly vaporizes the metal conductors involved, blasting molten metal and expanding plasma outward with extreme force. The reason behind the code change is to prevent fire, injury or death.

The SCCR rating represents the maximum level of short-circuit current that the component or assembly can withstand and is used for determining compliance with NEC® Article 110.10. Although this rating can be marked on individual components or assemblies the assembly rating takes into account all components contained within the equipment. Do not make the mistake to assume that the interrupting rating of the over current protective device protecting the circuit represents the SCCR for the entire circuit. Interrupting ratings apply solely to the over current protective device and are used for compliance with NEC® Article 110.9.

All industrial electrical systems have a known “Fault Current” which is available from the utility that serves the building. If the incoming power and the buss power are rated at 68,000 amps, then any new control panel installed in that area must have a SCCR rating of at least 68,000 amps.

Every component within the power switching circuit must meet or exceed the available fault current where the panel is to be installed. If a device has not been tested for a SCCR, then the generic rating of 5,000 amperes is assigned for a switch (Silicon Controlled Rectifiers are switches). Most installed panel locations will require a higher SCCR rating than 5,000 A.

Who Is Affected By The SCCR Markings?

The 2005 NEC® has requirements for anyone building UL508A listed equipment to be marked with an SCCR. Therefore facility, process and consulting engineers need to specify the correct equipment. Electrical contractors need to correctly install equipment and electrical inspectors need to ensure equipment compliance.

What does this mean to you?

If on-site power supply available fault current is higher than your SCCR panel rating, additional mitigation measures will be required in order to meet the lower SCCR rating of the electrical panel. See document references listed at the end of this white paper. This may mean installing a transformer on location to limit the available fault current. By selecting power components such as Watlow DIN-A-MITE®, Power Series and Q-Pac which have been tested to 200,000 A, the additional mitigation measures may not be required reducing the panel installation cost for you and your customer.



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Watlow has tested the following power controls for short-circuit current rating (SCCR). These devices have a rating of 200,000 amperes when used with the listed fuse in each hot leg. SCCR defaults to 5,000 amperes per UL508A guidelines and the United States National Electric Code (NEC®) with any other untested combination. Semiconductor fuses do not meet branch circuit requirements per NEC®. The combination DFJ fuse does provide branch circuit protection and will protect the semiconductor device. Use either the Watlow Semiconductor Fuse and Semiconductor Fuse holder with branch circuit protection or the Bussmann Combination Fuse and Combination Fuse Holder.

Semiconductor fuses do not provide branch circuit protection. Branch fuses or circuit breakers are required to protect the load and the wire. The “Short circuit current rating” only applies with the exact fuse listed, or a smaller fuse of the same family. **SCCR Ratings are not valid when the line voltage is greater than 480 VAC.**

Model	Fuse Rating 125% of load	Watlow Semiconductor Fuse Part No.	Watlow Semiconductor Fuse Holder Part No.	*Bussmann Semiconductor Fuse Part No.	Bussmann/ *Watlow Combination Fuse Part No.	Bussmann/ *Watlow Fuse Holder for Combination Fuse	SCCR in Amperes
DIN-A-MITE® A, B, C	20 A	17-8020	17-5110	FWC-20A10F	DFJ-20 0808-0325-0020	CH30J1i 0808-0326-1530	200,000
DIN-A-MITE® A, B, C	25A	17-8025	17-5110	FWC-25A10F	DFJ-25 No Watlow P/N	CH30J1i 0808-0326-1530	200,000
DIN-A-MITE® A ¹ , B, C	30 A	17-8030	17-5114	FWP-30A14F	DFJ-30 0808-0325-0030	CH30J1i 0808-0326-1530	200,000
DIN-A-MITE® A ¹ , B, C	40 A	17-8040	17-5114	FWP-40A14F	DFJ-40 0808-0325-0040	CH60J1i 0808-0326-3560	200,000
DIN-A-MITE® B ¹ , C	50 A	17-8050	17-5114	FWP-50A14F	DFJ-50 0808-0325-0050	CH60J1i 0808-0326-3560	200,000
DIN-A-MITE® B ¹ , C	63 A	17-8063	17-5122	FWP-63A22F	DFJ-60 0808-0326-0060	CH60J1i 0808-0326-3560	200,000
DIN-A-MITE® C	80 A	17-8080	17-5122	FWP-80A22F	DFJ-80 0808-0325-0080	J601001CR 0808-0326-7010	200,000
DIN-A-MITE® C	100 A	17-8100	17-5122	FWP-100A22F	DFJ-100 0808-0325-0100	J601001CR 0808-0326-7010	200,000
DIN-A-MITE® D ^{2,3}	65 A x 2	0808-0096-0000	Not Applicable	170N3437	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	200,000

¹FPW series can be used up to this rating to protect the SCR. DFJ series cannot as it must follow the Branch circuit 125% rating rule.

²DIN-A_MITE® D uses two 65A fuses in parallel.

³DIN-A_MITE® D, Power Series and QPAC have on board semiconductor fuses.

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*The Watlow Semiconductor Fuse is equivalent to the Bussmann Semiconductor Fuse Part.

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Power Series³	100 A	0808-0102-0100	Not Applicable	170M1317	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	200,000
Power Series	125 A	0808-0102-0125	Not Applicable	170M1318	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	200,000
Power Series	160 A	0808-0102-0160	Not Applicable	170M1319	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	200,000
Power Series	200 A	0808-0102-0200	Not Applicable	170M1320	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	200,000
Power Series	250 A	0808-0102-0250	Not Applicable	170M1321	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	200,000
Power Series	315 A	0808-0102-0315	Not Applicable	170M1322	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	200,000
QPAC³							
Qxx-xxx-150-xxx	200 A	17-7053	Not Applicable	FWH-200A	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	200,000
Qxx-xxx-200-xxx	250 A	17-7054	Not Applicable	FWH-250A	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	200,000
Qxx-xxx-300-xxx	400 A	17-7056	Not Applicable	FWH-400A	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	200,000
Qxx-xxx-400-xxx	500 A	17-7057	Not Applicable	FWH-500A	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	200,000
Qxx-xxx-500-xxx	600 A	17-7058	Not Applicable	FWH-600A	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	200,000
Qxx-xxx-600-xxx	800 A	17-7059	Not Applicable	FWH-800A	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	200,000
Qxx-xxx-800-xxx	1000 A	17-7082	Not Applicable	170M6714 ⁴	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	200,000
Qxx-xxx-01K-xxx	1250 A	17-7081	Not Applicable	170M6766 ⁴	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	200,000

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⁴ 170M6764 indicator version allowed in place of 170M6714, 170M6716 non-indicator version allowed in place of 170M6766.



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EZ-ZONE® ST ≤ 25A	30 A	17-8030	17-5114	FWP-30A14F	DFJ-30 0808-0325-0030	CH30J1i 0808-0326-1530	200,000
EZ-ZONE® ST ≤ 25A	40 A ¹	17-8040	17-5114	FWP-40A14F	DFJ-30 is max size 125% rating		
EZ-ZONE® ST ≤ 50A	50 A at 480 Vac	17-8050	17-5122	FWP-50A22F	DFJ-50 0808-0326-0050	CH60J1i 0808-0326-3560	200,000
EZ-ZONE® ST ≤ 50A	63 A at 480 Vac	17-8063	17-5122	FWP-63A22F	DFJ-50 is max size for I ² T at 480V		
EZ-ZONE® ST ≤ 50A	63 A at 240 Vac	17-8063	17-5122	FWP-63A22F	DFJ-60 0808-0326-0060	CH60J1i 0808-0326-3560	200,000
EZ-ZONE® ST ≤ 75A	80 A at 480 Vac	17-8080	17-5122	FWP-80A22F	DFJ-80 0808-0325-0080	J60100-1CR 0808-0326-7010	200,000
EZ-ZONE® ST ≤ 75A	90 A at 480 Vac			No FWP-90 available	DFJ-90 No Watlow P/N	J60100-1CR 0808-0326-7010	200,000
EZ-ZONE® ST ≤ 75A	100 A at 240 Vac	17-8100	17-5122	FWP-100A22F	DFJ-100 0808-0325-0100	J60100-1CR 0808-0326-7010	200,000

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Definitions from EN 60947-4-3
Type 1 Protection - Coordination requires that, under short-circuit conditions, the device shall cause no danger to persons or to the installation and may not be suitable for further service without repair and replacement of parts.
Type 2 Protection - Coordination requires that, under short-circuit conditions, the device shall cause no danger to persons or to the installation and shall be suitable for further use.

When fused per the combinations listed above, products comply with Type 2 Protection.



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The following outputs on Watlow Models have been tested for SCCR at 10kA for **240 Vac** systems

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EZ-Zone RM Dual 10A SSR RME _x -KAKA-xxxx FMHA-KAAA-xxxx	12.5A	17-8012	17-5110	FWC12A10F	⁵ Any Class CC fuse LP-CC, KTK-R, FNQ-R to 125% of rated current or 20A	0808-0235-0000	10,000

When the Semiconductor fuse is used, complies with Type 2 Protection. When the Branch circuit fuse is used units comply with Type 1 Protection.

Model	Fuse Rating 125% of max load	Semiconductor fuse.	*Bussmann Branch Fuse Part No.	Watlow Branch Fuse Holder Part No.	SCCR in Amperes
EZ-Zone RM, PM No-arc 15A relay RMC outputs D,J or Y RMC-X _x X _x X _x X _x -XXXX PMXXXXH-XXXXHXXX FMMA-XXHX-XXXX	20A	Not tested with this output			
EZ-Zone RM, PM 5A Mechanical Relay PMXXXEJ-XXEJXXX RMC outputs B,F,G,H,J,K,L,M, or R RMC-X _x X _x X _x X _x -XXXX RMEX-JJXX-XXXX RMHX-XXJJ-XXXX RMSX-XXJ(J,B)-XXXX RMLX-XXJ(J,B)-XXXX FM(M,L)A-XEJX-XXXX FMHA-JAAA-XXXX	7A	Not tested with this output	⁵ Class CC fuse LP-CC, KTK-R, FNQ-R to 125% of rated current or 20A	0808-0235-0000	10,000
EZ-Zone RM Quad 2A SSR output RMEX-LLLL-XXXX RMHX-XXLL-XXXX FMHA-LAAA-XXXX	2.5A	Not tested with this output			



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⁵NOTE: Watlow tested worst case 20A umbrella fuse based on wire size typically used in panels. While this fuse will provide the stated Type 1 Protection, it is suggested to use a fuse based on the NEC 125% rating of the load.

UL 508 Section 52 High-Available Fault Current Tests

Notes:

- Tests performed with worst case fuse rating of product and smallest SCR module size.
- Fuses designated as Semiconductor only do not have Branch Circuit Ratings and a Separate Branch Circuit Fuse is required in the system.
- The Series DFJ fuse is rated as both a Semiconductor Fuse and Branch Circuit Fuse. UL File E4273 JDDZ, CSA File 53787 Class 1422-02.
- Tests performed with Semiconductor FWP series fuses representative of FWC series fuses.
- Fuses of similar family style (FWP, FWC, FWH, 170M, DFJ) as those tested but of smaller amperage rating are considered compliant.

Document References

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NFPA 70™ : National Electrical Code®

International Electrical Code® Series

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