

Series C Internal Accessories



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Internal Accessories

Product Overview

Alarm Switch

For remote indication of automatic trip operation. Does not function with manual switching; however, it will operate when either a shunt trip or undervoltage release is operated. A “make” contact closes and a “break” contact opens when the alarm/lockout switch operates. The switch automatically resets when the circuit breaker is reset.

Auxiliary Switch

The auxiliary switch provides circuit breaker contact status information by monitoring the position of the molded cross bar that contains the moving contact arms. The auxiliary switch is used for remote indication and interlock system verification, and consists of one or two SPDT switches housed in a plug-in module. Each SPDT switch has one “a” and one “b” contact. When the circuit breaker contacts are open, the “a” contact is open and the “b” contact is closed.

Auxiliary Switch and Alarm Switch Combination

Each catalog number listed in tables on **Pages V4-T2-382** and **V4-T2-383** includes one auxiliary switch and one alarm switch. In an auxiliary switch ASL switch combination, the auxiliary switch is always mounted on the side of the plug-in module next to the center pole of the circuit breaker.

Shunt Trip

The shunt trip provides remote controlled tripping of the circuit breaker. The shunt trip consists of an intermittent rated solenoid with a tripping plunger and a cutoff switch assembled to a plug-in module. When required for ground fault protection applications, certain AC rated shunt trips, as noted in the electrical rating table, are suitable for operation at 55 percent of rated voltage.

Select shunt trip catalog number for the voltage within the indicated voltage range. Shunt trip coils are designed to be applied at specific AC or DC voltages within the voltage range shown. Electrical ratings are also shown on applicable circuit breaker accessory nameplates.

Low Energy Shunt Trip

Low energy shunt trip devices are designed to operate from low energy output signals from dedicated current sensors typically applied in ground fault protection schemes. However, with a proper control voltage source, they may be applied in place of conventional trip devices for special applications. Flux paths surrounding permanent magnets used in the shunt trip assembly hold a charged spring poised in readiness to operate the circuit breaker trip mechanism.

When a 100 microfarad capacitor charged to 28 Vdc is discharged through the shunt trip coil, the resultant flux opposes the permanent magnet flux field, which releases the stored energy in the spring to trip the circuit breaker. As the circuit breaker resets, the shunt trip reset arm is actuated by the circuit breaker handle, resetting the shunt trip. The plug-in module is mounted in retaining slots in the top of the trip unit. Coil is intermittent-rated only. Cutoff provisions required in control circuit.

Undervoltage Release Mechanism

The undervoltage release mechanism monitors a voltage (typically a line voltage) and trips the circuit breaker when the voltage falls to between 70 and 35 percent of the solenoid coil rating.

The undervoltage release mechanism consists of a continuous rated solenoid with a plunger and tripping lever mounted in a plug-in module. The tab on the tripping lever resets the undervoltage release mechanism when normal voltage has been restored and the circuit breaker handle is moved to the reset (or OFF) position. With less than pickup voltage applied to the undervoltage release mechanism, the circuit breaker contacts will not touch when a closing operation is attempted.

Note: Undervoltage release mechanism accessories are not designed for, and should not be used as, circuit interlocks.

Accessory Terminal Block (R-Frame)

(For fixed-mounted configuration.)

Internal accessory wiring leads are normally supplied with pigtail leads (18 AWG) that exit from the right side of the circuit breaker. Where specified, fixed-mounted accessory terminal blocks are available. A maximum of one 24-point terminal block can be installed on the right side of the circuit breaker for the internal accessories.

For convenience in determining the appropriate number of terminal block points required, refer to **Page V4-T2-378**.

PowerNet and Zone Interlock Kits (OPTIM 550 only) K-, L- and N-Frames

Eaton's PowerNet Communications Kit can be ordered to add PowerNet communications to an existing OPTIM 550 breaker in the field. An 18-inch (457.2 mm) wiring pigtail is routed to the rear of the breaker: two wires for PowerNet and two wires for 24 Vdc (45 mA load). It is recommended that the power supply be an "isolated high quality" unit.

K-Frame and HMCP (K) Auxiliary Switch

Number of Contacts A and B	Mounting Location (Pole)	Factory Mounted Connection Type and Location 18-Inch (457.2 mm) Pigtail Leads			Field Mounted Factory Installation Kit ①		
		Same Side	Rear ②	Opposite Side	Pigtail Leads	Terminal Block	
		Suffix Number	Suffix Number	Suffix Number	Same Side Suffix Number	Terminal Block Catalog Number	
1	Left	A01	A02	A03	A04	A1X3PK	A1X3LTK
	Right ②③	A05	A06	A07	A08	A1X3PK	A1X3RTK ④
2	Left	A09	A10	—	A11	A2X3PK	A2X3LTK
	Right ②③	A12	A13	—	A14	A2X3PK	A2X3RTK ④
	Right	A21	A22	—	—	1482D28G10 ⑥⑦	—
3	Left	A18	—	—	A15	A3X3LPK	A3X3LTK
	Right ③	A17	—	—	A16	A3X3RPK	A3X3RTK ④

L-, HMCP (L) and (M) Frames and Auxiliary Switch

Number of Contacts A and B	Mounting Location (Pole)	Factory Mounted Connection Type and Location 18-Inch (457.2 mm) Pigtail Leads			Field Mounted Factory Installation Kit ①		
		Same Side	Rear ②	Opposite Side	Pigtail Leads	Terminal Block	
		Suffix Number	Suffix Number	Suffix Number	Same Side Suffix Number	Terminal Block Catalog Number	
1	Left	A01	A02	A03	A04	A1X4PK	A1X4LTK
	Right ②	A05	A06	A07	A08	A1X4PK	A1X4RTK ④
2	Left	A09	A10	—	A11	A2X4PK	A2X4LTK
	Right ②	A12	A13	—	A14	A2X4PK	A2X4RTK ④
3	Left	A18	—	—	A15	A3X4PK	A3X4LTK
	Right ②	A17	—	—	A16	A3X4PK	A3X4RTK ④

N-Frame and HMCP (N) Auxiliary Switch

Number of Contacts A and B	Mounting Location (Pole)	Factory Mounted Connection Type and Location 18-Inch (457.2 mm) Pigtail Leads			Field Mounted Factory Installation Kit ①		
		Same Side	Rear ②	Opposite Side	Pigtail Leads	Terminal Block	
		Suffix Number	Suffix Number	Suffix Number	Same Side Suffix Number	Terminal Block Catalog Number	
1	Left	A01	A02	A03	A04	A1X5PK	A1X5LTK
	Right ②	A05	A06	A07	A08	A1X5PK	A1X5RTK ④
2	Left	A09	A10	—	A11	A2X5PK	A2X5LTK
	Right ②	A12	A13	—	A14	A2X5PK	A2X5RTK ④
3	Left	A18	—	—	A15	A3X5LPK	A3X5LTK
	Right ②	A17	—	—	A16	A3X5RPK	A3X5RTK ④

R-Frame Auxiliary Switch (RH Only)

Number of Contacts A and B	Factory Mounted Connection Type and Location 18-Inch (457.2 mm) Pigtail Leads	Field Mounted Field Installation Kits ①
	Suffix Number ⑤	Pigtail Leads Catalog Number ⑤
2	A12	A2X6RPK
4	A19	A4X6RPK

Notes

- ① Listed with Underwriters Laboratories for field installation under E64983.
- ② Standard mounting location—leads exit rear of breaker.
- ③ Breakers with K-Frame OPTIM 550 can only accept accessories in left pole.
- ④ Not for use on four-pole circuit breakers.
- ⑤ A maximum of two auxiliary switches (any combination of 2a/2b or 4a/4b plug-in modules may be installed in a circuit breaker).
- ⑥ This option is not field installable.
- ⑦ Available on the OPTIM 550 only. Communications are not available with this option.