

General information

Selection

Group installation is an approach to building multi-motor control systems in accordance with Section 430-53 of the National Electrical Code. The selection of components used in group installations is a simple process which consists of several steps.

- First is the selection of the appropriate fuse as Branch Circuit Protective Device (BCPD).
- Second is the selection of the appropriate motor starter and protector.
- Third, the selected MMP must be checked for UL listing with the selected BCPD and the available short circuit current at the application location.

1. Fused disconnect

Calculate maximum fuse size according to NEC 430-53 (c). I_{max} (fuse size) = $175\% \times \text{FLC}$ (full load current for largest motor) + the sum of FLC (full load current for largest motor) + the sum of FLC values for other motors on that branch using NEC Table 430-150 on the right. Select fuse from NEC Table 240-6 below. Where I_{max} falls between two fuse ampere ratings NEC 430-53 (c) permits going to the next high ampere rating.

2. Motor protector selection

Select the proper MMP catalog number for each motor load from the following pages based on the actual motor full load current (FLA) using the "Thermal setting range" column for reference.

3. MMP Interruption ratings

Using the interruption ratings table on the next page, identify the system application voltage and interrupting capacity for the type of fuse selected in step 1 above.

NEC 240-6 Standard fuse amperes
15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 110, 125, 150, 175, 200, 225, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, 500, 600, 700, 800, 1000, 1200, 1600

Examples: Select components for protecting the following 3-phase, 460VAC, squirrel cage induction motors. The nameplate data are:
1/2 HP, 1.0 FLA; 3 HP, 4.8 FLA; 5 HP, 7.6 FLA; 7.5 HP, 11 FLA;
10 HP, 14 FLA.

Example: using fused disconnect

- $I_{max} = 175\% \times 14 + (11 + 7.6 + 4.8 + 1) = 48.9\text{A}$
- Fuse rating using Table NEC 240-6 = 50A
- Minimum disconnect size = $115\% \times \text{Total FLA}$
- NEC 430-150 table = $115\% \times (14 + 11 + 7.6 + 4.8 + 1) = 44.16$

Disconnect for 50A fuses is ok.

Note: Refer to NEC 310-1 and NEC 430-53(d) for cable sizing.

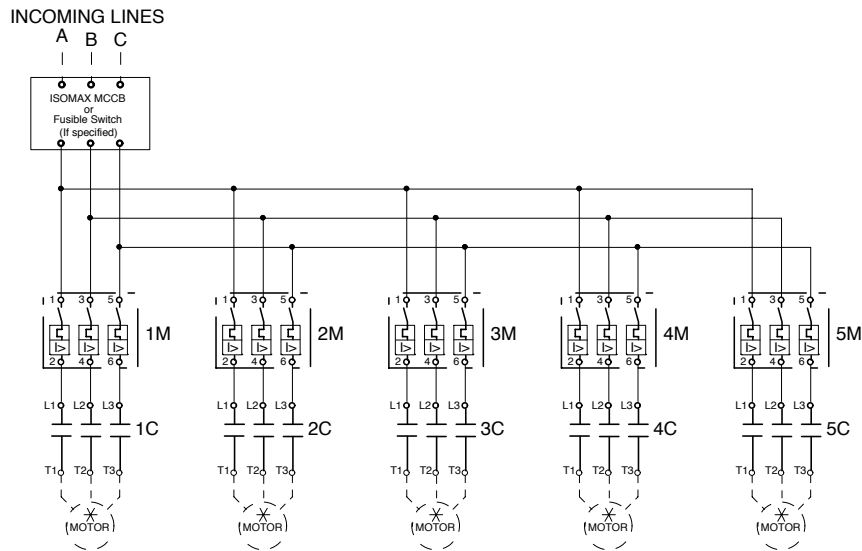
NEC Table 430-150 full load current, 3ph AC motor

Horsepower	Induction type squirrel cage & wound rotor ①		
	230V amps	460V amps	575V amps
1/2	2	1	.8
3/4	2.8	1.4	1.1
1	3.6	1.8	1.4
1.5	5.2	2.6	2.1
2	6.8	3.4	2.7
3	9.6	4.8	3.9
5	15.2	7.6	6.1
7.5	22	11	9
10	28	14	11
15	42	21	17
20	54	27	22
25	68	34	27

For full load currents of 208 and 200 volt motors, increase the corresponding 230 volt motor full-load current by 10% and 15%, respectively.

MS325 data

Motor rating at 460V		MS325	Contactor
Horsepower	FLA, AC3		
1/2	1.0	MS325-1.0	A9C
3	4.8	MS325-6.3	A9C
5	7.6	MS325-9.0	A9C
7.5	11	MS325-12.5	A12C
10	14	MS325-16	A16C



① These values of full-load current are for motors running at speeds usual for belted motors and motors with normal torque characteristics. Motors built for especially low speeds or high torques may require more running current, and multispeed motors will have full-load current varying with speed, in which case the nameplate current rating shall be used.

The voltage listed are rated motor voltages. The currents listed shall be permitted for system voltage ranges of 110 to 120, 220 to 240, 440 to 480, and 550 to 600 volts.