



Product designation
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Power contactor
BF38

Contact characteristics

Number of poles	Nr.	3
Rated insulation voltage U_i IEC/EN	V	690
Rated impulse withstand voltage U_{imp}	kV	6
Operational frequency	min	Hz 25
	max	Hz 400
IEC Conventional free air thermal current I_{th}	A	56
Operational current I_e	AC-1 ($\leq 40^\circ\text{C}$)	A 56
	AC-1 ($\leq 40^\circ\text{C}$) with 16mm ² wire and fork end lug	A 60
	AC-1 ($\leq 55^\circ\text{C}$)	A 45
	AC-1 ($\leq 55^\circ\text{C}$) with 16mm ² wire and fork end lug	A 48
	AC-1 ($\leq 70^\circ\text{C}$)	A 40
	AC-1 ($\leq 70^\circ\text{C}$) with 16mm ² wire and fork end lug	A 42
	AC-3 ($\leq 440\text{V } \leq 55^\circ\text{C}$)	A 38
Rated operational power AC-3 ($T \leq 55^\circ\text{C}$)	AC-4 (400V)	A 15.5
	230V	kW 11
	400V	kW 18.5
	415V	kW 18.5
	440V	kW 18.5
	500V	kW 20
	690V	kW 22
Rated operational power AC-1 ($T \leq 40^\circ\text{C}$)	230V	kW 21
	400V	kW 36
	500V	kW 45
	690V	kW 62
	IEC max current I_e in DC1 with $L/R \leq 1\text{ms}$ with 1 poles in series	$\leq 24\text{V}$
48V		A 30
75V		A 23
110V		A 8
220V		A –
IEC max current I_e in DC1 with $L/R \leq 1\text{ms}$ with 2 poles in series		$\leq 24\text{V}$
	48V	A 34
	75V	A 29
	110V	A 32
	220V	A 4
	IEC max current I_e in DC1 with $L/R \leq 1\text{ms}$ with 3 poles in series	$\leq 24\text{V}$

	48V	A	34
	75V	A	33
	110V	A	34
	220V	A	30
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IEC max current I_e in DC1 with $L/R \leq 1\text{ms}$ with 4 poles in series			
	$\leq 24\text{V}$	A	36
	48V	A	34
	75V	A	33
	110V	A	34
	220V	A	38
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IEC max current I_e in DC3-DC5 with $L/R \leq 15\text{ms}$ with 1 poles in series			
	$\leq 24\text{V}$	A	24
	48V	A	20
	75V	A	17
	110V	A	2,5
	220V	A	–
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IEC max current I_e in DC3-DC5 with $L/R \leq 15\text{ms}$ with 2 poles in series			
	$\leq 24\text{V}$	A	28
	48V	A	25
	75V	A	22
	110V	A	18
	220V	A	3
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IEC max current I_e in DC3-DC5 with $L/R \leq 15\text{ms}$ with 3 poles in series			
	$\leq 24\text{V}$	A	32
	48V	A	28
	75V	A	28
	110V	A	23
	220V	A	25
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IEC max current I_e in DC3-DC5 with $L/R \leq 15\text{ms}$ with 4 poles in series			
	$\leq 24\text{V}$	A	32
	48V	A	28
	75V	A	28
	110V	A	23
	220V	A	15
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Short-time allowable current for 10s (IEC/EN60947-1)		A	320
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Protection fuse			
	gG (IEC)	A	63
	aM (IEC)	A	40
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Making capacity (RMS value)		A	380
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Breaking capacity at voltage			
	440V	A	304
	500V	A	240
	690V	A	192
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Resistance per pole (average value)		m Ω	2
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Power dissipation per pole (average value)			
	I_{th}	W	6
	AC-3	W	2.9
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Tightening torque for terminals			
	min	Nm	2.5
	max	Nm	3
	min	lbin	1.8
	max	lbin	2.2
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Tightening torque for coil terminal			

	min	Nm	0.8
	max	Nm	1
	min	lbin	0.8
	max	lbin	0.74
Max number of wires simultaneously connectable		Nr.	2
Conductor section			
AWG/Kcmil			
	max		6
Flexible w/o lug conductor section			
	min	mm ²	2.5
	max	mm ²	16
Flexible c/w lug conductor section			
	min	mm ²	1
	max	mm ²	10
Flexible with insulated spade lug conductor section			
	min	mm ²	1
	max	mm ²	10
Power terminal protection according to IEC/EN 60529			IP20 when properly wired
Mechanical features			
Operating position			
	normal allowable		Vertical plan ±30°
Fixing			Screw / DIN rail 35mm
Weight		g	432
Conductor section			
AWG/kcmil conductor section			
	max		6
Operations			
Mechanical life		cycles	20000000
Electrical life		cycles	1400000
Safety related data			
Performance level B10d according to EN/ISO 13489-1			
	rated load	cycles	1400000
	mechanical load	cycles	20000000
Mirror contacts according to IEC/EN 60947-4-1			yes
EMC compatibility			yes
AC coil operating			
Rated AC voltage at 50/60Hz		V	42
AC operating voltage			
of 50/60Hz coil powered at 50Hz			
pick-up	min	%Us	80
	max	%Us	110
drop-out	min	%Us	20
	max	%Us	55
of 50/60Hz coil powered at 60Hz			
pick-up	min	%Us	85
	max	%Us	110
drop-out	min	%Us	20

	max	%Us	55
AC average coil consumption at 20°C of 50/60Hz coil powered at 50Hz			
	in-rush	VA	75
	holding	VA	9
of 50/60Hz coil powered at 60Hz			
	in-rush	VA	70
	holding	VA	6.5
of 60Hz coil powered at 60Hz			
	in-rush	VA	75
	holding	VA	9
Dissipation at holding ≤20°C 50Hz		W	2.5

Max cycles frequency

Mechanical operation	cycles/h	3600
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Operating times

Average time for Us control

in AC

Closing NO

min	ms	8
max	ms	24

Opening NO

min	ms	5
max	ms	15

Closing NC

min	ms	9
max	ms	20

Opening NC

min	ms	9
max	ms	17

UL technical data

Full-load current (FLA) for three-phase AC motor

at 480V	A	40
at 600V	A	32

Yielded mechanical performance

for single-phase AC motor

110/120V	HP	3
230V	HP	7.5

for three-phase AC motor

200/208V	HP	10
220/230V	HP	15
460/480V	HP	30
575/600V	HP	30

General USE

Contactor

AC current	A	55
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Short-circuit protection fuse, 600V

High fault

Short circuit current	kA	100
Fuse rating	A	100
Fuse class		J

Standard fault

Short circuit current	kA	5
Fuse rating	A	150

Ambient conditions

Temperature

Operating temperature

min	°C	-50
max	°C	70

Storage temperature

min	°C	-60
max	°C	80

Max altitude

m	3000
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Resistance & Protection

Pollution degree

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Certifications and compliance

Compliance

CSA C22.2 n° 60947-1

CSA C22.2 n° 60947-4-1

IEC/EN/BS 60947-1

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