



Applying Transfer Switch High WCR & Short-Time Rating To Simplify Electrical System Design

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Course Objectives

Applying Transfer Switch High WCR & Short-Time Rating To Simplify Electrical System Design

Transfer switches are critical components in the power system and they are tested to meet UL 1008 Standard for Safety - Transfer Switch Equipment. This course discusses some of the UL 1008 testing and passing criteria and then demonstrates that high short-circuit and short-time withstand and closing rating (WCR) help simplify the selection of overcurrent protection devices and enable selective-coordination strategies. This course also touches on switchboards (UL891) and switchgear (UL1558).

After completing this course, participants will be able to:

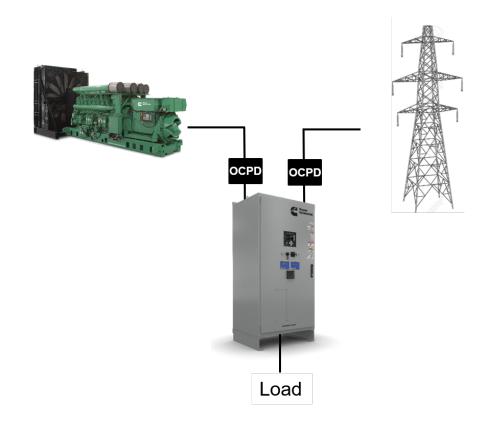
- Discuss the UL 1008 requirements for transfer switch withstand and closing ratings
- Discuss the difference between the short-circuit withstand/closing rating and the short-time rating
- Explain how the time based short-circuit WCR simplifies the selection of breakers
- Explain how the short-time WCR enable selective coordination strategies
- Discuss the major differences between switchboards and switchgear (UL891 and UL 1558)

Power System Components



Sources	Source Switching	Distribution Boards & Control	Remote Monitoring
Utility Generator sets	Transfer switches	Switchgear UL1558 Switchboard UL891 System level control	Diagnostics Compliance reports Push notifications

Simpler Systems



More Complex

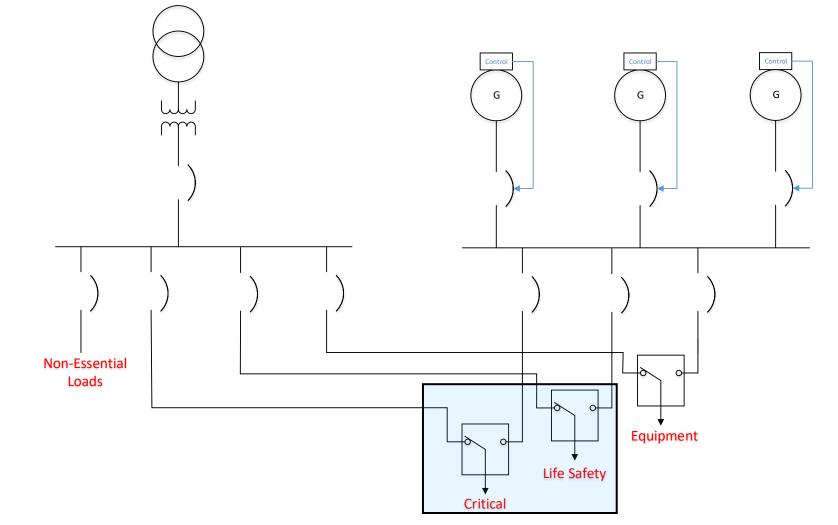


OCPD: Overcurrent Protection Device

Today's Focus Is On Transfer Switches

Sources	Source Switching	Distribution & Control	
Utility Generator Sets	Transfer Switches	Switchgear UL1558 Switchboard UL891 System Level Control	Diagnostics Compliance Reports

Transfer Switches Are Critical In Power Systems









Key Considerations When Selecting A Transfer Switch

- Switch type (Automatic, Non-Automatic)
- Transition type (Delayed, Closed)
- Application (Utility-Gen, Gen-Gen, Utility-Utility)
- Grounding schemes (Separately Derived, Non-Separately Derived)
 - Drives 4-Pole or 3-Pole Transfer Switches
- Cable sizes and entry requirements (Top Entry, Bottom Entry)
- Enclosures (Type: 1, 3R, 4X, 12)
- Voltage/Frequency (600VAC, 480VAC / 50Hz, 60Hz)
- Current rating (3000A, 2000A, 800A)
- Fault current capability (WCR: 65kA, 85kA, 100kA)
- Selective coordination (WCR & Listed OCPD)
- Codes & Standards (UL/CSA, NFPA, NEMA, ISO, EN)



Understanding & Applying Transfer Switch Short-Circuit Ratings

SHORT-CIRCUIT WITHSTAND/CLOSING RATINGS AND SHORT-TIME CURRENT RATINGS

When protected by a circuit breaker, this transfer switch is suitable for use in a circuit capable of delivering the short-circuit current for the maximum time duration and voltage listed below.

The circuit breaker must include an instantaneous trip response unless the available short-circuit current is less than or equal to the short-time rating of the transfer switch and the circuit breaker includes a short-time response.

The maximum clearing time of the instantaneous trip response must be equal to or less than the time duration shown for the listed short-circuit current.

When protected by a circuit breaker with a short-time trip response, the short-time response of the circuit breaker must be coordinated with the short-time current rating of the transfer switch as listed below.

Short-Circuit Current	AC Voltage	Time Duration	
(RMS Symmetrical Amperes)	(Maximum)	(Maximum Seconds)	
150000	600	0.050	
Short-Time Current	AC Voltage	Time Duration	
(RMS Symmetrical Amperes)	<u>(Maximum)</u>	(Maximum Seconds)	
125000	600	0.500	

Fuse Rating

When protected by a fuse of the specific fuse class and up to the fuse amperes listed below, this transfer switch is suitable for use in a circuit capable of delivering up to the short circuit current and voltage listed below.

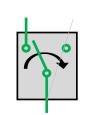
Short-Circuit Current	AC Voltage	Fuse Class	Maximum
(RMS Symmetrical Amperes)	(Maximum)		Fuse Amperes
200000	600	L	4000

The Role Of Underwriters Laboratories

- UL1008 "Standard For Safety Transfer Switch Equipment"
- UL 1008 specifies stringent testing requirements
 - Temperature rise test
 - Dielectric voltage-withstand test
 - Overload test
 - Contact opening test
 - Endurance test
 - Short-circuit test
 - Dielectric voltage-withstand test (following short-circuit withstand/closing test)
 - Short-time current test (optional)



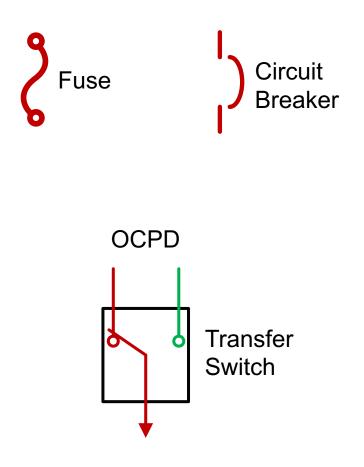






Clearing Vs. Withstanding A Fault

- Overcurrent Protection Devices (OCPD) clear faults
 - Fuses
 - Circuit breakers
- OCPDs have an Ampere Interrupting Capacity (AIC) rating
- The AIC rating is the maximum available fault current that an OCPD will safely clear when a fault is applied at the load side of the OPCD
- Transfer switches are not rated to clear faults, they are rated to withstand a fault
 - Therefore, transfer switches must be protected upstream by an OCPD
 - Transfer switches have a WCR



Transfer Switch Short-Circuit Rating

- Per UL 1008, transfer switches must:
 - Withstand the fault current
 - Close on the fault current
- Transfer switches have a short-circuit Withstand/Closing Rating (WCR)
- Withstand test (starts with contacts closed):
 - A specified fault current is applied for either:
 - A specific duration

OR

- Until a specific OCPD trips
- Closing test (starts with contacts open then close):
 - The same transfer switch must close onto the fault current under the same conditions used in the withstand test
- The same set of contacts are used for both tests: withstand and closing



UL 1008 Short-Circuit Test Requirements

Available Short-Circuit Current Time Duration (s), Switch Power Current* (A) minimum* Rating (A) Factor* 100 or less 5,000 0.40 - 0.50 0.008 101 - 400 10,000 0.40 - 0.50 0.025 401 - 1000 0.050 20x rating but not less than 10,000 0.25 - 0.30 1001 and greater 0.20 or less 0.050 20x rating *Current can be higher, power factor can be lower, time durations can be different



Amount: Amperes

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Available Fault Current Rating – RMS Symmetrical Amperes			
5,000			
7,500			
10,000			
14,000			
18,000			
22,000			
25,000			
30,000			
35,000			
42,000			
50,000			
65,000			
85,000			
100,000			
125,000			
150,000			
200,000			

Acceptable Short-Circuit Current Time Durations in seconds
0.008
0.017
0.025
0.033
0.050
0.067
0.083
0.100

Data is from Tables 1 & 27 of UL 1008 8th edition

Short-Circuit WCR Passing Criteria

- Ability to operate the switch and close to the opposite source
- No breakage of switch base or any other internal parts
- Door must stay secure
- Cables stay connected to lugs without insulation damage
- No continuity between the normal and alternate source terminals
- Pass a dielectric voltage-withstand test





Concept Check

Which of the following statements is true?

- a) Transfer switches have an AIC rating
- b) Transfer switches interrupt fault current
- c) Transfer switches have a WCR rating
- d) All the above

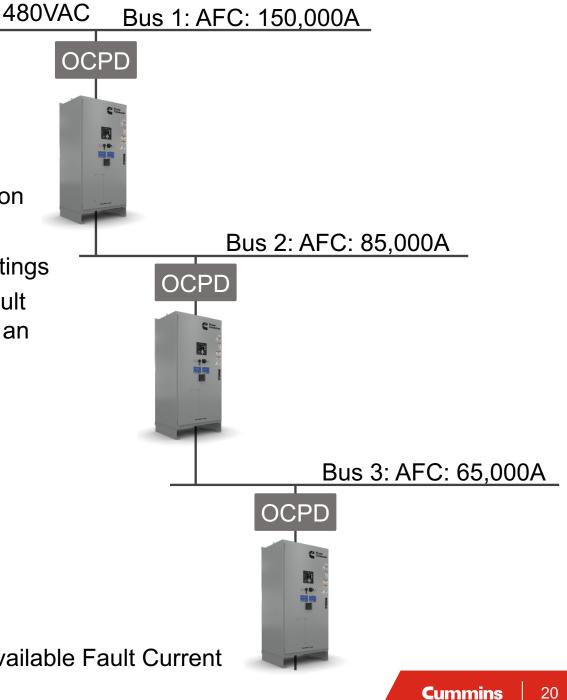
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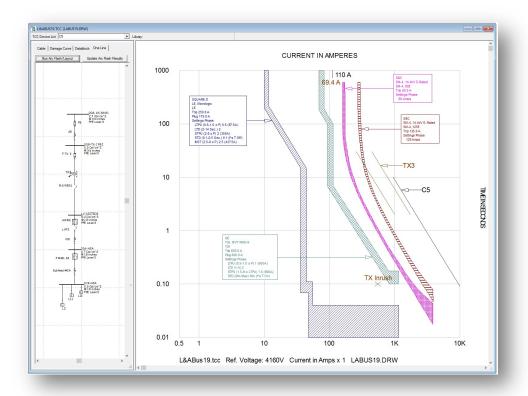
Fault Current Capability

- Determine the available fault current at the switch location from the short-circuit analysis
- Select transfer switches with appropriate short-circuit ratings
 - Transfer switches must be rated for the available fault current at their line side terminals and protected by an OCPD selected appropriately
- Select appropriate OCPD
 - Time based: generic UL 489 circuit breaker
 - Specific breaker: tested with the transfer switch



Some Of The Challenges

- Detailed coordination studies haven't been completed
 - Utility transformer hasn't been selected
 - Equipment (transfer switch, conductors, etc.) must be braced for the fault current
- Unknown switchboard/switchgear OEMs and breaker selection
- Limited space in the electrical room
 - Transfer switch upsize to meet the short-circuit rating
- New breaker models from the OEMs
 - Transfer switch manufacturers may need to test with new the breakers per UL 1008 7th Edition



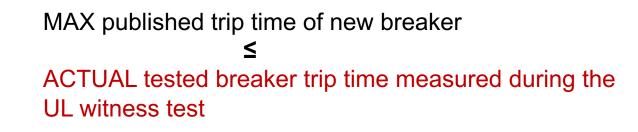


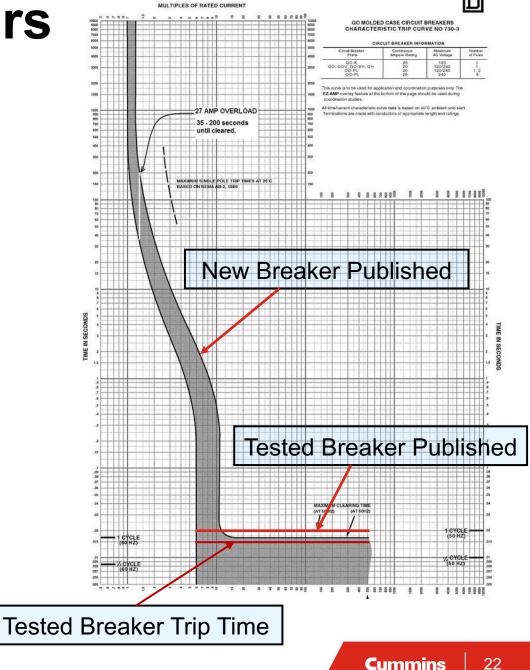
UL 1008 Change To Breakers

 Before UL1008 7th edition, a new breaker could be added by comparing the max published trip time with the max published trip time of the tested breaker

MAX published trip time of new breaker ≤ MAX published trip time of tested breaker

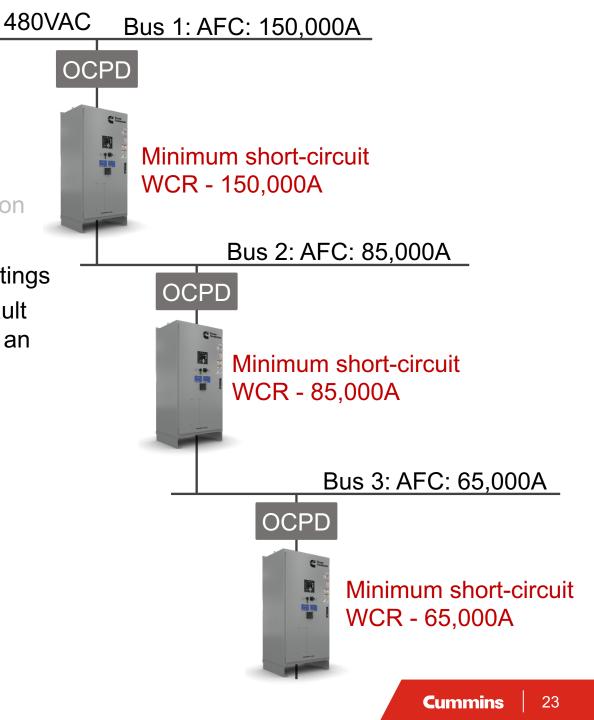
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OCPD Selection

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Applying The Time Duration Rating

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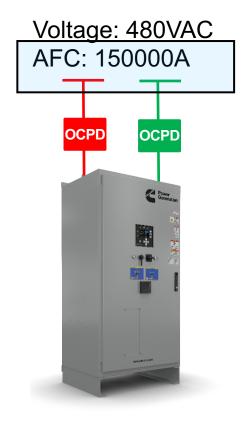
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Short-Circuit Current	AC Voltage	Time Duration
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Applying The Time Duration Rating



Voltage: 480VAC AFC: 85000A OCPD OCPD

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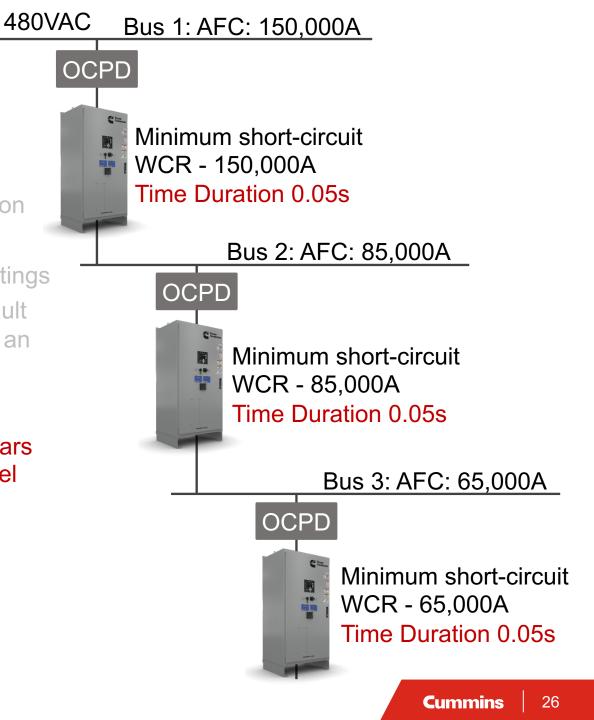
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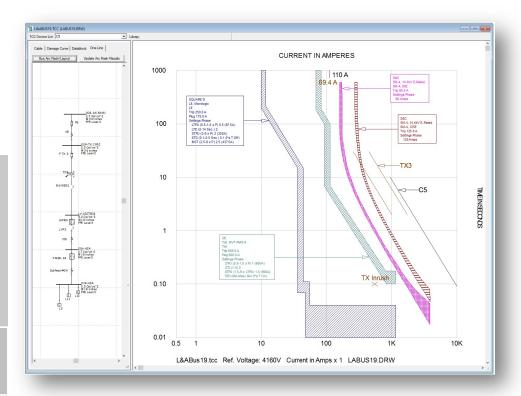


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What Is The "Any Breaker" Rating?

- The term "Any Breaker" is another way to state the Time Duration rating
- UL 489 requires Molded Case Circuit Breakers (MCCB):
 - Above 400 amps to clear a fault in no more than 0.050s
 - 400 amps and below to clear a fault in no more than 0.025s

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Short-Circuit Current	AC Voltage	Time Duration
(RMS Symmetrical Amperes)	(Maximum)	(Maximum Seconds)
65000	600	0.050



Concept Check

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Short-Time Current Rating Test

- It is a Time Duration short-circuit WCR test
- Durations are set by the manufacturer. For example: 0.50s
- Transfer switch must pass the same criteria outlined before:
 - Ability to operate the switch and close to the opposite source
 - No breakage of switch base or any other internal parts
 - Door must stay secure
 - Cables stay connected to lugs without insulation damage
 - No continuity between the normal and alternate source terminals
 - Pass a dielectric voltage-withstand test
 - Pass a temp-rise test
- Short-Time demonstrates that the transfer switch can still carry rated current





Applying The Short-Time Rating

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Breakers can have a 0 short-time response:

For example: UL1066 Breaker

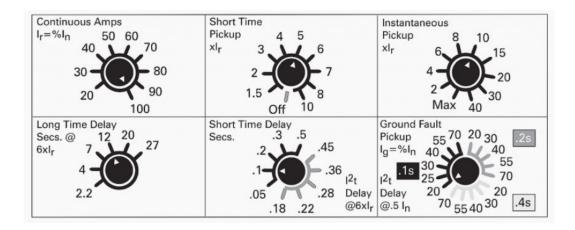
Short-Time rating simplifies selective coordination

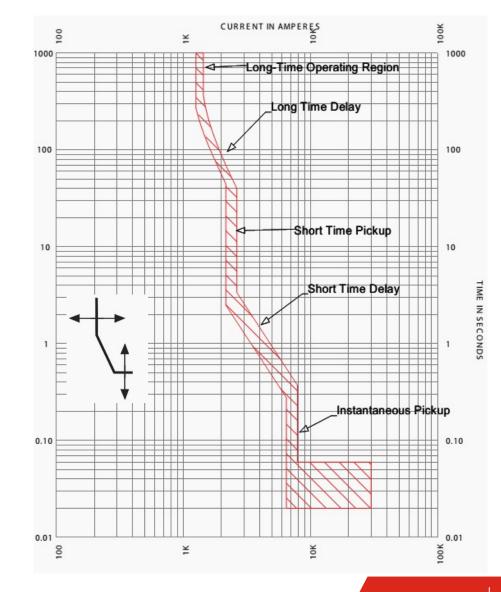


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Time-Current Curve

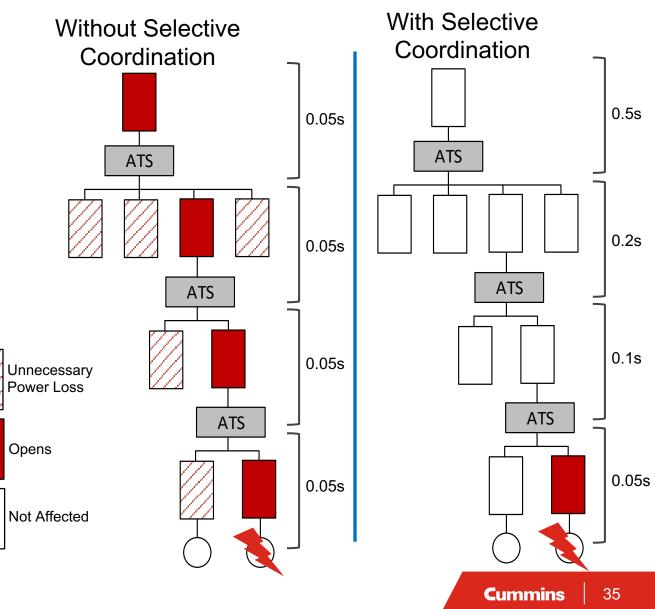
- Typical UL1066 LSIG breaker
- Short-Time pickup and delay:
 - Determines the amount of current the breaker will carry for a short period of time, allowing downstream protective devices to clear short-circuits without tripping the upstream device

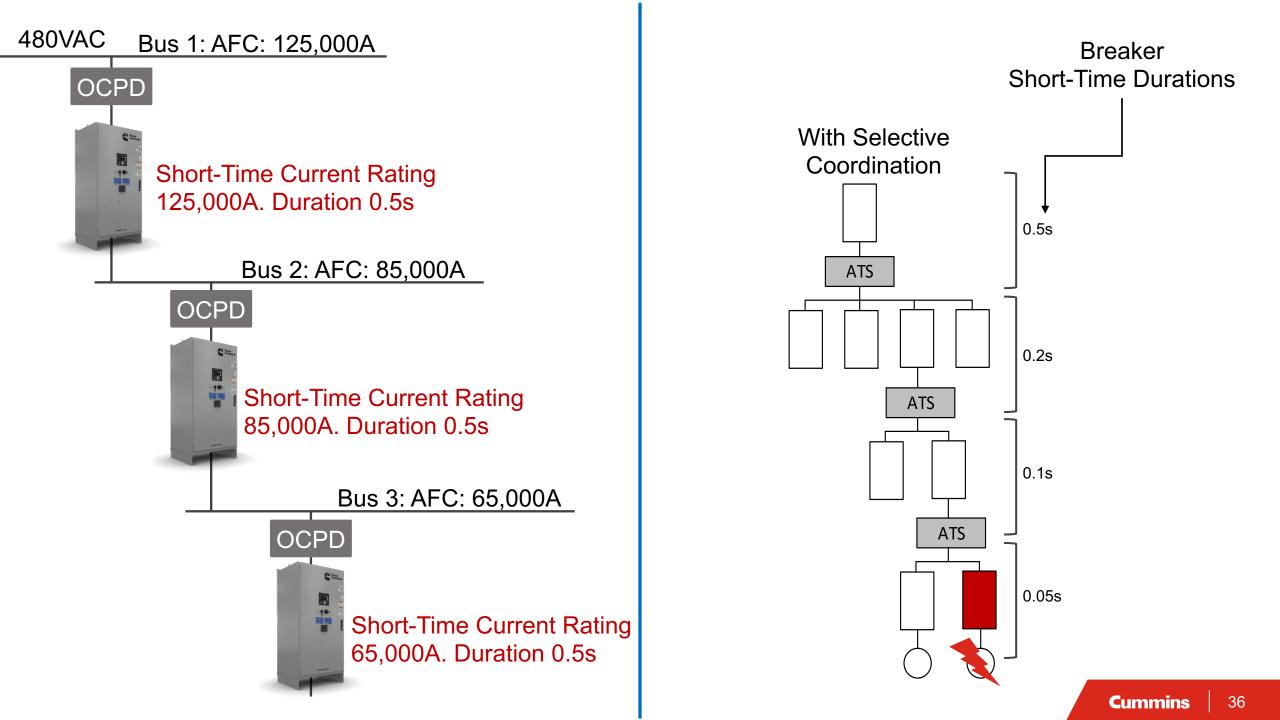




Selective Coordination

- Selective coordination is required for emergency, legally required standby and critical operations power systems circuits
- NEC-2020, 700.32, 701.32, and 708.54
 "...over-current devices shall be selectively coordinated..."
- Selective coordination is achieved using fuses and circuit breakers, The transfer switches placed in these systems must support selective coordination.



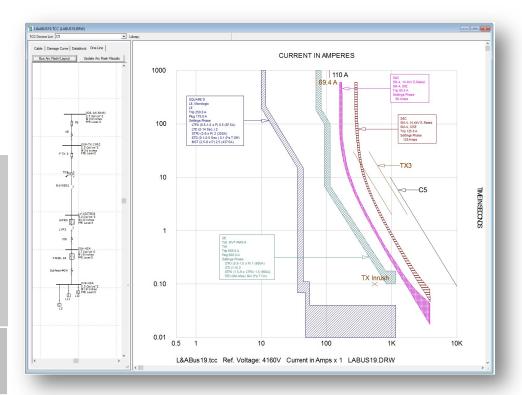


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LV Switchboards Vs. Switchgear

Switchboard

- UL891
 - Dead-front Switchboard
 - Circuit breakers are typically UL489 MCCB/ICCB
 - Can contain UL-1066 breakers
 - Circuit breakers not required to be in individual compartments
 - Evaluated for short-circuit 0.05s (3 cycles) ONLY and NO short-time test
 - Instantaneous trip-response is required
 - Short-circuit 150KAIC, e.g.
 - Basic office, commercial building, and retail



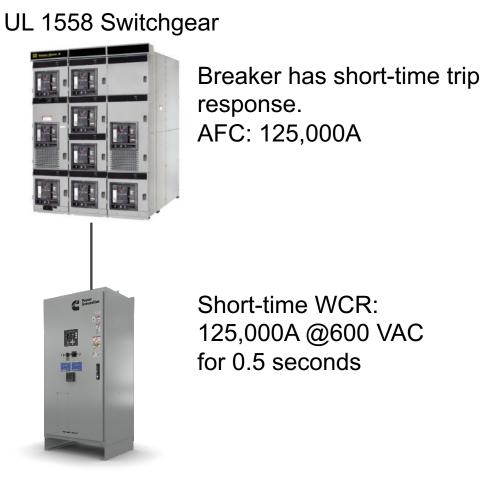
Switchgear

- UL1558 (IEEE C37.20.1 design & NEMA C37.51 test)
 - Metal-enclosed power circuit breaker switchgear
 - Circuit breakers are UL1066 (LVPCB)
 - No molded case circuit breakers
 - Circuit breakers required to be in separate metal compartments
 - Evaluated for short-circuit 0.067s (4 cycles) and short-time 0.5s (30 cycles)
 - Instantaneous can be turned off
 - Short-circuit 200KAIC, e.g.
 - Healthcare, hospitals



Transfer Switch Application Example 1

- The transfer switch is fed by a UL 1558 switchgear
 - UL-1066 breaker have a short-time trip response
 - The transfer switch must have a short-time rating
 - The short-time response of the circuit breaker must be coordinated with short-time current rating of the transfer switch as listed on the transfer switch nameplate



Transfer Switch Application Example 2

- The transfer switch is fed by a UL 891 switchboard
 - UL489 circuit breaker
 - The circuit breaker must include an instantaneous trip response
 - Circuit breaker must trip in 0.05s (3 cycles) or faster



Breaker has instantaneous trip response AFC: 65,000A

Time-Based WCR: 65,000A @600 VAC for 0.05 seconds (3-Cycles)

AIA MasterSpec[®] Objective Specification

- Fault-Current Withstand and Closing Ratings (WCR): UL 1008 WCR must be listed as meeting the requirements for use with protective devices at installation locations, under specified fault conditions.
 WCR shall be based on use of the same set of contacts for the withstand test and the closing test. WCR shall be adequate for duty imposed by protective devices at installation locations in Project under the fault conditions indicated, based on testing according to UL 1008.
 - Transfer switches shall have a time-duration Withstand and Closing Rating (WCR) of at least 0.05 seconds (3 cycles at 60 Hz).
 - Short-time WCR shall be rated for a duration of 0.5 seconds (30 cycles at 60 Hz).
 - Transfers switches with Withstand Ratings only and without Closing Rating shall not be acceptable.
 This applies for Short-time and Time Duration WCR Ratings.

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Conclusions:

- Transfer switches have short-circuit withstand/closing (WCR) and short-time ratings
- Specifications should require the transfer switch short-circuit WCR be coordinated with the OCPD at the fault current available on the line side of the transfer switch
- Specify time-based short-circuit withstand/closing rating to simplify OCPD selection and coordination
- Specify short-time withstand/closing rating to enable selective-coordination strategies

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Considerations for Reliable Closed
 Transition Transfer Switches



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