



# TRI-PAC\* circuit breakers

## current limiting protectors for lighting, distribution and power circuits

15 to 600 amperes • 600 V a-c, 250 V d-c  
interrupting capacity 100,000 sym rms amperes

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### general information

The increase in demand for electrical power in modern commercial and industrial buildings has resulted in electrical services becoming substantially larger. In many low voltage distribution systems, available short circuit currents as high as 100,000 symmetrical rms amperes are common. Obviously, fault currents of this intensity exceed the interrupting ratings of even the largest molded case breakers. As a result, larger expensive circuit interrupting devices which could withstand the thermal and magnetic stresses associated with currents of this value have had to be used.

Short circuit current limitation can be achieved by adding impedance to the circuit, such as high impedance transformers or current limiting reactors. However, this means often has the disadvantages of constant power loss, unsatisfactory regulation, and greater overall cost.

Now, high interrupting capacity current limiting devices have been developed which will restrict short circuit current. If applied correctly, they may be used in conjunction with the molded case circuit breakers to provide adequate and economical protection. Because of this fact, Westinghouse developed the TRI-PAC breaker, so named because it affords TRIPle-PACkage protection with (1) time delay thermal trip, (2) instantaneous magnetic trip, and (3) current limiting protection, combined and coordinated in a compact and economical device. These protective actions are so coordinated that overcurrents and low magnitude faults are cleared by the thermal action; normal short circuits are cleared by the magnetic action; and abnormal short circuits, above an established value, are cleared by the current limiting device. Thus, it can be seen that unless a severe short circuit occurs, the current limiter is unaffected and its replacement is held to a minimum.

Tripped status of the breaker is shown by the center handle "trip" position. In addition the cause of tripping is also indicated in the following ways:

- (1) If after tripping the breaker cannot be reset immediately, thermal tripping due to an overload or a high resistance fault is indicated.
- (2) If the breaker can be immediately reset a "normal" fault current has been interrupted by instantaneous magnetic action.
- (3) If the TRI-PAC cannot be reset, then high fault current interruption by the current limiter has taken place.

In the latter case, one or more new limiters must be installed. Since these devices are especially designed for use with TRI-PAC breakers, they can be purchased only from Westinghouse.

TRI-PAC breakers are built to the same exacting design standards and methods as used with standard molded case breakers. They are available in the F, K, KL and L frame sizes (100, 225, 400 and 600 amperes respectively) which provide continuous current ratings from 15 through 600 amperes. TRI-PAC breakers are designed for operation on a-c systems up to 600 volts and d-c systems up to 250 volts. All have an interrupting rating of 100,000 symmetrical rms amperes a-c or 100,000 amperes d-c. The above ratings have been proven by thorough testing at the Westinghouse High Power Laboratories at East Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Basically, the circuit breaker portion of the TRI-PAC breaker is of the same design as a standard molded case breaker of comparative ampere rating, with a special housing added for the current limiting device. Specially designed current limiters located within this housing are provided with plug-in stabs which engage in "tulip" type contacts in the breaker base. These devices are held in the housing in such a way that all the limiters are pulled out simultaneously when the cover is removed. Removing this cover also provides a visible disconnecting means. An interlock is provided which insures the opening of the breaker contacts before the limiter housing can be removed. Each current limiter device is constructed with a spring loaded plunger which is ejected during the operation, initiating simultaneous opening of all poles of the breaker. Therefore, the possibility of single phasing is eliminated.

The TRI-PAC breaker has many advantages over other means of high current fault protection. To mention a few, the TRI-PAC breaker . . .

- (1) Provides complete protection in one compact device.
- (2) Prevents the use of improper fuses.
- (3) Averts single phasing.
- (4) Provides visible disconnecting means.
- (5) Saves space.
- (6) Installed cost is generally lower.
- (7) Gives an indication of the magnitude of the overcurrent.
- (8) Is thoroughly tested.

Thus, in the TRI-PAC breaker all the advantages of the economical molded case breaker and the current limiter are retained, while the disadvantages of separately mounted devices are eliminated.

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## basic application in distribution systems

There are three basic applications for TRI-PAC circuit breakers. Certain procedures outlined in the following paragraphs **must** be followed in these applications to insure safe, well coordinated, and soundly engineered systems.

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### (I) individual TRI-PAC breakers in distribution systems:



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**table I range of adjustable magnetic trip for type K, KL and L TRI-PAC circuit breakers**

#### types K and KL

trip unit rating amperes	low magnetic range $\pm 25\%$	high magnetic range $\pm 10\%$
125	400	1250
150	500	1500
175	500	1750
200	600	2000
225	600	2250
250	700	2500
300	800	3000

#### type L

trip unit rating amperes	low magnetic range $\pm 25\%$	high magnetic range $\pm 10\%$
125	450	1250
150	500	1500
175	550	1750
200	600	2000
225	650	2250
250	700	2500
300	800	3000



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**table VII fault current available (symmetrical rms amperes) 240 volts a-c<sup>①</sup>**

kva rating of transformer	conductor size per phase	distance from transformer to point of fault—feet								
		0	5	10	20	50	100	200	500	1,000
150	* 4	9,980	9,520	9,000	8,000	5,580	3,440	1,900	800	400
	* 0	9,980	9,700	9,450	9,000	7,600	5,850	3,900	1,800	950
	250 MCM	9,980	9,820	9,660	9,350	8,500	7,220	5,550	3,200	1,900
	2—250 MCM	9,980	9,900	9,800	9,650	9,200	8,400	7,200	4,900	3,200
225	* 4	14,940	13,800	12,800	10,600	6,500	3,800	2,000	800	450
	* 0	14,940	14,500	14,000	12,900	10,100	7,100	4,300	2,000	1,000
	250 MCM	14,940	14,600	14,300	13,600	11,800	9,500	6,800	3,500	1,800
	2—250 MCM	14,940	14,700	14,500	14,300	13,200	11,700	9,400	6,000	3,500
	2—500 MCM	14,940	14,800	14,700	14,500	13,600	12,500	10,600	7,500	5,000
300	* 4	19,970	18,000	16,000	12,700	7,000	4,000	2,000	800	400
	* 0	19,970	19,100	18,100	16,200	11,800	7,800	4,500	2,000	1,000
	250 MCM	19,970	19,300	18,700	17,500	14,500	11,200	7,500	3,600	2,000
	2—250 MCM	19,970	19,500	19,300	18,700	17,000	14,500	11,200	6,400	3,600
	2—500 MCM	19,970	19,600	19,400	19,000	17,600	15,600	13,000	8,200	5,200
500	* 4	33,100	28,000	22,900	15,900	7,800	4,200	2,200	900	500
	* 0	33,100	30,800	28,000	23,100	14,800	9,000	4,900	2,000	1,000
	250 MCM	33,100	31,500	30,000	27,000	20,300	14,200	8,800	4,000	2,000
	2—250 MCM	33,100	32,300	31,400	29,800	25,300	20,100	14,000	7,000	3,900
	2—500 MCM	33,100	32,600	32,000	30,700	22,200	22,500	17,000	9,600	5,500

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**table VIII**

**fault current available (symmetrical rms amperes) 480 volts a-c<sup>①</sup>**

kva rating of transformer	conductor size per phase	distance from transformer to point of fault—feet								
		0	5	10	20	50	100	200	500	1,000
150	* 4	4,990	4,930	4,880	4,770	4,420	3,800	2,800	1,480	790
	* 0	4,990	4,940	4,920	4,880	4,700	4,400	3,850	2,650	1,680
	250 MCM	4,990	4,960	4,930	4,910	4,800	4,600	4,250	3,350	2,500
	2—250 MCM	4,990	4,970	4,940	4,920	4,900	4,800	4,600	4,050	3,350
225	* 4	7,470	7,380	7,240	7,000	6,140	4,880	3,300	1,600	840
	* 0	7,470	7,400	7,320	7,200	6,800	6,200	5,100	3,180	1,860
	250 MCM	7,470	7,420	7,360	7,300	7,040	6,640	5,900	4,400	3,000
	2—250 MCM	7,470	7,440	7,400	7,350	7,220	7,000	6,600	5,580	4,300
	2—500 MCM	7,470	7,460	7,450	7,400	7,300	7,100	6,800	6,000	5,000
300	* 4	9,985	9,800	9,600	9,100	7,600	5,600	3,560	1,620	840
	* 0	9,985	9,840	9,750	9,520	8,800	7,650	5,900	3,400	1,920
	250 MCM	9,985	9,880	9,800	9,660	9,240	8,500	7,300	5,000	3,240
	2—250 MCM	9,985	9,920	9,825	9,790	9,580	9,200	8,450	6,800	5,020
	2—500 MCM	9,985	9,950	9,850	9,800	9,660	9,400	8,820	7,500	5,880
500	* 4	16,550	16,000	15,400	14,000	10,250	6,800	3,800	1,600	800
	* 0	16,550	16,200	15,950	15,250	13,250	10,500	7,400	3,500	1,900
	250 MCM	16,550	16,300	16,050	15,700	14,500	12,700	10,000	5,900	3,500
	2—250 MCM	16,550	16,350	16,250	16,100	15,450	14,400	12,500	9,000	6,000
	2—500 MCM	16,550	16,400	16,350	16,300	15,700	14,800	13,400	10,500	7,500
750	* 4	20,450	19,700	18,700	16,800	11,700	7,500	4,000	1,600	800
	* 0	20,450	20,000	19,500	18,700	16,000	12,400	8,100	3,800	2,000
	250 MCM	20,450	20,200	19,800	19,250	17,500	15,000	11,500	6,600	3,800
	2—250 MCM	20,450	20,250	20,200	19,700	19,000	17,500	15,000	10,500	6,600
	2—500 MCM	20,450	20,400	20,250	19,900	19,300	18,200	16,300	12,000	8,400
1,000	* 4	27,200	26,000	24,200	21,000	13,400	7,900	4,400	1,800	800
	* 0	27,200	26,700	25,900	24,300	20,000	14,400	9,000	4,100	2,200
	250 MCM	27,200	26,900	26,400	25,300	22,400	18,600	13,600	7,200	4,000
	2—250 MCM	27,200	27,000	26,700	26,200	24,500	22,200	18,500	12,100	7,200
	2—500 MCM	27,200	27,100	26,800	26,500	25,300	23,300	20,300	14,500	9,500
1,500	* 4	40,050	37,000	33,100	26,000	14,400	8,200	4,000	1,400	600
	* 0	40,050	38,800	36,800	33,200	24,500	16,000	9,200	4,000	2,000
	250 MCM	40,050	39,100	37,800	35,600	29,900	23,000	15,200	7,500	4,000
	2—250 MCM	40,050	39,600	39,000	37,900	34,100	29,000	22,500	13,000	7,400
	2—500 MCM	40,050	39,700	39,200	38,200	35,500	31,600	25,900	16,400	10,100
2,000	* 4	52,800	47,400	40,700	30,000	15,100	8,200	4,200	1,900	1,000
	* 0	52,800	50,200	47,000	41,200	28,000	17,000	9,700	4,200	2,400
	250 MCM	52,800	51,000	49,000	45,400	36,200	26,500	16,500	8,000	4,200
	2—250 MCM	52,800	51,800	50,900	48,900	43,100	36,000	26,700	14,000	8,000
	2—500 MCM	52,800	52,100	51,300	49,900	45,100	39,200	30,800	18,500	11,000

<sup>①</sup> The current values are maximum values attainable from liquid filled transformers with a nominal impedance of 4½% up to and including 500 kva, and 5½% impedance beyond 500 kva.

**TRI-PAC circuit breakers**current limiting protectors  
for lighting, distribution and power circuits**table IX** fault current available (symmetrical rms amperes) 600 volts a-c<sup>①</sup>

kva rating of transformer	conductor size per phase	distance from transformer to point of fault—feet								
		0	5	10	20	50	100	200	500	1,000
150	* 4	3,990	3,950	3,910	3,850	3,670	3,340	2,710	1,640	960
	* 0	3,990	3,960	3,930	3,880	3,820	3,670	3,360	2,600	1,850
	250 MCM	3,990	3,970	3,950	3,910	3,860	3,780	3,580	3,080	2,430
	2—250 MCM	3,990	3,980	3,970	3,940	3,910	3,860	3,760	3,480	3,100
225	* 4	5,980	5,920	5,870	5,740	5,300	4,610	3,500	1,880	1,010
	* 0	5,980	5,940	5,900	5,850	5,640	5,300	4,700	3,280	2,100
	250 MCM	5,980	5,950	5,920	5,890	5,760	5,550	5,190	4,180	3,090
	2—250 MCM	5,980	5,960	5,940	5,930	5,860	5,750	5,540	4,920	4,140
	2—500 MCM	5,980	5,970	5,960	5,950	5,900	5,820	5,650	5,180	4,620
300	* 4	7,990	7,880	7,800	7,560	6,800	5,560	3,900	2,000	1,050
	* 0	7,990	7,920	7,880	7,740	7,380	6,800	5,800	3,740	2,300
	250 MCM	7,990	7,940	7,910	7,800	7,600	7,200	6,540	5,000	3,500
	2—250 MCM	7,990	7,960	7,940	7,850	7,760	7,580	7,200	6,200	5,000
	2—500 MCM	7,990	7,980	7,960	7,900	7,840	7,700	7,400	6,600	5,600
500	* 4	13,230	13,000	12,700	12,000	9,980	7,350	4,600	2,000	1,000
	* 0	13,230	13,100	12,960	12,600	11,600	10,180	7,700	4,200	2,400
	250 MCM	13,230	13,130	13,100	12,920	12,300	11,300	9,650	6,400	4,200
	2—250 MCM	13,230	13,170	13,130	13,060	12,720	12,180	11,200	9,000	6,580
750	* 4	16,360	16,100	15,750	14,800	11,800	8,200	5,000	2,200	1,050
	* 0	16,360	16,200	16,000	15,550	14,200	12,000	8,700	4,800	2,550
	250 MCM	16,360	16,250	16,100	16,800	14,950	13,400	11,200	7,100	4,300
	2—250 MCM	16,360	16,350	16,150	16,000	15,600	14,800	13,300	10,200	7,300
	2—500 MCM	16,360	16,350	16,200	16,050	15,800	15,200	14,000	11,400	8,700
1,000	* 4	21,750	21,100	20,250	18,500	13,800	9,000	5,000	2,200	1,200
	* 0	21,750	21,500	21,000	20,250	17,800	14,400	9,800	4,800	2,550
	250 MCM	21,750	21,570	21,200	20,750	19,300	16,900	13,400	8,000	4,700
	2—250 MCM	21,750	21,650	21,500	21,250	20,500	19,200	16,800	12,000	8,200
	2—500 MCM	21,750	21,730	21,600	21,400	20,750	19,700	17,900	13,800	10,000
1,500	* 4	32,050	30,550	28,700	25,250	16,300	9,600	5,300	2,300	1,200
	* 0	32,050	31,250	39,500	28,800	23,800	17,500	10,800	4,800	2,500
	250 MCM	32,050	31,500	30,800	29,800	26,600	22,250	16,300	8,800	4,800
	2—250 MCM	32,050	31,800	31,500	31,000	29,200	26,600	22,800	14,300	8,800
2,000	* 4	42,200	39,700	36,300	30,000	17,400	10,000	5,100	2,100	1,200
	* 0	42,200	40,900	39,500	36,000	27,800	19,000	11,500	5,000	2,600
	250 MCM	42,200	41,300	40,050	38,100	32,900	26,000	18,000	9,100	5,000
	2—250 MCM	42,200	41,700	41,000	40,000	36,900	32,200	25,900	15,800	9,200
	2—500 MCM	42,200	42,000	41,300	40,600	38,100	34,200	28,800	19,600	12,500

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