

Voltage Drop and Branching Circuit Design Calculations

Week 5-6-7

Cable selection criteria:

1- Cable ampacity (capacity): maximum current carried by cable, depends on burial depth, environment, air or cable tray distribution, soil temperature, grouping ...etc. Current must be calculated using de-rating factors.

2- Voltage drop allowance: very critical in low voltage distribution networks

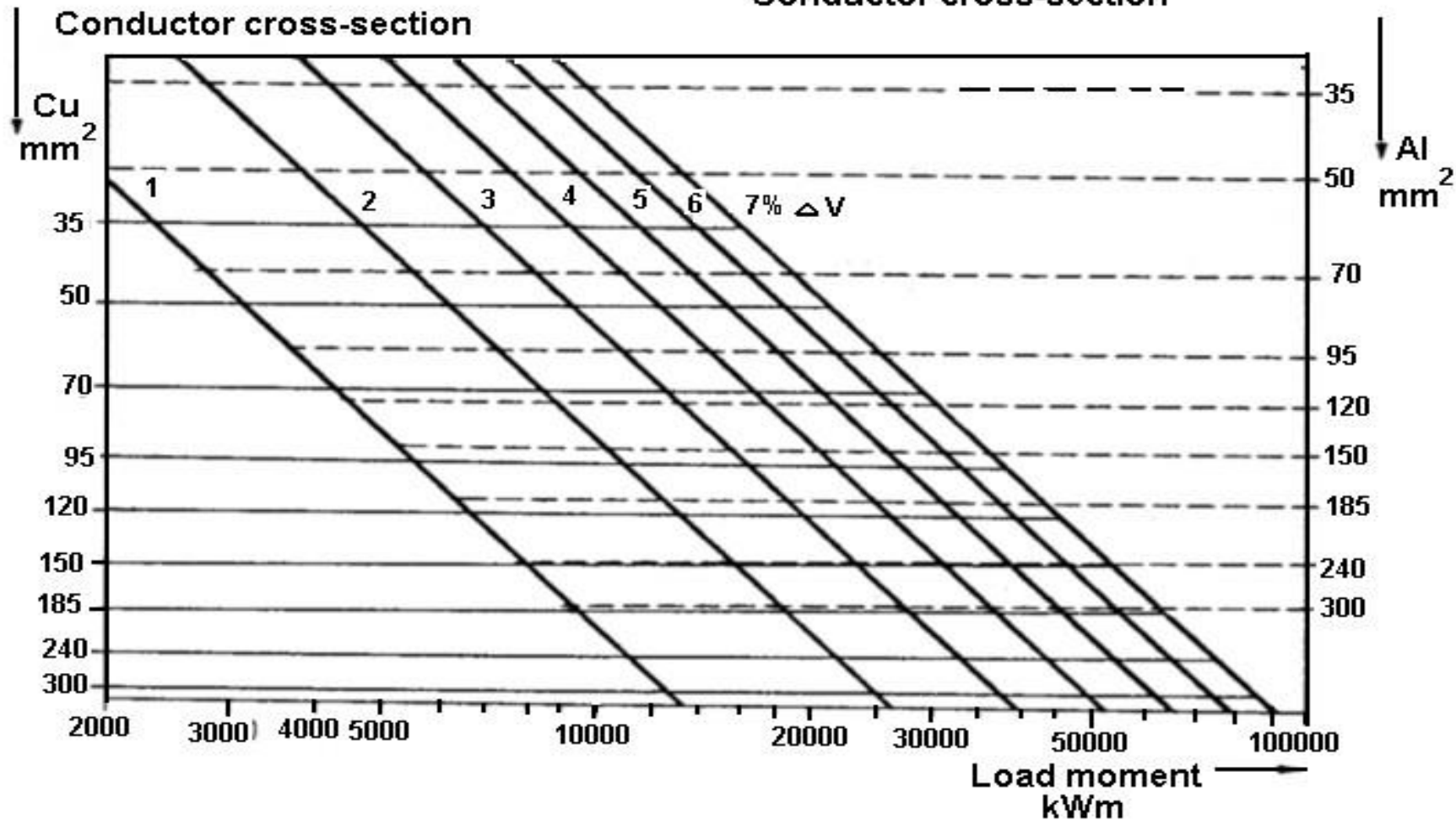
3- Short circuit withstand capabilities: Short circuit current versus time relation, will the selected cable withstand the expected short circuit current at fault for the given time duration or not and will the circuit breakers operate before the cable failure.

Voltage drop in distribution systems (LV) must not exceed a total of 8%

- Transformer= **1%**
- From distribution transformer to main distribution panel board (inside building)=**3%**
(4% MV)
- Riser = **1-1.5%**
- Rest = **2.5%**

SIEMEN'S Chart

Conductor cross-section



with % voltage drop (on 220/380 V supply, power factor = 0.9, conductor temperature 50°C)

Power Cables

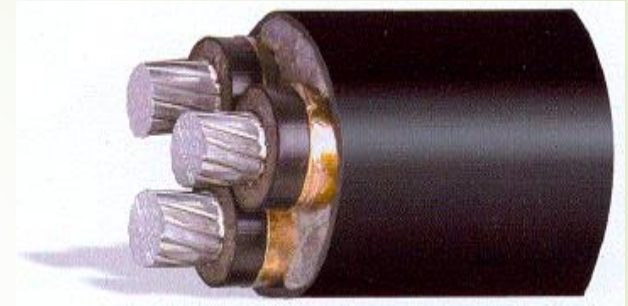
Cables are usually classified according to their operating voltage as follows:

1. Low voltage cables (up to 1kv)
2. Medium voltage cables (3kv up to 30kv).
3. High voltage cables (66kv up to 500kv).

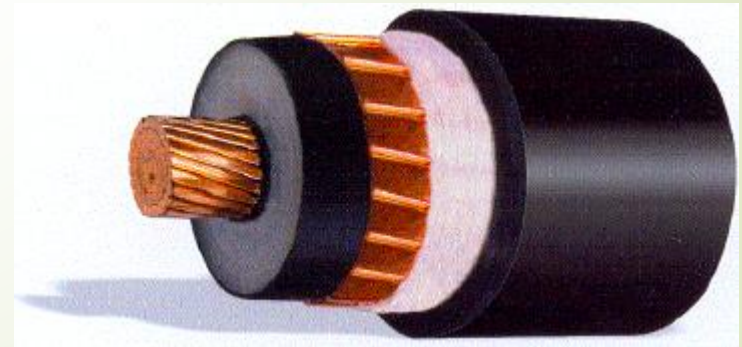
For same cross sectional area, single core cables Ampacity is greater than that of multicore cables. But from economics point of view multicore cables are preferred.



LV cable



MV cable



HV cable

Power Cables

1- Conductors: different resistivity

Copper is used with low voltage for minimum voltage drop (lower resistivity than Aluminium and higher conductivity)

Aluminum is used with medium and high voltage for smaller current ampacity and thus fewer voltage drop

الكبل الألومنيوم سعته الامبيرية اقل من النحاس لنفس مساحة المقطع لكنه اخف في الوزن

2- Insulation:

Cross Linked Polyethylene (XLPE) cables

- Used with medium voltage and sometimes low but is very expensive so its more preferable in medium
- Cable tolerates higher current than PVC cables
- Withstands higher temperature, thus current carrying capability is higher than PVC (up to 90 degrees celcius)
- Higher short circuit capability than PVC



Copper cable



Aluminum cable

Power Cables

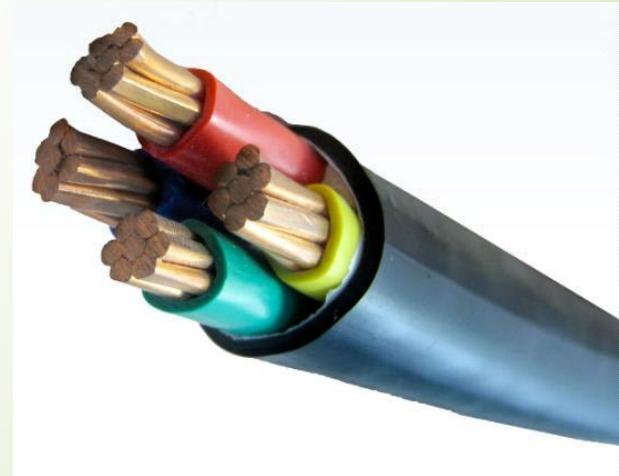
Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) cables:

Popular in low voltage applications

- Lower cost than XLPE but less current capacity
- White power which is used in fabricating hard materials
- resistant to water, oil, alkalis and doesn't burn easy thus requires less replacement
- At high temperature it turns into soft material (مادة ليننة) at higher than 80 degrees celcius. Thus can be used with temperature not more than 70 degrees



(XLPE) cables



Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) cables

Power Cables

Step 1: Cable Selection:

1. Determine the **allowable current in circuit (I_z)** which is proportional to the cross section of the defined cable which includes the protective element
التيار المسموح به في الدائرة و الذي يتناسب مع مقطع الكابل الذي تحميه اجهزة الحماية
2. Determine the de-rating factors (**k factor**)
3. Get (**I_z'**) which is the **I_z divided by k** and this determines the cable ampacity

Step 2: Perform your voltage drop calculations:

either manually or using load moment and chart technique

Step 2: Short Circuit check:

Make sure that your selected cable cross section can withstand short circuit for a certain time interval

De-rating factors (k factor determination): Example

Derating factors

Table 2

Ground temperature derating factor

Ground temperature °C	25	30	35	40	45	50	55
PVC cables rated 70 °C	1.13	1.07	1.00	0.93	0.85	0.76	0.65
XLPE cables rated 90 °C	1.09	1.04	1.00	0.95	0.90	0.85	0.80

Table 3

Air temperature derating factor

Air temperature °C	25	30	35	40	45	50	55
PVC cables rated 70 °C	1.22	1.15	1.08	1.00	0.95	0.82	0.71
XLPE cables rated 90 °C	1.14	1.10	1.05	1.00	0.90	0.89	0.84

Applied Laying Depth

Type of Cable	Used Depth Cm
L.V	50 - 80
M.V	80 - 100
H.V	100 - 120
E.H.V	120 - 140

*Cable laying is a major factor affecting the cable life.

* Our Catalogue and technical offers based on 50 cm.

De-rating factors (k factor determination): Example

Table 4

Burial depth derating factor

Depth of laying mt.	Cables cross section		
	Up to 70 mm ²	95 upto 240 mm ²	300 mm ² & above
0.50	1.00	1.00	1.00
0.60	0.99	0.98	0.97
0.80	0.97	0.96	0.94
1.00	0.95	0.93	0.92
1.25	0.94	0.92	0.89
1.50	0.93	0.90	0.87
1.75	0.92	0.89	0.86
2.00	0.91	0.88	0.85

Table 5

Soil thermal resistivity derating factor

Soil thermal resistivity in °C. Cm/Watt	80	90	100	120	150	200	250
Rating factor	1.17	1.12	1.07	1.0	0.91	0.80	0.73

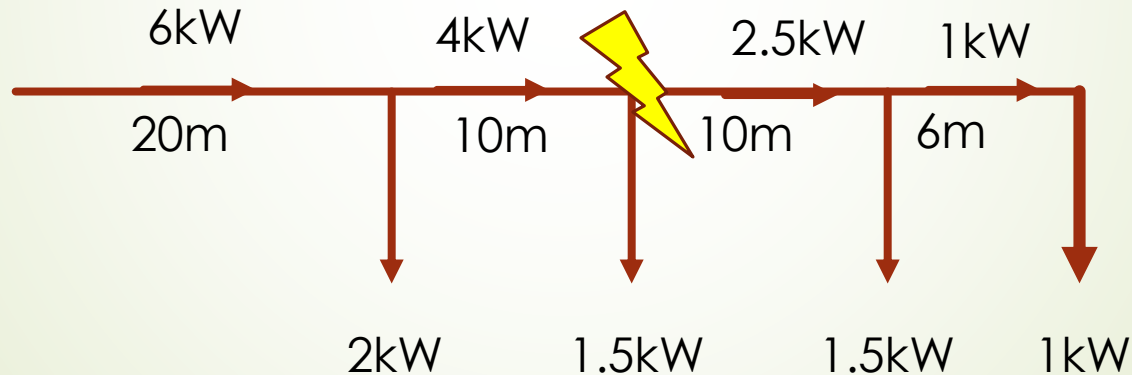
Table 6

PVC rated temperature derating factor

Type of PVC rated temperature °C	70	85	95	105
Rating factor	1.000	1.195	1.309	1.414

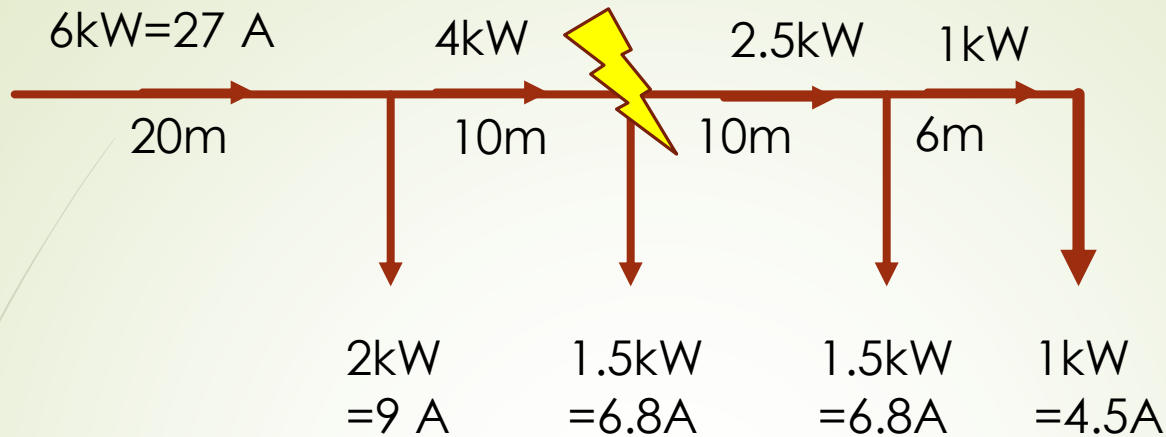
حساب تيار قصر الدارة: Short Circuit Current Calculation:

- Short circuit current is the current flowing in an electrical circuit due to fault occurrence which is different than the normal current (could reach 10 times more than normal current)
- Short circuit could be :
 - Symmetric (3phase),
 - unsymmetrical (two phase, two phase to earth, single phase to earth)
 - Most occurred one is single phase to earth and symmetric 3 phase fault.



Calculate short circuit current if a single phase short circuit occurred between phase a and ground, occurring at entrance of load 2

Short circuit Current calculation: حساب تيار قصر الدارة



Assume rated voltage is 220V, single phase, resistive load, copper cables are used whose cross section area is 6 mm²

$$R = \frac{\rho L}{A} = \frac{1.78 \times 10^{-8} \times 30}{6 \times 10^{-6}} = 0.089 \Omega$$

$$I_{sc} = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{220}{0.089} = 2471.94 \text{ A}$$

Short Circuit calculation for Cables

1- Symmetrical Fault تيار القصر المتماثل

$$I_{sc} = \frac{K \times A}{\sqrt{t}}$$

I_{sc} = Short circuit rating of cable (kA)

A = Cross sectional area of conductor (mm²)

t = Time to trip (seconds)

K = Cable short circuit factor (from table 1)

2- Unsymmetrical Fault with earth تيار القصر غير المتماثل إلى موصل الأرض

$$I_{EF} = \frac{C \times A}{\sqrt{t}}$$

C = A factor that depends on the earth path material.

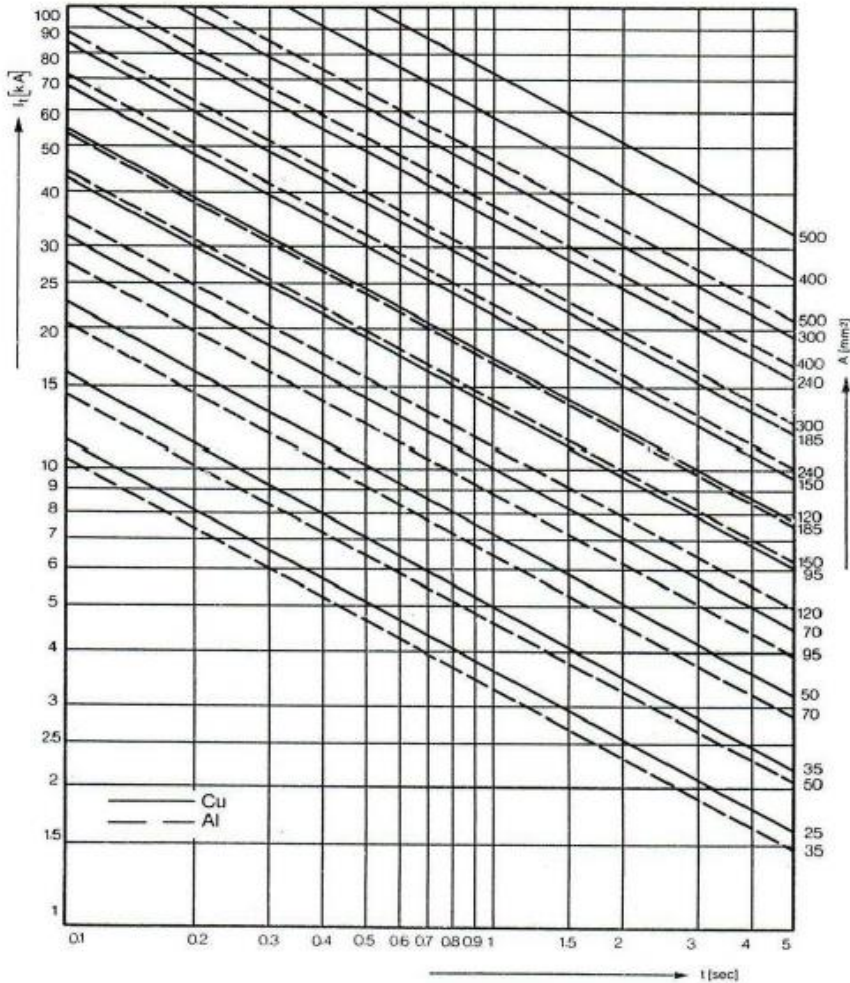
A = Cross-sectional area of earth path.

t = Fault duration in seconds.

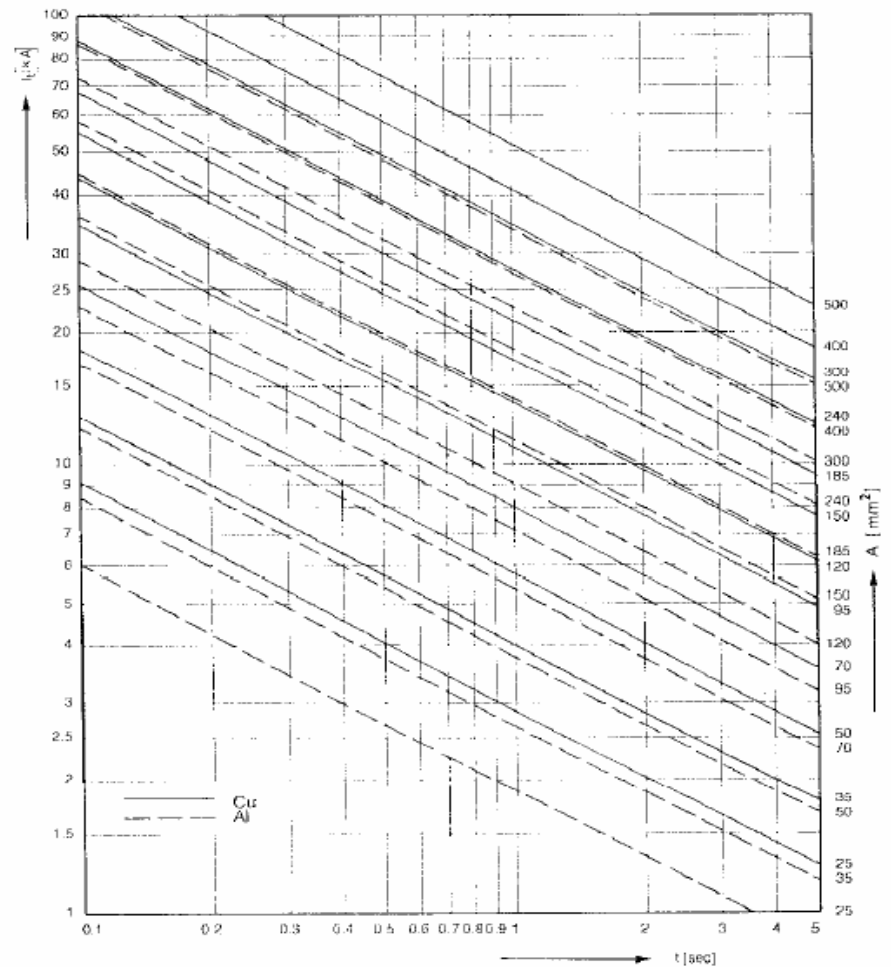
معامل القصر للكابل (K)		درجة حرارة الموصل (°C)		نوع عزل الكابل	
ألومنيوم	نحاس	أقصى درجة حرارة	درجة حرارة التشغيل	مساحة مقطع أقل من 300مم ²	ترموبلاستيك
0.071	0.110	150	70	مساحة مقطع أكبر من 300مم ²	
0.062	0.096	130	70		
0.098	0.143	250	90		عزل بولي إيثيلين مقنن
0.078	0.116		65		عزل ورق منبسط بالزيت

Table 1: Maximum temperature capability for different cables due to short circuit. Egyptian code

Short Circuit calculation for Cables



شكل رقم (2-7): تيارات القصر للكابلات المعزولة بالبولي إيثيلين المتشابه XLPE للجهود من 1 إلى 30 كيلو فولت



شكل رقم (1-7): تيارات القصر للكابلات المعزولة بـكلوريد متعدد الفينيل (PVC) جهد 1-10 كيلوفولت

Short Circuit Capability: Example

Max. short circuit temperature for cable components

Material	Item	Temp. °C
Insulation	PVC insulation	140 For C.S.A > 300 mm ² 160 For C.S.A ≤ 300 mm ²
	XLPE insulation	250
Sheathing	PVC sheathing	200
	LDPE sheathing	150
	HDPE sheathing	180
	Lead sheath	170
	Lead sheath - alloy	*200

* Temp. = 210 °C for cables with rated voltages above 30kV ($U_m=36$ kV),

Table 13

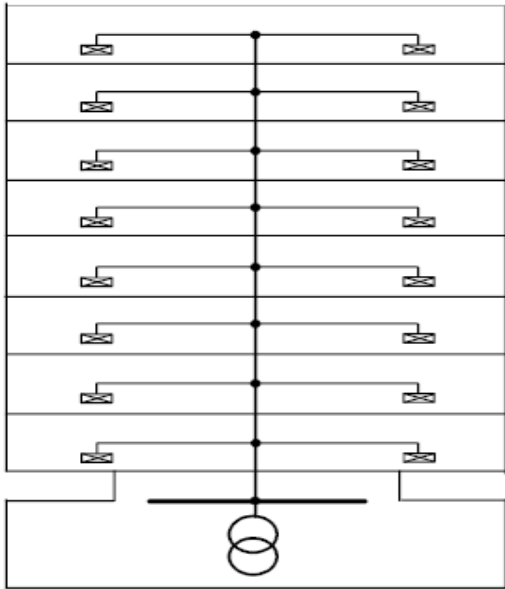
kA short circuit current - Copper conductor - PVC insulated

C.S.A. mm ²	Duration sec.									
	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0
16	5.8	4.1	3.4	2.9	2.6	1.8	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.8
25	9.1	6.4	5.2	4.5	4.1	2.9	2.0	1.7	1.4	1.3
35	12.7	9.0	7.3	6.4	5.7	4.0	2.8	2.3	2.0	1.8
50	18.2	12.9	10.5	9.1	8.1	5.8	4.1	3.3	2.9	2.6
70	25.5	18.0	14.7	12.7	11.4	8.1	5.7	4.6	4.0	3.6
95	34.5	24.4	19.9	17.3	15.5	10.9	7.7	6.3	5.5	4.9
120	43.6	30.9	25.2	21.8	19.5	13.8	9.8	8.0	6.9	6.2
150	54.5	38.6	31.5	27.3	24.4	17.3	12.2	10.0	8.6	7.7
185	67.3	47.6	38.8	33.6	30.1	21.3	15.0	12.3	10.6	9.5
240	87.3	61.7	50.4	43.6	39.0	27.6	19.5	15.9	13.8	12.3
300	109.1	77.1	63.0	54.5	48.8	34.5	24.4	19.9	17.3	15.4
400	130.0	91.9	75.1	65.0	58.2	41.1	29.1	23.7	20.6	18.4
500	162.5	114.9	93.8	81.3	72.7	51.4	36.3	29.7	25.7	23.0
630	204.8	144.8	118.2	102.4	91.6	64.8	45.8	37.4	32.4	29.0

Electrical riser الصاعد

SINGLE RISING صاعد واحد رئيسي MAIN

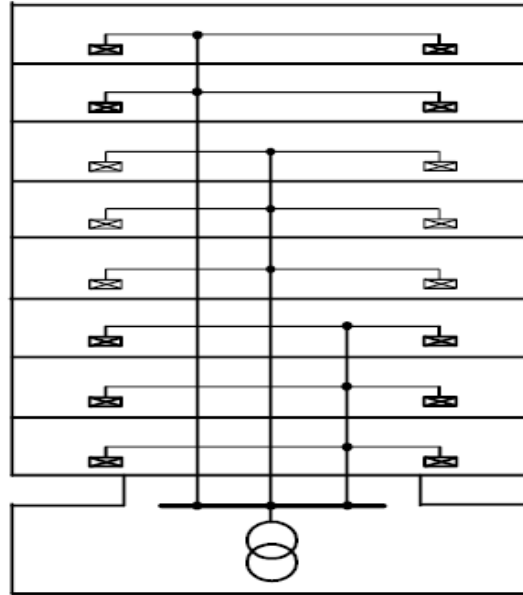
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عيوبه : لو حدث عطل في الصاعد
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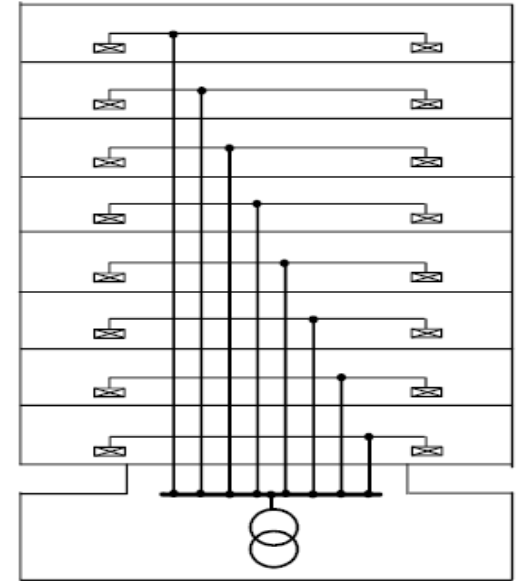
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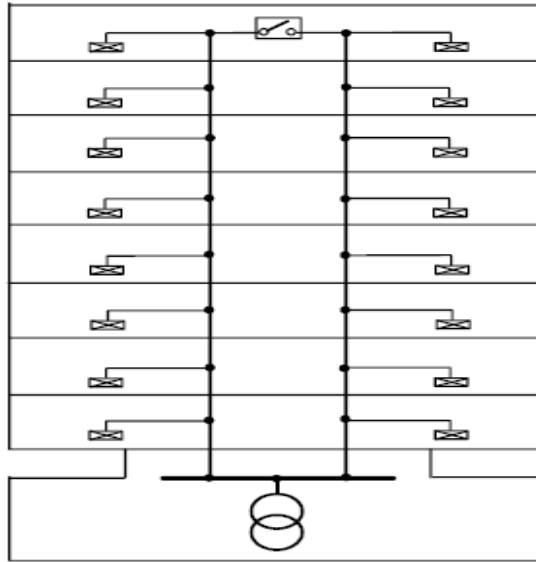


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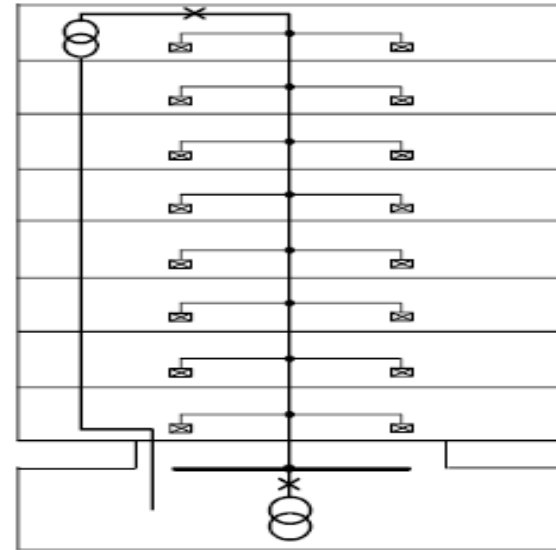
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صاعد ثنائي التغذية DOUBLE FEED SUPPLY

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خاصة في الادوار العليا مصاعد او تكييف
او خلافة

Cable tray

For cable grouping in one individual route. Each cable has its own outlet at the end



CIRCUIT BREAKER : القواطع



MCCB CB



four pole CB



Single pole CB

❖ One of the protective elements and is in fact THE most important element in circuit protection.

1. Used in short circuit current protection **حدوث قصر** due to cable insulation failure or contact between cable conductors due to cable rupture
2. Disconnect circuit due to overload



two pole CB

CIRCUIT BREAKER : القواطع

How to read the numbers on circuit breaker

Rated operating voltage U_e (in V)

This is the voltage(s) at which the circuit breaker can be used. The value indicated is usually the maximum value.

الجهد اللي القاطع حيسخدم فيه

Rated insulation voltage U_i (in V)

This value acts as a reference for the **insulation performance** of the device. The insulation test voltages (impulse, industrial frequency, etc.) are determined based on this value.

الجهد اللي تم عنده اختبار عزل القاطع

Impulse voltage U_{imp} (in kV)

This value characterizes the ability of the device to withstand transient over voltages such as lightning (standard impulse 1.2/50 μ s).

الجهد اللي القاطع يقدر يستحمله في حالة وجود ترانزيت

CIRCUIT BREAKER : القواطع

How to read the numbers on circuit breaker

Rated Current in (in A)

This is the maximum current value the circuit breaker can withstand on a permanent basis. This value is always given for an ambient temperature around the device of 40°C in accordance with standard IEC 60947-2, and 30°C in accordance with standard IEC 60898-1. If this temperature is higher, it may be necessary to reduce the operating current.

اعلي تيار طبيعي حيمر في القاطع دائما

Ultimate breaking capacity Icu (in kA)

This is the maximum short-circuit current value that a circuit breaker can break at a given voltage and phase angle ($\cos \varphi$). The tests are executed on the breaker and following the test, the circuit breaker must continue to provide a minimum level of safety (isolation, dielectric strength).

اعلي تيار عطل يقدر يقطعه القاطع

CIRCUIT BREAKER : القواطع

How to read the numbers on circuit breaker

Standard breaking capacity Ics

This is the value expressed as a percentage of Icu. It will be one of the following values: 25% (**category A only**), 50%, 75% or 100%. The circuit breaker must be capable of operating normally after **breaking** the Ics current several times

“maximum current can flow through the breaker from time of occurring short circuit to the time of clearing the short circuit without any permanent damage in the CB.”

نسبة تيار العطل بالنسبة لاعلي تيار عطل. القاطع لابد ان يعمل طبيعيا بعد حدوث هذا التيار و كسر الدارة عدة مرات

CIRCUIT BREAKER : القواطع

How to read the numbers on circuit breaker

Short Time withstand Current I_{cw} (in ka)

This is the value of the short-circuit current that a **category B** circuit breaker is capable of withstanding for a defined period without altering its characteristics. This value is intended to enable discrimination between devices. The circuit breaker concerned can remain closed while the fault is eliminated by the downstream device as long as the energy i^2t does not exceed $I_{cw}^2 (1 \text{ s})$.

تمييز بين الأجهزة التي قبله ولكن لأنواع أخرى التي فيها

Utilization category

IEC 60947-2 designates circuit breakers as belonging to one of two categories:

- **Category A** for circuit breakers which do not have a time delay before tripping on a short circuit
- **Category B** for circuit breakers which have a time delay.

CIRCUIT BREAKER : القواطع

How to read the numbers on circuit breaker

Rated short-circuit making capacity I_{cm} (kA peak)

This is the maximum current intensity a device can **make** at its rated voltage according to the conditions of the standard. This occurs when we switch on a breaker or an ordinary switch due to RL transient response. This represents the DC and AC components of current flowing in the breaker

“The breaker’s contacts have to withstand this highest value of current during the first cycle of waveform when breaker is closed under fault”

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CIRCUIT BREAKER : القواطع

EXAMPLE:

4 types by the level of the rated ultimate short-circuit breaking capacity:

- ❑ Type C (Basic type),
- ❑ Type L (Standard type),
- ❑ Type M (Less high breaking type) and
- ❑ Type H (High breaking type).

5SY6 0 Miniature Circuit Breaker 1+N in 1 MW
Low Space Requirements



For applications up to 40 A
with tripping characteristics B, C,
and a switching capacity up to 6 kA,
where a switchable neutral conductor is required.

The MCB 1+N in versions
N-left or N-right and compact design
(width 1 MW = 18 mm) saves space on the distribution board.



CIRCUIT BREAKER : القواطع

➤ Miniature circuit breakers (MCB)

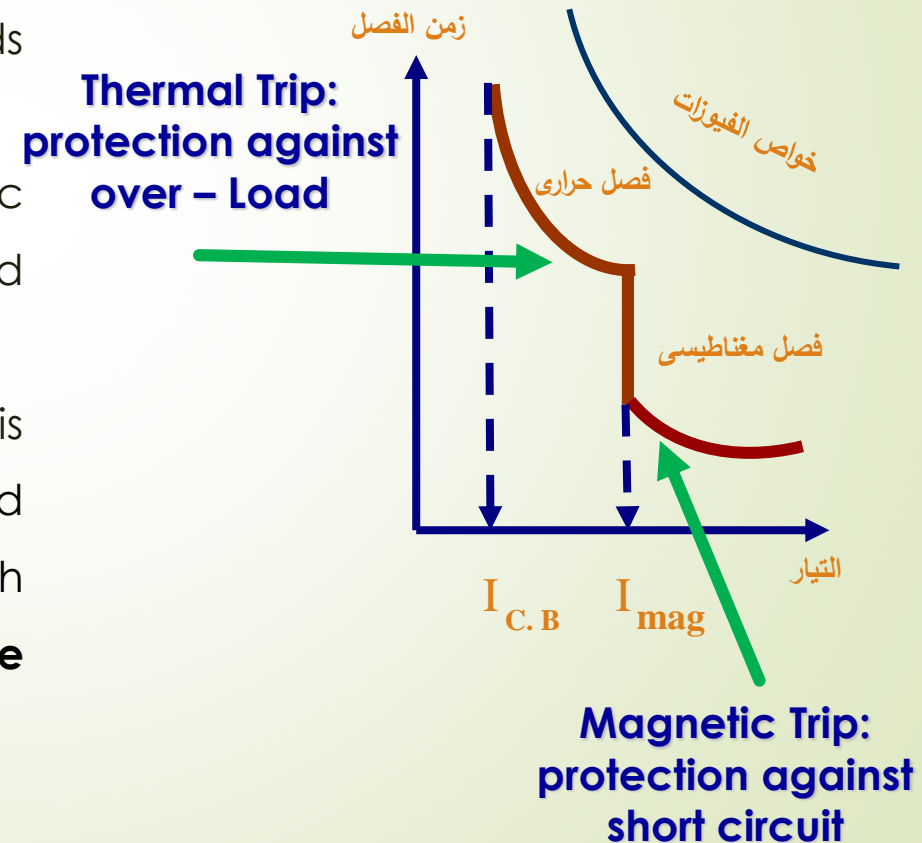
- covering a **rated current range** between 6A and 125A under the voltage of 230/400V.
- Withstands **short circuit current** not more than 10kA (current that breaker stands before it melts for a short time)
- the optimum technical and economic solution in all sectors: Industrial, public and high-tech public, domestic.
- Exists in **C-type, B-type, D-type**. **Type A** is for semiconductor protection and protection of measuring circuits with transformers. Main miniature CB has **type E** curve



three pole MCB



Thermal overload



CIRCUIT BREAKER : القواطع

➤ Miniature circuit breakers (MCB)

- Energy Class: MCB normally work on current limiting feature. It means that it does not allow fault to get it's peak and trip before that. But since there is some time consumed in tripping, fault current will create some energy which will exist in system. This energy is termed as let through energy. For efficient MCB operation it should be limited. On basis of amount of energy it is classified in class 1, class 2 and class 3. Here Class 3 is best which allows maximum 1.5L joule/second. This is being tested as per IS 60898.

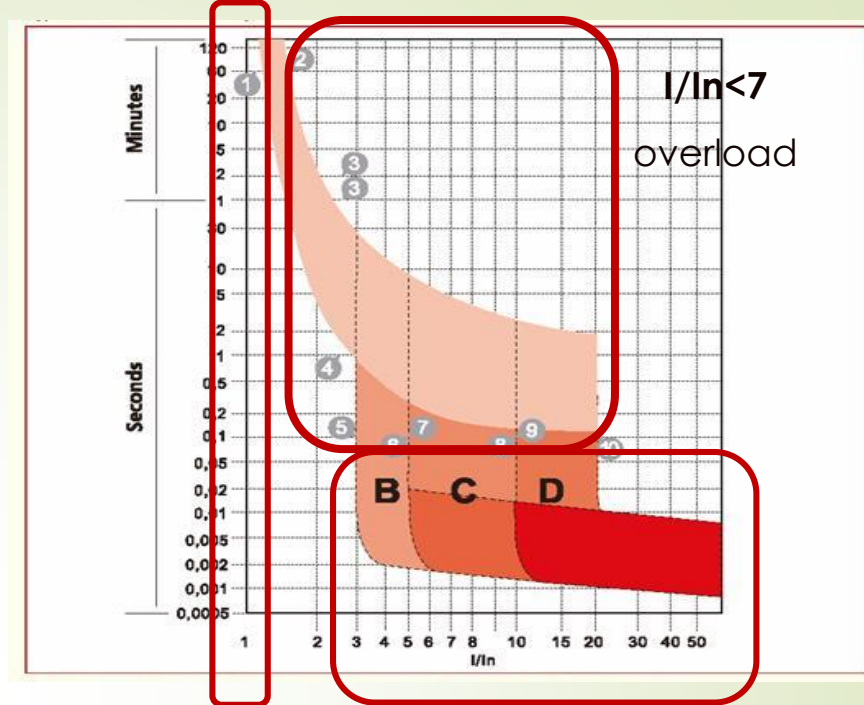


How to Read MCB Nameplate Rating Printed on It

CIRCUIT BREAKER : القواطع

➤ Miniature circuit breakers (MCB)

- **B-type:** operates between 3-5 irated-resistive load applications. For example a 10A device will trip at 30-50A.
- **C-type:** operates between 5-10 irated-inductive load applications
- **D-type:** operates between 10-20 irated-highly inductive load applications and capacitive loads
- Type B will trip faster than type C for a given overcurrent, and type C will be faster than type D.
- Fixed settings

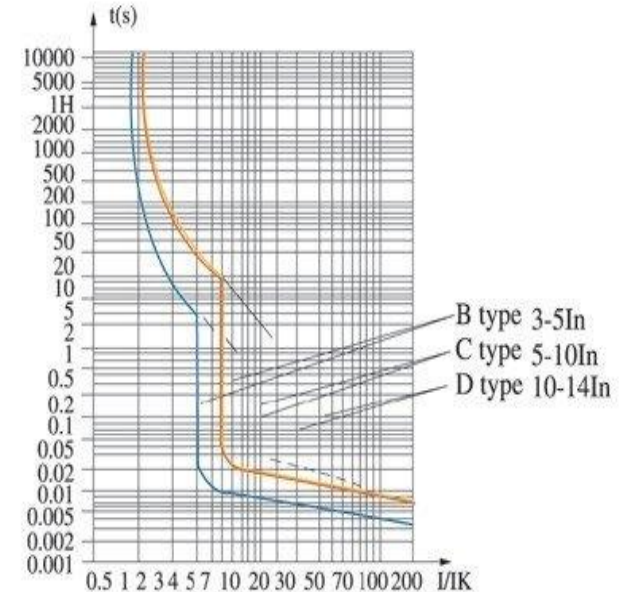


$I/I_n < 1$

$I/I_n > 10$

normal

SC



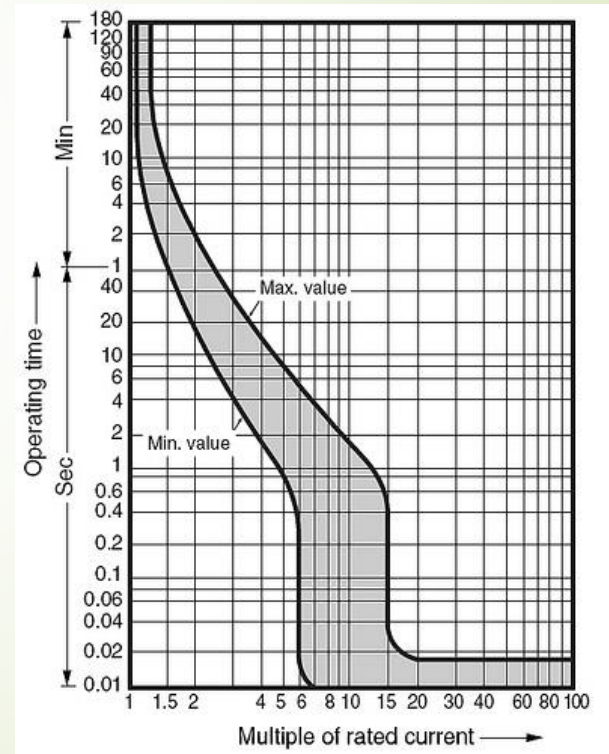
CIRCUIT BREAKER : القواطع

➤ Molded case circuit breakers (MCCB)

- AC 50/60Hz, rated insulation voltage and operating voltage up to 690VAC and 250VDC. The rated operating current between 3A-1600A
- Complicated compared to miniature
- Withstands short circuit current up to 10kA
- protection against overload, short circuit, under voltage and can even be equipped with earth fault protection.
- Adjustable settings for (I_{thermal}, T, I) are adjustable and can have three curves



MCCB CB



Regions for maximum and minimum operation

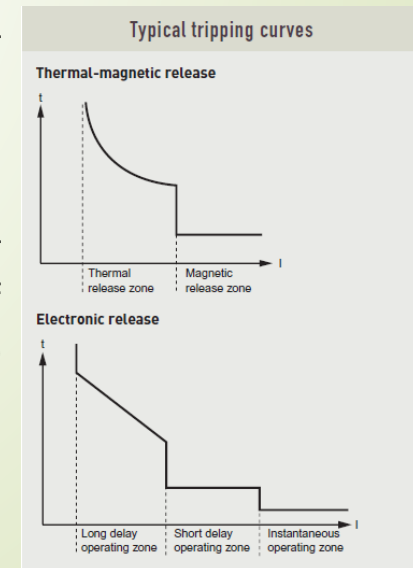
Molded Case- type Circuit breaker (MCCB)

MCCB- type	Type of Protective relay	Overload protection (Long-time delay)	Short circuit protection (short-time delay)
Domestic	Thermal- magnetic	$I_r = I_n$	Fixed at $I_m = 7$ to $10I_n$
Industrial	Thermal- magnetic	Adjustable $0.8 I_n \leq I_r < I_n$	Adjustable $5 I_n \leq I_m < 10I_n$
	Electronic	Adjustable $0.4 I_n \leq I_r < I_n$	Short delay adjustable at $1.5 I_n \leq I_m < 10I_n$
			Instantaneous fixed in range 12 to 15 I_n

Instantaneous: This provides protection against high intensity short circuits. It is either set by construction at a fixed value (5 to 20 kA), or adjustable according to the device.

Long Time delay: provides protection against lower intensity short circuits, which generally occur at the end of the line. The period of the delay may be increased by thresholds up to one second, to ensure discrimination with devices placed downstream.

Short Time delay: This is similar to the characteristic of a thermal release. It protects conductors against overloads.



CIRCUIT BREAKER : القواطع

➤ Earth leakage circuit breakers (ELCB)

- safety device used in electrical installations with high earth impedance to prevent shock. It detects small stray voltages on the metal enclosures of electrical equipment, and interrupts the circuit if a dangerous voltage is detected. (could be voltage based or current based)
- Current based (RCCB) compares current in and out of circuit which should be the same. Otherwise, breaker trips.
- This is a high sensitivity device, example 5mA, 30 mA used in residential buildings which corresponds to a problem in case of human contact. 300 mA used in computer applications protection. **قيمة الحساسية للتيار المتسرب**
- **Rated current** which is the current which the breaker can stand before failure, typically 32, 40, 63, 100 A

ELCB, RCD



ELCB



TEST button equipped

CIRCUIT BREAKER : القواطع

➤ Air circuit breakers (ACB)

- protect circuit from overload, under voltage, short circuit and single phase earthing with intelligent and selective protection function
- The breaker is applicable for power stations, factories, mines (for 690V) and modern high-buildings.

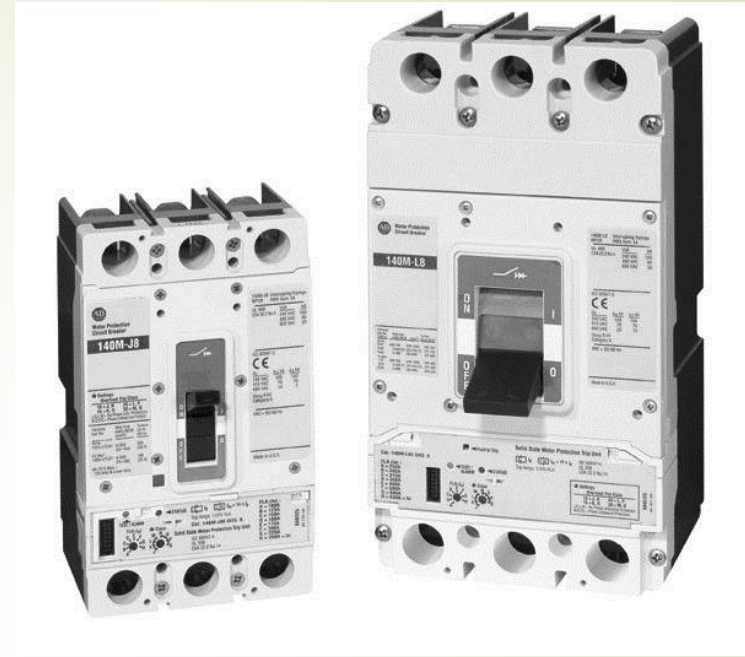


Air CB

CIRCUIT BREAKER : القواطع

➤ Motor protection circuit breakers (MPCB)

- AC voltage up to 690V and current up to 80A
- It can be used to protect a three phase cage asynchronous motor and a distribution line against overload, phase failure and short circuit, to control the motor's infrequent starting and other infrequent load conversion. It can also serve as isolator.



MPCB

CIRCUIT BREAKER : القواطع

- قاطع للحماية ضد التسرب الأرضي الذي يعمل بالتيار الكهربائي
current operated earth leakage circuit breakers

- قاطع للحماية ضد التسرب الأرضي الذي يعمل بالجهد الكهربائي .
voltage operated earth leakage circuit breakers

يستخدم القاطع ضد التسرب الأرضي الذي يعمل بالتيار عادة للوقاية في التركيبات الكهربائية ويبين الجدول رقم (٤/٥) تأثيرات التيار الكهربائي ذات التردد ٥٠ / ٦٠ هرتز على جسم شخص بالغ في صحة جيدة لزمن غير محدد :

جدول رقم (٤/٥) تأثير التيار الكهربائي على الجسم البشري

التأثير على الجسم البشري	التيار الكهربائي
غير محسوس	٥ - ١٠ مللي أمبير
بداية الإدراك الحسي	١ مللي أمبير
إحساس بنون ألم	من ١ إلى ٢ مللي أمبير
إحساس مصحوب بألم	من ٢ إلى ١٠ مللي أمبير
بداية تشنج العضلات وخاصة عضلات العنق والذراع	١٠ مللي أمبير
بداية العجز عن التنفس	٢٠ مللي أمبير
بداية إنقباض عضلات القلب	٧٥ مللي أمبير
إنقباض عضلي للقلب (محتمل حدوثه بنسبة ٩٩.٥٪ في حالة زمن تعرض يزيد عن خمس ثوان)	٢٥٠ مللي أمبير
بداية شلل عضلات القلب وتوقفه	٤ أمبير
إحترق الأنسجة العضوية بالجسم	أكثر من ٥ أمبير

ب- المصاهر الأسطوانية Cylindrical Fuses

تصمم المصاهر الأسطوانية طبقاً للمواصفات العالمية IEC 269 لنقل التيار المتقن للدائرة مع تحقيق أقل فقد في الطاقة والجهد وبحيث لا يحدث تفاوت في خواص منحني التيار مع الزمن يتجاوز + ٥٪ وعلى أن تكون هذه المصاهر قادرة على تحمل تيار قصر في الدائرة لا يقل عن ٥٠ كيلو أمبير .

(٢) قواطع الدوائر الكهربائية Circuit Breakers

١- قواطع الدوائر الأتوماتيكية المنمنمة أو المصفرة

Miniature Circuit Breakers

وتعمل قواطع التيار المنمنمة صغيرة الحجم يدوياً وتقوم بالفصل تلقائياً (أوتوماتيكياً) بمقنن تيار حتى ١٢٥ أمبير (أحادية أو ثنائية أو ثلاثية الأطوار) وتكون هذه القواطع مزودة بعناصر حرارية للوقاية ضد زيادة التيار ، وأخرى مغناطيسية للوقاية ضد قصر الدائرة ، ويجب ألا تقل سعة القطع عن ٦ كيلو أمبير عند ٢٢٠ فولت ومعامل قدرة يتراوح بين ٠.٥ - ٠.٦ .
ويجب أن تطابق هذه القواطع المواصفات القياسية المصرية أو المواصفات العالمية IEC 898 .

ب - قواطع الدوائر للحماية ضد التسرب الأرضي

Earth leakage protective circuit breakers

تعمل هذه القواطع وسائل حماية الأشخاص ضد اللمس المباشر ، وتحقق هذه الحماية بالنسبة للشخص الواقع تحت تأثير جهد اللمس بأن يقوم القاطع بمنع مرور أي تيار ميثقي فيه تزيد قيمته عن قيمة محدودة (هي تيار تشغيل القاطع المتقن) ويقوم القاطع بفصل الدائرة تلقائياً (أوتوماتيكياً) خلال جزء من الثانية .
وتكون هذه القواطع ثنائية أو رباعية الأقطاب ومقننة لتيارات التسرب اللازمة لتشغيلها ويوجد نوعين من هذه القواطع :

CIRCUIT BREAKER : القواطع

Factor to guarantee breaker doesn't heat up

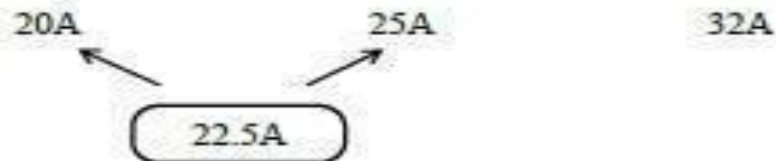
$$I_{CB} = \text{FACTOR} \times I_{Load}$$



$$I_{CB} = 1.25 \times 18 = 22.5 \text{ Amp.}$$

(But there is no C.B with $I_r = 22.5A$)

So, from C.B standard:-



So, Select **C.B = 25 Amp.**



Circuit Breaker Ratings																										
10	16	20	25	32	40	50	63	80	100	125	160	200	250	400	630	800	1000	1250	1600	2000	2500	3200	4000	5000	6300	8000
MCB											ACB															
MCCB																										

FUSES: المصهرات

- Protects electric circuits same like circuit breakers but differs as:

- 1- lower cost compared to CB
 - 2- Faster than CB in disconnection
 - 3- changeable each time fault occurs
- on the other hand CB are changed if short circuit current occurs.

- Typical types are:

1- Thermal fuses

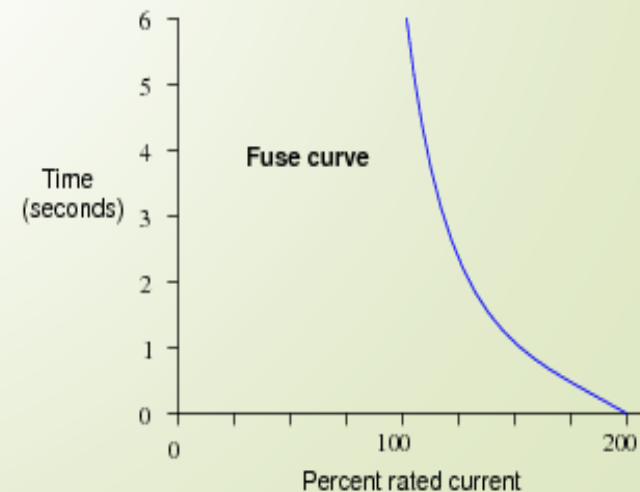
2- **Cartridge fuse** (ceramic and contains silicon sand for arc extinguish). Doesn't distinguish between overload and short circuit



thermal



cartridge



FUSES: المصهرات

3- High rupture capacity fuse:

- ceramic cartridge inside it a thin pure silver wire and silicon/Quartz sand filling.
- can distinguish between overload and short circuit and can be equipped with fault indicator
- Fuses are available in ratings up to 1250A at low voltages and, say, 100A at 11kV.



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FUSES: المصهرات

IEC standards define two classes of fuse:

- Those intended for domestic installations, manufactured in the form of a cartridge for rated currents up to 100A and designated type **gG** in IEC269-3, where 'G' indicates *general application*.
- Those for industrial use, with cartridge types designated gG (general use); and **gM** and **aM** (for motor-circuits) in IEC269-1 and 2.
- A more recent development has been the adoption by the IEC of a fuse-type **gM** for motor protection, designed to cover starting, and short-circuit conditions.