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## NEMA SIZE 4 SINGLE POLE L LINE-ARC CONTACTOR

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### FOLIO 3A

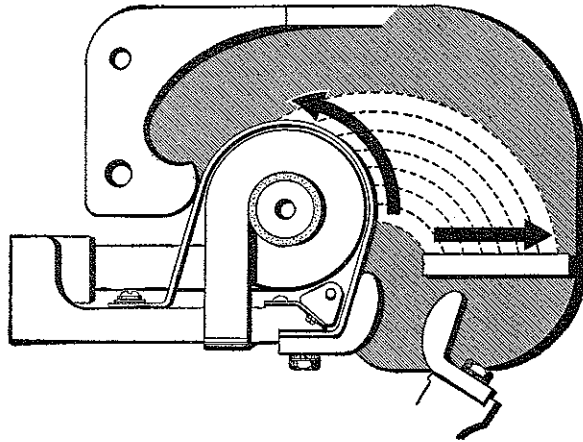
### FOR DC OPERATION

### I N S T R U C T I O N S

TYPE L LINE-ARC CONTACTORS are general purpose, direct current magnetic contactors.

| Contactor Size |       | Continuous Rating Amperes | Crane and Mill Rating Amperes | Rupturing Capacity Amperes |
|----------------|-------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| NEMA           | EC&M  |                           |                               |                            |
| No. 4          | No. 2 | 150                       | 200                           | 1500                       |

**LINE-ARC:** These contactors derive their name from the manner in which they handle the arc. The Line-Arc principle of controlling the arc is simple... and automatic. There is nothing to adjust or wear out. At the instant the contacts start to separate, the arc is automatically transferred from the contacts to the arcing plate and circular guard over the blowout coil. The arc, as it travels along the arcing plate and circular guard, is stretched out in a line centered between the arc shields. Hence—cool contacts and the name Line-Arc.



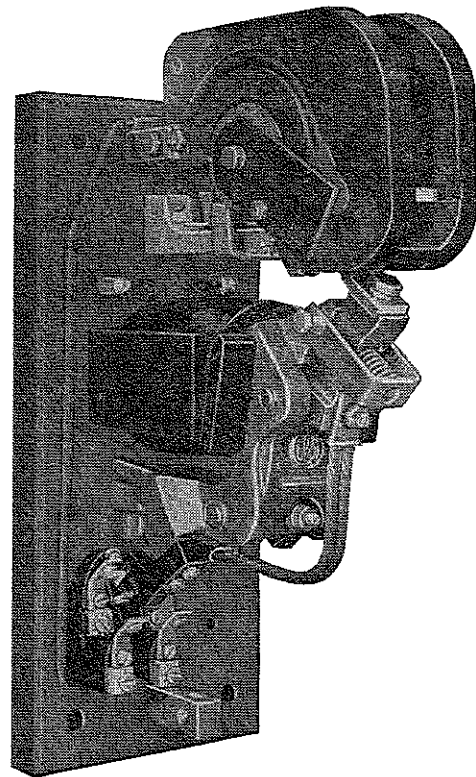
**CAUTION**—Before operating the contactor under load, be sure that the arc shield is lowered in its proper position.

**INSTALLATION:** Mount the contactors vertically on rigid supports with at least 3" clearance above and in front of the arc shields to provide the proper distance for arcing clearance and also for removal of the arc shields. The life of the contactor will be considerably prolonged by installing it in a clean, dry place, preferably in a cabinet and as free as possible from external vibration or shock.

**MAGNET AIR GAP:** To insure quick release of the magnet arm, an air gap of .034" minimum and .049" maximum is provided between the magnet arm and the front ends of the U-shaped frame. See that the magnet faces are free from oil or sticky foreign material.

**BEARINGS:** Type L contactors are equipped with Nitralloy pins and oil-filled bearings. These bearings are self-lubricating and require no lubrication in the field.

**OPERATING COILS:** These contactors will operate satisfactorily on 80% of normal control voltage when the coils are hot and will hold in on 20% of normal voltage. The coils will stand 110% of normal voltage continuously.



Contactors for 115 and 230 volt service are supplied with continuous capacity coils. Contactors for 550 volt service are supplied with a 230 volt coil and suitable resistor mounted on the back of the base.

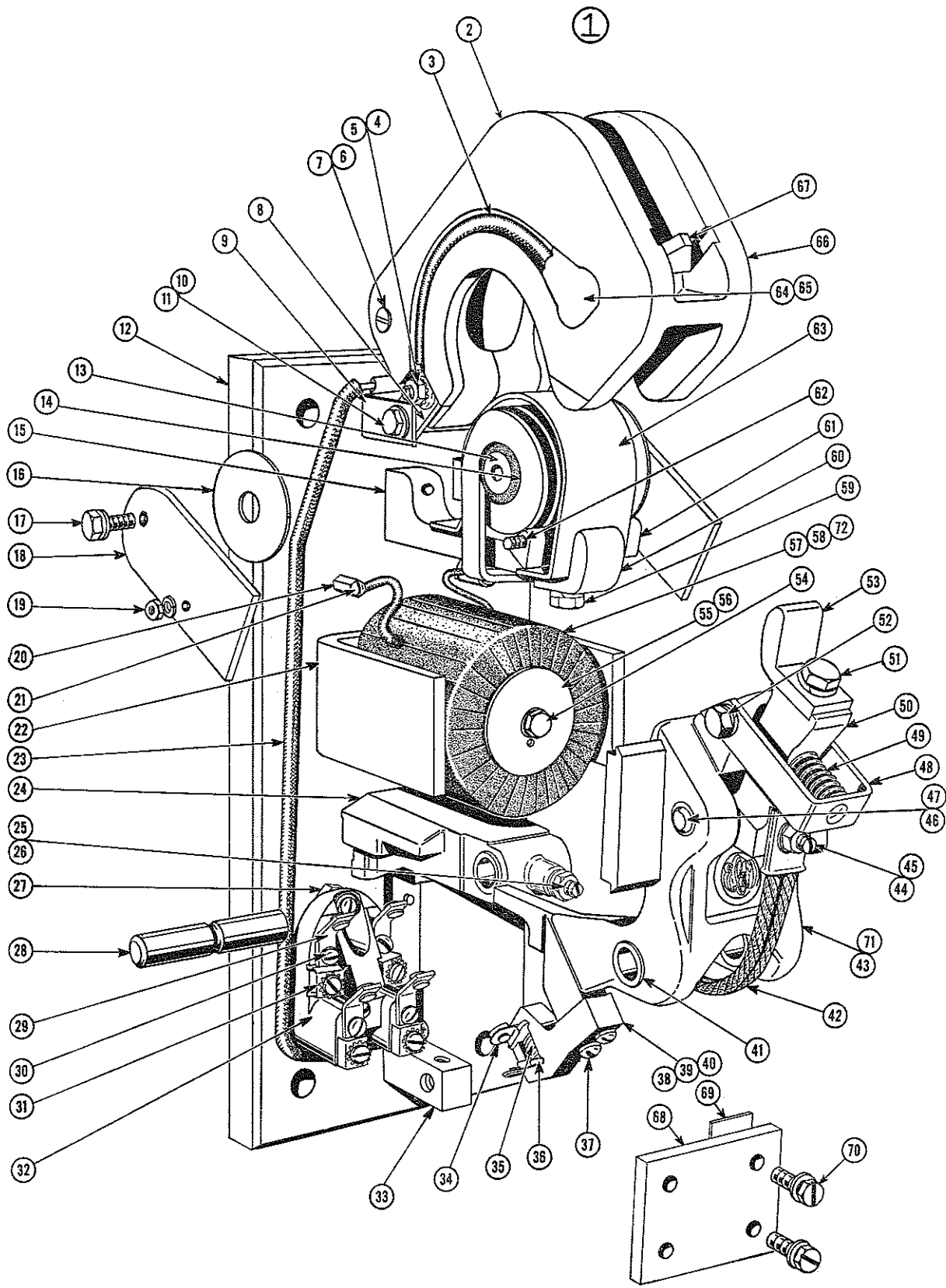
To remove the operating coil, first back out the magnet arm pin set-screw and remove the magnet arm pin. The magnet arm may then be lowered to remove the operating coil.

**ELECTRICAL INTERLOCKS:** These consist of stationary contacts mounted on the base and a moving contact attached to the bottom of the magnet arm. The moving contact should provide 1/8" follow-up when the magnet arm reaches its limit of travel, either completely closed or completely opened. The rating of these electrical interlocks is as follows:

|      | Max. Inrush | Cont. Amps. | Rupturing Capacity Amps. Inductive |        |        |        |
|------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
|      |             |             | 115 V.                             | 250 V. | 440 V. | 550 V. |
| A.C. | 30          | 15          | 10                                 | 10     | 5      | 5      |
| D.C. | 30          | 15          | 2.5                                | 1.0    | .4     | .4     |

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### NEMA SIZE 4 SINGLE POLE L LINE-ARC CONTACTOR, FOLIO 3A



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| Item No. | List No.       | Description  | Item No. | List No.      | Description   |
|----------|----------------|--|----------|---------------|---|
| 1        | LT-2024-A      | Assembled Arc Shield.....  | 36       | EL-87         | Spring Retainer, 2 req'd.....   |
| 2        | LT-2035        | Arc Shield, Left Hand.....   | 37       |               | 10-24x $\frac{7}{8}$ " R. Stl. Machine Screw and Lk. Washer.....                  |
| 3        | LT-1081        | Arc Plate Connector, 2 req'd. ....   | 38       | EL-1-A        | Control Circuit Arm, Complete, For Open Or Closed Control Circuit.....            |
| 4        |                | $\frac{1}{4}$ "-20x $2\frac{1}{4}$ " H.I. Cap Screw, Nut and Shake-Proof Lk. Washer..... | 39       | EL-2-A        | Control Circuit Arm, Complete, For Open And Closed Control Circuit.....           |
| 5        | ZO-1150        | Cup Washer.....  | 40       | EL-47         | Control Circuit Arm, Only.....  |
| 6        | FP-23A13       | Binding Nut.....   | 41       | FP-24B13      | Bearing, 2 req'd. Pressed Into Magnet Arm.....                                    |
| 7        | FP-23A36       | Binding Screw.....   | †42      | LT-2025 A     | Connector.....  |
| 8        | LT-1049        | Arc Shield Hinge, 2 req'd.....   | 43       | L-2013-A      | Assembled Magnet Arm, Complete With Bearings, Item 41 and 47.....                 |
| 9        | LT-2050        | Arc Shield Clip.....   | 44       | LT-1443       | Set Screw.....  |
| 10       | BS-0302-004-01 | Spring Washer, 2 req'd.....  | 45       |               | $\frac{1}{4}$ "-20 H.I. Nut, Std. I. Washer and Lk. Washer                        |
| 11       |                | $\frac{1}{4}$ "-20x $2\frac{1}{4}$ " H.I. Cap Screw and H.I. Nut.....                    | 46       | LT-2038       | Auxiliary Arm Pin.....  |
| 12       |                | Base, Advise Thickness And Number of Poles.....  | 47       | FP-24B12      | Bearing, 2 req'd., Pressed Into Magnet Arm....                                    |
| 13       | LT-2039        | Blowout Core.....  | 48       | L-1021        | Spring Bracket.....   |
| 14       | LT-2074        | Insulator For Blowout Core.....  | †49      | L-2027        | Contact Spring.....   |
| 15       | L-2730-A       | Blowout Coil and Contact Bracket.....  | 50       | LT-2028-A     | Assembled Auxiliary Arm.....  |
| 16       | LT-1075        | Insulator For Blowout Ear, 2 req'd.....  | 51       |               | $\frac{5}{16}$ "-18x $\frac{3}{4}$ " H.I. Cap Screw and Lk. Washer....            |
| 17       |                | $\frac{1}{4}$ "-20x $\frac{1}{2}$ " H.I. Cap Screw and Lk. Washer, 2 req'd.....          | 52       |               | $\frac{1}{4}$ "-20x $\frac{1}{2}$ " H.I. Cap Screw and Lk. Washer, 2 req'd.....   |
| 18       | LT-1052        | Blowout Ear, 2 req'd.....  | ●†53     | A50005-008-02 | Contact Tip.....  |
| 19       |                | 10-24 H.I. Nut and Lk. Washer, 2 req'd.....  | 54       |               | $\frac{1}{4}$ "-20x $\frac{3}{4}$ " Everdur Hex. Machine Bolt and Lk. Washer..... |
| 20       | L-1721         | Coil Terminal Stud, 2 req'd.....   | 55       | L-2015-A      | Assembled Core.....   |
| 21       |                | 10-24x $\frac{3}{8}$ " R. Stl. Machine Screw.....  | 56       | L-1026        | Core Cap.....   |
| 22       | L-2018-A       | Frame.....   | ●†57     | L-2011-AE     | Coil, For 115 Volt Single Pole, Only.....   |
| ●*23     | L-1705-A       | Blowout Connector.....   | ●†58     | L-2010-AE     | Coil, For 230 Volt Single Pole, Only.....   |
| 24       | LT-2029-A      | Magnet Arm Bracket.....  | 59       |               | $\frac{5}{16}$ "-18x $\frac{3}{4}$ " H.I. Cap Screw and Lk. Washer                |
| 25       | LT-1443        | Set Screw.....   | ●†60     | A50005-008-02 | Contact Tip.....  |
| 26       |                | $\frac{1}{4}$ " 20 H.I. Nut and Lk. Washer.....  | 61       | LT-2064       | Blowout Ear Spacer.....   |
| 27       | EL-110         | Stud.....  | 62       | LT-2072       | Stud, For Blowout Ear Spacer.....   |
| 28       | LT-2037        | Magnet Arm Pin.....  | 63       | LT-2265-A     | Blowout Guard.....  |
| †29      | EL-109-A       | Assembled Contact.....   | 64       |               | 8-32x $\frac{3}{4}$ " F.I. Machine Screw, (not shown) 2 req'd.....                |
| 30       |                | 10-32x $\frac{3}{8}$ " R. Stl. Machine Screw and Lk. Washer.....                         | 65       |               | $\frac{1}{32}$ "x $\frac{1}{2}$ " Cup Washer, (not shown) 2 req'd.                |
| 31       | FP-28H1-10     | Terminal.....  | 66       | LT-2036       | Arc Shield, Right Hand.....   |
| 32       | EL-100-A       | Contact Block.....   | 67       | LT-2032       | Arc Plate.....  |
| 33       | L-1709         | Terminal Bracket.....  |          |               |   |
| †34      | EL-84-A        | Contact Bridge, 1 req'd. for Item 38, 2 req'd. for Item 39.....                          |          |               |   |
| †35      | EL-49          | Spring.....  |          |               |   |

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For this type contactor, the following parts are used.

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|----------|----------|--|
| 12       |          | Base, Advise Thickness And Number of Poles....   |
| 68       | L-1036   | Tie Bar.....   |
| 69       | L-1034   | Tie Bar Spacer, As Required.....   |
| 70       |          | $\frac{1}{4}$ "-20x $\frac{3}{4}$ " Hex. Stl. Slotted Hd. Machine Screw, Blk. Burr and Lk. Washer, 4 req'd.... |
| 71       | L-2083-A | Assembled Magnet Arm.....  |
| †72      |          | Operating Coil, Advise Voltage And Number of Poles.....  |

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**MAIN CONTACTS:** These are made of pure copper by a special forging process to give high Brinell hardness throughout their entire thickness. These contacts close with a slight rolling action, there is no wiping action.

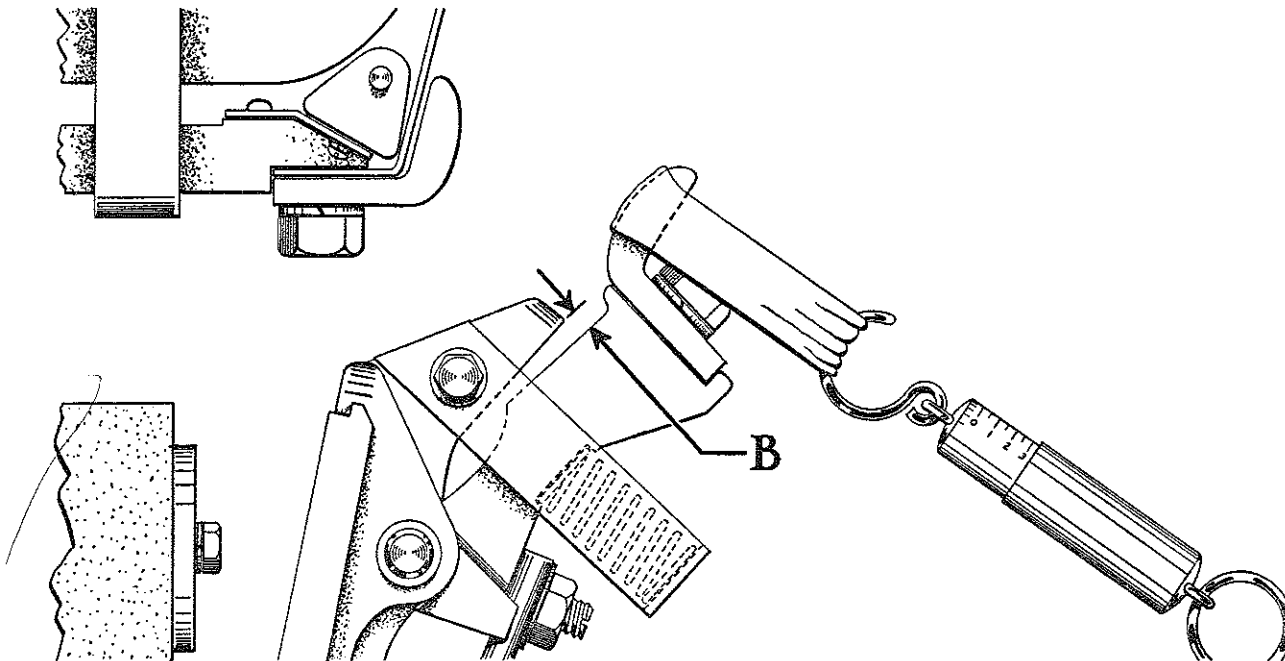
The stationary and moving contacts may wear unequally, depending upon polarity. It may not be necessary to change both contact tips when replacement is necessary. The best operation is obtained with positive connected to the stationary contact and negative to the moving contact. Wiring diagrams are so arranged by the Square D Company.

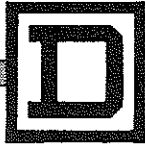
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To check spring pressures, a spring balance may be used with a tape on the hook passing around the contact tip at its point of contact and pulled at right angles to the auxiliary contact arm, as shown in the sketch below. Contact pressure is correct if the balance scale shows a pull as given in the following table with the arm just leaving its stop at "B".

| OPENING WHEN NEW                                |         |
|---|---------|
| Opening at "B" with Contactor fully Closed..... | .220"   |
| CONTACT PRESSURE IN POUNDS                      |         |
| Surfaces at "B" just breaking (new or old)..... | 3.0-3.5 |
| Sealed, Contactor fully closed (when new).....  | 5.0-5.5 |





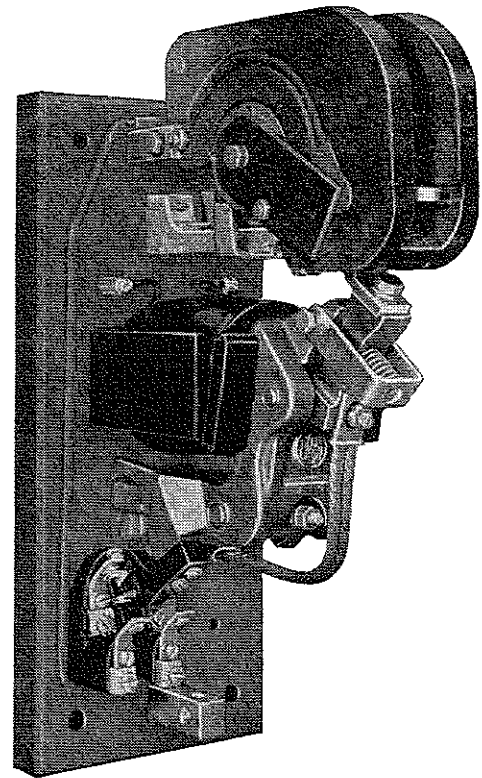
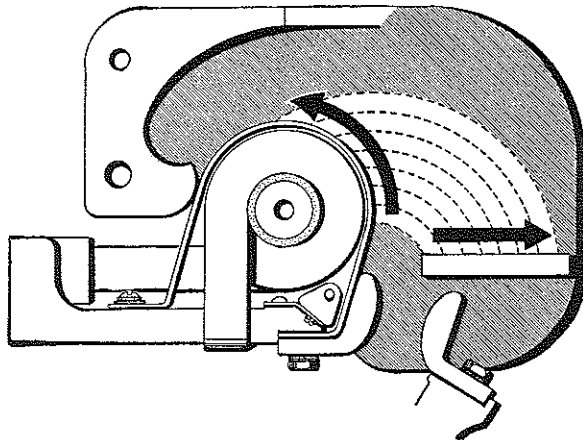
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FRONT CONNECTED  
FOLIO 3A  
FOR DC OPERATION**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

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|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| No. 4                  | 150                          | 200                              | 1500                          |

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**BEARINGS:** Type I contactors are equipped with Nitralloy pins and oil-filled bearings. These bearings are self-lubricating and require no lubrication in the field.

**OPERATING COILS:** These contactors will operate satisfactorily on 80% of normal control voltage when the coils are hot and will hold in on 20% of normal voltage. The coils will stand 110% of normal voltage continuously.

Contactors for 115 and 230 volt service are supplied with continuous capacity coils. Contactors for 550 volt service are supplied with a 230 volt coil and suitable resistor mounted on the back of the base.

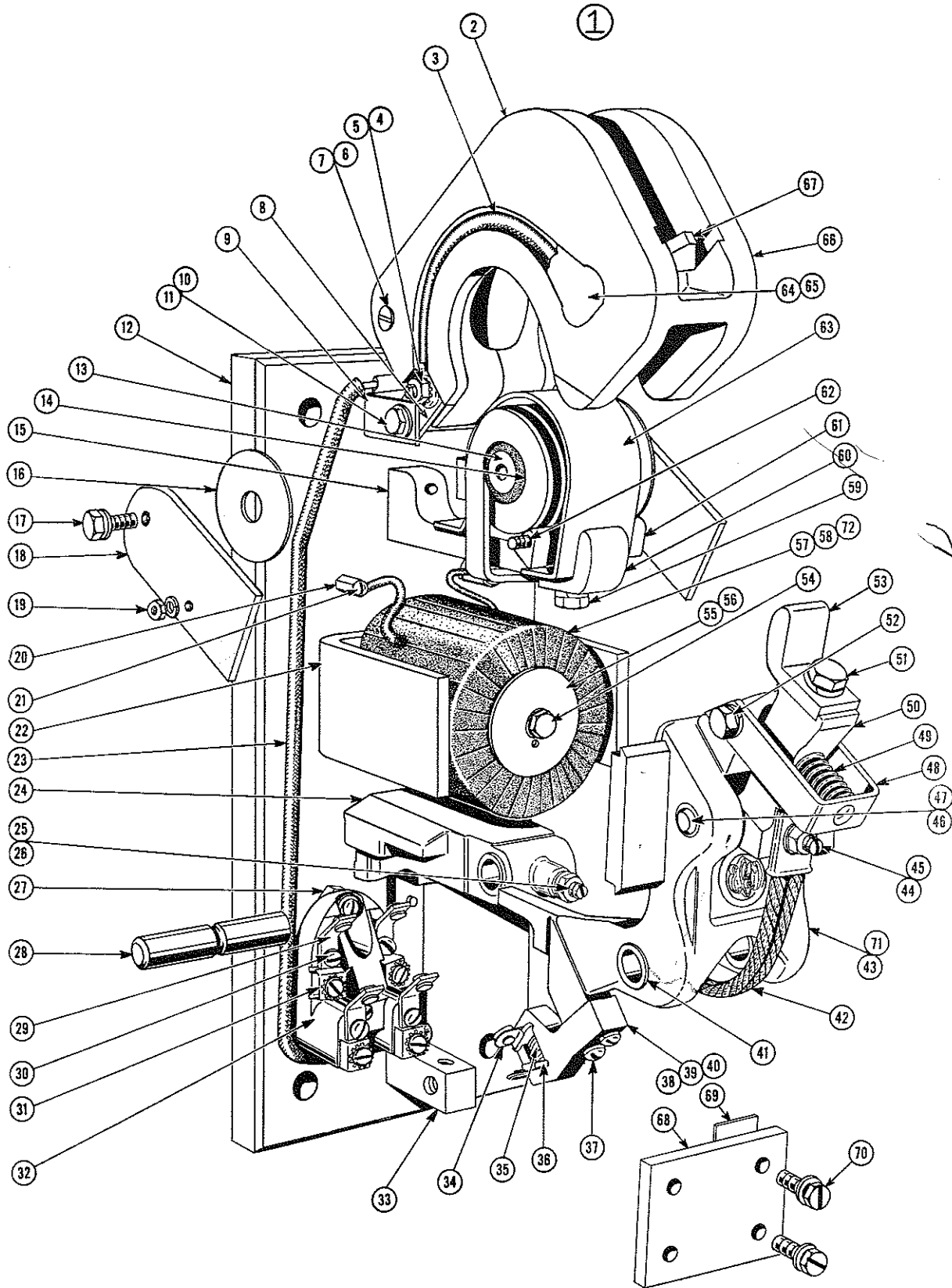
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|      | Max. Inrush | Cont. Amps. | Rupturing Capacity Amps. Inductive |        |        |        |
|------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
|      |             |             | 115 V.                             | 250 V. | 440 V. | 550 V. |
| A.C. | 30          | 15          | 10                                 | 10     | 5      | 5      |
| D.C. | 30          | 15          | 2.5                                | 1.0    | .4     | .4     |

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NEMA SIZE 4 SINGLE POLE L LINE-ARC CONTACTOR, FOLIO 3A



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|----------|------------------------|--|----------|-------------------------|---|
| ✓1       | LT-2024-A              | Assembled Arc Shield.....  | 36       | <del>EL-87</del>        | Spring Retainer, 2 req'd. <i>51075-040-01</i>                                     |
| 2        | <del>LT-2035</del>     | Arc Shield, Left Hand <i>NOT FOR SALE</i>  | 37       |                         | 10-24x $\frac{3}{8}$ " R. Stl. Machine Screw and Lk. Washer.....                  |
| 3        | <del>LT-1001</del>     | Arc Plate Connector, 2 req'd. <i>NO. 504</i>   | 38       | <del>EL-1-A</del>       | Control Circuit Arm, Complete, For Open Or  |
| 4        |                        | $\frac{1}{4}$ "-20x $2\frac{1}{4}$ " H.I. Cap Screw, Nut and Shake-Proof Lk. Washer..... |          | <i>51075-022-50</i>     | Closed Control Circuit.....   |
| 5        | <del>ZO-TT50</del>     | Cup Washer.....  | 39       | <del>EL-2-A</del>       | Control Circuit Arm, Complete, For Open And Closed Control Circuit.....           |
| 6        | <del>4418-1440</del>   | Binding Nut <i>NOT FOR SALE</i>  | 40       | <del>EL-47</del>        | Control Circuit Arm, Only.....  |
| 7        | <del>2303-1440</del>   | Binding Screw <i>NOT FOR SALE</i>  | 41       | <del>FP-24B13</del>     | Bearing, 2 req'd. Press <i>29005-32220</i>  |
| 8        | LT-1049                | Arc Shield Hinge, 2 req'd. ....  | 42       | LT-2025 A               | Connector.....  |
| 9        | LT-2050                | Arc Shield Clip.....   | 43       | L-2013-A                | Assembled Magnet Arm, Complete With Bearings, Item 41 and 47.....                 |
| 10       | <del>85-302-3044</del> | Spring Washer, 2 req'd. ....   | 44       | <del>LT-1443</del>      | Set Screw <i>21802-20360</i>  |
| 11       |                        | $\frac{1}{4}$ "-20x $2\frac{1}{4}$ " H.I. Cap Screw and H.I. Nut.....                    | 45       |                         | $\frac{1}{4}$ "-20 H.I. Nut, Std. I. Washer and Lk. Washer                        |
| 12       |                        | Base, Advise Thickness And Number of Poles.....  | 46       | <del>LT-2038</del>      | Auxiliary Arm Pin.....  |
| 13       | LT-2039                | Blowout Core.....  | 47       | <del>FP-24B12</del>     | Bearing, 2 req'd., Pres <i>29005-24161</i>  |
| 14       | LT-2074                | Insulator For Blowout Core.....  | 48       | L-1021                  | Spring Bracket.....   |
| 15       | L-2730-A               | Blowout Coil and Contact Bracket.....  | 49       | L-2027                  | Contact Spring.....   |
| 16       | LT-1075                | Insulator For Blowout Ear, 2 req'd. ....   | 50       | LT-2028-A               | Assembled Auxiliary Arm.....  |
| 17       |                        | $\frac{1}{4}$ "-20x $\frac{1}{2}$ " H.I. Cap Screw and Lk. Washer, 2 req'd. ....         | 51       |                         | $\frac{5}{16}$ "-18x $\frac{3}{4}$ " H.I. Cap Screw and Lk. Washer....            |
| 18       | LT-1052                | Blowout Ear, 2 req'd. ....   | 52       |                         | $\frac{1}{4}$ "-20x $\frac{1}{2}$ " H.I. Cap Screw and Lk. Washer, 2 req'd. ....  |
| 19       |                        | 10-24 H.I. Nut and Lk. Washer, 2 req'd. ....   | 53       | <del>44005-105-02</del> | Contact Tip <i>50005-120-02</i>   |
| 20       | <del>LT-1721</del>     | Coil Terminal Stud, 2 req'd. ....  | 54       |                         | $\frac{1}{4}$ "-20x $\frac{3}{4}$ " Everdur Hex. Machine Bolt and Lk. Washer..... |
| 21       |                        | 10-24x $\frac{3}{8}$ " R. Stl. Machine Screw.....  | 55       | <del>LT-2015-A</del>    | Assembled Core.....   |
| 22       | <del>LT-2018-A</del>   | Frame.....   | 56       | L-1026                  | Core Cap.....   |
| 23       | <del>LT-1705-A</del>   | Blowout Connector.....   | 57       | L-2011-AE               | Coil, For 115 Volt Single Pole, Only.....   |
| 24       | LT-2029-A              | Magnet Arm Bracket.....  | 58       | L-2010-AE               | Coil, For 230 Volt Single Pole, Only.....   |
| 25       | LT-1443                | Set Screw <i>21802-20360</i>   | 59       |                         | $\frac{5}{16}$ "-18x $\frac{3}{4}$ " H.I. Cap Screw and Lk. Washer                |
| 26       |                        | $\frac{1}{4}$ " 20 H.I. Nut and Lk. Washer.....  | 60       | <del>44005-105-02</del> | Contact Tip <i>50005-120-02</i>   |
| 27       | <del>EL-110</del>      | Stud.....  | 61       | LT-2064                 | Blowout Ear Spacer.....   |
| 28       | <del>LT-2032</del>     | Magnet Arm Pin.....  | 62       | <del>LT-2072</del>      | Stud, For Blowout Ear Spacer.....   |
| 29       | EL-109-A               | Assembled Contact.....   | 63       | LT-2265-A               | Blowout Guard.....  |
| 30       | <i>21916-17120</i>     | 10-32x $\frac{3}{4}$ " R. Stl. Machine Screw and Lk. Washer.....                         | 64       |                         | 8-32x $\frac{3}{4}$ " F.I. Machine Screw, (not shown) 2 req'd. ....               |
| 31       | <del>FP-2841-10</del>  | Terminal.....  | 65       |                         | $\frac{1}{32}$ "x $\frac{1}{2}$ " Cup Washer, (not shown) 2 req'd. ....           |
| 32       | <del>EL-100-A</del>    | Contact Block.....   | 66       | <del>LT-2036</del>      | Arc Shield, Right Hand <i>NOT FOR SALE</i>  |
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| 35       | <del>EL-49</del>       | Spring <i>50302-602-38</i>   |          |                         |   |

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| 69       | <del>L-1034</del>   | Tie Bar Spacer, As Required.....   |
| 70       |                     | $\frac{1}{4}$ "-20x $\frac{3}{4}$ " Hex. Stl. Slotted Hd. Machine Screw, Blk. Burr and Lk. Washer, 4 req'd. .... |
| 71       | <del>L-2083-A</del> | Assembled Magnet Arm.....  |
| 72       |                     | Operating Coil, Advise Voltage And Number of Poles.....  |

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| CONTACT PRESSURE IN POUNDS                      |         |
| Surfaces at "B" just breaking (new or old)..... | 3.0-3.5 |
| Sealed, Contactor fully closed (when new).....  | 5.0-5.5 |

