Product Data

Class 110

Subject: DATE CODE SYSTEM

Merchandised distribution equipment and molded case circuit breakers are date coded to identify the time of manufacture. This code is useful in tracing equipment having design changes and in pinpointing areas and assembly periods. The date code is placed separately or hand-stamped and should not be confused with label numbers, etc.

IMPORTANT: ALWAYS OBTAIN THE DATE CODE WHEN INVESTIGATING A COMPLAINT ON ANY DEVICE.

PRE-1950 DATE CODE SYSTEM

Two methods below were in use prior to 1950. It can not be determined as to exactly when and where these methods were used; however, this information in conjunction with the equipment appearance and years in service should enable a date of manufacture to be determined.

(1) H U 065

Month — Year — Operator Number

Month	Year
A = Jan.	A = 1928
B = Feb.	B = 1929
C = Mar.	C = 1930
D = Apr.	D = 1931
E = May	E = 1932
F = June	F = 1933
G = July	G = 1934
H = Aug.	H = 1935
I = Sept.	I = 1936
J = Oct.	J = 1937
K = Nov.	K = 1938
L = Dec.	L = 1939
	M = 1940
	N = 1941
	O = 1942
	P = 1943
	R = 1944
	S = 1945
	T = 1946
	U = 1947
	V = 1948
	W = 1949

(2) SM QD QM 065

Month — Day of Month — Year — Operator Number

Month	Day of Month
S = 1	D = 7
Q = 2	
U = 3	C = 8
A = 4	O = 9
R = 5	M = 0
E = 6	

1950-1955 DATE CODE SYSTEM

Between 1950 and 1955, the method below was used to date code load centers, safety switches and some circuit breakers manufactured in Detroit.

H A 065

Month — Year — Operator Number

Month	Year
A = Jan.	X = 1950
B = Feb.	Y = 1951
C = Mar.	Z = 1952
D = Apr.	A = 1953
E = May	B = 1954
F = June	C = 1955
G = July	
H = Aug.	
J = Sept.	
K = Oct.	
L = Nov.	
M = Dec.	

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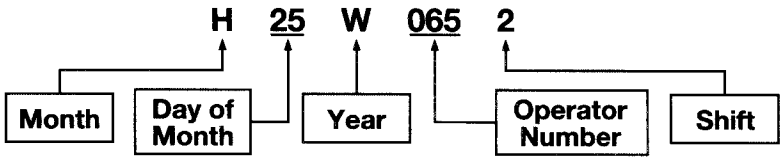
1956 AND LATER DATE CODE SYSTEM

The current date code system was adopted in 1956 and has been in use since that time on all distribution equipment and circuit breaker products. The only exception was high volume QO circuit breakers, where the UL manifest number was used to establish the date of manufacture prior to December, 1975. In December, 1975 the Lincoln plant began stamping the month and year code only on the manifest label of QO circuit breakers. The date code system is illustrated below.



Month	Day of Month	Year	Operator Number	Shift
A = Jan.	A = 1950, 1971, 1992	A = 1950, 1971, 1992		1 = 1st
B = Feb.	B = 1951, 1972, 1993	B = 1951, 1972, 1993		2 = 2nd
C = Mar.	C = 1952, 1973, 1994	C = 1952, 1973, 1994		3 = 3rd
D = Apr.	D = 1953, 1974, 1995	D = 1953, 1974, 1995		
E = May	E = 1954, 1975, 1996	E = 1954, 1975, 1996		
F = June	F = 1955, 1976, 1997	F = 1955, 1976, 1997		
G = July	G = 1956, 1977, 1998	G = 1956, 1977, 1998		
H = Aug.	H = 1957, 1978, 1999	H = 1957, 1978, 1999		
J = Sept.	J = 1958, 1979, 2000	J = 1958, 1979, 2000		
K = Oct.	K = 1959, 1980	K = 1959, 1980		
L = Nov.	L = 1960, 1981	L = 1960, 1981		
M = Dec.	M = 1961, 1982	M = 1961, 1982		
	N = 1962, 1983	N = 1962, 1983		
	P = 1963, 1984	P = 1963, 1984		
	R = 1964, 1985	R = 1964, 1985		
	S = 1965, 1986	S = 1965, 1986		
	T = 1966, 1987	T = 1966, 1987		
	U = 1967, 1988	U = 1967, 1988		
	V = 1968, 1989	V = 1968, 1989		
	W = 1969, 1990	W = 1969, 1990		
	X = 1970, 1991	X = 1970, 1991		
	Y = 1971, (Peru plant only • 1st 6 mos.)	Y = 1971, (Peru plant only • 1st 6 mos.)		

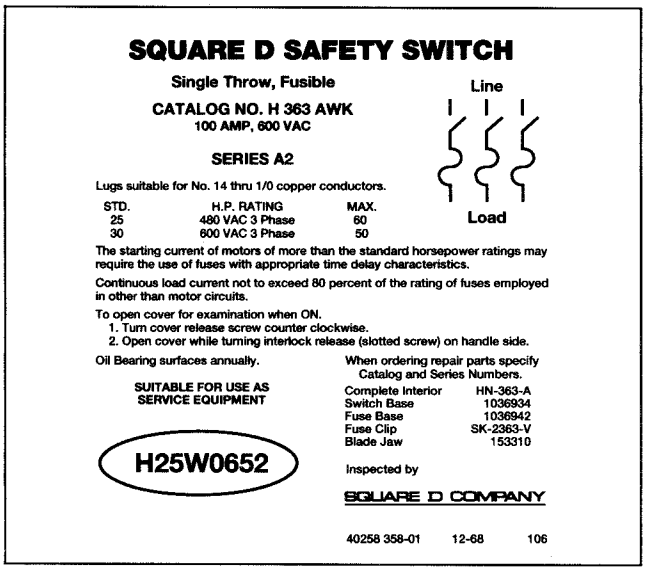
NOTE:

The letters "I", "O" and "Q" are not used in this date code system.

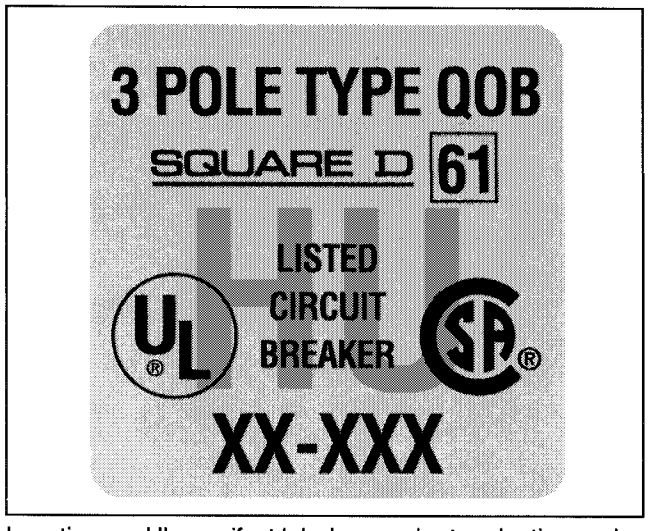
Variations in use of this date code system:
1. Month and year only. i.e. **BA**
2. Month, day and year. i.e. **B20A**
3. Month, day, year and shift. i.e. **B20A2**

LOCATION OF DATE CODE

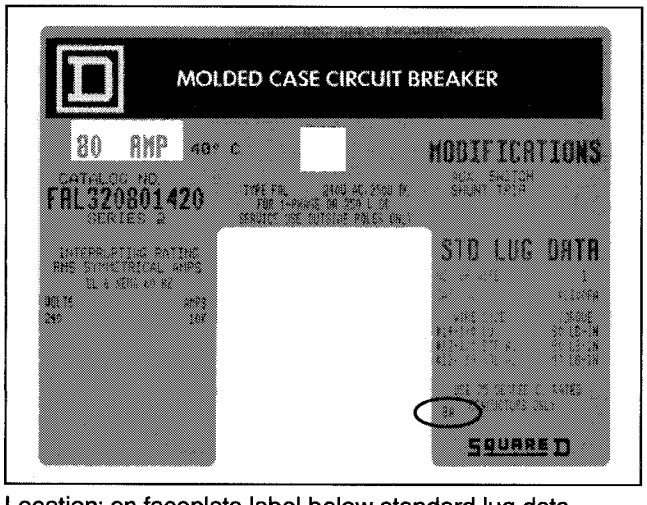
- QO® Load Centers - stamped on wiring diagram or box label
- Combination Service Equipment - stamped on wiring diagram
- Multi-Metering Equipment - stamped on wiring diagram
- Industrial Molded Case Breakers (including I-LINE®) - included on faceplate label on front of breaker since 1980.
- Enclosed Breakers - inside cover, or side of box.
- Merchandised NQO, NQOB, QMB and I-LINE Panelboards - stamped on interior pan at mains end
- QMB Fusible Units - stamped inside cover
- See page 3 for illustrations on safety switches and circuit breakers.



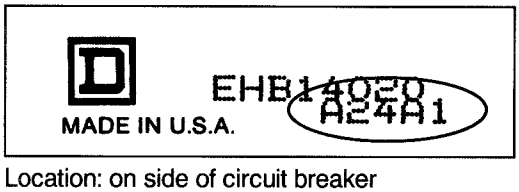
Location: inside cover



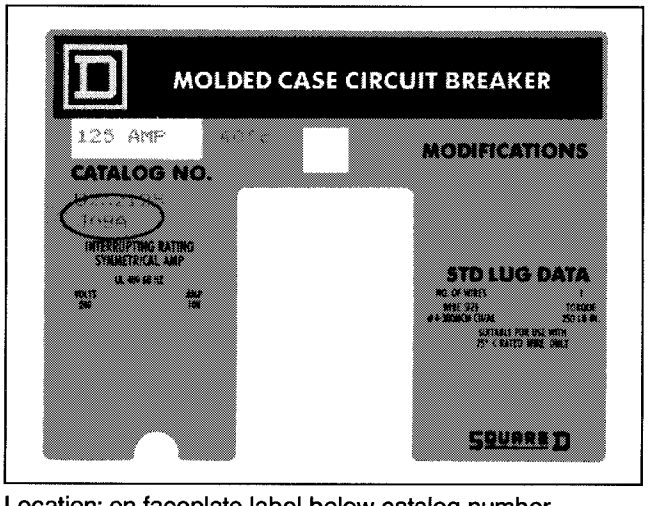
Location: on UL manifest label near wire termination end



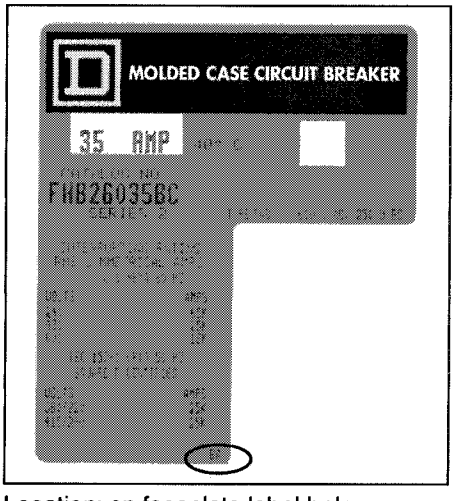
Location: on faceplate label below standard lug data



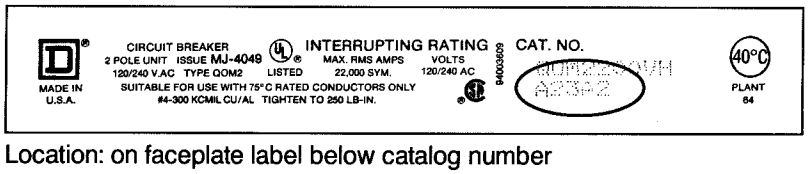
Location: on side of circuit breaker



Location: on faceplate label below catalog number



Location: on faceplate label below interrupting ratings data



Location: on faceplate label below catalog number