

Compact NSX circuit breakers may be used on 400 Hz systems.

400 Hz distribution systems

The main 400 Hz applications are in aeronautics and certain military ships. Modern aircraft have three-phase 115/200 V 400 Hz networks.

Impact on protective devices

Due to the higher frequency, circuit breakers are subjected to additional temperature rise for identical current levels, resulting from higher losses caused by Foucault currents and an increase in the skin effect (reduction in the useful CSA of conductors). To remain within the rated temperature-rise limits of devices, current derating is required.

The power levels of 400 Hz applications rarely exceed a few hundred kW with relatively low short-circuit currents, generally not exceeding four times the rated current.

The standard Compact NSX and Masterpact NT/NW ranges are suitable for 400 Hz applications if derating coefficients are applied to the protection settings. See the derating table below.

Breaking capacity of Compact NSX circuit breakers in 400 Hz, 440 V systems

Circuit breaker	Breaking capacity I _{cu}
NSX100	10 kA
NSX160	10 kA
NSX250	10 kA
NSX400	10 kA
NSX630	10 kA

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Micrologic TM-D trip unit.

Trip units equipped with thermal-magnetic protection

The 400 Hz current settings are obtained by multiplying the 50 Hz values by the following adaptation coefficient:

- K1 for thermal trip units
- K2 for magnetic trip units.

These coefficients are independent of the trip-unit setting.

Thermal trip units

The current settings are lower at 400 Hz than at 50 Hz ($K1 < 1$).

Magnetic trip units

The current settings are conversely higher at 400 Hz than at 50 Hz ($K2 > 1$). Consequently, when the trip units are adjustable, they must be set to the minimum value.

Adaptation coefficients for thermal-magnetic trip units

Circuit breaker	Trip unit	In (A) 50Hz	Thermal at 40°C		Im (A) 50Hz	Magnetic	
			K1	400 Hz		K2	400 Hz
NSX100	TM16G	16	0.95	15	63	1.6	100
	TM25G	25	0.95	24	80	1.6	130
	TM40G	40	0.95	38	80	1.6	130
	TM63G	63	0.95	60	125	1.6	200
NSX100	TM16D	16	0.95	15	240	1.6	300
	TM25D	25	0.95	24	300	1.6	480
	TM40D	40	0.95	38	500	1.6	800
	TM63D	63	0.95	60	500	1.6	800
	TM80D	80	0.9	72	650	1.6	900
	TM100D	100	0.9	90	800	1.6	900
NSX250	TM100D	100	0.9	90	800	1.6	900
	TM160D	160	0.9	144	1250	1.6	2000
	TM200D	200	0.9	180	1000 to 2000	1.6	1600 to 3200
	TM250D	250	0.9	225	1250 to 2500	1.6	2000 to 4000

Example

NSX100 equipped with a TM16G with 50 Hz settings $I_r = 16$ A and $I_m = 63$ A.
400 Hz settings $I_r = 16 \times 0.95 = 15$ A and $I_m = 63 \times 1.6 = 100$ A.

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Micrologic 5 E trip unit.

Protection (cont.)

Micrologic electronic trip units

Micrologic 2.2, 2.3 or 5.2, 5.3 with A or E measurement functions are suitable for 400 Hz. The use of electronics offers the advantage of greater operating stability when the frequency varies. However the units are still subject to temperature rise caused by the frequency.

The practical consequences are:

- limit settings: see the I_r derating table below
- the long-time, short-time and instantaneous pick-ups are not modified (see pages A-17 or A-19)
- the accuracy of the displayed measurements is 2 % (class II).

Thermal derating: maximum I_r setting

Circuit breaker	Maximum setting coefficient	Max. I_r setting at 400 Hz
NSX100	1	100
NSX250	0.9	225
NSX400	0.8	320
NSX630	0.8	500

Example

An NSX250N, equipped with a Micrologic 2.2, $I_r = 250$ A at 50 Hz, must be limited to use at $I_r = 250 \times 0.9 = 225$ A.

Its short-time pick-up with fixed time delay is adjustable from 1.5 to 10 I_r (60 to 400 A). The instantaneous pick-up remains at 3000 A.

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OF auxiliary contact.

OF auxiliary contacts in 400 Hz networks

Electrical characteristics of auxiliary contacts

Contacts	Standard		Low level		
	AC12	AC15	CA12	CA15	
Utilisation cat. (IEC 60947-5-1)	AC12	AC15	CA12	CA15	
Operational current (A)	24 V	6	5	3	
	48 V	6	5	3	
	110 V	6	5	2.5	
	220/240 V	6	4	5	2
	380/415 V	6	2	5	1.5

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MX or MN voltage release.

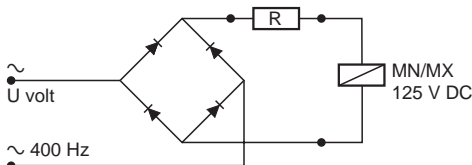
MN and MX voltage releases for Compact NSX100/630 at 400 Hz and 440 V

For circuit breakers on 400 Hz systems, only 125 V DC MN or MX releases may be used. The release must be supplied by the 400 Hz system via a rectifier bridge (to be selected from the table below) and an additional resistor with characteristics depending on the system voltage.

U (V) 400 Hz	Rectifier	Additional resistor
220/240 V	Thomson 110 BHz or General Instrument W06 or Semikron SKB at 1.2/1.3	4.2 k Ω -5 W
380/420 V	Semikron SKB at 1.2/1.3	10.7 k Ω -10 W

Note: other models of rectifier bridges may be used if their characteristics are at least equivalent to those stated above.

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Wiring diagram.

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SDx remote indication relay module with its terminal block.

SDx indication contacts

The SDx module may be used in 400 Hz systems for voltages from 24 to 440 V. An SDx relay module installed inside the circuit breaker can be used to remote the overload-trip signal.

This module receives the signal from the Micrologic electronic trip unit via an optical link and makes it available on the terminal block. The signal is cleared when the circuit breaker is closed.

These outputs can be reprogrammed to be assigned to other types of tripping or alarm (see page A-81).