

Thermal Unit Selection Guidelines

All thermal unit specifications are based on the motor and controller being operated in an ambient temp. of 40°C (104°F) or less.

A Regular Enclosure is defined as the standard-size enclosure that is included with an "enclosed" starter. The Large Enclosure column should be used when the starter is being installed in an oversized control panel or cabinet.

1. Determine motor full load current (amperage) rating and service factor.

2. Motor and controller in same ambient temp.:

For 1.15 to 1.25 service factor motors, use 100% of motor full load current for thermal unit selection. For 1.0 service factor motors, use 90% of motor full load current for thermal unit selection.

3. Motor and controller in different ambient temp.:

If motor ambient temp. is 18°F higher than motor starter's ambient temp., derate full load current value from step 2 by an additional 10%. If motor ambient temp. is 18°F lower than motor starter's ambient temp., increase full load current value from step 2 by an additional 5%. Use the resultant full load current value for thermal unit selection.

4. Locate the proper thermal unit selection column using the thermal unit code associated with the motor starter.

5. Match motor full load amperage to the closest thermal unit code without going over.

6. Do not exceed amp rating of motor starter.

7. 1-phase starters require 1 thermal unit. 3-phase starters require 3 thermal units.



Thermal Units for NEMA Motor Starters

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THERMAL UNIT CODES

1-Phase Class 8536						3-Phase Class 8536				1-Phase Class 8911					3-Phase Class 8911					1-Phase Class 2510M					3-Phase Class 2510M					Mfr.	Item
Regular Enclosure			Large Enclosure			Regular Enclosure		Large Enclosure		Regular Enclosure			Large Enclosure		Regular Enclosure		Large Enclosure			Regular Enclosure		Large Enclosure			Regular Enclosure		Large Enclosure				
A1-A3	A4	A5	B1-B3	B4	C1-C3	C4	D1-D3	D4	E1-E3	E4	E5	F1-F3	F4	F5	G1-G3	G4	G5	J2	K2	L2	J1	K1	L1	M2	N2	M1	N1	Model	No.		
0.34	—	—	0.36	—	0.34	—	0.36	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.36	0.36	0.37	0.37	B0.51	1H595		
0.45	—	—	0.48	—	0.44	—	0.46	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.47	0.47	0.48	0.48	B0.63	1H597		
0.54	—	—	0.57	—	0.53	—	0.55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.59	0.59	0.59	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.56	0.56	0.57	0.57	B0.71	1H598		
0.61	—	—	0.64	—	0.59	—	0.61	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.66	0.66	0.66	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.63	0.63	0.64	0.64	B0.81	1H599		
0.66	—	—	0.70	—	0.64	—	0.66	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.69	0.69	0.70	0.70	B0.92	1H600		
0.73	—	—	0.77	—	0.72	—	0.75	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.81	0.81	0.81	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.77	0.77	0.78	0.78	B1.03	1H601		
0.81	0.92	—	0.85	0.92	0.80	—	0.83	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.86	0.86	0.87	0.87	B1.16	1H602		
0.94	1.07	—	0.99	1.07	0.90	—	0.93	—	0.88	1.11	—	0.95	1.02	—	0.98	1.04	—	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.15	1.15	1.15	0.96	0.96	0.98	0.98	B1.30	1H603		
1.05	1.14	—	1.10	1.14	1.03	—	1.06	—	1.02	1.27	—	1.09	1.15	—	1.13	1.18	—	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.23	1.23	1.23	1.11	1.11	1.13	1.13	B1.45	1H604		
1.22	1.26	—	1.28	1.26	1.14	—	1.18	—	1.19	1.36	—	1.21	1.27	—	1.26	1.33	—	1.29	1.29	1.29	1.43	1.43	1.43	1.23	1.23	1.25	1.25	B1.67	1H605		
1.34	1.49	—	1.41	1.49	1.27	—	1.31	—	1.37	1.53	—	1.35	1.39	—	1.38	1.43	—	1.42	1.42	1.42	1.51	1.51	1.51	1.37	1.37	1.40	1.40	B1.88	1H606		
1.51	1.73	—	1.58	1.73	1.43	—	1.47	—	1.62	1.78	—	1.56	1.61	—	1.62	1.67	—	1.64	1.64	1.64	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.55	1.55	1.58	1.58	B2.10	1H614		
1.71	1.89	—	1.80	1.89	1.62	—	1.67	—	1.90	2.02	—	1.76	1.84	—	1.82	1.88	—	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.75	1.75	1.79	1.79	B2.40	1H615		
1.93	2.16	—	2.03	2.16	1.77	—	1.83	—	2.12	2.20	—	1.94	2.03	—	2.04	2.09	—	2.10	2.10	2.10	2.25	2.25	2.25	1.92	1.92	1.91	1.91	B2.65	1H616		
2.14	2.37	—	2.25	2.37	1.97	—	2.04	—	2.46	2.52	—	2.22	2.34	—	2.36	2.41	—	2.30	2.30	2.30	2.47	2.47	2.47	2.16	2.16	2.20	2.20	B3.00	1H620		
2.40	2.66	—	2.51	2.66	2.32	—	2.38	—	2.83	2.94	—	2.57	2.69	—	2.72	2.79	—	2.61	2.61	2.61	2.81	2.81	2.81	2.50	2.50	2.55	2.55	B3.00	1H621		
2.72	2.99	—	2.83	2.99	2.51	—	2.60	—	3.19	3.30	—	2.87	3.02	—	3.07	3.15	—	2.99	2.99	2.99	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.2	2.81	2.87	2.87	B3.70	1H622		
3.15	3.40	—	3.29	3.40	2.99	—	3.13	—	3.61	3.70	—	3.21	3.39	—	3.44	3.54	—	3.37	3.37	3.37	3.63	3.63	3.63	3.16	3.16	3.24	3.24	B4.15	1H625		
3.55	3.94	3.74	3.75	3.94	3.42	3.40	3.59	3.51	3.89	4.02	—	3.50	3.65	—	3.69	3.75	—	3.94	3.94	3.94	4.19	4.19	4.19	3.40	3.40	3.48	3.48	B4.55	1H626		
4.00	4.15	4.23	4.22	4.15	3.75	3.76	3.94	3.89	4.32	4.46	4.22	3.79	4.04	3.89	4.11	4.11	4.09	4.24	4.24	4.24	4.53	4.53	4.53	3.76	3.76	3.85	3.85	B5.50	1H629		
4.40	4.49	4.68	4.65	4.49	3.98	4.00	4.19	4.14	4.57	4.69	4.49	4.04	4.28	4.15	4.34	4.46	4.35	4.54	4.54	4.54	4.89	4.89	4.89	4	4.00	4.10	4.10	B6.25	1H632		
4.88	5.15	5.22	5.16	5.15	4.48	4.57	4.72	4.73	5.19	5.37	5.14	4.53	4.85	4.76	4.89	5.09	5.07	5.29	5.29	5.29	5.68	5.68	5.68	4.68	4.68	4.79	4.79	B6.90	1H633		
5.19	5.77	5.67	5.53	5.77	4.93	5.03	5.21	5.22	5.79	5.94	5.78	5.03	5.38	5.30	5.44	5.61	5.79	5.73	5.73	5.73	6.27	6.27	6.27	5.18	5.18	5.31	5.31	B7.70	1H635		
5.73	6.61	6.13	6.09	6.61	5.21	5.32	5.51	5.53	6.16	6.34	6.23	5.36	5.71	5.70	5.80	5.99	6.27	6.35	6.35	6.35	6.85	6.85	6.85	5.51	5.51	5.65	5.65	B8.20	1H638		
6.39	7.14	6.91	6.80	7.14	5.84	5.97	6.17	6.21	6.94	7.09	7.03	5.97	6.39	6.46	6.47	6.70	7.16	7.08	7.08	7.08	7.73	7.73	7.73	6.19	6.19	6.35	6.35	B9.10	1H640		
7.13	7.97	7.70	7.60	7.97	6.67	6.88	7.07	7.17	7.99	8.46	8.23	6.89	7.53	7.65	7.45	8.19	8.58	7.83	7.83	7.83	8.50	8.50	8.5	7.12	7.12	7.31	7.31	B10.2	1H607		
7.90	8.15	8.56	8.35	8.15	7.54	7.82	8.05	8.19	8.99	9.32	9.31	7.79	8.34	8.55	8.49	8.79	9.55	8.47	8.47	8.47	9.29	9.29	9.29	8.15	8.15	8.34	8.34	B11.5	1H608		
8.55	9.32	9.39	9.04	9.32	8.14	8.47	8.69	8.90	9.98	10.2	10.1	8.53	9.14	9.36	9.29	9.66	10.2	9.83	9.83	9.83	10.4	10.4	10.4	8.60	8.60	8.84	8.84	B12.8	1H609		
9.53	9.97	10.4	9.99	9.97	8.72	9.15	9.32	9.47	10.6	10.9	10.7	9.09	9.74	9.90	9.99	10.2	10.9	10.5	10.5	10.5	11.3	11.3	11.3	9.21	9.21	9.47	9.47	B14.0	1H610		
10.6	10.7	11.6	11.1	10.7	9.66	10.1	10.20	10.60	11.6	12.1	11.9	9.99	10.7	10.9	10.8	11.4	11.9	11.4	11.4	11.4	12.3	12.3	12.3	10.1	10.1	10.4	10.4	B15.5	1H611		
11.8	12.0	12.9	12.3	12.0	10.50	11.2	11.30	11.80	13.1	13.4	13.1	10.9	11.8	12.0	12.1	12.6	13.1	12.8	12.8	12.8	13.9	13.9	13.9	11.2	11.2	11.5	11.5	B17.5	1H612		
13.2	13.9	14.6	13.7	13.9	11.30	12.0	12.10	12.70	14.2	14.2	13.9	11.7	12.2	12.8	13.1	13.5	14.0	13.9	13.9	13.9	15.0	15	15	12	12.1	12.0	12.4	B19.5	1H613		
14.9	15.7	16.5	15.4	15.7	12.00	13.6	13.70	14.40	15.4	16.0	15.9	13.4	14.4	14.2	14.6	15.1	14.8	16.1	16.0	16.0	18.0	17.4	17.4	—	13.6	—	14.0	B22.0	1H617		
16.6	18.4	18.5	18.0	18.4	14.10	15.2	15.20	16.10	17.6	18.1	18.0	15.4	16.4	16.0	16.4	17.2	17.0	18.0	17.6	17.6	—	19.2	19.2	—	15.3	—	15.8	B25.0	1H618		
18.9	21.6	21.0	19.4	21.6	15.90	17.1	17.20	18.20	20.0	20.5	20.8	17.9	18.9	18.5	18.9	19.9	19.6	—	20.6	20.6	—	22	22.0	—	17.3	—	17.8	B28.0	1H619		
21.2	24.0	23.6	21.7	24.0	17.50	19.0	18.90	20.20	22.7	23.5	23.1	20.2	21.3	21.2	20.9	22.5	22.1	—	23.1	23.1	—	24.6	24.6	—	19.1	—	19.7	B32.0	1H623		
23.0	28.6	26.3	23.9	28.6	19.70	21.5	21.40	22.80	26.1	27.2	26.9	23.2	23.3	24.9	24.1	26.2	26.0	—	26.0	27.1	—	26	29.1	—	21.7	—	22.4	B36.0	1H624		
25.5	30.7	29.3	26.0	30.7	21.90	24.1	23.70	25.60	29.6	30.8	31.4	25.8	27.9	28.0	27.2	29.9	29.4	—	—	—	—	29.2	—	—	31.7	—	24.2	—	B40.0	1H627	
26.0	33.5	35.1	—	33.5	24.40	27.0	26.00	28.80	30.0	35.0	36.0	28.6	31.4	31.7	30.0	34.0	34.0	—	—	—	—	33.0	—	—	36.0	—	26.0	—	B45.0	1H628	
—	36.0	36.1	—	36.0	26.00	28.7	—	30.60	—	37.2	38.8	29.7	32.5	34.6	—	36.2	36.4	—	—	—	—	36.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	B50.0	1H630	
—	39.1	—	—	—	30.4	—	—	32.40	—	40.0	41.7	30.0	36.5	37.4	—	38.7	39.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	B56.0	1H631	
—	41.5	—	—	—	32.2	—	—	34.60	—	—	—	46.3	40.0	40.0	—	40.0	42.4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	B62.0	1H634	
—	45.00	—	—	—	35.2	—	—	38.60	—	—	—	50.0	—	—	—	46.4	49.3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	B70.0	1H636	
—	—	—	—	—	38.2	—	—	45.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	50.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	B79.0	1H637	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	B88.0	1H639	
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