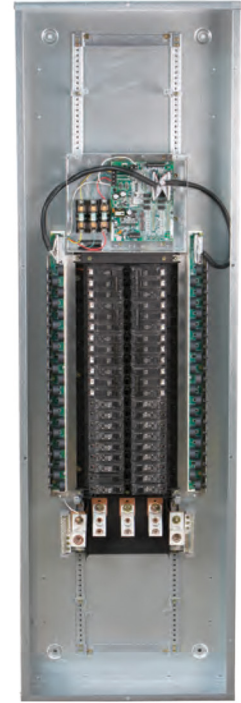




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# A-Series\* II Panelboard with Branch Circuit Monitoring Fact Sheet



## Overview

The Branch Circuit Monitoring (BCM) unit provides a cost-effective integrated solution for A-Series\* II Panelboard power monitoring and submetering applications. With exceptional performance, the BCM unit monitors key electrical parameters of the main circuit and various branch circuits coming into the panelboard. This information can be transmitted via the RS-485 communication system in order to analyze usage and identify potential cost saving measures and improve load management. Offering IEC Class 1 revenue grade metering accuracy, the revenue grade BCM meter can be used for tenant billing and cost allocation.

The A-Series\* II panelboard comes with the BCM unit completely integrated, including current transformers, eliminating the need for any field installation or modifications. This integrated solution can help you meet the Measurement and Verification points required by the LEED and GREEN building design.

A Split Core branch circuit monitor is now available as another option to the standard Solid Core monitoring feature. The Split Core Current Transformers allow the operator to monitor only the circuits needed. The BCM unit can be factory integrated in any of the following A-Series\* II panelboards up to 800 amperes: AQ, AE, or AS.

## Benefits

- Analysis of potential cost saving actions
- Verify energy bills
- Identify wasteful practices and decrease unnecessary usage
- Fairly and accurately allocate energy costs to users
- User configurable alarm registers assist with load management
- Secure the optimum utility rate structure
- Load balancing for peak/off peak maximization
- Accurately decipher between load types where required by regulation

## Features

- Solutions up to 800A
- IEC Class 1 revenue grade metering accuracy
- Offers Solid Core or Split Core BCM selection process
- Monitor up to 50 panelboards on one RS-485 drop
- Reports volts, amps, power, and energy for each circuit
- Solid Core monitors 42 or 84 circuits (and optional mains)
- Split core monitors up to 66 circuits in a main breaker panel and up to 84 circuits in a main lug panel
- 4 configurable alarm thresholds improve load management
- Ability to set the orientation and numbering of the circuits
- 1/4 to 125<sup>1</sup> Amp monitoring – the widest range available
- 1-, 2-, 3-pole breaker support
- 5-year warranty
- Modbus<sup>®</sup> RTU via RS485 communications
- New depopulated BCM panel comes with provisioning for meter to be installed later in the field

## Applications

- California Title 24 Building Code compliant
- Energy monitoring in building automation systems
- Renewable energy
- Energy management
- Commercial submetering
- Industrial monitoring
- Cost allocation

<sup>1</sup>Must use Split Core BCM for 110A and 125A monitoring.

Solid Core available for 42 or 84 circuits only, 100A max.

Solid core CTs have an inner diameter of 0.4".

Check wire diameter for compatibility.

Split Core available up to 84 circuits max. and up to 125A max.

## BCM Technical Specifications

Inputs	
Input Power	50/60 Hz, 90-277 VAC

Accuracy	
Power/Energy	IEC 62053-21 Class 1, ANSI C12.1-2008
Voltage	±0.5% of reading 90-277V line-to-neutral

Outputs	
Type	Modbus RTU™
Connection DIP	Switch-selectable 2-wire or 4-wire, RS-485
Address DIP	Switch-selectable address 1 to 247 (in pairs of 2)
Baud Rate DIP	Switch-selectable 9600, 19200, 38400
Parity DIP	Switch-selectable NONE, ODD, EVEN
Communication Format	8-data-bits, 1-start-bit, 1-stop, bit
Termination	5-position depluggable connector (TX+ TX- SHIELD TX+/RX+ TX-/RX-)

Mechanical	
Ribbon Cable Support	18" round ribbon cable standard; up to 20 ft. (6 m) available

Environmental	
Operating Temperature Range	0° to 60°C (32° to 140°F) (<95% RH noncondensing)
Storage Temperature Range	-40° to 70°C (-40° to 158°F)
Agency Approvals	UL508, EN61010

## Standards and Approvals

- UL-67
- UL-50
- NEMA PB-1
- NFPA-70

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## Selection Guide for ASP Meter Split & Solid Core

Monitoring at Mains	Advanced	Basic
Current per phase	•	•
Max Current per phase	•	•
Current Demand per phase	•	•
Max Current Demand per phase	•	•
Energy (kWh) per phase	•	
Real Power (kW) per phase	•	
Apparent Power (kVA)	•	
Power Factor Total <sup>2</sup>	•	
Power Factor per phase	•	
Voltage – Line to Line and average	•	
Voltage – Line to Neutral and average	•	
Frequency (phase A)	•	

Monitoring at Branch Circuit	42 or 84 Circuit Solid Core 66/84 Circuit Split Core Max.	42 or 84 Circuit Solid Core 66/84 Circuit Split Core Max.
Current	•	•
Max Current	•	•
Current Demand	•	•
Max Current Demand	•	•
Real Power (kW)	•	
Real Power (kW) Demand	•	
Real Power (kW) Demand max	•	
Energy (kWh) per circuit	•	
Apparent Power (kVA)	•	
Power Factor	•	

<sup>2</sup>Based on a 3-phase breaker rotation

## References

Solid Core Installation Guide	DEA-756
Commissioning Guide	DET-757
Split Core Installation Guide	DEH-40700

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