AC Main Source Selector Panel
PN 8600

Panel Specifications
Material: 0.125" 5052-H32 Aluminum Alloy
Primary Finish: Chemical Treatment per Mil Spec C-5541C
Final Panel Finish: Graphite color 2 part textured Polyurethane
Circuit Breakers: 30 Amp Double Pole AC / DC Magnetic Breakers
Amperage Rating: Rated for 30 amp service
Voltage Rating: Panel is rated for 120 Volts AC and is so marked in order to comply with ABYC standards

Mounting Centers: 4-7/16 x 3-7/16 112.70 x 86.90
Inches Millimeters
Overall Dimensions: 5-1/4 x 4-1/4 133.40 x 108.00
Standards: This panel, when properly installed, complies with all applicable Standards and Recommended Practices of the American Boat and Yacht Council as well as United States Coast Guard 33 CFR Sub Part 1.

The Purpose of the AC Main Source Selector Panel
Alternating Current (AC) power changes polarity 60 times per second in the US, Canada and Latin America and 50 times per second in Europe. This is the frequency of the power and is referred to as Hertz (or the now outdated term “cycle”). Because of this alternating nature of AC power, two live sources of AC power, such as shore power and inverter power, or shore power and a generator, cannot be electrically connected. The AC Main Source Selector panel is designed to connect two sources of AC power to a common circuit while preventing both sources from being connected to the circuit simultaneously.

Installation

1. Disconnect all AC and DC power

Disconnect all AC power originating on or off the vessel. This includes inverters, generators, shore power attachments and any other device capable of supplying AC power to the ship’s circuits.

Disconnect the main positive DC cable from all batteries to eliminate the possibility of a short circuit and to disable the inverter while installing the distribution panel.

2. Select mounting location and cut opening

If this panel is to serve as your main shore power disconnect circuit breaker, select a location which is not more than 10 feet from the shore power inlet or the electrical attachment point of a permanently installed shore power cord as measured along the conductors of the feed wires. If it is more than 10 feet, additional fuses or circuit breakers must be installed within 10 feet of the shore power inlet.

Select a mounting location which is protected from water on the panel front and back and is not in an area where flammable vapors from propane, gasoline or lead acid batteries accumulate. The circuit breakers used in marine electrical panels are not ignition protected and may ignite such vapors.

Using the panel template provided, make a cut out in the mounting surface where the distribution panel is to be mounted. Do not yet fasten the panel to the mounting surface.

3. Install source 1, source 2 and output wires

Install the feed wires from AC source 1 and AC source 2. Install the output wires. Refer to the wire sizing chart to select the correct wire size. Connect the black AC hot, white AC neutral and green AC safety ground as shown in the illustration.

Do not confuse the neutral current carrying wires (sometimes called ground) with the green normally non-current carrying wires (sometimes called grounding). These two wires must be connected only at the source of power, nowhere else.

If the feed wires are from the shore power inlet or the electrical attachment point of a permanently installed shore power cord and the inlet or attachment point is more than 10 feet from this panel, additional fuses or circuit breakers must be installed within 10 feet of the shore power inlet. The measurement is made along the conductors.

Wire sizing chart

Use the wire sizing chart below to determine the proper branch and feed circuit wire sizes.

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<th>Wire Size (AWG)</th>
<th>Outside Engine Spaces</th>
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<td>2</td>
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Note: For wire with 105°C insulation rating and no more than 2 conductors are bundled.

Not suitable for sizing flexible shore power cords.
Installation (continued)

4. Interrupt Ratings
If complete ABYC compliance is desired, verify that the circuit breaker supplied in this panel as shown in Table A meets the interrupt rating requirements of Table B.

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*With 125A max. RK5 series fuse  **With 80A max. RK5 series fuse  *UL Recognized

5. Installation of Backlight System
The backlight board is a DC device. When installing it in an AC panel both wire leads must be connected to an appropriate DC source and ground.

Connect the yellow negative wire to a DC ground. Connect the red positive wire to any DC positive supply, usually a switch that controls the vessel's other nighttime illumination.

6. Apply circuit labels and mount panel
Apply a label for each circuit from the 10 basic labels provided. Fasten the panel to the mounting surface.

7. Testing
Connect the vessel's shore power and verify the Reverse Polarity light is not illuminated. If the red Reverse Polarity light is on then either the hot and ground or the hot and neutral wires have been crossed. Starting at the panel, trace the connections back as far as necessary to locate the error.

Using a multimeter where the power source is connected to the panel verify:
- 120 volts between hot and neutral (nominal, this may vary depending on source voltage)
- 120 volts between hot and ground.
- 0 volts between neutral and ground.

Related Products from Blue Sea Systems
- PanelBack Insulating Covers
- High Amperage Fuses and Circuit Breakers for positive feed wires
- High Amperage Battery Switches
- Terminal Blocks and Common Bus Connectors
- AC Distribution Panels
- DC Distribution Panels
- AC and DC Digital and Analog Voltmeters and Ammeters

Useful Reference Books