AC Main Power Distribution Panels
PN 8076 / PN 3076 / PN 8176 / PN 3176
AC Main + 11 Position

Panel Specifications
Voltage Rating: PN 8076 / PN 3076 120 Volts AC
PN 8176 / PN 3176 230 Volts AC
Panels are rated for these voltages and are so
marked in order to comply with ABYC standards.
Amperage Rating: Panel Buses are sized for 100 Amperes of
continuous current.
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
Panel Depth: 3-1/2
Overall Dimensions: 10-1/2 x 7-1/2
Mounting Centers: 9-11/16 x 6-11/16

Panel Features
PN 8076/PN 3076-120 Volt AC
• One double-pole 30 Ampere AC main circuit breaker
• Eight 15 Ampere branch circuit breakers installed
• 0-150 Volt AC Voltmeter
• 0-50 Ampere AC Ammeter
PN 8176/PN 3176-230 Volt AC
• One double-pole 16 Ampere AC main circuit breaker
• Eight 8 Ampere branch circuit breakers installed
• 0-250 Volt AC Voltmeter
• 0-50 Ampere AC Ammeter

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 then 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 branch circuit wires
Determine the proper wire size for each branch circuit using the wire
sizing chart. Verify that the standard circuit breakers installed in the
panel are correct for each branch circuit. Remove and replace any that
are incorrectly sized. The circuit breaker must have a rating less than
the allowable amperage of the wire, yet greater than the circuit’s
continuous current.

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>
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Note: This chart assumes wire with 105°C insulation rating
and no more than 2 conductors are bundled.
Not suitable for sizing flexible shore power cords.
4. **Install feed circuit wires**

Install the feed wires from the shore power inlet or other AC source, referring 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.

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, an additional fuses or circuit breakers must be installed within 10 feet of the shore power inlet. The measurement is made along the conductors.

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 branch circuit labels and mount panel**

Apply a label for each of the branch circuits from the 30 basic labels provided. If the appropriate label is not included, the Extended Label Set of 120 labels may be ordered from your marine supplier (PN 8067).

Individual labels are also available from Blue Sea Systems for specific applications. Refer to the label order form for a complete listing of individual labels.

Fasten the panel to the mounting surface using the panel mounting screws supplied with the panel.

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:
  - PN 8076/PN 3076-120 Volt AC
    - a. 120 volts between hot and neutral (nominal, this may vary depending on source voltage)
    - b. 120 volts between hot and ground.
    - c. 0 volts between neutral and ground.
  - PN 8176/PN 3176-230 Volt AC
    - a. 230 volts between hot and neutral (nominal, this may vary depending on source voltage)
    - b. 230 volts between hot and ground.
    - c. 0 volts between neutral and ground.

- Turn on each branch circuit to verify power to each circuit.

8. **Optional Branch LED’s**

This Panel is supplied with LED’s pre-installed in all optional branch positions. For future expansion of the panel remove the hot leg of the LED from the AC Neutral Bus and connect it to the Load side of the branch circuit breaker.

**Note**

All Blue Sea Systems' AC electrical distribution panels are furnished with 15 amp or 8 amp circuit breakers for branch circuits. 15 amp circuit breakers are used in all 120 volt panels and 8 amp circuit breakers are used in all 230 volt panels. These ratings were selected to minimize the need for removing the panel’s circuit breakers and reinstalling different size circuit breakers. It is very rare to have more than this amount of current flowing in any one circuit. Therefore, these circuit breakers will satisfy the vast majority of marine circuit protection situations.

**Applicable Standards**


**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**
