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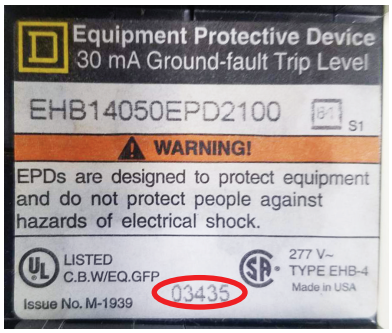
The date code system shown below was implemented the first week of August, 1996 (beginning with 06341). The first two characters denote the year of manufacture, while the second two characters indicate the week of the year. The fifth character indicates the day of the week, like so: 1 = Monday ending with 7 = Sunday. Dual function circuit breakers also had a sixth character added to the end of the date code (letter “H") but on January 1, 2017, this sixth character was dropped, and the date code for the dual function circuit breakers went back to five characters.

Year	Week	Day of week

Example: 18 17 1

Example: PowerPact™ JG 250 Circuit Breaker dated 18071 = 2018, February 12, Monday.



Example: EHB14050EPD2100 Equipment Protection Device 03435 = 2003, October 24, Friday.

Example: PowerPact™ QBL32250 Circuit Breaker dated 09503 = 2009, December 8, Wednesday.

Example: Miniature Circuit Breaker HOM115CAFI (stamped near handle of device) 0825 = 2008, week 25 (June 16–22). There is no specific number listed for the day of the week.

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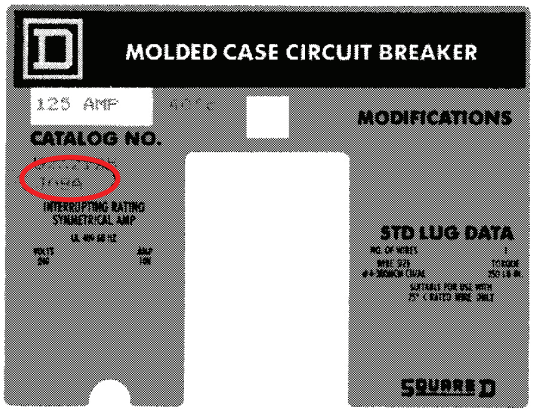
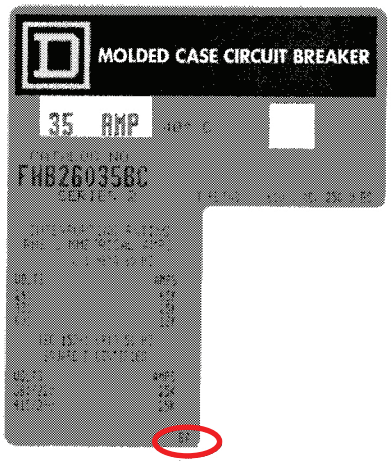
Location of Date Code

The date codes can be found in the following areas of the equipment:

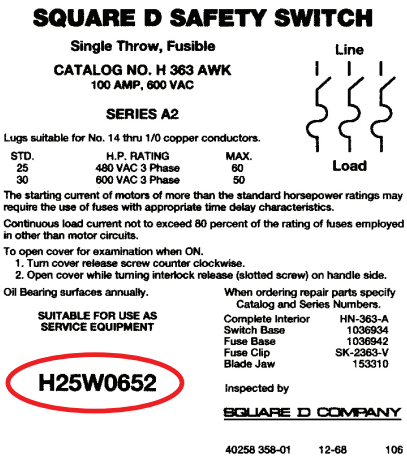
- QO and Homeline Circuit Breakers (arc and ground-fault only): stamped on device near handle (see page 1) Standard QO and Homeline use the two-letter date code, stamped on the manifest label
- QO™ Load Centers: stamped on wiring diagram or box label
- Combination Entrance Service Devices: stamped on wiring diagram
- Multi-metering Equipment: stamped on wiring diagram
- Industrial Molded Case Circuit Breakers (including I-Line™): included on faceplate label on front of circuit breaker, since 1980
- Enclosed Circuit Breakers: inside cover, or side of box
- Merchandised NQO,NQOB, QMB, and I-Line Panelboards: stamped on interior pan at mains end
- QMB Fusible Units: stamped inside cover



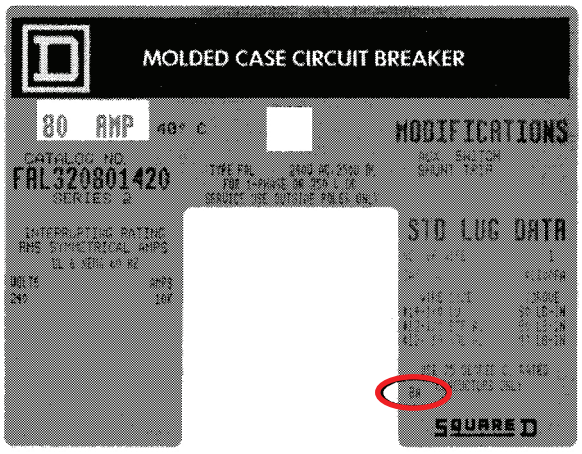
Location: on faceplate label below catalog number.



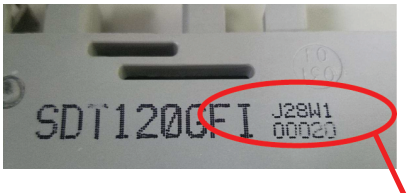
Location: on faceplate label below interrupting ratings data.



Location: inside cover of safety switch.



Location: on faceplate label below standard lug data.



Location: side of circuit breaker.

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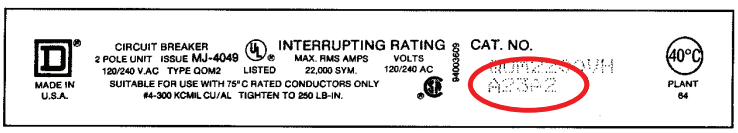
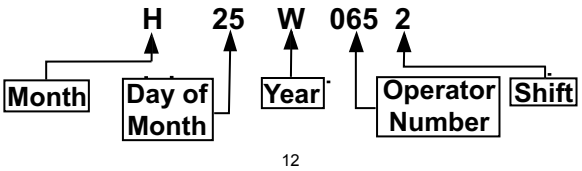


Location: on faceplate label below catalog number.

Legacy Date Code System

1956–1995 Date Code System

The date code system shown below was adopted in 1956 and was in use on all distribution equipment and circuit breaker products, until June, 1994. The only exception was high-volume QO™ circuit breakers. In some cases, this system is still used today.



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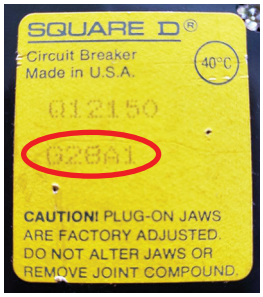
A — January	A — 1950, 1971, 1992, 2013	N — 1962, 1983, 2004, 2025
B — February	B — 1951, 1972, 1993, 2014	P —1963, 1984, 2005, 2026
C — March	C — 1952, 1973, 1994, 2015	R — 1964, 1985, 2006, 2027
D — April	D — 1953, 1974, 1995, 2016	S — 1965, 1986, 2007, 2028[3]
E — May	E — 1954, 1975, 1996, 2017[4]	T — 1966, 1987, 2008, 2029
F — June	F — 1955, 1976, 1997, 2018	U — 1967, 1988, 2009, 2030
G — July	G — 1956, 1977, 1998, 2019	V — 1968, 1989, 2010, 2031
H — August	H — 1957, 1978, 1999, 2020	W — 1969, 1990, 2011, 2032
J — September	J — 1958, 1979, 2000, 2021	X — 1970, 1991, 2012, 2033[5]
K — October	K –1959, 1980, 2001, 2022	Y—1971[6]
L — November	L — 1960, 1981, 2002, 2023	
M — December	M — 1961, 1982, 2003, 2024	

Example: Q12150 Circuit Breaker dated July 28, 1950, 1971, or 1992, Operater/Shift 1



NOTE: The letters “I”, “O”, and “Q” are not used in this date code system.

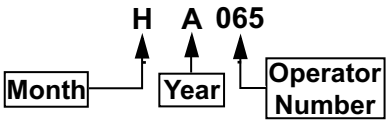
Variations of this date code system in use:

- Month and year only; ie **BA**
- Month, day, and year; ie. **B20A**
- Month, day, year, and shift; ie. **B20A2**

1. During the period from 1951 through September, 1965, the codes for the months of September through December were I, J, K, and L, respectively.
2. **Either a one- or two-digit system may have been used; i.e., the fourth day of the month may have appeared as “4” or “04”.**
3. The letters I, O, Q, Y, and Z were not used after September 30, 1965. The year code for 1965 was “O” through September 1965 and “S” thereafter.
4. The date code system changed August 1, 1996.
5. In the Pacifico Circuit Breakers Plant (US62), the year code “A” was used in January, February, and March 2012, instead of the year code “X”. That is, January 2012 was “AA”, February 2012 was “BA”, and March 2012 was “CA”. The year code “X” was used for the remainder of 2012.
6. Peru plant only, first 6 months.

1950–1955 Date Code System

Between 1950 and 1955, the method below was used to date code load centers, safety switches, and some circuit breakers manufactured in Detroit, MI.



Month

A — January

B — February

C — March

D — April

E — May

F — June

G — July

H — August

J — September

K — October

L — November

M — December

Year

X — 1950

Y — 1951

Z — 1952

A — 1953

B — 1954

C — 1955

Operator Number

Example: Circuit breaker dated June, 1955

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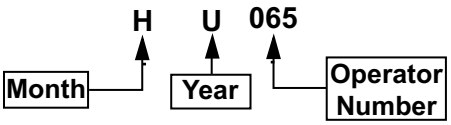
Pre-1950 Date Code System

Two methods shown in the diagram below were in use prior to 1950. It cannot be determined as to exactly when and where these methods were used; however, this information in conjunction with the equipment appearance and years in service should enable a date of manufacture to be determined.



Month	Year	Operator Number
A — January	A — 1928	
B — February	B — 1929	
C — March	C — 1930	
D — April	D — 1931	
E — May	E — 1932	
F — June	F — 1933	
G — July	G — 1934	
H — August	H — 1935	
I — September	I — 1936	
J — October	J — 1937	
K — November	K — 1938	
L — December	L — 1939	
	M — 1940	
	N — 1941	
	O — 1942	
	P — 1943	
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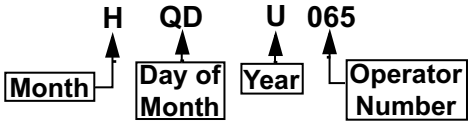
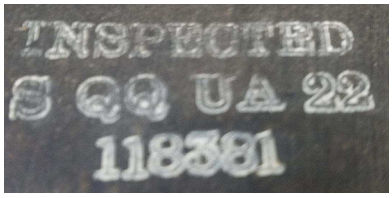
	S — 1945	
	T — 1946	
	U — 1947	
	V —1948	
	W — 1949	



Month	Day of Month	Year	Operator Number
S — 1	D — 7		
Q — 2			
U — 3	C — 8		
A — 4	O — 9		
R — 5	M — 0		
E — 6			

Example: Circuit Breaker dated January 22, 1934, Operator 22



Example: ML1 Circuit Breaker dated either December 3, 1954, or January 23, 1954, Operator 720