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Common Electrical Symbols

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Location Symbols for General Installations	
*	Machine, general symbol * function etc
*	Load, general symbol * details
*	Motor starter, general symbol * Indicates type etc.
	Socket-outlet, general symbol
\triangle	Twin Socket-outlet, general symbol
^	1 gang un switched socket-outlet
~	2 gang un switched socket-outlet
<u></u>	1 gang switched socket-outlet
X	1 gang switched socket-outlet









Location Symbols for General Installations	
<u></u>	2 gang switched socket-outlet
人人	2 gang switched socket-outlet
_	Connection unit – fused as specified
	Switched connection unit – fused as specified
o^	Switch, general symbol
5	Switch, general symbol double pole
6	1 gang 1 way switch
62	1 gang 2 way switch
\omega^	2 way switch, single pole
66	2 gang switch
555	3 gang switch









Location Symbols for General Installations	
8	Dimmer switch
3 €€	Intermediate switch
\mathfrak{A}	Intermediate switch
O^	Pull switch, single-pole
	Push button
8	Push button with neon indicator
(F)	Clock, general symbol
Ð	Time switch
0	Time clock
8	Key operated switch
	Cooker control unit









Location Symbols for General Installations	
T	Thermostat
\bigcap	Bell (Audible)
\Box	Buzzer (Audible)
	Siren (Audible)
ф	Horn
	Telephone handset, general symbol
	Lamp (Standard)
	Lamp Standard
	Filament Lamp
	Lamp (Flashing)
	Lighting outlet position - general symbol









Location Symbols for General Installations	
 	Fluorescent luminaire (rows indicate number of tubes)
	Wall mounted luminaire
X	Self - contained emergency lighting luminaire
\times	Emergency lighting luminaire (or special circuit)
(⊗=	Spot light
(S)	Flood light
9	Wall mounted fitting
A	Socket outlet (power) with isolating transformer – eg shaver outlet
	Water heater
∞	Extract fan









Location Symbols for General Installations	
(8	Projector general symbol
and the	Distribution board or consumer unit
•	Connection or junction box
7	Socket Outlet (telecommunications) General Symbols Designated as follows: TP - Telephone M - Microphone FM - Frequency Modulation TV - Television TX - Telex - Loudspeaker











Common Schematic Drawing Symbols	
	Switch
	Switch- fuse
	Fuse-switch
—/	Isolator (Disconnector), general symbol
/	Disconnector - fuse (fuse combination unit)
	Fuse - disconnector
— ∕₄—	Switch - disconnector
——∕—	Switch - disconnector - fuse (fuse combination unit)
Ø	Fuse - switch - disconnector
4	Capacitor, general symbol
ത്ത്ര	Inductor, coil, winding or choke
<u> </u>	Inductor, coil, winding or choke with magnetic core
\rightarrow	Semi Conductor Diode - general symbol









Common Schematic Drawing Symbols	
	Microphone
	Loudspeaker
Y	Antenna, general symbol
\odot	Machine, general symbol * Function M=Motor G=Generator
G	Generator, general symbol
•	Indicating instrument, general symbol * function V = Voltmeter A = Ammeter etc.
*	Integrating instrument or Energy meter * function Wh = Watt-hour VArh = Volt ampere reactive hour
	Lamp, or signal lamp, general symbol
	Light Emitting Diode (LED)











Common Schematic	c Drawing Symb	ols	
	Plug Male	>	Socket (plug female)
	Coax Plug Male	> 0	Slow Operating Relay - Delay On
	Wire Connections (Two Wires)	-	Wire Connections (crossed)
	Wires Crossing (Not Connected)	X21	Terminal Connector
0 0 0	Terminal Block		Earth Connection
	Noiseless Earth		Protective Earth
	Chassis Earth		Equipotentiality
— <u>A</u> —	Ammeter		Voltmeter
*	Circuit Breaker	9 N/C	Selector Switch (N/O) Normally Open (N/C) Normally Closed
	Contactor (N/C)	\\ \rangle \ \rangle	Contactor (N/O)









Common Schemati	c Drawing Symbol	S	
	Limit Switch	ф -	Thermal Overcurrent
	Mechanical Interlock		Voltage Transformer
	Potentiometer		Solenoid Valve
	Normally open Contact (N/O)		Normally Closed Contact (N/C)
	Change Over or 2 way Contact Made position		Fused Switch Open Contact (N/O)
	Limit Switch (N/O)		Limit Switch (N/C)
	Flow Switch (N/O)	<u> </u>	Flow Switch (N/C)
	Time Delay (N/O) Delay on Closing		Time Delay (N/O) Delay on re-opening
	Thermal Switch - Overload (N/O)	7	Thermal Switch - Overload (N/C)
θ	Temperature Switch (N/O)		Temperature Switch (N/C)
P	Pressure Switch (N/O)	E	Pressure Switch (N/C)









Common Schematic Drawing Symb	ols
	Normally Open PB (N/O)
<u> </u>	Normally Closed PB (N/C)
<u> </u>	Emergency Stop PB (N/O) Indication Contact
<u></u>	Emergency Stop PB (N/C)
	Pull Switch (N/O)
	Pull Switch (N/C)
	Turn/Rotary Switch (N/O)
	Turn/Rotary Switch (N/C)
	Contractor Coil
	Relay with AC Supply
	Slow Release Relay Delay Off
	General Relay (DC Supply)









Common Schematic Drawing Symbols	
	Slow Operating Relay Delay On
	Mechanically Latched Relay
	Diode
	Diode Reverse Conducting
	Diode Reverse Blocking
	Zener Diode
	Transistor (PNP)
	Transistor (NPN)
	Light Emitting Diode (LED)
	Capacitor
	Bidirectional Triode Thyristor (Triac)









Common Schematic Drawing Symbols	
	Diac
	Three-phase winding - Star
	Changer, general symbol Converter, general symbol Notes: (1) If the direction of change is not obvious, it may be indicated by an arrowhead on the outline of the symbol. (2) A symbol or legend indicating the input or output quantity, waveform etc. may be inserted
¬¬	in each half of the general symbol to show the nature of change.
<u>Z-</u> [Rectifier
- -	Inverter
	Primary cell - longer line positive, shorter line negative
⊣- ⊢	Battery
	Fuse link, rated current in amperes

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