

Energy Storage

The OEM and Installers Guide to Control Components for Energy Storage Systems



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About c3controls

Since 1976 c3controls (c3controls.com) has provided OEMs and electrical equipment builders a comprehensive portfolio of industrial control products that meet the most demanding applications. By maintaining strict control over the development and manufacturing of all products, c3 can provide customers extraordinary value through unmatched quality, competitive pricing, same-day shipping and a lifetime product warranty. This vertically integrated approach coupled with a direct sales model brings c3 closer to the end-user, fostering a degree of innovation that leads the industry.



Glossary of Terms

- Batteries:**
An ESS technology. Electro-chemical processes convert chemical energy back into electricity when needed. Common types include flow, lead-acid, and lithium-ion batteries.

Capacity:
The maximum amount of energy that an ESS can store. Typically measured in kilowatt-hours (kWh) or megawatt-hours (MWh).

Charge:
The first step in energy storage. Energy is supplied and kept in a storage system for future use.

Community, Commercial, and Industrial (CCI) Storage:
Mid-size energy storage systems deployed at commercial businesses and industrial facilities to help optimize energy usage.

Discharge:
After an ESS is charged and optimized, the final step is to discharge, or convert energy back into electrical energy and release it when needed.

Energy Storage System (ESS):
Technology that captures and stores energy for later use to help balance supply and demand. Common types include battery, thermal, mechanical, hydrogen, and pumped hydro energy storage systems.

Grid Modernization:
The process of upgrading the electrical grid to incorporate advanced technologies (such as energy storage) in order to improve reliability, efficiency, and flexibility.

Grid-Scale Storage:
Large-scale, typically utility applications, that store and manage significant amounts of energy to support the electrical grid.

Hydrogen:
An ESS technology. Excess electricity is converted into hydrogen via electrolysis and stored until it is re-electrified.

Mechanical:
An ESS technology. Force is applied to harness kinetic or potential energy and store it for future use. Common types include flywheels and compressed air.

Microgrid:
A localized energy system that uses integrated distributed energy resources, such as renewables and storage, to act as a small-scale grid. Microgrids can operate both connected to the main electrical grid and in isolation.
- Optimization:**
After an ESS is charged, optimization is the process of maximizing efficiency and effectiveness using various software algorithms.

Power Conversion:
Vital for transferring energy between a storage system and the electrical grid, this is the process of converting energy from one form to another. An inverter is a common power conversion technology.

Pumped Hydropower:
An ESS technology. Excess electricity is used to pump water from a lower to an upper reservoir. When energy is needed, water is released back to the lower reservoir, passing through turbines to generate electricity.

Residential Storage:
Small-scale energy storage installed in the home. Typically these systems use batteries to store excess electricity generated from solar panels.

Standalone Microgrid:
An energy system that is not connected to the electrical grid but can store and release energy as needed. A standalone system often relies on a combination of renewable energy sources (solar, wind) and energy storage.

Switchgear:
Electrical equipment that can be used in an ESS to control, protect, and/or isolate electricity and electrical equipment.

Thermal:
An ESS technology. Heat or cold is captured and stored in a medium (such as molten salts, water, or fluids) to create energy on demand.

Transformer:
A device that transfers electrical energy between different voltage levels and ensures efficient and safe energy transfer between an ESS and the electrical grid.

-ESS – Powering the Future

Energy in its original form cannot be stored on any scale. An Energy Storage System (ESS) is necessary to capture and convert electricity into another form so that it can be stored for future use. Stored energy helps stabilize energy resources by balancing supply and demand, providing benefits including, but not limited to the following:

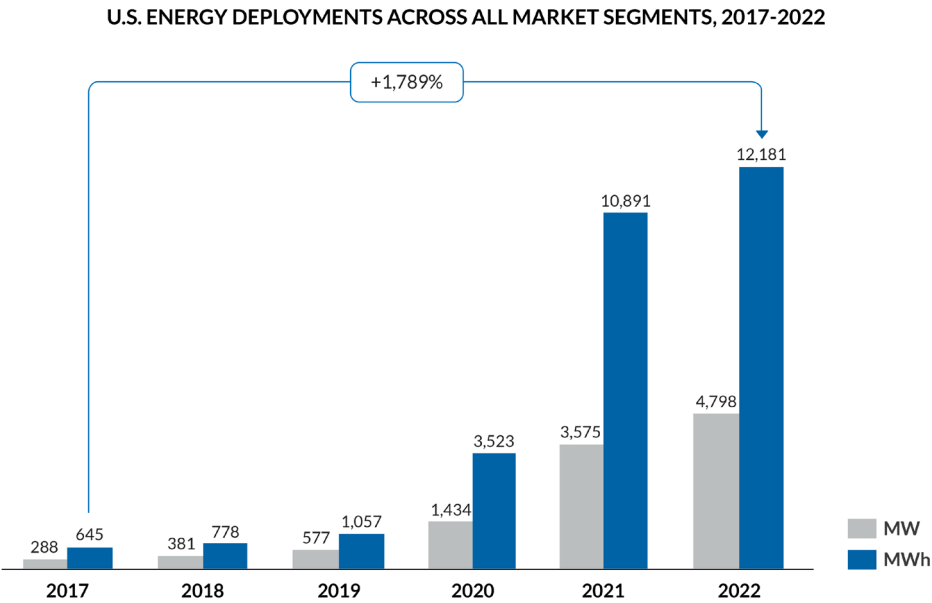
- **Reliability:** An ESS provides backup power during disruptions.
- **Economics:** An ESS saves low-cost energy to use when rates are higher.
- **Sustainability:** An ESS can integrate renewable energy sources.

These benefits are not going unnoticed as there has been a 1,789% increase in energy storage deployments over the last 5 years. The record years are projected to continue as the nation may add as much as 75 GW (75,000 MWh) of energy storage by 2027 to meet all-time high demand across all market segments – grid-scale, residential, and commercial & industrial (C&I).

There are billions of dollars in ESS investments with billions more to come. This will drive the market forward and common energy storage technologies (batteries, thermal, mechanical, hydrogen, pumped hydropower) will continue to advance. However, challenges remain. Supply chain volatility, product costs, and uncertainty in a fast-moving environment will make maximizing potential difficult.

c3controls can help. For almost 50 years, c3 has been a leading manufacturer of electrical controls, a key component of an ESS. Vertical integration allows us to control the entire manufacturing process, and with almost entirely no sourcing from China we operate more efficiently and respond to market conditions quicker. That means faster delivery and lower costs for electrical control products you can trust.

With over fifteen million available product configurations and our own UL508A panel shop, c3controls has the resources you need to capitalize on all your energy storage opportunities!



-Energy Storage Isometrics

Here's an example of a grid-scale energy storage system:




Energy Storage Products

c3controls can support all key function areas in your energy storage system:

Power & Actuation

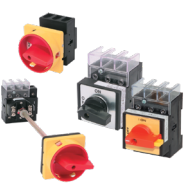
Disconnect, control, and/or protect a circuit from a ground fault, short-circuit, or overload current.

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Miniature Circuit Breakers (+ Bus Bars)

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Disconnect Switches

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Motor Protection Circuit Breakers

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IEC Contactors

Human Machine Interface

Actuated by a person to direct the operation of another device and/or indicate the status of an operating system.


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Pilot Devices

- 13mm
- 16mm
- 22mm IEC & NEMA
- 30mm Industrial & Hazardous Location

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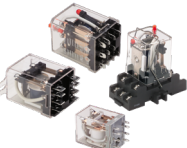


E-Stops

Control Logic

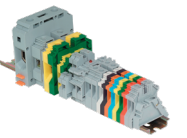
Devices that control other products in a control circuit in a logical sequence or based on a defined period of time.

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General Purpose Relays

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IEC Terminal Blocks

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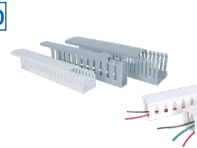


High Density Terminal Blocks

Panel Solutions


Support and protect electrical components that control and monitor a number of mechanical processes.

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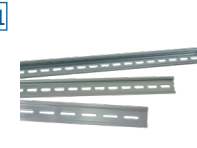
Wire Duct

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Enclosures

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DIN Rail

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Electrical Panels

1		Miniature Circuit Breakers	UL 489 & UL 1077 in 1, 2 and 3 pole combinations	Rated 60VDC single pole and 125VDC two pole (wired in series)	10kA SCCR @ 480Y/277VAC	Current ratings up to 63 Amps (non-derated)	B, C and D curve ratings
2		Motor Protection Circuit Breakers	Multi-Function: Manual Motor Controller, Motor Disconnect, Group Motor Installations	50kA SCCR @ 480V	Self-protected Type E up to 50kA @ 460V	FLC up to 32 Amps	Trip Class 10 Thermal and Magnetic Elements
3		UL 508 Disconnect Switches	Door mount, panel-base mount, and panel mount with integral operator	Certified for use in Manual Motor Controller applications suitable as Motor Disconnects	16 - 125 Amps in 3-, 4-, and 5-pole configurations	Motor loads up to 40HP @ 480V (55kW @ 400V)	Operating handles rated for Type 1, 2, 3, 3R, 4/4X, 12, 13, IP55, and IP65
4		IEC Contactors	9 to 105 Amps	100kA SCCR @ 480V and 600V with Class J fuses	AC and DC - electronic coil control on DC devices	Integral auxiliary	Up to 75 HP @ 400V (55kW @ 400V)
5		Pilot Devices	Modular range of 30mm, 22mm, 16mm, and 13mm	Type 1, 2, 3, 3R, 4/4X, 12, and 13	Non-Illuminated, Illuminated and Keyed Operators in both maintained and momentary operations	Color-coded, snap-on contact blocks with angled captive screws and pressure plates	Full voltage, multi-voltage, resistor, and dual input light units in a wide range of voltages up to 600VAC/VDC
6		22mm IEC E-Stops	Non-Illuminated and Illuminated versions	UL Listed Polycarbonate enclosure rated for Type 1, 2, 3, 3R, 4/4X, 12, 13, and IP66	Meets EN418 Safety of Machinery global compliance standards	Operating temperatures from -40 to +55° C (-40 to + 131° F)	UV and corrosion resistant
7		General Purpose Relays	Square base, flange mounted and miniature	Only 14mm wide	Transparent housing	Pole combinations available in SPDT, DPDT, 3PDT and 4PDT	Carrying current rating 5A-25A
8		High Density Terminal Blocks	4, 6, and 12 point in a single molded housing. 6-point shorting block available.	Rated for 600V, 30A continuous service	Replacement for GE CR151 and EB27B06S terminal blocks	Integrated 35mm DIN rail snap and panel mounting construction	Captive screws with spring-return open terminals
9		IEC Terminal Blocks	Screw Clamp, Spring Clamp, and Miniature	5mm - 25mm widths	25 - 230 Amps	Feed Through, Ground, Multi-Conductor, Double & Triple Level, Fuse Holder, Power Distribution, and more	DIN Rail mounting; snap-on, snap-off assembly
10		Wire / Cable Duct	13 Selectable dimensions from 25mm wide up to 80mm, and up to 2m in length	Narrow and Wide Slot	Rigid “U” shaped duct with non-slip-cover in gray or white	Optional adhesive backing	
11		DIN Rail	35mm rails in steel and aluminum	1m (3.28ft) or 2m (6.56ft) lengths	Each simply fasten by screws to the mounting surface	Standard package quantities, or pallet options available	
12		Enclosures	Polyester, Polycarbonate and Die Cast Aluminum constructions	Accommodates 22mm and 30mm pilot devices, and disconnect switches	Options up to four holes, or unpunched	A variety of seals to keep dust and moisture out of the enclosures	UL Listed and CSA certified

For illustration purposes only. Other solutions may be applicable depending on your application design requirements.

c3controls Product Portfolio

Our 15 million+ product configurations deliver durability and reliability—even in the most punishing environments—meeting and exceeding global standards for quality and safety.



DISCONNECT SWITCHES



ENCLOSED DISCONNECT SWITCHES



MINIATURE CIRCUIT BREAKERS



DEFINITE PURPOSE CONTACTORS



CONTACTORS



MINIATURE CONTACTORS & CONTROL RELAYS



OVERLOAD RELAYS



DIRECT-ON-LINE STARTERS
CONTACTOR + OVERLOAD RELAY



ENCLOSED DIRECT-ON-LINE STARTERS
CONTACTOR + OVERLOAD RELAY



MOTOR PROTECTION CIRCUIT BREAKERS



ENCLOSED MOTOR PROTECTION CIRCUIT BREAKERS



DIRECT-ON-LINE STARTERS
MOTOR PROTECTION CIRCUIT BREAKER + CONTACTOR



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MOTOR PROTECTION CIRCUIT BREAKER + CONTACTOR




30MM INDUSTRIAL PILOT DEVICES



30MM PILOT DEVICES FOR HAZARDOUS LOCATION



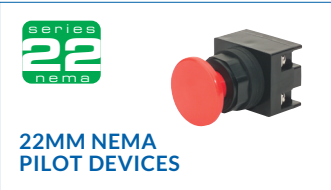
22MM IEC PILOT DEVICES



WORLD TOWER LIGHTS



CAM SWITCHES



22MM NEMA PILOT DEVICES



16MM PILOT LIGHTS



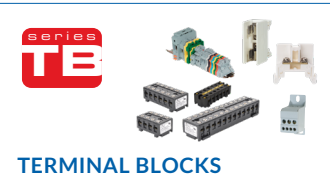
13MM PILOT LIGHTS



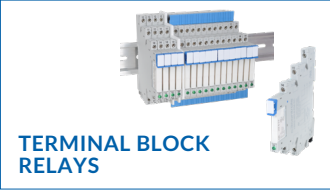
CONTROL STATION ENCLOSURES



ENCLOSED UL508A COMBINATION MOTOR STARTERS



TERMINAL BLOCKS




TERMINAL BLOCK RELAYS



ELECTRONIC TIMING RELAYS




GENERAL PURPOSE RELAYS



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Vertical integration is the cornerstone of c3controls as it places innovation, development, design, manufacturing, testing, and shipping all within our control. With Everything Under Control, we can ensure the highest quality and customer satisfaction.

Innovation

Product innovation is in our DNA. We approach our products as solutions. Unlike our competition, our business model allows us to provide customers with premium controls without the premium price.



Same-Day Shipping

Reduce inventory. Improve cash-flow. Save money. Our customers enjoy peace of mind knowing they'll get what they need, when they need it. Our promise, guaranteed!

Limited Lifetime Warranty

With total control over engineering and manufacturing, we are able to guarantee the highest quality products on the market—products free of defects in material, workmanship, and design.

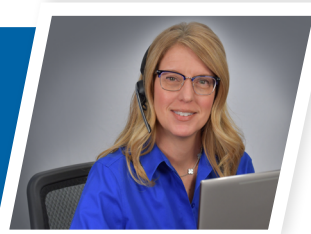


Advantage Pricing

Total control means lower overhead and direct sales. For our customers, this translates to savings of up to 40+% on c3controls premium products.

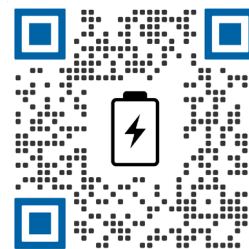
Customer First

Commitment to the success of our customers is a core value and the driving force behind all we do. We promise concierge style service that makes doing business easy, personalized, and responsive.



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