Panel Solutions

Complete Guide to c3controls' UL508A Certified Panel Shop





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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

Control Logic Products:

Devices that control other products in a control circuit in a logical sequence or based on a defined period of time. Examples include terminal blocks, electronic timing relays, and general purpose relays.

Control Station:

A designated electrical enclosure which operators use to monitor and control processes and equipment within a system or facility.

Enclosure:

The protective cabinet that houses electrical components providing protection, safety, and organization. Common constructions include polyester, polycarbonate, and die-cast aluminum.

Human Machine Interface (HMI) Products:

Devices that are actuated by a person to direct the operation of another device and/or indicate the status of an operating system. Examples include control stations, pilot devices, and cam switches.

Industrial Control Panel:

An enclosure with an assembly of switches, indicators, and other control devices used to operate and monitor electrical equipment.

International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC):

An international organization that sets performance-based standards for all electrical and related technologies.

Legend Plates:

Customizable identification labels that provide essential information about the functions or status of switches, buttons, indicators, or other devices on a control panel.

Motor Starter:

A device used to control the starting, stopping, and protection of electric motors. Common assemblies include contactor + overload relay and motor protection circuit breaker + contactor.

National Electric Code (NEC):

The NEC, or NFPA 70, is a widely used regulation that ensures safe design, installation, and inspection of electrical equipment.

NEC Article 409:

The National Electric Code (NEC) article that provides guidelines for the construction, installation, and maintenance of industrial control panels intended for general use.

NEC Article 430:

The National Electric Code (NEC) article that covers design, installation, and protection of motors, motor circuits, and

controllers.

NFPA 79:

The National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) safety standard that provides regulations pertaining to electronic industrial machinery components, specifically targeting those operating at or below 600V.

Power & Actuation Products:

Devices that disconnect, control, and/or protect a circuit from a ground fault, short circuit, or overload current. Examples include motor starters, disconnect switches, circuit breakers, contactors, and overload relays.

Short-Circuit Current Rating (SCCR):

The maximum short-circuit current an electrical component can safely withstand without causing a shock or fire hazard.

Underwriters Laboratories (UL):

A third-party certification company that tests and sets industry standards for electrical products with the aim to make the world a safer place for both workers and consumers

UL508A:

The Underwriters Laboratories (UL) standard for an industrial control panel. UL508A certification does not mean the completed panel has been tested to UL508A standards. It means that the design, panel, components, and construction method meet the UL508A standard.

Wiring Solutions:

Components that ensure efficient installation, maintenance, and organization of wiring in a control panel. Examples include DIN rail for mounting components, wire duct for protecting wires, and terminal blocks for secure wire connections.

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Panel Shop Overview

A UL508A panel shop refers to an electrical panel fabrication facility that has obtained certification from Underwriters Laboratories (UL) for building industrial control panels in compliance with UL508A. The standard sets forth specific safety requirements and guidelines — covering various aspects of panel design and construction including enclosure selection, component ratings, wiring practices, grounding, overcurrent protection, insulation requirements, and labeling.

Control panel builders and integrators look for UL508A compliance to guarantee benefits such as:

- Third-Party Certification that provides evidence that the enclosures meet nationally recognized safety standards.
- UL Certified Components that certify that UL508A enclosures include only quality, tested controls.
- Periodic Audits that ensure that manufacturers employ consistent techniques in order to meet UL508A requirements.
- Proper Labeling and Technical Ratings that limit risks and verify that standards are met.

Looking for a UL508A solution? c3controls has expanded USA operations to include a complete UL508A panel shop. A resource for OEMs looking to supplement inhouse manufacturing, the certified panel shop ensures the highest level of safety and reliability for electrical control panels serving a wide range of industries. And, panels from c3controls are equipped with our own manufactured electrical products — over 15 million configurations that perform essential control panel functions.

Whether it is an order for 10 panels, hundreds, or thousands — c3 systems, equipment, and personnel are flexible and can be adapted to meet your expectations. Our experienced team will work with you directly to ensure quick turnaround on custom or specialty panels such as:

- Direct-On-Line Starters
- Combination Motor Starters
- Control Stations
- & much more!

c3controls has been a leading manufacturer of panel components for almost 50 years. Now equipped with a UL508A certified panel shop, we look forward to helping you succeed better than ever before!

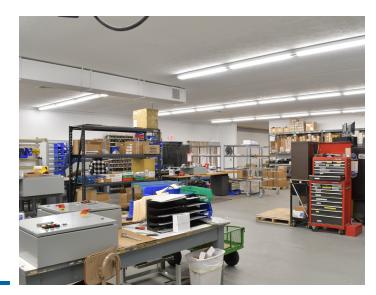
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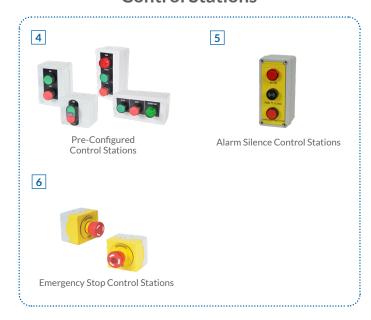
-Panel Solutions

c3controls offers custom and finished panel solutions serving a wide range of industries.

Motor Starters

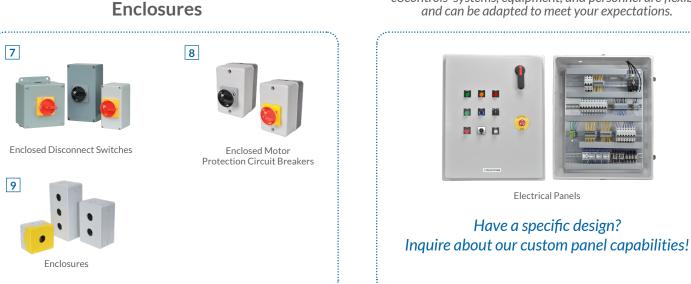


Control Stations

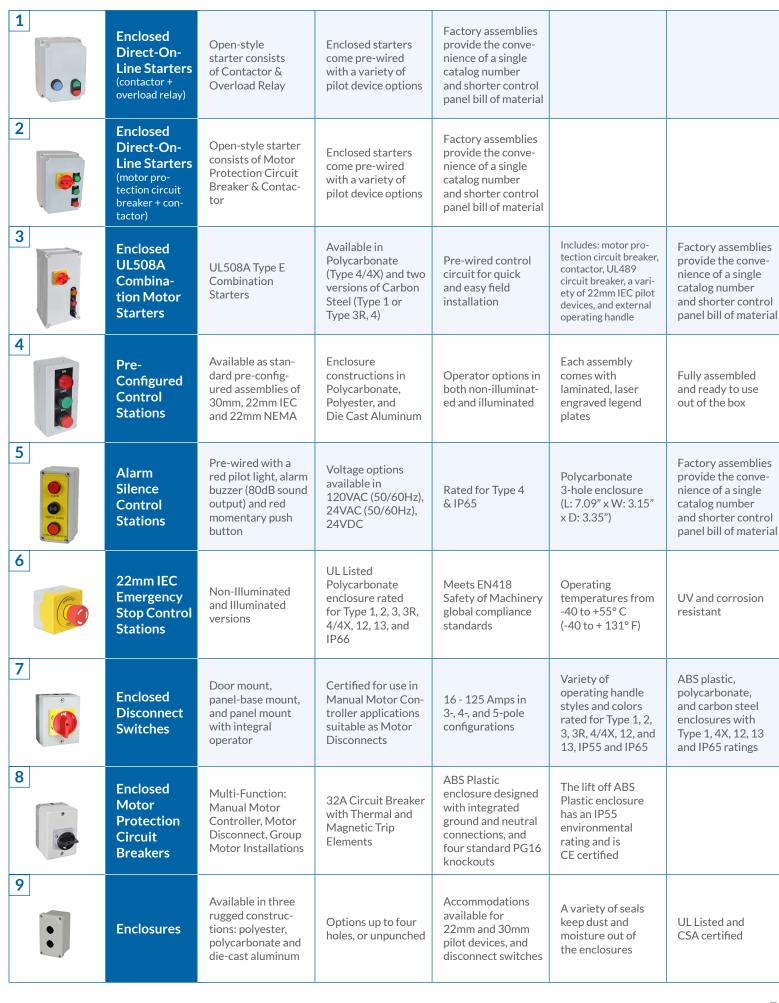


Custom Panels

c3controls' systems, equipment, and personnel are flexible and can be adapted to meet your expectations.



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



¬ 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.

























































¬ White Papers

Product professionals AND subject experts!
Check out c3controls' extensive library of white papers:



UL 489 or UL 1077 in Control Panels and Equipment - A Quick Guide

How do I know when to use UL 1077 or UL 489 breakers? The answer is seemingly simple, but like most simple questions, there is usually some confusion.

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Panel Essentials Series 1: DIN Rail

In a control panel, the backbone is DIN rail. DIN rail is not unlike your spine. It provides the structure necessary for panel components to be held in their proper position and to function properly. Learn more - there's a lot more to DIN rail than we think.

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Panel Essentials Series 2: Wire Duct and Terminal Blocks

Benefits, best practices, standards, and all different types of terminal blocks and wire duct are things to consider during cable and wire management.

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Panel Essentials Series 3: UL508A Control Panel Design Considerations

Find out the basic design considerations you need to know when building a UL 508A panel.

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Panel Essentials Series 4: Electrical Control Components

Product size, certifications, environmental and current ratings - these are just a few of the important features to consider when selecting products for your control panel. Learn all about key function areas and their control components in this fourth edition of c3controls Panel Essentials.

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Panel Essentials Series 5: Control Panel Industry Trends

Supply chain issues, workforce shortages, rising costs and new industry standards are pushing businesses to automate more of their processes. Learn all about industry trends and areas of growth for panel builders in this edition of Panel Essentials.

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Integrated Manufacturing

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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