



Common Electrical Symbols

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Location Symbols for General	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	
	Twin Socket-outlet, general symbol	
	1 gang un switched socket-outlet	
\sim	2 gang un switched socket-outlet	
<u></u>	1 gang switched socket-outlet	
7	1 gang switched socket-outlet	



Location Symbols for General Installations	
44	2 gang switched socket-outlet
XX	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
\O^	2 way switch, single pole





66	2 gang switch
9	3 gang switch

Location Symbols for General Inst	allations
8	Dimmer switch
380	Intermediate switch
\mathfrak{A}	Intermediate switch
O^	Pull switch, single-pole
	Push button
8	Push button with neon indicator
(L)	Clock, general symbol
9	Time switch





0	Time clock
8	Key operated switch
	Cooker control unit
Location Symbols for General Insta	allations
T	Thermostat
\bigcap	Bell (Audible)
Y	Buzzer (Audible)
	Siren (Audible)
ф	Horn
4	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)
\times	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	
\otimes	Projector general symbol
WILL STORY	Distribution board or consumer unit





•	Connection or junction box
	Socket Outlet (telecommunications)
	General Symbols Designated as follows: TP - Telephone M - Microphone FM - Frequency Modulation
一人	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)
	Fuse - switch - disconnector
\dashv \vdash	Capacitor, general symbol
ത്ത്ര	Inductor, coil, winding or choke
<u> </u>	Inductor, coil, winding or choke with magnetic core
\	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
lacksquare	Indicating instrument, general symbol * function V = Voltmeter A = Ammeter etc.
*	Integrating instrument or Energy meter * function Wh = Watt-hour VArh = Volt ampere reactive hour
\bigoplus	Lamp, or signal lamp, general symbol
	Light Emitting Diode (LED)

Common Schematic Drawing Symbols			
	Plug Male	>	Socket (plug female)
	Coax Plug Male	> 0	Slow Operating Relay - Delay On
	Wire Connections (Two Wires)	-	Wire Connections (crossed)
n	Wires Crossing (Not Connected)		Terminal Connector





0 0 0	Terminal Block	<u>_</u>	Earth Connection
<u></u>	Noiseless Earth		Protective Earth
	Chassis Earth		Equipotentiality
— <u>A</u> —	Ammeter		Voltmeter
*	Circuit Breaker	N/0	Selector Switch (N/O) Normally Open (N/C) Normally Closed
	Contactor (N/C)	√	Contactor (N/O)

Common Schematic Drawing Symbols			
→	Limit Switch	\$ -	Thermal Overcurrent
	Mechanical Interlock		Voltage Transformer





□ ←	Potentiometer	VALVE	Solenoid Valve
	Normally open Contact (N/O)		Normally Closed Contact (N/C)
	Change Over Open 2 way Contact Made position		or Fused Switch Contact (N/O)
~_	Limit Switch (N/O)		Limit Switch (N/C)
<u> </u>	Flow Switch (N/O)	<u></u>	Flow Switch (N/C)
	Time Delay (N/O) Delay on Closing	_1_	Time Delay (N/O) Delay on re-opening
	Thermal Switch - Overload (N/O)	7	Thermal Switch - Overload (N/C)
θ	Temperature Switch (N/O)	 γ _θ	Temperature Switch (N/C)
P/	Pressure Switch (N/O)	-	Pressure Switch (N/C)

Common Schematic Drawing Symbols		
	Normally Open PB (N/O)	





	Normally Closed PB (N/C)
7	Emergency Stop PB (N/O) Indication Contact
	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 Sympols





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







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.	
- 2-	Rectifier	
- - -	Inverter	
	Primary cell - longer line positive, shorter line negative	





 Battery
 Fuse link, rated current in amperes

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