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### Cooper Bussmann Introduces Industry's First Online Short-Circuit Current Rating Software

Cooper Bussmann® OSCAR™ Compliance *Software Helps Facilities Comply with New  
Electrical Standards*

**ST. LOUIS, August 2, 2006** – Cooper Bussmann today introduced the industry's first compliance software for helping facilities comply with new electrical industry standards for determining the Short-Circuit Current Rating (SCCR) of industrial control panel assemblies. The Cooper Bussmann® OSCAR™ compliance software eliminates the guesswork commonly associated with calculating the total SCCR of all individual components in a panel, and reduces non-compliance issues that can result in costly shutdowns and delays.

Electrical industry standards -- Underwriter's Laboratories' UL508A and the 2005 National Electrical Code® article 409 – now require all electrical panels and assemblies to prominently display nameplates with SCCR totals. With a one-year subscription, users can access OSCAR compliance software online as often as possible at any time of day. By simply entering a component part number, OSCAR taps into its database of more than 50,000 online item part numbers and accurately determines the assembly SCCR.

"Safety and protection are important measures in the development of Cooper Bussmann products, and we continuously work to enhance products and services to help our customers meet these stringent requirements," said Bob Bender, Cooper Bussmann vice president of marketing. "The UL508A standard not only helps determine and label the short-circuit current rating of panels, it also safeguards construction and proper identification of short-circuit current ratings so users can optimize productivity and protect equipment."

Cooper Bussmann OSCAR compliance software continually updates new part numbers, their component SCCRs, and any changes that may occur to Code requirements and agency standards. The custom device option allows the flexibility for users to enter specialized component rating information for devices not found in the OSCAR database.

### **About Cooper Bussmann**

Cooper Bussmann provides productivity through protection to the electrical, electronic and transportation industries worldwide. Find out more about the complete line of Cooper Bussmann circuit protection solutions at [www.cooperbussmann.com](http://www.cooperbussmann.com). Cooper Bussmann is a division of Cooper Industries (NYSE: CBE).

### **About Cooper Industries**

Cooper Industries, Ltd. is a global manufacturer of electrical products and tools, with 2005 revenues of \$4.7 billion, approximately 30 percent of which are international sales. Incorporated in Bermuda with administrative headquarters in Houston, Cooper employs approximately 29,000 people and operates eight divisions: Cooper B-Line, Cooper Bussmann, Cooper Crouse-Hinds, Cooper Lighting, Cooper Menvier, Cooper Power Systems, Cooper Wiring Devices and Cooper Tools Group. Cooper Connection provides a common marketing and selling platform for Cooper's sales to electrical distributors. For more information, visit the website at [www.cooperindustries.com](http://www.cooperindustries.com).

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