

# Single-phase Overcurrent/Undercurrent Relay

## K8AK-AW

### Ideal for Current Monitoring for Industrial Facilities and Equipment.

- Monitor for overcurrents and undercurrents simultaneously. Separate settings and outputs supported for overcurrents and undercurrents.
- Use commercially available CTs (CT current on secondary side: 0 to 1 A or 0 to 5 A).
- Manual resetting and automatically resetting supported by one Relay.
- Startup lock and operating time can be set separately.
- Two sets of SPDT output contacts, 5 A at 250 VAC (resistive load).
- Output status can be monitored using LED indicator.
- Inputs are isolated from the power supply.



Refer to *Safety Precautions* on page 11.  
Refer to page 10 for commonly asked questions.



For the most recent information on models that have been certified for safety standards, refer to your OMRON website.

### Ordering Information


#### List of Models

Setting range	Power supply voltage	Model
2 to 20 mA AC/DC 10 to 100 mA AC/DC 50 to 500 mA AC/DC	24 VAC/DC	K8AK-AW1 24 VAC/DC
	100 to 240 VAC	K8AK-AW1 100-240 VAC
0.1 to 1 A AC/DC 0.5 to 5 A AC/DC	24 VAC/DC	K8AK-AW2 24 VAC/DC
	100 to 240 VAC	K8AK-AW2 100-240 VAC
10 to 100 A AC* 20 to 200 A AC*	24 VAC/DC	K8AK-AW3 24 VAC/DC
	100 to 240 VAC	K8AK-AW3 100-240 VAC


\* The K8AK-AW3 is designed to be used in combination with an OMRON K8AC-CT200L Current Transformer (CT). (Direct input is not possible.)

### Accessory (Order Separately)

#### ●OMRON CT

Appearance	Input range	Applicable Relay	Model
	10 to 100 A AC, 20 to 200 A AC	K8AK-AW3	K8AC-CT200L

#### ●Commercially Available CTs\*

Appearance	CT current on secondary side	Applicable Relay
	0 to 1 A AC, 0 to 5 A AC	K8AK-AW2

\* If you use a commercially available CT, do not exceed the overload capacity of the K8AK-AW2.

# K8AK-AW

## Ratings and Specifications

### Input Range

Model	Range <sup>*1</sup>	Connection terminals	Setting range	Input impedance	Input type	Overload capacity
K8AK-AW1	0 to 20 mA AC/DC	I1-COM	2 to 20 mA AC/DC	Approx. 5 Ω	Direct input	Continuous input at 120% of maximum input. 1 s at 150%
	0 to 100 mA AC/DC	I2-COM	10 to 100 mA AC/DC	Approx. 1 Ω	Direct input	
	0 to 500 mA AC/DC	I3-COM	50 to 500 mA AC/DC	Approx. 0.2 Ω	Direct input	
K8AK-AW2	0 to 1 A AC/DC	I1-COM	0.1 to 1 A AC/DC 0.5 to 5 A AC/DC	Approx. 0.12 Ω (Load: 0.5 VA)	Direct input or commercially available CT	
	0 to 5 A AC/DC	I2-COM		Approx. 0.02 Ω (Load: 1.5 VA)		
K8AK-AW3	0 to 100 A AC	I2-COM	10 to 100 A AC <sup>*2</sup> 20 to 200 A AC <sup>*2</sup>	---	OMRON CT	Continuous input at 120% with an OMRON CT (K8AC-CT200L). 30 s at 200% 1 s at 600% * CT capacity on primary side.
	0 to 200 A AC	I3-COM		---	OMRON CT	

\*1 The range is selected using connected terminals.

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## Ratings

<b>Power supply voltage</b>	<b>Isolated power supply</b>	24 VAC/DC 100 to 240 VAC
<b>Power consumption</b>		24 VAC/DC: 2.0 VA/1.1 W max. 100 to 240 VAC: 4.6 VA max.
<b>Operating value setting range (SV)</b>		10% to 100% of the maximum value of the setting range K8AK-AW1: 2 to 20 mA AC/DC 10 to 100 mA AC/DC 50 to 500 mA AC/DC K8AK-AW2: 0.1 to 1 A AC/DC (Compatible with commercially available CTs.) 0.5 to 5 A AC/DC (Compatible with commercially available CTs.) K8AK-AW3: When used with the OMRON CT (K8AC-CT200L). 10 to 100 A AC 20 to 200 A AC
<b>Operating value</b>		100% operation at set value
<b>Reset value</b>		5% of operating value (fixed)
<b>Reset method</b>		Manual reset/automatic reset (switchable) <b>Note:</b> Manual reset: Turn OFF power supply for 1 s or longer.
<b>Operating time setting range (T)</b>		0.1 to 30 s
<b>Startup lock time setting range (LOCK)</b> <b>Note:</b> Enabled only for overcurrent operation.		0 to 30 s (The startup lock timer starts when the input has reached approximately 30% or more of the set value.) <b>Note:</b> Enabled only for overcurrent operation.
<b>Indicators</b>		Power (PWR): Green, Relay output (RY): Yellow, Alarm outputs (ALM): Red
<b>Input impedance</b>		Refer to <i>Input Range</i> on previous page.
<b>Output relays</b>		Two SPDT relay outputs (normally closed operation)
<b>Output relay ratings</b>		Rated load Resistive load 5 A at 250 VAC 5 A at 30 VDC Maximum switching capacity: 1,250 VA, 150 W Minimum load: 5 VDC, 10 mA (reference values) Mechanical life: 10 million operations min. Electrical life: 5 A at 250 VAC or 30 VDC: 50,000 operations 3 A at 250 VAC/30 VDC: 100,000 operations
<b>Ambient operating temperature</b>		–20 to 60°C (with no condensation or icing)
<b>Storage temperature</b>		–25 to 65°C (with no condensation or icing)
<b>Ambient operating humidity</b>		25% to 85% (with no condensation)
<b>Storage humidity</b>		25% to 85% (with no condensation)
<b>Altitude</b>		2,000 m max.
<b>Terminal screw tightening torque</b>		0.49 to 0.59 N·m
<b>Terminal wiring method</b>		Recommended wire Solid wire: 2.5 mm <sup>2</sup> Twisted wires: AWG16, AWG18 <b>Note:</b> 1. Ferrules with insulating sleeves must be used with twisted wires. 2. Two wires can be twisted together. Recommended ferrules Al 1,5-8BK (for AWG16) manufactured by Phoenix Contact Al 1-8RD (for AWG18) manufactured by Phoenix Contact Al 0,75-8GY (for AWG18) manufactured by Phoenix Contact
<b>Case color</b>		N1.5
<b>Case material</b>		PC and ABS, UL 94 V-0
<b>Weight</b>		Approx. 150 g
<b>Mounting</b>		Mounts to DIN Track.
<b>Dimensions</b>		22.5 × 90 × 100 mm (W×H×D)

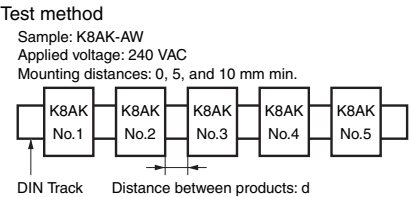
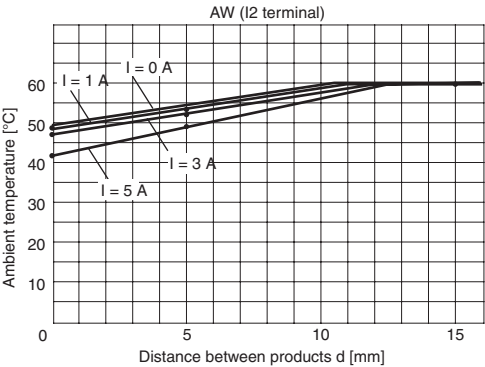
Specifications

Allowable operating voltage range		85% to 110% of power supply voltage
Allowable operating frequency range		50/60 Hz ±5 Hz
Input frequency range		K8AK-AW1 and K8AK-AW2: DC input or AC input (45 to 65 Hz) K8AK-AW3: AC input (45 to 65 Hz)
Overload capacity		K8AK-AW1 and K8AK-AW2: Continuous input at 120% of maximum input, 1 s at 150% K8AK-AW3: Continuous input at 120%, 30 s at 200%, and 1 s at 600% with an OMRON CT (K8AC-CT200L). <b>Note:</b> CT capacity on primary side.
Repeat accuracy	Operating value	±0.5% full scale (at 25°C and 65% humidity, rated power supply voltage, DC or 50/60 Hz sine wave input)
	Operating time	±50 ms (at 25°C and 65% humidity, rated power supply voltage)
Applicable standards	Conforming standards	EN 60947-5-1 Installation environment (pollution level 2, installation category III)
	EMC	EN 60947-5-1
	Safety standards	UL 508 (Recognition), Korean Radio Waves Act (Act 10564), CSA: C22.2 No.14, CCC: GB14048.5
Insulation resistance		20 MΩ min. Between external terminals and case Between power supply terminals and input terminals Between power supply terminals and output terminals Between input terminals and output terminals
Dielectric strength		2,000 VAC for one minute Between external terminals and case Between power supply terminals and input terminals Between power supply terminals and output terminals Between input terminals and output terminals
Noise immunity		1,500 V power supply terminal common/normal mode Square-wave noise of ±1 μs/100 ns pulse width with 1-ns rise time
Vibration resistance		Frequency: 10 to 55 Hz, acceleration 50 m/s <sup>2</sup> 10 sweeps of 5 min each in X,Y, and Z directions
Shock resistance		100 m/s <sup>2</sup> , 3 times each in 6 directions along 3 axes
Degree of protection		Terminals: IP20

●Relationship of Mounting Distance between K8AK-AW Relays and Input Current (Reference Values)

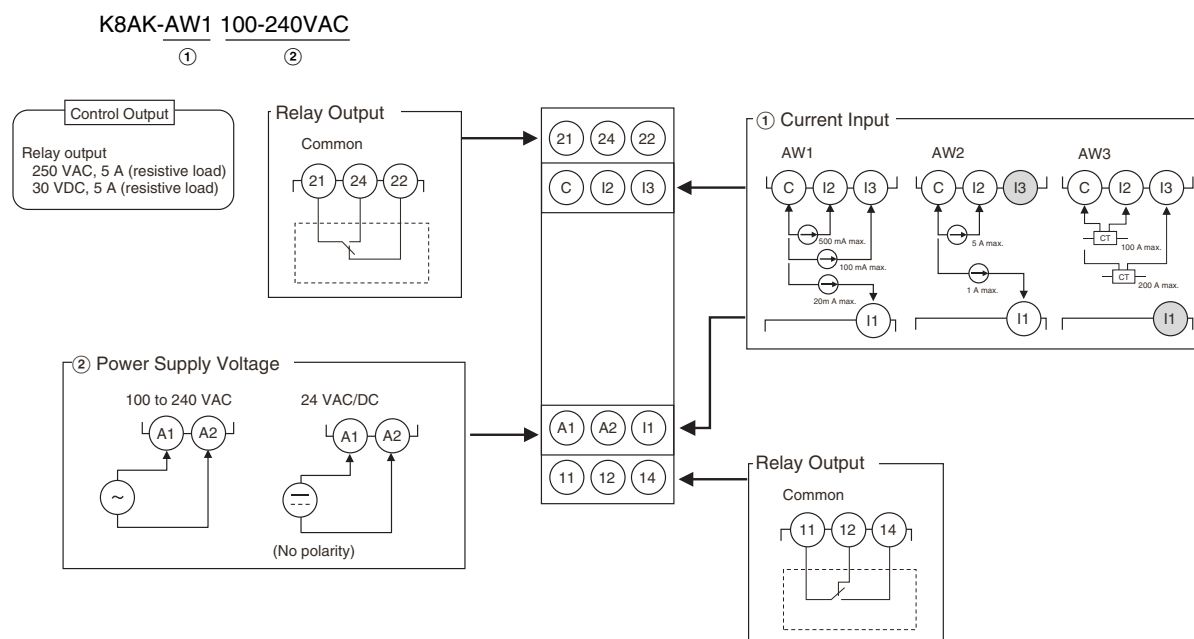
The following diagram shows the relationship between the mounting distances and the input current.

If the relay is used with an input current that exceeds these values, the temperature of the K8AK may rise and shorten the life of the internal components.



## Connections

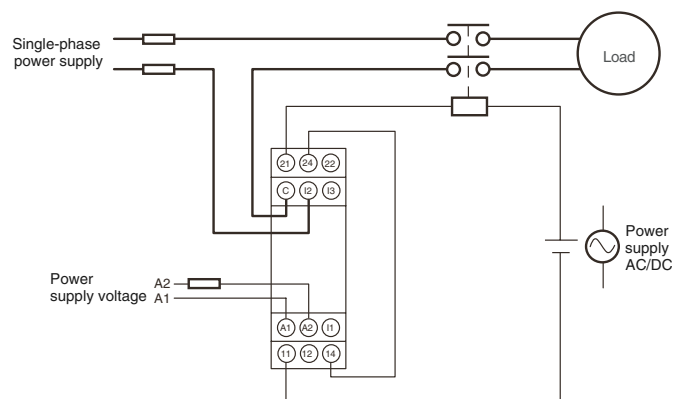
### Terminal Diagram



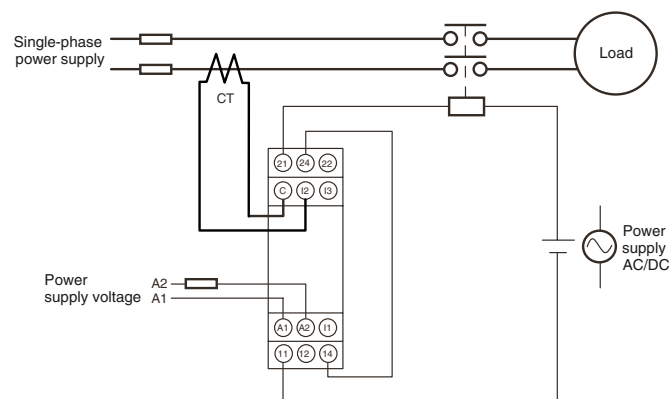
- Note:**
1. Do not connect anything to terminals that are shaded in gray.
  2. There is no polarity for the DC power supply input.
  3. For the current input, you can input only from the C terminal and one other terminal.
  4. Refer to *Setting Ranges and Wiring Connections* on the I1, I2, and I3 current input terminals.
  5. Use the recommended ferrules if you use twisted wires.
  6. The K8AK-AW3 is designed to be used in combination with the OMRON K8AC-CT200L Current Transformer (CT).

### Wiring Example

#### Directly Inputting a Current



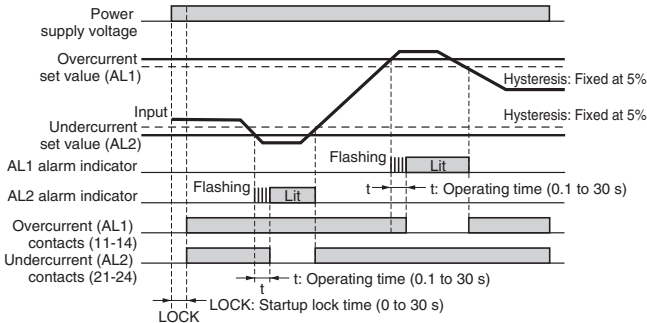
#### Using a CT



Timing Charts

●Overcurrent and Undercurrent Operation Diagram

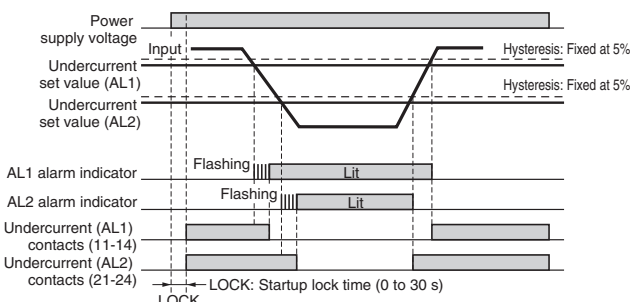
DIP switch settings: SW3 ON and SW4 ON, or SW3 OFF and SW4 OFF



- Note 1. The K8AK-AW□ output contacts are normally operative.  
Note 2. The startup lock prevents unnecessary alarms from being generated during the unstable period when the power is first turned ON. There is no contact output during timer operation.

●Undercurrent and Undercurrent Operation Diagram (Undercurrent Pre-alarm Mode)

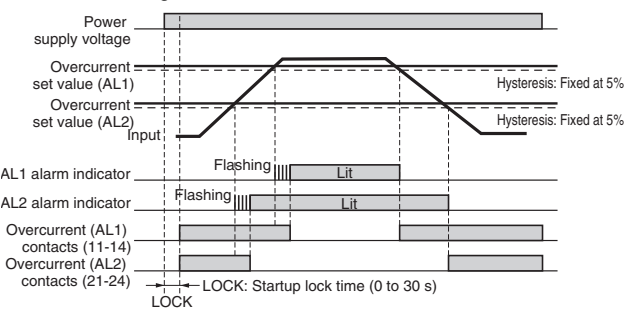
DIP switch settings: SW3 OFF and SW4 ON.



- Note 1. The K8AK-AW□ output contacts are normally operative.  
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●Overcurrent and Overcurrent Operation Diagram (Overcurrent Pre-alarm Mode)

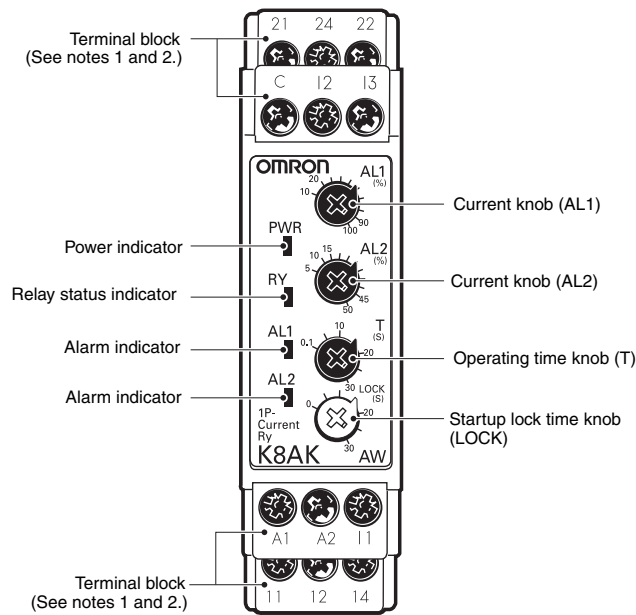
DIP switch settings: SW3 ON and SW4 OFF.



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Nomenclature

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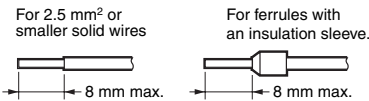
●Indicators

Item	Meaning
Power indicator (PWR: Green)	Lit when power is being supplied.
Relay status indicator (RY: Yellow)	Lit when relay is operating.
Alarm indicator (ALM: Red)	Lit when there is an overcurrent or undercurrent. The indicator flashes to indicate the error status after the input has exceeded the set value while the operating time is being clocked.

●Setting Knobs

Item	Usage
Current knob (AL1)	Used to set the current to 10% to 100% of maximum setting range.
Current knob (AL2)	Used to set the current to 10% to 100% of maximum setting range.
Operating time knob (T)	Used to set the operating time to 0.1 to 30 s.
Startup lock time knob (LOCK)	Used to set the startup lock time to 0 to 30 s.

**Note: 1.** Use either a solid wire of 2.5 mm<sup>2</sup> maximum or a ferrule with insulating sleeve for the terminal connection. The length of the exposed current-carrying part inserted into the terminal must be 8 mm or less to maintain dielectric strength after connection.



Recommended ferrules  
Phoenix Contact

- Al 1,5-8BK (for AWG16)
- Al 1-8RD (for AWG18)
- Al 0,75-8GY (for AWG18)

2. Tightening torque: 0.49 to 0.59 N·m

# K8AK-AW

## Operation Methods

### Setting Ranges and Wiring Connections

Model	Setting range	Input type	Wiring connections
K8AK-AW1	2 to 20 mA AC/DC	Direct input	I1-COM
	10 to 100 mA AC/DC	Direct input	I2-COM
	50 to 500 mA AC/DC	Direct input	I3-COM
K8AK-AW2	0.1 to 1 A AC/DC	Direct input or commercially available CT	I1-COM
	0.5 to 5 A AC/DC		I2-COM
K8AK-AW3	10 to 100 A AC*	OMRON CT	I2-COM
	20 to 200 A AC*	OMRON CT	I3-COM

**Note:** The DC input terminals have no polarity.  
\* The K8AK-AW3 is designed to be used in combination with the OMRON K8AC-CT200L Current Transformer (CT). (Direct input is not possible.)

### Connections

#### ●Input

Connect the input between the I1-COM, I2-COM, or I3-COM terminals, according to the input current. Malfunctions may occur if the input is connected to unused terminals and the Unit will not operate correctly.  
Terminal I1 is not used by the K8AK-AW3.  
If using the OMRON K8AC-CT200L CT, connect to terminals k and l on the K8AC-CT200L. (Terminals kt and lt are not used.)

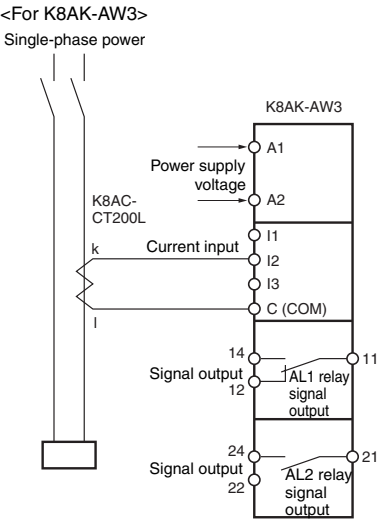
#### ●Power Supply

Connect the power supply to terminals A1 and A2.

#### ●Outputs

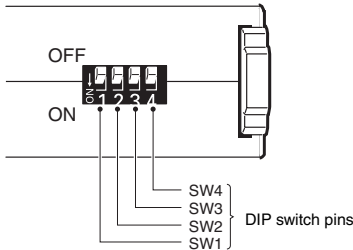
AL1 (SPDT relay) is output to terminals 11, 12, and 14.  
AL2 (SPDT relay) is output to terminals 21, 22, and 24.

**Note:** Use the recommended ferrules if using twisted wires.



### DIP Switch Settings

The resetting method, relay drive method, and operating mode are set using the DIP switch located on the bottom of the Unit.  
K8AK-AW□ does not use SW1.



#### ●DIP Switch Functions

Pin	OFF ● ↑  ON ○ ↓		1 OFF ON	2	3	4	
Resetting method	Manual reset		Not used.	●	---	---	
	Automatic reset			○	---	---	
Operating mode	AL1	AL2					
	Overcurrent	Undercurrent		---	●	●	
	Overcurrent	Overcurrent		---	○	●	
	Undercurrent	Undercurrent		---	●	○	
	Overcurrent	Undercurrent		---	○	○	

**Note:** All pins are set to OFF at the factory.

### Setting Method

#### ●Setting Current

The current knob (SV) is used to set the current.  
The current can be set to 10% to 100% of the maximum setting range.  
Turn the knob while there is an input to the input terminals until the alarm indicator flashes (when the set value and the input have reached the same level.)  
Use this as a guide to set the current.  
The maximum setting range will differ depending on the model and the input terminal.  
Example: K8AK-AW3 Using Input Terminals I3-COM  
The maximum measuring current will be 200 A AC and the setting range will be 20 to 200 A.



## ●Operating Time

The operating time is set using the operating time knob (T).

The operating time can be set to between 0.1 and 30 s.

Turn the knob while there is an input to the input terminals until the alarm indicator flashes (when the set value and the input have reached the same level.)

Use this as a guide to set the operating time.

If the input current exceeds (drops lower than) the set value, the alarm indicator will start flashing for the set period and then stay lit.

## ●Startup Lock Time

The startup lock time is set using the startup lock time knob (LOCK).

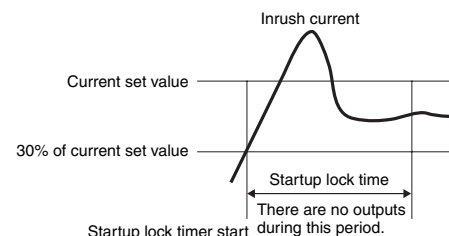
The startup lock time can be set to between 0 and 30 s.

Turn the knob while there is an input to the input terminals until the alarm indicator flashes (when the set value and the input have reached the same level.)

Use this as a guide to set the startup lock time.

The startup lock time will start when the input current reaches 30% or more of the set value.

Use startup lock time to prevent unwanted operation, e.g., as a result of inrush current.



## Dimensions

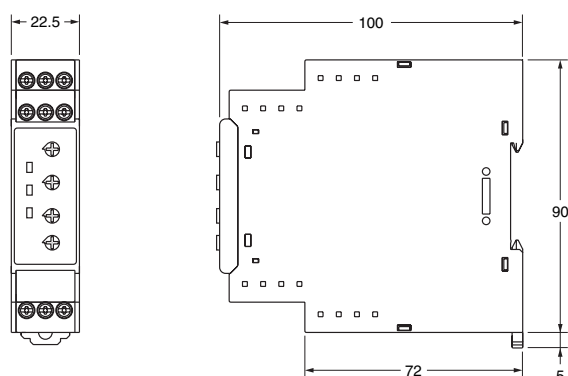
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### Single-phase Current Relays

K8AK-AW1

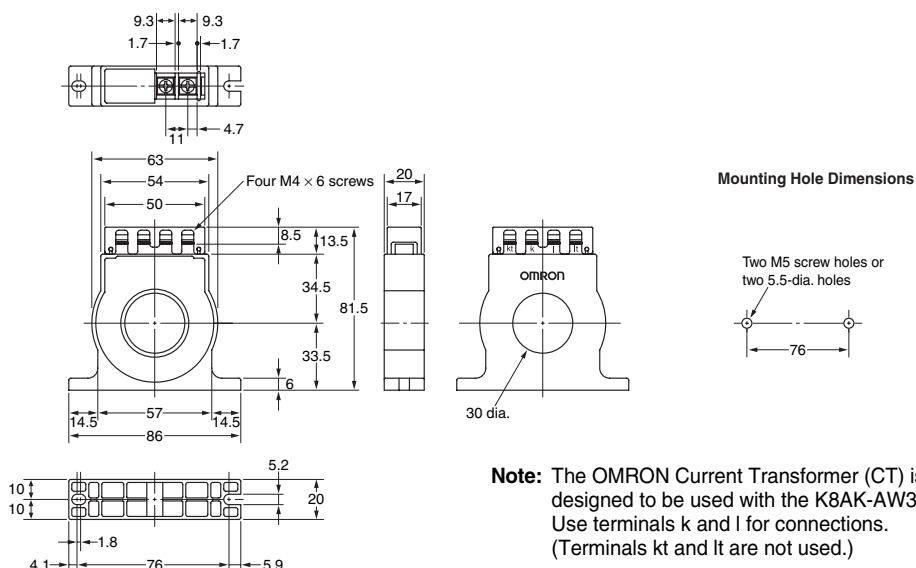
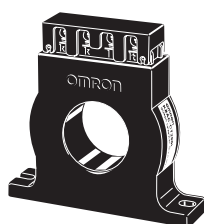
K8AK-AW2

K8AK-AW3



## OMRON CT

K8AC-CT200L

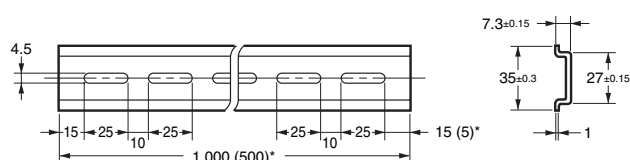
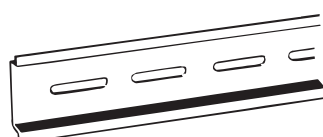


## Optional Parts for DIN Track Mounting

### ●DIN Tracks

PFP-100N

PFP-50N



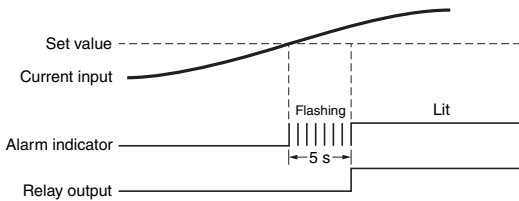
\*Dimensions in parentheses are for the PFP-50N.

## Questions and Answers

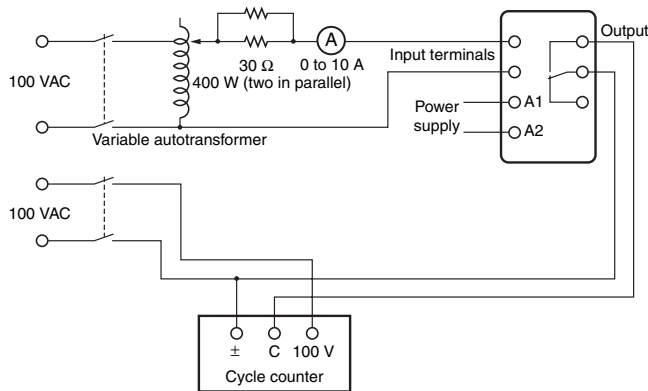
### Q Checking Operation

- A** Overcurrents  
Gradually increase the input from 80% of the set value. The input will equal the operating value when the input exceeds the set value and the alarm indicator starts flashing. Operation can be checked by the relay outputs that will start after the operating time has passed.
- Undercurrent  
Gradually decrease the input from 120% of the set value and check the operation using the same method as for overcurrent.

Example: Overcurrent Operating Mode, Normally Closed Relay Drive, and an Operating Time of 5 s.



### Connection Diagram



### Q How to Measure the Operating Time

- A** Overcurrent  
Change the input suddenly from 0% to 120% of the set value and measure the time until the Unit operates.
- Undercurrent  
Change the input suddenly from 120% to 0% of the set value and measure the time until the Unit operates.

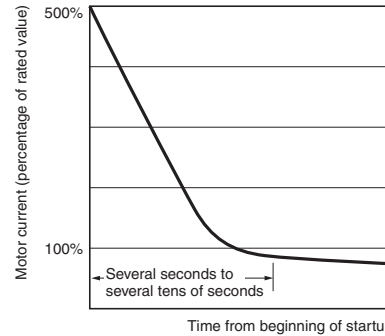
### Q Monitoring Switch-mode Power Supplies

- A** Switch-mode Power Supplies cannot be monitored. In circuits with a capacitor input, including switch-mode power supplies, the input capacitor recharge current flows in pulse form as the load current. The K8AK-AW□ has a built-in filter as a countermeasure against high frequencies and cannot be used to remove pulse current.

### Q Can a motor with a rated current of 5 A be monitored using the K8AK?

#### Are there any application precautions?

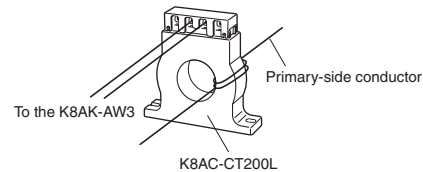
The K8AK-AW1 and K8AK-AW2 cannot be used with motor loads. Use the K8AK-AW3 in combination with the K8AC-CT200L Current Transformer (CT). With motor loads, the startup current and stall current will cause a current of many times the rated current to flow. Refer to the following figure for information on the motor startup current.



For a motor with a rating of 5 A, the startup current will be approximately 30 A. The startup current will exceed the overload capacity (rating: 150% for 1 s) of the K8AK-AW1 and K8AK-AW2 and result in failure of the Relay.

To monitor the motor load, use the K8AK-AW3. (Overload capacity: 120% of rating for continuous load, 200% of rating for 30 s, and 600% of rating for 1 s).

The K8AK-AW3 has a large input range. Pass the conductors multiple times through the special CT.



### Concept behind Passing Conductor through the CT When Using the K8AK-AW3

Example: Monitoring Overload of a Motor with a Rated Current of 5 A

K8AK set value:

Overcurrent detection, operating value setting: 25%, operating time: 0.1 s  
Startup lock timer: 0.1 to 30 s (Set the timer according to the duration of the startup current.)


The setting range for the K8AK-AW3 is 10% to 100% of the rated current (i.e., 10 to 100 A). Pass the conductors through the CT five times so that at least 10 A of current flows. The input current to the K8AK will be 25 A (i.e., 5 A x 5 loops).

If a startup current of six times the rated current is generated, it will be 150 A (i.e., 25 A x 6). The overload capacity for the K8AK-AW3 is 200% of the rating for 30 s. The Relay will not fail even if the startup current continues for 30 s, and it is possible to perform overload detection.





## Safety Precautions

Be sure to read the precautions for all models in the website at the following URL: <http://www.ia.omron.com/>.

### Warning Indications

 <b>CAUTION</b>	Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury or in property damage.
<b>Precautions for Safe Use</b>	Supplementary comments on what to do or avoid doing, to use the product safely.
<b>Precautions for Correct Use</b>	Supplementary comments on what to do or avoid doing, to prevent failure to operate, malfunction, or undesirable effects on product performance.

### Meaning of Product Safety Symbols

	Used to warn of the risk of electric shock under specific conditions.
	Used for general prohibitions for which there is no specific symbol.
	Used to indicate prohibition when there is a risk of minor injury from electrical shock or other source if the product is disassembled.
	Used for general mandatory action precautions for which there is no specified symbol.

### CAUTION

Electrical shock may cause minor injury.  
Do not touch terminals while electricity is being supplied.



There is a risk of minor electrical shock, fire, or device failure.  
Do not allow any pieces of metal, conductors, or cutting chips that occur during the installation process to enter the product.



Explosions may cause minor injuries. Do not use the product in locations with inflammable or explosive gases.

There is a risk of minor electrical shock, fire, or device failure.  
Do not disassemble, modify, repair, or touch the inside of the product.



Loose screws may cause fires. Tighten terminal screws to the specified torque of 0.49 to 0.59 N·m.



Use of excessive torque may damage the terminal screws.  
Tighten terminal screws to the specified torque of 0.49 to 0.59 N·m.



Use of the product beyond its life may result in contact welding or burning. Make sure to consider the actual operating conditions and use the product within its rated load and electrical life count. The life of the output relay varies significantly with the switching capacity and switching conditions.



## Precautions for Safe Use

- Do not use or store the product in the following locations.
  - Locations subject to water or oil
  - Outdoor locations or under direct sunlight
  - Locations subject to dust or corrosive gases (particularly sulfurizing gases, ammonia, etc.)
  - Locations subject to rapid temperature changes
  - Locations prone to icing and dew condensation
  - Locations subject to excessive vibration or shock
  - Locations subject to wind and rain
  - Locations subject to static electricity and noise
  - Habitats of insects or small animals
- Use and store the product in a location where the ambient temperature and humidity are within the specified ranges. If applicable, provide forced cooling.
- Mount the product in the correct direction.
- Check terminal polarity when wiring and wire all connections correctly. The power supply terminals do not have polarity.
- Do not wire the input and output terminals incorrectly.
- Make sure the power supply voltage and loads are within the specifications and ratings for the product.
- Make sure the crimp terminals for wiring are of the specified size.
- Do not connect anything to terminals that are not being used.
- Use a power supply that will reach the rated voltage within 1 second after the power is turned ON.
- Keep wiring separate from high voltages and power lines that draw large currents.  
Do not place product wiring in parallel with or in the same path as high-voltage or high-current lines.
- Do not install the product near equipment that generates high frequencies or surges.
- The product may cause incoming radio wave interference. Do not use the product near radio wave receivers.
- Install an external switch or circuit breaker and label it clearly so that the operator can quickly turn OFF the power supply.
- Make sure the indicators operate correctly. Depending on the application environment, the indicators may deteriorate prematurely and become difficult to see.
- Do not use the product if it is accidentally dropped. The internal components may be damaged.
- Be sure you understand the contents of this catalog and handle the product according to the instructions provided.
- Do not install the product in any way that would place a load on it.
- When discarding the product, properly dispose of it as industrial waste.
- When using the product, remember that the power supply terminals carry a high voltage.
- The product must be handled only by trained electrician.
- Prior to operation, check the wiring before you supply power to the product.
- Do not install the product immediately next to heat sources.
- Perform periodic maintenance.

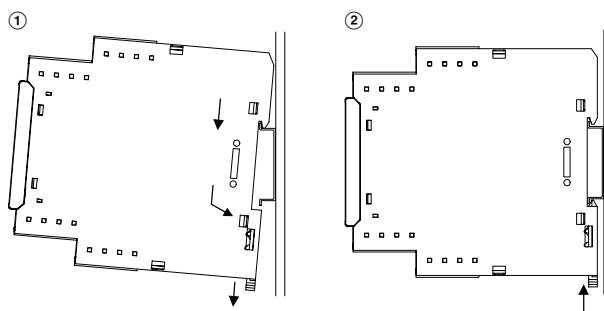
## Precautions for Correct Use

### Observe the following operating methods to prevent failure and malfunction.

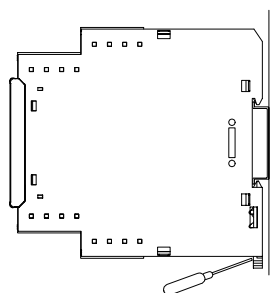
- Use the power supply voltage, input power, and other power supplies and converters with suitable capacities and rated outputs.
- Use a precision screwdriver or similar tool to adjust the setting knobs.
- The distortion in the input waveform must be 30% max. If the input waveform is distorted beyond this level, it may cause unnecessary operation.
- Error will be large if the product is used for thyristor or inverter control.
- To reduce the error in the setting knob, always turn the setting knob from the minimum setting toward the maximum setting.
- When cleaning the product, do not use thinners or solvents. Use commercial alcohol.

### Mounting and Removing

- Mounting to DIN Track
  - Catch the upper hook on the DIN Track.
  - Push the product onto the Track until the hooks lock into place.



- Removing from the DIN Track  
Pull down on the bottom hook with a flat-blade screwdriver and lift up on the product.



Applicable DIN Tracks:  
PFP-100N (100 cm)  
PFP-50N (50 cm)

### Adjusting the Setting Knobs

- Use a screwdriver to adjust the setting knobs. The knobs have a stopper that prevents them from turning beyond the full right or left position. Do not force a knob beyond these points.



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