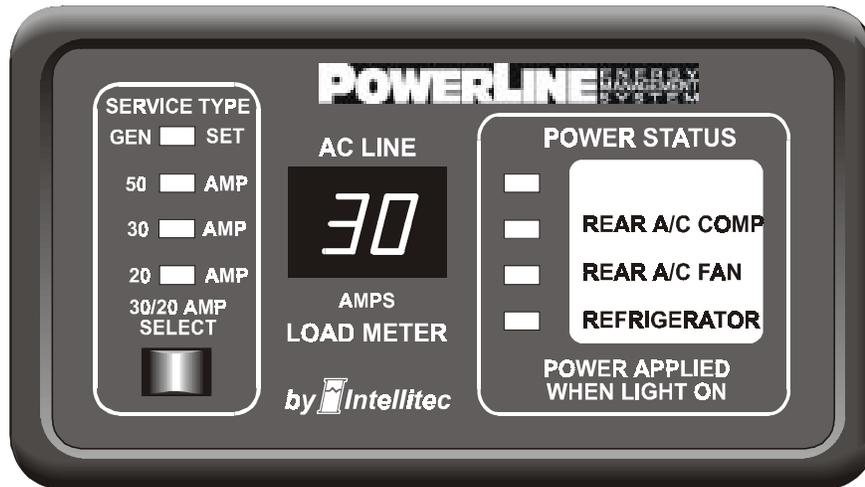


# POWERLINE Energy Management System™

## INSTALLATION & SERVICE MANUAL



Display Panel

The **PowerLine EMS™** is a specialized power distribution and energy management system intended to be used in recreational vehicles. The Control Module is housed in the standard main distribution panel, a sheet metal enclosure with removable front panel. The Display Panel is mounted to a wall or suitable surface remotely from the distribution panel. It provides a system of energy management to minimize the over-loading and tripping of circuit breakers.

**Energy Management** - the **PowerLine EMS™** automatically senses the available power to the vehicle. It determines whether it is connected to a 120 VAC, 30 Amp shore power source, 240 VAC, 50 Amp shore power source, or Generator source. Depending upon available power, it controls the operation of the rear air conditioner fan and compressor using low voltage switching and also controls the refrigerator by switching the 120 VAC supply. If the available power source is 120 VAC, 30 Amp shore power it attempts to keep the total 120 volt current draw to less than 30 Amps.

### CAUTION

The **POWERLINE Energy Management System™** is a specialized power switching center. Power from the 120/240 volt power source is fed into the box. The potential of lethal electrical shock is present in this box. Inadvertent shorts at this box could result in damage and/or injury. All servicing of this box should be done *only* by a qualified Service Technician.

Diagnostic tools required: Low current Test Light, Accurate Voltmeter (digital readout preferred), Clamp-on AC ammeter.

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## HOW IT WORKS

### ENERGY MANAGEMENT

The main neutral line is routed through the magnetically coupled current sensor. This sensor measures the current flowing through the neutral line, which is the total amount being drawn by all the 120 volt appliances in the RV. When this current exceeds 30 Amps (20 Amps if the threshold has been set lower), the **PowerLine EMS™** will turn off the controlled loads in an effort to bring the total current to the limit of the incoming service.

### CONTROLLED LOADS

The system offers control of up to four powered loads. Loads that are to be controlled are connected to one of the relay circuits of the **EMS**. There are a total of four control relays in the **EMS**. Two of these relays, relays 1 and 2, are 10 Amp relays with normally-closed contacts used to interrupt the 120 volt power to the loads. These circuits are intended to control 120 volt appliances such as refrigerator, water heater, washer/dryer, coffee maker, etc. For the 120 VAC switched loads, power is routed from the individual branch circuit breakers to one of these 120 VAC relays. The controlled load is then fed from that relay.

The remainder of the relays, relays 3 and 4, are intended to switch low voltage loads. Relay 3 is a single-pole double-throw relay with all contacts available. Relay 4 is a single-pole double-throw relay with only the common and normally-closed contacts available. These are intended to control air conditioners or other appliances equipped with low voltage controls or thermostats. The contacts of the relays are typically wired in series with the low voltage controls or thermostats of air conditioners so the **EMS** turns off only the compressor, or the compressor and fan. These circuits could also control other 120 volt appliances if an additional control relay is added externally.

If 120 VAC or 240 VAC is not available at the L1 or L2 inputs (J5 pin 4 and 6 respectively) to the Control Module, the **EMS** shuts itself off and all relay contacts remain closed. This feature is intended to prevent the **EMS** from drawing current from the +12 VDC battery supply when not in operation.

### OPERATION IN VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH 240VAC, 50 AMP SERVICE:

In operation, when the 120 VAC or 240 VAC power is applied, the system automatically powers up and determines the nature of the power source.

If 240 VAC, 50 Amp service is available, the energy management feature is disabled and the Control Module sends a signal to the Display Module which causes the load meter to go blank, the 50 AMP service indicator to light, and all power status indicators to light.

If the generator is running, 120 VAC will be present at the L1 and L2 inputs and a +12 VDC signal will be present at J4 pin 8 on the Control Module. In this mode the energy management feature is disabled and the Control Module sends a signal to the Display Module which causes the load meter to display actual load current, the GEN SET service indicator to light, and all power status indicators to light.

If 120 VAC is present at the L1 and L2 inputs and no +12 VDC signal is present at J4 pin 8 on the Control Module the **EMS** will assume that 120 VAC, 30 Amp shore power is available and the energy management feature will be enabled. If 20 Amp service is only available the user must select the 20 AMP service mode by momentarily pressing the 20/30 Amp select switch on the Control Panel. Initially, all relay contacts are closed. The total current is monitored. If the total current should exceed the service limit, the system will turn off the first load in the shedding table.

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## OPERATION IN VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH 240VAC, 50 AMP SERVICE *(continued)*

As it does this, it calculates the amount of current that was removed, which is the value for that load. This value is placed in memory. If the current remains above the service limit the system will turn off the next load in the shedding table. Again, it calculates the amount of current that was removed and places this value, which is the value for that load, in memory. In like manner the system turns off loads until the total current falls below the service limit or all of the four controlled loads have been shed. In this process the system has "learned" the amount of current that each particular load draws. This feature compensates for the differences in current draw over a range of line voltage and ambient temperature, by re-learning the load each time it is turned off or "shed".

The system now waits until the total current is lower than the service limit and enough current is available, as compared with the amount in memory for the last load shed, before it will turn that load back on. This assures that there is sufficient current to operate the load.

There is a two minute minimum delay period after a load is shed before the load will be turned back on again to prevent air conditioners from turning on with a head of pressure.

## OPERATION IN VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH 120VAC, 30 AMP SERVICE:

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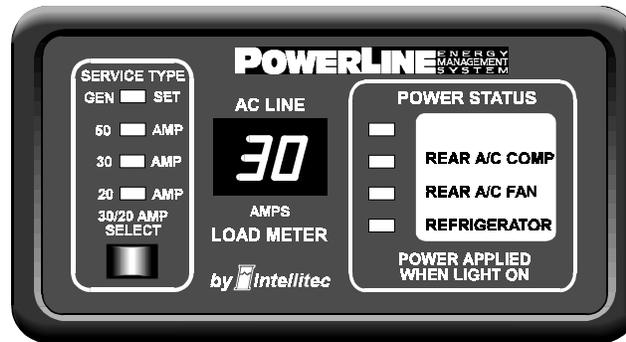
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## 3 HOUR AVERAGING

The R.V.I.A. (Recreational Vehicle Industry Association) in conjunction with the N.E.C. (National Electrical Council) have established rules regarding the rating of electrical systems and the use of energy management systems. One of these rules requires that, if an energy management system is used, the average total load current for the system over a 3 hour period be limited to 80% of the service rating. For that reason the **PowerLine EMS™** calculates the average running current for the system and, if it exceeds 80% of the service rating, the **EMS** sheds loads to reduce the average current below that limit. For example, if a system operating under 120 VAC, 30 Amp service has been running at the 30 Amp limit for three hours, the **EMS** will change its shedding threshold to 24 Amps and turn off loads until the 24 Amp limit is attained. If the user selects the 20 Amp service mode this limit will translate to 16 Amps. Because the **EMS** calculates a running 3 hour average, if the average load current drops below the limit, the system will restore power to loads based on their impact on the limit. If the system is in the Averaging mode the decimal point at the lower right corner of the Load Meter display on the Display Panel will illuminate.



## DISPLAY PANEL

The Display Panel can be mounted remotely and connects to the Control Module with a small gauge, four wire cable.

Four Power Status LED's indicate whether power is applied to those loads. These LED's are on when the power is applied.

A two digit display, the Load Meter, indicates the amount of current actually being drawn by all the appliances in the coach.

The Service Select button allows the current threshold to be set to either 30 Amps or 20 Amps, to match the incoming service. When power is first applied, the system will always be in the 30 Amp mode. Momentarily pressing this button will switch the system to the 20 Amp mode.

Four Service Type LED's indicate the type of service that the system is operating under. If the GEN SET service indicator is lit, the system has automatically detected the presence of 120 VAC at the L1 and L2 inputs and the presence of the +12 VDC run signal from the generator at the GEN SET input on the Control Module. If the 50 AMP service indicator is lit, the system has automatically detected the presence of 240 VAC at the L1 and L2 inputs on the control module. If the 30 AMP service indicator is lit, the system has automatically detected the presence of 120 VAC at the L1 and L2 inputs and the absence of the +12 VDC run signal from the generator input on the Control Module. If the 20 AMP service indicator is lit, the user has selected that mode by momentarily pressing the 20/30 Amp select button. Momentarily pressing this button again will switch the system back to the 30 Amp mode.

This panel can also be used to display the value of current stored in memory for each of the four loads.

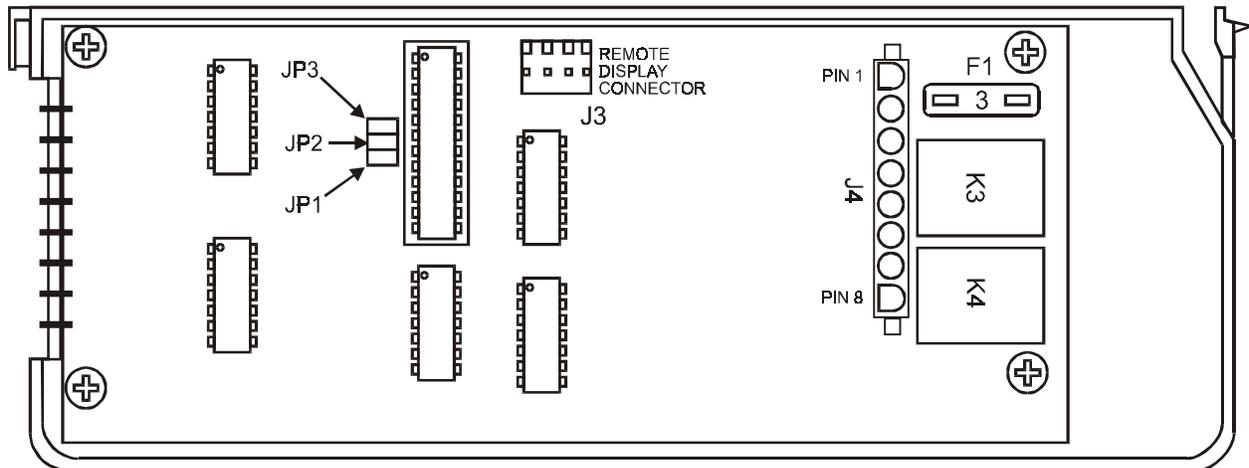
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## INSTALLATION

The EMS Control Module has three jumpers on the board that determine the order of shedding of the loads. These jumpers are labeled JP1, JP2, and JP3. (See the following figure.)



These jumpers are all installed at the factory. Removing them will alter the order of shedding to suit the particular need of the installation. Please consult the factory before modifying the installation of the jumpers.

## PLACEMENT

The EMS Control Module is installed inside the main distribution panel. The metal mounting bracket should be placed as shown and the single screw mounting the breaker panel should be removed and replaced as shown.

The wiring to the box should be routed through the holes in the back and secured using approved cable connectors. The wires should be copper conductors **ONLY**, with the appropriate size and insulation to meet N.E.C. code.

The main White or "neutral" lead should be routed through the hole in the current sensor and then to the screw terminal on the Neutral Bar.

To connect the 120 volt controlled loads, jumper wires should be connected from the respective circuit breakers to the associated screw terminals on the EMS Control Module. The black wires to the controlled loads should be connected to the proper screw terminals on the EMS Control Module. Be sure these wires are under the screw terminals and they are tight.

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## PLACEMENT *(continued)*

The 12 VDC voltage connections are made through the 8 pin Mate-N-Lok plug on the low voltage side of the Control Module. The connections are as follows:

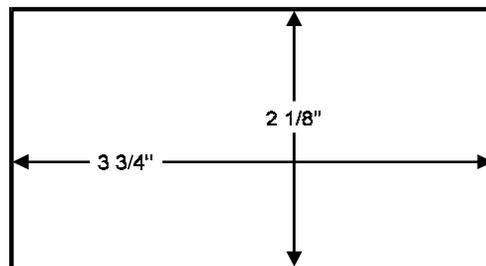
Pin	Function
1	+ 12 Volts
2	Ground
3	Relay 3 Normally Open
4	Relay 3 Common
5	Relay 3 Normally Closed
6	Relay 4 Common
7	Relay 4 Normally Closed
8	Gen. Set Run +12 VDC Input

The +12 volts should be supplied from a source fused at 3 Amps minimum and capable of delivering up to 1 Amp of AVERAGE current. Protecting this connection with a higher rated fuse is acceptable since the EMS is internally protected with 3 Amp fuse. The low voltage wires are brought into the box through the large hole in the lower left-hand corner of the back of the box.

The Relay 3 connections are typically made to the low voltage compressor control wires of the air conditioners. The normally closed contacts are wired in "series" with the compressor control lead. This means that the compressor control wire is cut and the two ends are wired to the Common and the Normally Closed contacts of Relay 3. In this way, the EMS can interrupt the operation of the compressor, just as the thermostat does. The Relay 4 connections are typically made to the thermostat wires of the air conditioners. The normally closed contacts are wired in "series" with the thermostat. This means that the thermostat wire is cut and the two ends are wired to the Common and the Normally Closed contacts of Relay 4. In this way, the EMS can interrupt the operation of the fan, just as the thermostat does.

## REMOTE PANEL

Select a convenient location for the panel, where it can be easily viewed by the owner. Cut a hole in the panel for the panel as shown.



Remote Panel Cutout

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## REMOTE PANEL *(continued)*

Route the harness from the hole for the Display Panel to the EMS Control Module (up to 40 feet of cable is acceptable). Plug the cable into the EMS Control Module, assuring it is properly seated on all four pins. (Note: This cable is polarized, the latches of each end of the connector mate to each other, and will go on easily in the right direction, but can be forced on in the reverse direction.)

The Remote Panel should be plugged onto the harness observing the polarity as before. The panel should then be installed in the hole and screwed in place using two # 6, flat head screws through the holes in the panel. The white function label should be lettered to correspond to the order of load shedding and installed. The cover label should be placed against the front panel in the trim bezel snapped on to hold the label in place.

## PERFORMANCE TEST

The system is now ready for testing.

At the installers preference, to assure there are no potential shorts, a Hi-Pot test can be performed on the installation. The Hi-Pot test should be conducted in accordance with standard procedures for the tester being used.

## SYSTEM TEST

Initially, all the 120 volt loads should be turned off or disconnected. Both 120 volt AC and 12 volt DC power should now be applied to the system. Referring to the Display Panel, the numeric display should read "0" and the four load LED's should come on. A clamp-on type ammeter may be used to measure the current being supplied by the 30 Amp shore power cord.

Connect or turn on one of the controlled AC loads. It should operate and the numeric display or the clamp-on ammeter should show the amount of current that load is drawn. Turn that appliance off and repeat this with each of the others.

To test the load shedding, turn on all the controlled appliances. The total current drawn should exceed 30 Amps. (If not - add additional loads to the non-controlled receptacles.) When the total amount of current exceeds 30 Amps, the loads should begin to turn off to bring the total below 30 Amps.

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## FUSES

### CAUTION

**F1** - 3 Amp ATO type, for EMS circuitry only. DO NOT replace with a fuse of higher rating. This could result in severe damage to the circuitry or create a possible fire hazard.

## PLUGS - PINS & FUNCTIONS

**J3** - 4 pin Molex KK .156 - Display Panel Connector Mating Housing Molex 09-50-3041

Pin	Function
1	Power
2	Data
3	Ground
4	Select Line

**J4** - 8 pin in-line Mate-N-Lock Mating housing AMP 640586-1

Pin	Function
1	+ 12 Volts
2	Ground
3	Relay 3 Normally Open
4	Relay 3 Common
5	Relay 3 Normally Closed
6	Relay 4 Common
7	Relay 4 Normally Closed
8	+12Vdc Generator Run indicator input

**J5** - 6 position terminal block - Will accept up to 12 GA or 14 GA copper wire ONLY.

Terminal	Function
1	Neutral
2	From Circuit Breaker for Relay 2
3	Output of Relay 2
4	From Circuit Breaker for Relay 1 - Line 1 (L1) Input
5	Output of Relay 1
6	Line 2 (L2) Input

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## *Trouble Shooting*

If the following problems occur, proceed with their analysis in the order in which the steps are listed.

### **I. No 120 volt appliances working.**

A. Check incoming power source.

1. Make sure that the shore power cord is plugged into the outlet.
2. Check the circuit breaker at the shore power outlet to be sure it is set. Turn it off and then back on to be sure.
3. Check the Main circuit breaker in the distribution panel to be sure it is set. Turn it off and then back on to be sure.
4. Using a circuit checker, be sure the 30 Amp shore power outlet has 120 volts available.

B. Check Change-Over relay, if so equipped.

1. Measure the voltage at the incoming side of the Main 30 Amp breaker. If voltage is NOT the same as the incoming line, repair the change-over. (Refer to the change-over service literature for trouble shooting.)

### **II. 120 volts available at non-controlled appliances and receptacles. Controlled appliances do not operate.**

A. Check 120 volt circuit breakers in the distribution panel.

1. Reset circuit breakers if necessary.
2. Check for presence of voltage at branch circuit breakers with voltmeter.

### **III. Some controlled appliances turn on, others do not.**

A. Check wiring to and from EMS Control Module.

1. Check wiring from circuit breakers to EMS Control Module.
2. Check wiring from EMS Control Module to controlled appliance.

### **IV. Branch circuit breaker trips when power is applied.**

A. Check wiring for shorts.

### **V. Air conditioner doesn't work.**

A. Check thermostat wiring and settings.

B. Check air conditioner

### **VI. Shedding order incorrect.**

A. Check for jumpers in locations 1, 2, and 3 on the EMS Control Module.

B. Check relay wiring.

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## VII. Remote Display out or strange characters appear.

- A. Check the 3 Amp Fuse (F1) on the EMS Control Module.
- B. Check the 4 pin cable from the EMS Control Module to the Display Panel for the following voltages:
  - Pin 1 (12V)= 12V
  - Pin 2 (Data)= GND
  - Pin 3 (GND)= GND
  - Pin 4 (SW)= GND, +12V when swithc on Display Panel is pressed.
- C. Check the harness so that the plug at the EMS Control Module and the plug at the Display Panel are plugged in with the proper polarity and the pins correspond.  
Wiring    1 → 1    2 → 2    3 → 3    4 → 4

Both the EMS and Display have internal protection. Shorts or miswiring should not cause the units to fail.

## VIII. All Load Indicators do not light and the GEN SET service indicator on the Remote Display does not light with the Generator Running.

- A. Check for the presence of +12Vdc at J4 pin 8 on the Control Module.

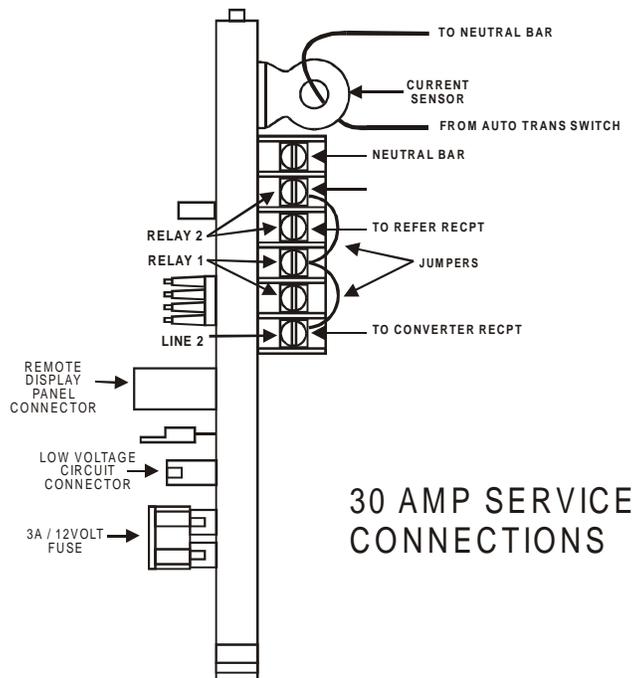
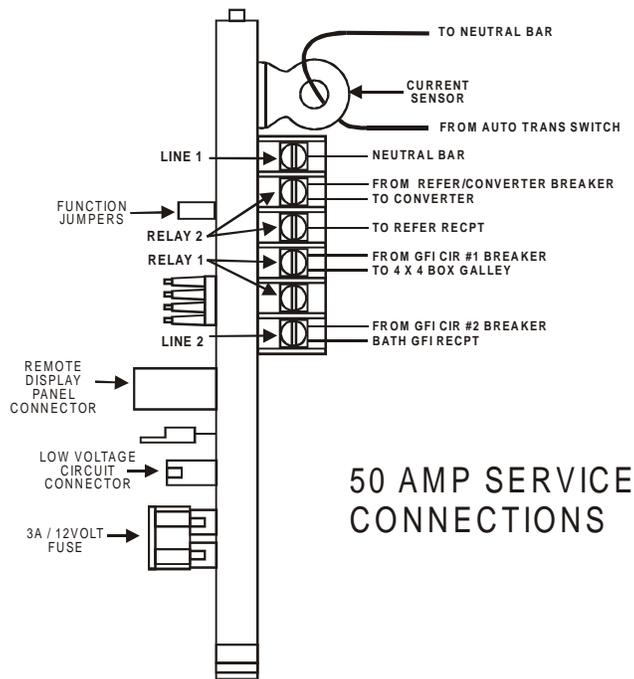
## IX. All Load Indicators do not light and the 50 AMP service indicator on the Remote Display does not light with the vehicle plugged into 240Vac, 50 Amp shore power service.

- A. Check for the presence of 240Vac between J5 pin 4 (L1) and J5 pin 6 (L2).
- B. Check 120 volt circuit breaker in the distribution panel supplying J5 pin 4 (L1) on the Control Module.

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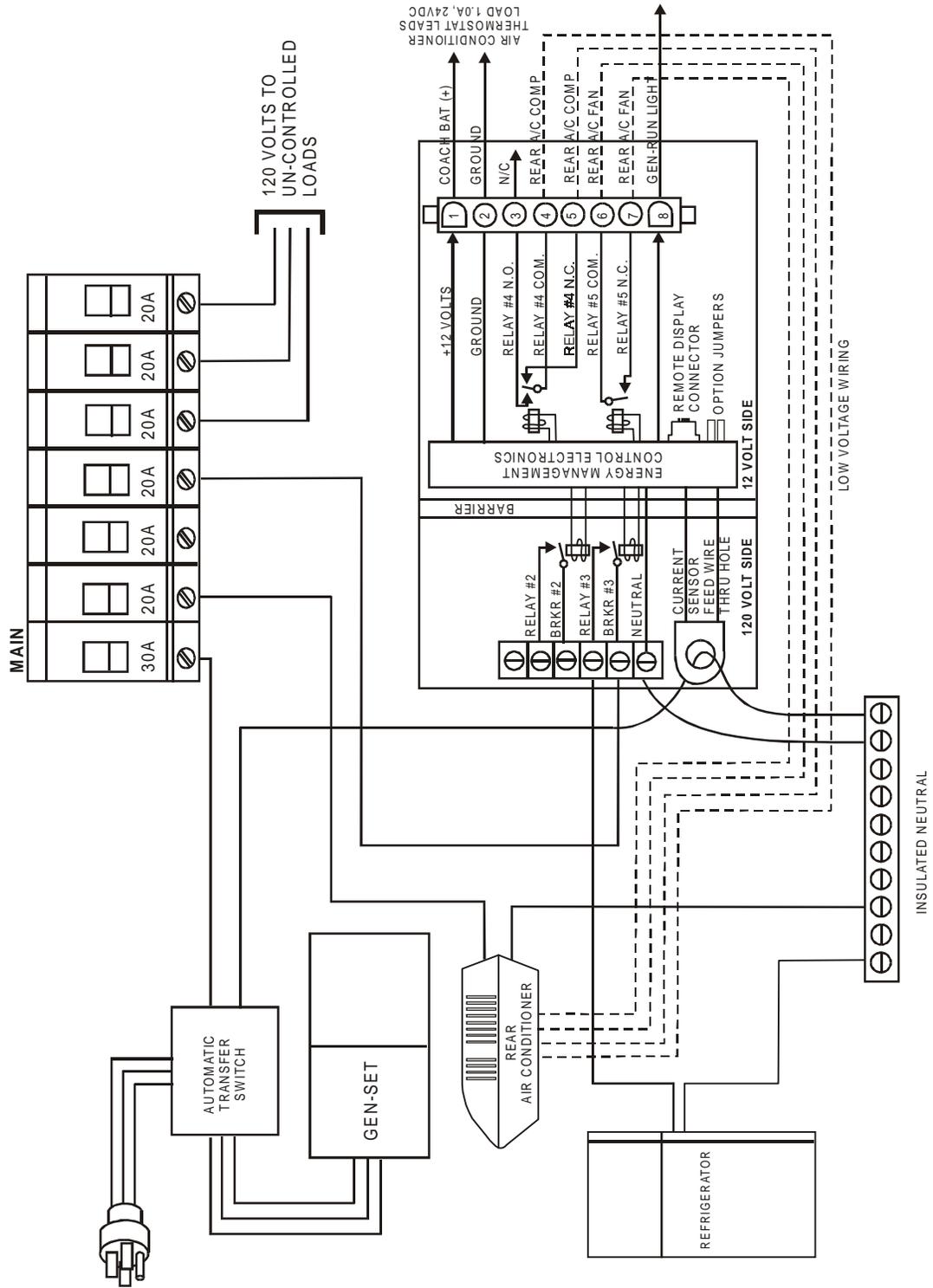


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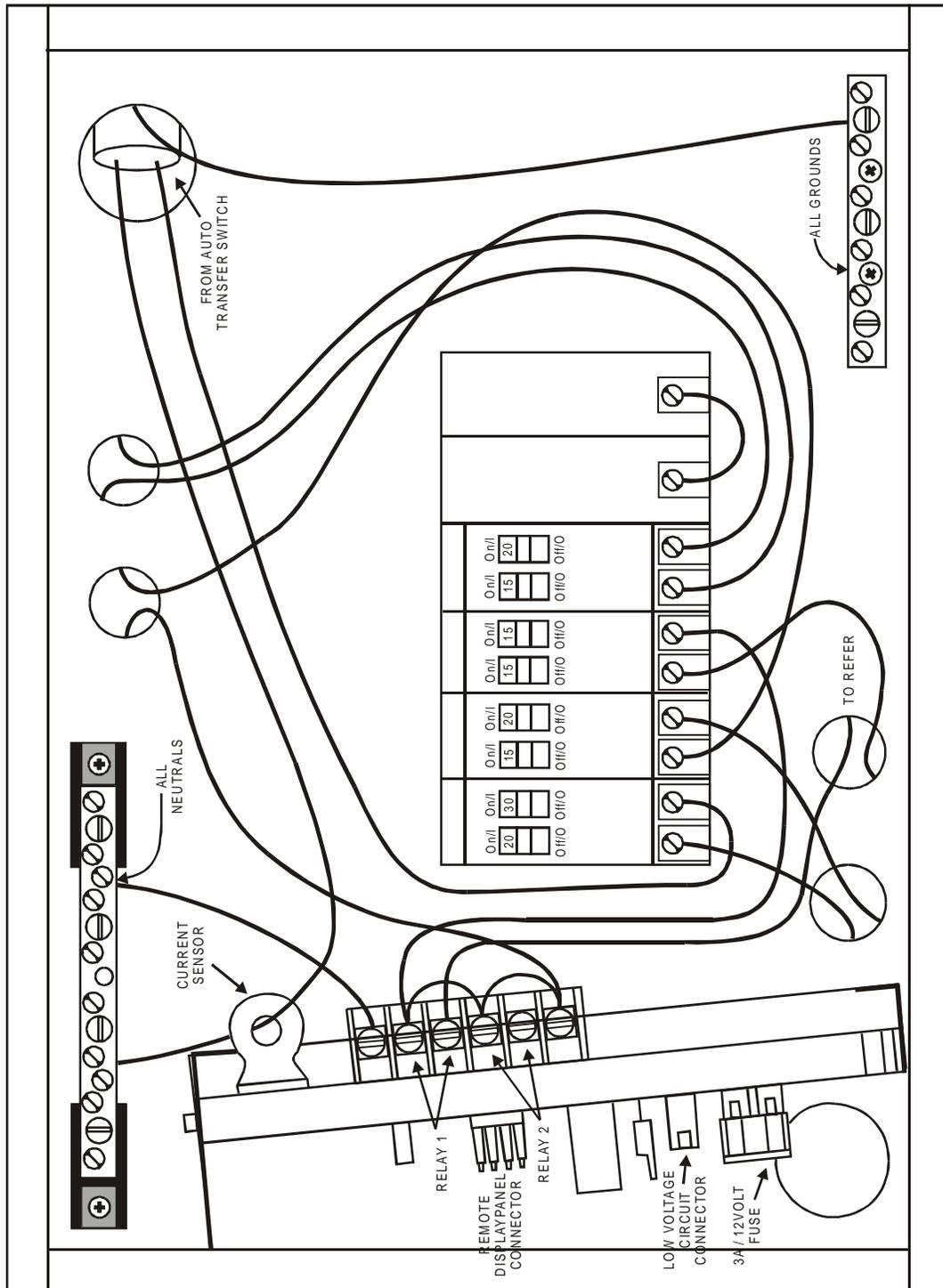
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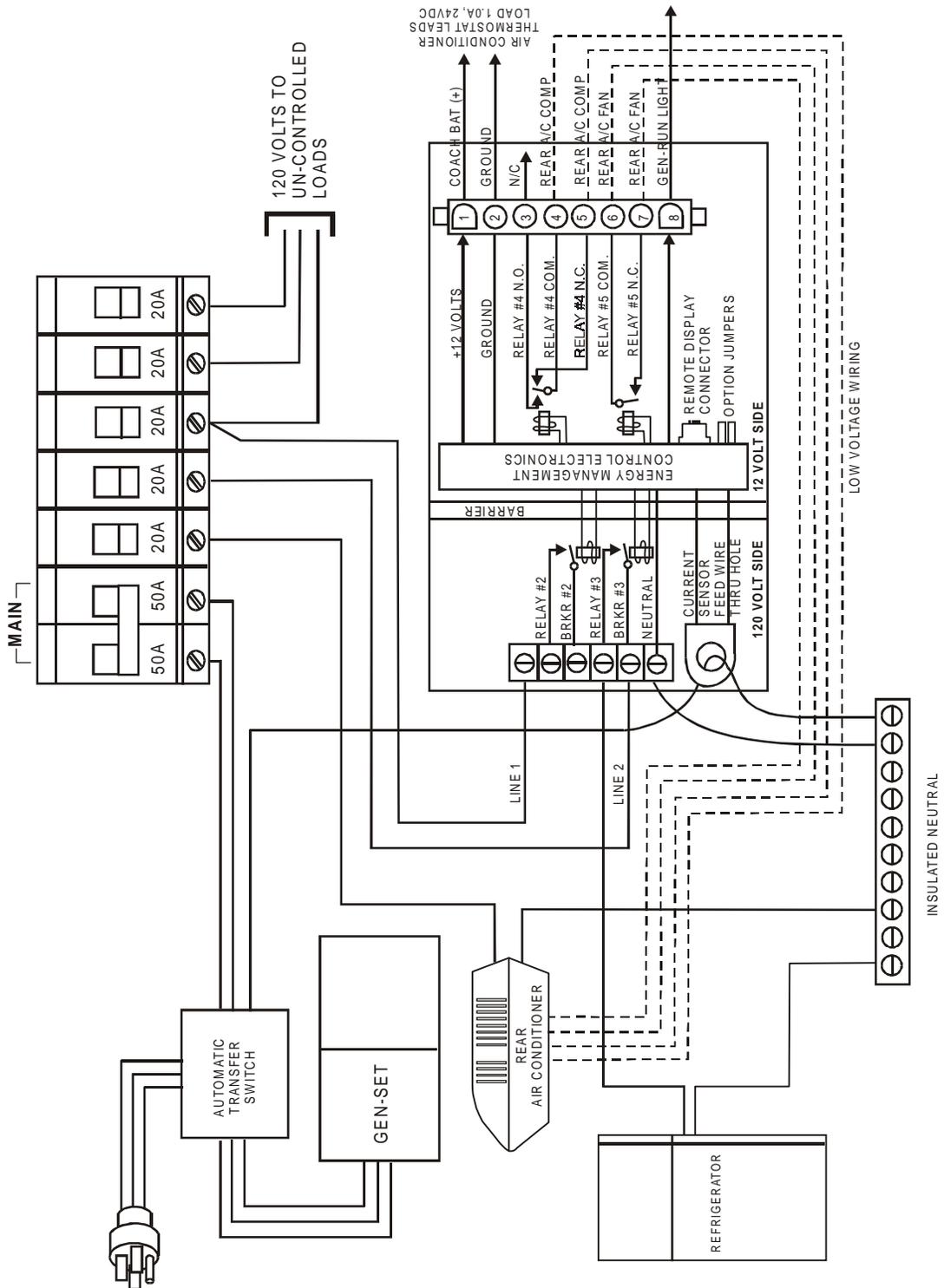
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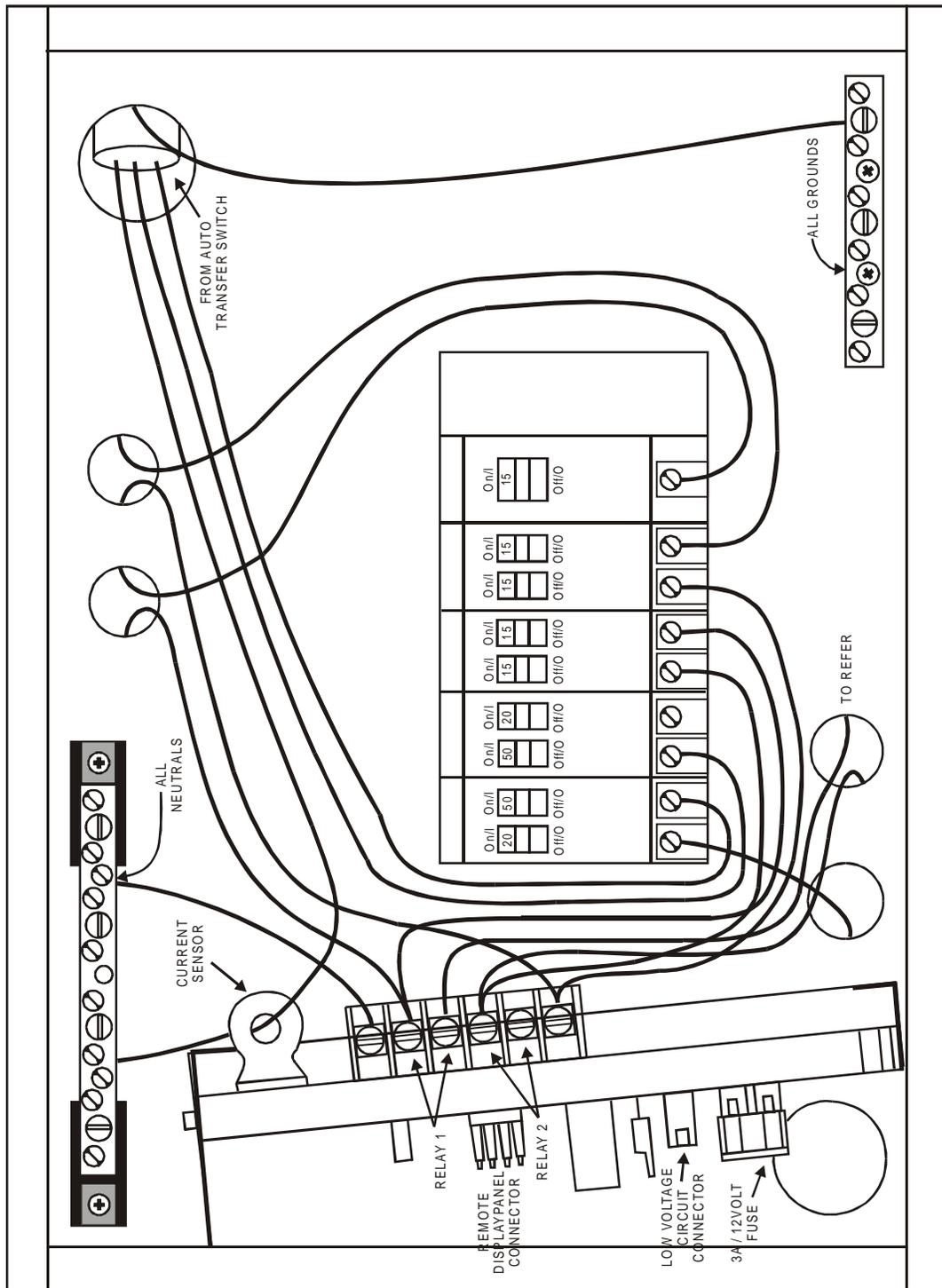
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