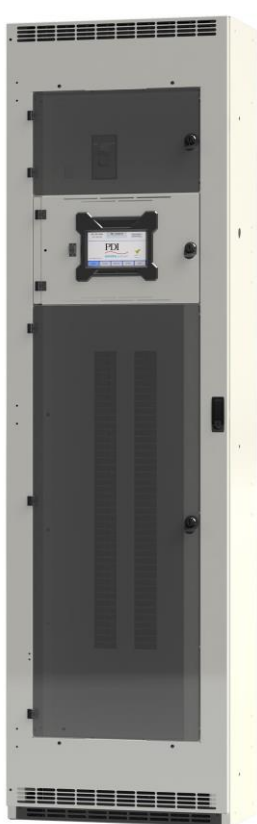


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# Safety

Please pay special attention to the use of “Danger” symbols throughout this manual indicating electrical or other safety hazards. Following these safety instructions is extremely important to avoid possible injury or death.



## **DANGER!**

This symbol is used throughout this manual to indicate the presence of high voltages, representing a hazard for electric shock, burn or explosion. Follow the instructions carefully to avoid serious or fatal injury.

Follow safe electrical work practices:

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- Disconnect and lock-out all power supplying equipment before working on or installing Modular Compact Remote Power Panel components. Use a properly rated voltage sensing device to confirm power is OFF.
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- Read, understand, and follow the instructions before installing this product.
- Install device in an appropriate electrical enclosure per local regulations.
- ESD sensitive equipment. Ground yourself, discharge any static charge and ensure that the device is effectively grounded before handling the unit.

An installed Modular Compact Remote Power Panel must be securely fastened to a leveled floor or a plumbed wall.

# 1 Installation Planning

## 1.1 Modular Compact RPP Summary

The Modular Compact Remote Power Panel (RPP) is a versatile RPP with a small footprint:

- Two units can fit on a standard 24" x 24" floor tile.
- Any unit can be floor mounted or wall mounted.
- All units are front-access only for normal maintenance.
- Cabinets can be installed together in various combinations, as single units or in side-by-side, back-to-back, or back-to-back-plus-side(s) modular clusters. Internal unit features do not restrict cabinet combinations.
- Internal feature sets can be selected and combined for nearly any RPP application.
- A single WaveStar® Color Monitor can display Branch Circuit Monitoring System (BCMS) power monitoring information for up to seven (7) units with up to fourteen (14) panelboards. An alternative Square D monitoring system is also available.

Certifications are pending through ETL for these standards: UL 60950, UL 891, and CS 22.2.

## 1.2 Modular Compact RPP Internal Feature Configurations

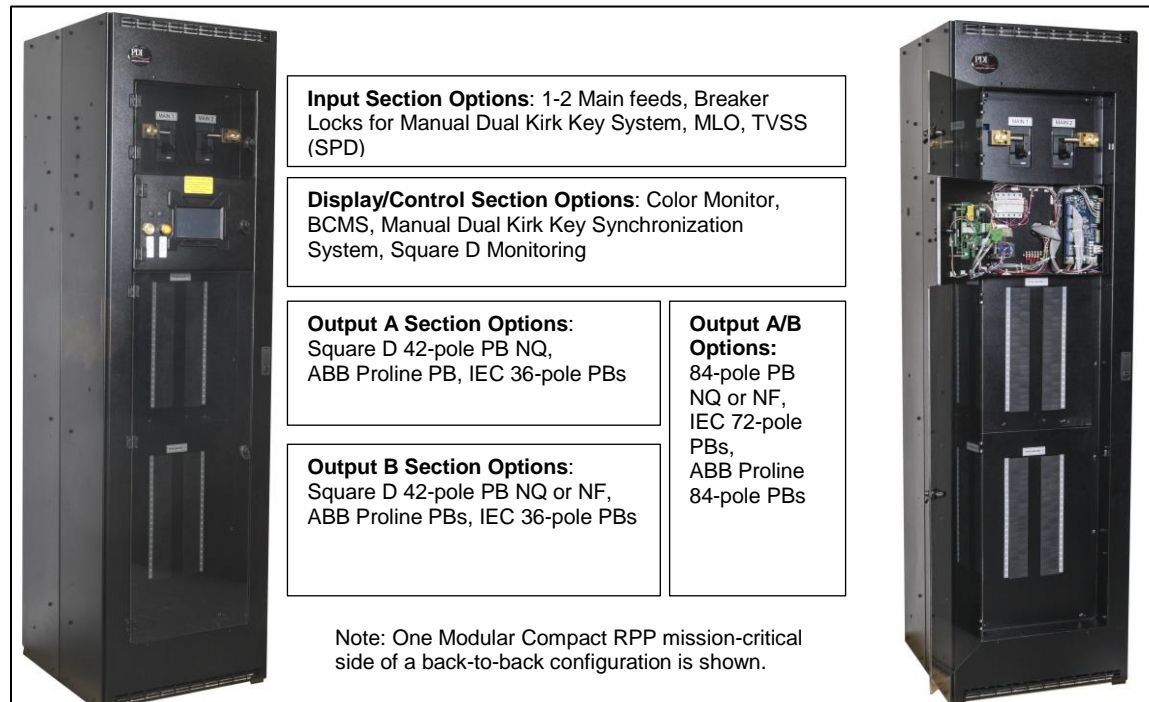


Figure 1 Modular Compact RPP Sections with Features Summary

Units are manufactured using predefined kits that provide easy combination of features. Configurations are collections of kits laid out in four Modular Compact RPP sections: Input, Display/Control, Output A,

and Output B. Internal features and electrical configurations are independent of the way the unit is mounted or clustered with other units.

### 1.3 Modular Compact RPP Specification

All cabinets have the same dimensions and clearances and similar weights.

**Table 1 Modular Compact RPP Location Planning Information**

<b>Modular Compact RPP Single Unit Location Specifications</b>		
<b>Dimensions:</b>	23.75" W x 84" H x 12.68" D	
<b>Clearances:</b>		
Front:	36" (service and ventilation)	
Top:	18" (ventilation)	
Underfloor:	12" (for cabling, if bottom entry)	
<b>Weight:</b>	Approximately 225 lbs.; maximum 300 lbs.	Weight varies by unit configuration.
<b>Environmental Requirements:</b>		
Storage temperature	-55°C and +85°C (-67°F to 185°F)	
Operating temperature	0°C to 40°C (32°F to 104°F)	
Relative humidity	0% to 95% non-condensing	
Altitude	Maximum 6,600 ft. (2,000m)	Modular Compact RPP is de-rated if operated above 6,600 ft. (2,000m)

### 1.4 Installing Modular Compact RPP Cabinets

Modular Compact RPPs can be mounted on floors, on floor tiles with cutouts for bottom cabling, or on floor tile stringers, or wall-mounted regardless of internal configuration; for example, a mission-critical (manual dual) Modular Compact RPP can be floor-mounted or wall-mounted. Units clustered or mounted together can have different internal features and power components.

Units have pre-cut bolt holes for attaching to walls, to other units, and to floors (Figure 2) and communications cutouts for running Modbus cables between units.

Optional Floor Mount Kits are recommended for all floor-mount installations.

#### 1.1 External Cabinet Configurations

##### 1.1.1 Single Unit

Single Unit Modular Compact RPP dimensions, mounting bolt holes, and communications cutouts are shown in Figure 2, "Single Modular Compact RPP Outline Drawing". Single units are not free-standing and must be attached to a wall or other vertical support or be secured to the floor.

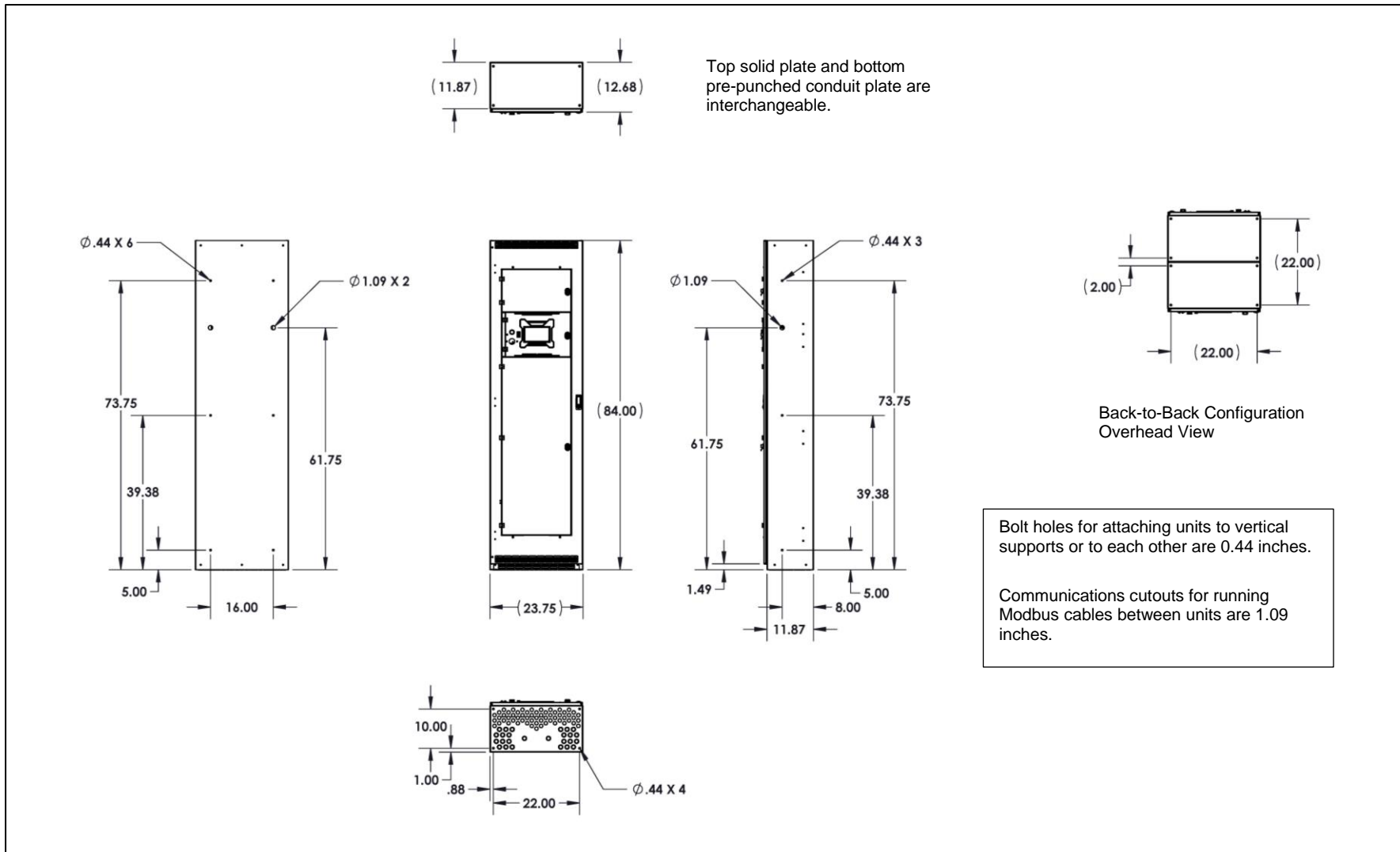


Figure 2 Single Modular Compact RPP Outline Drawing



### 1.1.2 Cluster Configurations

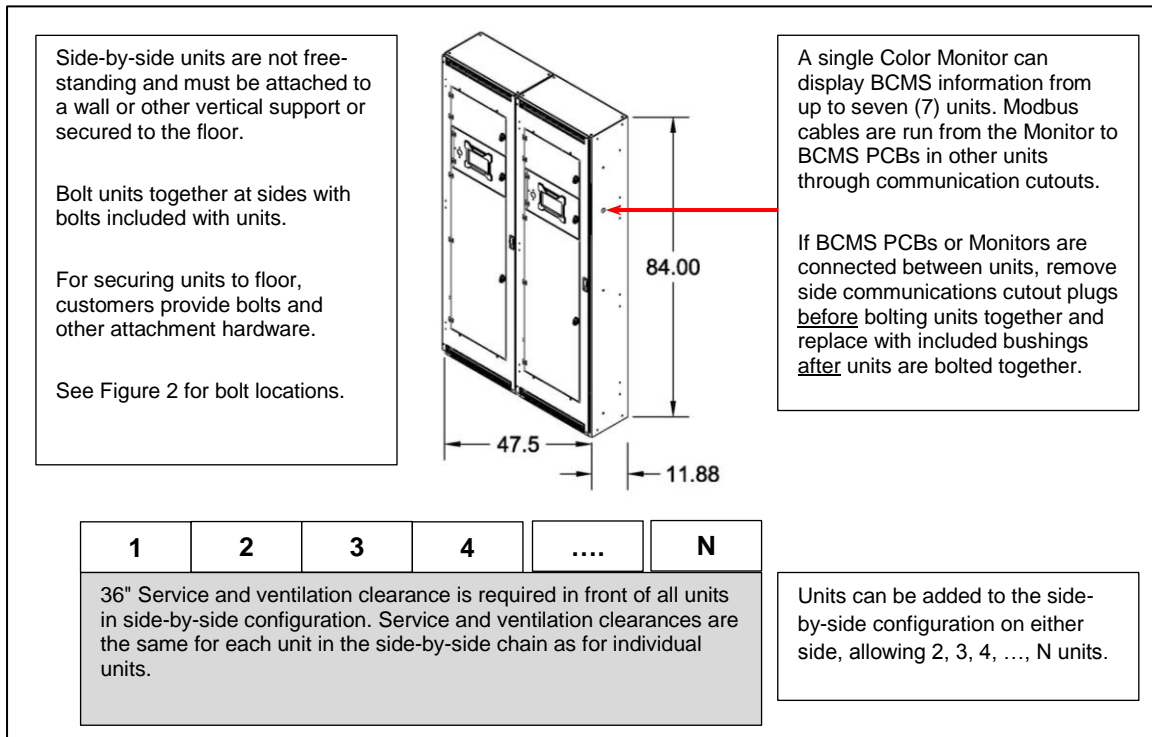


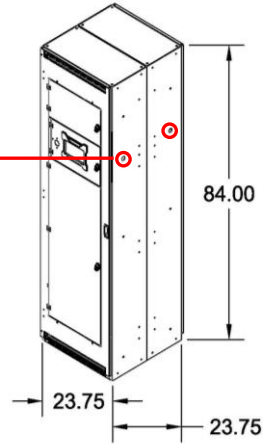
Figure 3 Modular Compact RPP Side-by-Side Configurations

Back-to-back units are not free-standing and must be secured to the floor. For securing units to floor or stringers, customers provide bolts and other attachment hardware.

Bolt units together at backs and sides with bolts included with units. See Figure 2 for bolt locations.

A single Color Monitor can display BCMS information from up to seven (7) units. Modbus cables are run from the Monitor to BCMS PCBs in other units through communication cutouts.

If BCMS PCBs or Monitors are connected between units, remove side and back communications cutout plugs before units are bolted together and replace with included bushings after they are bolted together. See Figure 2 for back and side mounting locations.



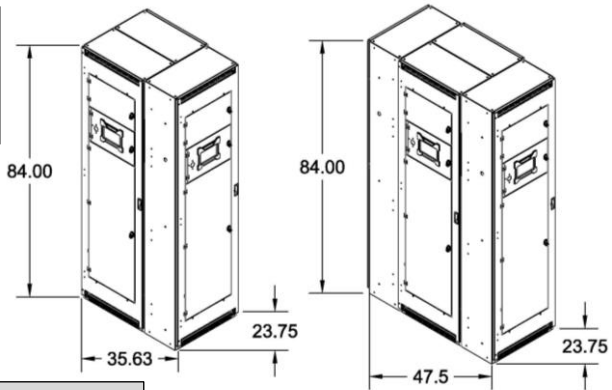
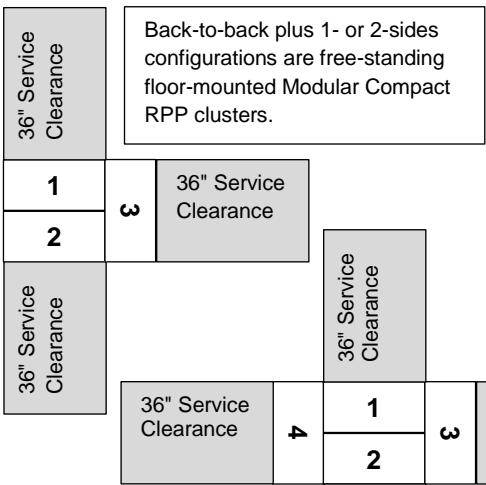
Units can be added to the back-to-back configuration on either side, allowing 2, 4, 6, ..., N units.

36" Service and ventilation clearance is required in front of all units in back-to-back configuration.

Service and ventilation clearances are the same for each unit in the back-to-back chain as for individual units.

1	3	5	7	....	N-1
2	4	6	8	....	N

36" service and ventilation clearance in front of all units.



Each unit requires the same service and ventilation clearance as individual units.

Bolt units together at backs and sides using included hardware. See Figure 2 for bolt locations. Customers provide hardware for securing units to floors or stringers.

A single Color Monitor can display information from all units in the cluster. Modbus cables are run from the Monitor to BCMS PCBs in other units through communication cutouts.

If BCMS PCBs or Monitors are connected between units, remove side and back communications cutout plugs before units are bolted together and replace with included bushings after bolting them together. See Figure 2 for communications cutout locations.

Figure 4 Back-to-Back and Back-to-Back with Sides Clusters

## 1.2 Modular Compact RPP Electrical Configurations

Modular Compact RPPs can have a variety of power configurations. The configurations below are created using Square D NQ-frame panelboards. Other configurations are available using Square D NF, IEC (SEA), and ABB Proline panelboards. Amperages and voltages vary by configurations.

Consult your PDI sales representative for configuration options. PDI Application Engineering can assist you in creating Modular Compact RPP configurations suitable to your applications.

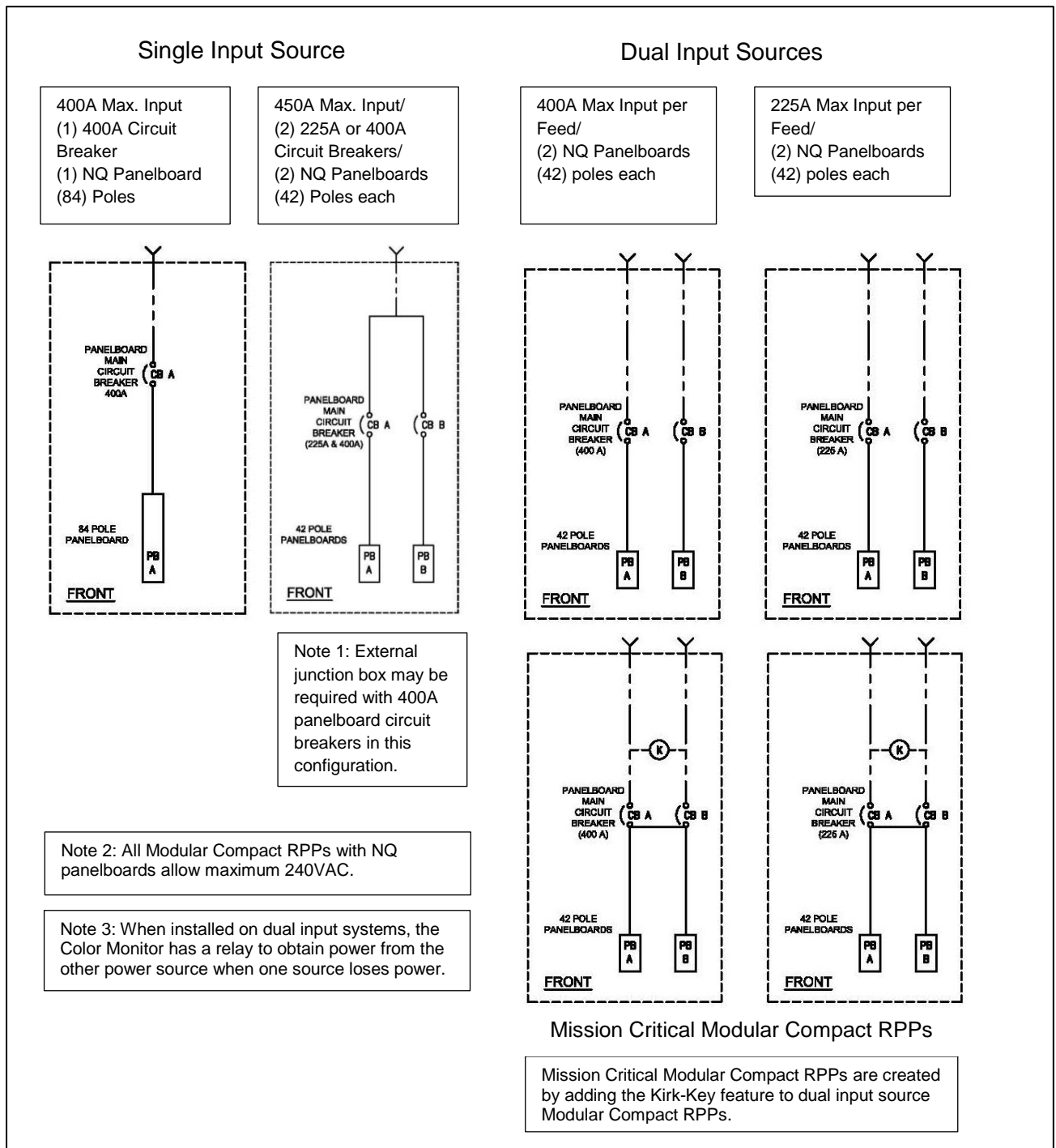


Figure 5 Modular Compact RPP Electrical Configurations with Square D NQ Panelboards

## 2 Installation

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### **DANGER!**

- **A licensed electrician must install each unit. Startup by a PDI certified technician is also required to validate the warranty.**
- **Severe or fatal injury can result from electrical shock during contact with high voltage conductors, monitoring PCBs, or similar equipment.**
- **Disconnect power before drilling holes, attaching cables or conduit, or connecting PDUs to other power distribution equipment.**
- **Use Lock Out/Tag Out procedures.**
- **Wear suitable personal protective clothing and use protective equipment for performing mechanical and electrical installations.**
- **Leave ample space for attaching and routing wires.**

### 2.1 Receiving and Unpacking Unit(s)

Modular Compact RPPs are shipped standing upright bolted together in pairs in a back-to-back configuration and attached to pallets with wood screws. When an order has an odd number of units, one unit is shipped standing upright alone. Units can also be shipped singly at customer request.

Upon receiving a Modular Compact RPP pallet and before removing packaging, inspect packaging for visible damage that could affect the Modular Compact RPP(s). If damage is evident notify PDI and the shipping company (see below).

Carefully cut retaining bands and remove packaging from units, but leave units attached to their pallets. Use care to not puncture or scratch the Modular Compact RPP cabinets with cutting tools.



**Retaining bands are under tension; cut them carefully. Wear eye protection and protective clothing when cutting bands.**

After removing packaging, check units again for damage, such as scratches, dents, or cracks.

**NOTE:** If any damage is evident during unpacking, notify the shipping company and PDI. Claims should be filed with the shipping company at time of delivery. Damage must be noted on the bill of lading. Failure to properly document damage may void the warranty.

Notify PDI Service Department at

Power Distribution Inc.  
4200 Oakleys Court  
Richmond, Virginia 23223  
(800)-225-4838  
service@pdicorp.com

## 2.2 Move the Unit to the Installation Location

Before moving a unit, plan the path from the receiving area to its installation location. Review obstacles, floor weight capacity, corners, etc.

Using a fork lift or pallet jack, move the unit(s) (still secured to their shipping pallet) as close to the installation location as possible over your pre-planned route.

## 2.3 Installing Modular Compact RPP Cabinets

Most units are shipped bolted together back-to-back with (6) 3/8" bolts. See Figure 6 for bolt locations. If units are to be installed in a back-to-back configuration, leave them bolted together as shipped. Otherwise, remove bolts and nuts and save.

Remove the wood screws attaching the unit(s) to the pallet (Figure 6). Make sure units do not tip over.

Slide or lift each unit or bolted-together pair carefully off the pallet onto the correct predetermined location. Individual units can usually be lifted by three or four persons. (Check the weight of your unit(s) given in your submittal package.) Take care not to scratch or damage the unit(s). Units do not have casters and cannot be rolled.

- If mounting on a floor tile, the floor tile cutout should be made in advance.
- If mounting on floor tile stringers, units should be left bolted together in a back-to-back configuration and secured to the stringers. Single units are not stable and must be secured to the floor or wall.
- If mounting to a wall or vertical support, place the unit in the correct position and bolt to the support.

Once each RPP is in its final position, inspect for loose connections or displacement caused by shipping. Ensure all lug connections in ground bus, neutral bus, terminal blocks, etc. are tight and secured.

Check the main input feeder connections at the main breaker to be sure vibration has not loosened the terminal screws. Check the feeders from the load side of the main breaker to the primary side of the panels.

**Important: Customers are responsible for securing units to vertical supports or to the floor.**

Refer to installation planning information in Chapter 1 for physical configurations and mounting information.

Bolts for bolting units together in a modular cluster are shipped with units. Customers must supply their own hardware for attaching units to the floor, stringers, or a wall.

Bolt holes and communications cutouts are shipped with plugs installed.

- Remove bolt-hole plugs and replace with provided bolts for when bolting units together. 3/8-in bolts for attaching cabinets to each other are included in the BOM for the unit.
- Communications cutouts allow you to run Modbus cables between units. Replace plugs in communication cutouts with bushings, included in each unit's BOM. For communications cutouts you intend to use, remove plugs before you bolt units together and replace with bushings after bolting them together.

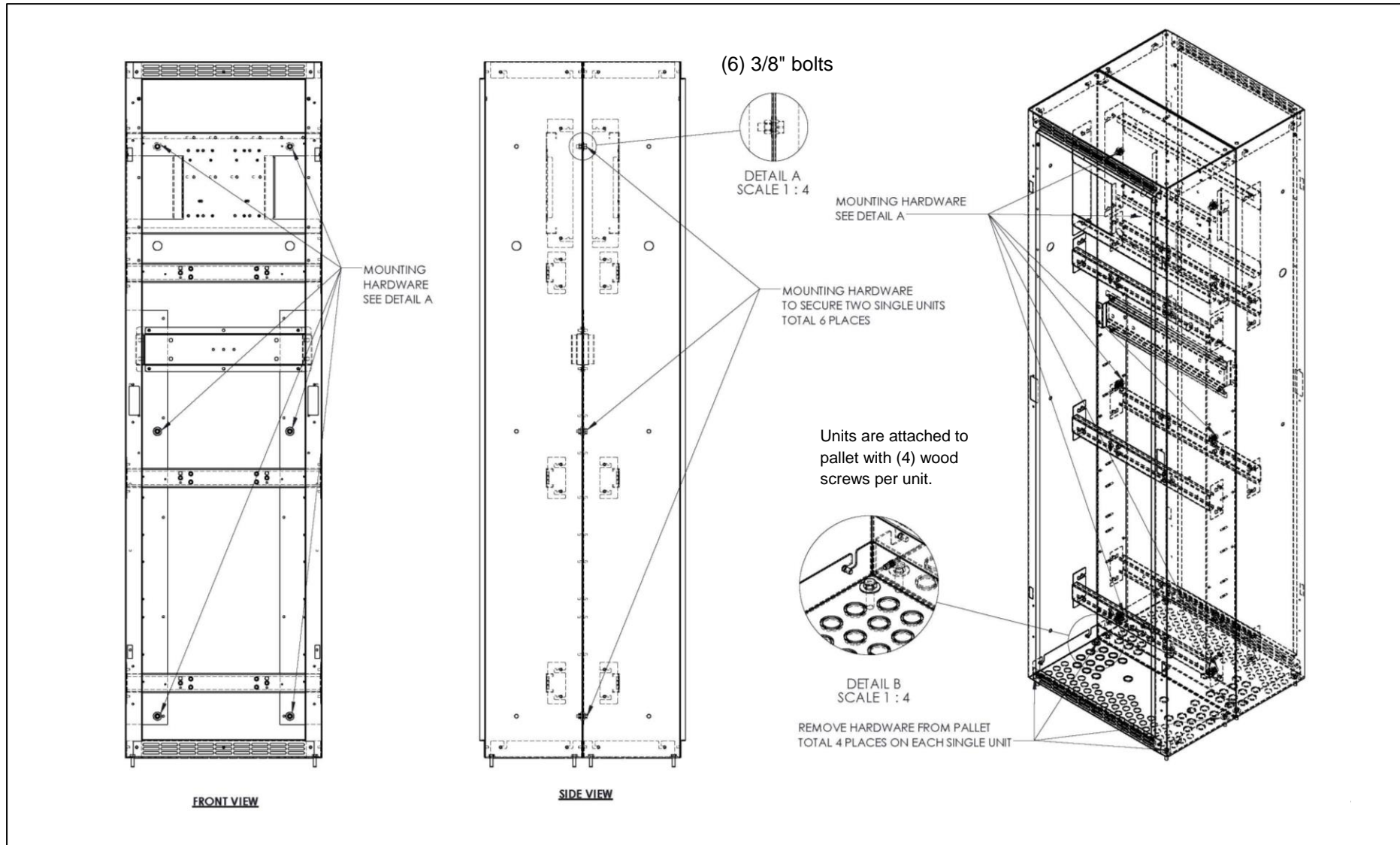


Figure 6 Shipping: Bolt and Wood Screw Locations

## 2.4 Power Wiring

Power wiring must comply with NEC and applicable local codes and should be wired by licensed electricians. Reference your submittal package for 1-line drawings specific to your Modular Compact RPP configuration.

### 2.4.1 Cable Entry/Exit

Cable entry/exit can be from top and/or bottom. Top and bottom plates can be interchanged according to customer cabling requirements.

- The bottom plate has pre-punched knockouts for 1/2" and 3/4" conduit.
  - 60 knockouts for 1/2" conduit (0.88" dia.)
  - 24 double knockouts for 3/4" conduit (1.09 dia.) and 1/2" (0.88" dia.) conduit.
  - 2 x main-feed conduit knockouts; (2) conduit knockouts can be enlarged up to 4".
- The top plate can be used for cutouts.

Open or remove door and execute knockouts for an appropriate number of conduits for intended cable connections.

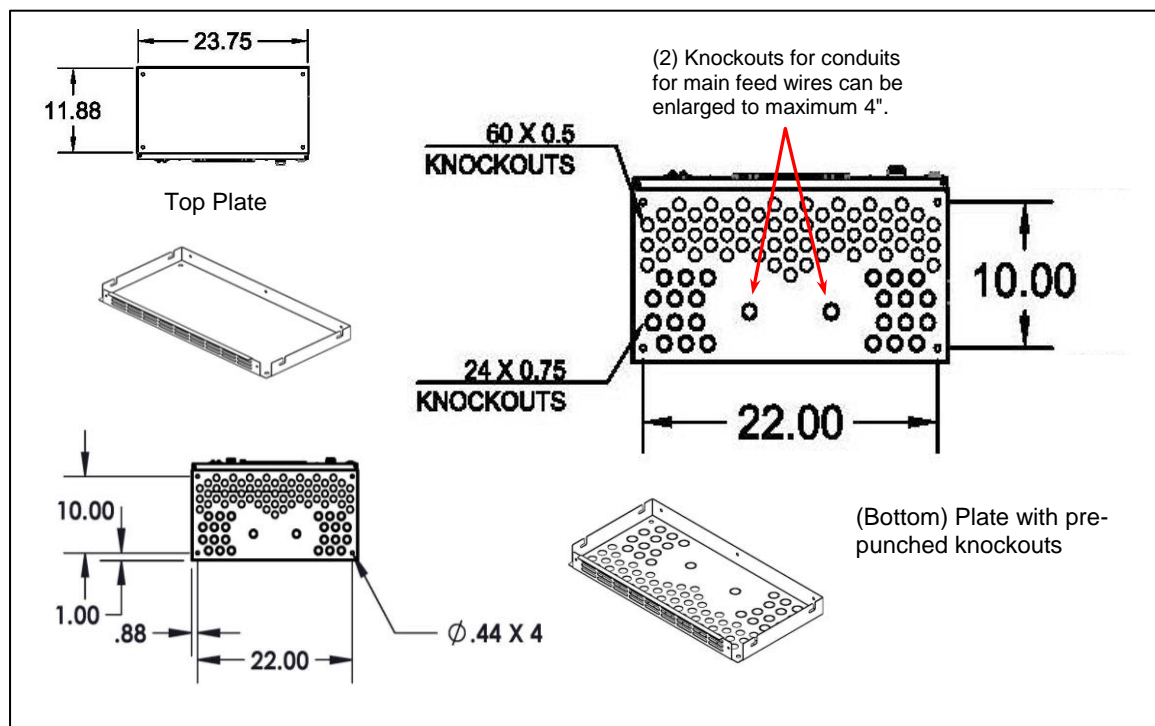


Figure 7 Top and Bottom Cable Entry/Exit

## 2.4.2 Input Power Connections

Figure 8 shows component locations for both 84-pole and 42-pole panelboards and neutral and ground busbar connections.



### Important!

**Grounding for this equipment must comply with NEC and local building and electrical codes.**

Refer to **NEC (2014) 310.16** and your local codes for wiring standards for phase and neutral wiring. Customer-supplied cable connections should be 75°C copper wire.

Refer to **NEC (2014) 250.122** and your local codes for ground wiring standards.

- Maximum cable sizes: 250 kcmil (MCM) Copper.
- Minimum recommended wire sizes:
  - Main feed input:
    - 225A main feed input: 4/0 wire (rated for 230A @75° C) for each phase
    - 400A or 450A main feed input: (2) x 4/0 (rated for 450A @75° C), (2) cables per phase.
  - Neutral Busbar, neutrals are sized at 200% phase cables and need double-sized wires :
    - 225A (2) x 250 kcmil (MCM) or (2) x 4/0 wire (rated for 230A @75° C)
    - 400A: (4) x 250 kcmil (MCM) or (4) x 4/0 wire (rated for 450A @75° C)
  - Ground Busbar:
    - 225A: #4 AWG Copper or #2 AWG Aluminum
    - 400A: #3 AWG Copper or #1 AWG Aluminum
  - Isolated Ground (optional): Use same wire size as ground.
- Maximum main feed conduit size: (2) conduits, 4-in. maximum, sized for (6)-wires 3P + 2N + 1G (Oversized neutral requires (2) cables.)

Pull input power conduit through knockouts.

Pull cables through units to main breaker lugs. Connect input cables to main circuit breaker lugs and torque lugs to circuit breaker manufacturer's specification.



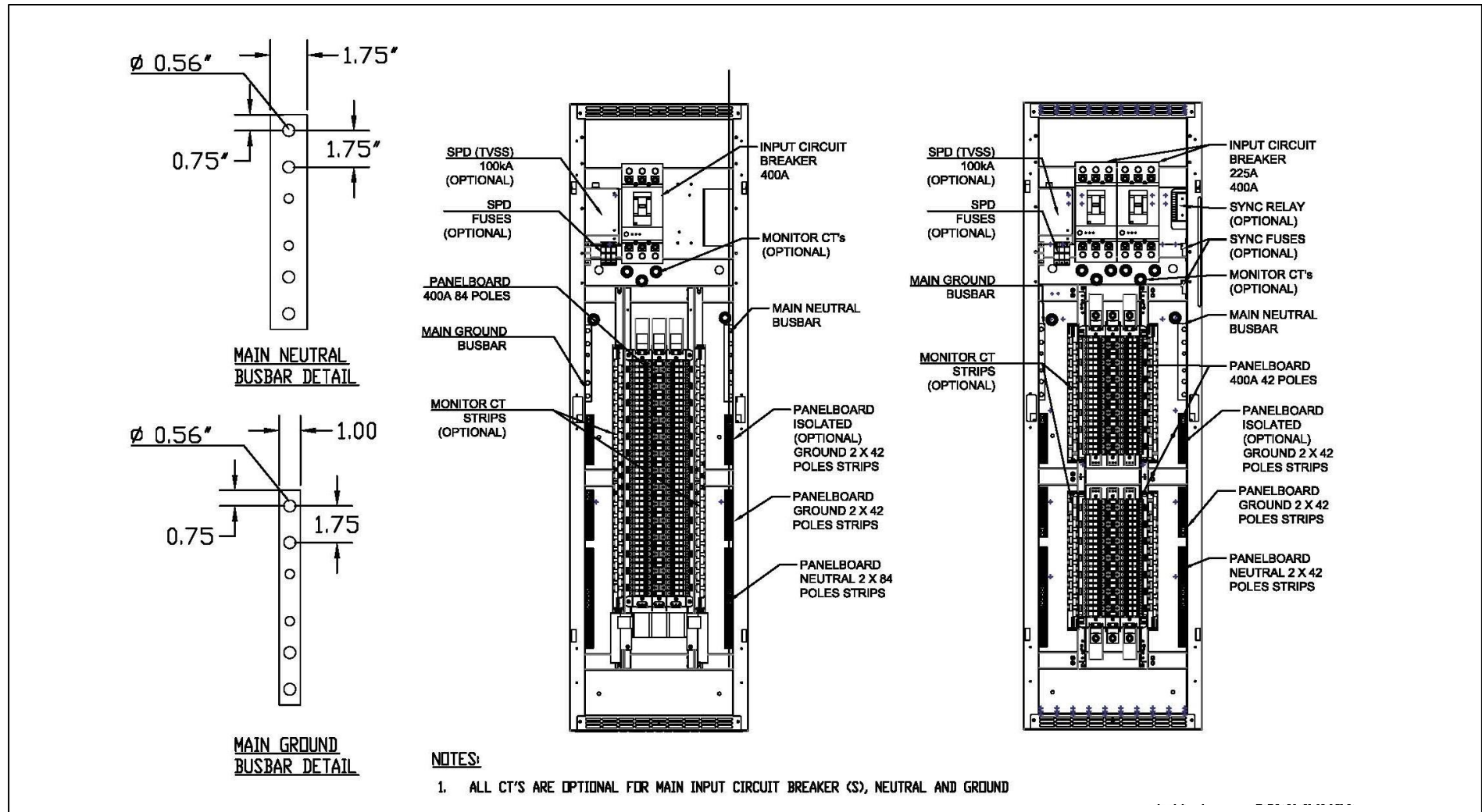


Figure 8 Modular Compact RPP Component Layouts with 42-Pole and 84-Pole Panelboards

### 2.4.3 Output Power Connections

Modular Compact RPPs are usually shipped without installed panelboard circuit breakers. Customers are responsible for installing panelboard circuit breakers, running single phase wires through CT strips, and connecting circuit breakers to ground strips, neutral strips, and optional isolated ground strips. Locations are shown on Figure 8.

The output panel boards should have all the output loads balanced at the panelboards in order to place equivalent current wave forms and magnitude on each output. Distributing the 3-pole breakers by ampacity evenly across matched panelboards provides optimum balancing. Single phase loads with high third harmonics should also be evenly balanced across the panelboards. Follow these steps to properly balance circuits.

1. Divide all output into three (3) categories by breaker pole position (1, 2, 3 pole).
2. Subdivide the three categories by breaker size (ampacity).
3. Assign the largest 3-pole breaker to panelboard #1.
4. If there is an even number of the larger 3-pole breakers, assign them evenly between the panel boards. If you are unable to assign them evenly, then assign smaller 3 pole breakers to the panel having fewer breakers.
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 until all 3-pole breakers are installed.

When determining distribution cable length between panelboard circuit breakers and load equipment, provide sufficient cable length to avoid stress at the connection point between panelboard breakers and distribution cables.

When cabling, do not block access to ground and neutral terminals.

## 3 Initial Startup

### DANGER!



Do not perform inspection or startup alone. A second qualified person should be present to provide emergency assistance.

Before applying utility power to the unit, the installing electrician and/or a factory authorized representative should be present to verify that the following steps have been performed properly.

### 3.1 Pre-Startup Inspection

1. Before applying power to the Modular Compact RPP, inspect wiring and connections. Incoming power to main feeds or MLO lugs should be de-energized and locked out before making this inspection.
2. Inspect wiring, components, and cabinet for damage.
3. Inspect all power connections for tight connections:
  - 3.1. Ensure that all power lug connections in ground bus, neutral bus, and terminal blocks are tight and secured.
  - 3.2. Check main feed terminal screws.
  - 3.3. Check the main feed connections from the load side of the main breaker to the primary side of the panels.
  - 3.4. Torque connections as follows:
    - 3.4.1. For circuit breakers use manufacturer's recommendations.
    - 3.4.2. For other connections, see the torque table on a label on the inside door of the unit.
4. Inspect unit for debris or foreign objects and remove if present.
5. Check that ventilation openings are clean.
6. Check that service and ventilation clearances satisfy code requirements.

### 3.2 Startup

Before turning on power to the unit:

1. Confirm that the RPP main feed circuit breaker(s) are in the OFF position. (If a breaker has been tripped, reset the breaker to the OFF position.)
2. Lock out input power to the unit (PDU, UPS, or building power).
3. Ensure that all of the RPP output circuit breakers are in the OFF position.
4. Visual voltage label check: Verify that the input voltage to the unit matches the input voltage rating of the unit as identified on the system's legend label affixed to the interior of the front door.

Check input power:

1. Turn ON input power to one main breaker. (Note: if a main breaker trips to OFF when energized, it may indicate a fault in the unit. Contact PDI Service at (800)-225-4838.)
2. Measure and record voltages at input to the main feed(s): A-to-B, B-to-C, C-to-A. Incoming voltage should be + 5% to -10% of the unit's nominal rating.
3. Check for clockwise phase rotation and voltage at the input main feed circuit breaker(s).
4. Repeat steps 1-3 for second main feed breaker if present.

Check monitoring:

1. The Color Monitor should turn on when power is applied to the main feed from which it receives power. Display panelboard screens for your configuration, but without load, most readings will be zero. **Note:** On dual input systems, the Color Monitor has a relay to obtain power from the second power source, when its primary source loses power or is not enabled.

Sequentially energize loads by turning ON individual panelboards circuit breakers.

## 4 Operating Procedures

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### 4.1 Initial System Startup

Perform initial system startup as described in Section 3, **Initial Startup**,

- after an Modular Compact RPP is first installed, or
- after an Modular Compact RPP has been subsequently relocated, or
- after an Modular Compact RPP has been upgraded or had maintenance performed, or
- after an Modular Compact RPP has been de-energized for a significant period of time.

Perform all checklist steps in Section 3.

### 4.2 Normal System Startup

Verify that all Modular Compact RPP circuit breakers are turned OFF, both main feeds and panelboard circuit breakers.

Turn ON main feed circuit breaker(s).

- If a main feed circuit breaker has been tripped OFF, first reset the breaker by turning it OFF then ON.
- If a main feed circuit breaker trips OFF when energized, a fault may be present in the unit. Contact PDI Service at (800)-225-4838.

Turn ON power to loads by sequentially turning ON panelboard circuit breakers.

- Follow manufacturers' startup recommendations for load equipment.

### 4.3 Normal Shutdown

The normal shutdown procedure for an RPP is to first shut down the Modular Compact RPP's load equipment according to the equipment manufacturers' instructions. For example, shut down the operating system on a server, including powering down the server.

Then, turn OFF the associated panelboard circuit breakers on the Modular Compact RPP.

After all panelboard breakers have been turned OFF, turn OFF the main feeds(s) to the Modular Compact RPP panelboard(s).

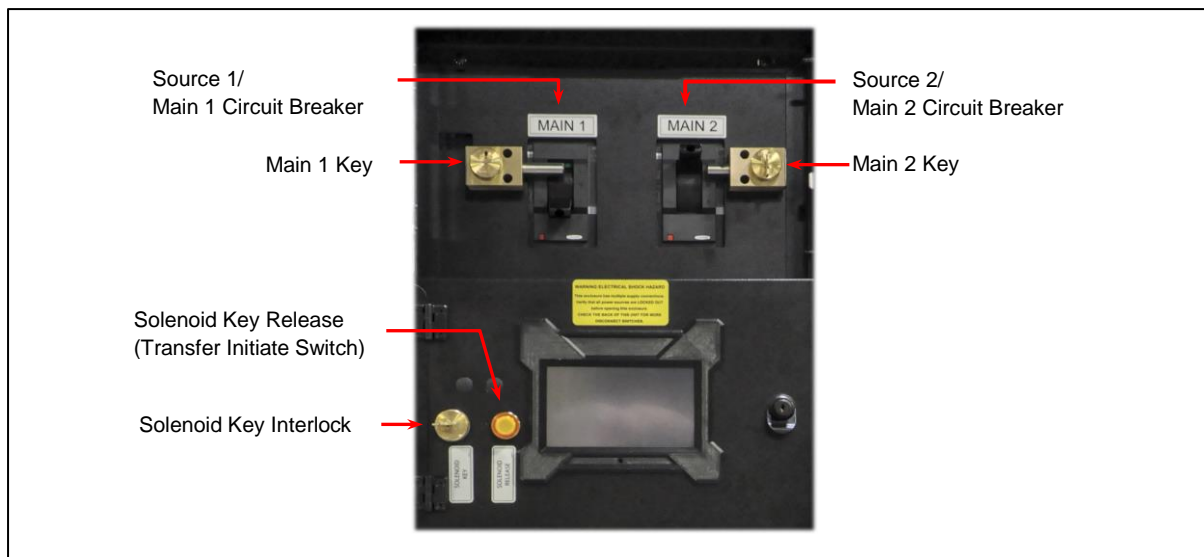
If the Modular Compact RPP is to be moved or upgraded, also turn OFF PDU or building power to the main feeds and lock out power to the Modular Compact RPP.

### 4.4 Mission Critical Modular Compact RPP Dual Input Transfer Procedures

A Mission-Critical Modular Compact RPP has dual voltage inputs, but only one at a time supplies power to the RPP. Voltage can be continuously supplied to the load while one main feed and panelboard are effectively offline. The dual inputs are switched manually using Kirk Keys with a Solenoid Key Release (transfer initiate switch). See Figure 9.

- Circuit breaker Main 1 is for the Primary Source (1).

- Circuit breaker Main 2 is for the Alternate Source (2).



**Figure 9 Mission Critical Transfer Controls**

#### 4.4.1 Normal Operation

The normal status for voltage input is as follows:

1. The Primary Source (1) is supplying power to the critical load.
2. Circuit Breaker Main 1 (Primary Source) is closed and its key is trapped.
3. Circuit Breaker Main 2 (Alternate Source) is locked open with no key trapped.
4. Solenoid Key Interlock is DE-ENERGIZED and the interlock key is trapped.

When the Solenoid Key Release button is lighted, the two sources are synchronized and power can be transferred from one source to another.

#### 4.4.2 Transfer from Primary Source to Alternate Source

To transfer power input from the Primary Source to the Alternate Source:

1. Depress the Solenoid Key Release (transfer initiate switch). Unlock and remove the key from the Solenoid Key Interlock.
2. Insert the key into Main 2. Unlock and close Main 2.
3. Open circuit breaker Main 1 and lock open. Remove the key from Main 1.
4. Insert the key into the key interlock and turn to lock.

#### 4.4.3 Transfer from Alternate Source to Primary Source

To transfer power input from the Alternate Source to the Primary Source:

1. Depress the Solenoid Key Release (transfer initiate switch). Unlock and remove the key from the Solenoid Key Interlock.
2. Insert the key into the Main 1 lock. Unlock and close circuit breaker Main 1.
3. Open circuit breaker Main 2 and lock open. Remove the key from Main 2.
4. Insert the key into the key interlock and turn to lock.

## 5 Monitoring

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Modular Compact RPPs have several monitoring options:

- WaveStar® Monitoring with Color Monitor and Branch Circuit Monitoring System (BCMS).
- BCMS only
- Square D monitoring
- No monitoring

WaveStar monitoring components—the Color Monitor and BCMS—should be ordered with the unit and installed at the factory.

### 5.1 BCMS

Each Modular Compact RPP can have one (1) BCMS PCB, which can monitor up to 2 x 42-pole panelboards or 1 x 84-pole panelboard with their main feeds.

Each panelboard with its associated main feed is represented by a points list. A 42-pole panelboard is represented by a single panelboard points list. An 84-pole panelboard is represented by two (2) panelboard points lists.

Points lists are loaded onto BCMS PCBs at the factory. Several points lists are available:

- **BCMS Normal** panelboard points list allows customization of circuit breaker alarms and warnings for each panelboard circuit.
- **BCMS KWH** points list provides accumulated KWH measurements and other detailed power information for each panelboard circuit.
- **BCMS IEC** panelboard points list is for IEC format panelboards with 36 or 72 1P circuits.

See the **Bibliography** for information on downloading points lists from the PDI website.

### 5.2 Color Monitor and Protocols

When Modular Compact RPPs are combined in a modular cluster, a single Color Monitor can display power information for up to (7) Modular Compact RPP units or up to (14) panelboards.

The Color Monitor supports several protocols, which can all be used simultaneously.

**Downstream Protocol** The downstream device network has fixed parameters of Modbus RTU, 9600 baud, EVEN parity.

**Upstream Protocols** The Monitor has separate upstream ports for Modbus RTU and Ethernet, supporting these protocols:

- Modbus RTU
- Ethernet port
  - TCP/IP, used by the Color Monitor's web page server
  - Modbus TCP/IP
  - SNMP Version 1

For in-depth information on the Color Monitor, including setup, networking, commands and replies, screens, and web pages, see *WaveStar® Color Monitor, Setup and Operation*, PM375103.

## 5.3 Customer Network Connections

### 5.3.1 Modbus Connections

Each Modular Compact RPP with an installed Color Monitor has a terminal block in the Display/Control section for connecting Modbus RTU wiring. The Color Monitor is connected via Modbus RTU to the terminal block, allowing customers to make upstream connections without touching a BCMS PCM or Color Monitor backpanel. A label is attached next to the terminal block showing Modbus connections.

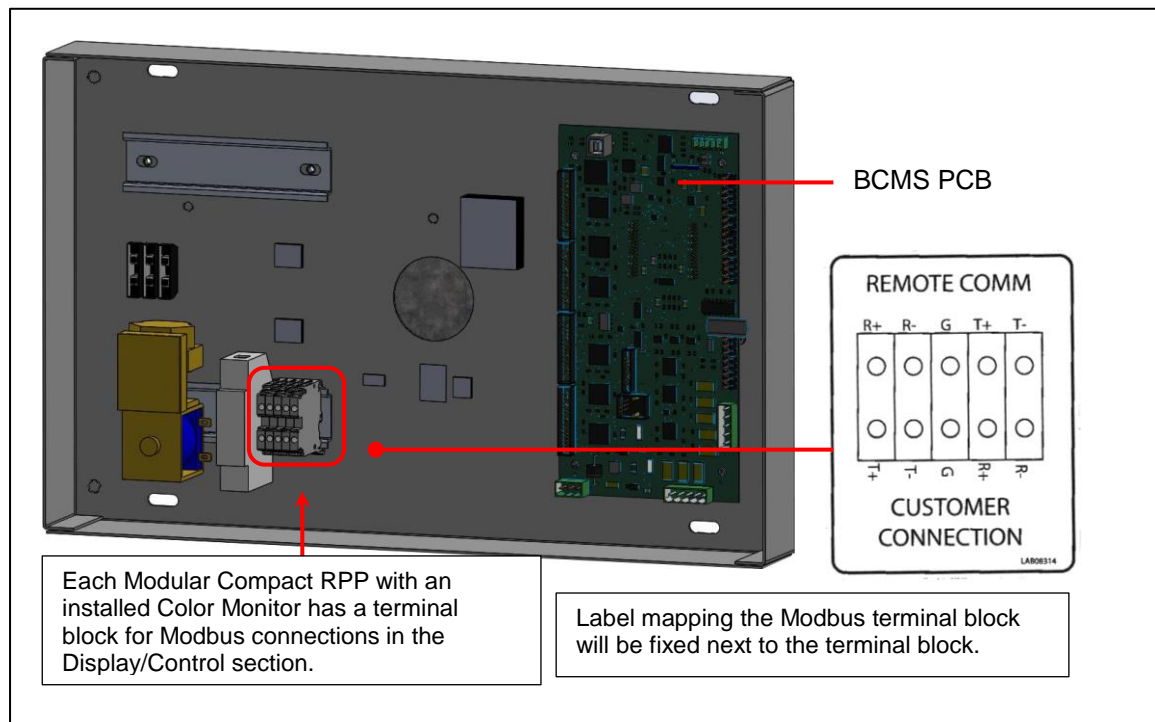


Figure 10 Modbus Terminal Block in Display/Control Compartment

### 5.3.2 Ethernet Upstream Cables

The customer network Ethernet cable must be connected directly to the Color Monitor backpanel (Figure 14). The customer's choice of Ethernet cable determines the maximum length of Ethernet cable.

## 5.4 Networking Modular Compact RPPs Together

A Color Monitor can display power information for up to (7) Modular Compact RPP units or up to (14) panelboard "devices". The points lists representing the panelboards on these Modular Compact RPPs are downstream devices to the Color Monitor. Downstream devices use Modbus RTU protocol.

Each Modular Compact RPP has (1) BCMS PCB that can monitor (2) panelboards. The BCMS PCB is wired to the Modbus terminal block on its Modular Compact RPP unit (Figure 10).

BCMS PCBs downstream of the Color Monitor should be wired in a Modbus RTU daisy-chain to the Monitor (Figure 11).

BCMS PCBs have a single Modbus RTU connector for wiring Modbus RTU upstream or downstream of the PCB (Figure 12).



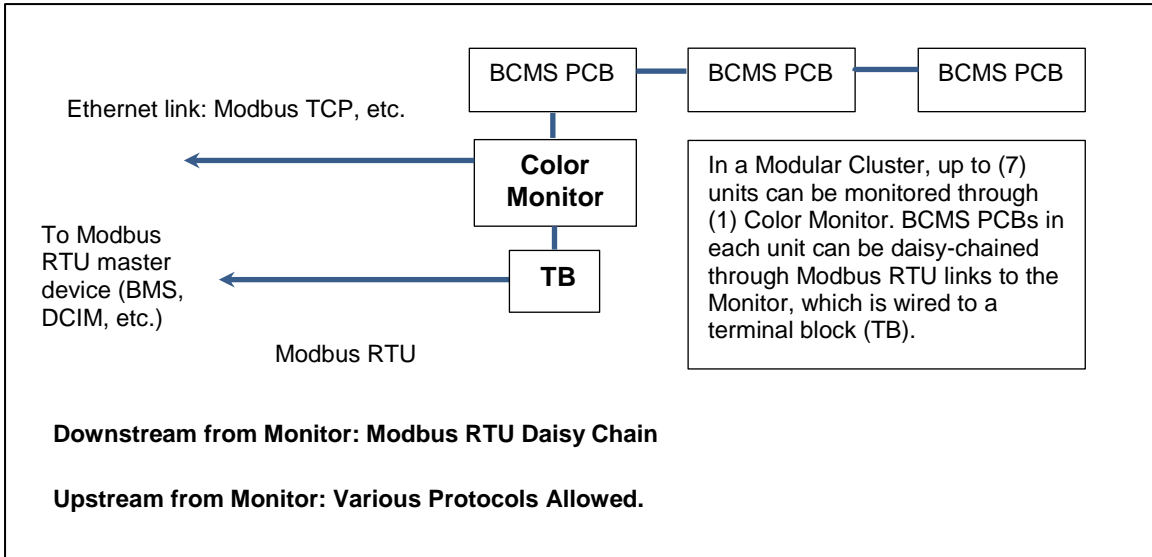


Figure 11 Modbus Wiring in a Modular Cluster

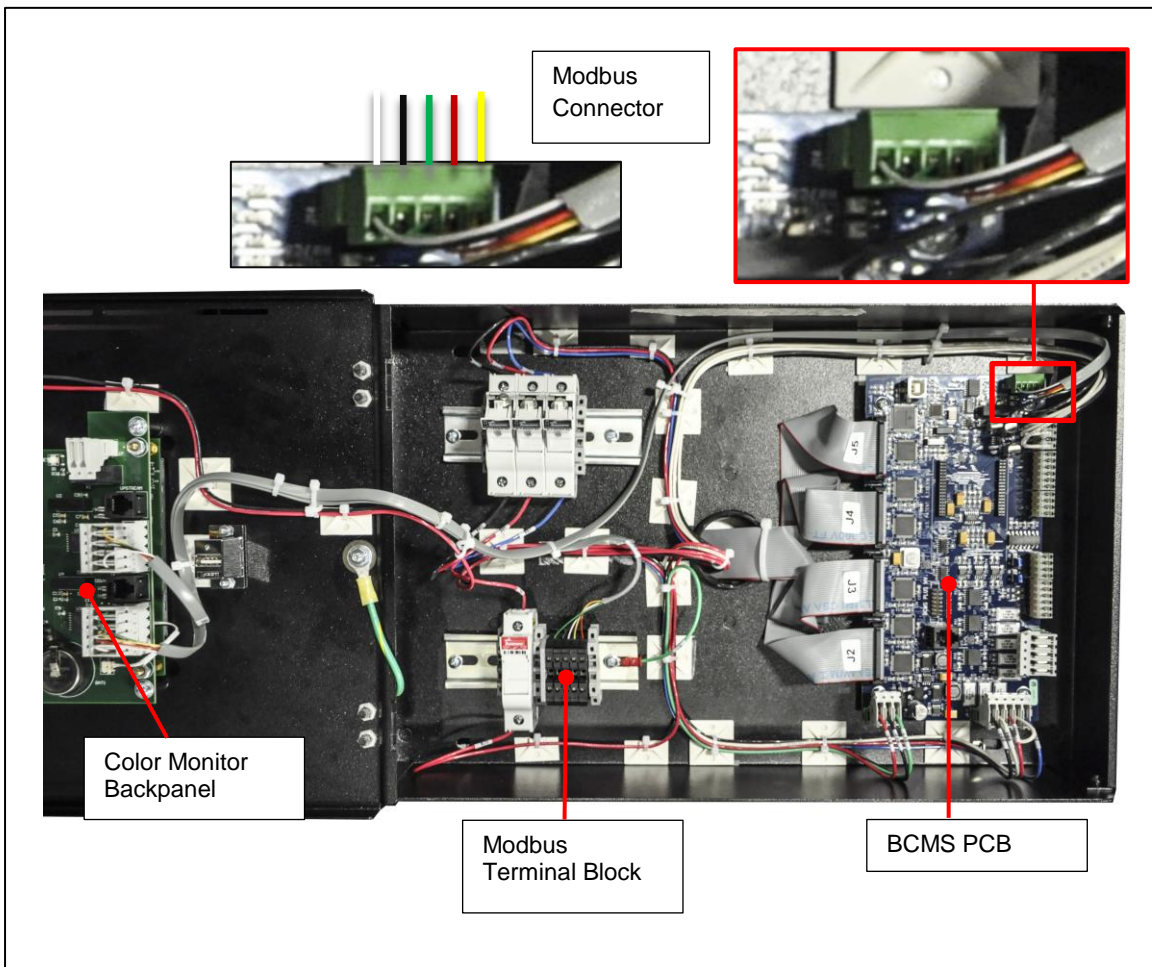
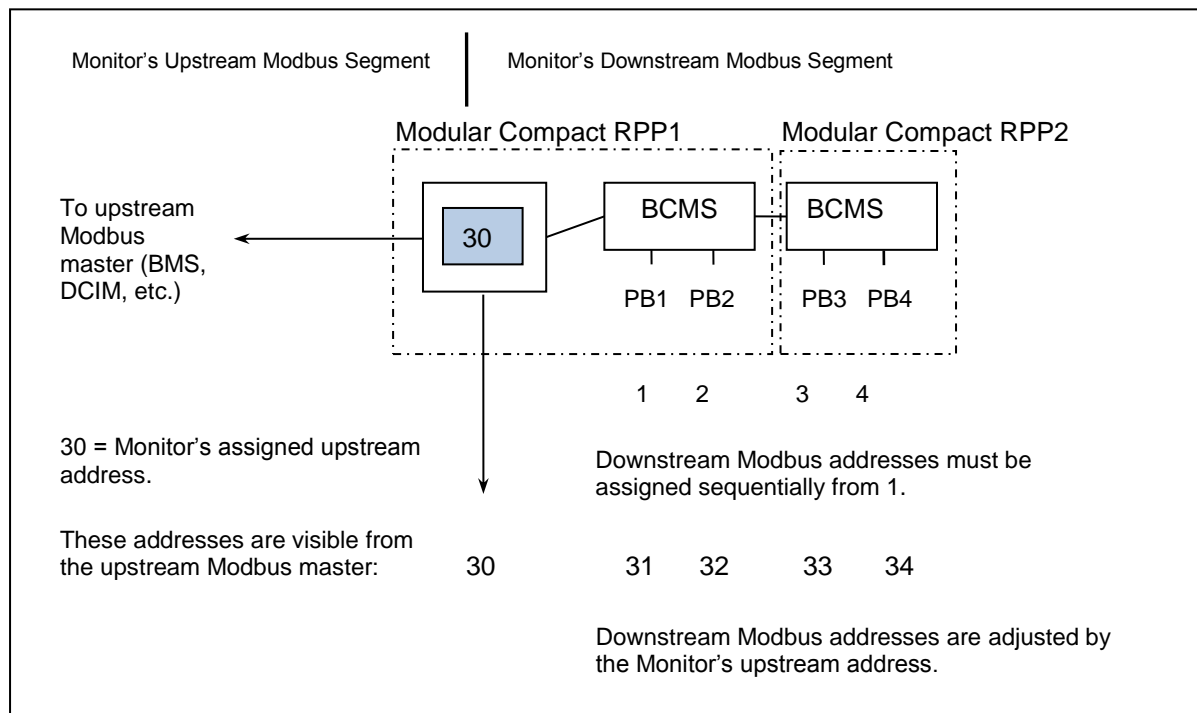


Figure 12 BCMS PCB Modbus Connection in Display/Control Section

## 5.5 Modbus Addressing



**Figure 13 Modbus Addressing**

Refer to Figure 13, "Modbus Addressing," with the following bullet points:

- The Monitor is a Modbus master to its downstream devices. The upstream Modbus master cannot directly address these devices, but rather addresses them through the Monitor. Upstream and downstream are separate Modbus segments.
- The Monitor's upstream address can be set to from 1 to 255, but you must leave enough addressing capacity for downstream devices. The monitor will not respond to a command sent to address 0. The address is set during Monitor Setup.
- The Monitor's downstream devices must be assigned consecutive addresses starting at address 1. Modbus addresses must be assigned in BCMS setup and will be done initially at the factory. Modbus addresses cannot be assigned by, for example, the BMS.
- For upstream addressing these device addresses are remapped as successor addresses to the Monitor. If the Monitor has upstream address 30, the downstream addresses 1, 2, 3, 4 are remapped to 31, 32, 33, 34 as seen from the BMS or other Modbus Master.
- Modbus addressing is the same for Modbus RTU and Modbus TCP/IP.

## 5.6 Network Connections Details

### 5.6.1 Color Monitor Network Connections

The Color Monitor's backpanel has Modbus RTU and Ethernet ports (Figure 13).

Modbus RTU backpanel connections are typically made in manufacturing and extended to a terminal block or external panel for convenient customer access. The customer's Ethernet cable is connected directly to the Monitor's Ethernet port.

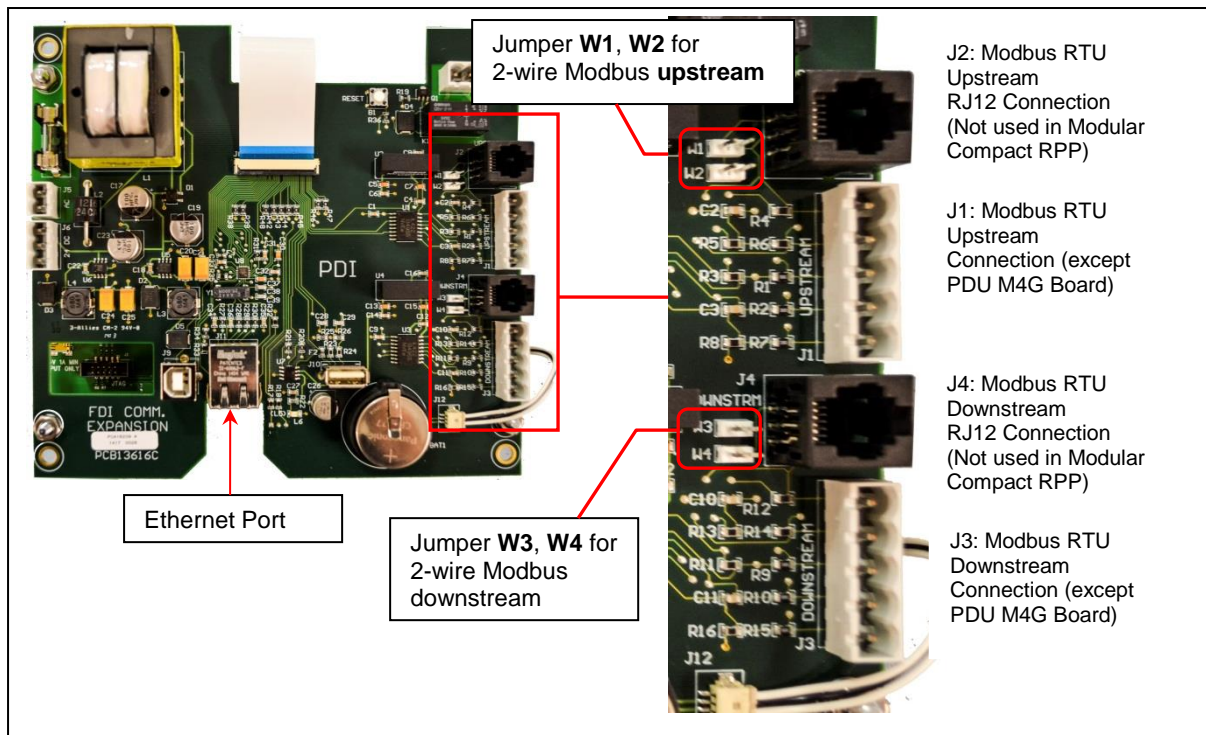


Figure 14 Color Monitor Backpanel Network Connections

### 5.6.2 Modbus RTU Ports

The Color Monitor has four (4) paralleled Modbus ports:

1. J1 and J3 are header/plug connections for connecting to most devices.
  - 1.1. J1 is the upstream port.
  - 1.2. J3 is the downstream port.
2. J2 and J4 accept standard RJ12 phone cable plugs for connection to an M4G PDU board.
  - 2.1. J2 is the upstream port.
  - 2.2. J4 is the downstream port.

The Modbus RTU interface is isolated, and pin designations are given in Table 2:

Pin	J1, J3
1	Ground
2	RX-
3	RX+
4	TX-
5	TX+

Table 2 Pin-Out for Modbus Headers

### 5.6.3 Modbus RTU 2-Wire vs. 4-Wire Configuration

PDI devices have two (2) jumpers near their Modbus ports for configuring 2-wire vs. 4-wire Modbus RTU (see Figure 14). The Monitor's 2-wire configuration jumpers are W1 and W2 (upstream) and W3 and W4 (downstream). Upstream and downstream chains can be differently configured.

For 2-wire configuration:

- At least one device in a device chain must have both jumpers jumped on its Modbus connection. If any device in the chain has jumpers installed for 2-wire, all of the device chain is 2-wire. To avoid confusion when troubleshooting, all of the devices in the chain should be jumped in the same way.
- TX+ or RX+ on the Monitor (either one, because the on-board 2-wire jumpers short them together) wires to TX+ or RX+ on downstream devices.
- TX- or RX- on the Monitor wires to TX- or RX- on downstream devices.
- The + and - signal wires should comprise of a (twisted) wire pair residing in the same shield.

For 4-wire configuration:

- All of these jumpers must be removed from every device in the chain.
- TX+ on the first device PCB wires to RX+ on a second PCB.
- TX- from the first device PCB wires to RX- of the second PCB.
- A second pair of wires connects the other pair of TX+ / RX+ & TX- / RX-.
- The TX+ & TX- going to the RX+ & RX- should be in the same shield. Do not run the +'s in one shield and the -'s in another. Doing so may lead to sporadic communication.
- Run a dedicated ground wire with the signal wires and only ground the shield at one end.

### 5.6.4 Modbus RTU Upstream Cable Specification

RS485/RS422 cable length can be up to 4000 ft. if you use the proper cable:

1. The cable resistance should be  $\leq 27$  ohms/1000ft @ 1 kHz and the mutual capacitance should be  $\leq 14$  pf/ft. @ 1 kHz.
2. 4-wire cabling:
  - 2.1. RS422 is typically 4-wire.
  - 2.2. Use a shielded cable with two (2) twisted pairs and a shield/ground wire.
  - 2.3. The two transmit lines must be in one twisted pair and the two receive lines in the other twisted pair.
3. 2-wire cabling:
  - 3.1. RS485 is typically 2-wire and is slower than RS422.
  - 3.2. Use a shielded cable with one (1) twisted pair and a shield/ground wire.

### 5.6.5 Modbus RTU Cable Biasing and Termination

PDI devices have soft biasing (27K pull-up and pull-down resistors) on the + and – transmit and receive lines. Therefore, if the customer's Master device allows for control, PDI recommends that the user turn on biasing and turn off termination, which may "fight" the biasing. Biasing the Master device's lines is not critical because the Color Monitor is already biasing the lines. If termination is needed because of an extremely long cable run, PDI recommends that a small capacitor be put in series with the terminating resistor.

# Bibliography

## Points Lists

Points lists for RPPs can be downloaded from the PDI website. Go to **Service Software Downloads**:

<http://www.pdicorp.com/brands/pdi/services/customer-service/service-software-downloads>

For BCMS points lists, download **BCMS II Customer CD Info**, a zip file. Unzip the file and open the directory **\Points List for BCMS Version** to find the following points lists and use the latest revision given:

- **BCMS Normal** panelboard points list is “BCMSII points list”.
- **BCMS KWH** panelboard points list is “BCMSII plus points list Power KWH”.
- **BCMS IEC** panelboard points list (for IEC format panelboards with 36 or 72 1P circuits) is “72 BCMSII plus points list Europe KWH”.

## Manuals for Related Products

In-depth information on Color Monitor setup, networking, and screens:

*WaveStar® Color Monitor, Setup and Operation, PM375103*

The Modular Compact RPP can be also used with BCMS Hubs:

*WaveStar BCMS Hub Installation and Operation PM375108*

