

# Meter Testing Control Panel

*Bulletin 2320: Installation Manual*



### ***IMPORTANT USER INFORMATION***

Read this document and the documents listed in the additional resources section about installation, configuration, and operation of this equipment before you install, configure, operate, or maintain this product. Users are required to familiarize themselves with installation and wiring instructions in addition to requirements of all applicable codes, laws, and standards.

Activities including installation, adjustments, putting into service, use, assembly, disassembly, and maintenance are required to be carried out by suitably trained personnel in accordance with applicable code of practice.

If this equipment is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.

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The examples and diagrams in this manual are included solely for illustrative purposes. Because of the many variables and requirements associated with any particular installation, Timpson Training, LLC cannot assume responsibility or liability for actual use based on the examples and diagrams.

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***SUMMARY OF CHANGES***

This manual may contain new and updated information.  
Changes throughout this manual will be listed below:

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## 1. Users

### a. Intended Users

- This system is intended for the following users:
  - Meter Testing Panel Installation Contractor
  - End-User
  - Start-Up & Commissioning Technician

### b. Needs That This Unit Satisfies

- Provides the installation contractor with best practices and guidance for proper installation.

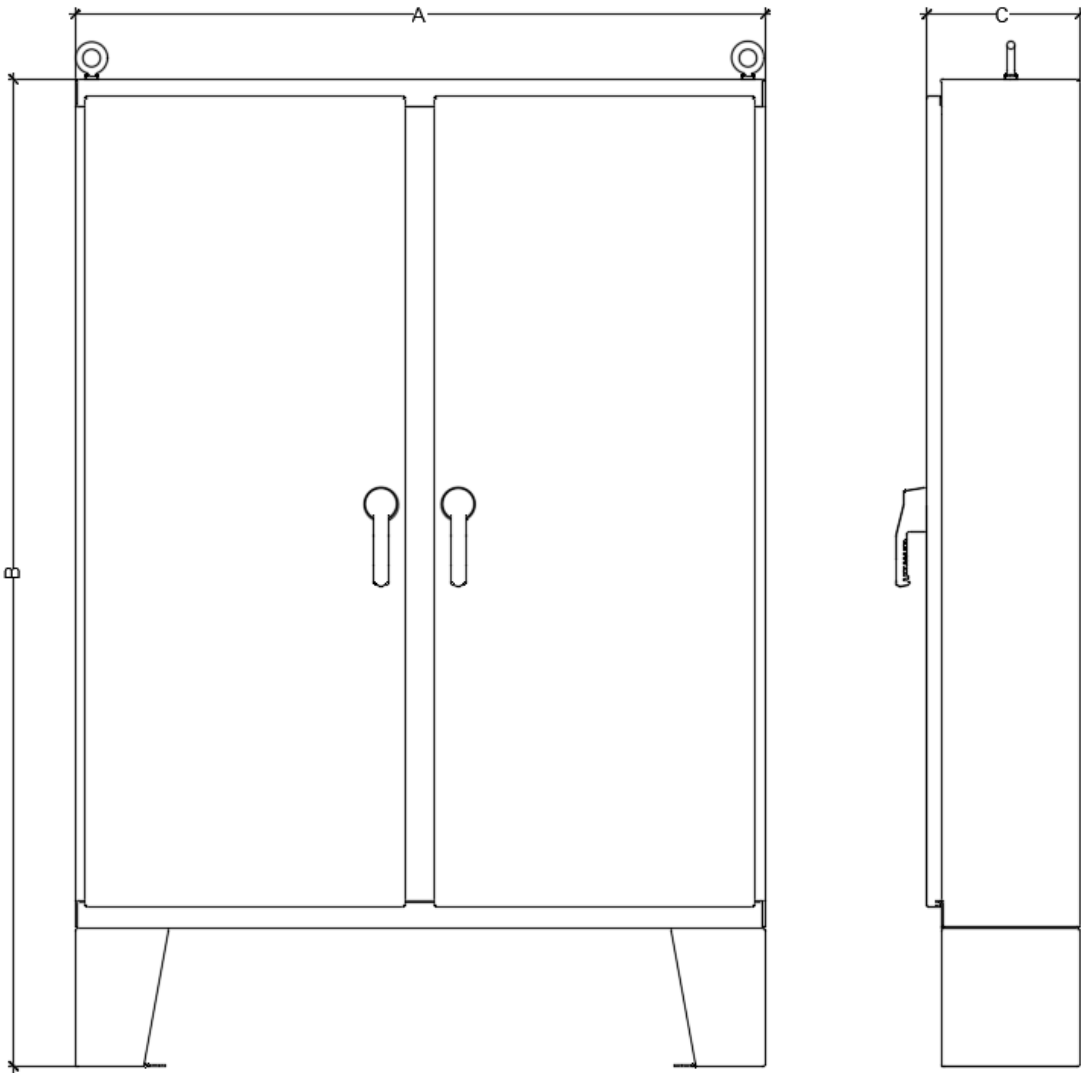
## 2. Overview

### a. General Precautions



- i. **ATTENTION:** This Control Panel contains step-up transformers with the ability to output lethal voltages and currents. The installer should be aware and use proper lock-out-tag-out procedures when installing the electrical circuits.
- ii. **ATTENTION:** Only qualified personnel familiar with: concrete pads; rigging; and electrical construction, as well as general construction methods, should be part of the installation team of this Meter Testing Panel.
- iii. **ATTENTION:** This unit contains sensitive electronics. Static control precautions are required when installing, testing, servicing, or repairing this unit.
- iv. **ATTENTION:** An incorrectly installed Meter Testing Panel may result in a defective unit, voided warranty, personal injury, or death.
- v. **ATTENTION:** Risk of injury or equipment damage does exist.

**b. Panel Dimensions and Approximate Weights**



***Figure - 1***

**Table-1**

Fig.	A (in.)	B (in.)	C (in.)	Approx. Weight (lbs.)
1	60	72	13.06	1000

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## 3. Installation

### a. Preface & Warning

- i. Most start-up & commissioning difficulties and/or delays are the result of incorrect installation methods. Every precaution must be taken to assure the unit is installed within guidelines herein, and within local guidelines according to the local Authority Having Jurisdiction.
- ii. The following information is merely a guide for proper installation. Timpson Training, LLC cannot assume responsibility for the compliance or the non-compliance to any code, national, local or otherwise for the proper installation of this unit or other equipment. A hazard of personal injury may exist if codes, guidelines, and recommendations are ignored during installation and/or use.
- iii. Debris protection: Take precautions to prevent debris from entering the enclosure during installation. Take extra care and notice when drilling electrical conduit entries, especially in the top, as metal and other debris may fall into the electronics.
- iv. Storage: Store within an ambient temperature range of -40°C to 50°C. Store within a relative humidity range of 0 to 95%, non-condensing. Do not expose to a corrosive environment/atmosphere.

## **b. Environmental Ratings and Considerations**

- i. All Meter Testing Panels are rated Nema 12 / IP 52, Weathertight, and are rated to operate outside under normal conditions.
  - 1. Below are the ambient operating temperature ratings of the Timpson units:
    - a. Minimum Operating Temperature:
      - i. 0°C (32°F)
    - b. Maximum Operating Temperature
      - i. 50°C (122°F)
  - 2. It is advised that the end-user strongly take their local ambient weather averages into consideration before purchasing and installing the unit. High internal heat may cause nuisance tripping and may also render the unit inoperable until cooler conditions are met.

## **c. Site Prep**

- i. Determining the location for the Meter Testing Panel is important. The location shall be readily accessible to the operator of the panel. While at the panel, the location shall be such that the operator can easily view the meter room in its entirety. This will help assure that safe conditions are present before a circuit becomes energized. Failure to locate the system safely and properly may result in Timpson withholding start-up & commissioning of the system for use, until rectified. Please consult your Timpson representative for advice on installation location.
- ii. Verify that the intended location will provide the operator a level working area.

## **d. Mounting Pad**

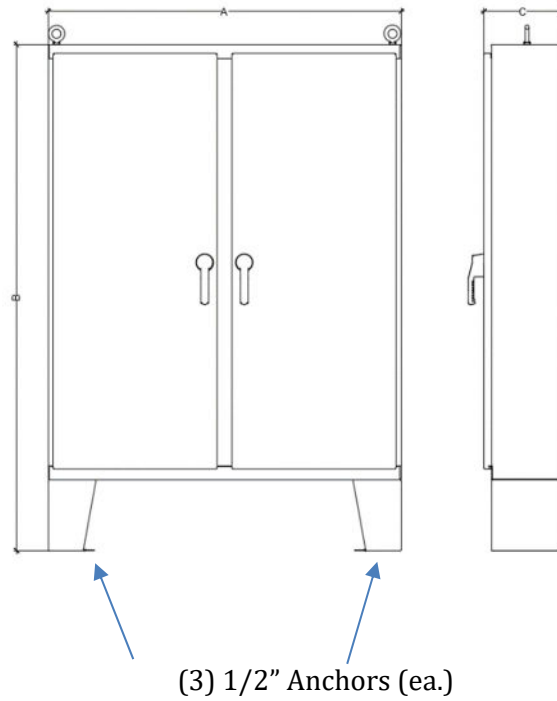
- i. Meter Testing Panel will need a secure and stable concrete foundation on which to be mounted. Please consult the section contained herein that lists the approximate weights of each unit.
- ii. Consult with a local professional for installation of the concrete slab for your Meter Testing Panel. Timpson recommends a minimum of 24" on the sides of the unit, and 48" in front and rear of the unit for safe operator work space.

- iii. Concrete slab and area surrounding the Meter Testing Panel shall be bonded to the enclosure via Ground Ring and Concrete Slab bonding, using methods called out in NEC: 250.52(A)(3), 250.52(A)(4), 250.53(F), and 250.64(A).
  - 1. The ground conductor shall be terminated to a ground lug supplied at the bottom of the enclosure back pan.

### ***Conduit and Pad Layout for Panel***

#### **e. Rigging and Mounting**

- i. Meter Testing Panels are heavy and are considered tip-over hazards. Proper care shall be taken to assure placement be safe during and after. All panels shall be anchored to the concrete pad.
  - 1. Units have six mounting holes in the enclosure feet. All six holes shall be anchored to the concrete pad using 1/2" drop-in type anchors or other locally approved methods. Failure to anchor the panel properly will result in tip-over, may cause injury or death, and will void any and all warranties. See Figure-2.
- ii. Rigging and placement of the unit shall be performed by those who are trained to do so. Improper rigging techniques could cause undue stress on the enclosure and any racking of the enclosure as a result may void the environmental rating, and therefore could shorten the life of the internal equipment substantially.



**Figure - 2**

**f. Electrical Installation**

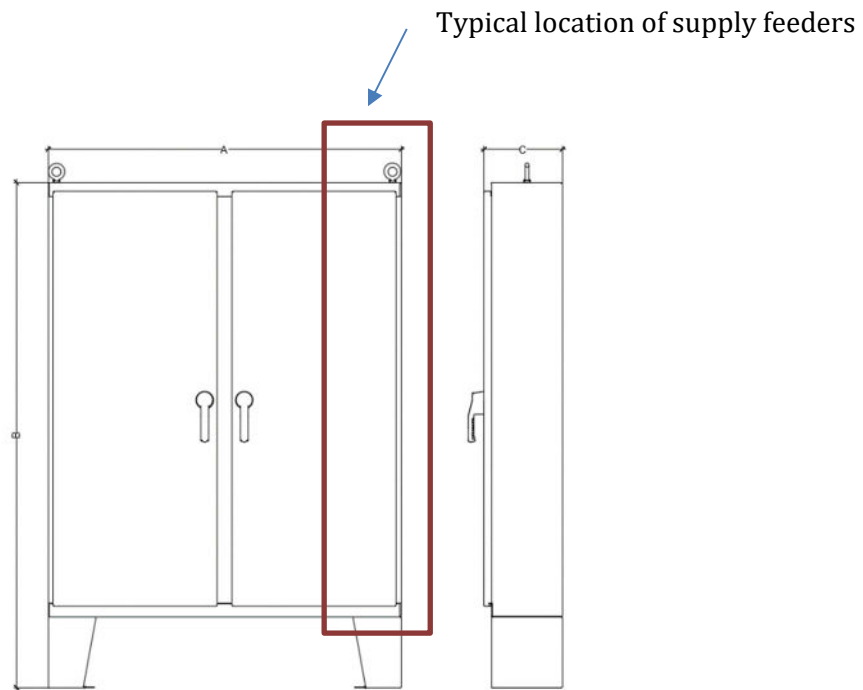
- i. AC Power Supply Source Considerations:
  - 1. Input Power Conditioning: This unit is suitable for direct connection to a local distribution panelboard. While Timpson recommends clean power, understanding that this is not always the case, below is a consideration for dirty power:
    - a. If your power quality meets any of the following conditions, we recommend the installation of a Line Reactor or Isolation transformer on the supply side of the unit:
      - i. Low Line Impedance;
      - ii. Line has power factor correction capacitors;
      - iii. Line has frequent power interruptions;
      - iv. Line has intermittent noise spikes;
  - 2. Input Power System: Units supplied by three-phase shall be of the Wye type. At no point, shall a center-phase-ground or high-leg type Delta system be permitted to power the Meter Testing Panel.
- ii. Supply Conductor Sizing and General Grounding Requirements
  - 1. Feeders and equipment grounding conductors shall be sized according to the table Table-2 below:

**Table-2**

Phase	Supply	OCPD Size (Amps)	Qty.	Feeder Size	Qty.	Neutral Size	Qty.	Ground Size
3	120-208	20	4	#12awg	1	#12awg	1	#12awg

- 2. Equipment grounding conductors shall be isolated and originate at the panelboard where the supply circuit conductors originate.
- iii. Fusing and Circuit Breakers
  - 1. The Meter Testing Panel is provided with a main disconnect switch with a through-door type disconnect handle. The fusible disconnect within the panel will have the same fuse rating as shown in the table above. It is the end-user’s responsibility to properly install OCPD (overcurrent protection device) according to the OCPD rating in the chart above. This product shall be installed with either input fuses or an input circuit breaker located at the unit feeder origination point.
    - a. Recommended Fuse Classes:
      - i. CC, T, RK1, or J

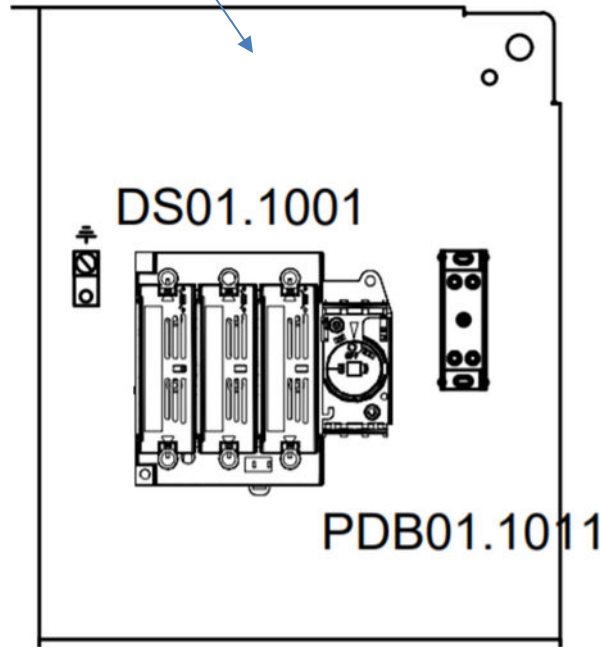
- b. Recommended Circuit Breakers:
  - i. Inverse Time, UL489
- iv. Terminating the Incoming Power Supply:
  - 1. The incoming power supply feeders shall enter the unit enclosure either through the bottom of the enclosure, or through the top-right-hand-corner of the enclosure, near the main disconnect.



**Figure - 3**

Terminate main power feeders here:

**Figure - 4**



Note: Main Disconnect (depending on power requirements, all units will have a neutral PDB for the required neutral)

Incoming power shall terminate to L1, L2, L3 on disconnect switch DS01.1001. Neutral conductor shall terminate to the single pole distribution block adjacent to DS01.1001. Likely PDB01.1004.

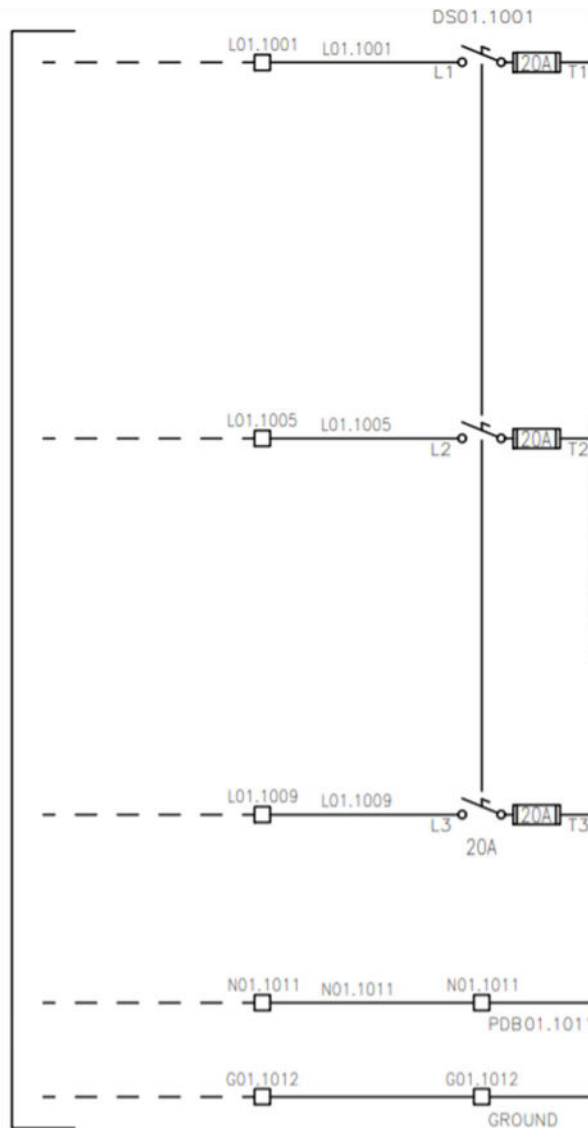


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2. Supply Conductor Ratings:
  - a. Supply feeder conductors shall be rated:
    - i. THHN
    - ii. 75°C/90°C
    - iii. 600V
3. Supply Voltage Range:
  - a. The accepted supply voltage range is within 5% of the nameplate nominal voltage.

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## 4. Warranty Statement

Timpson Electrical & Aerial Services, LLC. warrants the equipment manufactured by it to be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service, its obligation under this warranty being limited to replacing at its factory any product, part, or parts thereof which shall, within one year after delivery of such equipment to the original purchaser, be returned, and which Timpson Electrical & Aerial Services, LLC.'s examination shall disclose to its satisfaction to have been defective. Except for the warranty hereinbefore stated TIMPSON ELECTRICAL & AERIAL SERVICES, LLC. MAKES NO WARRANTY EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED; ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE IS HEREBY DISCLAIMED BY TIMPSON ELECTRICAL & AERIAL SERVICES, LLC. AND EXCLUDED FROM ANY AGREEMENT MADE BY ACCEPTANCE OF ANY ORDER PURSUANT TO OUR QUOTATION. THERE ARE NO WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, WHICH EXTEND BEYOND THE DESCRIPTION ON THE FACE HEREOF. Timpson Electrical & Aerial Services, LLC. neither assumes nor authorizes any person to assume for it any other liability in connection with the sale of its equipment. This warranty will not apply to any equipment which has been modified outside of its factory in any way so as, in Timpson Electrical & Aerial Services, LLC.'s judgment, to affect its stability, or reliability, nor which has been subject to misuse, negligence, or accident or to improper operation or storage, or to other than normal use or service. Timpson Electrical & Aerial Services, LLC. shall not be held liable for damages, direct or consequential, or delays, if such occurs on account of defective materials, or workmanship, or delays in shipment. Timpson Electrical & Aerial Services, LLC. will not grant any allowance for any repairs of alterations made without written consent of an officer of Timpson Electrical & Aerial Services, LLC. Timpson Electrical & Aerial Services, LLC. will in no way be liable or responsible for injuries or damages to persons or property, arising from or out of use or operation of the equipment within described. Timpson Electrical & Aerial Services, LLC. reserves the right to make changes in design or to make additions to, or improvements in, its product without imposing any obligations upon itself to install them on its products previously installed. Timpson Electrical & Aerial Services, LLC. may provide assistance in the form of recommendations, engineering or technical information and advice but such information is furnished only as an accommodation and Timpson Electrical & Aerial Services, LLC. shall have no liability for incomplete, faulty or inaccurate advice, recommendations or assistance, negligent or otherwise.

**IN ADDITION:** Timpson Electrical & Aerial Services, LLC.'s liability under this Warranty shall be limited to the repair or replacement of any defective work or material, F.O.B. Havre de Grace, Maryland, USA. Customer shall be responsible for notifying Timpson Electrical & Aerial Services, LLC., in writing, of any claims against this Warranty. Upon receipt of such a written claim, Timpson Electrical & Aerial Services, LLC., shall advise customer as to the warranty action to be taken. Timpson Electrical & Aerial Services, LLC. shall have the sole right to determine what action, if any, is to be taken. Any unauthorized repairs to Timpson Electrical & Aerial Services, LLC. products or systems may cause this warranty to be declared null and void.

Timpson Electrical & Aerial Services, LLC. shall not be liable for any consequential damages including lost sales and profits, injury to person or property, or any other incidental losses.

There are no warranties or remedies for the breach thereof beyond those previously described.

## 5. Support

Timpson Training provides technical information within this manual, over the phone, and on-site to assist you in using its products.

At [www.timpsontraining.com](http://www.timpsontraining.com) you can find technical assistance measures such as FAQ's and support numbers.

In addition, we offer multiple support programs for installation and continued use. For more information, contact your local representative or a Timpson Electrical & Aerial Services representative.

### **a. Installation Supervision and Start-Up & Commissioning**

Timpson Electrical & Aerial Services offers Start-Up & Commissioning as a separate cost. All Meter Room are different and require a different number of days based on the number of panels, circuits, and travel requirements.

### **b. New Product Satisfaction Parts Return/Repair**

Timpson Electrical & Aerial Services tests all of its products and systems to help ensure that they are fully operational before they were shipped from our manufacturing facilities. However, if your product is not functioning properly, please contact Timpson directly to discuss parts replacement/repair. Due to the nature of the sensitive electronics, no unit, in part or in whole, may be returned.

### **c. Documentation Feedback**

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