

# The right circuit breakers can make all the difference

When customers sacrifice safety for system reliability to achieve selectivity, arc flash becomes a greater threat.



System designs are typically based on maximum bolted fault currents (BIG amps!)



But arcing faults can sometimes be a lot smaller.



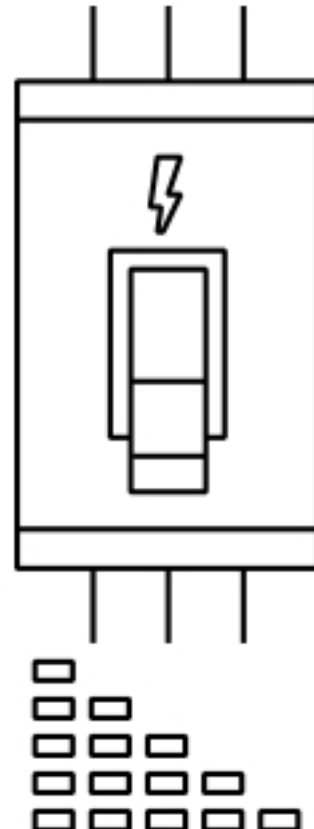
At **480 volts**, arcing faults can be 40% of bolted faults



At **208 volts**, arcing faults can be 20% of bolted faults

Circuit breakers must operate fast for the best arc flash protection.

But, **S L O W I N G** circuit breakers down to achieve selectivity increases arc flash hazard risk.



You want circuit breakers that help drive maximum selectivity at:

**01**

The most sensitive possible threshold so the trip unit knows there is a fault and can act.

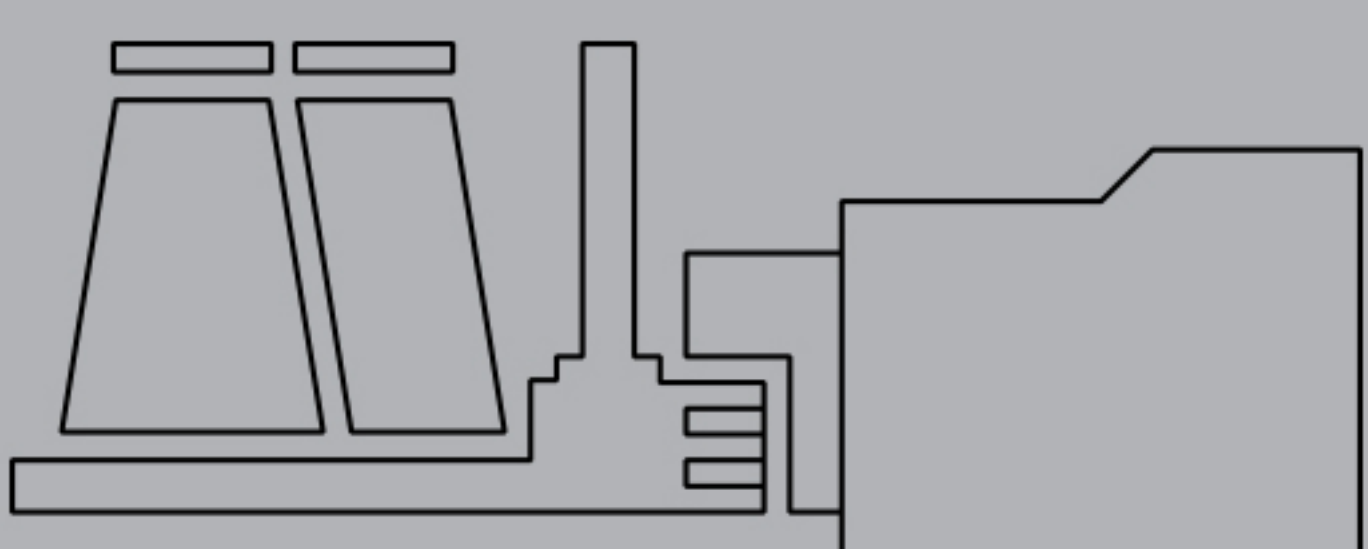
**02**

The fastest possible speed, because milliseconds matter in arc flash protection.

Get the right circuit breakers for selectivity without sacrifice.

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