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News Release

Cooper Bussmann Introduces New Space-Saving Disconnect Switches and Accessories

Offer includes new 200 Amp Fusible as well as 200 Amp and 400 Amp Non-fusible

January 7, 2009, St. Louis, MO— Cooper Bussmann, leader in innovative circuit protection devices, introduces compact, disconnect switches and accessories now available for 200A fusible, 200A non-fusible and 400A non-fusible applications. This exciting new Cooper Bussmann® disconnect line reduces the footprint from existing models while providing the same high level of protection associated with Cooper Bussmann electrical components. Additionally, these units will have capabilities to accept a direct-mount handle to comply with NFPA79 requirements.

These new disconnect switches and accessories, available with NEMA 1, 3R, 4, 4X and 12 enclosures, replace current offerings with similar ratings. Users are encouraged to go online to view a new [disconnect catalog](#) and [cross-reference guide](#) to help users seamlessly transition to the new product line.

“These products build on the Cooper Bussmann commitment of *Productivity through Protection*,” said Isabel Rochow, senior product manager at Cooper Bussmann. “They continue to offer the very best standards in circuit protection, while saving valuable space in electrical panels and expanding our availability of direct-mount handles, which were previously available only up to 100 amps.”

Other new features include the capability to add additional auxiliary contacts if desired and flexible mounting feet that allow for the disconnect switch to be mounted in almost any position.

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About Cooper Bussmann

Cooper Bussmann, the industry leader in downtime reduction, workplace safety and Code compliance solutions, is a division of Cooper Industries (NYSE: CBE), and is headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri, USA. The company is committed to the development, manufacturing and marketing of innovative circuit protection products, and provides engineering, training and testing services globally for the electrical, electronics and transportation industries. Additional information about Cooper Bussmann is available online at www.cooperbussmann.com

About Cooper Industries

Cooper Industries, Ltd. (NYSE: CBE) is a global manufacturer with 2007 revenues of \$5.9 billion, approximately 87% of which are from electrical products. Founded in 1833, Cooper's sustained level of success is attributable to a constant focus on innovation, evolving business practices while maintaining the highest ethical standards, and meeting customer needs. The Company has eight operating divisions with leading market share positions and world-class products and brands including: Bussmann electrical and electronic fuses; Crouse-Hinds and CEAG explosion-proof electrical equipment; Halo and Metalux lighting fixtures; and Kyle and McGraw-Edison power systems products. With this broad range of products, Cooper is uniquely positioned for several long-term growth trends including the global infrastructure build-out, the need to improve the reliability and productivity of the electric grid, the demand for higher energy-efficient products and the need for improved electrical safety. Sixty percent of total sales are to customers in the Industrial and Utility end-markets and 34% of total sales are currently to customers outside the United States. Cooper, which has more than 31,500 employees and manufacturing facilities in 23 countries, is incorporated in Bermuda with administrative headquarters in Houston, TX. For more information, visit the website at www.cooperindustries.com.

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