

UL Classified / UL Listed Replacement Breaker Cross-Reference

Field reference for home inspectors and electricians — quick lookup of which replacement circuit breakers are safely approved for use in panels made by other manufacturers.

Key terms

Term	Meaning
UL Listed (OEM/Specified)	Breaker made by the same company as the panel — always the first choice.
UL Classified	Breaker made by a <i>different</i> manufacturer, tested and approved by UL to work in a specific competitor panel. Only valid for the exact panel catalog numbers named in the breaker's compatibility documentation — not for "anything that physically fits."
ETL Listed replacement	Newer-manufactured breakers built to UL 489 for discontinued/legacy panels (FPE, Zinsco, Pushmatic, Challenger, Wadsworth). Certified by Intertek (ETL) rather than UL, but tested to the same UL 489 standard.

Cross-reference table

Panel brand (in the field)	OEM/specified breaker series	UL Classified replacement option(s)	Amp / pole range	Notes & limits
Square D Homeline	Square D HOM	Eaton/Cutler-Hammer Type CL (1")	15–50A, 1P & 2P	Also offered in GFCI/AFCI classified versions (Eaton). Not compatible with Square D QO.
Square D QO / QOB	Square D QO	Eaton/Cutler-Hammer Type CHQ (¾"); Siemens Type QD (¾")	15–60A, 1P & 2P	Only these two classified lines fit QO bus bars (Eaton bulletin ; Siemens QD compatibility guide). Not series-rated with Square D equipment.
General Electric (THQL / Q-Line)	GE THQL	Eaton/Cutler-Hammer Type CL	15–50A, 1P & 2P (plus GF/AF variants)	(Eaton brochure)
Siemens / ITE (Q-Line)	Siemens/ITE Q1xx, Q2xx	Eaton/Cutler-Hammer Type CL	15–50A, 1P & 2P (plus GF/AF variants)	Same Eaton CL line covers Siemens/ITE panels (Eaton)
Murray	Murray MP1xx/MP2xx	Eaton/Cutler-Hammer Type CL	15–50A, 1P & 2P (plus GF/AF variants)	(Eaton)

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Thomas & Betts	T&B TB1xx/TB2xx	Eaton/Cutler-Hammer Type CL	15–50A, 1P & 2P (GF variant only, no AF)	(Eaton)
Crouse-Hinds	Crouse-Hinds MP1xx/MP2xx	Eaton/Cutler-Hammer Type CL	15–50A, 1P & 2P	(Eaton)
Eaton / Cutler-Hammer BR	Eaton/CH Type BR	None cross-brand — BR is only UL Listed for BR-type panels	—	The CL/CHQ lines above are Eaton's <i>classified</i> products for other brands; standard BR breakers are not classified for competitors' panels (Mike Holt forum – Eaton confirmation).
Federal Pacific Stab-Lok (legacy/discontinued)	FPE NA/NC series	Connecticut Electric Type UBIF (newly manufactured)	15–100A, 1P & 2P	ETL Listed to UL 489, not a "classified" cross-brand breaker — it's a modern remanufacture of the discontinued line (Connecticut Electric; InspectApedia spec sheet). FPE Stab-Lok panels have known independent safety concerns regardless of breaker source — flag the panel itself.
Zinsco / Sylvania-Zinsco (legacy/discontinued)	Zinsco RC/Q series	Connecticut Electric Type UBIZ	15–125A, 1P & 2P	Same ETL/UL 489 basis as above (Connecticut Electric tech docs). Zinsco panels also carry known independent breaker-fusing defects — flag regardless.
Pushmatic / Bulldog (legacy/discontinued)	Pushmatic P-series	Connecticut Electric Type UBIP	15–100A, 1P & 2P	Bolt-on style, ETL Listed (Connecticut Electric catalog).
Challenger / Chalfont (legacy/discontinued)	Challenger Type A	Connecticut Electric UBI Type A line	15–100A, 1P & 2P	(Connecticut Electric product line)
Wadsworth (legacy/discontinued)	Wadsworth series	Connecticut Electric UBI Wadsworth-compatible line	15–100A, 1P & 2P	(Connecticut Electric)

Field safety rules of thumb

1. The panel's own label/documentation always wins. Only use a breaker that is either (a) the exact brand/series specified on the panel's interior label, or (b) a UL-Classified breaker whose published compatibility list names that panel's exact catalog number — never assume compatibility just because a breaker physically snaps in ([Mike Holt Forum](#)).

2. **Classified ≠ universal.** Eaton's Type CL/CHQ classified breakers are limited to panels rated $\leq 225A$, 120/240V, with available short-circuit current ≤ 10 kA — they are not a blanket substitute for every panel of a given brand ([Eaton brochure](#)).
3. **Same-brand ≠ automatically compatible.** Square D Homeline and QO use different bus designs and their breakers are not interchangeable with each other despite sharing a brand ([Breaker Hunters compatibility guide](#)).
4. **"BR" vs "CL" matters for Eaton/Cutler-Hammer.** Standard BR breakers are listed only for BR panels; the CL and CHQ series are Eaton's dedicated classified lines for competitors' panels.
5. **Legacy panel brands (FPE Stab-Lok, Zinsco, Pushmatic, Challenger, Wadsworth) warrant a broader safety note in the report** — modern ETL-listed replacement breakers address availability, but many of these panel types have their own documented history of breaker/bus defects independent of which breaker is installed.
6. When in doubt, note in the report that a licensed electrician should confirm the breaker/panel combination against the manufacturer's current compatibility list.

Compiled from Eaton, Siemens, and Connecticut Electric manufacturer documentation, current as of August 2026. Always verify against the specific panel's label and the breaker manufacturer's current published compatibility list before relying on this table in a report.