

# GX12

# 12 to 750 Vdc/Vac

## EPIC® Hermetic Sealed DC and AC Contactor - 225+ Amp Power Switching

RoHS Compliant, all date codes



Patent Pending



File E320908

All contact ratings and coil versions may not be UL recognized.

Contact GIGAVAC for a copy of the applicable sections of the test report.

FEATURES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chassis level UL508 sized power terminals</b> – No need for specially routed power cables, special bus bars, or special lugs.</li> <li>• <b>Rugged EPIC® Seal rated to 175°C</b> – Reduced risk of fire or meltdown in over current conditions. The same technology used for advanced aerospace programs.</li> <li>• <b>Hermetically Sealed</b> – Designed to meet: UL1604 for Class I &amp; II, Div 2 and Class III for use in hazardous locations, IP67 for temporary water immersion for 30 min, SAE J1171 - external ignition protection, and ISO8846 for protection against ignition around flammable gasses.</li> <li>• <b>Optional High Efficiency Dual DC Coils</b> – Very low 12 or 24 VDC continuous coil power with no EMI emissions or cross-talk on your system control power. Ideal for battery powered systems or where low power is needed.</li> <li>• <b>Built-in coil suppression for all DC coils</b> – Saves you engineering time and parts cost to add external coil suppression.</li> <li>• <b>Stainless steel hardware and mounting inserts</b>, for years of corrosion free service.</li> <li>• <b>UL508 ambient compliant to 75°C</b> but can operate continuously at 85°C with a higher terminal temperature rise of 60°C. Can also operate up to 125°C in special cases - contact GIGAVAC for details.</li> <li>• <b>Not position sensitive</b> – can be mounted in any position for ease of installation.</li> </ul>

UL COMPLIANT DC & AC ESTIMATED CONTACT POWER SWITCHING RATINGS						
Make & Break Resistive Current with 4/0 cable and 50° terminal temp rise	Contact Voltages & Life Cycle Ratings DC or 50/60 Hz AC					
	24 V	48 V	72 V	120 V	350 V	750 V
225A - (75° C Ambient) 1/	150,000	100,000	40,000	20,000	7,500	1,200
150A - (75° C Ambient) 1/	225,000	150,000	60,000	30,000	11,250	1,800
125A - (75° C Ambient) 1/	270,000	180,000	72,000	36,000	13,500	2,160
100A - (75° C Ambient) 1/	337,500	225,000	90,000	45,000	16,875	2,700
75A - (75° C Ambient) 1/	450,000	300,000	120,000	60,000	22,500	3,600
50A - (75° C Ambient) 1/	675,000	450,000	180,000	90,000	33,750	5,400
30A - (75° C Ambient) 1/	1,000,000	750,000	300,000	150,000	56,250	9,000
20A - (75° C Ambient) 1/	1,000,000	1,000,000	450,000	225,000	84,375	13,500
275A - (50° C Ambient) 2/	127,500	85,000	34,000	17,000	6,375	1,020
Max Break A, 2 cycles (75° C Ambient) 1/	2,750A	2,200A	1,650A	1,100A	990A	660A
Max Make, 10 cycles (75° C Ambient) 1/	1,540A	1,210A	880A	660A	550A	385A

Electrical life rating is based on resistive load with 27µH maximum inductance in circuit. Because your application may be different, we suggest you test the contactor in your circuit to verify life is as required.

End of life is defined as when the dielectric, insulation resistance or contact resistance exceeds the specifications listed.

If your application requires a higher current rating, you may want to consider the GIGAVAC 350 Amp [GX14 EPIC® sealed contactor](#).

1/ Assumes UL508 ratings with 4/0 cables, UL508 max ambient temperature of 75°C as shown, and max. UL508 terminal temperature rise of 50°C. For loads of 150A and below and the life cycle rating shown is longer than you need, you may want to consider the lesser priced [GIGAVAC GX11 EPIC® sealed contactor](#). Smaller sized cables can be used at the lower currents - see UL specifications for recommended cable sizes.

At 85°C ambient, contactor can also meet all of its 75°C specifications but the terminal temperature can rise can be up to 60°C, which is higher than the 50°C rise allowed by UL508 and can be higher than some cable insulation ratings.

2/ Assumes UL508 ratings with 4/0 cables, at a lower 50°C UL508 ambient temperature, and max. UL508 terminal temperature rise of 50°C. For loads of 225A and below and the life cycle rating shown is longer than you need, you may want to consider the lesser priced [GIGAVAC GX11 EPIC® sealed contactor](#). Smaller sized cables can be used at the lower currents - see UL specifications for recommended cable sizes.

UL COMPLIANT DC & AC CONTACT CURRENT CARRY RATINGS		
		75°C / 50°C
Cable size 1/		4 / 0
Continuous, UL508 Max 1/ 10 seconds (1 time) 100 Seconds (1 time) 300 Seconds (1 time)	Amp	225 / 275
	Amp	560 / 680
	Amp	360 / 480
	Amp	300 / 400
Starter Carry – Inrush 250 ms (10 repeats 1/ 2/)	Amp	NA / 2,000
Starter Carry - Cranking 10 sec (10 repeats 1/ 2/)	Amp	NA / 600
Maximum terminal Temp, Continuous	Deg C	175
Maximum terminal Temp, Intermittent	Deg C	225

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1/ Assumes UL508 ratings with 4/0 cables, ambient max. UL508 temperature of 75°C, and max. UL508 terminal temperature rise of 50°C. Contactor can also carry the higher currents shown on page 2 at 50°C ambient, and meet all of the UL508 requirements.

Contactors meet all of its published specifications at 85°C ambient, but terminal temperature can rise to 60°C, which is higher than the 50°C allowed by UL508.

The maximum terminal temperature rating is 175°C, which means much higher currents than shown on page 2 can be carried and switched. However, this temperature is much higher than most cable insulation ratings, which mean busbars must be used. Contact GIGAVAC for assistance for higher current applications.

2/ Rating consists of combined inrush + cranking current at the times specified, with 2 seconds off between cycles. This is higher current than is required for UL1107 for marine battery switches.

COIL RATINGS – see below for high efficiency coils							
Nominal Volts	12Vdc	24Vdc	48Vdc	72Vdc	120Vdc	120Vac, 50/60Hz	240Vac, 50/60Hz
Coil P/N Designation	B	C	F	H	J	K	L
Max Volts	14	28	56	84	140	140	280
Pick-up, Volts, Max	7.5	15	28	46	72	80	144
Hold, Volts, Min	4	9	18	28	46	46	92
Drop-Out, Volts, Min	0.5	0.5	1.8	2.7	4.5	4.5	9
Coil Resistance @ 25°C (Ohms ±10%)	17	85	335	850	2125	N/A	N/A
Coil Current, mA, Max at nominal Voltage	700	280	150	90	56	56	28
Coil Back EMF (volts) - Built in suppression 1/	55	55	70	100	150	N/A	N/A

Ratings are at worse case temperature extremes, except coil resistance and current are at 25°C.

1/ DC coils have built-in coil suppression. The use of additional external coil suppression can slow the release time and invalidate the life cycle ratings, or can cause the contactor not to be able to interrupt the maximum current specified. If lower coil back EMF is required, please contact GIGAVAC for assistance.

OPTIONAL HIGH EFFICIENCY DUAL-COIL RATINGS		
Nominal Coil Voltage	12Vdc	24Vdc
Coil P/N Designation	S	T
Coil Voltage (Max) <b>1/</b>	15	30
In-Rush Current Max (75 ms) – Amps <b>2/ 3/</b>	1.8	0.9
Hold Current after in-rush (Avg.) - Amps <b>3/</b>	0.090	0.045
Hold Power after in-rush (Avg.) – Watts <b>3/</b>	1.1	1.1
Pick-up, Volts, Max <b>2/ 4/ 5/</b>	9	15
Hold, Volts, Min <b>5/</b>	5	10
Drop-Out, Volts, Min <b>5/</b>	1.0	1.5
Coil Back EMF (volts) <b>6/</b>	45	45

Ratings are at 25°C. For specific values at other temperatures, please [contact GIGAVAC](#).

**1/** Because the contactor is operated by a coil that changes resistance with temperature, the maximum coil voltage will be lower than indicated at temperatures above 25C, and higher than indicated at temperatures below 25C.

**2/** Contactor has two coils. Both are used for pull-in, and then in approximately 75 milliseconds, one coil is electronically removed from the coil drive circuit. The remaining coil supplies low continuous hold power sufficient for the contactor to meet all of its specified performance specifications. This provides the lowest coil power possible without the use of PWM electronics that have been known to cause EMI emissions and/or cross-talk on your system control power.

**3/** Because the contactor is operated by a coil that changes resistance with temperature, and because Nominal Coil voltage has been assumed for the In-Rush, Hold Current and Hold Power specifications, Current/Wattage will be lower than indicated at temperatures above 25C and higher than indicated at temperatures below 25C.

**4/** For Pick-up testing of contactors with dual coils, the voltage can not be ramped up slowly, but must be applied instantly to at least the maximum pull-in voltage or current. Otherwise, the contactor will not pick-up.

**5/** Because the contactor is operated by a coil that changes resistance with temperature, Pick-up Voltage, Hold Voltage, and Drop Out Voltage will be lower than indicated at temperatures below 25C and higher than indicated at temperatures above 25C.

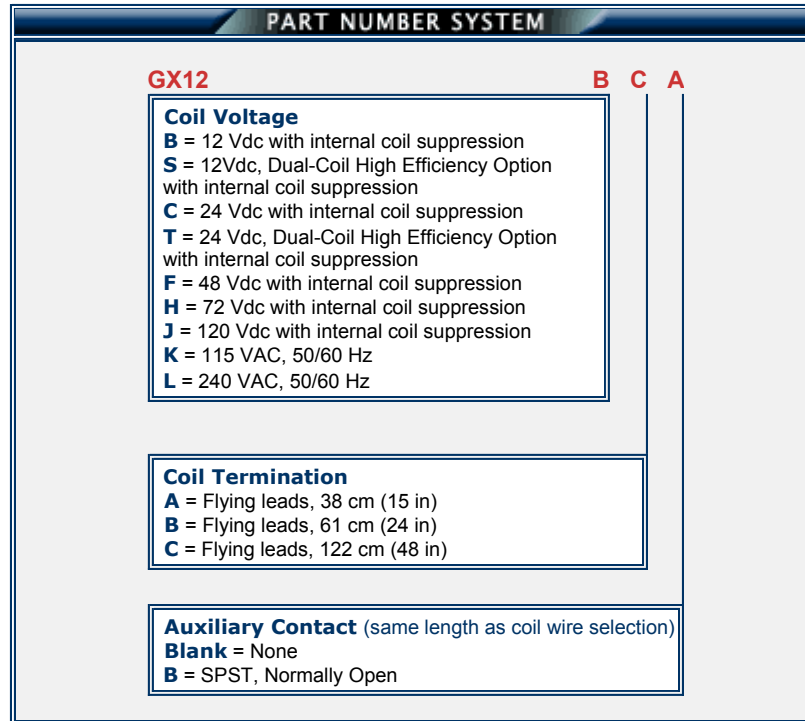
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PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS		
Specifications	Units	Specifications
Contact Arrangement (main)	Form X	SPST-NO
Contact Arrangement (Auxiliary) <b>1/</b>	Form A	SPST-NO
Mechanical Life	cycles	1 million
Contact Resistance		
Max @ rated carry current	mohms	.4
Typical @ rated carry current	mohms	.15 to .3
Operate time, 25°C		
Close (includes bounce) Max	ms	20
Close (includes bounce) Typical	ms	13
Bounce on close, Max	ms	7
Release time (includes arc time at max. break current)	ms	12
Insulation Resistance	Mohms	100 <b>2/</b>
Dielectric at sea level (leakage < 1mA)	VRMS	2,500
Shock	G's peak	20
Vibration, Sinusoidal (500-2000 Hz peak)	G's	15
Operating ambient Temp Range	°C	-55 to +85 <b>3/</b>
Storage ambient Temp Range	°C	-70 to +175
Weight, Typical	Kg (Lb)	0.50/(1.1)

1/ Auxillary contact rating - 2A, 24Vdc Resistive load, 100,000 cycles. Minimum current is 1mA, 5V. The auxiliary contact is mechanically linked to the main power contacts.

2/ 50 Mohms after life.

3/ Contactor can operate up to 125°C in special cases - contact GIGAVAC for details.

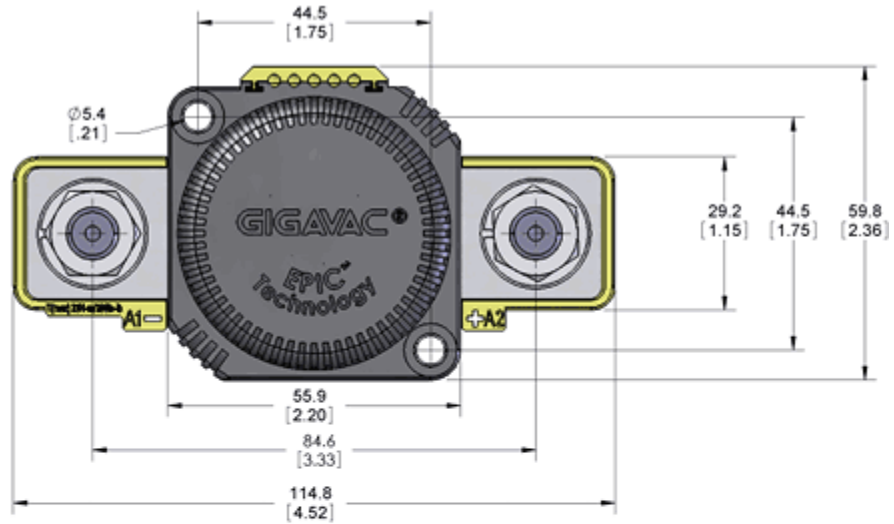


**MOUNTING**

M5 or NO.10 SCREWS  
TORQUE 1.7-4Nm [15-35in-lb]

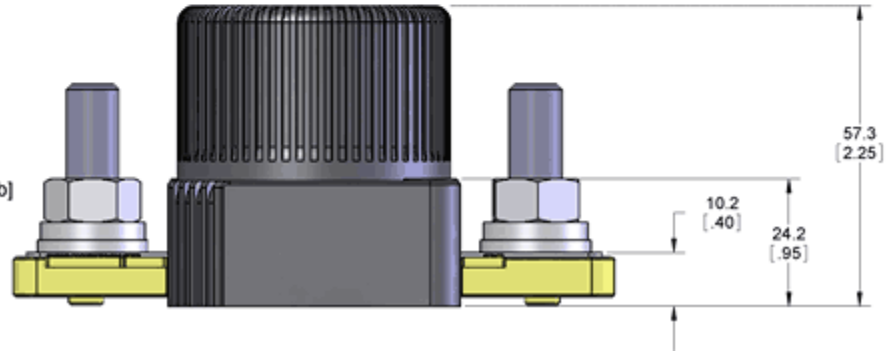
**CASE MATERIAL**

40-50% GF Nylon 6/6  
UL94 V-O



**POWER CONNECTION**

HARDWARE INCLUDED:  
STAINLESS M10X1.5 BOLT  
STAINLESS M10X1.5 NUT  
STAINLESS LOCK WASHER  
STAINLESS FLAT WASHER  
TORQUE 11-23Nm [100-200 in-lb]



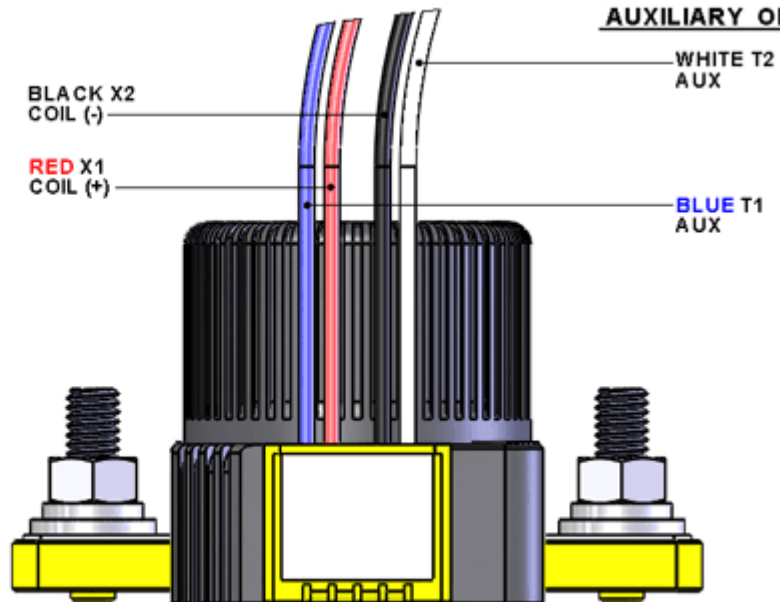
**DC COIL SUPPRESSION**



**A/C COIL**

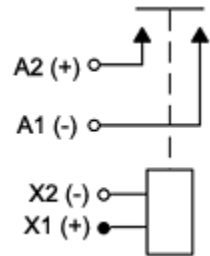


**AUXILIARY OPTION**

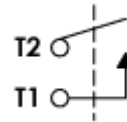


WIRE SPEC: SILICONE, 20AWG, -40C-150C, UL: VW-1

### Power contacts



### Auxiliary contacts (optional)



### Application Information:

1. **WARNING** - When using more than one lug on a power terminal, make sure the primary power is closest to the contactor busbar, with the lower current lug on top, then the washer, then the lock washer, then the nut. **Improper order can cause severe over-heating resulting in the possible melting of the connecting cable insulation.**

2. [EPIC®](#) sealing technology

3. [Relay Schematics and Forms](#)

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