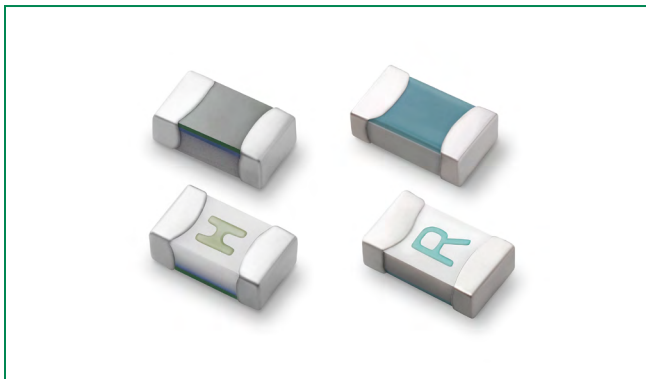


### 438A Series – 0603 Fast-Acting Fuse



#### Description

The 438A series AECO-compliant fuses are specifically tested to cater secondary circuit protection needs of compact auto electronics application.

The general design ensures excellent temperature stability and performance reliability.

The high I<sup>2</sup>t values which is typical in the Littelfuse ceramic fuse family ensure high inrush current withstand capability.

#### Features

- Operating Temperature from -55°C to +150°C
- 100% Lead-free, RoHS compliant and Halogen-free
- Suitable for both leaded and lead-free reflow/wave soldering
- Meets Littelfuse's Automotive qualifications\*

\* Largely based on Littelfuse internal AECO-200 test plan.

#### Applications

- Li-ion Battery
- LED Head-Lights
- Automotive Navigation System
- TFT Display
- Battery Management System (BMS)
- Clusters

#### Additional Information



Datasheet





Resources



Samples



#### Agency Approvals

AGENCY	AGENCY FILE NUMBER	AMPERE RANGE
	E10480	0.250A – 6A
	29862	0.250A – 6A

#### Electrical Characteristics for Series

% of Ampere Rating	Ampere Rating	Opening Time at 25°C
100%	0.250A – 6A	4 Hours, Minimum
250%	0.250A – 6A	5 Seconds, Maximum

#### Electrical Specifications by Item

Ampere Rating (A)	Amp Code	Max. Voltage Rating (V)	Interrupting Rating (AC/DC) <sup>1</sup>	Nominal Resistance (Ohms) <sup>2</sup>	Nominal Melting I <sup>2</sup> t (A <sup>2</sup> Sec.) <sup>3</sup>	Nominal Voltage Drop At Rated Current (V) <sup>4</sup>	Nominal Power Dissipation At Rated Current (W)	Agency Approvals	
									
0.25	.250	63VDC	50A @ 63VDC 50A @ 32VAC	2.218	0.0017	0.550	0.138	x	x
0.375	.375	63VDC		1.247	0.0041	0.488	0.183	x	x
0.5	.500	63VDC		0.829	0.0100	0.486	0.243	x	x
0.75	.750	63VDC		0.466	0.0281	0.378	0.284	x	x
1	001.	63VDC		0.310	0.0593	0.351	0.351	x	x
1.25	1.25	63VDC	50A@32VAC/32VDC	0.200	0.0510	0.365	0.456	x	x
1.75	1.75	32VDC		1.405	0.1440	0.360	0.540	x	x
2	002.	32	50A @ 32VDC/12VAC	0.0490	0.181	0.107	0.214	x	x
2.5	02.5	32		0.0364	0.240	0.095	0.238	x	x
3	003.	32		0.0264	0.439	0.093	0.279	x	x
3.5	03.5	32		0.0210	0.647	0.082	0.287	x	x
4	004.	32		0.0177	0.730	0.079	0.316	x	x
5	005.	32		0.0127	0.747	0.074	0.370	x	x
6	006.	24	50A @ 24VDC/12VAC	0.0086	1.444	0.072	0.432	x	x

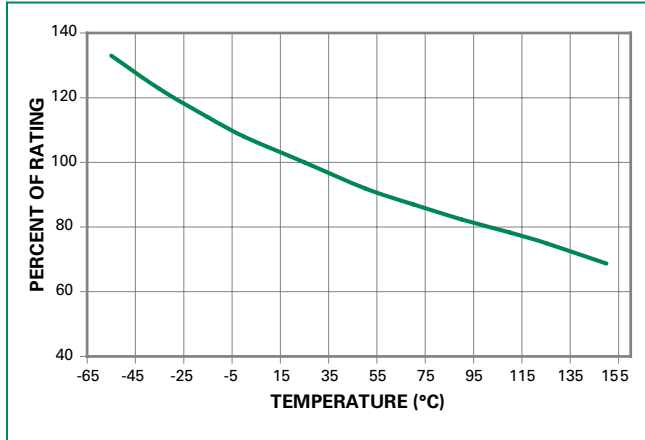
Notes:

1. AC Interrupting Rating tested at rated voltage with unity power factor. DC Interrupting Rating tested at rated voltage with time constant < 0.8 msec.
2. Nominal Resistance measured with < 10% rated current.
3. Nominal Melting I<sup>2</sup>t measured at 1 msec. opening time.
4. Nominal Voltage Drop measured at rated current after temperature has stabilized.

Devices designed to carry rated current for 4 hours minimum. It is recommended that devices be operated continuously at no more than 80% rated current. See "Temperature Re-rating Curve" for additional re-rating information.

Devices designed to be mounted with marking code facing up.

### Temperature Re-rating Curve



Note:

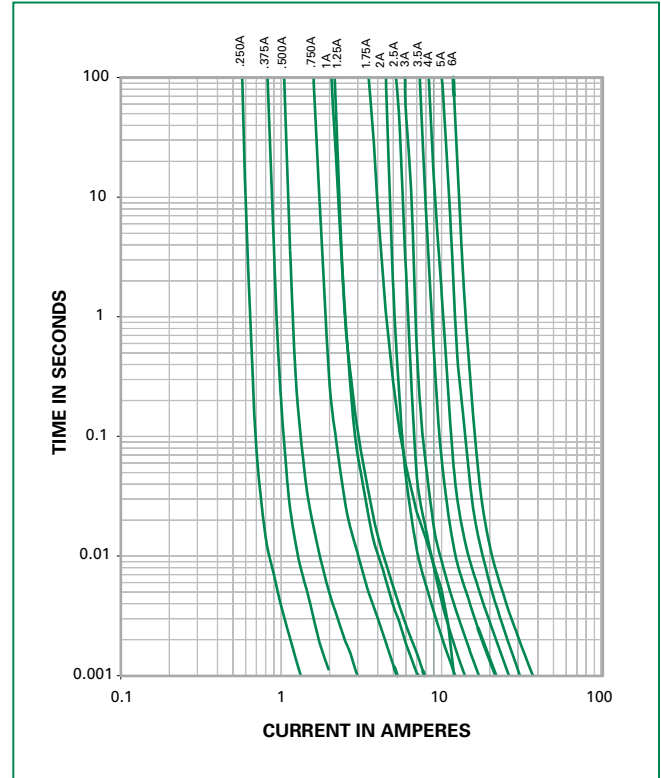
1. Re-rating depicted in this curve is in addition to the standard re-rating of 20% for continuous operation.

Example:

For continuous operation at 75 degrees celsius, the fuse should be rerated as follows:

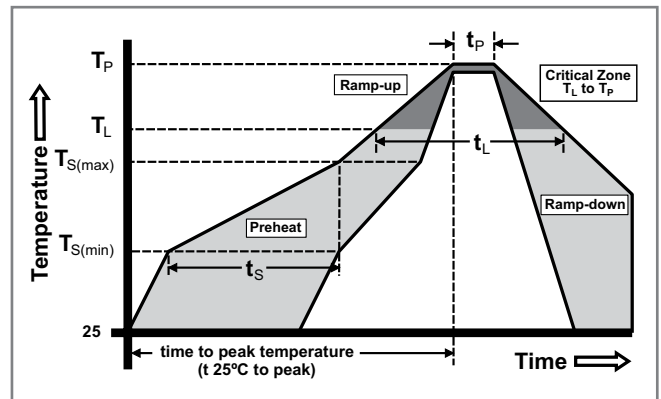
$$I = (0.80)(0.85)I_{RAT} = (0.68)I_{RAT}$$

### Average Time Current Curves



### Soldering Parameters

Reflow Condition		Pb – free assembly
Pre Heat	- Temperature Min ( $T_{s(min)}$ )	150°C
	- Temperature Max ( $T_{s(max)}$ )	200°C
	- Time (Min to Max) ( $t_s$ )	60 – 180 seconds
Average Ramp-up Rate (Liquidus Temp ( $T_L$ ) to peak)		3°C/second max.
$T_{s(max)}$ to $T_L$ - Ramp-up Rate		5°C/second max.
Reflow	- Temperature ( $T_L$ ) (Liquidus)	217°C
	- Temperature ( $t_L$ )	60 – 150 seconds
Peak Temperature ( $T_p$ )		260 <sup>+0/-5</sup> °C
Time within 5°C of actual peak Temperature ( $t_p$ )		10 – 30 seconds
Ramp-down Rate		6°C/second max.
Time 25°C to peak Temperature ( $T_p$ )		8 minutes max.
Do not exceed		260°C



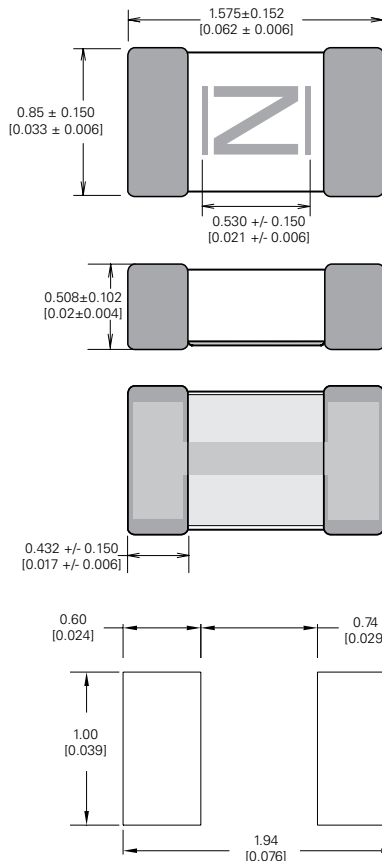
Wave Soldering	260°C, 10 seconds max.
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### Product Characteristics

<b>Materials</b>	<b>Body:</b> Advanced Ceramic <b>Terminations:</b> Ag/Ni/Sn (100% Lead-free) <b>Element Cover Coating:</b> Lead-free Glass
<b>Moisture Sensitivity Level</b>	IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020, Level 1
<b>Solderability</b>	IPC/EIC/JEDEC J-STD-002, Condition C
<b>Humidity Test</b>	MIL-STD-202, Method 103, Conditions D
<b>Resistance to Solder Heat</b>	MIL-STD-202, Method 210, Condition B
<b>Moisture Resistance</b>	MIL-STD-202, Method 106
<b>Thermal Shock</b>	MIL-STD-202, Method 107, Condition B
<b>Mechanical Shock</b>	MIL-STD-202, Method 213, Condition A
<b>Vibration</b>	MIL-STD-202, Method 201
<b>Vibration, High Frequency</b>	MIL-STD-202, Method 204, Condition D
<b>Dissolution of Metallization</b>	IPC/EIC/JEDEC J-STD-002, Condition D
<b>Terminal Strength</b>	IEC 60127-4

<b>High Temperature Storage</b>	MIL-STD-202 Method 108 with exemptions
<b>Thermal Shock Test</b>	JESD22 Method JA-104, Test Conditions B and N
<b>Biased Humidity</b>	MIL-STD-202 Method 103, 85°C/85% RH with 10% operating power for 1000 hrs
<b>Operational Life</b>	MIL-STD-202 Method 108, Test Condition D
<b>Resistance To Solvents</b>	MIL-STD-202 Method 215
<b>Mechanical Shock</b>	MIL-STD-202 Method 213, Test Condition C
<b>High Frequency Vibration</b>	MIL-STD-202, Method 204
<b>Resistance To Soldering Heat</b>	MIL-STD-202 Method 210, Test Condition B
<b>Solderability</b>	JESD22-B102E Method 1
<b>Terminal Strength For SMD</b>	AEC Q200-006
<b>Board Flex</b>	AEC Q200-005
<b>Electrical Characterization</b>	3 Temperature Electrical Characterization

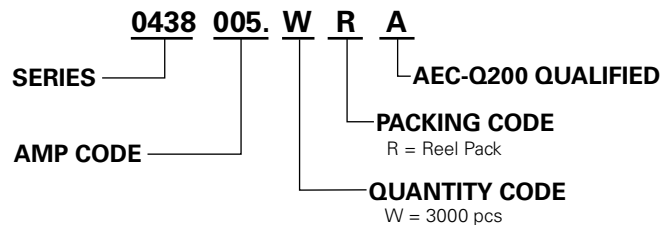
### Dimensions



### Part Marking System

Amp Code	Marking Code
.250	<b>D</b>
.375	<b>E</b>
.500	<b>F</b>
.750	<b>G</b>
001.	<b>H</b>
1.25	<b>J</b>
1.75	<b>L</b>
002.	<b>N</b>
02.5	<b>O</b>
003.	<b>P</b>
03.5	<b>R</b>
004.	<b>S</b>
005.	<b>T</b>
006.	<b>U</b>

### Part Numbering System



### Packaging

Packaging Option	Packaging Specification	Quantity	Quantity & Packaging Code
8mm Tape and Reel	EIA-481, IEC 60286, Part 3	3000	WR

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