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## **FERRAZ SHAMUT INTRODUCES A NEW LOAD BREAK SWITCH – THE ‘FSLBS’**

NEWBURYPORT, Mass. (August 2009) — The new UL 508-listed [FSLBS](#), an industrial-grade load break switch from Ferraz Shawmut provides panel builders and OEMs increased versatility, modularity and savings in making or breaking loads up to 600V. The IEC compliant technology is available in 16A, 25A, 40A, 63A and 80A sizes and is suitable as a motor disconnect for up to 40HP.

The FSLBS offers several advantages over existing brands, including box terminals that are rated for two wires each, both solid and stranded, as well as front and side operation, a modular construction, convenient door mounting, a toggle switch version – and a lower price.

In addition, there are three compelling reasons why panel builders and OEMs should consider switching to the new FSLBS:

1. **Modularity** – Additional poles (fourth pole and neutral) and auxiliary contacts (NO/NC) can easily snap onto the side of the switch body without brackets or special part numbers.
2. **Versatility** – The patented, innovative design allows the switch to accommodate both front and side operation. This increases the application capabilities and decreases the number of times a panel builder or OEM has to scramble for a special side-operated switch.
3. **Economics** – The new design’s modularity and versatility reduce the cost to manufacture and Ferraz Shawmut is passing these savings onto the customer.

An assortment of accessories is available to accommodate any installation requirement, including snap-on fourth poles and auxiliary contacts and a variety of handles and shafts.

The FSLBS is ready to ship from the Ferraz Shawmut warehouse. For more information contact your local [sales representative](#) or distributor or download the FSLBS Data Sheet at <http://us.ferrazshawmut.com/oem/media/pdf/FSLBS-Data-Sheet.pdf>.

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### ***About Ferraz Shawmut***

Ferraz Shawmut has been a leader in circuit protection for industry and the electrical market for more than 100 years. With a complete line of current-limiting fuses and accessories, Ferraz Shawmut prides itself on delivering innovative, problem-solving products like the Surge-Trap® SPD, Thermally Protected Metal Oxide Varistor (TPMOV®), the SmartSpot® open-fuse indicator, Amp-Trap 2000® fuses, UltraSafe™ fuse holders, and Select-A-Fuse® software. Two of the company's latest innovations are its new line of Amp-Trap® High-Speed Class J (HSJ) fuses, engineered specifically for the protection of today's sensitive electronic motor controllers, and the industry's first line of Finger-Safe Power Distribution Blocks (FSPDBs), delivering the ultimate in safety and ease-of-use when making power connections in electrical panels. Ferraz Shawmut, LLC. is a subsidiary of the Carbone Lorraine Groupe. For more information, contact the company by phone at (978) 462-6662 or visit us on the web at:

- FSLBS Product Info – <http://us.ferrazshawmut.com/catalog/low-voltage-disconnect-switches/non-fusible-disconnect-switch/ul-508-non-fused-fslbs-series-front-or-side-operated/>
- Corporate – <http://us.ferrazshawmut.com>.
- Products – <http://us.ferrazshawmut.com/products/products.cfm>
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