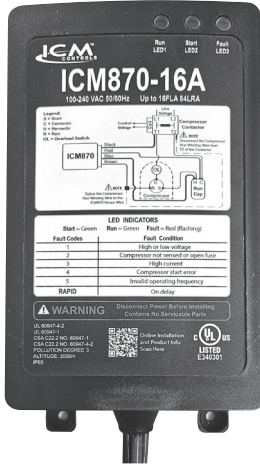


### INSTALLATION, OPERATION & APPLICATION GUIDE

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**USE THIS GUIDE FOR WIRING ICM870-9A/16A UNITS WITH WIRE HARNESS COLORS BLACK, WHITE, RED AND BROWN.**



#### FEATURES

- Starting current reduction and self-learning algorithm
- Built-in start capacitor
- Over-current protection
- Over/under voltage monitoring
- Diagnostic indicators
- Sealed enclosure

#### SPECIFICATIONS

##### Semi-Conductor Soft-Start Motor Controller, Form 2, Bypassed Controller

- SCCR: 5kA
- Uimp = 4kv
- Ue = 240 VAC
- FCC 47 CFR Part 15 Subpart B: 2021, Class B
- Ui = 240 VAC
- Pollution degree 3

##### Solid State motor control

Input (L1, L2) – 100-240 VAC 50/60Hz

- Over voltage limits:** 115 VAC nominal = 140 VAC, 240 VAC nominal = 264 VAC
- Under voltage limits:** 115 VAC nominal = 95 VAC, 240 VAC nominal = 195 VAC

##### Outputs: Compressor

- Solid state/relay**
- Current:** Max. nominal = 9 FLA for ICM870-9A, 16 FLA for ICM870-16A
- Over current limits:** ICM870-9A = 11.25A, ICM870-16A = 20A

##### Environmental:

- Ambient temperature:** 40°C @ 16 FLA, 8 hour duty; 50°C @ 16 FLA, Temporary duty – F = 30% (3 mins ON and 7 mins OFF); S = 6 (6 cycles per hour)

- Storage temperature:** -40°F to 149°F (-40°C to 65°C)
- Humidity:** 0-95% non-condensing
- Enclosure:** IP65
- Dimensions:** 7.94” x 4.20” x 2.10”
- Screw hole center points:** 7.36” x 2.97”
- ICM870-9A LRA:** 22
- ICM870-16A LRA:** 84

#### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION



**HIGH VOLTAGE WARNING** – Always turn off power at the main service panel before installing.

**CAUTION:** Never mount the ICM870 against a residence or dwelling. The ICM870 must be mounted inside the metal cabinet which houses the compressor or a NEMA Type 3R Metal enclosure.

Installation of any ICM870 soft start must be done by a certified HVAC technician or licensed electrician. All installations are to be done in accordance with local, state, and national electrical codes.

**WARNING:** If the ICM870 is to be used with a generator, consult a licensed electrician or qualified professional to properly size the generator for your application. Using an undersized generator or inverter with the ICM870 soft start can result in a dangerous condition.

Suitable for use on a circuit capable of delivering not more than 5,000 rms symmetrical Amperes, (Convient à des circuits produisant au plus 5,000 A eff.) 240 V maximum when protected by a circuit breaker having not more than 40 A, 240 volts maximum

#### APPLICATION

The **ICM870** is intended for Marine, Recreational Vehicle, Residential HVAC and commercial applications. The **ICM870** integrates compressor in-rush current over startup time, thus reducing peak current demand on a power supply source (generator or other). The **ICM870** will monitor system health including voltage, current, compressor startup and self integrity. Upon a fault condition, the **ICM870** will halt operation and initiate a 4-minute anti-short cycle routine while providing diagnostic fault information by means of an LED indicator.

**NOTE!** If the compressor runs 4 minutes without interruption or faults, there will be no subsequent start delay. However, if this is not the case, there will be a delay for up to 4 minutes accompanied by a continuously FLASHING RED LED. After the delay, if no fault is present the compressor will be allowed to start.

#### ICM870 COMPARABLE AMPERAGE CROSSES

The **ICM870** models cross to the comparable amperage models from the following manufacturer’s:

- Micro-Air** (Easy Start)
- Dometic** (Smart Start)
- Carlo Gavazzi** (Smooth Starter)
- Network RV** (Soft Start)
- Hyper Engineering** (Sure Start)

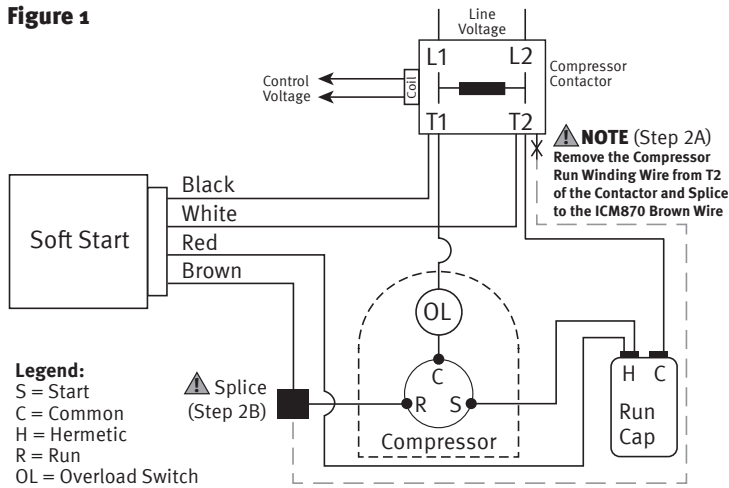
#### STANDARD AND TEST RESULTS

- UL 60947-4-2
- IEC 60947-4-2: 2020
- CAN ICES-003(B) / NMB-003(B)
- IEC 61000-4-2, Class 3 air, Class 2 contact
- IEC 61000-4-3, Class 3
- IEC 61000-4-4, Class 3
- IEC 61000-4-5, Class 3
- IEC 61000-4-6, Class 3
- IEC 61000-4-8, Class 4
- IEC 61000-4-11, Class 2
- Altitude: 2000 m
- 9A: AC-58b: 9-180: 420
- 16 A: AC-58b: 16-180: 420
- IP65

# FOR RESIDENTIAL A/C's

## WIRING DIAGRAM (GENERAL LAYOUT)

Figure 1



Special attention should be made with respect to the termination of the field wiring leads, only at terminals suitable for a 90°C wire at minimum.

## TYPICAL INSTALLATION

**NOTE:** For Trane or American Standard units, T1 and T2 are labeled differently from Figure 1. Wire according to Figure 3 for those units.

**Step #1** Connect the (ICM870 WHITE WIRE) > to the T2 terminal of the contactor (common/T2). See Figure 3 for Trane and American Standard (on these units the common will be T1).

**Step #2** a) Disconnect factory installed compressor run wire from the contactor terminal (T2). See Figure 3 for Trane and American Standard (removal of the compressor run wire on these units will be from T1 on the contactor).  
b) Splice the (ICM870 BROWN WIRE) > to the compressor run wire previously disconnected in (Step 2A)

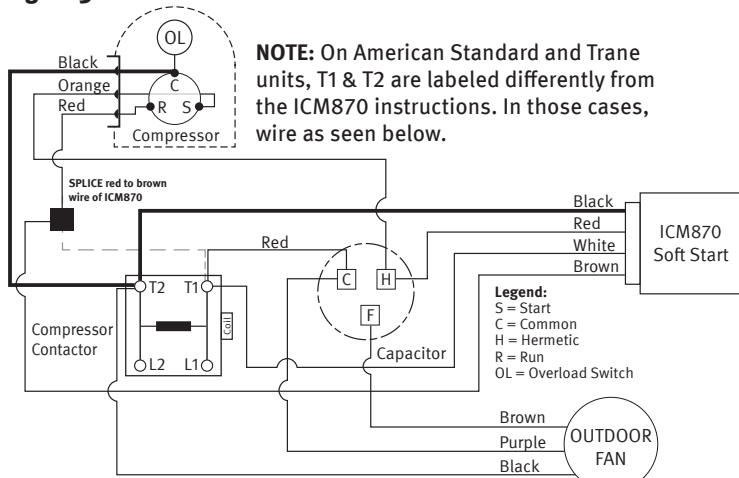
If there is a Start Capacitor and/or Start Relay already in place, disconnect them prior to installing the ICM870.

**Step #3** Connect the (ICM870 RED WIRE) > to the run capacitor terminal (herm/hermetic/start)

**Step #4** Connect or splice the (ICM870 BLACK WIRE) > to the contactor terminal (T1). See Figure 3 for Trane and American Standard (on these models the ICM870 BLACK wire will connect to T2).

## WIRING DIAGRAM FOR TRANE & AMERICAN STANDARD HVAC UNITS

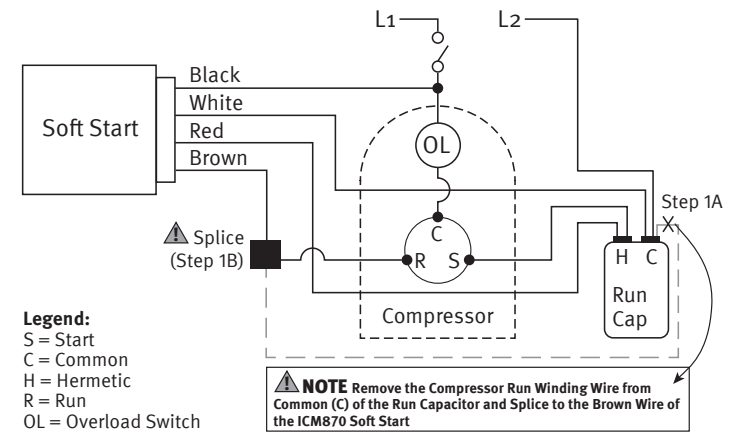
Figure 3



# FOR RV & MARINE A/C's

## WIRING DIAGRAM (GENERAL LAYOUT)

Figure 2



## INSTALLATION

**Step #1** a) Disconnect factory installed compressor run wire from the common run capacitor / L2 terminal  
b) Splice the ICM870 BROWN WIRE > to the factory installed compressor run wire previously disconnected in step #1A.  
If there is a Start Capacitor and/or Start Relay already in place, additional steps will be required to disconnect them.

**Step #2** ICM870 WHITE WIRE > to the run capacitor (c/common/L2) terminal

**Step #3** Connect the ICM870 RED WIRE > to the run capacitor (herm/hermetic/start) terminal

**Step #4** Splice the ICM870 BLACK WIRE > with the factory install compressor Overload Switch wire (OL/L1)

## WHICH MODEL DO I NEED?

**ICM870-9A:** For AC's with a Compressor Rated Load Amps (RLA) of up to 9A  
**ICM870-16A:** For AC's with a Compressor Rated Load Amps (RLA) of 9.1-16A  
**ICM870-32A:** For AC's with a Compressor Rated Load Amps (RLA) of 16.1-32A

This chart reflects average conversions of Single-Phase Air Conditioning and Heat Pump Tonnage, BTU's, HP, and RLA. Please refer to your user manual or service panel to determine your actual RLA before deciding which model ICM870 you need.

## LED INDICATORS

START = Green • RUN = Green • FAULT = Red (flashing)

## FLASH CODES

Flashes	Flash Conditions
1	High or low voltage
2	Compressor not sensed or open fuse
3	High current
4	Compressor start error
5	Invalid operating frequency
Rapid	Normal start delay active

