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Model: CHBQ230240 | Brand: Eaton

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the safe installation, operation, and maintenance of the Eaton CHBQ230240 BQ Quadplex Circuit Breaker. This device is designed to protect electrical circuits from overcurrents and short circuits, ensuring the safety of your electrical system. Please read this manual thoroughly before attempting any installation or operation.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING: Electrical shock hazard. Improper installation or maintenance can result in serious injury or death. Always disconnect power at the main service panel before working on electrical circuits. Installation should only be performed by a qualified electrician in accordance with all national and local electrical codes.

- Always turn off the main power supply before installing or servicing the circuit breaker.
- Use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), such as insulated gloves and safety glasses.
- Ensure the circuit breaker rating matches the circuit requirements.
- Do not use the circuit breaker if it appears damaged.
- Never bypass or tamper with the circuit breaker's protective mechanisms.

3. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

The Eaton CHBQ230240 is a plug-on type circuit breaker designed for use in compatible Eaton load centers. Professional installation is highly recommended.

Installation Steps:

- 1. Disconnect Power:** Locate the main service panel and turn off the main circuit breaker to completely de-energize the panel. Verify power is off using a voltage tester.
- 2. Remove Panel Cover:** Carefully remove the cover of the electrical panel.
- 3. Identify Slot:** Locate an available slot in the bus bar designed for BQ type circuit breakers.
- 4. Install Breaker:** Position the circuit breaker so its clips align with the bus bar. Firmly press the breaker onto the bus bar until it is securely seated. Ensure both the 30A and 40A sections are properly engaged.

5. **Connect Wires:** Connect the appropriate circuit wires to the terminals on the circuit breaker. The CHBQ230240 is a quadplex breaker, meaning it provides two 2-pole circuits (one 30A and one 40A). Ensure correct wire gauge and torque specifications are met for each terminal.
6. **Replace Panel Cover:** Once all connections are secure and verified, replace the electrical panel cover.
7. **Restore Power:** Turn the main circuit breaker back on.



This image displays the front of the Eaton CHBQ230240 Quadplex Circuit Breaker. It features two 30 Amp and two 40 Amp switches, indicating its quadplex functionality. The labels for voltage (120/240V) and type (BQ) are also visible, along with UL listing information.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The Eaton CHBQ230240 circuit breaker operates like standard circuit breakers, providing overcurrent protection for two separate 2-pole circuits.

Turning On/Off:

- **To Turn On:** Push the switch handle firmly to the 'ON' position.
- **To Turn Off:** Push the switch handle firmly to the 'OFF' position.

Understanding a Trip:

When an overcurrent or short circuit occurs, the circuit breaker will automatically 'trip' to protect the circuit. The handle will move to an intermediate position, typically between 'ON' and 'OFF'.

Resetting a Tripped Breaker:

1. **Identify Cause:** Before resetting, identify and correct the cause of the trip (e.g., unplug overloaded appliances, fix short circuits).
2. **Fully Off:** Push the handle completely to the 'OFF' position. You may feel a slight click.
3. **Turn On:** Push the handle firmly to the 'ON' position.
4. If the breaker trips immediately again, do not attempt to reset it. Contact a qualified electrician.



This image provides a side perspective of the Eaton CHBQ230240 Quadplex Circuit Breaker. It shows the four individual switch levers, two of which are labeled 'On/1', indicating their current state. The compact form factor and mounting clips are also visible.

5. MAINTENANCE

Circuit breakers generally require minimal maintenance. However, periodic inspection is recommended to ensure continued safe operation.

- **Visual Inspection:** Annually, with the main power off, inspect the circuit breaker for any signs of physical damage, discoloration, or loose connections.
- **Cleaning:** If necessary, gently clean the exterior of the breaker with a dry, lint-free cloth. Do not use liquids or abrasive cleaners.
- **Testing:** While not typically required for residential breakers, some codes or situations may recommend periodic testing by a qualified professional.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

If your Eaton CHBQ230240 circuit breaker is not functioning as expected, consider the following:

Breaker Trips Frequently:

- **Overload:** The circuit may be drawing too much current. Unplug some devices from the circuit and try resetting the breaker.
- **Short Circuit:** A direct connection between hot and neutral/ground wires can cause immediate tripping. Inspect appliances and wiring for damage.
- **Ground Fault:** If applicable (though this is a standard thermal-magnetic breaker), a ground fault could cause tripping.
- **Faulty Appliance:** A defective appliance connected to the circuit could be causing the trip.
- **Defective Breaker:** In rare cases, the breaker itself may be faulty. If all other causes are ruled out, consult an electrician for replacement.

Breaker Will Not Reset:

- Ensure you are pushing the handle fully to the 'OFF' position before attempting to reset to 'ON'.
- If a persistent fault (overload or short circuit) is still present, the breaker will not reset. Address the underlying issue first.
- If the breaker still won't reset after addressing potential faults, it may be damaged and require replacement by a qualified electrician.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
Brand	Eaton
Model	CHBQ230240
Current Rating	30 Amps (2-pole), 40 Amps (2-pole)
Voltage	240 Volts
Number of Poles	2 (for each circuit, total 4 poles in quadplex)
Mounting Type	Plug-In Mount
Circuit Breaker Type	BQ
Product Dimensions (D x W x H)	30"D x 8"W x 6"H (Note: This dimension seems unusually large for a breaker, typically refers to packaging or panel space)
Item Weight	1 Ounce

8. WARRANTY INFORMATION

The Eaton CHBQ230240 BQ Quadplex Circuit Breaker comes with a **1-year manufacturer's warranty**. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal use and service. For specific warranty claims or details, please refer to the official Eaton warranty documentation or contact Eaton customer support.

9. SUPPORT

For technical assistance, further information, or to report issues not covered in this manual, please contact Eaton customer support or visit their official website. Always provide the model number (CHBQ230240) when seeking support.

