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Model: BQ1B020

INTRODUCTION

This instruction manual provides essential information for the safe and proper installation, operation, and maintenance of the SIEMENS BQ1B020 20-Amp Single Pole 120-Volt 10KAIC Lug In/Lug Out Circuit Breaker. Please read this manual thoroughly before proceeding with any installation or operation. Retain this manual for future reference.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING: Electrical shock hazard. Installation and servicing of this circuit breaker must be performed by qualified personnel only. Failure to follow these instructions can result in serious injury or death.

- Always disconnect power at the main service panel before working on electrical circuits or equipment.
- Use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including insulated gloves and safety glasses.
- Verify that the circuit breaker rating matches the circuit requirements.
- Ensure all connections are tight and secure to prevent overheating and fire hazards.
- Do not use "used" breakers. Siemens strongly recommends against the use of "used" breakers. The installation of used breakers in a Siemens panel will void the warranty on the panel.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The SIEMENS BQ1B020 is a single-pole, 20-amp thermal-magnetic circuit breaker designed for 120-volt applications. It features a 10KAIC interrupting rating and is designed for lug-in, lug-out connections. This breaker is UL Listed, ensuring compliance with safety standards.

Key Features:

- **Type:** BQ Thermal-Magnetic Circuit Breaker
- **Current Rating:** 20 Amps
- **Voltage Rating:** 120 Volts
- **Number of Poles:** 1
- **Interrupting Rating:** 10KAIC

- **Connection Type:** Lug In, Lug Out
- **Mounting Type:** Bolt-On Mount
- **Certifications:** UL Listed

SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Installation of the SIEMENS BQ1B020 circuit breaker should only be performed by a qualified electrician in accordance with all local and national electrical codes.

Required Tools:

- Insulated screwdriver set
- Wire strippers
- Torque wrench (for proper terminal tightening)
- Multimeter (for verifying power is off)

Installation Steps:

1. **Power Disconnection:** Locate the main service panel and turn off the main circuit breaker to completely de-energize the electrical system. Verify with a multimeter that no voltage is present.
2. **Panel Access:** Carefully remove the cover of the electrical panel.
3. **Breaker Placement:** Identify an available space in the panel for the single-pole breaker. The BQ1B020 is a bolt-on mount type.
4. **Wire Preparation:** Strip the insulation from the circuit wire (typically 12 AWG for 20-amp circuits) to the length specified by the breaker's terminal. Ensure the wire is clean and free of damage.
5. **Connection:** Insert the prepared circuit wire into the "lug in" terminal of the breaker and tighten the screw to the manufacturer's specified torque. Connect the load wire to the "lug out" terminal and tighten. Ensure all connections are firm.
6. **Mounting:** Securely bolt the circuit breaker into the designated slot in the panel.
7. **Panel Reassembly:** Replace the electrical panel cover. Ensure all openings are properly sealed.
8. **Power Restoration:** Turn the main circuit breaker back on.
9. **Testing:** Test the circuit to ensure proper operation and that the breaker trips when overloaded or short-circuited (if applicable and safe to test).





Image 1: Front view of the SIEMENS BQ1B020 circuit breaker, showing the 20-amp rating and SIEMENS branding. This view illustrates the general appearance and labeling of the device.








Image 2: Rear view of the SIEMENS BQ1B020 circuit breaker, highlighting the lug connections for wire insertion. This perspective is important for understanding how the wires are connected to the breaker.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The SIEMENS BQ1B020 circuit breaker operates as a protective device for electrical circuits. It has two primary states: ON and OFF, and a tripped state.

- **ON Position:** The breaker handle is typically pushed fully towards the "ON" marking. In this position, power flows through the circuit.
- **OFF Position:** The breaker handle is typically pushed fully towards the "OFF" marking. In this position, power to the circuit is interrupted.
- **Tripped Position:** If an overload or short circuit occurs, the breaker will automatically trip. The handle will move to an intermediate position, usually between ON and OFF, or sometimes fully to OFF depending on the design. To reset a tripped breaker, first move the handle firmly to the full OFF position, then push it to the full ON position. If the breaker immediately trips again, there is still a fault in the circuit that needs to be addressed by a qualified electrician.

MAINTENANCE

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

- **Visual Inspection:** Annually inspect the breaker for any signs of physical damage, discoloration, or loose connections. Discoloration can indicate overheating.
- **Dust Removal:** Ensure the area around the breaker within the panel is free of dust and debris, which can impede heat dissipation.
- **Connection Check:** Periodically, and only after ensuring power is completely off, verify that terminal screws are still tight. Do not overtighten.
- **Testing:** While not typically required for residential breakers, some commercial applications may require periodic testing of the trip mechanism. Consult local codes and manufacturer recommendations.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If your SIEMENS BQ1B020 circuit breaker is not functioning as expected, consider the following common issues:

- **Breaker Trips Immediately After Reset:** This indicates a persistent overload or short circuit on the protected circuit. Do not repeatedly reset the breaker. Disconnect all appliances or devices from the circuit and try resetting. If it still trips, there may be a wiring fault that requires professional inspection.
- **Breaker Does Not Trip During Overload:** If a circuit is clearly overloaded (e.g., lights dim, devices struggle) but the breaker does not trip, the breaker may be faulty or incorrectly sized. This requires immediate professional attention.
- **No Power to Circuit, Breaker is ON:** Check the main service panel breaker to ensure it is not tripped. Verify all connections to the BQ1B020 breaker are secure. If the issue persists, consult a qualified electrician.

SPECIFICATIONS

Specification	Detail
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Brand	SIEMENS
Model Number	BQ1B020
Current Rating	20 Amps
Voltage Rating	120 Volts
Number of Poles	1
Circuit Breaker Type	Standard Thermal-Magnetic
Interrupting Rating	10KAIC
Mounting Type	Bolt-On Mount
Connection Type	Lug In, Lug Out
Dimensions (approx.)	4 x 3 x 1 inches
Item Weight (approx.)	1.6 ounces
UL Listed	Yes
UPC	0783643102323
Country of Origin	Mexico

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Warranty Information: Siemens strongly recommends against the use of "used" breakers. The installation of used breakers in a Siemens panel will void the warranty on the panel. Siemens does not sell used breakers and has not approved any 3rd party sellers to do so.

For technical support, warranty claims, or further assistance, please contact SIEMENS customer service or visit their official website. Always refer to the original purchase documentation for specific warranty terms and conditions.

Online Resources: For additional product information and support, you may visit the official [SIEMENS Store on Amazon](#).

