

# Compressor database chart Relay Olp

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## Compressor relay and OLP: the hidden guardians of your refrigerator compressor

Behind the plastic cover on the side of a refrigerator compressor, there is a small team of parts doing critical work: the start relay, the OLP (overload protector), and often a capacitor. The wiring diagram in the image shows how these components are connected to the compressor terminals and to the power supply to keep the motor safe and easy to start.

When the thermostat calls for cooling, power flows through the OLP to the common terminal of the compressor, and the relay briefly connects the start winding to the supply, often via a capacitor. Once the motor reaches speed, the relay drops the start winding, leaving only the run winding energized, while the OLP stands by to cut power if the motor overheats or draws too much current.

## Key components in the wiring diagram

- **Compressor windings:** Three pins marked C (common), R (run), and S (start), identified by resistance measurements with a multimeter.
- **Relay (PTC or current/voltage relay):** Connects the start winding during startup, then automatically disconnects it when current or voltage conditions change.
- **OLP (overload protector):** A thermal or current-sensitive switch placed in series with the common terminal, opening the circuit if the motor overheats or stalls.
- **Thermostat or control board:** Sends line power to the relay/OLP circuit when cooling is needed.
- **Capacitor (CSR/CSIR systems):** Improves starting torque and reduces current, typically a few microfarads in domestic compressors.

## Typical wiring logic in refrigerator diagrams

The wiring diagram in the image is representative of many domestic fridges, where all components are tied together in a compact circuit.

- Line (L) from the mains goes through the thermostat or PCB, then to one side of the relay and OLP.
- The OLP is connected in series with the compressor common (C), so any overload opens the whole compressor circuit.
- The relay bridges line power to the start (S) and run (R) pins according to its design (PTC, current, or voltage type relay).
- Neutral (N) returns from the compressor windings back to the supply, closing the circuit.

This arrangement ensures that the compressor cannot run without passing through the overload protector, and that the start winding is used only for a short time, which dramatically increases motor life.

**Table: Typical compressor relay-OLP connections**

Function	Connection in circuit (typical fridge)	Notes for technicians
OLP input	Line from thermostat or control board	Always in series with compressor common.
OLP output	Compressor C terminal	Opens on overload/overheat.
Relay common terminal	Line or OLP output (depending on design)	Feeds S and R during start.
Relay output to start (S)	Compressor start pin via PTC or coil contact	Energized only at startup.
Relay output to run (R)	Compressor run pin, sometimes via capacitor	Stays energized in running mode.
Capacitor connection	Between S and R (CSR) or between line and auxiliary winding	Improves torque and reduces current.

## Testing relay and OLP safely

Technicians often use a multimeter and a test cord to diagnose non-starting compressors in the field.

- Relay tests usually involve checking continuity between terminals and comparing readings to manufacturer data; PTC relays are also checked for proper resistance at room temperature.
- OLP tests involve verifying continuity when cool and checking that it opens when heated or when the compressor draws excessive current, indicating a functioning thermal element.

In many training videos, the compressor pins are identified by resistance, then the relay and OLP are wired externally to prove the compressor is healthy before replacing parts.

# Why this diagram matters for Mbsmgroup, Mbsm.pro, and mbsmpro.com

For platforms like Mbsmgroup and Mbsm.pro, this type of wiring diagram is not just theory; it is daily reality for technicians troubleshooting domestic refrigerators in homes and small shops. Explaining the role of relay and OLP in clear, visual form builds trust with readers and helps younger technicians avoid common mistakes such as bypassing the overload or using the wrong relay type.

Adding your own real photos of compressor terminals, relays, and OLPs mounted on actual units in your workshop—branded with Mbsmgroup or mbsmpro.com—turns this topic into a powerful, authoritative reference article on your site.

Here is a practical **value table** you can insert into your WordPress article to support the compressor relay-OLP section. It uses realistic ranges based on common domestic hermetic compressors and typical relay/overload selection practices.

**Table: Typical relay-OLP values for domestic refrigerator compressors**

Approx. HP	Supply (V/Hz)	Typical FLA (A)	Typical LRA (A)	Recommended relay type	OLP trip current range (A)	Typical application
1/12 HP	220-240 V / 50	0.6-0.9	6-10	Small PTC relay module	1.2-1.6	Mini bar, very small refrigerator
1/10 HP	220-240 V / 50	0.8-1.1	8-14	PTC or solid-state relay	1.6-2.0	Single-door compact fridge
1/8 HP	220-240 V / 50	1.0-1.4	10-18	PTC / current relay	2.0-2.5	Small domestic fridge-freezer
1/6 HP	220-240 V / 50	1.3-1.8	14-24	PTC or CSR relay with capacitor	2.5-3.2	Standard top-freezer refrigerator
1/5 HP	220-240 V / 50	1.5-2.2	18-30	CSR relay (start capacitor + PTC/current)	3.0-3.8	Larger domestic fridge, small showcase
1/4 HP	220-240 V / 50	1.8-2.6	22-35	CSR relay with start capacitor	3.5-4.5	Large refrigerator / light commercial
1/3 HP	220-240 V / 50	2.3-3.5	30-50	High-torque CSR relay module	4.5-6.0	Commercial display, glass-door cooler

- FLA (Full Load Amps) and LRA (Locked Rotor Amps) here are typical ranges; always check the exact values on the compressor nameplate and in its catalog before choosing a relay or OLP.
- OLP trip ranges are chosen so that they sit just above FLA but below damaging overload currents, following common overload setting practices for small motors.

You can place this table under a heading like **“Typical relay and OLP values by compressor**

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Model	Connect current(A)	Release current(A)	Overload current(A)	Applied Temperature℃	Connect temperatur℃
117μ 2010	2	1.6	4	105 ± 10	60 ± 10
117μ 2030	3	2.6	5		
117μ 2040	4	3.6	6.5		
117μ 2050	4.6	4.2	6.5		



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Compressor power(W)	93	125	150	180	245	375	275
Max Connection current(A)	3.0	3.6	4.25	4.75	5.30	6.50	6.0
Min release current(A)	2.6	3.0	3.35	3.75	4.25	5.0	





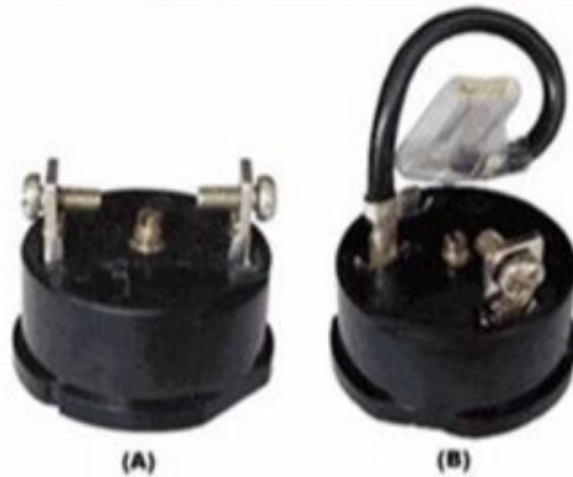
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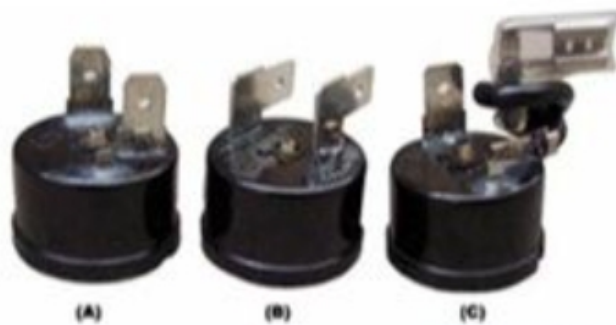
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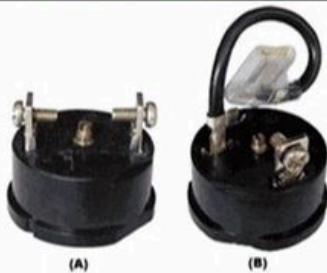
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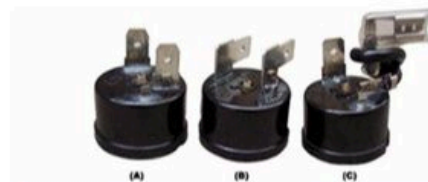
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