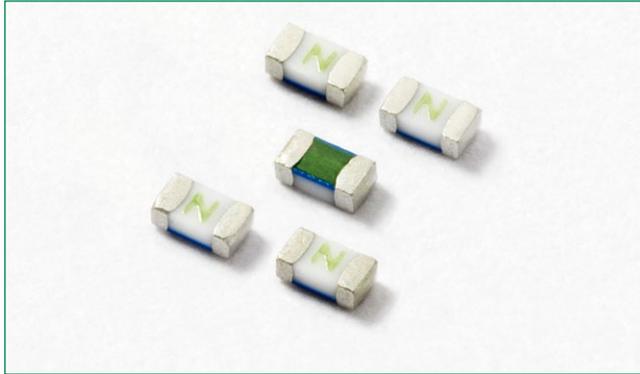


### 438 Series – 0603 Fast-Acting Fuse



#### Agency Approvals

Agency	Agency File Number	Ampere Range
	E10480	0.250A – 6A
	29862	0.250A – 6A

#### Electrical Characteristics for Series

% of Ampere Rating	Ampere Rating	Opening Time at 25°C
100%	0.25A – 6A	4 Hours, Minimum
250%	0.25A – 6A	5 Seconds, Maximum

#### Description

The 438 Series is a 100% Lead-free, RoHS compliant and Halogen-free fuse series designed specifically to provide over-current protection to circuits that operate under high working ambient temperature up to 150°C.

The general design ensures excellent temperature stability and performance reliability.

The high I<sup>2</sup>t values which is typical in the Littelfuse Ceramic Fuse family ensure high inrush current withstand capability.

#### Features

- Operating Temperature from -55°C to +150°C
- 100% Lead-free, RoHS compliant and Halogen-free
- Suitable for both leaded and lead-free reflow / wave soldering
- Recognized to UL/CSA/NMX 248-1 and UL/CSA/NMX 248-14

#### Applications

- Handheld Electronics
- LCD Displays
- Battery Packs
- Hard Disk Drives
- SD Memory Cards

#### Additional Information



**Datasheet**



**Resources**



**Samples**

#### Electrical Specifications by Item

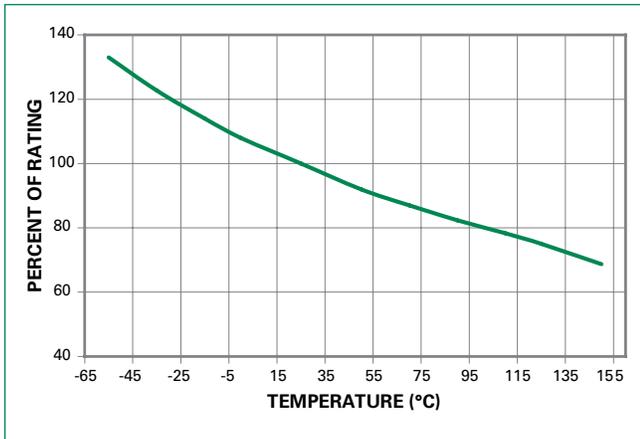
Ampere Rating (A)	Amp Code	Max. Voltage Rating (V)	Interrupting Rating	Nominal Resistance (Ohms) <sup>2</sup>	Nominal Melting I <sup>2</sup> t (A <sup>2</sup> Sec.) <sup>3</sup>	Nominal Voltage Drop At Rated Current (V) <sup>4</sup>	Nominal Power Dissipation At Rated Current (W)	Agency Approvals	
									
0.250	.250	63VDC	50A @ 63VDC 50A @ 32VAC	2.218	0.0017	0.550	0.138	x	x
0.375	.375	63VDC		1.247	0.0041	0.488	0.183	x	x
0.500	.500	63VDC		0.829	0.0100	0.486	0.243	x	x
0.750	.750	63VDC		0.466	0.0281	0.378	0.284	x	x
1.00	001.	63VDC		0.310	0.0593	0.351	0.351	x	x
1.25	1.25	63VDC		0.200	0.0510	0.365	0.456	x	x
1.50	01.5	63VDC		0.174	0.0902	0.368	0.552	x	x
1.75	1.75	63VDC	0.1405	0.1440	0.360	0.540	x	x	
2.00	002.	32	50A @ 32VDC/12VAC	0.051	0.1490	0.107	0.214	x	x
2.50	02.5	32		0.0324	0.1977	0.095	0.238	x	x
3.00	003.	32		0.0255	0.2922	0.093	0.279	x	x
3.50	03.5	32		0.0205	0.4752	0.082	0.287	x	x
4.00	004.	32		0.0170	0.6920	0.079	0.316	x	x
5.00	005.	32		0.0115	0.7398	0.074	0.370	x	x
6.00	006.	24		50A @ 24VDC/12VAC	0.0085	1.3838	0.072	0.432	x

#### Notes:

1. AC Interrupting Rating tested at rated voltage with unity power factor. DC Interrupting Rating tested at rated voltage with time constant < 0.8 msec.
2. Nominal Resistance measured with < 10% rated current.
3. Nominal Melting I<sup>2</sup>t measured at 1 msec. opening time.

4. Nominal Voltage Drop measured at rated current after temperature has stabilized. Devices designed to carry rated current for 4 hours minimum. It is recommended that devices be operated continuously at no more than 80% rated current. See "Temperature Re-rating Curve" for additional re-rating information.  
Devices designed to be mounted with marking code facing up.

### Temperature Re-rating Curve



**Note:**

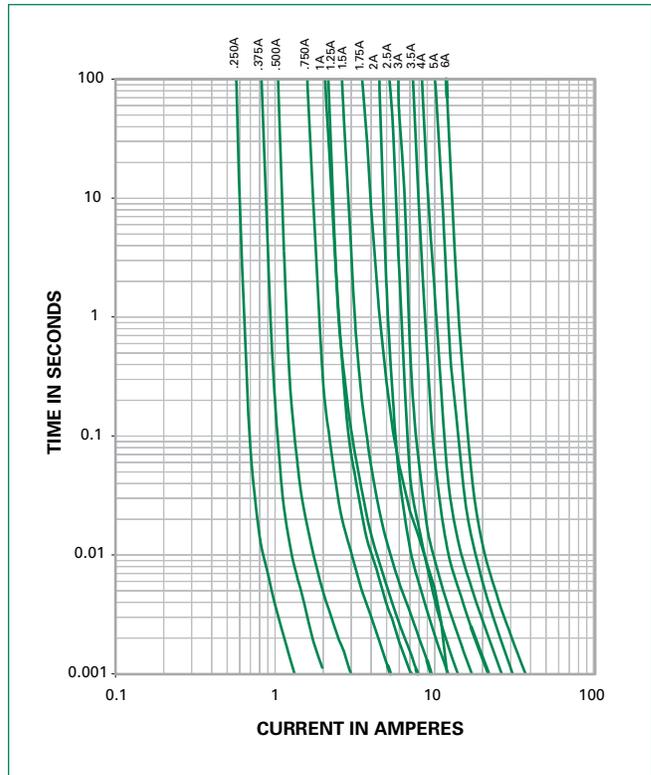
1. Re-rating depicted in this curve is in addition to the standard re-rating of 20% for continuous operation.

**Example:**

For continuous operation at 75 degrees celsius, the fuse should be re-rated as follows:

$$I = (0.80)(0.85)_{\text{RAT}} = (0.68)_{\text{RAT}}$$

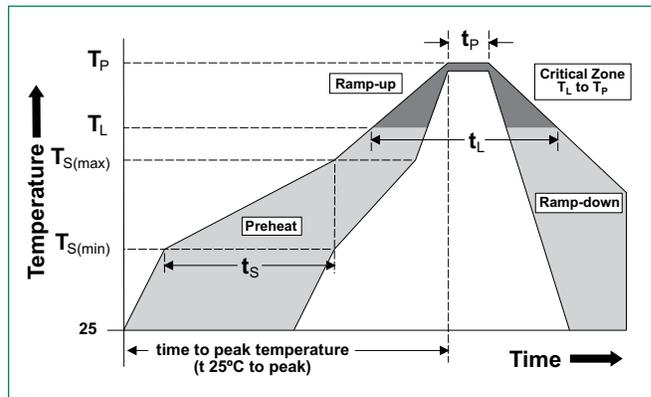
### Average Time Current Curves



### Soldering Parameters

<b>Reflow Condition</b>		Pb – free assembly
<b>Pre Heat</b>	- Temperature Min ( $T_{s(\min)}$ )	150°C
	- Temperature Max ( $T_{s(\max)}$ )	200°C
	- Time (Min to Max) ( $t_s$ )	60 – 180 seconds
<b>Average Ramp-up Rate (Liquidus Temp (<math>T_L</math>) to peak)</b>		3°C/second max.
<b><math>T_{s(\max)}</math> to <math>T_L</math> - Ramp-up Rate</b>		5°C/second max.
<b>Reflow</b>	- Temperature ( $T_L$ ) (Liquidus)	217°C
	- Temperature ( $t_r$ )	60 – 150 seconds
<b>Peak Temperature (<math>T_p</math>)</b>		260 <sup>+0/-5</sup> °C
<b>Time within 5°C of actual peak Temperature (<math>t_p</math>)</b>		10 – 30 seconds
<b>Ramp-down Rate</b>		6°C/second max.
<b>Time 25°C to peak Temperature (<math>T_p</math>)</b>		8 minutes max.
<b>Do not exceed</b>		260°C

<b>Wave Soldering</b>	260°C, 10 seconds max.
-----------------------	------------------------

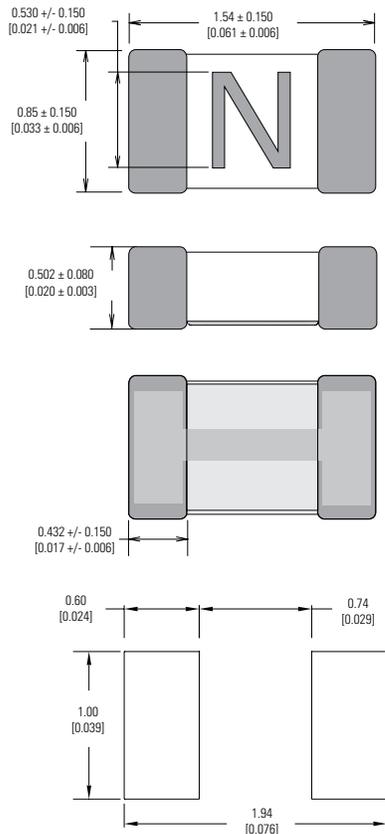


### Product Characteristics

<b>Materials</b>	<b>Body:</b> Advanced Ceramic <b>Terminations:</b> Ag / Ni / Sn (100% Lead-free) <b>Element Cover Coating:</b> Lead-free Glass
<b>Moisture Sensitivity Level</b>	IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020, Level 1
<b>Solderability</b>	IPC/EIC/JEDEC J-STD-002, Condition B
<b>Humidity</b>	MIL-STD-202, Method 103, Conditions D
<b>Resistance to Solder Heat</b>	MIL-STD-202, Method 210, Condition B

<b>Moisture Resistance</b>	MIL-STD-202, Method 106
<b>Thermal Shock</b>	MIL-STD-202, Method 107, Condition B-3
<b>Mechanical Shock</b>	MIL-STD-202, Method 213, Condition A
<b>Vibration</b>	MIL-STD-202, Method 201
<b>Vibration, High Frequency</b>	MIL-STD-202, Method 204, Condition D
<b>Dissolution of Metallization</b>	IPC/EIC/JEDEC J-STD-002, Condition D
<b>Terminal Strength</b>	IEC 60127-4

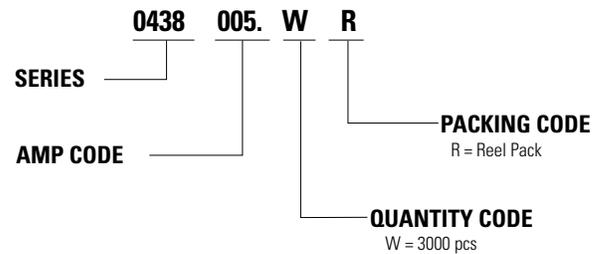
### Dimensions



### Part Marking System

Amp Code	Marking Code	Amp Code	Marking Code
.250	D	002.	N
.375	E	02.5	O
.500	F	003.	P
.750	G	03.5	R
001.	H	004.	S
1.25	J	005.	T
01.5	K	006.	U
1.75	L		

### Part Numbering System



### Packaging

Packaging Option	Packaging Specification	Quantity	Quantity & Packaging Code
8mm Tape and Reel	EIA-481, IEC 60286, Part 3	3000	WR

**Disclaimer Notice** - Littelfuse products are not designed for, and shall not be used for, any purpose (including, without limitation, automotive, military, aerospace, medical, life-saving, life-sustaining or nuclear facility applications, devices intended for surgical implant into the body, or any other application in which the failure or lack of desired operation of the product may result in personal injury, death, or property damage) other than those expressly set forth in applicable Littelfuse product documentation. Warranties granted by Littelfuse shall be deemed void for products used for any purpose not expressly set forth in applicable Littelfuse documentation. Littelfuse shall not be liable for any claims or damages arising out of products used in applications not expressly intended by Littelfuse as set forth in applicable Littelfuse documentation. The sale and use of Littelfuse products is subject to Littelfuse Terms and Conditions of Sale, unless otherwise agreed by Littelfuse. Information furnished is believed to be accurate and reliable. However, users should independently evaluate the suitability of and test each product selected for their own applications. Littelfuse products are not designed for, and may not be used in, all applications. Read complete Disclaimer Notice at [www.littelfuse.com/disclaimer-electronics](http://www.littelfuse.com/disclaimer-electronics).