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## *Kohler Brings First Generator-Ready Combination Load Center & Transfer Switch Package to Builder Market*

New Intelligent Transfer Switch saves contractors time and money

Kohler, Wis. • January 2007 • Kohler Power Systems introduces the first and only combination load center and transfer switch package available for the residential standby power market with its new Intelligent Transfer Switch. Kohler and Schneider Electric's North American Operating Division, best known in the United States for its Square D® brand, have agreed to produce, market and sell this new electrical load distribution enclosure and automatic transfer switch as one package.

The two-in-one load center (38-40 circuits) will make less work for builders and electrical contractors involved in new home construction, and provide the new homeowner a generator-ready residence.

The Intelligent Transfer Switch eliminates the need for a second distribution panel and additional wiring for a standby residential generator, thus, resulting in less installation time and costs for the builder or electrical contractor. The KOHLER Intelligent Transfer Switch, available in both NEMA1 and NEMA 3R designs, will be available through Kohler Power Systems distribution by February 2007.

“Kohler and Square D are rethinking the way homes are powered in the future, said Melanie Tydrich, senior product manager-residential generators, for Kohler Power Systems. “This new product is distinct from our traditional transfer switch product line and is particularly beneficial for new construction and major remodeling projects where new wiring is necessary.”

Added Tydrich: “Builders can set themselves apart from the competition by offering their customers a generator-ready home, while also simplifying the installation process for the homeowner seeking a standby generator at the time of construction or post construction.”

The new Intelligent Transfer Switch combines the Square D® load center and its smart breaker system, and KOHLER transfer switch logic. Key features include:

- Automatic switching between main and alternate power source (such as the backup generator)
- Service-entrance rated transfer switch
- In-home remote monitoring and generator control capability
- Manual load control over which applications are supported by the available generator capacity

The transfer switch portion of this new load center is responsible for monitoring utility power for any interruptions. Should a power failure occur, the transfer switch automatically transfers the electrical load to the generator. When utility power is restored, the transfer switch transfers the electrical load back to the utility and shuts the generator down.

Kohler Power Systems is a division of Kohler, Co., and provides complete power systems, including generators (residential, industrial, mobile and marine), automatic transfer switches, switchgear, monitoring controls, and accessories for emergency, prime power and energy-management applications. Kohler Power Systems delivers energy solutions for markets worldwide.

Founded in 1873 and headquartered in Kohler, Wis., Kohler Co. is one of America's oldest and largest privately held companies. Kohler is a global leader in the manufacture of kitchen and bath products, engines and power generation systems, cabinetry, tile and home interiors, and international host to award-winning hospitality and world-class golf destinations.

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