Panel Label Key

What the shorthand on a breaker panel directory means

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Rooms and Areas

KIT	Kitchen
LR, LIV	Living room
DR, DIN	Dining room
FR, FAM	Family room
BR, BED	Bedroom, often numbered, like BR 2
MBR	Main (or master) bedroom
BA, BATH	Bathroom
MBA, MBATH	Main bathroom
PWD, PR	Powder room, a half bath with no tub or shower
HALL	Hallway
LAU, LDRY	Laundry room
GAR	Garage
BSMT	Basement
ATT	Attic
ENT, FOY	Entry or foyer
OFF	Office
UTIL	Utility room
EXT, OUT	Outside the house

Appliances and Equipment

DW	Dishwasher
DISP, GD	Garbage disposal
MW, MICRO	Microwave
REF, FRIG	Refrigerator
FRZ	Freezer
RNG, RANGE	Electric range or stove
OVN, WO	Wall oven
CT, COOK	Cooktop
WH, W/H, HWH	Water heater
WSH, WM	Washing machine
DRY, DRYER	Clothes dryer
FURN	Furnace
AH, AHU	Air handler, the indoor half of central air
AC, A/C, COND	Air conditioner or its outdoor condenser
HP	Heat pump
HVAC	Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning
BB, HTR	Baseboard or wall heater
EV, EVSE	Electric vehicle charger
SUMP	Sump pump
WP	Well pump, or weatherproof on outdoor circuits
JET, WHIRL	Jetted tub or whirlpool
SMK, SD	Smoke alarms
GDO	Garage door opener
IRR	Irrigation or sprinkler controller
SUB, SUBPNL	Subpanel, a smaller panel fed from this one

Lights, Outlets, and Circuit Types

REC, RECP, RCPT, OUTL, PLUGS	Receptacles, which most people call outlets
LTS, LTG, LT	Lights
GEN	General use, usually lights and outlets together
SA, SAC, SM APPL	Small appliance circuit, which feeds the kitchen counter outlets
CTR	Countertop
DED	Dedicated, meaning one appliance has the circuit to itself
FDR	Feeder, the cable that powers a subpanel
CKT	Circuit

Protection and Breaker Types

GFI, GFCI	Ground fault circuit interrupter
AFI, AFCI	Arc fault circuit interrupter
DF, DFCI, DUAL	Dual function, with arc fault and ground fault protection in one device
CAFCI	Combination AFCI, a common type of arc fault breaker
SP, 1P	Single pole, taking one space on the panel
DP, 2P	Double pole, filling two spaces side by side
TAN, TWIN	Tandem, two half-size breakers sharing one space
MAIN, MB	Main breaker, which shuts off the whole panel
15A, 20A, 30A	Amp rating, also printed on the breaker handle

Spare, Space, and Other Status Words

SPARE	A breaker that's installed but feeds nothing right now
SPACE	An empty slot with no breaker, covered by a metal blank
N/U, NOT USED	Not in use, like a spare
FUT	Saved for future use
ABAND	Abandoned, with the wire dead or removed
?, UNK	Unknown, because nobody traced it

Not sure what a label means? Switch off that breaker and see what goes dark.

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