How to adjust the relay protection current



Overview

Protection relays employ a wide range of configurable parameters to identify defects & trip the breaker in a controlled & selected manner.

Key Takeaways

The current in relay protection is adjusted by setting the relay's pickup current using plug settings and coordinating it with the system's current transformer ratio and time settings.

Understanding Pickup Current

The pickup current is the minimum current at which a relay begins to operate. It is determined by the deflecting force of the relay coil, which is proportional to the current and the number of active turns in the coil. By changing the number of active turns using taps and a plug bridge, you can adjust the pickup current.

Increasing active turns reduces the required current, while decreasing turns increases it. The pickup current is usually expressed as a percentage of the CT's rated secondary current, for example, 125% of rated current for an overcurrent relay. Using Plug Setting Multiplier (PSM)The Plug Setting Multiplier (PSM) indicates how many times the actual current exceeds the relay's pickup current.

It is a key factor in determining the relay's operating time according to inverse time characteristics. A higher PSM results in faster tripping.

PS

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M is calculated as: PSM = Fault Current in Relay / Relay Pickup Current For example, if a CT has a ratio of 200/1 A, the relay pickup is set at 150%, and the primary fault current is 1000 A, the secondary current in the relay is 5 A, which is used to determine the PSM.

Time Multiplier and Coordination

The Time Multiplier Setting (TMS or TSM) scales the relay's operating time based on its characteristic curve.

Adjusting TM

S ensures proper coordination between upstream and downstream relays, allowing the nearest relay to trip first while upstream relays provide backup.

Lower TM

S values result in faster tripping, while higher values delay operation to maintain selectivity.

Practical Steps to Adjust Relay Current

Determine the system's rated current and CT ratio. Select the desired pickup current as a percentage of the CT secondary rating. Set the plug on the relay coil to achieve the required number of active turns corresponding to the pickup current.

Calculate PS

M using the expected fault current and relay pickup. Adjust TMS/TSM to coordinate with other relays in the system. Verify settings using relay characteristic curves or an overcurrent relay calculator to ensure proper operation and selectivity.

By carefully adjusting the pickup current, PSM, and TMS, you ensure that the relay operates reliably during faults, protects equipment, and maintains system stability without unnecessary tripping.

Article Content

Relay Protection Settings (PSM, TSM, EL, OL, MF)

Protection relays employ a wide range of configurable parameters to identify defects & trip the breaker in a controlled & selected manner. Understanding each setting facilitates proper relay

Overload relay setting and calculation

Properly setting the overload relay is essential for ensuring both motor protection and smooth operation. To avoid frequent trips and maintain efficient operation, the overload relay''s value must align with the

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Overcurrent Protection Relay Settings: Best Guide

Learn how to set overcurrent protection relay settings with a clear, step-by-step guide. Understand pickup settings, time dial selection, coordination methods, and best practices for reliable

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Calculate optimal overcurrent relay settings for motors, transformers, and feeders. Determine pickup current, time dial, and protection coordination accurately.

FEEDER PROTECTION CALCULATIONS & SETTINGS

Criteria for Setting Instantaneous Units Instantaneous units are set by adjusting the pick up level current at which the relays operate. Most numerical relays now have the possibility of setting an operating

The fundamentals of protection relay co-ordination and

Among the various possible methods used to achieve correct relay co-ordination are those using either time or overcurrent, or a combination of both.

Protective Relay Basics Part 2

Part 1: Protective relay compared to low voltage circuit breaker. Review fundamental concepts, components, and terminology using the electromechanical overcurrent relay as a foundation.

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The Basics Of Overcurrent Protection

The adjustment of definite-time and inverse-time relays can be carried out by determining two settings: time dial setting and pickup setting. The time dial setting adjusts the time delay before

Overcurrent Protection Relay Settings: Best Guide

Overcurrent protection relay settings are critical for any electrical distribution system. These settings ensure that equipment remains protected from excessive current caused by faults or

RELAY SETTING CALCULATION

Pick up current Chosen Required T803 MV Tripping Directional co-ordination O/C Relay with operating time at fault Maximum Through fault current = 0.15 In

Protective Relay Basics

Traditionally, protective relays were electromechanical devices utilizing induction disk, coils, contacts, and solenoid elements to determine protective characteristics.

Relay Settings Calculations

Back up over current settings: Over current relay is used as back up on transmission line with a definite time delay of 0.8sec. This delay is se-lected keeping in mind the consideration for selection of Zone 3

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The document discusses overcurrent protection calculations and settings for a power system network. It provides a single line diagram of the system and key parameters. It then lists the following

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