



## INSTRUCTIONS

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### TIME OVERCURRENT RELAY

#### TYPE IAC

#### MODEL IAC53T FORMS 800 AND UP

#### INTRODUCTION

These instructions are a supplement to Instruction Book GEK-34054 which is included in this book. The combination of the two forms the instructions for the Type IAC53T relay.

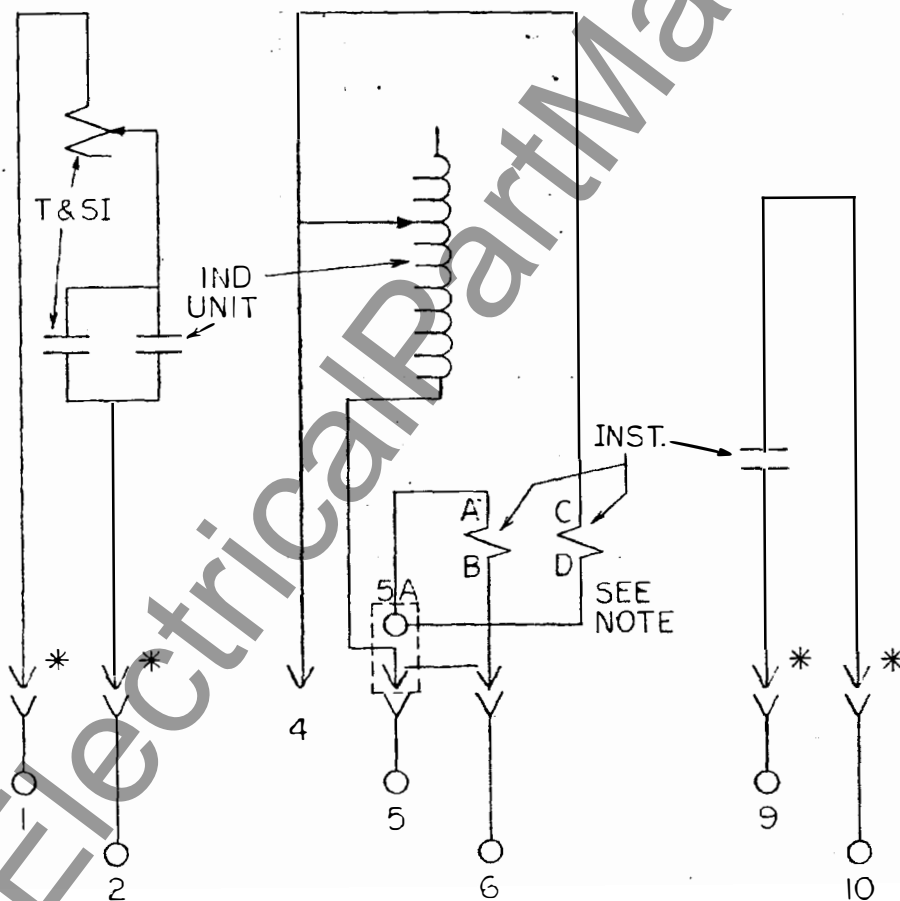
#### DESCRIPTION

The Type IAC53T "800 Series" relay is similar to the Type IAC53B "800 Series" relay except that the contacts of the main induction unit and instantaneous unit are connected to separate sets of terminals. Refer to the Internal Connections Diagram on Figure 1 of this supplement.

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NOTE: INST. UNIT CONNS. SHOWN  
ARE FOR LOW RANGE OPER.  
FOR HIGH RANGE OPER.,  
CONNECT "B" & "D" TO TERM.  
#6 & "A" & "C" TO TERM. #4.



\* = SHORT FINGERS

FIG. 1 (0257A8364-2)

INTERNAL CONNECTIONS DIAGRAM FOR THE IAC53T "300 SERIES"  
RELAY (FRONT VIEW)

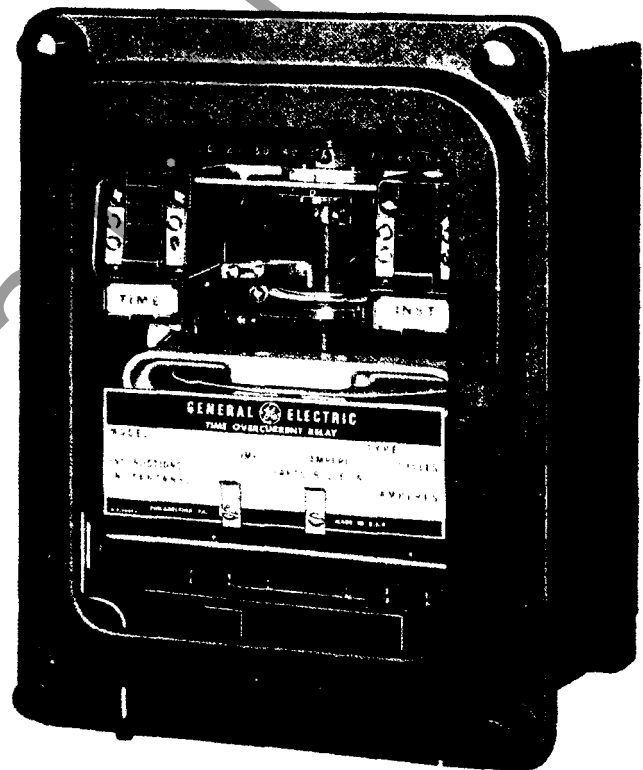


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## TIME OVERCURRENT RELAYS

## TYPES

IAC53A FORM 800 AND UP  
 IAC53B FORM 800 AND UP  
 IAC54A FORM 800 AND UP  
 IAC54B FORM 800 AND UP

## DESCRIPTION

The Type IAC53 and IAC54 relays covered by these instructions are extended-range, single-phase time overcurrent relays with very inverse time/current characteristics. Some of the types covered also include a hinged-type instantaneous unit, which provides instantaneous tripping at high current levels. Both units are described in the section on **CONSTRUCTION**.

The differences between relays are noted in the following table:

| TYPE   | INSTANTANEOUS<br>UNIT | CONTACT<br>CIRCUITS | INTERNAL<br>CONNECTIONS |
|--------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| IAC53A | NO                    | 1                   | FIGURE 4                |
| IAC53B | YES                   | 1                   | FIGURE 5                |
| IAC54A | NO                    | 2                   | FIGURE 6                |
| IAC54B | YES                   | 2                   | FIGURE 7                |

Each relay is equipped with a dual-rated target seal-in unit, and is mounted in a standard S1 case, the outline and mounting dimensions of which are shown in Figures 12 and 13.

Both the time-delay and the instantaneous unit are adjustable over a range of about 8 to 1. The available ranges in amperes of both units, as well as information on their continuous rating, contact rating, and the tap ratings of their target/seal-in units are given in the section on **RATINGS**. Information on the operating-time characteristics will be found in the section on **CHARACTERISTICS**.

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## APPLICATION

Time overcurrent relays are used extensively for the protection of utility and industrial distribution systems, and frequently for overload backup protection at other locations. Their very-inverse time-current characteristic makes these relays well suited for application in locations where the fault-current magnitude is dependent mainly upon the location of the fault relative to the relay and only slightly upon the system generating setup at the time of the fault. Use of relays having the very-inverse characteristic in this situation will usually result in faster clearing times than if the inverse relay were used.

The general practice is to use a set of two or three relays for interphase faults and a separate relay, residually connected, for single-phase-to-ground faults. Typical connections for such an application are shown in Figure 15. Use of a separate ground relay is advantageous because it can be adjusted to provide more sensitive protection on ground faults.

In the application of these relays with automatic reclosing devices, the reset time should be considered. The reset time of all IAC53 and IAC54 relays covered by these instructions is approximately 60 seconds, from the fully closed to the fully open position, when set at the number 10 time dial.

When setting these relays to coordinate with "downstream" relays, a coordination time of from 0.25 to .040 seconds is generally allowed, depending on the clearing time of the breaker involved. These coordination times include, in addition to breaker-clearing time, 0.10 second for relay overtravel and 0.17 second for safety factor. For example, if the breaker-clearing time is 0.13 second (8 cycles), the coordination time would be 0.40 second. If the relay time is set by test at the current level in question, the safety factor may be reduced from 0.17 to 0.07 second. Then, with relay overtravel of .10 second, if the "downstream" breaker time is 5 cycles (0.08 seconds) a minimum of 0.25 seconds could be allowed for coordination.

## CONSTRUCTION

The induction unit is the basic unit in all Type IAC relays. Figures 3 and 4 show the induction unit mounted in the cradle. These units are of the induction-disk-construction type. The disk is actuated by a current-operating coil on a laminated U-magnet. The disk shaft carries the moving contact that completes the alarm or trip circuit when it touches the stationary contact or contacts. The disk shaft is restrained by a spiral spring to give the proper contact-closing current, and its motion is retarded by a permanent magnet acting on the disk to give the correct time delay.

There is a target and seal-in unit mounted on the front, to the left of the shaft of the time-overcurrent unit. The seal-in unit has its coil in series and its contacts in parallel with the contacts of the time-overcurrent unit, such that when the induction-unit contacts close, the seal-in unit picks up and seals in. When the seal-in unit

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picks up, it raises a target into view that latches up and remains exposed until released by pressing a button beneath the lower-left corner of the cover.

The instantaneous unit is a small-hinge type unit, which may be mounted on the front, to the right of the shaft of the time-overcurrent unit. Its contacts are normally connected in parallel with the contacts of the time-overcurrent unit, and its coil is connected in series with the time-overcurrent unit. When the instantaneous unit picks up, it raises a target that latches up and remains exposed until it is released. The same button that releases the target of the seal-in unit also releases the target of the instantaneous unit.

### RATINGS

#### TIME-OVERCURRENT UNIT

Ratings of the time overcurrent unit are given in Table I.

TABLE I

| RELAY                | FREQUENCY<br>CYCLES | PICKUP RANGE, AMPERES |                       |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                      |                     | MAIN (TIME)<br>UNIT   | INSTANTANEOUS<br>UNIT |
| IAC53A and<br>IAC54A | 50/60               | 0.5 - 4.0             |                       |
|                      |                     | 1.5 - 12.0            |                       |
|                      |                     | 2.0 - 15.0            |                       |
| IAC53B and<br>IAC54B | 50/60               | 0.5 - 4.0             | 0.5 - 4.0             |
|                      |                     | 1.5 - 12.0            | 2.0 - 16.0            |
|                      |                     | 2.0 - 15.0            | 10.0 - 80.0           |
|                      |                     |                       | 20.0 - 160.0          |

Available taps of the time-overcurrent unit are shown in Table II.

TABLE II

| RANGE, AMPERES | TAPS AVAILABLE (AMPERES)                                 |
|----------------|--|
| 0.5 - 4.0      | 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8 1.0, 1.2, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 4.0     |
| 1.5 - 12.0     | 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 10.0, 12.0  |
| 2.0 - 15.0     | 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 10.0, 12.0, 15.0 |

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The one-second thermal ratings are listed in Table III.

TABLE III

| TIME OVERCURRENT UNIT<br>(AMPS) | 1-SEC RATING<br>(AMPS) | K      |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------|
| 0.5 - 4.0                       | 140.0                  | 19,600 |
| 1.5 - 12.0                      | 260.0                  | 67,600 |
| 2.0 - 15.0                      | 260.0                  | 67,600 |

For ratings of less than one second, the rating may be calculated according to the formula

$$I = \sqrt{\frac{K}{T}}$$

where T is the time in seconds that the current flows.

The continuous current ratings of the time-overcurrent units are shown in Tables IV, V and VI.

TABLE IV

| 0.5 - 4.0 AMP RANGE |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|
| TAP                 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.5  | 3.0  | 4.0  |
| RATING              | 4.0 | 4.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 7.0 | 7.5 | 9.0 | 10.0 | 11.0 | 13.0 |

TABLE V

| 1.5 - 12.0 AMP RANGE |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| TAP                  | 1.5  | 2.0  | 2.5  | 3.0  | 4.0  | 5.0  | 6.0  | 7.0  | 8.0  | 10.0 | 12.0 |
| RATING               | 10.0 | 11.5 | 13.0 | 14.5 | 17.0 | 19.0 | 21.0 | 23.0 | 23.5 | 27.5 | 30.5 |

TABLE VI

| 2.0 - 16.0 AMP RANGE |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| TAP                  | 2.0  | 2.5  | 3.0  | 4.0  | 5.0  | 6.0  | 7.0  | 8.0  | 10.0 | 12.0 | 16.0 |
| RATING               | 10.0 | 12.0 | 13.0 | 15.0 | 16.0 | 18.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 |

### INSTANTANEOUS UNIT

The instantaneous unit has a double-wound coil for operation on either one of two ranges. Any setting obtained in the lower range (series connected) is doubled, within  $\pm 3\%$ , when the unit is connected for high-range operation (parallel connected).



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The instantaneous unit has a continuous rating of 1.5 times minimum setting or 25 amperes, whichever is smaller. Example: The 2.0-16.0 ampere instantaneous unit, when set on the low range (2.0-8.0 amperes) has a continuous rating of 3.0 amperes, and when connected for high-range operation (4.0-16.0 amperes) has a continuous rating of 6.0 amperes.

The continuous and one-second ratings for the instantaneous units are shown in Table VII.

TABLE VII

| RANGE        |              |   |      | CONTINUOUS<br>RATING | † ONE<br>SECOND | K |
|--------------|--------------|---|------|----------------------|-----------------|---|
|              |              |   |      | ††                   |                 |   |
| 0.5 - 4.0    | 0.5 - 2.0    | S | 0.75 | 25.0                 | 625             |   |
|              | 1.0 - 4.0    | P | 1.5  | 50.0                 | 2,500           |   |
| 2.0 - 16.0   | 2.0 - 8.0    | S | 3.0  | 130.0                | 16,900          |   |
|              | 4.0 - 16.0   | P | 6.0  | 260.0                | 67,600          |   |
| 10.0 - 80.0  | 10.0 - 40.0  | S | 15.0 | 400.0                | 160,000         |   |
|              | 20.0 - 80.0  | P | 25.0 | 600.0†               | 360,000         |   |
| 20.0 - 160.0 | 20.0 - 80.0  | S | 25.0 | 600.0†               | 360,000         |   |
|              | 40.0 - 160.0 | P | 25.0 | 600.0†               | 360,000         |   |

† Higher currents (I) may be applied for shorter lengths of time (T) in accordance with the formula

$$I = \sqrt{\frac{K}{T}}$$

†† S = Series connected, P = Parallel connected

## TARGET AND SEAL-IN UNIT

Ratings for the target/seal-in unit are shown in Table VIII.

TABLE VIII

|                       |           | TAP  |      |
|-----------------------|-----------|------|------|
|                       |           | 0.2  | 2.0  |
| D.C. resistance ± 10% | (ohms)    | 8.3  | 0.24 |
| Minimum operating     | (amperes) | 0.2  | 2.0  |
| Carry continuously    | (amperes) | 0.37 | 2.3  |
| Carry 30 amps for     | (seconds) | 0.05 | 2.2  |
| Carry 10 amps for     | (seconds) | 0.45 | 20.0 |
| 60 Hz impedance       | (ohms)    | 50.0 | 0.65 |
| 50 Hz impedance       | (ohms)    | 42.0 | 0.54 |

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If the tripping current exceeds 30 amperes, an auxiliary relay should be used, the connections being such that the tripping current does not pass through the contacts of the target and seal-in coils of the protective relay.

### CONTACTS

The current-closing rating of the contacts is 30 amperes for voltages not exceeding 250 volts. The current-carrying rating is limited by the ratings of the seal-in unit.

### **BURDENS**

Burdens for the time-overcurrent unit are given in Table IX.

TABLE IX

| RANGE<br>(AMPS) | HZ | MIN.<br>TAP | BURDENS AT MIN.<br>PICKUP |                |      | BURDENS IN<br>OHMS (Z)<br>TIMES PICKUP |       |      | VA AT 5 AMPS<br>CALCULATED FROM<br>IMPEDANCE AT MIN.<br>PICKUP ( $I^2Z$ ) |
|-----------------|----|-------------|---------------------------|----------------|------|--|-------|------|---|
|                 |    |             | R                         | J <sub>x</sub> | Z    | 3                                      | 10    | 20.0 |   |
| 0.5 - 0.4       | 60 | 0.5         | 0.40                      | 3.90           | 4.15 | 4.20                                   | 2.90  | 2.20 | 104.0   |
| 1.5 -12.0       | 60 | 1.5         | 0.23                      | 0.53           | 0.58 | 0.58                                   | 0.36  | 0.28 | 14.5  |
| 2.0 -16.0       | 60 | 2.0         | 0.14                      | 0.30           | 0.33 | 0.34                                   | 0.22  | 0.15 | 8.25  |
| 0.5 - 4.0       | 50 | 0.5         | 1.16                      | 3.25           | 3.45 | 3.45                                   | 2.41  | 1.82 | 86.25   |
| 1.5 -12.0       | 50 | 1.5         | 0.19                      | 0.44           | 0.48 | 0.48                                   | 0.298 | 0.23 | 12.00   |
| 2.0 -16.0       | 50 | 2.0         | 0.116                     | 0.25           | 0.27 | 0.27                                   | 0.180 | 0.12 | 6.75  |

**NOTE:** The impedance values given are those for the minimum tap of each relay. The impedance for other taps at pick-up current (TAP RATING) varies inversely (approximately) as the square of the tap rating. For example, for a relay with 0.5 - 4.0 amp range, the impedance of the 0.5 amp tap is given as 4.15 ohms. The impedance of the 2.0 amp tap at 2.0 amperes is  $(.5/2)^2 \times 4.15 = 0.26$ .

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The instantaneous unit burdens are listed in Table X.

TABLE X

| RANGE<br>60 HZ<br>RELAYS<br>ONLY<br>(AMPS) | †CON-<br>NEC-<br>TIONS | MIN.<br>TAP<br>AMPS | BURDENS AT MIN.<br>PICKUP |            |           | BURDENS IN<br>OHMS (Z)<br>TIMES PICKUP |       |       | V.A. AT 5 AMPS<br>CALCULATED FROM<br>IMPEDANCE AT MIN.<br>PICKUP (I2Z) |
|--|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------|--|-------|-------|--|
|  |                        |                     | R<br>OHMS                 | Jx<br>OHMS | Z<br>OHMS | 3                                      | 10    | 20    |  |
| 0.5-4.0                                    | LOW                    | 0.5                 | 12.7                      | 11.5       | 17.1      | 9.6                                    | 8.7   | 8.2   | 427.5  |
|  | HIGH                   | 1.0                 | 3.18                      | 2.86       | 4.28      | 2.40                                   | 2.18  | 2.04  | 107.0  |
| 2.0-16.0                                   | LOW                    | 2.0                 | 0.76                      | 0.72       | 1.05      | 0.59                                   | 0.53  | 0.50  | 26.25  |
|  | HIGH                   | 4.0                 | 0.189                     | 0.180      | 0.261     | 0.147                                  | 0.133 | 0.125 | 6.63   |
| 10.0-80.0                                  | LOW                    | 10.0                | 0.042                     | 0.029      | 0.051     | 0.029                                  | 0.026 | 0.024 | 1.28   |
|  | HIGH                   | 20.0                | 0.010                     | 0.007      | 0.013     | 0.007                                  | 0.007 | 0.006 | 0.33   |
| 20.0-160.0                                 | LOW                    | 20.0                | 0.015                     | 0.008      | 0.017     | 0.010                                  | 0.009 | 0.008 | 0.43   |
|  | HIGH                   | 40.0                | 0.004                     | 0.002      | 0.004     | 0.002                                  | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.10   |

| RANGE<br>50 HZ<br>RELAYS<br>ONLY<br>(AMPS) | †CON-<br>NEC-<br>TIONS | MIN.<br>TAP<br>AMPS | BURDENS AT MIN.<br>PICKUP |            |           | BURDENS IN<br>OHMS (Z)<br>TIMES PICKUP |        |        | V.A. AT 5 AMPS<br>CALCULATED FROM<br>IMPEDANCE AT MIN.<br>PICKUP (I2Z) |
|--|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------|--|--------|--------|--|
|  |                        |                     | R<br>OHMS                 | Jx<br>OHMS | Z<br>OHMS | 3                                      | 10     | 20     |  |
| 0.5-4.0                                    | LOW                    | 0.5                 | 10.6                      | 9.35       | 14.30     | 8.03                                   | 7.27   | 6.86   | 357.5  |
|  | HIGH                   | 1.0                 | 2.65                      | 2.38       | 3.57      | 2.00                                   | 1.81   | 1.70   | 89.25  |
| 2.0-16.0                                   | LOW                    | 2.0                 | 0.64                      | 0.59       | 0.875     | 0.49                                   | 0.441  | 0.417  | 21.875   |
|  | HIGH                   | 4.0                 | 0.157                     | 0.15       | 0.22      | 0.145                                  | 0.112  | 0.105  | 5.50   |
| 10.0-80.0                                  | LOW                    | 10.0                | 0.035                     | 0.024      | 0.042     | 0.024                                  | 0.021  | 0.0197 | 1.05   |
|  | HIGH                   | 20.0                | 0.008                     | 0.006      | 0.101     | 0.0054                                 | 0.0054 | 0.046  | 0.25   |
| 20.0-160.0                                 | LOW                    | 20.0                | 0.0125                    | 0.007      | 0.014     | 0.008                                  | 0.0074 | 0.0065 | 0.35   |
|  | HIGH                   | 40.0                | 0.0027                    | 0.0013     |           | 0.003                                  | 0.0015 | 0.0015 | 0.0015   |

† LOW = two windings connected in series.

HIGH = two windings connected in parallel.

See internal-connections diagram for additional information

## CHARACTERISTICS

Pickup of these relays is defined as the current required to close the contacts from the 0.5 time-dial position. The pickup value of the IAC53 relays is within 3% of the tap value.

The setting of the time dial determines the length of time the unit requires to close its contacts when the current reaches the predetermined value. The contacts are just closed when the dial is set at zero. When the dial is set at 10, the disk must travel the maximum distance to close the contacts; this gives the maximum time setting. The unit resets at 80% of the minimum closing value of current.

The time the relay takes to reset to the No. 10 time-dial position, when the current is reduced to zero, is approximately 60 seconds.

Figure 8 (50Hz) and Figure 9 (60Hz) show the time/current characteristics for relay types IAC53 and IAC54. The time/current curve for the instantaneous unit is shown on Figure 10.

### RECEIVING, HANDLING, AND STORAGE

These relays, when not included as a part of a control panel, will be shipped in cartons designed to protect them against damage. Immediately upon receipt of a relay, examine it for any damage sustained in transit. If injury or damage resulting from rough handling is evident, file a damage claim at once with the transportation company and promptly notify the nearest General Electric Sales Office.

Reasonable care should be exercised in unpacking the relay in order that none of the parts are injured nor the adjustments disturbed.

If the relays are not to be installed immediately, they should be stored in their original cartons in a place that is free from moisture, dust, and metallic chips. Foreign matter collected on the outside, of the case may find its way inside when the cover is removed and cause trouble in the operation of the relay.

### ACCEPTANCE TESTS

Immediately upon receipt of the relay, an **INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE TEST** should be made to make sure that no damage has been sustained in shipment and that the relay calibrations have not been disturbed. If the examination or test indicates that readjustment is necessary, refer to the section on **SERVICING**.

These tests may be performed as part of the installation or as acceptance tests, at the discretion of the user.

Since most operating companies use different procedures for acceptance and for installation tests, the following section includes all applicable tests that may be performed on these relays.

### VISUAL INSPECTION

Check the nameplate stamping to make sure that the model number and rating of the relay agree with the requisition.

Remove the relay from its case and check that there are no broken or cracked molded parts or other signs of physical damage, and that all the screws are tight.

### MECHANICAL INSPECTION

1. There should be no noticeable friction when the disk is rotated slowly clockwise. The disk should return by itself to its rest position.
2. Make sure the control spring is not deformed, nor its convolutions tangled or touching.
3. The armature and contacts of the seal-in unit, as well as the armature and contacts of the instantaneous unit, should move freely when operated by hand; there should be at least 1/32" wiper on the seal-in contacts.
4. The targets in the seal-in unit and in the instantaneous unit must come into view and latch when the armatures are operated by hand, and should unlatch when the target-release lever is operated.
5. Make sure that the fingers and shorting bars agree with the internal-connections diagram.

#### **CAUTION**

Every circuit in the drawout case has an auxiliary brush. It is especially important on current circuits and other circuits with shorting bars that the auxiliary brush be bent high enough to engage the connecting plug or test plug before the main brushes do. This will prevent CT (Current Transformer) secondary circuits from being opened.

### ELECTRICAL TESTS

#### **DRAWOUT RELAYS, GENERAL**

Since all drawout relays in service operate in their cases, it is recommended that they be tested in their cases or an equivalent steel case. In this way, any magnetic effects of the enclosure will be accurately duplicated during testing. A relay may be tested without removing it from the panel by using a 12XLA13A test plug. This plug makes connections only with the relay, and does not disturb any shorting bars in the case. The 12XLA12A test plug may also be used. Although this test plug allows greater testing flexibility, it requires C.T. shorting jumpers and the exercise of greater care, since connections are made to both the relay and the external circuitry.

#### **POWER REQUIREMENTS, GENERAL**

All devices operating on alternating current (AC) are affected by frequency. Since non-sinusoidal waveforms can be analyzed as a fundamental frequency plus harmonics of that fundamental frequency, it follows that alternating-current devices (relays) will be affected by applied waveforms. AC relays (and AC devices in general) are

significantly affected by the application of non-sinusoidal waveforms.

Therefore, in order to test AC relays properly it is essential to use a test voltage and/or current waveform that is sinusoidal. The purity of the sine wave (i.e., its freedom from harmonics) cannot be expressed as a finite number for any particular relay; however, any relay using tuned circuits, RL or RC networks, or saturating electromagnets (such as time-overcurrent relays) would be especially affected by non-sinusoidal wave forms.

#### TIME-OVERCURRENT UNIT

Rotate the time dial slowly and check, by means of a lamp in the circuit, that the contacts just close at the zero (0) time-dial setting.

The point at which the contacts just close can be adjusted by running the stationary contact brush in or out by means of its adjusting screw. This screw should be held securely in its support.

With the contacts just closing at No. 0 time setting, there should be sufficient gap between the stationary contact brush and its metal backing strip to ensure approximately 1/32" wiper.

The minimum current at which the contact will just close is determined by the position of the tap screw in the tap block at the top of the relay.

When changing the current setting of the relay while in the case, remove the connection plug, to short the current transformer secondary circuit. Next, screw the tap screws into the tap marked for the desired current, and then replace the connection plug.

The pickup of the unit for any current tap setting is adjusted by means of a spring-adjusting ring (See Figure 2). The ring may be turned by inserting a screw driver in the notches around the edge. By turning the ring, the operating current of the unit may be brought into agreement with the tap setting employed, if for some reason, this adjustment has been disturbed. This adjustment also permits any desired setting intermediate between the various tap settings to be obtained. The unit is adjusted at the factory to close its contacts from any time-dial position at a minimum current within 5% of the tap-plug setting. The unit resets at 90% of the minimum closing value.

#### Time Setting

The setting of the time dial determines the length of time the unit requires to close its contacts when the current reaches a predetermined value. The contacts are just closed when the dial is set on 0. When the dial is set on 10, the disk must travel the maximum amount to close the contacts; therefore this setting gives the maximum time setting.

The primary adjustment for the time of operation of the unit is made by means of the time dial. However, further adjustment is obtained by moving the permanent magnet along its supporting shelf;

moving the magnet toward the disk shaft decreases the time, while moving it away increases the time.

#### Pickup Test

Set the relay at the 0.5 time-dial position and 2.0 amp tap. Using the test connections of Figure 14, the main unit should close its contacts within  $\pm 2\%$  of tap value current. All other tap positions should pick up at tap value  $\pm 5\%$  of tap value.

#### Time Test

\* Set the relay at the No. 5 time-dial position and 2.0 amp tap. Using the test connections of Figure 14, apply 5 times tap current (10.0 amp) to the relay. The relay should operate in 1.31 seconds  $\pm 0.07$  second. At 2 times tap current and 10 times tap current, the operating time should agree with the time-curve value  $\pm 7\%$ .

#### INSTANTANEOUS UNIT

Make sure that the instantaneous unit is wired for the range in which it is to operate (see Internal-Connections-Diagram Figures 5 or 7) and connected as indicated in Test-Circuit Figure 14. Whenever possible, use the higher range, since the higher range has a higher continuous rating.

#### Setting the Instantaneous Unit

Loosen the locknut and turn the pole piece toward the desired setting. See Figure 2. Turning the pole piece up increases the pickup; turning the pole piece down decreases the pickup. Bring up the current slowly until the unit picks up. It may be necessary to repeat this operation until the desired pickup value is obtained. Once the desired pickup value is reached, tighten the locknut.

#### CAUTION

The instantaneous unit is rated 1.5 times minimum pickup. Do not leave the test current on too long, as it may damage the unit.

#### Pickup Test

With the unit connected for high-range operation (parallel connections) and the target in the "Down" position, check the pickup at the maximum calibration mark; the pickup should be within the limits in Table XI.

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TABLE XI

| UNIT RANGE<br>AMPERES | MINIMUM<br>AMPERES | CALIBRATION<br>AMPERES | MAXIMUM<br>AMPERES |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 0.5 - 4.0             | 3.6                | 4.0                    | 4.5                |
| 2.0 - 16.0            | 14.4               | 16.0                   | 17.7               |
| 10.0 - 80.0           | 72.0               | 80.0                   | 89.0               |
| 20.0 - 160.0          | 144.0              | 160.0                  | 177.0              |

#### TARGET AND SEAL-IN UNIT

The target and seal-in unit has an operating coil tapped at 0.2 and 2.0 amperes. The relay is shipped from the factory with the tap screw in the lower-ampere position. The tap screw is the screw holding the right-hand stationary contact. To change the tap setting, first remove one screw from the left hand stationary contact and place it in the desired tap. Next remove the screw from the undesired tap and place it on the left hand stationary contact where the first screw was removed. See Figure 2. This procedure is necessary to prevent the right-hand stationary contact from getting out of adjustment. Screws should **never** be left in **both** taps at the same time.

#### Pickup and Dropout Test

1. Connect relay studs 1 and 2 (See Figure 14) to a DC source, ammeter and load box so that the current can be controlled over a range of 0.1 to 2.0 amperes.
2. Turn the time dial to the ZERO (0) TIME-DIAL Position.
3. Increase the current slowly until the seal-in unit picks up. See Table XII.
4. Move the time dial away from the ZERO TIME-DIAL Position; the seal-in unit should remain in the picked-up position.
5. Decrease the current slowly until the seal-in unit drops out. See Table XII.

TABLE XII

| TAP | PICK-UP<br>CURRENT | DROPOUT<br>CURRENT |
|-----|--------------------|--------------------|
| 0.2 | 0.14 - 0.195       | 0.05 OR MORE       |
| 2.0 | 1.40 - 1.95        | 0.50 OR MORE       |



**INSTALLATION**

The following tests are to be performed at the time of installation.

**TIME-OVERCURRENT UNIT**

1. Set tap screw on desired tap. Using the test circuit in Figure 14, apply approximately twice tap value until contacts just close. Reduce the current until the light in series with the contacts begins to flicker. This value of current is defined as pickup and should be within 5% of tap value.
- \*2. Check the operating time at Time Dial = 5, Tap = 2 or minimum tap value, and  $I = 5$  times tap current. The operating time should be the time shown on the time-current curve  $\pm 7\%$ .

**TARGET AND SEAL-IN UNIT**

1. Make sure that the tap screw is in the desired tap.
2. Perform pickup and dropout tests, as outlined in the **ACCEPTANCE TEST** section.

**INSTANTANEOUS UNIT**

1. Select the desired range by making the proper connections at the rear of the relay (See Internal-Connections Diagram). Whenever possible, be sure to select the higher range, since it has a higher continuous rating.
2. Set the instantaneous unit to pick up at the desired current level. See SETTING THE INSTANTANEOUS UNIT, in the **ACCEPTANCE TEST** section.

All the tests described above under Installation Tests must be performed at the time of installation. In addition, if those tests described under the **ACCEPTANCE TESTS** section were not performed prior to installation, it is recommended that they be performed at this time.

**PERIODIC CHECKS AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE**

In view of the vital role of protective relays in the operation of a power system, it is important that a periodic test program be followed. It is recognized that the interval between periodic checks will vary depending upon environment, type of relay and the user's experience with periodic testing. Until the user has accumulated enough experience to select the test interval best suited to his individual requirements, it is suggested that the points listed below be checked at an interval of from one to two years.

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These tests are intended to make sure that the relays have not deviated from their original setting. If deviations are encountered, the relay must be retested and serviced as described in this manual.

#### TIME-OVERCURRENT UNIT

1. Perform Pickup test as described in the **INSTALLATION** section for the tap in service.
2. Perform the Time Tests as described in the **INSTALLATION** section.

#### INSTANTANEOUS UNIT

1. Check that the Instantaneous Unit picks up at the desired current level, as outlined in the **ACCEPTANCE TESTS** section.

#### TARGET AND SEAL-IN UNIT

1. Check that the unit picks up at the values shown in Table XII.
2. Check that the units drops out at 30% or more of tap value.

#### CONTACT CLEANING

For cleaning relay contacts, a flexible burnishing tool should be used. This consists of a flexible strip of metal with an etch-roughened surface, resembling in effect a superfine file. The polishing action is so delicate that no scratches are left, yet it will clean off any corrosion thoroughly and rapidly. Its flexibility ensures the cleaning of the actual points of contact. Do not use knives, files, abrasive paper or cloth of any kind to clean relay contacts.

#### SYSTEM TEST

Although this Instruction Book is primarily written to check and set the IAC relay, overall functional tests to check the system operation are recommended at intervals based on the customer's experience.

### **SERVICING**

#### TIME-OVERCURRENT UNIT

If it is found during installation or periodic testing that the time-overcurrent unit is out of limits, the unit may be recalibrated as follows:

##### Pickup Tests

The pickup of the unit for any current tap is adjusted by means of a spring-adjusting ring. The ring may be turned by inserting a screw driver in the notches around the edge. By turning the ring, the operating current of the unit may be brought into agreement with the tap setting employed if, for some reason, this adjustment has been disturbed. This adjustment also permits any desired setting

intermediate between the various tap settings to be obtained. The unit is adjusted at the factory to close its contacts from any time-dial position at a minimum current within 10% of the tap-plug setting. The unit resets at 80% of the minimum closing value.

Rotate the time dial to the No.0 time-dial setting and check, by means of a lamp in the circuit, that the contacts just close.

The point at which the contacts just close can be adjusted, by running the stationary contact brush in or out by means of its adjusting screw. This screw should be held securely in its support.

With the contacts just closing at No.0 time-dial setting, there should be sufficient gap between the stationary contact brush and its metal backing strip to ensure approximately 1/32" wipe.

Connect the operating-coil terminals to a source of the proper frequency and good waveform, having a voltage of 120 volts or more, with pure resistance load boxes for setting the current. See Test-Circuit Figure 14.

With the tap plug in the 2 amp. tap and the time dial where the contacts are just open, adjust the control spring to just close the contacts within the limits given in Table XIII, which are  $\pm 2.0\%$  of tap amps.

TABLE XIII

| TAP RANGE  | TAP   | MINIMUM AMPS | MAXIMUM AMPS |
|------------|-------|--------------|--------------|
| 0.5 - 4.0  | 2 AMP | 1.96         | 2.04         |
| 2.0 - 16.0 | 2 AMP | 1.96         | 2.04         |

With the tap plug in the 2 amp tap and the time dial at No. 10 time setting, check the current required to just move the disk away from the stop arm. This current should be within the limits shown in Table XIV, which are  $\pm 6\%$  of tap amperes. If the disk moves at the lower limit, check that the movement is not over one-half inch (1/2") measured along the periphery of the disk.

TABLE XIV

| TAP RANGE  | TAP   | MINIMUM AMPS | MAXIMUM AMPS |
|------------|-------|--------------|--------------|
| 0.5 - 4.0  | 2 AMP | 1.88         | 2.12         |
| 2.0 - 16.0 | 2 AMP | 1.88         | 2.12         |

#### Time Tests

With the tap plug in the 2 amp tap and the time dial at No. 5 time setting, apply five times tap current to the relay.

Adjust the drag magnet to obtain a closing time as near as possible to 1.31 seconds, but at least between 1.24 and 1.38 seconds. The magnet should be approximately in the middle of its travel. The magnet is adjusted by loosening the nut under the magnet shelf. Moving the magnet in decreases the time. Moving the magnet out increases the time.

When adjusting the drag magnet, be sure the outer edge of the magnet never extends out beyond the cutout in the disk. Be sure the screw clamping the drag magnet to its supporting shelf is tight before proceeding with other time checks. Make sure the drag magnet does not hit the counterweight at any position of the disk.

With the tap plug in the 2amp tap and the time dial at the No. 5 time setting, check contact closing at 2 and 10 times tap value. These closing times must be within the limits shown on Table XV.

TABLE XV

| TAP | AMPS | 60HZ      |           | 50HZ      |           |
|-----|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|     |      | MIN .SEC. | MAX. SEC. | MIN. SEC. | MAX. SEC. |
| 2.0 | 4.0  | 6.70      | 7.71      | 6.94      | 7.98      |
| 2.0 | 20.0 | 0.67      | 0.77      | 0.65      | 0.75      |

#### INSTANTANEOUS UNIT

- Both contacts should close at the same time.
- The backing strip should be so formed that the forked end (front) bears against the molded strip under the armature.
- With the armature against the pole piece, the cross member of the "T" spring should be in a horizontal plane and there should be at least 1/32 inch wipe on the contacts. Check this by inserting a 0.012 inch feeler gage between the front half of the shaded pole and the armature, with the armature held closed. The contacts should close with the feeler gage in place.

#### TARGET AND SEAL-IN UNIT

Check steps 1 and 2 as described under INSTANTANEOUS UNIT above.

To check the wipe of the seal-in unit, insert a 0.012 inch feeler gage between the plastic residual of the armature and the pole piece with the armature held closed. The contacts should close with the feeler gage in place.

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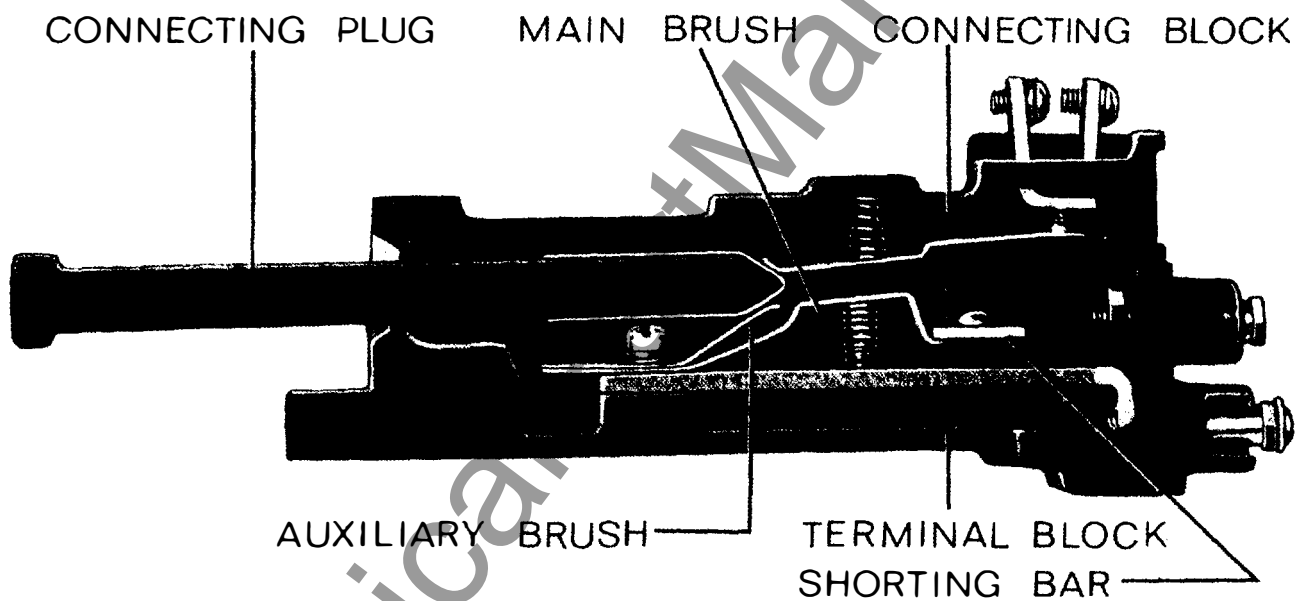
### RENEWAL PARTS

It is recommended that sufficient quantities of renewal parts be carried in stock to enable the prompt replacement of any that are worn, broken, or damaged.

When ordering renewal parts, address the nearest Sales Office of the General Electric Company, specify the quantity required, and the name of the part wanted, and the complete model number of the relay for which the part is required.

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NOTE: AFTER ENGAGING AUXILIARY BRUSH, CONNECTING PLUG TRAVELS  $\frac{1}{4}$  INCH BEFORE ENGAGING THE MAIN BRUSH ON THE TERMINAL BLOCK

Figure 1 (8025039) Cutaway of Drawout Case Showing Position of Auxiliary Brush and Shorting Bar

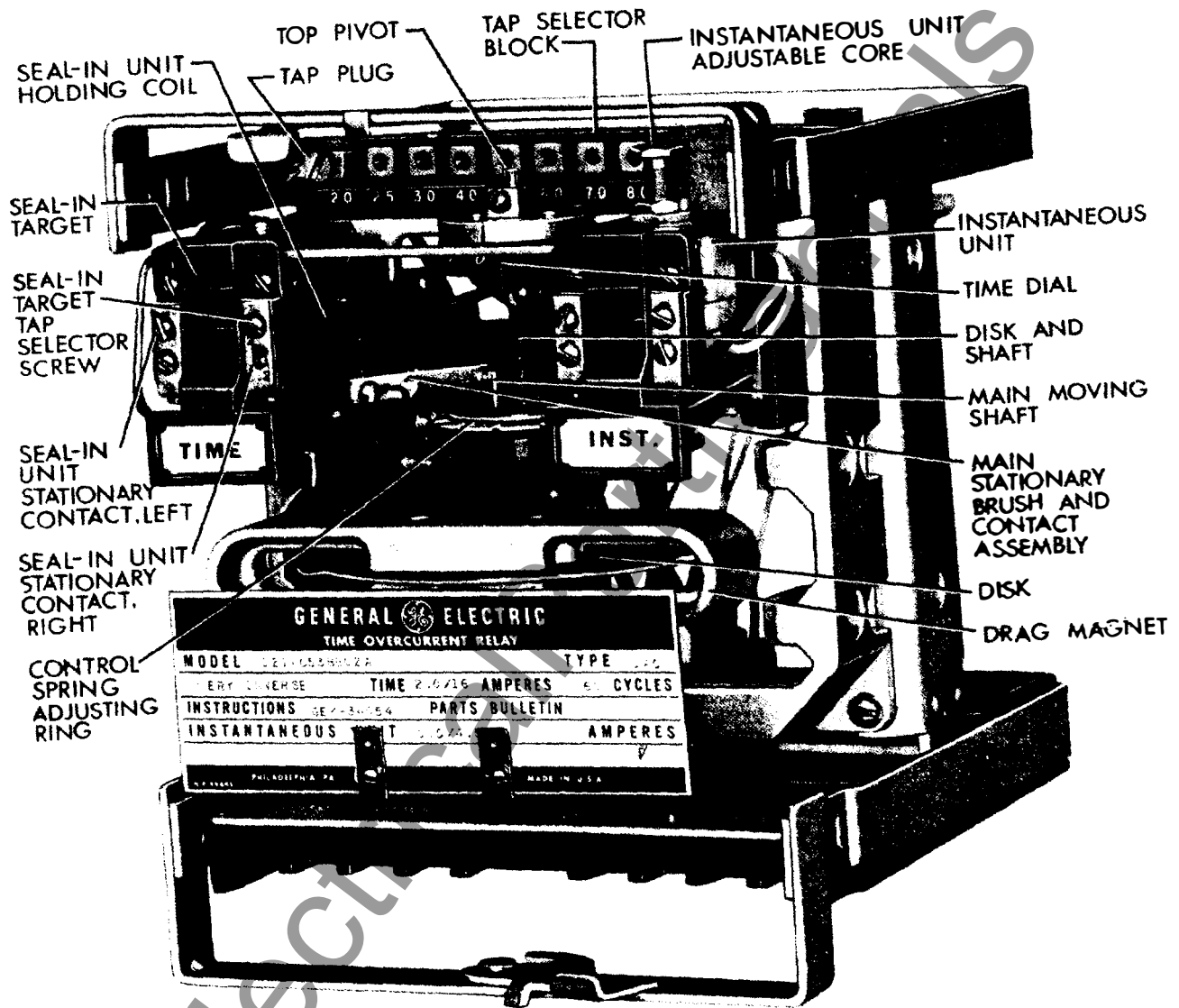


Figure 2 (8041253) Type IAC53 Relay Removed from Case (Front View)



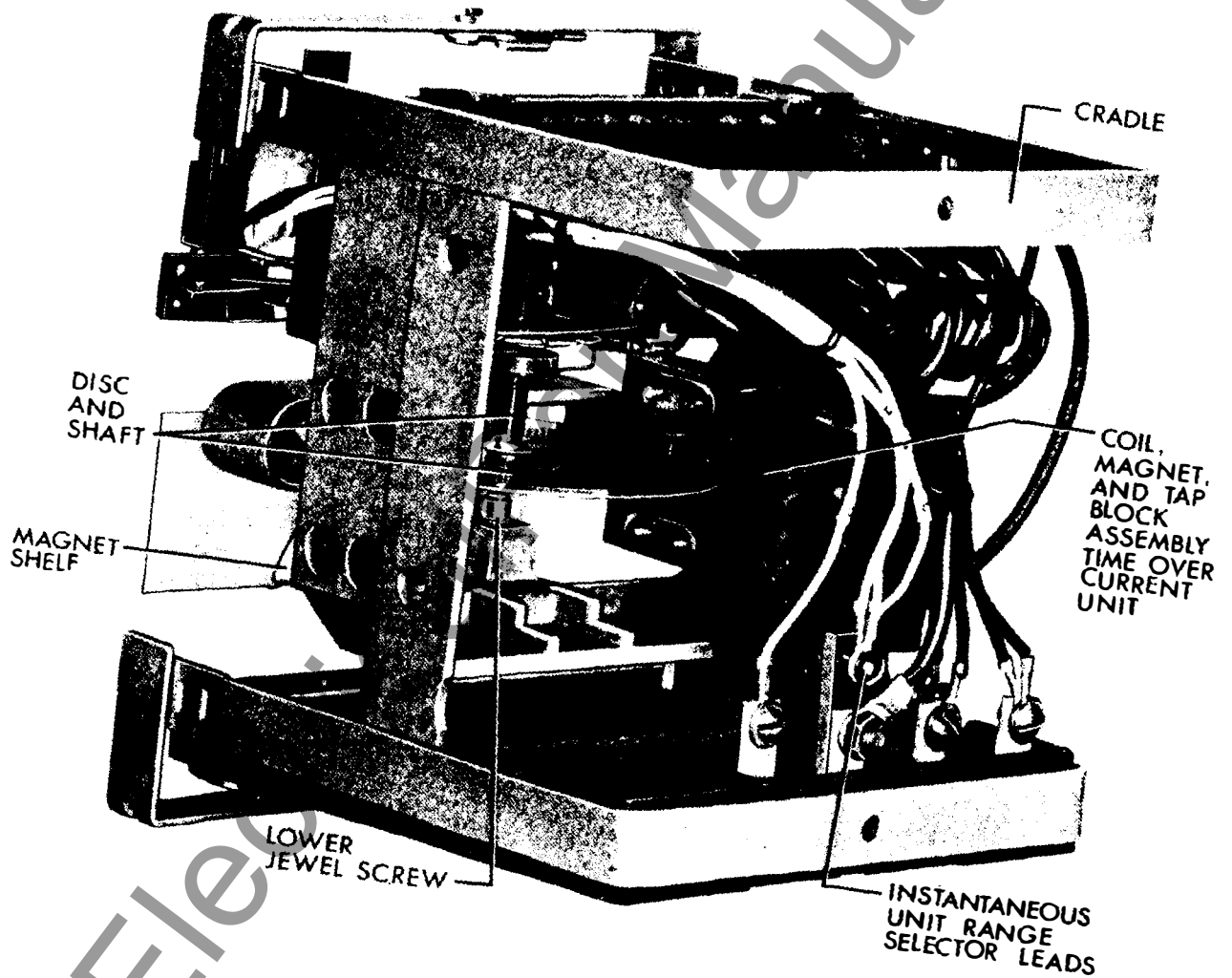
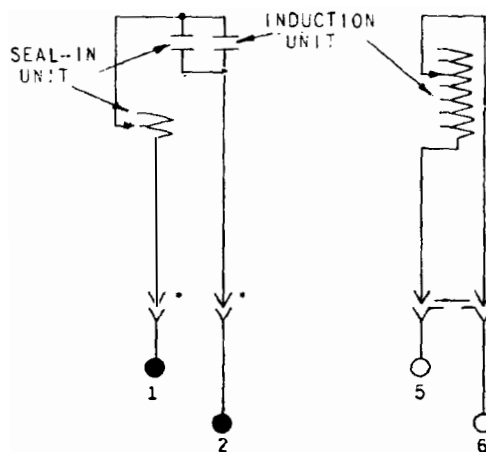


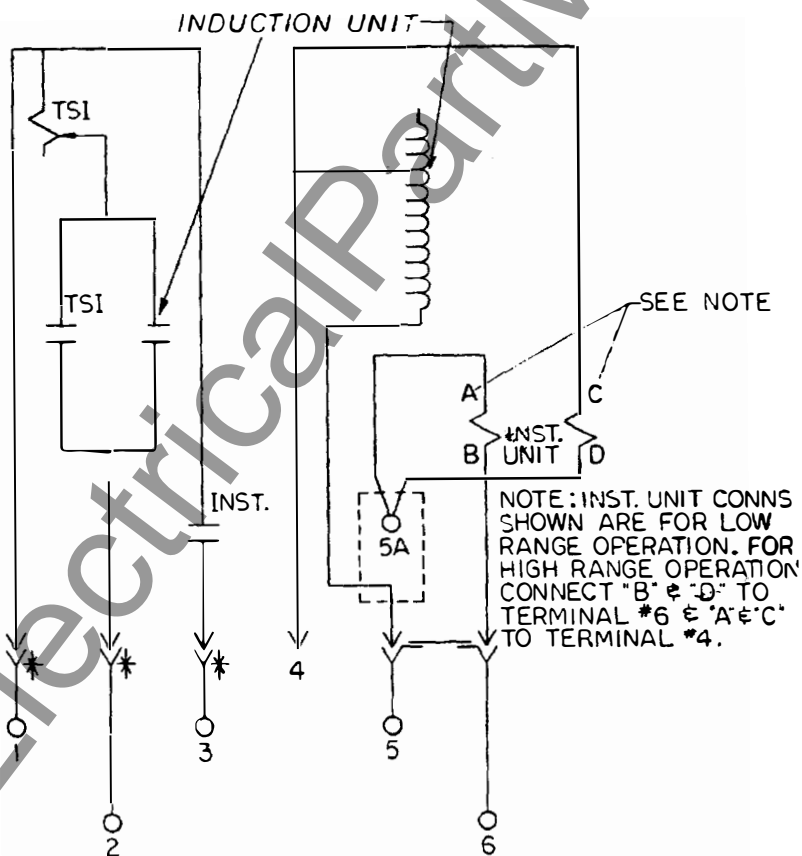
Figure 3 (8041255) Type IAC53 Relay Removed from Case (Rear View)

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INTERNAL CONNECTIONS (FRONT VIEW) \* = SHORT FINGER

Figure 4 (6209658-10) Type IAC53A Internal Connections (Front View)



\* = SHORT FINGER  
TSI = TARGET & SEAL-IN  
INST. = INSTANTANEOUS UNIT

Figure 5 (0227A7196-1) Type IAC53B Internal Connections (Front View)

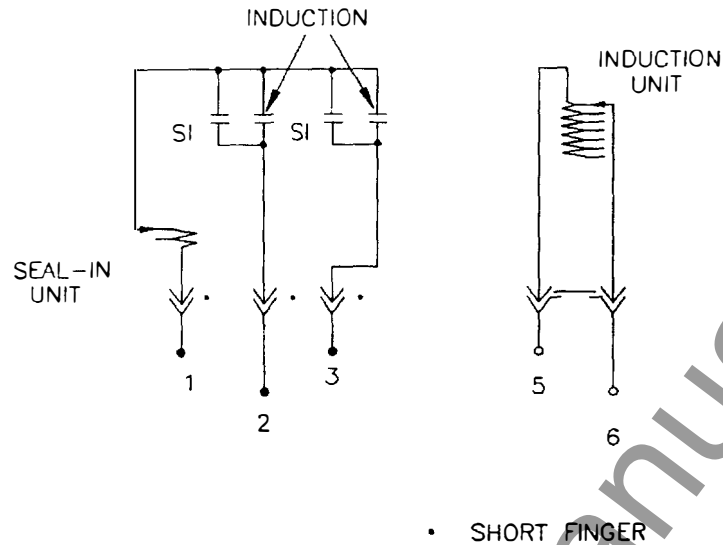
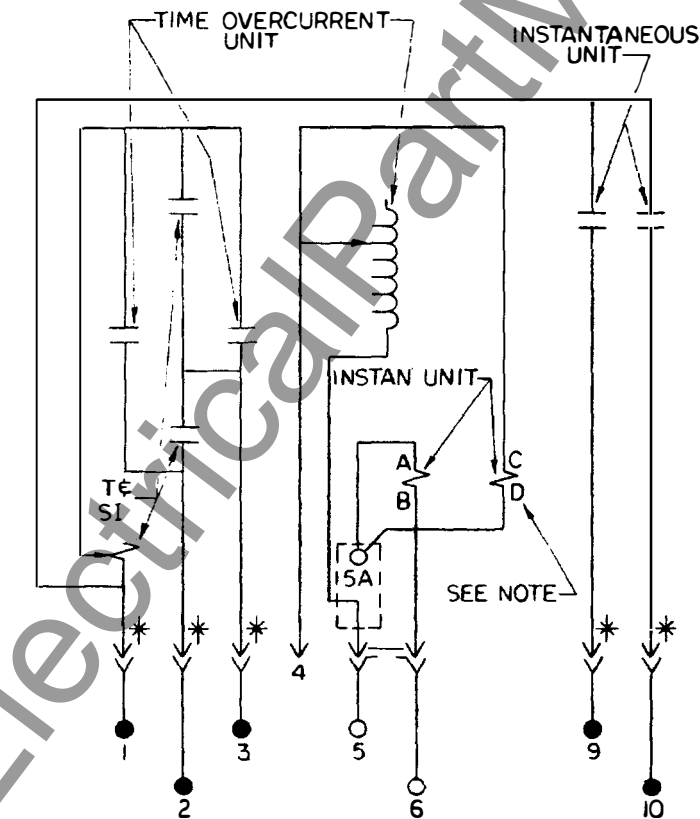


Figure 6 (6209662 [5]) Type IAC54A Internal Connections (Front View)



\* = SHORT FINGER

T & SI = TARGET & SEAL-IN

NOTE:-INSTAN UNIT CONNECTIONS SHOWN ARE FOR LOW RANGE OPERATION. FOR HIGH RANGE OPERATION CONNECT "B" & "D" TO TERMINAL \*6 & "A" & "C" TO TERMINAL \*4.

Figure 7 (0246A2285-1) Type IAC54B Internal Connections

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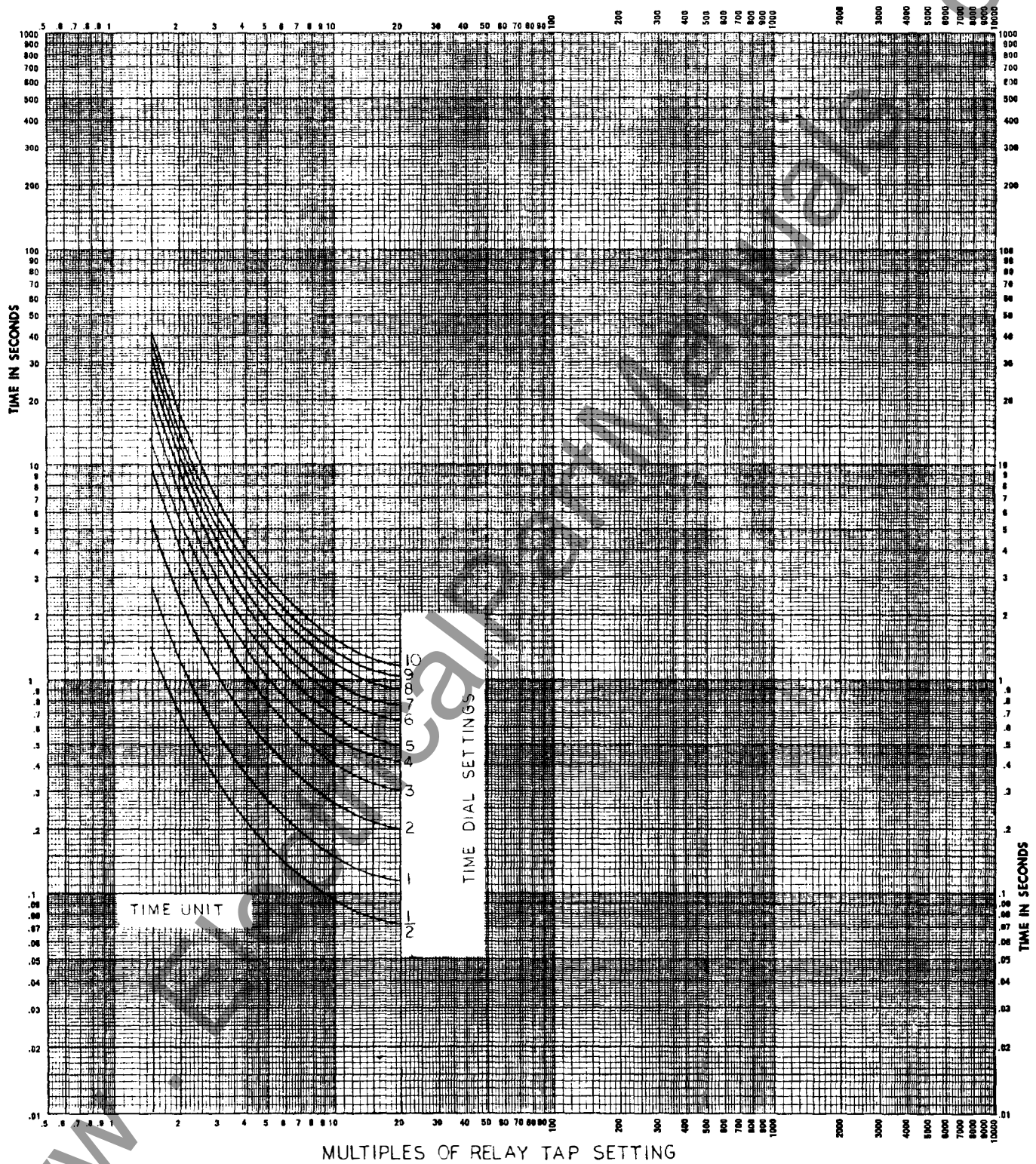


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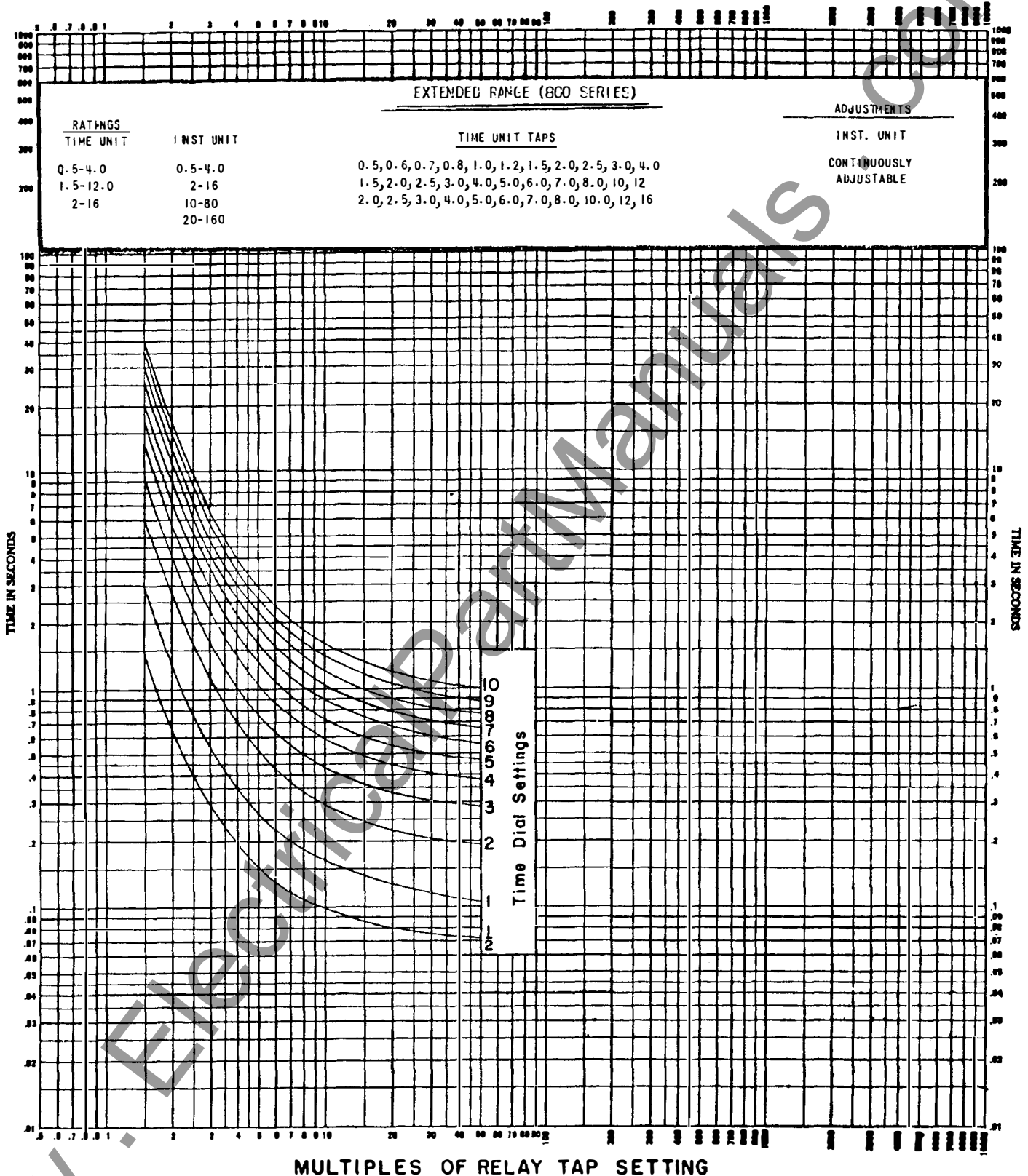


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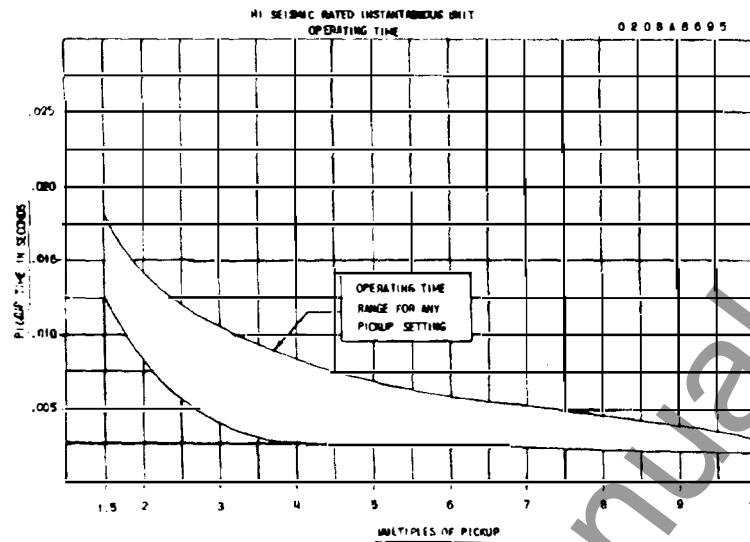


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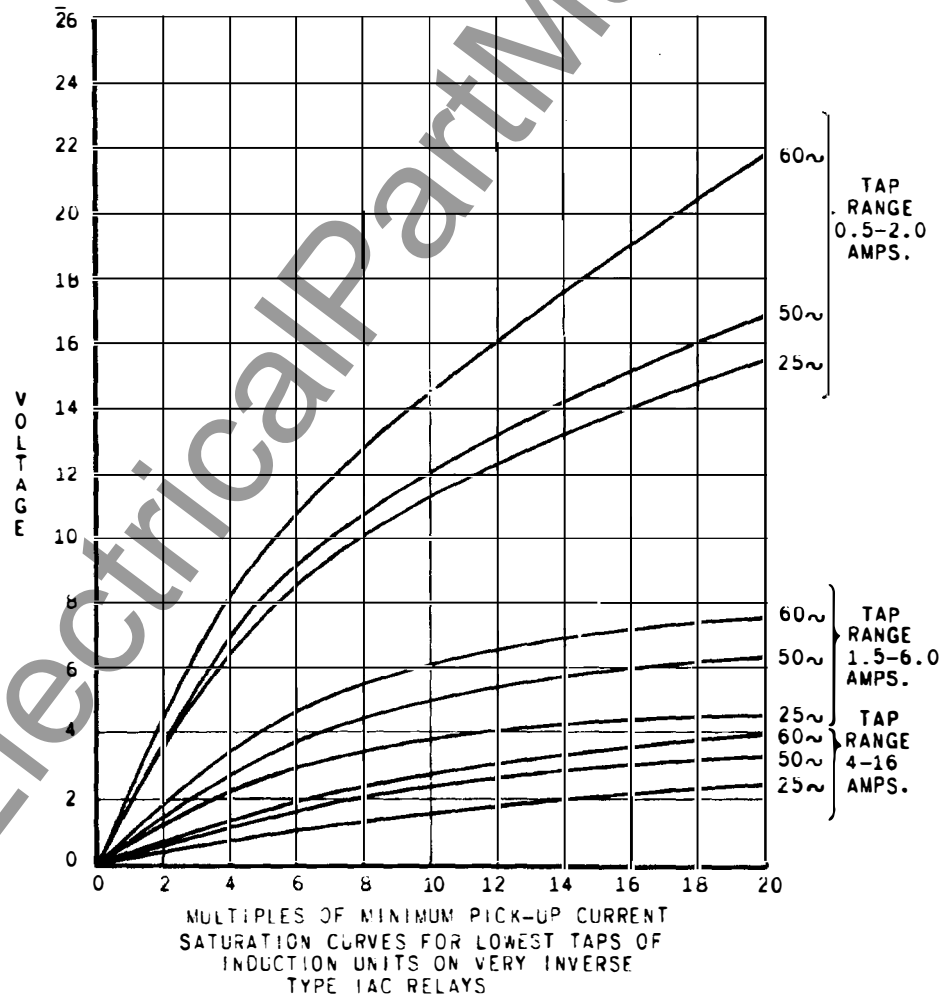


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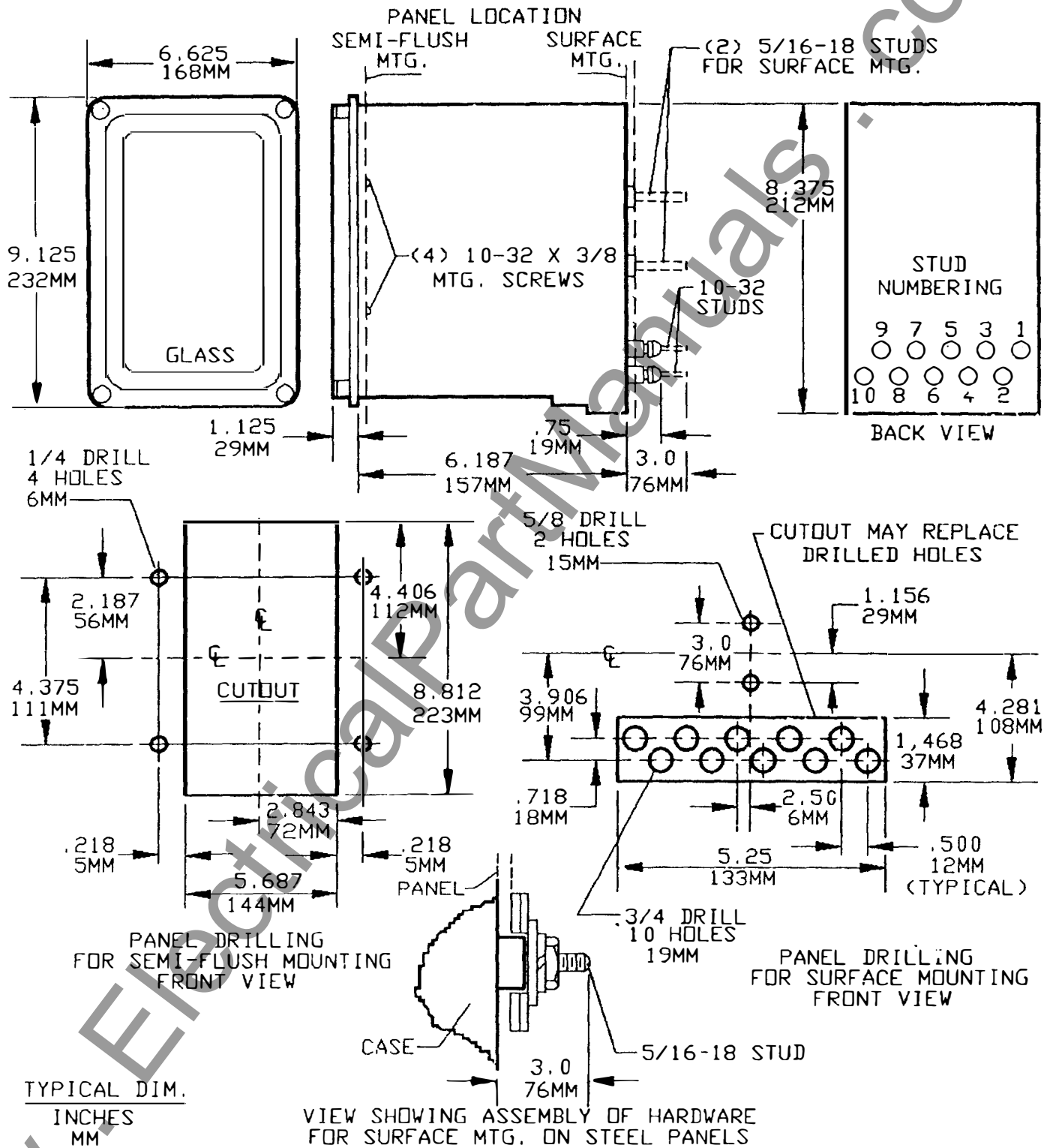


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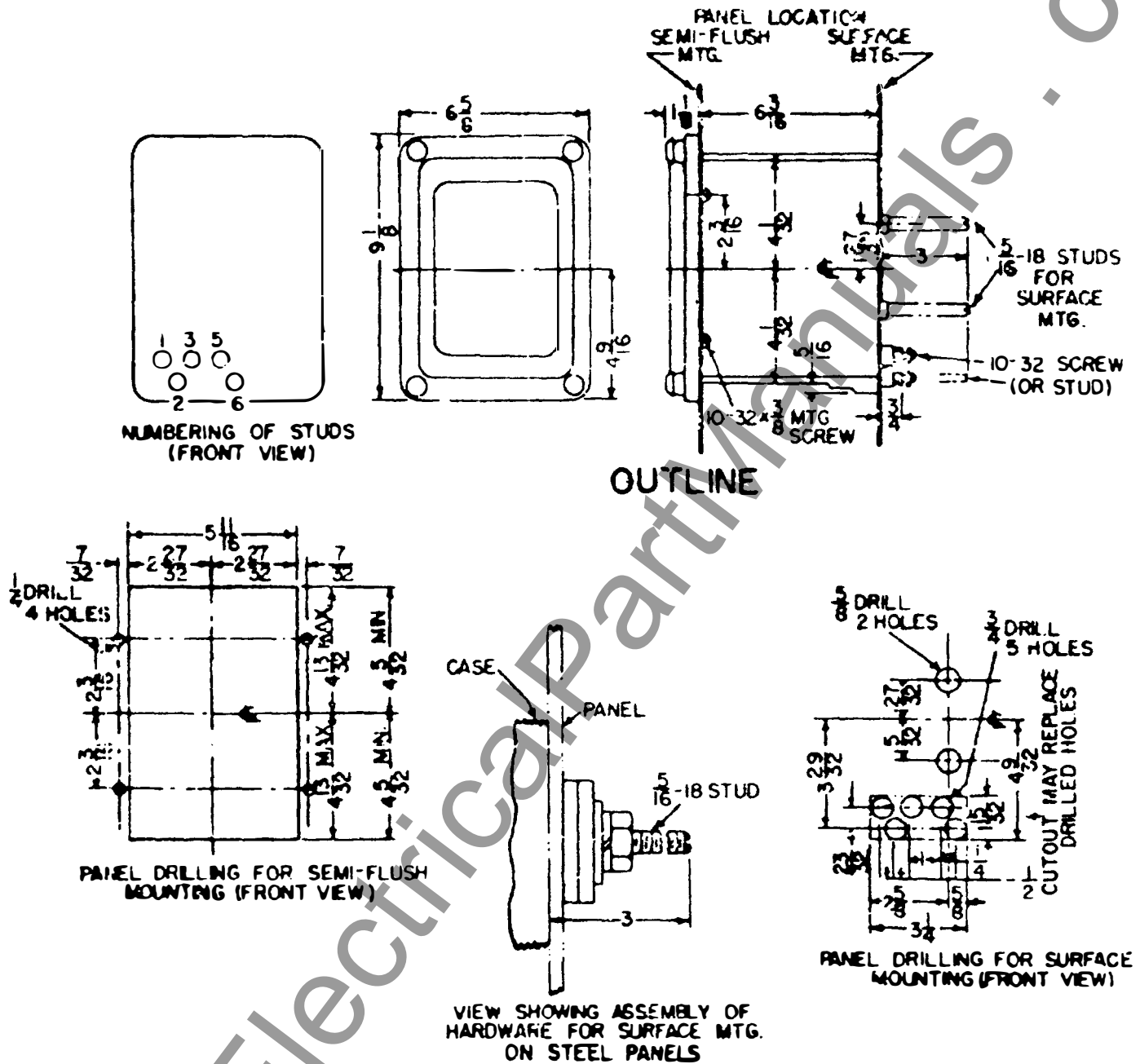


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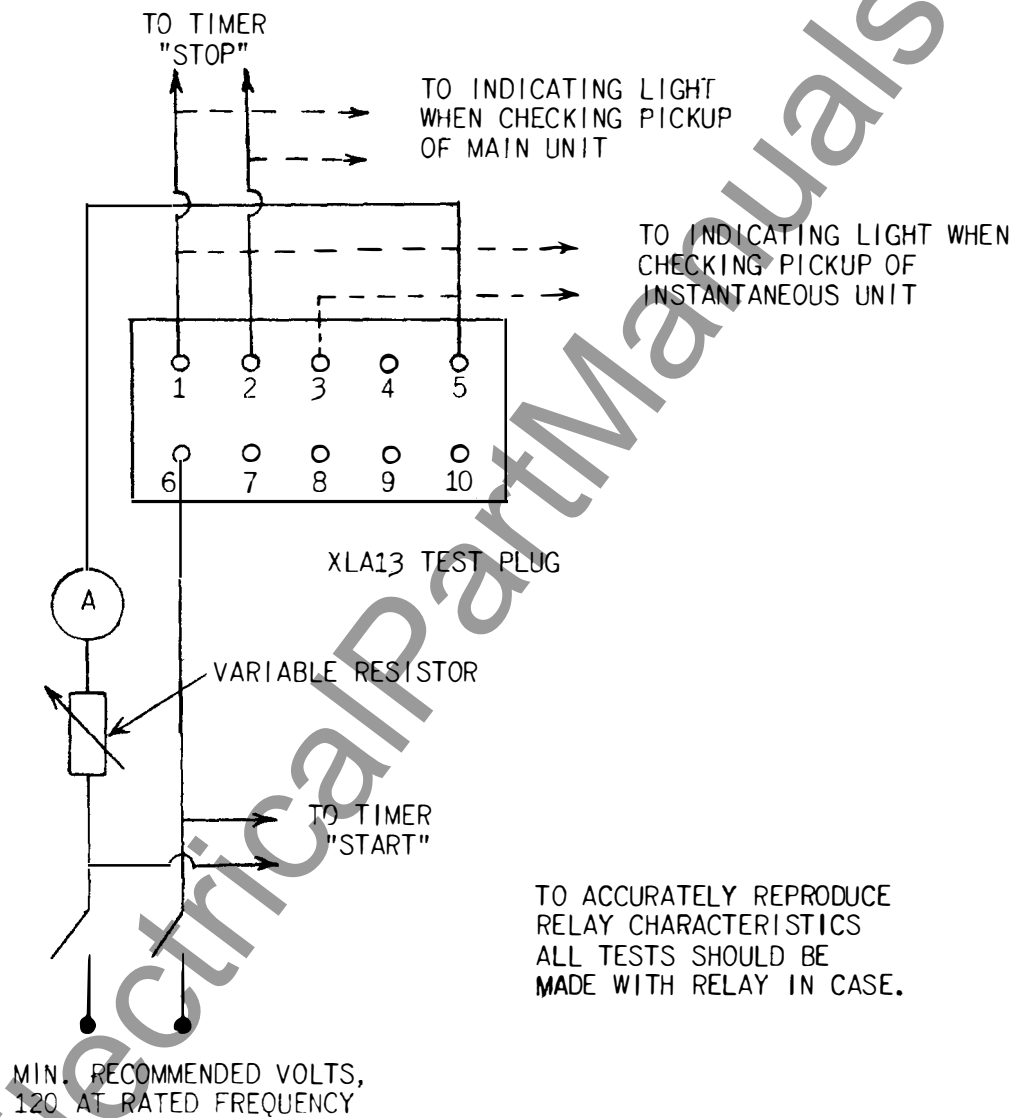


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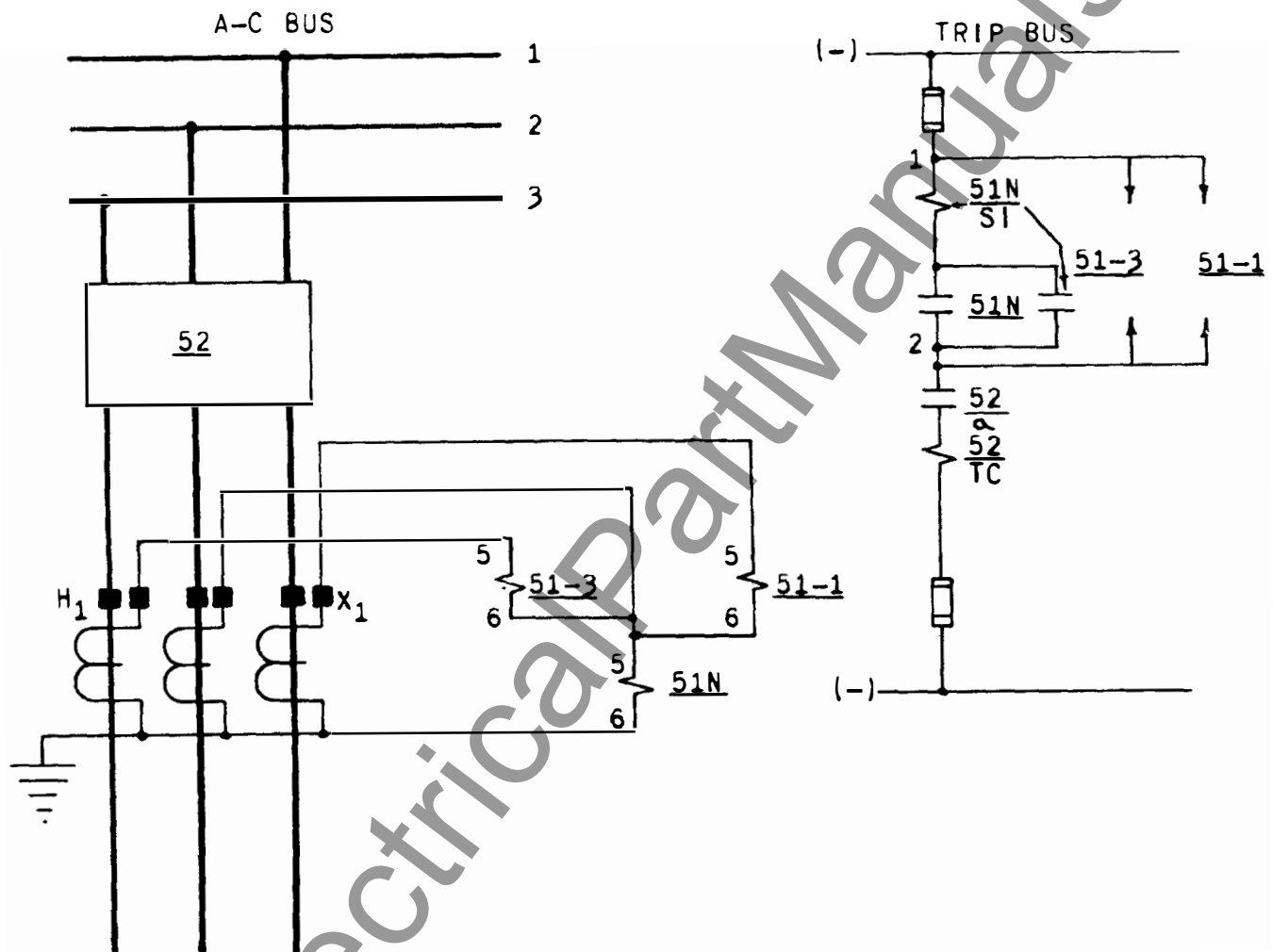


Figure 15 (6375667-2) External Connections of Three Type-IAC53A Relays used for Phase-to-Phase and Ground-Overcurrent Protection of a 3-Phase Circuit



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## Errata Sheet

Revisions to GEK- 34054H pages 5, 6 and 8

### PAGE 5

On TABLE I of this page under **PICKUP RANGE, AMPERES** the range value for IAC53A and IAC54A and IAC53B and IAC54B which reads 2.0 - 15.0 **should read 2.0 - 16.0.**

On TABLE II of this page under **RANGE, AMPERES** the range value which reads 2.0 - 15.0 **should read 2.0 - 16.0.** Also under **TAPS AVAILABLE ( AMPERES )**, at the end of the string of tap values where it reads 15.0 it **should read 16.0 .**

### PAGE 6

On TABLE III under **TIME OVERCURRENT UNIT** the last range value which reads 2.0 - 15.0 **should read 2.0 - 16.0.**

### PAGE 8

On TABLE IX under **RANGE:** the range which reads 0.5 - 0.4 **should read 0.5 - 4.0.** Also under **BURDENS AT MIN. PICKUP** the value for **R** that reads 0.40 **should read 1.40.**

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