

INSTRUCTIONS

**SWITCHGEAR DIAGRAMS**

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### INTRODUCTION

It is the object of this publication to provide a practical guide which will enable those who install, operate, or maintain General Electric switchgear, to make the best use of the electrical diagrams which we customarily supply with such equipment.

Four types of electrical diagrams, one or more of which are supplied with each G-E switchgear equipment, are defined and explained herein:

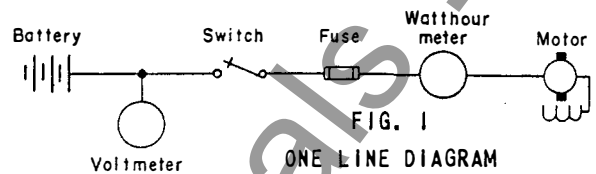
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### ONE LINE DIAGRAMS

#### DEFINITION

A one-line diagram is one which indicates, by means of single lines and simplified symbols, the course and component devices or parts of an electric circuit or system of circuits. It depicts the

path of energy transfer and the identification of circuit components with their ratings.



One-line diagrams for General Electric switchgear may be prepared as finished drawings when the equipment is so complex as to require several elementary diagrams, or where the over-all function and performance of several units of switchgear equipment can be more clearly understood from a one-line diagram than from the elementary diagram. However, practical experience has shown that the more complicated circuits of control apparatus can be much more clearly and accurately indicated by elementary diagrams.

### ELEMENTARY DIAGRAMS

#### DEFINITION

An elementary diagram is one which shows, in straight-line form without regard for physical relationships, all circuits and device elements,\* of an equipment and its associated apparatus or any clearly defined portion thereof. Where the circuits function inherently in a definite sequence, they are so arranged on the diagram as to indicate that sequence. (\*The term "device element" as used here is defined as: Any portion of a device whose purpose is to open or introduce any impedance into a circuit.)

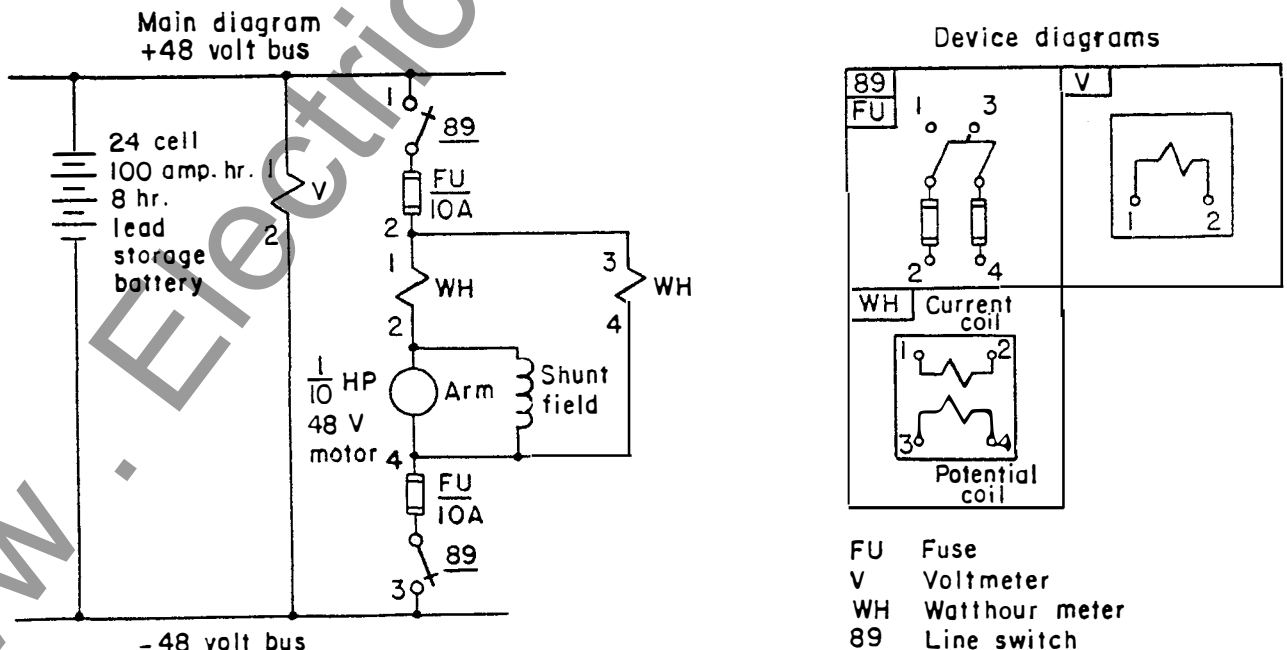


FIG. 2  
ELEMENTARY DIAGRAM

The following characteristics of this diagram should be noted:

1. Each circuit is drawn in the so-called "straight line" form; that is, in the most direct line from one polarity of its source of power to the other.
2. In order to produce the foregoing characteristic the two poles of the double-pole line switch, 89, have been entirely disassociated; that is, the physical relationship of these two elements has been disregarded.
3. The approximate physical relation of device terminals, and the connections to their internal elements, are shown as device diagrams, separate from the main diagram.
4. The electrical details of the connections of the devices are definitely defined by cross-reference between the numbers on the device element symbols in the main diagram and corresponding numbers on the device diagrams. For example, the fact that the left-hand pole of the line switch is connected in the positive side of the circuit is established by this means, as is the fact that the left-hand coil studs of the watt-hour meter and voltmeter are connected to positive polarity.

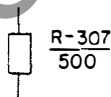
The elementary diagram of a G-E switchgear equipment shows every device element and all circuits of the equipment, together with its associated apparatus, such as generators, motors, transformers, etc. Because the elementary diagram is concerned with the elements of devices, and their electrical interconnections, the symbols used are those representing device elements rather than complete devices.

Familiarity with the conventions followed in the identification of the various elements of the elementary diagram, while not essential to an understanding of the diagram, will be very helpful.

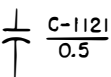
1. The ampere rating of a fuse is placed below the abbreviation, thus:



2. The identifying number of a resistor following the R is usually the mark or item number on the summary or bill of material. The total ohmic value is placed below the line, thus:



3. The identifying number of a capacitor following the C is usually the mark or item number on the summary or bill of material. The micro-farad capacitance is placed below the line, thus:



4. Wherever applicable, devices are designated by standard ASA function numbers and the elements are identified by these numbers, thus:



The following is a complete list of ASA device-function numbers, with which reasonable familiarity is a great aid to quick determination of the performance of the equipment from the diagram:

- 1 Master Element
- 2 Time-delay Starting or Closing Relay
- 3 (Reserved for future application.)
- 4 Master Contactor or Relay
- 5 Stopping Device
- 6 Starting Circuit Breaker, Contactor or Switch
- 7 Anode Circuit Breaker
- 8 Control Power Switch
- 9 Reversing Device
- 10 Unit Sequence Switch
- 11 Control Power Transformer
- 12 Overspeed Device
- 13 Synchronous-speed Device
- 14 Underspeed Device
- 15 Speed Regulating Device
- 16 Battery-charging Control Device
- 17 Series Field Shunting Circuit Breaker or Contactor
- 18 Accelerating or Decelerating Circuit Breaker, Contactor, or Relay
- 19 Starting to Running Transition Contactor or Relay
- 20 Electrically Operated Valve
- 21 Impedance Relay
- 22 Equalizer Circuit Breaker or Contactor
- 23 Temperature Regulating Device
- 24 Bus Tie Circuit Breaker, Contactor, or Switch
- 25 Synchronizing or Paralleling Device
- 26 Apparatus Thermal Device
- 27 A-c Undervoltage Relay
- 28 Resistor Thermal Device
- 29 Isolating Circuit Breaker, Contactor, or Switch
- 30 Annunciator Relay
- 31 Separate Excitation Device
- 32 D-c Reverse Power Relay or Device
- 33 Position Switch
- 34 Motor-operated Sequence Switch
- 35 Brush-operating or Slip-ring Short-circuiting Device
- 36 Polarity Device
- 37 Undercurrent or Underpower Relay
- 38 Bearing Thermal Device
- 39 Field Reducing Contactor
- 40 Field Relay
- 41 Field Circuit Breaker, Contactor, or Switch
- 42 Running Circuit Breaker, Contactor, or Switch
- 43 Transfer Device
- 44 Unit Sequence Starting Contactor or Relay
- 45 D-c Overvoltage Relay
- 46 Reverse-phase, Phase-balance Current, or Power Rectifier Misfire Relay
- 47 Single- or Reverse-phase Voltage Relay
- 48 Incomplete Sequence Relay
- 49 A-c Thermal Relay or Device
- 50 Short-circuit Selective Relay or Device
- 51 A-c Overcurrent Relay
- 52 A-c Circuit Breaker or Contactor
- 53 Exciter or Generator Relay
- 54 High-speed Circuit Breaker
- 55 Power-factor Relay
- 56 Field Application Relay or Device

- 57 (Reserved for future application.)
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- 59 A-c Overvoltage Relay
- 60 Voltage Balance Relay
- 61 Current Balance Relay
- 62 Time-delay Stopping or Opening Relay
- 63 Fluid Pressure, Level, or Flow Relay
- 64 Ground Protective Relay
- 65 Governor
- 66 Notching Relay
- 67 A-c Power Directional or A-c Power Directional Overcurrent Relay
- 68 D-c Thermal Relay or Device
- 69 Permissive Control Device
- 70 Electrically Operated Rheostat
- 71 D-c Line Emergency Circuit Breaker or Contactor
- 72 D-c Line Circuit Breaker or Contactor
- 73 Load Resistor Circuit Breaker or Contactor
- 74 Alarm Relay
- 75 Position Changing Mechanism
- 76 D-c Overcurrent Relay
- 77 Impulse Transmitter
- 78 Phase-angle Measuring Relay
- 79 A-c Reclosing Relay
- 80 D-c Undervoltage Relay or Device
- 81 Frequency Device
- 82 D-c Reclosing Relay
- 83 Selective Control, or Transfer, Contactor or Relay
- 84 Operating Mechanism
- 85 Carrier or Pilot-wire Receiver Relay
- 86 Locking-out Relay or Device
- 87 Differential Current Relay
- 88 Auxiliary Motor or Motor Generator
- 89 Line Switch
- 90 Regulating Device
- 91 D-c Voltage Directional Relay
- 92 D-c Voltage and Current Directional Relay
- 93 Field-changing Contactor or Relay
- 94 Tripping or Trip-free Relay or Contactor
- 95 } (Reversed for special application.)
- 96 }
- 97 }
- 98 }
- 99 }

The above numbers are used to designate device functions on all types of manual and automatic switchgear, except automatic reclosing feeder equipments. For such equipments a similar series of numbers, starting with 101 instead of 1, is used for the functions which apply.

Letter suffixes are used with device-function numbers for various purposes, as follows:

1. To denote separate auxiliary devices such as:

- X } --Auxiliary Relay or Contactor
- Y }
- Z }
- R --Raising Relay or Contactor
- L --Lowering Relay or Contactor
- O --Opening Relay or Contactor
- C --Closing Relay or Contactor
- CS --Control Switch
- CL --"a" Auxiliary-switch Relay
- OP --"b" Auxiliary-switch Relay
- U --"Up" Position-switch Relay
- D --"Down" Position-switch Relay

PB --Push Button

2. To indicate the medium, or condition, or electrical quantity to which the device responds, such as:

- A --Air
- C --Current
- E --Electrolyte
- F --Frequency, or Flow
- L --Level
- P --Power, or Pressure
- PF --Power Factor
- O --Oil
- S --Speed
- T --Temperature
- V --Voltage, or Vacuum
- VAR --Reactive Power
- W --Water

3. To denote the location of the main device in the circuit, or the type of circuit in which the device is used or with which it is associated, or otherwise identify its application in the circuit or equipment, such as:

- A --Alarm
- B --Battery, Blower, or Bus
- BP --Bypass
- BT --Bus Tie
- C --Capacitor, or Condenser, or Compensator
- E --Exciter, or Emergency
- F --Feeder, or Field, or Forward
- G --Generator, or Ground
- H --Heater, or Housing
- L --Leading, or Line
- M --Motor, or Metering
- N --Neutral
- R --Reactor, or Reverse, or Rectifier
- S --Synchronizing
- T --Transformer, Test, or Trailing
- TH --Transformer (High-voltage Side)
- TL --Transformer (Low-voltage Side)

4. (a) To denote parts of the main device (except auxiliary contacts as covered under (b), such as:

- A --Accelerating Device
- BB --Bucking Bar
- BK --Brake
- C --Coil, or Condenser, or Capacitor
- CC --Closing Coil
- HC --Holding Coil
- IS --Inductive Shunt
- L --Lower Operating Coil
- LS --Limit Switch
- M --Operating Motor
- MF --Fly-ball Motor
- ML --Load-limit Motor
- MS --Synchronizing Motor
- S --Solenoid
- TC --Trip Coil
- U --Upper Operating Coil
- V --Valve

(b) To denote parts of the main device, such as auxiliary contacts (except limit-switch (LS) contacts as covered under (a) which move as part of the main device and are not actuated by external means). These auxiliary switches, for contactors,

circuit breakers, safety-enclosed trucks, removable circuit-breaker units, housings, enclosures, etc., are designated as follows:

"a" Closed when main device is in energized or operated position\* (See note below).

"b" Closed when main device is in de-energized or nonoperated position\* (See note below).

\*Note: As applied to circuit breakers, an auxiliary switch is designated as "a" (shown on drawings as normally open) if it is closed when the circuit breaker is closed, or as "b" (shown on drawings as normally closed) if it is closed when the circuit breaker is open.

"aa" Closed when operated mechanism of main device is in energized or operated position.

"bb" Closed when operated mechanism of main device is in de-energized or nonoperated position.

"lc" Latch-checking switch, closed when circuit breaker-mechanism linkage is relatched. Letters e, f, h, etc., ab, ac, ad, etc., or ba, bc, bd, etc., are special auxiliary switches. Lower-case (small) letters are used for auxiliary switches in all cases. If several similar auxiliary switches are present on the same device, they are designated numerically 1, 2, 3, etc., when necessary. As applied to a removable circuit breaker unit, or housing, or enclosure, a (or b) is an auxiliary contact which is closed (or open) when the unit is in the connected position.

5. To indicate special features, or characteristics, or the conditions when the contacts operate, or are made operative, or placed in circuit such as:

- A --Accelerating, or Automatic
- C --Close, or Cold
- D --Decelerating, or Down
- H --Hot, or High
- HR --Hand Reset
- IT --Inverse Time
- L --Left, or Low, or Lower
- M --Manual
- O --Open
- R --Right, or Raise
- T --Test, or Trip
- TDC--Time-delay Closing
- TDO--Time-delay Opening
- U --Up

In order to prevent any possible conflict, one letter or combination of letters has only one meaning on an individual equipment. All other words beginning with the same letter are written out in full each time, or some other distinctive abbreviation is used.

Descriptions of auxiliary devices with suffixes CL, OP, X, Y and Z in the device list of the diagram indicate the nature of the auxiliary function; a few words suffice for such a description; otherwise, the term "auxiliary" is used. For example:

- 52X --Closing relay for 52
- 52Y --Cut-off relay for 52
- 52CL --"a" auxiliary switch relay for 52
- 52CSW--Control switch for 52
- 27X --Auxiliary relay for 27

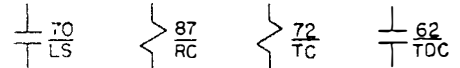
In order to prevent any possible conflict, one letter or combination of letters has only one meaning on an individual equipment. Furthermore, its meaning is clearly designated in the device function list of the drawing. All other words beginning with the same letter are written out in full each time or some other distinctive abbreviation is used.

6. Devices to which function numbers are not applicable, such as meters and instruments, are given abbreviations; i.e., WH for watt-hour meter, and elements are indicated thus:



6. Device numbers are underscored to distinguish them from device-terminal or device-element numbers.

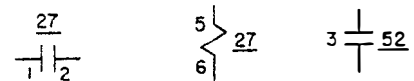
7. Distinguishing features of device elements are frequently placed beneath the function number thus:



the abbreviations being descriptive of the feature indicates, as:

- LS --Limit switch
- RC --Restraining coil
- TC --Trip coil
- TDC--Time delay closing

8. Device terminal or element numbers, derived from the device diagram, are usually placed at the left of, or below the element symbol, thus:



9. Main power circuits, and their component device elements, are usually drawn separate from control circuits, and placed at the beginning of the drawing.

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## CONNECTION DIAGRAMS

### DEFINITION

A connection diagram is one which shows the connections of an installation or its component devices and equipment.

G-E switchgear connection diagrams show the general physical arrangement of devices and accessory items such as terminal blocks, fuse blocks, resistors, etc.

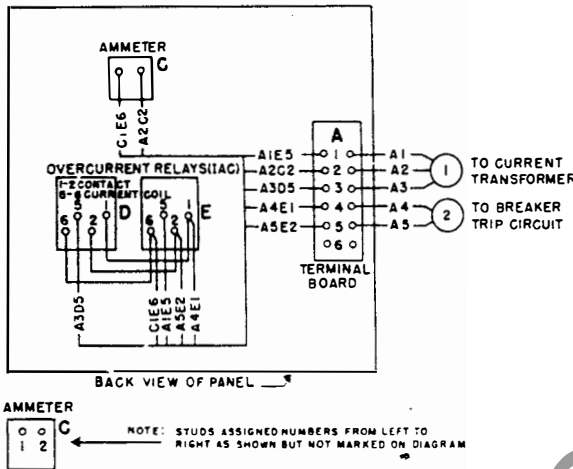


FIG. 3  
CONNECTION DIAGRAM

It will be noted that diagram Fig. 3 shows the relative location of the devices on the panel, the origin and destination of the actual wires used in making the connections between devices, and the terminal board provided for the purpose of joining the connections on the panel to those leading from the panel to the external apparatus.

The connection diagram is primarily an instrument of manufacture. While it has some value to the user of switchgear as a record of the general physical arrangement of the connections of a switchgear equipment assembly, including such accessory items as terminal blocks, fuse blocks, resistors, etc., it is not intended nor adaptable as a means of tracing circuits through various device elements. Such tracing of circuits is nearly always accomplished much more readily and accurately from the elementary diagram.

There are, however, a number of conventions which promote uniformity and facilitate reading the connection diagram.

1. Each device on a unit of a switchgear assembly, such as a metal-clad switchgear unit or a panel of a duplex board, is assigned an arbitrary letter or pair of letters. Such letters are also assigned to each terminal board, fuse block, resistor, or other accessory device to which wires are attached. The letters are usually assigned consecutively from left

to right and top to bottom. First letters of the alphabet are assigned to terminal boards a few letters between terminal board and device designations remain unassigned depending upon the size of the equipment, for designating terminal boards which may be added in the future. After all the letters of the alphabet have been used, double letters, AB, AC, AD; etc. are used. Referring to Fig. 3 as an example, the terminal board is assigned the letter "A" and the devices letters "C", "D", and "E".

Fuse blocks, that are not part of device assemblies, are designated by letter combinations beginning with "U", and resistors are designated by letter combinations beginning with "R". Indicating lamps associated with a control switch are designated by the switch letter followed by letters representing the lamp's color; for example, if the switch letter is D the red lamp is DR, and the green lamp is DG. Lamps that are not associated with a switch may be given separate letters, or a group of lamps may be given a letter with colors designated as above.

2. Each stud on a device is assigned a number from left to right and top to bottom. On simpler devices, such as indicating instruments and meters, the numbers may be omitted from the symbol. However, on some devices, for manufacturing reasons, the stud identification is not in the above stated order; in these cases the stud numbers are as indicated on the internal device diagram as shown in Fig. 3.

3. A lead connecting point #1 of terminal board "A" to stud #5 of overcurrent relay "E" is designated A1E5, the terminal board letter and number always preceding the device letter and number. Similarly the lead connecting stud #1 of the ammeter "C" to stud #6 of the overcurrent relay "E" would be designated C1E6, the letter and stud number of the device located higher on the panel preceding the letter and stud number of the device located lower on the panel. The advantage of this procedure is evident when tracing a connection having its origin at about the middle section of a more complicated panel, the lead designation giving the indication to either go up or down the panel for its destination thus eliminating about one half of the area covered by the entire panel diagram.

Short jumpers, such as between adjacent overcurrent relays "D" and "E", Fig. 1, need bear no lead marking.

Terminal boards provided for shipping breaks of a structure too large to be handled as one complete unit are not given identification letters and are therefore not used as such for lead identification combinations, and furthermore, may not appear on the wiring diagram. Temporary identification is provided by means of tags, to facilitate reconnection in the field.

The method outlined for tracing out a circuit on the simple diagram of Fig. 3 also holds for more complicated diagrams. With the aid of the respective elementary diagram while tracing through circuits of the wiring diagram a marked proficiency in reading the diagrams will result and a better knowledge of circuits will follow.

### INTERCONNECTION DIAGRAMS

#### DEFINITION

An interconnection diagram is one which shows the complete connections between equipment units, or unit assemblies, and associated apparatus. The internal connections of the units or unit assemblies are omitted.

Interconnections from one panel or unit to another are identified by adding panel or unit numbers to the lead combination as shown in Fig. 4. For

illustration, a wire connecting from terminal point 3 of terminal board designated 'X' of unit or panel #7 to terminal point 5 of terminal board designated 'X' of unit or panel #8, would be marked 7X3-8X5.

Where interconnections are not completely shown on the interconnection diagram they are indicated as terminating in numbered circles as shown in Fig. 5. These numbered circles are merely convenient lead groupings and do not necessarily represent conduits. The destination of outgoing connections is indicated by note or reference to other drawings placed near the numbered circle.

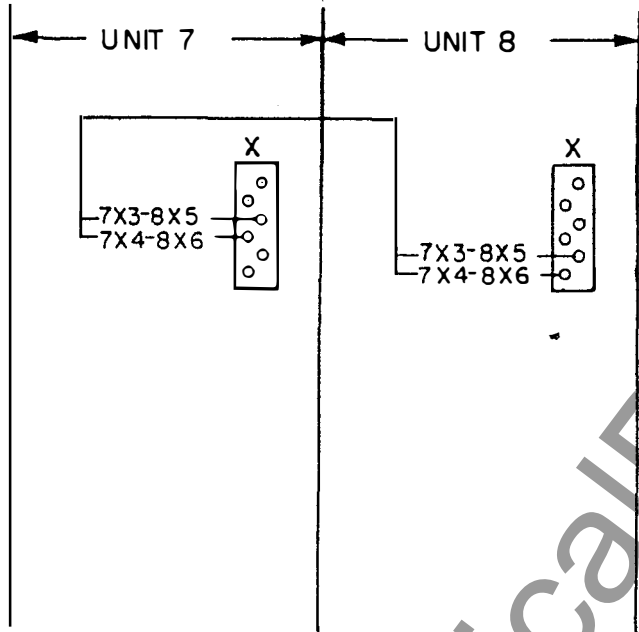


FIG. 4  
INTERCONNECTION DIAGRAM

TO CURRENT  
TRANSFORMERS  
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TO GOVERNOR  
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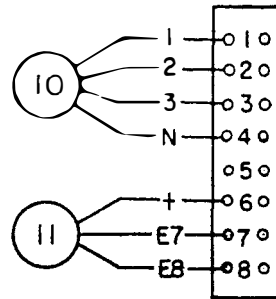


FIG. 5  
OUTGOING CONNECTION DIAGRAM

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