ITE Protective Relays

GROUND FAULT PROTECTIVE SYSTEM

TYPE GR-5 (5-50 AMPERES) SURFACE AND DRAWOUT MOUNTED
INSTRUCTIONS FOR GROUND-SHIELD GROUND FAULT PROTECTIVE SYSTEM
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APPLICATION

The GROUND-SHIELD ground protective system provides fast sensitive protection against all ground faults on grounded electrical distribution systems. The system consists of a special design current transformer which is called a ground sensor and a solid state ground relay. The ground sensor encircles all conductors and provides an output to the ground relay when a ground fault occurs on the circuit. The ground relay operates the shunt trip device on the circuit breaker. The ground relay can also be used to initiate an alarm on high resistance, ground systems where a trip is not desired. On high resistance grounded systems, the sensor can be mounted on the neutral connection to ground.

RECEIVING, HANDLING, STORAGE

Upon receipt of the GROUND-SHIELD system (when not included as part of a switchboard) examine for shipping damage. If damage or loss is evident, file a claim at once and promptly notify the nearest 1-T-E Imperial Corporation Sales Office. Use normal care in handling to avoid mechanical damage. The GROUND-SHIELD system has no moving parts and if kept reasonably clean and dry, has no practical limit to its operating life.

MAINTENANCE AND RENEWAL PARTS

No maintenance is required on the GROUND-SHIELD system. Should the relay be damaged physically or electrically due to improper connections or application, it is recommended that a new relay be ordered from the factory. When ordering the relay, state the type relay, catalog number, control voltage and serial number of the relay.

SIZE AND RATING

Application to circuits is independent of circuit current rating. Sensors are selected by the time curve characteristic desired, control voltage of the system, and type mounting required.

INPUT AND OUTPUT CIRCUIT DUTY RATING

For input and output circuit duty ratings, refer to tables shown at top of page 6.

ALARM CONTACT

On semi-flush relays, where ordered, a single pole double throw contact is wired to the relay rear terminals 9, 10 and 11 for additional use. (9 to 10 normally open, 10 to 11 normally closed.) The rating of this contact is 3 amperes continuous. To accomplish this feature with the surface relay, an auxiliary relay is required.

INSTALLATION

MOUNTING

The sensors should be mounted so as to enclose all conductors except the ground conductor. Cable conductors should be bundled tightly and centered in the sensor window. The sensor should not be mounted in a manner that would put stress on the mounting bushings.

For information on installation of split sensors, refer to top of page 5.

Ground sensors should be short circuited during maintenance periods. This will prevent the presence of moderate sensor output voltages (less than 100 volts) if a ground should occur during the maintenance period. The sensor mounting dimensions are shown in Figure 1.

The relay should be mounted in a location where the pickup setting is accessible and can be adjusted at any time without danger to the operator. Relay mounting dimensions are shown in Figure 2 and 3. Relays are available in surface mounted and semi-flush panel mounted type cases. The semi-flush relay has drawout facilities.

When mounting a ground sensor over shielded cable or metal sheathed cable, certain precautions must be taken so that proper relay operation is assured.

Shielded Cable

On shielded cable, the shielding tape must be connected to ground at a point on the cable side (opposite switchgear bus side) of the current sensor. If the ground wire is connected to the shield on the switchgear bus side of the sensor window, the ground wire must be brought back through the sensor window before being connected to the ground bus.

Metal Sheathed Cable

When a ground sensor is applied over sheathed cable which is terminated at a pothead, the pothead mounting must be insulated from ground (600 volt insulation level) and the ground wire from the pothead body brought back through the sensor window before being connected to the ground bus.

CONNECTIONS

Wiring diagrams are given in Figures 4 to 7. Wires from the sensor to the relay should be at least #14 gauge wire and no more than 1000 feet in length. Larger wire should be used for greater distances. Total lead resistance of wires from sensor to relay should be no more than 5 ohms.

A circuit breaker auxiliary switch, 52a, should always be used in series with the shunt trip coils to prevent thermal damage to the tripping circuit. The GR5 Ground relay cannot be used directly with a capacitor trip device.
SETTINGS

The relay minimum operating current (pick-up setting) is adjustable from 5 to 50 amperes. The time current curves of each relay are preset at the factory. The surface type relay has one preselected time curve. The semi-flush mounted relay has five time curves which can be adjusted in the field.

OPERATION OF AUXILIARY RELAYS WITH GROUND SHIELD RELAYS

The output circuit of the ground shield relay consists of a silicon controlled rectifier (SCR) which is turned on (contact closure) by the timing circuit and is held “on” by the flow of coil current.

In A.C. application, approximately 0.1 amperes is required to insure that the SCR is held on. (The output circuit is designed such that all coils having less than 980 ohms, 60 hz impedance, will guarantee the required holding current down to 90 Vac.

In D.C. application, auxiliary relays with coil resistances greater than 10 ohms/V must have a parallel resistor added across the relay coil. Recommended resistance values are:

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<th>RECOMMENDED WATT RATING</th>
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<td>125</td>
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TESTING

NOTE: It is recommended that a fuse be inserted in series with the control power leads to protect the relay while being tested. This fuse should be a 1 ampere slow blow, such as Chase-Shawmut Cat. No. TRM, or Littelfuse Type 3AG.

HIGH POTENTIAL TESTS

Do not apply high voltage tests to solid state relay circuits. If a control wiring insulation test is required, bond all terminals together before applying test voltage.

PUSH TO TEST FEATURE

A push-to-test button is provided as a standard feature of the semiflush drawout relay.

This test feature enables one to check the operation of an installed system by applying an input signal to the relay which then operates in a normal manner to trip its associated interrupting device.

The pushbutton is recessed to prevent accidental operation.

OPERATION INDICATOR

An operation indicator is provided as a standard feature of the semiflush drawout relay.

The operation indicator shows international orange when the relay operates due to a ground fault. The indicator retains correct status memory independent of control power. Reset is accomplished by pressing the reset pushbutton.

CAUTION: Do not poke the orange target with pointed object; it can be easily damaged.

OPERATIONAL TESTS

It is not necessary to schedule periodic maintenance and testing of this ground protection system. However, if tests are desired to confirm the proper functioning of the system, one of the following procedures can be used.

A. Mounted in Switchgear

Tests should be made on a de-energized main circuit. If tests are to be made on an energized circuit, be sure to take all necessary precautions.

1. Set the relay at 5 amperes pick-up.
2. Insert a test wire through sensor (CT) window.
3. Apply control power to the circuit breaker trip circuit.
4. Apply 10 amperes through test wire, the relay will trip the breaker. Immediately return the test current to zero after breaker operation.
5. If breaker does not trip, interrupt the input circuit immediately, then check continuity of trip circuit including trip coil. This can be done by shorting out studs 3 and 4 on surface relay or studs 7 and 12 on semi-flush relay.

CAUTION: Relay output SCR will be damaged unless an “a” auxiliary switch opens trip circuit after trip operation.

B. Bench Tests – (without circuit breaker)

1. Connect relay and sensor as shown on page 6.
2. Set the relay at 5 amperes pick-up.
3. Run the primary current up so that approximately 6 amperes flow through sensor window. Auxiliary relay will pick-up when GR-5 relay operates. Immediately return the test current to zero after relay operates.
4. To repeat test, push reset push-button to drop out auxiliary relay.

CALIBRATION TESTS

If accurate calibration tests for minimum operating current and time delay are required, they should be made by the primary current method using sensor and relay as a system.

Approximate checks can be made of the system pick-up current by monitoring operation using time setting and current values as shown on the relay with a 10% tolerance or 1 ampere whichever is greater.

Time current curves, as shown on page 8, can be approximated by using test arrangement shown on page 7.
CAUTION: Sensors are 600V class devices. Follow air and surface clearance requirements of electrical equipment designs.

NOTE: Round cable spacers are provided with the 2 larger sensors to maintain clearances from sensor. Spacers add to outside dimension 1 inch (for D=5) or 2 to 3 inches (for D=8). Spacers reduce inside dimension (D) by 2 inches.

NOTE: Apply with minimum 1 inch clearance from sensor to conductors.

SEE HANDBOOK SHEET 18.1.2 pg. 3 for large rectangular solid and split sensors.

NOTE: All dimensions are in inches.
PRECAUTIONS FOR INSTALLATION OF SPLIT SENSORS

1. Handle the disassembled halves with care to prevent dust or metallic particles from settling on the iron gaps. Gap surfaces should be perfectly CLEAN prior to re-assembly.

2. When mounting, make sure there is no mechanical stress imposed on either gap by LOOSELY bolting the sensor to the supports using locking type nuts which lock on the bolt threads.

3. Early design models had only one mounting hole in each half of sensor. Later designs have two mounting holes in each half so that sensor can be supported TIGHTLY by two bolts in ONE SENSOR HALF ONLY.

4. Cables should be spaced from sensor using the polyester SPACEERS provided. Spacers may be omitted if cables are bundled (taped) together and bundle is kept ½” to 1” from sensor.

WIRING DIAGRAMS

NOTE: Where sensor-relay wiring runs together with power cables, a shielded control cable or twisted pair is recommended.

Figure 4—Type GR-5 Surface Mounted Relay. 120 Vac Control Power.

Figure 5—Type GR-5 Surface Mounted Relay. 48V or 125 Vdc Control Power.

Figure 6—Type GR-5 Semi-Flush Mounted Relay. 120 Vac Control Power

Figure 7—Type GR-5 Semi-Flush Mounted Relay. 48V or 125 Vdc Control Power.

(Alarm contacts are reset by pushing target reset button)
INPUT CIRCUIT DUTY RATINGS

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OUTPUT CIRCUIT DUTY RATINGS

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OPERATION TEST CONNECTIONS (see page 3)

Figure 8—120 Vac Surface Mounted Relay

Figure 9—48V and 125 Vdc Surface Mounted Relay

Figure 10—120 Vac Semi-Flush Mounted Relay

Figure 11—48V and 125 Vdc Semi-Flush Mounted Relay
RELAY CALIBRATION TESTS USING SYNCHRONOUS TIMER

Loop 2 turns of wire through sensor and apply 5 amperes.
Set Relay at 5 amperes pickup. Current is two (2) multiples of this pickup setting.

Figure 12—Time Curve Test Circuit
120 Vac Surface Mounted Relay

Figure 13—Time Curve Test Circuit
48 and 125 Vdc Surface Mounted Relay

Figure 14—Time Curve Test Circuit
120 Vac Semi-Flush Mounted Drawout Relay

Figure 15—Time Curve Test Circuit
48 and 125 Vdc Semi-Flush Mtd. Drawout Relay
These instructions do not purport to cover all details or variations in equipment nor to provide for every possible contingency to be met in connection with installation, operation, or maintenance. Should further information be desired or should particular problems arise which are not covered sufficiently for the purchaser's purposes the matter should be referred to GOULD, INC.