

# State Grid Relay Protection No 21



## Overview

Testing and commissioning a distance or impedance protection relay (21) involves ensuring the relay accurately measures the impedance to a fault and operates correctly to isolate the faulted section of the power system. A form of protection against faults on long-distance power lines is called distance. The global energy transition is ushering in a new era of power electronic-dominated grids (PEDGs), to complement the increase in the widespread integration of renewable sources like wind and solar. It is reshaping traditional grid architecture and making way for more flexible, efficient and. "21" is the ANSI/IEEE device number for the distance protection in a protective relaying methods. The relay measures V and I and calculates impedance Z as  $V/I$ . If Z falls within the zone setting, the relay conducts a trip (instant or. cteristic supervision: Add a reactance supervision. Members share and learn making Eng-Tips Forums the best source of engineering information on the Internet! Congratulations TugboatEng on being selected by the Eng-Tips community for having the most helpful posts in the.



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Distance or Impedance Protection (21) Video

This is an excellent introduction to distance or impedance protection and you are guaranteed to learn something new while watching it!

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Distance Protection (21)

Distance protection (21) (IEC Definition) A non-unit protection whose operation and selectivity depend on local measurement of electrical quantities

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ANSI (IEEE) Protective Device Numbering

The widely used United States standard ANSI/IEEE C37.2 "Electrical Power System Device Function Numbers, Acronyms, and Contact Designations" deals with protective device

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Distance Protection Relay 21 Overview

The document describes how distance protection relays 21 are classified and calibrated in different cases. They are classified into impedance, directional,

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Relay protection of the main grid and customer connections

Main principles of the main grid relay protection In accordance with the N-1 redundancy rule used in the main grid, no single network fault may trigger an expanding disturbance or loss of stability. Stability

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New development in relay protection for smart grid

Abstract This series of papers report on relay protection strategies that satisfy the demands of a strong smart grid. These strategies include ultra-high-speed transient-based fault discrimination, new co

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Section G2: Protection and Control Requirements for Transmission

**Purpose** This section specifies the requirements for protective relays and control devices for Generation Entities interconnecting to the PG& E Power System.

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Societal and technology trend report

The crisis of traditional relay protection: A disruption of the technological paradigm Using the high short-circuit currents and system inertia provided by synchronous generators, traditional relay protection

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Distance or Impedance Protection Relay (21) Test

Testing and commissioning a distance or impedance protection relay (21) involves ensuring the relay accurately measures the impedance to a fault and operates

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Protective Relays

Protect critical components in your power system with a wide range of SEL protective relays covering applications and use cases from low to high-voltage protection.

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Comparison of Protection Relay Types

This comparison summarize characteristics of all protection relay types described in previously published technical articles:

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Relay protection for power-electronics-dominated power grids:

Recognizing the dire need for advanced relay protection, this report presents a comprehensive analysis of the evolving landscape. It outlines technical challenges, potential innovative solutions, equipment

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Principles and Characteristics of Distance Protection

Distance protection, in its basic form, is a non-unit system of protection offering considerable economic and technical advantages. Unlike

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Understanding Distance Protection Relay 21

Understanding Distance Protection Relay 21 Distance relaying is a form of protection for long transmission power lines that can estimate the location of a fault by

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### Power System Protective Relays: Principles & Practices

As the protected components of the electrical systems have changed in size, configuration and their critical roles in the power system supply, some protection aspects need to be revisited (i.e. the use of

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### Protection Relay Types and Testing Procedures

Discover the types of protection relays, their applications, and essential testing procedures to ensure grid reliability and safety. Learn about

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### Approved Grid Protection Relays

This document provides a list of Approved Grid Protection Relays (GPR) for embedded generation systems to comply with the IEC Standards and ANSI/IEC device functions as outlined in STNW1174,

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### Basic protection relay knowledge

A fast and selective arc fault mitigation for air-insulated LV & MV switchgear and Relion protection and control relays and sensor technology protect staff and plant facilities for many years.

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### U 39Oakland, California Revised Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 60050-E (T

Single Line Diagram; Single Line Drawing: A schematic drawing, showing the major electric switchgear, Protective Function devices (including relays, current transformer and potential transformer

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### Phase/Ground Polarized Distance Characteristics 21G

The protection functions are updated automatically. For example, for memory usage and computational speed considerations, if an entire element is disabled, the subcircuits associated to its functions are

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### Watch the Understanding Distance Protection (21) Video

It is important to know how a regular distance protection (21) scheme will react to different faults around the relays, and how those reactions are different from

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ANSI Standard Device Numbers & Common Acronyms

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Protection, Control & Metering

GE Vernova's Protection, Control, and Metering solutions deliver precise, high-performance automation for today's evolving grid. From advanced relays to

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Distance relay (ANSI 21) in Generators | Eng-Tips

Hi everyone, I have been doing some research on generator protection and I have found that in some protection schemes the distance function (ANSI 21) is used as a backup protection. I am

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Types of Electrical Protection Relays or Protective Relays

□□ Key learnings: Protective Relay Definition: A protective relay is an automatic device that senses abnormal conditions in electrical circuits and

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CT's on neutral allow the 21 function to protect the generator prior to breaker closure if the settings can be configured to allow normal energization current without tripping. CT's on the

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Protection Relays

Technical resources and thought leadership for protection and control P& C relays for transmission, transformer, distribution feeders, bus, motors, generators, IEC 61850 process bus and digital meters.

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Protecting the Core: Securing Protection Relays in

Introduction — Why Securing Protection Relays Matters More Than Ever Substations are critical nexus points in the power grid, transforming high

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Fundamentals of Modern Protective Relaying

A primary motor protective element of the motor protection relay is the thermal overload element and this is accomplished through motor thermal image modeling. This model must account for thermal

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21 Distance Relay T (2024)

Understanding the 21 Distance Relay: A Comprehensive Guide Distance relays, crucial components of power system protection, are designed to detect faults along transmission lines. Among various

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