

What are the setting values for photovoltaic relay protection devices



AI Overview

PV relay protection settings are configured using parameters like Plug Setting Multiplier (PSM), Time Setting Multiplier (TSM), Overload (OL), and Earth Leakage (EL), tailored to the PV system's fault current, inverter capacity, and grid connection requirements.

Key Relay Settings for PV Systems

- 1. Plug Setting Multiplier (PSM)** PSM defines how many times the actual current exceeds the relay's pickup current. In PV systems, it is calculated based on the inverter output and short-circuit current of the PV strings. A higher PSM results in faster tripping, which is critical for protecting inverters and PV modules from overcurrent conditions. PSM selection should follow IEC 60255-151 standards for overcurrent relays to ensure proper operation under fault conditions.
- 2. Time Setting Multiplier (TSM)** TSM scales the relay's operating time according to the inverse time-current characteristic. In PV plants, TSM is used to coordinate upstream and downstream relays, ensuring that the relay closest to the fault trips first while backup relays operate with a delay. Lower TSM values result in faster tripping, which is important for minimizing damage during faults.
- 3. Overload (OL) Settings** OL settings protect PV inverters and transformers from thermal damage. The relay trips based on the I^2t principle, where the integral of squared current over time determines the trip. For PV systems, OL settings are typically set relative to the rated inverter current or full-load current of transformers, following IEC 60255-8 and IEC 60947-4-1 standards.
- 4. Earth Leakage (EL) Settings** EL settings detect ground faults in PV arrays. Thresholds are usually a percentage of the CT primary current or a fixed secondary current value. In medium-voltage PV systems, EL is often set between 10% and 40% of the CT primary to ensure sensitive detection without nuisance tripping.

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The plug settings (PS) and time-multiplier settings (TMS) of the relay must be carefully calculated to ensure at least a 0.15-second margin between each protection tier.

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Then, the electrical engineering software is used to perform a more accurate setting calculation and protection coordination. Also, the arc flash hazard is weakened by the arc flash protection device.

Highly sensitive protection scheme considering the PV operation

The OCR protection devices in Table 3 are initially configured based on a known operational state of the grid (common control mode, control 1). In our study, these OCRs were

Protection Basics

Protection System Elements Protective relays Circuit breakers CTs and VTs
(instrument transformers) Communications channels

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

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The Performance and Robustness of Power Protection

The short-circuit current computation (SCC) plays a crucial role in relay protection settings and coordination, fault location, and supply restoration.

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Short circuit analysis confirms timely clearing of faults by protection devices in various scenarios. Time-current relay curves are crucial for ensuring proper protective coordination within the network. The

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