

Relay protection device input wiring



Article Overview

Relay protection input wiring involves connecting control signals, CT/PT secondaries, and auxiliary circuits to ensure reliable fault detection and safe operation of protective relays.

Key Principles of Relay Input Wiring

1. **Terminal Identification and Standardization** Relay terminals are typically numbered or labeled according to standard conventions. For example, control coil terminals are often 85 and 86, while high-power contacts are 30, 87, and 87a for automotive-style relays, or specific protection terminals for power system relays. Standardized lead numbers help identify the purpose of each wire, such as J-series for DC incoming, K-series for control (closing/tripping), L-series for alarms, and E-series for PT secondaries .

2. CT and PT Connections

- **Current Transformers (CTs):** Use stranded copper leads for secondary connections, with proper shorting loops near CT terminals to prevent open-circuit hazards. Two nuts with a spring washer and flat washers are recommended for secure terminations .
- **Potential Transformers (PTs):** Stranded copper leads are preferred for protection circuits, with group MOCBs and DC alarms for monitoring . CTs with 1 A secondary are recommended for remote metering and protection devices.

3. Wiring Practices...

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