

# Type LFDC

## Digital Directional Comparison Protection Relay

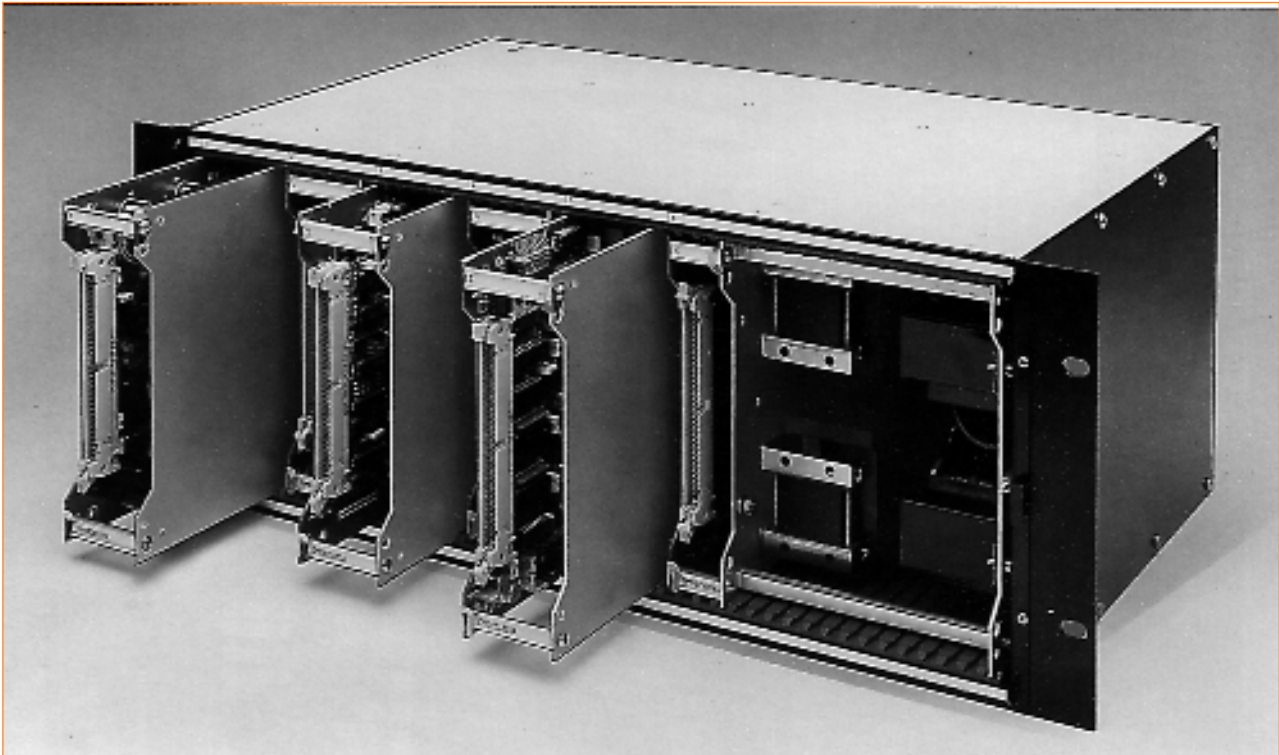


Figure 1: LFDC relay with hinged front cover removed to show the modular construction

### Features

- Complete phase and ground fault protection for all types of ehv and uhv transmission lines
- Suitable for 3 pole or single pole tripping
- High speed directional comparison protection using a signalling channel. Operating time of  $\frac{1}{2}$  cycle plus the signalling delay
- Optional distance zone, for back-up in the event of signalling failure, provides either under-reaching instantaneous protection or over-reaching time delayed protection
- Alternative protection detects faults occurring following manual or auto-reclose

- Optional directional earth fault protection
- Built-in voltage transformer supervision
- Integral operator interface for easy access to relay settings and fault/alarm records
- Continuous self-monitoring and diagnostic facilities
- Remote interrogation via RS232C serial link if required.

### Benefits

The need for improved power line protection has led to the development of a directional comparison protection relay based on new operating principles. This new protection has a number of advantages, including:

- fast operating time
- correct operation during evolving, inter-circuit and cross-country faults
- ability to detect high resistance faults
- excellent performance in the presence of distorted waveforms
- ability to withstand heavy circuit loading without the load encroachment problems of distance protection
- synchronised input signal sampling allows high sensitivity directional measurements, and provides an inherent immunity to power swings
- insensitivity to CVT transients, and to the distortion caused by CT saturation.

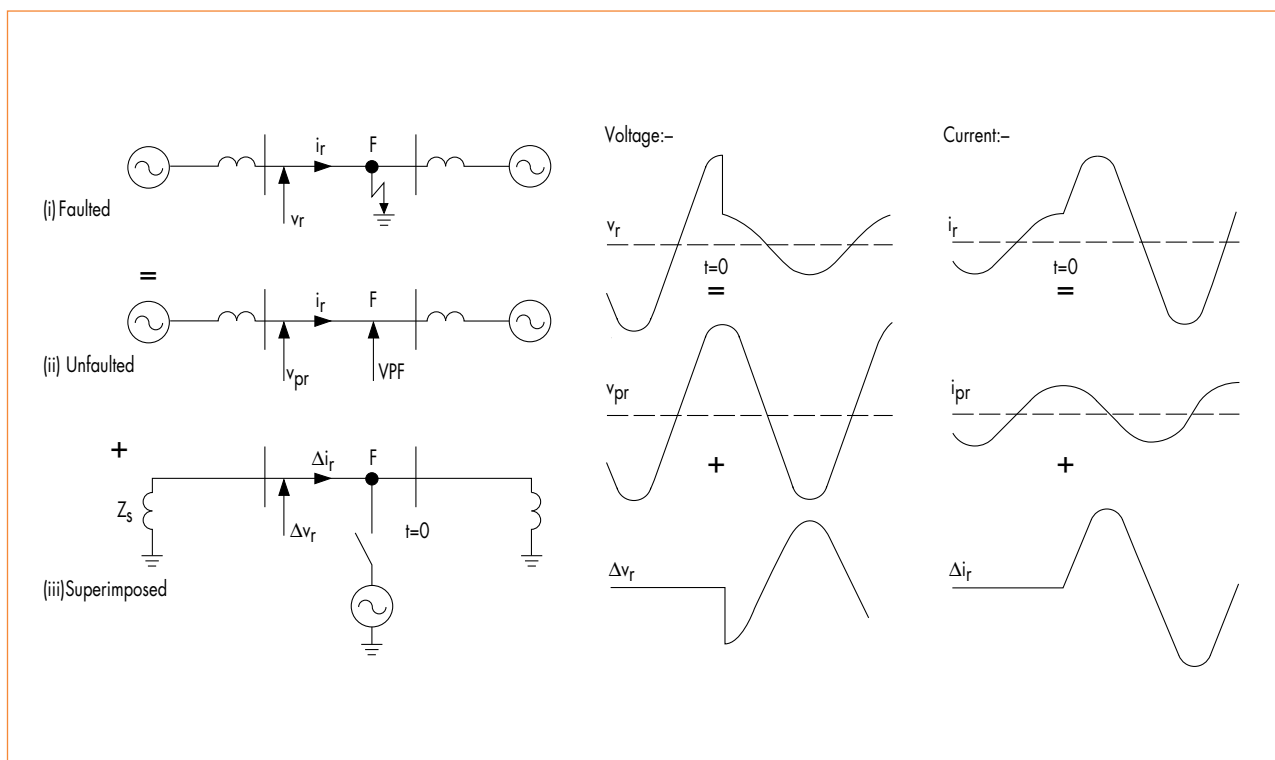


Figure 2: Relationship between the superimposed and the faulted power system

## Application

The directional comparison protection relay, type LFDC, is designed to provide complete phase and ground fault protection for all types of ehv and uhv transmission lines. Since the LFDC is based on an operating principle significantly different from conventional distanced protection, it is an ideal partner for Micromho, Quadramho or Optimho distance relays when two independent protection systems are required.

The directional comparison protection consists of an LFDC relay at each line end, communication between the relays being provided by a signalling channel and signalling equipment. Conventional on/off signalling equipment can be used (eg. power line carrier, microwave, fibre optics), since the channel is only required to transmit a single command. The protection operates as a blocking or permissive overreach scheme with an optional weak infeed feature available for the permissive overreach schemes, and provides three pole or single and three pole tripping.

The range of applications includes:

- lines with or without series compensation
- uncompensated line adjacent to series compensated lines

- shunt compensated lines
- lines requiring high sensitivity for ground faults
- parallel lines with high mutual coupling
- lines with mixed overhead and underground conductors

## Operating Principle - Directional Comparison Protection

High speed directional elements within each relay determine the fault direction and produce either a forward or reverse decision. These decisions are combined using either a blocking or permissive overreach scheme to generate the required trip signals.

The directional elements use the fault-generated changes in the voltage and current signals at the relay location, referred to as the superimposed signals, to determine the direction of a fault. During a fault the voltage signal changes by  $\Delta v_r$  and the current signal changes by  $\Delta i_r$ .

Figure 2 illustrates that the faulted power system can be considered to consist of two parts: the unfaulted system and the superimposed system. The superimposed system defines the changes caused by the fault.

The directional elements process the signals  $\Delta v_r$  and  $\Delta i_r$  obtained from the superimposed system (see Figure 2(iii)). For a fault in the forward direction the superimposed current ( $\Delta i_r$ ) is related to the superimposed voltage ( $\Delta v_r$ ) by the source impedance behind the relaying point ( $Z_s = |Z_s| \angle \theta_s$ ) i.e.:

$$\Delta i_r = \frac{-\Delta v_r \angle -\theta_s}{|Z_s|}$$

Similarly, for a fault in the reverse direction:

$$\Delta i_r = \frac{+\Delta v_r \angle -\theta_{Is}}{|Z_{Is}|}$$

where  $Z_{Is} = |Z_{Is}| \angle \theta_{Is}$  is the effective source impedance corresponding to the protected line plus the source at the remote in-feed.

The directional elements evaluate the direction of the fault by comparing the polarity of the phase delayed superimposed voltage ( $\Delta v_r \angle -\theta$ ) with the polarity of the superimposed current ( $\Delta i_r$ ). The superimposed voltage is phase delayed by  $78^\circ$ ; which approximates to the power system source angle for most system configurations.

A definite relationship exists between the superimposed voltage and current:

- for a forward fault  $\Delta v_r \angle -\theta$  and  $\Delta i_r$  are of opposite polarity and

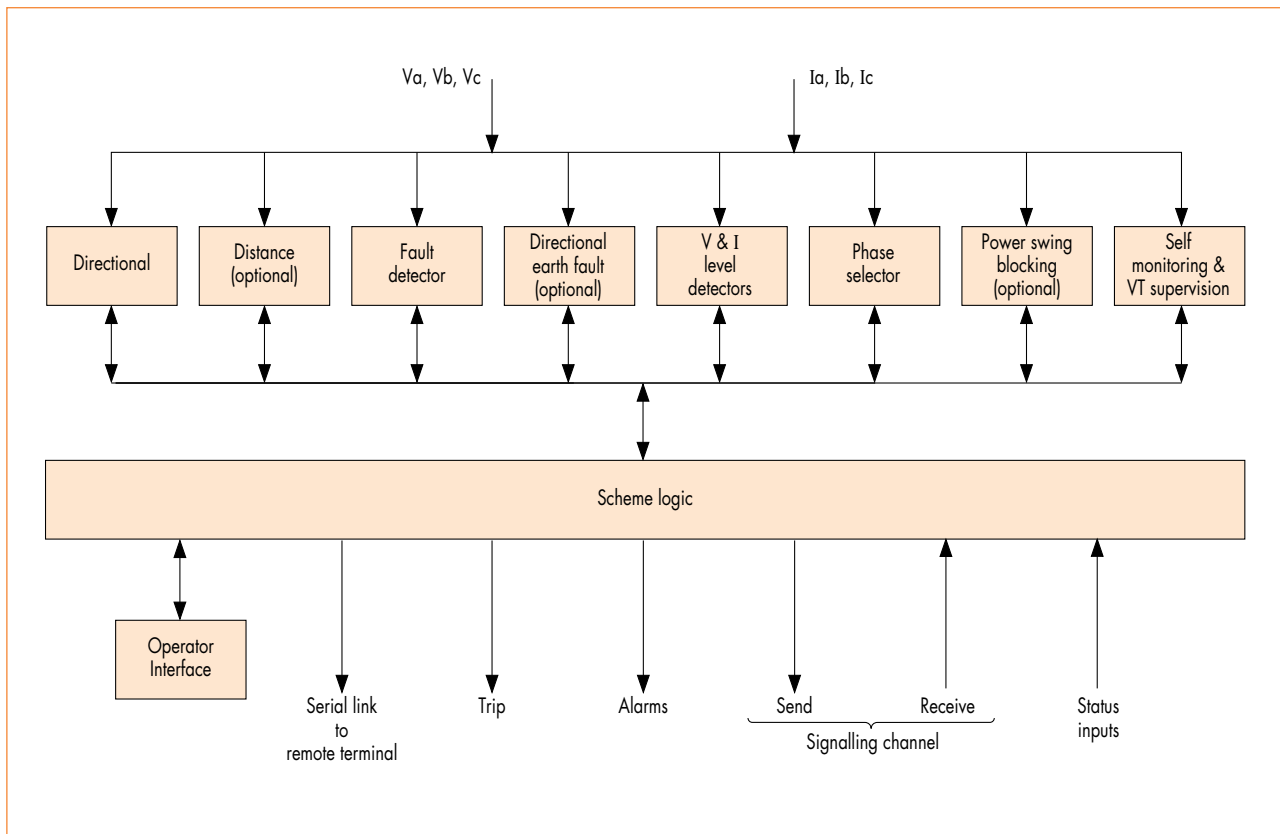


Figure 3: Functional block diagram

- for a reverse fault  $\Delta v_r \angle -\varnothing$  and  $\Delta i_r$  are of the same polarity.

The comparison is performed by mixing  $\Delta v_r \angle -\varnothing$  and  $\Delta i_r$  in accordance with the equation.

$$D_{op} = |\Delta v_r \angle -\varnothing - \Delta i_r| - |\Delta v_r \angle -\varnothing + \Delta i_r|$$

For a forward fault, since the magnitude of  $\Delta v_r \angle -\varnothing - \Delta i_r$  is greater than the magnitude of  $\Delta v_r \angle -\varnothing + \Delta i_r$ , the directional operating signal,  $D_{op}$ , is positive.

Conversely for a reverse fault, since the magnitude of  $\Delta v_r \angle -\varnothing + \Delta i_r$  is greater than the magnitude of  $\Delta v_r \angle -\varnothing - \Delta i_r$ ,  $D_{op}$  is negative.

The directional elements evaluate the polarity of  $D_{op}$  and compare its value against operating thresholds to determine fault direction. All faults causing a current change of greater than  $0.2I_n$  and a voltage change of greater than the voltage setting, are detected. The directional elements will change their directional decision if required, for example during cross-country faults. For security, and change in decision is supervised by a distance fault detector.

### Operating Principle - Distance & Fault Detectors

The LFDC incorporates one complete zone of distance protection and a separate distance fault detector as shown in Figure 3.

The optional menu-selectable distance protection does not rely on the signalling channel for its operation, but is supervised by the forward directional decision. It is intended to give back-up protection in the event of signalling failure, by acting as either an under-reaching instantaneous protection, or a time delayed over-reaching protection providing back-up to the entire protected section. The distance zone is implemented using six forward-looking, memory polarised mho distance elements (A-N, B-N, C-N, A-B, B-C, C-A).

The fault detector, (comprising six forward-looking and six reverse-looking, memory polarised mho distance elements A-N, B-N, C-N, A-B, B-C, C-A) supervises the superimposed directional elements during inter-circuit or cross-country faults. The forward fault detector also provides protection following manual or auto-reclosure,

when it is polarised by sound phase voltages since no memory voltage is available.

Each distance element is implemented using a digital version of a conventional memory polarised mho amplitude comparator. The comparator detects the fault as being within its operating zone when:

$$|IZ + V_{pol}| > |V - IZ + V_{pol}|$$

where  $V_{pol}$  is the polarising voltage and  $Z$  is half the reach setting.

### Protection Following Breaker Closure

The switch-on-to-fault feature offers instantaneous protection following manual closure on to a fault. Tripping is normally initiated by the fault detectors, except during 3 phase close-up faults, when the detection of an over-current, under-voltage condition instigates tripping. An optional channel-dependent directional earth fault protection detects closure on to high resistance faults. A similar technique is used following auto-reclosure on to a fault, but in this case switch-on-to-fault is not indicated.

## Optional Directional Earth Fault Protection

Most high resistance ground faults will be detected by the superimposed direction elements, but in some applications additional directional earth fault (DEF) protection is required. This is provided by a zero sequence DEF element which is usually polarised from the sound phase voltages and derives its signals from the existing phase voltage and current inputs. This element may operate as a channel-aided protection, sharing the same scheme and signalling channel as the directional comparison protection. Optional single pole tripping is available. A time delayed DEF protection, independent of the signalling channel, is also provided and can be used as an alternative or in addition to the channel-aided type. Both forms of DEF protection are menu-selectable.

## Optional Power Swing Blocking

Power swing and pole slip conditions present the relay with continuously changing currents and voltages, which generate superimposed signals. The superimposed signals produced by a power swing are generally too small to cause operation of the directional elements. However, an optional, menu-selectable power swing blocking feature is provided to prevent operation during pole slip, or near pole slip conditions. Blocking occurs if, while the system is balanced, a directional element attempts to operate forward following a gradual increase in the superimposed current signal.

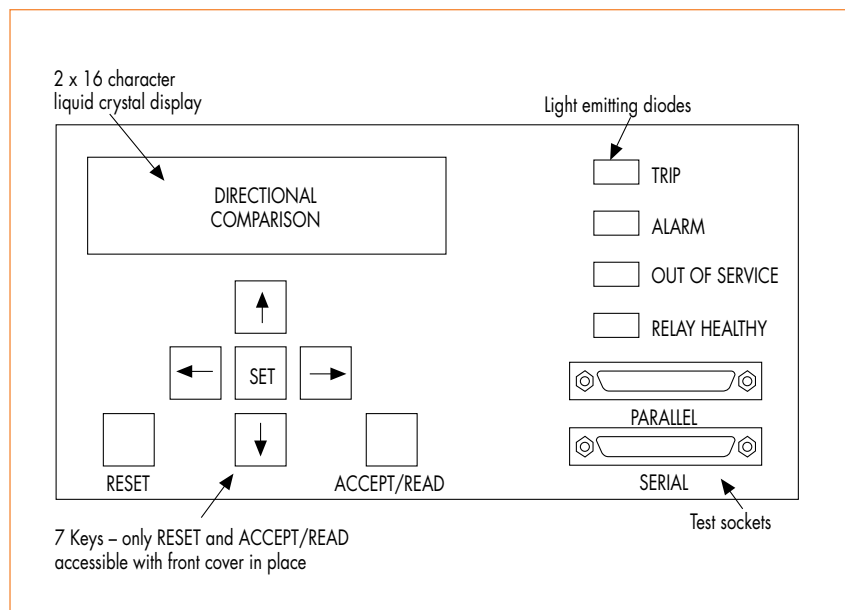


Figure 4: Operator interface on front panel

## Hardware

The LFDC relay is housed in a 4U (178mm) high case suitable for either rack or panel mounting. The relay comprises 6 plug-in modules plus an operator interface (GM0025). The modules are classified as:

- power supply (GM0026)
- 8 element relay output module (GM0032)
- 14 element relay output module (GM0032)
- status input module (GM0022)
- microcomputer module (GM0024)
- analogue input/digital signal processor (DSP) module (GM0023)

Each of these modules is individually tested and calibrated in the factory, consequently any module can be exchanged without the need to recalibrate the relay.

The analogue input/digital signal processor module transforms the input voltage and current signals into a form suitable for digital processing, samples the signals, converts each sample into an equivalent digital number and processes the digitised samples in accordance with the protection algorithm. The resulting output decision is then transferred to the microcomputer module.

The microcomputer module reads the output decision, processing this and data from the status input module in

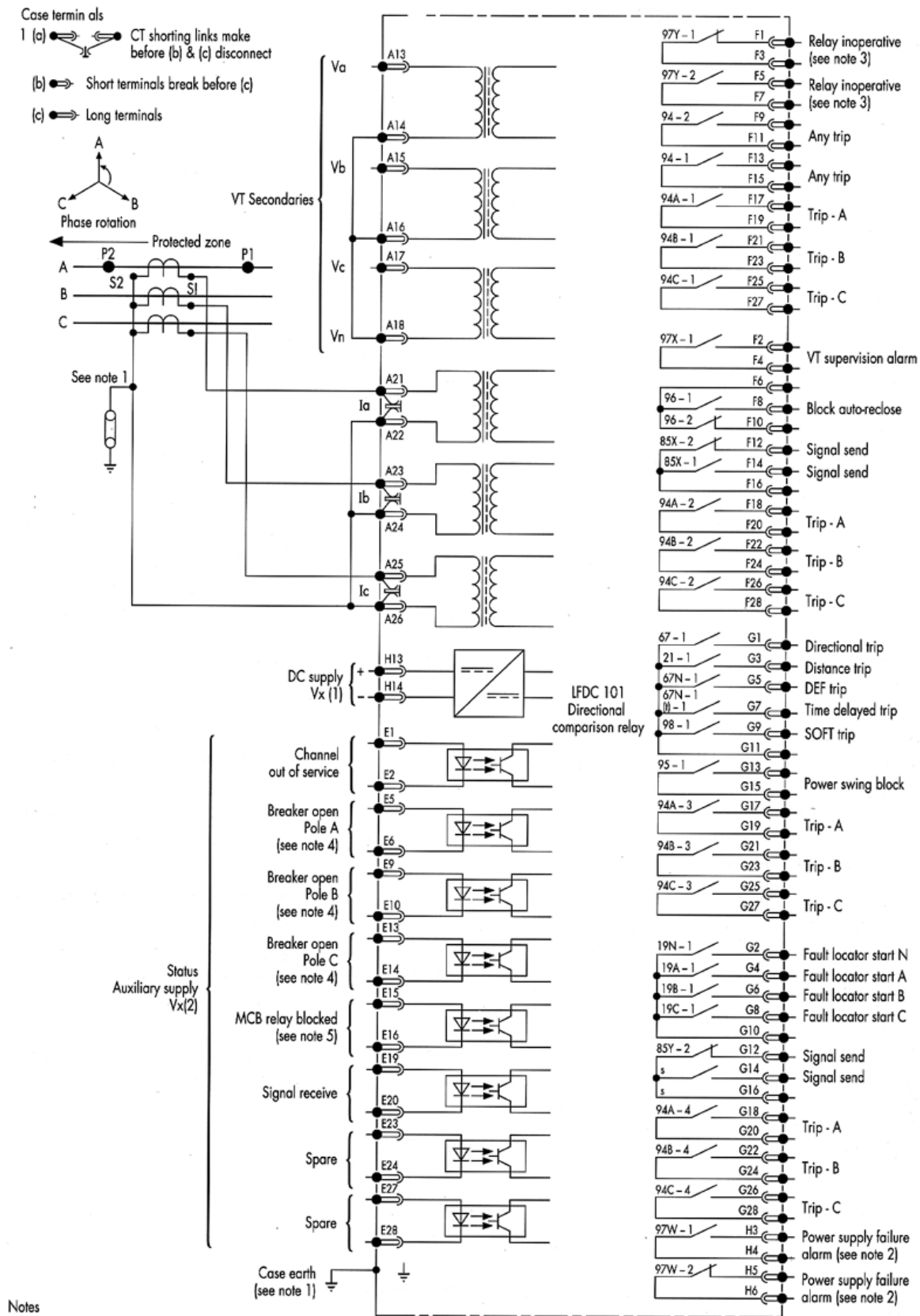
accordance with the protection scheme logic. If necessary, the microcomputer then activates the appropriate elements in the relay output modules.

Two relay output modules, provide 34 trip and alarm contacts. Twelve of these, arranged as four sets of trip A, trip B, trip C contacts, are used for breaker tripping, breaker fail initiation, alarm annunciation and auto-reclose control.

The status input module contains 8 optically isolated inputs each of which monitors the status of an external contact.

The operator interface described in the next section provides a simple method of interfacing with the relay.

The power supply module converts the auxiliary dc voltage into the regulated dc voltage rails required by the LFDC relay. High efficiency and isolation from the auxiliary supply are achieved by the use of a switching dc/dc converter. A power fail monitoring circuit with an alarm output contact is included.



Notes

1. Earthing connections as shown are typical only.
2. Under healthy operating conditions contact 97W-2 is held open and 97W-1 is held closed. The following conditions causes these contacts to change state:  
 A. Loss of dc supply  
 B. Loss of any internal dc rail voltage.

3. Under normal operating conditions contact 97Y-1 is held open and 97Y-2 held closed. The following conditions cause them to change state:  
 A. loss of dc supply  
 B. Detection of hardware failure  
 C. Selection of contacts blocked  
 D. Selection of VTS DISABLED  
 Commission  
 Test Option

4. Breaker open status inputs must be connected if busbar VT's are used or if the scheme is permissive overreaching
5. MCB relay blocked input must be energised when the MCB is open (required when a MCB is fitted instead of VT fuses)

Figure 5: External connection diagram: directional comparison relay type LFDC 101. Single breaker version

## Operator Interface

All relay settings and records are accessible from the integral operator interface shown in Figure 4.

Information about the relay is displayed on the liquid crystal display (lcd); the 7 keys drive the display and allow all the available information to be viewed. The cursor keys (↑, ↓, →, ←), the SET key and the two test sockets are only accessible after removing the transparent front cover.

These keys are used to select from a menu of operations which can be displayed on the lcd. One such option allows the relay settings to be altered. Any change which will affect relay operation does not become effective until the user has confirmed the change by pressing the SET key. Accidental changes are prevented by allowing SET to be operative only at certain points in the menu after appropriate warnings have been displayed. Valid changes are transferred to permanent memory, so that if the supply is lost, correct relay settings etc. are always reinstated when the supply is restored.

The test sockets can be used to send information about the relay to either a parallel or serial printer. In addition, test points within the relay can be monitored on the PARALLEL socket.

When the relay trips, the date and time of the fault, the element which initiated the trip and the faulty phases, are indicated on the lcd. If another trip occurs, the display is automatically updated to show details of the new fault. The latest alarm conditions are also indicated. If fault or alarm indications are present when the supply is lost, they are reinstated when the supply is restored.

Each fault/alarm indication occupies a single page (ie. 2 lines x 16 characters) of the lcd. When several different indications occur each one can be displayed by pressing the READ key. When all indications have been read, they can be cleared by pressing the RESET key. For security, when the front cover is in place the user has restricted access and cannot change any parameters which affect relay performance. However, the indications can still be read and reset

since the READ and RESET keys remain accessible. An additional feature is provided to allow the user to view (but not change) each relay setting by repeated presses of the READ key.

The colour coded light emitting diodes (leds) show if any unusual conditions have arisen. The red TRIP led is illuminated when the relay initiates break tripping and is not extinguished until the fault indication is reset. The yellow ALARM led flashes when a fault or alarm indication occurs and stays flashing until all indications have been read. It then remains lit (but not flashing) and only goes out when all indications are reset. The yellow OUT OF SERVICE led is illuminated when the relay is inhibited from operating as a protection. The green RELAY HEALTHY led is always on when the relay is functioning correctly, but is switched off if the relay becomes faulty.

The relay incorporates self testing including a continuous check of the permanent memory which holds the relay settings. If an error is detected, a warning is displayed on the lcd.

## Menu Options

The menu provides an extensive range of options, which allow the user to:

- view and change the relay settings
- change the configuration (baud rate, etc.) of the RS232C serial port
- view time-tagged records of the lcd indications for the last 10 alarms
- view time-tagged records of the lcd indications for the last 3 faults. (Separate storage of alarms and faults ensures that the last 3 faults are always available even in the event of multiple alarms)
- remove all past fault and alarm records from the memory
- view and change a calendar clock
- transmit information to a printer, to provide a print-out of relay settings, fault and alarm records. The user selects whether to transmit the information to the PARALLEL or SERIAL port
- view and change a relay identification name for use on print-outs

- implement a comprehensive range of test options, for example, a simple on-load directional test.

## Settings

The setting option allows the relay to be set to suit each application.

The user can select:

- voltage sensitivity of the directional elements
- reach (set directly in secondary impedance) and residual compensation of the distance protection and fault detectors
- scheme type, for example: blocking, permissive over reach, or permissive over reach with weak infeed echo and tripping
- whether the distance protection is enabled and if so, whether it is instantaneous or time delayed
- whether the directional earth fault element is enabled and if so, whether it is channel-aided or time delayed or both
- value of scheme timers
- single or three pole tripping
- the conditions for which auto-reclosure is blocked
- whether the directional earth fault element is enabled during switch-on-to-fault conditions
- whether power swing blocking is enabled

The menu is adaptive and only displays the relevant settings; for example, if the distance protection has been disabled its reach setting is not required and is automatically removed from the menu.

## Remote Communications

All the options available on the menu are also available from a local or remote terminal via an RS232C serial communication port. Sockets are provided on both the front and the rear of the relay for temporary or permanent connection respectively. The socket on the rear can also interface with a modem for communication over a suitable link, for instance a telephone line.

## Self-Monitoring and Voltage Transformer Fuse/MCB Supervision

The LFDC has comprehensive continuous self-monitoring. If a failure occurs, an alarm, is issued by closing the relay inoperative alarm contact and extinguishing the RELAY HEALTHY led. Diagnostic information is automatically displayed if the failure is such that it does not disable the main processor and lcd. In the event of failure of a VT fuse, the VT supervision logic disables the affected directional elements, thereby blocking relay operation. An optically coupled isolator monitors the auxiliary contact of a miniature circuit breaker (mcb) if the VT supplies are protected by an mcb instead of fuses. Energising the optical isolator blocks relay operation. When a VT supply is lost, an alarm is issued by closing the VT supervision alarm contact.

## Contact Arrangements

The output contact arrangement for single breaker applications is shown in Figure 5. A version providing 6 sets of trip A, trip B and trip C contacts is also available for double breaker applications.

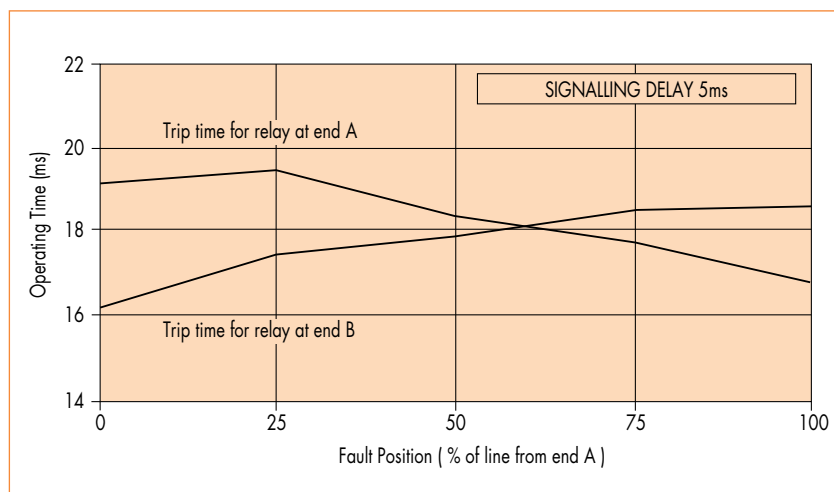


Figure 6: Directional comparison protection typical 50Hz operating times for a permissive overreach scheme

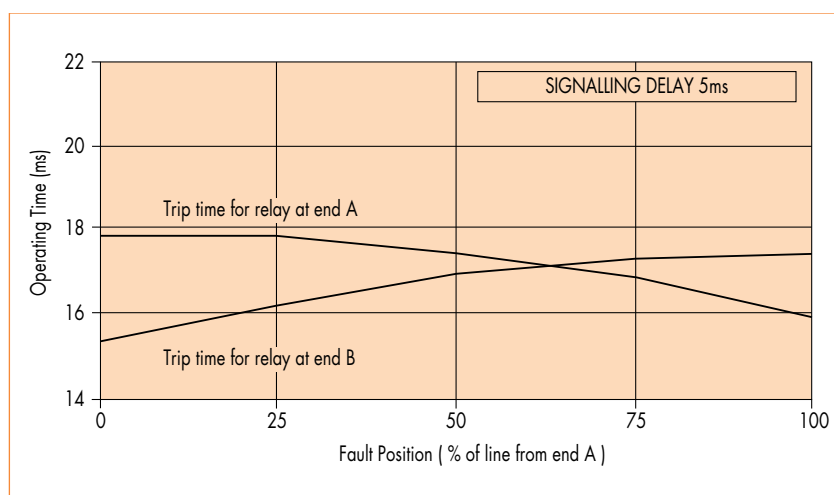


Figure 7: Directional comparison protection typical 60Hz operating times for a permissive overreach scheme

## Technical Data

### Ratings

|                                   |                                                                                |                     |       |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------|
| AC voltage ( $V_n$ )              | 100 to 120V rms phase-phase                                                    |                     |       |
| AC current ( $I_n$ )              | 1A or 5A rms per phase                                                         |                     |       |
| Frequency ( $f_n$ )               | Nominal: 50 Hz or 60 Hz<br>Operative range: 47.0 to 51.0 Hz or 57.0 to 62.0 Hz |                     |       |
| Auxiliary dc voltage ( $V_x(1)$ ) | Nominal (V)                                                                    | Operative range (V) |       |
|                                   | 24/27                                                                          | 19                  | – 32  |
|                                   | 30/34                                                                          | 24                  | – 41  |
|                                   | 48/54                                                                          | 37.5                | – 65  |
|                                   | 110/125                                                                        | 87.5                | – 150 |
| (Power supply)                    | 220/250                                                                        | 175                 | – 300 |
| Auxiliary dc voltage ( $V_x(2)$ ) | Nominal (V)                                                                    | Operative range (V) |       |
|                                   | 24/27                                                                          | 19                  | – 32  |
|                                   | 30/34                                                                          | 24                  | – 41  |
|                                   | 48/54                                                                          | 37.5                | – 65  |
|                                   | 110/125                                                                        | 87.5                | – 150 |
| (Status inputs)                   | 220/250                                                                        | 175                 | – 300 |
|                                   | Note: $V_x(2)$ may be different from $V_x(1)$                                  |                     |       |

**Dynamic Range/Maximum overload ratings**

## Dynamic Range Ratings

|            |                                 |
|------------|---------------------------------|
| AC voltage | $1.7V_n$ for measuring accuracy |
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| AC current | $35I_n$ for Directional measuring accuracy |
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|  | $25I_n$ for Distance measuring accuracy |
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## Maximum Overload Ratings

|            |                               |
|------------|-------------------------------|
| AC voltage | $2.2V_n$ continuous withstand |
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|  | $2.5V_n$ withstand for 10s |
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| AC current | $4I_n$ continuous withstand |
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|--|----------------------------------------|
|  | $100I_n$ withstand for 1s ( $I_n=1A$ ) |
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|  | $80I_n$ withstand for 1s ( $I_n=5A$ ) |
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**Burdens**

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|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| AC voltage circuits | $<0.1VA$ per phase at $V_n$ |
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| AC current circuits | $<0.1VA$ per phase at $I_n(I_n=1A)$ |
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|  | $<0.2VA$ per phase at $I_n(I_n=5A)$ |
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| DC supply ( $V_x(1)$ ) | $< 12W$ under healthy live line conditions |
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|  | $35W$ maximum (during tripping) |
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| DC supply ( $V_x(2)$ ) | $20mA$ maximum per energised |
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|  | status input at rated volts |
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|  | $<10mA$ average per energised |
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|  | status input (status inputs are strobed) |
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**Note: all subsequent settings are referred to line VT and CT secondaries**

**Directional comparison protection**

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|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Features: | Forward and reverse directional decisions are used to provide blocking or permissive overreach protection schemes |
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| Voltage setting ( $V_s$ ) | $1.0V$ to $60V$ (rms phase-phase) in $0.25V$ steps |
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| Current setting ( $I_s$ )(fixed) | $0.2I_n$ (rms phase-phase ( $I_n = 1A$ or $5A$ )) |
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| Forward sensitivity | Superimposed current $\geq 0.2I_n$ and Superimposed voltage $\geq V_s$ |
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| Reverse sensitivity | Superimposed current $\geq \frac{2}{3} \times 0.2I_n$ and |
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|  | Superimposed voltage $\geq \frac{2}{3} \times V_s$ |
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## Timer ranges:

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| Trip co-ordination delay timer | TP) $1ms$ to $100ms$ in steps of $1ms$<br>TD) |
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| Timer accuracy | TP) $-1ms, +2ms$<br>TD) |
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| Operating time                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Permissive overreach scheme                                  | Closure of the signal send contact (forward fault):                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 50Hz                                                         | minimum 6ms<br>typical 9ms                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 60Hz                                                         | minimum 5ms<br>typical 8ms                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                                              | Closure of the trip contact:                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 50Hz                                                         | minimum 10ms + signalling delay<br>typical 13ms + signalling delay                                                                                                                                                  |
| 60Hz                                                         | minimum 9ms + signalling delay<br>typical 12ms + signalling delay                                                                                                                                                   |
| Blocking scheme                                              | Closure of the signal send contact (reverse fault);                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 50Hz                                                         | minimum 7ms<br>typical 9ms                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 60Hz                                                         | minimum 6ms<br>typical 8ms                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                                              | Closure of the trip contact:                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 50Hz                                                         | minimum 5ms + TP<br>typical 8ms + TP                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 60Hz                                                         | minimum 4ms + TP<br>typical 7ms + TP                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                              | (TP = maximum signalling delay + 6ms)                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Reset time                                                   | The trip contacts are sealed in until the relay detects a pole dead (minimum 64ms)                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Fault detector</b>                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Features                                                     | Forward and reverse distance fault detectors which control the directional elements during cross-country faults and provide instantaneous protection following breaker closure                                      |
| Reach of the forward fault detector (FD) (positive sequence) | 0.200Ω to 250Ω ( $I_n = 1A$ )<br>0.040Ω to 50.0Ω ( $I_n = 5A$ )<br>Note: settings are to 3 significant digits with a minimum step size of 0.001Ω                                                                    |
| Reach of the reverse fault                                   | 120% of forward fault detector reach                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Residual compensation factor (KN)                            | 0 to 400% in 5% steps<br>where: $KN = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{(Z_{L0} - 1)}{Z_{L1}} \cdot 100\%$<br>and $Z_{L0}$ and $Z_{L1}$ are the phasor values of zero and positive sequence impedances of the protected line. |
| Characteristic angle                                         | $\phi_{ph} = \phi_N = 78\%$ (fixed).                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| Current sensitivity                                       | <p>The minimum operating current (<math>I_{min}</math>) is:</p> $0.134I_n \quad \text{if } z \geq \frac{3.2\Omega}{I_n}$ <p>or</p> $0.134I_n \times \frac{3.2}{I_n \times z} \quad \text{if } z < \frac{3.2\Omega}{I_n}$ <p>If the distance protection is enabled, <math>z</math> is the distance reach setting (Z). If the distance protection is disabled, <math>z</math> is the forward fault detector reach setting (FD).</p> |
| Voltage sensitivity                                       | The minimum operating voltage is zero.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Accuracy                                                  | At $f_n$ and 20°C:<br>Reach: $\pm 10\%$ up to $SIR = 60$ .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Operating time                                            | Switch-on-to-fault: closure of trip contact:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 50Hz                                                      | <p>minimum 26ms<br/>typical 41ms</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 60Hz                                                      | <p>minimum 26ms<br/>typical 38ms</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                           | Fault evolving from an external to an internal location: operating time of the fault detector following the internal fault:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 50Hz                                                      | <p>minimum 17ms<br/>typical 38ms</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 60Hz                                                      | <p>minimum 12ms<br/>typical 31ms</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Channel independent distance protection (optional)</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Features                                                  | One zone of distance protection intended as a back-up in the event of signalling failure. Provides either under-reaching instantaneous protection or over-reaching time delayed protection.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Reach of the distance zone (Z)<br>(positive sequence)     | <p>0.2<math>\Omega</math> to 250<math>\Omega</math> (<math>I_n = 1A</math>)<br/>0.04<math>\Omega</math> to 50<math>\Omega</math> (<math>I_n = 5A</math>)</p> <p>Note: settings are to 3 significant digits with a minimum step size of 0.001<math>\Omega</math>.</p>                                                                                                                                                              |
| Residual compensation factor (KN)                         | <p>0 to 400% in 5% steps</p> <p>where: <math>KN = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \left( \frac{Z_{L0}}{Z_{L1}} - 1 \right) \cdot 100\%</math></p> <p>and <math>Z_{L0}</math> and <math>Z_{L1}</math> are the phasor values of zero and positive sequence impedances of the protected line.</p>                                                                                                                                                  |
| Characteristic angle                                      | $\varnothing_{ph} = \varnothing_N = 78^\circ$ (fixed).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Current sensitivity                                       | The minimum operating current is $I_{min}$ . See section: fault detector                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Voltage sensitivity                                       | The minimum operating voltage is zero.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| Accuracy                                                  | <p>At <math>f_n</math> and 20°C:<br/> Reach: <math>\pm 5\%</math> up to SIR = 15<br/> Reach: <math>\pm 10\%</math> up to SIR = 60<br/> System Impedance Ratio (SIR) is defined as:<br/> <math>Z_s/Z</math> for phase-phase faults<br/> <math>Z_s/(Z + KN.Z)</math> for ground faults<br/> where <math>Z_s</math> is the total source impedance per phase, <math>Z</math> is the distance setting and <math>KN</math> in the neutral compensation factor.</p> |
| Timer ranges                                              | <p>Time delayed distance<br/> <math>TZ(T) = 0.02s</math> to <math>5.0s</math> in <math>0.02s</math> steps.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Timer accuracy                                            | $TZ(T): \pm 5ms$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Operating time                                            | <p>Under-reaching instantaneous protection:<br/> Closure of the trip contact:</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 50Hz                                                      | <p>minimum 24ms<br/> typical 45ms</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 60Hz                                                      | <p>minimum 17ms<br/> typical 40ms</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Directional earth fault (DEF) (optional)</b>           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Features                                                  | <p>Zero sequence directional element provides forward or reverse decisions for high resistance phase-ground faults.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Residual current sensitivity<br>( $I_A + I_B + I_C$ )     | <p>The operating current is proportional to the largest phase-phase current with minimum values of:<br/> <math>0.11I_n</math> for forward decisions<br/> <math>0.073I_n</math> for reverse decisions</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Residual voltage sensitivity<br>( $V_A + V_B + V_C$ )     | <p>The minimum operating voltage is zero for single phase-ground faults, but equal to the directional voltage setting, <math>V_s</math>, for faults occurring following breaker closure.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Characteristic angle                                      | $\phi_{DEF} = 78^\circ$ (fixed).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Channel-aided tripping<br>(Option)                        | <p>Scheme co-ordination timers: TP, TD.<br/> See section on directional comparison protection.<br/> Scheme initiation delay time:<br/> <math>TDEF = 10ms</math> to <math>200ms</math> in <math>10ms</math> steps<br/> (Accuracy = <math>\pm 5ms</math>).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Time delayed trip<br>(option)                             | <p>Definite time range:<br/> <math>TDEF(T) = 0.5s</math> to <math>10.0s</math> in <math>0.1s</math> steps.<br/> (Accuracy = <math>\pm 10\%</math>).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Operating time - Channel-aided DEF trip ( $TDEF = 10ms$ ) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Permissive overreach scheme:                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 50Hz                                                      | <p>Closure of the trip contact:<br/> minimum 51ms + signalling delay<br/> typical 56ms + signalling delay</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 60Hz                                                      | <p>minimum 49ms + signalling delay<br/> typical 52ms + signalling delay</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

Blocking scheme

50Hz

60Hz

Closure of the trip contact:

minimum 45ms + TP

typical 50ms + TP

minimum 43ms + TP

typical 48ms + TP

(TP = maximum signalling delay + 6ms)

### Protection following breaker closure

Application

Instantaneous tripping of the circuit breaker for faults occurring following line energisation. Manual closure of the breaker (SOTF protection) is assumed when all three poles have been open for 110s. All other conditions of breaker closure are assumed to be auto-reclose.

Fault detector

All faults except close-up 3 phase faults and high resistance faults are detected using the fault detector (FD). During line energisation the fault detector is sound phase polarised.

Level detectors

Close-up 3 phase faults are detected using overcurrent and undervoltage level detectors ( $> I < V$ ).

Directional earth fault (option)

High resistance faults are detected by the channel-aided directional earth faults protection (DEF).

### Auxiliary Functions

Trip type

1 or 3 pole

Single pole tripping for single phase faults and three pole tripping for multiphase faults, or Three pole tripping for all faults.

3pole only

Block auto-reclose

A normally open or normally closed contact is supplied to block or enable auto-reclose relays.

The menu allows auto-reclose to be blocked or enabled for:

- 3 phase faults
- 2 and 3 phase faults
- channel-aided DEF trip
- channel out of service

Power swing blocking

Enabled or disabled.

### Output contacts

Ratings

Make and carry

7500VA for 0.2s,  
(maxima 30A, 300V ac or dc).

Carry continuously

5A ac or dc.

Break

ac 1250VA

dc 50W resistive

25W inductive at L/R = 40ms  
(maxima 5A, 300V ac or dc).

## Environmental withstand

### Temperature

Operative range  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+55^{\circ}\text{C}$   
Storage and transport  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+70^{\circ}\text{C}$

### Humidity

IEC 68-2-3

Long term damp heat

56 days at 93% RH and  $+40^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

### Enclosure protection

IEC 529

IP50 Category 2 (dust protected)

### Vibration

IEC 255-21-1 class 1

0.035mm displacement 10-59Hz

0.5g acceleration 59-150Hz

## Voltage withstand

### Insulation

IEC 255-5

ANSI C37.90-1978

2kV rms for 1 minute between circuits and case earth.

2kV rms for 1 minute between independent circuits.

1.5kV rms for 1 minute across normally open contacts.

### High voltage impulse

IEC 255-5

5kV peak, 1.2/50 $\mu\text{s}$ , 0.5J

between circuits and case earth,  
between independent circuits and  
across terminals of the same circuit

### High frequency disturbance

IEC 255-22-1 class III

ANSI C37.90.1 - 1989

2.5kV peak between circuits and case earth.

2.5kV peak between each independent circuit and all other independent circuits

1.0kV peak cross terminals of the same circuit at 1MHz

### Electrical fast transients

IEC draft document 41B, 1990

ANSI C37.90.1-1989

4kV 5/50ns repetitive pulses

### Electrostatic discharge

IEC 255-22-2 class III

8kV discharge.

### Radiated electromagnetic interference test

IEC 255-22-3 class III

Draft ANSI C37.90.2

27-500MHz, 10V/m

25MHz - 1GHz 10V/m

## Auxiliary dc supply

### Supply interruptions

IEC 255-11

Duration of interrupt 10ms.

### Supply ripple

IEC 255-11

ac component in dc, 12% of rated dc value.

## Mechanical construction

### Mechanical durability

Loaded contact

10,000 operations minimum

Unloaded contact

100,000 operations minimum

### Case dimensions

Type LFDC relays are housed in multi-module MIDOS cases (see Figure 8).

### Case weight

15kg.

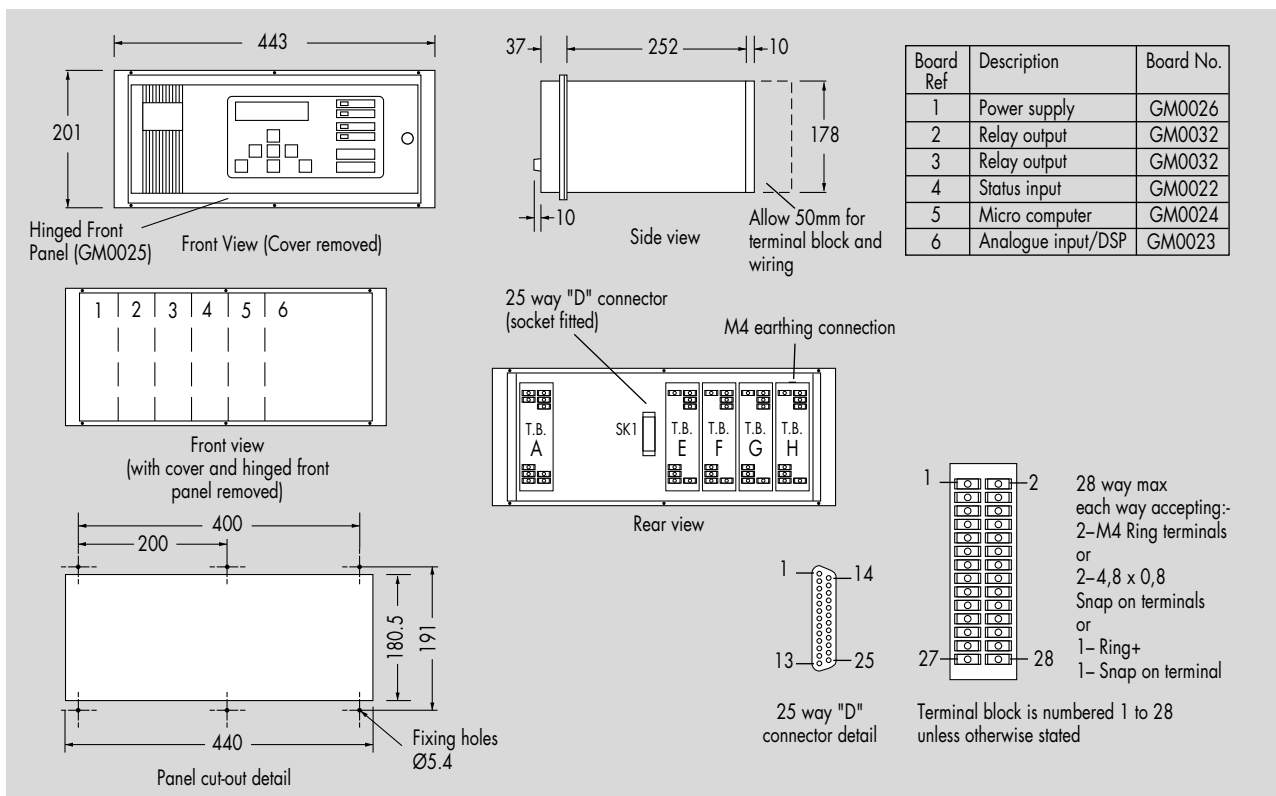


Figure 8a: Arrangement and outline: panel mounting

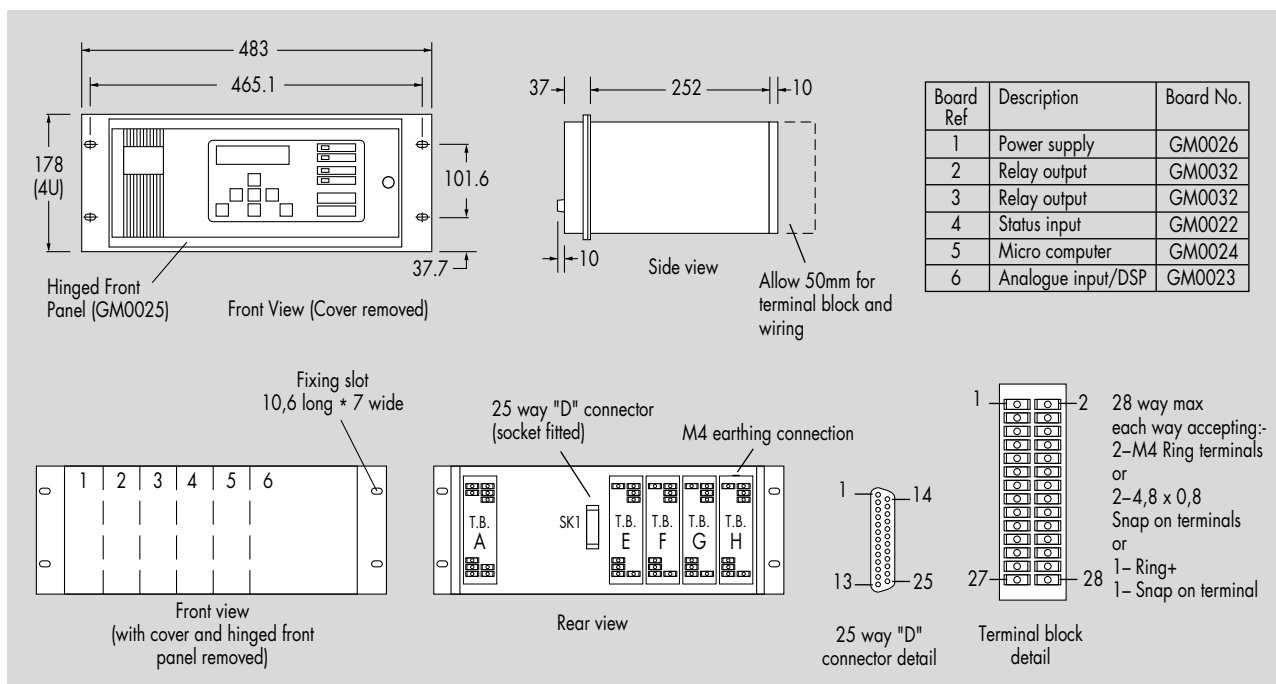


Figure 8b: Arrangement and outline: rack mounting

## Information Required with Order

|                                |                                                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Nominal current rating $I_n$ : | 1A or 5A                                                                                                                                          |
| Auxiliary dc voltage $V_x(1)$  | 24/27V, 30/34V, 48/54V, 110/125V, 220/250V                                                                                                        |
| Auxiliary dc voltage $V_x(2)$  | 24/27V, 30/34V, 48/54V, 110/125V, 220/250V                                                                                                        |
| Mounting arrangements          | rack or panel, horizontal                                                                                                                         |
| Nominal frequency              | 50Hz or 60Hz                                                                                                                                      |
| Single or double breaker       | Type LFDC101 (4 sets of trip contacts for single breaker applications) or type LFDC102 (6 sets of trip contacts for double breaker applications). |