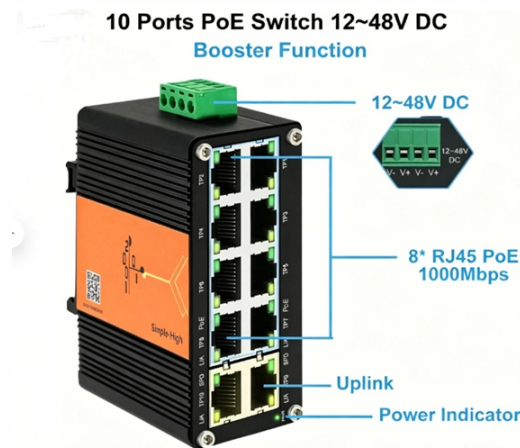


Classification of Relay Protection and Automation



Article Overview

Relay protection and automation systems are classified based on their operating principles, functions, and technological implementation, ranging from electromechanical to digital relays.

Classification by Operating Mechanism

- **Electromechanical Relays:** Operate using electromagnetic coils and mechanical contacts to detect abnormal conditions and trigger circuit breakers. They are reliable, cost-effective, and widely used in industrial and power systems .
- **Static Relays:** Use electronic components such as transistors and diodes instead of moving parts, offering faster response and higher precision .
- **Digital or Numerical Relays:** Implement protection algorithms in microprocessors or intelligent electronic devices (IEDs), capable of processing multiple parameters simultaneously and adapting to complex network conditions .

Classification by Function

- **Overcurrent Relays:** Operate when current exceeds a preset value, often used with time grading for selectivity in radial networks .
- **Distance Relays:** Measure impedance to detect faults at specific line sections, commonly used in transmission systems .
- **Differential Relays:** Compare currents at two or more points to detect internal faults in transformers, generators, or busbars .
- **Voltage and Frequency Relays:** Monitor abnormal voltage or frequency deviations to protect sensitive equipment

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