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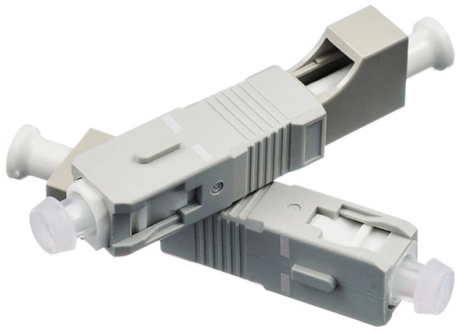

Article Overview

Transformer protection relies on a combination of electrical, thermal, and mechanical relays, each with specific parameters to detect faults and prevent damage.

Key Protection Relays and Their Parameters

1. Differential Protection (87)

• Detects internal transformer faults by comparing currents on primary and secondary windings.
• Requires matched CTs on all windings; CT ratio and accuracy are critical.
• Parameters include pickup current, restraining slope, and operating time.
• Percentage-biased differential relays are commonly used for transformers above 2 MVA to prevent false tripping during inrush conditions (e.g., SEL-787 uses TAP scaling for per-unit current settings) . 2. Overcurrent Protection (50/51)
• Protects against overloads and external short circuits.
• Parameters include pickup current, time delay, and phase/ground selection.
• Instantaneous (50) and time-overcurrent (51) settings are adjusted based on transformer rating and system coordination . 3. Buchholz Relay
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• Monitors winding and oil temperature to prevent insulation damage....

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