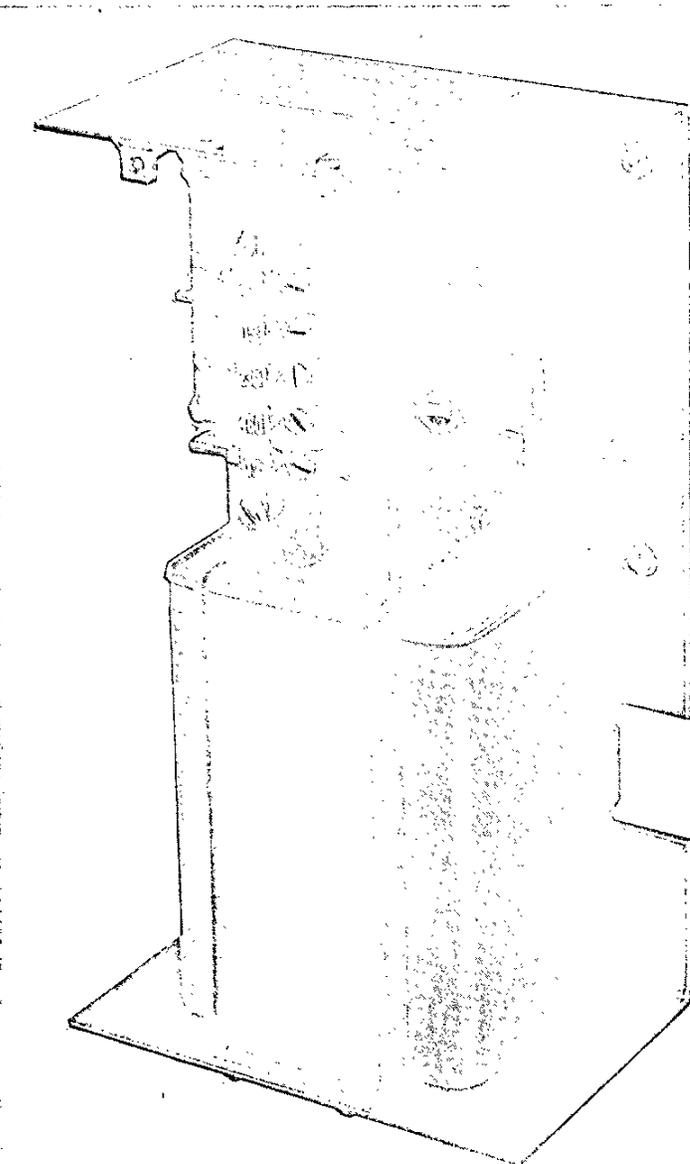


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Capacitor Trip Device

For Manually or Solenoid Operated
Power Circuit Breakers



Application

The capacitor trip device is used for tripping circuit breakers from an ac voltage source by utilizing the stored energy in the capacitor for tripping energy.

Advantages

1. Low initial investment. The use of the capacitor trip device makes possible the

control of circuit breakers from an ac source and eliminates the need of a battery and charger.

2. Ideal for small untended substations. This self-contained device requires only periodic inspection.

3. Low maintenance cost. The battery and charger require the major portion of maintenance in the dc tripping circuit. By eliminat-

ing these items, the cost of maintenance is greatly reduced.

4. Suitable for reclosing duty. The charging time on this device is less than 4 cycles, thus lending itself perfectly to reclosing duty.

Operation

The tripping energy is obtained from a capacitor of suitable size which is charged by a half-wave, dry-type silicon rectifier, which in turn draws its energy from the secondary of a step-down transformer connected to the line side of the breaker. (This transformer can also be used for closing the breaker by means of a Rectox solenoid combination.)

The steady state volt-ampere burden imposed on the voltage transformer is approximately 1½ volt-amperes. During charging of the capacitor the peak current will be approximately 18 amperes the first cycle after energizing.

The conventional current transformers are used for operating the relays but the size is independent of the tripping means and need be only of sufficient capacity to operate the relays. With low-energy relays it is therefore possible to trip at very low primary currents. When the relay operates, the capacitor discharges through the breaker shunt-trip coil, tripping the breaker.

The capacitor trip device requires a special trip coil, and in some cases requires a light (4 coil) trip attachment. Please refer to the Style Number Table on page 2.

The capacitor will hold sufficient charge to trip the breaker at least six seconds after charging potential is entirely removed, which is ample time for relays to operate under fault conditions. However, on most fault conditions some potential is available, and the device is so designed that 65 percent of normal potential will give the capacitor sufficient charge to trip the breaker at any time.

A low-energy glow lamp connected in parallel with the capacitor provides visual indication of the charge on the capacitor. When the supply is removed, the condenser will discharge in approximately 3 minutes to 90 volts. The glow lamp in series with the discharge resistance glows at any voltage above 90 volts.

When used with a circuit breaker on instantaneous reclosing duty, the capacitor will recharge during the interval when the contacts are open and provide energy for subsequent tripping.

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