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DC Track Circuit in NON RE Area

INTRODUCTION

Track circuit is vital circuit because it is used to detect the presence of vehicle on track. In this circuit Rails are the part of a circuit. Since it is vital circuit, if in case it fails, failure must be on safe side.

Aim of this experiment is to study "Fail safe method of Adjustment" of a DC track circuit and also to find the relationship between 'Ballast Resistance' & 'Train Shunt Resistance', 'Ballast Resistance' & 'Relay Voltage'.

EQUIPMENTS:

Indoor Equipments:

- TPR
- Repeaters of TPR
- Power supply for TPR (24 VDC / 60 VDC)

Outdoor Equipments:

- Secondary Cell - 1/2 (40AH / 80AH / 120 AH)
- Battery Charger 2 – 6 V O/P
- Fuse
- Regulating Resistance 0 - 15 Ω (adjustable)
- DC Neutral Track Relay QT2 RELAY
- Signal cable connection in between TR (front contact) and TPR.

- (Voltmeter, ammeter & 0.5 Ω TSR are required for this experiment)

WORKING PRINCIPLE:

- Track circuit jurisdiction is limited by insulation joint.

- b) Each track circuit works independently.
- c) Its circuit is normally energized to keep track relay in pick up condition.
- d) After shunting of two rails by axle of vehicle concerned track relay drops.
- e) Track relays energisation and de-energisation also affected by ballast resistance and its TSR value.

DESCRIPTION

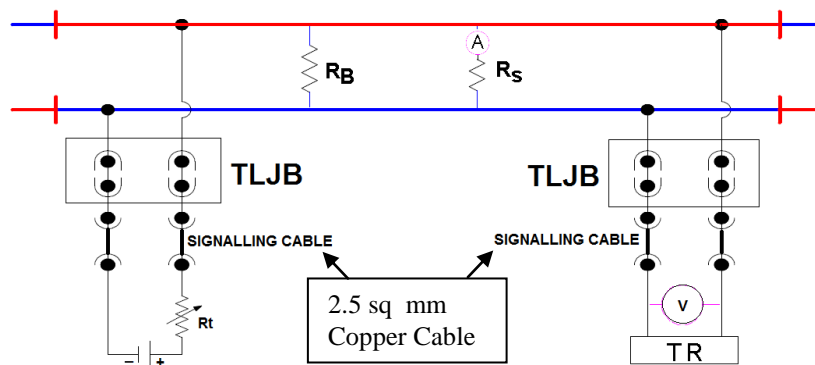
a) Resistances in track circuit

Resistance	Description
R_T	Regulating Resistance is the resistance which is adjustable when used with a fixed voltage battery and connected in series with the track.
R_B	Ballast Resistance is the net resistance offered by the ballast and sleepers across the track to leakage of rail currents. It varies according to the dry or wet condition of the ballast and soil
R_r	Rail Resistance is the resistance offered by the continuity rail bonds, which is rather more than the resistance of the rails themselves. It is in fact negligible under normal conditions, but varies according to bond conditions.
R_R	Relay Resistance is fixed for a relay and type of its coil connections.
R_s	Resistance of the shunting vehicles is the resistance offered by the shunting vehicle axles. It varies according to the condition of rail table (top), weight of the vehicles and their speed. The highest resistance which, when applied across the track, can open the track relay front contacts is known as its ' Train Shunt Resistance ' (TSR) value. It is the measure of its dependability.
R_{fc}	Resistance of track lead cable at feed end
R_{rc}	Resistance of track lead cable at relay end is generally very low and R_{rc} is the main constituent of cable resistance.

b) Safety checks

- When track relay is in pick up condition voltage on relay should not exceed 300% of pickup value in case of QT2. (For QBAT track relay-235%, for shelf type track relay-250%)
- When track relay is in drop condition voltage on relay should not exceed 85% of drop away value.
- TSR value should not be less than 0.5 Ω
- TSR must be checked regularly.
- Check POH date of track relay for shelf type track relays.

c) Observe the track circuit shown below and do the experiment.



- **The following steps are required to be achieved for fail safe adjustment of track circuit.**
 - 1) Observe the following details of the track relay and note down.
 - a. P.U. Value ----- Volts
 - b. D.A Value ----- Volts
 - 2) Calculate value and record below:-
 - a. 300% of P.U. value = ----- volts
 - b. 125% of P.U. value = ----- volts
 - c. 85% of D.A value = ----- volts.
 - 3) Connect the relay end to the feed end directly, omitting the track
 - 4) Connect a Voltmeter across the track relay.
 - 5) Connect '0.5 Ω ' resistance across track relay. Track relay must drop; voltage on track relay should not exceed more than 85% of drop away value of relay.
 - 6) If it is more than 85% of DAV again adjust regulating resistance and measure the voltage on track relay.
 - 7) Remove 0.5 Ω resistance and measure voltage on track relay, it should not exceed more than 300% of PU value.
 - 8) V Max (infinite ballast resistance condition) = -----
 - 9) If it is more than 300% of PU value again adjust regulating resistance, repeat the procedure above and measure the voltage on track relay.
 - 10) Note the final value of Regulating Resistance Value = -----
 - 11) Disconnect direct connections of fed end and relay end. Connect feed end and relay end to their respective places on track circuit. Now rail resistance will play important role in track circuit.
- **Ballast resistance of different values are provided in centre place of desk model.**
- **Without disturbing the value of regulating resistance take the readings of relay voltages and TSR for different values of ballast resistance.**
- **For each value of ballast resistance take relay voltage readings then connect TSR with Ammeter in series, whenever TSR comes across track circuit track relay must drop and voltage on track relay should not exceed 85% of DA value.**
- **(If it is more adjust potentiometer of TSR)**
- **Keep voltage across 'TSR' constant for all reading.**

READINGS

Sr. no.	Ballast Resistance	Relay voltage	Current Through TSR mA	Voltage Across TSR	TSR = voltage/ Current.
1.	10 Ω				
2.	30 Ω				
3.	50 Ω				
4.	Infinity				

- After taking reading of Current through TSR (mA) and Voltage across TSR calculate TSR value by formula given in table.

EXERCISE:

- 1) Draw the circuit diagram from board.

- 2) Is the 'relay voltage at Infinite ballast resistance' reading in serial no 8 'V max' different from the reading in serial no 4 of table If so, why?
- 3) From the table note the following: When the ballast resistance increases, train shunt resistance ----- and relay voltage -----
- 4) Write the relation in between
- Relay voltage and Ballast resistance -----,
 - Relay voltage and TSR-----,
 - TSR and Ballast resistance -----.
- 5) What is the recommended cable size for track leads of feed and relay end?

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