

# **CSE-3103: Microprocessor and Microcontroller**

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# **Mechanical Timing Relays**

Mechanical timing relays →

used to delay opening or closing of contacts for circuit control.  
= operations in control circuit automatically start and stop  
at different time intervals.

2 types of contacts →

1) instantaneous contacts →

change state as soon as timer coil is powered.

used as holding or sealing contacts in control circuit.

2) timed contacts →

change state at end of time delay.

2 arrangements to provide time delay →

1) on delay →

provides time delay when relay coil is energized.

= DOE → delay on energize.

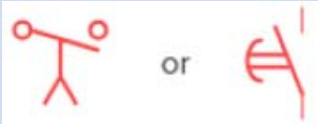
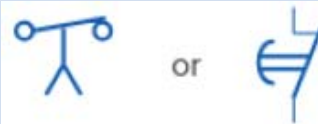
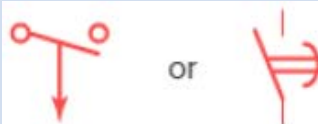
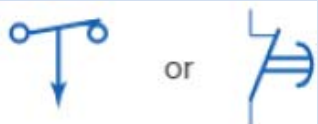
time delay of contacts begins once timer is switched on.

2) off delay →

provides time delay when relay coil is de-energized.

# **Mechanical Timing Relays**

Different relay symbols used for timed contacts →

On-delay symbols		Off-delay symbols	
			
Normally open, timed closed contact (NOTC).	Normally closed, timed open contact (NCTO).	Normally open, timed open contact (NOTO).	Normally closed, timed closed contact (NCTC).
Relay coil is de-energized = contact is open.	Relay coil is de-energized = contact is closed.	Relay coil is de-energized = contact is open.	Coil is de-energized = contact is closed.
Relay is energized = there is time delay in closing.	Relay is energized = there is time delay in opening.	Relay coil is energized = contact closes instantly.	Relay coil is energized = contact opens instantly.
		Relay coil is de-energized = there is time delay before contact opens.	Relay coil is de-energized = there is time delay before contact closes.

# Mechanical Timing Relays

Operation of on-delay timer circuit,  
normally open, timed closed (NOTC) contact →

S1 initially open →

TD coil is de-energized,  
TD1 contacts are open,  
light L1 will be off.

S1 is closed →

TD coil is energized,  
timing period starts.

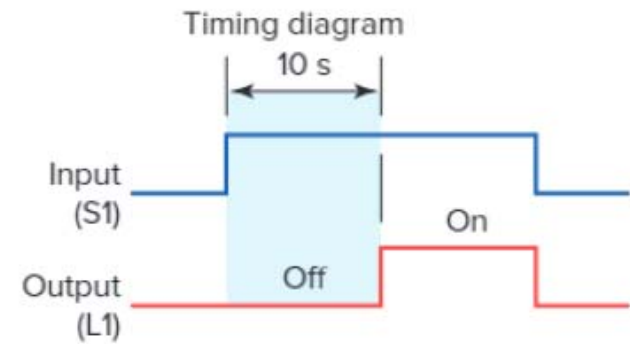
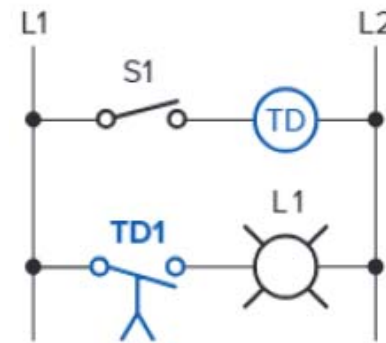
TD1 contacts are delayed from closing,  
L1 remains off.

10 s time-delay period has elapsed →

TD1 contacts close,  
L1 is switched on.

S1 is opened →

TD coil is de-energized,  
TD1 contacts open instantly to switch L1 off.



# Mechanical Timing Relays

Operation of on-delay timer circuit,  
normally closed, timed open (NCTO) contact →

S1 initially open →

TD coil is de-energized,  
TD1 contacts are closed,  
light L1 will be on.

S1 is closed →

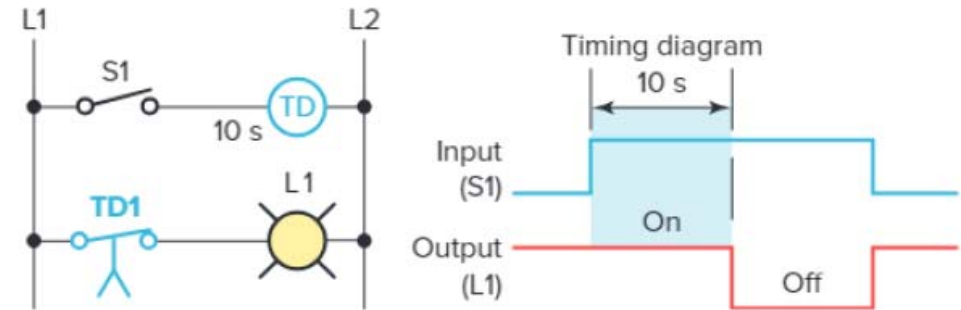
TD coil is energized,  
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light L1 remains on.

10 s time-delay period has elapsed →

TD1 contacts open,  
L1 is switched off.

S1 is opened →

TD coil is de-energized,  
TD1 contacts close instantly to switch L1 on.



# Mechanical Timing Relays

Operation of off-delay timer circuit,  
normally open, timed open (NOTO) contact →

S1 initially open →

TD coil is de-energized,  
TD1 contacts are open,  
light L1 will be off.

S1 is closed →

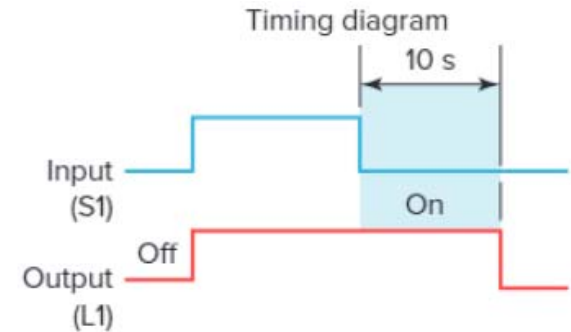
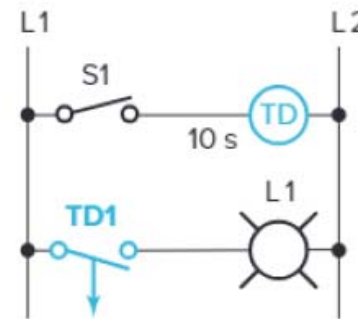
TD coil is energized,  
TD1 contacts close instantly to switch light L1 on.

S1 is opened →

TD coil is de-energized,  
timing period starts.

10 s time-delay period has elapsed →

TD1 contacts open to switch light off.



# Mechanical Timing Relays

Operation of off-delay timer circuit,  
normally closed, timed closed (NCTC) contact →

S1 initially open →

TD coil is de-energized,  
TD1 contacts are closed,  
light L1 will be on.

S1 is closed →

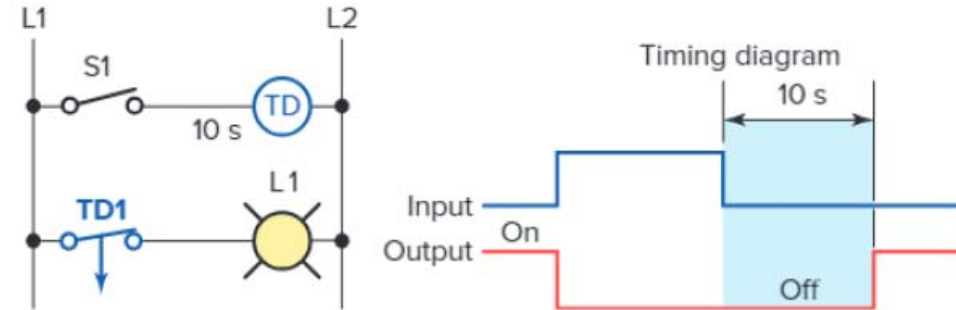
TD coil is energized,  
TD1 contacts open instantly to switch light L1 off.

S1 is opened →

TD coil is de-energized,  
timing period starts.  
TD1 contacts are delayed from closing,  
L1 remains off.

10 s time-delay period has elapsed →

TD1 contacts close to switch light on.



# Timer Instructions

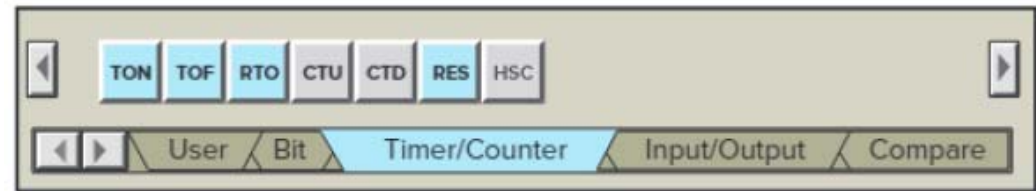
PLC timers →

= instructions that provide same functions as  
on-delay and off-delay mechanical and electronic timing relays.  
all PLC timers are output instructions.

3 different PLC timer types →

on-delay timer (TON),  
off-delay timer (TOF),  
retentive timer on (RTO).

timer selection toolbar for Allen-Bradley SLC 500 PLC →



Timer commands →

TON (Timer On Delay) →

Counts time-based intervals when instruction is true.

TOF (Timer Off Delay) →

Counts time-based intervals when  
instruction transitions from true to false condition.



# Timer Instructions

Timer commands →

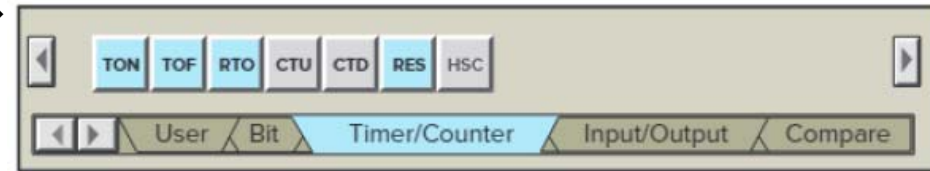
RTO (Retentive Timer On) →

Counts time-based intervals when instruction is true.

retains accumulated value when →  
instruction goes false or  
power cycle occurs.

RES (Reset) →

Resets retentive timer's accumulated value to zero.



Quantities associated with timer instruction →

1) Time Base →

unit of time used by timer to time event.

= 1 ms (0.001 s), 10 ms (0.01 s), 100 ms (0.1 s), or 1 second intervals.

time base = 0.01 second, timing = 5 seconds long →

PLC will wait until time base has occurred 500 times  
before timer times out.

# Timer Instructions

Quantities associated with timer instruction →

2) Preset Value →

time duration for timing circuit.

total timing interval = preset value × time base.

preset value = 100, time base = 0.1 s →

total timing interval =  $100 \times 0.1 \text{ s} = 10 \text{ seconds}$ .

3) Accumulated Value →

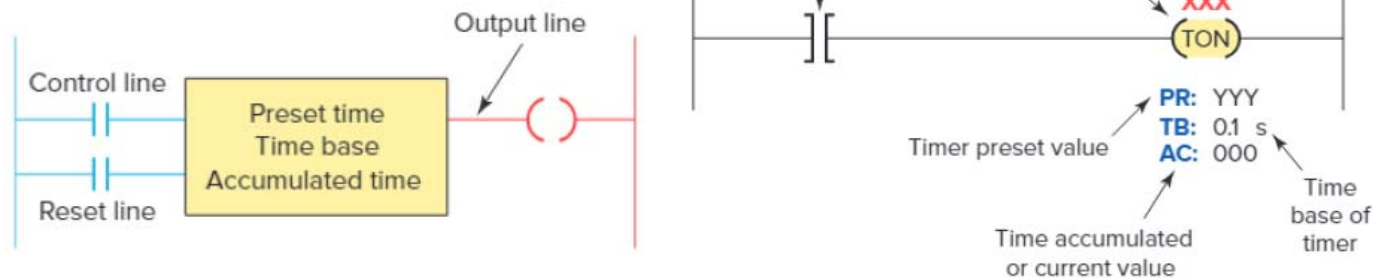
amount of time that has elapsed from moment timing started.

keeps track of how many times time base has occurred.

Representation of timers on ladder logic program →

1) coil-formatted timer instruction.

2) block-formatted timer instruction.



# On-Delay Timer Instruction

Principle of operation of on-delay timer →  
 rung containing timer is true →  
 timer time-out period commences.  
 length of time delay → adjusted by preset value.

On-delay timer instruction of  
 Allen-Bradley SLC 500 controller →

Timer number →

T4:0 = timer file 4, timer 0 in that file.

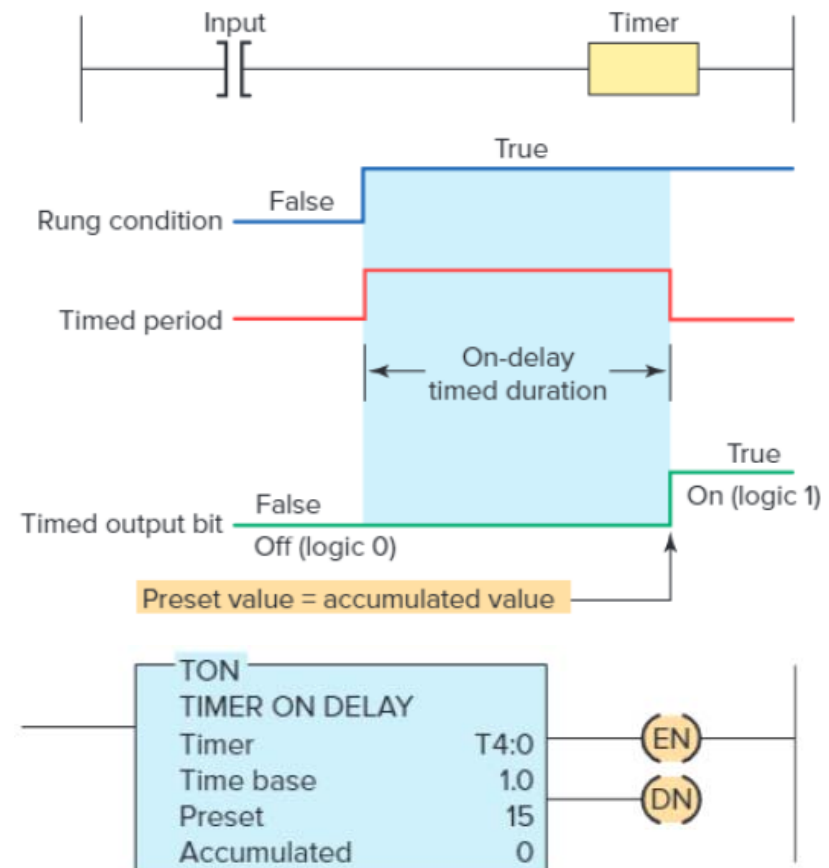
Time base = 1.0 s.

Preset value = 15 (0 – 32,767).

Accumulated value = 0 →

entered as 0,

timer value = 0 whenever timer is reset.



# On-Delay Timer Instruction

Operation of PLC program that uses on-delay timer →

timer is activated by input switch A.

input switch A is closed (true or set to 1) →

processor starts timer T4:0 timing,  
sets EN and TT bits to true or 1.

outputs B and C turns ON.

accumulated value increases in 1 s time base intervals.

accumulated time = preset time (10 s) →

DN bit is set to 1,

output D is turned ON,

TT bit is reset to 0,

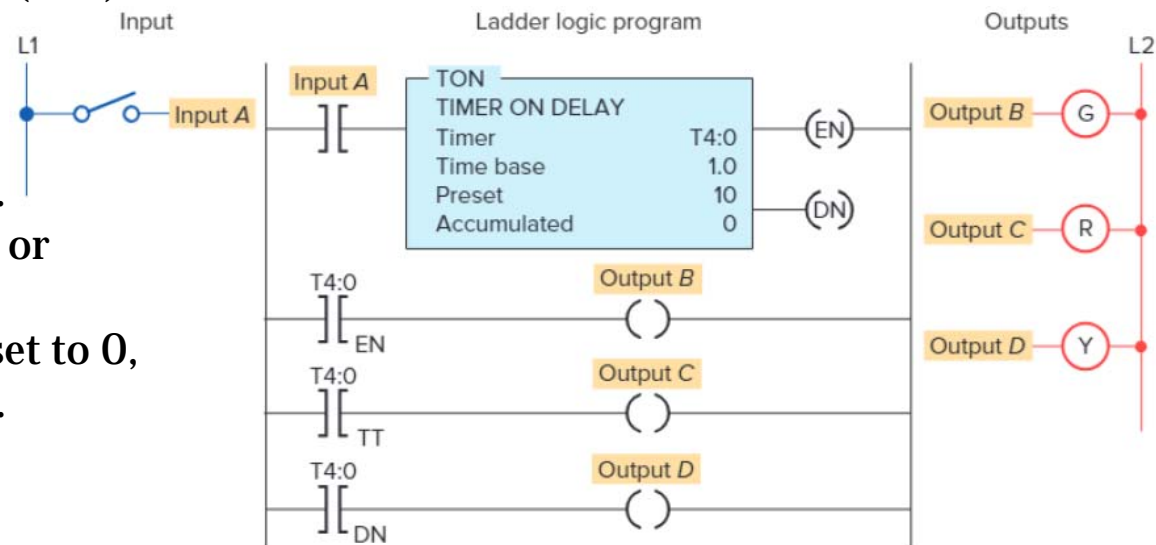
output C is turned OFF.

input switch A is opened before or

after timer has timed out →

accumulated time is reset to 0,

output B is turned OFF.



# On-Delay Timer Instruction

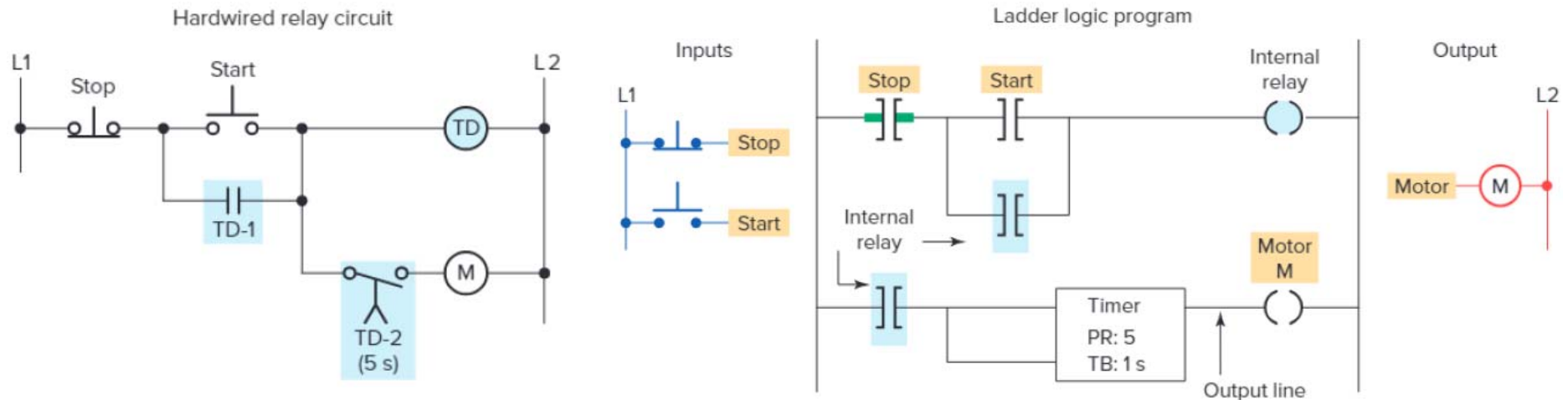
Operation of on-delay timer →

Hardwired relay circuit →

coil M is to be energized 5 s after start pushbutton is pressed.  
contact TD-1 = instantaneous contact,  
contact TD-2 = timed contact.

Ladder logic program →

contact instruction is referenced to internal relay.  
instantaneous contact = internal relay coil,  
time-delay contact = timer output coil.



# On-Delay Timer Instruction

Operation of on-delay timer that uses NCTO contact →

Hardwired relay circuit →

start pushbutton PB1 is momentarily actuated →  
coil CR is energized.

contact CR-1 closes to seal in CR coil,

contact CR-2 closes to energize timer coil TD,

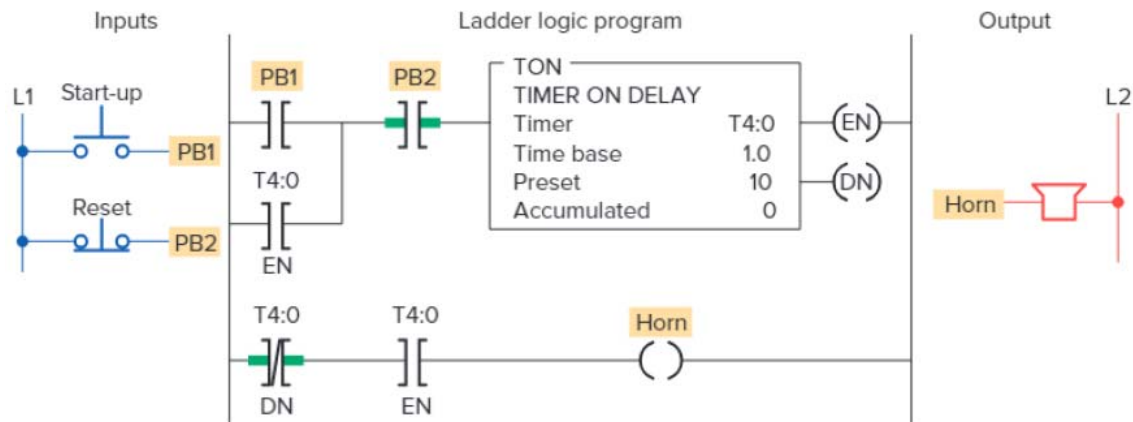
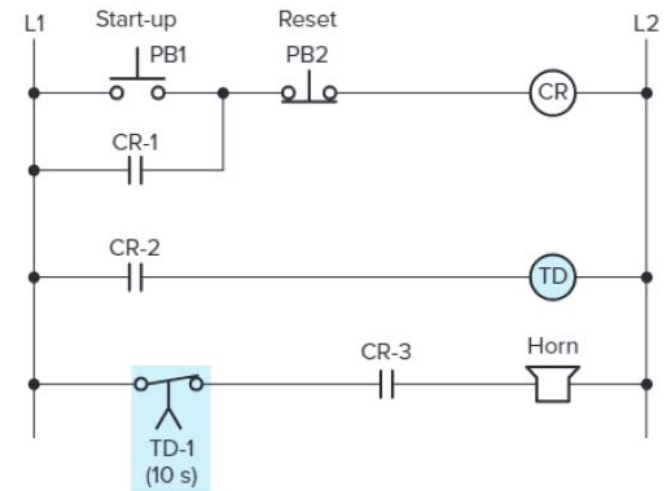
contact CR-3 closes to sound horn.

after 10 s time-delay period →

timer contact TD-1 opens to switch horn off.

Ladder logic program →

logic on last rung = timer-timing bit.



# On-Delay Timer Instruction

Operation of on-delay timer →

timers as part of automatic sequential control systems =  
series of motors can be started automatically with  
only one start/stop control station.

Relay ladder schematic →

start pushbutton PB2 is momentarily actuated →  
lube-oil pump motor starter coil M1 is energized.

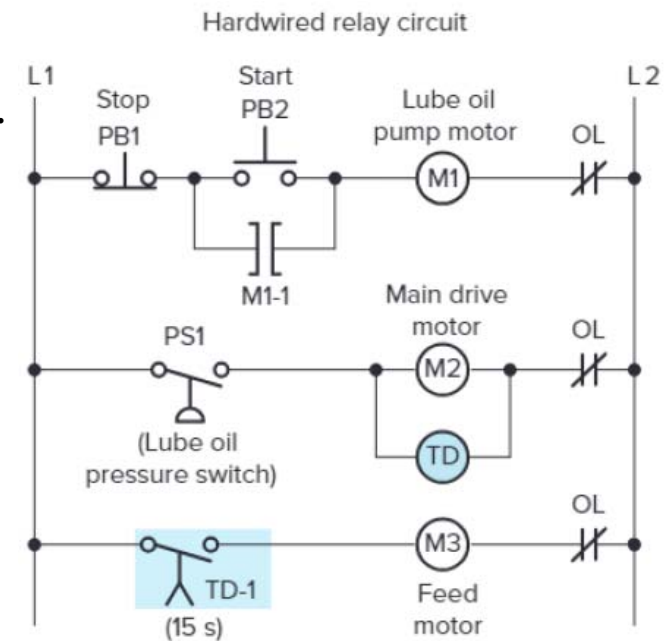
M1-1 control contact closes to seal in M1,  
lube-oil pump motor starts.

lube-oil pump builds up sufficient oil pressure →  
lube-oil pressure switch PS1 closes.

coil M2 energizes to start main drive motor,  
coil TD energizes to begin time-delay period.

after preset time-delay period of 15 s →

TD-1 contact closes to energize coil M3,  
start feed motor.



# On-Delay Timer Instruction

Operation of on-delay timer →

Ladder logic program →

enable bit is used to seal in timer,  
continues to time until

preset value = accumulated value.

actuating reset button =

program sequence is reset.

