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## 1 Model information

Manufacturer ABB

Model SPAJ 111C

**Variants** This PowerFactory relay model type simulates the ABB SPAJ 111C relay which is a protection assembly containing the non-directional sensitive earth-fault relay module SPCJ 1C7.

# 2 General description

The ABB SPAJ 111C is a microprocessor sensitive earth fault relay designed to be used as a neutral current measuring feeder earth-fault relay, as generator interturn fault protection, as capacitor bank unbalance protection and rotor earth-fault protection. The sensitive earth-fault relay is suited for both primary and back-up earth-fault protection. The relay has two protection stages: a low-set overcurrent stage I> and a high-set overcurrent stage I>>. Both stages operate with definite time characteristics.

The ABB SPAJ 111C relay has been modeled using one PowerFactory relay model which includes all the protective elements and most of the features available in the relay.

The PowerFactory ABB SPAJ 111C relay model type can be found at: \Library\Relays\Overcurrent Relays\ABB/Westinghouse\SPAJ\SPAJ 111C

The model implementation has been based on the information available in the relay documentation provided by the manufacturer and freely available [2] [1].

# 3 Supported features

### 3.1 Measurement and acquisition

It represents the interface between the power system and the relay protective elements. The currents flowing in the power system are converted by an element simulating a 3 phase CT or a single phase CT; the secondary current is then measured by an element modeling the analog filter of the relay.

The "lo> block" and the "lo>> block" relay input signals are available.

## 3.1.1 Available Units

- one 3/single phase current transformer ("Ct-310" block)
- one single measurement element ("Measure" block)

#### 3.1.2 Functionality

The "Ct-310" block represents an ideal CT. Using the CT default configuration the current at the primary side are converted to the secondary side using the CT ratio. The CT saturation and/or its magnetizing characteristic are not considered. Please set the "Detailed Model" check box in the "Detailed Data" tab page of the CT dialog and insert the data regarding the CT burden, the CT secondary resistance and the CT excitation parameter if more accurate simulation results are required.

The "Measure" block models a second order low pass analog filter with DC component filter; it's time constant is 10 ms.

If no core CT is available, please select a 3 phases CT in the "Ct-310" slot: the earth current will be calculated assuming that an Holmgreen's connection of the phases is used.

The "lo> block" relay input signal can be used to block the "lo>" protective element. The "lo>> block" relay input signal can be used to block the "lo>>" protective element.

#### 3.1.3 Data input

The CT secondary rated current (1 or 5 A) value must be set in the measurement element ("Measure" block, "Nominal current" parameter).

#### 3.2 Protective elements

Two definite time overcurrent elements are modeling the relay protective functions. All protective functions available in the relay are available as well in the PowerFactory relay model.

#### 3.2.1 Available Units

• two earth current definite time overcurrent elements ("lo> t" and "lo>> block)

#### 3.2.2 Functionality

The functionalities of the two definite time elements are mocked up in detail including a *Start time*, a *Reset time* and a *Reset ratio*. The model parameters can be set to any value between the relay setting minimum and maximum allowed values. At this regard please notice that the ranges available in the model are including any relay setting range that can be enabled operating the "SG1/1", "SG1/2", "SG1/3", "SG1/6", "SG1/7" and "SG1/8" dip switches.

## 3.2.3 Data input

The relationships between the relay settings and the model parameters can be found in the following table:

Address	Relay Setting	Model block	Model Parameter	Note
	Low-set I <sub>o</sub> > start current	lo> t	Current Pickup ("Ipset")	
	Low-set $I_o$ > operate time t>	lo> t	Time Delay ("Tset")	

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	High-set I <sub>o</sub> >> Operate Time	lo>>	Time Delay ("Tset")	

# 3.3 Output logic

It represents the output stage of the relay; it's the interface between the relay and the power breaker.

#### 3.3.1 Available Units

· one output element ("Logic" block)

### 3.3.2 Functionality

The "Logic" block is collecting the trip signals and the starting signals coming from the protective elements; it's operating the relay output contacts and the power breaker.

The output contacts are "START1", "SIGNAL1", "TRIP1" and "TRIP2".

The "Logic" block provides also 7 *dip switches* ("SGR2", "SGR3" . . . "SGR8") simulating the "SGR" relay switch group. They are used to configure the trip and alarm output signal logic.

The following logic is implemented in the ABB SPAJ 111C model:

- TRIP1 is tripping when one of the following conditions is verified
  - The "lo>" element is tripping
  - The "lo>>" element is tripping and the "SGR6" dip switch has been set "on"
- TRIP2 is tripping when when one of the following conditions is verified
  - The "lo>>" element is tripping
  - The "lo>" element is tripping and the "SGR8" dip switch has been set "on"
- SIGNAI1 is tripping when when one of the following conditions is verified
  - The "lo>" element is tripping and the "SGR7" dip switch has been set "on"
  - The "lo>>" element is tripping and the "SGR5" dip switch has been set "on"
- · START1 is tripping when one of the following conditions is verified
  - The "lo>>" element is starting and the "SGR2" dip switch has been set "on"
  - The "lo>" element is starting and the "SGR3" dip switch has been set "on"
  - The "lo>>" element is tripping and the "SGR4" dip switch has been set "on"

### 3.3.3 Data input

To set the "SGR" relay switch group set the relevant dip switches in the "Dip Settings" tab page of the "Logic" block dialog.

The "TRIP1" and "TRIP2" relay output signals can be set to operate the breaker using the "Tripping signal" ("sTripsig") parameter in the "Basic Data" tab page of the "Logic" block dialog. By default both are operating the breaker.

To disable completely the relay model ability to open the power circuit breaker disable the "Logic" block.

# 4 Features not supported

The following features are not supported:

- "START2" relay output signal
- "SGR1" dip switch

# 5 References

- [1] ABB Oy Distribution Automation, P.O.box 699, FI-65101 Vaasa, FINLAND. Sensitive earth-fault relay SPAJ 111 C User's manual and Technical description 1MRS 750809-MUM EN Issued 97-08-05 Version A, 1997.
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