



Electrical Distributors

Numeric Capacitor / Filter Protection Relay



RLC 500

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The RLC 500 is a capacitor and filter bank protection relay that evolved from previous successful models on the foundation of years of continued development. It has quality embedded into every stage of its design and is manufactured to the strictest quality standards. Combining state of the art hardware technology and software techniques the RLC 500 provides the most convenient functionality in its sphere.

Released in early 2018, the RLC 500 replaces the earlier RLC04 model. Although similar in overall functionality, there have been many major upgrades in hardware, specification, and operation to its predecessor.

The RLC 500 provides comprehensive protection for the capacitive, inductive and resistive elements of three phase medium voltage and high voltage shunt capacitor banks and harmonic filter circuits. The capacitor banks consist of several individual capacitors in a series - parallel arrangement. Each individual capacitor within a bank may be internally or externally fused or unfused. A number of banks are constructed as a single star, double star, delta or H-bridge configuration.

In normal conditions these banks are balanced, i.e. each leg draws the same current as near as practically possible. Should one or more of the capacitor elements fail, the system will become unbalanced and the RLC 500 will sense this and can be used to trip any necessary circuit breakers.

The combination of the protection functionalities in the RLC 500 make it a product of choice for any power compensation application.



Why buy an RLC 500

The RLC 500 is designed, manufactured and supported in South Africa to comply with international and local standards.

Due to its high accuracy and short response times the RLC 500 provides the optimum protection for any system.

The RLC 500 only operates when absolutely essential and thus prevents unnecessary trip-outs limiting financial losses and other detrimental consequences.

RLC 500 trips the associated circuit breaker timeously after a system fault or equipment failure to ensure maximum personnel safety and minimize equipment damage.

The standard RLC 500 has a firm set of protection features with modular communication capabilities allowing the customer larger flexibility with one product.

A removable HMI with full graphics screen driven by a state of the art configuration SW package offers greater flexibility when installing the RLC 500.

Key features and functions

The RLC 500 incorporates an impressive range of protection functions

- Thermal overcurrent
- Fundamental frequency overvoltage and overcurrent
- RMS overcurrent
- Fundamental frequency star point unbalance
- Fundamental frequency line current unbalance
- Fundamental frequency H-bridge configuration unbalance
- Fundamental earth fault current
- Fundamental frequency undercurrent
- Breaker Fail detection
- Capacitor bank re-switching
- Repetitive peak overvoltage
- Event tripping

Finer protection accuracy is achieved through compensation for the capacitor bank natural system unbalance.

The protection engineer can set parameters for optimum protection and also compensate for the natural unbalance in capacitor banks, increasing closer protection settings reducing spurious trips while achieving finer protection settings.

Finer protection settings reduce the risk of damage, down time and replacement costs. The RLC 500 also allows the user to determine where the problem occurred in the capacitor bank phases, reducing further downtime.

English & German language co-reside in the HMI and the management SW, the user can select their preference.

To facilitate remote communication either front USB (Local connection) and rear plugin expansion modules are available.

The RLC 500 logs data on all important parameters.

N & H-Bridge functions come standard in all RLC 500.

The Capacitor discharge interlock timer inhibits the breaker closing via output control relay.

All protection function in the RLC 500 continue to be active even while the HMI is removed (hot connected or disconnected)

The main relay pluggable with CT shorting facility on removal.

Specifications

Temperature	Operating range:	-10 to +55°C	
Humidity	Operating range:	Up to 93% RH	
Aux power supply	Option 1:	(100-230VAC) [110-250VDC]	
	Option 2:	[32-42VAC] [24-60V VDC]	
Relay outputs	Control:	K1 to K5 SPDT, N/O & N/C	5A: 264Vac to 250Vdc
	Watchdog:	K6 SPDT, N/O & N/C	5A: 264Vac to 250Vdc
	Signal:	SR1 to SR3 SPST, N/O	200mA 250Vac or 250Vdc
Inputs	B on, Reset & Remote trip:	Input 1, 2 & 3. 4 & 5 spare	30 – 110V AC/DC
Comms	Types:	HMI	USB 1x A 1x B
		Plugin expansion modules	RS485
			TCP/IP-RS485
			Ethernet Port - RS485
IP	Front:	HMI	IP51
	Rear:	Behind panel door	IP20
CT's	QTY: 4 1A or 5A:	Burden: 1A ≤0.04VA 5A ≤1VA	
	Element 1, 2 & 3:	Ith>, Ith>> I>, I>>, I<, Irms>, Irms>>	
	Element 4:	Iub_al>, Iub>, Iub>> I1ub>, I1ub>>	
	Element 5 (virtual):	I0>, I0>>	