Smart Residual Current Monitor of Type B/B+ for measuring DC and AC residual currents up to 100kHz with analog 4-20mA output, relay output and USB-connectivity to PC Software for residual current analysis. Increased flexibility with user selectable settings and auto setup.



Features & Highlights

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70mm primary cable / busbar aperture

DC and AC residual current measurement of Type B/B+ in the range 0-2Arms up to 100kHz

User selectable Frequency range, Integration time and Rated residual operating current

Auto setup

Analog 4-20mA and relay output

Fluxgate current measurement technology with fixed excitation frequency for enhanced accuracy and stability

USB-connectivity and PC Software application for residual current analysis

Applications:

Residual current monitoring in industry

Condition-based monitoring of insulation health

Replacement of / supplement to compulsory High voltage insulation testing

Scheduling of planned factory maintenance

DC power systems (UPS, PV, LED lighting...)

High frequency loads (SMPS, Motor drives...)

Mission critical (Data centers, Medical ...)

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Background

Residual currents (aka Earth fault currents, Insulation leakage currents) are unique measure for the state of the insulation of the electrical power system and its need for maintenance & repair to avoid nuissance shutdowns. Monitoring of the residual currents in real-time in a power system gives the possibility to evaluate the health of the electrical insulation based on the actual value measured, while the long-term development of the residual current value can be used for planning maintenance to avoid significant insulation deterioriation. In this way, Residual Current Monitors (RCMs) used in a Condition-based Monitoring scheme as per Industry 4.0 standards can ensure early fault detection and increase the availability of the power system at much lower cost than regular, expensive and time consuming high voltage insulation testing.

Residual currents in electrical power systems can have multiple sources: insulation faults, insulation leakage currents, capacitive displacement currents, EMC filter leakage currents etc. While some of these contributing residual currents are normally present due to material physics when subjected to high or alternating voltages, other contributors are sign of deterioriating insulation which can produce abnormal heat dissipation, short-circuits and in worst case fire and danger to personal safety. Proliferation of DC loads (e.g. LED lighting, DC motor drives, 48Vdc bus systems etc.), DC distributed generation (e.g. PV systems, UPS, batteries etc.) as well as high-frequency converters (e.g. SMPS, motor drives etc.) in industrial environments makes it increasingly difficult to measure reliably insulation faults with traditional RCMs designed for AC 50/60Hz with limited measurement bandwidth. It is the experience of many installers around the world that in order to make the residual current protection work not only now but also in the future with extensions of existing plants, it is necessary for the end-user to have the possibility to select from several residual current limits, different frequency bandwidths and sensitivity levels.



General description

Residual Current Monitors (RCMs) are used for monitoring of the residual currents in electrical power systems without the need for fast system shutdown. The RCM of Type B/B+ can measure DC and AC residual currents at frequencies of up to 100kHz, which makes it compatible to multitude of industrial applications, loads and generation sources. With its user selectable settings, this RCM offers flexible platform for residual current measurement which fits every possible usage both at the moment the industrial plant is designed, but also in case of extensions with new modern loads operating with DC voltages or at high switching frequencies which increase the amount of leakage current in the system.

The RCM product features an analog 4-20mA output which represents the real-time True RMS (TRMS) value of the measured residual current for interfacing to e.g. a PLC. Additionally a free potential relay output (NO / NC) with user selectable rated residual current limit can be used for warning or even system shutdown when the TRMS residual current measurement has exceeded the preset value. The status of the relay output is replicated to a LED for visual indication on the device itself. Built-in test button and external test button input are provided for regular testing of the RCM as per applicable product standards. Only a single 24Vdc power supply should be provided for powering the RCM.

Intended for use in Single-phase and 3-wire & 4-wire Three-phase systems.



Connector



Pinout:

- 1: 24Vdc
- 2: Relay common
- 3: 0Vdc
- 4: Relay NC contact
- 5: 0Vdc
- 6: Relay NO contact
- 7: 0Vdc
- 8: External Test button, contact 1
- 9: Analog 4-20mA output
- 10: External Test button, contact 2



User interface description

This RCM product features three user selectable parameters, each with the choice of selecting 3-5 different values. The simple and intuitive user interface can be found on the top of the RCM and is used for configuring the RCM with three buttons located below the surface level. These buttons can only be operated with a tool which prohibits unintentional and unauthorized access, as per applicable product standards. Interface features furthermore a Test button and status LED for visual indication.



Rated RC Limit (RL)

Refers to the measured TRMS value of the residual current which will trip the relay output. Additionally, selecting the three lower trip limits (30-100-300mA) changes the analog output range to 0-0.4Arms, while selecting the two higher trip limits (500-1000mA) changes the analog output range to 0-2Arms. Hints:

- Set the RL low if it is required to get early warning of increasing residual current levels

- To avoid nuissance alarms, set RL to higher values which correspond to the residual current levels the user can tolerate in the electrical power system before system check or maintenance is going to be required



Functional description

Danisense Residual Current Monitor senses the instantaneous, real-time value of both DC and AC residual current using the built -in transducer head with integrated balanced Flux-gate detector. For the purpose of functional protection and especially fire protection of the electrical power system, the RCM implements the True RMS (TRMS) value of the residual current which corresponds to the amount of heat dissipated in the insulation. In order to provide high level of flexibility in the RCM usage and fit to as many potential applications as possible, this RCM is equipped with three user-selectable parameters which affect the final TRMS value indicated at the analog 4-20mA output as well as the relay output and status LED.

The "Frequency range (FR)" parameter limits the frequency bandwidth of the measured residual currents. After the frequency range of interest have been selected, the "Integration time (IT)" parameter determines the length of the integration window for the TRMS value. Finally the TRMS value is scaled according to the selected "Rated RC limit" into two different ranges (details in the electrical specification tables). After these intermediate steps, the TRMS value of the residual current is ready to be sent out to the analog 4-20mA output. The behavior of the relay output and status LED is though influenced by couple of extra processing blocks, as described below.

The "Rated RC limit (RL)" sets the level at which, when violated by the Weighted TRMS, the relay output and status LED will toggle the state. Weighted TRMS is obtained from the TRMS value by applying a weighting filter which attenuates the residual currents with higher frequencies while passing entirely the low frequency residual currents, as per applicable product standards. The reason for this choice is that higher values of high-frequency residual currents appear naturally in switch-mode power converters when fast changing voltages are applied to e.g. cable insulation, output dv/dt filters, input EMC filter and Y capacitors to ground.

Decision on relay output status is done with a comparator having a hysteresis, meaning that after activation of the relay the residual current TRMS value needs to reduce by a certain hysteresis before the relay output is deactivated. In case of repetitive activation & deactivation of the relay, it is latched to activated state and Test button needs to be pressed for at least 3s to reset.

Block diagram





Smart-RCM (SRCM) PC Software application description

Danisense SRCM PC Software application makes it possible to analyze the residual currents in electrical installations in easy and intuitive way by taking advantage of the USB-connectivity of SRCM to a PC with Windows OS.

Supported features:

- General screen with easy access to device information, user settings, measurements, test function etc.
- FFT screen for analysis of residual currents in time & frequency domain, as well as TRMS calculated in frequency ranges
- Residual current logging in prolonged time periods for the purpose of troubleshooting installation operational issues

Both FFT and Logging screens provide the possibility of saving graphs and data for creating documentation for future reference.





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Auto setup

Danisense SRCM is capable of performing automatic setup of the user selectable settings for installations in proper condition taken as baseline. This means that when the auto setup is initiated, the RCM will automatically measure the residual currents at the location of the installation with different frequency ranges & integration time settings and select the rated residual current limit which is at least 50% higher than the measured value. In this way the RCM will operate with comfortable margin for future development of the measured residual current towards the trip limit of the relay. The auto setup will also propose an appropriate frequency range and integration time.

Necessary steps:

- Activate the auto setup by pressing "Rated RC limit" and "Integration time" buttons simultaneously for more than 3s
- RCM will perform sequence of residual current measurements with different settings
- Proposed settings for "Rated RC limit", "Frequency range" and "Integration time" are marked with flashing LEDs
- The proposed change of settings should be accepted by pressing the "Test" button
- If the change is not accepted within 10s, the RCM will revert back to the old settings





NB: Frequency range of 100Hz is not included in the auto setup feature i.e. if desired the user must select it manually. The RCM will always give priority to settings which make the RCM more sensitive i.e. higher frequency ranges and shorter integration times.

Electrical specifications

Primary monitored circuit

Parameter	Symbol	Value
Rated voltage of monitored circuit	Un	690Vrms
Rated frequency of monitored circuit	f _n	50Hz / 60Hz
Applicable operating frequency range of monitored circuit	f_{aop}	0-400Hz
Rated primary current	I _n	100A (ΙΔn=30mA) 300A (ΙΔn=100-1000mA)
Max. non-tripping overcurrent	I _{max}	600A (IΔn=30mA) 1800A (IΔn=100-1000mA)
Thermal rated short-time (10ms) withstand residual current	$I_{\Delta th}$	200A
Thermal rated continuous withstand residual current	$I_{\Delta cth}$	100A
Rated impulse residual current	I _{∆dyn}	10kA
Rated insulation voltage	U _i	700V
Impulse withstand voltage	U _{imp}	8kV
Overvoltage category	OVC	IV
Pollution degree acc. EN/IEC 60664	PD	3

Residual current characteristics

Parameter	Symbol	Value
Rated relay output residual current at 50/60Hz – user selectable Rated RC		30mA-100mA-300mA-
limit	IΔn	500mA-1000mA
	£	DC-100Hz*
Posidual surrent frequency range - user selectable		DC-2kHz
Residual current frequency range – user selectable	IΔn	DC-20kHz
		DC-100kHz
Relay output residual operating current at 50/60Hz	I _{∆n}	100% I _{∆n} +0%-20%
Relay output residual non-operating current at 50/60Hz	$I_{\Delta no}$	50% I _{∆n} +20%-0%
		150Hz: 2.4·I _{∆n} (or 2Arms max)
Frequency dependence of residual operating current	$I_{\Delta n, freq}$	400Hz: 6·I _{∆n} (or 2Arms max)
		1000Hz: $14 \cdot I_{\Delta n}$ (or 2Arms max)
		150Hz: 0.5·I _{∆n}
Frequency dependence of residual non-operating current	$I_{\Delta n, freg}$	400Hz: 0.5·I _{∆n}
		1000Hz: $1 \cdot I_{\Delta n}$
		0.4Arms ±2% (I _{∆n} =30-300mA)
Rated analog output residual current (20mA)	lan	2Arms ±2% (I _{∆n} =0.5-1A)
Hysteresis on relay output (for non-latched operation)	$I_{\Delta n,hyst}$	<30% I _{∆n}
	T _i	Short (100ms)
Integration time		Medium (400ms)
		Long (1000ms)

All values are True RMS (TRMS) values

* 100Hz frequency range makes RCM insensitive to higher frequencies and is not Type B compliant acc. to IEC62020-1

External Test and Reset button

Parameter	Symbol	Value
Cable length for external Test & Reset key	L _{tk}	≤ 10m
Short-circuit current	I _{sc,tk}	<4mAdc, SC-proof
Voltage at open terminals	U _{oc,tk}	24Vdc

Analog current interface 4-20mA

Parameter	Symbol	Value
Current output 0-0.4Arms / 0-2Arms	I _{out}	4-20mAdc
Current output at 0% $I_{\Delta n}$	0%	4-4.2mAdc
Current output at 0.4Arms / 2Arms	100%	19-21mAdc
Peak-to-Peak noise	pk-pk	≤0.25%
Resolution	Res _{out}	0.01mA
Short-circuit current	I _{sc,out}	<25mAdc, SC-proof
Maximum total load resistance / apparent ohmic resistance with cable	R _{t,max}	≤ 900Ω
Typical load resistance	R _{typ}	250Ω
Voltage at open terminals	U _{oc,out}	24Vdc
Response time $1x I_{\Delta n}$, step response 10-90%	t _{10-90%}	≤Ti
Response time $1x I_{\Delta n}$, step response 0-50%	t _{0-50%}	≤T _i /2
Response time $5x I_{\Delta n}$, step response 10-90%	5x t _{10-90%}	≤T _i /30
Response time $5x I_{\Delta n}$, step response 0-50%	5x t _{0-50%}	≤T _i /50

Relay output

Parameter	Symbol	Value
Contact output		NO+NC
Rated voltage	U _r	30Vac/dc
Rated current	l _r	1Aac/dc
Maximum actuating time 1x $I_{\Delta n}$	t _{r,} 1x I _{∆n}	≤Ti+1/(2·frc)*
Maximum actuating time $5x I_{\Delta n}$	t _{r,} 5x l _{∆n}	≤Ti/16+1/(2·frc)*
Response threshold $I_{\Delta n}$		100% +0-20%
Latching function with Reset (int/ext)		Yes
Minimum non-actuating time	t _{nr,} 1x l _{∆n}	≤T _i /2
Switching operations		>20.000

 * f_{rc} is the frequency of the dominant residual current component

Supply voltage

Parameter	Symbol	Value
Rated supply voltage*	U _e	24Vdc +10%/-15%
Overvoltage category	OVC _e	111
Rated impulse withstand voltage	U _{impe}	1.5kV
Rated insulation voltage	U _{ie}	30V
Internal consumption	Pe	<4W

* External adapter



CAUTION:

- PLEASE IMPERATIVELY RESPECT <u>CONNECTION POLARITIES</u> TO PREVENT DESTRUCTION OF THE RESIDUAL CURRENT MONITOR
- PLEASE ENSURE <u>ADEQUATE CURRENT AND VOLTAGE RATING</u> <u>OF POWER SUPPLY</u> TO AVOID MALFUNCTION



Environmental and mechanical characteristics

Parameter	Unit	Min	Тур	Max	Comment
Operating temperature range	°C	-20		55	
Storage temperature range	°C	-40		85	
Relative humidity	%	20		80	Non-condensing
Mass	kg		0.9		
Connector	Phoenix Contact DFMC 1.5-3.5 2x5way PN: 1790519, or compatible				
Standards	EN / IEC 62020-1:2020				

Mechanical specifications









(general tolerance 0.3mm unless otherwise stated)

Mounting instructions

- Base plate mounting with screws in the four holes
- Free-hanging on the cable by using cable strips through the hooks on the backside for fixation

