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The above nomenclature embraces a line of relays designed to protect against overcurrent and undervoltage and also for use as auxiliary devices. The same principle of operation is common to all of them and depends upon the action of a magnet coil in attracting or releasing the plunger when predetermined values of voltage or current are present in the circuit to which the coil is connected. By means of a snap toggle mechanism the operation of the contacts is quick-acting on the upstroke of the plunger. These contacts can be arranged in several ways which, with the use of a coil suitable for the particular purpose in view, adapt these relays to a large number of applications.

Three distinct varieties of the general construction are available. These are differentiated by the second letter of the nomenclature; thus the letter "A" denotes the standard construction, "B" indicates the sensitive form (hand or electrical reset only), while "C" distinguishes a shaded-pole construction designed to insure quiet operation on alternating voltage. The three types are not interchangeable in service and the outstanding features of each are listed on page 4.

#### INSTALLATION

When received, the cover should be removed and the relay inspected to make sure that the toggle snaps quickly when the plunger is raised slowly by hand, and that the plunger drops down freely to its normal position when released.

It may be more convenient to adjust the contacts (see below) before mounting the relay than afterward.

The relay should be mounted on a vertical surface, preferably in a location free from excessive vibration, dirt, moisture, or corrosive fumes.

#### ADJUSTMENTS

See that the die-cast cam at the front of the relay bears evenly against the two rollers; the supporting holes in this cam are slotted for adjustment. Make sure that the screws holding this cam are tight, because these partially determine the amount of wipe on the back contacts.

#### Contacts

The stationary contacts can be placed in either of two positions, one of these being toward the back of the relay and the other toward the front. These positions may be readily obtained by loosening the screw on the front of the contact block, removing the stationary contact and replacing it in the desired position.

Lifting the plunger and operating the contact bar solely by hand, see that all the back contacts make simultaneously and all the front contacts make simultaneously. Adjust for this condition, if necessary, by loosening the set screws and moving the contact piece forward or backward as required.

After locking the adjustments, see that the contacts still make simultaneously, and then operate the contact mechanism slowly by means of the plunger and see that each contact has wipe.

#### Automatic or Hand-reset

In the construction of types PAA and PAC relays the upper portion of the plunger rod is surrounded by two semi-cylindrical die-castings which carry four projecting parts at the bottom spaced 90 deg. apart, located under the toggle arms, and two similar parts spaced 180 deg. apart, located directly over the toggle arms. These projecting parts or knobs may be adjusted to two positions; when the two upper knobs lie across the toggle arms the contacts are automatically reset by the fall of the plunger, whereas when they are rotated through 90 deg. they pass downward between the toggle arms, and the contacts remain in the operated position until reset manually by means of the push rod projecting through the front of the cover. This rotation is accomplished by removing the clamping spring at the top of the rod

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## APPLICATIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS

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Type of Relay	Application	Time	*Contacts	Volts	Amp.	Freq. in Cycles	Reset	Indi- cating Target	Construction	
PAC11A PAC12A		Inst. Time		{	1 to 5 1 to 5	25 to 60 40 to 60		Yes Yes	The PAC relay can be obtained either instan- taneous or with time delay, and with either	
PAC13A PAC14A	Over- current	Inst. Time }	**** (	{	1 to 5 1 to 5	25 to 60 40 to 60	60 60 Self 60 Hand 60	Yes Yes	the plunger drops at approximately 70 per cent of the current at which it picks up, after the plunger has lifted until it strikes the toogle.	
PAC11B PAC12B		Inst. Time }	<b>••••</b> •• <b>•</b> •••	{ :::	1 to 5 1 to 5	25 to 60 40 to 60		Yes Yes	The time delay may be adjusted for any time up to 20 seconds at 125 per cent of its calibra- tion. The low point of calibration is approximately	
PAC13B PAC14B		Inst. Time }	****	{ ::::	1 to 5 1 to 5	25 to 60 40 to 60		Yes Yes	the same as the continuous capacity, while the highest calibration is three times the lowest calibration value. The standard time-delay relay is assembled	
_									at the factory to give the delay on pickup with instantaneous dropout.	
PBCIIA		Inst.			1 to 5	25 to 60	Hand	Yes		
PBC12A		Inst.			1 to 5	25 to 60	Hand	Yes	The PBC relay is built in the instantaneous	
PBC11B	Sensitive Over-	Inst.			1 to 5	25 to 60	Hand	Yes	form with either hand or hand-and electrical- reset only. It differs from the Type PAC in that	
PBC12B		Inst.			1 to 5	25 to 60	Hand	Yes	the plunger is much lighter. The low point of calibration is approximately	
PBC13A	current	Inst.	****		1 to 5	25 to 60	Hand and Electric	Yes	50 per cent of the continuous capacity, while the high point of calibration is three times the lowest calibration value.	
PBC13B		Inst.	<b>0 0 0 0 0</b>		1 to 5	25 to 60	Hand and Electric	Yes		
PAV11A	Under- voltage	Inst.		125			Self	No	The PAV relay is similar to the Type PAC relay except that it is equipped with a potential coil to fit the device for use as a d-c. undervoltage relay.	
PAV12A	Protection for D-c. Circuits	Time	• 0 6 • 7 • • •	and 250 D-c.			Self	No		
PCV11A PCV12A		Inst. }	• •			25 and 60	Self	No	The PCV relay differs from the above con-	
PCV13A PCV14A	Under- voltage	Inst. Time }	****	115, 230, 460,		25 and 60	Self	No	operation on a.c. voltage and is quiet at rated voltage with the plunger up. It may be obtained either in the instantaneous form or with the time- delay feature. The latter is assembled at the factory to give instantaneous pickup with time- delay dropout. It has no provision for calibration,	
PCV11B PCV12B	for A-c. Circuits	Inst. Time }	<b>••••</b> • <b>•</b> •••	575 A-c.		25 and 60	Self	No		
PCV13B PCV14B		Inst. Time }	****			25 and 60	Self	No	but will pickup at approximately 80 per cent of rated voltage and dropout at 30 per cent.	
PAA11A PAA12A		Inst. Time }	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	115,		25 and 60		Yes		
PAA13A PAA14A	Augilianu	Inst. Time }	****	230, 460, and 575		25 and 60	Self	Yes	The PAA relay is similar to the Type PAC except that it is equipped with an a-c. or d-c.	
PAA11B PAA12B	Auxiliary	Inst. Time }	<b>0 0 0 0 0</b>	A-c.		25 and 60	60 Hand	Yes	potential coil. When used on a-c. this relay is suitable for momentary energization only.	
PAA13B PAA14B		Inst. Time	****	9 to 600 D-c.		25 and 60		Yes		
PBAIIA		Inst.	••••		+	25 and 60	Hand	Yes		
PBA12A		Inst.	++++	230,		25 and 60	Hand Yes Hand Yes Hand Yes	Yes		
PBAIIB	Bell Alarni and Auxil- iary	Inst.		460. and 575 A-c.	460, and 575 A-c.	25 and 60		The PBA relay is similar to the Type PBC except that it is equipped with an a-c. or d-c. potential coil. It is not suitable for continuous energization by alternating current. Current coils		
PBA12B		Inst.	****	125. 250. and		25 and 60		Yes	are also supplied when connected in series with other coils.	
PBA13A		Inst.	TIT	650 D-c.		25 and 60	Hand	Yes		
PBA13B	Auxiliary	Inst.	inst.			25 and 60	Electric	Yes		

 Positions of contacts.
 OAlternative positions of contacts.

 One-minute rating of d-c. coil in amperes: 1.5, 2.8, 6, 12, 25, 30, and 80.

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and rotating the semi-cylindrical castings carrying the knobs until the latter reach the desired position. The spring must then be replaced in the recess provided for it.

#### TIME DELAY

This feature is obtained by means of a bellows and air valve located at the top of the plunger rod. The bellows is composed of a rubber compound which must not be lubricated, and which is unaffected, either in its action or in its durability, by high or low temperature. The rate at which the air is expelled by the upward stroke of the plunger and is returned on the downward stroke is governed by a calibrated disc at the right-hand side of the bellows controlling the air valve, the latter being located directly in front of the Bakelite drum upon which the disc rotates. This disc is arbitrarily marked from 1 to 10 and the valve mechanism is so arranged that when the numeral 1 lies over the valve opening the time delay of the relay is at its minimum value: as the disc is rotated so that higher numerals lie vertically over the valve aperture the time delay increases and reaches the maximum time setting of the relay at the numeral 10. (See Fig. 3.)

The setting of the left-hand disc, which is not calibrated, determines whether the delay brought about by the bellows will occur on the upward stroke of the plunger, on its downward stroke, or on both. By raising the clip which holds this disc in place, and removing the latter, two valves are displayed one of which contains a removable poppet, while the other does not. The action of the poppet is as follows:

When the poppet is placed in the left-hand valve opening, with the dowel pin on the cover seated in the recess at the back of the molded part, the time delay takes place on the upward stroke of the plunger and there is no time delay on the downward stroke.

When the poppet is placed on the right-hand valve opening, with the dowel pin still seated in the recess at the back of the molded part, the action is reversed, the time delay now occurring on the downward stroke, while the upward stroke is practically instantaneous.

With the poppet still in the right-hand valve opening, but with the disc replaced so that the dowel now rests directly on top of the poppet, instead of in the recess previously described, the time-delay action of the relay occurs on both the upward and downward strokes. Plunger Relays GEH-954.4



Fig. 3. Discs for Adjustment of Time Delay

In making the any of above adjustments care should be taken to see that the leather washer under the disc is properly seated when the latter is replaced.

#### OVERCURRENT SETTING

The current at which the plunger operates is predetermined by the height at which it rests in the calibrating tube at the bottom of the relay. The groove in the lower end of the plunger should be set opposite to the valve in amperes at which it is desired that the relay shall operate. This setting is accomplished by turning the knurled nut until the plunger groove rests opposite the desired tripping current.

From the variety of adjustments enumerated above, and the number of coils and arrangements of contacts available, the almost universal field of application of these relays, where the plunger type is desired, will be readily apparent. For convenience, certain details of construction of the several varieties are given in the tabulation on page 4.

The overcurrent relays types PAC and PBC are equipped with current coils. The others are provided with potential coils, except certain forms of the type PBA relay which are intended for operation in series with a circuit breaker trip coil; these relays are provided with coils suitable for this purpose.

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Fig. 4. Connection Diagrams for Types PAC11A and PAC12A Relays

All relays, except the undervoltage type PCV, are provided with targets. These targets are plainly visible, orange-colored semaphores which come into view when the plunger rises to operate the relay. They are reset manually by means of a push-rod extending through the front of the cover.

#### **Contact Rating**

By choosing the proper contacts the overcurrent relay can be used for direct tripping by the current transformer, or it can be used to trip the breaker indirectly from a separate d-c. power supply.

Each contact of the relay will carry 5 amperes continuously or 20 amperes for one minute. To avoid burning the contacts the trip circuit should be interrupted by an auxiliary switch on the circuit breaker, instead of by the relay contacts, when a tripping source other than the current transformer is used. The contacts of the circuit-opening relay, used for direct tripping from the current transformer, will operate successfully on secondary currents up to 50 amperes. Beyond this value circuit-closing contacts, in conjunction with a battery or other suitable tripping means, should be used.

Any one contact will safely interrupt currents not in excess of those given in the following table:

UPSTROKE	Am;	DOWN- STROKE	
D·c.	A-c.	D-c.	A-c.
5.0 3.0 1.0 0.4	10.0 10.0 10.0 7.0	2.5 1.5 0.5 0.2	5.0 5.0 2.5 1.0
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Fig. 5. Connections for Testing a Circuit-closing Relay Operated from Same Supply as Type MF-2 Synchronous Timer



Fig. 6. Characteristic Time-current Curves of Type PAC Overcurrent Relays with 5-amp. Coil; Plunger Setting at 8 Amperes with Two Different Settings of Time-delay Device

#### Secondary Burden

The burden imposed upon the current transformer by the 5-ampere coil, which is the most commonly used, is approximately 22.5 voltamperes at 5 amperes, 60 cycles.

#### **Periodic Tests**

It is advisable to test the relays periodically to insure their positive operation. Typical testing connections for overcurrent relay are given in this book, while the various methods of adjustment have already been described.

#### **Renewal Parts**

Order renewal parts by Cat. No. from the nearest Office of the General Electric Company. If the Cat. No. is not available, give a complete description of the part required, together with the complete rating and all other information that may appear on the relay nameplate.



Fig. 7. Outline and Dimensions of Types PAA, PAC, PAV, PBA, and PBC Relays (Number of Studs Varies with Different Types)



Fig. 8. Outline and Dimensions of Type PCV Relays (Number of Studs Varies with Different Types)

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## TIME DELAY RELAY CR2820-1731A AND 1731B

Also for Form......Switch



Solenoid coll C

-Plunger D

-Nut A

Contacts E (not visible) Movable Cat 380565861 Stationary Cat 518613762

Movable Cat. 4929723G6 for CR2820-1731A Cat. 5346421G1 for CR2820-1731B Stationary Cat. 5186137G2 for CR2820-1731A Cat. 5346423G1 for CR2820-1731B

#### Fig. 1. CR2820-1731A Time-delay Relay (Cover Removed)

The CR2820-1731 time-delay relay provides either an instantaneous-closing time-delay opening (1731A), or an instantaneous-opening timedelay closing (1731B) device, for use in control circuits.

#### INSTALLATION

The switch should be mounted on a vertical surface as free from vibration as possible, with the solenoid coil (C) mounted at the top.





Fig. 2. Internal Connections (CR2820-1731A) Fig. 3. Internal Connections (CR2820-1731B)

Check the voltage and frequency stamped on the nameplate of the relay with that of the panel to which it is connected. The relay is designed for alternating-current circuits only.

#### ADJUSTMENTS

These relays are adjusted in the factory, and under ordinary conditions the time adjustment need not be disturbed. However, if this time interval is not correct, it can be changed by loosening nut (A), Fig. 1, and moving pin (F) down for increased time or up for decreased time. The time may be adjusted from 1 to 4 seconds.

#### **OPERATION**

When the CR2820-1731A solenoid coil (C) is energized, plunger (D) is lifted and contacts (E) are closed instantly.

Upon removal of voltage to the coil, plunger (D) starts to drop but is retarded by the escapement mechanism. As the rack nears the end of its travel, it drops off the pinion and releases the arm, opening contacts (E). Contacts (E) will not reclose until the solenoid coil (C) is reenergized.

If voltage is reapplied before the arm is released, contacts (E) remain closed.



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When the CR2820-1731B solenoid coil (C) is energized, plunger (D) is lifted and contacts (E) are opened instantly.

Upon removal of voltage to the coil, plunger (D) starts to drop but is retarded by the escapement mechanism. As the rack nears the end of its travel it drops off the pinion and releases the arm, closing contacts (E). Contacts (E) will not reopen until solenoid coil (C) is re-energized.

If voltage is reapplied before the arm releases, contacts (E) remain open.

#### CARE OF RELAY AND CONTACTS

The switch is lubricated in the factory and should require no further lubrication during its life.

In general, the contact tips do not require

attention during their normal life. If prominent copper beads form on the surfaces of the copper contacts, or if the tips turn a dark color due to overheating, the contact surfaces should be dressed with a fine file. The silver contacts must be replaced before they are completely worn down to their supports. The renewal contacts consist of the silver tips assembled on their supports.

#### RENEWAL PARTS

Renewal parts should be ordered by the Cat. No. given in Fig. 1. For other parts not identified by Cat. No. refer to the nearest Sales Office of the General Electric Company giving the complete nameplate rating of the relay and describing the part in detail.

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