STATIC LOGIC AUXILIARY RELAY

Type SLA56E
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AUXILIARY LOGIC UNIT
TYPE SLA56E

DESCRIPTION and APPLICATION

The SLA56E is an auxiliary logic relay designed for use as an isolation interface between the relays in a static relay scheme and the associated NN45 channel equipment. Circuitry of this interface provides a signal path, while maintaining metallic isolation. This feature makes it possible to use a different DC supply for the relays from that employed by the channel.

Packaging for the SLA56E is two rack units (1 R.U. = 1 3/4") enclosed in a metal case suitable for mounting in a 19 inch rack. The outline and mounting dimensions are shown in Figure 1. Internal connections for the relay are shown in Figure 2.

RATINGS

The Type SLA56E relay is designed for use in an environment where the ambient temperature outside the relay case is between -20°C and +65°C.

This relay requires a ± 15 VDC power source which can be obtained from a Type SSA power supply.

The contact converter in this relay has a link for selecting the proper voltage for the coil circuit. The three possible voltages are 48 VDC, 125 VDC or 250 VDC.

The contacts of the reed relays that are used for K10, K11, K12 are rated 100 Watts DC. They will make and carry three amperes continuously.

BURDENS

The SLA56E relay presents a burden of 25 mA to the (+)15 VDC supply and 45 mA to the (-) 15 VDC supply of the type SSA power supply.

Each contact converter, when energized, will draw approximately 10 mA from the station battery, regardless of the tap setting.

OPERATING PRINCIPLES

LOGIC CIRCUIT

The functions of the SLA56E relay involve basic logic (AND and NOT) where the presence or absence of signals, rather than their magnitudes, controls the operation. Signals are measured with respect to the reference bus accessible at TP1. In general, a signal below one VDC represents an OFF or LOGIC ZERO condition; an ON or LOGIC ONE condition is represented by a signal of approximately ±15 VDC.

These instructions do not purport to cover all details or variations in equipment nor to provide for every possible contingency to be met in connection with installation, operation or maintenance. Should further information be desired or should particular problems arise which are not covered sufficiently for the purchaser's purposes, the matter should be referred to the General Electric Company.

To the extent required the products described herein meet applicable ANGI, IEEE and NEMA standards; but no such assurance is given with respect to local codes and ordinances because they vary greatly.
The symbols used on the internal connection diagram (Figure 2) are explained by the legend shown in Figure 4.

CONTACT CONVERTERS

The purpose of this function is to convert a contact operation into a signal that is compatible with the logic circuit of the SLA56E relay. The contact converters are labeled CC1 and CC2.

AUXILIARY REED RELAY OUTPUTS

Three reed relay auxiliary outputs K10, K11 and K12 are supplied. Each has two electrically separate, normally open contacts which close within two milliseconds of the time a logic signal is applied to the relay driver. The contacts open within two milliseconds of the time the logic signal is removed. The contact ratings of these auxiliary relays are stated under RATINGS.

CONSTRUCTION

The SLA56E relay is packaged in an enclosed metal case with hinged front covers and removable top cover. The outline and mounting dimensions of the case and the physical location of the components are shown in Fig. 1 and 3, respectively.

The SLA56E relay contains printed circuit cards identified by a code number, such as A120 or L102, where A designates auxiliary function and L designates logic function. The printed circuit cards plug in from the front of the unit. The sockets are marked with letter designations or "addresses" (D, E, F, etc.) which appear on the guide strips in front of each socket, on the component location drawing, on the internal connection diagram, and on the printed circuit card. The test points (TP1, TP2, etc.) shown on the internal connection diagram are connected to instrument jacks on a test card in position T with TP1 at the top of the T card. TP10 is tied to plus 15 VDC through a 2.2K resistor. This resistor limits the current when TP10 is used to supply a logic signal.

RECEIVING, HANDLING AND STORAGE

These relays will normally be supplied as a part of a static relay equipment, mounted in a rack or cabinet with other static relays and test equipment. Immediately upon receipt of a static relay equipment, it should be unpacked and examined for any damage sustained in transit. If injury or damage resulting from rough handling is evident, file a damage claim at once with the transportation company and promptly notify the nearest General Electric Sales Office.

Reasonable care should be exercised in unpacking the equipment. If the equipment is not to be installed immediately, it should be stored indoors in a location that is free from moisture, dust, metallic chips, and severe atmospheric contaminants.

Just prior to final installation the shipping support bolt should be removed from each side of all relay units, to facilitate possible future unit removal for maintenance. These shipping support bolts are approximately eight inches back from the relay front panel.
STATIC RELAY EQUIPMENT, WHEN SUPPLIED IN SWING RACK CABINETS, SHOULD BE SECURELY ANCHORED TO THE FLOOR OR TO THE SHIPPING PALLET TO PREVENT THE EQUIPMENT FROM TIPPING OVER WHEN THE SWING RACK IS OPENED.

INSTALLATION TESTS

CAUTION

THE LOGIC SYSTEM SIDE OF THE DC POWER SUPPLY USED WITH MOD III STATIC RELAY EQUIPMENT IS ISOLATED FROM GROUND. IT IS A DESIGN CHARACTERISTIC OF MOST ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENTS THAT ONE OF THE SIGNAL INPUT TERMINALS IS CONNECTED TO THE INSTRUMENT CHASSIS. IF THE INSTRUMENT USED TO TEST THE RELAY EQUIPMENT IS ISOLATED FROM GROUND, ITS CHASSIS MAY HAVE AN ELECTRICAL POTENTIAL WITH RESPECT TO GROUND. THE USE OF A TEST INSTRUMENT WITH A GROUNDED CHASSIS WILL NOT AFFECT THE TESTING OF THE EQUIPMENT. HOWEVER, A SECOND GROUND CONNECTION TO THE EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS A TEST LEAD INADVERTENTLY DROPPING AGAINST THE RELAY CASE, MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE LOGIC CIRCUITRY. NO EXTERNAL TEST EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE LEFT CONNECTED TO THE STATIC RELAYS WHEN THEY ARE IN PROTECTIVE SERVICE, SINCE TEST EQUIPMENT GROUNDING REDUCES THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ISOLATION PROVIDED.

GENERAL

If the SLA56E relay that is to be tested is installed in an equipment which has already been connected to the power system, disconnect the outputs in the associated Type SLA7 relay from the system.

The SLA56E relay is supplied from the factory either mounted in a static relay equipment or as a separate unit associated with measuring relays, a Type SSA power supply, and some form of channel equipment. All relay units for a given terminal of static relaying equipment are tested together at the factory, and each unit will have the same summary number stamped on its nameplate.

OPERATIONAL CHECKS

Operation of the SLA56E unit can be checked by observing the signals at the ten test points (TP1 to TP10) in the SLA56E, by observing the operation of the associated channel equipment, or by observing the output functions in the associated Type SLA logic relay. The test points are located on the test card in position T and are numbered 1 to 10 from top to bottom. TP1 is the reference bus for the logic circuit; TP10 is at +15 VDC. The remaining points are located at various strategic points throughout the logic as shown on the internal connection diagram (Fig. 1). Test point voltages can be monitored with a portable high impedance voltmeter, the voltmeter on the test panel of the associated equipment, or an oscilloscope.

TEST CARD ADAPTER

The test card adapter provides a convenient means of gaining access to any pin of a particular card. Detailed information on the use of the test adapter card is included in the card instruction book, GEK-34158.

OVERALL EQUIPMENT TESTS

After the SLA56E relay and the associated static relay units have been individually calibrated and tested for the desired settings, a series of overall operating circuit checks is advisable.
The elementary, overall logic and logic description for the specific job will be useful for determining the overall operation of the scheme.

Overall equipment tests can be performed by applying alternating current and voltage to the measuring units as specified in the instruction book for the measuring units and checking that proper outputs are obtained from the associated SLAT when measuring units operate.

MAINTENANCE

PERIODIC TESTS

It should be sufficient to check the outputs produced at test points in the SLA56E when periodic calibration tests are made on the associated measuring units, for example, the phase and ground relays in line-relaying scheme. No separate periodic tests on the SLA56E itself should be required.

TROUBLESHOOTING

A dual trace oscilloscope is a valuable aid to detailed troubleshooting, since it can be used to determine phase shift, operate and reset times, as well as input and output levels. A portable dual-trace oscilloscope with a calibrated sweep and trigger facility is recommended.

In any troubleshooting of equipment, it should first be established which unit is functioning incorrectly. The overall logic diagram supplied with the equipment shows the combined logic of the complete equipment and the various test points in each unit. By signal tracing, using the overall logic diagram and the various test points, it should be possible to isolate the trouble quickly.

A test adapter card is supplied with each static relay equipment to supplement the prewired test points on the test cards. Use of the adapter card is described in the card instruction book, GEK-34158.

SPARE PARTS

To minimize possible outage time, it is recommended that a complete maintenance program should include the stocking of at least one spare card of each type. It is possible to replace damaged or defective components on the printed circuit cards, but great care should be taken in soldering so as not to damage or bridge-over the printed circuit buses, or overheat the semiconductor components. The repaired area should be recovered with a suitable high-dielectric plastic coating to prevent possible breakdowns across the printed buses due to moisture and dust. The wiring diagrams for the cards in the SLA56E relay are included in the card book, GEK-34158.
Figure 2 - (0183B3967) Internal Connections for the Type SLA56E Relay
Figure 3 - (0285A9124) Component and Card Locations for the Type SLA56E Relay