TEST PLUGS
FOR
DRAWOUT RELAYS AND METERS
TYPES
XLA12A
AND
XLA13A
Fig. 1 XLA12A Test Plug

Fig. 2 XLA13A Test Plug
TEST PLUGS FOR DRAWOUT RELAYS AND METERS

TYPE XLA

APPLICATION

The Type XLA test plugs are used to test drawout relays and meters. The XLA12A enables power to be applied to the relay from either a separate source or the source that feeds the equipment. The XLA13A can only be used when a separate source of power is available.

CONSTRUCTION

XLA12A

The XLA12A test plug consists of a black and red Textolite molding with twenty electrically separate contact fingers connected to ten concentric binding posts. The ten contact fingers on the black side are connected to the inside binding posts with the black thumb nuts and engage the relay internal connections. The contact fingers on the red side are connected to the outer binding posts with the red thumb nuts and engage the equipment case stud connections. See Fig. 1. The concentric binding posts are numbered on the nameplate, and the corresponding contact fingers are numbered on each side of the test plug. When using the test plug in the bottom of the relay, numbers one to ten, corresponding to the relay studs, appear upright, while numbers eleven to twenty are upside down. It is impossible, due to its construction, to insert the plug into the bottom of a relay with numbers one to ten upside down. By the same token, numbers eleven to twenty will always appear in the upright position when the plug is inserted in the top of a relay.

Removable test links for through connection, test clips and short-circuiting clips are furnished with each test plug. See Fig. 4.

XLA13A

The XLA13A test plug consists of a black Textolite molding with ten electrically separate contacts. Each contact terminates at a separate binding post. See Fig. 2. When the relay connecting plug is withdrawn any current transformer secondaries will be short circuited by shorting bars in the case. The insertion of the XLA13A test plug does not disturb the current transformer shorting arrangement. The diagonally staggered binding posts are numbered. Numbers one to ten, corresponding to the relay stud connections, appear upright when using this plug in the bottom of a relay, while number eleven to twenty appear upside down. Because of its design, the XLA13 test plug cannot be inserted into the bottom of a relay with numbers one to ten upside down. Thus, the contacts of the inserted plug will always be toward the relay.

TESTING

Routine testing can be accomplished by removing the relay cover and substituting either test plug for the connecting plug.

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Several pieces of hardware are supplied with this test plug (See Fig. 6). The U-shaped link is used to make through connections, relay stud to case terminal. Two sizes of corrugated end links are provided so that standard test clips can be used if desired. These links are also provided with a hole so that a secure bolted connection may be obtained. The long, open end link is used to short-circuit any current transformers and any normally closed contacts. This link must be inserted under the red thumb nuts before the test plug is inserted in the relay unit.

It is very important that when using the XLA12A test plug in conjunction with relays that receive current from CT secondaries that the CT secondary connection be short circuited when applying current from an external source to the relay. Before the test plug is inserted into the relay, the test plug should be carefully inspected to insure that the proper terminals are connected together using the short circuiting link and that these connections are tight.

Typical separate source test connections and wiring diagram for type IAC overcurrent relays are shown in Fig. 3.

A conventional representation of test connections used in wiring diagrams is shown in Fig. 9. An outline of this plug is shown in Fig. 11.

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No external provisions need be made for shorting current transformer secondaries or any normally closed contacts because the plug is so designed that the side away from the relay to be tested does not come into contact with any of the connecting fingers in the case. Power source connections can be secured to the studs of the plug by the black thumb nuts.

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 ANSI, IEEE and NEMA standards; but no such assurance is given with respect to local codes and ordinances because they vary greatly.
Fig. 3  Typical Separate Source Connections and Wiring Diagram for Testing an IAC Overcurrent Relay Using the XLA12A Test Plug

Fig. 4  Test Links in Use on the XLA12A Test Plug
Typical separate source test connections and wiring diagram for Type IAC overcurrent relays are shown in Fig. 5.

A conventional representation of the XLA13A test plug connections used on wiring diagrams is shown in Fig. 10.

An outline diagram of the XLA13A test plug is shown in Fig. 12.

**SHIPPING - UNPACKING**

Type XLA test plugs are shipped in individual cartons which may be used for storage. All necessary hardware is packed in the individual carton.

Immediately upon receipt of the test plug, an examination should be made for any damage sustained in transit. If injury or rough handling is evident a damage claim should be filed at once with the transportation company and the nearest General Electric Sales Office should be notified.

**RENEWAL PARTS**

Orders for renewal parts, should be addressed to the nearest Sales Office of the General Electric Company, giving the name of part wanted, quantity required and complete nameplate data.
Fig. 7 Sectional View of XLA12A Test Plug Showing Internal Wiring

Fig. 8 Sectional View of XLA13A Test Plug Showing Internal Wiring

* Fig. 9 Conventional Representation of XLA12A Test Plug Connections

* Fig. 10 Conventional Representation of XLA13A Test Plug Connections

* Revised since last issue
Fig. 11 Outline of the XLA12A Test Plug

NOTE 1: KEYS SHOWN ON RED SIDE (STUD CONNECTIONS) PROVIDED TO PREVENT INCORRECT INSERTION INTO RELAY.

Fig. 12 Outline of the XLA13A Test Plug