Relay Protection of Rectifier Transformers

Summary of Content

Rectifier transformers require a combination of differential, overcurrent, and earth-fault protection, with harmonic restraint and directional elements to ensure reliable operation and fault isolation.

Key Protection Principles

Differential Protection: The primary protection for rectifier transformers is percentage differential protection, which detects internal winding faults by comparing currents on the primary and secondary sides. Harmonics generated by the rectifier operation can cause false trips, so second-harmonic restraint is typically applied to prevent misoperation during inrush or load changes (IEEE Guide for Protecting Power Transformers) . Overcurrent Protection: Backup phase overcurrent relays are used to protect against external short circuits and severe overloads. These relays are coordinated with upstream protection to ensure selective tripping and minimize system disruption . Earth-Fault Protection: Rectifier transformers often require sensitive earth-fault protection on the star-connected side, especially if the neutral is grounded. Directional earth-fault relays may be used to distinguish between internal and external faults, ensuring proper coordination with system protection .

Relay Configuration Considerations

• CT Selection and Placement: Accurate current transformer (CT) ratios and placement are critical for differential and overcurrent protection. CTs must handle DC offset and harmonics from the rectifier without saturation .

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