

# *Testing the SEL-700G 51V Element*

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## **INTRODUCTION**

This application guide describes how to test the voltage-restrained time-overcurrent element (51V) in an SEL-700G Generator Protection Relay. A similar test procedure can be followed for the SEL-300G Generator Relay (firmware Version R240/R320 and later). This guide assumes that the user is familiar with testing time-overcurrent elements and understands basic terminal commands. For more information about terminal commands, refer to the SEL-700G Instruction Manual.

The 51V element is typically used for generator backup protection during system phase faults. The generator current contribution to a fault is initially large because it is inversely proportional to the small subtransient reactance  $(X_d'')$  of the machine. As the fault persists, the larger machine steady-state synchronous reactance  $(X_d)$  begins to dominate and causes the fault current to be lower than the maximum load current in many cases. The 51V element uses the reduced voltage during fault conditions for dependable backup protection, but it remains secure during normal load conditions.

## <span id="page-0-0"></span>**REVIEW OF 51V SETTINGS**

Settings associated with the 51V element are shown in [Table 1.](#page-0-0) Note that the voltage-restrained settings are only settable if the backup element is set (EBUP  $:= V$  or DC V).





\*Ranges are for 5 A current transformer (CT). Divide by 5 for 1 A-rated CTs.

[Figure 1](#page-1-0) shows the voltage-restrained logic. Torque control 51VTC is set to NOT LOPX by default, which disables the element if the X voltage channel detects a loss-of-potential (LOP) event such as a cleared potential transformer (PT) fuse. 51VTC can be set to logical 1 during testing, so it does not interfere, and then set back to its original value when tests are complete.



**Figure 1 51V Logic Diagram**

<span id="page-1-0"></span>The time-overcurrent settings 51VC for curve type and 51VTD for time dial behave the same as they do for a regular phase time-overcurrent element. The pickup 51VP is scaled by a ratio of the applied voltage to the nominal voltage setting VNOM\_X, as shown in [Figure 2](#page-1-1) and Equation (1).



<span id="page-1-1"></span>**Figure 2 51V Pickup Scaled by Applied Voltage**

$$
51VPscaled = \n\begin{cases}\n51VP \cdot \frac{|\overline{V_{\text{restrain}}}|}{(\underline{VNOM\_X} \cdot 1000)} \text{ if } 0.125 \leq \frac{|\overline{V_{\text{restrain}}}|}{(\underline{VNOM\_X} \cdot 1000)} \leq 1 \\
51VP \cdot 0.125 \text{ if } \frac{|\overline{V_{\text{restrain}}}|}{(\underline{VNOM\_X} \cdot 1000)} < 0.125 \\
51VP \text{ if } \frac{|\overline{V_{\text{restrain}}}|}{(\underline{VNOM\_X} \cdot 1000)} > 1 \\
\frac{|\overline{V_{\text{restrain}}}|}{(\underline{VNOM\_X} \cdot 1000)} > 1\n\end{cases}\n\tag{1}
$$

Once the scaled pickup current is known, the time-overcurrent element expected pickup time can be found by using the equations in Appendix B. The time-overcurrent curve fully resets in one cycle when the applied current drops below the scaled pickup unless the electromechanical reset setting 51VRS is set to Y. In this case, the reset time follows the Appendix B reset equations.

When a transformer is used to tie a generator to a system, the winding connections affect which phase voltages become depressed at the generator during the fault. This can be seen by comparing [Figure 8](#page-10-0) and [Figure 10](#page-11-0) in Appendix A for each different type of fault. Setting 51VCA defines the type of phase shift that occurs in the transformer and selects the correct phase voltages to use when scaling 51VP.  $51VCA := 0$  is used for installations that do not have a step-up transformer or have no phase shift across the transformer.  $51VCA := -30$  is for transformers where the high-voltage (HV) side leads the low-voltage (LV) side by 30 degrees, as shown in [Figure 9](#page-11-1) in Appendix A.  $51VCA := 30$  is for transformers where the HV side lags the LV side by 30 degrees, as shown i[n Figure 7](#page-10-1) in Appendix A.

The detailed voltage-restraint calculation is provided in Appendix C. The 51V element in the SEL-700G is intended for applications in which the generator is directly connected to a bus, to a wye-wye or a delta-delta transformer, or to the delta side of a delta-wye transformer.

## **TEST SETUP**

In terminal mode, issue the **SHO** command and record the following relevant settings:



The test connections should be wired as shown in [Figure](#page-3-0) 3 and [Figure 4.](#page-3-1) If the setting DELTAY  $X := WYE$ , use [Figure 3.](#page-3-0) If the setting DELTAY  $X := DELTA$ , use [Figure 4.](#page-3-1) Notice that only two voltage sources are used with the delta connection.



Relay Rear-Panel Voltage and Current Inputs (DELTAY\_X := WYE)

Three-Phase Voltage and Current Sources



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Relay Rear-Panel Voltage and Current Inputs (DELTAY\_X := DELTA)

Two Voltage and Three Current Sources

<span id="page-3-1"></span>**Figure 4 Test Connections for Delta-Connected PTs**

The test voltage angles for wye potentials are shown in [Figure 5.](#page-4-0)



**Figure 5 Wye AC Potential Connection Test Voltage Signals**

<span id="page-4-0"></span>When setting PHROT = ABC and DELTAY  $X := WYE$ , set the test source phase angles as follows:

$$
\angle V_A = \angle I_A = 0^\circ
$$
  
\n
$$
\angle V_B = \angle I_B = -120^\circ
$$
  
\n
$$
\angle V_C = \angle I_C = 120^\circ
$$

When setting PHROT = ACB and DELTAY\_X := WYE, set the test source phase angles as follows:

$$
\angle V_A = \angle I_A = 0^\circ
$$
  
\n
$$
\angle V_B = \angle I_B = 120^\circ
$$
  
\n
$$
\angle V_C = \angle I_C = -120^\circ
$$

The test voltage angles for open-delta potentials shown in [Figure 6.](#page-4-1)



**Figure 6 Open-Delta AC Potential Connection Test Voltage Signals**

<span id="page-4-1"></span>When setting PHROT = ABC and DELTAY\_X := DELTA, set the test source phase angles as follows:

$$
\angle I_A = 0^\circ
$$
  
\n
$$
\angle I_B = -120^\circ
$$
  
\n
$$
\angle I_C = 120^\circ
$$
  
\n
$$
\angle V_{AB} = 30^\circ
$$
  
\n
$$
\angle V_{CB} = 90^\circ
$$

$$
\angle I_A = 0^\circ
$$
  
\n
$$
\angle I_B = 120^\circ
$$
  
\n
$$
\angle I_C = -120^\circ
$$
  
\n
$$
\angle V_{AB} = -30^\circ
$$
  
\n
$$
\angle V_{CB} = -90^\circ
$$

# **TEST PROCEDURE**

## **Step 1**

Ensure that the connections and voltage and current angles are set as described in the Test Setup section. Apply voltage on all three phases as specified by (2) if wye-connected PTs  $(DELTAY_X := WYE)$  are being used.

$$
\frac{\text{VNOM\_X} \cdot 1000}{\text{PTRX} \cdot \sqrt{3}}\tag{2}
$$

Apply voltage on all three phases as specified by (3) for  $V_{AB}$  and  $V_{CB}$  if delta-connected PTs (DELTAY  $X := \text{DELTA}$ ) are being used.

$$
\frac{\text{VNOM\_X} \cdot 1000}{\text{PTRX}}\tag{3}
$$

Do not exceed the maximum continuous voltage input of the relay (300 Vac). Verify that the metered voltages on the relay are at the nominal voltage based on the VNOM\_X setting and that the correct phase angles are displayed.

## **Step 2**

The 51VP pickup setting is in secondary A, but the actual pickup is scaled according to (1). To verify the voltage-restraint characteristic, calculate the current pickup (Iop) at the five different applied voltage levels (Vop) using [Table 2.](#page-6-0)

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<sup>1</sup>If DELTAY\_X := WYE, then  $|Vop|= |V_A| = |V_E|$  (see [Figure 3\)](#page-3-0). If DELTAY\_X := DELTA, then  $|Vop| = |V_{AB}| = |V_{CB}|$  (see [Figure 4\)](#page-3-1).

### **Step 3**

If  $51VCA = 0$ , simulate an AB fault by slowly increasing the current magnitude from 0 A on Phases A and B simultaneously for each test in [Table 2.](#page-6-0) If  $51VCA = 30$  or  $51VCA = -30$ , slowly increase the current magnitude from 0 A on Phase A only for each test in [Table 2.](#page-6-0) Monitor the status of Relay Word bit 51V by issuing a target command (**TAR 51V 1000**) in a terminal window (to cancel the command, press <**Ctrl+X**>). Observe 51V asserting for each test when the applied current exceeds the calculated pickup. Record the pickup test currents in [Table 3](#page-7-0) and calculate the error.

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<sup>1</sup>Steady pickup accuracy is  $\pm 5\% \pm 0.1$  A for a 5 A relay and  $\pm 5\% \pm 0.02$  A for a 1 A relay.

#### **Step 4**

Perform an overcurrent timing test by using Relay Word bits 51V (pickup) and 51VT (timeout) in the relay Sequential Events Recorder (SER) or with a test set. The curve equations are provided in Appendix B. It is recommended to test at or above 2.5 multiples of pickup.

Select a pair of Vop and Iop from [Table 2.](#page-6-0) Calculate the test current magnitudes and expected operate times for different multiples of pickup in [Table 4.](#page-8-0) Apply the voltage and current as described in [Table 5,](#page-8-1) [Table 6,](#page-8-2) Table 7, and [Table 8](#page-9-0) for respective DELTAY\_X and 51VCA settings, and record the measured operate time and error.

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1Choose multiples of pickup greater than or equal to 2.5, but do not exceed the thermal rating of the relay (15 A continuous for a 5 A relay and 3 A continuous for a 1 A relay).

2See Appendix B.

3Apply current and voltage as described i[n Table 5,](#page-8-1) [Table 6,](#page-8-2) [Table 7,](#page-9-1) an[d Table 8](#page-9-0) for the phase pair being tested.

<span id="page-8-1"></span><sup>4</sup> Accuracy is  $\pm$ 4%  $\pm$ 1.5 cycles for current between 2 and 20 multiples of pickup.





1ABC rotation is assumed. Modify angles according to [Figure 5](#page-4-0) for ACB rotation. Wye test connections are shown in [Figure 3.](#page-3-0)

<span id="page-8-2"></span><sup>2</sup>Vopn = applied voltage for chosen Iopn  $(n = 1, 2, ...)$  fro[m Table 2,](#page-6-0) and Itpm = test pickup current  $(m = 1, 2, or 3)$ fro[m Table 4](#page-8-0) in multiples of Iopn.

**Table 6 Test Currents When DELTAY\_X := DELTA and 51VCA = 01, 2 (VABX = Vopn**∠**30° and VCBX = Vopn**∠**90°)**

<b>AB Fault</b>	$IAX = Itpm\angle 0^{\circ}$	$IBX = Itpm\angle -120^\circ$	$ICX = 0$
<b>BC</b> Fault	$IAX = 0$	$IBX = Itpm\angle -120^{\circ}$	$ICX = Itpm\angle 120^\circ$
<b>CA Fault</b>	$IAX = Itom\angle 0^{\circ}$	$IRX = 0$	$ICX = Itom \angle 120^\circ$

1ABC rotation is assumed. Modify angles according to [Figure 6](#page-4-1) for ACB rotation. Delta test connections are shown in [Figure 4.](#page-3-1)

<sup>2</sup>Vopn = applied voltage for chosen Iopn ( $n = 1, 2, ...$  5) fro[m Table 2,](#page-6-0) and Itpm = test pickup current ( $m = 1, 2,$  or 3) fro[m Table 4](#page-8-0) in multiples of Iopn.

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AB Fault $(51VCA := 30)$ and CA Fault $(51VCA := -30)$	$IAX = Itpm\angle 0^{\circ}$	$IBX = 0$	$ICX = 0$
BC Fault $(51VCA := 30)$ and AB Fault $(51VCA := -30)$	$IAX = 0$	$IBX = Itpm\angle -120^\circ$	$ICX = 0$
CA Fault $(51VCA := 30)$ BC Fault $(51VCA := -30)$	$IAX = 0$	$IBX = 0$	$ICX = Itpm\angle 120^\circ$

**Table 7 Test Currents When DELTAY\_X := WYE and 51VCA = ±301, 2, 3 (VAX = Vopn**∠**0°, VBX = Vopn**∠**–120°, and VCX = Vopn**∠**120°)**

<sup>1</sup>ABC rotation is assumed. Modify angles according to [Figure 5](#page-4-0) for ACB rotation. Wye test connections are shown in [Figure 3.](#page-3-0)

<sup>2</sup>Vopn = applied voltage for chosen Iopn ( $n = 1, 2, ...$  5) from Table 2, and Itpm = test pickup current ( $m = 1, 2,$  or 3) fro[m Table 4](#page-8-0) in multiples of Iopn.

<span id="page-9-0"></span><sup>3</sup>Fault types shown are on the system side of the transformer.

**Table 8 Test Currents When DELTAY\_X := DELTA and 51VCA = ±301, 2, 3 (VABX = Vopn**∠**30° and VCBX = Vopn**∠**90°)** 

AB Fault $(51VCA := 30)$ and CA Fault $(51VCA := -30)$	$IAX = I$ tpn $\angle 0^{\circ}$	$IBX = 0$	$ICX = 0$
BC Fault $(51VCA := 30)$ and AB Fault $(51VCA := -30)$	$IAX = 0$	$IBX = Itpn\angle -120^\circ$	$ICX = 0$
CA Fault $(51VCA := 30)$ and BC Fault $(51VCA := -30)$	$IAX = 0$	$IBX = 0$	$ICX = Itpn \angle 120^\circ$

1ABC rotation is assumed. Modify angles according to [Figure 6](#page-4-1) for ACB rotation. Delta test connections are shown in [Figure 4.](#page-3-1)

<sup>2</sup>Vopn = applied voltage for chosen Iopn ( $n = 1, 2, ...$  5) fro[m Table 2,](#page-6-0) and Itpm = test pickup current ( $m = 1, 2,$  or 3) fro[m Table 4](#page-8-0) in multiples of Iopn.

3Fault types shown are on the system side of the transformer.

#### **Step 5**

If  $51VCA := 0$ , repeat Steps 3 and 4 for the BC and CA current pair. If  $51VCA := -30$  or 51VCA := 30, repeat Steps 3 and 4 first for the Phase B current and then for the Phase C current.

#### **CONCLUSION**

This application guide demonstrates how to test the voltage-restrained time-overcurrent element (51V) in an SEL-700G. The principle can also be applied to the SEL-300G. The test procedure shown in this application guide uses balanced line-to-line voltage and, therefore, the restraint voltage and scaled current pickup are easy to calculate. Although it is not covered in this guide, unbalanced voltage testing can be performed using (1) and Appendix C. Consider setting the torque control equation 51VTC to 1 during testing to ensure that it does not interfere with the procedure, but remember to return it to its original programmed value. The torque control equation can be tested independently.

# **APPENDIX A – TRANSFORMER CONNECTION IMPACT ON 51V**

[Figure 7](#page-10-1) shows the connection diagram for a delta-wye transformer where the HV wye side lags the LV side by 30 degrees (51VCA := 30)[. Figure 8](#page-10-0) shows the current distribution through this transformer for several HV-side faults.



**Figure 7 Transformer Connection for 51VCA := 30**

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<span id="page-10-0"></span>**Figure 8 System Phase-to-Phase Fault Impact for 51VCA := 30**

[Figure 9](#page-11-1) shows the connection diagram for a delta-wye transformer where the HV wye side leads the LV side by 30 degrees (51VCA  $:=-30$ ). [Figure 10](#page-11-0) shows the current distribution through this transformer for several HV-side faults.



**Figure 9 Transformer Connection for 51VCA := –30**

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<span id="page-11-0"></span>**Figure 10 System Phase-to-Phase Fault Impact for 51VCA := –30**

# **APPENDIX B – 51V OVERCURRENT PICKUP AND RESET EQUATIONS**

[Table 9](#page-12-0) an[d Table 10](#page-12-1) show the operate and reset time equations for standard U.S. and IEC time-overcurrent curves.

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<b>Curve Type</b>	<b>Operating Time</b>	<b>Reset Time</b>
U1 (Moderately Inverse)	$t_p = TD \cdot \left( 0.0226 + \frac{0.0104}{M^{0.02} - 1} \right)$	$t_r = TD \cdot \left( \frac{1.08}{1 - M^2} \right)$
$U2$ (Inverse)	$t_p = TD \cdot \left( 0.180 + \frac{5.95}{M^2 - 1} \right)$	$t_r = TD \cdot \left( \frac{5.95}{1 - M^2} \right)$
U3 (Very Inverse)	$t_p = TD \cdot \left( 0.0963 + \frac{3.88}{M^2 - 1} \right)$	$t_r = TD \cdot \left( \frac{3.88}{1 - M^2} \right)$
U4 (Extremely Inverse)	$t_p = TD \cdot \left( 0.0352 + \frac{5.67}{M^2 - 1} \right)$	$t_r = TD \cdot \left( \frac{5.67}{1 - M^2} \right)$
U5 (Short-Time Inverse)	$t_p = TD \cdot \left( 0.00262 + \frac{0.00342}{M^{0.02} - 1} \right)$ $t_r = TD \cdot \left( \frac{0.323}{1 - M^2} \right)$	

**Table 9 Equations Associated With U.S. Curves**

#### **Table 10 Equations Associated With IEC Curves**

<span id="page-12-1"></span>

where:

 $t_p$  = operating time in seconds.

 $t_r$  = electromechanical induction-disk emulation reset time in seconds (if electromechanical reset setting selected).

 $TD = time$ -dial setting.

 $M$  = applied multiples of pickup current (for operating time [t<sub>p</sub>],  $M > 1$ ; for reset time [t<sub>r</sub>],  $M \leq 1$ ).

## **APPENDIX C – RESTRAINT VOLTAGE CALCULATION**

The value of  $\overline{V_{\text{restrain}}}$  in (1) depends on setting 51VCA, as shown in [Table 11](#page-13-0) and [Table 12.](#page-13-1) The voltage restraint calculation ensures that the voltage drop on the high side and low side of a transformer are proportional during system phase-to-phase faults. This is especially apparent when there is a phase-to-phase fault on the high side of a wye-delta transformer (51VCA =  $\pm 30$ ) because the voltages must be chosen carefully on the delta side to accurately represent the voltage drop on the high side.

**Note:** The line-to-line voltages measured by the relay in this application guide are all balanced with proper phase rotation and equal magnitudes, so the restraint voltage is the same for all fault types. This simplifies testing because the restraint voltage is equal to the line-toline voltage and is very easy to calculate.

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<b>Fault Type</b>	restrain
AB	$\overline{VABX} = \overline{VAX} - \overline{VBX}$
BC	$\overline{\text{VBCX}} = \overline{\text{VBX}} - \overline{\text{VCX}}$
<b>CA</b>	$\overline{VCAX} = \overline{VCX} - \overline{VAX}$
ABC <sup>1</sup>	<b>VABX</b>

**Table 11 Restraint Voltage When 51VCA = 0**

<span id="page-13-1"></span><sup>1</sup>Metered line-to-line voltages should be equal on all phases for a three-phase fault.





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