

# MiCOM P540 Series Current Differential Relays

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# HANDLING OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

A person's normal movements can easily generate electrostatic potentials of several thousand volts. Discharge of these voltages into semiconductor devices when handling circuits can cause serious damage, which often may not be immediately apparent but the reliability of the circuit will have been reduced.

The electronic circuits of ALSTOM T&D Protection & Control products are immune to the relevant levels of electrostatic discharge when housed in their cases. Do not expose them to the risk of damage by withdrawing modules unnecessarily.

Each module incorporates the highest practicable protection for its semiconductor devices. However, if it becomes necessary to withdraw a module, the following precautions should be taken to preserve the high reliability and long life for which the equipment has been designed and manufactured.

- 1. Before removing a module, ensure that you are a same electrostatic potential as the equipment by touching the case.
- 2. Handle the module by its front-plate, frame, or edges of the printed circuit board. Avoid touching the electronic components, printed circuit track or connectors.
- 3. Do not pass the module to any person without first ensuring that you are both at the same electrostatic potential. Shaking hands achieves equipotential.
- 4. Place the module on an antistatic surface, or on a conducting surface which is at the same potential as yourself.
- 5. Store or transport the module in a conductive bag.

More information on safe working procedures for all electronic equipment can be found in BS5783 and IEC 60147-0F.

If you are making measurements on the internal electronic circuitry of an equipment in service, it is preferable that you are earthed to the case with a conductive wrist strap.

Wrist straps should have a resistance to ground between 500k - 10M ohms. If a wrist strap is not available you should maintain regular contact with the case to prevent the build up of static. Instrumentation which may be used for making measurements should be earthed to the case whenever possible.

ALSTOM T&D Protection & Control strongly recommends that detailed investigations on the electronic circuitry, or modification work, should be carried out in a Special Handling Area such as described in BS5783 or IEC 60147-0F.





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# 1. SAFETY SECTION

This Safety Section should be read before commencing any work on the equipment.

# 1.1 Health and Safety

The information in the Safety Section of the product documentation is intended to ensure that products are properly installed and handled in order to maintain them in a safe condition. It is assumed that everyone who will be associated with the equipment will be familiar with the contents of the Safety Section.

# 1.2 Explanation of symbols and labels

The meaning of symbols and labels may be used on the equipment or in the product documentation, is given below.



Caution: refer to product documentation



Caution: risk of electric shock



Protective/safety \*earth terminal



Functional \*earth terminal

**Note:** This symbol may also be used for a protective/safety earth terminal if that terminal is part of a terminal block or sub-assembly e.g. power supply.

\*NOTE: THE TERM EARTH USED THROUGHOUT THE PRODUCT DOCUMENTATION IS THE DIRECT EQUIVALENT OF THE NORTH AMERICAN TERM GROUND.

# 2. INSTALLING, COMMISSIONING AND SERVICING



# **Equipment connections**

Personnel undertaking installation, commissioning or servicing work on this equipment should be aware of the correct working procedures to ensure safety. The product documentation should be consulted before installing, commissioning or servicing the equipment.

Terminals exposed during installation, commissioning and maintenance may present a hazardous voltage unless the equipment is electrically isolated.

If there is unlocked access to the rear of the equipment, care should be taken by all personnel to avoid electrical shock or energy hazards.



Voltage and current connections should be made using insulated crimp terminations to ensure that terminal block insulation requirements are maintained for safety. To ensure that wires are correctly terminated, the correct crimp terminal and tool for the wire size should be used.

Before energising the equipment it must be earthed using the protective earth terminal, or the appropriate termination of the supply plug in the case of plug connected equipment. Omitting or disconnecting the equipment earth may cause a safety hazard.

The recommended minimum earth wire size is 2.5mm<sup>2</sup>, unless otherwise stated in the technical data section of the product documentation.

Before energising the equipment, the following should be checked:

- Voltage rating and polarity;
- CT circuit rating and integrity of connections;
- Protective fuse rating;
- Integrity of earth connection (where applicable)

# 3. EQUIPMENT OPERATING CONDITIONS

The equipment should be operated within the specified electrical and environmental limits.

# 3.1 Current transformer circuits



Do not open the secondary circuit of a live CT since the high level voltage produced may be lethal to personnel and could damage insulation.

# 3.2 External resistors



Where external resistors are fitted to relays, these may present a risk of electric shock or burns, if touched.

# 3.3 Battery Replacement



Where internal batteries are fitted they should be replaced with the recommended type and be installed with the correct polarity, to avoid possible damage to the equipment.

# 3.4 Insulation and dielectric strength testing



Insulation testing may leave capacitors charged up to a hazardous voltage. At the end of each part of the test, the voltage should be gradually reduced to zero, to discharge capacitors, before the test leads are disconnected.

# 3.5 Insertion of modules and pcb cards



These must not be inserted into or withdrawn from equipment whist it is energised since this may result in damage.

# 3.6 Fibre optic communication



Where fibre optic communication devices are fitted, these should not be viewed directly. Optical power meters should be used to determine the operation or signal level of the device.



### 4. **OLDER PRODUCTS**

# **Electrical adjustments**



Equipments which require direct physical adjustments to their operating mechanism to change current or voltage settings, should have the electrical power removed before making the change, to avoid any risk of electrical shock.

# Mechanical adjustments



The electrical power to the relay contacts should be removed before checking any mechanical settings, to avoid any risk of electric shock.

# Draw out case relays



Removal of the cover on equipment incorporating electromechanical operating elements, may expose hazardous live parts such as relay contacts.

# Insertion and withdrawal of extender cards



When using an extender card, this should not be inserted or withdrawn from the equipment whilst it is energised. This is to avoid possible shock or damage hazards. Hazardous live voltages may be accessible on the extender card.

# Insertion and withdrawal of heavy current test plugs



When using a heavy current test plug, CT shorting links must be in place before insertion or removal, to avoid potentially lethal voltages.

# **DECOMMISSIONING AND DISPOSAL**



**Decommissioning:** The auxiliary supply circuit in the relay may include capacitors across the supply or to earth. To avoid electric shock or energy hazards, after completely isolating the supplies to the relay (both poles of any dc supply), the capacitors should be safely discharged via the external terminals prior to decommissioning.

**Disposal:** 

It is recommended that incineration and disposal to water courses is avoided. The product should be disposed of in a safe manner. Any products containing batteries should have them removed before disposal, taking precautions to avoid short circuits. Particular regulations within the country of operation, may apply to the disposal of lithium batteries.



### 6. **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

# Protective fuse rating

The recommended maximum rating of the external protective fuse for this equipment is 16A, Red Spot type of equipment, unless otherwise stated in the technical data section of the product documentation.

**Insulation class:** IEC 601010-1: 1990/A2: 1995

Class I

EN 61010-1: 1993/A2: 1995

Class I

This equipment requires a

protective (safety) earth connection to ensure user

safety.

Insulation Category (Overvoltage): IEC 601010-1: 1990/A2: 1995

Category III

EN 61010-1: 1993/A2: 1995

Category III

Distribution level, fixed installation. Equipment in this category is qualification tested

at 5kV peak, 1.2/50µs,

 $500\Omega$ , 0.5J, between all supply circuits and earth and also between independent circuits.

**Environment:** IEC 601010-1: 1990/A2: 1995

Pollution degree 2

EN 61010-1: 1993/A2: 1995

Pollution degree 2

Compliance is demonstrated by reference to generic safety

standards.

**Product Safety:** 72/23/EEC Compliance with the European

Commission Law Voltage

Directive.

 $\epsilon$ EN 61010-1: 1993/A2: 1995

EN 60950: 1992/A11: 1997

Compliance is demonstrated by reference to generic safety

standards.



# **CHAPTER 2**Installation



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# 1. RECEIPT OF RELAYS

Protective relays, although generally of robust construction, require careful treatment prior to installation on site. Upon receipt, relays should be examined immediately to ensure no external damage has been sustained in transit. If damage has been sustained, a claim should be made to the transport contractor and ALSTOM T&D Protection & Control should be promptly notified.

Relays that are supplied unmounted and not intended for immediate installation should be returned to their protective polythene bags and delivery carton. Section 3 of this chapter gives more information about the storage of relays.

# 2. HANDLING OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

A person's normal movements can easily generate electrostatic potentials of several thousand volts. Discharge of these voltages into semiconductor devices when handling electronic circuits can cause serious damage which, although not always immediately apparent, will reduce the reliability of the circuit. This is particularly important to consider where the circuits use complementary metal oxide semiconductors (CMOS), as is the case with these relays.

The relay's electronic circuits are protected from electrostatic discharge when housed in the case. Do not expose them to risk by removing the front panel or printed circuit boards unnecessarily.

Each printed circuit board incorporates the highest practicable protection for it's semiconductor devices. However, if it becomes necessary to remove a printed circuit board, the following precautions should be taken to preserve the high reliability and long life for which the relay has been designed and manufactured.

- 1. Before removing a printed circuit board, ensure that you are at the same electrostatic potential as the equipment by touching the case.
- 2. Handle analogue input modules by the front panel, frame or edges of the circuit boards. Printed circuit boards should only be handled by their edges. Avoid touching the electronic components, printed circuit tracks or connectors.
- 3. Do not pass the module to another person without first ensuring you are both at the same electrostatic potential. Shaking hands achieves equipotential.
- 4. Place the module on an anti-static surface, or on a conducting surface which is at the same potential as yourself.
- 5. If it is necessary to store or transport printed circuit boards removed from the case, place them individually in electrically conducting anti-static bags.

In the unlikely event that you are making measurements on the internal electronic circuitry of a relay in service, it is preferable that you are earthed to the case with a conductive wrist strap. Wrist straps should have a resistance to ground between  $500 k\Omega$  to  $10 M\Omega$ . If a wrist strap is not available you should maintain regular contact with the case to prevent a build-up of electrostatic potential. Instrumentation which may be used for making measurements should also be earthed to the case whenever possible.

More information on safe working procedures for all electronic equipment can be found in BS EN 100015: Part 1:1992. It is strongly recommended that detailed investigations on electronic circuitry or modification work should be carried out in a special handling area such as described in the aforementioned British Standard document.



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# 3. STORAGE

If relays are not to be installed immediately upon receipt, they should be stored in a place free from dust and moisture in their original cartons. Where de-humidifier bags have been included in the packing they should be retained. The action of the de-humidifier crystals will be impaired if the bag is exposed to ambient conditions and may be restored by gently heating the bag for about an hour prior to replacing it in the carton.

To prevent battery drain during transportation and storage a battery isolation strip is fitted during manufacture. With the lower access cover open, presence of the battery isolation strip can be checked by a red tab protruding from the positive side.

Care should be taken on subsequent unpacking that any dust which has collected on the carton does not fall inside. In locations of high humidity the carton and packing may become impregnated with moisture and the de-humidifier crystals will lose their efficiency.

Prior to installation, relays should be stored at a temperature of between  $-25^{\circ}$ C to  $+70^{\circ}$ C.

# 4. UNPACKING

Care must be taken when unpacking and installing the relays so that none of the parts are damaged and additional components are not accidentally left in the packing or lost.

Note:

With the lower access cover open, the red tab of the battery isolation strip will be seen protruding from the positive side of the battery compartment. Do not remove this strip because it prevents battery drain during transportation and storage and will be removed as part of the commissioning tests.

Relays must only be handled by skilled persons.

The site should be well lit to facilitate inspection, clean, dry and reasonably free from dust and excessive vibration. This particularly applies to installations which are being carried out at the same time as construction work.

# 5. RELAY MOUNTING

MiCOM relays are dispatched either individually or as part of a panel/rack assembly.

Individual relays are normally supplied with an outline diagram showing the dimensions for panel cut-outs and hole centres. This information can also be found in the product publication.

Secondary front covers can also be supplied as an option item to prevent unauthorised changing of settings and alarm status. They are available in sizes 40TE (GN0037 001) and 60TE (GN0038 001). Note that the 60TE cover also fits the 80TE case size of the relay.

The design of the relay is such that the fixing holes in the mounting flanges are only accessible when the access covers are open and hidden from sight when the covers are closed.

If a P991 or MMLG test block is to be included, it is recommended that, when viewed from the front, it is positioned on the right-hand side of the relay (or relays) with which it is associated. This minimises the wiring between the relay and test block,



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and allows the correct test block to be easily identified during commissioning and maintenance tests.

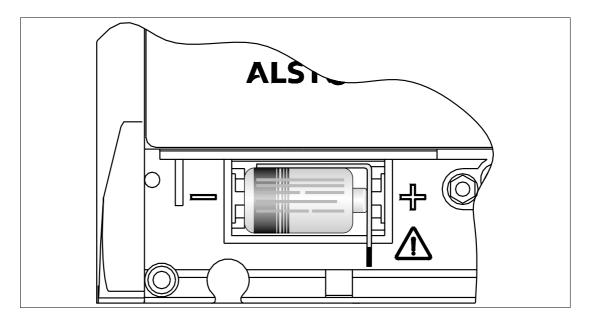


Figure 1: Location of battery isolation strip

If it is necessary to test correct relay operation during the installation, the battery isolation strip can be removed but should be replaced if commissioning of the scheme is not imminent. This will prevent unnecessary battery drain during transportation to site and installation. The red tab of the isolation strip can be seen protruding from the positive side of the battery compartment when the lower access cover is open. To remove the isolation strip, pull the red tab whilst lightly pressing the battery to prevent it falling out of the compartment. When replacing the battery isolation strip, ensure that the strip is refitted as shown in Figure 1, i.e. with the strip behind the battery with the red tab protruding.

# 5.1 Rack mounting

MiCOM relays may be rack mounted using single tier rack frames (our part number FX0021 001), as illustrated in Figure 2. These frames have been designed to have dimensions in accordance with IEC60297 and are supplied pre-assembled ready to use. On a standard 483mm (19") rack system this enables combinations of widths of case up to a total equivalent of size 80TE to be mounted side by side.

P545 and P546 relays in 80TE cases are also available as direct 19" rack mounting ordering variants, having mounted flanges similar to those shown in Figure 2.

The two horizontal rails of the rack frame have holes drilled at approximately 26mm intervals and the relays are attached via their mounting flanges using M4 Taptite self-tapping screws with captive 3mm thick washers (also known as a SEMS unit). These fastenings are available in packs of 5 (our part number ZA0005 104).

Note: Conventional self-tapping screws, including those supplied for mounting MIDOS relays, have marginally larger heads which can damage the front cover moulding if used.

Once the tier is complete, the frames are fastened into the racks using mounting angles at each end of the tier.

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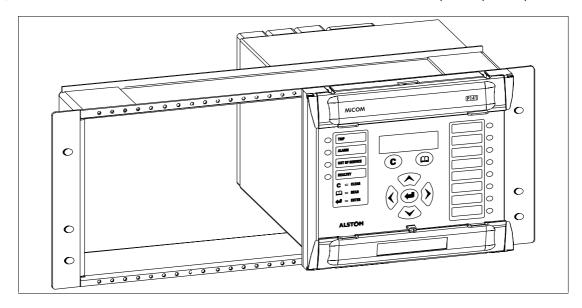


Figure 2: Rack mounting of relays

Relays can be mechanically grouped into single tier (4U) or multi-tier arrangements by means of the rack frame. This enables schemes using products from the MiCOM and MiDOS product ranges to be pre-wired together prior to mounting.

Where the case size summation is less than 80TE on any tier, or space is to be left for installation of future relays, blanking plates may be used. These plates can also be used to mount ancillary components. Table 1 shows the sizes that can be ordered.

Further details on mounting MiDOS relays can be found in publication R7012, "MiDOS Parts Catalogue and Assembly Instructions".

Case size summation	Blanking plate part number
5TE	GJ2028 001
10TE	GJ2028 002
15TE	GJ2028 003
20TE	GJ2028 004
25TE	GJ2028 005
30TE	GJ2028 006
35TE	GJ2028 007
40TE	GJ2028 008

Table 1: Blanking plates

# 5.2 Panel mounting

The relays can be flush mounted into panels using M4 SEMS Taptite self-tapping screws with captive 3mm thick washers (also known as a SEMS unit). These fastenings are available in packs of 5 (our part number ZA0005 104).

Note: Conventional self-tapping screws, including those supplied for

mounting MIDOS relays, have marginally larger heads which

can damage the front cover moulding if used.

Alternatively tapped holes can be used if the panel has a minimum thickness of 2.5mm.



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For applications where relays need to be semi-projection or projection mounted, a range of collars are available.

Where several relays are to mounted in a single cut-out in the panel, it is advised that they are mechanically grouped together horizontally and/or vertically to form rigid assemblies prior to mounting in the panel.

Note:

It is not advised that MiCOM relays are fastened using pop rivets as this will not allow the relay to be easily removed from the panel in the future if repair is necessary.

If it is required to mount a relay assembly on a panel complying to BS EN60529 IP52, it will be necessary to fit a metallic sealing strip between adjoining relays (Part no GN2044 001) and a sealing ring selected from Table 2 around the complete assembly.

Width	Single tier	Double tier
10TE	GJ9018 002	GJ9018 018
15TE	GJ9018 003	GJ9018 019
20TE	GJ9018 004	GJ9018 020
-		
25TE	GJ9018 005	GJ9018 021
30TE	GJ9018 006	GJ9018 022
35TE	GJ9018 007	GJ9018 023
40TE	GJ9018 008	GJ9018 024
45TE	GJ9018 009	GJ9018 025
50TE	GJ9018 010	GJ9018 026
55TE	GJ9018 011	GJ9018 027
60TE	GJ9018 012	GJ9018 028
65TE	GJ9018 013	GJ9018 029
70TE	GJ9018 014	GJ9018 030
75TE	GJ9018 015	GJ9018 031
80TE	GJ9018 016	GJ9018 032

Table 2: IP52 sealing rings

Further details on mounting MiDOS relays can be found in publication R7012, "MiDOS Parts Catalogue and Assembly Instructions".

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# 6. RELAY WIRING

This section serves as a guide to selecting the appropriate cable and connector type for each terminal on the MiCOM relay.

# 6.1 Medium and heavy duty terminal block connections

Loose relays are supplied with sufficient M4 screws for making connections to the rear mounted terminal blocks using ring terminals, with a recommended maximum of two ring terminals per relay terminal.

If required, ALSTOM T&D Protection & Control can supply M4 90° crimp ring terminals in three different sizes depending on wire size (see Table 3). Each type is available in bags of 100.

Part number	Wire size	Insulation colour
ZB9124 901	0.25 – 1.65mm² (22 – 16AWG)	Red
ZB9124 900	1.04 – 2.63mm² (16 – 14AWG)	Blue
ZB9124 904	2.53 – 6.64mm² (12 – 10AWG)	Uninsulated*

Table 3: M4 90° crimp ring terminals

The following minimum wire sizes are recommended:

Current Transformers 2.5mm<sup>2</sup>

Auxiliary Supply, Vx 1.5mm<sup>2</sup>

RS485 Port See separate section

Other circuits 1.0mm<sup>2</sup>

Due to the limitations of the ring terminal, the maximum wire size that can be used for any of the medium or heavy duty terminals is 6.0mm<sup>2</sup> using ring terminals that are not pre-insulated. Where it required to only use pre-insulated ring terminals, the maximum wire size that can be used is reduced to 2.63mm<sup>2</sup> per ring terminal. If a larger wire size is required, two wires should be used in parallel, each terminated in a separate ring terminal at the relay.

The wire used for all connections to the medium and heavy duty terminal blocks, except the RS485 port, should have a minimum voltage rating of 300Vrms.

It is recommended that the auxiliary supply wiring should be protected by a 16A high rupture capacity (HRC) fuse of type NIT or TIA. For safety reasons, current transformer circuits must never be fused. Other circuits should be appropriately fused to protect the wire used.

# 6.2 RS485 port

Connections to the RS485 port are made using ring terminals. It is recommended that a 2 core screened cable is used with a maximum total length of 1000m or 200nF total cable capacitance. A typical cable specification would be:

Each core: 16/0.2mm copper conductors

**PVC** insulated

<sup>\*</sup>To maintain the terminal block insulation requirements for safety, an insulating sleeve should be fitted over the ring terminal after crimping.



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Nominal conductor area: 0.5mm<sup>2</sup> per core

Screen: Overall braid, PVC sheathed

# 6.3 IRIG-B connections (if applicable)

The IRIG-B input and BNC connector have a characteristic impedance of  $50\Omega$ . It is recommended that connections between the IRIG-B equipment and the relay are made using coaxial cable of type RG59LSF with a halogen free, fire retardant sheath.

# 6.4 RS232 port

Short term connections to the RS232 port, located behind the bottom access cover, can be made using a screened multi-core communication cable up to 15m long, or a total capacitance of 2500pF. The cable should be terminated at the relay end with a 9-way, metal shelled, D-type male plug. Chapter 1, Section 3.7 of this manual details the pin allocations.

# 6.5 Download/monitor port

Short term connections to the download/monitor port, located behind the bottom access cover, can be made using a screened 25-core communication cable up to 4m long. The cable should be terminated at the relay end with a 25-way, metal shelled, D-type male plug. Chapter 1, Section 3.7 of this manual details the pin allocations.

# 6.6 Earth connection

Every relay must be connected to the local earth bar using the M4 earth studs in the bottom left hand corner of the relay case. The minimum recommended wire size is  $2.5 \text{mm}^2$  and should have a ring terminal at the relay end. Due to the limitations of the ring terminal, the maximum wire size that can be used for any of the medium or heavy duty terminals is  $6.0 \text{mm}^2$  per wire. If a greater cross-sectional area is required, two parallel connected wires, each terminated in a separate ring terminal at the relay, or a metal earth bar could be used.

Note:

To prevent any possibility of electrolytic action between brass or copper earth conductors and the rear panel of the relay, precautions should be taken to isolate them from one another. This could be achieved in a number of ways, including placing a nickel-plated or insulating washer between the conductor and the relay case, or using tinned ring terminals.

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# 7. P590 SERIES INSTALLATION

The recommended external protective fuse for the auxiliary DC supply of the P590 series interface units is:

2 Amp HRC (high rupture capacity) GE Red Spot type NIT or TIA;

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if a UL recognised fuse is required, 2A time delay Gould type AJT2.



Before carrying out any work on the equipment, the user should be familiar with the contents of the Safety and Technical Data sections and the ratings on the equipment's rating label



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