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THO-RC General description

The Contactplasma s.r.l. profound knowledge of the breaking and isolation electromechanical equipment and the long experience in the manufacturing of switch-disconnectors for overhead lines and circuit breaker, has led to the implementation of an automatic recloser: THO-RC.

The THO-RC is intended for use in three-phases distribution networks having rated voltage up to 27 kV (THO-RC27) or 38 kV (TH-RC38) and 50 or 60 Hz frequencies. It can be used as part of the overhead

lines systems or inside substation. The complete THO-RC automatic three pole vacuum recloser is composed by a recloser/circuit-breaker unit (Fig. 1) plus the relevant SRC-1 control unit (Fig. 2) connected through cable (Fig. 3).

The control unit is a device that has automatic protection, measurement, communication, events and data recording functions and can be integrated into remote protection systems of the medium voltage distribution and transmission.

Fig. 2 Control unit SRC-1



Fig. 3 Connecting cable THO-RC recloser control unit SRC-1



Fig. 4 One-line diagram



Fig. 1 Vacuum recloser THO-RC

THO-RC STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATES

THO-RC is manufactured in accordance with the following international standards

- IEC 62271-111: High-voltage switchgear and control gear Part 111: Automatic circuit reclosers and fault interrupters for alternating current systems up to 38 kV
- IEEE C37.60: High-voltage switchgear and control gear Part 111: Automatic circuit reclosers and fault interrupters for alternating current systems up to 38 kV
- IEC 62271-1: High-voltage switchgear and control gear Part 1: Common specification
- IEC 62271-100 : High-voltage switchgear and control gear Part 100: Alternating-current circuit-breakers



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THO-RC Automatic vacuum recloser unit

The pole mounted automatic vacuum recloser THO-RC consists of three poles. Each pole has its own chamber with vacuum interrupter. All poles are coupled mechanically in synchronization to a shaft, which ensures correct operation. The opening and closing of the vacuum interrupter is determined by a simple electro-magnetically operated mechanism that works effectively, ensuring excellent performances. The electromagnetic actuator is operated by the energy stored in the capacitors contained in the control unit and is realized with only one mobile part. The stainless steel enclosure of the recloser, which contains the vacuum chambers and the electromagnetic actuator, has IP65 degree of protection, guaranteeing high resistance to all the severe atmospheric agents and the possibility of installation in demanding environments. In the event of an emergency, the main contacts of the recloser can be opened manually mechanically by hook stick (hook stick excluded from the supply). After the manual opening, the recloser remains mechanically and electrically blocked in OFF and it is possible to return to the remote control only once the manual mechanical opening device has been restored to its initial position. The status of the recloser is visible thanks to the mechanical indicator at the bottom of the unit. Auxiliary contacts allow remote monitoring through the control unit and the eventual signalisation.

The bushing insulators, externally protected by a hydrophobic silicone rubber layer, are complete with capacitive dividers connected to the SRC-1 control unit.

Current measurements are obtained by means of Rogowski coils (conversion factor 1 mV/A, optional 5 mV/A) or current transformers (secondary 1 A) suitable for external installation and applied on silicon insulators or internally to the metallic enclosure.

Fig.5 THO-RC automatic vacuum recloser general view



THO-RC Automatic vacuum recloser unit





Contactplasma proposes three versions of THO-RC that differ from each other for maximum operating voltage and insulation system. All versions use vacuum technology for the breaking of the electric arc.

THO-RC27 with dry air insulation: SF6 free having minimum environmental impact and without problems relating to the disposal of gas, for M.V. distribution networks up to 27 kV.

THO-RC27 with SF6 insulation: for M.V. distribution networks up to 27 kV, having the same electrical characteristics of the version with dry air insulation, but having more compact dimensions.

THO-RC38 with SF6 insulation: for M.V. distribution networks up to 38 kV. It adopts the same technology already present in THO-RC27 but using 2 Vacuum Interrupters installed in series.











Side view

Top view







Top view







Top view



THO-RC

AUTOMATIC VACUUM RECLOSER CHARACTERISTICS

Version		THO-RC27		THO-RC27		THO-RC38
Insulation		Dry Air		SF6		SF6
Breaking		Vacuum interrupters		Vacuum interrupters		Vacuum interrupters
International Standards		IEC 62271-111 IEEE C37.60		IEC 62271-111 IEEE C37.60		IEC 62271-111 IEEE C37.60
Rated voltage	Ur [kV]	24	27	24	27	38
Rated current	lr [A]	63	30	63	30	630
Rated short-duration power frequency withstand voltage 1 min dry	Ud [kV]	50	60	50	60	70
Rated short-duration power frequency withstand voltage 10 sec wet	Ud [kV]	50		50		60
Rated lightning impulse withstand voltage	Up [kV]	125		125		150
Rated frequency	[Hz]	50/60		50/60		50/60
Rated short-time withstand current	lk [kA]	16	12,5	16	12,5	12,5
Rated peak withstand current	lp [kA]	40	31,5	40	31,5	31,5
Rated duration of short circuit	tk [s]	3		3		3
Rated symmetrical interrupting current	lsc [kA]	16	12,5	16	12,5	12,5
Rated line charging interrupting current	[A]	5	5	5	5	5
Rated cable charging interrupting current	[A]	25		25		40
Rated minimum tripping current	l>min [A]	4		4		4
Mechanical endurance		10000 30000 (*)		10000 30000 (*)		10000 30000 (*)
Rated operating sequence		O-0,5s-CO-2s-CO-4s-CO		O-0,5s-CO-2s-CO-4s-CO		O-0,5s-CO-2s-CO-4s-CO
Excercise temperature		-40 °C÷+55 °C		-40 °C÷+55 °C		-40 °C÷+55 °C
Protection degree		IP 65		IP 65		IP 65
Humidity		< 100%		< 100%		< 100%
Weight	[Kg]	100		100		110
Current measurement		Rogowski coils/current transformers		Rogowski coils/current transformers		Rogowski coils/current transformers
Voltage detection		By 6 capacitor deviders		By 6 capacitor deviders		By 6 capacitor deviders
(*) On request						

THO-RC

CURRENT TRANSFORMERS CHARACTERISTICS

Rated primary voltage	[kV]	0,66
Maximum voltage	[kV]	0,72
Rated short-time withstand current	[kA]	30
Rated voltage of isolation	[kV]	3
Rated dynamic current	[kA]	75
Ratio	[A]	100:1; 200:1; 300:1; 400:1; 600:1
Performances		5(10)VA; 5P; ALF 5
Exercise temperature		-40°C÷+55°C
Weight		2Kg +-10%
Conformity		EN-61869-1:2009; EN-61869-2:2013

ROGOWSKI COILS CHARACTERISTICS

Rated primary voltage	[kV]	0,66
Maximum voltage	[kV]	0,72
Rated short-time withstand current	[kA]	30
Rated voltage of isolation	[kV]	3
Rated dynamic current	[kA]	75
Measurement range	[A]	0,5÷2000 A
Transmission	[A/mV]	300 A/300 mV
Sensitivity		1 o 5 mV / 1 A
Accuracy		±1%
Rated load		R carico > 50 kOhm
Exercise temperature		-40 °C÷+55 °C
Weight	[Kg]	2,5
Conformity		EN-61869-1:2009; EN-61869-2:20132, IEC 61869-8

CAPACITOR DIVIDERS CHARACTERISTICS

Capacity	[pF]	31
Accuracy		± 1%
Exercise temperature		-50 °C÷+80 °C
Capacity coefficient – temperature		(100-150) ppm [10-6/°C]

SRC-1 Control unit

The SRC-1 control unit is specifically designed and developed to provide a complete service to the THO-RC recloser, to manage the automatic breaking operations and the data transmission. SRC-1 is equipped with SO-54SR-111-REK digital protection and control device having MSG-701 communication module, both of Mikronika's manufacturing and incorporates the following features:

- Measurements
- Protections
- Interruption tele-control
- Recloser control
- Automation
- Multi-channel noise recording
- Distribution networks information and parameter registration and processing
- Displaying and recording events

Optional other communication modules available; for more details on all features, protections and communication modules consult the separate documentation dedicated to the digital protection and control device SO-54SR-111-REK. The enclosure of the SRC-1 control unit consists of powder-coated aluminium sheet, IP54 degree of protection (IP64 optional).

To allow access to internal parts of the control unit to authorized personnel only, the SRC-1 door is equipped with internal hinges and a lock with three locking points (Master Key System).

Inside the enclosure a terminal board for the control cable and power cable connection is provided. In the lower part of the housing are located metal bushes through which the control, power supply and antenna cables are inserted.

Dimensions of the control unit: height 800 mm, width 600 mm, depth of 250 mm.





SRC-1 Control unit characteristics

- The SRC-1 control unit consists of:
- Digital protection and control device SO-54SR-111-REK
- GPRS / UMTS-APN, TETRA, NetMan, communication module depending on your needs
- 24 VDC batteries with charging system
- Capacitors for electromagnetic actuation
- Local control buttons
- LED Indicating the position of the recloser
- Function mode selectors

- Switches and fuse-switches for protection
- Fault reporting
- Terminal boards
- Anti-condensate system with temperature regulator (hygrometer) at 230 VAC
- Service socket

The SRC-1 control unit is connected to the recloser via dedicated PS-control cable Y2x2.5 16x1.5 + 6x1.5C (4x2x1.5) C shielded inside a tube to further protect it from mechanical damages and UV rays.

Fig. 9 SRC-1 control unit output of the connecting cable



Fig 10 Metal bushings for SRC-1 cables



CHARACTERISTICS

Rated voltage from AC power supply		230 VAC
Rated voltage of the internal system		24 VDC
Degree of protection		IP54 (IP64 on request)
Installation height above sea level	[m]	< 1000
Exercise temperature		-40 °C÷+55 °C
Weight	[Kg]	4
Relative humidity		< 100%
Autonomy without auxiliary supply		12 ÷ 72 H without external load
Conformity		EN 61439-1:2011
Type of auto-reclosing		SPZ O-0,5s-CO-2s-CO-4s-CO automatic restart PDZ Acceleration of short-circuit protection B2H 2 nd harmonic block

SO-54SR-111-REK DIGITAL PROTECTION AND CONTROL DEVICE

Rear view

The digital protection and control device (controller) SO-54SR-111-REK of MIKRONIKA having protection functions is designed to control the automatic interruption of the THO-RC recloser.

It is integrated into the SRC-1 control unit. The LCD touch screen with an additional 8 LED, module is an excellent interface for the operator and allows human interaction with the control device which dispatches

Digital protection and control device Fig 11 SO-54SR-111-REK



Frontal view



Bottom view

with the SCADA system standards through the MSG 701 external communication module, also produced by MIKRONIKA.

The configuration of the SO-54SR-111-REK is done via p.config. The software allows the configuration of the driver and control of its status.

Communication via the p.config program can be implemented locally or remotely.



Fig. 12 Block diagram

BASE PROTECTIONS FUNCTIONS

Abbreviation	Name	Symbol	ANSI Code
I1NP	Independent overcurrent protection	11>>	50
I2NP	Independent overcurrent protection	12>>	50
I4NP	Independent overcurrent protection	l4>	50
I5NP	Dependant overcurrent protection	15>	51
UPN	Independent undervoltage protection	U<	27
UNN	Independent overvoltage protection	U>	59
IONP	Earth fault overcurrent protection	10>	50N
PKIER	Directional earth fault overcurrent protection	IOK>	67N
PNG	Conductance protection	G0>	-
PNB	Susceptance protection	B0>	-
PNY	Admittance protection	Y0>	-
FPC	Underfrequency protection	f<	81U
FNC	Overfrequency protection	f>	810

INSTALLATION

The THO-RC allows a simple, economic and safe installation directly to the pole, without the use of additional supports such as shelves or metal structures. The centre of mass of the automatic recloser remains very close to the pole. Furthermore, it is possible to fix the voltage transformer directly to the structure of the THO-RC unit without additional pedestals or perches.



INSTALLATION EXAMPLES



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Certificate UNI EN ISO 9001:2008 Field of Application

Engineering and design, research, development and manufacture of: Medium Voltage Vacuum Circuit-Breakers; Medium Voltage Switch-Disconnectors; Metal-Enclosed Medium Voltage Switchboards; Ring Main Units and Panels; Low Voltage Switch-Disconnectors and Switch-Disconnectors-Fuses; Low Voltage Change-over Switches, Deviators and By-Passes. Customer service. Know-how transfer.







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