

Phase loss, sequence and asymmetry sensor MKF-12PK

Description

The MKF-12PK relay is designed to protect three-phase installations ($3 \times 400/230$ V, 50 Hz) from the effects of operating under abnormal conditions. The device detects network irregularities such as:

- **loss of at least one phase,**
- **incorrect phase sequence** – which may cause reverse motor rotation or incorrect operation of many devices, e.g. PV inverters,
- **phase asymmetry** – uneven voltages in the phases,
- **voltage drop in one or more phases below approximately 175 V,**
- **a problem with the neutral wire** – when the N wire is damaged or loose, the voltages in the phases “diverge” and may reach dangerous values,

It is widely used in automation systems requiring the correct condition of the three-phase network, but is most often used to protect three-phase motors.

The MKF-12PK version **is equipped with two changeover contacts** (NO / NC) with a maximum load of 8 A 250 V AC AC-1 (1.2 A 250 V AC AC-15), which enables flexible control of external devices, e.g. a contactor or fault signaling.

The operating status is indicated by a two-color LED with a diameter of 5 mm:

- **green** color – normal operation,
- **red** – activation and occurrence of one of the anomalies.

The modular housing (1 DIN module) is made of self-extinguishing plastic and is designed for mounting on a TH35 rail.

Principle of operation

The MKF-12PK monitors whether the voltages in the three phases are equal and correct. If one phase fails or the voltage drops below approximately 175V **for approximately 3 seconds**, the relays change contact states, for example, disconnecting the motor via an external contactor to protect it.

In the event of an incorrect phase sequence, the contacts switch **immediately**.

MKF-12PK does not respond to short-term voltage fluctuations or momentary asymmetry caused, for example, by heavy starting of high-power motors.

The switching of the built-in changeover contacts lasts until the cause ceases (i.e. the voltage returns to the correct parameters), after which the MKF-12PK automatically changes the contacts' state within **< 1 s**, enabling normal operation of the protected circuit, e.g. re-connecting the contactor and starting the engine.

Cooperation of the MKF series with a generator or energy storage

MKF series sensors can operate with a generator as a power source, provided that the generator is properly matched to the load and has an adequate power reserve and an AVR (Automatic Voltage Regulator) voltage stabilization system. Regulation), thanks to which it maintains the voltage at a stable level and the entire system has been properly tested after startup.



Why is this so important?

MKF series sensors monitor the power source voltage and, provided it is within the acceptable range, allow the load circuits to be powered from that source. However, if the voltage exceeds the limit values (either over or under), the controller recognizes it as abnormal. This can occur when the generator is unable to maintain stable speed, causing the voltage to become unstable. The controller interprets this as an anomaly and shuts down the unstable power source. In such a situation, the controller operates correctly, but a user (unaware of its operating principles) may mistakenly consider it to be faulty.

A similar situation can occur when the power source connected to the MKF sensor is an emergency power supply system with an inverter (e.g., energy storage, UPS). The quality of the voltage generated by the inverter is crucial – a waveform with low harmonic distortion (THD < 3%, full sine wave) is required.

Some inverters generate voltages with significant distortion, which results in higher harmonics. This can lead to misinterpretation of power supply parameters by the sensor's measurement systems (e.g., detecting false asymmetry or frequency instability), preventing proper operation.

The design of the MKF sensor cooperation system with a voltage source other than the power grid should be carried out by an experienced designer or automation engineer with the appropriate knowledge and authorizations.

Pollin is not responsible for the selection or operation of generators or other power sources used with MKF series sensors. Pollin does not provide consulting services regarding generator selection. Selection of the appropriate device should be entrusted to a qualified specialist who will consider the nature of the load, voltage stability requirements, and compatibility with the controller and the requirements of the MKF series sensors.

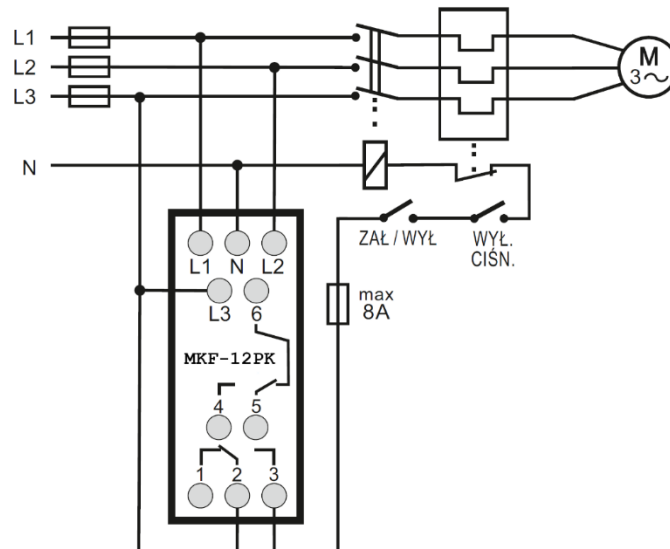
Technical data

Parameter name	Value
Rated supply voltage	3 x 400 / 230 V AC + N
Operating supply voltages	170 to 253 VAC
Rated power supply frequency	50 Hz
Power supply operating frequency	47 to 52 Hz
Operating temperature range	-25 to 50 °C
Max power consumption	7.3 VA
Cooperation with power generators	Yes
Executive element	Relay
Number of relay outputs	2
Contact arrangement	2 x NO / NC
Maximum load current AC-1	2 x 8 A / 250 V AC
Maximum load current AC-15	2 x 1.2A / 250V AC
Lower threshold	175V AC ± 5V
Voltage hysteresis	8V ± 2V

Parameter name	Value
Measurement accuracy	±2%
Phase failure and phase asymmetry delay	3 sec ± 0.5 sec
Delay when threshold exceeded	3 sec ± 0.5 sec
Reaction to incorrect phase sequence	Immediately
Case	Modular housing (1 DIN module)
Degree of protection	IP20
Installation	TH35 rail
Time to return	< 1 sec
Clamp type	Elevator
Wire stripping length	7 mm
Single-wire conductor	0.5 to 2.5 mm ²
Multi-stranded conductor (stranded wire) without ferrule	0.5 to 2.5 mm ²
Stranded wire with square crimp sleeve	0.5 to 2.5 mm ²
Tighten to maximum torque	0.4 Nm

Full technical specifications are available on the website www.pollin.pl/do-pobrania or by scanning the QR code provided in the warranty and guarantee section.

Connection diagram



Installation

The MKF-12PK relay must be installed in accordance with applicable electrical installation standards and regulations. The following guidelines are intended to ensure the installer's safety and the proper operation of the device:

1. **Authorizations** - The device may only be installed by a person with appropriate qualifications and authorizations to work on electrical installations.
2. **Disconnecting the power supply** - Before starting any work, it is essential to disconnect the power supply at the distribution board and make sure that the circuit is voltage-free (e.g. using a voltage indicator).
3. **Personal Protection** - The installer should use personal protective equipment such as electrically insulating gloves and safety glasses.
4. **Mechanical installation** - The device should be mounted on a standard TH35 rail in the distribution board, ensuring stable mounting and adequate ventilation space.
5. **Connecting Wires** - Connections should be made according to the wiring diagram provided by the manufacturer. Ensure that terminals are tightened with the correct torque and that wires of the appropriate cross-section are used. Only one wire may be inserted into each terminal – regardless of whether it is solid or stranded with a crimped ferrule.
6. **Checking the connections** - After completing the installation, carefully check the correctness of all connections, make sure that the terminals are securely tightened and that there are no exposed wires that could cause a short circuit or a shock hazard.
7. **Restoring Power** - After completing the installation and inspection, turn on the power and check the operation of the device according to the instructions.
8. **Tests** - After completing the installation, check the correct operation of the device, e.g. by simulating the failure of individual phases.

No Modifications - Any modifications to the device or its components are prohibited. This may result in malfunctions and a safety hazard.

Warranty and guarantee – short information

The warranty applies to every purchaser, including consumers. Warranty claims should be directed to the seller from whom the purchase was made.

If a defect is found in the device, the customer has the right to choose: he or she can use the statutory warranty (in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Code) or the manufacturer's warranty.



Pollin Guarantee



Pollin devices are covered by a 10-year manufacturer's warranty – Zakład Elektroniczny POLLIN Wojciech Polak. The warranty applies only to devices purchased by businesses and covers material and manufacturing defects.

Warranty claims should be submitted by e-mail to: pollin@pollin.pl, in accordance with the procedure described in the full version of the document.

The warranty does not cover, among other things, mechanical damage, unauthorized modifications, installation by unqualified persons and natural wear and tear of consumables.

The full text of the warranty terms is available at: <https://pollin.pl/do-pobrania> or via the attached QR code.

Markings



This symbol on a device indicates that the used equipment should not be disposed of with other household waste. Used equipment should be taken to one of the designated electronic waste collection points or returned to the store when purchasing new equipment. Improper disposal of electronic waste poses a threat to the environment and human health.



The CE marking confirms that the product meets the essential requirements of all applicable European Union directives and regulations.



This marking indicates that installation, connection and all servicing of the device may only be performed by qualified personnel with electrical qualifications.

Technical support – the fastest help from Pollin experts

If you have any questions regarding the operation, configuration or installation of the device, **please contact us by email – this is the fastest way to obtain technical support**.

Send a message to: support@pollin.pl, describe the problem in detail and leave your contact number and the hours when we can call you.

Our engineers will review your request and make every effort to provide you with professional assistance as quickly as possible.



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