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Part 181: Functional requirements for frequency protection

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60255 specifies the minimum requirements for functional and performance evaluation of frequency protection. This document also defines how to document and publish performance test results.

This document covers the functions based on frequency measurement or rate of change of frequency measurements. This document also covers frequency protection where additional blocking elements are used.

This document defines the influencing factors that affect the accuracy under steady state conditions and performance characteristics during dynamic conditions. The test methodologies for verifying performance characteristics and accuracy are also included in this document.

The frequency functions covered by this document are shown in Table 1:

Table 1 – Frequency protection designation

	IEEE/ANSI C37.2 function numbers	IEC 61850-7-4 logical nodes
Underfrequency protection	81U	PTUF
Overfrequency protection	81O	PTOF
Rate of change of frequency protection (ROCOF)	81R	PFRC

This functional document is applicable to frequency functions embedded in a protection relay but also to other physical devices which include frequency protection in their functionality (for example, trip units in a low-voltage circuit breaker or inverters associated with photovoltaic or storage systems).

This document does not cover synchronizing or synchronism-check functions.

This document does not specify the functional description of additional features often associated with frequency functions such as undervoltage blocking, df/dt or $\Delta f/\Delta t$ supervision, current supervision or power supervision (f/P function). Only their influence on the frequency protection function is covered in this document.

Frequency and rate of change of frequency measurement outputs provided by protection devices are not in the scope of this document.

Additionally, this document does not explicitly cover the frequency relays based on current as the input energizing quantity but the principles covered by this document can be extended to provide guidance for these applications.

The general requirements for measuring relays and protection equipment are defined in IEC 60255-1.

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3.1

input energizing quantity

energizing quantity which either by itself constitutes the characteristic quantity or helps to constitute it

Note 1 to entry: For the frequency protection function, the input characteristic quantity could be voltage.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-447:2010, 447-03-02, modified – The note to entry has been replaced by a new note.]

3.2

characteristic quantity

electric quantity, or one of its parameters, the name of which characterizes a measuring relay or protection equipment and the values of which are the subject of accuracy requirements

Note 1 to entry: For underfrequency protection and overfrequency protection, the characteristic quantity is frequency; for rate of change of frequency protection (ROCOF), the characteristic quantity is rate of change of frequency.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-447:2010, 447-07-01, modified – The examples have been replaced by a new note to entry.]