As Easy as 1, 2, 3

Save hours of tedious hand calculations and take the guesswork out of short circuit studies by automating the process with multiple calculation and result analysis tools within ETAP.

The Short-Circuit module makes it easy to go from selecting elements from the comprehensive libraries of short circuit current ratings to performing dozens of different types of short circuit analysis with the purpose of finding the worst-case device duty. Built-in intelligence allows it to automatically apply all ANSI / IEEE or IEC factors and ratios required for high- and low-voltage device duty evaluation. Determine fault currents and automatically compare these values against manufacturer short circuit current ratings. Overstressed device alarms are automatically displayed on the one-line diagram and reports.

OTI closely monitors industry standards and OEM data to ensure ETAP is always up-to-date. The Short-Circuit module seamlessly integrates with device coordination and performs arc flash hazard calculations.
Device Duty Calculation & Evaluation for Single & Multiple-Phase Systems, Panel, & UPS

ANSI and IEC standards are used for calculating short circuit current for parts of the network below main panels, subpanels, UPS, and phase adapters. Device duty calculation compares the calculated fault current from these networks for evaluation of protective devices and automatically generates critical and marginal alerts based on user-defined alarm limits.

Capabilities

- Automatic 3-phase device evaluation
- Device evaluation based on total or maximum through fault current
- Automatically adjust conductor resistance & length (both lines & cables)
- Global or individual device impedance tolerance adjustments for maximum & minimum fault currents
- Include / exclude fault impedance modeling for unbalanced faults
- Include / exclude shunt admittance for branches & capacitive loads (unbalanced faults)
- Graphical or tabular bus fault selections
- Automatically determine fault currents at motor terminals without the need to add additional buses
- Phase-shifting transformers
- Grounding models for generators, transformers, motors, & other loads
- Motor contribution based on loading category, demand factor, or both
- Extract manufacturer published data from the libraries for thousands of devices
ANSI / IEEE Standards

Features

- 1-phase & panel systems device evaluation
- Determine maximum & minimum short circuit fault currents
- Calculate ½ cycle, 1.5–4, & 30 cycle balanced & unbalanced faults (3-phase, L-G, L-L, L-L-G)
- Check momentary & interrupting device capabilities
- Check closing & latching capabilities
- Evaluate symmetrical or total rated circuit breakers
- Special handling of generator circuit breakers for system & generator faults
- Interrupting duty as a function breaker contact parting time
- Standard & user-definable contact parting time
- Automatically includes No AC Decay (NACD) ratio
- User options for automatic adjustment of HVCB rating

Standards

IEEE C37.04 | Standard Rating Structure for AC High-Voltage Circuit Breakers Rated on a Symmetrical Current including Supplements:
IEEE C37.04f, IEEE C37.04g, IEEE C37.04h, IEEE C37.04i
IEEE C37.010 | Standard Application Guide for AC High-Voltage Circuit Breakers Rated on a Symmetrical Current
IEEE C37.010b | Standard and Emergency Load Current-Carrying Capability
IEEE C37.010e | Supplement to IEEE C37.010
IEEE C37.13 | Standard for Low-Voltage AC Power Circuit Breakers Used in Enclosures
IEEE C37.013 | Standard for AC High-Voltage Generator Circuit Breakers Rated on a Symmetrical Current Basis
IEEE C37.20.1 | Standard for Metal Enclosed Low-Voltage Power Circuit Breaker Switchgear
IEEE 399 | Power System Analysis – the Brown Book
IEEE 141 | Electric Power Distribution for Industrial Plants – the Red Book
IEEE 242 | IEEE Recommended Practice for Protection and Coordination of Industrial and Commercial Power Systems – the Buff Book
UL 489.9 | Standard for Safety for Molded-Case Circuit Breakers, Molded-Case Switches, and Circuit Breaker Enclosures

Reporting (ANSI & IEC)

- Load terminal fault current reporting
- Automatically flag marginal & critical overstressed devices
- Individual fault current contributions for \( I_{\text{sym}}, I_s, 3I_0 \)
- Phase & sequence voltage profiles \( (V_a, V_b, V_c, V_1, V_2, V_0) \)
- Phase & sequence current profiles \( (I_a, I_b, I_c, I_1, I_2, I_0) \)
- Phase & sequence impedances
- Alert view to display critical & marginal limit violations
- Export one-lines with short circuit results to third party CAD applications
- Input data, detailed individual & total short circuit contributions, & summaries
- Enhanced state-of-the-art graphic display of results for balanced & unbalanced faults
- Export output reports to your favorite word processor or spreadsheet
- Full color customizable Crystal Report® viewers
IEC Standards

Features

- 1-pole / 2-pole short circuit device duty for 1-phase panel / UPS systems
- Unbalanced L-G, L-L, & L-L-G faults analysis
- Transient IEC 61363 short circuit calculations
- Compares device ratings with calculated short circuit values
- User-definable voltage C factor
- Service or ultimate short circuit current ratings for LVCB breaking capability
- User-definable R/X adjustment methods for \( I_p \) (method A, B, or C)
- Phase-shifting transformers
- Negative or positive impedance adjustments for max/min \( I_k^- \) & \( I_k^+ \)
- Automatic application of K correction factors (i.e., KT, KG, KSO)
- Automatically determines meshed & non-meshed networks for calculating \( I_p, I_k, \) & \( I_{dc} \)
- \( I_b \) for meshed network is adjusted by individual machine contributions for improved accuracy
- Considers both near & far from generator short circuits
- Generates relay test set compatible plots for transient short circuits
- Detailed IEC device duty reports & complete contributions for unbalanced faults

Standards

IEC 62271-100  High-Voltage Switchgear and Controlgear, Part 100: High-Voltage Alternating-Current Circuit Breakers
IEC 62271-200  High-Voltage Switchgear and Controlgear, Part 200: AC Metal-Enclosed Switchgear and Controlgear for Rated Voltages Above 1 kV and up to and including 52 kV
IEC 62271-203  High-Voltage Switchgear and Controlgear, Part 203: Gas-Insulated Metal-Enclosed Switchgear for Rated Voltages Above 52 kV
IEC 60282-2  High-Voltage Fuses, Part 2: Expulsion Fuses
IEC 60909-0  Short Circuit Currents in Three-Phase AC Systems, Part 0: Calculation of Currents (including 2002 Corrigendum 1)
IEC 60909-1  Short Circuit Currents in Three-Phase AC Systems, Part 1: Factors for the Calculation of Short Circuit Currents According to IEC 60909-0
IEC 60909-4  Short Circuit Currents in Three-Phase AC Systems, Part 4: Examples for the Calculation of Short Circuit Currents
IEC 60947-1  Low Voltage Switchgear and Controlgear, Part 1: General Rules
IEC 60947-2  Low Voltage Switchgear and Controlgear, Part 2: Circuit Breakers
IEC 61363-1  Electrical Installations of Ships and Mobile and Fixed Offshore Units, Part 1: Procedures for Calculating Short Circuit Currents in Three-Phase AC