



# VMD421H

**Voltage and frequency monitor for undervoltage, overvoltage, underfrequency and overfrequency monitoring in 3(N)AC systems of 70...500 V**

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# 1. Important information

## 1.1 How to use this manual



This manual is intended for **qualified personnel** working in electrical engineering and electronics!

Always keep this manual within easy reach for future reference.

To make it easier for you to understand and revisit certain sections in this manual, we have used symbols to identify important instructions and information. The meaning of these symbols is explained below:



This signal word indicates that there is a **high risk of danger** that will result in **death** or **serious injury** if not avoided.



This signal word indicates a **medium risk** of danger that can lead to **death** or **serious injury**, if not avoided.



This signal word indicates a **low-level risk** that can result in minor or **moderate injury** or **damage to property** if not avoided.



This symbol denotes information intended to assist the user in making **optimum use** of the product.

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## 1.5 Inspection, transport and storage

Inspect the dispatch and equipment packaging for damage, and compare the contents of the package with the delivery documents. In the event of damage in transit, please contact Bender immediately.

The devices must only be stored in areas where it is protected from dust, humidity and spray or dripping water, and in which the specified storage temperatures can be assured.

## 1.6 Warranty and liability

Warranty and liability claims in the event of injury to persons or damage to property are excluded if they can be attributed to one or more of the following causes:

- Improper use of the device.
- Incorrect mounting, commissioning, operation and maintenance of the device.
- Failure to observe the instructions in this operating manual regarding transport, commissioning, operation and maintenance of the device.
- Unauthorised changes to the device made by parties other than the manufacturer.
- Non-observance of technical data.
- Repairs carried out incorrectly and the use of replacement parts or accessories not approved by the manufacturer.
- Catastrophes caused by external influences and force majeure.
- Mounting and installation with device combinations not recommended by the manufacturer.

This operating manual, especially the safety instructions, must be observed by all persons working with the device. Furthermore, the rules and regulations that apply for accident prevention at the place of use must be observed.

## 1.7 Disposal

Abide by the national regulations and laws governing the disposal of this device. Ask your supplier if you are not sure how to dispose of the old equipment.

The directive on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE directive) and the directive on the restriction of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment (RoHS directive) apply in the European Community. In Germany, these policies are implemented through the "Electrical and Electronic Equipment Act" (ElektroG). According to this, the following applies:

- Electric and electronic equipment are not to be included in household waste.
- Batteries and accumulators are not to be included in household waste but must be disposed of in accordance with the regulations.
- Old electrical and electronic equipment from users other than private households which was introduced to the market after 13th August 2005 must be taken back by the manufacturer and disposed of properly.

For more information on the disposal of Bender devices, refer to our homepage at [www.bender.de/en](http://www.bender.de/en) -> Service & support.



## 2. Safety instructions

### 2.1 General safety instructions

Part of the device documentation in addition to this manual is the enclosed "Safety instructions for Bender products".

### 2.2 Work activities on electrical installations



Only **qualified personnel** are permitted to carry out the work necessary to install, commission and run a device or system.



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#### **Risk of fatal injury due to electric shock!**

Touching live parts of the system carries the risk of:

- An electric shock
- Damage to the electrical installation
- Destruction of the device

**Before installing the device** and before working on the connections of the device, make **sure** that the system is **de-energised**. The rules for working on electrical systems must be observed.

If the device is used outside the Federal Republic of Germany, the applicable local standards and regulations must be complied with. The European standard EN 50110 can be used as a guide.

### 2.3 Intended use

The voltage monitor VMD421H monitors 3(N)AC systems in the frequency range of 15...460 Hz for undervoltage, overvoltage, underfrequency and overfrequency.

The devices are designed for the nominal voltage range  $U_n = 70 \dots 500$  V. The device is internally supplied by the nominal voltage  $U_n$  to be monitored.

In order to meet the requirements of the applicable standards, customised parameter settings must be made on the equipment in order to adapt it to local equipment and operating conditions. Please heed the limits of the area of application indicated in the technical specifications.

Any other use than that described in this document is regarded as improper.



## 3. Function

### 3.1 Device features

- Undervoltage and overvoltage monitoring in 3(N)AC systems
- Preset function: Automatic response value setting for undervoltage and overvoltage,  $< U$  and  $> U$  as well as for underfrequency and overfrequency  $< f$  and  $> f$
- Voltage and frequency monitoring with window discriminator function,  $< U$  and  $> U$  as well as  $< f$  and  $> f$
- Monitoring of asymmetry, phase failure and phase sequence
- Indication of the system frequency  $f$
- Start-up delay, response delay, delay on release
- Adjustable switching hysteresis for  $U$  and  $f$
- Frequency alarm behaviour in case of measuring voltage failure can be parameterised
- r.m.s. value measurement AC + DC
- Digital measured value display via multi-functional LC display
- Alarm indication via LEDs (AL1, AL2) and changeover contacts (K1, K2)
- N/C operation or N/O operation selectable
- Password protection to prevent unauthorised parameter changes
- Selectable fault memory behaviour. In "con" mode, all alarm parameters remain stored in case of failure of the nominal voltage ( $U_n = U_s$ )
- Start-up of the device optionally with or without simulated alarm message

### 3.2 Functional description

Once the nominal voltage is applied, the start-up delay " $t$ " begins. Measured values changing during this time do not influence the switching state of the alarm relays.

The devices provide two separately adjustable measuring channels (overvoltage/undervoltage). If the measured value exceeds the response value (alarm 1) or falls below the response value (alarm 2), the set response delays " $t_{on1/2}$ " start. Once the response delay has elapsed, the alarm relays switch and the alarm LEDs light up. If the measured value falls below or exceeds the release value (response value plus hysteresis) after the alarm relays have switched, the pre-defined delay on release " $t_{off}$ " starts. Once " $t_{off}$ " has elapsed, the alarm relays switch back to their initial position. If the fault memory is enabled, the alarm relays remain in alarm state until the reset button R is pressed. Even in case of complete power failure of the system being monitored, the delay times are effective during the energy backup discharging time.

### 3.3 Fast commissioning for $U_n = 400 \text{ V}$ , 50 Hz

If you are already familiar with voltage monitors, you can reduce the time for commissioning and connection using this brief description.

1. Check that the three-phase system being monitored is operated with a nominal voltage of  $U_n = 400 \text{ V}$  and 50 Hz. This is the precondition for an automatic setting of the response values (preset after the first connection to the nominal voltage).
2. Make sure that the voltage monitor is in the delivery state (factory settings have not been changed).
3. When conditions 1 and 2 are fulfilled, connect the voltage monitor to the three-phase system to be monitored according to the wiring diagram (page 19). The following pre-defined response values will be set automatically:

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$U_n, f_n$	Preset operating range	Response value < U, < f	Response value > U, > f
400 V (L1, L2, L3)	340 V...440 V	340 V	440 V
50 Hz	47...53 Hz	49 Hz	51 Hz

The currently measured phase voltage between L1 and L2 appears on the display. Use the Up and Down buttons to query other parameters:

- Phase-to-phase voltage L2, L3
- Phase-to-phase voltage L1, L3
- Asymmetry
- System frequency
- Phase sequence

For detailed information about the preset function and other voltage ranges, refer to page 13, page 37 provides a summary of all factory settings.

To reset the voltage monitor to the factory settings, if necessary, refer to the instructions on page 35.

### 3.4 Preset function

After connecting the system to be monitored for the first time, the response values for overvoltage and undervoltage (alarm 1/2) are automatically set once to the following values:

Response value overvoltage ( $> U$ ):  $1.1 U_n$

Response value undervoltage ( $< U$ ):  $0.85 U_n$

Response value overfrequency ( $> f$ ) at 16.7 Hz, 50 Hz, 60 Hz:  $f_n + 1$  Hz

Response value overfrequency ( $> f$ ) at 400 Hz:  $f_n + 1$  Hz

Response value underfrequency ( $< f$ ) at 16.7 Hz, 50 Hz, 60 Hz:  $f_n - 1$  Hz

Response value underfrequency ( $< f$ ) at 400 Hz:  $f_n - 1$  Hz

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Measuring principle	$U_n$	Preset operating range	Response value $< U$	Response value $> U$
Three-phase measurement: 3Ph	400 V (L1, L2, L3)	340...440 V	340 V	440 V
	208 V (L1, L2, L3)	177...229 V	177 V	229 V
The following response values are only set by manually starting the preset function (Menu/SEt/PrE)				
Three-phase-N measurement: 3n	230 V (L1, L2, L3, N)	196...253 V	196 V	253 V
	120 V (L1, L2, L3, N)	102...132 V	102 V	132 V

If the measured voltage is not within the preset operating range listed in the table, the message "AL not Set" appears on the display. Therefore it is necessary to set the response values for alarm 1 (AL1) and alarm 2 (AL2) manually. A detailed description of the process is given in the chapter "Parameter setting".

After restoring the factory settings, the preset function is automatically active again.

During operation, the preset function can be started manually via the SEt menu.

### 3.5 Automatic self test

The device automatically carries out a self test after connection to the system to be monitored and later every hour. During the self test internal malfunctions are detected and shown as an error code on the display. The alarm relays are not switched during this test.

### 3.6 Manual self test

The device runs a self test after the test button is pressed for  $> 1.5$  s. Any internal malfunctions detected during this test are shown as an error code on the display. The alarm relays are not switched during this test.

While pressing and holding the test button T, all device-relevant display elements appear on the display.

### 3.7 Malfunction

In the event of an internal malfunction, all three LEDs flash. The display shows an error code (E01...E32). In such a case please contact the Bender Service.

### 3.8 Fault memory

The fault memory can be enabled, disabled or set to continuous mode (con). If the fault memory is set to "con" mode, a stored alarm remains stored even after failure of the nominal voltage ( $U_n = U_s$ ), also after the energy backup discharging time has elapsed.

### 3.9 Assigning alarms to alarm relays K1/K2

Different alarm categories can be assigned to the alarm relays K1/K2 via the "out" menu.

### 3.10 Delay times $t$ , $t_{on}$ and $t_{off}$

The times  $t$ ,  $t_{on}$  and  $t_{off}$  described below delay the output of alarms via LEDs and relays.

#### Start-up delay $t$

Once the voltage  $U_n$  to be monitored has been connected, the alarm indication is delayed by the preset time  $t$  (0...300 s).

#### Response delay $t_{on}$

When the value falls below or exceeds the response value, the voltage monitor requires the response time  $t_{an}$  until the alarm is activated.

A preset response delay  $t_{on}$  (0...300 s) adds up to the device-related operating time  $t_{ae}$  and delays alarm signalling (total delay time  $t_{an} = t_{ae} + t_{on}$ ).

Should the fault no longer persist during the response delay, the alarm signal drops out.

#### Delay on release $t_{off}$

If the alarm no longer exists during the response delay and the fault memory is disabled, the alarm LEDs goes out and the alarm relays switch back to their initial position. The alarm state is continuously maintained for the selected period by activating the delay on release (0...99 s).

### 3.11 Password protection (on, OFF)

If password protection has been enabled (on), settings can only be made subject to the correct password being entered (0...999). If you cannot operate your device because you cannot remember your password, please contact [info@bender-service.com](mailto:info@bender-service.com).


### 3.12 Factory settings FAC


After restoring the factory settings, all settings previously changed are reset to the state upon delivery. In addition, the preset function allows automatic adaptation of the response values in relation to the nominal voltage  $U_n$ .

### 3.13 Erasable history memory

The first alarm value that occurs is stored in this memory. Subsequent alarms do not overwrite this "old" value. The memory can be cleared using the Clr button in the HiS menu.

### 3.14 Alarm LEDs show which relay is in the alarm state

When the menu item **LEd**  is activated, the alarm LED AL1 indicates that K1 is in the alarm state. When AL2 lights up, K2 is in the alarm state. An alarm relay can only switch to the alarm state if an alarm category has been assigned to it.

When the menu item **LEd**  is deactivated, AL1 signals overvoltage, AL2 signals undervoltage, both LEDs AL1 and AL2 light up in case of frequency alarm.

For details about alarm category assignment to the respective relays, refer to the sub-menu "out" description on page 23.

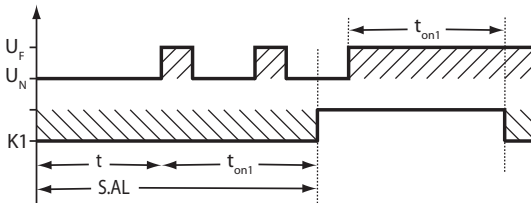
### 3.15 Starting the device with a simulated alarm S.AL

If the menu item S.AL has been activated in the out menu, K1 or K2 switches back to the alarm state once the nominal voltage is applied. This state is maintained for the delay time  $t + t_{on1}$ . Once this time has elapsed, K1 or K2 switches back to the initial position provided that no fault is detected at the measuring input.

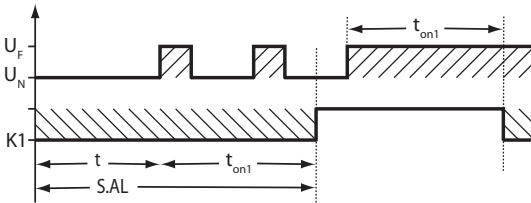
The following diagrams show the effect of a fault during a simulated alarm.

Faults at the measuring input and the resulting condition of the alarm relay K1 (K2) are shown as a hatched area.

The fault shown below as an example for K1 starts during the S.AL phase:



The fault shown below as an example for K1 starts after the S.AL phase:



### 3.16 Frequency alarm in case of measuring voltage failure

(Menu -> AL -> <U Hz)

If the voltage of the monitored system falls to the point where the frequency can no longer be determined, this parameter is used to set how the frequency alarm should behave.

**On:** The device sets the underfrequency/and overfrequency alarm (factory setting).

**Off:** The device does not set a frequency alarm.

Note for <U Hz = Off:



*If there are transients (depending on circuit breakers and system parameters) when the voltage of the monitored system fails or returns, the device may still briefly output a frequency alarm. To avoid this behaviour, the relay to which frequency alarms are assigned must be delayed by means of  $t_{on1}$  or  $t_{on2}$  and  $t_{off}$ .*



*If the frequency of the monitored system slowly returns (e.g. due to a starting generator), the frequency monitoring only becomes active again when the frequency is within specified limits ( $\geq 10$  Hz).*



## 4. Installation and connection



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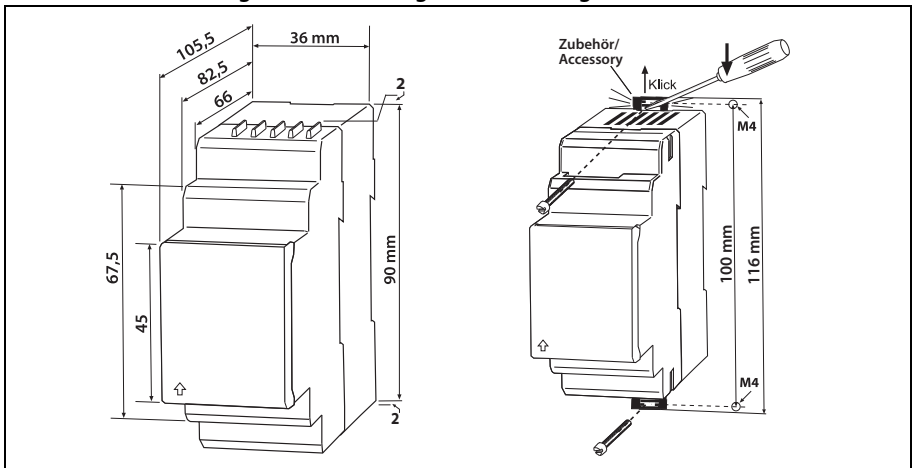
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- Damage to the electrical installation
- Destruction of the device

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### General dimension diagram and drawing for screw fixing



Mount the device vertically to allow sufficient air flow through the ventilation slots at top and bottom!

The front plate cover can be opened at the lower part marked with an arrow.

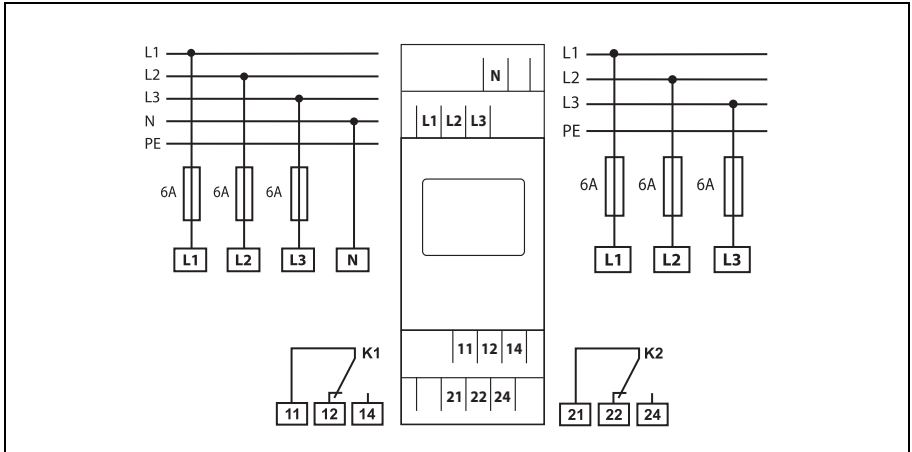
**DIN rail mounting:** Snap the rear mounting clip of the device into place in such a way that a safe and tight fit is ensured.

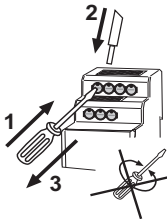
**Screw mounting:** Use a tool to position the rear mounting clips (a second mounting clip is required, see ordering information) so that they project beyond the enclosure. Then fix the device using two M4 screws.



## 5. Wiring

Connect the device according to the wiring diagram.






	Terminal	Connections
	L1, L2, L3, (N)	Connection to the system to be monitored
	11, 12, 14	Alarm relay K1
	21, 22, 24	Alarm relay K2



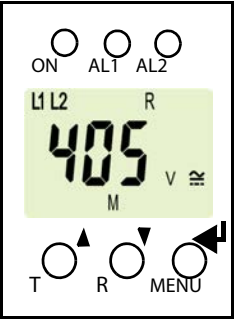



## 6. Operation and settings

### 6.1 Display elements in use

The meaning of the display elements in use is listed in the table below.




Display elements in use	Element	Function
	L1...L3N	Conductor L1...L3 (phase), neutral conductor
	Asy, %	Asymmetry in %
	< U, > U	Undervoltage (alarm 2), Overvoltage (alarm 1)
	r1, 1 r2, 2	Alarm relay K1, Alarm relay K2
	R, L	Phase sequence clockwise, phase sequence counter-clockwise (L = l.)
	U Hys, %	Response value hysteresis in %
	< Hz, > Hz	Underfrequency (AL1 and AL2) Overfrequency (AL1 and AL2)
	Hz Hys	Frequency response value hysteresis in Hz
	<U Hz	Frequency alarm in case of measuring voltage failure
	ton1, ton2, t, toff	Response delay $t_{on1}$ (K1), Response delay $t_{on2}$ (K2) Start-up delay $t$ , Delay on release $t_{off}$ for K1, K2
	M	Fault memory enabled
		Operating mode of relays K1, K2; or LEDs AL1/AL2 indicate the alarm state of K1/K2
		Password protection enabled

## 6.2 Function of the operating elements

User interface	Element	Function
	ON	Power On LED, green
	AL1, AL2	<b>Menu item LEd  deactivated:</b> LED alarm 1 lights (yellow): response value > U exceeded LED alarm 2 lights (yellow): below response value < U
	AL1 and AL2	<b>Menu item LEd  deactivated:</b> Both LEDs light when the frequency response values < Hz or > Hz are reached
	AL1, AL2	<b>Menu item LEd  activated:</b> LED alarm 1 lights (yellow): K1 signals an arbitrary alarm LED alarm 2 lights (yellow): K2 signals an arbitrary alarm
	405 V, R, M	$U_n = 405$ V between L1 and L2, phase sequence clockwise, fault memory enabled
	T, ▲	Test button (> 1.5 s): indicate display elements available for this device, start a self test; Arrow-up button (< 1.5 s): menu items/values
	R, ▼	Reset button (> 1.5 s): clear fault memory; Arrow-down button (< 1.5 s): menu items/values
	User interface	Element
	MENU, ◀	MENU button (> 1.5 s): start menu mode; Enter button (< 1.5 s): confirm menu item, submenu item and value. Enter button (> 1.5 s): back to the next higher menu level.

### 6.3 Menu structure

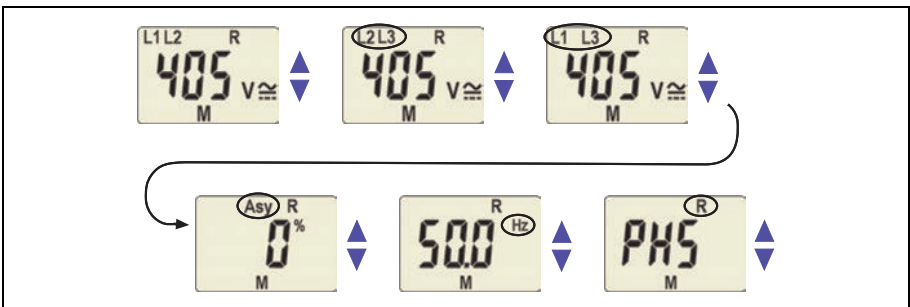
All adjustable parameters are listed in the columns Menu item and Adjustable parameter. A display-like representation is used to illustrate the parameters in the column Menu item. Different alarm categories can be assigned to the alarm relays K1, K2 via the submenus r1, r2. This is done by activating or deactivating the respective function.

Menu	Sub menu	Menu item	Activation	Adjustable parameter	
<b>AL</b> (response values)	→	< U	ON	Undervoltage (alarm 2)	
		> U	ON	Overvoltage (alarm 1)	
		U Hys	-	Hysteresis < U / > U	
		Asy	-	Asymmetry alarm	
		< Hz	OFF	Underfrequency	
		> Hz	OFF	Overfrequency	
		Hz Hys	-	Hysteresis, Frequency	
		< U Hz	ON	Frequency alarm in case of measuring voltage failure (< U Hz)	
		PHS	OFF	Phase sequence R / L	
<b>out</b> (output control)	→	M	ON	Fault memory (on, con, off)	
		 1	-	Operating mode K1 (n.o.)	
		 2	-	Operating mode K2 (n.c.)	
		 LED	OFF	LEDs signal relay in alarm state	
	<b>r1</b> (K1: alarm category assignment)		1 Err	OFF	Device error at K1
			r1 < U	OFF	Undervoltage at K1
			r1 > U	ON	Overvoltage at K1
			r1 Asy	ON	Asymmetry alarm at K1
			r1 < Hz	ON	Underfrequency alarm at K1
			r1 > Hz	ON	Overfrequency alarm at K1
			1 PHS	ON	Phase sequence alarm at K1
			1 S.AL	OFF	Start with alarm during t + ton1
	<b>r2</b> (K2: alarm category assignment)		2 Err	OFF	Device error at K2
			r2 < U	ON	Undervoltage at K2
			r2 > U	OFF	Overvoltage at K2
			r2 Asy	ON	Asymmetry alarm at K2
			r2 < Hz	ON	Underfrequency alarm at K2
			r1 > Hz	ON	Overfrequency alarm at K1
			2 PHS	ON	Phase sequence alarm at K2
			2 S.AL	OFF	Start with alarm during t + ton2

Menu	Sub menu	Menu item	Activation	Adjustable parameter
<b>t</b> (timing control)	→	t on 1	-	Response delay K1
		t on 2	-	Response delay K2
		t	-	Start-up delay
		t off	-	Delay on release K1/K2
<b>Set</b> (device control)	→	L1L2L3	-	Measuring principle: phase-to-phase voltage 3Ph, phase-to-neutral voltage 3n
			OFF	Set parameters via password
		FAC	-	Restore factory settings
		PrE	-	Manual preset
		SYS	-	Function locked
<b>InF</b>	→		-	Display hardware/software version
<b>HiS</b>	→	Clr	-	History memory for the first alarm value, erasable

## 6.4 Display in standard mode

By default, the display shows the phase-to-phase voltage between L1 and L2. By pressing the Up or Down button, details regarding asymmetry, system frequency and phase sequence are displayed, amongst others. In order to change the default display, confirm your choice with Enter.



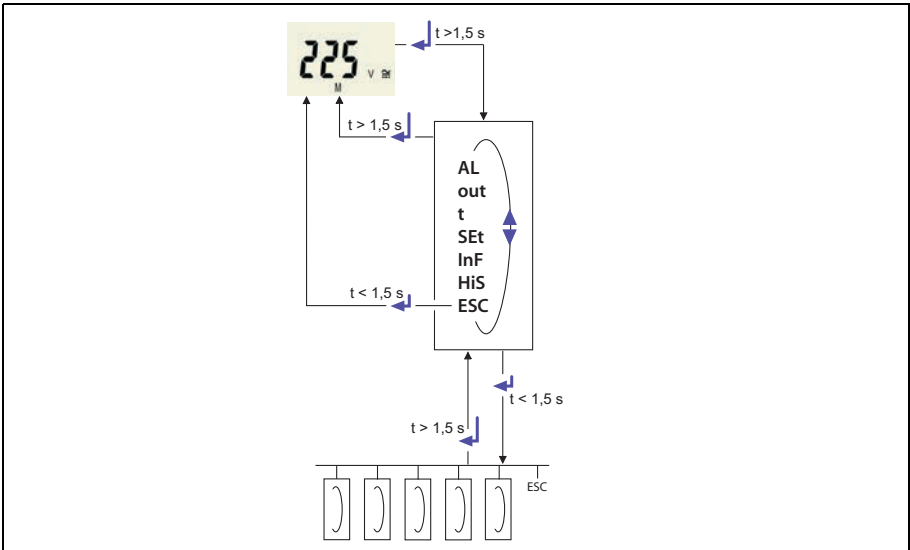
*In the standard mode, the currently measured voltages as well as asymmetry, system frequency and phase sequence can be displayed using the Up and Down buttons.*



## 6.5 Display in menu mode

### 6.5.1 Parameter query and setting: overview

Menu item	Adjustable parameter
AL	Query and set response values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Undervoltage: &lt; U (AL2)</li> <li>- Overvoltage: &gt; U (AL1)</li> <li>- Hysteresis of the voltage response values: Hys U</li> <li>- Asymmetry: Asy (AL1 and AL2)</li> <li>- Underfrequency: &lt; Hz (AL1 and AL2)</li> <li>- Overfrequency: &gt; Hz (AL1 and AL2)</li> <li>- Hysteresis of the frequency response values: Hys Hz</li> <li>- Frequency alarm in case of measuring voltage failure: &lt;U Hz</li> <li>- Phase sequence: PHS (AL1 and AL2)</li> </ul>
out	Configure fault memory and alarm relays: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enable/Disable fault memory or set con mode</li> <li>- Select N/O operation (n.o.) or N/C operation (n.c.) individually for K1/K2</li> <li>- Assign the alarm categories undercurrent, overcurrent, underfrequency, overfrequency or device error individually to K1/K2 (1, r1 / 2, r2)</li> <li>- AL1/AL2 indicate that K1/K2 are in alarm state (LEd)</li> </ul>
t	Set delays: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Response delay <math>t_{on1}/t_{on2}</math></li> <li>- Start-up delay <math>t</math></li> <li>- Delay on release <math>t_{off}</math> (LED, relay)</li> </ul>
SEt	Set parameters for device control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Select measurement method 3Ph or 3n</li> <li>- Enable or disable password protection, change password</li> <li>- Restore factory settings</li> <li>- Start preset function PrE manually</li> <li>- Service menu SyS locked</li> </ul>
InF	Query hardware and software version
HiS	Query the alarm value saved first
ESC	Move to the next higher menu level (back)



## Parameter setting

An example is given below on how to change the alarm response value for overvoltage > U. Proceed as follows:

1. Press the MENU/Enter button for more than 1.5 seconds. The flashing short symbol AL appears on the display.
2. Confirm with Enter. The parameter undervoltage < U flashes.
3. Press the Down button to select the parameter overvoltage > U. The parameter > U flashes.
4. Confirm with Enter. "on" flashes to indicate that the response value > U is being activated.
5. Confirm the activation with Enter. The corresponding value in V flashes.
6. Use the Up or Down button to set the appropriate response value. Confirm with Enter. > U flashes.
7. You can exit the menu by:
  - Pressing the Enter button for more than 1.5 seconds to reach the next higher level
  - Selecting the menu item ESC and confirming with Enter to reach the next higher level.

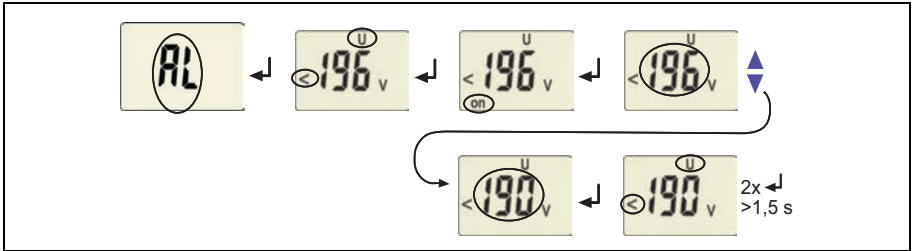


*The areas of the display that can be configured flash! This is indicated by an oval in the illustrations below. Press and hold down the MENU button > 1.5 s to enter menu mode.*

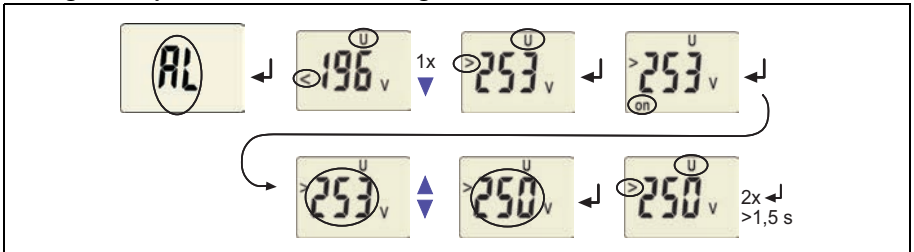
### 6.5.2 Setting the response values for undervoltage and overvoltage

- Value of the undervoltage ( $< U$ )
- Value of the overvoltage ( $> U$ )
- Hysteresis (Hys) of the response values  $< U$  and  $> U$
- Asymmetry (Asy) of the phases
- Phase sequence (PHS) counter-clockwise (L) or clockwise (R), in the example below from R to L

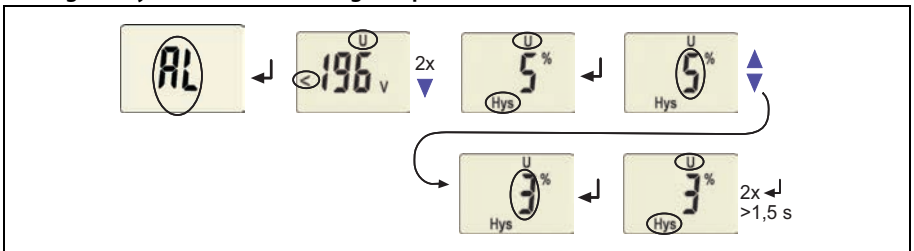
#### Setting the response value for undervoltage $< U$



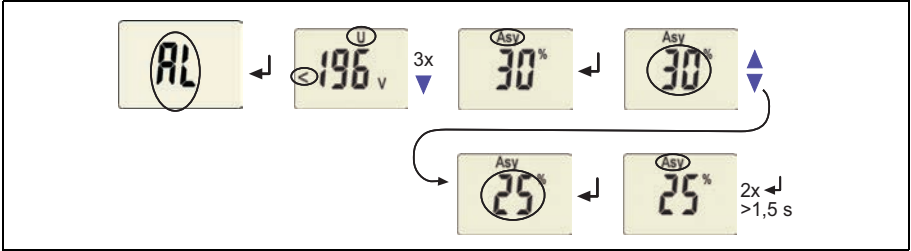
#### Setting the response value for overvoltage $> U$



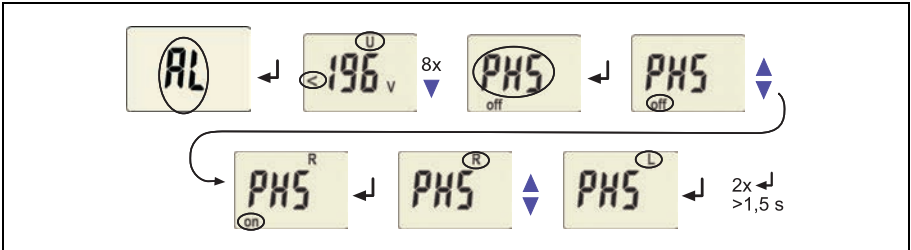
#### Setting the hysteresis of the voltage response values



### Setting the asymmetry response value

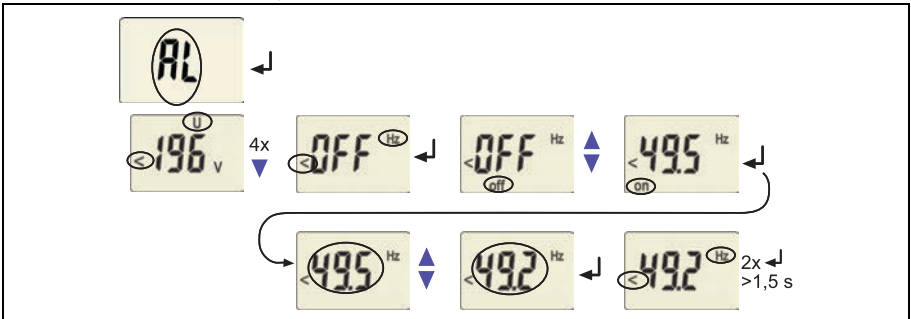


### Setting the phase sequence response value

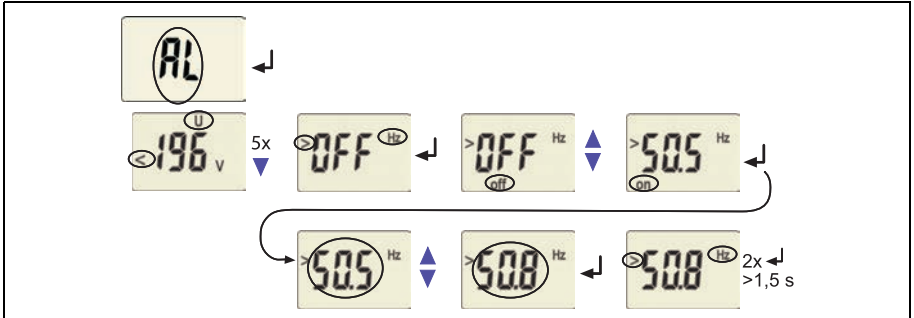


## 6.5.3 Setting the response values for underfrequency, overfrequency and hysteresis

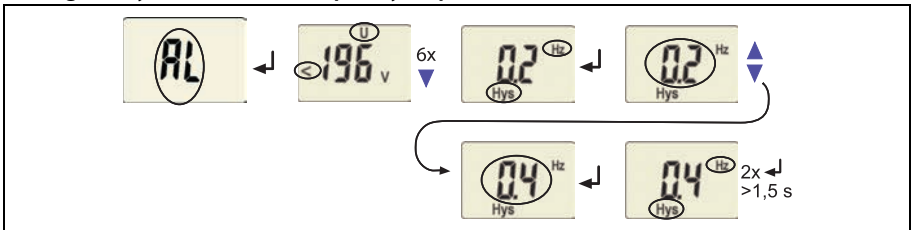
### Setting the underfrequency response value < Hz



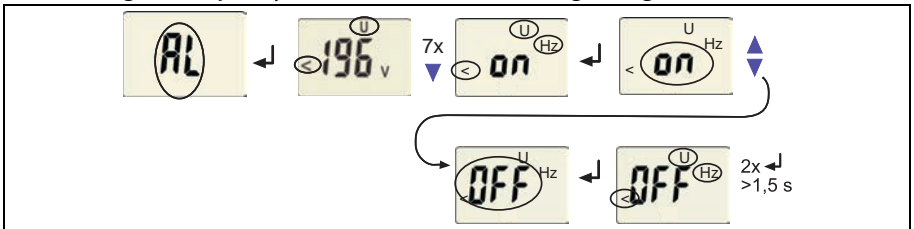
### Setting the overfrequency response value > Hz



### Setting the hysteresis of the frequency response values

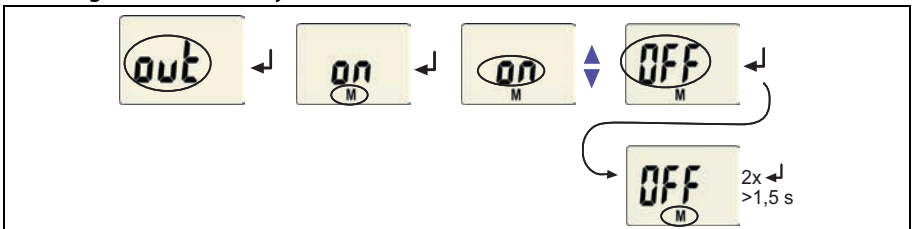


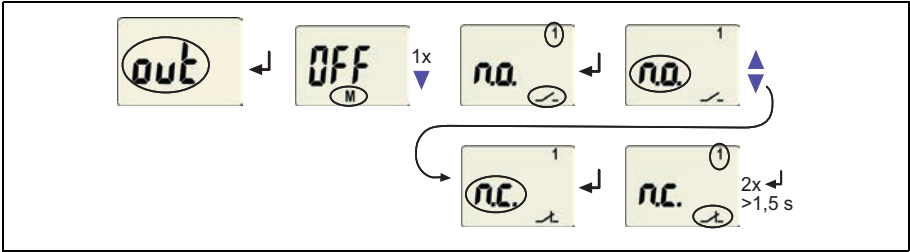
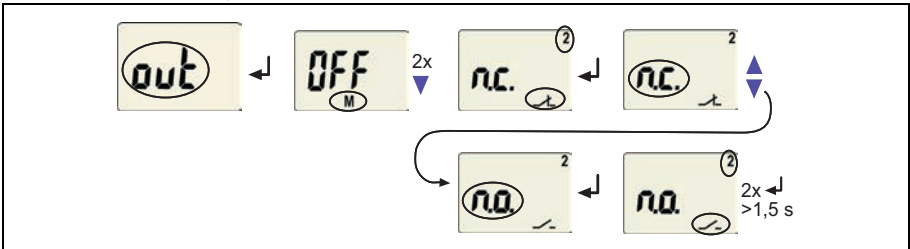
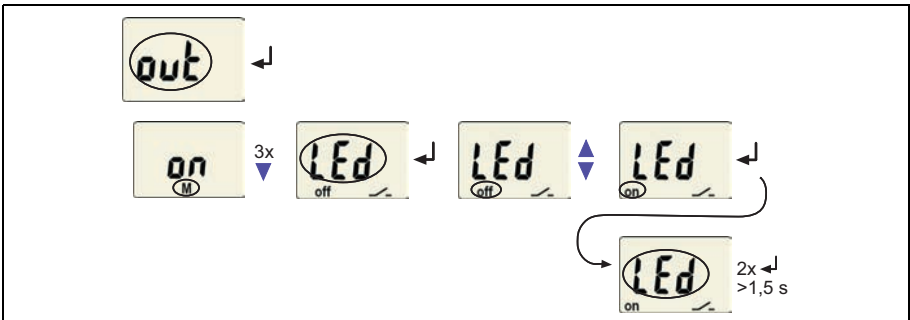
### Deactivating the frequency alarm in case of a measuring voltage failure



## 6.5.4 Setting the fault memory and operating mode of the alarm relays

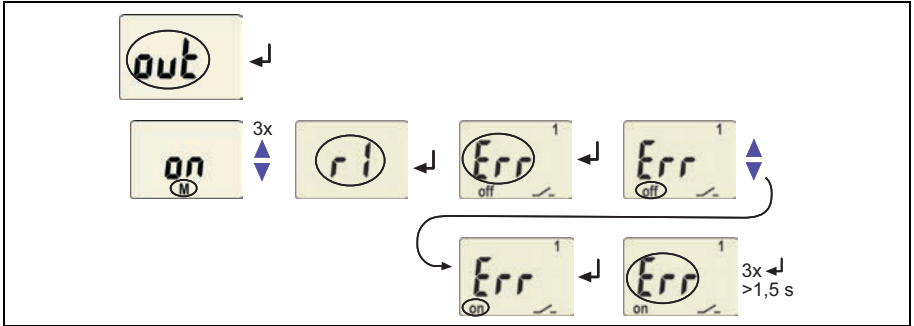
### Disabling the fault memory



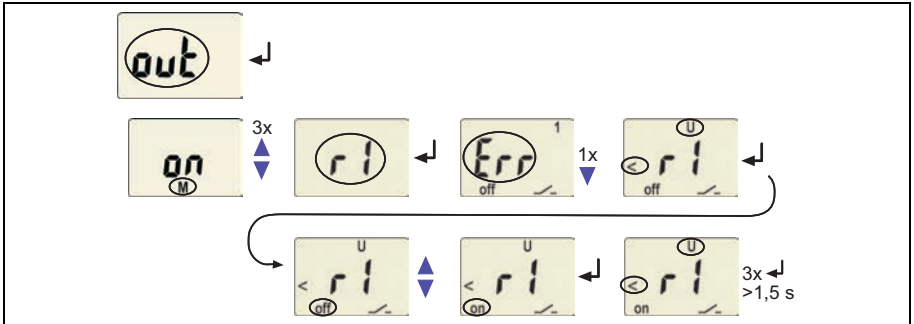
**Setting the alarm relay K1 to N/C operation (n.c.)**

**Setting the alarm relay K2 to N/O operation (n.o.)**

**LEDs AL1/AL2 are intended to indicate the alarm state of K1/K2**

**6.5.5 Assigning alarm categories to the alarm relays**

Undervoltage, overvoltage, underfrequency, overfrequency, asymmetry, phase sequence and device-related error messages of the voltage monitor can be assigned to the alarm relays K1 (r1, 1) and K2 (r2, 2). K1 is factory-set to signal an alarm in case of overvoltage, and K2 is set to signal an alarm in case of undervoltage. A few assignment examples for alarm relay K1 are illustrated below.

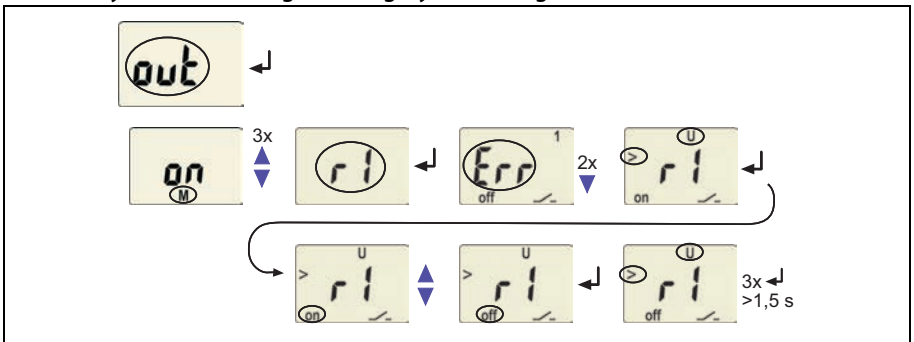
**Alarm relay K1: assigning the category device error**

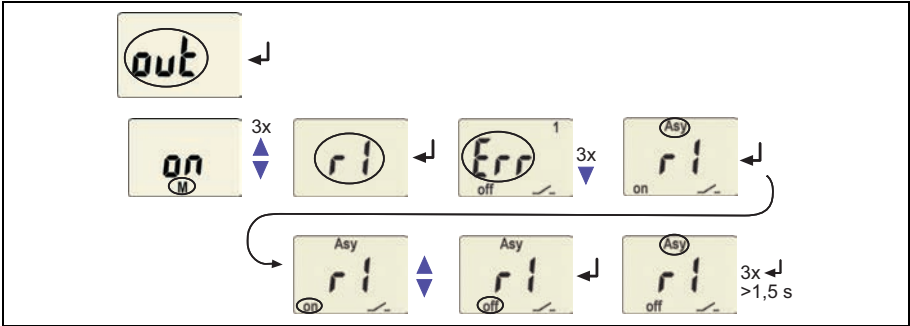


**Alarm relay K1: assigning the category undervoltage**

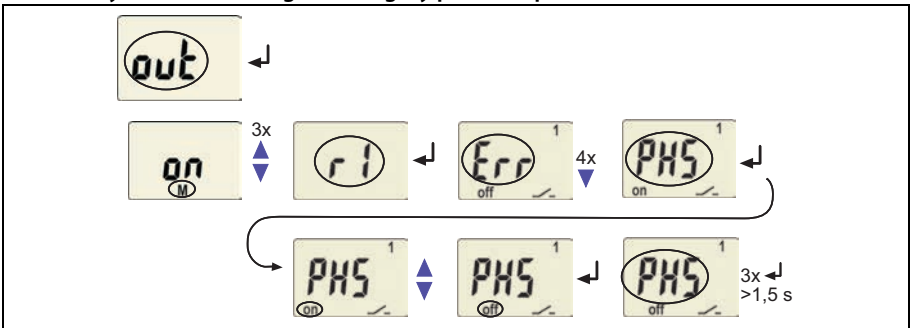


**Alarm relay K1: deactivating the category overvoltage**



**Alarm relay K1: deactivating the category asymmetry alarm**

**CAUTION**

Deactivating an alarm relay K1/K2) via the menu prevents an alarm being indicated by the respective changeover contact!  
 An alarm will only be indicated by the respective alarm LED (AL1/AL2)!  
 This only applies to the out menu setting LE<sub>d</sub> = off!

**Alarm relay K1: Deactivating the category phase sequence alarm**




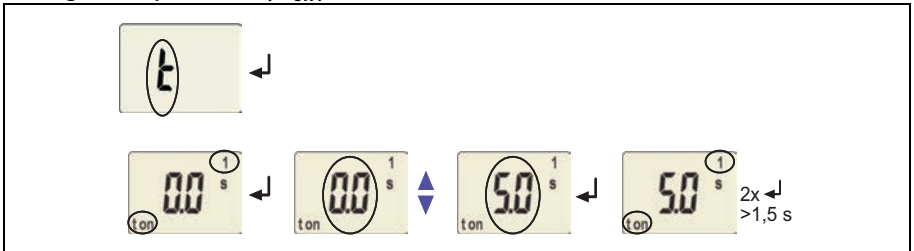
### 6.5.6 Setting delay times

The following delays can be set:

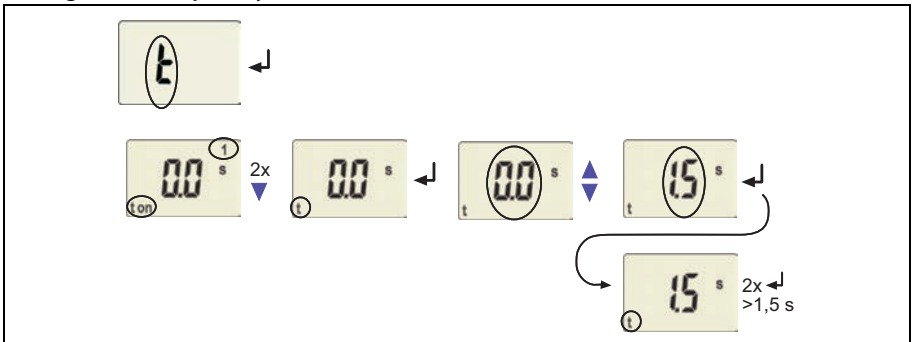
- Response delay  $t_{on1}$  (0...300 s) for K1, as well as  $t_{on2}$  (0...300 s) for K2
- Start-up delay  $t$  (0...300 s) during device start
- Common delay on release  $t_{off}$  (0...300 s) for K1, K2. The setting  $t_{off}$  is only relevant when the fault memory M is disabled.

The operating steps for the setting of the response delay  $t_{on1}$  and the start-up delay  $t$  are illustrated by way of example.

#### Setting the response delay $t_{on1}$

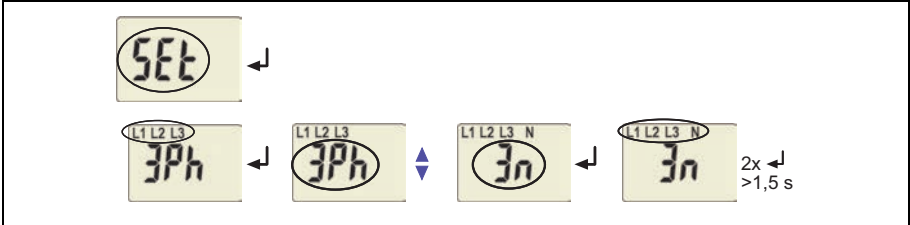


#### Setting the start-up delay $t$



### 6.5.7 Select measurement method

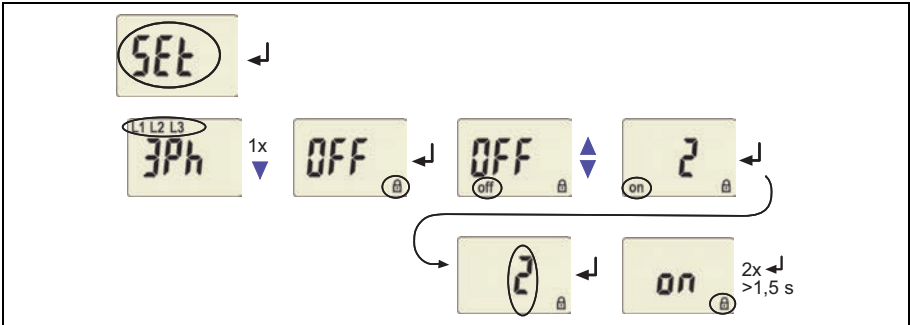
Use this menu item to select between phase to N (3n) or phase-to-phase (3Ph) measurement. If the device has been connected to the neutral conductor and the phase conductors, the measurement method can be freely selected.



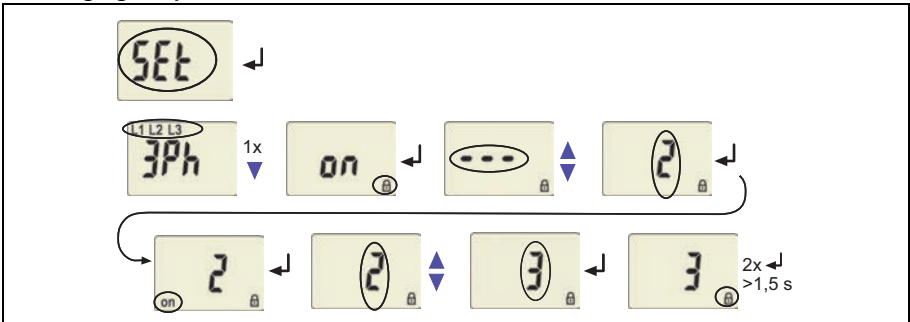
### 6.5.8 Factory setting and password protection

This menu can be used to enable the password protection, modify the password or to disable the password protection. It is also where the device can be reset to the factory settings.

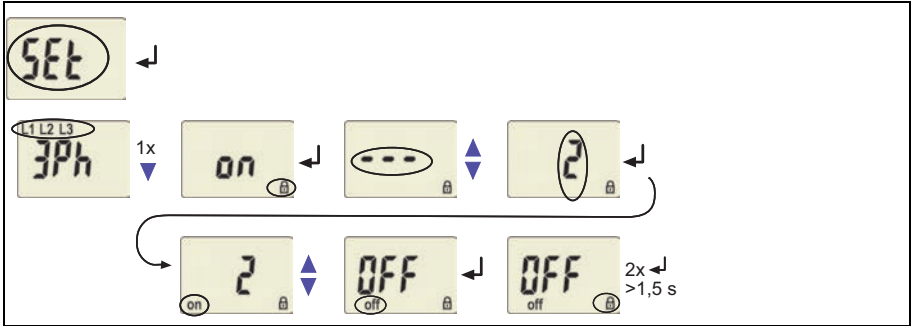
#### a) Enabling the password protection



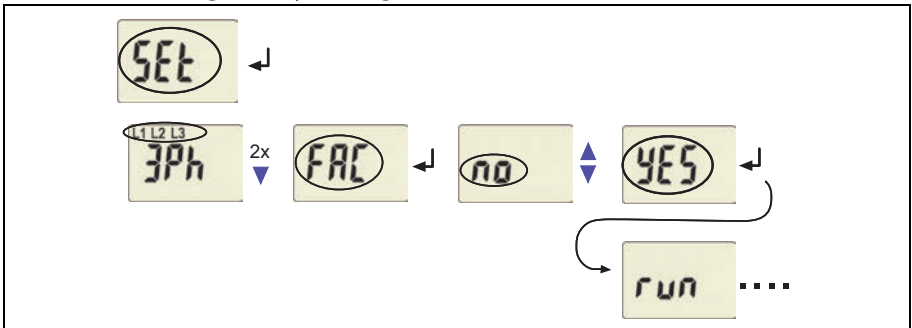
#### b) Changing the password



c) Disabling the password protection

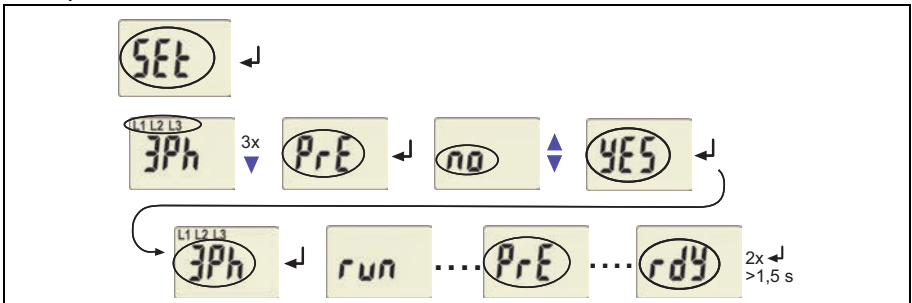


6.5.9 Restoring factory settings



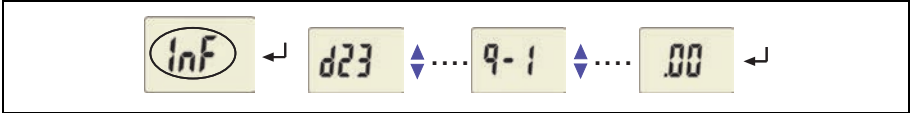
6.5.10 Manual activation of the preset function

During the operating process, the measuring principle is queried. Select either three-phase-N measurement (3n) or three-phase measurement (3Ph). In the example below, three-phase measurement has been selected.



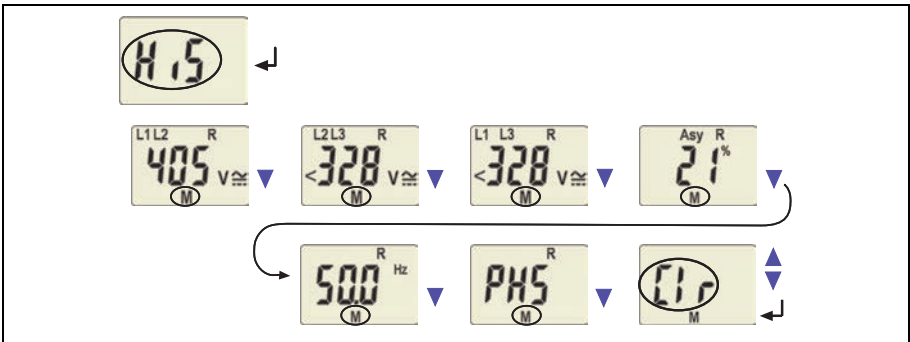
### 6.5.11 Querying device information

This function is used to query the software (1.xx) version. After activating this function, data will be displayed as a scrolling text. Once the routine has been run through, individual data sections can be selected using the Up/Down buttons.



### 6.5.12 Querying the history memory

Select the history memory via the menu HiS. Use the Up and Down buttons to view the next display. If Clr is flashing, the history memory can be cleared by pressing the Enter button.



## 6.6 Commissioning

Prior to commissioning, check that the voltage monitor is connected properly.



After connecting a brand-new VMD421H to a standard system of  $U_n = 400\text{ V}$ ,  $50\text{ Hz}$ , the response values are automatically set by the internal preset function:  
 Overvoltage =  $440\text{ V}$  ( $400\text{ V} + 10\%$ ) ( $50\text{ Hz} + 1\text{ Hz}$ )  
 Undervoltage =  $340\text{ V}$  ( $400\text{ V} - 15\%$ ) ( $50\text{ Hz} - 1\text{ Hz}$ )  
 Other operating ranges of the preset function are given in the technical data under response values and in the functional description.

### 6.7 Preset function/Factory settings

During initial commissioning, predefined response values are set automatically depending on  $U_n$ :

Response value overvoltage ( $> U$ ):  $1.1 U_n$

Response value undervoltage ( $< U$ ):  $0.85 U_n$



<i>Hysteresis U</i>	5 %
<i>Underfrequency &lt; Hz</i>	OFF
<i>Overfrequency &gt; Hz</i>	OFF
<i>Hysteresis frequency (Hys Hz)</i>	0.2 Hz
<i>Frequency alarm in case of measuring voltage failure (&lt; U Hz)</i>	on
<i>Fault memory M</i>	on
<i>Operating principle K1 (&gt; U, Asy)</i>	N/O operation (n.o.), N/C operation (n.c.)
<i>Operating principle K2 (&lt; U, Asy)</i>	OFF
<i>AL1/AL2 indicate the alarm state of K1/K2 (LEd)</i>	OFF
<i>Alarm during device start at K1/K2 (S.AL)</i>	30 %
<i>Asymmetry</i>	OFF
<i>Phase sequence monitoring</i>	$t = 0 s$
<i>Start-up delay</i>	$t_{on1} = 0 s$
<i>Response delay</i>	$t_{on2} = 0 s$ $t_{off} = 0.5 s$
<i>Delay on release</i>	3Ph (phase conductor measurement)
<i>Measurement method</i>	0, Off
<i>Password</i>	



## 7. Technical data VMD421H

### 7.1 Tabular data

( )\* = Factory setting

#### Insulation coordination acc. to IEC 60664-1/IEC 60664-3

Rated voltage .....	400 V
Rated impulse voltage/Pollution degree .....	4 kV / III
Protective separation (reinforced insulation) between.....	(N, L1, L2, L3) - (11, 12, 14) - (21, 22, 24)
Voltage test according to IEC 61010-1:	
(N, L1, L2, L3) - (11, 12, 14) .....	3.32 kV
(N, L1, L2, L3) - (21, 22, 24) .....	2.21 kV

#### Supply voltage

Supply voltage $U_s$ .....	none (internal supply from $U_n$ )
Power consumption .....	$\leq 6$ VA

#### Measuring circuit

Measuring range (r.m.s. value) (L-N) .....	AC 0...288 V
Measuring range (r.m.s. value) (L-L) .....	AC 0...500 V
Rated frequency $f_n$ .....	15...460 Hz
Frequency range .....	10...500 Hz

#### Response values

System type .....	3(N) AC / 3 AC (3 AC)*
Undervoltage < U (alarm 2) (measurement method: 3Ph / 3n) .....	AC 70...500 V / 70...288 V
Overvoltage > U (alarm 1) (measurement method: 3Ph / 3n) .....	AC 70...500 V / 70...288 V
Resolution of setting U .....	1 V
Preset function for 3 AC measurement:	
Undervoltage < U (0.85 $U_n$ )* for $U_n = 400$ V / 208 V .....	340 V / 177 V
Overvoltage > U (1.1 $U_n$ )* for $U_n = 400$ V / 208 V .....	440 V / 229 V
Preset function for 3(N)AC measurement:	
Undervoltage < U (0.85 $U_n$ )* for $U_n = 230$ V / 120 V .....	196 V / 102 V
Overvoltage > U (1.1 $U_n$ )* for $U_n = 230$ V / 120 V .....	253 V / 132 V
Hysteresis U .....	1...40 % (5 %)*
Asymmetry .....	5...30 % (30 %)*
Phase failure .....	by setting the asymmetry
Phase sequence .....	clockwise/counter-clockwise (off)*
Relative percentage error, voltage at 50 Hz / 60 Hz .....	$\pm 1.5$ %, $\pm 2$ digits
Relative percentage error in the voltage range of 15 Hz...460 Hz .....	$\pm 3$ %, $\pm 2$ digits

Underfrequency < Hz .....	10... 500 Hz**
Overfrequency > Hz .....	10... 500 Hz**
Resolution of setting $f$ 10.0... 99.9 Hz .....	0.1 Hz
Resolution of setting $f$ 100... 500 Hz .....	1 Hz
Preset function:	
Underfrequency for $f_n = 16.7$ Hz / 50 Hz / 60 Hz / 400 Hz .....	15.7 Hz / 49 Hz / 59 Hz / 399 Hz
Overfrequency for $f_n = 16.7$ Hz / 50 Hz / 60 Hz / 400 Hz .....	17.7 Hz / 51 Hz / 61 Hz / 401 Hz
Hysteresis frequency Hys Hz .....	0.1... 2 Hz (0.2 Hz)*
Relative percentage error in the frequency range of 15... 460 Hz .....	$\pm 0.2$ %, $\pm 1$ digit

### Time response

Start-up delay $t$ .....	0... 300 s (0 s)*
Response delay $t_{on1/2}$ .....	0... 300 s (0 s)*
Delay on release $t_{off}$ .....	0... 300 s (0.5 s)*
Resolution of setting $t, t_{on1/2}, t_{off}$ (0... 10 s) .....	0.1 s
Resolution of setting $t, t_{on1/2}, t_{off}$ (10... 99 s) .....	1 s
Resolution of setting $t, t_{on1/2}, t_{off}$ (100... 300 s) .....	10 s
Operating time, voltage $t_{ae}$ .....	$\leq 140$ ms
Operating time, frequency $t_{ae}$ .....	$\leq 335$ ms
Response time $t_{an}$ .....	$t_{an} = t_{ae} + t_{on1/2}$
Discharging time energy backup on power failure .....	$\geq 2.5$ s
Charging time energy backup .....	$\leq 60$ s
Recovery time $t_b$ .....	$\leq 300$ ms

### Displays, memory

Display .....	LC display, multi-functional, not illuminated
Display range measured value .....	AC/DC 0... 500 V
Operating error, voltage at 50 Hz / 60 Hz .....	$\pm 1.5$ %, $\pm 2$ digits
Operating error in the voltage range of 15... 460 Hz .....	$\pm 3$ %, $\pm 2$ digits
Operating error in the frequency range of 15... 460 Hz .....	$\pm 0.2$ %, $\pm 1$ digits
History memory (HiS) for the first alarm value .....	data record measured values
Password .....	Off / 0... 999 (OFF)*
Fault memory (M) alarm relay .....	on / off / con (on)*

### Switching elements

Number of changeover contacts .....	2 x 1 (K1, K2)
Operating principle .....	N/C operation / N/O operation
..... K2: Err, < U, > U, Asy, < Hz, > Hz, PHS, S.AL (undervoltage < U, asymmetry Asy, N/C operation)*	
..... K1: Err, < U, > U, Asy, < Hz, > Hz, PHS, S.AL (overvoltage > U, asymmetry Asy, N/O operation)*	
Electrical endurance under rated operating conditions, number of cycles .....	10 000



Contact data acc. to IEC 60947-5-1:

Utilisation category .....	AC 13	AC 14	DC-12	DC-12	DC-12
Rated operational voltage .....	230 V	230 V	24 V	110 V	220 V
Rated operational current .....	5 A	3 A	1 A	0.2 A	0.1 A
Minimum contact rating.....	1 mA at AC/DC ≥ 10 V				

**Environment/EMC**

EMC .....	IEC 61326
Operating temperature .....	-25 °C ... +55 °C
Classification of climatic conditions acc. to IEC 60721:	
Stationary use (IEC 60721-3-3) .....	3K23 (except condensation and formation of ice)
Transport (IEC 60721-3-2) .....	2K11 (except condensation and formation of ice)
Long-term storage (IEC 60721-3-1) .....	1K22 (except condensation and formation of ice)
Classification of mechanical conditions acc. to IEC 60721:	
Stationary use (IEC 60721-3-3) .....	3M11
Transport (IEC 60721-3-2) .....	2M4
Long-term storage (IEC 60721-3-1) .....	1M12

**Connection**

Connection type .....	screw-type terminals
Connection properties:	
rigid/flexible .....	0.2 ... 4 / 0.2 ... 2.5 mm <sup>2</sup> (AWG 24 ... 12)
Multi-conductor connection (2 conductors with the same cross section):	
rigid/flexible .....	0.2 ... 1.5 / 0.2 ... 1.5 mm <sup>2</sup>
Stripping length .....	8 ... 9 mm
Tightening torque .....	0.5 ... 0.6 Nm
Connection .....	push-wire terminals
Connection properties:	
Rigid .....	0.2 ... 2.5 mm <sup>2</sup> (AWG 24 ... 14)
Flexible without ferrules .....	0.75 ... 2.5 mm <sup>2</sup> (AWG 19 ... 14)
Flexible with ferrules .....	0.2 ... 1.5 mm <sup>2</sup> (AWG 24 ... 16)
Stripping length .....	10 mm
Opening force .....	50 N
Test opening, diameter .....	2.1 mm

**Other**

Operating mode .....	continuous operation
Mounting position .....	vertically, see dimension diagram
Degree of protection, internal components (DIN EN 60529) .....	IP30
Degree of protection, terminals (DIN EN 60529) .....	IP20
Enclosure material .....	polycarbonate
Flammability class .....	UL94 V-0
DIN rail mounting acc. to.....	IEC 60715
Screw fixing .....	2 x M4 with mounting clip
Software version .....	D239 V2.3x
Weight .....	≤240 g

( ) \* = Factory setting

\*\* The technical data are only guaranteed within the operating range of the rated frequency (15...460 Hz).

**7.2 Standards, approvals and certifications**

**7.3 Ordering information**

Device type	Nominal voltage $U_n^*$	Art. No.
VMD421H-D-3	3(N)AC 70...500 V / 288 V, 15...460 Hz	B 7301 0007 (push-wire terminals)
VMD421H-D-3	3(N)AC 70...500 V / 288 V, 15...460 Hz	B 9301 0007
*Absolute values of the voltage range		
Mounting clip for screw mounting (1 piece per device, accessories)		B 9806 0008

**7.4 Change log**

Date	Document-version	Software version	Changes
06/2021	02	D0239 V2.3x	UKCA Certificate, Design, Change log

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