

Electrical Safety in Mines



Electrical safety solutions for the mining industry

An innovator in the mining industry for over 70 years

With our roots founded in the mining industry over 70 years ago, Bender has become a global leader in ground fault protection and electrical safety equipment. Our years of technical experience and broad portfolio of products utilizing the latest in protection technology ensure creating the best solution to meet your needs. Our worldwide network of support staff ensures that your system remains in peak condition. Our products help you safeguard your personnel, equipment, and processes, while reducing your costs, maintenance, and downtime.

Related Standards

As a leading innovator in the field of electrical safety, Bender is always designing products to meet the latest requirements of standards and codes worldwide. Our decades of experience dedicated to the mining industry ensure that your system is protected with the equipment best fit for the job.

Standards taken into account include, but are not limited to:

- CSA M421-11
- ASTM F1134-94(2007)
- AS/NZS 2081.1
- IEC 61557-8:2007
- IEC 61557-9:2009
- IEC 62020:2003

Monitoring Type ▶	Ground Fault			
Device Application ▶	Ground Fault Detection Ungrounded Systems		Ground Fault Monitoring Grounded and High-Resistance Systems	
Devices	Mining Processes, Power Generation, and Power Distribution		Mining Processes, Power Generation, and Mobile Generators	
Application ▶				
System Type ▶	1Ø AC Systems up to 300 V	1Ø and 3Ø, AC/DC, Pure DC, and Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs)	AC Systems, 1Ø and 3Ø	1Ø and 3Ø, AC/DC, Pure DC, and Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs)
Image(s) ▶				
Name(s) ▶	IR420-D4	IRDH275 / IRDH375	RCM420	RCMA423
Description(s) ▶	AC Ground Fault Detector	AC/DC Ground Fault Detector	AC Ground Fault Relay	AC/DC Ground Fault Relay
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Required Accessories				
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Name(s) ▶			W Series	WAB Series
Description(s) ▶			Current Transformers	Current Transformers

A complete portfolio of products:

- Ground fault detectors for ungrounded AC and DC systems
- Ground fault relays for solidly grounded and high-resistance grounded AC and DC systems
- Ground fault monitoring equipment for equipment supplied by variable frequency drives (VFDs)
- Ground fault monitoring for offline equipment
- Combination monitors featuring ground fault monitoring, and neutral ground resistor (NGR) monitoring or ground continuity monitoring per CSA M421-11
- Voltage, frequency, and phase sequence / phase loss monitoring for single- and three-phase
- Load current monitoring for single- or three-phase
- Ground continuity monitoring for trailing cables
- Remote indicating and communicating solutions

Bender's monitors and relays are compatible with virtually all types of mining equipment:

- Motors
- Variable frequency drives (VFD/ASD)
- Generators
- Conveyors, loaders, drillers
- Hoists, cranes
- Lighting circuits
- Pumps, fans, compressors
- Excavators
- Battery systems
- Trailing cable

Ground Fault		Voltage and Frequency	Load Current	Ground Continuity
Combination Monitoring High-Resistance Systems	Offline Equipment Any Systems	Any Systems	Any Systems	Grounded and High-Resistance Systems
Trailing Cables and Power Distribution	Offline / Standby Equipment	Power Distribution	Power Distribution	Trailing Cables
AC Systems, 1Ø and 3Ø	AC Systems	AC Systems, 3Ø	AC Systems, 3Ø	AC Systems
				
RC48C	IR420-D6	VMD420	CMD420	GM420
AC Ground Fault Relay and Ground Continuity Monitor	Ground Fault Monitor for Offline Equipment	Monitoring Relay for Voltage, Frequency, Phase Sequence, and Phase Loss	Monitoring Relay for Overcurrent and Undercurrent	Ground Continuity Loop Monitor
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W Series E6 Series	W Series CD1000			
Current Transformers Termination Module	Current Transformers NGR Module			

Ground fault detectors

Ungrounded systems



IR420-D4 series

Ground detector for ungrounded AC systems up to 300 V

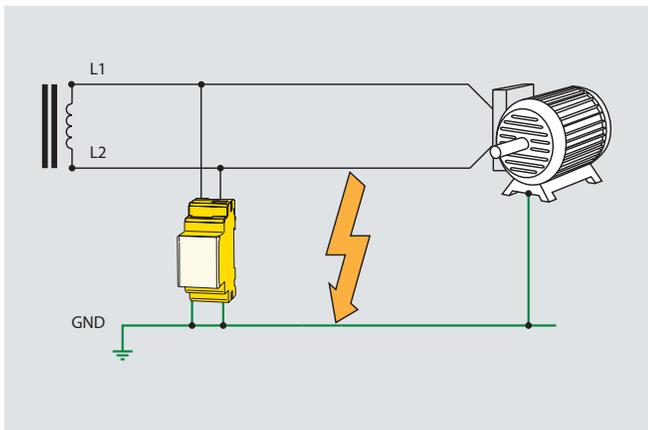
The IR420-D4 ground fault detector monitors ungrounded AC circuits up to 300 V for early indication of ground faults. A digital display gives real-time readings of the system's insulation resistance to ground to provide predictive maintenance capability and troubleshooting for ground faults. Its compact size allows for easy installation and retrofitting.

Features:

- For AC systems up to 300 V
- Digital display with real-time readout
- Adjustable alarm value from 1 to 200 k Ω
- Two SPDT contact outputs

Applications:

- Single-phase AC systems
- Motors, fans, pumps
- Generators
- Conveyors, loaders



IR420-D4 series

Ground detector for ungrounded AC/DC systems

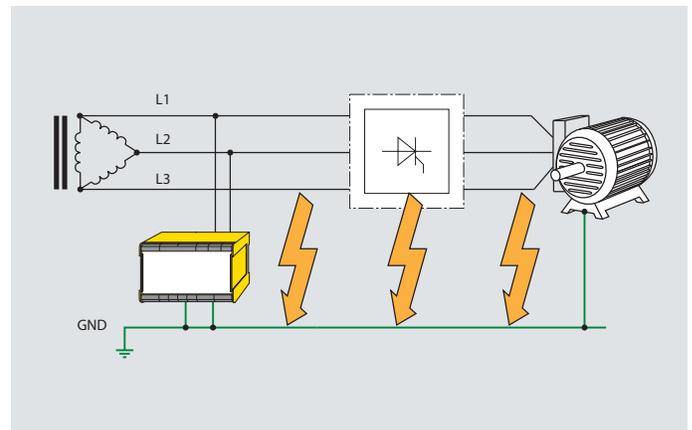
The IRDH series of ground detectors provides state-of-the-art protection for your ungrounded system. The AMP Plus measuring principle ensures that an accurate measurement is taken through all forms of power conversion, such as DC rectifiers and variable frequency drives (VFDs). A digital display gives a real-time reading of the system's resistance. Optional RS-485 communication is available.

Features:

- For AC/DC systems up to 793 VAC, 650 VDC
- Voltage range extendable with accessories up to 7.2 kVAC, 1.6 kVDC
- Digital display with real-time readout
- Two separately adjustable alarms from 1 k Ω to 10 M Ω

Applications:

- Single- and three-phase AC and DC
- Variable frequency drivers (VFD/ASD)
- Systems with high leakage capacitances



Ground fault monitors

Grounded and high-resistance grounded systems



Ground fault monitor for grounded and HRG AC systems

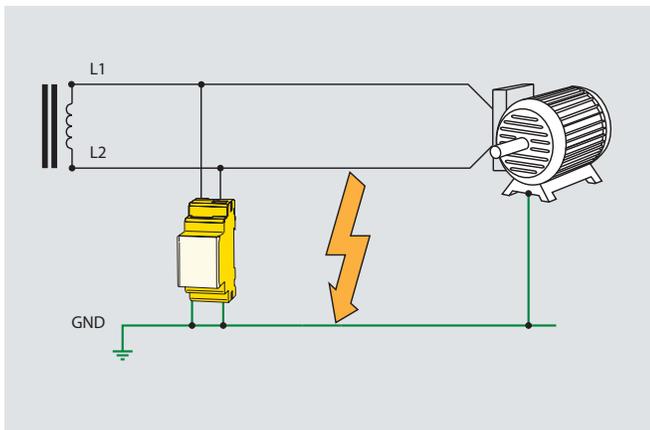
The RCM420 monitors the leakage current on grounded and high-resistance grounded AC systems by utilizing an external current transformer for measurements. The digital display shows the ground fault current in real-time. Adjustable trip levels and time delays allow for equipment-specific settings. A pre-alarm setting allows for advanced notification of growing faults. Two SPDT contacts are available. Options with analog outputs are also available.

Features:

- For single- and three-phase AC systems
- Digital display with real-time readout
- Adjustable alarm value from 10 mA to 10 A with pre-alarm
- Two SPDT contacts

Applications:

- Motors, pumps
- Lighting circuits
- HVAC equipment



Ground fault monitor for grounded and HRG AC/DC systems

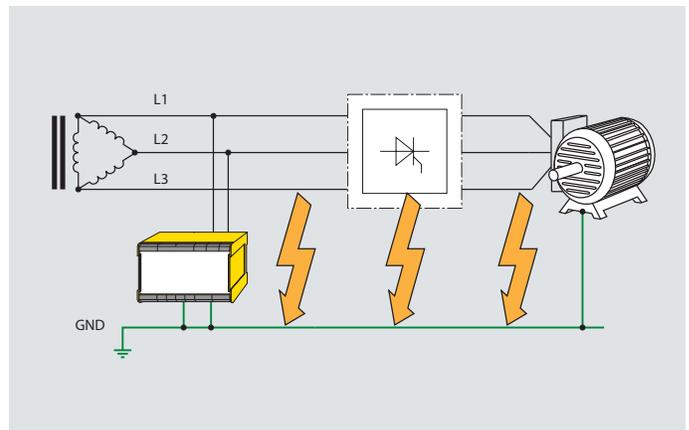
The RCMA423 incorporates the latest technology to detect ground faults on grounded and high-resistance grounded AC and DC systems by using an external current transformer for measurements. The RCMA423 detects through power conversion, including systems with variable frequency drives (VFDs). The digital display shows the ground fault current in real-time. Adjustable trip levels and time delays allow for equipment-specific settings.

Features:

- For single- and three-phase AC and DC systems
- Digital display with real-time readout
- Adjustable alarm value from 30 mA to 3 A with pre-alarm
- Two SPDT contacts

Applications:

- Variable frequency drives (VFD/ASD)
- Motors, pumps
- Excavators, conveyors, loaders



Combination monitoring

High-resistance grounded systems



Ground fault and ground continuity monitor

The RC48C incorporates a ground fault relay to monitor low level ground fault currents in high resistance grounded systems, utilizing a current transformer for measurement. A wide range of sizes are available. In addition, a ground continuity monitor is incorporated to check the integrity of the equipment grounding conductor.

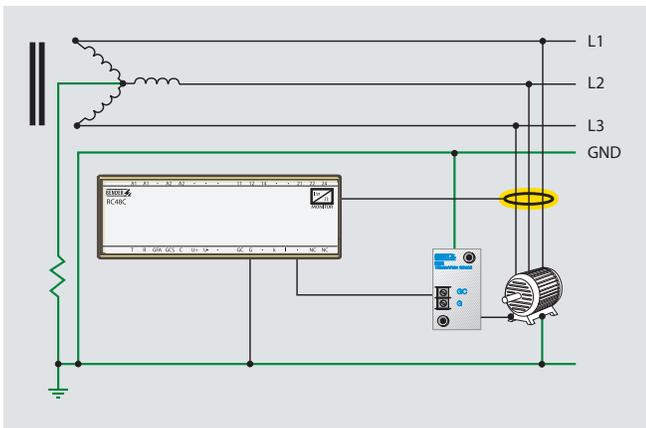
The grounding conductor and pilot wire terminate at the E65 module located at the end of the trailing cable. This allows for the determination of type and magnitude of the fault, whether series or parallel.

Features:

- For high-resistance grounded systems
- Adjustable ground fault alarm value and time delays
- Latching operation
- Switchable band pass filter

Applications:

- Systems with trailing cable in resistance grounded systems



Ground fault and neutral grounding resistor monitor

The RC48N monitors the integrity of high-resistance grounded installations. The incorporated ground fault relay monitors the magnitude of the ground fault current and alarms after exceeding the adjustable trip level, utilizing a current transformer for measurement. A wide range of sizes are available.

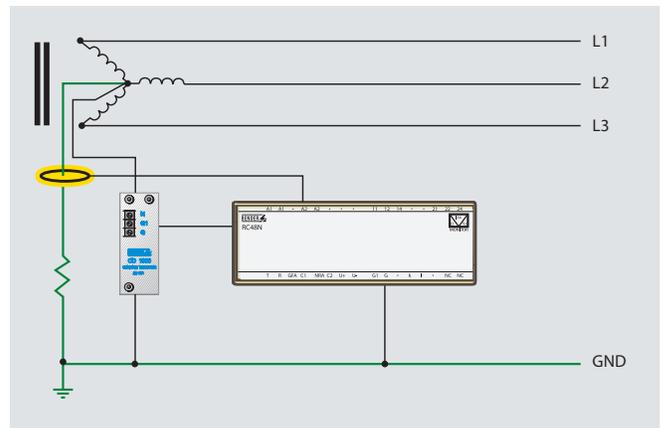
In addition, when combined with the CD1000, the RC48N monitors the integrity of the neutral grounding resistor or conductor. The device alarms when the resistance of the neutral-to-ground point exceeds the set response value.

Features:

- For high-resistance grounded systems
- Adjustable alarm value
- Latching operation
- Switchable band pass filter

Applications:

- High-resistance grounded installations



General purpose relays

Voltage, frequency, and offline ground fault monitoring



Ground fault detector for offline / standby equipment

The IR420-D6 monitors offline / disconnected equipment for ground faults in grounded, high-resistance grounded, and ungrounded systems. A digital display shows the level of the equipment's insulation resistance in real-time. Adjustable trip levels allow for equipment-specific settings. Two SPDT alarm contacts are available.

Features:

- For disconnected loads on grounded, HRG, and ungrounded systems
- Digital display with real-time readout
- Adjustable alarm value from 100 k Ω to 10 M Ω
- Two SPDT contacts

Applications:

- Motors, pumps, slide-valve drives, elevators
- Fire extinguisher pumps
- Exhaust air extraction systems
- Standby / emergency equipment

Voltage, frequency, phase loss, and phase sequence relay

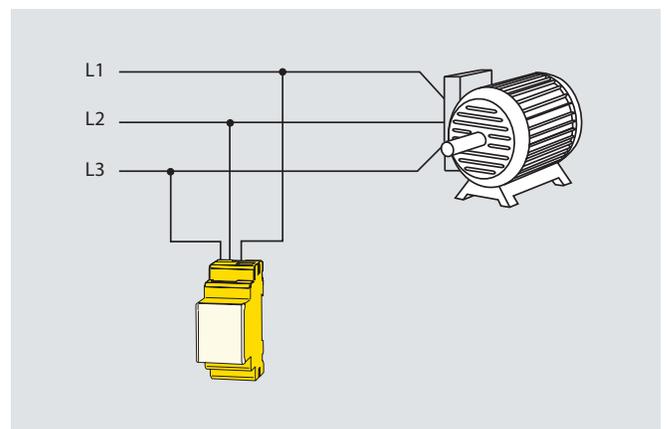
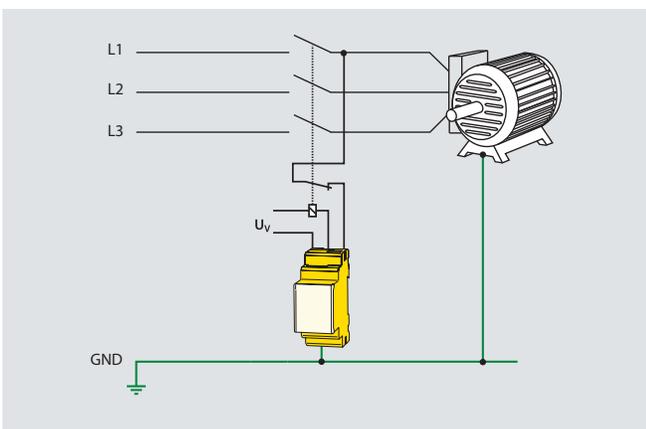
The VMD420 is an all-in-one, compact device for monitoring voltage, frequency, phase sequence, and phase loss in three-phase AC systems. A digital display shows the values in real-time. Widely adjustable trip levels are available for voltage and frequency. Two SPDT alarm contacts are available which may be set to trigger on any combination of alarms. Single-phase AC and DC versions also available.

Features:

- For three-phase AC systems (single-phase version available)
- Monitors for voltage, frequency, phase sequence and loss
- Digital display with real-time readout
- Two SPDT contacts

Applications:

- General power distribution
- Motors and pumps
- Conveyors



General purpose relays

Current and ground continuity monitoring



Three-phase overcurrent and undercurrent relay

The CMD420 and CMD421 are compact devices monitoring for overcurrent and/or undercurrent in three-phase AC systems. Current transformers with a 1 A secondary (CMD420) or 5 A secondary (CMD421) may be utilized. Once the ratio of the CT is entered into the device, values shown on the digital display in real-time will be values seen on the primary side. Two separately adjustable alarms are available, as well as two SPDT alarm contact outputs. Single-phase versions are also available.

Features:

- For three-phase AC systems (single-phase version available)
- Utilizes current transformers for monitoring
- Digital display with real-time readout
- Two SPDT contacts

Applications:

- Motors, pumps
- General power distribution

Ground continuity relay

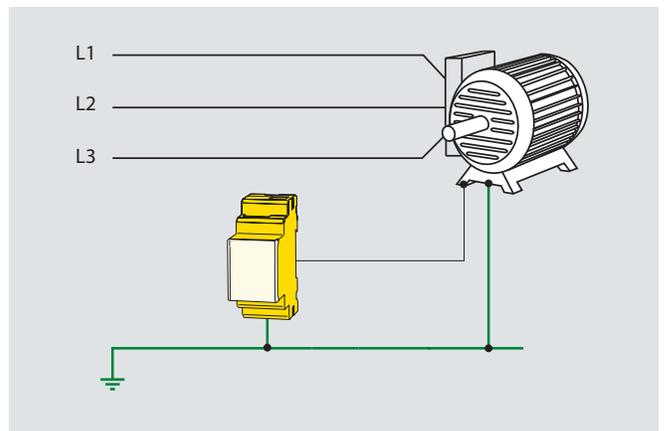
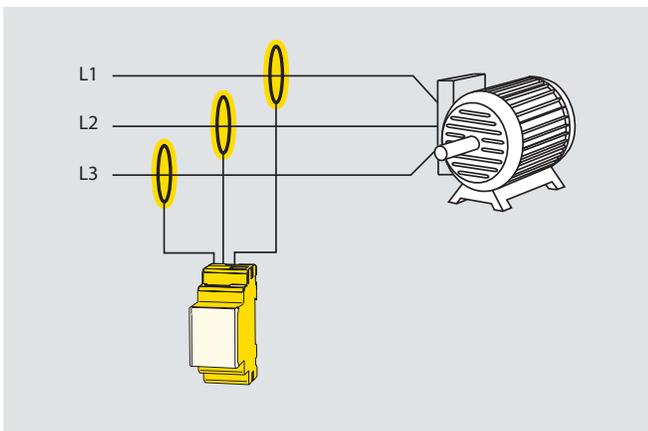
The GM420 monitors the integrity of the equipment ground conductor in AC systems. As well as monitoring for a break in continuity, the GM420 can also measure the resistance of the ground loop set between the equipment grounding conductor and pilot wire to ensure properly connected and high quality ground. The digital display shows the resistance of the loop in real-time. The GM420 also monitors for any transient voltages that may occur between the two monitoring points.

Features:

- Digital display with real-time readout
- Checks for both ground break and ground integrity
- Two SPDT contacts

Applications:

- Trailing cable with pilot wire conductor
- Ground loops
- Equipment grounding monitoring



Accessories

Current transformers, voltage couplers, remotes



W series and WAB series

Current transformers for RCM420 / RCMA423 / RC48C / RC48N

Bender's monitoring equipment for grounded and high-resistance grounded systems utilize passive current transformers for monitoring sensitive levels of leakage current. Only one current transformer is required per device, and work for both single-phase and three-phase systems. A wide range of sizes are available.

W series current transformers are utilized with the RCM420, RC48C, and RC48N for ground fault monitoring. A simple two-wire connection is made between the device and the current transformer.

WAB series current transformers are utilized with the RCMA423. They have the ability to detect both AC and DC faults, as well as faults on variable frequency drives (VFDs).



AGH150W-4 and AGH420S

Voltage couplers for IRDH275 / IRDH375

Bender's voltage couplers work in combination with the IRDH275 and IRDH375 ground detectors for ungrounded systems to extend the nominal voltage range that may be connected. Each coupler features a simple connection to the ground detector and may be placed in a separate, high-voltage cabinet if desired.

- The AGH150W-4 connects to DC systems and extends the voltage range to 1600 VDC.
- The AGH520S connects to three-phase AC systems and extends the voltage range to 7200 VAC.
- The CD1000 is used with the RC48N and extends the NGR monitoring range to 1000 VAC.



7204 series and MK2430 series

Remote indicators

Bender features a wide range of remote indicators and remote stations compatible with devices that support analog or digital outputs. Several feature remote test and reset capability as well as other features:

- 7204 / 9604 series meters provide a simple analog meter for reading the connected device's leakage current or insulation resistance.
- RI2000 series remote indicators work with the RC48C and RC48N to provide trip indication as well as test and reset functionality.
- MK2430 and MK800 series remote stations work with devices with communication capability, such as the IRDH275, and provide a single station for indicating and testing multiple devices.

Advanced monitoring solutions

NGR monitoring, multi-channel monitoring, and communication

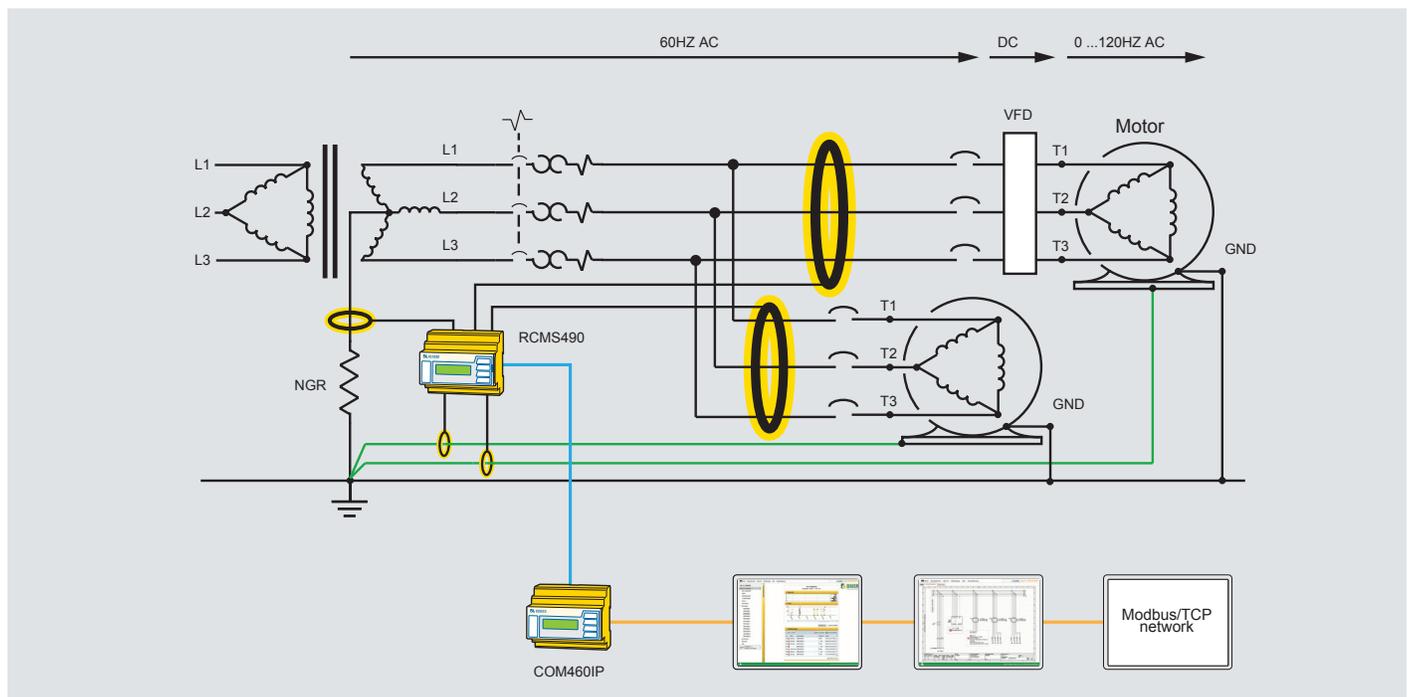


A complete monitoring solution

- Monitor individual loads, individual equipment grounds, and the neutral grounding resistor (NGR) for ground fault current from a single device
- Monitor AC, DC, and mixed AC/DC loads, including systems with variable frequency drives (VFD / ASD)
- Independently adjustable trip levels for individual loads, ground conductors, and NGR
- Digital display showing ground fault current in real-time, shown in easy-to-read bar graph style
- Individual dry contact outputs for each channel

Remote communication for technicians and staff

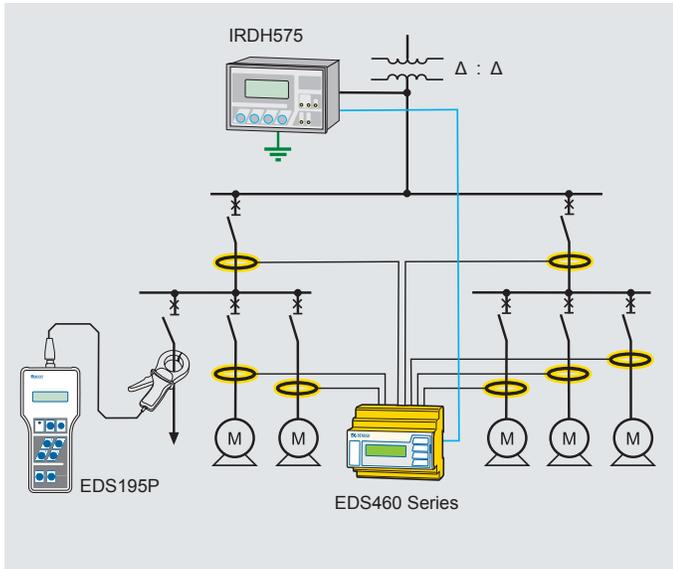
- Fast, detailed information and device configuration from a central point
- Easily integratable into existing communication systems
- Compatible with modern communication networks, such as Ethernet and Modbus/TCP
- View detailed system information from remote indicating stations, or via a connected web browser
- Reduce costs and downtime by immediately notifying personnel of pending electrical safety issues



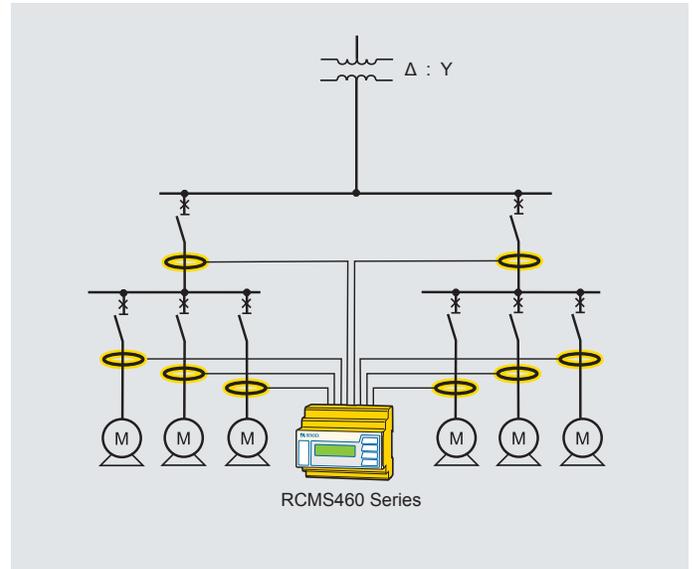
Online ground fault location for substations

Locate ground faults on grounded, HRG, and ungrounded systems

Ungrounded Systems - IRDH / EDS Series



Grounded and HRG Systems - RCMS Series



Bender's ground fault location systems find faults without shutting down

Locate ground faults while the system remains online

Bender's advanced line of ground fault location equipment helps save time, money, and ensures system continuity by finding ground faults in grounded, high-resistance grounded, and ungrounded systems while the system remains online. A combination of installed and portable equipment can locate faults down to the load level.

Installed equipment automates the process of both detecting and locating faults, while providing communication capabilities to remote locations and personnel.

Portable equipment provides predictive maintenance and gives your technicians the flexibility to conduct ground fault location on routine schedules.

Key features:

- Ground fault location while the system remains online
- Fast location of faults
- Works on AC, DC, and mixed AC/DC systems
- Reduced maintenance cost and downtime
- Communication capability with installed devices
- Compatibility with Bender's remote indicating stations
- Modular design allows for simple retrofitting / upgrading
- Ungrounded systems: Indication of ground fault shown on LCD displays of location module, ground detector, and remote indicators
- Grounded/HRG systems: Harmonics analysis of ground fault current



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