ProTech® TPS
Total Protection System
(Safety PLC with Integrated Overspeed Protection)

Description

The ProTechTPS is a safety PLC (programmable logic controller) with integrated overspeed protection designed to safely shut down any plant process equipment, engine, or steam, gas, or hydro turbine upon sensing a safety event. This stand-alone safety device accepts 10 discrete or analog inputs per module (30 total) and one speed (MPU or PROX) input (3 total), uses custom-programmed logic to determine when a true safety event has occurred, then issues a shutdown command to safely shut down the equipment or turbine.

The ProTechTPS utilizes a triple modular redundant architecture and 2-out-of-3 voting logic to accurately determine unsafe conditions and ensure that no single-point failure will affect system reliability or availability. With this design, system failures (switches, transducers, modules) are detected, annunciated, and allowed to be repaired or replaced while the monitored system continues to operate on-line.

Designed to safely protect high speed rotating equipment in system-critical applications, this safety PLC’s total response time is less than 12 milliseconds for its independent voted output models and 20 milliseconds for its 2-out-of-3 voted models.

Depending on the system design, the ProTechTPS can be purchased with two dual-redundant trip relay outputs using a 2-out-of-3 voted architecture, or with three independent non-voted trip relay outputs (typically used to interface with a 2-out-of-3 based trip block assembly). Programmable inputs and outputs, 4–20 mA speed readouts, and Modbus® *communications make this safety PLC easy to integrate into any plant safety system or function as a stand-alone safety system.

*—Modbus is a trademark of Schneider Automation Inc.

Applications

The ProTechTPS safety system is designed to be applied as a safety system for any size steam, gas, or hydro turbine, or plant process equipment. This safety PLC’s fast (12 millisecond) response time, 0.5 to 80 000 rpm speed range, and integrated overspeed and acceleration detection/protection functionality, make it ideal for application on critical high-speed rotating motors, compressor, turbines or engines.
Alternatively, this stand-alone safety device can be configured to protect any plant system or device, and report the system’s/ device’s status to the plant DCS. The ProTechTPS’s versatile inputs, outputs, programming environment, and communications make it ideal as a safety protection device for use in small applications that could possibly reach an unsafe state or condition and that must communicate directly to the plant DCS.

The ProTechTPS is designed for critical applications where both personnel safety and unit availability (operation run time) is a concern or necessity. Certified as an IEC61508 SIL-3 (Safety Integrity Level 3) safety device, the ProTechTPS can easily be applied as a stand-alone IEC61508-based device or within an IEC61511-based plant safety system. A thorough product manual is provided to instruct users on how to apply the ProTechTPS to meet IEC based requirements.

The ProTechTPS’s triple modular voting architecture, first-out trip indication, alarm, trip & overspeed logs, valve response monitoring, programmable auto-test routines, coupled with API670 (American Petroleum Institute) and API612 compliance make it ideal for use in petrochemical or power generation applications.

The ProTechTPS models with two dual-redundant relay outputs are designed to be applied with simplex or dual-redundant trip block assemblies or trip systems. The ProTechTPS models with three independent non-voted output modules are designed to be applied with special turbine trip block assemblies that perform the 2-out-of-3 voting within their design.

Designed for system-critical applications, the ProTechTPS’s triple-modular architecture coupled with its on-line testing and on-line repair capabilities give it one of the highest availability and reliability ratings in the industry.

**Functionality**

**Programming**—The ProTechTPS functions as a safety PLC, as it accepts 10 discrete or analog inputs per module (30 total), and allows users to create custom safety/protection programs to safely protect site personnel and equipment. Programmers are able to utilize typical logic and testing sequence routines to create their application-specific safety logic and tests.

**On-Line Testing**—Each ProTechTPS module can be tested manually from the module’s front panel, Modbus communications port, or automatically via its auto-test routine function. The ProTechTPS allows users to configure overspeed or custom-programmed tests to be performed manually or automatically on a periodic basis. With these test routines, each module (A, B, C) is tested one at a time, and either a successful test result is logged or, upon sensing a fault, the routine is halted and the sensed fault indicated/alarmed.

**On-Line Repair**—The ProTechTPS’s triple modular design allows users to easily replace one of its modules (A, B, C) while the monitored equipment/turbine is on-line and operating normally. Ease of replacement is enhanced by the unit’s backplane plug-and-operate structure, and its module-to-module learning function.

**Trip, Alarm, & Overspeed Logs**—The ProTechTPS log function logs (saves to memory) all trips, alarms, trip valve response times, and overspeed events. The trip log function uses a scrolling buffer and records the last 50 sensed trip or alarm events and the last 20 overspeed events to memory, with associated times. Each log file can be viewed from the unit’s front panel, or downloaded to a computer via the ProTechTPS service tool program. Each module utilizes non-volatile memory to ensure that all logged events are saved, even on loss of power.

**Real-Time Clock**—Each ProTechTPS module utilizes a real-time clock to ensure accurate time logging. A special time-averaging function is utilized between modules to ensure module-to-module clock synchronization. Alternatively one of the ProTechTPS’s inputs can be configured to accept a discrete clock synchronization input signal from a plant DCS or other time synch device.

**Features**

**High Resolution Displays**—Each module includes a high resolution 4.2” (107 mm) color display and keypad to allow users to locally monitor configuration settings, statuses, system inputs and outputs, and alarm, trip, and overspeed logs.

**Automatic Overspeed Test Routine**—Optionally, the ProTechTPS can be configured to routinely perform and overspeed test each module/trip solenoid, then log and report the test results. With this test routine, each module is sequenced through its test sequence using an internal frequency generator to simulate an overspeed condition.

**Automatic Test Routines**—Optionally, the ProTechTPS can be configured to routinely perform custom tests of each module/trip solenoid, then log and report the test results. With this test routine, each module is sequenced through a programmed test sequence to simulate, test, and log the results of each safety even condition.

**Acceleration/Deceleration Detection**—Optionally, the ProTechTPS can be configured to protect a turbine from high acceleration/deceleration events. The derivative of the speed signal is used to detect turbine acceleration/deceleration and issue an associated trip command.

**MPU Detection**—Each module’s speed sensor input uses special MPU open-wire detection circuitry to validate that the MPU is properly connected before turbine operation, and special loss-of-speed detection logic to validate MPU functionality during turbine operation.

**Sulfur Contamination Resistant**—Utilizes special conformal coating material that has demonstrated excellent long-term protection against H2S and SO2 gases at levels classified in international standard IEC 721-3-3 1994 - environment Class 3C2.

**Configurability**

The ProTechTPS is programmed through a software service tool, allowing users to customize the safety device’s inputs, outputs, and operation to a specific application. Designed specifically as a safety PLC, the ProTechTPS includes safety-based logic, testing functions, testing sequences, and trip/alarm event logging. As IEC safety standards dictate routine testing of all safety systems, this device can be configured to automatically perform self and system tests, and to announce and log the results of each test.

Typical programmable logic functions (ADD, MULTIPLY, DIVIDE, SUBTRACT, AND, NAND, OR, NOR, XOR, XNOR, NOT, analog comparators, timers, delays, etc.) are available with which to use to create application-specific safety programs. To simplify configuration of all three modules, a special learn function is available within each module, which allows a module to learn the exact configuration from another module if desired. Password protection is used to protect each module from accidental or malicious configuration changes.

**Installation Information**

- Approximate dimensions, including faceplate: 330 x 445 x 159 mm (13 x 17.5 x 6.25”)
- Depending on part number ordered, designed to be bulkhead mounted on a wall or skid, or flush-mounted vertically within a panel or cabinet
- Rated for IP56 (ingress protection level 5-6) based locations
- Operating / storage temperature range: –20 to +60 °C

**Input Signals**

**Power Source (2 Redundant)**
- High Voltage Power Supply (88–264 Vac/47–63 Hz; 90–150 Vdc) @ 90 W
- Low Voltage Power Supply (18–32 Vdc) @ 100 W

**Speed Signals (1/module, 3 total)**
Inputs can be configurable to accept signals from:
- MPUs (100–32 000 Hz) @ (1–35 Vrms)
- Proximity probes (0.5–25 000 Hz) @ 24 Vdc
- Gear Tooth Range (1–320 teeth)

**Analog/Discrete Inputs (13/module, 39 total)**
- Alarm/Trip Reset Command (Discrete Input, one per module)
- Start Command (Discrete Input, one per module)
- Speed Fail Override Command (Discrete Input, one per module)
- Analog or Discrete Inputs—Configurable (10/module, 30 total)

**Output Signals**

**Discrete Output Relays (model dependent)**
- Voted Relay Models only—Shutdown relay output (2 total, 2-out-of-3 voted)
  - Rated for 8 A @ 220 Vac or 8 A @ 24 Vdc
- Independent Relay Models only—Shutdown relay output (2/module, 6 total)
  - Rated for 1 A @ 24 Vdc
- Programmable relay outputs (3/module, 9 total)
  - Rated for 1 A @ 24 Vdc
  - Functions—Alarm, trip speed switch, analog switch, test status, etc.

**4–20 mA Analog Output (1/module, 3 total)**
- Configurable readout function

**Communication Ports (1/module, 3 total)**
- Serial RS-232, RS-422, RS-485 Modbus port

**Regulatory Compliance**

**North American Compliance:**
- CSA: CSA Certified for Class I, Division 2, Groups A, B, C, and D, T3 at 60 °C Ambient for use in Canada and the United States

**European Compliance:**
- ATEX Directive: 94/9/EC Zone 2, Category 3, Group II G, Ex nA II T3

**Other International Compliance:**
- TÜV: TÜV certified for SIL-3 per IEC 61508 Parts 1-7, Function Safety of Electrical / Electronic / Programmable Electronic Safety Related Systems

**Other Compliance:**
- IEC60068-2-60:1995 Part 2.60 Methods 1 and 4 (conformal coating)
- API670 & API612 compliant
- RoHS Exempt per Annex IA of Directive 2002/96/EC referring to "monitoring and control instruments" within the meaning of Category 9