505XT Digital Control for Steam Turbines

Applications

The 505XT controller is designed to operate single valve, or single extraction/admission industrial steam turbines of all sizes and applications. This steam turbine controller includes specifically designed algorithms and logic to start, stop, control, and protect industrial steam turbines or turbo-expanders, driving generators, compressors, pumps, or industrial fans.

The 505XT control’s unique PID structure makes it ideal for applications where it is required to control steam plant parameters like turbine speed, turbine load, turbine extraction header pressure, turbine inlet header pressure, exhaust header pressure, or tie-line power.

The control’s special PID-to-PID logic allows stable control during normal turbine operation and bumpless control mode transfers during plant upsets, minimizing process over or undershoot conditions. The 505XT controller senses turbine speed via passive or active speed probes and controls the steam turbine through one or two (split-range) actuators connected to the turbine inlet steam valves.

When configured to control single extraction and or admission based steam turbines, Woodward’s field-proven ratio-limiter function ensures that interaction between the two controlled parameters (i.e., speed & extraction or inlet header & extraction) is correctly decoupled. Simply by entering maximum levels and three points from the turbine’s steam map (operating envelope), the 505 automatically calculates all the PID-to-valve ratios and all turbine operation and protection limits.

The 505XT controller also includes the following turbine protection functions to ensure that the turbine or its driven load (compressor, pump, generator) is not operated outside of its designed limits:

- 3 Critical speed avoidance bands
- Overspeed anticipation and shutdown protection
- Configurable under- or over-pressure shutdown logic
- Minimum and maximum speed and load settings
- Maximum low pressure stage overpressure limits
- Minimum high pressure stage flow limits

Ethernet and serial communications allow users to easily connect the 505XT into the plant or process control system. All controller inputs, outputs, and statuses can be monitored and all start/stop or enable/disable commands can be given through industry standard Modbus® * TCP or OPC protocols. The 505XT uses SNTP (synchronized network time protocol) over Ethernet to allow users to synchronize the 505XT’s real-time clock to the plant distributed control system.

* Modbus is a trademark of Schneider Automation Inc.

Description

The 505XT control is packaged in an industrial hardened enclosure designed to be mounted within a system control panel located in a plant control room or next to the turbine. The control’s front panel serves as both a programming station and operator control panel (OCP). This user-friendly front panel allows engineers to access and program the unit to the specific plant’s requirements, and plant operators to easily start/stop the turbine and enable/disable any control mode. Password security protects all unit program mode settings. The controller’s 8.4-inch (21.3 cm) graphical display allows operators to view actual and setpoint values from the same screen, simplifying turbine operation.

- Field-configurable
- Integrated graphical operator control panel
- Automatic start routines
- Integrated first-out problem indicator
- Trip and Alarm event recorder
- Ext/Adm Decoupling
- User-friendly menu format
- Multi-Lingual
- Ext/Adm Map Display Screen
- OPTI TUNE PID controllers
- Real-time clock synchronization via SNTP
- Ethernet communications
- Same form-fit-function as previous 505E versions
- Sulfur-resistant conformal coating
- Certified for Hazardous Locations
Turbine interface input and output wiring access is located on the controller’s lower back panel. Un-pluggable terminal blocks allow for easy system installation, troubleshooting, and replacement. Optionally, users can increase the number of input and output signals to/from the 505 by connecting pre-programmed LINKnet HT™ distributed I/O nodes to the 505XT’s CAN communication ports. The design of these special distributed I/O modules allows for flexibility of mounting by the turbine or by the controller, depending on customer's preference. The following additional I/O signals can be connected to the 505XT via CAN communications:

- 16 4–20 mA input channels and 4 4–20 mA output channels (via 2 LINKnet HT AIO modules)
- 8 RTD signals (via 1 LINKnet HT RTD module)
- 16 Discrete inputs (via 1 LINKnet HT DI module)
- 16 Relay output drivers (via 1 LINKnet HT DO module)

Designed for steam turbine control, the 505XT control includes seven PID controllers (Speed, Ext/Adm, Cascade, Aux-1, Inlet, Exhaust, Acceleration) multiple start-up routines (manual, semi-auto, automatic, remote control), and multiple protection functions (overspeed, critical speed range, max power, etc.) which can be configured by a user depending on the specific turbine application's requirements. Users can configure the 505XT’s different PID controllers, start routines, and protection levels themselves without the need for a special control engineer.

Once configured, the 505XT performs a configuration check routine to ensure that the programmer did not make any basic configuration mistakes.

Optionally, users can utilize Woodward’s RemoteView software program with the 505XT to function as a remote operator control panel and/or engineering station. Once loaded onto a remote computer or touch panel, this software program allows the computer or touch panel to perform all of the 505XT front panel display functions (monitor, operate, tune, and configure). Password-based login level security allows users to manage which functions they want the remote panel user to have. Refer to product specification 03424 for more information on RemoteView’s capabilities.

The 505XT also includes a suite of service tools to allow users to perform the following functions:

- Download configuration settings files to the 505XT
- Upload configuration settings files from the 505XT to save on another device
- Upload Alarm and Shutdown event log files
- Upload datalog trend information from the 505XT to view and save on another device
- View real-time or saved trend files

Communications between the 505XT and a plant DCS can also be performed through hard-wired connections.

Cost-Effective Design

The 505XT control is designed to function as the turbine control, system sequencer, operator control panel, and first-out indicator. This encompassing design minimizes external system devices as well as system installation, wiring, and troubleshooting.

This field-configurable controller allows major functional changes to be made on-site, often by knowledgeable plant personnel, and minor functional changes to be on-line as process changes require. The 505XT control’s first-out-indicator logic indicates internal as well as external system related alarm and shutdown conditions, greatly simplifying and reducing system troubleshooting.

Communications

The 505XT controls can communicate directly with plant Distributed Control Systems and/or CRT-based operator control panels, through four Ethernet ports using Modbus TCP or OPC communication protocols, or via one serial Modbus port. The single serial port supports RS-232 or RS-485 communications using ASCII or RTU Modbus protocols.

Controlling the 505XT provides the following PIDs:

- Speed/Load PID (with multiple dynamics & Adaptive PID)
- Extraction/Admission Pressure PID
- Cascade PID (Header Pressure or Tie-Line Control)
- Auxiliary PID 1 (limiter or control)
- Inlet Header PID
- Exhaust Header PID
- Rotor Acceleration PID (on startup)

System Protection

- Integral Overspeed Protection Logic & Test Capability
- First-out Indication (15 individual shutdown inputs)
- External Alarm Indication (15 individual alarm inputs)
- Stuck in critical speed band logic
- Bumpless transfer between control modes if a transducer failure is detected
- Local/Remote control priority and selection
- Internal CPU watchdog circuit in case of failure
- Password security for operation and configuration modes
**Control Specifications**

**INPUTS**
- **Power:**
  - LV models = 18–32 Vdc
  - HV models = 88–264 Vac & 90–150 Vdc
- **Speed:**
  - 2 Passive MPUs or 2 Active Proximity probes (0.5–32,000 Hz)
- **Discrete Inputs:**
  - 20 Configurable Contact Inputs (optionally 16 additional inputs via LinkNet-HT modules)
- **Analog Inputs:**
  - 8 Configurable 4–20 mA Inputs (optionally 16 additional inputs via LinkNet HT modules)
  - 8 additional RTD inputs via LinkNet-HT modules

**OUTPUTS**
- **Valve/Actuator Drivers:**
  - 2 Actuator Outputs, 4–20 mA or 20–200 mA
- **Discrete Outputs:**
  - 8 configurable Relay Outputs (2 relays rated for 24 Vdc @ 5 A, 6 relays rated for 24 Vdc @ 2 A)
  - (optionally 16 additional outputs via LinkNet HT module)
- **Analog Outputs:**
  - 6 Programmable 4–20 mA Current Outputs (optionally 4 additional inputs via LinkNet)

**COMMUNICATIONS**
- **Ethernet:** 4 ports (Modbus TCP or OPC protocols)
- **Serial:**
  - 1 Modbus port (ASCII or RTU) Comm Ports (RS-232 or RS-485 compatible)
- **CAN:**
  - 4 ports (supports LinkNet-HT Nodes, VariStroke Actuators & General Power Management Devices)

**Functionality**

The 505XT’s control capabilities are:
- Speed/Frequency Control
- Extraction and/or Admission Header Pressure Control
- Turbine or Generator Load Control or Limiting
- Turbine Inlet Header Pressure Control or Limiting
- Turbine Exhaust Header Pressure Control or Limiting
- Plant Import/Export Power Control or Limiting
- Isochronous Load Sharing between units (with DSCL™- II control)
- Control of any process directly related to unit load

**Features**

- Critical Speed Avoidance (3 speed bands)
- Auto Start Sequence (hot & cold starts)
- Multiple Ratio/Limiter Decoupling Modes
- Manual Valve Control and Limiter(s)
- Security (program is password protected)
- Adaptive Speed and Extraction PID Dynamics
- First-Out Indication (shutdowns)
- Zero Speed Detection with proximity probe (< 0.5 Hz)
- Peak Speed Indication for overspeed trip
- Multi-lingual Display (English, Chinese, Portuguese, Japanese, and Spanish)
- Remote analog setpoints for all PID controllers
- High Speed Digital Communications to Woodward actuators and power management products

**Control Accessories**

**RemoteView**—Once installed on a computer or touch panel, the RemoteView software program can be used as an engineering workstation and/or remote operator control panel. As an operator control panel, this software program can be used to monitor all system parameters, start and stop the turbine, and enable/disable all modes of operation.

**Control Assistant**—The Control Assistant software program functions as an engineering workstation and/or service tool that can be used with the 505 control to view real-time trends, view saved trend files, or compare differences in configuration files. As an engineering workstation, this software program can be used to upload and download settings and log files to and from the 505 controller (details in product spec 03424).

**AppManager**—Tool for setting the IP addresses of the Ethernet ports, setting SNTP functionality, Program upload/download capability, retrieving datalog files, Start/Stop the Display program (to change languages).

**Operating Conditions**

- −30 ° to +70 °C (with display)
- Humidity: 5% to 95% non-condensing
  - Lloyd’s ENV2 test #1
- Dry Heat: Lloyd’s ENV3
- Shock: 10G, 3x axis per Woodward MS1 procedure
- Vibration: 8.2Grms, industrial skid mount per Woodward RV1
  - Lloyd’s ENV2 test #1

**Pollution Resistance**

- Particulate Pollution Resistance: IEC 60664-1 Pollution Degree 2 (normally only non-conductive pollution occurs)
- Gaseous Pollution Resistance: Module conformal coating withstands NO₂, CO₂, SO₂, and H₂S gases
Regulatory Compliance

European Compliance for CE Marking
These listings are limited to only those units bearing the CE Marking.
- EMC Directive: 2014/30/EU COUNCIL DIRECTIVE
- ATEX Directive: 2014/34/EU COUNCIL DIRECTIVE Zone 2, Category 3, Group IIG Ex ic nA IIC T4 X Gc IP20

Other International Compliance
- IECEx Ex ic nA IIC T4 Gc: Certificate No. IECEx CSA 15.0020X
- EAC CU-TR: Certified per Certificate No. RU C-US.MII062.B.04777 as 2Ex ic nA IIC T4 Gc X

North American Compliance
- CSA Listed for Ordinary Locations Certificate 70006135 (LR 79726)
- CSA Listed for Class I, Division 2, Groups A, B, C, and D, T4 at +70 °C: Certificate 70006135 (LR 79726)

Marine Compliance
- Lloyd’s Register (LR): Environmental Category ENV1, ENV2, ENV3, Lloyd’s Register Type Approval Test Specification Number 1, 2013.
- DNV-GL: Temperature Class D, Humidity Class B, Vibration Class A, EMC Class A, Enclosure; Required protection according to the Rules shall be provided upon installation on board, Standard for Certification No. 2.4, April 2006.

Figure 2. Basic Single Valve or Split Range Functional Control Diagram
Figure 3. Basic Ext/Adm Functional Control Diagram

Figure 4. Optional/Configurable Isolated PID
Figure 5. Typical 505XT Application

Figure 6. 505XT Dimensions
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