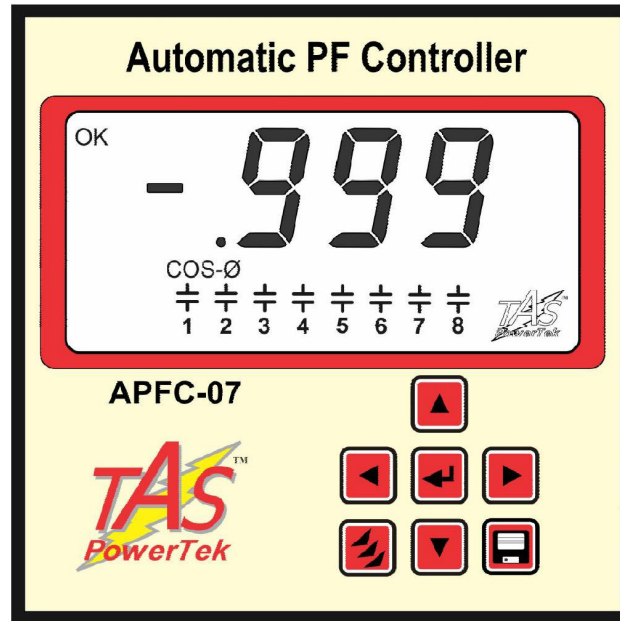




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**Low-Cost, Single-CT, Automatic Power Factor Controller  
for  
Balanced Three-Phase Reactive Power Compensation**



## User Manual





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Therefore, please always refer to the User Manual supplied to the customer alongwith the Product, at the time of product dispatch.

**CAUTIONS:**

1. There are High Voltages associated with this Unit, so, take appropriate precautions.
2. This Automatic Power Factor Controller (APFC) is for only in-door use.
3. Make sure that the discharge time set in the controller matches with the capacitor bank discharge time.
4. This User Manual corresponds to the APFC-07 Controller, Firmware Version 1.0.1.8 Dated 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

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One-Page Short-Form Manual is always supplied with the TAS APFC-07 Unit for quick information and settings during field installation by the User. Please refer to full version of the User Manual for more detailed understanding and use of this Power Factor Controller.



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## **Features:**

- Advanced, State-of-the-Art, 32-Bit Micro-Controller based Digital Signal processing logic for measurements and control, for Automatic Power Factor Control Operation.
- Voltage, Current 1% Accuracy and Reactive Power Measurement Accuracy is 2%.
- Advanced Power Factor Correction Algorithm.
- Single CT for Supply Current Feedback.
- Relay N.O. Contacts (potential-free) Outputs for Controlling External Capacitor-Duty Contactors, for control for 4, 6 or 8 Capacitor Banks, as per the ordered Model.
- Externally Replaceable Fuse Protection for the Relay Contacts.
- Designed for basically Balanced Three-Phase AC Loads and Balanced Three-Phase Capacitive Reactive Power Compensation, for Power Factor Improvements.
- Large 7 Segments Digits, Custom LCD Display for easy & accurate PF Value indication, Alarm Conditions Status Indications.
- LED Back-Light for the Custom LCD Display for improved readability in low light.
- Automatic, Timer Controlled, Shut-Off for LED Back-Light for Power Saving.
- Flashing “OK” Indication on the LCD Display for Controller Active Status
- 7-Keys Tactile Keypad for Manual Interactions for settings etc.
- Rear Terminals Connections with Plastic Covers, suitable for Fork / “U” Type Lugs.
- DIN Standard 96 x 96 mm Plastic Cabinet for Panel-door flush-mounting.
- Splash Water-proof Front Panel of the Unit.
- Protections provided against:
  - Under Voltage
  - Over Voltage
  - Under Load (Low Load Current)
  - Over Load (High Load Current)
  - Over frequency
  - Under Frequency
  - Over Temperature (Internal to PF Controller)
  - Voltage Harmonic over Load
  - Current Harmonic over Load
  - Out of Capacitor Banks steps, (insufficient Total Capacitor Banks kVAr), only for indication.

All theabove protection features are factory settable.



## **Specifications:**

- Operating AC input supply voltage range: 144 to 288 V ac, 50 Hz +/- 3Hz OR 60 Hz +/- 3Hz.
- Feed-back Voltage: Phase-to-Neutral, Single-Phase, 144 to 288 V ac, from the same Terminals of the Auxiliary AC Supply Inputs, as above.
- Voltage Input Burdon (Aux. Input Supply & Measurement together): Max. 10 VA
- AC Mains Operating Line Frequency: 50 +/- 3 Hz or 60 +/- 3 Hz, User Settable.
- Measurement Current nominal range 1A or 5A, short term overloads handling capacity of +30% of the nominal rating.
- Minimum Load Current Sensing: 15 mA for 1 Amp range or 75 mA for 5 Amps range.
- Over-Load Current: 20 Amps rms for 1 Second, non-recurring, on 5 Amp Terminals or 4 Amps rms for 1 Second, non-recurring, on 1 Amp Terminals.
- Load Current CT Burdon: Less than 1 VA for Load CT.
- Voltage, Current, Active Power 1% Accuracy and Reactive Power Measurement Accuracy: 2%
- Capacitor Bank Discharge Time: 10 to 600 Seconds, 40 Seconds, as factory setting.
- Power Factor Correction time: 60 to 600 Seconds, 60 Seconds, as factory setting.
- Output Commands: Isolated 'N.O.' Relay contacts suitable for driving Contactor Coil of nominal 250 Vac.
- Operating Ambient Temperature Range: 0 to +65 Deg. Celsius.
- Relative Humidity Range: 10% to 90% (Non-Condensing).

## **Mechanical Dimensions:**

Front Height: 96 mm

Front Width: 96 mm

Rear Depth behind the Panel Door: 65 mm

Recommended Size for Panel Cut-out: 92 x 92 mm

Max. Weight: (with clamps and terminals): Approx. 0.4 Kg max. (un-packed)



The available Models in APFC-07 Series are as given below:

APFC-07 (4 steps / 6 steps / 8 steps)

For Product Ordering Codes, please refer below.

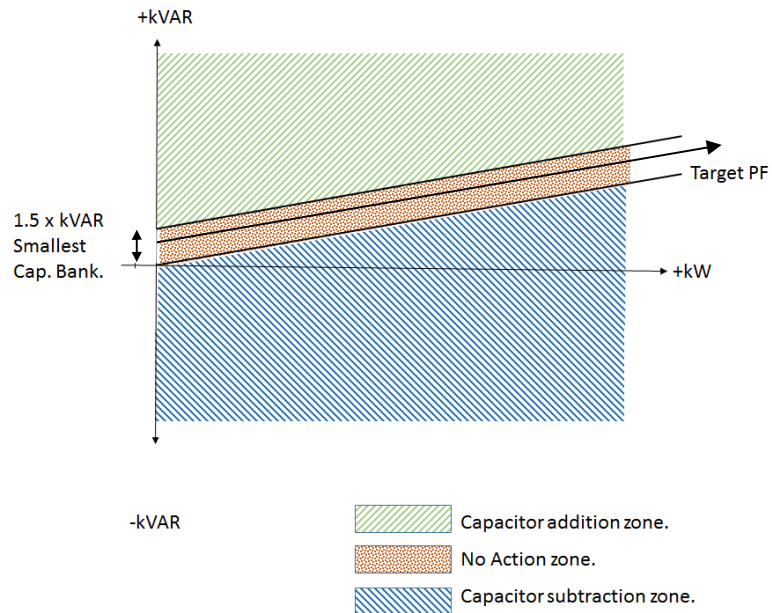
APFC-07/04 - 4 Relay Contact Outputs, for 4 Capacitor Banks.

APFC-07/06 - 6 Relay Contact Outputs, for 4 Capacitor Banks.

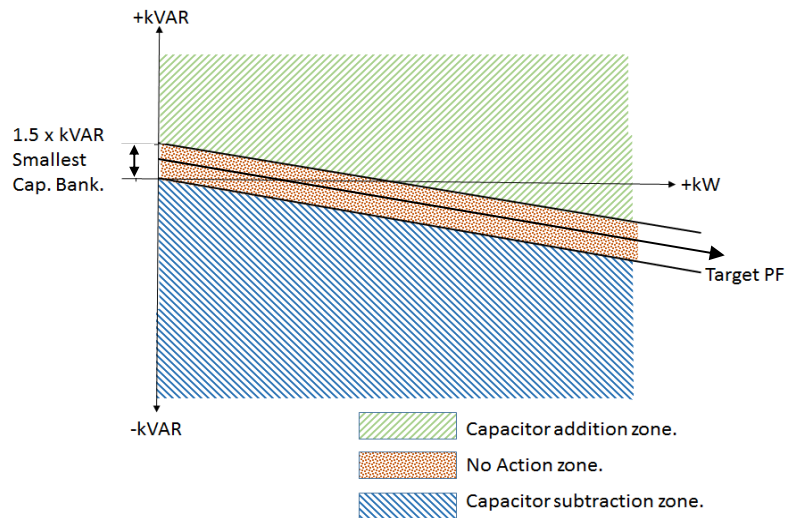
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## PF Correction Technique:

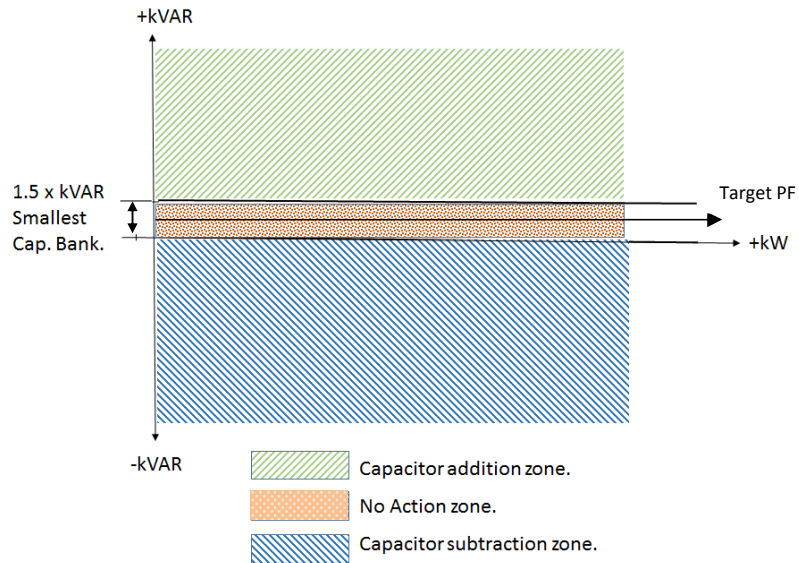
### With Lagging (Inductive) Target Power Factor



### With Leading (Capacitive) Target Power Factor



### With Unity Target Power Factor



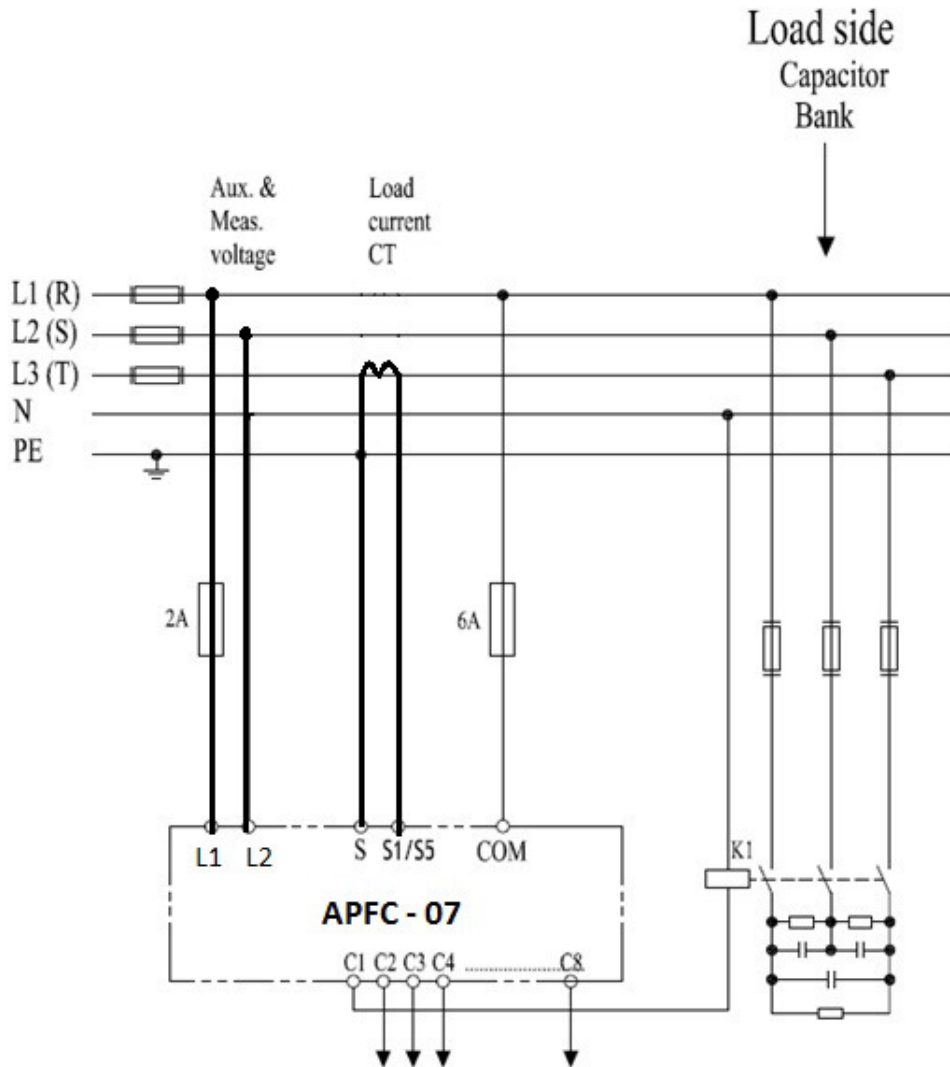
All the three conditions are specified in the diagram. One should take note of “No Action Zone” which is internally created to prevent hunting of the capacitor bank(s), which is, switching ON and OFF every correction cycle.

This PF Controller is designed for a single “TARGET P.F.”

“No Action Zone” is preset to minimum kVAr Capacitor Bank size equal to smallest bank kVAr \*1.5. This band is 50%-50% distributed around the Target PF line. This band size normally takes care of all the variations in supply voltage, frequency and harmonics changes, against the hunting of the Capacitor Banks.



**Typical wiring diagram for PF correction:**



As per this scheme, the load sensing CT is put between the source and the PF correction capacitor banks. This is as per diagram shown above. The voltage feedback is taken from the LT bus system itself. The Supply Current feedback is taken from the same phase as the feedback voltage sensing phase. However, the Power Contactor Coil AC Supply can be taken from any phase, to the “COM” Terminal on the APFC Unit.

This type of scheme is used when User is interested in maintaining the healthy Power Factor on secondary side of the transformer. This scheme is preferred with LT consumers of electricity, where the Metering is carried out on LT side.



**Note that the external Contactor used for switching the capacitor bank must be AC6b type having Coil voltage 230/ 240V AC rating only.**

Use of a 320 V, +/- 5% Tolerance on Voltage, 20 mm Dia. MOV directly across the Power Contactor 230 Vac Rated Coil, is highly recommended extending the Relay Contact Operational life, as well as avoiding EMI-EMC related issues.

In case, MOVs are NOT immediately available, then, Series Connector Resistor-Capacitor Networks as RC-Snubbers, are to be placed directly across EACH Power Contactor Coil.

This Resistor & Capacitor are to be connected in Series by soldering the leads and to be covered in a Heat-Shrinkable Insulating Tube. No PCB is required for this assembly..

The Specifications for the R-C Components of the Snubbers required are:

1] Capacitor: C = 0.1 $\mu$ F (100nF)). Voltage Rating = 1000 Volts DC (1 kV DC),

2] Resistor: R = 330 $\Omega$ , +/- 5%, 1W CFR(Carbon Film Resistor).

3] Wires for Connection of RC Snubber to the Contactor:1 Sq.mm, 7 Centimeter Length.

The loose flying end of the Wires for the Contactor Connection to have a Fork-Type Lug crimped and soldered to the wire.

All Components to be of reputed Makes,

**Note: The Resistor-Capacitor Assembly to be covered in appropriate size Heat-Shrinkable Tube and heat-shrunk.**

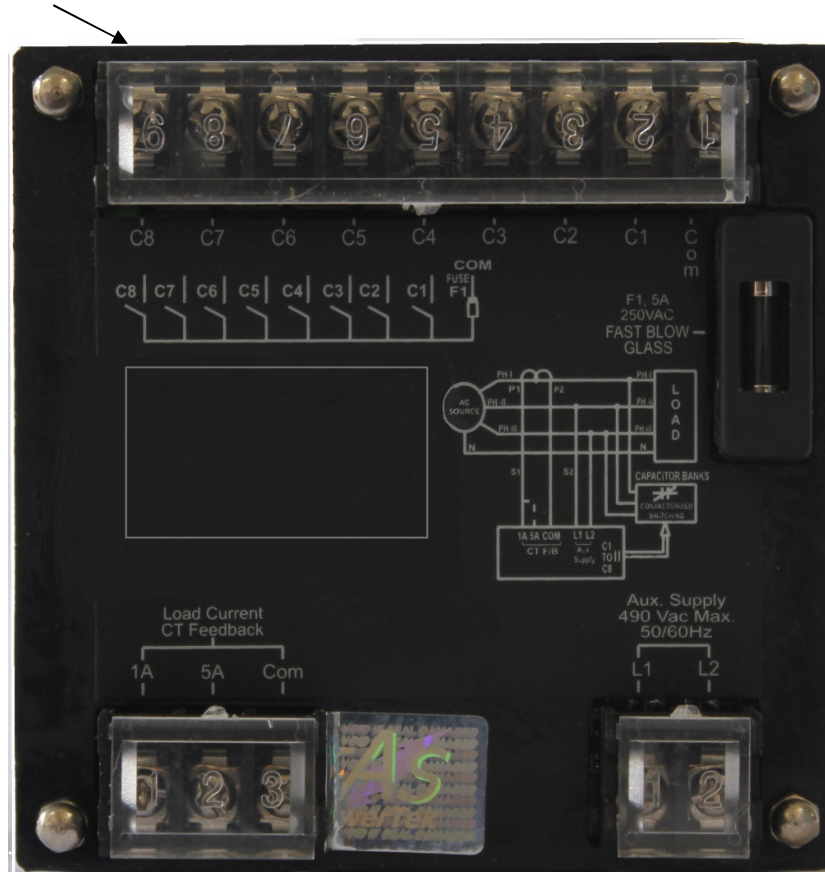
**Rear View Details:**

**Voltage measurement and Current measurement**

Output commands to the AC Coils of the capacitor-duty, three-phase, Power Contactors.

COM = common, for maximum up to 8 Outputs.

C1..... C8 =potential-free Normally-Open relay contacts, 0.5A, 230Vac (Inductive Load).

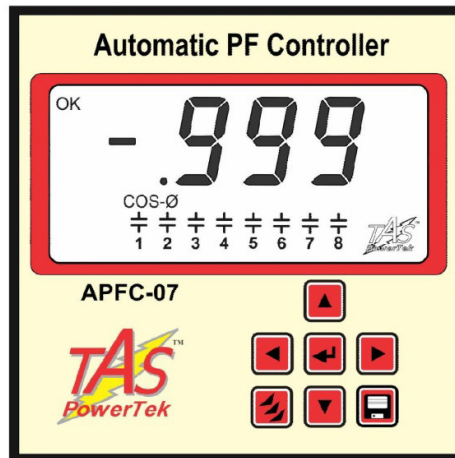


**Load (Supply) Current CT Connection.  
User Selectable 1 Amp or 5 Amps**

**Auxiliary & Measurement Voltage Phase-to-Phase: Nominal 415 Vac, 50 Hz**

Use Correct Size "U" Type, Insulated Fork Lugs for Field Wires Connections, suitable for 2.5 mm-Square wires. Suggested Make: Chetna Engg., F-57, Ambad MIDC, Nashik-422 010, India. Cat. No.: CCFM-937, Serial No.: 835, or Direct Equivalent.

**Front View Details:**  
**Custom LCD Display Screen:**



Custom LCD screen display indicates the PF value, inductive / capacitive PF, and fault(s) / OK status.

Large Size, 7-Segments Display indicate the overall PF of the system.

“+” or “-” indicates if this PF is inductive or capacitive respectively.

“OK” (blinking) indicates Healthy Operating Status of the PF Controller.

Last line indicates the status of each capacitor bank by symbols.

Discharging status is indicated by blinking of the capacitor bank symbol.

This Custom LCD has a LED back-light with Auto shut-off timer feature.

User pressing any key on the front panel switches ON the LED back-light automatically.

If no key gets pressed for duration of more than 1 Minute, the LED back-light is automatically turned off to conserve power.

## Front View:

### Key-board:

Keyboard with soft touch keys are provided on the front fascia of the controller. The various keys are:



UP key: Used to scroll the menu screen up. Increment values in edit mode.



DOWN key: Used to scroll down the menu screen. Decrement values in edit mode.



RIGHT key: Used to shift the cursor to Right.

Also used to increase contrast of LCD in default display screen mode.



LEFT key: Used to shift the cursor to Left.

Also used to decrease contrast of LCD in default display screen mode.



ENTER key: Used for setting up edited values.

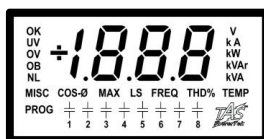


PROGRAM key: Select program modes to edit the parameters.



MEMORY key: Save all changes made in Edit Parameters menu.

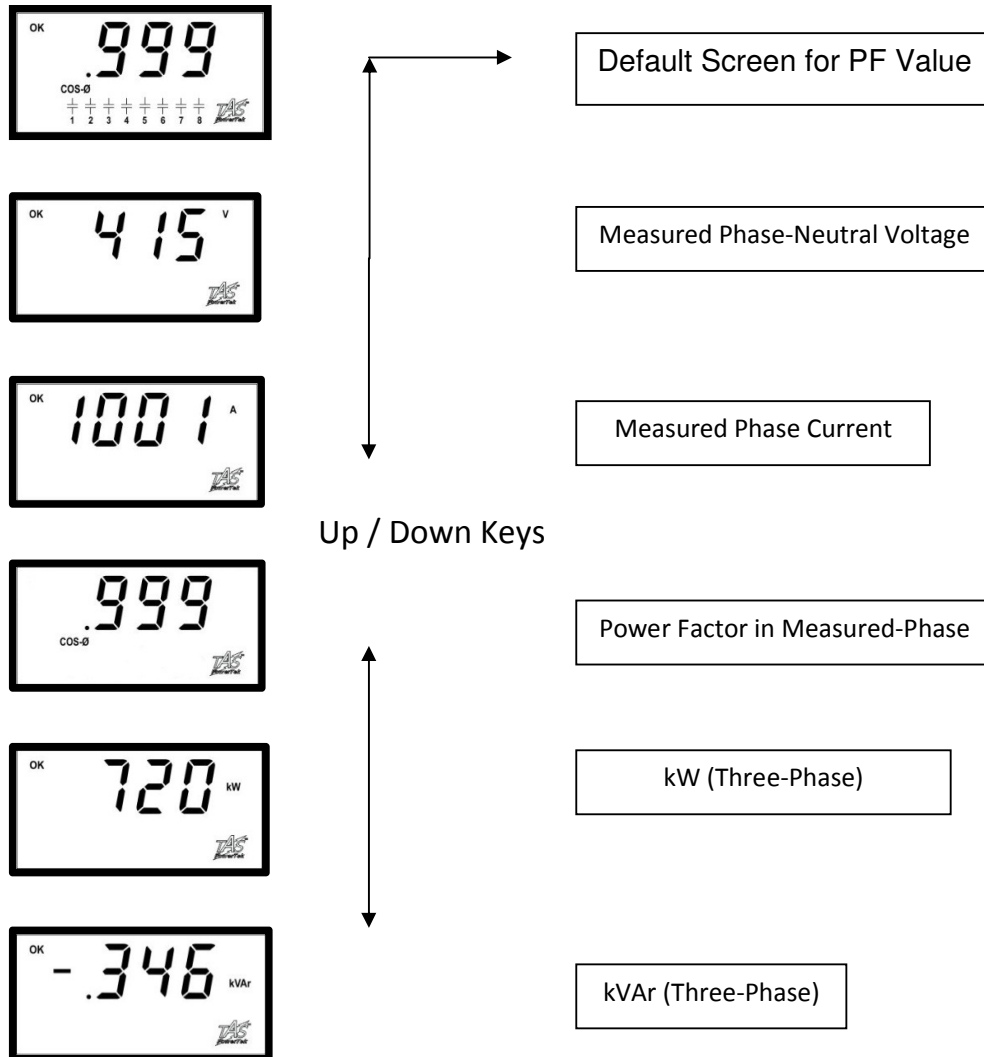
## POWER ON Display:



15 Seconds Power-ON stabilizing screen  
(All LCD Segments are ON for 10 Sec.  
and OFF for 5 Sec.)

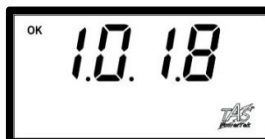
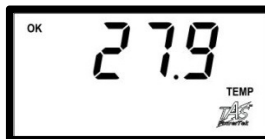
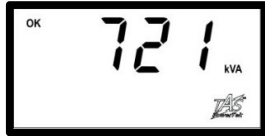
## Display Parameters list:

Values of various parameters can be viewed by using UP / DOWN keys.





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kVA (Three-Phase)

LINE FREQUENCY

% VTHD Measured Phase-Neutral

% ITHD Measured Phase-Neutral

PF Controller Internal Temperature,  
in Degrees Celsius.

This APFC Unit Firmware Version.  
This number can change according to product  
updates from time-to-time.

Up / Down Keys



## MODE Selection:



Press Mode Key on default screen. Three Modes will get displayed on screen.



**AUTO OPERATION is a factory default mode of operation.**

There are two modes of operation for selection,

- **MISC**
- **PROGRAM PARAMETERS**

By pressing “UP / DOWN” arrow keys, user can choose the MODE of operation.

Press “ENTER” to enter the specific mode.

### **Auto Mode:**

This is the automatic PF correction mode.

### **MISC Mode:**

Selecting ‘MISC’ on the Screen, and pressing “ENTER” button, will put APFC in TEST mode. If user has switched to MISC Mode and for 5 minutes no key on the key-pad is pressed, then APFC will automatically switch to Auto Mode, to continue to do the PF Correction function.







In MISC mode, the user can manually turn ON / OFF the Capacitor Bank(s) for testing. But this is not allowable for all the faults. In case of the following faults, turning ON the Capacitor Bank(s) in TEST mode is NOT allowed:

- 1] Under Voltage (UV) – To avoid Chattering of the Three-Phase Power Contactor
- 2] Over Voltage (OV) – To prevent possible damage of the Power Capacitors
- 3] Under Frequency (UF)
- 4] Over Frequency (OF)

Entry in to TEST Mode of operation first turns-off all the Capacitor Banks.

This mode is normally used to perform the operations like:

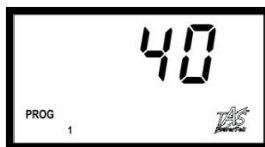
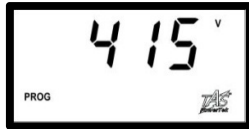
- Checking the Capacitor banks by turning them ON / OFF.
- To reset the faulty bank status stored in memory.

While in TEST Mode default screen, press ENTER key.

The digit “1” (Bank Number) will start blinking. By pressing “UP” or “DOWN” key, user can turn ON or OFF the Bank.

After these operations, press ENTER key to stop digit blinking.

## Programming Parameters:



Up / Down Keys

**RATED SUPPLY VOLTAGE:** User can set rated supply voltage of the panel.

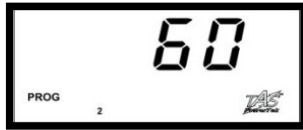
**SUPPLY FREQUENCY:** User can select the supply frequency as 50 Hz or 60 Hz

**CT PRIMARY:** User can set the external CT Primary Current in kilo-Amp (kA). That is, from Minimum 0.01 (i.e. 10 Amp) to Maximum 5.00 (i.e. 5000 Amp).

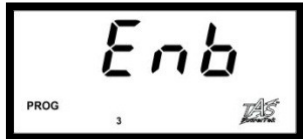
**TARGET POWER FACTOR:** User can set the target power factor form 0.800 to 1.000

**POWER FACTOR SIGN:** In this menu user can set the target power factor as inductive (+) or capacitive (-).

**CORRECTION TIME:** Defined in Seconds. This is the Time between two consecutive kVAR compensations. This can be set within the range of 10 Sec to 600 Sec.



**DISCHARGE TIME:** Time defined in second. Time for discharge the capacitors to a level, so that they can be turned ON again. This can be set within the range of 60 Sec to 600 Sec.



**CHECK BANK HEALTH:** Here user can ENABLE or DISABLE the bank health monitoring,

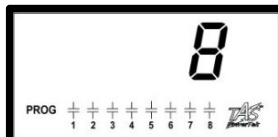


**%THD FAULT:** Here user can ENABLE or DISABLE the %THD fault (%Limit Exceeded) monitoring and action.

Cursor Up / Down Keys



**HARMONIC FAULT AUTO RESET TIME:** Harmonic fault is declared after every 3 minute averaging of %VTHD or %ITHD parameter. Once the fault gets recorded, APFC will switch off all the capacitor banks. PF correction will start only after the auto reset time defined by user. This time is settable from 300 Sec. to 1800 Sec.



**STEP CONNECTED:** Defines the number of steps operational. Depending on the APFC Model & Hardware capability, this parameter is set to maximum number of banks that can be connected.



**STEP kVAR:** These parameters are to be defined for every bank kVAR at defined Capacitor Bank Nominal Rated Voltage.





## **Fault Indications:**

### **Fault Indications:**

**OK:** Healthy Condition (No Fault).

**UV:** Under Voltage.

**OV:** Over Voltage.

**OB:** Out of Capacitor Banks.

**NL:** Under (Low) Load Current.

The Errors **Er0**, **Er1** & **Er2** are the hardware related errors.

Er3 to Er9 Errors are as below:

**Er3:** Voltage THD% of Measured Phase-Neutral, exceeding limit.

**Er4:** Current THD% of Measured Phase Current, exceeding limit.

**Er5:** Measured Phase Under (Low) Current loading sensed.

**Er6:** Measured Phase Over (High) Current loading sensed.

**Er7:** Supply system (AC Mains Line) Over Frequency.

**Er8:** Supply system (AC Mains Line) Under Frequency.

**Er9:** P.F. Controller Internal Temperature exceeding limit.

**Programmable Parameters: Min., Max. Ranges and factory default settings:**

<b>Programmable Parameters</b>	<b>Min.</b>	<b>Factory Default</b>	<b>Max.</b>
Nominal Supply voltage value across Line to Line terminals.	110 V	415 V	480 V
Primary CT Current in kilo-Amp (kA on LCD Display)	0.01	1.00	5.00
Target Power Factor.	0.800	0.995	1.000
Target Power Factor Sign +Ve or -Ve. (-Ve value means leading target PF setting and +Ve value means lagging PF)	+Ve	+Ve	-Ve
PF Correction time in Seconds	10	40	600
Capacitor Bank Discharge Time in Seconds	60	60	600
Check Bank health	Disable	Enable	Enable
%Harmonic fault	Disable	Enable	Enable
%Harmonic fault Auto Reset Time in Second	300	300	1800
No. of steps connected, as per the Model Number (Factory Set)	1	Factory Settings	Factory Settings
Capacitor Bank kVAr values at supply nominal rated voltage and nominal rated frequency values.	1 kVAr	25 kVAr	255 kVAr

**Fixed Parameter settings at Factory:**

<b>Fixed Parameters</b>	<b>Default</b>
Over-Voltage limit (%) of Nominal Supply Voltage	115
Over-Voltage Resume limit (%) of Nominal Supply Voltage	110
Under-Voltage limit (%) of Nominal Supply Voltage	85
Under-Voltage Resume limit (%) of Nominal Supply Voltage	90
Over Current Limit (%) of Nominal Rating.	130
Over Current Resume (%) of Nominal Rating.	125
Under Load Current Limit (%) of Nominal	2
Under Load Current Resume (%) of Nominal	3
For kW loading is above 50% and up to 100% of rated kVA	
VTHD Limit in %	5
ITHD Limit in %	50
For kW loading is above 25% and up to 50% of rated kVA	
VTHD Limit in %	7
ITHD Limit in %	75
For kW loading is between 0% and up to 25% of rated kVA	
VTHD Limit in %	10
ITHD Limit in %	150



<b>Fixed Parameters set at Factory</b>	<b>Default</b>
Under Frequency limit for 50 Hz Supply	47 Hz
Over Frequency limit for 50 Hz Supply	53 Hz
Under Frequency limit for 60 Hz Supply	57 Hz
Over Frequency limit for 60 Hz Supply	63 Hz
Over Temperature Limit in Deg. Celsius	+60
Over Temperature Resume in Deg. Celsius	+55



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