

Single-phase Overcurrent/Undercurrent Relays

K8AK-AW


Ideal for current monitoring for industrial facilities and equipment.



- Monitor for overcurrents and undercurrents simultaneously. Separate settings and outputs supported for overcurrents and undercurrents.
- Use commercially available CTs (CT current on secondary side: 0 to 1 A or 0 to 5 A).
- Manual resetting and automatically resetting supported by one Relay.
- Startup lock and operating time can be set separately.
- Two sets of SPDT output contacts, 5 A at 250 VAC (resistive load).
- Output status can be monitored using LED indicator.
- Inputs are isolated from the power supply.



For the most recent information on models that have been certified for safety standards, refer to your OMRON website.

 Refer to *Safety Precautions for the K8AK Series* on page 86. Refer to page 22 for commonly asked questions.

Ordering Information


List of Models

Setting range	Supply voltage	Model
2 to 20 mA AC/DC 10 to 100 mA AC/DC 50 to 500 mA AC/DC	24 VAC/DC	K8AK-AW1 24 VAC/DC
	100 to 240 VAC	K8AK-AW1 100-240 VAC
0.1 to 1 A AC/DC 0.5 to 5 A AC/DC	24 VAC/DC	K8AK-AW2 24 VAC/DC
	100 to 240 VAC	K8AK-AW2 100-240 VAC
10 to 100 A AC* 20 to 200 A AC*	24 VAC/DC	K8AK-AW3 24 VAC/DC
	100 to 240 VAC	K8AK-AW3 100-240 VAC


* The K8AK-AW3 is designed to be used in combination with an OMRON K8AC-CT200L Current Transformer (CT). (Direct input is not possible.)

Accessory (Order Separately)

●OMRON CT

Appearance	Input range	Applicable Relay	Model
	10 to 100 A AC, 20 to 200 A AC	K8AK-AW3	K8AC-CT200L

●Commercially Available CTs*

Appearance	CT current on secondary side	Applicable Relay
	0 to 1 A AC, 0 to 5 A AC	K8AK-AW2

* If you use a commercially available CT, do not exceed the overload capacity of the K8AK-AW2.

Ratings and Specifications

Input Range

Model	Range*1	Connection terminals	Setting range	Input impedance	Input type	Overload capacity
K8AK-AW1	0 to 20 mA AC/DC	I1-COM	2 to 20 mA AC/DC	Approx. 5 Ω	Direct input	Continuous input at 120% of maximum input. 1 s at 150%
	0 to 100 mA AC/DC	I2-COM	10 to 100 mA AC/DC	Approx. 1 Ω	Direct input	
	0 to 500 mA AC/DC	I3-COM	50 to 500 mA AC/DC	Approx. 0.2 Ω	Direct input	
K8AK-AW2	0 to 1 A AC/DC	I1-COM	0.1 to 1 A AC/DC 0.5 to 5 A AC/DC	Approx. 0.12 Ω (Load: 0.5 VA)	Direct input or commercially available CT	
	0 to 5 A AC/DC	I2-COM		Approx. 0.02 Ω (Load: 1.5 VA)		
K8AK-AW3	0 to 100 A AC	I2-COM	10 to 100 A AC*2 20 to 200 A AC*2	---	OMRON CT	Continuous input at 120% with an OMRON CT (K8AC-CT200L). 30 s at 200% 1 s at 600% * CT capacity on primary side.
	0 to 200 A AC	I3-COM		---	OMRON CT	

*1 The range is selected using connected terminals.

*2 The K8AK-AW3 is designed to be used in combination with an OMRON K8AC-CT200L Current Transformer (CT). (Direct input is not possible.)

Ratings

Power supply voltage	Isolated power supply	24 VAC/DC 100 to 240 VAC
Power consumption		24 VAC/DC: 2.0 VA/1.1 W max. 100 to 240 VAC: 4.6 VA max.
Operating value setting range (SV)		10% to 100% of the maximum value of the setting range K8AK-AW1: 2 to 20 mA AC/DC 10 to 100 mA AC/DC 50 to 500 mA AC/DC K8AK-AW2: 0.1 to 1 A AC/DC (Compatible with commercially available CTs.) 0.5 to 5 A AC/DC (Compatible with commercially available CTs.) K8AK-AW3: When used with the OMRON CT (K8AC-CT200L). 10 to 100 A AC 20 to 200 A AC
Operating value		100% operation at set value
Reset value		5% of operating value (fixed)
Reset method		Manual reset/automatic reset (switchable) Note: Manual reset: Turn OFF power supply for 1 s or longer.
Operating time setting range (T)		0.1 to 30 s
Startup lock time setting range (LOCK) Note: Enabled only for overcurrent operation.		0 to 30 s (The startup lock timer starts when the input has reached approximately 30% or more of the set value.) Note: Enabled only for overcurrent operation.
Indicators		Power (PWR): Green, Relay output (RY): Yellow, Alarm outputs (ALM): Red
Input impedance		Refer to <i>Input Range</i> on previous page.
Output relays		Two SPDT relay outputs (normally closed operation)
Output relay ratings		Rated load Resistive load 5 A at 250 VAC 5 A at 30 VDC Maximum contact voltage: 250 VAC or 30 VDC Max. switching current: 5 A Maximum switching capacity: 1,250 VA, 150 W Mechanical life: 10 million operations min. Electrical life: 5 A at 250 VAC or 30 VDC: 50,000 operations 3 A at 250 VAC/30 VDC: 100,000 operations
Ambient operating temperature		-20 to 60°C (with no condensation or icing)
Storage temperature		-25 to 65°C (with no condensation or icing)
Ambient operating humidity		25% to 85% (with no condensation)
Storage humidity		25% to 85% (with no condensation)
Altitude		2,000 m max.
Terminal screw tightening torque		0.49 N·m
Terminal wiring method		Recommended wire Solid wire: 2.5 mm ² Twisted wires: AWG16, AWG18 Note: 1. Ferrules with insulating sleeves must be used with twisted wires. 2. Two wires can be twisted together. Recommended ferrules Al 1,5-8BK (for AWG16) manufactured by Phoenix Contact Al 1-8RD (for AWG18) manufactured by Phoenix Contact Al 0,75-8GY (for AWG18) manufactured by Phoenix Contact
Case color		N1.5
Case material		PC and ABS
Weight		Approx. 150 g
Mounting		Mounts to DIN Track.
Dimensions		22.5 × 90 × 100 mm (W×H×D)

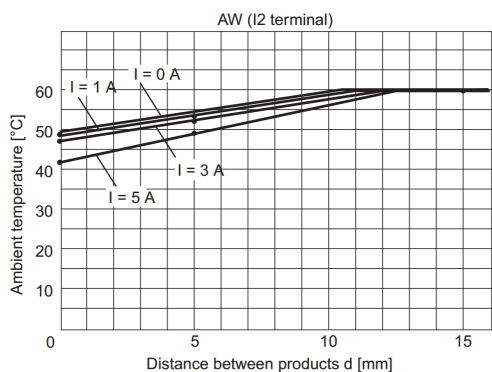
Specifications

Allowable operating voltage range		85% to 110% of power supply voltage
Allowable operating frequency range		50/60 Hz \pm 5 Hz
Input frequency range		K8AK-AW1 and K8AK-AW2: DC input or AC input (45 to 65 Hz) K8AK-AW3: AC input (45 to 65 Hz)
Overload capacity		K8AK-AW1 and K8AK-AW2: Continuous input at 120% of maximum input, 1 s at 150% K8AK-AW3: Continuous input at 120%, 30 s at 200%, and 1 s at 600% with an OMRON CT (K8AC-CT200L). Note: CT capacity on primary side.
Repeat accuracy	Operating value	\pm 0.5% full scale (at 25°C and 65% humidity, rated power supply voltage, DC or 50/60 Hz sine wave input)
	Operating time	\pm 50 ms (at 25°C and 65% humidity, rated power supply voltage)
Applicable standards	Conforming standards	EN60947-5-1 Installation environment (pollution level 2, installation category III)
	EMC	EN60947-5-1
	Safety standards	UL 508 (Recognition), Korean Radio Waves Act (Act 10564), CSA: CAN/CSA C22.2 No.14, CCC: GB14048.5
Insulation resistance		20 M Ω min. Between external terminals and case Between power supply terminals and input terminals Between power supply terminals and output terminals Between input terminals and output terminals
Dielectric strength		2,000 VAC for one minute Between external terminals and case Between power supply terminals and input terminals Between power supply terminals and output terminals Between input terminals and output terminals
Noise immunity		1,500 V power supply terminal common/normal mode Square-wave noise of \pm 1 μ s/100 ns pulse width with 1-ns rise time
Vibration resistance		Frequency: 10 to 55 Hz, acceleration 50 m/s ² 10 sweeps of 5 min each in X, Y, and Z directions
Shock resistance		150 m/s ² , 3 times each in 6 directions along 3 axes Or 100 m/s ² for relay contacts.
Degree of protection		Terminals: IP20

●Relationship of Mounting Distance between K8AK-AW Relays and Input Current (Reference Values)

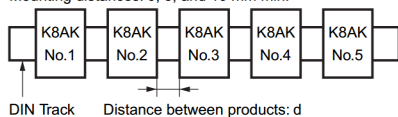
The following diagram shows the relationship between the mounting distances and the input current.

If the relay is used with an input current that exceeds these values, the temperature of the K8AK may rise and shorten the life of the internal components.



Test method

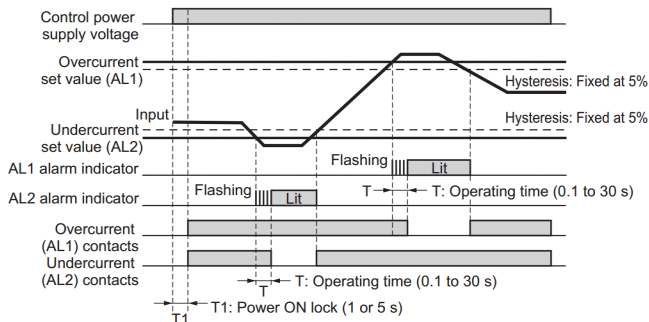
Sample: K8AK-AW
Applied voltage: 240 VAC
Mounting distances: 0, 5, and 10 mm min.



Wiring Diagram

● Overcurrent and Undercurrent Operation Diagram

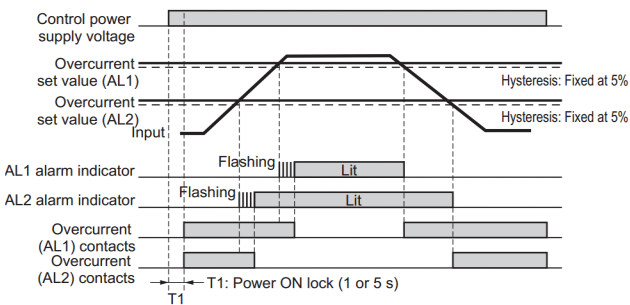
DIP switch settings: SW3 ON and SW4 ON, or SW3 OFF and SW4 OFF



Note 1. The K8AK-AW□ output contacts are normally operative.
 Note 2. The power ON lock prevents unnecessary alarms from being generated during the unstable period when the power is first turned ON. There is no contact output during timer operation.

● Overcurrent and Overcurrent Operation Diagram (Overcurrent Pre-alarm Mode)

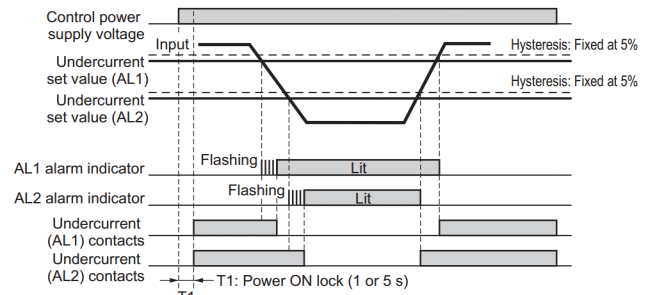
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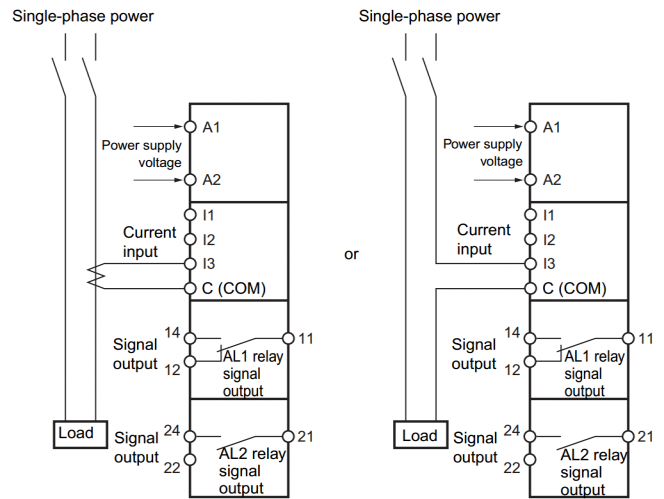
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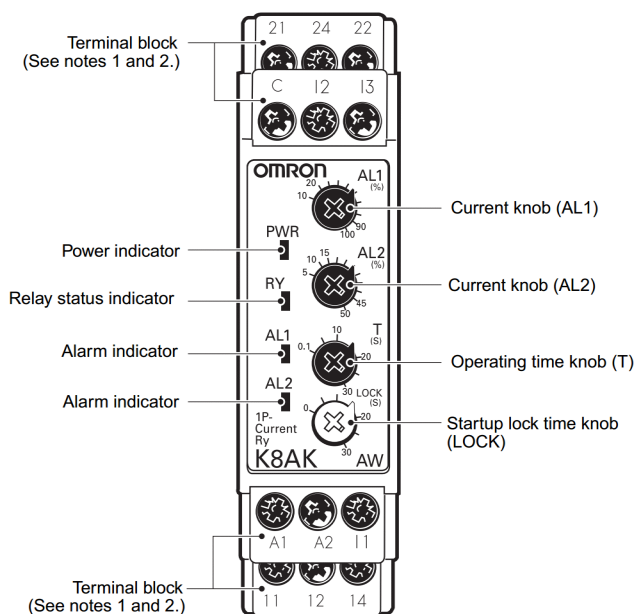
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- Note:**
1. The K8AK-AW3 is designed to be used in combination with the OMRON K8AC-CT200L Current Transformer (CT).
 2. There is no polarity when a DC current input is used.
 3. Refer to the *Setting Ranges and Wiring Connections* as the explanation of current input I1, I2, and I3 terminal.

Nomenclature

Front



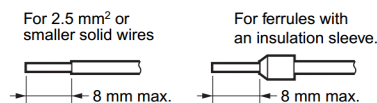
●Indicators

Item	Meaning
Power indicator (PWR: Green)	Lit when power is being supplied.
Relay status indicator (RY: Yellow)	Lit when relay is operating.
Alarm indicator (ALM: Red)	Lit when there is an overcurrent or undercurrent. The indicator flashes to indicate the error status after the input has exceeded the set value while the operating time is being clocked.

●Setting Knobs

Item	Usage
Current knob (AL1)	Used to set the current to 10% to 100% of maximum setting range.
Current knob (AL2)	Used to set the rest value to 5% to 50% of the operating value.
Operating time knob (T)	Used to set the operating time to 0.1 to 30 s.
Startup lock time knob (LOCK)	Used to set the startup lock time to 0 to 30 s.

Note: 1. Use either a solid wire of 2.5 mm² maximum or a ferrule with insulating sleeve for the terminal connection. The length of the exposed current-carrying part inserted into the terminal must be 8 mm or less to maintain dielectric strength after connection.



Recommended ferrules

- Phoenix Contact
- Al 1,5-8BK (for AWG16)
 - Al 1-8RD (for AWG18)
 - Al 0,75-8GY (for AWG18)

2. Tightening torque: 0.49 N·m

Operation and Setting Methods

●Setting Ranges and Wiring Connections

Model	Setting range	Input type	Wiring connections
K8AK-AW1	2 to 20 mA AC/DC	Direct input	I1-COM
	10 to 100 mA AC/DC	Direct input	I2-COM
	50 to 500 mA AC/DC	Direct input	I3-COM
K8AK-AW2	0.1 to 1 A AC/DC	Direct input or commercially available CT	I1-COM
	0.5 to 5 A AC/DC		I2-COM
K8AK-AW3	10 to 100 A AC*	OMRON CT	I2-COM
	20 to 200 A AC*	OMRON CT	I3-COM

Note: The DC input terminals have no polarity.
 * The K8AK-AW3 is designed to be used in combination with the OMRON K8AC-CT200L Current Transformer (CT). (Direct input is not possible.)

●Connections

1. Input

Connect the input between the I1-COM, I2-COM, or I3-COM terminals, according to the input current. Malfunctions may occur if the input is connected to unused terminals and the Unit will not operate correctly.

Terminal I1 is not used by the K8AK-AW3.

If using the OMRON K8AC-CT200L CT, connect to terminals k and l on the K8AC-CT200L. (Terminals kt and lt are not used.)

2. Power Supply

Connect the power supply to terminals A1 and A2.

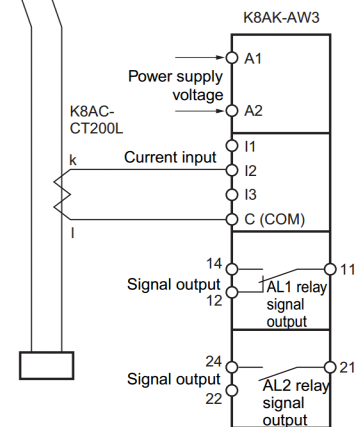
3. Outputs

AL1 (SPDT relay) is output to terminals 11, 12, and 14.

AL2 (SPDT relay) is output to terminals 21, 22, and 24.

Note: Use the recommended ferrules if using twisted wires.

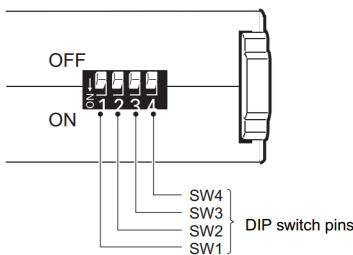
<For K8AK-AW3>
 Single-phase power



●DIP Switch Settings

The resetting method, relay drive method, and operating mode are set using the DIP switch located on the bottom of the Unit.

K8AK-AW□ does not use SW1.



DIP Switch Functions

Pin	OFF ● ↑			
	1	2	3	4
Resetting method	Manual reset	●	---	---
	Automatic reset	○	---	---
Operating mode	AL1	Not used.	●	●
	Overcurrent		○	●
	Undercurrent		●	○
	Overcurrent		○	○
	Undercurrent		○	○

Note: All pins are set to OFF at the factory.

●Setting Method

1. Setting Current

The current knob (SV) is used to set the current.

The current can be set to 10% to 100% of the maximum setting range.

Turn the knob while there is an input to the input terminals until the alarm indicator flashes (when the set value and the input have reached the same level.)

Use this as a guide to set the current.

The maximum setting range will differ depending on the model and the input terminal.

Example: K8AK-AW3 Using Input Terminals I3-COM

The maximum measuring current will be 200 A AC and the setting range will be 20 to 200 A.

2. Operating Time

The operating time is set using the operating time knob (T).

The operating time can be set to between 0.1 and 30 s.

Turn the knob while there is an input to the input terminals until the alarm indicator flashes (when the set value and the input have reached the same level.)

Use this as a guide to set the operating time.

If the input current exceeds (drops lower than) the set value, the alarm indicator will start flashing for the set period and then stay lit.

3. Startup Lock Time

The startup lock time is set using the startup lock time knob (LOCK).

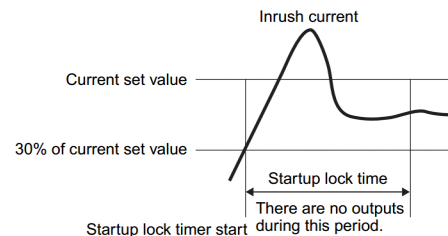
The startup lock time can be set to between 0 and 30 s.

Turn the knob while there is an input to the input terminals until the alarm indicator flashes (when the set value and the input have reached the same level.)

Use this as a guide to set the startup lock time.

The startup lock time will start when the input current reaches 30% or more of the set value.

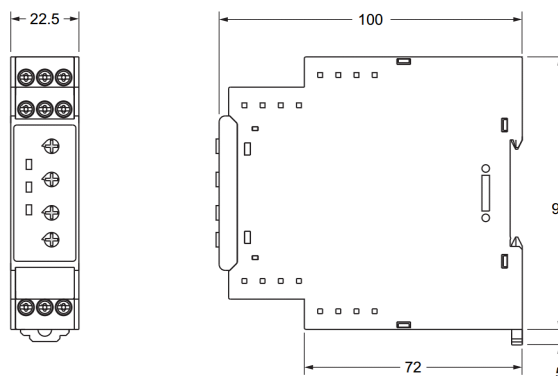
Use startup lock time to prevent unwanted operation, e.g., as a result of inrush current.



Dimensions (Unit: mm)

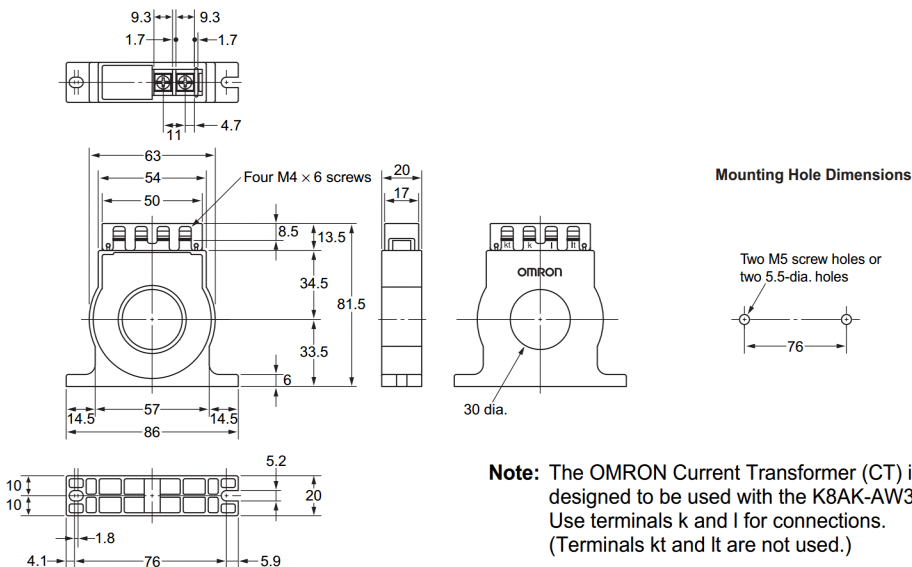
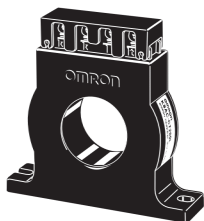
● Single-phase Current Relays

K8AK-AW1
K8AK-AW2
K8AK-AW3



● OMRON CT

K8AC-CT200L

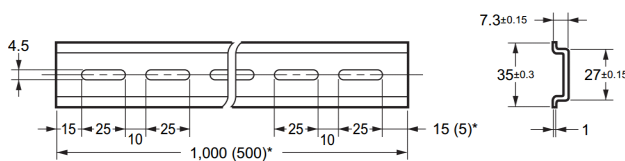
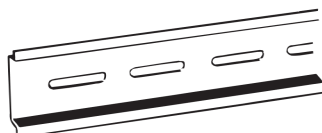


Note: The OMRON Current Transformer (CT) is designed to be used with the K8AK-AW3. Use terminals k and l for connections. (Terminals kt and lt are not used.)

Optional Parts for DIN Track Mounting

● DIN Tracks

PFP-100N
PFP-50N



*Dimensions in parentheses are for the PFP-50N.

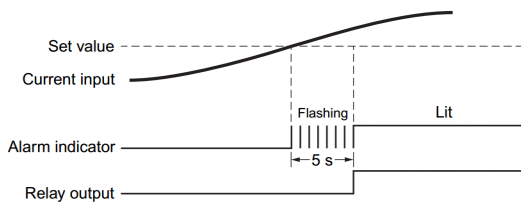
Questions and Answers

Q Checking Operation

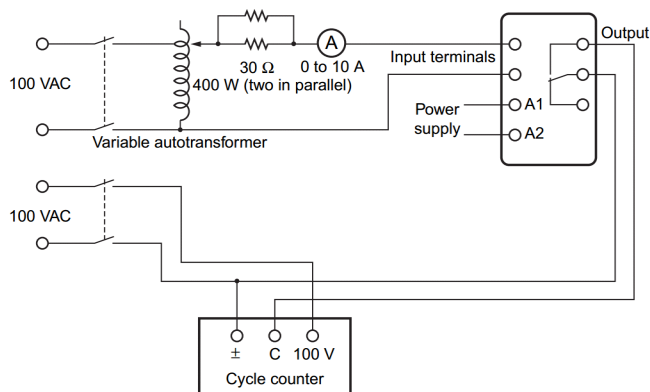
A Overcurrents
Gradually increase the input from 80% of the set value. The input will equal the operating value when the input exceeds the set value and the alarm indicator starts flashing. Operation can be checked by the relay outputs that will start after the operating time has passed.

Undercurrent
Gradually decrease the input from 120% of the set value and check the operation using the same method as for overcurrent.

Example: Overcurrent Operating Mode, Normally Closed Relay Drive, and an Operating Time of 5 s.



Connection Diagram



Q How to Measure the Operating Time

A Overcurrent
Change the input suddenly from 0% to 120% of the set value and measure the time until the Unit operates.

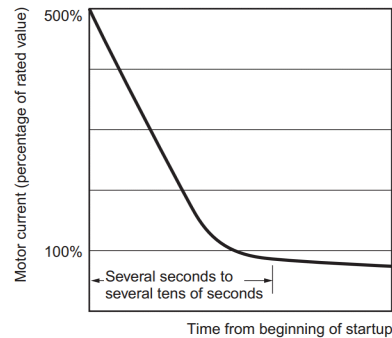
Undercurrent
Change the input suddenly from 120% to 0% of the set value and measure the time until the Unit operates.

Q Monitoring Switch-mode Power Supplies

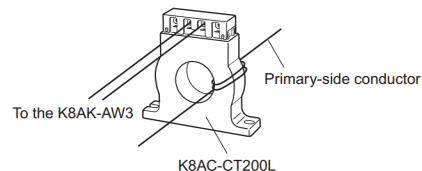
A Switch-mode Power Supplies cannot be monitored. In circuits with a capacitor input, including switch-mode power supplies, the input capacitor recharge current flows in pulse form as the load current. The K8AK-AW□ has a built-in filter as a countermeasure against high frequencies and cannot be used to remove pulse current.

Q Can a motor with a rated current of 5 A be monitored using the K8AK? Are there any application precautions?

A The K8AK-AW1 and K8AK-AW2 cannot be used with motor loads. Use the K8AK-AW3 in combination with the K8AC-CT200L Current Transformer (CT). With motor loads, the startup current and stall current will cause a current of many times the rated current to flow. Refer to the following figure for information on the motor startup current.



For a motor with a rating of 5 A, the startup current will be approximately 30 A. The startup current will exceed the overload capacity (rating: 150% for 1 s) of the K8AK-AW1 and K8AK-AW2 and result in failure of the Relay. To monitor the motor load, use the K8AK-AW3. (Overload capacity: 120% of rating for continuous load, 200% of rating for 30 s, and 600% of rating for 1 s). The K8AK-AW3 has a large input range. Pass the conductors multiple times through the special CT.



Concept behind Passing Conductor through the CT When Using the K8AK-AW3

Example: Monitoring Overload of a Motor with a Rated Current of 5 A

K8AK set value:
Overcurrent detection, operating value setting: 25%, operating time: 0.1 s
Startup lock timer: 0.1 to 30 s (Set the timer according to the duration of the startup current.)

The setting range for the K8AK-AW3 is 10% to 100% of the rated current (i.e., 10 to 100 A). Pass the conductors through the CT five times so that at least 10 A of current flows. The input current to the K8AK will be 25 A (i.e., 5 A x 5 loops).
If a startup current of six times the rated current is generated, it will be 150 A (i.e., 25 A x 6). The overload capacity for the K8AK-AW3 is 200% of the rating for 30 s. The Relay will not fail even if the startup current continues for 30 s, and it is possible to perform overload detection.