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Firmware update release 4.1.7 for 615 series IEC product version 4.0 FP1 (E) protection relays

Scope

Firmware update release 4.1.7 is for the following 615 series protection relays:

- REF615
- REM615
- RET615
- REU615
- RED615

To verify that the firmware update applies to the protection relay version, ensure that the second and last two characters of the order code on the label on top of the human-machine interface (HMI) match the corresponding characters of the order code in Fig. 1.

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Fig 1. Order code of the 615 series protection relays

To identify the current firmware (SW) revision of the 615 series protection relay, please refer to Fig. 2.

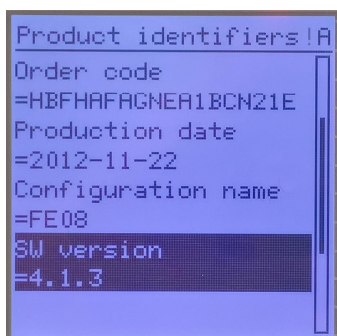


Fig. 2. The firmware revision of the 615 series protection relay

Implemented usability improvements

This firmware update release includes usability improvements without changing the existing functionality of the product. The following improvements have been implemented:¹

Firmware update release 4.1.7:

Communication

- SNTP time synchronization performance improvement

Firmware update release 4.1.6:

Protection

- The improvement for the Wattmetric-based earth-fault protection WPWDE increases the function sensitivity in intermittent earth-faults when the fault has fault resistance > 100 Ohm.

Communication

- Limitation to the maximum number of files that can be opened by the MMS client. This improves the situation with certain types of MMS clients stressing the relay's filesystem and then causing the Internal Fault "File system error" (Fault code 7).

Engineering

- Improved "Current value" setting range of CCBRRBF from 1.00 to 2.00 in local HMI.

HMI

- Improvement to the local HMI reaction to very short and repetitive auxiliary power interruptions.

Supervision

- Self-supervision performance improvement to the internal CPU memory supervision.
- Self-supervision recovery time improved in case of IRF Code 83.
- Self-supervision recovery handling improved in case of IRF Code 79.
- Internal diagnostic improvement for the self-supervision.

¹ The relay firmware update may also include some minor usability improvements not listed in this note.

Firmware update release 4.1.5:

Control

- Improvement to the synchrocheck function for preventing unexpected short-period reset of SYNC_OK output. The reset could have been seen in vector shift situations earlier.

Firmware update release 4.1.4:

Control

- Improvement to the synchrocheck function for preventing unexpected short-period reset of SYNC_OK output. The reset could have been seen in very rare situations earlier even when the synchronism conditions were fulfilled and voltages were aligned on both sides of the breaker.

Communication

- Ethernet redundancy PRP protocol functionality enhanced at relay restart situations. This enhancement prevents short period connection of the LAN A and LAN B networks during relay startup.
- Improvement to relay communication stack software to handle if IEC 61850 Edition 2 fixed length GOOSE messages is wrongly configured to the relay.

Firmware update release 4.1.3:

Control

- Manual control of function block OLATCC1 is now enabled for "Operator" user of the relay.

HMI

- The Local HMI object control selection behavior improved while user log in and log out.
- Improved the fault recorder to not show "out of range" after the relay has been restarted.
- Web HMI functionality together with Russian language in some configurations improved.

Protection

- Improvement to Intermittent earth-fault protection function (INTRPTEF) in "Intermittent EF" mode in case of very small earth fault current I_0 and high earth fault voltage U_0 .
- Improvement to Intermittent earth-fault protection function (INTRPTEF) to avoid cyclic restart of the timer. The cyclic reset time is proportional to the fault current frequency deviation from the nominal frequency. The issue can be seen only when using longer operate time settings.

Communication

- The relay is able to start up normally even if vertical communication data sets are empty or not available at all.
- Behavior of the data attribute LD0.LPHD1.PhyHealth.stVal update has been improved in the restart situation.
- The improvement to avoid very rare situation of the communication breaks in the Ethernet port.
- Channel supervision when using HSR has been improved.
- ARP table size increased to hold more client IPs.
- Improvement of the Ethernet port Link LEDs on the communication card.
- The performance enhancement for system communication (MMS) event sending during extremely high event load situations.
- The visibility improvement of the files to be accessed with MMS file transfer.
- Improved GOOSE sending performance at high application load, e.g. when using complex configurations.
- Improved refreshing logic of current measurement value for Modbus protocol.
- Improvement in Rated primary value (RPV) and rated secondary value (RSV) of the IEC 103 for preventing that the U0 value is constantly zero in IEC 103 disturbance recording.
- Improvement in the time stamp of the disturbance recording for preventing that minutes in the IEC 103 disturbance record might occasionally be incorrect.
- The transmission handling of the disturbance recorder has been improved for IEC 103 protocol when uploading with very fast reading cycles.
- CRC check sum calculation improved for retransmitted variable-length messages with certain masters in IEC 103 protocol.

Supervision

- Audit trail handling is improved during restart situation.
- Improved failure tolerance of the file system for preventing a possible file opening failure, resulting "CRC error" indication on the Local HMI, after restarting of the relay.
- Self-supervision coverage of the RAM memory has been improved.
- Unnecessary warning is not any more generated by the self-supervision of the RTD measurements in REM615 motor protection relay.

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Update procedure

Firmware updates represent an integral part of ABB's life cycle management of distribution protection and control relays. The updates ensure optimized usability throughout the relay's entire life cycle by offering the latest improvements. The ideal time for a firmware update would be during periodical testing or a maintenance break.

All 615 series IEC version 4.0 FP1 (E) product deliveries dispatched later than 28. May 2019, include the stated relay firmware update 4.1.7.

Please note that ABB will not be liable for any direct or indirect costs related to the firmware update procedure. The update procedure shall be performed at the sole responsibility of the possessor of the installed base.