

Relay Protection Amplifier



Article Overview

A relay protection circuit safeguards amplifiers and speakers by detecting overloads or DC faults and disconnecting the output via a relay.

How It Works

A typical relay protection circuit monitors the amplifier output for overcurrent or DC voltage conditions. A low-value resistor is placed in series with the amplifier output to sense current. When the current exceeds a safe threshold, the voltage across this resistor activates an LED inside an optocoupler, which in turn triggers a transistor driver to energize a relay. The relay disconnects the amplifier from the speaker, preventing damage to both the amplifier's MOSFETs and the speaker. For DC fault protection, the circuit continuously monitors the amplifier output for any DC voltage. If DC is detected, the relay driver immediately cuts off the connection to the speaker, protecting the voice coil from thermal damage.

Key Components

- Low-value sensing resistor: Detects overcurrent conditions.
- Optocoupler: Provides isolation and triggers the transistor driver.
- Transistor or SCR driver: Switches the relay on when a fault is detected.
- Relay: Disconnects the amplifier output from the speaker.
- Capacitor at transistor base: Prevents relay oscillation by keeping the transistor switched for a few seconds.
- High-current relay contacts: Rated to handle the amplifier's output without arcing or damage....

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Amplifier/Loudspeaker Overload Protector Circuit

Since the relay coils disconnect the amplifier from the speaker output, they protect the amplifier devices from potential

Speaker Protection

It's imperative that the relay contacts short the speaker when activated, as this allows for an almost complete "meltdown" of the relay

Speaker Protection

In general (and provided the relay is wired as described), relay protection is reliable and effective, and has

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Amplifier/Speaker protection SSR relay (Apex PA protect mod)

I am planning to build/rebuild a protection board I built earlier that was based on the Apex schematic provided by user

relay for speaker protection: what's the important rating in this ...

The speaker protection i have uses 2 mechanical relays for stereo channel (1 relay for each channel). But I'm thinking

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relay for speaker protection: what's the important rating in this ...

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Speaker DC protection with relays and MOSFETs

Examines different ways relays and MOSFETs can and should be used in amplifiers as DC protection for

Feeder protection and control

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alternative to protection relay

Protecting expensive loudspeakers from being damaged by a faulty amplifier is important, so how about this alternative

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Simple protection with relay for amplifier up to 100W

Hi all, I was looking for adequate protection for my new amplifier. I was considering relays with mosfets vs. classic

Speaker protection circuit with PCB layout

These circuits are simple, small, and inexpensive. The main parts are the transistor and relay to cut off the power.

Types of Protective Relays

This article covers various types of protective relays, such as overcurrent, directional, and differential relays, highlighting their

Loudspeaker Protection and Muting

Many hi-fi amplifiers and professional power amps (and loudspeaker systems) provide some of protection, either to protect the

Simple protection with relay for amplifier up to 100W

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Amplifier Speaker Protection Circuit Explained | DC Protection & Relay ...

You will learn: Why speaker protection is necessary Relay-based protection circuit DC detection working Turn ON

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