

⚠ Warning!

Carefully read the manual before the installation or use.

- This equipment is to be installed by qualified personnel, complying to current standards, to avoid damages or safety hazards.
- Before any service work on the device, remove all the voltages from measuring and supply inputs and short-circuit the CT input terminals.
- The manufacturer cannot be held responsible for electrical safety in case of improper use of the equipment.
- Products illustrated herein are subject to alteration and changes without prior notice. Technical data and descriptions in the documentation are accurate, to the best of our knowledge, but no liabilities for errors, omissions or contingencies arising there from are accepted.
- A circuit breaker must be included in the electrical installation of the building. It must be installed close by the equipment and within easy reach of the operator. It must be marked as the disconnecting device of the equipment: IEC /EN 61010-1 § 6.11.2.1.
- Clean the device with a soft dry cloth; do not use abrasive products, liquid detergents or solvents.

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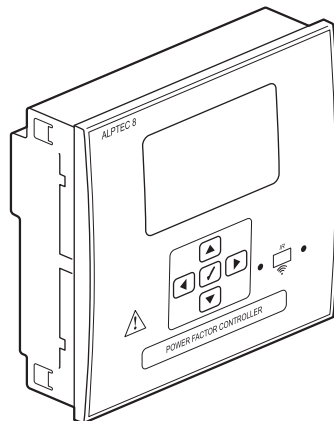
Introduction

The ALPTEC 8 automatic power factor controller has been designed to offer state-of-the-art functions for power factor correction applications. Built with dedicated and extremely compact housing, the ALPTEC 8 combines the modern design of the front panel with practical installation and the possibility of expansion at the rear, where Ext series modules can be slotted. The LCD screen provides a clear and intuitive user interface.

Description

- Automatic power factor controller with 8 built-in relays for capacitor steps, expandable to 16 relays (steps)
- 128x80 pixel, backlit, LCD screen with 4 levels of grey
- 5 navigation keys for functions and settings
- Red LED indication for alarm or abnormal status
- 10-language text for measurements, settings and messages
- Expansion bus with 4 slots for Ext series expansion modules:
 - RS232, RS485, USB, Ethernet, Profibus, GSM/GPRS communications interface
 - Additional digital I/O, static or relay outputs
 - Additional analog I/O for temperature PT100, current, voltage
- Capability to operate with several units interconnected in Master-Slave mode:
 - Maximum configuration: Master + 8 slaves
 - Maximum 32 steps in total
 - Maximum 16 steps per unit
 - Steps can be paralleled
- Advanced programmable I/O functions
- Fully user-definable alarms
- High accuracy TRMS measurements
- 3-phase + neutral mains voltage measuring inputs
- 3-phase current measuring inputs
- Front optical programming interface: galvanically isolated, high speed, waterproof, USB and WiFi compatible
- Calendar-clock (RTC) with reserve energy
- Storage of last 250 events.

Front keyboard



Key ✓ - Used to call up the main menu and to confirm a choice.

Keys ▲ and ▼ - Used to scroll through the display pages or to select the list of options in a menu.

Key ◀ - Used to decrease a setting / selection or to exit a menu.

Key ▶ - Used to scroll through any sub-pages or to increase a setting.

Front LEDs

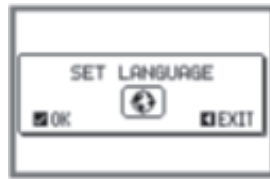
Alarm LED (red) – Flashing indicates an active alarm.

- ① Backlight LCD display
- ② Navigation panel for pages and menu
- ③ Alarm active indication LED
- ④ Optical programming interface

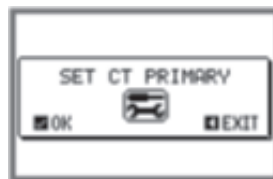


First power-up

- At the first power-up, the controller may ask the user to set the clock-calendar, in case it is not operational.
- Then a window will appear asking to specify the language you want to use for display navigation. Press OK for direct access to the parameter P01.01 for the selection of the language.



- Then the display will show a window asking to set the CT primary value, which usually is the responsibility of the end-installer/user. Even in this case, it activates a direct access to the setting of the relevant parameter P02.01.



- The above-given procedure will be repeated every time the device is powered up until the CT primary value is set in parameter P02.01.

Operating modes

The correctly selected mode is displayed in reverse at the centre of the home page. There are three possible operating modes, listed below:

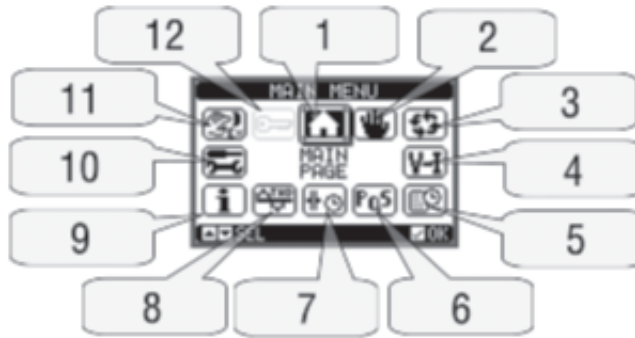
- TEST Mode
 - When the controller is brand new and has never been programmed, it automatically enters in TEST mode that allows the installer to manually activate the individual relay outputs, so the correct wiring of the panel can be checked.
 - The activation and deactivation of the outputs are done as per manual mode, but without considering the reconnection time.
 - Once in programming and with parameters set, the controller automatically exits the test mode.
 - If you need to enter TEST mode after programming the unit, use the appropriate command in the commands menu.
- MAN Mode
 - When the controller is in manual mode, you can select one of the steps and manually connect or disconnect it.
 - From the main page, press ►. Step No. 1 is highlighted by a box. To select the step you want, press ◀ or ▶.
 - Press ▲ to connect or ▼ to disconnect the selected step.
 - If the number above the step is light grey, it means the step is not available because its reconnection time has not elapsed yet. In this case, by sending a close command, the step number will flash to indicate that the operation has been confirmed and will be conducted as soon as possible.
 - The manual configuration of steps is maintained even in the absence of supply voltage. When power returns, the original state of the steps is restored.
- AUT Mode
 - In automatic mode, the controller calculates the optimum configuration of capacitor steps in order to reach the set $\cos\phi$.
 - The selection criteria takes into account many variables such as: the power rating of each step, the number of operations, the total time of use, the reconnection time, etc.
 - The controller displays the imminent connection or disconnection of the steps by flashing (above) their identification number. The flashing can be prolonged when the insertion of a step is not possible due to the reconnection time (discharge time of the capacitor).
 - If the number above the step is light grey, this means the step is not available because its reconnection time is not elapsed yet. The device then waits for the end of the reconnection time.

Main menu

- The main menu is made up of a group of graphic icons (shortcuts) that allow rapid access to measurements and settings.
- Starting from normal measurement viewing, by pressing ✓ the main menu screen is displayed.
- Press ▲ or ▼ to scroll clockwise or counter clockwise to select the required function. The selected icon is highlighted and the central part of the display shows the description of the function.
- Press ✓ to activate the selected function.
- If some functions are not available, the corresponding icon will be disabled, that is shown in a light grey colour.
- [Icon] [Icon] [Icon] etc. – Shortcuts that allow jumping to the first page of that group. Starting from that page, it is still possible to move forward or backward in the usual way.
- [Icon] [Icon] - Change the operation to manual or automatic mode.
- [Icon] - Opens the password entry page, where it is possible to specify the numeric codes that unlock protected functions (parameter setting, commands menu).
- [Icon] - Access point to the setup menu for parameter programming. See dedicated chapter.
- [Icon] - Access point to the commands menu, where the authorised user can execute some clearing-restoring actions.

Main menu (continued)

- ① Main page
- ② Switch to manual mode
- ③ Switch to automatic mode
- ④ Voltage – current page
- ⑤ Event Log
- ⑥ Power page
- ⑦ Step life statistics
- ⑧ Harmonics
- ⑨ System information page
- ⑩ Setup menu
- ⑪ Commands menu
- ⑫ Password entry



Password access

- The password is used to enable or lock the access to setting menu (setup) and to commands menu.
- For brand-new devices (factory default), the password management is disabled and the access is free. If instead, the passwords have been enabled and defined, then to get access, it is necessary to enter the password first, specifying the numeric code through the keypad.
- To enable password management and to define numeric codes, see setup menu M15 Password.
 - **User level access** – Allows clearing of stored values and the editing of a restricted number of setup parameters.
 - **Advanced level access** – Same rights of the user access plus full setup editing-restoring.
- From normal measurement viewing, press to recall the main menu, then select the password icon and press .
- The display shows the screen illustrated below:



- Keys and change the selected digit.
- Keys and move through the digits.
- Enter all the digits of the numeric code, then move on the key icon.
- If the password code entered matches the User access code or the Advanced access code, then the corresponding unlocked message is shown.
- Once the password is unlocked, the access rights last until:
 - The device is powered off.
 - The device is reset (after quitting the setup menu).
 - The timeout period of two minutes elapses without any keystroke.
- To quit the password entry screen, press key.

Display page navigation

- Keys and scroll through the measurements pages one by one. The title bar shows the current page.
- Some measurements may not be shown depending on the controller programming and connections.
- Sub-pages, which can be opened with key , are also available on some pages (for instance displaying voltages and currents in the form of bar graphs).
- The user can specify which page and which sub-page the display should return to automatically when no keys have been pressed for a certain time.
- The system can also be programmed so the display remains where it was last.
- You can set these functions in menu M01 – Utility.

Table of display pages

Pages	Example
Main page (Home)	<div> <p>1 - Page Title. If P01.09 is set, then the plant description will be shown here.</p> <p>2 - Step status: Black = On Grey = Off</p> <p>3 - Fan status: Black = On Grey = Off</p> <p>4 - Panel temperature</p> <p>5 - kvar bar graph</p> <p>6 - Aut/Man Mode</p> <p>7 - kvar needed to reach setpoint</p> <p>8 - Cosphi setpoint</p> <p>9 - Current Cosphi</p> </div>

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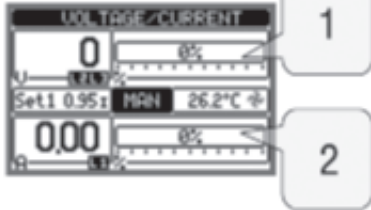
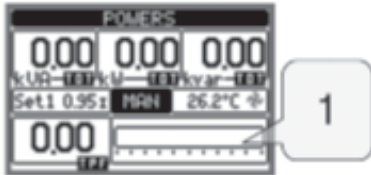
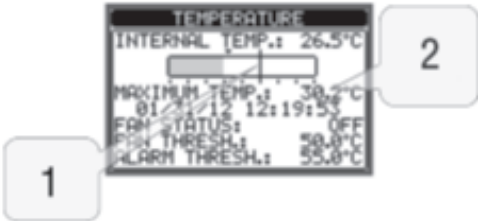

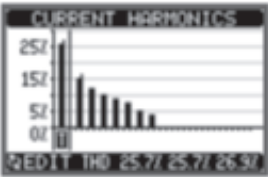
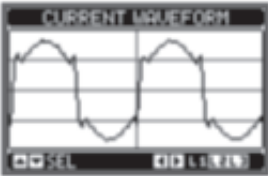
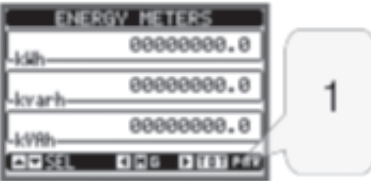
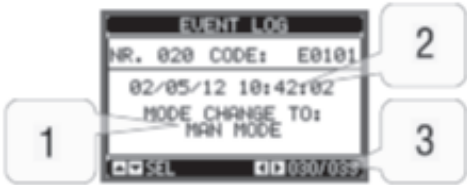
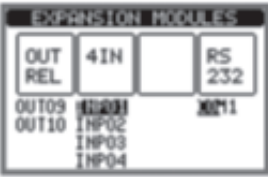


Pages	Example
Voltage and current	<p>1 - Bar graph referred to rated voltage 2 - Bar graph referred to rated current</p> 
Power	<p>1 - Bar graph referred to TPF = 1.00</p> 
Temperature	<p>1 - Alarm threshold 2 - Max temperature peak with time stamp</p> 
Step life statistics	<p>1 - Set power 2 - Measured power</p> 
Harmonics	
Waveforms	
Energy meters	<p>1 - Key ► switches between Total/Partial indications</p> 
Event log	<p>1 - Event description 2 - Event time stamp 3 - Event number / total</p> 
Expansion status	

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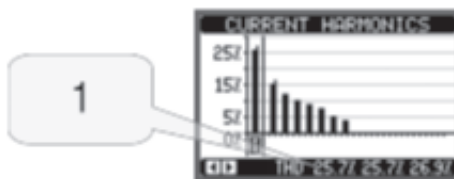
Pages	Example
Real time clock	
System information	<div> <div> 1 - Software Hardware Parameters revision level 2 - Plant / board name 3 - Internal board temperature </div>  </div>

Note: Some of the pages listed above may not be displayed if the relevant function is disabled. For example, if the limit function is not programmed, the corresponding page will not be shown.

Harmonic analysis page

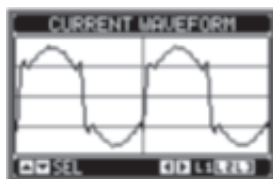
- In the ALPTEC 8, it is possible to enable the calculation of the FFT harmonic analysis up to the 31st order of the following measurements:
 - Phase-to-phase voltages.
 - Phase-to-neutral voltages.
 - Currents.
- For each of these measurements, there is a display page that graphically represents the harmonic content (spectrum) with a bar graph.
- Every column is related to one harmonic order, even and odd. The first column shows the total harmonic distortion (THD).
- Every histogram bar is then divided into three parts, one for each phase L1, L2, L3.
- The value of the harmonic content is expressed as a percentage with respect to the fundamental (system frequency).
- It is possible to show the harmonic content in numeric format, selecting the required order using ◀ and ▶. The lower part of the screen will display a small arrow that points to the selected column and the relative percentage value of the three phases.
- The vertical scale of the graph is automatically selected among four full-scale values, depending on the column with the highest value.

1 - Numeric values of the selected order



Waveform page

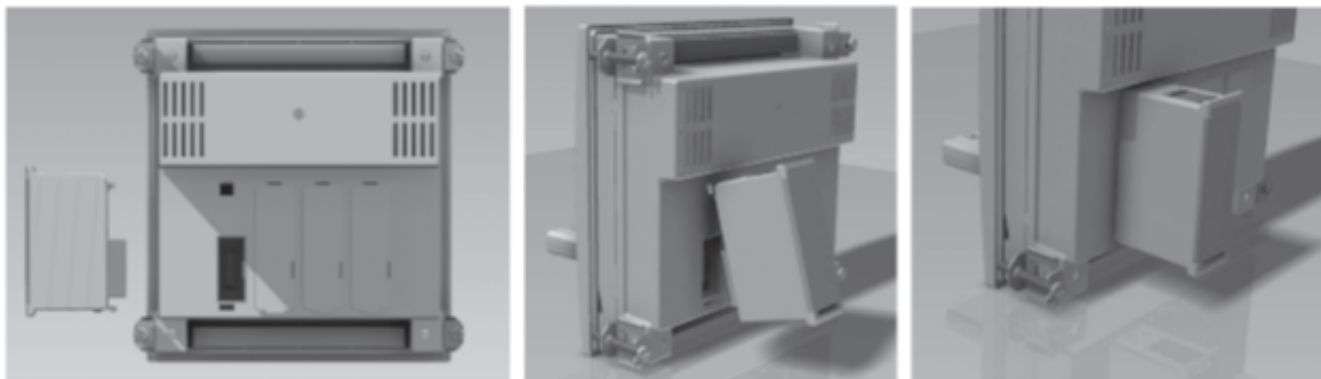
- This page graphically views the waveform of the voltage and current signals read by the ALPTEC 8.
- It is possible to see one phase at a time, selecting it with ✓ key.
- The vertical scale (amplitude) is automatically scaled in order to fit the waveform on the screen in the best possible way.
- The horizontal axis (time) shows two consecutive periods of the waveform viewed.
- The graph is automatically updated about every second.



Expandability

- Thanks to its expansion bus, the ALPTEC 8 can be expanded with Ext series modules.
- It is possible to connect a maximum of 4 Ext... modules at the same time.
- The supported Ext modules can be grouped in the following categories:
 - Additional steps
 - Communication modules
 - Digital I/O modules
 - Analog I/O modules.
- To insert an expansion module:
 - Remove the power supply to the ALPTEC 8.
 - Remove the protection cover of one of the expansion slots.
 - Insert the upper hook of the module into the fixing slit on the upper end of the expansion slot.
 - Rotate the module downwards, inserting the connector on the bus.
 - Push until the bottom clip snaps in place.

Expandability (continued)

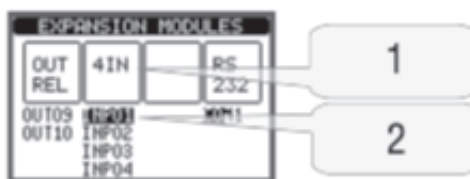


- At power up, the ALPTEC 8 automatically recognises the Ext modules connected to it.
- If the system configuration has changed with respect to the last saved, (one module has been added or removed), the base unit asks the user to confirm the new configuration. In case of confirmation, the new configuration will be saved and becomes effective, otherwise the mismatch will be shown at every subsequent power-up of the system.



- The current system configuration is shown in the dedicated page of the display (expansion modules), where it is possible to see the number, the type and the status of the modules.
- The I/O numbering is shown under each module.
- The status (energised/de-energised) of every single I/O and communication channel is highlighted in reverse.

- 1 - Type of expansion modules
- 2 - Number and state of additional resources
In reverse = active



Additional resources

- The expansion modules provide additional resources that can be used through the dedicated setup menus.
- The setup menus related to the expansions are always accessible, even if the expansion modules are not physically fitted.
- Since it is possible to add more than one module of the same type (for instance two communication interfaces), the setup menus are multiple, identified by a sequential number.
- The following table indicates how many modules of each group can be mounted at the same time. The total number of modules must be less than or equal to 4.

Module type	Code	Function	Max n°	Slot pos.
Additional steps	Ext2Gr	2 relay steps	4	Any
	Ext4Grs	4 static steps (fast)	2	Any
Communication	ExtRS485	RS485	2	1 or 2
	ExtEth	Ethernet	1	1 or 2
	ExtProfi	Profibus® DP	1	TBD
	ExtGSM	GSM-GPRS	1	2
Analog I/O	ExtHarm	Capacitor harmonic protection	4	Any

TBD = To Be Defined.

Communication channels

- The ALPTEC 8 supports a maximum of 2 communication modules, indicated as COMn. The communication setup menu is thus divided into two sections (n=1 ... 2) of parameters for the setting of the ports.
- The communication channels are completely independent, both for hardware (physical interface) and communication protocol.
- The two channels can communicate at the same time.
- Activating the Gateway function, it is possible to use a ALPTEC 8 with an Ethernet port and a RS485 port that acts as a bridge for other ALPTEC 8 equipped with RS485 only, in order to obtain a more economical configuration with one Ethernet port only.
- In this network, the ALPTEC 8 with Ethernet port will have parameter P16.n.09 Channel function set to Gateway for both communication channels (COM1, COM2) while the other ALPTEC 8 maintain standard configuration with default value = Slave.

Inputs, outputs, internal variables, counters, analog inputs

- The inputs and outputs are identified by a code and a sequence number. For instance, the digital inputs are identified by code INPx, where x is the number of the input. In the same way, digital outputs are identified by code OUTx.
- The sequence number of I/Os is simply based on their mounting position, with a progressive numbering from left to right.
- It is possible to manage up to 8 analog inputs (AINx), connected to external analog sensors (temperature, pressure, flow, etc.). The value read by the sensors can be scaled to any unit of measure, viewed on the display and transmitted on the communication bus. The values read by analog inputs are shown on the dedicated display page. They can be used to drive limit thresholds LIMx that can be linked to an internal or external output.
- The expansion I/O numbering starts from the last I/O installed on the base unit. For example, with OUT1...OUT8 digital outputs on the base unit, the first digital output on the expansion modules will be OUT9.

See the following table for the I/O numbering:

Code	Description	Base	Ext...
INPx	Digital Inputs	-	1...8
OUTx	Digital Outputs	1...8	9...16
COMx	Communication ports	-	1...2
AINx	Analog Inputs	-	1...4
AOUx	Analog Outputs	-	1...4

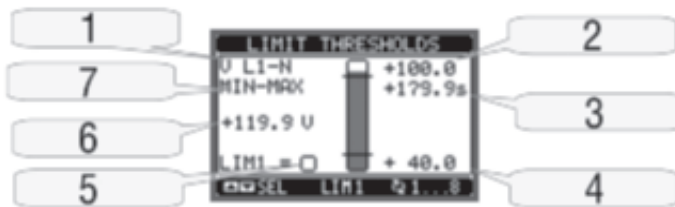
- In a similar way, there are some internal bit-variables (markers) that can be associated to the outputs or combined between them. For instance, it is possible to apply some limit thresholds to the measurements taken by the system (voltage, current, power, etc.). In this case, the internal variable, named LIMx, will be activated when the measurements go out of the limits defined by the user through the dedicated setting menu.
- Furthermore, there are up to 8 counters (CNT1..CNT8) that can count pulses coming from an external source (through a digital input INPx) or the number of times a certain condition has taken place. For instance, defining a limit threshold LIMx as the count source, it will be possible to count how many times one measurement exceeds a certain limit.
- The following table groups all the I/O and the internal variables managed by the ALPTEC 8 along with their range.

Code	Description	Range
LIMx	Limit thresholds	1...16
REMX	Remote-controlled variables	1...16
UAX	User alarms	1...8
PULx	Energy consumption pulses	1...3
CNTx	Programmable counters	1...8

Limit thresholds (LIMx)

- The LIMn thresholds are internal variables whose status depends on the out-of-limits of one particular measurement set by the user (e.g. total active power higher than 25kW) among all those measured.
- To make the setting of thresholds easier, since the limits can span in a very wide range, each of them can be set using a base number and a multiplier (for example: 25 x 1k = 25000).
- For each LIM, there are two thresholds (upper and lower). The upper threshold must always be set to a value higher than the lower one.
- The meaning of the thresholds depends on the following functions:
 Min function: The lower threshold defines the trip point while the upper threshold for reset. The LIM trips when the selected measurement is less than the lower threshold for the programmed delay. When the measured value is higher than the upper setpoint, after the set delay, the LIM status is reset.
 Max function: The upper threshold defines the trip point while the lower threshold for reset. The LIM trips when the selected measurement is more than upper threshold for the programmed delay. When the measured value is below the lower setpoint, after the delay, the LIM status is reset.
 Max+Min function: Both thresholds are for tripping. When the measured value is less than the lower or more than the upper setpoint, then the LIM will trip after the respective delays. When the measured value returns within the limits, the LIM status will be immediately reset.
- Trip denotes either activation or de-activation of the LIM variable, depending on 'Normal status' setting.
- If the LIMn latch is enabled, the reset can be done only manually using the dedicated command in the commands menu.
- See setup menu M24.

- 1 - Type of measurement
- 2 - Upper threshold
- 3 - Threshold delay
- 4 - Lower threshold
- 5 - Status of the limit
- 6 - Measurement value
- 7 - Function



Remote-controlled variables (REMX)

- ALPTEC 8 can manage up to 16 remote-controlled variables (REM1...REM16).
- These are variables which status can be modified by the user through the communication protocol and that can be used in combination with outputs.
- Example: using a remote variable (REMX) as a source for an output (OUTx), it will be possible to freely energise or de-energise one relay through the supervision software. This allows to use the ALPTEC 8 output relays to drive lighting or similar loads.

User alarms (UAX)

- The user can define a maximum of 8 programmable alarms (UA1...UA8).
- For each alarm, it is possible to define:
 - The source, that is the condition that generates the alarm.
 - The message text, that is displayed when this condition takes place.
 - The alarm properties (just like for standard alarms), that is how the alarm interacts with the control of the power factor correction board.
- The condition that generates the alarm can be, for instance, the overcoming of a threshold. In this case, the source will be one of the limit thresholds LIMx.
- If instead, the alarm must be displayed depending on the status of an external digital input, then the source will be an INPx.
- For every alarm, the user can define a free-text message that is displayed on the alarms page.
- The properties of the user alarms can be defined in the same way as the normal alarms. You can choose whether a certain alarm will disconnect the steps, close the global alarm output, etc. See chapter Alarm properties.
- When several alarms are active at the same time, they are displayed sequentially and their total number is shown on the status bar.
- To clear an alarm programmed with latch, use the dedicated command in the commands menu.
- For alarm programming and definition, refer to setup menu M26.

Master-slave configuration

- The Master-Slave function is available and developed to further extend the flexibility of ALPTEC 8 application. It allows to use the controller in high power rated plants, for cascade systems of power factor correction panels, each with their own controller and associated capacitor banks.
- This solution allows to expand the power factor correction system in a modular way whenever there is an increased power requirement in the plant.
- In this configuration, measurements are made only by the first controller (Master) which controls a maximum of 32 logic steps, that are then sent to all the slave devices.
- The slave controllers drive their own steps as indicated by the master, while performing the “local” protections, such as panel or capacitor overtemperature, no-voltage release, harmonic protections, etc.
- The maximum possible configuration is one master with 8 slaves.

Example 1 (Application in parallel):

A system has 8 logic steps for 400 kvar in total. The system is arranged in two panels (master and slave). Each panel has 8 steps of 25 kvar each. The logic steps are programmed as 8 banks of 50 kvar. The first step is mapped on OUT1 both for the master and for slave 1, the same for step 2 on OUT2 for the master and the slave 1, and so on. When step 1 is activated, the first bank both of the master board (25kvar) and of the slave 1 (25 kvar) for a total of 50kvar will result connected. In this case, the parameter P02.07 Smallest step power must be set (on the master) at the resulting value of 50kvar.

Programming of the master:

Parameter	Value	Description
P02.07	50	50 kvar, 25 on the master and 25 on the slave for each step
P03.01.01...P03.08.01	1	All 8 logic steps are of 50kvar
P04.01.01...P04.08.01	Step 1...8	Outputs OUT1...OUT8 of the master are activated by logic steps 1...8
P05.01	COMx	COM port used for the link
P05.02	Master	Role of master
P05.03	ON	Enable slave 1
P06.01.01...P06.08.01	Step 1...8	Outputs OUT1...OUT8 of the slave are activated by logic steps 1...8

Programming of the master:

P05.02	Slave1	Role as slave1
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Example 2 (Application in series):

A system with 18 steps of 40kvar each is divided into three identical panels, each with 6 steps, 240kvar in total. For each slave panel, the 8 relay outputs of the controller are used as follows: the first six for the steps (OUT1...6), the seventh for the cooling fan (OUT7) and the last for the alarm (OUT8). On the master panel, there will be 18 logic 40kvar steps. The steps from 1 to 6 will be “mapped” on the outputs OUT1...6 of the master, those from 7 to 12 on the outputs OUT1...6 of slave 1 and finally the steps from 13 to 18 on the outputs OUT1...6 of slave 2. In this case, parameter P02.07 Smallest step power will have to be set (on the master) at 40kvar.

Programming of the master:

Parameter	Value	Description
P02.07	40	40 kvar
P03.01.01...P03.18.01	1	All the 18 logic steps are 40kvar
P04.01.01...P04.06.01	Step 1...6	Outputs OUT1...OUT6 of the master are activated by logic steps 1...6
P04.07.01	Fan	OUT7 of the master controls cooling fan
P04.08.01	All glb 1	OUT8 of the master controls global alarm 1
P05.01	COM1	Communication port used for the link
P05.02	Master	Role of master
P05.03...P05.04	ON	Enables slave 1 and slave 2
P06.01.01...P06.06.01	Step 7...12	Outputs OUT1...OUT6 of slave 1 are activated by logic steps 7...12
P06.07.01	Fan	OUT7 of slave 1 controls cooling fan
P06.08.01	Glb al 1	OUT8 of slave 1 controls global alarm 1
P07.01.01...P07.06.01	Step 13...18	Outputs OUT1...OUT6 of slave 2 are activated by logic steps 13...18
P07.07.01	Fan	OUT7 of slave 2 controls cooling fan
P07.08.01	Glb al 1	OUT8 of slave 2 controls global alarm 1

Programming of slave 1:

P05.02	Slave1	Role as slave1
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Programming of slave 2:

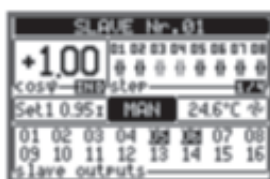
P05.02	Slave2	Role as slave2
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Master-slave configuration (continued)

- The communication between master and slaves is via an isolated RS485 communication module type ExtRS485 for each device; the maximum distance can be 1000m.
- All programming is done on the master controller: setting the type of system, the CT, the logic steps and step pairing between logic and physical outputs of the master and the slave. The program is then automatically extended to the slaves.
- On the slaves, it is necessary to only set the slave role (with parameter P05.02).
- All parameters relating to this function are grouped in menu M05.
- If the communication between master and slave is cut off, the fault is signalled by an alarm and all slave outputs are disconnected.



- To be sensitive to no-voltage release, the slaves must be connected to the line voltage while it is not necessary to connect the current measuring inputs.
- Each slave displays the main power factor correction data sent by the master, with the state of the 32 logic steps of the entire system (in the usual window at the top right) and the states of its local outputs in a window at the bottom.



- If there is an alarm in the system that involves all the steps (e.g. lack of current signal, overvoltage, no-voltage release, etc.), all the logic steps are then disconnected that is all the outputs of both the master and the slaves.
- If instead, an alarm occurs that affects only one of the panels (either a master or slave), such as temperature or harmonics protection, then only outputs that control the steps involved in the panel in alarm are de-energised, while the rest of the system continues to work, even if with a limited efficiency.
- Each alarm has a specific property, called Slave disconnection; it indicates if the alarm has implications for the entire system (property set to General) or only on the panel concerned (Local). See the alarms table.

IR Programming port

- The parameters of the ALPTEC 8 can be configured through the front optical port, using the IR-USB programming dongle, type CX01, or with the IR-WiFi dongle, type CX02.
- This programming port has the following advantages:
 - You can configure and service the ALPTEC 8 without having to access the device at the rear or to open the electrical panel.
 - It is galvanically isolated from the internal circuits of the ALPTEC 8, guaranteeing the greatest safety for the operator.
 - High speed data transfer.
 - IP54 front panel protection degree.
 - Limits the possibility of unauthorised access with device configuration.
- Simply hold the CX... dongle in front of the panel and insert the pins on the relevant connectors; the devices will recognise each other as shown by the green colour of the LINK LED on the programming dongle.



USB programming dongle type CX01

Parameter setting (setup) with PC

- You can use the remote control software to transfer setup parameters (previously programmed) from the ALPTEC 8 to the PC hard drive and vice versa.
- The parameters can be partially transferred from the PC to the ALPTEC 8, by transferring only the parameters of specific menus.
- In addition to the parameter setup, the PC can be used as follows:
 - Logo customising, displayed at power-up and every time you exit keyboard setup.
 - Creating an information page where you can enter application information, characteristics, data, etc.

Parameter setting (Setup) from front panel

- To open the parameters programming menu (setup):
 - Put the device in MAN mode and disconnect all the steps.
 - With measurements page viewed, press to call up the main menu.
 - Select icon . If it is disabled (displayed in grey), you must enter the password (See chapter Password access).
 - Press again to open the setup menu.
- The table shown below is displayed, with the setting submenus for all the parameters on the basis of their function.
- Select the required menu with key or and confirm with .
- Press to return to the values view.



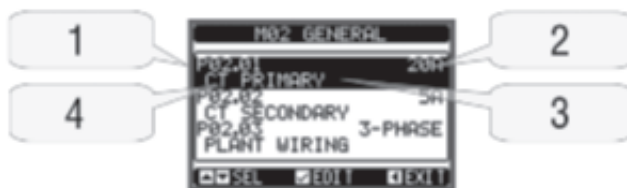
Setting: Menu selection

- The following table lists the available submenus:

Code	Menu	Description
M01	UTILITY	Language, brightness, display pages, etc.
M02	GENERAL	Panel/system data
M03	STEPS	Capacitor step configuration
M04	MASTER OUTPUTS	Programmable outputs of master device
M05	MASTER / SLAVE	Device role (master or slave)
M06	SLAVE1 OUTPUTS	Programmable outputs of slave device 01
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M13	SLAVE8 OUTPUTS	Programmable outputs of slave device 08
M14	PROG. INPUTS	Programmable digital inputs
M15	PASSWORD	Password access management
M16	COMMUNICATION	Communication channels parameters
M17	BASE PROTECTIONS	Basic protections of the panel
M18	HARMONIC PROT.	Harmonic protection (ExtHarm module)
M19	MISCELLANEOUS	Various settings
M20	LIMIT THRESHOLDS	Limit thresholds on measurements
M21	COUNTERS	General programmable counters
M22	ANALOG INPUTS	Programmable analog inputs
M23	ANALOG OUTPUTS	Programmable analog outputs
M24	ENERGY PULSES	Pulses for energy meters increment
M25	USER ALARMS	Programmable user alarms
M26	ALARM PROPERTIES	Actions caused by alarms

- Select the submenu and press to show the parameters.
- Each parameter is shown with code, description and current setting value.

- 1 - Parameter code
- 2 - Current setting value
- 3 - Selected parameter
- 4 - Parameter description



Setting: Parameter selection

- To modify the setting of one parameter, select it and then press .
- If the Advanced level access code has not been entered, it is not possible to enter editing page and an access denied message is shown.
- If instead, the access rights are confirmed, then the editing screen is shown.

- 1 - Selected parameter
- 2 - New value entered
- 3 - Maximum possible setting
- 4 - Factory default setting
- 5 - Graph bar of the value-range
- 6 - Minimum possible setting



Setting: Page editing

Parameter setting (Setup) from front panel (continued)

- When the editing screen is displayed, the parameter setting can be modified with ◀ and ▶ keys. The screen shows the new setting while a graphic bar shows the setting range, the maximum and minimum, previous setting and factory default values.
- Pressing ◀ + ▲, the value is set to the minimum possible while with ▲ + ▶, it is set to the maximum.
- Pressing simultaneously ◀ + ▶, the setting is restored to factory default.
- During the entry of a text string, keys ▲ and ▼ are used to select the alphanumeric character while ◀ and ▶ are used to move the cursor along the text string. Pressing keys ▲ and ▼ simultaneously will move the character selection straight to letter "A".
- Press ✓ to go back to the parameter selection. The entered value is stored.
- Press ◀ to save all the settings and to quit the setup menu. The controller executes a reset and returns to normal operation.
- If the user does not press any key for more than 2 minutes, the system leaves the setup automatically and goes back to normal viewing without saving the changes done on parameters.
- Take into account a backup copy of the setup data (settings that can be modified using the keyboard) can be saved in the EEPROM memory of the ALPTEC 8. This data can be restored, when necessary, in the work memory. The data backup copy and restore commands can be found in the commands menu.

Parameter tables

- Below are listed all the programming parameters in tabular form. For each parameter, the possible setting range and factory default are indicated as well as a brief explanation of the function of the parameter. The description of the parameter shown on the display can in some cases be different than what is given in the table because of the reduced number of characters available. The parameter code can be used however as a reference.

Note: The parameters shown in the table with a shaded background are essential to the operation of the system thus they represent the minimum programming required for operation.

M01 – UTILITY		UoM	Default	Range
P01.01	Language		English	English Italian French Spanish Portuguese German Polish Czech Russian Custom
P01.02	Set clock at system power on	%	OFF	OFF-ON
P01.03	LCD contrast	%	50	0-100
P01.04	Display backlight high intensity	%	100	0-100
P01.05	Display backlight low intensity	s	25	0-50
P01.06	Time to switch to low backlighting	s	180	5-600
P01.07	Return to default page		60	OFF / 10-600
P01.08	Default page		main	page list)
P01.09	System description		(empty)	String 20 chr.

P01.01 – Select display text language.

P01.02 – Automatic clock setting activation access after power-up.

P01.03 – LCD contrast adjustment.

P01.04 – Display backlight high adjustment.

P01.05 – Display backlight low adjustment.

P01.06 – Low display backlight delay.

P01.07 – Default page display restore delay when no key pressed. If set to OFF, the display will always show the last page manually selected.

P01.08 – Default page displayed at power-up and after delay.

P01.09 – Free text with alphanumeric identifier name of specific panel/system. If a description is set here, it will be shown as title of the main page. The same description is also used as identification for remote alarm/event reporting via SMS/email.

M02 - GENERAL		UoM	Default	Range
P02.01	CT primary	A	OFF	OFF/1-30000
P02.02	CT secondary	A	5	1 / 5
P02.03	Type of plant installation		Three-phase	Three-phase Single phase
P02.04	Current reading phase		L1	L1 L2 L3 L1 L2 L3
P02.05	CT polarity		Aut	Aut - Dir - Rev
P02.06	Voltage reading phase		L2-L3	L1-L2 L2-L3 L3-L1 L1-N L2-N L3-N L1-L2-L3 L1-L2-L3-N
P02.07	Smallest step power	kvar	1.00	0.10 – 10000
P02.08	Capacitor rated voltage	V	410	50 – 50000

Parameter tables (continued)

M02 - GENERAL		UoM	Default	Range
P02.09	Rated frequency	Hz	Aut	Aut - 50Hz - 60Hz - Variable
P02.10	Reconnection time	s	180	1-30000
P02.11	Sensitivity	s	30	1-1000
P02.12	Disconnection sensitivity	s	OFF	OFF / 1 – 600
P02.13	Setpoint cosphi 1 (standard)		0.96 IND	0.50 IND – 0.50 CAP
P02.14	Setpoint cosphi 2		0.96 IND	0.50 IND – 0.50 CAP
P02.15	Setpoint cosphi 3		0.96IND	0.50 IND – 0.50 CAP
P02.16	Setpoint cosphi generating		0.96 IND	0.50 IND – 0.50 CAP
P02.17	Setpoint + clearance		0.00	0 – 0.10
P02.18	Setpoint - clearance		0.00	0 – 0.10
P02.19	Step disconnection when generating		OFF	OFF - ON
P02.20	System rated current	A	Aut	Aut / 1 – 30000
P02.21	System rated voltage	V	Aut	Aut / 100 – 60000
P02.22	System voltage type		LV	LV - LV / MV - MV
P02.23	VT usage		OFF	OFF - ON
P02.24	VT1 primary	V	100	50-50000
P02.25	VT1 secondary	V	100	50-500
P02.26	VT2 primary	V	100	50-50000
P02.27	VT2 secondary	V	100	50-500
P02.28	Step insertion mode		Standard	Standard Linear Fast
P02.29	Static switching delay	cycles	3	1-20
P02.30	Tanphi setpoint enable		OFF	OFF - ON
P02.31	Tanphi setpoint		0	-1.732 to +1.732

P02.01 – The value of the primary current transformer. Example: with CT 800/5A set 800.

If set to OFF, after the power-up the device will prompt you to set the CT and allow direct access to this parameter.

P02.02 – Value of the secondary of the current transformers. Example: With CT 800/5A, set 5.

P02.04 – Defines on which and on how many phases the device reads the current signal. The wiring of current inputs must match the value set for this parameter. Supports all possible combinations of parameter P02.06.

P02.05 – Reading the connection polarity of the CTs.

Aut = Polarity is automatically detected at power up. It can be used when working with one CT only and when the system has no generator device.

Dir = Automatic detection disabled. Direct connection.

Rev = Automatic detection disabled. Reverse wiring.

P02.06 – Defines on which and on how many phases the device reads the voltage signal.

The wiring of voltage inputs must match the setting for this parameter. Supports all possible combinations of parameter P02.04.

P02.07 – Value in kvar of the smallest step installed (equivalent to the step weight 1). Rated power of the capacitor bank provided at the rated voltage specified in P02.08 and referred to the total of the three capacitors for three-phase applications.

P02.08 – Rated nameplate voltage of capacitors, at which the specified power of P02.07 is supplied. If the capacitors are used at a voltage different (lower) than rated one, the resulting power is automatically recalculated by the device.

P02.09 – Working frequency of the system. **Auto** = Automatic selection between 50 and 60 Hz at power up. **50Hz** = Fixed at 50 Hz.

60Hz = Fixed to 60 Hz. **Variable** = Measured continuously and adjusted.

P02.10 – Minimum time that must elapse between the disconnection of one step and the subsequent reconnection both in MAN and AUT. During this time, the number of the steps on the main page is shown in light grey.

P02.11 – Connection sensitivity. This parameter sets the speed of reaction of the controller.

With low values, regulation is fast (more accurate around the setpoint but with more step switchings). With high values instead, there are slower regulation reactions with fewer switchings of the steps. The delay time of the reaction is inversely proportional to the request of steps to reach the setpoint: waiting time = (sensitivity / number of steps required).

Example: Setting the sensitivity to 60s, if you require the connection of one step of weight 1, expected time is 60s (60/1 = 60). If instead, a total of 4 steps is needed, expected time is 15s (60/4 = 15).

P02.12 – Disconnection sensitivity. Same as the previous parameter but related to disconnection. If set to OFF, the disconnection has the same reaction time as connection set with the previous parameter.

P02.13 – Setpoint (target value) of the power factor (cosphi). Value used for standard applications.

P02.14 – **P02.15** – Alternative setpoints selectable with combinations of digital inputs programmed with the appropriate function.

P02.16 – Setpoint used when the system is generating active power to the supplier (with negative active power / power factor).

P02.17 – **P02.18** – Tolerance for the setpoint. When the cosphi is within the range delimited by these parameters, in AUT mode the device does not connect / disconnect steps even if the delta-kvar is greater than the smallest step.

Note: + means “tends to inductive”, - means “tends to capacitive”.

P02.19 – If set to ON, when the system is giving active power to the supplier (generation = negative active power and power factor), all steps are disconnected.

P02.20 – Rated current of the system. Value used for the full scale of the bar graphs and for setting the current thresholds, expressed as a percentage.

If set to Aut, then the value of P02.01 (CT primary) is used.

P02.21 – Rated voltage of the system. Value used for the full scale of the bar graphs and setting the voltage thresholds, expressed as a percentage.

If set to Aut, then the value of P02.08 (rated voltage of capacitors) is used.

P02.22 – Type of system voltage. Depending on the setting of this parameter, the appropriate wiring diagrams must be used. See at the end of the manual.

P02.23 ... P02.27 – Data of VTs eventually used in the wiring diagrams.

Parameter tables (continued)

P02.28 – Selection of step connection mode

Standard = Normal operation with free selection of the steps.

Linear = The steps are connected in progression from left towards right only, following the step number and according to the LIFO (Last In First Out) logic. When the system steps are of different ratings, the controller will not connect a step if the set-point value would be exceeded.

Fast = Fast switching for use with static/thyristor modules and parameter P03.n.02 set to Static.

P02.29 – After having closed one step output, the measurement acquisition is suspended for the number of periods (cycles) specified by this parameter, in order to allow the external static module to connect the capacitors. This function avoids regulation oscillations. Set this value according to the technical characteristics (closing time) declared by the manufacturer of the static module.

P02.30 – Enables the setting of the setpoint as Tangent of displacement phase angle (Tanphi) instead of Cosine (Cosphi). Used as a reference by the energy providers of some European countries.

P02.31 – Value of the Tanphi setpoint. Negative Tanphi values correspond to capacitive Cosphi.

M03 - STEPS (STPn, n=1...32)		UoM	Default	Range
P03.n.01	Step weight		OFF	OFF/ 1 – 99
P03.n.02	Step insertion type		Contacteur	Contacteur

Note: This menu is divided into 32 sections that refer to 32 possible logic steps STP1...STP32 which can be managed by the ALPTEC 8.

P03.n.01 – Weight of step n, referred to the value of the smallest step. The number that indicates the multiple of the power of the current step with reference to the smallest set at P02.07. If set to OFF, the step is disabled and will not be used.

P03.n.02 – Type of device designated for step insertion. **Contacteur** = Electromechanical switching by contactor. For this step, the reconnection time is used.

Static = Electronic switching by thyristor module. For this step, the reconnection time is not considered. Used for Fast power factor correction.

M04 –MASTER OUTPUTS (OUTn, n=1...16)		UoM	Default	Range
P04.n.01	Output OUTn function		n=1...8 Step x	See Output function table
			n=9...16 OFF	
P04.n.02	Channel number x		n=1...8 x=1...8	OFF/1 – 99
			n=9...16 x=1	
P04.n.03	Normal/Reverse output		NOR	NOR - REV

Note: This menu is divided into 16 sections that refer to 16 possible digital outputs OUT01...OUT16, which can be managed by the master ALPTEC 8; OUT01..OUT08 on the base device and OUT09...OUT16 on eventual installed expansion modules.

P04.n.01 – Choice of the function for the selected output (see programmable outputs functions table).

P04.n.02 – Channel number associated with the function programmed in the previous parameter. Example: If the output function is set to Alarm Axx and you want this output to be energised for alarm A31, then set the value to 31.

P04.n.03 – Sets the state of the output when P04.n.01 is inactive (OFF): NOR = Output de-energised; REV = Output energised.

M03 - STEPS (STPn, n=1...32)		UoM	Default	Range
P05.01	Master-Slave function		OFF	OFF COM1 COM2
P05.02	Device role		Master	Master Slave01 Slave02 Slave03 ... Slave08
P05.03	Slave 1 enable		OFF	OFF-ON
P05.04	Slave 2 enable		OFF	OFF-ON
P05.05	Slave 3 enable		OFF	OFF-ON
P05.06	Slave 4 enable		OFF	OFF-ON
P05.07	Slave 5 enable		OFF	OFF-ON
P05.08	Slave 6 enable		OFF	OFF-ON
P05.09	Slave 7 enable		OFF	OFF-ON
P05.10	Slave 8 enable		OFF	OFF-ON

P05.01 – Defines whether the system is used in master-slave configuration or not. With OFF, the system works with a single controller (normal configuration).

If COM1 or COM2 is set, working in master-slave mode, the setting indicates which channel is used to communicate between controllers.

P05.02 – Defines whether the current device is a master or a slave and in this case, which is its number.

P05.03... P05.10 – Enables the operation of individual slaves.

Parameter tables (continued)

M06 - SLAVE 01 OUTPUTS (n=1...16)		UoM	Default	Range
P06.n.01	Output OUTn function		n=1...8 Step x	See Output function table
			n=9...16 OFF	
P06.n.02	Channel number x		n=1...8 x=1...8	OFF/1 – 99
			n=9...16 x=1	
P06.n.03	Output normal/reversed		NOR	NOR - REV

Note: This menu is divided into 16 sections that refer to 16 possible digital outputs OUT01...OUT16, which can be managed by the ALPTEC 8 slave 1; OUT01..OUT08 on the base device and OUT09...OUT16 on eventual expansion modules installed.

P06.n.01 – Choice of the function for the selected output (see programmable output functions table).

P06.n.02 – Channel number associated with the function programmed in the previous parameter. Example: If the output function is set to Alarm Axx and this output is to be energised for alarm A31, then set the value 31.

P06.n.03 – Sets the state of the output when P06.n.01 is inactive (OFF): **NOR** = Output de-energised; **REV** = Output energised.

M07 – SLAVE 02 OUTPUTS (n=1...16)		UoM	Default	Range
P07.n.01	Output OUTn function		n=1...8 Step x	See Output function table
			n=9...16 OFF	
P07.n.02	Channel number x		n=1...8 x=1...8	OFF/1 – 99
			n=9...16 x=1	
P07.n.03	Output normal/reversed		NOR	NOR - REV

As previous menu but referred to slave 02.

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M13 – SLAVE 08 OUTPUTS (n=1...16)		UoM	Default	Range
P13.n.01	Output OUTn function		n=1...8 Step x	See Output function table
			n=9...16 OFF	
P13.n.02	Channel number x		n=1...8 x=1...8	OFF/1 – 99
			n=9...16 x=1	
P13.n.03	Output normal/reversed		NOR	NOR - REV

As previous menu but referred to slave 08.

Output function table

- The following table shows all the functions that can be attributed to the OUTn programmable digital outputs.
- Each output can be configured so it has a normal or reverse (NOR or REV) function.
- Some functions require another numeric parameter, defined in the channel number x specified by parameter **P04.n.02**.
- Refer to menu M04 Master outputs and M06...M13 Slave outputs for more details.

Function	Description
OFF	Output always de-energised
ON	Output always energised
Step x	Capacitor step no.x
Global alarm 1	Energised when global alarm 1 is active
Global alarm 2	Energised when global alarm 2 is active
Global alarm 3	Energised when global alarm 3 is active
Fan	Panel ventilation fan
Manual mode	Active when the controller is in MAN mode
Automatic mode	Active when the controller is in AUT mode
Limit threshold LIMx	Output driven by LIM limits (x= 1...16)
Pulse PULx	Output driven by PUL pulses (x = 1...6)
Remote variable REMx	Output is remotely controlled by REM variable
Alarms A01-Axx	When the selected Axx alarm is present, the output is activated (xx= 01... alarm number)
Alarms UA1..UAX	When the selected UAx user alarm is present, the output is activated (x=1... 8)

Output function table (continued)

M14 – PROGRAMMABLE INPUTS (INPn, n=1...8)		UoM	Default	Range
P14.n.01	INPn input function		OFF	(see Input functions table)
P14.n.02	Channel number x		OFF	OFF / 1...99
P14.n.03	Type of contact		NO	NO/NC
P14.n.04	Delay ON	S	0.05	0.00-600.00
P14.n.05	Delay OFF	S	0.05	0.00-600.00

Note: This menu is divided into 8 sections that refer to 8 possible digital inputs

P14.n.01 – Choice of the function for the selected input (see programmable input functions table).

P14.n.02 – Channel number associated with the function programmed in the previous parameter. Example: If the input function is set to Cxx commands menu execution and you want this input to perform command C07 of the commands menu, then set the value 7.

P14.n.03 – Select the type of contact: **NO** (Normally Open) or **NC** (Normally Closed).

P14.n.04 – Contact closing delay for selected input.

P14.n.05 – Contact opening delay for selected input.

Input functions table

- The following table shows all the functions that can be attributed to the INPn programmable digital inputs.
- Each input can be set for an reverse function (NO - NC), delayed energising or de-energising at independently set times.
- Some functions require another numeric parameter, defined in the channel number x specified by parameter **P14.n.02**.
- Refer to menu M14 Programmable inputs for more details.

Function	Description
OFF	Disabled input
Configurable	Free user configurable input INPx. Used for instance to generate a user alarm UA or to count on a CNT counter
Automatic mode	When active, switches system to AUT mode
Manual mode	When active, switches system to MAN mode
Select cosphi setpoint	When active, selects the cosphi setpoint x (x=1...3)
Keyboard lock	Locks front keyboard
Settings lock	Locks access to setup menu and commands menu
Alarm inhibition	Selectively disables alarms having inhibit property set to ON.

M15 – PASSWORD		UoM	Default	Range
P15.01	Enable password		OFF	OFF-ON
P15.02	User level password		1000	0-9999
P15.03	Advanced level password		2014	0-9999
P15.04	Remote access password		OFF	OFF/1-9999

P15.01 – If set to OFF, password management is disabled and anyone has access to the settings and commands menu.

P15.02 – With P15.01 enabled, this is the code number to access user level. See Password access chapter.

P15.03 – As per P15.02 but referred to Advanced level access.

P15.04 – If set to a numeric value, this becomes the code to specify via serial communication before sending commands from a remote control site.

M16 – COMMUNICATION (COMn, n=1...2)		UoM	Default	Range
P16.n.01	Node serial address		01	01-255
P16.n.02	Serial port speed	bps	9600	1200 2400 4800 9600 19200 38400 57600 115200
P16.n.03	Data format		8 bit – n	8 bit - no parity (n) 8 bit, odd 8 bit, even 7 bit, odd 7 bit, even
P16.n.04	Stop bits		1	1-2
P16.n.05	Protocol		Modbus RTU	Modbus RTU Modbus ASCII Modbus TCP
P16.n.06	IP address		192.168.1.1	000.000.000.000 – 255.255.255.255
P16.n.07	Subnet mask		255.255.255.0	000.000.000.000 – 255.255.255.255
P16.n.08	IP port		1001	0-9999
P16.n.09	Channel function		Slave	Slave Gateway Mirror
P16.n.10	Client / server		Server	Client / Server
P16.n.11	Remote IP address		000.000.000.000	000.000.000.000 – 255.255.255.255
P16.n.12	Remote IP port		1001	0-9999
P16.n.13	IP gateway address		000.000.000.000	000.000.000.000 – 255.255.255.255

Input functions table (continued)

Note: This menu is divided into 2 sections for communication channels COM1...2.

The front IR communication port has fixed communication parameters, so no setup is required.

P16.n.01 – Serial (node) address of the communication protocol.

P16.n.02 – Communication port transmission speed.

P16.n.03 – Data format. 7 bit settings can be used for ASCII protocol only.

P16.n.04 – Stop bit number.

P16.n.05 – Select communication protocol.

P16.n.06...P16.n.08 – TCP-IP coordinates for Ethernet interface applications. Not used with other types of communication modules.

P16.n.09 – Role of the communication channel. **Slave** = Slave Modbus. **Gateway** = Bridge between the Ethernet and serial ports.

Mirror = Remote panel mirror (reserved/function not operative yet).

P16.n.10 – Enabling TCP-IP connection. **Server** = Awaits connection from a remote client. **Client** = Establishes a connection to the remote server.

P16.n.11...P16.n.13 – Coordinates for the connection to the remote server when P16.n.10 is set to Client.

M17 – BASIC PROTECTIONS		UoM	Default	Range
P17.01	Temperature unit of measure		°C	°C / °F
P17.02	Internal panel temperature measurement source		Internal sensor	Internal sensor / AINx / NTCx
P17.03	Channel number x		1	1-99
P17.04	Fan start temperature	°	35	0-212
P17.05	Fan stop temperature	°	30	0-212
P17.06	Internal panel temperature alarm threshold	°	45	0-212
P17.07	Capacitor current overload		ON	OFF - ON
P17.08	Capacitor current overload threshold	%	105	OFF / 100 – 150
P17.09	Immediate step disconnection threshold	%	110	OFF / 100 – 200
P17.10	Current overload alarm reset time	min	5	1 – 30
P17.11	Step trimming		ON	OFF - ON
P17.12	Faulty step alarm threshold	%	75	OFF / 25...100
P17.13	Maximum voltage threshold	%	107	OFF / 90...150
P17.14	Minimum voltage threshold	%	80	OFF / 60...110

P17.02 – Defines which sensor is providing the temperature measurement inside the panel: **Internal sensor** – Sensor built into the controller; **AINx** – Temperature by PT100 input on Ext1004 expansion module; **NTCx** – Temperature by NTC input on ExtHarm expansion module.

P17.03 – Channel number, relative to the previous parameter.

P17.04 – **P17.05** - Start and stop temperature for the cooling fan of the panel, expressed in the unit set by P17.01.

P17.06 – Threshold for alarm generation A07 Panel temperature too high.

P17.07 – Enables the measurement of the capacitor current overload, calculated from the waveform of the applied voltage.

Note: This protection can only be used if the capacitors are not equipped with filtering devices such as inductors or similar.

P17.08 – Trip threshold of capacitor overload protection (alarm A08) triggered after a integral delay time that is inversely proportional to the overload value.

P17.09 – Threshold beyond which the overload tripping integral delay is zeroed, causing the immediate tripping of the protection and alarm.

P17.10 – Delay time for the overload alarm resetting.

P17.11 – Enables the measurement of the actual power of the steps, performed each time they are connected. The measurement is calculated, since the current drawn is referred to the whole load of the installation. The measured power of the steps is adjusted (trimmed) after each switching and is displayed on the step life statistics page.

P17.12 – Percentage threshold of the residual power of the steps, compared with the original power programmed in main menu. Below this threshold, alarm A10 step failure is generated.

P17.13 – Maximum voltage alarm threshold, referred to the rated voltage set with P02.21, above which alarm A06 Voltage too high is generated.

P17.14 – Undervoltage alarm threshold, referred to the rated voltage set with P02.21, below which alarm A05 voltage too low is generated.

M18 – HARMONIC PROTECTION (HARn, n=1...4)		UoM	Default	Range
P18.n.01	CT primary	A	5	1 - 30000
P18.n.02	CT secondary	A	5	1 / 5
P18.n.03	CT wiring		2 in Aron	2 in Aron 1 balanced
P18.n.04	Rated current	A	5	1 - 30000
P18.n.05	CT positioning		Global	Global Step 1 Step 2 Step 8
P18.n.06	Current limit	%	OFF	OFF / 100 - 200
P18.n.07	Current THD Limit	%	OFF	OFF / 1 – 200
P18.n.08	5rd Harmonic current limit	%	OFF	OFF / 1 – 200
P18.n.09	7th Harmonic current limit	%	OFF	OFF / 1 – 200
P18.n.10	11th Harmonic current limit	%	OFF	OFF / 1 – 200
P18.n.11	13th Harmonic current limit	%	OFF	OFF / 1 – 200
P18.n.12	Temperature alarm threshold 1	°	55	OFF / 1-212
P18.n.13	Temperature alarm threshold 2	°	55	OFF / 1-212

Input functions table (continued)

Note: Parameters in this menu are referred to protections that are available only when using the harmonic protection module ExtHarm.

P18.n.01 – P18.n.02 – CT primary and secondary values used for current measurement in power factor correction panel and connected to the harmonic protection module.

P18.n.03 – Current measurement wiring mode:

2 in Aron – Reading of three currents (3-phase) with two CT in Aron configuration.

1 balanced – Reading of a single current with the single CT.

P18.n.04 – Rated current flowing in the power factor correction branch under normal conditions.

P18.n.05 – Branch of the circuit where measuring CTs are located for harmonic protection.

P18.n.06 – Max current threshold in the power factor correction branch, used to generate alarm A11.

P18.n.07 – Current THD maximum threshold in the power factor correction branch and used to generate alarm A12.

P18.n.08 – 5th harmonic content threshold in the power factor correction branch and used to generate alarm A13.

P18.n.09 – 7th harmonic content threshold in the power factor correction branch and used to generate alarm A14.

P18.n.10 – 11th harmonic content threshold in the power factor correction branch and used to generate alarm A15.

P18.n.11 – 13th harmonic content threshold in the power factor correction branch and used to generate alarm A16.

P18.n.12 – P18.n.13 – Maximum temperature thresholds 1 and 2 on the sensors connected to the harmonic protection module.

Used to generate alarms A17 and A18.

M19 - MISCELLANEOUS		UoM	Default	Range
P19.01	Disconnection of steps when switching to MAN mode		ON	OFF/ON
P19.02	Maintenance interval 1	h	4380	1 - 30000
P19.03	Maintenance mode 1		Always	Always Step inserted
P19.04	Maintenance interval 2	h	4380	1 - 30000
P19.05	Maintenance mode 2		Always	Always Step inserted
P19.06	Maintenance interval 3	h	9000	1 - 30000
P19.07	Maintenance mode 3		Steps ins.	Always Step inserted

P19.01 – If set to ON, when switching from AUT to MAN mode, steps are disconnected in sequence.

P19.02...P19.07 – Defines three intervals of scheduled maintenance. For each of the three intervals, the duration in hours and the counting mode can be set.

Always = Count always active when the controller is powered.

Steps ins. = Hour count is incremented only when one or more steps are inserted/connected. When the time elapses, alarms, respectively A20, A21, A22, are generated (alarms must be enabled).

M20 - LIMIT THRESHOLDS (LIMn, n=1...16)		UoM	Default	Range
P20.n.01	Reference measurement		OFF	OFF- (measurement)
P20.n.02	Channel number x		1	OFF / 1-99
P20.n.03	Function		Max	Max - Min - Min+Max
P20.n.04	Upper threshold		0	-9999 to +9999
P20.n.05	Multiplier		x1	/100 to x100k
P20.n.06	Delay	s	0	0.0 – 600.0
P20.n.07	Lower threshold		0	-9999 to +9999
P20.n.08	Multiplier		x1	/100 to x100k
P20.n.09	Delay	s	0	0.0 – 600.0
P20.n.10	Idle state		OFF	OFF-ON
P20.n.11	Memory		OFF	OFF-ON

Note: This menu is divided into 16 sections for the limit thresholds LIM1...16

P20.n.01 – Defines to which ALPTEC 8 measurements the limit threshold applies.

P20.n.02 – The channel is defined when the reference measurement is an internal multichannel measurement (AINx for example).

P20.n.03 – Defines the operating mode of the limit threshold.

Max = LIMn enabled when the measurement exceeds P20.n.04 and P20.n.07 is the reset threshold.

Min = LIMn enabled when the measurement is less than P20.n.07 and P20.n.04 is the reset threshold.

Min+Max = LIMn enabled when the measurement is greater than P20.n.04 or less than P20.n.07.

P20.n.04 - P20.n.05 – Define the upper threshold, obtained by multiplying value P20.n.04 by P20.n.05.

P20.n.06 – Upper threshold tripping delay.

P20.n.07...P20.n.09 – As above but referred to the lower threshold.

P20.n.10 – Inverts the state of limit LIMn.

P20.n.11 – Defines whether the threshold remains latched and is cleared manually through commands menu (in ON) or if it resets automatically (in OFF).

M21 - COUNTERS (CNTn, n=1...8)		UoM	Default	Range
P21.n.01	Count source		OFF	OFF-ON-INPx-OUTx- LIMx-REMx
P21.n.02	Channel number x		1	OFF / 1-99
P21.n.03	Multiplier		1	1-1000
P21.n.04	Divisor		1	1-1000
P21.n.05	Description of the counter		CNTn	(Text - 16 characters)
P21.n.06	Unit of measure		Umn	(Text - 6 characters)
P21.n.07	Reset source		OFF	OFF-ON-INPx-OUTx- LIMx-REMx
P21.n.08	Channel number x		1	OFF / 1-99

Input functions table (continued)

Note: This menu is divided into 8 sections for counters CNT1...8.

P21.n.01 – Signal that increments the count (on rising edge). This can be at ALPTEC 8 power up (ON), when a threshold is exceeded (LIMx) or an external input is enabled (INPx), etc.

P21.n.02 – Channel number x with reference to the previous parameter.

P21.n.03 – Multiplier K. The counted pulses are multiplied by this value before being displayed.

P21.n.04 – Fractional K. The counted pulses are divided by this value before being displayed. If other than 1, the counter is displayed with 2 decimal points.

P21.n.05 – Counter description. 16-character free text.

P21.n.06 – Counter unit of measure. 6-character free text.

P21.n.07 – Signal that clears the count. As long as this signal is enabled, the count remains at zero.

P21.n.08 – Channel number x with reference to the previous parameter

M22 – ANALOG INPUTS (AINn, n=1...4)		UoM	Default	Range
P22.n.01	Input type		OFF	OFF 0...20mA 4...20mA 0...10V -5V...+5V PT100
P22.n.02	Start scale value		0	-9999 to +9999
P22.n.03	Multiplier		x1	/100 to x1k
P22.n.04	End scale value		100	-9999 to +9999
P22.n.05	Multiplier		x1	/100 to x1k
P22.n.06	Description		AINn	Text - 16 characters)
P22.n.07	Unit of measure		UMn	Text - 6 characters)

Note: This menu is divided into 4 sections for the analog inputs AIN1...AIN4, available with the dedicated expansion modules.

P22.n.01 – Specifies the type of sensor connected to the analog input. The sensor should be connected to the appropriate terminal for the type selected. See expansion module manual.

P22.n.02 – **P22.n.03** – Define the value to display for a sensor signal at minimum, i.e. start scale range defined by the type (0mA, 4mA, 0V, -5V).

Note: These parameters are not used for a PT100 sensor type.

P22.n.04 – **P22.n.05** – Define the value to display for a sensor signal at maximum, i.e. start scale range defined by the type (20mA, 10V, +5V).

Note: These parameters are not used for a type PT100 sensor.

P22.n.06 – Description of measurements associated with analog input. 16-character free text.

P22.n.07 – Unit of measure. 6-character free text. If the input is a type PT100 and the unit of measure is °F, the temperature will be displayed in degrees Fahrenheit, otherwise it will be in degrees Celsius

Application example: The analog input AIN3 must read a 4...20mA signal from an electronic level sensor, that will be shown on the display with the description

'Reserve fuel tank level', with a full scale of 1500 litres.

So, section 3 of this menu that is referred to AIN3 is programmed as follows:

P22.3.01 = 4...20mA

P22.3.02 = 0

P22.3.03 = x1

P22.3.04 = 1500

P22.3.05 = x1

P22.3.06 = Reserve tank level

P22.3.07 = Litres.

M23 – ANALOG OUTPUTS (AOUn, n=1...4)		UoM	Default	Range
P23.n.01	Output type		OFF	OFF 0...20mA 4...20mA 0...10V -5V...+5V
P23.n.02	Reference measurement		OFF	OFF- (measurement)
P23.n.03	Channel number x		1	OFF / 1-99
P23.n.04	Start scale value		0	-9999 to +9999
P23.n.05	Multiplier		x1	/100 to x100k
P23.n.06	End scale value		0	-9999 to +9999
P23.n.07	Multiplier		x1	/100 to x100k

Note: This menu is divided into 4 sections for the analog outputs AOU1...AOU4 available when dedicated expansion module is used.

P23.n.01 – Specifies the type of output analog signal. The sensor should be connected to the appropriate terminal on the basis of the type selected. See expansion module manual.

P23.n.02 – Measurement on which the analog output value depends.

P23.n.03 – The channel is defined when the reference measurement is an internal multichannel measurement (AINx for instance).

P23.n.04 – **P23.n.05** – Define the measurement value that corresponds to start scale (minimum) range (0mA, 4mA, 0V, -5V).

P23.n.06 – **P23.n.07** – Define the measurement value that corresponds to end scale (maximum) range (20mA, 10V, +5V).

Application example: The analog output AOU2 must emit a 0..20mA signal proportional to the total active power, from 0 to 500kW.

So, section 2 of this menu that is referred to AOU2 is programmed as follows.

P23.2.01 = 0...20mA

P23.2.02 = kW tot

P23.2.03 = 1 (not used)

P23.2.04 = 0

P23.2.05 = x1

P23.2.06 = 500

P23.2.07 = x1k.

Input functions table (continued)

M24 – PULSES (PULn, n=1...6)		UoM	Default	Range
P24.n.01	Pulse source		OFF	OFF-kWh-kvarh-kVAh
P24.n.02	Counting unit		100	10/100/1k/10k
P24.n.03	Pulse duration	S	0.1	0.1-1.00

Note: This menu is divided into 6 sections, for the generation of energy consumption pulse variables PUL1...PUL6.

P24.n.01 – Defines which energy meter should generate the pulse of the 6 possible meters managed by the ALPTEC 8.

kWh = Active energy; **kvarh** = Reactive energy; **kVAh** = Apparent energy.

P24.n.02 – The quantity of energy which must accumulate for pulse emission (for example 10Wh, 100Wh, 1kWh, etc.).

P24.n.03 – Pulse duration.

Application example: For every 0.1 kWh output, a pulse of 500ms has to be generated on output OUT10.

First of all, an internal pulse variable needs to be generated, for instance PUL1. So, section 1 of this menu is programmed as follows:

P24.1.01 = kWh (active energy)

P24.1.02 = 100Wh (corresponding to 0.1 kWh)

P24.1.03 = 0.5

Now, output OUT10 (in menu M04) is set as follows linking it to pulse variable PUL1 above:

P04.10.01 = PULx

P04.10.02 = 1 (PUL1)

P04.10.03 = NOR.

M25 – USER ALARMS (UAn, n=1...8)		UoM	Default	Range
P25.n.01	Alarm source		OFF	OFF-INPx-OUTx-LIMx-REMX
P25.n.02	Channel number source x		1	OFF / 1-99
P25.n.03	Text		UAn	(text – 20 char)

Note: This menu is divided into 8 sections for user alarms UA1...UA8.

P25.n.01 – Defines the digital input or internal variable that generates the user alarm when it is activated.

P25.n.02 – Channel number x relative to the previous parameter.

P25.n.03 – Free text that appears in the alarm window.

Application example: User alarm UA3 must be generated when input INP5 closes and must display the message 'Doors open'.

In this case, set the section of menu 3 (for alarm UA3) as follows:

P25.3.01 = INPx

P25.3.02 = 5

P25.3.03 = Doors open.

M26 – ALARM PROPERTIES (ALAn, n=1...30)		Default	Range
P26.n.01	Alarm enable	(see table)	OFF – ON
P26.n.02	Retentive	(see table)	OFF - RET
P26.n.03	Operating mode	(see table)	AUT-MAN AUT
P26.n.04	Global alarm 1	(see table)	OFF – GLB1
P26.n.05	Global alarm 2	(see table)	OFF – GLB2
P26.n.06	Global alarm 3	(see table)	OFF – GLB3
P26.n.07	Step disconnection	(see table)	OFF IMMEDIATE SLOW
P26.n.08	Slave disconnection mode	(see table)	GENERAL - LOCAL
P26.n.09	Inhibition from input	(see table)	OFF - INH
P26.n.10	Modem call	(see table)	OFF - MDM
P26.n.11	Not shown on LCD	(see table)	OFF - NOLCD
P26.n.12	Alarm delay	(see table)	OFF/ 1-120
P26.n.13	Delay UoM	(see table)	MIN-SEC

P26.n.01 – Enabled - General enabling of the alarm. If the alarm is not enabled, it is not considered as if it did not exist.

P26.n.02 – Retentive - Remains stored even if the cause of the alarm has been eliminated.

P26.n.03 – Operating mode – Operating mode in which the alarm is generated.

P26.n.04...P26.n.06 – Global alarm 1 -2 -3 – Activates the output assigned to this function.

P26.n.07 – Step disconnection mode – Defines whether and how the capacitor steps must be disconnected when the alarm is present. Choice among:

OFF = no disconnection; **SLOW** = gradual disconnection; **FAST** = Immediate disconnection.

P26.n.08 – Slave disconnection mode – For Master-Slave applications, if this alarm arises, it defines whether the disconnection is extended to all the steps of the system (GENERAL) or only to the output of the involved panel (LOCAL).

P26.n.09 – Inhibition - The alarm can be temporarily disabled by activating an input that can be programmed with the inhibit alarm function.

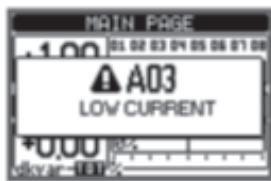
P26.n.10 – Modem call - A modem is connected as configured in setup.

P26.n.11 – No LCD - The alarm is normally managed, but not viewed on the display.

P26.n.12 – P26.n.13 – Delay time - Time delay in minutes or seconds before the alarm is generated.

Alarms

– When an alarm is generated, the display will show an alarm icon, the code and the description of the alarm in the language selected.



- If the navigation keys in the pages are pressed, the pop-up window showing the alarm indications will momentarily disappear and reappear again after a few seconds.
- The red LED near the alarm icon on the front panel is flashing when an alarm is active.
- If enabled, the local and remote alarm buzzers are activated.
- Alarms can be cleared by pressing ✓.
- If the alarm cannot be cleared, the condition that generated the alarm must still be solved.
- In the case of one or more alarms, the ALPTEC 8 performance depends on the property settings of the active alarms.

Alarm description

Code	Alarm	Description
A01	Undercompensation	All the available steps are connected but the cosphi is still more inductive than the setpoint.
A02	Overcompensation	All the steps are disconnected but the cosphi is still more capacitive than the setpoint.
A03	Current too low	The current flowing in the current inputs is lower than minimum value of measurement range. This condition can occur normally if the plant has no load.
A04	Current too high	The current flowing in the current inputs is higher than the maximum of measurement range.
A05	Voltage too low	The measured voltage is lower than the threshold set with P17.14.
A06	Voltage too high	The measured voltage is higher than the threshold set with P17.13.
A07	Panel temperature too high	The panel temperature is higher than threshold set with P17.06.
A08	Capacitor current overload	The calculated capacitor current overload is higher than threshold set with P17.08 and/or P17.09.
A09	No-Voltage release	A no-voltage release has occurred on the line voltage inputs for more than 8ms.
A10	Step xx failure	The residual power percentage of the step xx is lower than minimum threshold set with P17.12.
A11	Harmonic protection module no. n Current too high	The RMS current measured by harmonic protection module n is higher than threshold set with P18.n.06.
A12	Harmonic protection module no. n I-THD too high	The current THD measured by harmonic protection module n is higher than threshold set with P18.n.07.
A13	Harmonic protection 5th Harm too high	The component percentage of 5th harmonic content measured by harmonic protection module n is higher than threshold set with P18.n.08.
A14	Harmonic protection module no. n 7th Harm too high	The component percentage of 7th harmonic content measured by harmonic protection module n is higher than threshold set with P18.n.09.
A15	Harmonic protection module no. n 11th Harm too high	The component percentage of 11th harmonic content measured by harmonic protection module n is higher than threshold set with P18.n.10.
A16	Harmonic protection module no. n 13th Harm too high	The component percentage of 13th harmonic content measured by harmonic protection module n is higher than threshold set with P18.n.11.
A17	Harmonic protection module no. n Temperature 1 too high	The measurement of temperature 1 input on harmonic protection module n is higher than threshold set with P18.n.12.
A18	Harmonic protection module no. n Temperature 2 too high	The measurement of temperature 2 input on harmonic protection module n is higher than threshold set with P18.n.13.
A19	Slave xx link error	The slave no. x does not communicate with the master. Problem with the RS485 wiring.
UAx	User alarm x (x=1..8)	User-defined alarm, as specified by parameters of menu M25.
A20	Maintenance interval 1 elapsed	The maintenance 1 interval hours are elapsed. After maintenance service, reset counter with command C16.
A21	Maintenance interval 2 elapsed	The maintenance 2 interval hours are elapsed. After maintenance service, reset counter with command C17.
A22	Maintenance interval 3 elapsed	The maintenance 3 interval hours are elapsed. After maintenance service, reset counter with command C18.

Alarm properties

Various properties can be assigned to each alarm, including user alarms (User Alarms, UAx):

- **Enabled** - General enabling of the alarm. If the alarm is not enabled, it is not considered,
- **Retentive** – Memory remains latched even if the cause of the alarm has been eliminated.
- **Operating mode** – Operating modes in which the alarm is enabled.
- **Global alarm 1 -2 -3** - Activates the output assigned to this function.
- **Step disconnection mode** – Defines whether and how the capacitor steps must be disconnected when the alarm is present.
OFF = no disconnection; **SLOW** = gradual disconnection; **FAST** = Immediate disconnection.
- **Slave disconnection mode** – Defines, for Master-Slave applications when this alarm arises, if the disconnection is extended to all the steps of the system (GENERAL) or only to the output of the interested panel (LOCAL).
- **Inhibition** - The alarm can be temporarily disabled by activating an input that can be programmed with the Inhibit function.
- **Modem call** – The alarm will be signalled remotely by sending a modem call under the conditions and modality defined in modem parameters.
- **No LCD** - The alarm is managed normally, but not shown on the display.
- **Delay time** – Time delay in minutes or seconds before the alarm is generated.

Alarm property table

Code	Default alarm properties													
	Enabled	Retentive	Only in AUT mode	Global alarm 1	Global alarm 2	Global alarm 3	Step disconnection mode	Slave disconnection mode	Inhibit	Modem	No LCD	Delay time	min	sec
A01	●		●	●			OFF	GEN		●		15	●	
A02	●		●				OFF	GEN		●		120		●
A03	●		●				SLO	GEN		●		5		●
A04	●		●	●			OFF	GEN		●		120		●
A05	●		●	●			IMM	GEN		●		0		●
A06	●		●	●			IMM	GEN		●		5		●
A07	●		●	●			SLO	LOC		●		30		●
A08	●		●	●			SLO	LOC		●		60		●
A09	●			●			IMM	GEN		●		0		●
A10	●	●	●	●			OFF	GEN		●		5		●
A11	●		●	●			SLO	LOC		●		3	●	
A12	●		●	●			SLO	LOC		●		3	●	
A13	●		●	●			SLO	LOC		●		3	●	
A14	●		●	●			SLO	LOC		●		3	●	
A15	●		●	●			SLO	LOC		●		3	●	
A16	●		●	●			SLO	LOC		●		3	●	
A17	●		●	●			SLO	LOC		●		10		●
A18	●		●	●			SLO	LOC		●		10		●
A19	●		●	●			SLO	GEN		●		0		●
UA1							OFF	GEN				0		●
UA2							OFF	GEN				0		●
UA3							OFF	GEN				0		●
UA4							OFF	GEN				0		●
UA5							OFF	GEN				0		●
UA6							OFF	GEN				0		●
UA7							OFF	GEN				0		●
UA8							OFF	GEN				0		●
A20	●	●		●			OFF	GEN		●		0	●	
A21	●	●		●			OFF	GEN		●		0	●	
A22				●			OFF	GEN		●		0	●	

Commands menu

- The commands menu allows executing some occasional operations, such as measurement reset, counter clearing, alarm reset, etc.
- If the Advanced level password has been entered, then the commands menu allows executing the automatic operations useful for the device configuration.
- The following table lists the functions available in the commands menu, divided by the access level required.

Code	Command	Access level	Description
C01	Reset partial energy meter	Usr	Clears partial energy meter
C02	Reset CNTx counter	Usr	Clears programmable general counters CNTx
C03	Reset LIMx status	Usr	Resets status of latched LIMx variables
C04	Reset max temperature	Adv	Clears maximum temperature peak value
C05	Reset max overload	Adv	Clears maximum overload peak value
C06	Reset step hour count	Adv	Clears hour counters of step operation
C07	Reset step switching counters	Adv	Clears counters of step switchings
C08	Step power restore	Adv	Reloads originally programmed power values in step trimming
C09	Reset total energy meter	Adv	Clears total energy meters
C10	TEST mode activation	Adv	Enables the TEST mode operation of outputs
C11	Event log reset	Adv	Clears the event log memory
C12	Setup to default	Adv	Resets setup programming to factory default
C13	Backup setup	Adv	Makes a backup copy of user setup of parameters
C14	Restore setup	Adv	Reloads parameters with the user setup backup
C15	Reset weekly TPF	Usr	Clears the weekly Total Power Factor stored history
C16	Reset maintenance interval 1 elapsed	Adv	Resets the hour counting for service interval 1
C17	Reset maintenance interval 2 elapsed	Adv	Resets the hour counting for service interval 2
C18	Reset maintenance interval 3 elapsed	Adv	Resets the hour counting for service interval 3

Commands menu (continued)

- Once the required command has been selected, press ✓ to execute it.
The device will prompt a confirmation. By pressing ✓ again, the command is executed.
- To cancel the command execution press ◀.
- To quit the commands menu press ◀.

Measurement table for limit thresholds and analog outputs

- The following table lists all measurements that can be associated with the limit thresholds (menu M20) and analog outputs (menu M23).
- The codes selected in the parameters P20.n.01 and P23.n.02 correspond to the measurements below.
- To facilitate the comparison with three-phase measurements, some 'virtual' values are provided that are the highest measurements across the three phases. These measurements are identified by the presence of the word MAX in the measurement code.
Example: If you want to apply a maximum limit of 10% on the 5th harmonic current content of the system when you have a three-phase current, set LIM1 to H. I MAX, with channel no. set to 5. The device will consider the highest of the harmonic content of the 5th order among the three currents I L1, I L2 and I L3.

Settings:

P20.1.01 = H. I MAX (highest current harmonic among 3 phases)

P20.1.02 = 5 (5th harmonic)

P20.1.03 = max (compare with max threshold)

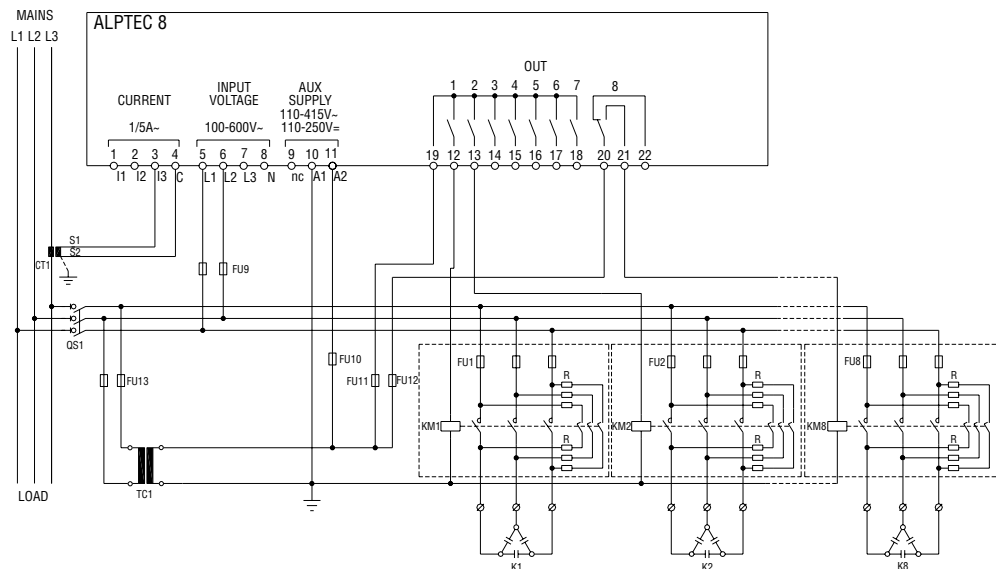
P20.1.04 = 10 (threshold = 10%)

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NO.	Measurement code	Description
00	OFF	Measurement disabled
01	V L1-N	Phase voltage L1-N
02	V L2-N	Phase voltage L2-N
03	V L3-N	Phase voltage L3-N
04	I L1	Phase current L1
05	I L2	Phase current L2
06	I L3	Phase current L3
07	V L1-L2	Phase-to-phase voltage L1-L2
08	V L2-L3	Phase-to-phase voltage L2-L3
09	V L3-L1	Phase-to-phase voltage L3-L1
10	W L1	Active power L1
11	W L2	Active power L2
12	W L3	Active power L3
13	var L1	Reactive power L1
14	var L2	Reactive power L2
15	var L3	Reactive power L3
16	VA L1	Apparent power L1
17	VA L2	Apparent power L2
18	VA L3	Apparent power L3
19	Hz	Frequency
20	Cosphi L1	Cosphi L1
21	Sinphi L1	Sinephi L1
22	Cosphi L2	Cosphi L2
23	Sinphi L2	Sinephi L2
24	Cosphi L3	Cosphi L3
25	Sinphi L3	Sinephi L3
26	W TOT	Total active power
27	var TOT	Total reactive power
28	VA TOT	Total apparent power
29	Cosphi TOT	Cosphi (balanced three-phase system)
30	Sinphi TOT	Sinphi (balanced three-phase system)
31	THD VLN MAX	THD phase voltage (maximum among phases)
32	THD I MAX	THD phase current (maximum among phases)
33	THD VLL MAX	THD phase-phase voltage (maximum among phases)
34	H. VLN MAX	Phase voltage harmonic content of order n (maximum among phases)
35	H. I MAX	Phase current harmonic content of order n (maximum among phases)
36	H. VLL MAX	Phase-phase voltage harmonic content of order n (maximum among phases)
37	Cosphi MAX	Cosphi (maximum among phases)
38	Sinphi MAX	Sinphi (maximum among phases)
39	VLN MAX	Phase voltage (maximum among phases)
40	I MAX	Current (maximum among phases)
41	VLL MAX	Phase-phase voltage (maximum among phases)
42	VLN MIN	Phase voltage (minimum among phases)
43	VLL MIN	Phase-phase voltage (minimum among phases)
44	Cosphi MIN	Cosphi (minimum among phases)
45	AIN	Measurement from analog inputs
46	CNT	Programmable counter

Wiring diagrams

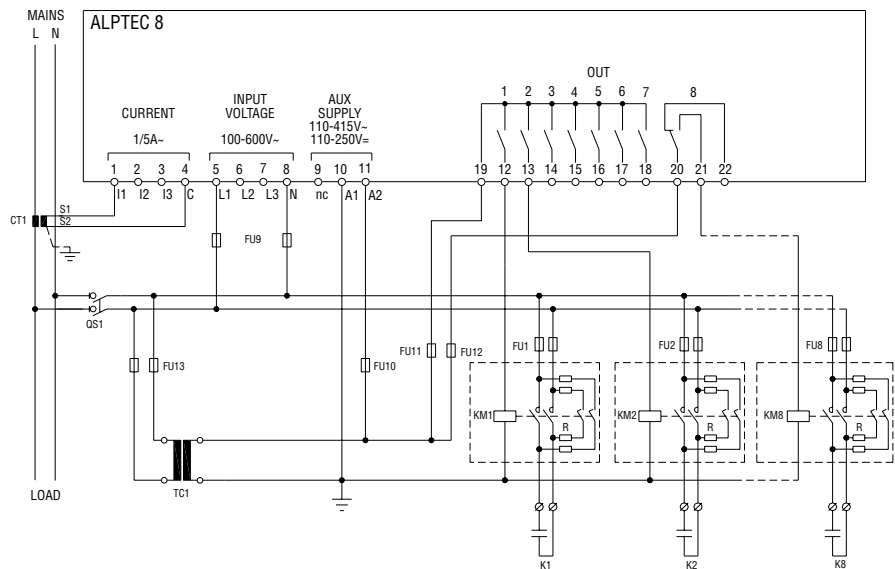
Standard three-phase installation



THREE-PHASE CONNECTION (default)		
Default wiring configuration for standard applications		
Voltage measurement	1 ph-to-ph voltage reading L1-L2	
Current measurement	L3 phase	
Phase angle offset	Between V (L1-L2) and I (L3) → 90°	
Capacitor overload measurement	1 reading calculated on L1-L2	
Parameter setting	P02.03 = Three-phase P02.04 = L3 P02.06 = L1-L2	P02.22 = LV

NOTE: Recommended fuses for aux supply and voltage measurement inputs: F1A (fast).

Single-phase installation

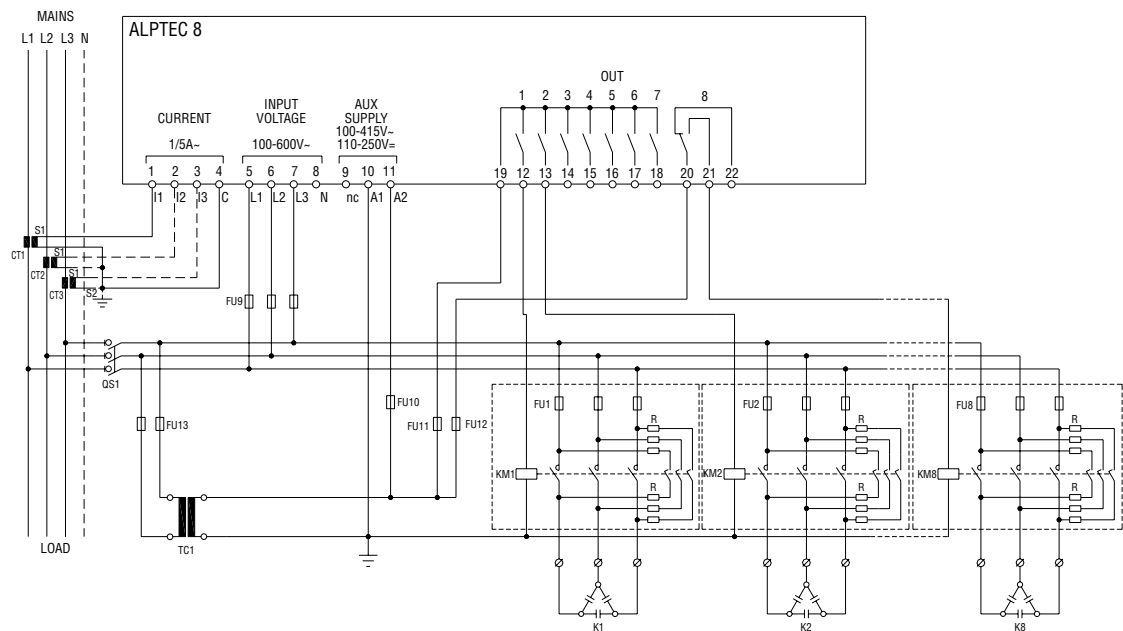


SINGLE-PHASE CONNECTION		
Wiring configuration for single-phase applications		
Voltage measurement	1 phase voltage reading L1-N	
Current measurement	L1 phase	
Phase angle offset	Between V (L1-N) and I (L1) → 0°	
Capacitor overload measurement	1 reading calculated on L1-N	
Parameter setting	P02.03 = Single-phase P02.04 = L1 P02.06 = L1-N	P02.22 = LV

NOTE: Recommended fuses for aux supply and voltage measurement inputs: F1A (fast).

Wiring diagrams (continued)

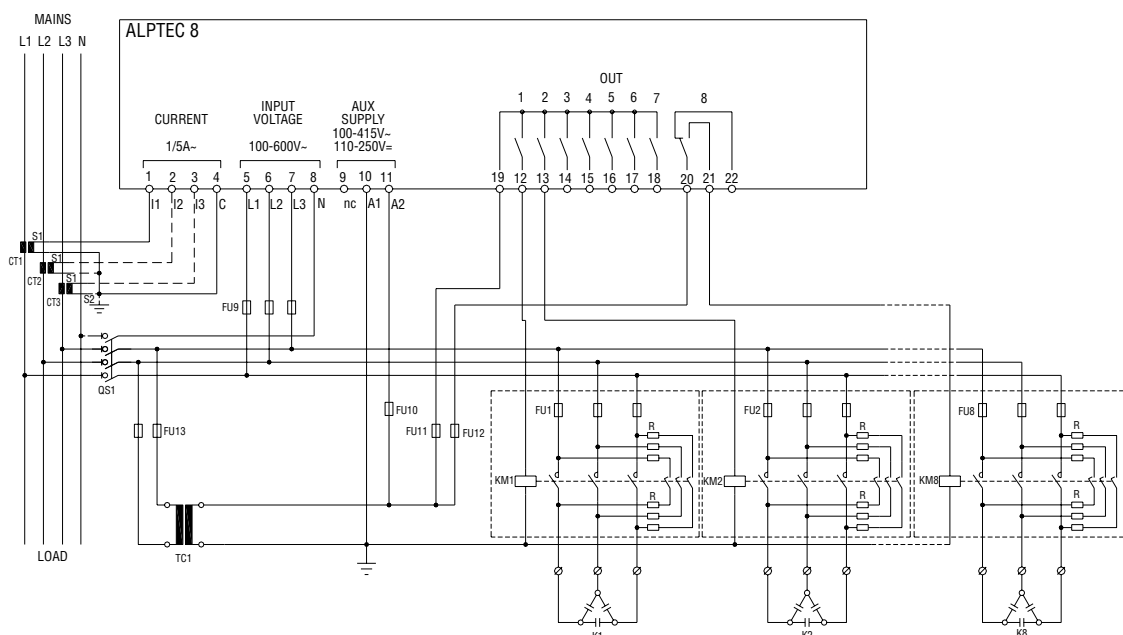
Full three-phase installation, without neutral



FULL THREE-PHASE CONNECTION, WITHOUT NEUTRAL		
Wiring configuration used for standard applications with full three-phase voltage control		
Voltage measurement	3 ph-to-ph voltage readings L1-L2, L2-L3, L3-L1	
Current measurement	L1-L2-L3 phases	
Phase angle offset	90°	
Capacitor overload measurement	3 readings calculated on L1-L2, L2-L3, L3-L1	
Parameter setting	P02.03 = Three-phase P02.04 = L1-L2-L3 P02.06 = L1-L2-L3	P02.22 = LV

NOTE: Recommended fuses for aux supply and voltage measurement inputs: F1A (fast).

Full three-phase installation, with neutral

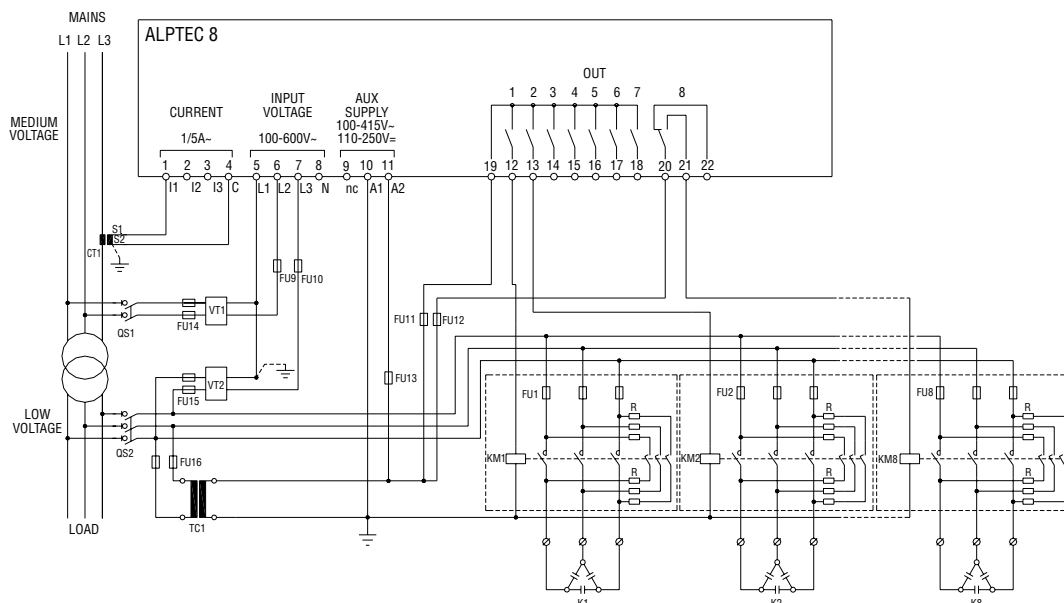


FULL THREE-PHASE CONNECTION, WITH NEUTRAL		
Wiring configuration used for standard applications with full three-phase voltage control		
Voltage measurement	3 ph-to-n and 3 ph-to-ph voltage readings L1-N, L2-N, L3-N, L1-L2, L2-L3, L3-L1	
Current measurement	L1-L2-L3 phases	
Phase angle offset	0°	
Capacitor overload measurement	3 readings calaculated on L1-L2, L2-L3, L3-L1	
Parameter setting	P02.03 = Three-phase P02.04 = L1-L2-L3 P02.06 = L1-L2-L3-N	P02.22 = LV

NOTE: Recommended fuses for aux supply and voltage measurement inputs: F1A (fast).

Wiring diagrams (continued)

Installation with MV measurement and correction on LV side

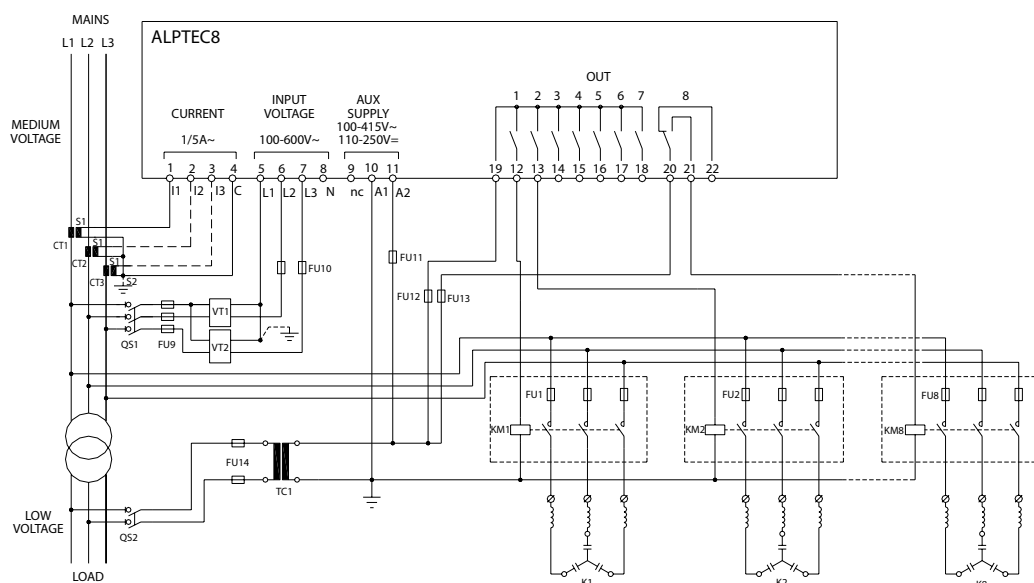


CONFIGURATION WITH MV MEASUREMENT AND CORRECTION ON LV SIDE

Voltage measurement	1 ph-to-ph voltage reading L1-L2 on MV side	
Current measurement	L3 phase on MV side	
Phase angle offset	90°	
Capacitor overload measurement	1 reading calculated on L1-L3, on LV side	
Parameter setting	P02.03 = Three-phase P02.04 = L3 P02.06 = L1-L2	P02.22 = LV/MV P02.23 = ON

NOTE: Recommended fuses for aux supply and voltage measurement inputs: F1A (fast).

Full medium-voltage wiring installation



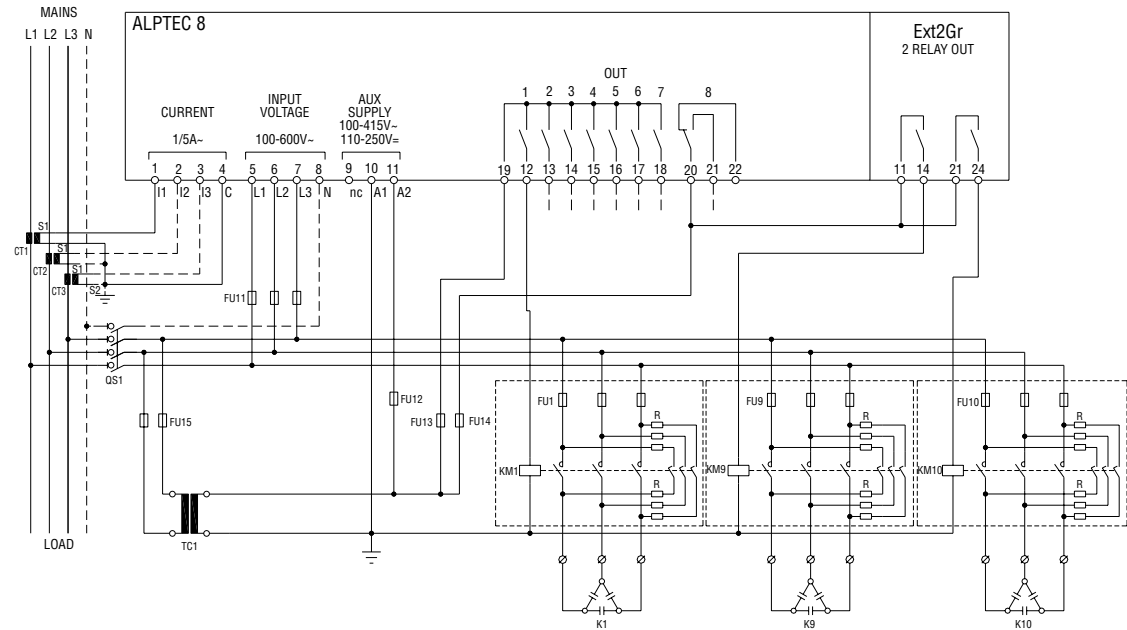
CONFIGURATION WITH MV MEASUREMENT AND CORRECTION

Voltage measurement	3 ph-to-ph voltage readings L1-L2, L2-L3, L3-L1 on MV side	
Current measurement	L1-L2-L3 phases on MV side	
Phase angle offset	90°	
Capacitor overload measurement	3 readings calculated on L1-L2, L2-L3, L3-L1	
Parameter setting	P02.03 = Three-phase P02.04 = L1-L2-L3 P02.06 = L1-L2-L3	P02.22 = MV P02.23 = ON

NOTE: Recommended fuses for aux supply and voltage measurement inputs: F1A (fast).

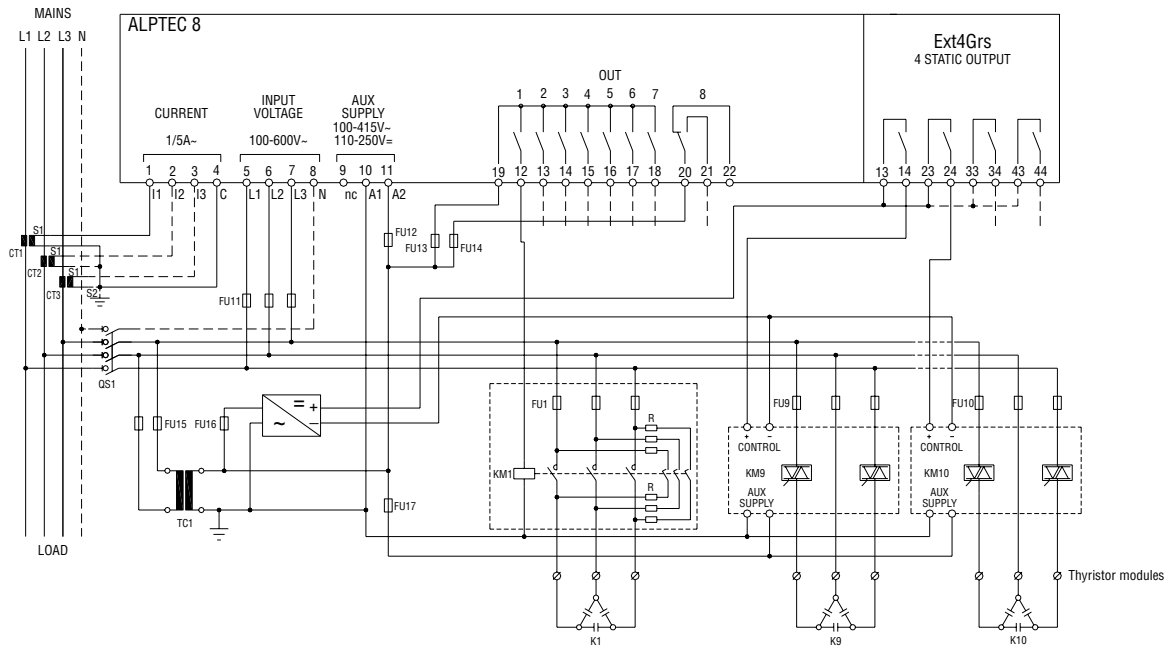
Wiring diagrams (continued)

Steps on expansion modules



NOTE: Recommended fuses for aux supply and voltage measurement inputs: F1A (fast).

Fast regulation configuration

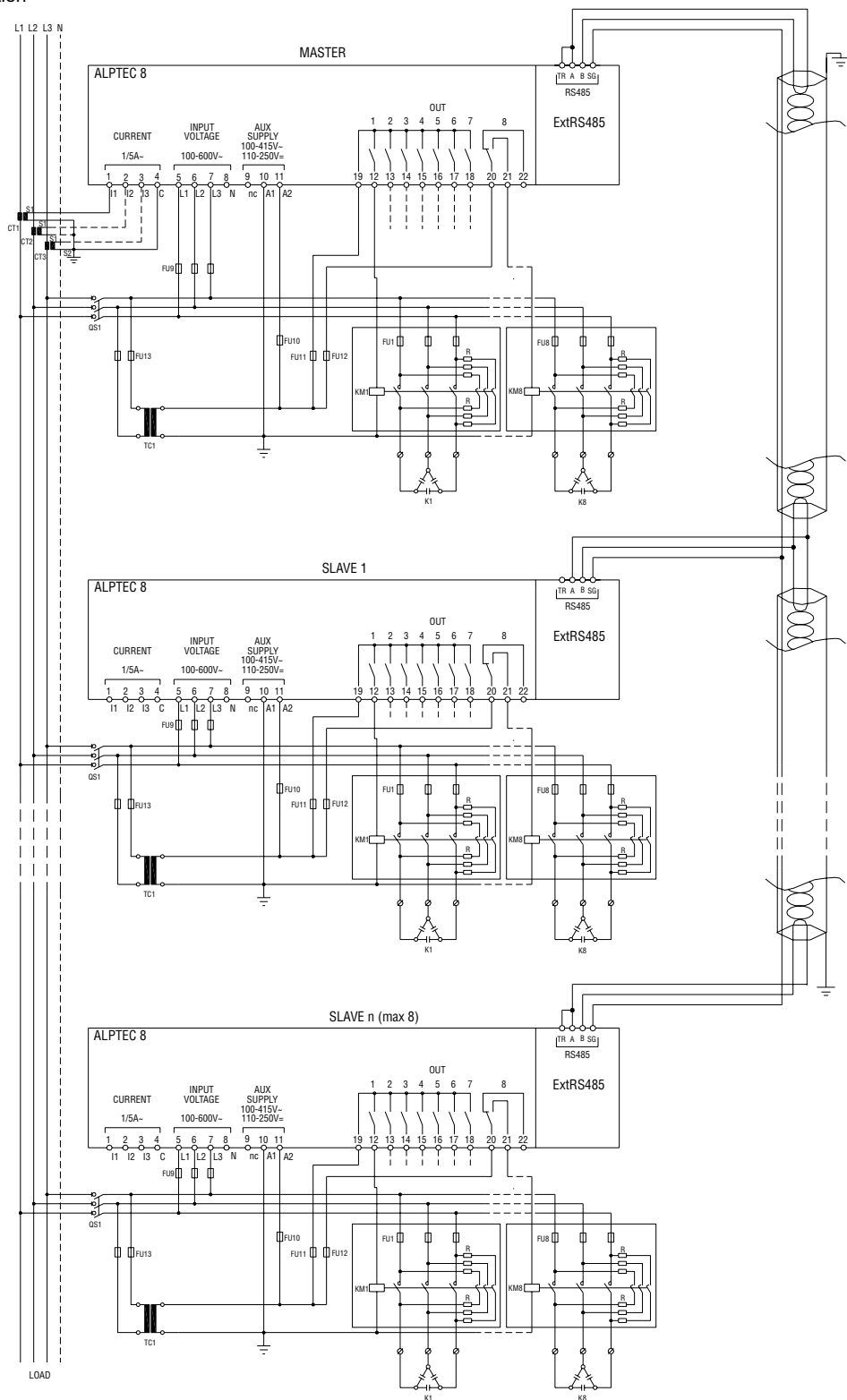


STATIC CORRECTION		
Voltage measurement	3 ph-to-ph voltage readings L1-L2, L2-L3, L3-L1	
Current measurement	L1-L2-L3 phases	
Phase angle offset	90°	
Capacitor overload measurement	3 readings calculated on L1-L2, L2-L3, L3-L1	
Parameter setting	P02.03 = Three-phase P02.04 = L1-L2-L3 P02.06 = L1-L2-L3	P02.22 = LV P02.28 = Fast

NOTE: Recommended fuses for aux supply and voltage measurement inputs: F1A (fast).

Wiring diagrams (continued)

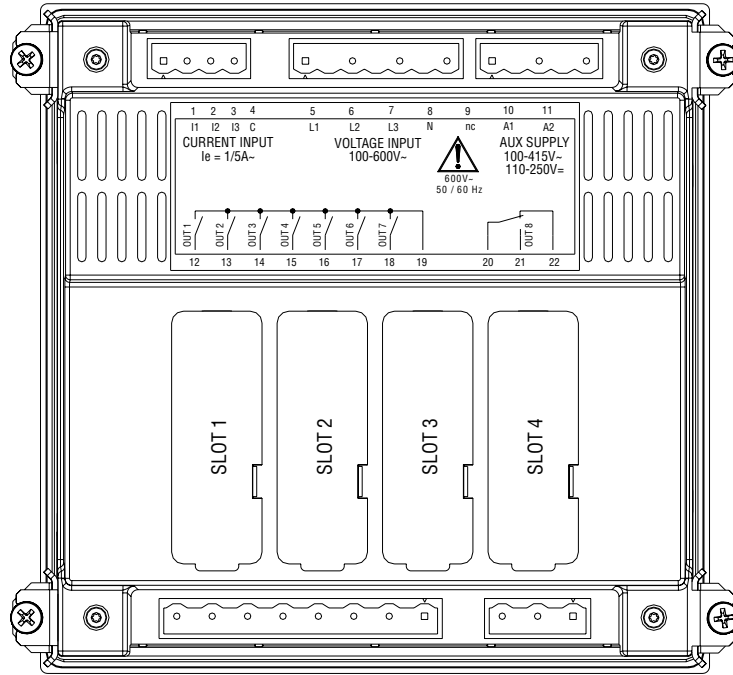
Master-Slave configuration



MASTER-SLAVE CONNECTION TYPE			
Example with one master and 3 slaves			
MASTER	SLAVE 01	SLAVE 02	SLAVE 03
P05.01 = COM1 P05.02 = Master P05.03 = ON P05.04 = ON P05.05 = ON P04.1.01 = Stepx P06.1.01 = Stepx ... P07.1.01 = Stepx P08.1.02 = Stepx	P05.01 = COM1 P05.02 = Slave01	P05.01 = COM1 P05.02 = Slave02	P05.01 = COM1 P05.02 = Slave03

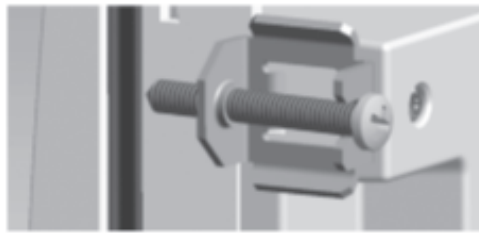
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Terminal arrangement



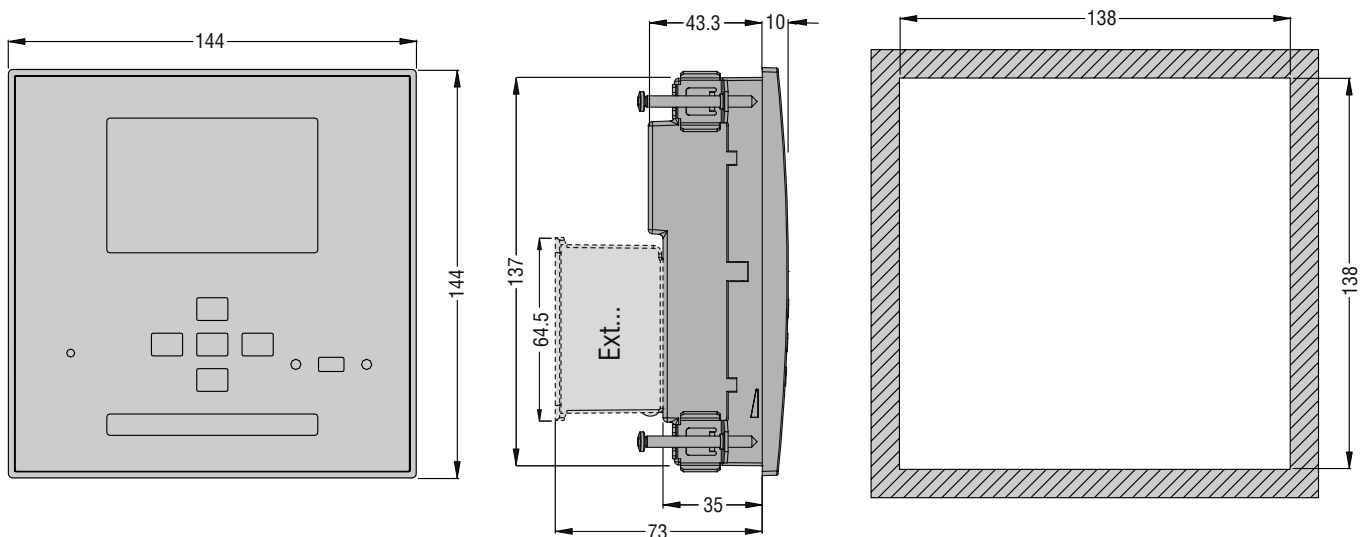
Installation

- ALPTEC 8 is designed for flush-mount installation. With proper mounting, it guarantees IP54 front protection degree.
- Insert the controller into the panel cutout, making sure the gasket is properly positioned between the panel surface and the controller front frame.
- Make sure the tab of the customising label does not get folded under the gasket and impair the seal gripping. It should be positioned inside the panel.
- From inside the panel, for each of the four fixing clips (standard supplied with the controller in plastic bag), position the clip in the appropriate square hole on the controller housing side, then move it backwards in order to insert its hook in place.



- Repeat the same operation for all four clips.
- Tighten the fixing screw with a maximum torque of 0.5Nm.
- In case the device needs to be removed, loosen the four clip screws and repeat the steps in reverse order.
- For the electrical connections, see the wiring diagrams in the dedicated chapter and the requirements given in the technical characteristics table.

Mechanical dimensions and front panel cutout [mm]



Technical characteristics**Supply**

Rated voltage U_s ❶	100 - 415 V \sim 110 - 250 V \equiv
Operating voltage range	90 - 456 V \sim 93.5 - 300 V \equiv
Frequency	45 - 66Hz
Power consumption/dissipation	10.5W / 27VA (measured with 4 Ext modules)
Power consumption/dissipation per UL	5.5W / 27VA (measured with no Ext modules)
Immunity time for microbreakings	110V \sim \geq 35ms; 220V – 415V \sim \geq 80ms

Voltage input

Maximum rated voltage U_e	600V \sim L-L (346V \sim L-N)
Measuring range	50 - 720V L-L (415V \sim L-N)
Frequency range	45 - 65Hz / 360 - 440Hz
Measuring method	True RMS
Measuring input impedance	> 0,55M Ω L-N; > 1,10M Ω L-L
Wiring mode	Single-phase, two-phase, three-phase with or without neutral and balanced three-phase system

Current inputs

Rated current I_e	1A \sim or 5A \sim
Measuring range	for 1A scale: 0,025 - 1,2A \sim for 5A scale: 0,025 - 6A \sim
Type of input	Shunt supplied by an external current transformer (low voltage). Max. 5A
Measuring method	True RMS
Overload capacity	+20% I_e
Overload peak	50A for 1 second
Power consumption	<0.6VA

Measuring accuracy

Line voltage	\pm 0.5% f.s. \pm 1digit
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Relay outputs OUT 1 - 7

Number and type of contact	7 each with 1 NO + contact common
Maximum rated voltage	415V \sim
Rated current	5A 250V \sim AC1 / 1.5A 415V \sim AC15
UL Rating	B300; 5A 250V \sim
Maximum current at contact common	10A

Relay output OUT 8

Number and type of contact	1 changeover
Maximum rated voltage	415V \sim
Rated current	5A 250V \sim AC1 / 1.5A 415V \sim AC15
UL Rating	B300; 5A 250V \sim

Calendar-clock (Real time clock-RTC)

Reserve energy	Backup capacitor
Operating time without supply voltage	About 12...15 days

Insulation

Rated insulation voltage U_i	600V \sim
Rated impulse withstand voltage U_{imp}	9.5kV
Power frequency withstand voltage	5.2kV

Ambient conditions

Operating temperature	-20 to +70°C
Storage temperature	-30 to +80°C
Relative humidity	<80% (IEC/EN 60068-2-78)
Maximum pollution degree	2
Overvoltage category	3
Measurement category	III
Climatic sequence	Z/ABDM (IEC/EN 60068-2-61)
Shock resistance	15g (IEC/EN 60068-2-27)
Vibration resistance	0.7g (IEC/EN 60068-2-6)

Connections

Type of terminal	Plug-in / removable
Conductor cross section (min-max)	0.2-2.5 mm ² (24-12 AWG)
Conductor cross section (min-max) per UL	0,75-2.5 mm ² (18-12 AWG)
Tightening torque	0.56 Nm (5 lbin / 4.5 lbin per UL)

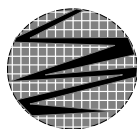
Housing

Version	Flush mount
Material	Polycarbonate
Degree of protection	IP54 on front; IP20 terminals
Weight	980g

Certifications and compliance

Certifications obtained	cULus
UL Marking	Use 60°C/75°C copper (CU) conductor only AWG Range: 18 - 12 AWG stranded or solid Field Wiring Terminals Tightening Torque: 4.5lb.in Flat panel mounting on a Type 1 enclosure
Comply with standards	IEC/EN 61010-1, IEC/EN 61000-6-2 IEC/EN 61000-6-3, UL508, CSA C22.2 n°14

- ❶ Auxiliary supply connected to a line with a phase-neutral voltage \leq 300V.



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