



FM2141 (GFCI) Low Power Ground Fault Interrupter

Specification

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Product Overview

Introduction

FM2141 is a low power controller for AC receptacle ground fault circuit interrupters. The devices detect hazardous current paths to ground and ground to neutral faults. The circuit interrupter then disconnects the load from the line before a harmful or lethal shock occurs.

FM2141 contains a diode rectifier, shunt regulator, precision sense amplifier, current reference, time delay circuit and SCR driver internally. Two sense transformers, SCR, solenoid, three resistors and four capacitors complete the design of the basic circuit interrupter.

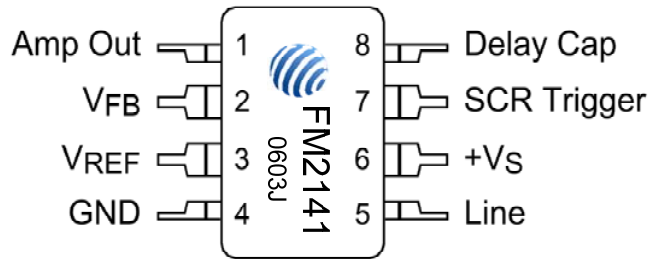
The simple layout and minimum components insure ease of application and long term reliability. Features not found in other GFCI controllers include a low offset voltage sense amplifier eliminating the need for a coupling capacitor between the sense transformer and sense amplifier, and an internal rectifier to eliminate high voltage rectifying diodes.

FM2141 is powered only during the positive half period of the line voltage, but can sense current faults independent of its phase relative to the line voltage. The gate of the SCR is driven only during the positive half cycle of the line voltage.

Features

- Powered from the AC line
- Built-in rectifier
- Direct interface to SCR
- 500 μ A quiescent current
- Precision sense amplifier
- Adjustable time delay
- Minimum external components
- Meets UL 943 requirements
- For use with 110V or 220V systems
- Available in 8 pin SOP or DIP package

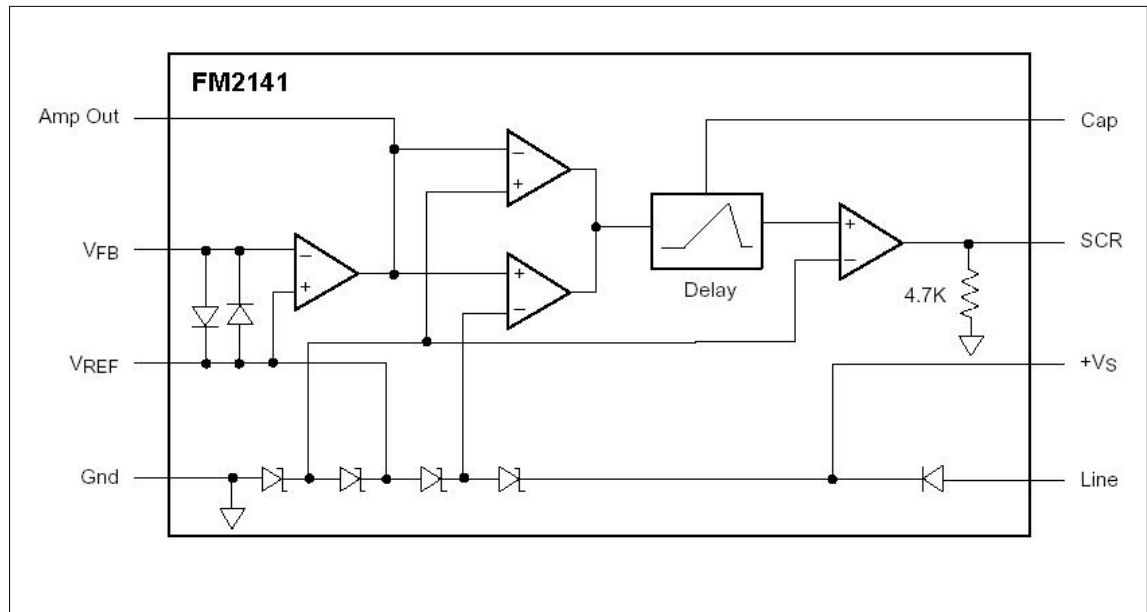
Pin Assignment



Pin Description

PIN	SYM	PIN	SYM	PIN	SYM	PIN	SYM
1	Amp Out	3	V _{REF}	5	LINE	7	SCR Trigger
2	V _{FB}	4	GND	6	+V _S	9	Delay Cap

Block Diagram



Electrical Characteristics

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameters	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Supply Current	-	-	10	mA
Internal Power Dissipation	-	-	500	mW
Storage Temperature Range	-65	-	+150	°C
Operating Temperature Range	-35	-	+80	°C
Junction Temperature	-	-	125	
Leading Soldering Temperature	60 Sec DIP	-	300	°C
	10 Sec SOP	-	260	°C

DC Characteristics

($I_{LINE} = 1.5\text{mA}$, $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$, $R_{SET} = 650\text{K}\Omega$)

Parameters	Sym	Test Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Shunt Regulator (Pins 5 to 4)						
Regulated Voltage	V_{reg1}	$I_{2-3} = 11\mu\text{A}$	25.0	27.0	29.0	V
Regulated Voltage	V_{reg2}	$I_{LINE} = 740\mu\text{A}$, $I_{2-3} = 9\mu\text{A}$	25.0	27.0	29.0	V
Quiescent	I_{LINE}	$V_{5-4} = 24\text{V}$	-	500	-	μA
Sensibility (Pin 2 to 7)						
Offset voltage	V_{offset}		-200	0	200	μV
Gain bandwidth	GB	(设计值)	—	1.5	—	MHz
Input bias current	I_{Bias}	(设计值)		30	100	nA
Sensibility	I_{SEN}	Pin 7 $\underline{\uparrow}$	3.49	4.5	5.9	μA
SCR Trigger						
Output	R_O	$V_{7-4} = \text{Open}$, $V_{5-4} = \text{Open}$	3.8	4.7	5.6	$\text{k}\Omega$
Output	VOL	$I_{2-3} = 9\mu\text{A}$	0	0.1	10	mV
Output	VOH	$I_{2-3} = 11\mu\text{A}$	2.4	3.0	4.0	V
Reference Voltage (Pins 3 to 4)						
Reference Voltage	V_{Ref}	$I_{LINE} = 740\mu\text{A}$	12.0	13.0	14.0	V

AC Characteristics

($I_{LINE} = 1.5\text{mA}$, $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$, $R_{SET} = 650\text{K}\Omega$)

Parameters	Sym	Test Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Delay Timer						
Delay Time	TD	$C_{8-4} = 1.2\text{ nF}$	-	0.2	-	ms

GFCI Application

The GFCI detects a ground fault by sensing a difference current in the line and neutral wires. The difference current is assumed to be a fault current creating a potentially hazardous path from line to ground. Since the line and neutral wires pass through the center of the sense transformer, only the differential primary current is transferred to the secondary. Assuming the turns ratio is 1:1000, the secondary current is 1/1000th the fault current. FM2141's sense amplifier converts the secondary current to a voltage which is compared with either of the two window detector reference voltages. If the fault current exceeds the design value for the duration of the programmed time delay, FM2141 will send a current pulse to the gate of the SCR.

Detecting ground to neutral faults is more difficult. R_B represents a normal ground fault resistance, R_N is the wire resistance of the electrical circuit between load/neutral and earth ground. R_G represents the ground to neutral fault condition. According to UL 943, the GFCI must trip when $R_N=0.4\Omega$, $R_G=1.6\Omega$ and the normal ground fault is 6 mA.

Assuming the ground fault to be 5mA, 1mA and 4mA will go through R_G and R_N , respectively, causing an effective 1mA fault current. This current is detected by the sense amplifier and amplifier by the sense amplifier. Now the ground/neutral and sense transformers are mutually coupled by R_G , R_N and neutral wire ground loop, producing a positive feedback loop through the sense amplifier. The newly created feedback loop causes the sense amplifier to oscillate at a frequency determined by ground/neutral transformer secondary inductance and C_4 . Typically it occurs at 8 KHz.

C_2 is used to program the time required for the fault to be present before the SCR is triggered. Refer to the equation below for calculating the value of C_2 .

$$C_2 = 6 \times T$$

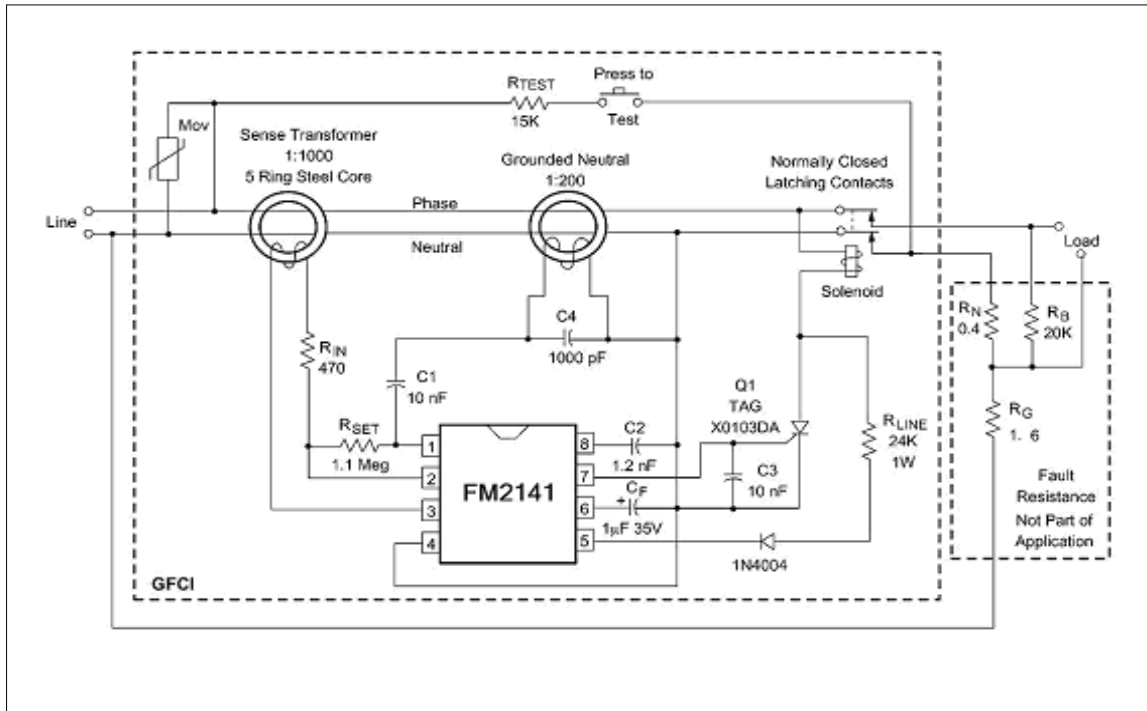
Unit of C_2 is nF, Unit of T is ms.

R_{SET} is used to set the fault current at which the GFCI trips.

$$R_{SET} = \frac{4.6 \times N}{I_{FAULT} \times \cos 180 (T/P)}$$

When used with a 1:1000 sense transformer, its typical value is 1M Ω for a GFCI designed to trip at 5mA.

Application Circuit





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