

Microcontroller relay protection short circuit



AI Overview

Protecting a microcontroller-driven relay from short circuits involves current sensing, relay isolation, and protective components like transistors, diodes, and fuses. Key Concepts

1. Relay Isolation: Microcontrollers cannot directly handle high currents or voltages. Use a transistor (e.g., BC547, TIP122) or MOSFET to switch the relay coil, isolating the MCU from high current paths. Include a flyback diode across the relay coil to prevent voltage spikes caused by the collapsing magnetic field when the relay turns off, which could otherwise damage the MCU ().
2. Short-Circuit Detection: Implement a current sensing mechanism using a shunt resistor or current-sensing IC. The voltage across the shunt is monitored by a comparator or microcontroller ADC. If the current exceeds a safe threshold, the MCU can cut off the relay to prevent damage ().
3. Overcurrent Protection Components: Fuses: Simple and cost-effective; they break the circuit when current exceeds a limit but may require manual replacement. Transistor-based protection: A PNP/NPN transistor pair can act as a switch controlled by the MCU to disconnect the load during a fault (). Darlington transistors (e.g., TIP122): Useful for handling higher currents while maintaining MCU control ().
4. Microcontroller Logic: The MCU monitors the current and relay state. If a short circuit is detected: Turn off the relay via the transistor/MOSFET. Optionally, signal a status LED or alert. Implement a manual or automatic reset to re-enable the circuit after the fault is cleared ().
5. Practical Implementation Tips: Use bistable latching relays for low-power pulse control, reducing continuous current draw on the MCU pins (). Ensure power supply stability; microcontrollers require regulated voltage, and short circuits can cause voltage dips. Keep high-voltage wiring insulated and separate from MCU circuitry to prevent accidental shorts ().

Example Circuit Overview A typical...

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microcontroller

I need to protection data lines of a PIC32 micro-controller (SPI and parallel) running at ~10 MHz, from shorting to ground/Vcc or mis-wiring. I usually (in low speeds) use series resistors to limit

Research of the system-on-chip-based relay protection

This paper presents a chip-based relay protection technology based on system-on-chip (SoC), which is described from four aspects, namely, the

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Simple low power DC Short-circuit Protection Circuit is shown above which consists of a 12v relay consisting of two coils named as Normally open coil (NO) and Normally closed coil (NC).

Automatic Relay Short Circuit Control System using Embedded Systems

The proposed system continuously monitors current flow using a sensing module and triggers a microcontroller-driven relay to disconnect the load in case of a short circuit or overcurrent condition.

Short Circuit protection Using Relay

Hi i am get the following short circuit protection circuit from the website it is working fine .The problem is when the 12v supply is on it is started from NC operation after pressing the push

Microcontroller-based under and over voltage protection device

This is also applicable to other home appliances therefore, for effective protection of these appliances, a microcontroller based under and over voltage protection device is needed. Early works on the topic

Short Circuit Protection Relay Basics for Safer Systems

Learn how a short circuit protection relay works and why it's essential for preventing electrical faults in industrial power systems.

Short Circuit Protection Circuit

Short circuit protection is a safety feature that shields electrical circuits and devices from harm caused by short circuits. A short circuit happens

How to use a microcontroller to control a relay?

Use an optocoupler-based relay module to protect your microcontroller from high-voltage noise. Avoid sharing GND between high

Microcontroller Based detection and protection of induction motor

A low cost and reliable protection scheme have been designed which monitors the parameter of induction motor such as current, temperature and speed of motor. Circuit measures this parameter

Circuit short circuit protector – PCB HERO

A short circuit protector is a crucial component in electrical and electronic systems that prevents damage to devices and components in case of

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This paper aims to design and construct a modular automatic overcurrent detection system based on a microcontroller, relay, and other peripheral devices to detect overcurrent fault within an electrical

Short Circuit Protection with Relay | PDF | Relay

A microcontroller can significantly enhance the efficiency and reliability of a relay-based short circuit protection system by providing precise control over the

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The op-amp triggers a relay to disconnect the load when the current exceeds the threshold. Add a reset switch to re-enable the circuit. Option 3:

Arduino-Based Overcurrent Relay Design | PDF

This document describes the design of a microcontroller-based overcurrent relay using a Hall effect current sensor. It discusses using an Arduino Uno

Microcontroller based over voltage and under voltage

The document describes a microcontroller-based circuit to provide over-voltage and under-voltage protection. It was developed by Mayank Tripathi and Gaurav

How to Interface a Microcontroller with a Relay Using a

Article summary This is a case study showing how to drive a relay coil from a microcontroller via an N-channel MOSFET. We explore the limits of

Short Circuit Protection Using Relay for Batteries

In this tutorial, we will see how to make a short circuit protection using Relay. Many times accidentally terminals of batteries and other power supplies

Short circuit protection for (almost) any power supply

Summary of Short circuit protection for (almost) any power supply The article explains a three-stage short-circuit protection circuit for power

Protecting MCU I/O Lines from ESD | DigiKey

This article looks at the different levels of MCU immunity to electrical fast transients (EFT), electrostatic discharge (ESD), and other events of short

Short-Circuit Protection Circuit Diagram

We are going to design and study a simple low-voltage Short-circuit protection circuit for DC voltage. The circuit is designed with the purpose of

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