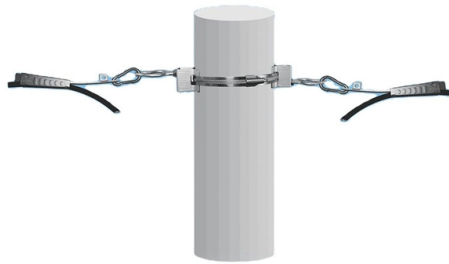


# Relay protection level four upgrade



## Article Overview

Upgrading to relay protection level four (PCL4) involves updating relay firmware, verifying system compatibility, and implementing advanced protection and monitoring features to enhance reliability and safety.

### Firmware and Device Requirements

For ABB REX640 relays, a PCL4 upgrade requires the firmware to be updated to version 1.3.4 or later if the current version is 1.3.3 or earlier. The Product Connectivity Level (PCL) can be verified via the LHMI or WHMI interface or from the product label. This update includes improvements such as enhanced DNP3 secure authentication, directional earth-fault protection accuracy, three-phase thermal protection precision, and circuit breaker control behavior corrections, which are critical for reliable operation in PCL4 applications (ABB REX640 Release Note 1.3.4) .

### Planning and System Assessment

Before performing the upgrade, conduct a thorough system evaluation:

- Inventory all protective devices, including relays, circuit breakers, fuses, and transformers, noting manufacturer, model, voltage, and installation date.
- Document system layout and load profiles to ensure the upgraded relays can handle existing and future loads.
- Verify compliance with NEC, NFPA 70B, and local code standards to avoid operational or regulatory issues .

### Installation and Integration

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