Instruction Manual
Rack Power Distribution Unit

VRTD, BRD, and VRE Series
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Specifications

Overview

The VRE, VRTD, and BRD Series products are Power Distribution Units (PDU) intended for connection to a 30 Amp AC Mains circuit. The PDUs utilize single pole thermal breakers for supplementary over-current protection of the output receptacles. The VRTD Series is available in vertical configurations rated 125 V, while the BRD Series is available in horizontal configurations rated 125 V. The VRE Series is available in vertical configurations rated either 125 or 250 V. The VRE, VRTD, and BRD Series PDUs can optionally be configured with a Geist Power Meter that provides local monitoring and display of Current, Voltage, Wattage, and Power Factor.

Environmental

Temperature

Operating:
(VRE Series) 10°C (50°F) min 45°C (113°F) max
(VRTD, BRD Series) 10°C (50°F) min 25°C (77°F) max
Storage: -25°C (-13°F) min 65°C (149°F) max

Humidity

Operating: 5% min 95% max (non-condensing)
Storage: 5% min 95% max (non-condensing)

Elevation

Operating: 0 m (0 ft) min 2000 m (6561 ft) max
Storage: 0 m (0 ft) min 15240 m (50000 ft) max

Electrical

See nameplate for unit ratings.

Receptacle Ratings

NEMA 5-20R or L5-20R 125 Volts, 20 Amp
NEMA 6-20R or L6-20R 250 Volts, 20 Amp
IEC-320 C13 125/250 Volt, 15 Amp (per Receptacle Bank)
IEC-320 C19 125/250 Volt, 20 Amp
EMC Verification

This Class A device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This Class A digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

Cet appareil numérique de la classe A est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.

Warning: Changes or modifications to this unit not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user’s authority to operate this equipment.
Installation

Instructions

1. Using appropriate hardware, mount PDU to rack (see Mounting section for additional instructions.
2. Plug PDU into de-energized 30 Amp branch circuit receptacle.
3. Connect devices into PDU's output receptacles. It is recommended that the devices are turned off until all devices are connected to PDU
4. Turn on 30 Amp branch circuit to energize PDU.
5. Power on devices. Sequential power up is recommended to avoid high inrush current.

Guidelines

- If the PDU is installed in a cabinet the ambient temperature of the rack should be no greater than 25°C.
- Install the PDU such that the amount of airflow required for safe operation of equipment is not compromised.
- Mount the PDU so that a hazardous condition is not achieved due to uneven mechanical loading.
- Follow nameplate ratings when connecting equipment to the branch circuit. Take into consideration the effect that overloading of the circuits might have on over-current protection and supply wiring.
- The PDU relies on the building installation for protection from over-current conditions. A Listed circuit breaker is required within the building installation. The circuit breaker should be sized according to the PDU's nameplate ratings and local/national electrical codes.
- Reliable earthing of rack-mount equipment should be maintained. Particular attention should be given to supply connections other than direct connections to the branch circuit. The PDU must be connected to an earthed socket-outlet.
- The PDU is intended for Restricted Access Locations only and only service personnel should install and access the PDU.
- For pluggable equipment, install the PDU so that the input plug or appliance coupler may be disconnected for service.
- Sequential power-up via of devices powered by the PDU is recommended to avoid high inrush current.
- Caution: Disconnect all power cords before servicing.
Mounting

Full Length Bracket

Using the full length bracket, mount PDU to rack as shown

Mini "L" Brackets (SLB-4)

Using the mini “L” brackets, attach PDU to rack as shown
Vertical Extension Brackets (VCB-1)

Using the vertical extension brackets, attach PDU to rack as shown.

Toolless Mounting Hardware (11621)

Secure toolless mounting buttons to PDU as shown. Use toolless buttons with key-holed slots built into cabinet or with optional Geist key-holed brackets.
Toolless Full Length Bracket (TLFL)

Using full length toolless bracket and toolless mounting buttons, attach PDU to rack as shown

Single Side Mount 2 Unit Brackets (TSMX2)

Using single side mount 2 unit brackets and toolless mounting buttons, attach PDU to rack as shown
Offset/Side Mount Brackets (EZB-1)

Using the offset/side mount brackets, attach PDU to rack as shown.

7" Extension Brackets (XB-7)

Using the 7” extension brackets, attach PDU to rack as shown.
Flush Mount Brackets (FM)

Using flush mount brackets, attach PDU to rack as shown

Adjustable Mount Brackets (AM)

Using adjustable mount brackets, attach PDU to rack as shown
Panel Mount Brackets (PM)

Using panel mount brackets, attach PDU to rack as shown.

23" Conversion Mounting Brackets (23-RM)

Using conversion mounting brackets, attach 19" PDU to 23" rack as shown.
Cable Mount Bracket (CMB-1)

Attach cable mount bracket to PDU as shown; use tie-wraps to secure cords to bracket

19” Horizontal/Panel Mount Brackets (7938)

Using the 19” horizontal/panel mount brackets, attach PDU to rack as shown
Optional Local Monitoring

Power Meter

The Geist PM-1 power meter is a low-power, high accuracy meter capable of measuring true RMS Current, Voltage, Power, and Power Factor. These values are individually shown on an easy to read, 4-digit LED Display, which continuously scrolls through the four different measured values. Each one of these displayed parameters is defined below. The Power Meter will automatically begin cycling through the displayed values when the PDU is connected to AC Mains power.

- **Current**: PDU output current draw measured in true RMS Amps
- **Voltage**: PDU output voltage measured in true RMS Voltage
- **Power**: PDU output power measured in Watts – referred to as real or active power
- **Power Factor**: Ration of real PDU output power to apparent PDU output power¹

![Power Meter Display](image)

Current Meter

The Geist CM-1 current meter is a low-power, high accuracy meter capable of measuring true RMS Current. The value of current is continuously shown on an easy to read, 4-digit LED Display. The Current Meter will automatically begin to display value of output current when the PDU is connected to AC Mains power.

![Current Meter Display](image)

¹ Real power is the power in a circuit that is transformed from electric to non-electric energy, while apparent power is the total power supplied to the circuit.
Service/Tech Support

Service and Maintenance

No service or maintenance is required. Do not attempt to open the PDU or you may void the warranty. No serviceable parts inside. It is recommended that power be removed from the unit before installing or removing any equipment.

More Technical Support

http://www.geistglobal.com
(800) 432-3219
Email: support@geistglobal.com
Or contact your distributor.
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