Firmware update release 1.0.8 for REX640 control and protection

Scope

This update Release Note 1.0.8 concerns REX640 protection relays and LHMIs delivered from the factory earlier than 18th of October 2022.

To verify whether the update applies to the protection relay and the LHMI version at hand, there are three things to check:

1. Product Connectivity Level shall be one (PCL1). This information can be checked from LHMI, WHMI or from the product label. The PCL is a part of product composition code, as the example below shows.

   REX640B10Nx + xxxx + COMx + PSMx + BIOx + **PCL1**

2. Relay Firmware version is 1.0, 1.0.1, 1.0.2, 1.0.3, 1.0.4, 1.0.5, 1.0.6. or 1.0.7. This can be checked from LHMI or from WHMI

3. LHMI application version is dated **earlier than** 19-09-10-16:34. This can be checked from LHMI only.

Following figures show how to locate the above-mentioned information from the LHMI Device Information page and from the WHMI Product Identifiers page. The LHMI Device Information page can be accessed by tapping the menu bar on upper part of the LHMI screen and locating the Device Information button from the lower left-hand corner of the screen. The relay Firmware version is referred as “SW version” and the LHMI application version is referred as “HMI version”. The “PCL” part of the composition code is pointed out as well.

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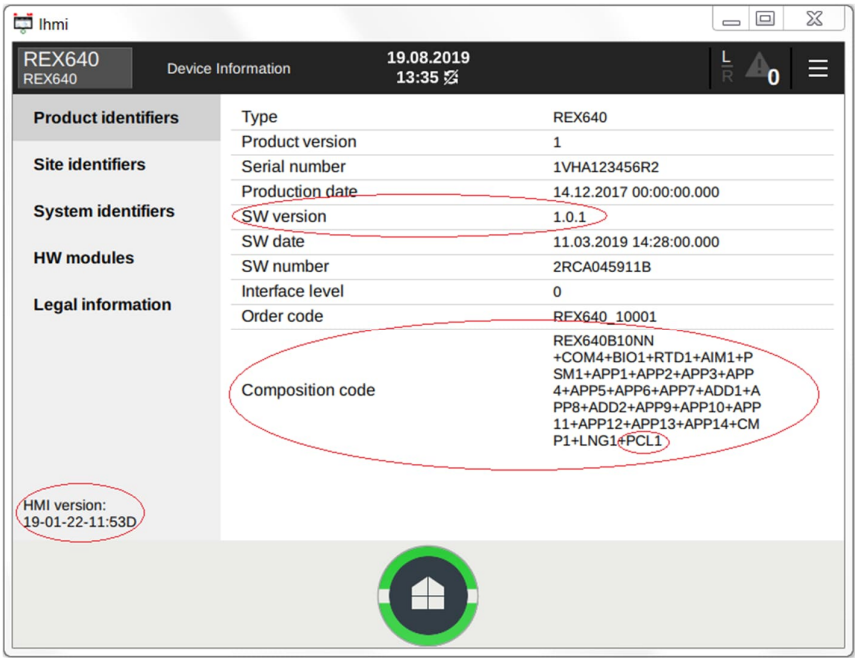

Fig 1. LHMI Device Information page

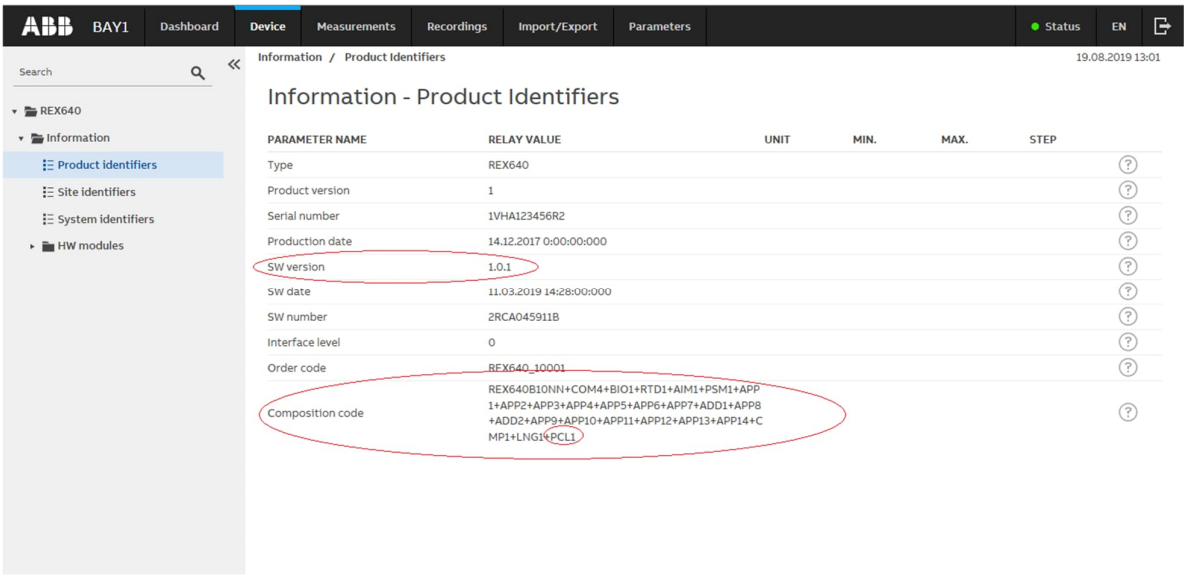

Fig 2. WHMI Product Identifiers page

Implemented usability improvements

The firmware update release includes usability and operational improvements. The following improvements have been implemented:[1]

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Cyber Security

- Cyber security improvements
  The following vulnerabilities (CVE, Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures) have been identified in the product and fixed by the update:
  - CVE-2021-22283: MMS file transfer vulnerability.
  - CVE-2022-1596: Insufficient file access control.

  Additional details and mitigation methods can be found from mentioned (CVE, Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures) advisory.

- Also other Cyber Security related updates.Improvement areas including, but not limited to
  - Cryptography library
  - Webserver

Protection

- *Admittance-based earth-fault protection EFPADM* fault record data storing improvement.
  There has been certain situation where storing of conductance and susceptance values to fault records has not been successful.

- *Current sum CMSUM adaptivity improvements.*
  Now CMSUM is frequency adaptive, when "Frequency adaptivity" setting enabled.

- *High-impedance fault detection PHIZ* function operation and stability has been enhanced.

- *Stabilized and instantaneous differential protection for machines MPDIF* improvement to CT ratio correction handling. Now also Sample Based MPDIF calulation can take account CT ratio correction.

- Improvement to all overcurrent and earth fault protection functions with user programmable or UK rectifier operating curve types. (IDMT operating curve types.) There has been very narrow operate range where very low overshoot above the protection functions set starting value, which could cause immediate operation, instead of delayed operation as per mentioned user programmable or UK rectifier curves delay times.

[1] The relay firmware update may also include some minor usability improvements not listed in this note.

HMI

- Improvement to P3SXSWI function "Reed not closed" command response to LHMI.

Communication

- Improved robustness on functionality when disconnecting IEC 60870-5-104 communication.
- Improving communication error handling in case of SFP transceiver is unplugged while Line Differential communication is in use.
- Redundant Ethernet channel supervision RCHLCCH ,HSR/PRP diagnostics improvement. Removing unnecessary CHLIV TRUE/FALSE events when no other devices connected to network.
- Improvement to the Frequency measurement FMMXU avoids unnecessary reporting during momentary vector shift situations.
- Scaling issue fixed with SIM1001 card when Sending/Receiving Calculated Io value via SMV (IEC 61850-9-2 LE).
- Improvement on GOOSE receiving. In a system where one relay is receiving GOOSE communication from multiple senders, it is possible that a communication break in one sender might impact handling of received values from other senders.
- Improvement to IEEE 1588 PTPv2 Time synchronization Timesource field indications fixed. Before relay announced PTPv2 TimeSource=GPS if the relay was previously synced to a GNSS/GPS grandmaster, even GPS connection was lost. Now the REX640 ordinary clock was modified to announce TimeSource=Internal Oscillator regardless of previous state.
- Enhancements to IEEE 1588 PTPv2 Time synchronization to expedite master negotiation process.

Engineering

- Handling of erroneous SMV SCL communication configuration improved.
  Prior, the relay might become unresponsive if an erroneous SMV configuration was written to the relay.

Supervision

- User Account Management (UAM) enhancements.
  - Updates to default user Roles and rights.
  Note: Activating updated default role changes requires relay factory restore or restoring the user accounts from PCM600 after update, and then custom roles and rights can be written again (Customer configuration) to relay.
  - Preventing firmware updates with operator credentials from PCM600 Firmware Update Tool.

- Improvement to relay self-supervision to mitigate rare occurrence of Card error, slot A2 (IRF code -42) during relay startup situation. Possible occurrence has been limited to certain communication card types only (listed below).

  Communication card type and revision in use can be verified e.g., from REX640 LHMI or WHMI.
  Menu --> Device/Information/HW modules/x000 (COM)
  Check Article number and HW revision

  List of COM cards that can be updated by normal FUT update process:

Article number	HW revision
2RCA034478A0001	F, G
2RCA034478A0901	F, G
2RCA034483A0001	F, G
2RCA034483A0901	F, G
2RCA034488A0001	F, G
2RCA034488A0901	F, G
2RCA034493A0001	E, F
2RCA034493A0901	E, F
2RCA034497A0001	E, F
2RCA034497A0901	E, F

  List of COM cards that need update by process requiring factory support and tools: Please contact your local ABB representative for further guidance. Technical support is available for all ABB employees at: https://abb.custhelp.com

Article number	HW revision
2RCA034478A0001	H, J
2RCA034478A0901	H, J
2RCA034483A0001	H, J
2RCA034483A0901	H, J
2RCA034488A0001	H, J
2RCA034488A0901	H, J
2RCA034493A0001	G, H
2RCA034493A0901	G, H
2RCA034497A0001	G, H
2RCA034497A0901	G, H

  All other types of communication cards and revisions are not affected by this issue.

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HMI

- LHMI performance improvement.
  Earlier LHMI might have acted slow under some heavy configurations.

Supervision

- Fixing performance issue leading to reccurring IRF116 at certain HSR and PRP network systems.
  At some HSR and PRP network systems it has been possible to experience recurring IRF116 (WD2) COM card error leading to relay self-recovery reboot.
  (Impacted FW 1.0.5 & 1.0.6.)

Communication

- Enhcanced SFP module handling and reporting.
  (SFP Module related to Line Differential and Line Distance applications.)

Firmware update release 1.0.6 for relay

Cyber Security

- Cyber Security improvements to the "Ripple20" vulnerability in TCP/IP communication stack for normal product usage conditions. Following vulnerabilities has been identified in the product and fixed by the update:
  - CVE-2020-11907
  - CVE-2020-11909
  - CVE-2020-11910
  - CVE-2020-11911
  - CVE-2020-11912

  Note! Some of the security scanners might still report existence of Ripple20 vulnerability after the update. This is a false positive, since the scanners indicate the presence of the IP stack, without being able to check the vulnerability and its fixes.

Supervision

- Improving Time counter rollover in relay's communication module that may have caused internal relay fault with error code IRF116 COM card error and relay to self-reboot after time interval(s) which is divisible by ~50 days from previous restart.

- Enhancing relay restart process from Supply voltage breaks.
  In case of Supply voltage break, on rare occasions, relay was restarting to fault (EEPROM error on slot A2) and indicating "Card error, slot A2" at Event list.

HMI

- Improvements in WebHMI to better support Google Chrome 83 & 84 new security features. previously issues was seen at least with relay settings import and login.

Engineering

- Improving Special Character < > & handling at User Defined Names (UDN) and alarm texts. Which earlier may have caused relay program error and preventing successful relay restart.

Firmware update release 1.0.5 for relay

HMI

- Enhancing LHMI “testing and commissioning / Secondary injection Monitoring” page function “ON/OFF” restoration while switching from Test mode to Normal mode. When returning to normal mode operation without turning temporarily deactivated function(s) back to “ON” under test mode, some function(s) have remained “OFF” instead restoring automatically its original “ON”-state.

- Removing unnecessary repetitive “Viewed Security Event logs Succesfully” Syslog messages seen at Report Summary page when using WHMI.

Measurement

- CMSWI / VMSWI switching of the source fixed for TR2PTDF, TR3PTDF, MPDIF, COLPTOC, SRCPTOC, HAEFPTOC and PHVPTOV. Earlier these functions did not take the new switched source correctly into use.

Time synchronization

- Improving SNTP Time synchronization server switch from primary to secondary server.

Firmware update release 1.0.4 for relay

Protection

- Improvement of line differential protection stability.

Firmware update release 1.0.3 for relay and LHMI application version dated 19-09-10-16:34

Measurement

- Calculated residual voltage scaling on SMV stream receiver side has been corrected.

- Calculated residual voltage scaling on measurement list on LHMI/WHMI as well as for MMS reporting has been corrected.

HMI

- “Clear LEDs” function button behaviour on the ready-made virtual alarm LED page in LHMI is improved.

- Improved information on the “Fault Records” page on LHMI in case ANSI naming convention is in use.

Firmware update release 1.0.2 for relay and LHMI application version dated 19-06-13-16:05

Protection

- Improvement of stability during post-fault oscilations in multifrequency admitance-based earthfault protection (MFADPSDE) operating in "Intermittent EF"-mode.

Measurement

- Improvement in current measurement summation function (CMSUM) output values in case currents measured with sensors (Rogowski coils) are summated with conventional CT measurements, or with IEC 61850-9-2 LE based measurements.

Communication

- Improvement in updating capacitor bank unbalance protection CUBPTOC and HCUPTOC functions measurement values reported to the communication link.

Supervision and Monitored values

- Improvement of alarm handling during relay switch-off and switch-on process. “Power down detected” event is not anymore generating persisting alarm which could be cleared only after a five-minute delay.

HMI

- A new feature for restoring relay configuration using back-up from the LHMI is now supported. 640 LHMI restores the relay backup file after the existing LHMI and the new replacement relay pairing has been successfully completed. Following conditions must be additionally fulfilled:
  - Replacement relay's serial number is different than in the original relay
  - The replacement relay contains all the same options as the original relay. The replacement relay may contain additional options.
  - User has accepted to run the restore operation

  The back-up file is automatically written to the LHMI memory 24 hours after the latest change in the relay’s configuration or setting parameter files.

- Improvement LHMI Home-button alarm indication in case virtual alarm LEDs are used instead of event-based alarm list.

Tools for updating the REX640 (PCL1) relay

Tools needed to update to SW version 1.0.8:

- PCM600 2.10 (Hotfix 20201215) or later
- REX640 Connectivity package 1.2.1 or later
- Relay Update file version 1.0.8 (REX640_ALL_Config_640_Version_1.0.8_2RCA045911J.cab)

Update procedure

Firmware updates represent an integral part of ABB's life cycle management of distribution protection and control relays. The updates ensure optimized usability throughout the relay's entire life cycle by offering the latest improvements. The ideal time for a firmware update would be at device commissioning, during periodical testing or during a maintenance break.

All REX640 (PCL1) relays and LHMI product deliveries manufactured later than 18th of October 2022, include the stated relay firmware update 1.0.8 or newer.

Please note that ABB will not be liable for any direct or indirect costs related to the firmware update procedure. The update procedure shall be performed at the sole responsibility of the possessor of the devices.

Glossary

Abbreviations and acronyms are spelled out in the glossary. The glossary also contains definitions of important terms.

CT	Current transformer
CVE	Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures
DT	Definite Time
EEPROM	Electrically erasable programmable read-only memory
EVT	Event Viewer Tool
FPN	Flexible Product Naming
FUT	Firmware Update Tool
FW	Firmware
GNSS	Global navigation satellite systems
GOOSE	Generic Object-Oriented Substation Event
GPS	Global Positioning System
HMI	Human-machine interface
HW	Hardware
IDMT	Inverse definite minimum time
IEC104	IEC 60870-5-104 communication protocol
IEEE 1588	Standard for a Precision Clock Synchronization Protocol for networked measurement and control systems
IP	Internet Protocol
IRF	1. Internal fault 2. Internal relay fault"
LHMI	Local human-machine interface
MMS	Manufacturing message specification
PCL	Product Connectivity Level
PCM600	Protection and Control IED Manager – Software
PKI	Public Key Infrastructure
PTP	Precision Time Protocol
SCADA	Supervision, control and data acquisition
SCL	System Configuration description Language defined by IEC 61850
SFP	Small Form-factor Pluggable - transceiver
SMV	Sampled measured values
SNTP	Simple Network Time Protocol
SW	Software
TCP/IP	Transmission Control Protocol / Internet Protocol
UAM	User Account Management
UDN	User Defined Names
WHMI	Web human-machine interface