

Automatic Power Factor Compensation using PIC Microcontroller

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Abstract: *This paper presents the design and implementation of an Automatic Power Factor Compensation (APFC) system using a PIC microcontroller for enhancing energy efficiency in industrial applications. The system aims to mitigate the effects of poor power factor by dynamically adjusting compensation elements to maintain power factor close to unity. Key components of the system include voltage and current sensors, a PIC microcontroller, and power factor correction capacitors. The microcontroller continuously monitors the power factor and controls the connection of capacitors based on real-time measurements. Experimental results demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed APFC system in improving energy efficiency and reducing electricity costs. The integration of advanced control algorithms and microcontroller technology offers a reliable and cost-effective solution for optimizing power factor in industrial environments*

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