Installation Method of Soft Starter Distribution Box



Overview

Soft starters can be installed in sealed enclosures, provided the ambient temperature within the enclosure will not exceed the soft starter''s rated temperature.

Key Takeaways

Proper installation of a soft starter distribution box ensures smooth motor start-up, protection, and efficient operation.

Mounting and Location

Orientation and Ventilation: Install the soft starter vertically in a well-ventilated enclosure to allow heat dissipation and prevent overheating. Maintain sufficient clearance around the starter for airflow and maintenance access. Environment: Avoid mounting near heat sources, direct sunlight, or vibration-prone areas.

Use a vibration-free surface and ensure the enclosure is suitable for the operating environment. Enclosure Considerations: If installed inside a distribution box, ensure the box allows adequate ventilation. Installing a bypass contactor can reduce heat dissipation and the need for additional cooling.

Electrical Connections

Power Wiring: Connect the soft starter in series with the motor. For delta-configured motors, use "In Line" wiring as specified in the manufacturer's diagram. Control Circuit: Connect the control inputs, start/stop signals, and any communication lines according to the wiring diagram provided by the manufacturer.

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Fusing and Protection: Use semiconductor fuses (aR-class) for SCR protection to ensure Type 2 coordination, preventing damage to the starter or motor during short circuits. Bypass Contactor: If included, wire the bypass contactor in parallel with the soft starter. It engages automatically after the start-up phase, reducing power loss and heat generation during continuous operation.

Earthing: Properly connect the soft starter to earth to ensure safety and compliance with electrical standards.

Parameter Settings and Commissioning

Motor Data Input: Enter the motor's rated voltage, current, and power into the soft starter. Ramp Times: Configure start-up and stop ramp times to control acceleration and deceleration rates. Current Limit and Protection: Set maximum start-up current and configure overload and short-circuit protection.

Testing: Perform functional and load tests to verify correct operation. Fine-tune parameters as needed for optimal performance.

Safety and Compliance

Qualified Personnel: Installation should be performed by trained electrical personnel only.

CE and EM

C Compliance: For installations in the EU, ensure the system meets EMC directives and CE marking requirements. Using CE-marked equipment and following manufacturer instructions simplifies compliance.

PPE and Lockout/

Tagout: Follow OSHA and NFPA 70E guidelines to establish an Electrically Safe Work Condition before servicing equipment operating above 50 volts.

Summary

Installing a soft starter distribution box involves careful attention to mounting, ventilation, wiring, protection, and parameter configuration. Following manufacturer wiring diagrams, using proper fuses, and ensuring safety compliance will maximize motor life, reduce wear, and provide reliable operation. Proper use of bypass contactors and heat management ensures efficiency and longevity of the system.

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The Softstarter can still be in active status but no current will pass through it, instead all current will pass through the by-pass contactor. For connection of the by-pass contactor, please see section 2. •

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