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Part 25: AC electrical machines used in power drive systems – Application guide**



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## INTRODUCTION

The performance characteristics and operating data for converter-fed electrical machines are influenced by the complete drive system, comprising supply system, converter, cabling, electrical machine, mechanical shafting and control equipment. Each of these components exists in numerous technical variants. Any values quoted in this document are thus indicative only.

In view of the complex technical interrelations within the system and the variety of operating conditions, it is beyond the scope and object of this document to specify numerical or limiting values for all the quantities which are of importance for the design of the power drive system.

To an increasing extent, it is the practice that power drive systems consist of components produced by different manufacturers. The object of this document is to explain, as far as possible, the influence of these components on the design of the electrical machine and its performance characteristics.

This document deals with both AC electrical machines which are specifically designed for converter supply and converter-fed electrical machines within the scope of IEC 60034-12, which are designed originally for mains supply.

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#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60034 describes the performance characteristics of AC electrical machines for use on converter supplies. For electrical machines specifically designed for converter duty application design features are defined. It also specifies the interface parameters and interactions between the electrical machine and the converter including installation guidance as part of a power drive system, but except for the voltage at the power interface which is described in IEC TS 61800-8.

The general requirements of relevant parts of the IEC 60034 series of standards also apply to electrical machines within the scope of this document.

For electrical machines operating in potentially explosive atmospheres, additional requirements as described in the IEC 60079 series for dust ignition proof apply.

This document is not primarily concerned with safety. However, some of its recommendations may have implications for safety, which are considered as necessary.

Where a converter manufacturer provides specific installation recommendations, they take precedence over the recommendations of this document.

#### 2 Normative references

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IEC 60034-1:2022, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 1: Rating and performance*

IEC 60034-2-1, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 2-1: Standard methods for determining losses and efficiency from tests (excluding machines for traction vehicles)*

IEC 60034-2-2, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 2-2: Specific methods for determining separate losses of large machines from tests – Supplement to IEC 60034-2-1*

IEC 60034-2-3, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 2-3: Specific test methods for determining losses and efficiency of converter-fed AC induction motors*

IEC 60034-6, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 6: Methods of cooling (IC Code)*

IEC 60034-9:2021, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 9: Noise limits*

IEC 60034-12, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 12: Starting performance of single-speed three-phase cage induction motors*

IEC 60034-14:2018, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 14: Mechanical vibration of certain machines with shaft heights 56 mm and higher – Measurement, evaluation and limits of vibration severity*

IEC 60034-18-41:2014, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 18-41: Partial discharge free electrical insulation systems (Type I) used in rotating electrical machines fed from voltage converters – Qualification and quality control tests*  
IEC 60034-18-41:2014/AMD1:2019

IEC 60034-18-42:2017, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 18-42: Partial discharge resistant electrical insulation systems (Type II) used in rotating electrical machines fed from voltage converters – Qualification tests*  
IEC 60034-18-42:2017/AMD1:2020

IEC 60079 (all parts): *Explosive atmospheres*

IEC 60079-7, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 7: Equipment protection by increased safety "e"*

IEC TR 61000-5-1, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 5: Installation and mitigation guidelines – Section 1: General considerations – Basic EMC publication*

IEC TR 61000-5-2, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 5: Installation and mitigation guidelines – Section 2: Earthing and cabling*

IEC 61800-3, *Adjustable speed electrical power drive systems – Part 3: EMC requirements and specific test methods*

IEC 61800-5-1, *Adjustable speed electrical power drive systems – Part 5-1: Safety requirements – Electrical, thermal and energy*

IEC TS 61800-8:2010, *Adjustable speed electrical power drive systems – Part 8: Specification of voltage on the power interface*

IEC TS 62578:2015, *Power electronics systems and equipment – Operation conditions and characteristics of active infeed converter (AIC) applications including design recommendations for their emission values below 150 kHz*

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#### **3.1**

##### **bearing voltage ratio**

##### **BVR**

ratio of the capacitively coupled bearing voltage to the common-mode voltage