## MOTORTRONICS

Solid State AC Motor Controls







Integrated bypass contractor
Advanced motor protection
Narrow-width for MCC mounting
Low-profile for use in pump panels
Remote keypad mounting
Unique built-in features

The control & protection you expect in an innovative soft starter design...

#### **Flexibility of Control**

Multiple ramp profiles, Pump-Flex™ Decel, process control timers and advanced motor protection make the VMX Series soft starter adaptable to a wide variety of AC motor applications... no need for add-on modules or costly auxillary devices.

**Compact packaging** has become critical in more and more electrical installations. The VMX Series meets this need without compromising features and ratings.

By using a highly engineered packaging design and the latest generation microprocessor, all the control and protection features you need are in the VMX Series. Narrow and shallow dimensions are perfect for integrating the VMX Series into motor control centers (MCCs), pump control panels, and retrofit starter enclosures.



## with the advantages of selectable control

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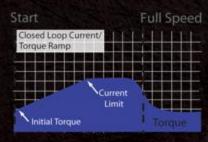
#### Choose the ramping method that works best for your load...



#### Pumps, Fans, Blowers & Conveyors

 Closed Loop Torque /Current (CLT™) Ramping provides a linear increase in output torque

during acceleration. It maximizes the available torque using an internal PID feedback loop, insuring a smooth, linear ramp up to full speed. Ideal for

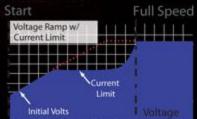


low pressure pumps where slight surges at the end of ramp may pose mechanical problems or on fans and mixers where blade warping can be an issue.

### Compressors & Chillers Voltage Ramp with Current L

 Voltage Ramp with Current Limit for applications that need the smoothness of

voltage ramping while maintaining the ability to start in limited power environments.



 For maximum motor power

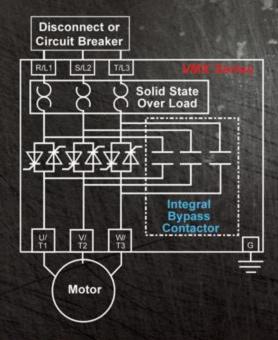
where the available power supply is severely limited, a Current Limit/Current Step start can be used.







**Integral Bypass Contactors** are standard on all sizes and provide maximum efficiency of panel space while maintaining the Motortronics reputation for being able to soft start most any load. The VMX Series is the only fully integrated, compact, world-class design offering uncompromised power and control capabilities.



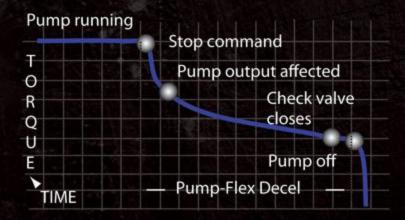
Series
Compact soft starter

## unique built-in features

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**Eliminate the damaging effects of "Water Hammer"** A gradual reduction in the output torque of your pump motor is provided when a stop signal is initiated. When the motor output reaches a point where the check valve can be safely and gently closed, the Pump-FlexTM circuit automatically turns itself off.

Since no two pumps or pump applications are exactly the same, the flexible settings of Pump-FlexTM decel control allow you to tailor the output to precisely match your application requirements. No need for external timers or auxiliary controls.



#### The VMX Series also includes...

Process Control Timer Ideal for irrigation pumps when a specific amount of water needs to be pumped even if a power failure or a fault trip occurs during operation

- 24 hour/ 7 day Time Clock Controller Built-in time clock with selectable days-to-minute feature
- · Batch Process Timer Run for a set time after starting, even after power outage

When traditional electro-mechanical motor controls are used, motor torque is immediately lost when the power is turned off. The fluid that is flowing through the system, and the kinetic energy associated with it, immediately reverses direction. To prevent the reverse flow, a check valve typically is slammed shut, trapping the kinetic energy in the piping system. This shock wave, often referred to as "Water Hammer," is no longer a problem when you use Pump Flex™ decel control.

Minimize maintenance costs & downtime By gradually reducing motor torque using Pump-FlexTM decel control, the potentially destructive pump output pressure is allowed to slowly dissipate in the system during the stopping process. Check valves close gently and other fluid system components including pipes, valves, flanges, couplings and hangers are no longer subjected to the shock and destructive potential of water hammer.

#### Metering

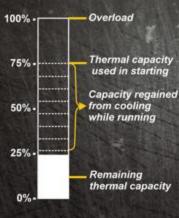
Elapsed time meter, run cycle counter, remaining lock-out time and fault history for maximum control and status of your pumps or processes.

# World-class motor & system protection...

Separate Start & Run Overload Protection Two programmable overload trip curves allow for the thermal capacity required to start the load, while providing more closely matched overload protection during the run time.

#### **Real-Time Thermal Modeling**

a dynamic thermal register continuously calculates motor operating temperature even when your motor is not running. Knows when the motor is cool enough for a successful restart.



Motor Thermal Model

- Equipment ground fault trip and monitoring (residual current method)
- ✓ PTC thermistor input for use on motors with embedded PTC temperature sensors
- Current imbalance trip and biasing of the thermal register
- Phase loss protection based on current and voltage
- Electronic shear pin trip (overcurrent) with trip delay
- Load loss trip (under current) with trip delay
- Phase rotation protection
- ✓ Pre-start shorted load protection checks for motor lead or winding damage

## MX Series

Compact soft starter

## In a soft starter that is easy to install

#### **Unique, Compact Design**

- Narrow width for MCC (motor control center) mounting
- Integrated bypass contactor
- Low profile for use in pump panels & other shallow enclosures
- Remote mount keypad capability
- Generous power terminal landing pads
- Pull apart control terminals for easy assembly & wiring
- Built-in features eliminate adding discreet devices
- Process control timers, metering, decel control, communications, and more





#### Remote Mount Keypad Option

Remotely mount the keypad and display up to 10 feet from the base unit, with NEMA 1 or NEMA 4/12 bezels

#### **Retentive Thermal Memory**

Remembers the motor thermal condition even in the event of a power loss or blackout. Extrapolates motor temperatures using a real-time clock.

#### **Dynamic Reset Capacity**

Overload will not reset until thermal capacity in the motor is sufficient for a successful restart. Starter learns and retains this information from previous starts.

- Running short circuit trip acts like a high speed "electronic fuse"
- Shorted SCR lockout, defeatable for "must run" situations
- Bypass discrepancy monitoring ensures the Bypass Contactor closes

Back-spin timer ensures coast-down before restart



Minimum time between starts lock-out



Starts-per-hour lockout to prevent motor damage



- Over temperature trip keeps track of heat sink temperature to avoid SCR damage
- Shunt trip detects welded contactor or multiple shorted SCRs (when used with shunt trip breaker)
- Remaining thermal capacity metering, to predict overloads
- Metering of A, B, C phase and ground fault currents
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The features of a protection relay at no additional cost!

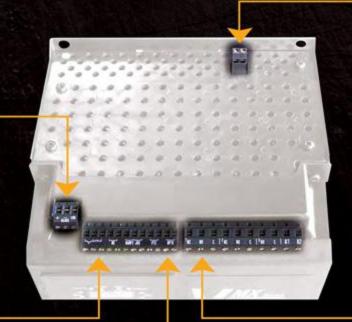
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## Easy to wire & easy to use

Flexible Inputs & Outputs Put You in Control!

Easy access RS-485 comm port with Modbus RTU protocol built-in, no add-on communications module needed.



#### Simple control wiring:

2 or 3 wire Start/Stop, N.C. Interlock, PTC /E-Stop, Jog and Dual Ramp, all operated at 24VDC for safety.

#### **Dedicated fault triac**

with opto-isolation for PLC interface or connecting to an external relay.

#### **Emergency Bypass Input**

simple contact closure allows for independent control of the Bypass contactor when emergency across-the-line starting is needed. (For applications requiring full voltage, line start capability, select model based on HD ratings shown on page 6).

#### 3 dry contact relays:

2 FORM C and 1 FORM A, all fully programmable for over 30 functions including, Run, At Speed, End of Decel, nine other status indicators and 13 trip indicators, including an option to flash on certain faults.



#### VMX Series Soft Starter with Integral Bypass Contactor - NEMA & IEC Ratings

| Model<br>Number | Adjustable<br>Range<br>(AMPS) |         |      | Nominal Motor Rating (50/60 Hz) |     |      |           |     |           |      | Nominal Motor Rating (50 Hz) |      |           |      |           |      |      |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------|------|---------------------------------|-----|------|-----------|-----|-----------|------|------------------------------|------|-----------|------|-----------|------|------|
|                 |                               | Max FLA |      | Maximum HP/Voltage (NEMA)       |     |      |           |     |           |      | Maximum kW/Voltage (IEC)     |      |           |      |           |      |      |
|                 |                               |         |      | 200V / HP   230V / HF           |     | //HP | 460V / HP |     | 575V / HP |      | 220V / kW                    |      | 380V / kW |      | 415V / kW |      |      |
|                 |                               | HD      | SD   | HD                              | SD  | HD   | SD        | HD  | SD        | HD   | SD                           | HD   | SD        | HD   | SD        | HD   | SD   |
| VMX-18-BP       | 9 - 18                        | 11      | 18   | 3                               | 5   | 3    | 5         | 7.5 | 10        | 7.5  | 15                           | 2.2  | 3.7       | 3.7  | 7.5       | 5.5  | 7.5  |
| VMX-28-BP       | 14 - 28                       | 21      | 28   | 5                               | 7.5 | 5    | 7.5       | 15  | 20        | 15   | 25                           | 5.5  | 7.5       | 7.5  | 11        | 7.5  | 11   |
| VMX-39-BP       | 19 - 39                       | 27      | 39   | 7.5                             | 10  | 7.5  | 10        | 20  | 25        | 20   | 30                           | 7.5  | 11        | 11   | 18.5      | 11   | 18.5 |
| VMX-48-BP       | 24 - 48                       | 40      | 48   | 10                              | 10  | 10   | 15        | 25  | 30        | 25   | 40                           | 11   | 11        | 18.5 | 22        | 18.5 | 22   |
| VMX-62-BP       | 31 - 62                       | 45      | 62   | 10                              | 15  | 15   | 20        | 30  | 40        | 30   | 60                           | 11   | 15        | 22   | 30        | 22   | 30   |
| VMX-78-BP       | 39 - 78                       | 55      | 78   | 15                              | 20  | 20   | 25        | 40  | 50        | 40   | 75                           | 15   | 18.5      | 22   | 37        | 30   | 37   |
| VMX-92-BP       | 46 - 92                       | 68      | 92   | 20                              | 25  | 25   | 30        | 50  | 60        | 50   | 75                           | 18.5 | 22        | 30   | 45        | 37   | 45   |
| VMX-112-BP      | 56 - 112                      | 80      | 112  | 25                              | 30  | 30   | 40        | 50  | 75        | 50   | 100                          | 22   | 30        | 37   | 55        | 45   | 55   |
| VMX-150-BP      | 75 - 150                      | 96      | 150  | 30                              | 40  | 30   | 50        | 60  | 100       | 60   | 125                          | 22   | 45        | 45   | 75        | 55   | 75   |
| VMX-160-BP      | 80 - 160                      | 125     | 160  | 40                              | 50  | 40   | 60        | 75  | 125       | 75   | 150                          | 30   | 45        | 55   | 75        | 55   | 75   |
| VMX-210-BP      | 105 - 210                     | 156     | 210  | 50                              | 60  | 60   | 75        | 100 | 150       | 125  | 200                          | 45   | 55        | 75   | 110       | 75   | 110  |
| VMX-275-BP      | 138 - 275                     | 220     | 275  | 60                              | 75  | 75   | 100       | 150 | 200       | 150  | 250                          | 55   | 75        | 110  | 132       | 110  | 150  |
| VMX-361-BP      | 181 - 361                     | 248     | 361  | 75                              | 125 | 100  | 125       | 200 | 300       | 200  | 350                          | 75   | 110       | 132  | 185       | 132  | 200  |
| VMX-450-BP      | 225 - 450                     | 400     | 450  | 125                             | 150 | 125  | 150       | 250 | 350       | 300  | 450                          | 110  | 132       | 200  | 220       | 220  | 250  |
| VMX-550-BP      | 275 - 550                     | 480     | 550  | 150                             | 150 | 200  | 200       | 400 | 450       | 500  | 500                          | 132  | 160       | 250  | 285       | 265  | 305  |
| VMX-600-BP      | 300 - 600                     | 600     | 600  | 200                             | 200 | 250  | 250       | 500 | 500       | 600  | 600                          | 185  | 185       | 300  | 315       | 330  | 330  |
| VMX-862-BP      | 431 - 862                     | 690     | 862  | 250                             | 250 | 250  | 300       | 500 | 600       | 600  | 700                          | 200  | 250       | 360  | 450       | 380  | 475  |
| VMX-900-BP      | 450 - 900                     | 800     | 900  | 250                             | 300 | 300  | 350       | 600 | 700       | 600  | 900                          | 220  | 275       | 420  | 470       | 440  | 500  |
| VMX-1006-BP     | 503 - 1006                    | 960     | 1006 | 300                             | 350 | 350  | 400       | 700 | 800       | 900  | 1000                         | 255  | 310       | 475  | 525       | 500  | 555  |
| VMX-1250-BP     | 625 - 1250                    | 1080    | 1250 | 350                             | 450 | 450  | 450       | 900 | 1000      | 1000 | 1200                         | 330  | 385       | 565  | 655       | 600  | 695  |

#### Notes

- 1. Data is based on NEC Table 430-150, full load current three phase motors. Size soft starter based on actual motor nameplate FLA.
- 2. Heavy Duty Rating (HD): 500% overload capacity for 30 seconds, 1.15 S.F., Line start (A-T-L) full voltage bypass (except VMX-1250 BP which is shunt rated only)
- 3. Standard Duty Rating (SD): 350% capacity for 30 seconds, 1.0 S.F., shunt rated bypass.a

## Specifications

#### **Power Components**

6 SCRs in inverse parallel pairs for full phase angle soft start control (1600V PIV) RC snubber for dv/dt protection of each SCR pair

#### Line Voltage Range

200 to 600 VAC, 3 phase +10% -15%, 50/60Hz

#### **Current Ratings**

18 - 1250A depending on unit selection Range of each unit is 50-100% of max current rating

#### **AC Supply Voltage**

User supplied 120VAC +10% -15% tolerance, 60Hz Optional 240VAC 50Hz control available

#### Start/Stop Control Choices

2-wire Run-Stop using dry contacts 3-wire Start/Stop with built-in seal in contact N.C. Interlock input (dry contact) for remote devices

#### Ramp Control Choices (4 built-in)

Voltage Ramp
Voltage Ramp with Current Limit
CLT© Closed Loop Torque Ramp (Current Ramp)
Current Step (current limit only)
Ramp times adjustable 1 - 120 seconds
Current Limit adjustable 200 - 600% of FLA

#### **Dual Ramps**

Select via dry contact closure between any combinations of the above

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Dry contact closure selects a non-ramping Jog function at an adjustable torque level

#### **Kick Start**

10 - 100% starting torque for 0.1 - 2 secondsa



## **Dimensions & Shipping Weights**



18 - 1250 Amps

BP = Chassis w/ bypass C = Combination starter\* \*See configured VMX brochure for details

#### Control Power

Blank = 120 VAC 240 = 240 VAC



| Model Number                 | H<br>inches (mm) | W inches (mm) | D<br>inches (mm) | Shipping Weight<br>Approx<br>Ibs (kg)<br>13 (5.9) |  |  |
|------------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|---|--|--|
| VMX-18-BP thru VMX-48-BP     | 8.85 (225)       | 8.00 (203)    | 6.65 (169)       |   |  |  |
| VMX-62-BP thru VMX-112-BP    | 14.00 (355.6)    | 8.00 (203)    | 6.65 (169)       | 23 (10.4)   |  |  |
| VMX-150-BP thru VMX-160-BP   | 19.00 (482.6)    | 8.00 (203)    | 6.65 (169)       | 40 (18)   |  |  |
| VMX-210-BP                   |                  |               |                  | 130 (59)  |  |  |
| VMX-275-BP                   | 28.1 (713.7)     | 12.5 (317.5)  | 9.1 (231)        | 140 (63.5)  |  |  |
| VMX-361-BP thru VMX-450-BP   |                  |               |                  | 145 (65.8)  |  |  |
| VMX-550-BP thru VMX-600-BP   | 29.50 (749.3)    | 12.5 (317.5)  | 9.1 (231)        | 165 (74.8)  |  |  |
| VMX-862-BP thru VMX-900-BP   | 44.25 (1124)     | 25.5 (647.7)  | 11.86 (301.3)    | Contact<br>Factory                                |  |  |
| VMX-1006-BP thru VMX-1250-BP | 50.77 (1289.6)   | 25.5 (647.7)  | 13.28 (337.3)    |   |  |  |

Note: Dimensions and weights are for reference only and are subject to change.

#### Pump-Flex™ Deceleration Ramp

Fully adjustable to match field conditions: Begin Decel setting, 0 - 100% of line voltage Decel ramp time, 1 - 60 seconds End Decel setting (Off), 0 - 1% of Begin setting

#### Restart Delay Timer (Sequential Start Delay)

Programmable time delay 1 - 999 seconds after loss of control power for staggered restarts

#### **Time Clock Controller**

24 hour/7 day time clock to provide automatic start Up to 7 start events per day Select operation from 1 through 7 days per week Run time determined by process control timer

#### **RS-485 Serial Communications**

Up to 247 starters per link Modbus RTU protocol built-in

#### Process Control Timer (choice of either)

Minimum Run (Batch) Timer

1-999 minutes

Runs until time expires, resets only if expired

Resumes and finishes if stopped or power is lost

Permissive Run Timer

1-999 minutes

Only allows operation during active run time

#### Operator Interface

Tactile feedback keypad Easy to read LED display Run and fault status indicators











## **World Class Products & Service**

Other soft starter products available from Motortronics



#### VMX "Configured" Soft Starter

- · Combination starter with built-in circuit breaker
- NEMA 12 (IP54) enclosure
- "Smart Door" operator panel
  - Programming
  - Diagnostics
  - Metering
  - Pilot lights, pushbuttons and switches
- Control power transformer
- Terminal strip for customer interface



## Medium Voltage Soft Starter MVC Plus Series

- 2.3 to 15kV
- Ratings up to 1500A
- · Advanced motor protection
- · Heavy duty design
- Stand alone units or custom lineups
- Specialty motor applications
  - multi-motor
  - synchronous
  - and more...



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