

# DFE

## Digital Soft Starters

Up to 195Amp



Soft Starters and Energy  
Optimising Soft Starters

### Installation Instructions Montageanweisung Notice d'installation Istruzioni per il montaggio Instrucciones de montaje

This device is suitable for use in industrial environments. EN 55011/22 Class A  
Das Gerät ist für den industriellen Einsatz geeignet EN 55011/22 Klasse A.  
L'appareil a été conçu pour l'emploi en milieu industriel EN 55011/22 classe A.  
L'apparecchio è adatto per uso in ambienti industriali EN 55011/22 Classe A.  
El aparato es adecuado para uso en ambiente industrial EN 55011/22 clase A.

DFE-02	11kW @ 400V	22Amp
DFE-04	15kW @ 400V	29Amp
DFE-06	22kW @ 400V	41Amp
DFE-08	30kW @ 400V	55Amp

DFE-12	37kW @ 400V	66Amp
DFE-14	45kW @ 400V	80Amp
DFE-16	55kW @ 400V	97Amp

DFE-22	75kW @ 400V	132Amp
DFE-24	90kW @ 400V	160Amp
DFE-26	110kW @ 400V	195Amp

#### Electric shock risk. Danger

Only skilled or instructed persons may carry out the following operations.

#### Lebensgefahr durch elektrischen Strom!

Nur Elektrofachkräfte und elektrotechnisch unterwiesene Personen dürfen die im Folgenden beschriebenen Arbeiten ausführen.

#### Tension électrique dangereuse !

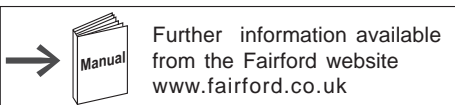
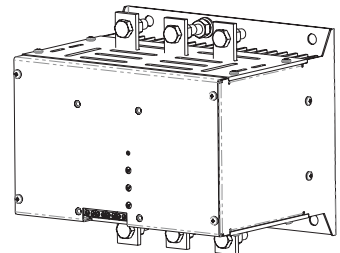
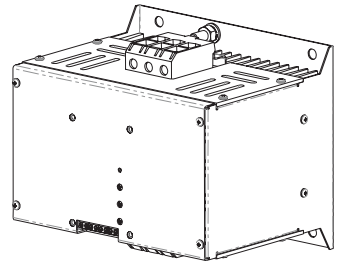
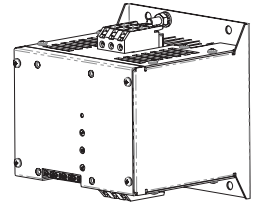
Seules les personnes qualifiées et averties doivent exécuter les travaux ci-après.

#### Tensione elettrica: Pericolo di morte!

Solo persone abilitate e qualificate possono eseguire le operazioni di seguito riportate.

#### ¡Corriente eléctrica! ¡Peligro de muerte!

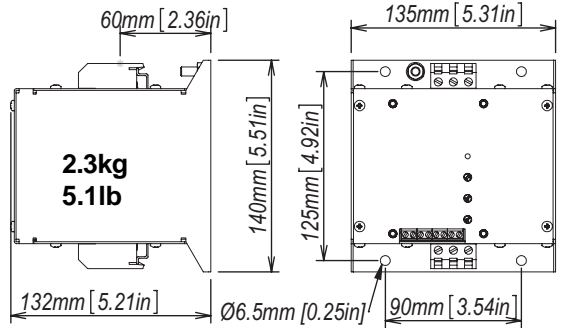
El trabajo a continuación descrito debe ser realizado por personas cualificadas y advertidas.



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from the Fairford website  
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# Dimensions – Abmessungen – Dimensioni – Dimensiones

DFE-02 to DFE-08 11kW to 30kW

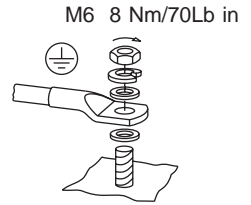


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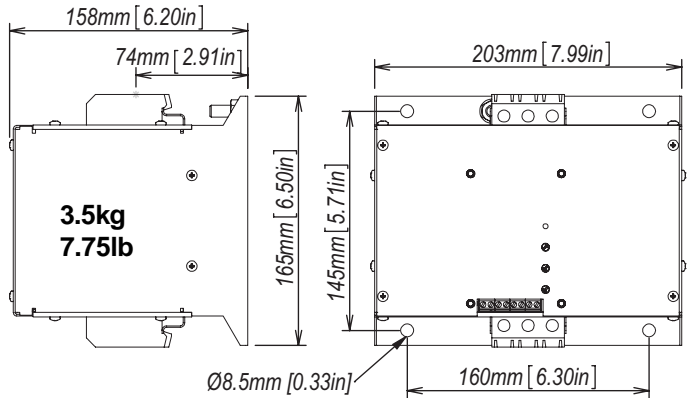
Mountings suitable for M6  
90mm x 125mm centres

Power cables/Leistungsleitungen/Conducteurs de puissance/Cavi di potenza/Condutores de potencia

1L1, 3L2, 5L3 2T1, 4T2, 6T3	mm <sup>2</sup>	AWG	mm	Nm /Lb.in	mm
	6 - 16	8 - 4	13	2 /18	0.8 x 4



DFE-12 to DFE-16 37kW to 55kW

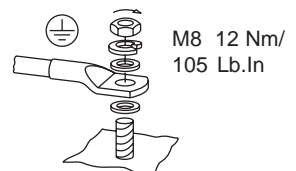


Cu STR 75°C

Mountings suitable for M8.  
160mm x 145mm centres

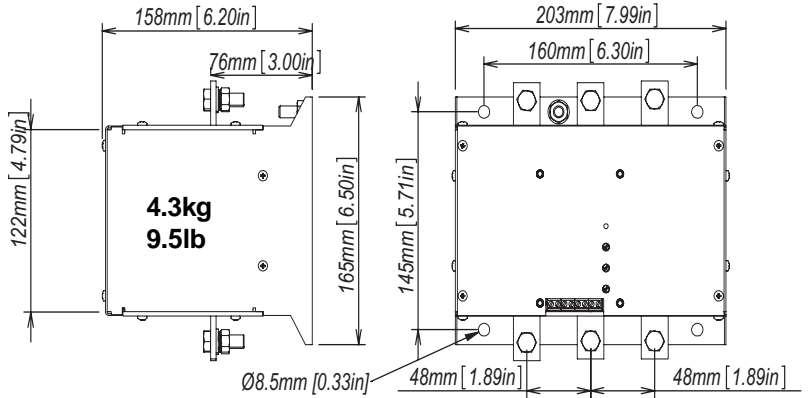
Power cables/Leistungsleitungen/Conducteurs de puissance/Cavi di potenza/Condutores de potencia

1L1, 3L2, 5L3, 2T1, 4T2, 6T3	mm <sup>2</sup>	AWG	mm	Nm/Lb.in	mm
	16 - 35	6 - 1	17	2.5/27	1.2 x 6.5



# Dimensions – Abmessungen – Dimensioni – Dimensiones

DFE-22 to DFE-26 75kW to 110kW



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Power cables/Leistungsleitungen/Conducteurs de puissance/Cavi di potenza/Conductores de potencia

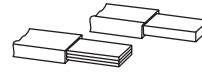
Mountings suitable for M8.  
160mm x 145mm centres

Kit installation with Insulation Kit part Number MIS854 is required for UL compliance

1L1, 3L2, 5L3, 2T1, 4T2, 6T3 (PE)



50 - 95mm<sup>2</sup>  
1/0 - 250kcmil



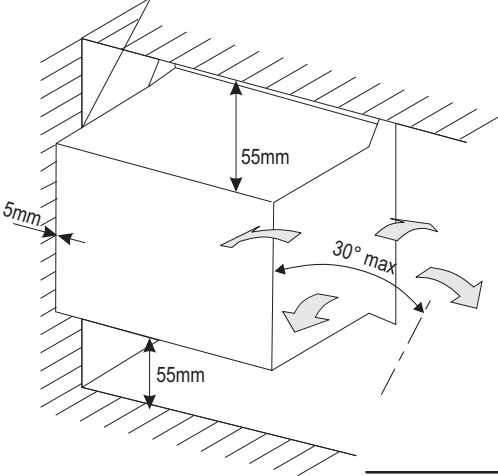
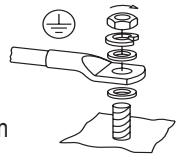
20mm x 5mm



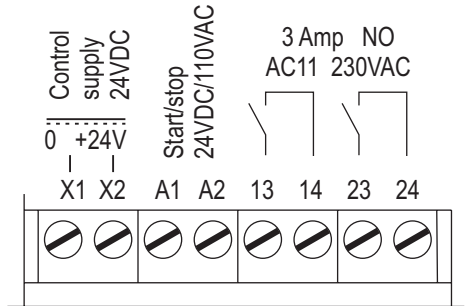
M8

12Nm/106.2 Lb.in

M8 12 Nm/  
106.2 Lb.in

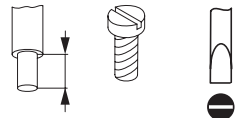


Control cables – Steuerleitungen  
Conducteurs de commande –  
Cavi comandi -  
Conductores de mando



Mounting position -  
Einbaulage - Position de  
montage - Posizione di  
montaggio - Posición de  
montaje

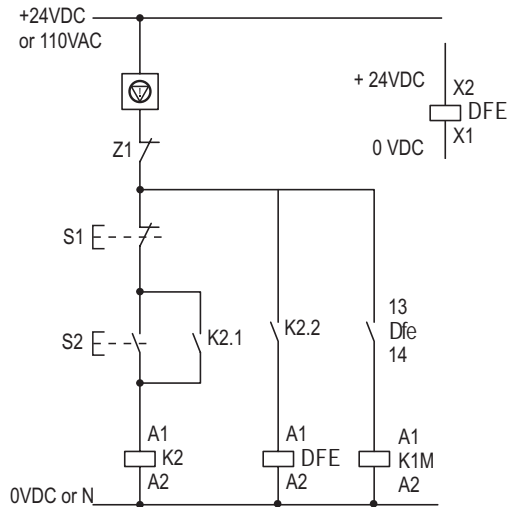
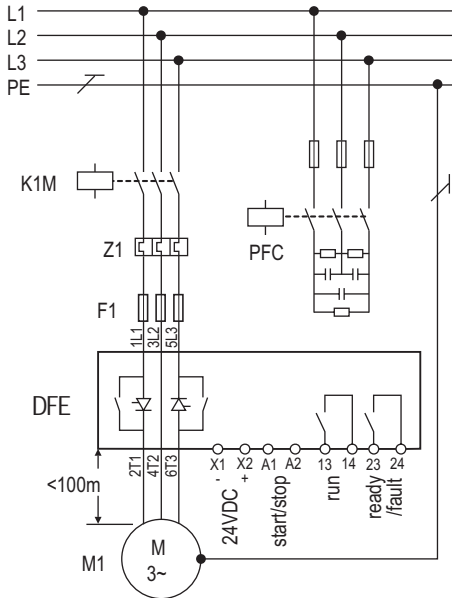
X1, X2    A1, A2  
13, 14    23, 24



	mm <sup>2</sup>	AWG	mm	Nm	mm
1 x	0.75 – 2.5	18 – 12	6	0.8	0.5 x 3.5
2 x	0.75 - 1	18 – 16	11	0.8	0.5 x 3.5

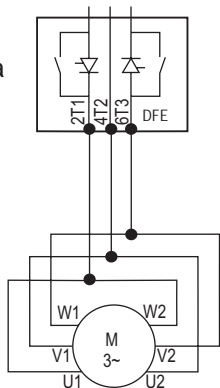
# Standard connection – Standardanschluss – Raccordement standard – Collegamento standard – Conexión estándar

Soft starter with mains contactor - Softstarter mit Netzschütz – Démarreur progressif avec contacteur réseau – Softstarter con contattore di rete – Arrancador suave con contactor red

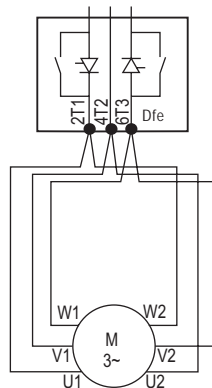


3 wire control 24 VDC/110VAC

Make the Delta at the motor



Make the Delta at the DFE



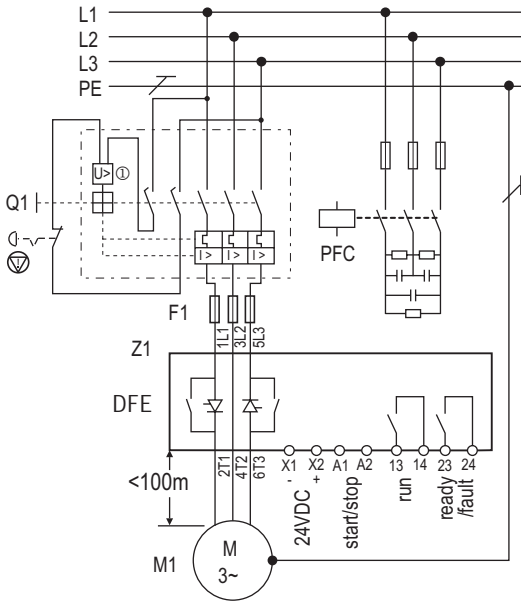
Where several conductors are to be connected, the difference between the wires/cables used must not exceed one DIN Standard size level.

Bei Mehrleiteranschluss darf maximal ein DIN-Normgrößen-Sprung zwischen den verwendeten Leitern liegen.

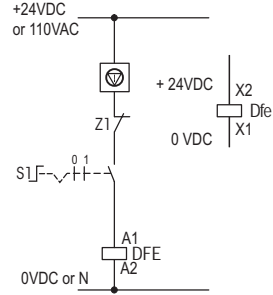
En cas de raccordement de plusieurs conducteurs, il faut 1 écartement normalisé max. entre les conducteurs.

In caso di collegamento a più conduttori, è ammesso al massimo un salto di grandezza DIN standard fra i conduttori utilizzati.

En caso de conexión de múltiples conductores puede haber como máximo un salto de magnitud normalizada DIN entre los conductores utilizados.



*er* Undervoltage release with early-make auxiliary contact - Unterspannungsauslöser mit voreilendem Hilfsschalter - Déclencheur à manque de tension avec contact auxiliaire à action avancée - Sganciatore di minima tensione con contatto ausiliario anticipato - Disparador de baja tensión con interruptor auxiliar adelantado



2 wire control element  
 24 Volt within cabinet, 110 Volt external

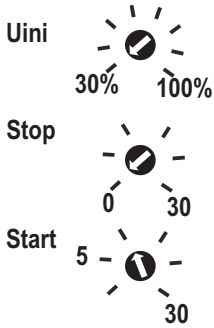
- Q1 = Cable protection - Leitungsschutz - Protezione di linea - Protección de cable - Protection de câbles
- K1M = Main contactor - Netzschütz - Contattore di rete - Contactor red - Contacteur réseau
- Z1 = Overload relay - Überlastrelais - Relè termico - Relé de sobrecarga - Relais thermique
- F1 = Semiconductor fuse for type 1 coordination, in addition to Q1 - Halbleitersicherung für Zuordnungsart 1, zusätzlich zu Q1 - Per avere la protezione del semiconduttore in coordinamento di tipo 1, è necessario un fusibile in aggiunta a Q1 - Fusible semiconductor para tipo de coordinación 1, adicionalmente a Q1 - Fusible pour semi-conducteurs pour coordination de type 1, additionnel à Q1
- Dfe = Soft Starter - Halbleiterschütz - Contactor semiconductor - Contattore a semiconduttori - Contacteur à semi-conducteurs
- A1-A2 = Start/Stop - Start/Stopp - Start/Stop - Arranque/Parada - Démarrage/Arrêt
- ⊗ = EMERGENCY-STOP - NOT-AUS - ARRESTO D'EMERGENZA - PARADA DE EMERGENCIA - ARRET D'URGENCE

## SERVICING

**WARNING** NEVER CARRY OUT ANY WORK ON ELECTRICAL OR MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT BEFORE ISOLATING ALL POWER SUPPLIES. THE DFE DOES NOT PROVIDE ISOLATION. LIVE OUTPUTS MAY BE PRESENT WITHOUT MOTOR ROTATION



# Settings - Einstellungen - Réglages - Regolazioni - Regulaciones



Pedestal Voltage:- 30% for standard rating  
100% for high breakaway loads

Soft Stop time:- 0 = default range 0 S to 30 S

Soft Start time:- ~5 = default range 1S to 30S

☺ **LED green - LED grün – DEL vert – LED verde - LED verde**

On Ready for operation – Betriebsbereit – Prêt à fonctionner – Pronto al funzionamento – En condiciones para funcionamiento

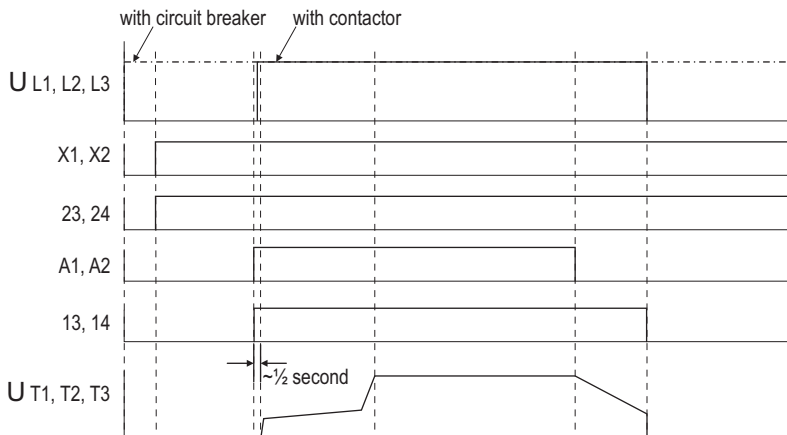
Off Fault – Fehler – erreur – errore – error

☹ **Fault LED red – Fehler LED rot – DEL erreur rouge – LED errore rosso –LED error rojo**

flashes

- 1 SCR or supply
- 2 Too hot
- 3 Control supply low volts
- 4 Bypass relay failure

Green/Orange Flash Tripped & Reset, Ready



## **Attention!**

Within the scope of the EU Directives, the DFE soft starters and their accessories may be commissioned only provided it is established that the machine fulfils the protective requirements of Machine Directive 89/392/EWG.

## **Achtung!**

Im Geltungsbereich der EG-Richtlinien dürfen die Softstarter der Reihe DFE und deren Zubehör nur dann in Betrieb genommen werden, wenn festgestellt wird, dass die Maschine die Schutzanforderungen der Maschinenrichtlinie 89/392/EWG erfüllt.

## **¡Atención!**

En el campo de aplicación de la normativa CE, los arrancadores suaves de la serie DFE y sus correspondientes accesorios sólo deberán ponerse en marcha cuando se asegure que la máquina cumple con las exigencias de seguridad de la normativa de máquinas 89/392/CE.

## **Attention !**

En application des directives européennes, les démarreurs progressifs de la gamme DFE et leurs accessoires ne doivent être mis en service que s'il a été vérifié que la machine répond bien aux exigences de la directive machines 89/392/EWG.

## **Attenzione!**

Nel campo di validità delle direttive CEE i softstarter della serie DFE e i loro accessori possono essere messi in esercizio solamente se è verificato che la macchina soddisfa i requisiti di sicurezza delle direttive macchine 89/392/CEE.

## Sizing Guide

The DFE is designed for general purpose applications and where a traditional Star / Delta is currently used, or would be considered to be appropriate. Generally the motor will start off load, and the time to accelerate to full speed will be in the region of a few seconds.

The standard DFE range is suitable for the majority of cases, and conforms to Trip Class5, which means it is capable of withstanding 3 times Full Load Current for 5 second starts. However there are instances where a different start is required and to satisfy this situation the DFE has four further ratings, Class 10B, Class 10, Class 20 and Class30. These ratings correspond to IEC thermal / electronic overload trip classes, and the DFE must be used with an over current protection device that has a rating corresponding to the Trip Class selected. When using the following tables to select the most appropriate model of DFE please note

- **The DFE is not suitable for very high inertia loads such as centrifuges or loaded crushers with starts > 30 seconds (Fairford has other ranges of Soft Starter for these applications)**
- **Do not use the Class 5 rating when there is possibility of the motor starting with a significant load.**
- **2-pole motors may take longer to start, use a minimum of Trip Class 10B.**



**Common applications, used as a guide to determine appropriate Trip Class.**

Application	Trip Class	Start Time (s)	Notes
Standard	5	5	Suitable for Star / Delta applications with < 5 s Star time, motor starts off load
Heavy	10B	12	Suitable for Star / Delta with applications < 12 s Star time
High Torque	20	12	Requires more starting torque than a Star / Delta
Centrifugal Pump	10	10	Generally easy to start when pumping water
Positive displacement Pump	10	12	Can be difficult to start
Off load Conveyor	5	5	Unloaded at start
Heavy conveyor	20	12	Loaded at start
High inertia fan	10	23	Generally fans greater or equal to 45KW
Off load Compressor	5	5	Special circuits ensure motor starts off load
Loaded Compressor	10	12	Some compressor systems can be difficult to start
Off load Mixer	5	5	No material in basin, off load
Heavy Mixer	20	12	Material in basin

**Trip Class table**

le (A) 400V	Inline KW 400V	Inline HP 460V
22 A	11 KW	15 HP
29 A	15 KW	20 HP
41 A	22 KW	30 HP
55 A	30 KW	40 HP
66 A	37 KW	50 HP
80 A	45 KW	60 HP
97 A	55 KW	75 HP
132 A	75 KW	100 HP
160 A	90 KW	125 HP
195 A	110 KW	150 HP

Trip Class 5 3-5: 355 (Standard)	Trip Class 10B 3.5-12: 708 5/Hr	Trip Class 10 3-23: 697 (5/Hr)	Trip Class 20 4-19: 701 (5/Hr)	Trip Class 30 4-29: 691 (5/Hr)
DFE-02	DFE-04	DFE-04	DFE-04	DFE-06
DFE-04	DFE-06	DFE-06	DFE-06	DFE-08
DFE-06	DFE-08	DFE-08	DFE-12	DFE-16
DFE-08	DFE-12	DFE-12	DFE-16	DFE-22
DFE-12	DFE-14	DFE-14	DFE-22	DFE-22
DFE-14	DFE-22	DFE-22	DFE-22	DFE-24
DFE-16	DFE-22	DFE-22	DFE-24	DFE-26
DFE-22	DFE-26	DFE-26	DFE-30	DFE-32
DFE-24	DFE-30	DFE-30	DFE-32	DFE-34
DFE-26	DFE-30	DFE-30	DFE-34	DFE-36

\* The basic guide for the DFE-30 to DFE-38 is available as part No. M-7A87-F .

<b>Rated Impulse withstand Voltage (Uimp)</b>	4kV
<b>Rated Insulation Voltage (Ui)</b>	500V
<b>Pollution Degree 2</b>	For use in a Pollution Degree 2 environment
<b>Rated Short Circuit Current (Iq)</b>	5 kA for DFE02 to 08 10 kA for DFE12 to 26
<b>Short Circuit Co-ordination*</b>	Type 1
<b>Surrounding Air Temperature</b>	0°C to 40°C. Above 40°C de-rate linearly by 2% of unit FLC per °C to a derate of 40% at 60°C (not UL) - See requirements on page 12
<b>Transport and Storage Altitude</b>	-25°C to +60°C
<b>Humidity</b>	1000m. Above 1000m de-rate linearly by 1% of unit FLC per 100m to a max. altitude of 2000m. max. 85% non-condensing, not exceeding 50% at 40°C
<b>IP Rating</b>	IP20 or IP00

**Design Standards**

IEC 60947-4-2;

EN60947-4-2 “AC Semiconductor Motor Controllers and Starters”

\* When protected by recommended semiconductor fuse.

UL508 Industrial Control Equipment - see UL requirements on page 12

EMC EMISSION AND IMMUNITY LEVELS		
ESD immunity	IEC 61000-4-2	4kV contact. 8kV air discharge
R F immunity	IEC 61000-4-6	140dBuV over 0.15-80MHz
R F immunity	EC 61000-4-3	10V/m over 80 -1000MHz
Fast Transient immunity	IEC 61000-4-4	2kV/5kHz
Surge immunity	IEC 61000-4-5	2kV line to ground 1kV line to line
Conducted RF emissions	EN 55011	Class A
Radiated RF emissions	EN 55011	Class A

**Operational Voltage (Ue)** 230-460 VAC rms 3-Phase (-15% +10%)  
**Rated Frequency** 50 - 60Hz +/- 2Hz **Form Designation** Form 1  
**Index Rating** Standard AC53b: 3-5: 355 (10 Starts/Hr)  
**Control Supply** 24V DC supplied externally to terminals X1-X2.  
Residual Ripple 100mV Spikes/Switching Peaks 240mV  
Turn On/Off Response no overshoot of Vout  
Over Voltage Protection Output voltage must be clamped to < 30V

DFE-02 to DFE-16 - approx 4VA per starter.

Power supply for up to 3 starters available as part No. APSU005

DFE-22 to DFE-26 - approx 12VA per starter, must be capable of 4 Amps for 250ms.

Power supply for single starter available as part No. APSU006

**Start/Soft Stop Control** 24V DC/110V AC galvanically isolated terminals A1-A2  
**Auxiliary Circuits (relays)** Run - 13/14, Ready - 23/24. 230VAC 3A, AC11.  
**Indication** Multi function LED on front panel  
**Start Time** 1 to 30 seconds.  
**Stop Times** 0 to 30 seconds  
**Start Duty** 3 x FLC for 5 seconds at standard rating  
**Starts / Hour** 10 starts per hour or 5 starts + 5 soft stops per hour

**Power Terminals** Input - 1/L1, 3/L2 & 5/L3 output - 2/T1, 4/T2 6/T3.  
Up to 55kW (97Amp) Wire clamp terminals (unit is IP20)  
75kW to 110kW (132Amp to 197Amp) External busbars (unit is IP00)

**Earth Terminal** External stud Up to 30kW/55Amp M6  
37kW/66A to 110kW/195Amp M8

Model Name 400/460V Range	Class 5 (Standard Rating) 3x FLC for 5 seconds 10 starts per Hr		Class 10B 3.5 x FLC for 12 seconds 10 starts per Hr		Siba semiconductor Fuse for Type 1 coordination short circuit protection
	Ie (Arms)	Motor kW at 400V	Ie (Arms)	Motor kW at 400V	
DFE-02	22A	11kW	15.5A	7.5kW	2018920.50A
DFE-04	29A	15kW	22A	11kW	
DFE-06	41A	22kW	29A	15kW	2018920.100A
DFE-08	55A	30kW	41A	22kW	
DFE-12	66A	37kW	55A	30kW	2018920.125A
DFE-14	80A	45kW	66A	37kW	
DFE-16	97A	55kW	66A	37kW	2061032.200A
DFE-22	132A	75kW	97A	55kW	
DFE-24	160A	90kW	116A	60kW	2061032.400A
DFE-26	195A	110kW	160A	90kW	

# UL ratings and protection requirements

## Maximum surrounding air temperatures

Model 480V rated	Maximum 40°C		Maximum 50°C	
	Input current	Power	Input current	Power
DFE-02	22A	15hp	20A	10hp
DFE-04	29A	20hp	27A	20hp
DFE-06	41A	30hp	37A	25hp
DFE-08	55A	40hp	45A	30hp
DFE-12	66A	50hp	60A	40hp
DFE-14	80A	60hp	72A	50hp
DFE-16	97A	75hp	78A	60hp
DFE-22	132A	100hp	119A	75hp
DFE-24	160A	125hp	144A	100hp
DFE-26	195A	150hp	176A	125hp

## Short circuit protection

Suitable for use on a circuit capable of delivering not more than the rms symmetrical amperes indicated below, 480 Volts ac maximum, when protected by fuses or Inverse time circuit breakers, rated maximum amperes as indicated below.

Model	Short circuit rating	RK5 time delay fuse rated 600V ac	Circuit Breaker rated 600V ac
DFE-02	5kA	35A	-
DFE-04	5kA	45A	-
DFE-06	5kA	60A	-
DFE-08	5kA	80A	-
DFE-12	10kA	125A	-
DFE-14	10kA	175A	-
DFE-16	10kA	200A	-
DFE-22	10kA	250A	350A
DFE-24	10kA	350A	450A
DFE-26	10kA	400A	500A



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