
2 Safety Information

2.1 Warnings, Cautions and Notes

A **Warning** contains information which is essential for avoiding a safety hazard.

A **Caution** contains information which is necessary for avoiding a risk of damage to the product or other equipment.

A **Note** contains information which helps to ensure correct operation of the product.

2.2 Electrical safety – general warning

The voltages used in the Drive can cause severe electric shock and/or burns, and could be lethal. Extreme care is necessary at all times when working with or adjacent to the Drive.

Specific warnings are given at the relevant places in this User Guide.

The installation must comply with all relevant safety legislation in the country of use.

2.3 System design

The Drive is intended as a component for professional incorporation into complete equipment or systems. If installed incorrectly the Drive may present a safety hazard. The Drive uses high voltages and currents, carries a high level of stored electrical energy, and is used to control mechanical equipment which can cause injury.

Close attention is required to the electrical installation and the system-design to avoid hazards either in normal operation or in the event of equipment malfunction. System-design, installation, commissioning and maintenance must be carried out by personnel who have the necessary training and experience. They must read this safety information and this User Guide carefully.

To ensure mechanical safety, additional safety devices such as electro-mechanical interlocks may be required. The Drive must not be used in a safety-critical application without additional high-integrity protection against hazards arising from a malfunction.

2.4 Environmental limits

Instructions in this User Guide regarding transport, storage, installation and use of Drives must be complied with, including the specified environmental limits. Drives must not be subjected to excessive physical force.

2.5 Compliance with regulations

The installer is responsible for complying with all relevant regulations, such as national wiring regulations, accident prevention regulations and electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) regulations. Particular attention must be given to the cross-sectional areas of conductors, the selection of fuses or other protection, and protective earth (ground) connections.

This User Guide contains instructions for achieving compliance with specific EMC standards.

Within the European Union, all machinery in which this product is used must comply with the following directives:

98/37/EC: Safety of Machinery

89/336/EEC: Electromagnetic Compatibility.

2.6 Safety of personnel

The STOP function of the Drive does not remove dangerous voltages from the output of the Drive or from any external option unit.

The Stop and Start controls or electrical inputs of the Drive should not be relied upon to ensure safety of personnel. If a safety hazard could exist from unexpected starting of the Drive, an interlock that electrically isolates the Drive from the AC supply must be installed to prevent the motor being inadvertently started.

Careful consideration must be given to the functions of the Drive which might result in a hazard, either through their intended functions (eg. Auto-start) or through incorrect operation due to a fault or trip (eg. stop/start, forward/reverse, maximum speed).

Under certain conditions, the Drive can suddenly discontinue control of the motor. If the load on the motor could cause the motor speed to be increased (eg. hoists and cranes), a separate method of braking and stopping the motor must be used (eg. a mechanical brake).

Before connecting the AC supply to the Drive, it is important that you understand the operating controls and their operation. If in doubt, do not adjust the Drive. Damage may occur, or lives put at risk. Carefully follow the instructions in this User Guide.

Before making adjustments to the Drive, ensure all personnel in the area are warned. Make notes of all adjustments that are made.

2.7 Risk analysis

In any application where a malfunction of the Drive could lead to damage, loss or injury, a risk analysis must be carried out, and where necessary, further measures taken to reduce the risk. This would normally be an appropriate form of independent safety back-up system using simple electro-mechanical components.

2.8 Motor

Ensure the motor is installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Ensure the motor shaft is not exposed.

Standard squirrel-cage induction motors are designed for single-speed operation. If it is intended to use the capability of the Drive to run a motor at speeds above its designed maximum, it is strongly recommended that the manufacturer is consulted first.

Low speeds may cause the motor to over-heat because the cooling fan becomes less effective. The motor should then be fitted with a protection thermistor. If necessary, a separate cooling fan should be used.

2.9 Adjusting parameters

Some parameters have a profound effect on the operation of the Drive. They must not be altered without careful consideration of the impact on the controlled system. Measures must be taken to prevent unwanted changes due to error or tampering.