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# IEEE Houston Section Medium Voltage Reduced Voltage Starters



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## Importance of Properly Specifying Motors for the Application.

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# Basic Starting Techniques & More



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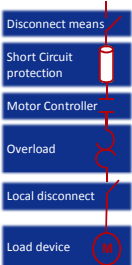
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### Motor Control Outline

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### What is a Motor?

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### Motor Control Introduction

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Why do we need Electric Motors?



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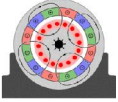
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### Motor Introduction SOLCON USA



- An **electric motor** is an **electrical machine** that converts **electrical energy** into **mechanical energy**.
- The reverse of this would be the conversion of mechanical energy into electrical energy and is done by an **electric generator**.
- In normal motoring mode, most electric motors operate through the interaction between an electric motor's **magnetic field** and **winding currents** to generate force within the motor.



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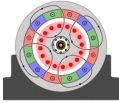
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### Motor Controller Introduction SOLCON USA



- A **motor controller** is a device or group of devices that serves to govern in some predetermined manner the performance of an **electric motor**.<sup>[1]</sup> A motor controller might include a manual or automatic means for starting and stopping the motor, selecting forward or reverse rotation, selecting and regulating the speed, regulating or limiting the torque, and protecting against overloads and **faults**.

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### DC Motor History SOLCON USA

Year	Discoverer	Discovered
1740	Andrew Gordon	Electrostatics
1820	André-Marie Ampère	Ampère's force law
1821	Michael Faraday	Electromagnetic
1828	Anyos Jedlik	Electromagnetic Coils
1834	Moritz von Jacobi	1 <sup>st</sup> DC Motor
1832	William Sturgeon	1 <sup>st</sup> Commutator
1837	Thomas Davenport	1 <sup>st</sup> Commercial Patented Electric Vehicle
1855	Anyos Jedlik	Electric Vehicle
1864	Antonio Pacinotti	Ring Armature
1871	Zénobe Gramme	Reinvented Pacinotti's design connected 2 DC motors
1886	Frank Julian Sprague	Non-Sparking Motor
1887	Frank Julian Sprague	1 <sup>st</sup> Electric Trolley System

- The first electric motors were simple **electrostatic** devices created by the Scottish monk **Andrew Gordon** in the **1740s**.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Commercial Patented Motor in **1837** by **Thomas Davenport**

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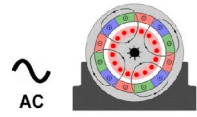

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### AC Motor History

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Year	Discoverer	Discovered
1824	Francis Arago	Rotating Magnetic Fields
1835	Hippolyte Pixii	1 <sup>st</sup> Alternator
1855	Guillaume Duchenne	Uses AC in Electrotherapeutic Triggering of Muscle Contractions
1878	Ganz Company	Single Phase AC Motor
1879	Walter Baily	1 <sup>st</sup> Primitive Induction Motor
1884	Lucien Gaulard	Develops transformers and the power transmission system
1885	George Westinghouse	Buys the rights to Gaulard and Gibbs system
1887	C.S. Bradley	Builds 1 <sup>st</sup> AC 3 phase generator.
1888	Galileo Ferraris Nikola Tesla	Paper: A New System for Alternating Current Motors and Transformers
1896	General Electric and Westinghouse	Signed a cross-licensing agreement for Square-Cycle Motor

• The first primitive **induction motor** was discovered by manually turning switches on and off, by **Walter Baily in 1879**.



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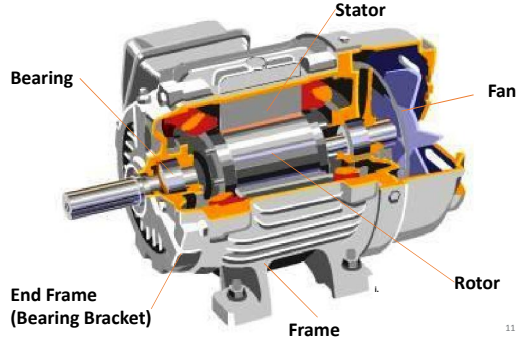
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### Induction Motor Basics

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#### Main Components



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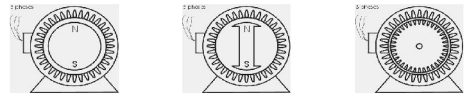
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### AC Motor Basic Theory

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As a current is **“induced”** into the stator windings, a magnetic field is created

The rotor rotates as the polarity of the changes.



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### Motors Facts Today...



- Today in North America, more than 1 billion motors are in service.
- Motors consume 25% of electricity in North America.
- Electricity consumption by motors in manufacturing sector is 70%.
- In oil, gas and mining industries around 90%.
- Three phase squirrel-cage induction motors account for over 90% of the installed motor capacity.

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### Motor Failure Rates and Costs



- Motor failure rate is conservatively estimated as 3-5% per year
  - In Mining, Pulp and Paper industry, motor failure rate can be as high as 12%.
- Motor failures divided in 3 groups:
  - Electrical (33%)
  - Mechanical (31%)
  - Environmental, Maintenance, & Other (36%)
- Motor failure cost contributors:
  - Repair or Replacement
  - Removal and Installation
  - Loss of Production

IEEE STUDY		EPRI STUDY		AVERAGE	
FAILURE CONTRIBUTOR	%	FAILED COMPONENT	%		%
Persistent Overload	4.20%	Stator Ground Insulation	23.00	Electrical Related Failures	33%
Normal Deterioration	26.40%	Turn Insulation	4.00		
		Bracing	3.00		
		Core	1.00		
		Cage	5.00		
Electrical Related Total	30.60%	Electrical Related Total	36.00%	Mechanical Related Failures	31%
High Vibration	15.50%	Sleeve Bearings	16.00		
Poor Lubrication	15.20%	Autofriction Bearings	8.00		
		Truss Bearings	5.00		
		Rotor Shaft	2.00		
Mechanical Related Total	30.70%	Mechanical Related Total	32.00%	Environmental, Maintenance & Other Reasons Related Failures	36%
High Ambient Temp.	3	Bearing Seals	6.00		
Abnormal Moisture	5.8	Oil Leakage	3.00		
Abnormal Voltage	1.5	Frame	1.00		
Abnormal Frequency	0.6	Wedges	1.00		
Abusive Chemicals	4.2				
Poor Ventilation Cooling	3.9				
Other Reasons	19.7	Other Components	21.00		
Environmental Related & Other Reasons Total	38.70%	Maintenance Related & Other Parts Total	32.00%		

Harsh Conformal Coating Can Reduce Environmental Failures

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### What is Motor Control?



What is Motor Control?



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**Motor Control Starting Techniques** SOLCON USA

How many different Motor Control Starting techniques are their?



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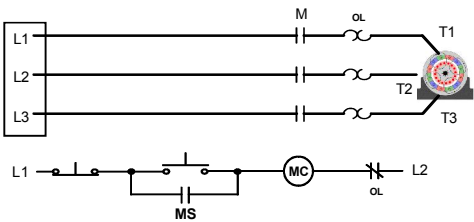
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**AC Motor Full Voltage/Across the Line** SOLCON USA

**Full Voltage/Across the Line Motor Starters**



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**AC Motor Full Voltage ATL/DOL** 

**ATL/DOL - Across The Line/Direct Over the Line**

- There are various methods that can be used to start an AC induction motor. The simplest method is by closing a contactor and allowing the motor to start at full voltage, or *Across The Line (ATL)*. This is the **oldest method** used to start a motor and, although compact and inexpensive, it is far from the best. ATL starting is marked by **inrush currents of six to eight times** the motor's full load amp (FLA) value, on average. **Premium efficiency motors** can have inrush currents greater than **ten times full load amps**. These high inrush currents result in **electrical as well as mechanical problems** for the motor and the application.

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**AC Motor Full Voltage ATL/DOL** 

**Full Voltage/Across the Line Motor Start**

Voltage Applied on Start = 100% ( $V_n$ )



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**AC Motor Full Voltage ATL/DOL** 

- The diagram is a **current/speed curve** for a motor started at **full voltage**.

**Note:** The amount of current that is drawn by the motor to accelerate the connected load. *The motor produces maximum torque in less than three seconds. The majority of applications require less than half this amount of torque to accelerate the connected load.*

For many applications, **this excess amount of torque will create premature mechanical and electrical failures in the drive train of the application.** Starting a motor in this manner is very similar to **“dropping the clutch”** in your car or truck while revving the engine.

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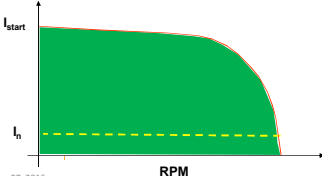
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**AC Motor Full Voltage ATL/DOL** 

**Across the Line "ATL" Motor Inrush Current**

Typically = 600-800% Motor Nameplate Current



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THREE PHASE	
QAT NO.	UNKNOW
SPEC.	250T487
FRAME	25C 25ER 248T
H.P.	1
VOLTS	208-230/480
AMPS	23.5/24.1/7.7
R.P.M.	1725
HZ	60
SER. Y.	115 164 25
NEMA	FF75 50/1 1/2
RATING	40C AMB CONT

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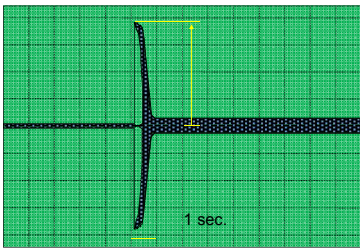
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**AC Motor Full Voltage ATL/DOL** 

**ATL Start Current Surge (Oscilloscope View)**



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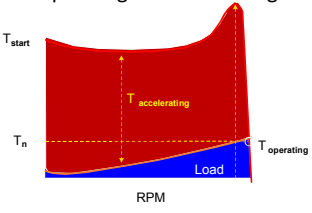
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**AC Motor Full Voltage ATL/DOL** 

**ATL Start Accelerating Torque**

Typically = 150-250% T<sub>n</sub>  
Depending on Motor Design



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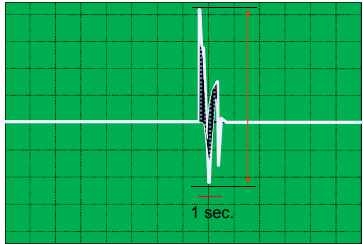
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**AC Motor Full Voltage ATL/DOL** 

**ATL Start Mechanical Shock (Oscilloscope View)**



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**AC Motor Full Voltage ATL/DOL** 

**Disadvantages of Full Voltage ATL Starting**

1. **High inrush currents create stress** on the motor's windings. This stress will cause the windings to move in the end turns of the stator. This will **cause the insulation to break down**. Eventually, **phase to phase shorts will occur and result in early motor failure**.
2. Full voltage starting will **cause damage to belts, sheaves, gearboxes, and other mechanical components throughout the application drive train**, thus causing downtime and replacement costs. For the most part, it is the **down time** that proves to be the most costly in any industry.
3. Full voltage starting can **create line drops/voltage dips which may result in penalties from the utility company**. The line drops that large motors can create may also cause problems with other applications throughout the plant.
4. Across The Line starting puts large amounts of **stress on the contactor contacts** which, in turn, require a relatively large amount of maintenance.
5. **Poor motor protection** with the use of overload with 20% accuracy.
6. No capability to **control the deceleration**.

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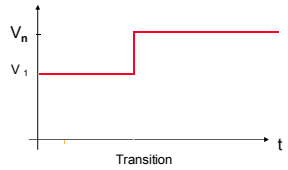
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**AC Motor Electro Mechanical RVS** 

**Electro Mechanical Reduced Voltage Starter  
EM-RVS**

Traditional EM-RVS starters apply an initial low voltage level and transition to full voltage during start phase. This results in a step function.



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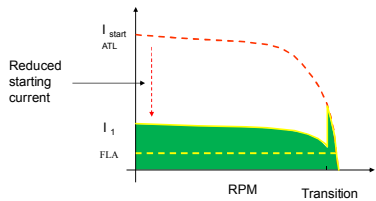
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**AC Motor Electro Mechanical RVS** 

**EM-RVS Starter Motor Inrush Current**

Starting current is reduced as the square of the applied voltage reduction. Current spikes occur at transition.



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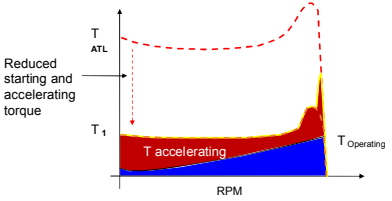
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**AC Motor Electro Mechanical RVS** 

**EM-RVS Start Accelerating Torque**

Torque is reduced proportionately with the reduction in motor current. Torque surges occur at transition.



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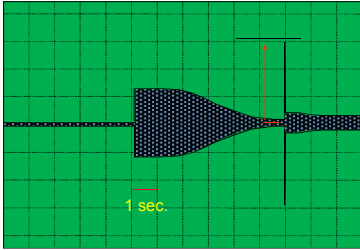
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**AC Motor Electro Mechanical RVS** 

**EM-RVS Start Current Surge (Oscilloscope View)**



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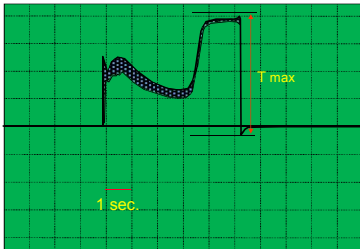
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**AC Motor Electro Mechanical RVS** 

**EM-RVS Start Mechanical Shock (Oscilloscope View)**



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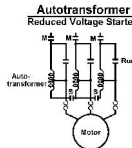
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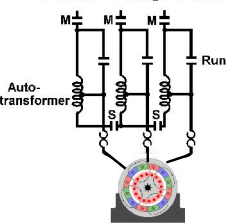
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**AC Motor Electro Mechanical RVS** 

**Electro Mechanical Reduced Voltage Starter**



**Autotransformer Reduced Voltage Starter**



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**AC Motor AutoTransformer** 

**Autotransformer Reduced Voltage Starting**

- The Autotransformer starter is simply a transformer configured with contactors to allow a stepped acceleration to full speed. This is accomplished by “tapping” the transformer at 50, 65, or 80 percent of full voltage. One of these taps is the first step of voltage applied to the motor and is subsequently followed by a second step to full voltage.
- The first is an open transition type. With this type, the motor is disconnected from the voltage source during the transition step to full voltage. Even though this is very quick, a large current spike and torque transient is created.
- The second is for a closed transition starter. This type of starter does not disconnect the motor from the voltage source during the transition step to full voltage. Although this is an improvement over the open transition, a significant current surge and torque transient is still experienced.

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**AC Motor Electro Mechanical RVS** 

**Disadvantages of Autotransformer Starting**

1. Limited adjustability to load conditions.
2. Mechanical shock to system between steps.
3. Large size; takes up control room space.
4. High contactor maintenance.
5. High purchase cost.
6. Unable to compensate easily for input voltage variations.
7. Uncontrolled deceleration.
8. Poor motor protection with the use of bimetallic overload with 20% accuracy.

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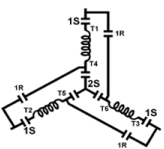
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
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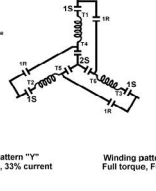
**Star Delta (Also Called Wye-Delta) Starting**




**Step 1, Y Start**  
 Contacts T2 and T3 close  
 R1 is open



Winding pattern "Y"  
 33% torque, 33% current



**Step 2, Delta Run**  
 Contacts T2 opens  
 R1 closes



Winding pattern "Delta"  
 Full torque, Full current

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**AC Motor Electro Mechanical RVS** 

**Wye-Delta (Also Called Star Delta) Starting**

- **Wye-Delta** starter utilizes a special wound motor that has the wires from each of the sets of windings brought out to the terminal leads. These windings can be connected in a "Delta" pattern for full motor starting torque, or in a "Y" (Wye) pattern for reduced starting torque. In the Delta pattern, all of the windings are connected phase-to-phase in series, just as they would be in a standard motor.
- In the "Y" configuration, each set of phase windings is brought together at a common point. This increases the impedance of the motor itself, reducing the current and torque to 33% of normal. Three contactors and a timer are used to switch the six leads brought out of the motor into the Y-then-Delta configuration in a two-step starting process.

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**AC Motor Electro Mechanical RVS**



To illustrate the **disadvantages** with the electromechanical type of starters, let's look at a speed torque curve for a typical variable torque load started at full voltage, at 85% voltage with an Autotransformer and Wye-Delta. The area between the typical load torque curve and the full voltage, Wye-Delta or Autotransformer torque curve is the **excess torque that is created during starting**. Electromechanical reduced voltage starters reduce the inrush current and applied torque when compared to starting with full voltage; unfortunately the motor still produces an **excess of torque compared to the torque actually required to start the connected load**.

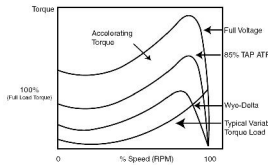


Figure 3-6: Typical Constant Torque Motor Speed Torque Curves for Electromechanical Starting

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**AC Motor Electro Mechanical RVS**



For a better understanding of the effects associated with full voltage starting and the voltage steps associated with electromechanical reduced voltage starters like the Autotransformer and Wye-Delta, *let's look at the relationship between applied motor voltage and motor output torque:*

**Rule of thumb: Torque varies as (Amps)<sup>2</sup>**

Thus, if **only 50% of nominal voltage is applied**, the motor's starting torque is only 25%. The following examples apply for a 480V or 575V Induction motor and various applied voltages.

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**AC Motor Electro Mechanical RVS**



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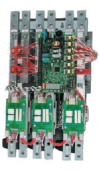
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**AC Motor Solid State RVS** 

**Solid State Reduced Voltage Starters**



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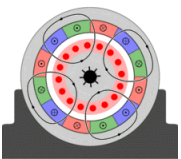
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**AC Motor Solid State RVS** 

**Solid State Reduced Voltage Starters  
(Soft Starters)**

**Available for:**

- *Standard Induction Motors*
- *Synchronous Motors*
- *Wound Rotor Motors*
- *Multi-Speed PAM Motors*



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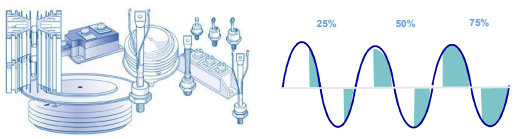
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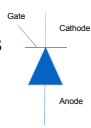
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**AC Motor Solid State RVS – SCR** 



- Reduced voltage starting with softstarters is accomplished by **Silicone Controlled Rectifiers** or SCRs technology.
- Chopping the sine wave on start and stop



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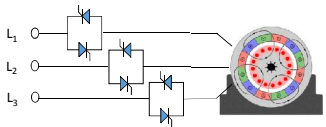
**AC Motor Solid State RVS** 

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Typical SSRVS Full Wave Bridge Power Stack



SCR=Silicon Controlled Rectifier



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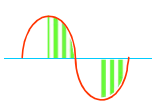
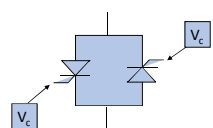
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When voltage is applied to the gates of the SCR's, they pass current to the motor.



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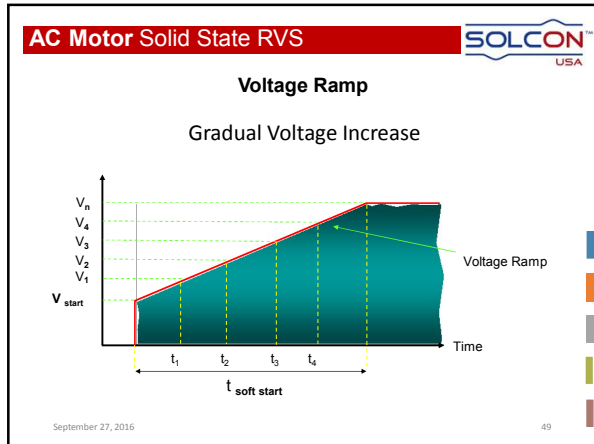
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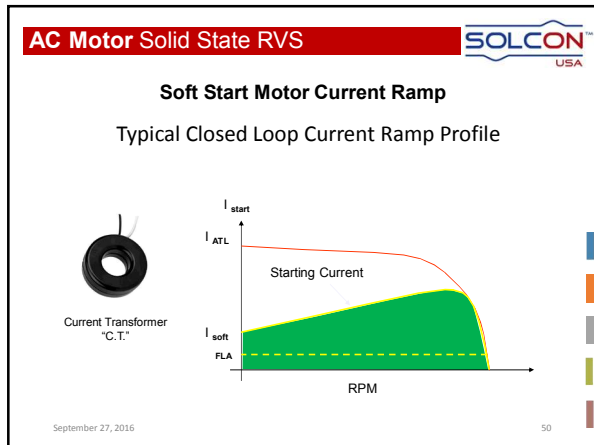
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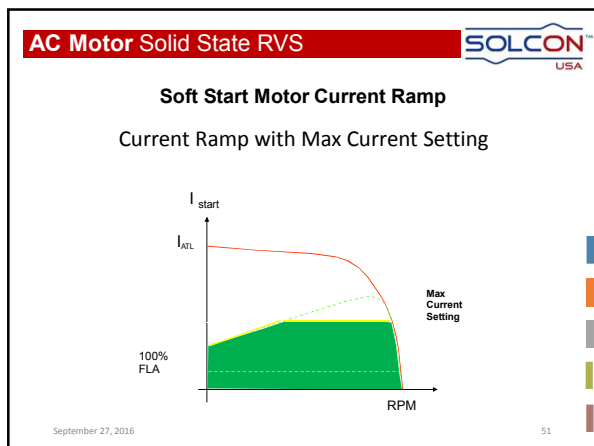
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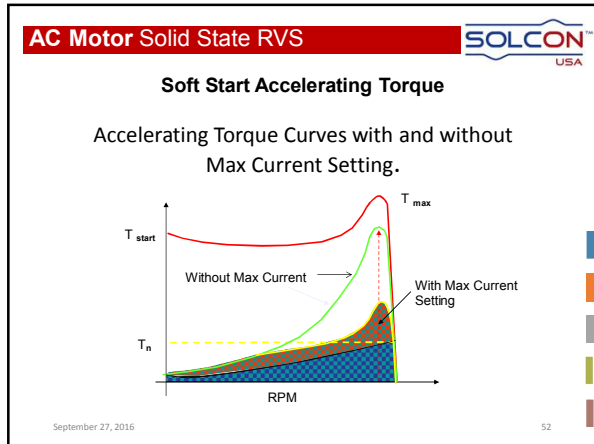
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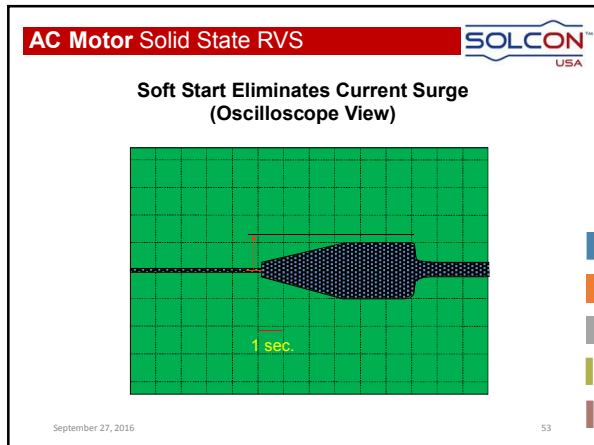
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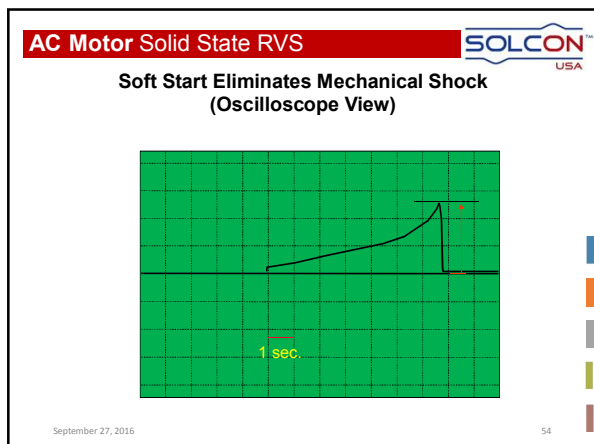
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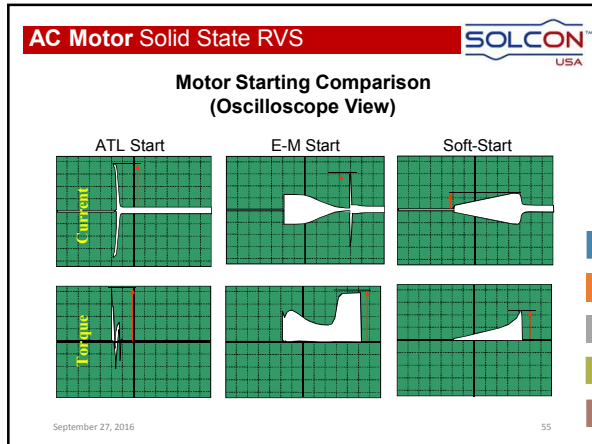
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### Motor Control Industrial Application SOLCON USA

- Oil and Gas
- Plastic
- Glass
- Paint
- Paper
- Heat Treatment
- Metallurgy
- HVAC
- Heaters
- Electrolysis
- Multi-zone heating (heater/phase)
- Variety of resistive and inductive loads
- Semiconductor Equipment

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**Motor Control Resources** 

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 Article: **Across The Line (DOL) vs. Reduced Voltage Starters**

<http://www.solconusa.com/News-Events/solconusa-christopher-sanderson-across-the-line-vs-reduced-voltage-starters.html>

 Presentation: **Motor Protection Principles**

- By [Craig.Wester@GE.com](mailto:Craig.Wester@GE.com), GE Multilin

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**MOTOR CONTROL IS OUR NATURE**

# Motor Control



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