

Energy Savings of Variable Frequency Drives in Pumping Applications



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- III. Calculating Energy Savings
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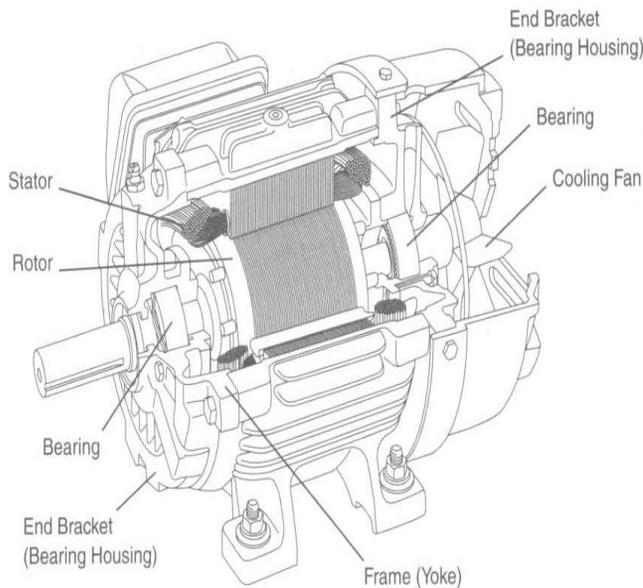
I. VFD Basics - Common Names

- Adjustable Frequency Drives - AFD
- Variable Speed Drives - VSD
- AC Inverter
- AC Drives
- Drives
- Inverters



Brief Snapshot of How a Motor Works

$$\text{Synchronous Speed} = \frac{120 * \text{frequency}}{\# \text{ poles}} = \frac{120 * 60 \text{ Hz}}{4} = 1800 \text{ rpm}$$



Rotor has fixed magnetic fields.

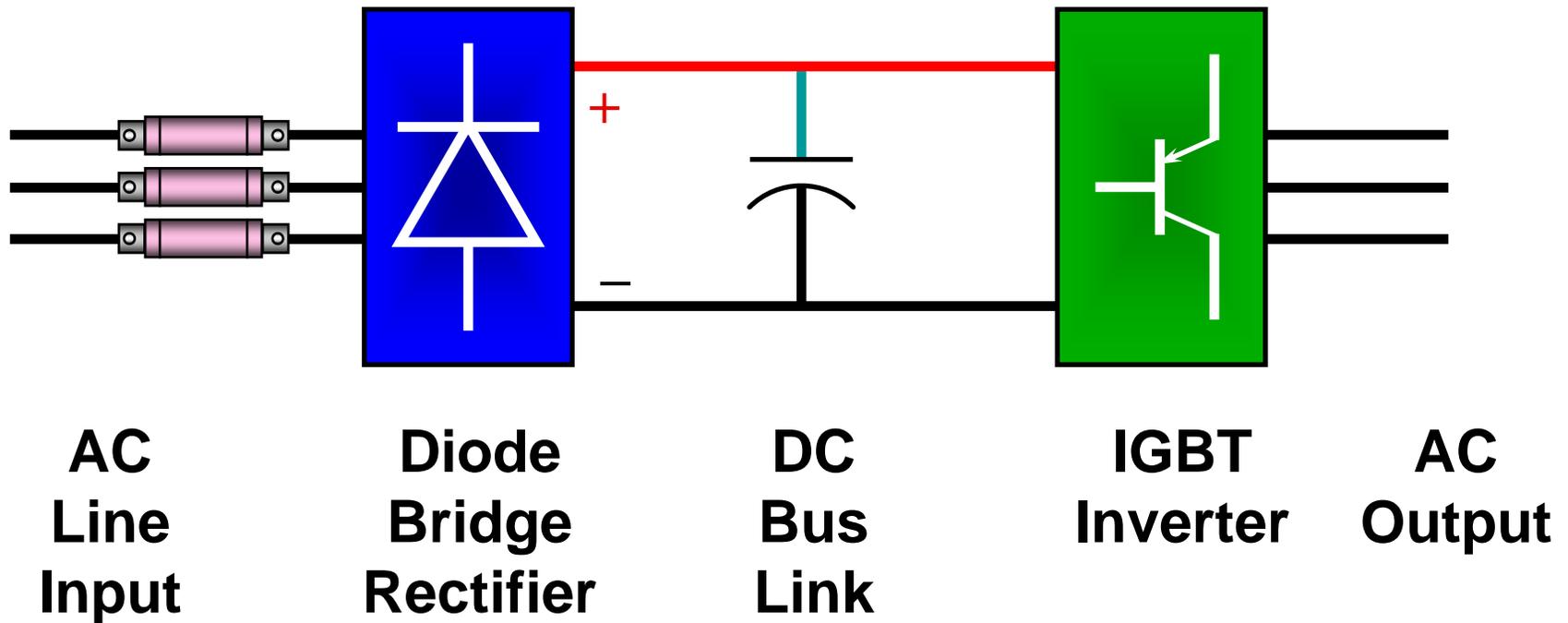
Stator receives current from the drive which creates a magnetic field.

This rotating field moves the rotor.

The frequency is how often the current flows through the stator.

Controlling the frequency to the stator controls the motor speed.

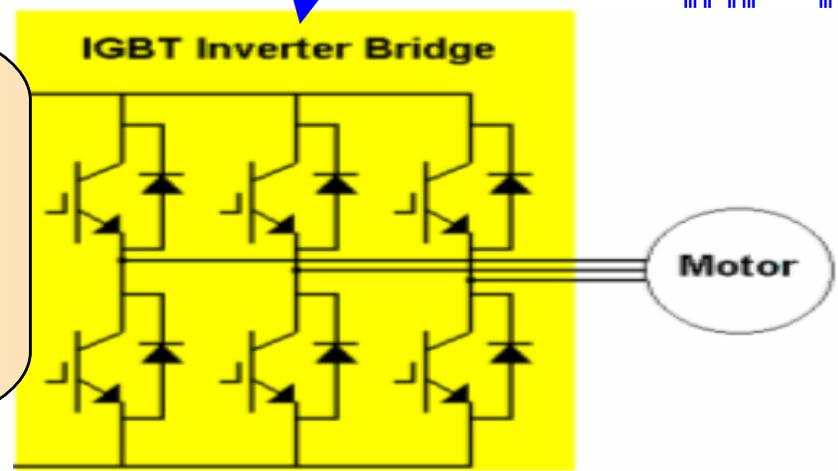
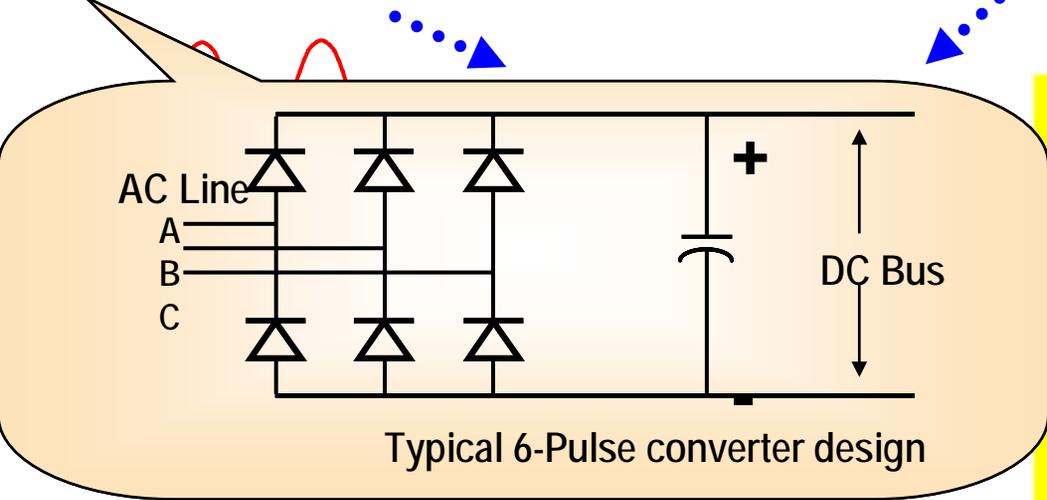
Basic Drive Design



DC voltage leaving converter is pulsing DC

And is smoothed to pure DC after going thru the DC buss

Once entering the inverter the DC is converted back to a waveform that will have varying pulse widths



AC Line Input

Diode Bridge Converter

DC Bus Link

Transistor Inverter

AC Output

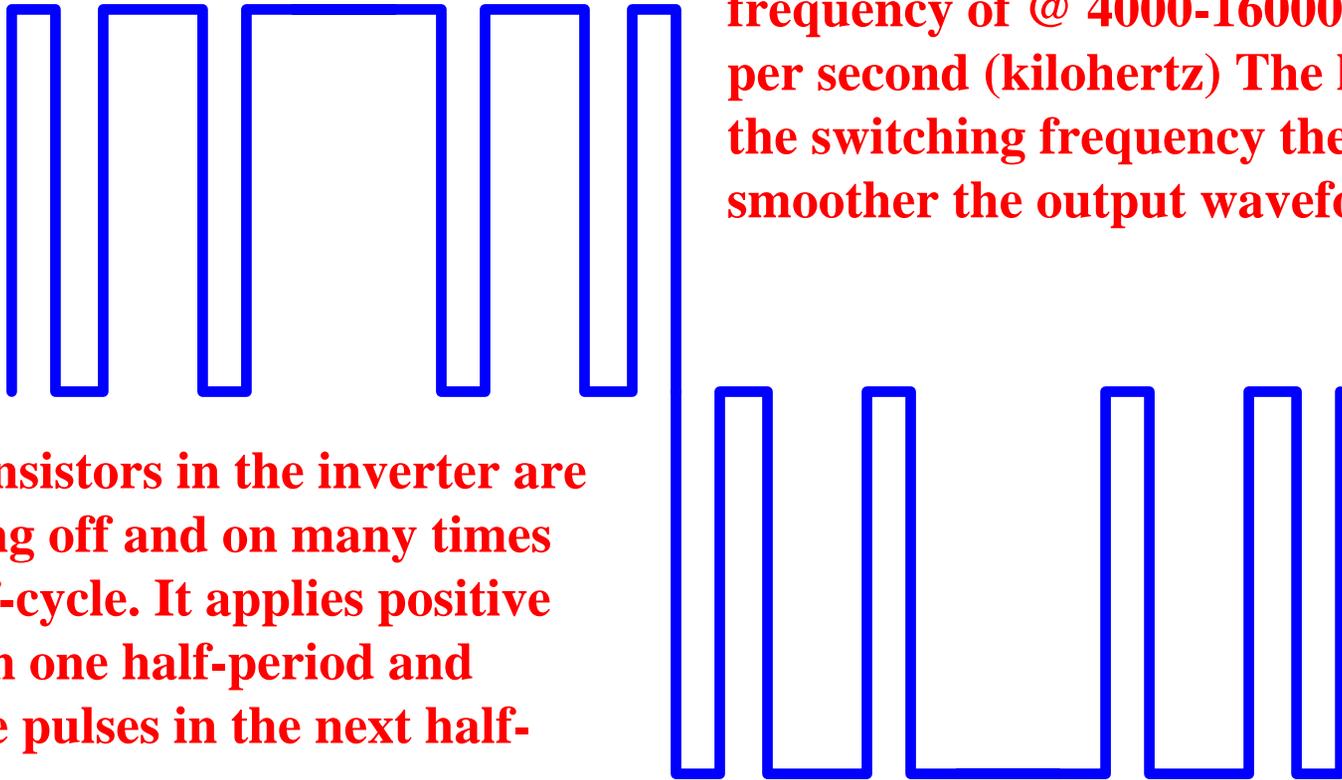
In a 480V unit the dc buss voltage reading will be @ 650-680 peakV

Pre-charge circuit limits the inrush of current while the capacitor is trying to charge

*(rms x 1.414)
peak voltage or 480V x 1.414 is 678V*

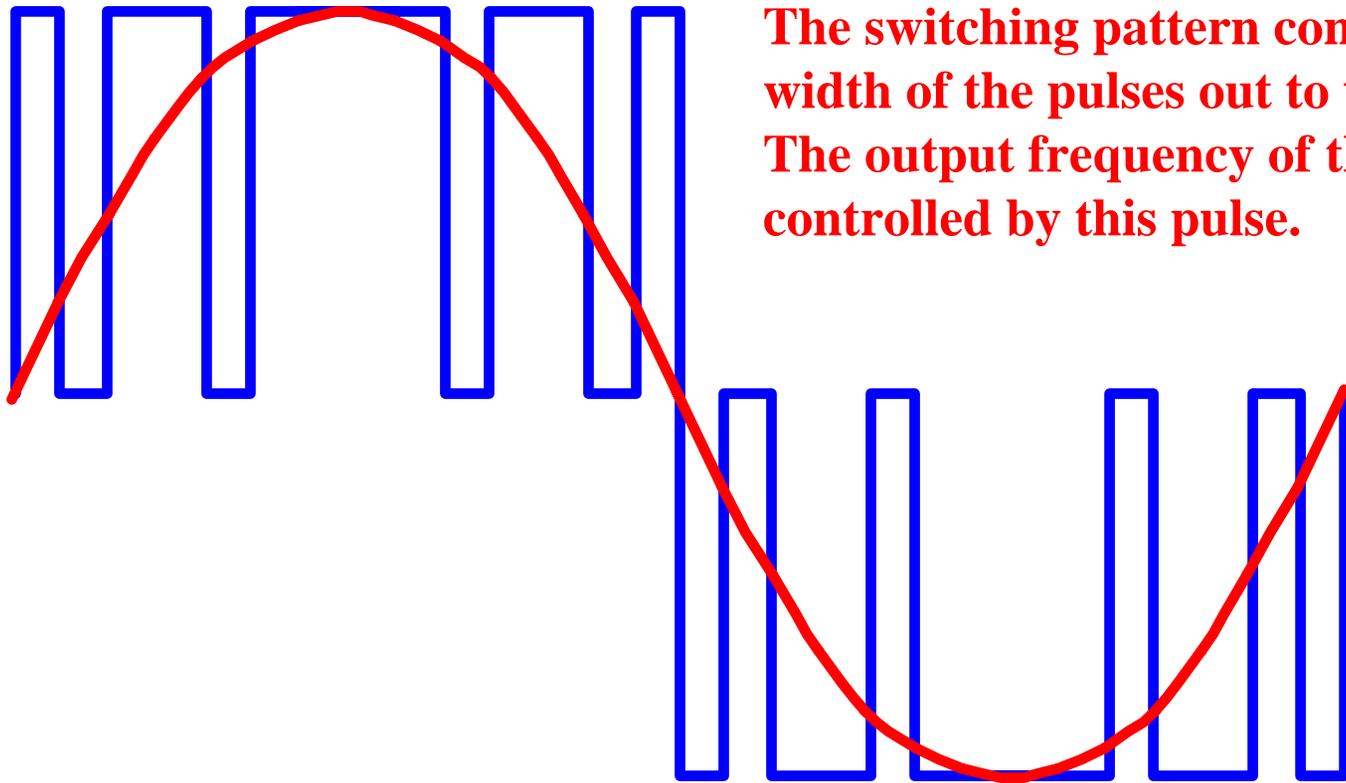
*P*ulse *W*idth *M*odulation

Drives can have a switching frequency of @ 4000-16000 times per second (kilohertz) The higher the switching frequency the smoother the output waveform.



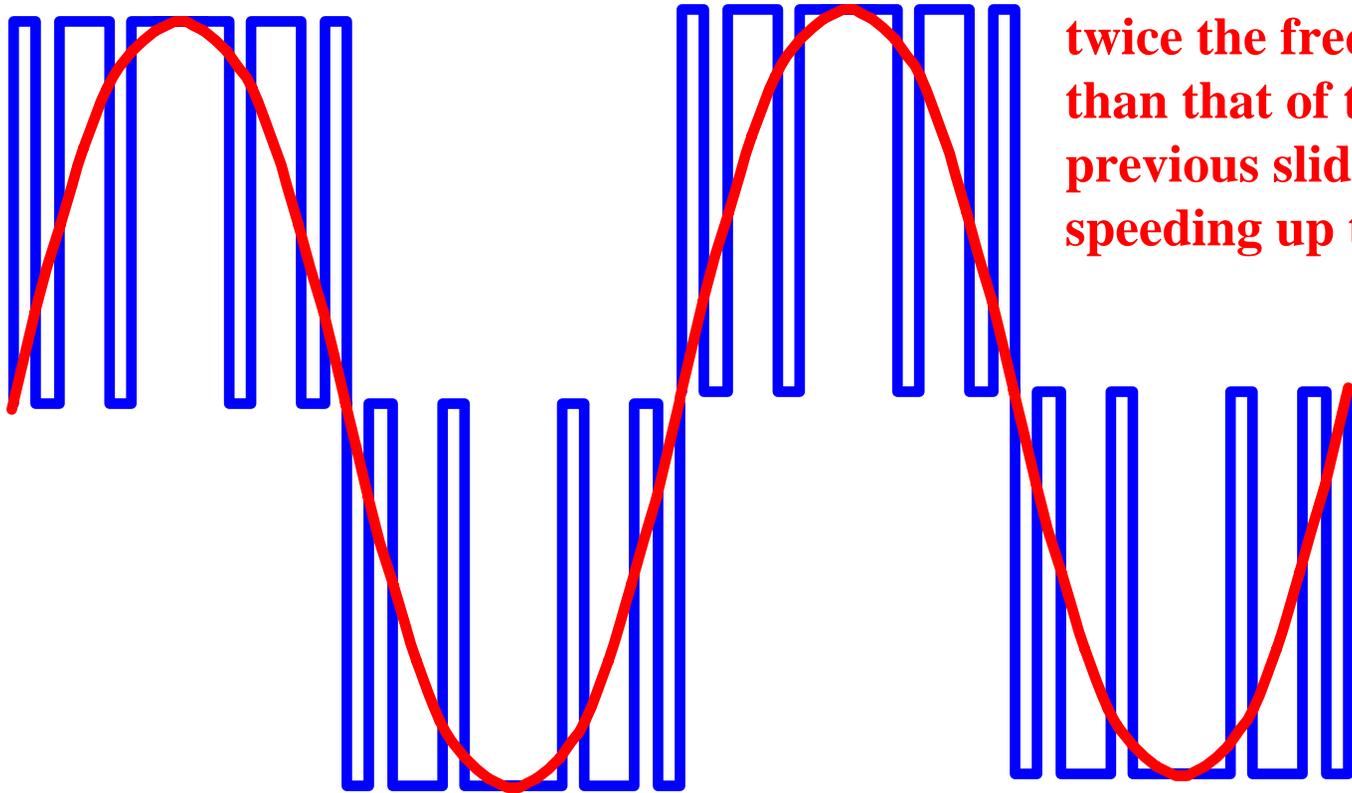
The transistors in the inverter are switching off and on many times per half-cycle. It applies positive pulses in one half-period and negative pulses in the next half-period.

Pulse Width Modulation



The switching pattern controls the width of the pulses out to the motor. The output frequency of the drive is controlled by this pulse.

Pulse Width Modulation



Here we are showing twice the frequency than that of the previous slide, therefore speeding up the motor

VFD's :

- Provide precise speed control of an AC Motor
- Can generate full torque from the motor at very low speed
- Allow simple setpoint control throughout the speed range
- Protects the motor and wiring from overload currents
- Provides built in Power factor correction – They are very efficient.
- Limits inrush current to providing soft-start, as well as, a soft stop
- Allows a simple connection to a communications network
- Provides ability for substantial energy savings on centrifugal pump & Fan applications.

How VFD's Save Energy in Centrifugal Pump Applications

Variable Frequency Drives can increase system energy efficiency by providing a means to reduce the motor speed of variable torque loads. The fact these centrifugal loads operate along the Laws of Affinity provide the opportunity for significant energy savings.

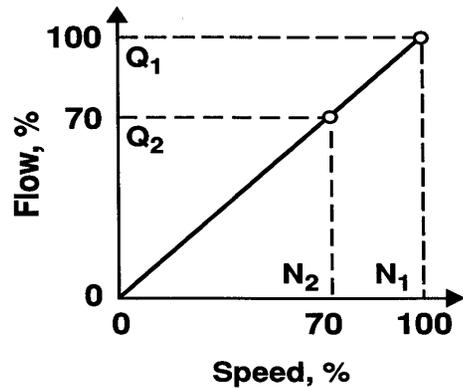




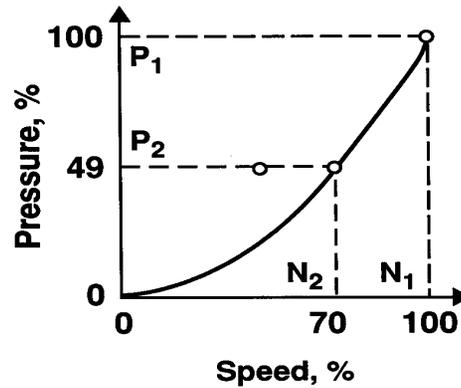
Affinity Laws of Centrifugal Loads

- **FLOW** is proportional to motor speed.
- **PRESSURE** is proportional to the motor speed squared.
- **POWER** is proportional to the motor speed cubed.

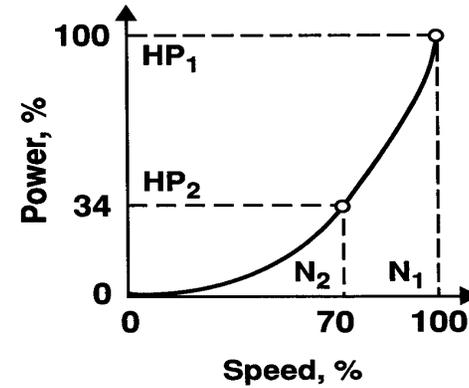
Affinity Laws for Centrifugal Equipment



$$\frac{Q_2}{Q_1} = \frac{N_2}{N_1}$$



$$\frac{P_2}{P_1} = \left(\frac{N_2}{N_1}\right)^2$$



$$\frac{HP_2}{HP_1} = \left(\frac{N_2}{N_1}\right)^3$$

N = Speed
Q = Flow
P = Pressure
HP = Horsepower



Examples of Affinity Laws at Work

- A motor running at 50% of full speed capacity has a motor torque of 25% of full speed.
- The electricity required to operate the motor at 50% of full speed is 12.5% of the amount of the electricity required if the motor was running at 100% full speed capacity.
- The electricity required to operate the motor at 80% of full speed is 55% of the amount of the electricity required if the motor was running at 100% full speed capacity.
- Thus, reducing the motor speed can significantly reduce the electrical energy consumption.



III. Calculating Energy Savings

Example:

- **A 20 horsepower Centrifugal Pump operating**
- 10 hours a day
- 260 days a year
- Energy cost is of \$0.10 cents per kilowatt-hour.

- **Cost of running full speed:**
- $20 \text{ hp} \times 0.746 \text{ kW/hp} \times 2600 \text{ hours} \times \$0.10/\text{kWhr} =$
\$3879.20 per year



VFD Cost Savings Example

- **Assuming the Pump does not need to run at full speed all of the day, we will use an example of:**
- Running full speed (100%) for 25% of the day
- 80% speed for 50% of the day
- 60% speed for the remaining 25% of the day

- **Cost of running with an AC drive controlling the motor:**
 - $20 \text{ hp} \times (1)^3 \times 0.746 \text{ kW/hp} \times 650 \text{ hours} \times \$0.10/\text{kWhr} = \$969.80$ per year
 - $20 \text{ hp} \times (0.8)^3 \times 0.746 \text{ kW/hp} \times 1300 \text{ hours} \times \$0.10/\text{kWhr} = \$993.08$
 - $20 \text{ hp} \times (0.6)^3 \times 0.746 \text{ kW/hp} \times 650 \text{ hours} \times \$0.10/\text{kWhr} = \underline{\$209.48}$
- **Total = \$2172.36 per year**

- **Annual savings: \$3879.20 - \$2172.36 = \$1706.84 per year**

- **Payback for VFD Installations in VT Applications average 18 to 24 months**



Tools Available

- Energy Savings Calculators/Tools are readily available from most major VFD Manufacturers.
- Visit Square D Lean Power website offers such a tool.
- www.squaredleantools.com



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Motor Horsepower ?

High or Std. Efficiency ?

Motor Efficiency

Fan or Pump Load ?

If a Fan load :

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Utility rate (\$/kWh)?

Full Load Input Power kW

Load Designation?

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kWh/Year Saved

Annual \$ Savings

PAYBACK ESTIMATOR

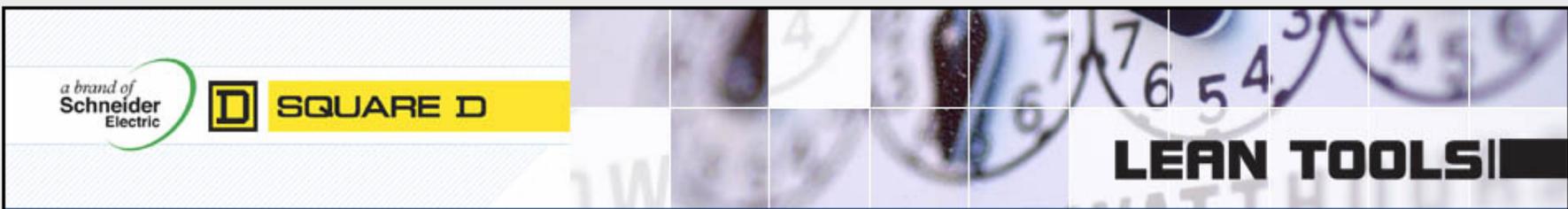
Drive Cost

Utility Rebate

Months for payback

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ANNUAL USAGE PROFILE CALCULATOR (add % speed the drive would run by time, day and season)

Time Bracket	Winter			Spring			Summer			Fall		
	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday									
12:00 AM - 2:00 AM	50	40	40	50	30	30	50	40	40	50	30	30
2:00 AM - 4:00 AM	50	40	40	50	30	30	50	40	40	50	30	30
4:00 AM - 6:00 AM	50	40	40	50	30	30	50	40	40	50	30	20
6:00 AM - 8:00 AM	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	70	50	50	80	50	80	50	50	50	80	50	50
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	80	50	50	80	50	80	50	50	50	80	50	50
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	90	50	50	70	50	90	50	50	50	70	50	50
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	80	50	50	50	50	80	50	50	50	50	50	50
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
10:00 PM - 12:00 AM	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50

% Speed	Hours per Yr
100	0
...	...

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Application Considerations

- Selecting VFD's
- Load Type
- Environmental Considerations
- Control/Communication
- Motor Requirements
- Cable lengths/harmonic mitigation



Selecting VFD's

Type H—Selection and Pricing

Input Line Voltage	Three Phase Motor Power				Continuous Output Current				Catalog Number without Keypad	Price
	Constant Torque	Contant Torque Low Noise	Variable Torque	Variable Torque Low Noise	Constant Torque	Contant Torque Low Noise	Variable Torque	Variable Torque Low Noise		
	Horsepower				Amperes					
208/230 Vac Single Phase	0.5	-	-	0.5	2.3	-	-	2.5	ATV58HU09M2ZU	\$ 650.
	1	-	-	1	4.1	-	-	4.8	ATV58HU18M2ZU	790.
	2	-	-	2	7.8	-	-	7.8	ATV58HU29M2ZU	900.
	3	-	-	3	11	-	-	11	ATV58HU41M2ZU	1000.
	4	-	-	4	13.7	-	-	14.3	ATV58HU72M2ZU	1350.
	5	-	-	5	18.2	-	-	17.5	ATV58HU90M2ZU	1790.
	7.5	-	-	7.5	24.2	-	-	25.3	ATV58HD12M2ZU	2200.
208/230 Vac Three Phase	2	-	2	2	7.8	-	7.5	7.5	ATV58HU29M2ZU	900.
	3	-	3	3	11	-	10.6	10.6	ATV58HU41M2ZU	1000.
	4	-	4	4	13.7	-	14.3	14.3	ATV58HU54M2ZU	1175.
	5	-	5	5	18.2	-	16.7	16.7	ATV58HU72M2ZU	1350.
	7.5	-	7.5	7.5	24.2	-	24.2	24.2	ATV58HU90M2ZU	1790.
	10	-	10	10	31	-	30.8	30.8	ATV58HD12M2ZU	2200.
	15	10	15/20	15	47	31	46.2/60	46.2	ATV58HD16M2XZU	3413.
	20	15	25	20	60	47	75	60	ATV58HD23M2XZU	4191.
	25	20	30	25	75	60	88	75	ATV58HD28M2XZU	4388.
	40	30	40	30	88	75	116	88	ATV58HD33M2XZU	5038.
			40	116	88	143	116	ATV58HD46M2XZU	6597.	
400/460 Vac Three Phase	1	-	1	1	2.3	-	2.1	2.1	ATV58HU18N4ZU	890.
	2	-	2	2	4.1	-	3.4	3.4	ATV58HU29N4ZU	1000.
	3	-	3	3	5.8	-	4.8	4.8	ATV58HU41N4ZU	1210.
	4	-	5	5	7.8	-	7.6	7.6	ATV58HU54N4XZU*	1405.
	5	-	7.5	7.5	10.5	-	11	11	ATV58HU72N4XZU*	1600.
	7.5	-	10	10	13	-	14	14	ATV58HU90N4XZU*	2050.
	10	-	15	15	17.6	-	21	21	ATV58HD12N4XZU*	2600.
	15	-	20	20	24.2	-	27	27	ATV58HD16N4XZU*	3200.
	20	-	25	25	33	-	34	34	ATV58HD23N4XZU*	4000.
	25	20	30	25	40.7	33	40	34	ATV58HD28N4XZU▲	4906.
	30	25	40	30	48.4	40.7	52	40	ATV58HD33N4XZU▲	5550.
	40	30	50	40	66	48.4	65	52	ATV58HD46N4XZU▲	6994.
50	40	60	50	79.2	66	77	65	ATV58HD54N4XZU■	8978.	
60	50	75	60	93.5	79.2	96	77	ATV58HD64N4XZU■	10931.	
75	60	100	75	115.5	93.5	124	96	ATV58HD79N4XZU■	13271.	

* If EMC filter to meet level A compliance is desired, delete the "V" from the catalog number and add \$280 to the price.

- ✓ Size by Motor FLA and Base Speed whenever possible
- ✓ Typically picked from table based on Voltage, HP and Load Type
- ✓ It's also useful to know the motor base speed, service factor, enclosure type and insulation Class of the motor.

Load Types

- Variable Torque
- Constant Torque
- Constant Horsepower
- Impact Load

Depends on speed, may require different torques. Requires very little torque at starting or low speeds

Usually for high starting torque requirements. The torque loading is not a function of speed. As speed changes, load torque remains constant and horsepower changes linearly with speed.

When over speeding the motor is required, grinders, etc.

The torque loading is intermittent and is not a function of speed, punch presses, etc. which uses a large flywheel to deliver the energy needed for the load.

Temperature



- ✓ Environmental Issues – Ambient Temperature
 - ✓ Most drives are rated 0-40 degrees C
 - ✓ Derating is generally required above 40 degrees C
 - ✓ Heating is required below zero degrees C
 - ✓ Usually available in Nema 1, 12, 3R & other enclosures.

Altitude



- ✓ Environmental Issues – Altitude
 - ✓ Most drives are rated up to 3300 feet above sea level
 - ✓ De-rating is required above 3300' due to thinner air
 - ✓ 1% for every 300'

Control Considerations

- How will VFD receive start/stop command and speed reference.
- Today's Technology provides the ability for VFD's to communicate on numerous communication platforms.
- Examples include: Ethernet, Modbus, Modbus Plus, DeviceNet, Profibus, BacNet, and many others.



Specifying Motors

- Standard Nema B motors with class F HPE insulation class or better with a 1.15 service factor are usually fine for most applications.
- Consider specifying NEMA MG1, Part 31 motors.
NEMA MG1-1993, Revision 1, Part 31, Section IV –“Performance Standards Applying to All Machines”, Part 31 – “Definite Purpose Inverter-Fed Motors”
- This will give you 1600 Peak Input Voltage Rating, better insulation, bearing protection and separation of the input and output leads to the motor.



Other Considerations

- Motor lead lengths – Is output or DV/DT filter required. VFD Manufacture can provide guidelines.
- Most major VFD manufacturers provide built in DC chokes & or line reactors to provide means to reduce harmonics.
- Alternates such as 12 or 18 pulse drive configurations &/or active/passive harmonics filters are available.
- Square D Lean Tools web site has harmonics calculator configurable for each one line to model whether installation meets IEEE519 requirements.



- Some estimates claim 68% of all energy is used in driving motors of which at least half run centrifugal pumps and fans.
- VFDs can run centrifugal pumps and fans more efficiently due to the Affinity Laws.
- The energy that can be saved is ENORMOUS!
- Most applications pay for themselves in less than two years.
- VFD's provide precise speed and torque control of AC motors.
- They provide built in softstart control protecting mechanical equipment and providing the ability to control water hammering in pump systems.
- They are efficient and can be integrated in most communication networks or facility automation systems.



- Determining if a given pump system can effectively operate at reduced speeds for a given period of time will provide the opportunity to analyze the cost/savings benefit of installing VFD's.



Questions & answers

*Thanks for your
attention !!!!*

