Energy efficiency in motion
New standard EN 50598 puts the spotlight on the entire machine drive system
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The climate targets of the EU and their impact on industry

The facts

- **30%**
  - In Germany, industry uses about 30% of total energy...

- **70%**
  - of which about 70% is accounted for by electrically powered systems

- **80%**
  - Energy costs amount to at least 80% of the lifecycle costs of an electric drive

The regulatory requirements continue to grow!

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**By 2030 CO₂ emissions**

- must be cut by 40% – throughout Europe

* compared to the 1990 level
Since drives offer enormous potential for energy savings, the European Union introduced minimum legal requirements for the energy efficiency of electric motors back in 2011 in the form of the Motor Directive.

However, these measures, which focus exclusively on the motor, are not adequate to achieve the binding targets. With the new European standard series EN 50598, which goes into effect at the end of 2014, the European lawmakers will close this gap and shift the focus from individual drive components to entire drive systems.

Focus on the new standard

As one of the world’s leading providers of drive systems, we are fully prepared for the new standard and are supporting our customers in meeting the requirements of this standard. We offer a comprehensive portfolio covering every area of energy-efficient drive technology – from energy-efficient individual components to an energy-efficient motor system.

The 3-step plan

1. June 16, 2011: IE 2 motors (0.75–375 kW)
2. January 1, 2015: IE 3 motors (7.5–375 kW) or IE 2 motors with speed control
3. January 1, 2017: IE 3 motors (0.75–375 kW) or IE 2 motors with speed control

Measures focusing exclusively on the motor are not expected to be sufficient to achieve the binding targets.
The European standard series EN 50598 defines the Ecodesign requirements for drive systems in an electrically powered machine, including energy efficiency and lifecycle analysis. The basis for ascertaining and optimizing the efficiency of electrically powered machines was created with the joint concept drawn up by drive manufacturers and machine builders.

**Introducing and implementing new impulses**

The new standard will make an important contribution to improving overall understanding of industrial energy efficiency. In order to achieve a lasting improvement in industry, the interaction as well as application know-how must be taken into account. Firstly, it will be necessary to establish wider specifications for drive systems (see graphic). Secondly, it is imperative to include operation-relevant data with respect to the product approach, such as load profiles for determining energy efficiency. The main energy guzzlers can then be identified and weak spots eliminated in the subsequent analysis.

In this way, the new standard introduces important new input and ideas which must be implemented in practice. We are backing this development and will use our expertise to drive it forward.

**Examples for various machines**

Load torques $M \sim n^2$

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PDS relative speed/\%: 50, 100

- e.g. Pumps and fans

Fixed speed drive $n=const$

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PDS relative speed/\%: 50, 100

- e.g. Pump cascade
Higher efficiency with the extended product approach

The extended product approach includes a power-driven machine including drive and takes the mode of operation into account. The new standard therefore includes all efficiency-specific variables of machine operation in analysis. Machine builders and system integrators can calculate and optimize the losses of their electrically powered machines with the resulting drive data.

Precise analysis

Through the inclusion of standardized and application-specific operating values such as load profile and control curve of the driven equipment, the most efficient solution for an electrically powered machine can be calculated by determining the energy efficiency level.

That means that in future it will not be the directive for components that dictates the requirements with regard to the loss level at the individual operating points, but machine builders through the required machine efficiency.
Through the definition of efficiency classes and by determining losses for converters and electrical drive systems, users can in future allocate and determine the energy requirement of their machine on the basis of application-specific load profiles. This is relevant, for example, for pump, fan and compressor applications since in this case up to 70 percent of electricity costs can be saved through the use of efficient drive technology.

Calculating the loss at defined operating points

Determining efficiency classes

Control Drive Module (CDM*)

Determining efficiency classes IE 0 – IE 2

- Reference value
- ± 25%
- 25% lower losses than reference value
- 25% higher losses than reference value

* CDM = converter
Simple classification

For the sake of compatibility with all machines, operating points at full and partial load are defined in the new standard at which motor and drive system losses are to be determined. Information about losses at the operating points under partial load will highlight the advantages of a variable-speed drive. Furthermore, provision is made for the classification of frequency converters and motor systems into efficiency classes which would allow simple categorization.
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