

Protecting VFD-Driven Motors:

Bearing Protection Best Practices

VFD-Driven Motors Are at Risk of Electrical Bearing Damage!

Motors operated by variable frequency drives (VFD) are vulnerable to VFD-induced shaft voltages and bearing currents that can cause premature bearing failure - often in as little as 3 months!

VFDs induce destructive shaft voltages and high frequency currents which can discharge through motor bearings, burning bearing grease and reducing its effectiveness. Through electrical discharge machining (EDM), these discharges can also cause pitting, frosting, and fluting damage to the motor's bearings and eventual bearing failure. The result is costly repairs, downtime, and lost production.





Prevent EDM Pitting and Fluting Damage



Test Motors with AEGIS® Shaft Voltage Tester Oscilloscope

Protect Motor Bearings With AEGIS® Rings

By channeling harmful VFD-induced shaft voltages away from bearings and safely to ground, AEGIS® Shaft Grounding Rings protect motors from costly bearing damage.

Bearing Protection Best Practices

The AEGIS® Motor Repair Handbook details best practices for protecting VFD-driven motors from electrical bearing damage and preventing costly repairs, downtime and lost production.

Learn about:

- Bearing currents and shaft voltages
- AEGIS[®] technology
- Shaft voltage testing
- Installation best practices



For detailed recommendations, refer to the AEGIS® Bearing Protection Handbook. An essential reference, the Handbook is available free at <u>www.est-aegis.com/handbook</u>



Protect Motors with AEGIS® Rings or uKITs







Split Ring (-1A4) Shaft diameter: 0.311" to 6.02" 4 to 6 mounting clamps, 6-32 x 1/4" cap screws and washers Installs without decoupling motor

Standard Mounting Clamps (-1)

Shaft diameters: 0.311" to 6.02"



Bolt Through Mounting (-3FH) Shaft diameters: 0.311" to 6.02" 6-32 x 1/2" flat head screws 2 mounting holes up to shaft size 3.395" 4 mounting holes for larger sizes



Conductive Epoxy Mounting (-0AW, -0A4W) Shaft diameters: 0.311" to 6.02" Solid and Split Ring Conductive Epoxy Included



Press Fit Mounting (-0A6) Shaft diameters: 0.311" to 6.02" Clean dry 0.004" press fit Custom sizes available



uKIT - SGR with Universal Mounting Bracket Sized for NEMA and IEC frame motors Solid and Split Ring Can be mounted with hardware or conductive epoxy



AEGIS[®] PRO Series, Large SGR, WTG AEGIS[®] PROSL, PROSLR, PROMAX, PROMR Large SGR Rings over 6.02" AEGIS[®] WTG for Wind Turbine Generators



AEGIS[®] Shaft Voltage Tester[™] Oscilloscope 100 MHz Digital Oscilloscope 10:1 probe with SVP tip for measuring voltages on a rotating shaft AEGIS[®] One-Touch[™] instant image capture



Accessories HFGS - AEGIS® High-Frequency Ground Strap CS015 - AEGIS® Colloidal Silver Shaft Coating EP2400 - AEGIS® Conductive Epoxy

Motors up to and including 100 HP (75 kW) Low Voltage



 Install AEGIS® Bearing Protection Ring – either internally or externally – on drive end or the non-drive end of motor. Use AEGIS® Colloidal Silver Shaft Coating (PN CS015) on motor shaft where fibers touch.

Product recommendation: AEGIS® SGR

Motors Greater than 100 HP (75 kW)



- Drive End: Install AEGIS® Bearing Protection Ring - Internally on the back of the bearing cap or externally on the motor end bracket. Use AEGIS® Colloidal Silver Shaft Coating on motor shaft
- Non-Drive End: Isolate bearing housing with insulated sleeve or coating or use insulated ceramic or hybrid bearing to disrupt circulating currents.

Product recommendation: LV Motors up to 500HP: AEGIS® SGR LV Motors over 500HP: AEGIS® PRO Series MV Motors: AEGIS® PRO Series

Download the AEGIS® Best Practices Handbook: www.est-aegis.com/handbook





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