SINPAC Switches: Brief Operating Description

For over 75 years, single-phase motors have utilized a mechanical centrifugal switch to switch the start circuit. Inherent characteristics of a mechanical device have made these switches prone to various problems, including tolerances, tolerance build-ups, mechanical fatigue, vibration and a host of others that can lead to switch failures and/or performance inconsistency.

Our challenge was to design a reliable solid-state switch to replace the mechanical switch and actuator mechanism, and duplicate the function of connecting and disconnecting the start circuit at particular speeds with the additional benefits of a solid-state device. After considerable research, we decided a successful electronic motor starting switch could be created by sensing the voltages present in the main and start windings.

Until the rotor of a single-phase motor begins to rotate, there is no coupling between its start winding and main winding. When the rotor begins to turn, the main winding induces flux in the rotor, which then induces a voltage in the start winding. The voltage induced in the start winding is directly proportional to motor speed.

In Stearns SINPAC Electronic Switches, the voltage across a motor’s main winding and the voltage across its start winding are sampled and fed to a comparator. The logic circuitry is designed so that the electronic switch interrupts the start circuit current after the motor has accelerated to the speed at which cut out voltage is developed, generally 75 to 80% of synchronous motor speed. The logic circuitry then shuts down the switch’s power stage, which consists of a triac or inverse parallel SCR’s. This function is referred to as “cut out.” When the start circuit is disconnected, the main winding field then drives the motor’s rotor to its running speed.

If the motor encounters an overload, and the motor speed falls to approximately 50% of its synchronous speed, the SINPAC Switch automatically reconnects the motor’s start circuit. This function is referred to as “cut in.” Cut in detection circuitry constantly monitors start winding voltage. When the motor’s speed falls to the cut in point, the detection circuit causes the control logic to energize the SINPAC Switch’s power output stage. The motor then goes through its normal startup procedure, with the start circuit being switched out at a motor speed approximately 75 to 80% of synchronous speed.

SINPAC Switches are potted and completely sealed, making it impervious to dust, dirt and moisture. The unique speed sensing circuit provides a universal design which allows a few switches to work on most standard motor designs regardless of manufacturer.

Acceptance by Motor Manufacturers
US and foreign motor manufacturers have tested and retested the SINPAC Switch for reliability and quality. Today, many of these manufacturers have begun installing SINPAC Switches on their standard motor lines with more companies ready to make the changeover.

UL Recognition
Most SINPAC Switches have already been recognized under the Component Program of Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (E-71115). In addition, all switches have internal surge protection which is tested according to ANSI/IEEE C62.41 – 1991 Category A3. CSA Certification LR-6254.

Mounting Options
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Electronic SINPAC Switches solve all those problems which reduce production downtime in hundreds of applications. Some of these applications are illustrated below:

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- Water Equipment
- Power Tools
- Commercial Dryers
- Commercial Washing Machines
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- Floor Sanders
- Poultry Feeding Systems
- Fans, Blowers
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**Additional Features**

- Operating Temperature: -40°C to 65 °C (-40 °F to 149°F) [for operation between 65°C and 85°C (149°F and 185°F), consult factory.]
- Operating Voltage: 115 Vac SINPAC Switch: 90-130 Vac. For dual voltage motor equipped with center-tapped main winding: 90-130 Vac or 180-265 Vac. 230 Vac SINPAC Switch: 190-255 Vac.
**SINPAC Switches: Selection**

Motor hp ratings are typical. For an accurate selection procedure, measure start winding current during a normal start or at locked rotor and select a SINPAC Switch with higher maximum current rating than that measured.

1. Be sure switch series matches motor type.
2. Be sure switch voltage rating matches (start) circuit voltage rating.
3. Selection can be based on actual measurement of start winding current or two times the motor nameplate FLA rating.
4. Switch current rating must match or exceed the motor start winding current requirements. Always select a SINPAC Switch with the next higher current rating for:
   a) High cycling applications.
   b) Long acceleration time.
   c) High ambients: Greater than 55°C.
5. To assure proper motor operation, the voltage across the start winding must reach the SINPAC Switch cut in reference voltage between 70% to 85% of motors synchronous speed.

**Caution:** SINPAC Switches are line voltage compensated. Changes in the line voltage will not affect system operation unless an overload condition causes reduced running speed, along with reduced voltage across the start winding.

6. Higher current switches can be used in place of lower rated switches of the same series.

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**SINPAC Electronic Switch Catalog Numbering System**

- **Start Winding Voltage**
  - blank = 115, 2 = 230

- **Series**
  - CVR = Capacitor Start and Capacitor Start/Capacitor Run Motors, PV = Split Phase Only,
  - CV = Capacitor Start Only, VR = Capacitor Start/Capacitor Run Only, IR = Capacitor Start Instant Reverse

- **4–7–21016–11–U01**
  - 1 = Standard, 2 = Standard, K = Kit
  - 115 V SINPAC Switch
    - A = 130 VCO, B = 147 VCO, 0 = 165 VCO
    - 0 = 400 mS Timing Interval, 30 V Cut In
    - D = 180 VCO
    - F = 400 mS Timing Interval, 10 V Cut In
    - J = 155 VCO Hybrid 6B
    - K = 165 VCO Hybrid 6
    - L = 130 VCO 15 VCI
    - P = 800 mS Timing Interval, 30 V Cut In
    - R = 115 VCO
    - T = 600 mS Timing Interval, 10 V Cut In
    - V = 210 VCO
    - W = 200 mS Timing Interval, 30 V Cut In
    - Y = 200 mS Timing Interval, 10 V Cut In

- **230 V SINPAC Switch**
  - C = 260 VCO, 0 = 310 VCO, E = 410 VCO
  - H = 400 mS Timing Interval, 60 V Cut In
  - M = 340 VCO, S = 350 VCO
  - T = 600 mS Timing Interval, 60 V Cut In
  - U = UL Recognized, N = Not UL

- **Package Style**
  - 11 = Metal Can 2.48 x 1.38 x .81
  - 12 = Metal Can 2.67 x 1.78 x .86
  - 15 = Capacitor Case 1.822 dia. x 3.372 long
  - 16 = Metal Can 2.75 x 2.0 x 1.125
  - 17 = Capacitor Case 2.572 dia. x 4.372 long
  - 19 = Capacitor Case 1.447 dia. x 3.372 long
  - 20 = Capacitor Case 1.447 dia. x 2.760 long
  - 21 = Board Only

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*NOTE: For part numbers beginning with 473 (these are OEM specials), the remaining digits of this numbering system do not apply.*
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**CV, VR, CVR, and IR Series**

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IR Series for Instant Reversing 115 Vac or 115/230 Vac Dual Voltage Capacitor Start Motors

Basic Operation

Bidirectional motors - those that can rotate in either direction – are of two classes: 1. Reversing motors, which can change from full speed in one direction to full speed in the opposite direction.

2. Reversible motors, which can be reversed only when the motor is not running, or is running below cut out speed. Some motor manufacturers distinguish between quick reversing and instant reversing. A quick reversing motor requires a time delay of approximately 1/25th of a second or more for the switching circuitry to react. An instant reversing motor requires absolutely no time delay. The standard SINPAC Switch can be used on reversible and reversing motors. The SINPAC IR Series Switch provides the function of a direction sensing centrifugal switch and makes a reversible capacitor start motor into an instant reversing motor.

In order to reverse a single-phase motor, it is necessary to reverse the polarity of either the start or main winding, but not both at the same time. The reversal of the winding is accomplished with an external reversing switch or contactor that is not part of the SINPAC Switch. SINPAC Instant Reverse Switch is not dependent upon how quickly the user operates the reversing switch, but only that the reversing switch did change states, i.e., forward to reverse, or vice versa. The SINPAC Switch detects the change in the phase shift between the main and start windings, and the logic circuit instantly actuates the starting switch, causing the start circuit to be reconnected to line voltage. This connection causes the motor to decelerate and then reaccelerate in the opposite direction. The SINPAC IR Series Switch interrupts the start circuit current after the motor has accelerated to the cut out speed, and reconnects the start circuit whenever the circuit senses the motor speed has fallen to cut in speed (usually about 50% of synchronous motor speed).

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Dimensions are for estimating only. Drawings for customer reference are available upon request.

Contact factory on IVR series for capacitor start/capacitor run motors.

Wiring Diagram

Catalog Number | SINPAC Switch Rating | 115 Volt 50/60 Hz Motor Operation | 230 Volt 50/60 Hz Motor Operation
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IR-25 IR-40 | | | |
Connect to Instant Reverse Start Motors | | | |

115 Volt Operation Dual Voltage Motor Using Two Full Voltage 2 or 3 Pole Single-Phase Reversing Contactors with Mechanical Interlock (Electrical Interlock Optional)

230 Volt Operation Dual Voltage Motor Using Two Full Voltage 2 or 3 Pole Single-Phase Reversing Contactors with Mechanical Interlock (Electrical Interlock Optional)

Reversing contacts are not part of SINPAC Switch.

Drum switch is not part of SINPAC Switch.

C₅ – Start capacitor, M – Motor main winding, ST – Motor start winding, F – Forward, R – Reverse