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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### Some additional applications include:

- Grain Dryers
- Water Equipment
- Power Tools
- Commercial Dryers
- Commercial Washing Machines
- Ice Makers
- Gas Pumps
- Floor Washers
- Bottle Washing Machines
- Floor Sanders
- Poultry Feeding Systems
- Fans, Blowers
- Grinding Machines
- Milking Machines
- Winches
- 50/60 Hz
- Paint Sprayers
- Pressure Sprayers
- Vibrators
- Auger Drives
- Door Openers
- Sump Pumps
- Diaphragm Pumps
- Hermetic Motors
- Rotary Compressors
- Refrigeration Compressors
- Heat Pumps
- Jet Pumps
- Food Processing

### ADDITIONAL FEATURES

- **Electrically Protected.** Designed to filter out electrical noise, so there is no concern of random switch malfunction.
- **Reduced Installation Time.** Easy accessible 1/4 inch terminals and mounting, reduce the amount of time required to install SINPAC Switches or to change out mechanical switches.
- **Restart Capability.** When motor speed drops below 50% of synchronous speed, the start winding is brought back into the circuit to reinitiate starting torque.
- **Soldered Heat Sink.** High cycling.
- **Universal Design.** 50/60 Hz operation. Will work on 2, 4 or 6 pole motors of any manufacturer. Reduced inventory.
- **Line Voltage Compensation.** No modifications or changes are required for line voltage variations. SINPAC Switches will operate in areas susceptible to brown-outs or low voltage due to long wiring runs.

### 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.

### 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.]
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 effect 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.

SINPAC Electronic Switch Catalog Numbering System

Start Winding Voltage

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Electronics

7 = SINPAC Switch

1 = PV Series - Split Phase Only
2 = CV Series - Capacitor Start Only
3 = Made-To-Order (MTO)*
4 = CVR Series - 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
5 = IR Series - Capacitor Start Only
6 = Timer - Fixed Timer Split Phase or Capacitor Start
7 = VR Series - Capacitor Start/Capacitor Run Only

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

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

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**CV, VR, CVR, and IR Series**

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PV and 2PV Series for 115 Vac, 230 Vac or 115/230 Vac Dual Voltage Split Phase Motors

Basic Operation

The PV Series SINPAC uses a pulse sampling technique to monitor RPM-sensitive information (induced voltage) across the motor start winding. After the initial timing period, solid-state logic will sample the induced voltage across the start winding and will repeat this sequence until the voltage across the start winding is above the cut-in reference value. The SINPAC logic circuit continues to monitor the RPM-sensitive information (induced voltage) on the start winding. If the SINPAC logic detects that the motor RPM drops below a certain point, it automatically recloses the solid-state switch reconnecting the start winding. Both the initial timing period and cut-in reference value can be modified to meet specific applications.

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*NOTE FOR PV SWITCH APPLICATIONS: Please contact the factory for available other timing intervals or cut in voltages.

Wiring Diagram

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-20 Enclosure

-11 Enclosure

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

Gasket for -11 Enclosure