

# DFE

## Digital Soft Starters

230Amp to 500Amp



Soft Starters and Energy  
Optimising Soft Starters

### Installation Instructions Montageanweisung Notice d'installation Istruzioni per il montaggio Instrucciones de montaje

This device is suitable for use in industrial environments. EN 55011/22 Class A  
Das Gerät ist für den industriellen Einsatz geeignet EN 55011/22 Klasse A.  
L'appareil a été conçu pour l'emploi en milieu industriel EN 55011/22 classe A.  
L'apparecchio è adatto per uso in ambienti industriali EN 55011/22 Classe A.  
El aparato es adecuado para uso en ambiente industrial EN 55011/22 clase A.

### Electric shock risk. Danger

Only skilled or instructed persons may carry out the following operations.

### Lebensgefahr durch elektrischen Strom!

Nur Elektrofachkräfte und elektrotechnisch unterwiesene Personen dürfen die im Folgenden beschriebenen Arbeiten ausführen.

### Tension électrique dangereuse !

Seules les personnes qualifiées et averties doivent exécuter les travaux ci-après.

### Tensione elettrica: Pericolo di morte!

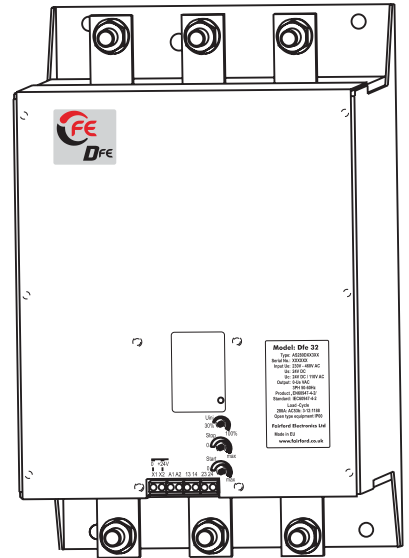
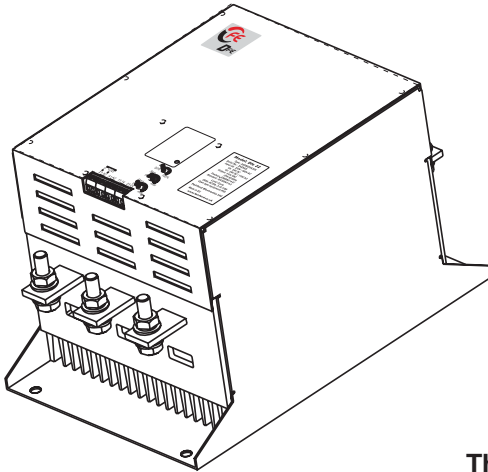
Solo persone abilitate e qualificate possono eseguire le operazioni di seguito riportate.

### ¡Corriente eléctrica! ¡Peligro de muerte!

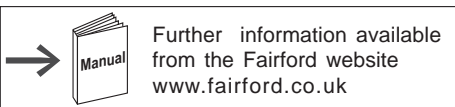
El trabajo a continuación descrito debe ser realizado por personas cualificadas y advertidas.



DFE-30	132kW @ 400V	230Amp
DFE-32	160kW @ 400V	280Amp
DFE-34	200kW @ 400V	350Amp
DFE-36	250kW @ 400V	430Amp
DFE-38	280kW @ 400V	500Amp



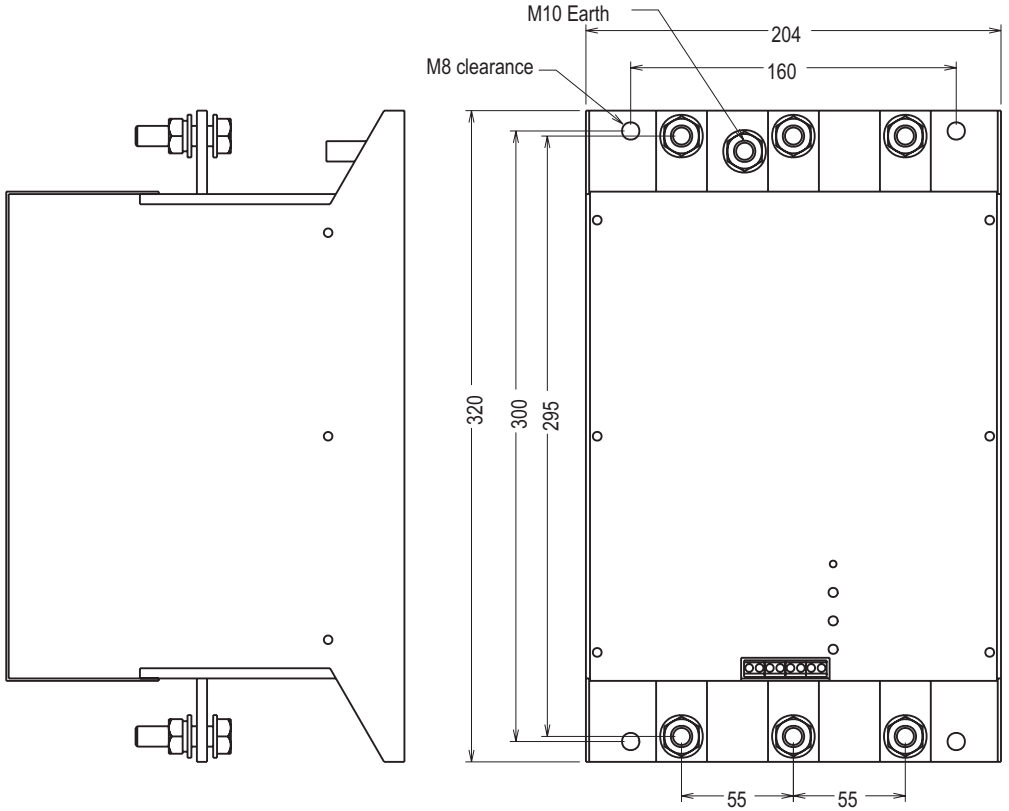
The DFE is also available in smaller sizes from the DFE-02 at 22Amp to the DFE-26 at 195Amp



Further information available from the Fairford website [www.fairford.co.uk](http://www.fairford.co.uk)

# Dimensions – Abmessungen – Dimensioni – Dimensiones

DFE-30 to DFE-38 132kW to 280kW



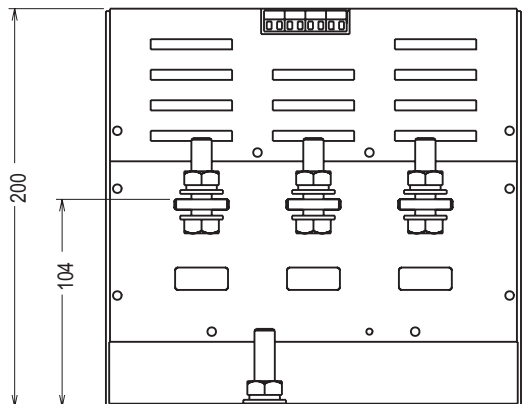
## Unit weights

DFE30 & DFE32 9.7kg

DFE34 to DFE38 13.5kg

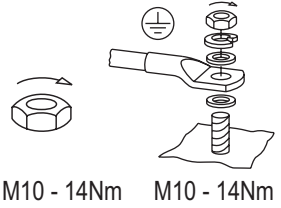
All Electrical connections are M10

Unit mountings suitable for M8 fixings.  
160mm x 300mm centres



**Power cables/Leistungsleitungen/Conducteurs de puissance/Cavi di potenza/  
Condutores de potencia**

1 L 1, 3 L 2, 5 L 3 (PE)  
2 T 1, 4 T 2, 6 T 3



DFE-30 & DFE-32 2x 95mm<sup>2</sup>  
2x 2/0 AWG

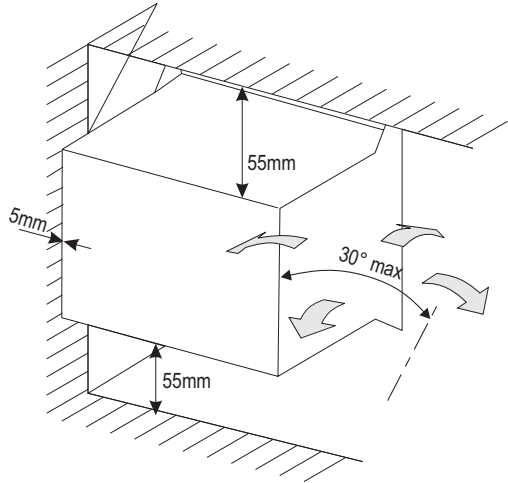
25x 5

M10 - 14Nm M10 - 14Nm

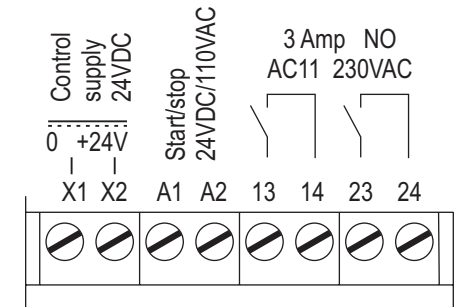
DFE-32 to DFE-38 2x 150mm<sup>2</sup>  
2x 4/0 AWG

25x 10

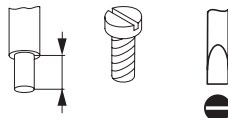
**Mounting position -  
Einbaulage - Position de  
montage - Posizione di  
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montaje**



**Control cables – Steuerleitungen  
Conducteurs de commande –  
Cavi comandi -  
Condutores de mando**



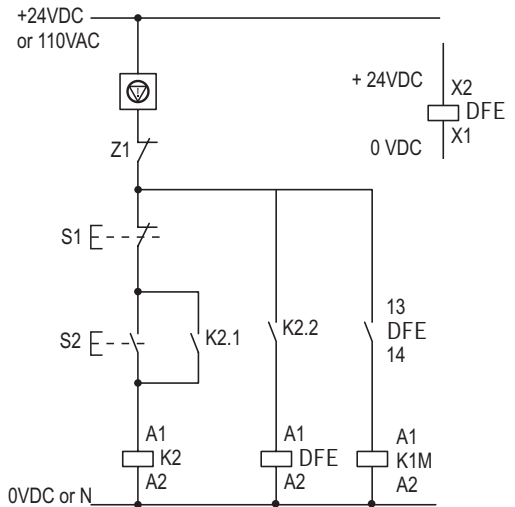
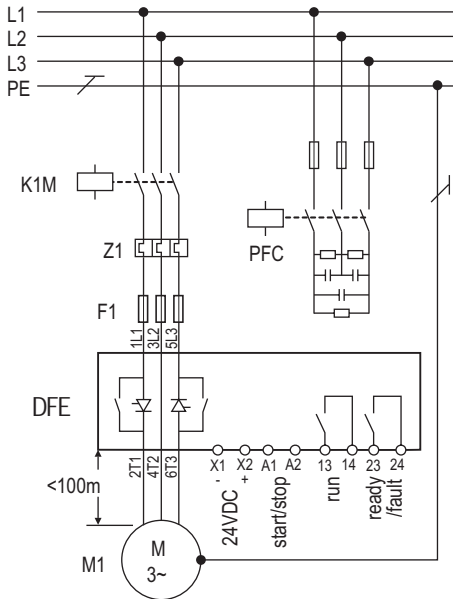
X1, X2 A1, A2  
13, 14 23, 24



	mm <sup>2</sup>	AWG	mm	Nm	mm
1 x	0.75 – 2.5	18 – 12	6	0.8	0.5 x 3.5
2 x	0.75 - 1	18 – 16	11	0.8	0.5 x 3.5

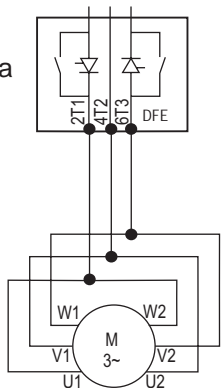
# Standard connection – Standardanschluss – Raccordement standard – Collegamento standard – Conexión estándar

Soft starter with mains contactor - Softstarter mit Netzschütz – Démarreur progressif avec contacteur réseau – Softstarter con contattore di rete – Arrancador suave con contactor red

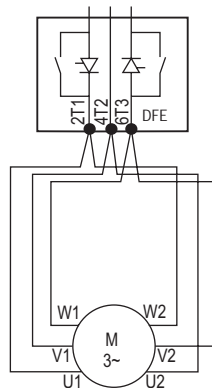


3 wire control 24 VDC/110VAC

Make the Delta at the motor



Make the Delta at the DFE



Where several conductors are to be connected, the difference between the wires/cables used must not exceed one DIN Standard size level.

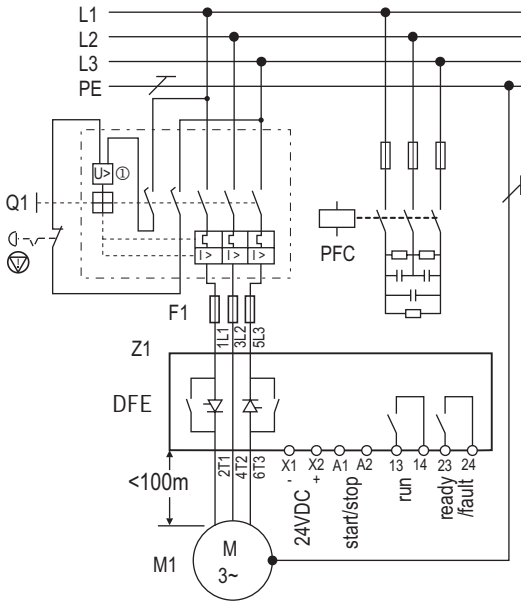
Bei Mehrleiteranschluss darf maximal ein DIN-Normgrößen-Sprung zwischen den verwendeten Leitern liegen.

En cas de raccordement de plusieurs conducteurs, il faut 1 écartement normalisé max. entre les conducteurs.

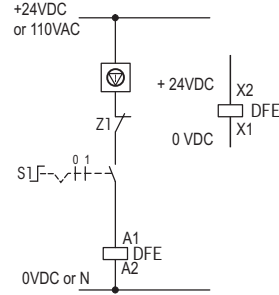
In caso di collegamento a più conduttori, è ammesso al massimo un salto di grandezza DIN standard fra i conduttori utilizzati.

En caso de conexión de múltiples conductores puede haber como máximo un salto de magnitud normalizada DIN entre los conductores utilizados.

# Semiconductor contactor – Halbleiterschütz – Contacteur à semi-conducteurs – Contattore a semiconduttori – Contactor semiconductor



① Undervoltage release with early-make auxiliary contact - Unterspannungsauslöser mit voreilendem Hilfsschalter - Déclencheur à manque de tension avec contact auxiliaire à action avancée - Sganciatore di minima tensione con contatto ausiliario anticipato - Disparador de baja tensión con interruptor auxiliar adelantado



2 wire control element  
24 Volt within cabinet, 110 Volt external

- Q1 = Cable protection - Leitungsschutz - Protezione di linea - Protección de cable - Protection de câbles
- K1M = Main contactor - Netzschütz - Contattore di rete - Contactor red - Contacteur réseau
- Z1 = Overload relay - Überlastrelais - Relè termico - Relé de sobrecarga - Relais thermique
- F1 = Semiconductor fuse for type 2 coordination, in addition to Q1 - Halbleitersicherung für Zuordnungsart 2, zusätzlich zu Q1 - Per avere la protezione del semiconduttore in coordinamento di tipo 2, è necessario un fusibile in aggiunta a Q1 - Fusible semiconductor para tipo de coordinación 2, adicionalmente a Q1 - Fusible pour semi-conducteurs pour coordination de type 2, additionnel à Q1
- DFE = Soft Starter - Halbleiterschütz - Contactor semiconductor - Contattore a semiconduttori - Contacteur à semi-conducteurs
- A1-A2 = Start/Stop - Start/Stop - Start/Stop - Arranque/Parada - Démarrage/Arrêt
- ⊕ = EMERGENCY-STOP - NOT-AUS - ARRESTO D'EMERGENZA - PARADA DE EMERGENCIA - ARRET D'URGENCE

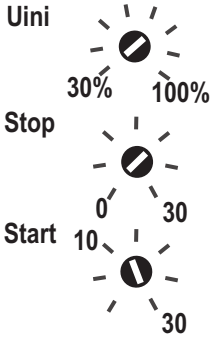
## SERVICING

**WARNING** NEVER CARRY OUT ANY WORK ON ELECTRICAL OR MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT BEFORE ISOLATING ALL POWER SUPPLIES. THE DFE DOES NOT PROVIDE ISOLATION.

LIVE OUTPUTS MAY BE PRESENT WITHOUT MOTOR ROTATION



# Settings - Einstellungen - Réglages - Regolazioni - Regulaciones



Pedestal Voltage:- 30% for standard rating  
100% for high breakaway loads

Soft Stop time:- 0 = default range 0S to 30 S

Soft Start time:- ~12 = default range 1S to 30S


**Green**

On Ready  
Off Fault

**Flash Red (fault)**

- 1 SCR / supply
- 2 Thermal
- 3  $U_c < 24V$
- 4 Bypass relay failure
- 5 Shearpin
- 6 Overload

**Rapid Overcurrent**



☺ **LED green - LED grün – DEL vert – LED verde - LED verde**

On Ready for operation – Betriebsbereit – Prêt à fonctionner – Pronto al funzionamento – En condiciones para funcionamiento

Off Fault – Fehler – erreur – errore – error

☹ **Fault LED red – Fehler LED rot – DEL erreur rouge – LED errore rosso –LED error rojo**

flashes

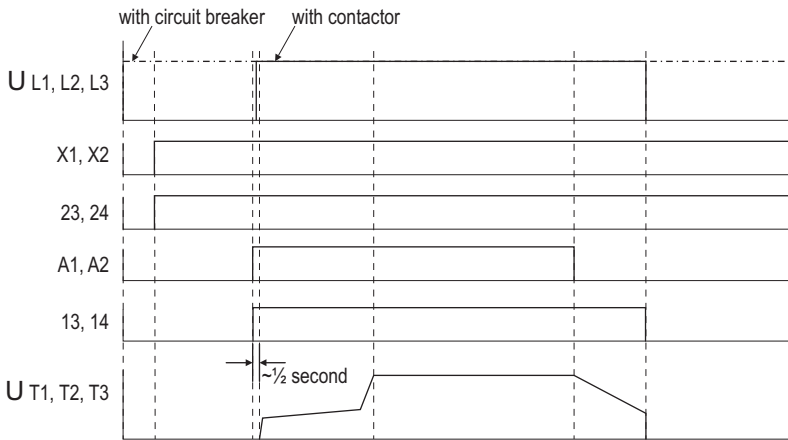
- 1 SCR or supply
- 2 Too hot
- 3 Control supply low volts
- 4 Bypass relay failure
- 5 Shearpin (  $I > 4.5 \times I_e$  )
- 6 Overload - see chart on page 10

Green/Orange Flash Tripped & Reset, Ready

Rapid

flashes Overcurrent.  $>300\%$  starting,  $> 110\%$  running

Following a trip the LED will continue to flash until until the next start is initiated.



- Rated Impulse withstand Voltage (U<sub>imp</sub>)** 2.5kV
- Rated Insulation Voltage (U<sub>i</sub>)** 500V
- Pollution Degree** 2
- Short Circuit Co-ordination\*** Type 2
- Ambient Temperature** 0°C to 40°C. Above 40°C de-rate linearly by 2% of unit FLC per °C to a derate of 40% at 60°C
- Transport and Storage** -25°C to +60°C
- Altitude** 1000m. Above 1000m de-rate linearly by 1% of unit FLC per 100m to a max. altitude of 2000m.
- Humidity** max. 85% non-condensing, not exceeding 50% at 40°C
- IP Rating** IP00

**Design Standards**

- IEC 60947-4-2;
- EN60947-4-2 "AC Semiconductor Motor Controllers and Starters"
- \* When protected by recommended semiconductor fuse.

EMC EMISSION AND IMMUNITY LEVELS		
ESD immunity	IEC 61000-4-2	4kV contact. 8kV air discharge
R F immunity	IEC 61000-4-6	140dBuV over 0.15-80MHz
R F immunity	EC 61000-4-3	10V/m over 80 -1000MHz
Fast Transient immunity	IEC 61000-4-4	2kV/5kHz
Surge immunity	IEC 61000-4-5	2kV line to ground 1kV line to line
Conducted RF emissions	EN 55011	Class A
Radiated RF emissions	EN 55011	Class A

## Sizing Guide

The DFE is designed for general purpose applications and where a traditional Star / Delta is currently used, or would be considered to be appropriate. Generally the motor will start off load, and the time to accelerate to full speed will be in the region of a few seconds.

The standard DFE range is suitable for the majority of cases, and conforms to Trip Class5, which means it is capable of withstanding 3 times Full Load Current for 5 second starts. However there are instances where a different start is required and to satisfy this situation the DFE has four further ratings, Class 10B, Class 10, Class 20 and Class30. These ratings correspond to IEC thermal / electronic overload trip classes, and the DFE must be used with an over current protection device that has a rating corresponding to the Trip Class selected.

When using the following tables to select the most appropriate model of DFE please note

- **The DFE is not suitable for very high inertia loads such as centrifuges or loaded crushers with starts > 30 seconds (Fairford has other ranges of Soft Starter for these applications)**
- **Do not use the Class 5 rating when there is possibility of the motor starting with a significant load.**
- **2-pole motors may take longer to start, use a minimum of Trip Class 10B.**

## Attention!

Within the scope of the EU Directives, the DFE soft starters and their accessories may be commissioned only provided it is established that the machine fulfils the protective requirements of Machine Directive 89/392/EWG.

## Achtung!

Im Geltungsbereich der EG-Richtlinien dürfen die Softstarter der Reihe DFE und deren Zubehör nur dann in Betrieb genommen werden, wenn festgestellt wird, dass die Maschine die Schutzanforderungen der Maschinenrichtlinie 89/392/EWG erfüllt.

## ¡Atención!

En el campo de aplicación de la normativa CE, los arrancadores suaves de la serie DFE y sus correspondientes accesorios sólo deberán ponerse en marcha cuando se asegure que la máquina cumple con las exigencias de seguridad de la normativa de máquinas 89/392/CE.

## Attention !

En application des directives européennes, les démarreurs progressifs de la gamme DFE et leurs accessoires ne doivent être mis en service que s'il a été vérifié que la machine répond bien aux exigences de la directive machines 89/392/EWG.

## Attenzione!

Nel campo di validità delle direttive CEE i softstarter della serie DFE e i loro accessori possono essere messi in esercizio solamente se è verificato che la macchina soddisfa i requisiti di sicurezza delle direttive macchine 89/392/CEE.



**Common applications, used as a guide to determine appropriate Trip Class.**

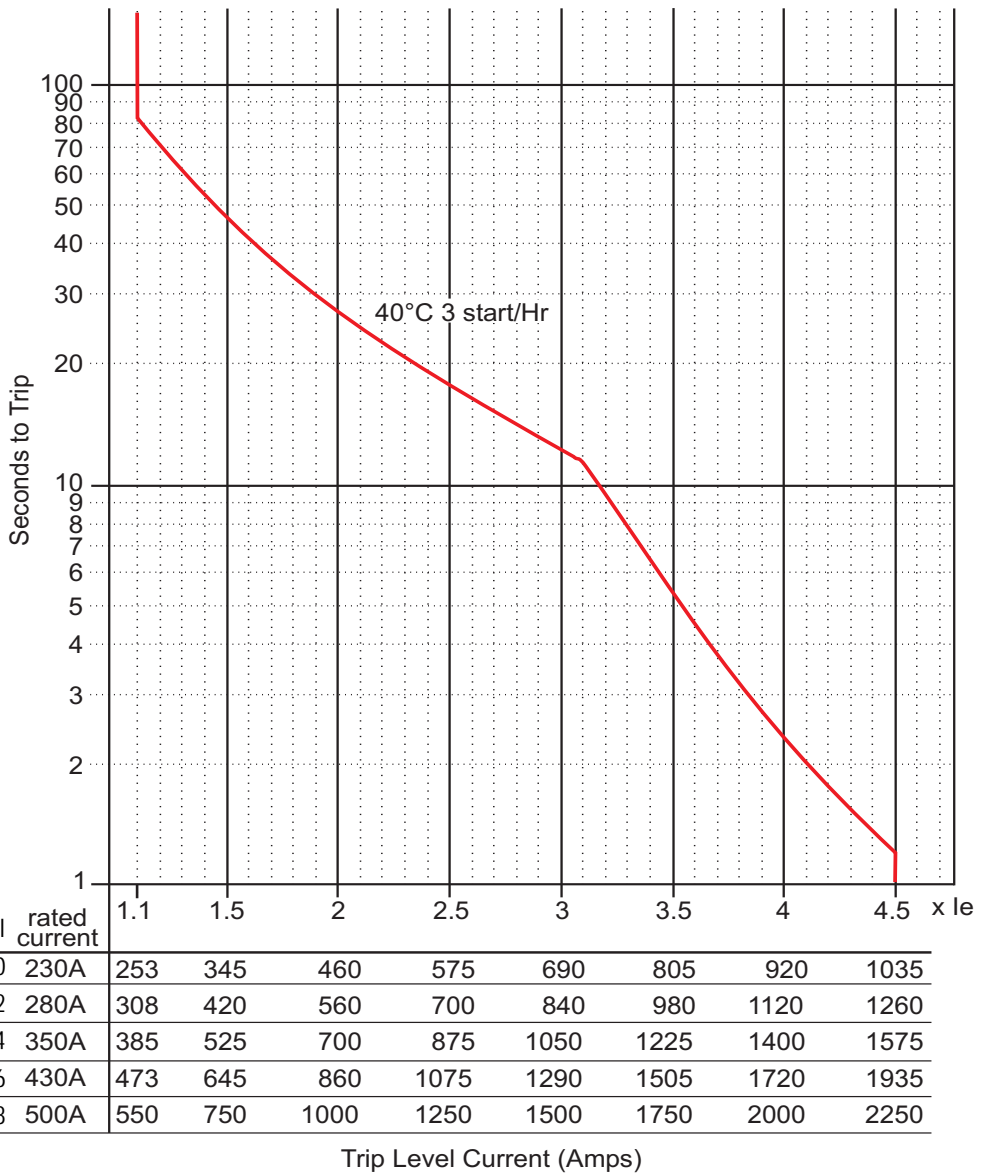
Application	Trip Class	Start Time (s)	Notes
Standard	5	5	Suitable for Star / Delta applications with < 5 s Star time, motor starts off load
Heavy	10B	12	Suitable for Star / Delta with applications < 12 s Star time
High Torque	20	12	Requires more starting torque than a Star / Delta
Centrifugal Pump	10	10	Generally easy to start when pumping water
Positive displacement Pump	10	12	Can be difficult to start
Off load Conveyor	5	5	Unloaded at start
Heavy conveyor	20	12	Loaded at start
High inertia fan	10	23	Generally fans greater or equal to 45KW
Off load Compressor	5	5	Special circuits ensure motor starts off load
Loaded Compressor	10	12	Some compressor systems can be difficult to start
Off load Mixer	5	5	No material in basin, off load
Heavy Mixer	20	12	Material in basin

**Trip Class table**

le (A) 400V	Inline KW 400V	Inline HP 460V
132 A	75 KW	110 HP
160 A	90KW	130 HP
195 A	110 KW	160 HP
230 A	132 KW	190 HP
280 A	160 KW	230 HP
350 A	200 KW	290 HP
430 A	250 KW	350 HP
500 A	280 KW	400 HP

Trip Class 5 3-5: 355 (10/Hr) (Standard)	Trip Class 10B 3.5-12: 1188 (3/Hr)	Trip Class 10 3-23: 1177 (3/Hr)	Trip Class 20 4-19: 1181 (3/Hr)	Trip Class 30 4-29: 1171 (3/Hr)
DFE-22 *	DFE-26 *	DFE-26 *	DFE-30	DFE-32
DFE-24 *	DFE-30	DFE-30	DFE-32	DFE-34
DFE-26 *	DFE-30	DFE-32	DFE-34	DFE-36
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DFE-36	----	----	----	----
DFE-38	----	----	----	----

\* The basic guide for the DFE-24 and DFE-26 is available as part No.M-7A49-F.  
For ratings covered by the shaded areas please contact Fairford Electronics



Trip Level Current (Amps)

The DFE can be used at ratings other than those stated. Use the above trip curves to ascertain the required unit for the duty.

As an example the DFE-32 will run a 160kW motor (280 Amp) as the maximum continuous running current and will allow an overload of 3 x 280Amp (840 Amp) for 12 seconds 3 times per hour. The unit would also allow a 3.5 x overload (980 Amp) for approx 5½ seconds 3 times per hour.

Following an overload trip subsequent restarts can be restricted due to a cooling time. The severity of overload determines the cooling time which has a max value of 10 minutes.

<b>Operational Voltage (Ue)</b>	230-460 VAC rms 3-Phase (-15% +10%)
<b>Rated Frequency</b>	50 - 60Hz +/- 2Hz
<b>Form Designation</b>	Form 1 Bypassed Controller
<b>Index Rating</b>	Class 5 AC53b: 3-5: 355 Internally bypassed
<b>Control Supply</b>	24V DC approx 12VA supplied externally to terminals X1-X2. DFE-30 to DFE-38 need a power supply capable of 3 Amps for 1 second. A suitable power supply kit is available from Fairford
<b>Over Current Trip</b>	Single phase sensing, Non adjustable. See trip curve.
<b>Start/Soft Stop Control</b>	24V DC/110V AC galvanically isolated terminals A1-A2
<b>Auxiliary Circuits</b> (relays)	Run - 13/14, Ready - 23/24. 230VAC 3A, AC11.
<b>Indication</b>	Multi function LED on front panel
<b>Start Time</b>	1 to 30 seconds.
<b>Stop Times</b>	0 to 30 seconds
<b>Start Duty</b>	S1 according to IEC 34-1 and VDE0530 Part 1. 3 x FLC for 5 seconds 10/Hr - standard rating (Class5, 40°C) Up to 10 starts per hour. Soft stop = start for duty purposes For other duties see pages 9 & 10 or consult Fairford Electronics

### Power Terminals

Input 1/L1, 3/L2 & 5/L3 output 2/T1, 4/T2 6/T3.  
External busbars (unit is IP00)

### Earth Terminal

External stud M10

ModelName 400/460V Range	Class 5 @40°C 3 x FLC for 5seconds 10 starts per Hr		Ferraz Fuse for Type 2 coordination short circuit protection	Rated Short Circuit Current (Iq)
	Ie (Arms)	Motor kW at 400V		
DFE-30	230A	132kW	6,9 URD 32 D08A 0630	18kA
DFE-32	280A	160kW		18kA
DFE-34	350A	200kW	6,9 URD 33 D08A 1100	18kA
DFE-36	430A	250kW		30kA
DFE-38	500A	280kW		30kA

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