Wound Rotor Motor Resistors



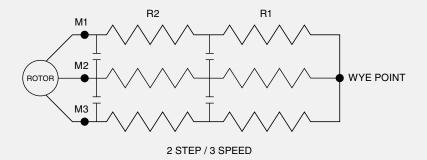
Wound rotor motors, as opposed to AC induction motors, generate the same torque in both forward and reverse. They are commonly used on fans, pumps, conveyors and crane systems.

The motors are rated according to their primary and secondary windings. The primary ratings are given in volts and power (kilowatts), while the secondary ratings are specified in terms of voltage and current (the secondary current is defined by the locked rotor output, verified during testing of the motor.

Resistance Calculation

To calculate the total resistance per phase, the following information is required:

- 1. Secondary voltage
- 2. Secondary current
- 3. The number of speeds/steps required for the application. The number of steps is the actual number of resistor stages to be switched through, whereas the number of speeds is the number of steps plus one (the "extra" speed being no resistors at all in the circuit.)
- 4. Duty class, according to NEMA
- 5. Starting torque, (which can also be specified as the last digit of the classification number.)



Formula for Total Resistance

Rtot = Secondary Voltage / (Secondary Current x 1.713 x Percentage Starting Torque)

The total resistance is then divided into the requisite number of steps. The size is not uniform to allow for smooth transitions of motor speed as the load's inertia changes. The most common breakdowns are given below, with the first step being that closest to the secondary AC power source and then moving progressively toward the motor.

The amperage associated with each step is determined by the amount of current seen by the individual steps, as dictated by how long they are left in the circuit and by the duty class of the motor. These values listed below are percentages of the rated secondary current. As a general rule, pumps, fans and conveyor systems are Class 130, while crane systems can be Class 160, 170 or 190.

One note concerning the secondary current: if the starting torque is greater than 100%, remember to also use this factor in sizing the individual resistor steps. For example, if the starting torque is 150% of nominal, the amperage used for designing the resistor sizes will be 1.5 times the rated secondary current of the motor.



NEMA Classification of Resistors

The following table is for selecting the NEMA Class for an application in relation to starting torque and duty cycle.

Approximate Percent of Full-Load Current on First Point Starting @ Rest	Class Numbers Applying to Duty Cycles									
	30 sec. on Out of each 15 min.	5 sec. on Out of each 80 sec.	10 sec. on Out of each 80 sec.	15 sec. on Out of each 90 sec.	15 sec. on Out of each 60 sec.	15 sec. on Out of each 45 sec.	15 sec. on Out of each 30 sec.	Continuous Duty		
25	101	111	131	141	151	161	171	91		
50	102	112	132	142	152	162	172	92		
70	103	113	133	143	153	163	173	93		
100	104	114	134	144	154	164	174	94		
150	105	115	135	145	155	165	175	95		
200 or over	106	116	136	146	156	166	176	96		

NEMA Resistor Application Standards

APPLICATION	NEMA CLASS	APPLICATION	NEMA CLASS	APPLICATION	NEMA CLASS
Blowers		Food Plants		Rubber Mills	
Centrifugal	133-93	Butter Churns, Dough Mixer	135	Banbury, Crackers	135
Constant Pressure		Hoists		Calenders	
Brick Plants		Winch	153	Mixing Mills, Washers	
Augers, Conveyors,	135	Mine Slope		Steel Mills	
Dry Plans, Pug Mills		Mine Vertical		Accummulators	15
By-product Coke Plants		Contractor's Hoists		Casting Machines-Pig,	
Door Machine, Leveler Ram,	153	Larry Cars		Charging Machines	
Pusher Bar, Valve Reversing		Lift Bridges		Bridge	153 or 16
Machines		Machine Tools		Peel	
Cement Mills		Bending Rolls	163 or 164	Trolley	
Conveyors	125	Boring Mills		Coiling Machines	
Crushers		Bulldozers		Converters-Metal	
Elevators		Drills, Gear Cutters		Conveyors	
Rotary Dryers		Grinders		Crushers	
Grinders and Pulverizers		Hobbing Machines, Lathes	115	Furnace Door, Gas Valves,	13
Kilns	135-95	Milling Machines	125	Gas Washers	16
Coal and Ore Bridges	153	Presses, Punches		Hot Metal Mixers	
Bridge		Saws, Shapers	115	Ingot Buggy, Kickoff,	15
Closing, Holding		Metal Mining		Levelers	
Trolley	162 or 163	Ball, Rod and Tube Mills		Manipulator Fingers	
Coal Mines		Car Dumpers-Rotary		Pickling Machine,	15
Car Hauls		Converters-Copper		Pilars-Slab, Racks	
Conveyors		Crushers		Reelers	
Cutters		Conveyors		Saws-Hot or Cold	
Crushers		Tilting Furnace	153	Screw Downs	
Fans	134 or 95	Paper Mills		Shears, Shuffle Bars	
Hoists		Beaters		Side Guards	
Slope	172	Calenders	154-92	Sizing Rolls, Slab Buggy,	15
Vertical	162	Chippers	145	Soaking Pit Covers	
Jigs, PickingTables	135	Pipeworking		Straighteners	15
Rotary Car Dumpers	153	Cutting and Threading	135	Tables	
Shaker Screens	135	Expanding and Flanging	135-95	Approach	15
Compressors		Power Plants		Lift	153 or 16
Constant Speed	135	Clinker Grinders	135	Main Roll	153 or 16
Varying Speed		Coal Crushers	135	Roll	15
Centrifugal	93	Conveyors		Shear Approach	153 or 16
Plunger Type	95	Belt,Screw	135	Transfer	15
Concrete Mixers	135	Pulverized Fuel Feeders	135	Tilting Furnace	15
Cranes-General Purpose		Pulverizers		Wire Stranding Machine	15
Hoist	153-163	Ball Type	135	Woodworking Plants	
Bridge or Trolley with		Centrifugal		Boring Machines, Lathe,	11
Sleeve Bearings	153-163	Stokers		Mortiser, Moulder, Planers,	
Roller Bearings		Pumps		Power Trimmer and Mitre,	
Flour Mills		Centrifugal	134-93	Sanders, Saws, Shapers,	
	135	Plunger		Shingle Machine	

324 Governor Road • Braeside, Victoria 3195 • AUS Phone: +61 (0)3 9587 4099 • Fax: +61 (0)3 9587 4130 www.postgloverasia.com



1369 Cox Avenue • Erlanger, KY 41018 • USA Phone: 800-537-6144 / 859-283-0778 • Fax: 859-283-2978 www.postglover.com

Serving the Electrical Industry Since 1892

Quality System Certified to ISO 9001

© 2015 Post Glover Resistors, Inc. PGR Document #MC105-07