



3TX20

Voltage regulator for generators

Instruction Manual V1.3.2

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WARNINGS AND COMMISSIONING INFORMATION



HAZARDOUS VOLTAGES.



DO NOT OPERATE WHEN NOT FAMILIAR WITH GENERATORS.

- **Check the isolation of the generator windings before installation.**
Poor isolation will cause damage to the AVR and dangerous situations for persons.
- The system should not be installed, operated, serviced or modified except by qualified personnel who understand the danger of electric shock hazards and have read and understood the user instructions.
- Never work on a LIVE generator. Unless there is another person present who can switch off the power supply or stop the engine.
- Dangerous voltages are present at the voltage regulator board. Accidental contact with live conductors could result in serious electrical shock or electrocution.
- Disconnect the power source before making repairs, connecting test instruments, or removing or making connections to the voltage regulator or generator.
- Defects in the generator or AVR may cause consequential loss. Precautions must be taken to prevent this from occurring.
- The unit should be installed with respect to the environmental specifications as well as the rules mentioned in the General installation information.
- For safety reasons the voltage level potentiometers are best turned completely counter clockwise in order to start at the lowest possible voltage.
- Never change the rotary switch or dipswitch settings during operation.
- Never apply supply voltage when generator is not running, unless exciter field is disconnected.

REVISION HISTORY

Product	Version		Change
	Hardware	Manual	
V2.0	2.0	1.1	<i>First release</i>
V2.1	2.0.1	1.1	<i>Minor hardware update</i>
V2.2.0.0	2.1	1.2	<i>New manual layout. Changed sensing range.</i>
V2.3.0.0	2.2	1.3	<i>Minor hardware improvement.</i>
V2.3.1.0	2.2	1.3.1	<i>Manual improved and added new dealer</i>
V2.3.2.0	2.3	1.3.2	<i>Minor hardware improvement.</i>

The table provides a historical summary of the changes made to the AVR.
Revisions are listed in chronological order.

The manual does not cover all technical details of the product. Specifications may be modified by the manufacturer without notice. For further information, the manufacturer should be contacted.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The 3TX20 is designed for use in brushless generators and can be used as a cost effective universal replacement for a great variety original manufacturers AVR's.

The 3TX20 can be used for parallel operation with other generators that also control voltage droop by means of Quadrature Droop Compensation (QDC).

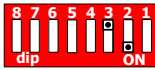
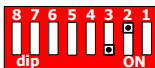

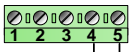
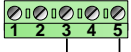
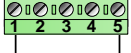
Parallel operation is possible with an additional droop CT.

Installation, maintenance and adjustment don't require special application software.

The AVR is protected from the environment by a PUR coating.

Mode of control
Constant voltage control
Quadrature voltage droop for parallel operation
Protection
Generator phase loss
User adjustable underspeed knee
Communication
Underspeed LED

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATING I

Symbol	Parameter	Condition	Min.	Max.	Unit
U, V, W	Voltage sensing input 200Volt	50-60Hz, continuous. 	-	250	V _{AC}
	Voltage sensing input 300Volt	50-60Hz, continuous. 	-	400	V _{AC}
	Voltage sensing input 400Volt	50Hz, continuous. 50Hz, Intermitted < 10s. 60Hz, continuous. 60Hz, Intermitted < 10s. 	- - - -	450 480 500 520	V _{AC} V _{AC} V _{AC} V _{AC}
+, -	AVR field current	Intermitted < 10s. ^{(1) (3)}	-	25	A _{DC}
	Field resistance	@ 115V _{AC} supply ^{(2) (3)}	3.5	-	Ω
		@ 230V _{AC} supply	6.9	-	Ω
	@ 400V _{AC} supply	12	-	Ω	
LH1, LH2	Supply input	Minimum supply for self excitation	5	-	V _{AC}
	115V	50Hz 	30	130	V _{AC}
		60Hz	30	140	V _{AC}
	230V	50Hz 	50	260	V _{AC}
60Hz		50	280	V _{AC}	
400V	50Hz 	110	450	V _{AC}	
	60Hz	110	480	V _{AC}	
X1, X2	Droop CT 0.5A	Isolated CT < 30s.	-	1	A _{AC}
T _{AMB}	Operating temperature	95% RHD non condensing ⁽¹⁾	0	+50	°C
T _{STG}	Storage temperature	95% RHD non condensing	0	+70	°C
	Static control accuracy			1	%

⁽¹⁾ Always mount with heatsink fins aligned vertically and allow for sufficient airflow.
⁽²⁾ See formula for calculating minimum field resistance
⁽³⁾ See page 5 for safe operation area of the AVR.

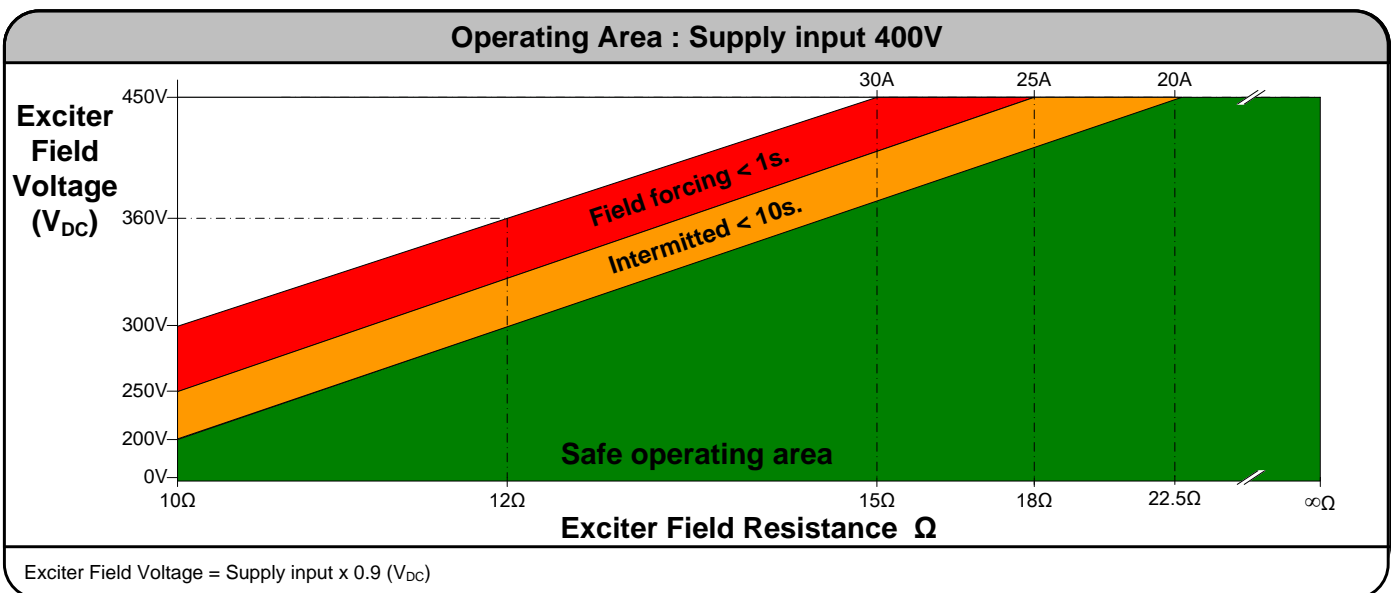
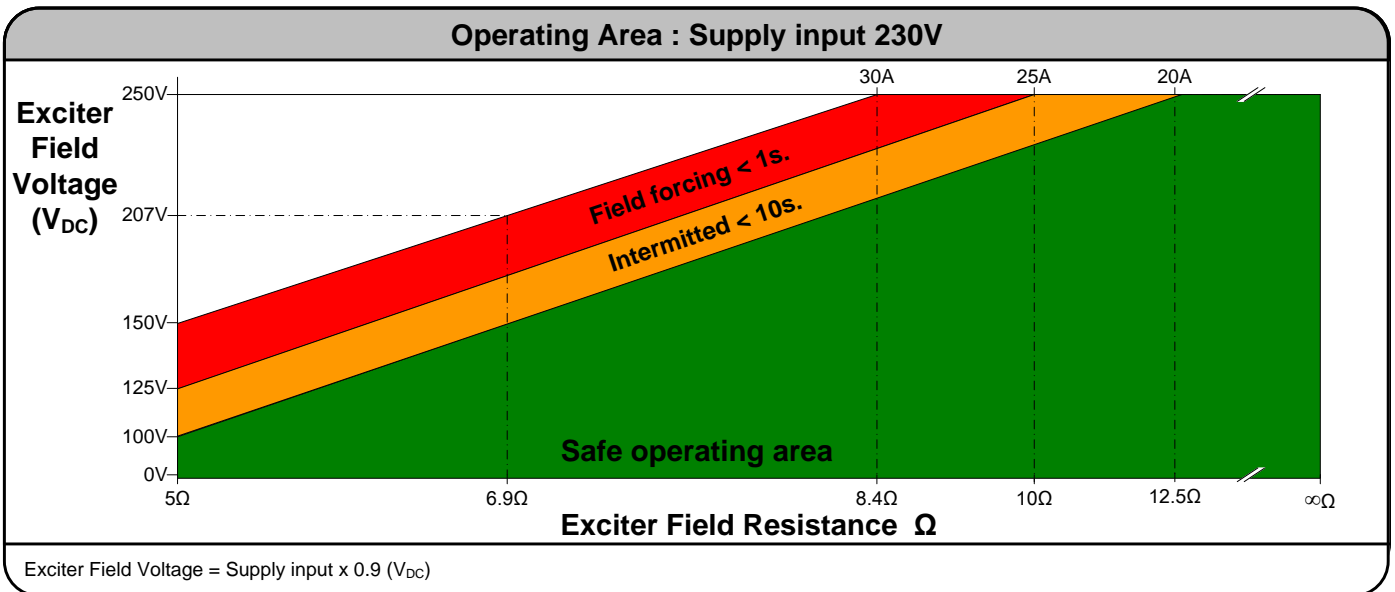
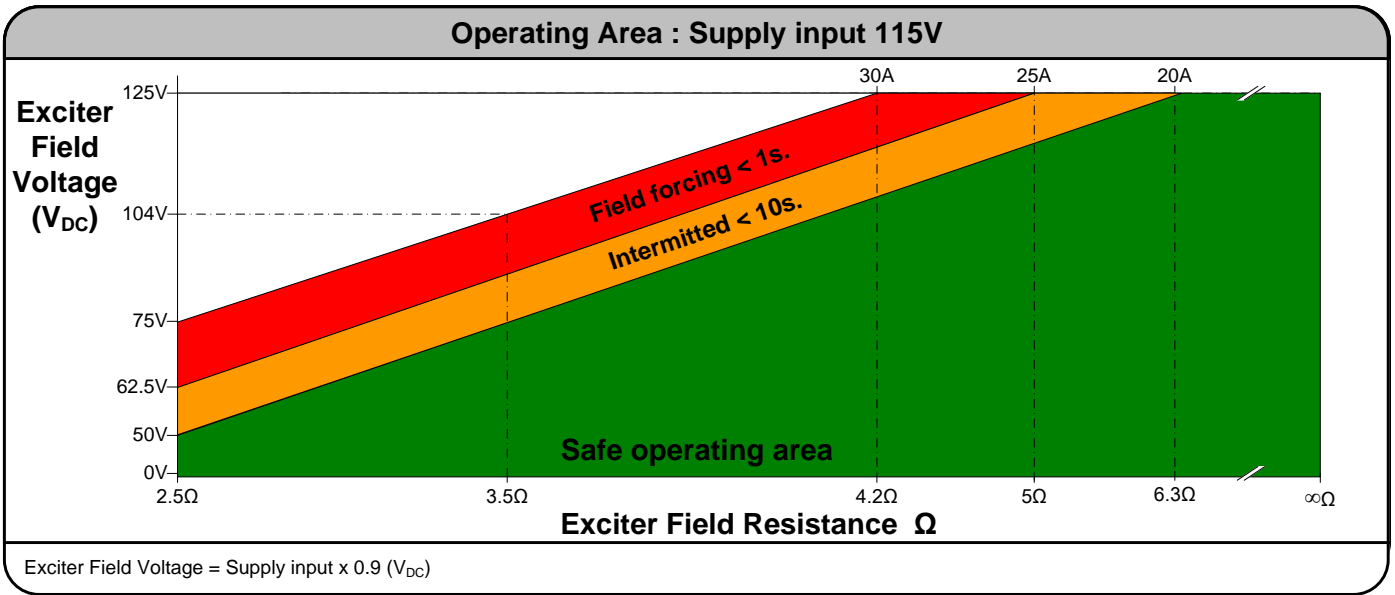


$$\text{Field resistance } (\Omega) \geq \frac{\text{Supply input} \times 0.9 \text{ (V}_{DC}\text{)}}{30}$$



Stresses above “Absolute Maximum Ratings” may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only, the functional operation of the device or any other conditions indicated in the “operation area” of this specification is not implied. Exposure to maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability and lifetime.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATING II



TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS I

Precautions for large, slow running generators

In general large (>1000kVA), slow running (<900RPM) generators tend to have more inductive exciter field windings. When the 3TX20 is used to control such a generator, the switched excitation current in combination with the increased inductivity can cause voltage spikes on the field excitation output. This can cause excessive AVR heating and damage to the AVR's output stage. To reduce voltage spikes it is recommended to fit RC-snubber in parallel and as close as possible to the exciter field.

Generator insulation- / polarization index test

As a rule of thumb the testing voltage used during an insulation test is two times the nominal voltage of the winding under test. This exceeds the AVR ratings and may cause permanent damage to the AVR. Therefore the AVR must be disconnected completely from the generator. When performing an insulation test on the generator rotor disconnect the rotating rectifiers and any other components from the windings under test. This will prevent damage should the testing voltage exceed the rectifiers blocking voltage.

Field flashing

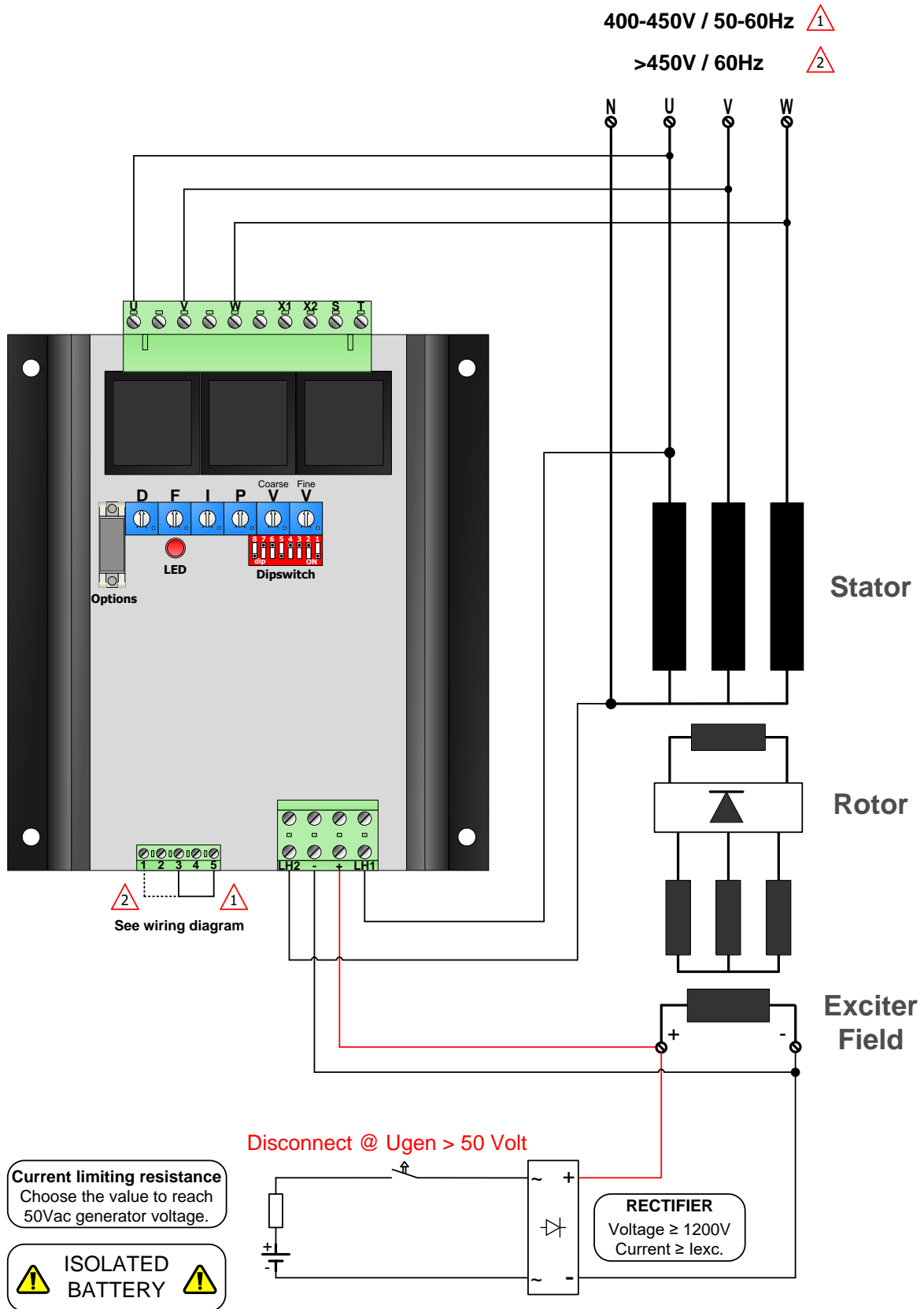
In case of a self excited generator it could be that the residual voltage level is too low to build up. Causes for a low residual voltage can be a prolonged period of stand still, excessive heating or mechanical shock and vibration.

To restore the residual voltage the generator can be manual field flashed. In order to perform this safely the AVR must be completely disconnected from the generator. Next a potential free voltage (e.g. a 9V battery block) source is connected to the exciter field of the generator, while it's rotating. This will cause the generator voltage to rise and restore the residual voltage level.

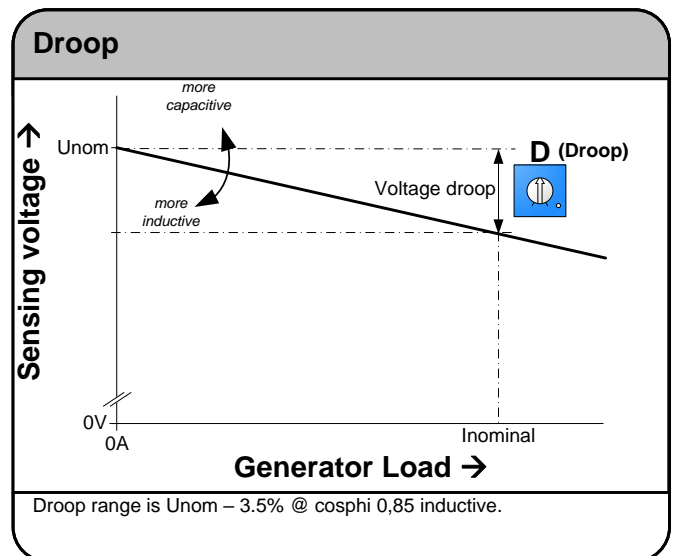
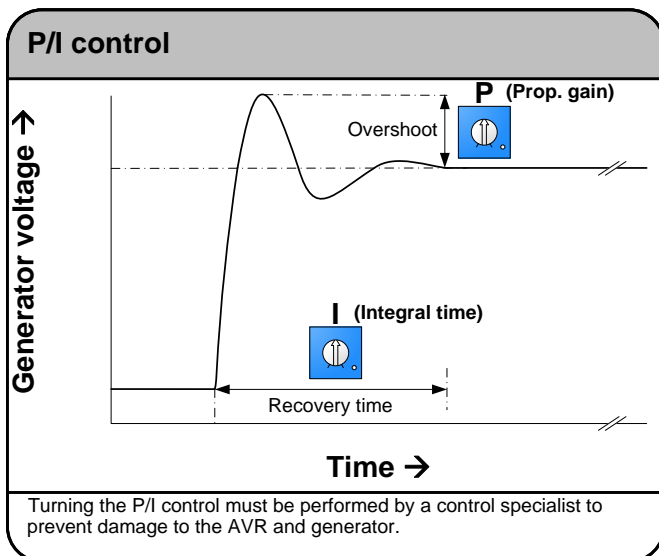
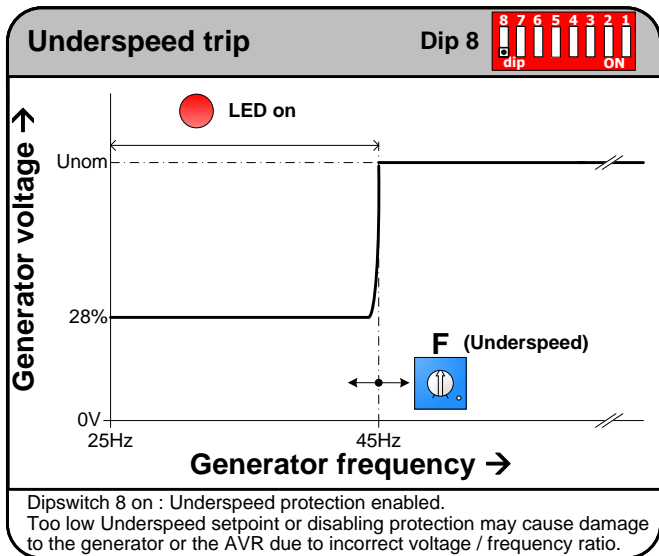
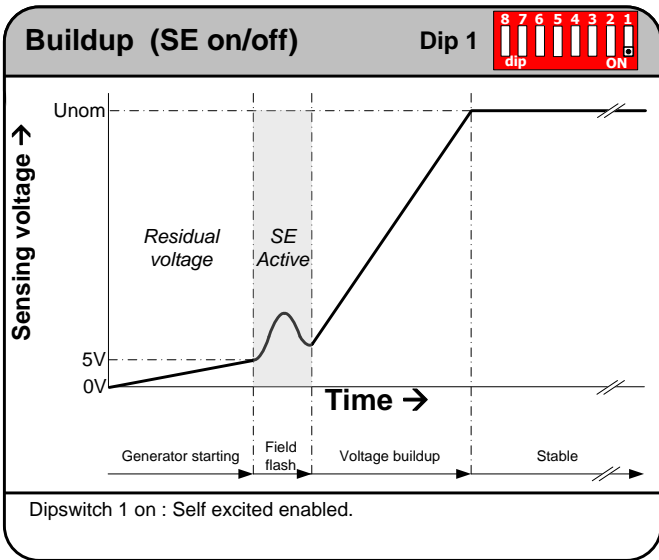
If the residual voltage of the generator is permanently low, an automatic field flash unit can be used or a potential free voltage source which is automatically switched off when the generator voltage is within normal range. The generator voltage should not exceed nominal voltage when field flash is active, to prevent damage to the AVR. When using "Automatic field flash" there should always be a rectifier bridge in the output of the source/unit.

TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS I I

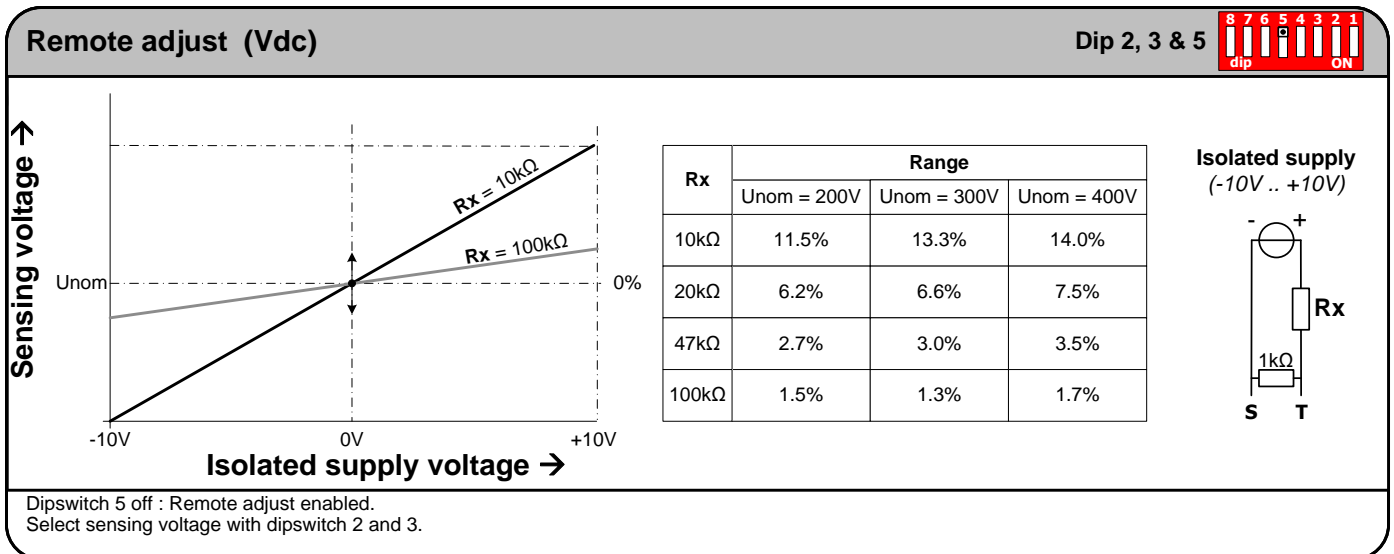
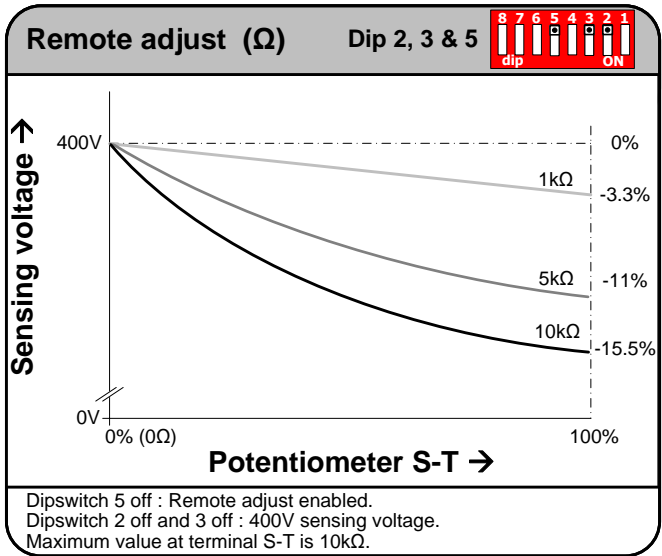
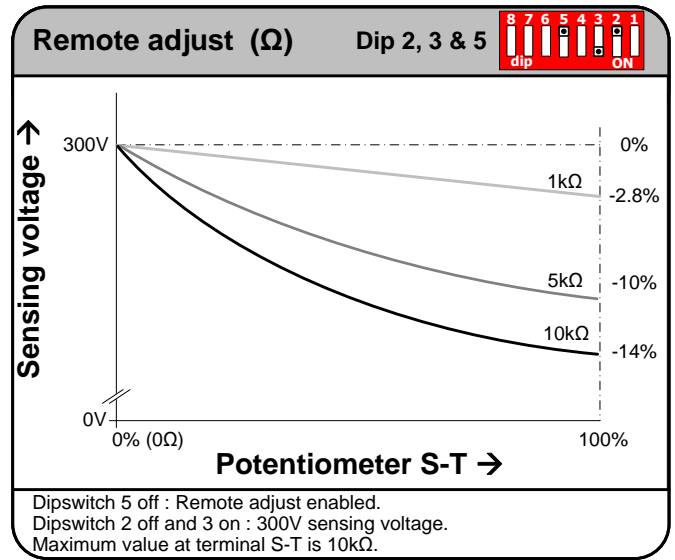
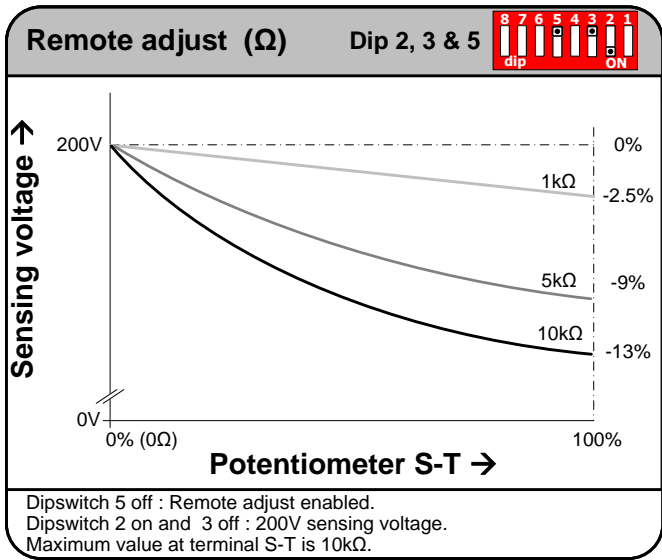
Field flash with isolated battery



MODES OF CONTROL I



MODES OF CONTROL II



QUICK REFERENCE I

Droop

D

0% 100%

(Page 8)

Underspeed

F

+

+

+

Trip @
Higher – RPM - Lower
+/- 65Hz +/- 33Hz

LED

(Page 8)

Stability

I

-

+

I-action
(Integral time)

P

-

+

P-action
(Proportional gain)

(Page 8)

Voltage

Coarse V

-

+

Fine V

-

+

When potentiometers in mid position.

Voltage is +/- 195V @ sensing range 200V

Voltage is +/- 305V @ sensing range 300V

Voltage is +/- 390V @ sensing range 400V

Minimum Rfield

Formula

Minimum field resistance

$$\text{Field resistance } (\Omega) \geq \frac{\text{Supply input} \times 0.9 \text{ (V}_{DC})}{30}$$

AVR field current.

Max. rating: Intermitted 25A < 10s.

Max. rating: Field forcing 30A < 1s.

Factory settings

Sensing voltage : 400V

Underspeed frequency : 47Hz

Droop : 100%

Stability P-action : 50%

Stability I-action : 50 %

Dipswitch 1 : On

Dipswitch 2 : Off

Dipswitch 3 : Off

Dipswitch 4 : Off

Dipswitch 5 : On

Dipswitch 6 : Off

Dipswitch 7 : Off

Dipswitch 8 : On

Sensing range

115V

Dip 2 on & Dip3 on
Range +/- 95 .. 140V

200V

Dip 2 on & Dip3 off
Range +/- 160 .. 250V

300V

Dip 2 off & Dip3 on
Range +/- 250 .. 400V

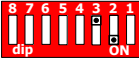
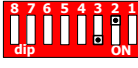
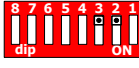

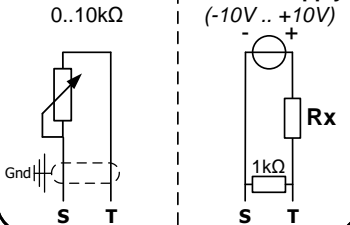

400V

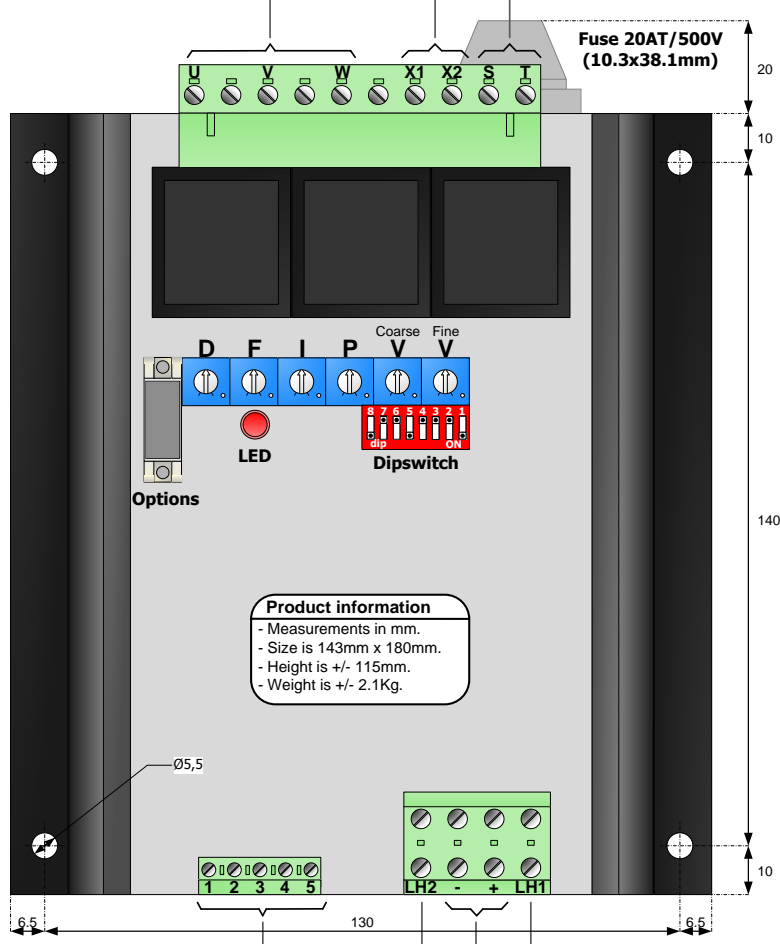
Dip 2 off & Dip3 off
Range +/- 315 .. 510V

Dipswitch (Page 8, 9)

DIP	Off	On
1	Self excited disabled.	Self excited enabled.
2	See : Sensing range	
3		
4	Phase loss protection disabled.	Phase loss protection enabled.
5	Remote adjust enabled.	S-T internally shorted.
6	Not used.	Not used.
7	Not used.	Not used.
8	Underspeed protection disabled.	Underspeed protection enabled.


QUICK REFERENCE II

Sensing			Current sensing	Remote adjust
200V 	300V 	400V 	Max. rating : Continuous : 0.5Aac Intermitted : 1Aac < 10s. V phase 0.5A  X1 X2	Max. value : 10K Dipswitch 5 off Max. : -10V..+10V Dipswitch 5 off Rx (10kΩ ..100kΩ) Isolated supply (-10V .. +10V) 
 U-V-W clockwise			Input X1-X2 CT 0.5A (Droopkit)	

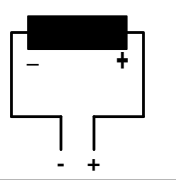


Exciter
 0 .. 20Aac

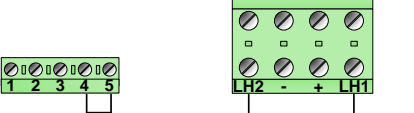
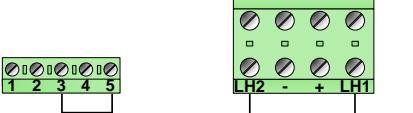
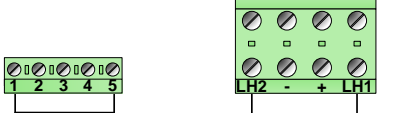
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 Check
Formula
 Minimum
 Field Resistance
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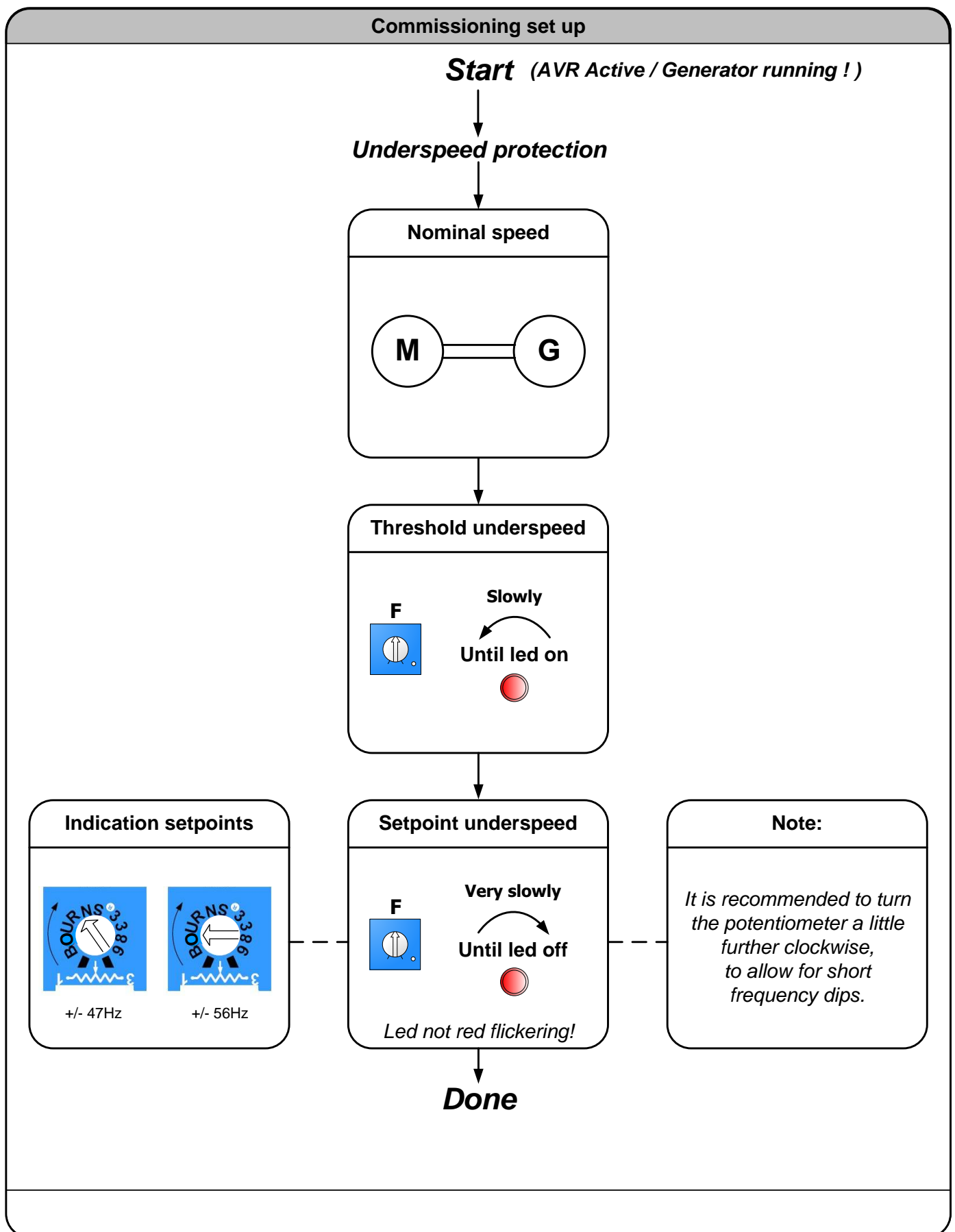
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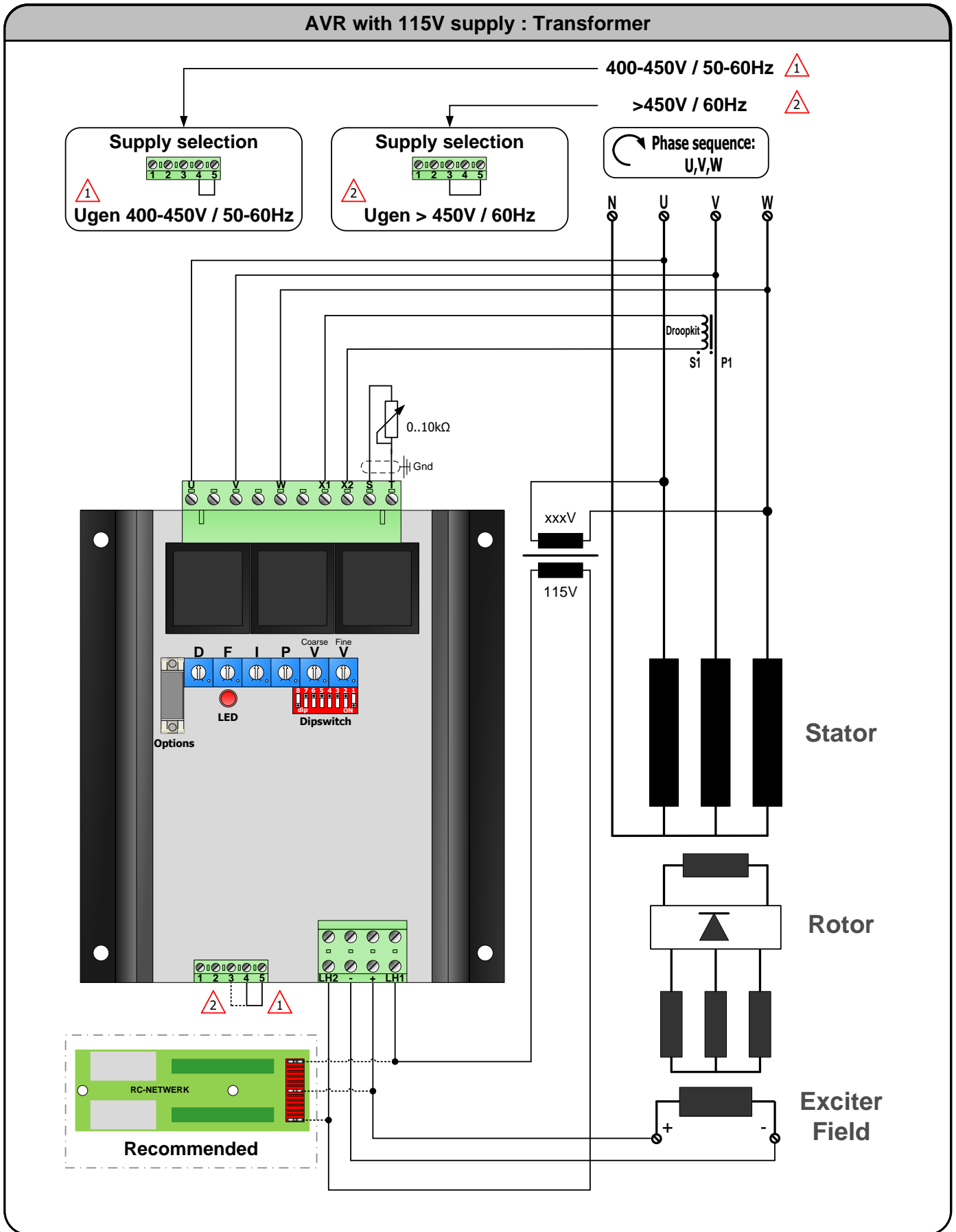
AVR supply configuration (Page 13..17)

Supply 115V	Supply 230V	Supply 400V
 Supply range : 30..130V @ 50Hz 30..140V @ 60Hz Field resistance: @ 115V ≥ 3.5Ω @ 130V ≥ 4.0Ω @ 140V ≥ 4.5Ω	 Supply range : 50..260V @ 50Hz 50..280V @ 60Hz Field resistance: @ 230V ≥ 7.0Ω @ 260V ≥ 8.0Ω @ 280V ≥ 8.5Ω	 Supply range : 110..450V @ 50Hz 110..480V @ 60Hz Field resistance: @ 400V ≥ 12.0Ω @ 450V ≥ 13.5Ω @ 480V ≥ 14.5Ω

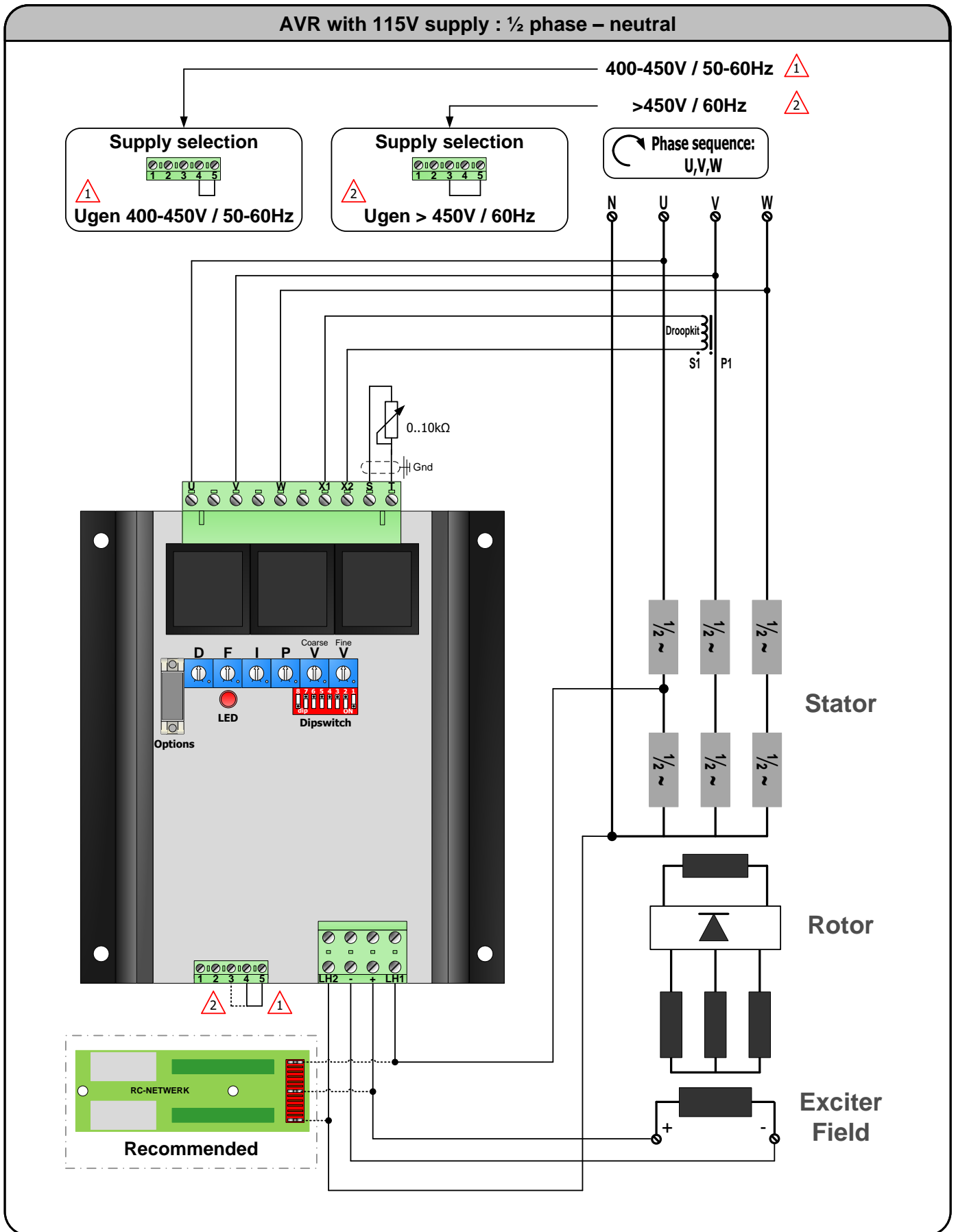
COMMISSIONING SET UP



WIRING DIAGRAM I



WIRING DIAGRAM II



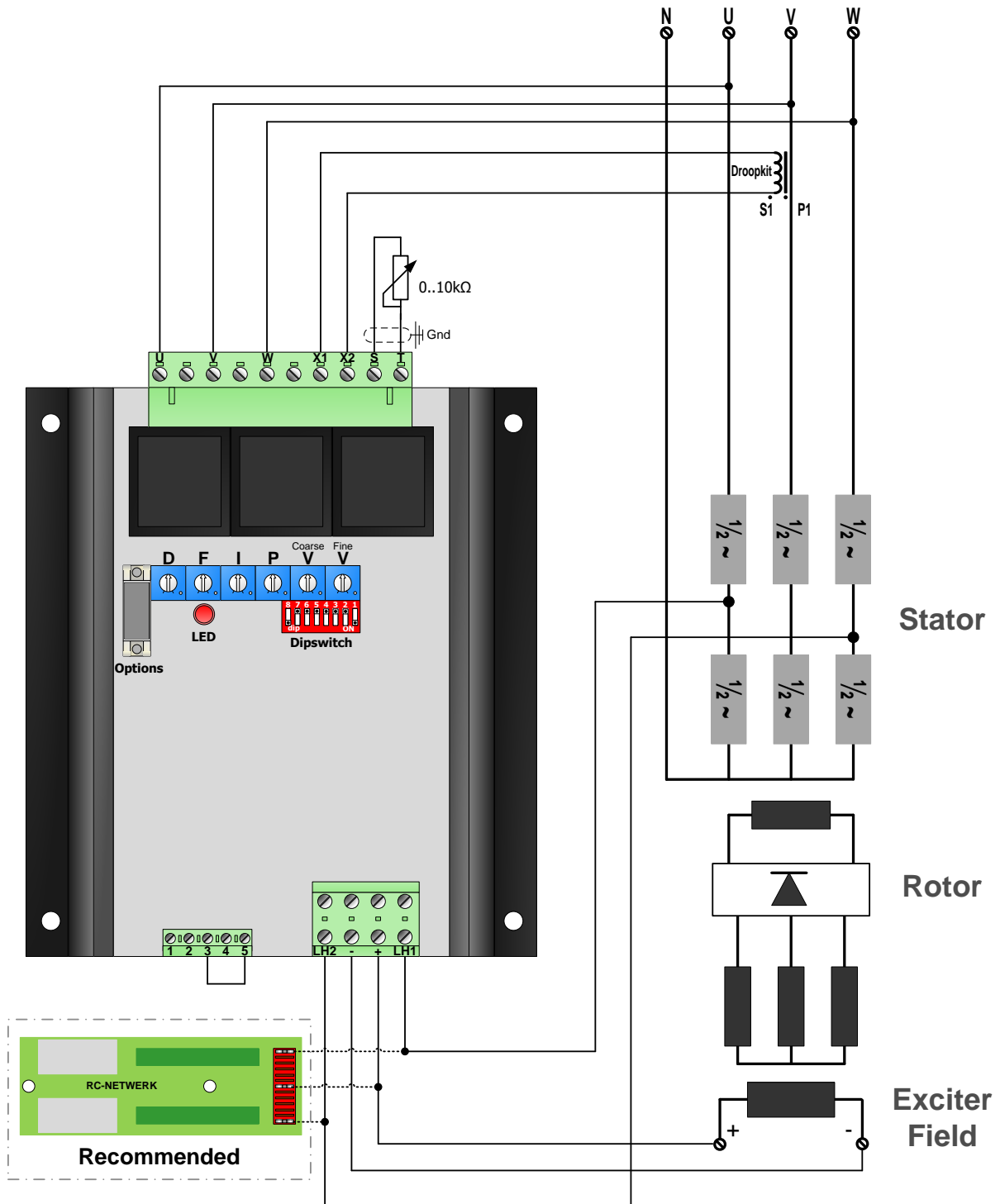
WIRING DIAGRAM III

AVR with 200V supply : 1/2 phase – 1/2 phase

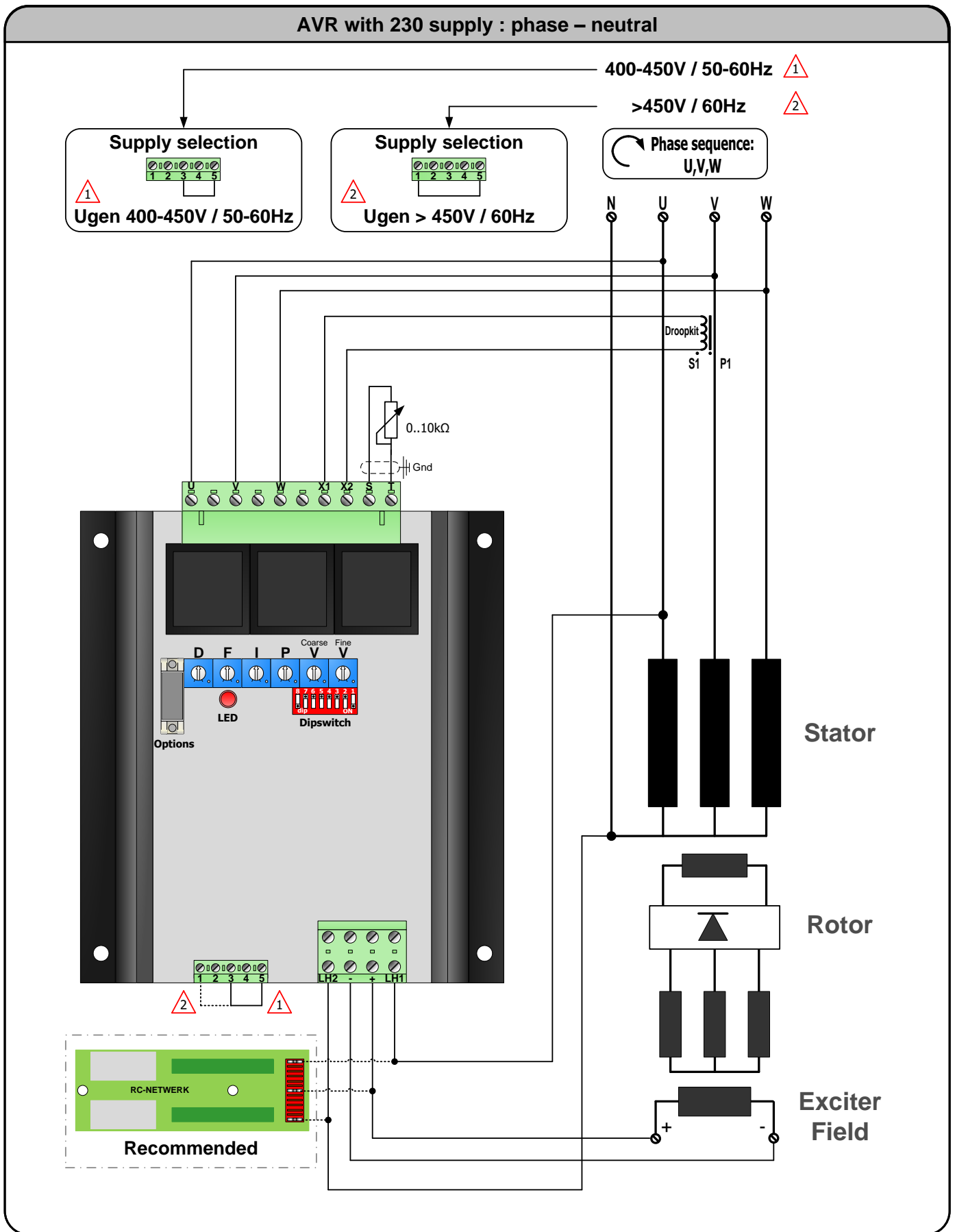
400-450V / 50-60Hz

>450V / 60Hz

Phase sequence:
U, V, W



WIRING DIAGRAM IV



WIRING DIAGRAM V

AVR with 400V supply : phase – phase

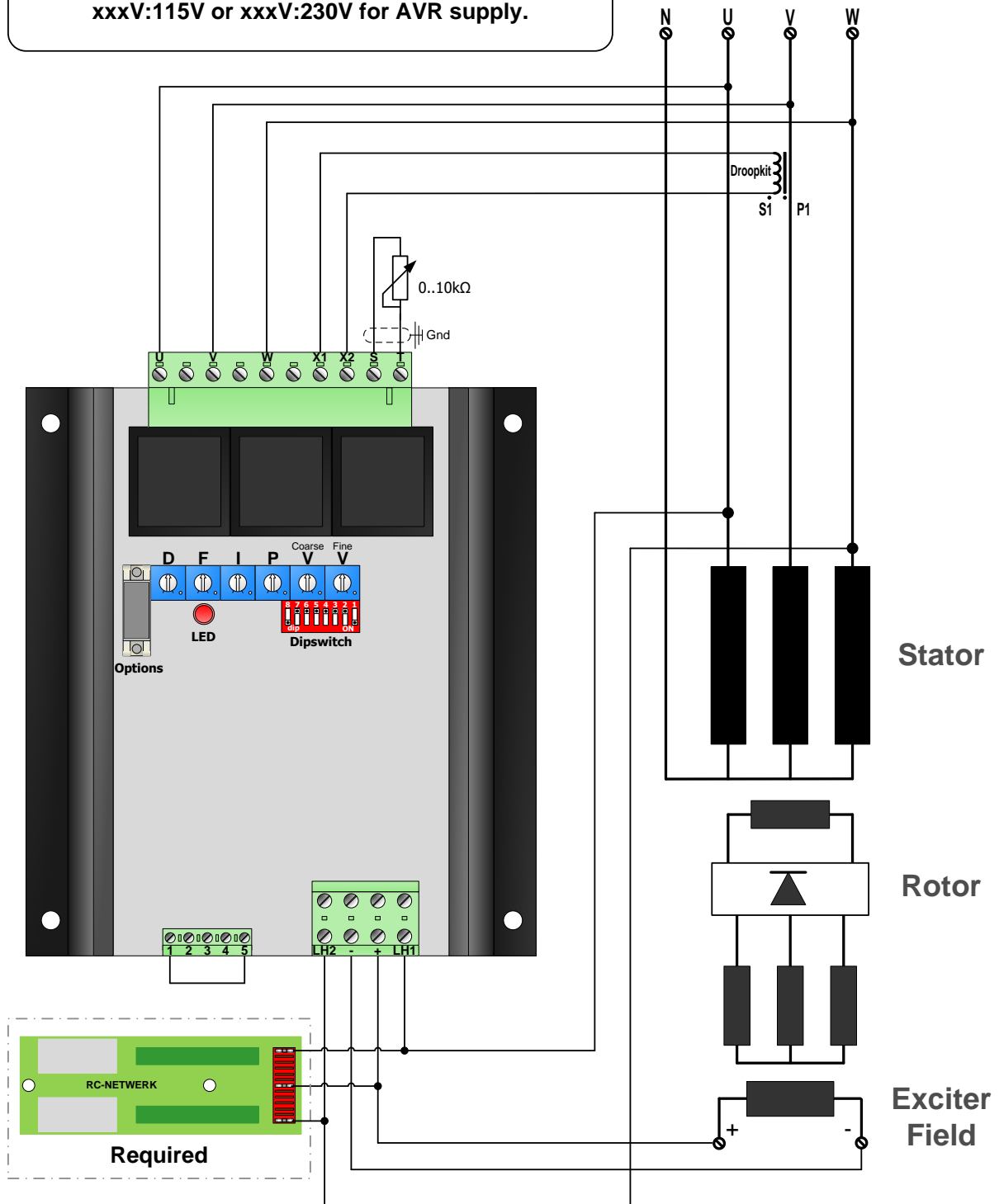
Use this connection diagram only upon low current and/or higher voltage exciter value's.
Ask the manufacturer when in doubt.

Recommended to use stepdown transformer xxxV:115V or xxxV:230V for AVR supply.

400-450V / 50-60Hz

>450V / 60Hz

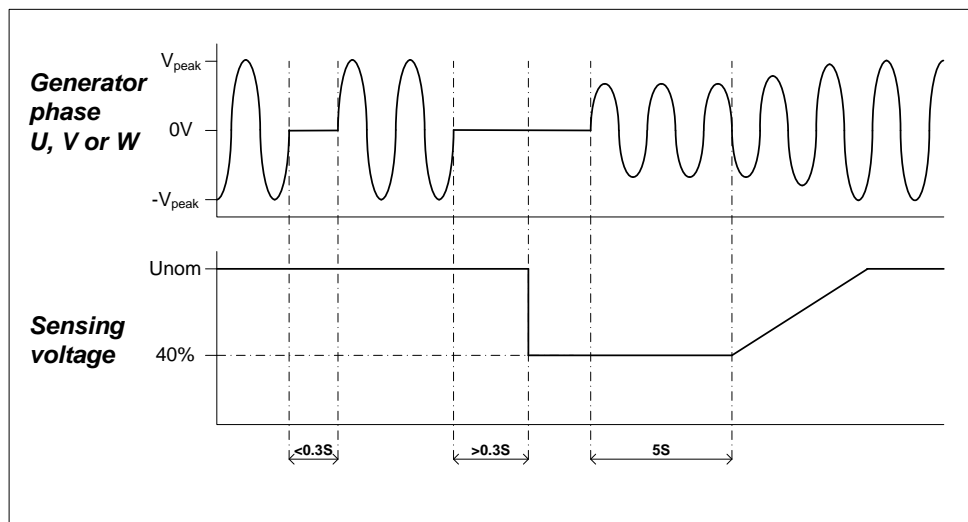
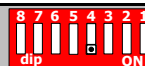
Phase sequence:
U,V,W



PROTECTIONS

Phase loss protection

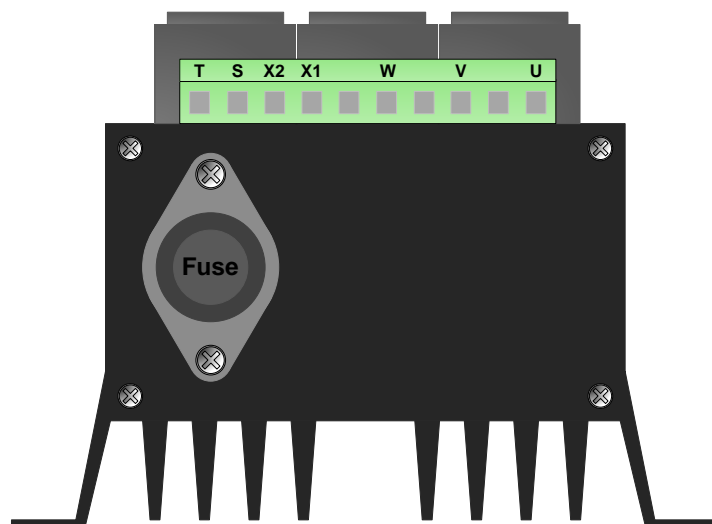
Dip 4



The phaseloss protection validates the presence of all three generator phases on the sensing terminals U, V and W. When one of the three phases is not sensed anymore for more than 300ms the AVR decreases the generator voltage setpoint to $\pm 40\%$ of U_{nom} . If the error condition is relieved for 5s, the generator voltage is ramped up again to nominal voltage.

Default the phase loss protection is disabled.

Fuse protection



To prevent consequential damage in case of an AVR or generator failure, the AVR supply is fused by a 20A slow fuse.

Blowing the fuse will interrupt the field excitation output and causes the generator to de-excite.

When replacing the fuse, a 20A/500V slow type fuse with dimensions 10.3 x 38.1mm must be used.

GENERAL INSTALLATION INFORMATION

Absolute Maximum Ratings

- The Absolute Maximum Ratings are those limits for the device that, if exceeded, will likely damage the device. Exceeding the absolute maximum ratings voids any warranty and/or guarantee.

Mounting

Mounting of the product should be done in such a way that:

- the absolute maximum ambient temperature rating of the product will never be exceeded.
- maximum cooling (direction of cooling ribs and direction of airflow) is achieved.
- Mounting no humid air can flow through the product or condensation occurs.
- dust or other materials or residue will not remain in or on the product.
- the maximum vibration is not exceeded.
- personal contact with persons is impossible.

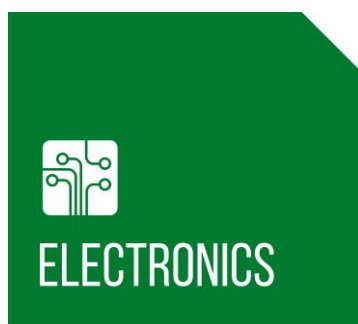
Wiring

- Diameter size of the wiring should be enough to carry the expected current. Wire insulation should be enough to withstand the expected operating voltages and temperatures.
- To improve EMC emission and immunity, care should be taken for the lay out of the wiring. This in respect to all wiring in the installation.
- Keep current carrying wires as short as possible.
- Keep wires carrying a total sum of zero Ampere close to each other, or in one single cable, E.g. U, V, W, or X (+) and XX (-), or Phase and neutral, or S and T.
- Avoid current carrying conductors next to sensing or control wiring. Especially current controlled by SCR's or PWM controlled transistors.
- If sensitive sensing signal cables need to be laid across distance along other cabling, shielded cable is preferred. Keep the shield as long as possible and the wiring outside the shield as short as possible. Do not solder or shrink the shield to a regular wire. Connect the original shield to ground at one side with an as large as possible contact surface.

Additional installation information

- When the product is supplied by means of a transformer, it should never be an auto-transformer. Auto-transformers react as voltage sweep up coil and may cause high voltage peaks.
- Standard fit capacitors or over-voltage suppressers across X (+) and XX (-), or exciter field terminals inside the generator should be removed.
- When the product is supplied by means of a transformer, it should be able to carry at least the maximum expected current. Advisable is, to have a transformer which can carry twice the maximum expected current. Inductive loads make voltage sags and peeks into the secondary voltage of a transformer, from which the device may malfunction.
- It is not recommended to apply switches in dc outputs. It is preferred to use switches in the ac supply inputs of devices. In case it is unavoidable to have switches in the dc output of a device, action must be taken to avoid over voltage damage to the device due to contact arcing. Use a voltage suppressor across the output.
- It is not recommended to apply switches or fuses in the sensing lines. Defects can cause high voltage situations due to over-excitation.
- When using a step down transformer in medium or high voltage generators, the transformer should be three phase (if three phase sensing), and the transformer should be suitable for acting as a sensing transformer. If the transformer is unloaded, connect a resistor to avoid voltage waveform distortion.
- The phase relation from the generator to the AVR is important. Also when voltage transformers and/ or current transformers are installed.
- When using a step down or insulation transformer in the droop circuit, phase relation from the generator to the AVR is important.
- CT's wiring, connected to the AVR should never be grounded.
- Always disconnect electronic products, circuits and people before checking the insulation resistance (Megger check).
- Due to differences in generators impedance's, EMC behavior is not predictable. Therefore the commissioner / installer should be aware of proper and correct installation.
- Large, highly inductive, exciter stator windings can cause destructive high voltage peaks. Adding a resistor from 10 to 20 times the exciter stator field resistance reduces voltage spikes. If necessary filter can be fitted additionally. (e.g. snubber, RC-network)
- Upon problems during commissioning, faulty behavior or defects in the generator, consult the fault finding manual at our web site
- Some advises may be overdone or seem extraordinary, but since the electrical rules are the same everywhere, these advises are given.

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