



The <u>Three-Phase (3 Φ) Induction Motor</u> is a type of AC motor that is commonly used to drive mechanical loads.

Although different versions of the induction motor exist, this presentation will cover the <u>Squirrel-Cage</u> type of induction motor since that type is widely used in industry due to its extreme durability, its operational characteristics, and its ease of control, especially when supplied by a Variable Frequency Drive (VFD).

* - a VFD is a power-electronic device that produces a 3Φ, variable-frequency (and magnitude) voltage in order to control the operation of an AC motor.

Three-Phase Induction Machines



The Three-Phase (3Φ) Induction Machine consists of a <u>stator</u> (stationary portion) and a <u>rotor</u> that are separated by a small air-gap.



Induction Machine Construction *r*, *r*,









































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Stator Field – Rotor Interaction Forces Developed on Rotor Conductors

The rotor conductor currents will interact with the stator field, resulting in localized forces being developed upon the affected rotor conductors.



























Circuit Model of the Induction Machine

Induction Machine Modeling Concepts

The interaction between a 3Φ Induction Machine's stator windings and rotor conductors is similar to the interaction between a transformer's primary and secondary windings:

- Time-varying voltages are applied to the set of stator (primary) windings.
- Each stator winding creates a time-varying flux within the machine's rotor region, the sum of which can be expressed a constant-magnitude "stator" field whose directional vector rotates in time.
- The rotating (time-varying) "stator" field induces a voltage across the rotor conductors (secondary windings).



1Φ Equivalent Circuit for a **3Φ** Induction Machine

 R_{fe} and X_m account for the magnetization effects due to the rotating (time-varying) magnetic field created by the stator windings within the core material that forms the physical structure of the machine.







































NEMA Standards

NEMA standards relating to motor control include:

Industrial Control and Systems

- ICS 1 General Requirements
- ICS 2 Contactors and Overload Relays
- ICS 5 Control Circuit and Pilot Devices
- ICS 7 Adjustable Speed Drives
- ICS 19 Diagrams, Designations & Symbols

MG 1 – General Purpose Industrial AC Small & Medium Squirrel-Cage Induction Motors

NEMA Rated Motors

Motors must adhere to a uniform set of standards provided by NEMA in order to be called a "NEMA Rated Motor"

The standards cover all aspects of the motor's design, testing and operation including:

- the frame/mounting dimensions
- the motor's ratings (voltage, current, frequency,

speed, horsepower...)

- the locked-rotor current & torque
- the operating efficiency & temperature





Nameplate Information

The nameplate typically includes the:

- Operational Efficiency
- Operational Power Factor
- Design Letter
- Rated Ambient Temperature
- Service Factor
- Duty Cycle
- (Locked-Rotor kVA) Code Letter
- Insulation Class Letter

NEMA Induction Motor Ratings

- <u>Frame Designation</u> information providing the shaft height / machine dimensions
- <u>Horsepower</u> the maximum continuous load that the machine is able to drive
- <u>Voltage</u> the expected operational "Line" voltage supplied to the machine
- <u>Full Load Amps</u> the expected line current magnitude when supplied at rated voltage & frequency, driving rated load, and exposed to rated ambient temperature







NEMA Induction Motor Ratings

Additional operational characteristics of a NEMA-rated induction motor, such as:

- Locked-Rotor Current,
- Locked-Rotor Torque, and
- Breakdown Torque

are based upon the motor's ratings and can be determined by utilizing the tables provided in the MG1 standard.

Note – the torque values shown in the tables are often defined as a percentage of the machine's other rated values.

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