

# Operating Manual

## Starter-Generator Control Unit 1kW



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# 1. About this document

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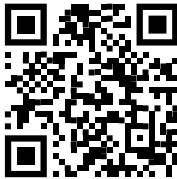
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**Scope of validity**

This document applies for the following device types:

**Device type**

Starter-Generator Control Unit 1kW

**Firmware version**

Version 9 Starter

## Target group






The activities described in this document may only be executed by qualified, skilled workers. The qualified, skilled workers must possess the following qualifications:

- Knowledge regarding the functional methods and operation of the product
- Knowledge and observation of these instructions with all safety notes
- Technical standards must be observed

## Updated additional information

Links regarding updated additional information can be found under: [www.plettenbergmotors.com](http://www.plettenbergmotors.com)

## Symbols

Symbol	Clarification
	Warning, the non-observance of which leads directly to death or serious injury
	Warning, the non-observance of which may result in serious injury
	Warning, the non-observance of which may result in minor or moderate injury
	Warning, non-observance of which may result in damage to property
	Information, which is important for a specific subject or goal, but not relevant to safety.

## Nomenclature

Full name	Name used in this document
Controller Area Network	CAN
Ground (earth)	GND
Starter-Generator Control Unit	SGCU
Pulse Width Modulation	PWM

## 2. Safety

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### Intended use

The area of validity is defined as:

- Starter-Generator Control Unit

The following are considered improper use in the sense of foreseeable misuse:

- Using the Starter-Generator Control Unit in manned vehicles
- Using the Starter-Generator Control Unit in public vehicles and transport
- Using the Starter-Generator Control Unit as a toy
- Using the Starter-Generator Control Unit in potentially explosive atmospheres
- Any use other than those provided for

### Safety Information

This chapter contains safety instructions which must always be observed when working on and with the product. In order to prevent personal injury and property damage and to ensure continuous operation of the product, always read this chapter carefully and follow all safety instructions at all times.

#### **Danger**

##### **Slight, moderate or severe injuries**

Malfunctions can be caused by electromagnetic interference. Communication equipment and other devices in the surroundings must not be exposed to impermissible electromagnetic interference.

- The total length of all battery connection cables (positive and negative) must not exceed 1m (incl. cell connections).
- Before the first operation, the product must be checked against damage and the correct connection of all connections must be checked again.
- The Starter-Generator Control Unit must be protected against the motor phases being mixed up or short-circuited.
- Operation without a motor connection is forbidden.
- The interfaces (RS232, analog and digital) must be wired minimally (see Figure 6 page 23).
- The sensor supply (5V) must not be supplied with an external power source.
- The current limitation must be adapted to the motor used.
- Modifications to the product are not permitted.

## **Danger**

- The interfaces are not galvanically isolated.
- The positive and negative lines must be laid straight together (no space).
- Connector contacts must be insulated to prevent short circuits.

## **Warning**

### **Electric shock, burns, fire**

e.g., due to live parts

- The product as well as the contacts must be inspected for overheating, soiling, deformation, fire and moisture before operation.
- In order to prevent high-resistance connections, use only 6mm gold contact connectors from Plettenberg for battery cables and motor phases.
- Assembly and disassembly must be carried out only when in de-energized condition.
- Always ensure proper handling.
- The product must never be contaminated with foreign bodies / adhesives and/or paint during assembly.
- Always ensure that the Starter-Generator Control Unit is properly fastened.
- Always ensure that the Starter-Generator Control Unit is properly set up.
- The product must be sufficiently cooled.
- The cooling fins must be installed vertically. Additional air flow leads to lower temperatures therefore longer lifetime.

## **Danger**

### **Danger from magnetic radiation**

Malfunction / destruction of magnetically sensitive parts

- The Starter-Generator Control Unit must never be operated in the vicinity of magnetically sensitive parts such as pacemakers or data carriers.

## **Caution**

### **Burns**

Carelessly touching hot surfaces

- After the operation of the product, the surface may still be hot. Always allow the product to cool down.

## **Notice**

### **Destruction due to thermal overload/overvoltage/overcurrent**

- Always ensure sufficient cooling for the Starter-Generator Control Unit (air cooling).
- Maximum load on the Starter-Generator Control Unit is only permissible for short-term operation. The duration depends on the operating conditions and the cooling. The Starter-Generator Control Unit temperature must not exceed 100°C under any circumstances, otherwise the electronics will shut down.
- When using motor from other suppliers, it is essential that this is approved by Plettenberg.
- The battery for the drive must not be disconnected during starter operation.
- For operation with a mains adapter, note the instructions in chapter "Mains adapter operation" page 22.
- Multiple consecutive unsuccessful attempts to start the combustion engine may lead to overload, damage or failure of the SGCU



# 3. Product overview

## Description

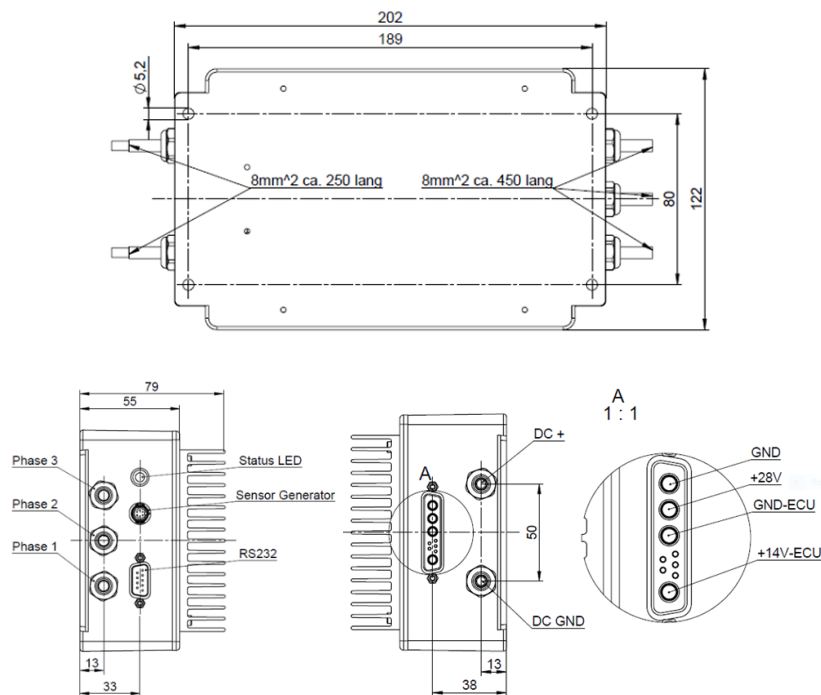
The Starter-Generator Control Unit 1 kW has been specially developed for the use of brushless Plettenberg electric motors. We assume no guarantee for the proper functioning of the Starter-Generator Control Unit 1kW with motors from other manufacturers.

## Type designation

Starter-Generator Control Unit 1 kW

Max. continuous output power

## Figure



## Starter-Specific Technical Specifications

Weight	Approx. 1,5 kg (with cables)
Length	202 mm (without cables)
Width	122 mm (with lugs)
Height	79 mm (inclusive heat sink)
Max. rotational speed:	240,000 rpm (electrical)
Max. continuous power <sup>[1]</sup>	17,5 kW
Max. short-term power <sup>[1]</sup>	23 kW
Nominal voltage range of the battery	12 – 24 V
Starting voltage input DC	15 – 30 V
Maximum current	600 A peak Phase (for 10 sec at 25° start temperature)
Start current for 1 minute <sup>[1]</sup>	290 A (at 25°C ambient temperature) 235 A (at 50°C ambient temperature) 170 A (at 75°C ambient temperature)
Analog inputs for accelerating and braking	0 – 5 V

<sup>[1]</sup> Considering an airflow of 3.5 m/s through the cooling fins.

Analog input for motor temperature	NTC 47 kOhm
Digital inputs (Direction switch and PWM)	
High level	1.5 – 28 V, recommended 5V
Low level	0 - 0.5 V
PWM (optional)	10 – 400 Hz
RS232 interface	115200 Baud / 8N1
CAN interface	CAN2.0 (optional)
Position input	3x Hall sensors (120° electrical)
Internal capacitor	12000 µF

### Generator-Specific Technical Specifications

Nominal voltage range input generator	30 - 60V
Max. current output generator	40A
Max. continuous output power	1kW
Voltage output 1	28V (+- 0,5V)
Voltage output 2	14V (+- 0,5V) (max. 10A)
Total standby current consumption <sup>[1]</sup>	250mA at 12V 230mA at 24V

### Environmental and Climatic Conditions

Ambient temperature	-20 °C up to +100 °C
Permissible humidity	Non-condensing
Protection class	IP54

### Interfaces

#### Starter-Generator Control Unit

Motor phases (A, B and C)	4mm <sup>2</sup> silicone stranded wire
Battery positive pole	4mm <sup>2</sup> silicone stranded wire
Battery negative pole	
RS 232	Sub D 9-pole male
Starter-generator-electronic output	Sub-D 9W4
Motor sensor	Hirose 6-pole (HR30-6R-6P (71))

#### Cable side

RS 232	Sub D 9-pole female
Generator output	Sub-D 9W4
Motor sensor	Hirose 6-pole (HR30-6P-6S (31))

<sup>[1]</sup> Current Consumption of the Starter Generator with Sensors

**Block Diagram**

The block diagram (see Figure 1) serves to illustrate the functionality and the functional relationships of the Plettenberg Starter-Generator Control Unit.

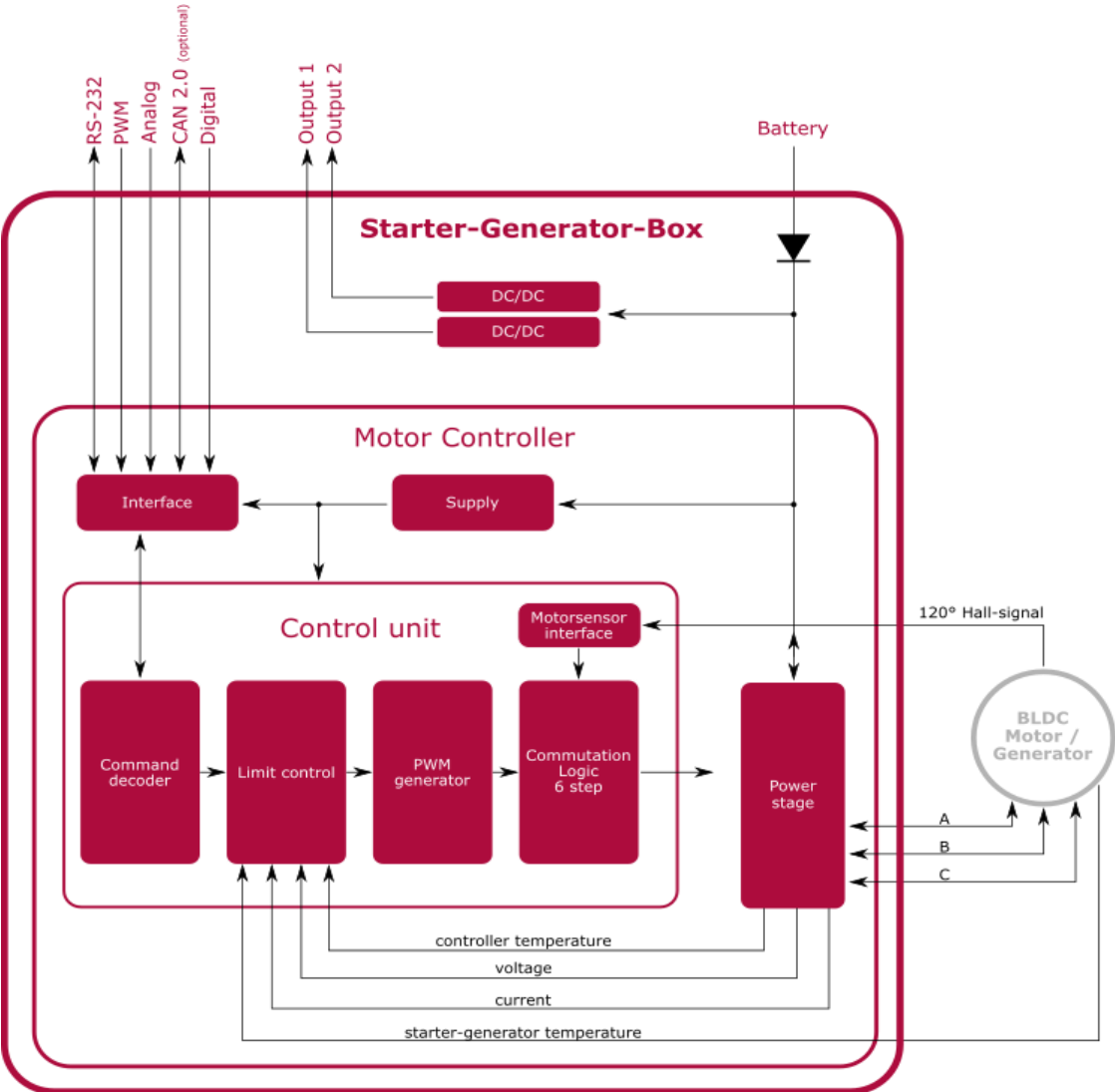


Figure 1: Block Diagram Plettenberg Starter-Generator Control Unit

## 4. Installation

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### Safety during installation

#### **Danger**

**Severe, moderate or minor injuries.  
Destruction or damage to the product**

- Safety instructions from Chapter 2 must be complied with!
- The battery may only be connected to the Starter-Generator Control Unit immediately before use.
- During motor operation with airscrews, it is essential to ensure that no people are located to the side or in front of the rotation plane.

#### **Caution**

**Destruction of / damage to the Starter-Generator Control Unit**

- In closed housings, ensure there is adequate cooling.
- The total length of all battery connection cables (positive and negative together) must not exceed 1m.<sup>[1]</sup>
- The Starter-Generator Control Unit is not protected against reverse polarity connection.
- Use suitable fuses.<sup>[2]</sup>
- Use safety disconnectors.<sup>[3]</sup>
- The interfaces (RS232, analog and digital) must be wired minimally. (see Figure 6 page 23)
- Special conditions apply to operation with a mains adapter. (see page 22)
- Earth yourself before touching a component. (electrostatic discharge)
- Crimp contacts in accordance with the instructions of the contact manufacturer. These must be followed.

<sup>[1]</sup> If several batteries are connected in series, the connection lines between the battery packs must also be included in the calculation of the battery connection cable length. For example, if a 33 cm long battery connection cable is used with the Starter-Generator Control Unit 1kW, 34 cm of total cable length remains available for the battery pack. (100 cm – 2 x 33 cm = 34 cm)

<sup>[2]</sup> e.g.: Bussmann FWA-300B Littelfuse L15S300, L25S300.

<sup>[3]</sup> e.g.: Tyco Electronics AMP + EVC135 and KILOVAC EV200 series.

## Connection and assembly

### Notice

**Destruction of / damage to the Starter-Generator Control Unit due to incorrect allocation of the motor phases or sensor allocation**

The starter-generator phase A(U) should be connected with the red motor phase at Plettenberg motors.

The starter-generator phase B(V) should be connected with the white/yellow motor phase at Plettenberg motors.

The starter-generator phase C(W) should be connected with the blue/green/black motor phase at Plettenberg motors.

- The Starter-Generator Control Unit has been developed specially for the use of brushless Plettenberg electric motors with sensors.

If motors from other manufacturers are used, the following points must be observed:

There are 6 options for connecting the motor phases:

Starter-Generator Control Unit		
Phase A	Phase B	Phase C
Motor Phase A	Motor Phase B	Motor Phase C
Motor Phase B	Motor Phase A	Motor Phase C
Motor Phase C	Motor Phase A	Motor Phase B
Motor Phase A	Motor Phase C	Motor Phase B
Motor Phase B	Motor Phase C	Motor Phase A
Motor Phase C	Motor Phase B	Motor Phase A

The motor-generator sensor cable (Hirose 6-pole) is connected to the Starter-Generator Control Unit (sensor). The battery cable to DC plus and DC minus (see Figure 2).

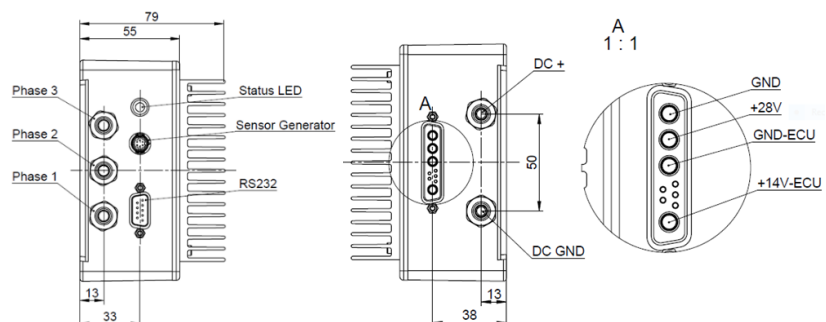


Figure 2: Starter-Generator Control Unit 1kW drawing

## Protection

As a safety disconnect switch (emergency stop) we recommend Tyco Electronics AMP + EVC135 and KILOVAC EV200 series.

A suitable precharging circuit is necessary.

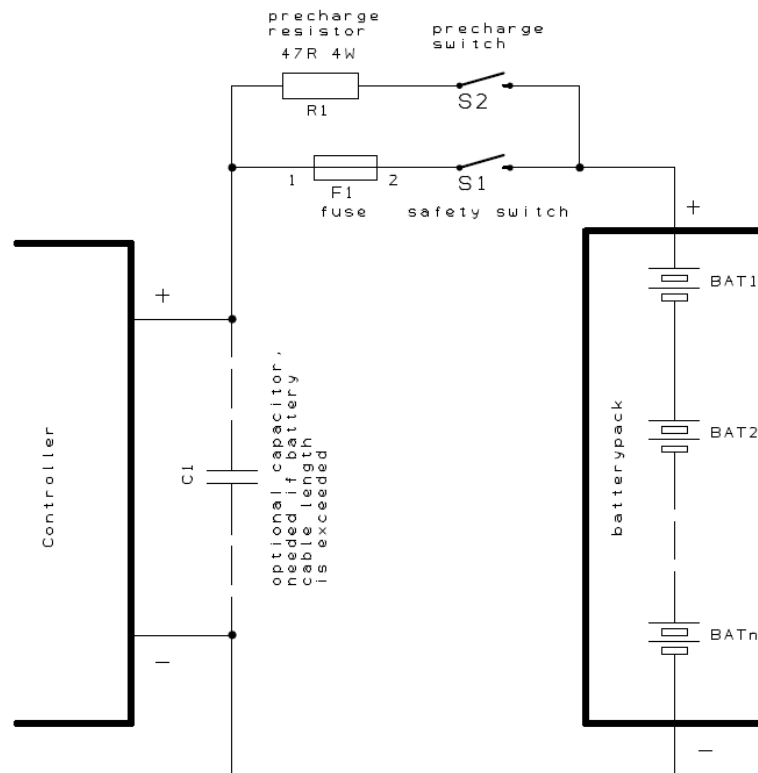


Figure 3: schematic drawing protection

## Connector

### Notice

**Destruction of / damage to the Starter-Generator Control Unit due to poor-quality or high-resistance connections.**

If the motor-generator and the Starter-Generator Control Unit are ordered together, there is an option to have the cable fully finished.

Observe the installation instructions Hirose, CONEC and Plettenberg Elektromotoren GmbH & Co. KG.

## Cable shield

### Notice

**Destruction of / damage to the Starter-Generator Control Unit due to wrong shield connections.**

#### **Motor-generator sensor connector (Hirose 6-pole)**

The sensor cable shield must be connected with sensor GND. Do not connect the sensor cable shield with the motor case and/or with the Starter-Generator Control Unit case. Connect the shield only on one side of the cable.

#### **Sub-D9 connector**

The shield of the RS232 cable must be connected with pin 5 GND. Do not connect the shield with the motor case and/or with the Starter-Generator Control Unit case. Connect the shield only on one side of the cable.

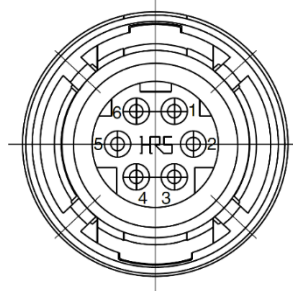
## Pin allocation

### Motor-Generator sensor

[Hirose 6-pol connector HR30-6P-6S \(31\)](#)

Manufacturer Part Number: **HR30-6P-6S (31)**

Pin	Designation	Colors
1	Motor sensor C	Green
2	+5V sensor supply (max. 20 mA)	Red
3	Motor sensor B	White
4	GND	Black
5	Motor sensor A	Yellow/orange
6	Temperature sensor input (NTC 47k)	Blue



Further information about the Connectors can be found at:

[Component Specification Catalog – Hirose HR30](#)

Plettenberg uses the following 6 pol connector from Hirose on Starter-Generator Control Unit side:

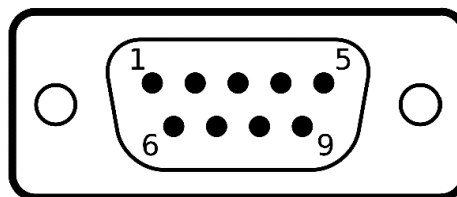
[Hirose 6-pol connector HR30-6R-6P \(71\)](#)

Manufacturer Part Number: **HR30-6R-6P (71)**

### RS 232 / analog / digital

Pin	Designation	Description
1	Brake input (Aux)	Analog input 0-5V
2	RxD	RS232 receiver signal
3	TxD	RS232 transmitter signal
4	Reverse switch	0V forwards / 5V reverse
5	GND	Signal Ground
6	Throttle input	Analog input 0-5V
7	DNC	do not connect
8	Impulse input	5V Digital input
9	+5V (max. 30mA) <sup>[1]</sup>	Potentiometer supply

## DE-9



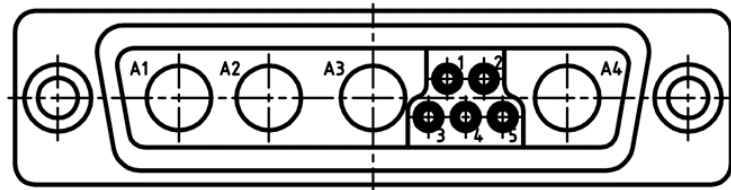
(front view male connector)

<sup>[1]</sup> Supply for an electronic accelerator pedal and/or electronic brake pedal. The 5V power supply can deliver a maximum **total** of 50mA. If the Hall sensors of the motor require a total of 20mA, 30mA remain available for the accelerator pedal and brake pedal.



### Sub-D 9W4 connector

Pin	Designation	Description
A1	GND 40A	DC/DC Output 1
A2	+28V 40A	DC/DC Output 1
A3	GND 10A	DC/DC Output 2
1	NC	not connected
2	NC	not connected
3	NC	not connected
4	NC	not connected
5	NC	not connected
A4	+14,4V 10A	DC/DC Output 2



Further information about the Connectors can be found at:  
[Component Specification Catalog – CONEC 9W4](#)

The following crimping pliers are recommended for the Sub-D 9W4 connector:

Description	Crimping pliers / crimp tools
Manufacturer's part number	KNIPEX 975265DG, CONEC 360X10409X
Manufacturer	KNIPEX, CONEC
Selector position	1.0 mm, pos. 5
Positioner Depth	Male: 20.0 mm
Spare Cable Crimp Contact (Manufacturer's part number)	<a href="#">131C11029X</a>

## Soldered connections

### Notice

Destruction of / damage to the Starter-Generator Control Unit due to poor quality or high-resistance connections.

### Caution

#### Burns

Caused by carelessly touching hot surfaces.

#### Additionally required tools/materials (not included)

- No-Clean lead-free solder
- Heat shrinks tubing
- Cable
- Soldering iron rated at least 100W
- Hot air gun

A wide portfolio of flexible high temperature cables of different cross-sections, colors and requirements is available from Plettenberg.

For more information, please contact our sales team.



Figure 4: 6.0mm gold pin system from Plettenberg with internal fins

The high-quality 6mm gold pin system (see Figure 4) developed in-house is available exclusively from Plettenberg. The feature of this system is that the fins are located inside the socket. The plug-in connection is insensitive to sparks arising through connection to the battery. Even after many uses, the spring force is maintained. It is not permitted to machine the plug-in connectors.

Loose plug connections are often the cause of faults and problems. Interruption of electrical contact during operation can be almost completely ruled out with these connectors.

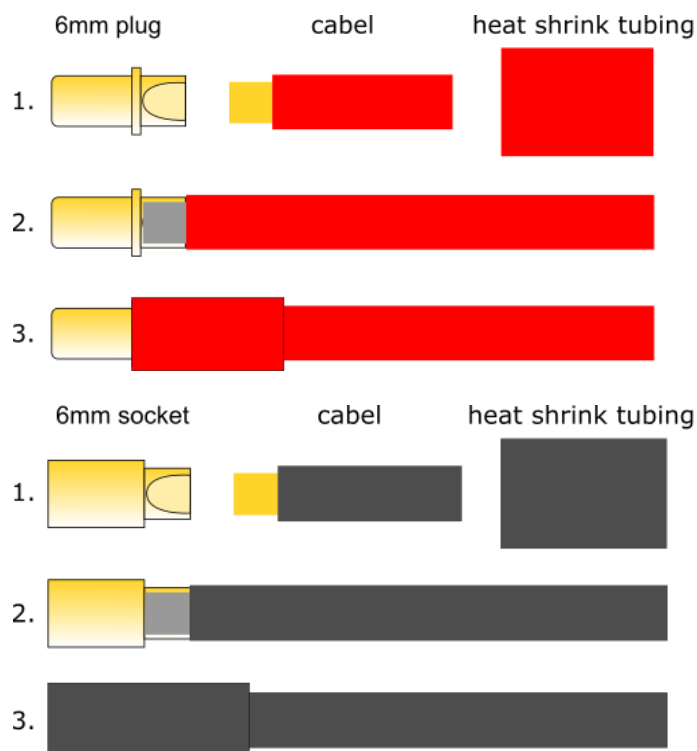


Figure 5: Assembling the 6 mm gold contact system

The assembly of the 6mm gold contact system is carried out in the sequence shown above (see Figure 5):

1. Strip ca. 8mm of insulation from the end of the cable and trim the heat shrink tubing to size (socket contact 30mm, pin contact 20mm).
2. Tin the stripped cable end and check that the tinning is complete. Then insert the tinned end into the recess in the gold pin/socket and solder it in place.
3. Check the soldered joint to ensure that the cable and the recess are both fully soldered.
4. After the soldering process, check the contact surfaces for contamination (flux) and clean with a suitable cleaning product if necessary.
5. Slide the trimmed heat shrink tubing over the contact and shrink with a heat gun.

## Power cable lengths

### Notice

Destruction of / damage to the Starter-Generator Control Unit due to the connection cable between the Starter-Generator Control Unit and the battery being too long.

### Caution

**Burns**  
Carelessly touching hot surfaces

The maximum cable length from the Starter-Generator Control Unit to the battery is dependent on the maximum phase current required. The phase current can be higher than the input current of Starter-Generator Control Unit by a factor.

The total cable length includes the positive and negative lines as also the cable lengths in the battery, if applicable.

Phase current	Max. total cable length
600 A	50 cm
300 A	100 cm
150 A	200 cm

#### Important:

The phase current is not the input current (other than at 100% PWM). The phase current reflects the required torque of the motor. The accelerator setting (PWM) is the switch-on time for the motor. Only during this time is the phase current the same as the battery current. Driven by the motor inductance, the phase current continues to flow for the rest of the time.

**If the power cable is to be extended, additional capacitors at the input are absolutely essential. The cables between additional capacitors and the controller must be short as possible!**

The length of the phase cable is not critical regarding the phase current.

## Commutation sequences

### Notice

**Destruction of / damage to the Starter-Generator Control Unit due to short-circuits or incorrect wiring.**

#### Block commutation with sensors

The feedback of the rotor position is implemented through three sensors integrated into the motor. The sensors are electrically offset by 120° and deliver six different switch positions per revolution. The three partial windings are driven by the Starter-Generator Control Unit in accordance with the sensor information.

#### Forwards switch positions:

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Fault 1	Fault 2
Phase A (U)	+	Z	-	-	Z	+	Z	Z
Phase B (V)	Z	+	+	Z	-	-	Z	Z
Phase C (W)	-	-	Z	+	+	Z	Z	Z
Sensor A	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Sensor B	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Sensor C	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1

#### Reverse switch positions:

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Fault 1	Fault 2
Phase A (U)	-	-	Z	+	+	Z	Z	Z
Phase B (V)	Z	+	+	Z	-	-	Z	Z
Phase C (W)	+	Z	-	-	Z	+	Z	Z
Sensor A	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Sensor B	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
Sensor C	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1

Index	Description
Z	High-resistance
+	Plus
-	Minus
1	> 3V
0	< 2V

## Mains adapter operation

### **Caution**

#### **Burns**

Caused by carelessly touching hot surfaces.

#### **Destruction of / damage to the Starter-Generator Control Unit**

#### **Note the following points:**

- Drive the Starter-Generator Control Unit only when a motor is connected.
- No coupling on the motor shaft.
- Only approved for checking cabling and control.
- Max. voltage **no** more than 2V over the minimum voltage of the connected Starter-Generator Control Unit.
- Set current limiting of the power supply to a quarter of the rated current of the Starter-Generator Control Unit.
- The brake function **must** be deactivated.

#### Explanation:

In partial load operation, depending on the motor used, a high current ripple is generated on the supply side of the controller. This can lead to overvoltage peaks that damage the power supply unit and/or the controller.

The braking function generates energy feedback during braking. In some circumstances, the resulting overvoltage may destroy the power supply unit and/or the controller.

## RS-232 connection

### Notice

**Additional required material** (not included):

- USB serial adapter (USB to RS232)  
*MST/SGCU programming adapter (Order optional)*
- Serial cable, if required (not null modem cable)

Figure 6 is the schematic (cabling) for the minimal wiring of the SGCU in conjunction with a PC.

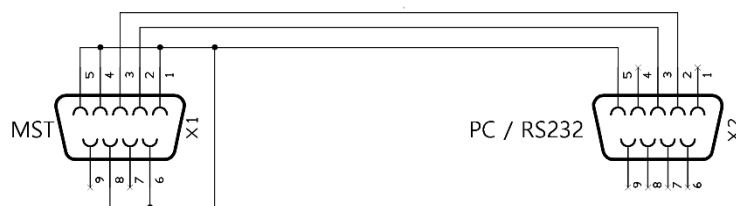


Figure 6: RS232 Connection without analog control

## Starter button

### Notice

**Multiple consecutive unsuccessful attempts to start the combustion engine may lead to overload, damage or failure of the SGCU**

Figure 7 illustrates the wiring schematic for the Starter button connected to the Starter-Generator Control Unit via the Sub-D9 connector.

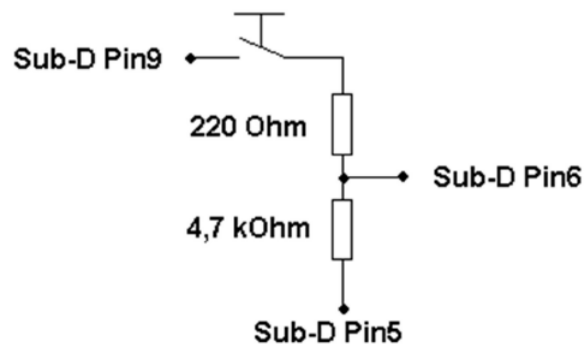


Figure 7: Connection for the Starter button

### Cable requirements:

The cable length and cable quality influence the signal quality. Observe the following cable requirements! With line lengths over 2m, screened CAT5 cable must be used.

The following cable types are available from Plettenberg and can be ordered by the meter:

*Alpha Wire 3306 SL005 sensor cable, 6 x AWG28*

*Alpha Wire 3308 SL005 sensor cable, 8 x AWG28*

*Alpha Wire 3310 SL005 sensor cable, 10 x AWG28*

All cables fulfil the MIL-W 16878 type B specification.

### Procedure:

Connect the serial RS-232 interface with your computer or laptop.

The RS-232 interface is parameterized as follows:

<b>Baud rate</b>	<b>115200 baud</b>
<b>Data bits</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Parity</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Stop bit</b>	<b>1</b>

After connecting the controller to the operating voltage, it outputs a short instruction manual, including the control parameters currently set, on the RS232 interface:

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* Kommandoliste:  
* 's'      Serieller Sollwert  
* 'p'      Poti Sollwert  
* 'i'      Impuls Sollwert  
* 'f'      Forward  
* 'r'      Reverse  
* '0'      Off  
* 'b'      Brake  
* 'm'      100% PWM(max)  
* '9'      90% PWM  
* '8'      80% PWM  
* '7'      70% PWM  
* '6'      60% PWM  
* '5'      50% PWM  
* '4'      40% PWM  
* '3'      30% PWM  
* '2'      20% PWM  
* '1'      10% PWM  
* '+'      +1% PWM  
* '-'      -1% PWM  
* 'g'      +0.1% PWM  
* 'l'      -0.1% PWM  
* 'w'      write setup  
* 'h'      Help
```



```

MST60-290 Starter V6
Input = Analog
AnalogStop/Start/Full/BrakeMax = 500mV/
549mV/4499mV/4499mV
ImpulsStop/Start/Full = 1150µs/1200µs/1900µs
For. Throttle Inc/Dec = 328 / 328
For. Throttle Max/Min = 100% / 2%
Rev. Throttle Inc/Dec = 328 / 328
Rev. Throttle Max/Min = 100% / 2%
Brake Inc/Dec = 66 / 328
Brake Max/Min = 100% / 10%
Voltage Max/Min = 63.0V/ 9.0V
Amp Max = 600.0A
Temp Max Motor/Power = 100°C / 110°C
Motor RPM Limit = 240000
Motor Polepairs = 1
Output Time RS232 = 200ms
Offset AMP PhaseA: 1, PhaseB: 1, PhaseC: 1,
Temp: 23
ID =974064728

```

### RS232 interface protocol

Output on the RS232 interface with control via analog input:

```

T=3.649V,a=0.000V,PWM= 787,U= 34.9V,I= 3.7A,RPM= 1482,con= 28°C,mot= 26°C
T=4.964V,a=0.000V,PWM=1000,U= 35.0V,I= 4.0A,RPM= 1896,con= 28°C,mot= 26°C

```

Index	Description	Unit
T	Throttle input	Volt
a	Aux input / Brake is inactive	Volt
PWM	Pulse width modulation	‰
U	Input voltage	Volt
I	Phase current	Ampere
RPM	Rotational speed	rpm
con	SGCU temperature	°C
mot	Motor temperature	°C



If the brake is activated, the "a" change to "A" and the "T" to "t":

```
t=0.000V,A=2.501V,PWM= 500,U= 35.0V,I= 0.0A,RPM= 0,con= 28°C,mot= 26°C
```



Output on the RS232 interface with control via RS232:

```
S=3.649V,a=0.000V,PWM= 787,U= 34.9V,I= 3.7A,RPM= 1482,con= 28°C,mot= 26°C
```

The designator "S" stands for serial input.



The following 1-byte commands are possible in serial operation:

Command	Description
<i>s</i>	Changeover to serial RS232 input
<i>p</i>	Changeover to analog input (Potentiometer)
<i>i</i>	Changeover to pulse input
<i>f</i>	Forward
<i>r</i>	Reverse
<i>0</i>	Stop
<i>b</i>	Brake
<i>m</i>	100% PWM (max.)
<i>9</i>	90% PWM
<i>8</i>	80% PWM
<i>7</i>	70% PWM
<i>6</i>	60% PWM
<i>5</i>	50% PWM
<i>4</i>	40% PWM
<i>3</i>	30% PWM
<i>2</i>	20% PWM
<i>1</i>	10% PWM
<i>+</i>	+1% PWM
<i>-</i>	-1% PWM
<i>g</i>	+0.1% PWM (from version V2)
<i>l</i>	-0.1% PWM (from version V2)
<i>t</i>	activating timeout for the serial interface (from version V2)
<i>h</i>	Help
<i>a</i>	Change to Adjust mode
<i>e</i>	Exit Adjust mode

#### RS232 Command examples:

1. CR/LF is not necessary
2. After connecting the supply voltage to the Starter-Generator Control Unit controller with the standard firmware, please note that the analog input is active by default. If you wish to switch to the serial control input, you need to send the command "s" after the controller's initialization

If the Starter-Generator Control Unit is delivered with CAN2.0 firmware the CAN bus interface is active after connecting the power supply to the Starter-Generator Control Unit. If CAN message commands are sent to the Starter-Generator Control Unit a switch over to the serial control input is blocked.

Examples of RS232 control:

- run the motor forward with 10% throttle PWM send *1f*
- increase the throttle PWM to 33% send *3+++*
- increase to maximum throttle send *m*
- switch off the motor current send *a 0*
- brake with 10% brake PWM send *1b*
- increase the brake PWM to 33% send *3+++*
- run the motor with 8% throttle PWM send *1- -r*

**CAN connection**  
(only optional)

## Notice

**Basic knowledge of CAN is assumed!**  
**The CAN2.0 protocol is supported.**

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### Default CAN specification of the Starter-Generator Control Unit:

1Mbit 11bit Identifier 100ms frame rate (CAN timeout is 2500ms)  
All telegrams have 8 data bits

#### **CAN\_ID\_TX 0x100 // DLC8 target values for *MST***

Byte	Description
1	Rotational speed limitation low byte value range 0 to 65535 rpm
2	Rotational speed limitation high byte
3	Pole pair value range 1 to 255
4	PWM low byte value range 0 to 65535
5	High byte
6	Current limitation low byte value range 0.0 to 6553.5A (max. 130% of rated current)
7	Current limitation high byte
8	bit0-bit5 = 0 (reserved for future modes) bit6=1: Brake, bit6=0: Throttle bit7=1: Reverse, bit7=0: Forward

#### **CAN\_ID\_RX 0x101 // DLC8 current values from the *MST***

Status message every 100 ms

Byte	Description
1	bit0-bit3 Message counter value range 0-15 bit4-bit7 Input voltage high byte
2	Input voltage low byte value range 0 to 409.5 Volt, resolution 0.1 V
3	Temperature controller value range -100°C to +155°C, resolution 1°C
4	Temperature motor value range -100°C to +155°C, resolution 1°C
5	Speed low byte value range 0 to 65,535rpm
6	Speed high byte
7	PWM value range 0-255 0-100%
8	Current value up to rated current 200A range 0-255A, above 0-511A

# 5. Configuration

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After you have put the Starter-Generator Control Unit into operation, it may be necessary to perform several parameter adjustments via the RS-232 connection. If you have a Starter-Generator Control Unit with CAN interface, this is only possible if no CAN communication is present. This chapter describes the configuration procedure and provides an overview of the steps to be carried out and the specified order.

## Establishing the connection

Connect the Starter-Generator Control Unit as described in chapter 4, RS-232 connection.

## Commands in Adjust mode

The commands do not require a <CR>/<LF> at the end. After connecting the supply voltage, the Starter-Generator Control Units are always preset to the analog input. To configure in adjust mode, an "s" and an "a" must be sent via RS-232 after the initialization phase. The following commands are then accepted:

### 2 Byte commands

Command	Description
<i>sd</i>	Set default values
<i>sp</i>	Show parameters
<i>wp</i>	Write parameters
<i>se</i>	Shows the last 8 errors

## 5 Byte commands

Comm	Description	Value range	Default	Unit
<u>rp</u>	RPM limit	001 to 240	240	[1000 rpm]
<u>cl</u>	Current limit	010 to 300	280	[A]
<u>uv</u>	Undervoltage	010 to 050	010	[V]
<u>ov</u>	Overvoltage	014 to 063	063	[V]
<u>mt</u>	Motor temperature limit	070 to 100	100	[°C]
<u>ct</u>	Controller temperature limit	070 to 110	110	[°C]
<u>te</u>	Throttle exponential curve	000 to 100	000	[%]
<u>ti</u>	Throttle increase (forward)	001 to 653	131	[count/ms]
<u>td</u>	Throttle decrease (forward)	001 to 999	328	[count/ms]
<u>tl</u>	Throttle limit (forward)	005 to 100	100	[%]
<u>tm</u>	throttle minimum (forward)	001 to 100	002	[%]
<u>ri</u>	Reverse throttle increase	001 to 653	066	[count/ms]
<u>rd</u>	Reverse throttle decrease	001 to 999	328	[count/ms]
<u>rl</u>	Reverse throttle limit	005 to 100	100	[%]
<u>rm</u>	Reverse throttle minimum	001 to 100	002	[%]
<u>bi</u>	Brake increase	001 to 653	131	[count/ms]
<u>bd</u>	Brake decrease	001 to 653	328	[count/ms]
<u>bl</u>	Brake limit	001 to 100	100	[%]
<u>bm</u>	Brake minimum	000 to 100	010	[%]
<u>ab</u>	Full braking analog input	006 to 498	450	[1/100 V]
<u>af</u>	Full throttle analog input	122 to 498	450	[1/100 V]
<u>ah</u>	Stop analog input	012 to 366	050	[1/100 V]
<u>as</u>	Start analog input	018 to 379	055	[1/100 V]
<u>if</u>	impulse input full throttle	120 to 220	190	[1/100 ms]
<u>ih</u>	impulse input halt	080 to 170	115	[1/100 ms]
<u>is</u>	impulse input start	085 to 175	120	[1/100 ms]
<u>id</u>	CAN bus ID	000 to 999	256	[-]
<u>pp</u>	Number of motor pole pairs	001 to 100	001	[-]
<u>ot</u>	RS232 output repeat time	007 to 999	200	[ms]

To save, send a *wp*

To exit Adjust mode without saving, send a "e"

### Acceleration/deceleration values for throttle and brake

653 = 0.1s	093 = 0.7s
326 = 0.2s	065 = 1.0s
218 = 0.3s	044 = 1.5s
163 = 0.4s	033 = 2.0s
131 = 0.5s	001 = 65.3s

## Expanded description



### RPM limit

#### ***rp*** revolutions per minute

The rotational speed limitation restricts the shaft speed by the controller throttling back. This is primarily intended to protect the motors and airscrews so that the highest permissible rotational speed of the motor or the airscrew will not be exceeded.

Attention!

First set the number of pole pairs and then the rotational speed limit.

The number of pole pairs set has an influence on the real rotational speed limiting.

Example of the procedure for a finer speed limit.

Speed limit of approx. 2500 RPM at a Motor with 30 poles (P30)

1. set the number of motor pole pairs to 1 with *pp001*.
2. Calculate the electrical RPM by multiplying the number of pole pairs with the limit of the shaft speed:  $15pp \times 2500RPM = 37500eRPM$
3. Limit the electrical revolutions with *rp038*.
4. set the number of motor pole pairs to 15 with *pp015*. (15 pole pairs = 30 motor poles)
5. check the speed limit with *sp*, the speed limit should now be 2533rpm ( $38000rpm / 15pp$ )
6. save settings with command *wp*.

### Phase current limit

#### ***cl*** current limit

The phase current limiting restricts the current in the motor phases, and this limits the maximum torque of the drive.

For example, *cl200* represents a phase current limit of 200 A. In the case of a motor with a torque constant of  $kM = 12 \text{ Ncm/A}$  and an idle current of  $I_0 = 10 \text{ A}$ , with a phase current limit of 200 A this approximates to a maximum torque of  $(200 \text{ A} - 10 \text{ A}) * 12 \text{ Ncm/A} = 2280 \text{ Ncm} = 22.8 \text{ Nm}$ .

### Undervoltage limit

#### ***UV*** under voltage limit

The undervoltage protective function prevents the input voltage dropping below the chosen limit. This causes the controller to autonomously reduce the throttle to protect the battery.

### Overvoltage limit

#### ***OV*** over voltage limit

The overvoltage limit function prevents the input voltage exceeding the chosen limit voltage. This causes the controller to autonomously reduce the braking to protect the battery.

### Motor temperature limit

#### ***mt*** motor temperature limit

The temperature limit of the motor can be set between 70°C and 100°C.

### Controller temperature limit

#### ***ct*** controller temperature limit

The temperature limit of the Starter-Generator Control Unit can be set between 70°C and 110°C.

### Throttle exponential curve

#### ***te*** throttle expo

The exponential throttle curve serves to adjust the relationship between the input signal (e.g. grip position) and the actual PWM output signal. The enables a greater range with less reaction right from the start. *te000* sets the exponential factor to 0%, i.e. linear throttle curve. *te100* sets the exponential factor to 100%, so that the throttle curve is very bent. With half-pedal or half-grip throttle, the PWM output signal then represents 25% rather than 50%.

### Throttle increase forward

#### ***ti*** throttle increase

The throttle increase determines how quickly the controller follows an increase in throttle. The higher the value, the faster the controller reacts to the throttle increase.

### Throttle decrease forward

#### ***td*** throttle decrease

The throttle decrease determines how quickly the controller follows a decrease in throttle. The higher the value, the faster the controller reacts to the throttle decrease.

### Throttle restriction forward

#### ***tl*** throttle limit

The throttle limit restricts the maximum throttle position.

### Minimum throttle forward

#### ***tm*** throttle minimum

Minimum throttle forwards describe the starting throttle, at which the drive starts.

### Reverse throttle increase

#### ***ri*** reverse increase

The reverse throttle increase determines how quickly the controller follows an increase in throttle during active reverse travel. The higher the value, the faster the controller reacts to the throttle increase.

### Reverse throttle decrease

#### ***rd*** reverse decrease

The reverse throttle decrease determines how quickly the controller follows a decrease in throttle during active reverse travel. The higher the value, the faster the controller reacts to the throttle decrease.

### Reverse throttle limit

#### ***rl*** reverse limit

The reverse throttle limit restricts the maximum throttle position during active reverse travel.

### Reverse throttle minimum

#### ***rm*** reverse minimum

The reverse throttle minimum describes the PWM value at which the drive starts in reverse operation.

### Brake acceleration

#### ***bi*** brake increase

The brake increase determines how quickly the controller follows an increase in the braking. The higher the value, the faster the controller reacts to the braking decrease.

### Brake deceleration

#### ***bd*** brake decrease

The brake decrease determines how quickly the controller follows a decrease in braking. The higher the value, the faster the controller reacts to the braking decrease.



## Brake limit

### *bl* brake limit

The brake limit restricts the maximum brake position. At 100% brake, the motor is fully short-circuited so that none of the brake energy is fed back to the battery. In conjunction with a mechanical brake, the brake limit should therefore be set to max. 90%.

## Brake minimum

### *bm* brake minimum

The brake minimum parameter specifies the minimum value with which the brake is applied. This makes it possible to achieve an approximately linear response of the braking torque.

## Full braking throttle/aux input

### *ab* analog brake

If the value for full braking is greater than the value from the stop analog input, the controller uses both analog inputs: Throttle for acceleration and Aux for braking.

If the value for full braking is less than the value from the stop analog input, the controller uses only the throttle input for accelerating and braking. This configuration can be used with a throttle level with neutral center position.

## Full throttle analog input

### *af* analog full

This parameter defines the voltage value at the analog input for full throttle. Attention! If this value is set too high, a throttle grip with a hall sensor may not reach full throttle because some of these have a maximum output voltage of only 4.1V.

## Stop analog input

### *ah* analog halt

This parameter defines the voltage value at the analog input for 0% throttle. Attention! If this value is set too low, a throttle grip with a Hall sensor may cause the control unit not to detect a stop after switching on the supply voltage and not release it. Some Hall sensors have a minimum output voltage of only 1.2V.

## Start analog input

### *as* analog start

This parameter defines the voltage value at the analog input for the motor starting. Attention! This value must be higher than the analog halt value. We recommend setting the analog start value around 0.02 to 0.1V higher than the analog halt value. This prevents the motor continuously switching on and off in the event of minor fluctuations in the analog signal at low throttle.

## CAN bus id

### *id* CAN bus id

This parameter defines the CAN bus ID, it defines the CAN bus base address. The new CAN Bus ID will be used after the next power up. The CAN Base Address is changed in two increments each increment.

$CAN\_ID\_TX = ID * 2$

$CAN\_ID\_RX = ID * 2 + 1$

"id000" address: CAN\_ID\_TX 0d = 0x000 and CAN\_ID\_RX 1d = 0x001

"id100" address: CAN\_ID\_TX 200d = 0x0C8 and CAN\_ID\_RX 201d = 0x0C9

"id128" address: CAN\_ID\_TX 256d = 0x100 and CAN\_ID\_RX 257d = 0x101

"id999" address: CAN\_ID\_TX 1998d = 0x7CE and CAN\_ID\_RX 1999d = 0x7CF

## Full throttle impulse input

### *if* impulse full

This parameter defines the impulse ton value[10µs] at the impulse input for full throttle. Attention! If this value is set too high, the radio control receiver may not reach its full throttle. Default at most radio control receiver is 1.9ms equals a value of 190.

## Stop throttle impulse input

### *ih* impulse halt

This parameter defines the impulse ton value[10µs] at the impulse input for 0% throttle. Attention! If this value is set too low, the 0% throttle signal of radio control receiver may cause the control unit not to detect a stop after switching on the supply voltage and not release it. Default at most radio control receiver is 1.1ms equals a value of 110. To have some margin for a jitter we recommend a value of 115 equals 1.15ms

## Start impulse input

### *is* impulse start

This parameter defines the impulse ton value[10µs] at the impulse input for the motor starting. Attention! This value must be higher than the impulse halt value. We recommend setting the impulse start value around 5 equals 50µs higher than the impulse halt value. This prevents the motor continuously switching on and off in the event of minor fluctuations in the impulse signal at low throttle.

### Number of motor pole pairs

*pp* pole pairs

This parameter is used for converting the electric rotational speed to shaft rotational speed.

### Output repeat time

*Ot* output time


The output time is the repeat time in milliseconds, with which the [RS232 protocol](#) outputs are updated on the RS232 interface during active drive.

### Examples of the repeat time

200 = 5Hz  
100 = 10Hz  
050 = 20Hz  
025 = 40Hz  
020 = 50Hz  
010 = 100Hz  
008 = 125Hz

## 6. Check display

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 The Starter-Generator Control Unit has a status LED. This is located on the connection side.

LED behavior	Explanation	Error message
LED illuminates steadily	No fault	
LED flashes 1x	Undervoltage	0x0001
LED flashes 2x	Overvoltage	0x0002
LED flashes 3x	Overcurrent	0x0004
LED flashes 4x	Controller overtemperature	0x0008
LED flashes 5x	Motor overtemperature	0x0010
LED flashes 6x	Motor jammed	0x0020
LED flashes 7x	Sensor fault	0x0040
LED flashes 9x	Analog input fault (Wire break)	0x0100
LED flashes 10x	Pulse width fault	0x0200

### Notice

Multiple faults can arise at the same time.  
For example: Error 0x0240 = Pulse width fault and sensor fault

## 7. Protective functions

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### Notice

#### **Overvoltage protection**

With input voltage over 63 V, the controller shuts down due to overvoltage. If the voltage exceeds 63 V, the controller could be damaged.

#### **Undervoltage protection**

If the input voltage is below 10 V, the controller shuts down in order to guarantee the stability of the internal power supply voltages.

#### **Motor temperature protection**

At motor temperatures above 100 °C, the controller shuts down in order to protect the motor.

#### **Controller temperature protection**

At internal temperatures above 110°C, the start function shuts down in order to protect itself.

#### **Wire break detection**

To ensure that the motor does not autonomously switch to full throttle in the event of the negative wire to the throttle potentiometer being broken, the controller shuts the motor down for safety reasons as soon as the control voltage exceeds 4.95 V.

#### **Start-up protection**

To ensure that the motor does not start up unbidden when the operating voltage is switched on, the controller only becomes active once the control signal is set to stop, for safety reasons.

#### **Sensor fault**

If the position sensors deliver invalid values, the controller shuts down in order to protect the motor and the controller from defects.

## 8. Repetitive handling

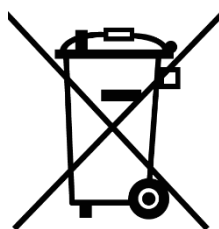
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### Care

The housing surfaces can be cleaned with compressed air and dry lint-free cloth.

## 9. Disposal

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A Starter-Generator Control Unit that has reached the end of its service life is electrical scrap.

Electrical scrap consists of the one hand of valuable materials which can be recovered as secondary raw materials and, on the other hand, it contains environmentally hazardous substances.

Information regarding optimum material recycling is available from commercial waste disposal companies.

## 10. Service / Contact

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Should, despite proper handling and sufficient care, problems should still occur, or the motor will be damaged, then please send the motor back to our address stating the problem, defect or damage.

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# 11. EU Declaration of Conformity

In the sense of the EU Directives

- **EMC Directive 2014/30/EU Appendix IV**
- **Low Voltage Directive 2014/35/EU Appendix IV**
- **RoHS Directive 2011/65/EU Appendix I**



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hereby declares, as the manufacturer, that the articles and objects described below comply with the provisions of the relevant community harmonization legislation referred to above.


Device type	
Starter-Generator Control Unit 1kW	
Emitted interference	EMC Directive Article 6 Appendix I.1.a
DIN EN 61000-6-3:2011-09	Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)- Part 6-3: Generic standards - Interference emission for residential areas, business and commercial areas as well as small businesses (IEC 61000-6-3:2006 + A1:2010); German Edition EN 61000-6-3:2007 + A1:2011
Immunity to interference	EMC Directive Article 6 Appendix I.1.b
DIN EN 61000-6-1:2007-10	Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)- Part 6-1: Generic standards - Immunity for residential environments, business and commercial areas as well as small businesses (IEC 61000-6-1:2005);
Device safety	
DIN EN 60335-1:2012-10	Safety Household and similar electrical appliances - Part 1: General requirements (IEC 603351:2010, modified);
DIN EN ISO 12100:2010	Safety of machinery - General principles for design - Risk assessment and risk mitigation ISO 12100:2010 (): German Edition EN ISO 12100

Maximum permissible concentrations in homogeneous materials in % by weight	RoHS Directive Appendix II
Lead	0.1%
Cadmium	0.01%
Polybrominated biphenyl (PBB)	0.1%
Polybrominated diphenyl ether (PBDE)	0.1%
Mercury	0.1%
Hexavalent chromium	0.1%

**Note:**

The sole responsibility for drawing up this declaration of conformity lies with the manufacturer. This declaration of conformity will lose its validity when the product is converted, extended or altered in any other manner without the express consent of Plettenberg Elektromotoren GmbH & Co. KG and when components, not belonging to Plettenberg Elektromotoren GmbH & Co. KG, or accessories are installed in the product as well as in the event of improper connection or improper use of the product.

Baunatal, 10.10.2024



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(Bastian Greiner, Managing Director)



# 12. Document Changelog

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Version	Date	Author	Revised Sections	Justification
V1.00	10.10.2024	MW	All Sections	Initial Release