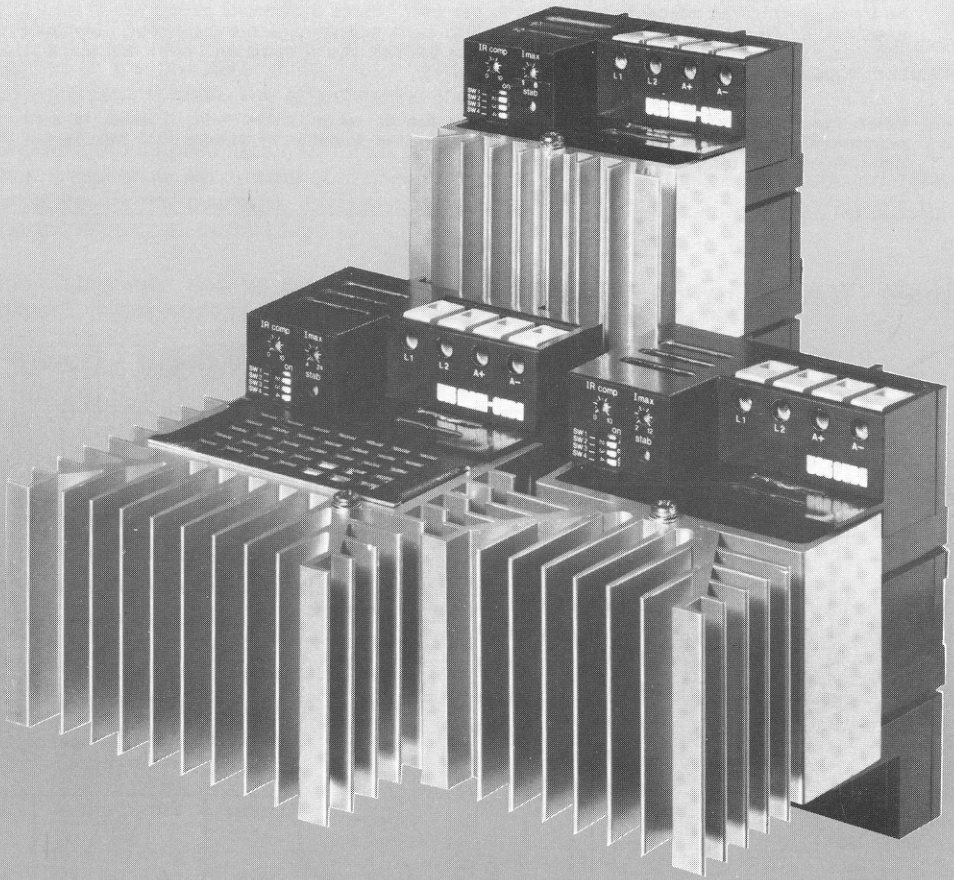
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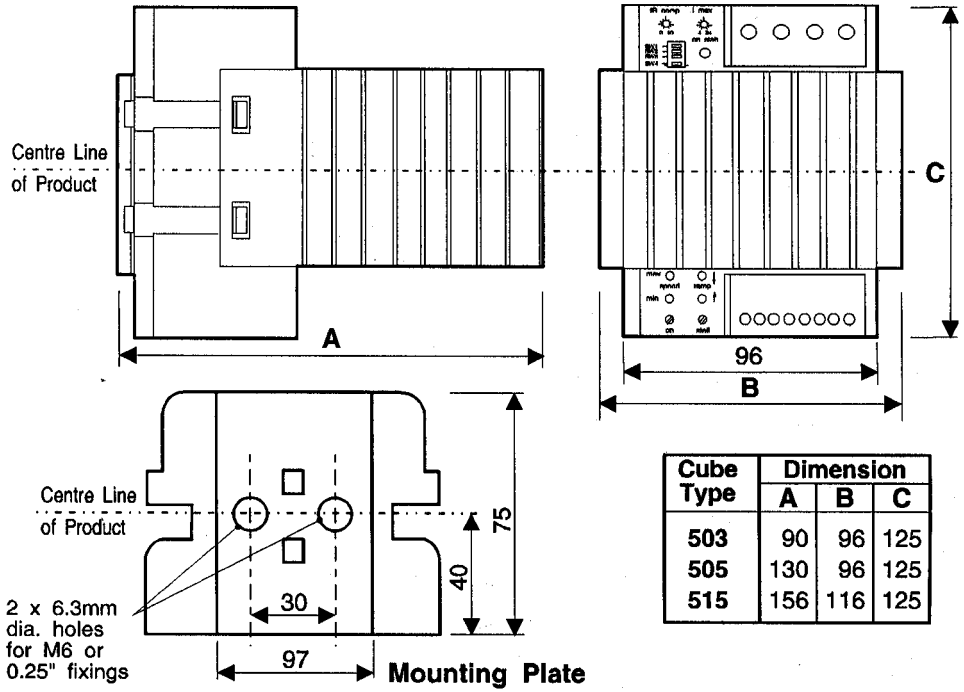
Controller warranty and service

For further details on Eurotherm Drives controller warranty and repair, refer to the standard conditions of sale as detailed by document IA 058393C.

WARNINGS

- **It is the responsibility of the installer to ensure that the Cube Controller is used as detailed in this manual and that it is safe for operation by the user.**
- **The Eurotherm Drives Cube Series Controllers are non-isolated products, both the control circuitry and the mains circuitry are at mains potential. Care should be exercised when working on the product to avoid touching bare live parts. External control equipment should be used which gives adequate protection to the user. Since the control circuitry is at mains potential, connecting the signal common (0V) to earth will damage the Controller. Similarly connection of the signal common (0V) to other earthed signal common points will damage both the Cube and the associated equipment.**
- **When the Cube Series Controller is energised the dc motor shunt field, if used, is also permanently energised. It is the responsibility of the installer to ensure that this is not detrimental to the long term reliability of the dc motor.**

Figure1 - Mechanical dimensions and fixings (mm)



Cube Type	Dimension		
	A	B	C
503	90	96	125
505	130	96	125
515	156	116	125

General description

A '*Cube*' is a compact, non-isolated motor speed controller specifically used for dc shunt wound and permanent magnet motors. There are three *Cubes* currently available, each being capable of controlling motors rated up to:

503 Mini-Cube	1.25hp	(0.93kW)
505 Cube	2.5hp	(1.86kW)
515 Maxi-Cube	5.0hp	(3.72kW)

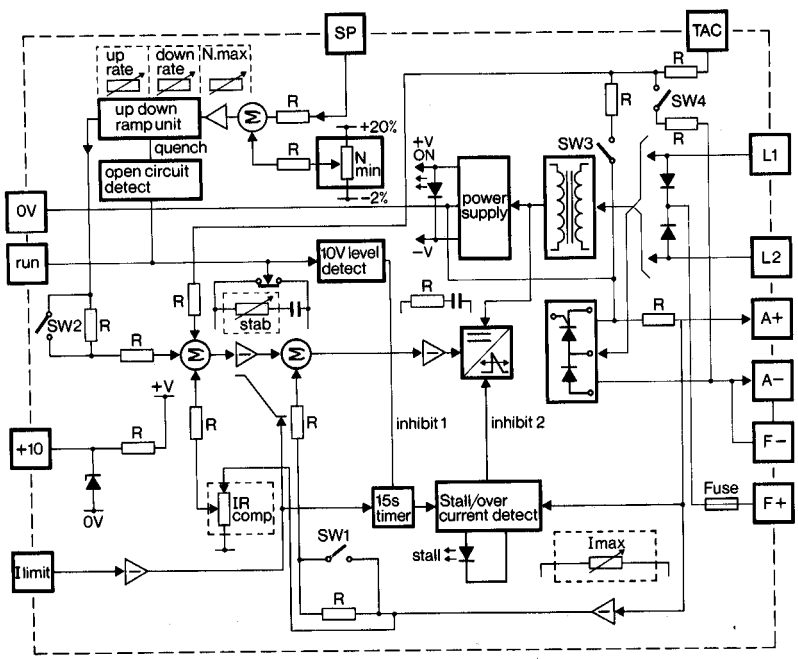
A *Cube* controls its associated dc motor by using a linear closed loop feedback signal based on the motor's own dc armature voltage. This enables the *Cube* to maintain a constant motor speed throughout variable motor loads. An improved speed measurement can be obtained by using a tacho-generator, connected to the motor's shaft, to provide the feedback signal.

A current loop within the speed feedback signal ensures that safe current levels are always applied to the armature of the motor up to the level set by the *Cube's* maximum current potentiometer (**I max**). This adjustment is linearly calibrated and switchable.

Should the controlled motor stall, (e.g. due to either a faulty field circuit or an excessive load), then a stall timer will remove current from the motor after approximately 15 seconds. Severe armature current overloads, caused by motor induced faults, are protected against by an instantaneous over-current trip.

The *Cubes* may also be used as linear motor torque controllers by using an adjustable setpoint. In this mode of operation over-speed limiting is a standard feature.

Figure 2 - Block diagram



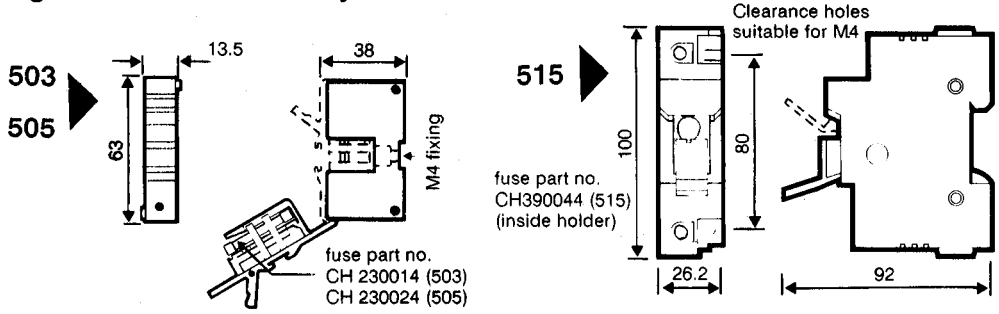
Notes on wiring

Each member of the *Family of Cubes*, (*503, 505 and 515*), should be wired according to the basic connection diagram shown in figure 4, with the appropriate variation in wiring for torque control as shown in figure 5.

Ensure that only correctly sized cables are used for connection to the main supply, earth, armature and field circuits (see specification table, inside back cover, for maximum currents). The incoming mains supply should be fused using a high speed semiconductor fuse to protect the wiring from short circuits. This will also provide extra over-current protection for the *Cube*. Eurotherm Drives Ltd. can supply fuse assemblies which can be bulkhead mounted and also act as convenient supply isolators. To order the appropriate fuse assembly, quote the required part number as listed below:

503 Mini: **LA054664U - 10A** 505 Cube: **LA050062U - 20A** 515 Maxi: **LA054173U - 40A**

Figure 3 - Fuse assembly dimensions



If a tacho-generator (TG) is being used to provide speed feedback signals, then it should be wired as shown by the dotted lines in figure 4. Use screened cable, the screen being attached to earth (the heatsink) at the *Cube* end only. The dc motor speed may be adjusted from zero to full via a 10k single or multi-turn potentiometer.

Potentiometer reference signals

The speed control potentiometer may be wired using 0.5mm cable if the *Cube* is to be mounted in close proximity.

Should the potentiometer be used for remote speed adjustment where the *Cube* is mounted at a distance in excess of 10 metres, then a screened cable should be used with the braided screen attached to the heatsink earth at the *Cube* end only. Twisted wires may be used for intermediate distances.

Basic pre-installation checks

Before applying power to the *Cube* for the first time, it is essential to check that the mains supply lies within the correct voltage range as indicated on the rating label of the module. With a correctly rated motor and correct supply, the *Cube* can have power applied and removed with complete safety.

Note:
It is good practice to apply power the first time with the setpoint set at minimum and the 'run' switch open (see figures 4 & 5). If tacho-generator feedback is being used, it is essential that this practice is followed until the feedback polarity has been correctly established.

Connection Diagrams

IMPORTANT

Never connect 0V to either earth or any other low voltage

Figure 4 - Basic Speed Controller Connections:

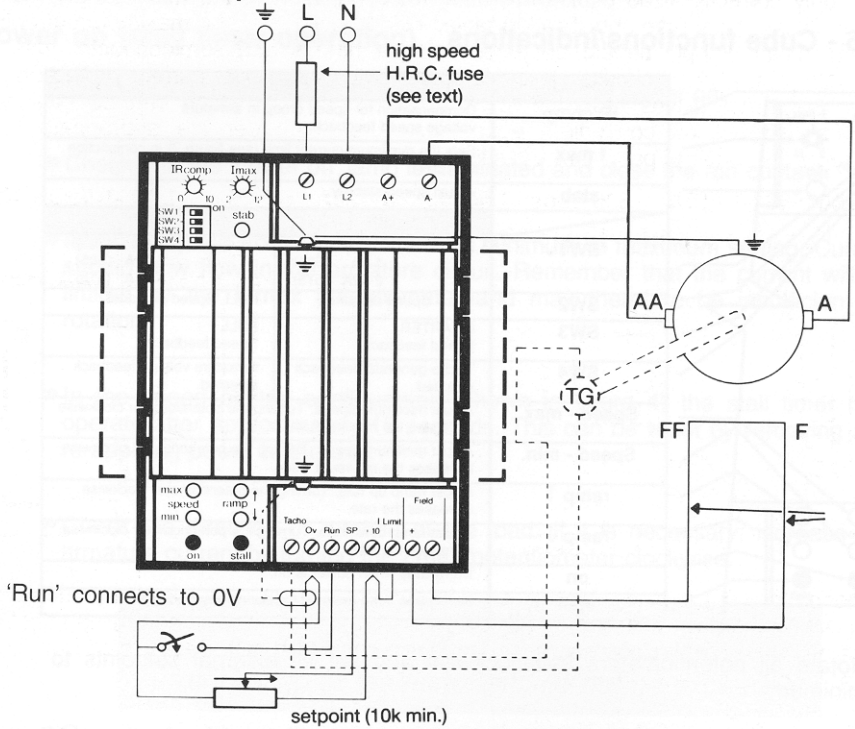
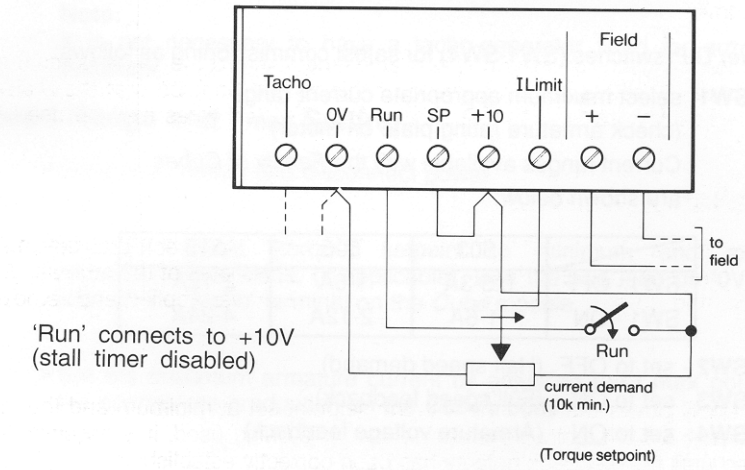


Figure 5 - Current (Torque) Control Connections:

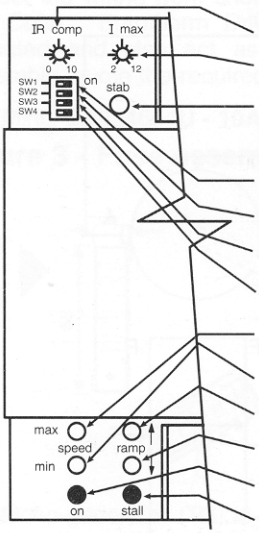


Installation

WARNING!
Turn the power off first.

Initial switch selections (power off)

Figure 6 - Cube functions/indications



Control	Function	
IR comp	Compensation for speed droop in armature voltage speed feedback.	
I max	Sets the maximum current limit (see figure 7) in conjunction with SW1.	
stab	Adjust speed stability.	
	off	**on**
SW1	I max 0.5-3A (503) 1-6A (505) 2-12A (515)	I max 1-6A (503) 2-12A (505) 4-24A (515)
SW2	HALF Speed demand.	FULL Speed demand.
SW3	QUARTER Speed feedback.	FULL Speed feedback.
SW4	Tacho-generator feedback selected.	Armature voltage feedback selected.
Speed - max.	Adjust maximum speed. Turning the potentiometer clockwise increases the maximum value.	
Speed - min.	Adjust minimum speed. Turning the potentiometer clockwise increases the minimum value.	
ramp ↑	Adjust ramp up rate. Turning the potentiometer clockwise increases the rate.	
ramp ↓	Adjust ramp down rate. Turning the potentiometer clockwise increases the rate.	
on	Illuminates when power is on.	
stall	Illuminates if the motor stalls during a speed operation.	

» Rotate all potentiometers anti-clockwise and set all external setpoints to minimum.

» Set the stability potentiometer midway and open the 'run' contact.

» Set the power DIP-switches (SW1-SW4) for safest commissioning as follows:

SW1 select maximum appropriate current range
(check armature rating plate on motor)
Current ranges available with the *Family of Cubes* are shown below:

Table 1:

	503	505	515
SW1 - OFF	0.5-3A	1-6A	2-12A
SW1 - ON	1-6A	2-12A	4-24A

SW2 - set to OFF (Half speed demand)
SW3 - set to ON (Full speed feedback)
SW4 - set to ON (Armature voltage feedback)

» Check that the motor and load are safe and free to rotate.

» Disconnect tacho-generator connection leads, if any, from the *Cube* and safely connect to an appropriate voltmeter on the ± 200V dc range.

Power on (stall timer operation)

» Connect the mains supply to the *Cube* and turn the power on.

» Check that the 'power on' lamp is illuminated and close the run contact.

» Increase speed (torque) setpoint from minimum to maximum setting. Current should now flow in the armature circuit. Remember that the current will be limited by the **I max** potentiometer and may therefore be insufficient for rotation.

» In the speed control configuration (shown in figure 4) the stall timer may operate after approximately 15 seconds. This can be reset by removing and re-applying power to the unit.

» Check the direction of rotation of the load. If it is necessary, increase the armature current by turning the **I max** potentiometer clockwise.

Warning!
Do this with caution, as the maximum current rating of the motor should not be exceeded.

» Once the load is rotating in the correct direction, use a voltmeter to check the polarity of the tacho-generator output voltage (if fitted).

Note:
It is not necessary to have a tacho-generator fitted for armature voltage feedback.

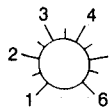
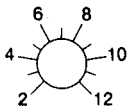
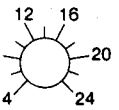
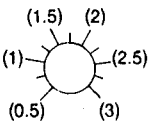
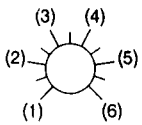
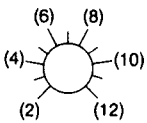
Speed Range and I max Setting

» Open 'run' switch and disconnect power.

» Set the speed (torque) setpoint to minimum and reconnect the tacho-generator leads, (if applicable), with the +ve lead on '0V' and the -ve lead on the 'tacho' terminal on the *Cube* module.

» Set the maximum armature current by adjusting the **I max** potentiometer to the appropriate graduation on the *Cube's* body.

Figure 7 - SW1 Imax selections

	503	505	515
SW1 on	 Imax (Amps)	 Imax (Amps)	 Imax (Amps)
SW1 off	 Imax (Amps)	 Imax (Amps)	 Imax (Amps)

Note:
For torque control applications, an acceptable speed limit is 110%.

» Select either tacho-generator or armature voltage feedback on DIP-switch SW4.

» Use table 2 below to determine the appropriate switch settings for the desired maximum feedback voltage (DIP-switches SW2 and SW3).

Table 2 - Maximum feedback voltage selection via SW2/SW3:

Speed selection		Maximum feedback voltage (Speed max. potentiometer)		
SW2	**SW3**	**Min. setting**	**Mid point**	**Max. setting**
OFF	**OFF**	15	22.5	30
ON	**OFF**	30	45	60
OFF	**ON**	60	90	120
ON	**ON**	120	180	240

For armature/tacho feedback this will be the maximum voltage at the set speed of the motor.

Note:
Do not exceed maximum motor armature voltage ratings.

The motor should now run at approximately the right speed and torque.

Example

A dc motor has a maximum speed of 1500 rpm with a 180V dc armature. An application for the motor necessitates that its maximum speed be limited to 750 rpm.

1500 rpm = 180V dc armature voltage at 100% of setpoint,
therefore 750 rpm = 90V dc armature voltage.

From table 2 with the *Cube* **Speed max** potentiometer set at its mid-point position (i.e. 90V), the switch settings should be:

SW2 - OFF (half speed demand)
SW3 - ON (full speed feedback)

Setting Maximum and Minimum Speed Ranges (power on)

When using voltage feedback, speed 'droop' will occur in speed control at higher currents due to the armature resistance losses.

» Rotate the **IR comp** potentiometer clockwise to remove the speed droop as required. Excessive **IR comp** will cause speed instability.

» Adjust the **ramp** ↑ (up) and **ramp** ↓ (down) speed ramp rates to the required level. Rotating the appropriate potentiometer clockwise will increase the respective ramp rate. Opening the 'run' switch will reset the speed ramps to zero.

» If necessary adjust the stability (**stab**) potentiometer to improve the speed response. Excessive rotation of this potentiometer may cause speed instability. In torque controllers, an extra setpoint can be added to the speed input (SP) to provide external control of the level at which the unit will go into speed operation. If this is not required, link the speed setpoint input to '**+10V** ' as shown in figure 5.

Warning!
Continuous operation of the motor at a torque outside the rated speed range will cause the motor to overheat.

Factory Presets

The *Cube* may be delivered as part of a motor/gearbox package in which case some of the operating parameters will have been factory set as follows:

Speed max	set as appropriate
I max	set as appropriate
Speed min	set to 5% of maximum speed
Ramp ↑	set slow
Ramp ↓	set slow
Stab	set midway
IR comp	as appropriate

Fault Finding

Problem	Possible cause	Remedy
CUBE will not power up - no 'on' indication.	Wrong supply voltage.	Check supply range on rating label. It is likely that if too high a voltage has been used, the *Cube* has been permanently damaged.
	Line fuses blown (if fitted).	Power off, check circuits and replace fuses.
Motor accelerates out of control with tacho-generator feedback and small setpoint.	Tacho polarity.	Power off and reverse tacho connections.
	Tacho linkage.	Check tacho coupling to motor.
	Tacho faulty.	Remove and replace tacho.
Motor rotates in the wrong direction. Speed is controlled though.	Motor connections are wrong for required direction with:	
	1) Armature voltage feedback.	Power off and reverse armature connections.
	2) Tacho-generator feedback.	Power off and reverse both armature and tacho connections.
Motor will not turn and the stall light comes on after 15 seconds in speed control mode.	Motor shaft locked or jammed.	Power off and check motor and load for stiffness or jamming.
	No field current (not applicable for permanent magnet motors).	Check that dc voltage across field terminals is present. If not, the internal fuse has blown. Otherwise power off and check field circuit for continuity.
	No armature current.	Power off and check armature circuit for continuity.
	Low current limit.	Check current limit with +10V link on *Cube*.
Motor will not turn.	No run circuit.	Check run contact and wiring.
	No setpoint.	Check connections to and operation of setpoint potentiometer.
Motor will only run at full speed.	Maximum speed setpoint.	Check connections to and operation of setpoint potentiometer.
Motor will not run at correct maximum speed.	Wrong speed range selected on preset switches.	Refer to set-up procedures, page 4.
Stall light comes on after 15 seconds in current control mode.	Incorrect wiring of run contact.	Run contact should be wired between the two terminals marked 'run' and '+10V'.
Stall light comes on immediately after the 'run' contact is closed.	Faulty or incorrect load across the 'A+' and 'A-' terminals.	Check motor armature thoroughly. Cubes should not be used on motors with a low inductance.

General specifications

Parameter	Symbol	Value		Units
Input Supply *(see rating label on Cube)*				
Frequency		50/60±10%		Hz
Voltage	Vs	110/120 ±10% or 220/240 ±10%		V
Output Ratings				
+10V output capability	+10	2[4] (maximum)		mA
Max. dc field current	If	2		A
Rectified field voltage	Vf	0.9 x Vs		V
Speed Control				
Stall detect time		15 minimum 20 typical		s
Type of controller		Variable proportional plus integral		
Feedback method[1]		Va	Tacho	
0-100% load regulation		2[2] (typically)	0.1 (typically)	
Max. torque speed range		20:1	100:1[5]	%
Current (Torque) Control				
Overspeed limiting[1]		Standard[1]		
Type of controller[3]		Fixed proportional plus integral		
Feedback method[4]		Non-isolated shunt		
Linearity		2		%
Adjustment Range				
Armature loss comp.	IR comp	0-25% of Va		
Maximum speed[1]	N max	±25%[1]		
Minimum speed	N min	0-25% of N max		%
Ramp up time	Ramp	1-15 (minimum)		s
Ramp down time	Ramp	1-15 (minimum)		s
Temperature Ratings				
Ambient operating	Ta	0-40		°C
Output derating		-0.04 x Ia above Ta max.		A/°C
+10V temp. coefficient		0.1		%/°C

Cube specific specifications

Parameter	503 (Mini)		505 (Cube)		515 (Maxi)	
Output Ratings with typical armature voltage, Va, 80/90V (160/180V)						
Max. armature output current[1] (Ia, A)	3(3)	6(6)	6(6)	12(12)	12(12)	24(24)
Typical motor horsepower (hp)	0.3(0.6)	0.6(1.25)	0.6(1.25)	1.25(2.5)	1.25(2.5)	2.5(5)
Controller power (kW)	0.25(0.55)	0.55(1.1)	0.55(1.1)	1.1(2.2)	1.1(2.2)	2.2(4.4)
Controller loss (W)	15(15)	20(20)	20(20)	30(30)	30(30)	45(45)
Maximum ac line current (Is, A rms)	6(6)	8.5(8.5)	12(12)	17(17)	24(24)	35(35)
Maximum I^2t for fusing (A^2s)	80(80)	80(80)	300(300)	300(300)	800(800)	800(800)
Maximum form factor (Is/Ia)	2(2)	1.4(1.4)	2(2)	1.4(1.4)	2(2)	1.4(1.4)
Adjustment Ranges						
Maximum current[1] (I max, A)	0.5-6		1-12		2-24	

Notes:

(1) Range selected by built in switches.
(2) With IR comp setting optimised.
(3) Suitable for armature time constants not less than 5ms.
(4) All control terminals are at high potential (dc) with respect to earth!
(5) Consideration must be given to the motor as it may overheat at low speed.

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