



Vacuum contactor, AC-3 500 A, 250 kW / 400 V AC (50-60 Hz) / DC operation 21-27.3 V UC Auxiliary contacts 2 NO + 2 NC 3-pole, Size S12
Busbar connections Drive: electronic with PLC interface 24 V DC

product brand name	SIRIUS
product designation	Vacuum contactor
product type designation	3RT12
General technical data	
size of contactor	S12
product extension	
• function module for communication	No
• auxiliary switch	Yes
power loss [W] for rated value of the current at AC in hot operating state	96 W
• per pole	32 W
power loss [W] for rated value of the current without load current share typical	3.6 W
surge voltage resistance	
• of main circuit rated value	8 kV
• of auxiliary circuit rated value	6 kV
maximum permissible voltage for safe isolation between coil and main contacts acc. to EN 60947-1	690 V
shock resistance at rectangular impulse	
• at AC	8,5g / 5 ms, 4,2g / 10 ms
• at DC	8,5g / 5 ms, 4,2g / 10 ms
shock resistance with sine pulse	
• at AC	13,4g / 5 ms, 6,5g / 10 ms
• at DC	13,4g / 5 ms, 6,5g / 10 ms
mechanical service life (switching cycles)	
• of contactor typical	10 000 000
• of the contactor with added electronically optimized auxiliary switch block typical	5 000 000
• of the contactor with added auxiliary switch block typical	10 000 000
reference code acc. to IEC 81346-2	Q
Substance Prohibition (Date)	01.05.2012 00:00:00
Ambient conditions	
installation altitude at height above sea level maximum	2 000 m
• ambient temperature during operation	-25 ... +60 °C
• ambient temperature during storage	-55 ... +80 °C
Main circuit	
number of poles for main current circuit	3

number of NO contacts for main contacts	3
● operating voltage at AC-3 rated value maximum	1 000 V
operational current	
● at AC-1 at 400 V at ambient temperature 40 °C rated value	610 A
● at AC-1	
— up to 690 V at ambient temperature 40 °C rated value	610 A
— up to 690 V at ambient temperature 60 °C rated value	550 A
— up to 1000 V at ambient temperature 40 °C rated value	610 A
— up to 1000 V at ambient temperature 60 °C rated value	550 A
● at AC-3	
— at 400 V rated value	500 A
— at 500 V rated value	500 A
— at 690 V rated value	500 A
— at 1000 V rated value	500 A
● at AC-4 at 400 V rated value	430 A
● at AC-6a	
— up to 230 V for current peak value n=20 rated value	439 A
— up to 400 V for current peak value n=20 rated value	439 A
— up to 500 V for current peak value n=20 rated value	439 A
— up to 690 V for current peak value n=20 rated value	439 A
— up to 1000 V for current peak value n=20 rated value	439 A
● at AC-6a	
— up to 230 V for current peak value n=30 rated value	293 A
— up to 400 V for current peak value n=30 rated value	293 A
— up to 500 V for current peak value n=30 rated value	293 A
— up to 690 V for current peak value n=30 rated value	293 A
— up to 1000 V for current peak value n=30 rated value	293 A
minimum cross-section in main circuit at maximum AC-1 rated value	370 mm ²
operational current for approx. 200000 operating cycles at AC-4	
● at 400 V rated value	215 A
● at 690 V rated value	151 A
operating power	
● at AC-3	
— at 230 V rated value	160 kW
— at 400 V rated value	250 kW
— at 500 V rated value	355 kW
— at 690 V rated value	500 kW
— at 1000 V rated value	710 kW
operating power for approx. 200000 operating cycles at AC-4	
● at 400 V rated value	122 kW
● at 690 V rated value	212 kW
operating apparent power at AC-6a	
● up to 230 V for current peak value n=20 rated value	170 000 kV·A
● up to 400 V for current peak value n=20 rated value	300 000 V·A

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to 500 V for current peak value n=20 rated value • up to 690 V for current peak value n=20 rated value • up to 1000 V for current peak value n=20 rated value 	380 000 V·A 520 000 V·A 760 000 V·A
operating apparent power at AC-6a <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to 230 V for current peak value n=30 rated value • up to 400 V for current peak value n=30 rated value • up to 500 V for current peak value n=30 rated value • up to 690 V for current peak value n=30 rated value • up to 1000 V for current peak value n=30 rated value 	110 000 V·A 200 000 V·A 250 000 V·A 350 000 V·A 500 000 V·A
no-load switching frequency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at AC • at DC 	1 000 1/h 1 000 1/h
operating frequency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at AC-1 maximum • at AC-2 maximum • at AC-3 maximum • at AC-4 maximum 	700 1/h 250 1/h 750 1/h 250 1/h
Control circuit/ Control	
type of voltage of the control supply voltage	AC/DC
control supply voltage at AC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at 50 Hz rated value • at 60 Hz rated value 	21 ... 27.3 V 21 ... 27.3 V
control supply voltage at DC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rated value 	21 ... 27.3 V
type of PLC-control input acc. to IEC 60947-1	Type 2
consumed current at PLC-control input acc. to IEC 60947-1 maximum	20 mA
voltage at PLC-control input rated value	24 V
operating range factor of the voltage at PLC-control input	0.8 ... 1.1
operating range factor control supply voltage rated value of magnet coil at DC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • initial value • full-scale value 	0.8 1.1
operating range factor control supply voltage rated value of magnet coil at AC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at 50 Hz • at 60 Hz 	0.8 ... 1.1 0.8 ... 1.1
design of the surge suppressor	with varistor
apparent pick-up power of magnet coil at AC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at 50 Hz 	570 V·A
inductive power factor with closing power of the coil <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at 50 Hz 	0.8
apparent holding power of magnet coil at AC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at 50 Hz 	5.6 V·A
inductive power factor with the holding power of the coil <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at 50 Hz 	0.8
closing power of magnet coil at DC	800 W
holding power of magnet coil at DC	3.6 W
closing delay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at AC • at DC 	60 ... 90 ms 60 ... 90 ms
opening delay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at AC • at DC 	80 ... 100 ms 80 ... 100 ms
arcing time	10 ... 15 ms
control version of the switch operating mechanism	PLC-IN or Standard A1 - A2 (adjustable)

Auxiliary circuit	
number of NC contacts for auxiliary contacts instantaneous contact	2
number of NO contacts for auxiliary contacts instantaneous contact	2
operational current at AC-12 maximum	10 A
operational current at AC-15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at 230 V rated value • at 400 V rated value • at 500 V rated value • at 690 V rated value 	6 A 3 A 2 A 1 A
operational current at DC-12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at 24 V rated value • at 48 V rated value • at 60 V rated value • at 110 V rated value • at 125 V rated value • at 220 V rated value • at 600 V rated value 	10 A 6 A 6 A 3 A 2 A 1 A 0.15 A
operational current at DC-13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at 24 V rated value • at 48 V rated value • at 60 V rated value • at 110 V rated value • at 125 V rated value • at 220 V rated value • at 600 V rated value 	10 A 2 A 2 A 1 A 0.9 A 0.3 A 0.1 A
contact reliability of auxiliary contacts	1 faulty switching per 100 million (17 V, 1 mA)
UL/CSA ratings	
full-load current (FLA) for 3-phase AC motor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at 480 V rated value • at 600 V rated value 	477 A 472 A
yielded mechanical performance [hp] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for 3-phase AC motor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — at 200/208 V rated value — at 220/230 V rated value — at 460/480 V rated value — at 575/600 V rated value 	150 hp 200 hp 400 hp 500 hp
contact rating of auxiliary contacts according to UL	A600 / Q600
Short-circuit protection	
design of the fuse link <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for short-circuit protection of the main circuit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — with type of coordination 1 required — with type of assignment 2 required • for short-circuit protection of the auxiliary switch required 	gG: 800 A (690 V, 100 kA) gG: 800 A (690 V, 50 kA), aM: 630 A (690 V, 50 kA), BS88: 800 A (415 V, 50 kA) gG: 10 A (500 V, 1 kA)
Installation/ mounting/ dimensions	
mounting position	+/-22,5° rotation possible on vertical mounting surface; can be tilted forward and backward by +/- 22.5° on vertical mounting surface; standing, on horizontal mounting surface
fastening method <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • side-by-side mounting 	screw fixing Yes
height	210 mm
width	145 mm
depth	206 mm
required spacing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with side-by-side mounting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — forwards 	20 mm

— upwards	10 mm
— downwards	10 mm
— at the side	0 mm
• for grounded parts	
— forwards	20 mm
— upwards	10 mm
— at the side	10 mm
— downwards	10 mm
• for live parts	
— forwards	20 mm
— upwards	10 mm
— downwards	10 mm
— at the side	10 mm

Connections/ Terminals	
width of connection bar	25 mm
thickness of connection bar	6 mm
diameter of holes	11 mm
number of holes	1
type of electrical connection	
• for main current circuit	Connection bar
• for auxiliary and control circuit	screw-type terminals
• at contactor for auxiliary contacts	Screw-type terminals
• of magnet coil	Screw-type terminals
type of connectable conductor cross-sections	
• at AWG cables for main contacts	2/0 ... 500 kcmil
connectable conductor cross-section for main contacts	
• stranded	70 ... 240 mm ²
connectable conductor cross-section for auxiliary contacts	
• solid or stranded	0.5 ... 4 mm ²
• finely stranded with core end processing	0.5 ... 2.5 mm ²
type of connectable conductor cross-sections	
• for auxiliary contacts	
— solid	2x (0.5 ... 1.5 mm ²), 2x (0.75 ... 2.5 mm ²), max. 2x (0.75 ... 4 mm ²)
— solid or stranded	2x (0.5 ... 1.5 mm ²), 2x (0.75 ... 2.5 mm ²), max. 2x (0.75 ... 4 mm ²)
— finely stranded with core end processing	2x (0.5 ... 1.5 mm ²), 2x (0.75 ... 2.5 mm ²)
• at AWG cables for auxiliary contacts	2x (20 ... 16), 2x (18 ... 14), 1x 12
• AWG number as coded connectable conductor cross section for auxiliary contacts	18 ... 14

Safety related data	
product function	
• mirror contact acc. to IEC 60947-4-1	Yes
• positively driven operation acc. to IEC 60947-5-1	No
protection class IP on the front acc. to IEC 60529	IP00; IP20 with box terminal/cover
touch protection on the front acc. to IEC 60529	finger-safe, for vertical contact from the front with box terminal/cover
suitability for use safety-related switching OFF	Yes

Certificates/ approvals		
General Product Approval	EMC	Declaration of Conformity



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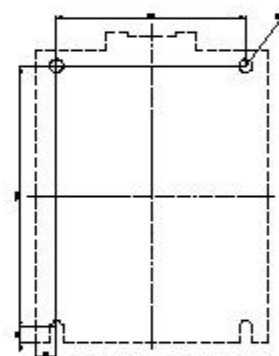
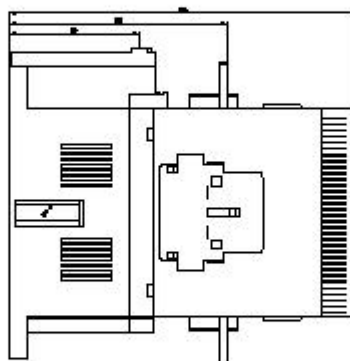
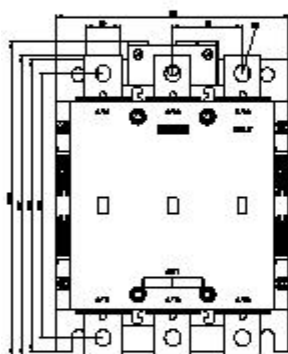
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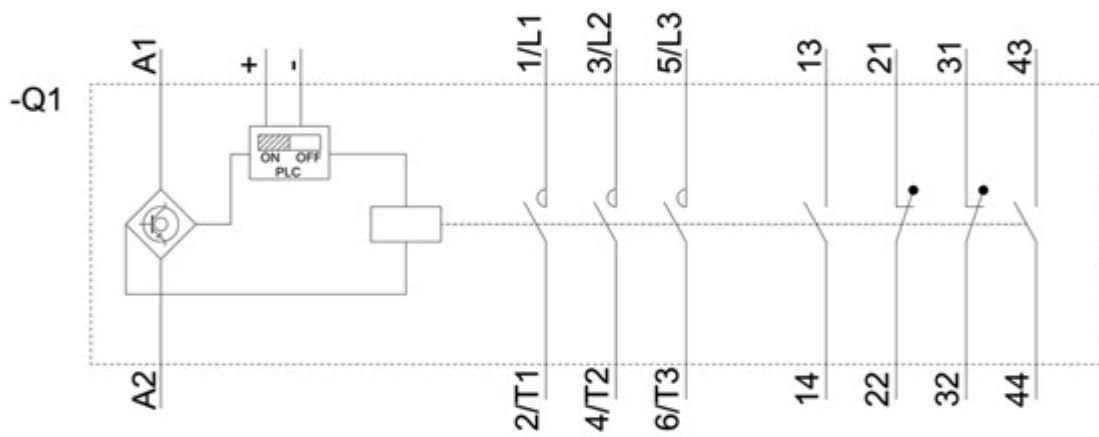
Characteristic: Tripping characteristics, I²t, Let-through current

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Further characteristics (e.g. electrical endurance, switching frequency)

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