

General information

Application and description

Four button keypad

The PST employs the same basic user concept as today's advanced mobile telephones. Using the four buttons on the keypad, you can easily adjust your own start and stop profile and motor protection functions for any type of application. There are standard settings for many common applications including pumps, conveyors, fans, mixers and compressors for quick and easy set up.

You can also set the advanced warning parameters to allow potential problems to be identified before real problems occur. A password protection function is available to prevent unauthorized changes to the programming.

Starting several motors

6 You can store as many as three different starting parameter sets for optimal sequence start of three different motors. You can use this function for two or three speed motors as well.

Integrated advanced motor protection

Inside the PST Softstarter, you will find useful features for advanced motor and softstarter protection, including: programmable overload protection, high current, underload, phase imbalance, phase reversal, thyristor overload protection, and bypass monitoring to ensure proper by-pass operation.

Programmable signal relays

All PST units have three programmable signal relays where each relay can signal Run, Top of Ramp or Event. The Event setting can be used to signal fault protections or warnings. The supervisory functions monitor not only software and critical softstarter functionality but also phase loss and out of frequency range.

Integrated by-pass contactor

On the larger sizes (PSTB370 – PSTB1050), there is an integrated ABB AF contactor. This gives you advantages in terms of cost-saving, (less investment in fans, cables, time), space saving (more compact soft starter; no fan that takes up space), and last but not least, energy saving. With a by-pass contactor you can reduce the power losses during normal run by 90% or more.

For the smaller PST below 370A, which are not equipped with built-in contactors, the units have double connections for the main terminals on the line side. The extra terminals are used to connect an external by-pass contactor in order to enable the integrated protection functions.



PSTB1050 with integrated by-pass contactor.

Fieldbus communication

The PST Softstarter has a built-in interface on the front for connection of the ABB FieldBusPlug used for fieldbus communication. Through this interface, it is possible to control the softstarter, achieve status information, upload and download parameters. The interface between the softstarter and the FieldBusPlug is always the same. Independently of PST Softstarter size or delivery date, it is possible to connect to any fieldbus protocol later on since this is defined in the FieldBusPlug itself. The following protocols are currently available: AS-I, DeviceNet and Profibus DP. To connect the PST Softstarter to a fieldbus system, you need the accessories described on pages 6.33 to 6.34 as well as specific software for PLC set-up, which is available on the ABB web site; see the Resources section at the bottom of the Softstarter product page at www.abb-control.com/html/products/soft_strs.html.