



vacuum contactor, AC-3 500 A, 250 kW / 400 V AC (50-60 Hz) / DC operation 500-550 V AC/DC auxiliary contacts 2 NO + 2 NC 3-pole, frame size S12 busbar connections drive: conventional

product brand name	SIRIUS
product designation	Vacuum contactor
product type designation	3RT12
General technical data	
size of contactor	S12
product extension	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> function module for communication auxiliary switch 	<p>No</p> <p>Yes</p>
power loss [W] for rated value of the current	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> at AC in hot operating state at AC in hot operating state per pole without load current share typical 	<p>96 W</p> <p>32 W</p> <p>10 W</p>
insulation voltage	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> of main circuit with degree of pollution 3 rated value of auxiliary circuit with degree of pollution 3 rated value 	<p>1 000 V</p> <p>500 V</p>
surge voltage resistance	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> of main circuit rated value of auxiliary circuit rated value 	<p>8 kV</p> <p>6 kV</p>
maximum permissible voltage for safe isolation between coil and main contacts according to EN 60947-1	690 V
shock resistance at rectangular impulse	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> at AC at DC 	<p>8,5g / 5 ms, 4,2g / 10 ms</p> <p>8,5g / 5 ms, 4,2g / 10 ms</p>
shock resistance with sine pulse	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> at AC at DC 	<p>13,4g / 5 ms, 6,5g / 10 ms</p> <p>13,4g / 5 ms, 6,5g / 10 ms</p>
mechanical service life (switching cycles)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> of contactor typical of the contactor with added electronically optimized auxiliary switch block typical of the contactor with added auxiliary switch block typical 	<p>10 000 000</p> <p>5 000 000</p> <p>10 000 000</p>
reference code according to IEC 81346-2	Q
Substance Prohibitance (Date)	05/01/2012
Ambient conditions	
installation altitude at height above sea level maximum	2 000 m
ambient temperature	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> during operation during storage 	<p>-25 ... +60 °C</p> <p>-55 ... +80 °C</p>

relative humidity minimum	10 %
relative humidity at 55 °C according to IEC 60068-2-30 maximum	95 %
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
• at AC-3e 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-3e	
— 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	215 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
● at AC-3e	
— 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 kVA
● up to 400 V for current peak value n=20 rated value	300 000 VA
● up to 500 V for current peak value n=20 rated value	380 000 VA
● up to 690 V for current peak value n=20 rated value	520 000 VA
● up to 1000 V for current peak value n=20 rated value	760 000 VA
operating apparent power at AC-6a	
● up to 230 V for current peak value n=30 rated value	110 000 VA
● up to 400 V for current peak value n=30 rated value	200 000 VA
● up to 500 V for current peak value n=30 rated value	250 000 VA
● up to 690 V for current peak value n=30 rated value	350 000 VA
● up to 1000 V for current peak value n=30 rated value	500 000 VA
no-load switching frequency	
● at AC	2 000 1/h
● at DC	2 000 1/h
operating frequency	
● at AC-1 maximum	700 1/h
● at AC-2 maximum	250 1/h
● at AC-3 maximum	750 1/h
● at AC-3e maximum	750 1/h
● at AC-4 maximum	250 1/h
Control circuit/ Control	
type of voltage of the control supply voltage	AC/DC
control supply voltage at AC	
● at 50 Hz rated value	500 ... 550 V
● at 60 Hz rated value	500 ... 550 V
control supply voltage at DC	
● rated value	500 ... 550 V
operating range factor control supply voltage rated value of magnet coil at DC	
● initial value	0.8
● full-scale value	1.1
operating range factor control supply voltage rated value of magnet coil at AC	
● at 50 Hz	0.8 ... 1.1
● at 60 Hz	0.8 ... 1.1
design of the surge suppressor	with varistor
apparent pick-up power of magnet coil at AC	
● at 50 Hz	830 VA
● at 60 Hz	830 VA
inductive power factor with closing power of the coil	
● at 50 Hz	0.9
● at 60 Hz	0.9
apparent holding power of magnet coil at AC	
● at 50 Hz	9.2 VA
● at 60 Hz	9.2 VA

inductive power factor with the holding power of the coil	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at 50 Hz • at 60 Hz 	0.9 0.9
closing power of magnet coil at DC	920 W
holding power of magnet coil at DC	10 W
closing delay	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at AC • at DC 	45 ... 100 ms 45 ... 100 ms
opening delay	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at AC • at DC 	60 ... 100 ms 60 ... 100 ms
arcing time	10 ... 15 ms
control version of the switch operating mechanism	Standard A1 - A2
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	screw fixing
• side-by-side mounting	Yes
height	214 mm
width	160 mm
depth	225 mm
required spacing	
• with side-by-side mounting	
— 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	
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
width of connection bar	25 mm
thickness of connection bar	6 mm
diameter of holes	11 mm
number of holes	1
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 according to IEC 60947-4-1	Yes
• positively driven operation according to IEC 60947-5-1	No
protection class IP on the front according to IEC 60529	IP00; IP20 with box terminal/cover
touch protection on the front according to IEC 60529	finger-safe, for vertical contact from the front with box terminal/cover

suitability for use • safety-related switching OFF	Yes
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Certificates/ approvals

General Product Approval	EMC
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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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