

# PFE

Low Power Applications

Low Voltage  
Soft Starters

## The cost effective starter for small AC induction motors

For small to medium  
industrial applications



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 **fairford**  
Soft Starter Technology  
Part of the  Motortronics Group



DIN Rail Mounted



Internally Bypassed



3S Technology

The PFE is an innovative development from Fairford, who have 30 years of experience producing innovative designs in the soft start market

> With ratings from 1.1 kW to 22 kW, the PFE is ideally placed to support any AC induction motors in use today. This makes the PFE the natural choice for distributors and customers alike.

Benefiting from Fairford's excellence in engineering, the PFE combines the quality and reliability you have come to expect. This is one product that ticks all the boxes.

#### Internally Bypassed

Reduces cost because the soft starter is out of circuit once it has done its job. This reduces cabinet size and the heat produced which again reduces cost.

#### Over Current Protected

Protects the soft starter against use above its duty rating.

#### 45mm Wide (Size 1)

Same width as typical existing control gear for easy connectability and enables a more compact cabinet to be used.

#### DIN Rail Mounted

For easy installation – it just clips on.

#### 3S Technology

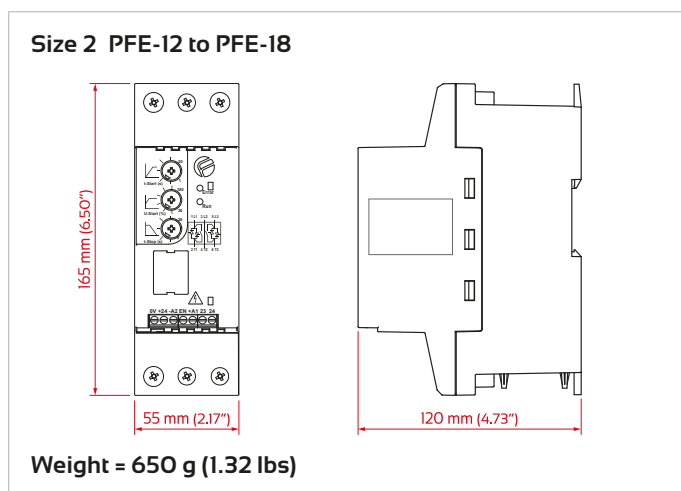
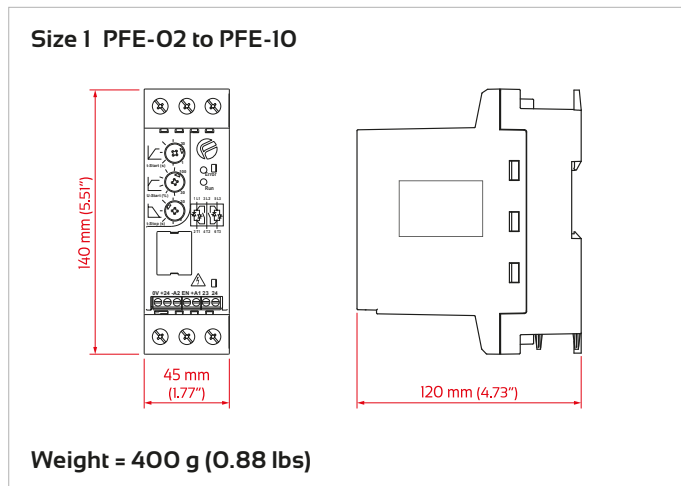
Automatic ramp control profiles ensure smooth start and stop performance, delivering stable acceleration and deceleration in all operating conditions.

3S Technology allows a 30 second soft start and a 30 second soft stop time, which other systems which cannot achieve. Thus being able to attain a Trip Class 30 start duty rating for the heavier duty starting applications.

#### Control of Single Phase Motors

The PFE soft starter may be used with both Three Phase and Single Phase motors – adjustment via a jumper.

## Dimensions



## Sizing Guide

For application specific sizing, use the online Soft Starter Selector: [www.fairford.com](http://www.fairford.com)

| Motor Rating       |      |                    |     | Trip Class 2   | Trip Class 10  |
|--------------------|------|--------------------|-----|--|--|
| 400 V              |      | 460 V              |     | I <sub>e</sub> : AC-53b:<br>3-5: 355<br>10 starts/hour | I <sub>e</sub> : AC-53b:<br>3-23: 697<br>5 starts/hour |
| I <sub>e</sub> (A) | RW   | I <sub>e</sub> (A) | HP  |  |  |
| 2.7                | 1.1  | 3                  | 1.5 | PFE-02   | PFE-02   |
| 3.6                | 1.5  | 3.4                | 2   | PFE-02   | PFE-04   |
| 4.9                | 2.2  | 4.8                | 3   | PFE-02   | PFE-06   |
| 6.5                | 3    | 4.8                | 3   | PFE-04   | PFE-08   |
| 8.5                | 4    | 7.6                | 5   | PFE-06   | PFE-10   |
| 11.5               | 5.5  | 11                 | 7.5 | PFE-08   | PFE-12   |
| 15.5               | 7.5  | 14                 | 10  | PFE-10   | PFE-16   |
| 22                 | 11   | 21                 | 15  | PFE-12   | PFE-18   |
| 29                 | 15   | 27                 | 20  | PFE-14   | PFE-18 + FAN   |
| 35                 | 18.5 | 34                 | 25  | PFE-16   | -  |
| 41                 | 22   | 40                 | 30  | PFE-18   | -  |

## Specification

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Operational Voltage</b>        | 230–460 VAC rms 3-Phase (-15% +10%)  |
| <b>Rated Frequency</b>            | 50–60 Hz ± 2 Hz  |
| <b>Index Rating</b>               | Class 2 AC53b: 3-5: 355<br>Class 10 AC53b: 3-23: 697   |
| <b>Starts per Hour</b>            | Up to total of 5 starts/stops per hour Class 10 and 10 start/stops per Class 2   |
| <b>Optimum Starts per Hour</b>    | Up to 30 starts per hour with optional fan Class 10 and 60 starts per hour Class 2   |
| <b>Internally Bypassed</b>        | Yes  |
| <b>Control Supply</b>             | 24 VDC approx. 4 VA supplied externally to terminals 0 V – +24 V   |
| <b>Enable and Start/Soft Stop</b> | 24 VDC galvanically isolated terminals -A2, EN, +A1  |
| <b>Indication</b>                 | Multifunction LEDs on front panel  |
| <b>Start Time</b>                 | 1 to 30 seconds  |
| <b>Stop Time</b>                  | 0 to 30 seconds  |
| <b>Start Duty</b>                 | 3 × FLC for 23 seconds at Trip Class 10 rating   |
| <b>Power Terminals</b>            | Input 1/L1, 3/L2 & 5/L3<br>Output 2/T1, 4/T2, 6/T3<br>IP20 rated wire clamping terminals (unit is IP20)  |
| <b>IP/NEMA Rating</b>             | IP20, NEMA 1   |
| <b>Ambient Temperature</b>        | 0 °C to 40 °C<br>Above 40 °C de-rate linearly by 2% of unit FLC per °C to a de-rate of 40% at 60 °C  |
| <b>Transport and Storage</b>      | -25 °C to 60 °C<br>-25 °C to 75 °C (not exceeding 24 hours)  |
| <b>Altitude</b>                   | 1,000 m<br>Above 1,000 m de-rate linearly by 1% of unit FLC per 100 m to a maximum altitude of 2,000 m<br>Above 2,000m contact Fairford Electronics Ltd. |
| <b>Humidity</b>                   | Max. 85% non-condensing, not exceeding 50% at 40 °C  |
| <b>Standards</b>                  | IEC 60947-4-2; EN 60947-4-2 "AC Semiconductor Motor Controllers and Starters"<br>UL, ACMA & CE   |



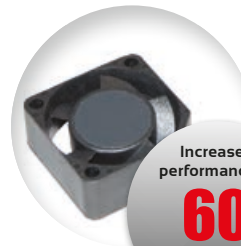
The PFE range has been successfully used in many applications. A good example of its versatility is in the following case study of an unloading winch and davit in a large commercial port.

The winch is used for unloading 500 kg fish/scallop boxes from vessel to shore and a smoother start/stop was required to alleviate 'jarring' which was becoming a problem. A PFE-O8 3 kW soft start with fan was chosen to increase the number of start/stops per hour as the trawler can be 5/8 meters below dock level and jogging is used to position the lifting gear under the skippers instructions. Due to the success of the installation another four systems have been installed.

Dockside Davit designed and built by Spencer Carter Ltd, Falmouth, Cornwall.  
[www.spencercarter.com](http://www.spencercarter.com)

## Product Options

- PEFFAN01** Auxiliary Fan for PFE-02 to 10
- PEFFAN02** Auxiliary Fan for PFE-12 to 18
- APSU005-R** Power Supply – 100/230 VAC to 24 VDC



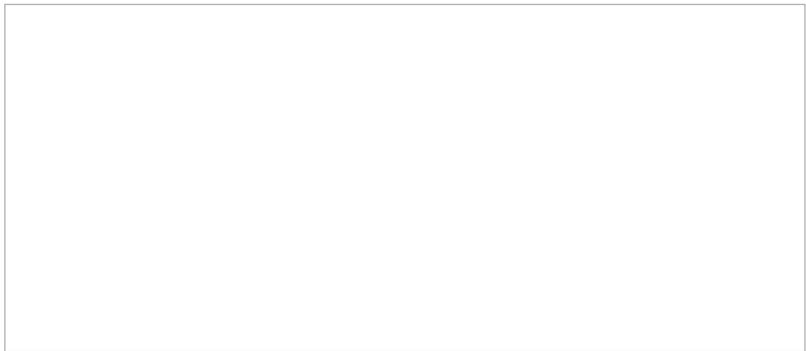
Increases performance to  
**60**  
 starts per hour



Can run up to  
**3**  
 PFEs

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