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EMC-COMPLIANT INSTALLATION

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1 Introduction

This guideline is intended to provide basic knowledge of electromagnetic compatibility (EMC). It contains information on how to avoid interference and how to install the device correctly in order to obtain EMC-compatible conformity.

1.1 About the content

The constantly increasing use of electronic circuits and systems, especially in the industrial sector, is increasingly leading to problems with electromagnetic compatibility (EMC). In order to be able to counteract this, the causes and effects need to be recognised and understood.

The responsibility for an EMC-compatible design of a system is mainly borne by the system manufacturer. Subsequent adjustments are often only possible to a limited extent and usually not without a high financial expense. For this reason, appropriate EMC measures should already be included in the planning and construction of systems.

According to the currently valid regulations, there must be an EMC plan for each system / machine and for the safety considerations.

This must include:

- Description / specification of the EMC requirements
- Instructions from the component manufacturers and how these are observed
- Assurance in production how this is implemented
- Proof of compliance (measurement, assessment)

1.2 What is EMC?

The operation of electronic devices can generate electromagnetic fields which can penetrate and interfere with the application range of other electronics. An example of this would be the limited use of mobile phones in airplanes. These can emit electromagnetic fields which can significantly affect the electronics of the airplane.

EMC is the term used to describe the electromagnetic compatibility of electronic devices with each other. If an electrical device has electromagnetic compatibility, this device can operate without interfering with or being interfered by other electronic devices.

In EMC, a distinction is made between interference sources and interference sinks. The strength of this interferences is influenced by the transmission path.

The interference source is a component or assembly which generates the interference signal.

The interference sink is a component or assembly which reacts sensitively to the interference signal. Their operating behaviour is influenced by the interference signal.

The transmission path is the coupling between the interference source and the interference sink, which transmits the interference signal from its source to the location of its undesired effect.

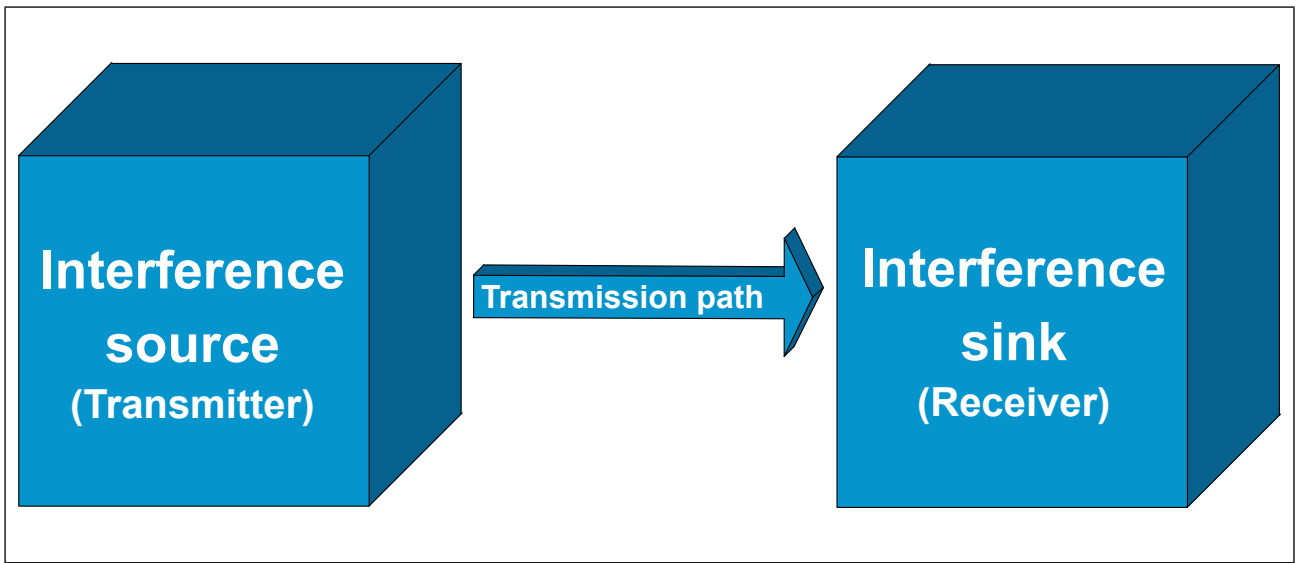


Figure 1: Interference source, interference sink and transmission path

Simplified, the greater the distance between the interference source and the interference sink, the lower the interference. If the distance is too short and there is no other shielding, interference sources can influence interference sinks.

Location	Interference source	Transmission path	Interference sink
Target	Limitation of the generation of interferences	Limitation of the transmission of interferences	Limitation of the effect of interferences
Possible measures	Circuit concept Ground connection Separation Arrangement Interference suppression switching frequencies Shielding	Ground connection Filtering Separation Arrangement Twisting Transmission Line topology Galvanic isolation Shielding	Circuit concept Ground connection Filtering Separation Arrangement Shielding

Table 1: Measures to reduce interferences

2 EMC fundamentals

2.1 Use of drive controllers

Drive controllers are electrical equipment for the use in industrial and commercial systems. According to the EMC Directive 2014/30/EU, these devices do not require labelling, as they are components for further processing by the competent machine and system manufacturer in the sense of the EMC Directive and cannot be operated independently. The installer / operator of a machine / system must provide proof of compliance with the protection targets required by the EMC Directive. Using the radio interference suppression filters measured by KEB, as well as observing the following measures and installation guidelines, compliance with the specified limit values is usually given.

NOTICE

Error due to use in wrong environment!

- ▶ KEB drive controllers are intended for the use in second environment defined in *EN 61800-3* (systems with their own supply transformer).
- ▶ When used in the first environment (residential and commercial areas on the public low-voltage grid), further measures must be provided !

2.2 Operation site

According to *EN 61800-3*, the operation site can be divided into two environmental areas.

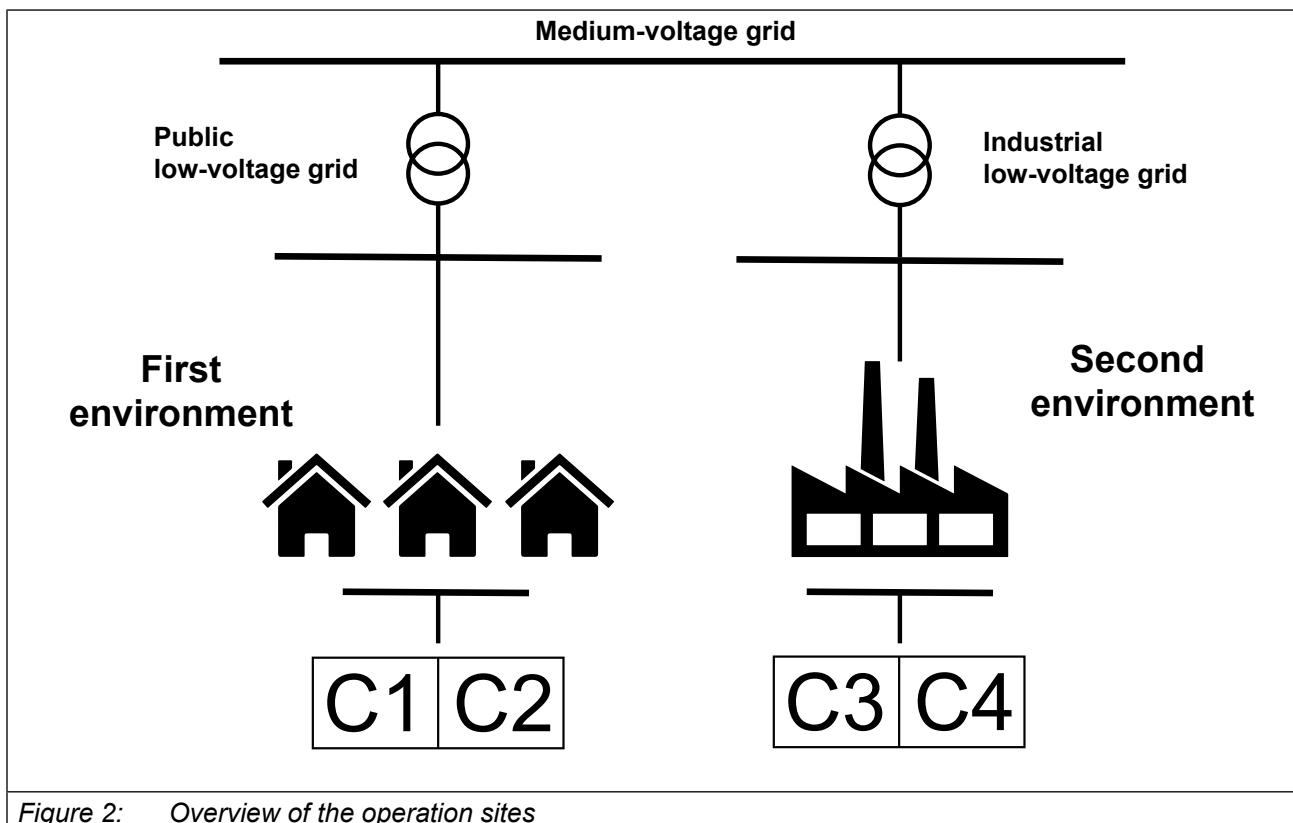


Figure 2: Overview of the operation sites

2.3 First environment

Residential districts or locations where the drive system is directly connected to the public low-voltage grid without an intermediate transformer.

Examples of first environment places are houses, apartments, stores or offices in residential buildings.

According to *EN 61000-6-3* and *EN 61000-6-4* differentiation in:

2.3.1 Residential areas

A residential area is a spatial area intended for the construction of residential buildings. Residential buildings are places where one or more people can live. A residential building may be a single building (such as a single-family home), a separate building, or a single, detached part of a larger building (such as an apartment in an apartment block). The electrical mains power at such a location is drawn by a direct connection to the public low-voltage grid.

Notes on the residential area:

- Examples of residential areas are houses, apartments or farmhouses that are used to live in.
- It is expected that in residential areas radio receivers are operated at a distance of 10 m from the device.
- DC-powered or battery-powered devices intended for residential use included.

2.3.2 Business and commercial areas and small businesses

Places that are not residential areas but they receive their electrical mains power by a direct connection from the public low-voltage grid.

Notes on business and commercial areas:

Examples of such areas are

- Stores, wholesale markets
- Business premises (offices, banks and financial institutions, hotels, data centers)
- Areas used for public entertainment (cinemas, public restaurants, dance halls or discotheques)
- Places used for religious practice (temples, churches, mosques, synagogues)
- Outdoor locations (gas stations, parking lots, amusement and sports facilities)
- Places for the general public (parks, amusement facilities, offices, service centers)
- Hospitals, educational institutions (schools, universities)
- Public transport areas, train stations and airports

These areas exclude the industrial area defined in *IEC 6100-6-4*.

2.4 Second environment

Locations outside of residential areas and industrial areas which are supplied by their own transformer from the medium-voltage grid.

Examples of second environment locations are industrial areas and technical areas of buildings which are supplied by their own transformer.

2.4.1 Industrial area

Industrial areas are characterized by the connection to their own power supply grid. The power supply grid is supplied by its own high or medium voltage distribution transformer, which is responsible for the power supply of the system.

Notes on industrial areas:

Examples of industrial areas are

- Metal processing, pulp and paper processing, chemical plants, motor vehicle production.

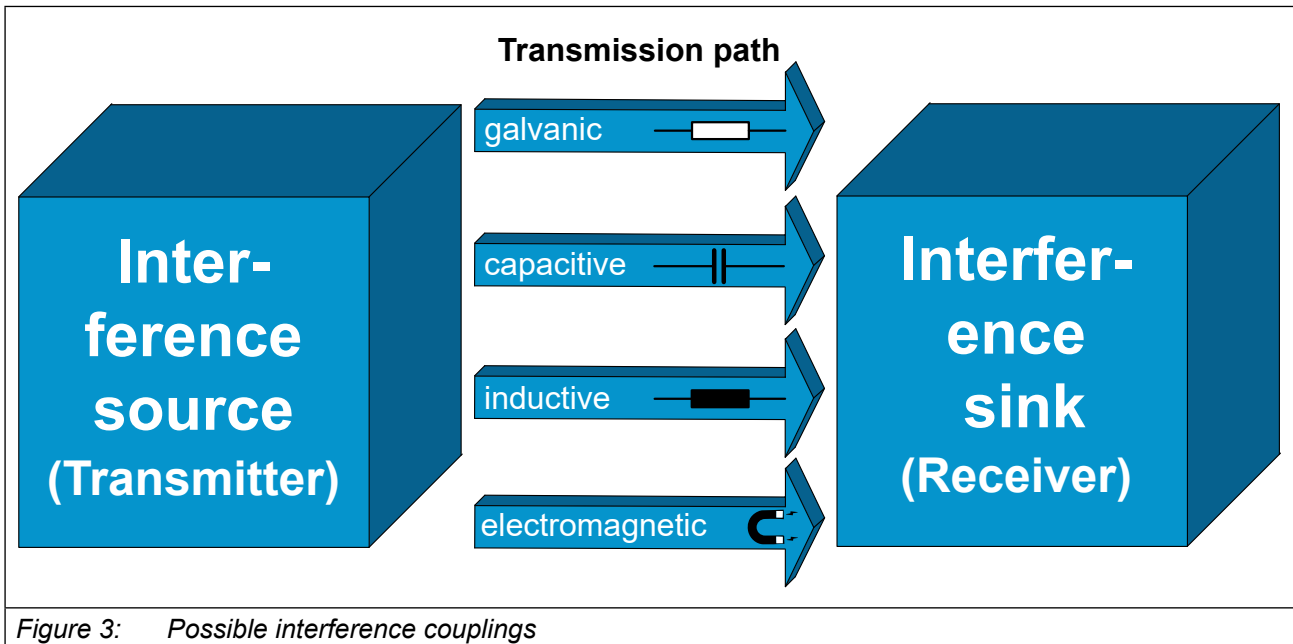
These include

- Use of industrial, scientific and / or medical devices.
- Use of large inductive or capacitive loads that are switched frequently.
- High voltages and / or currents and associated high electromagnetic fields.

3 The drive controller as interference sink

3.1 Possible interference couplings

Interference generated by interference sources can influence the interference sink via different transmission paths. A basic distinction is made between galvanic, capacitive, inductive and electromagnetic interference couplings.



3.1.1 Galvanic interference coupling

A galvanic interference coupling occurs when several circuits use a common conductor. For example, a common ground line or ground connection. The current I_1 in component 1 generates at the impedance Z of the common conductor a voltage drop ΔU_1 , by which the voltage at the terminals of component 2 will be changed. Conversely, the current I_2 of component 2 generates a voltage drop ΔU_2 at the impedance Z of the common conductor, by which the voltage at the terminals of component 1 will be changed.

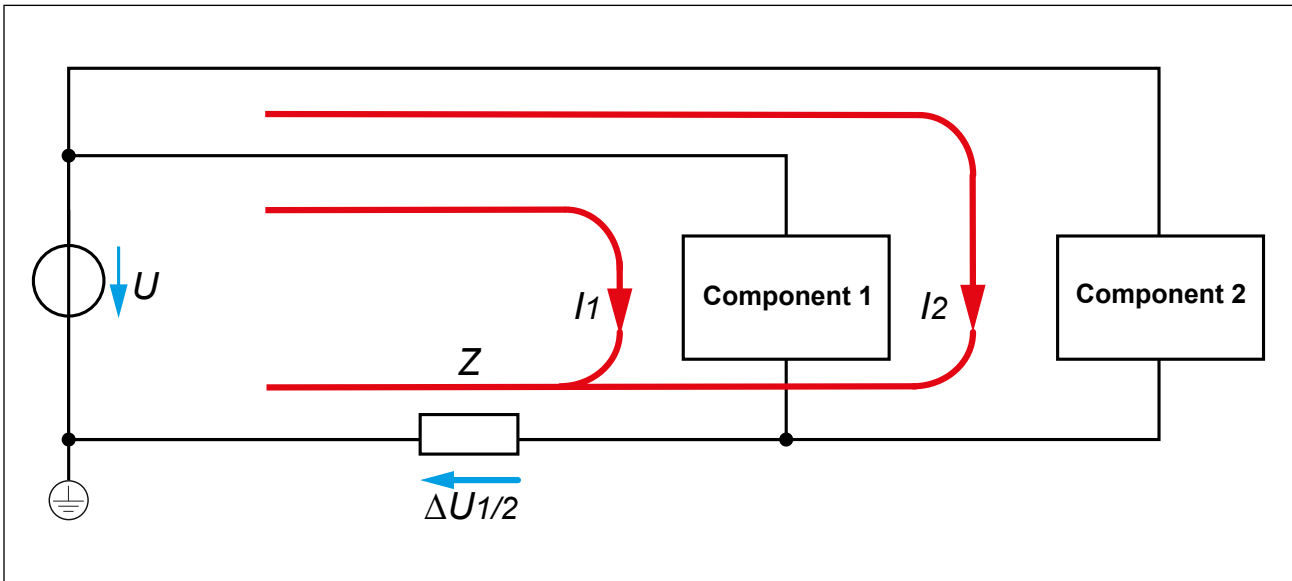


Figure 4: Galvanic interference coupling

If, for example, the voltage source U is a 24V power supply unit which supplies two assemblies with DC voltage, component 1 is a switching power supply with a periodic, pulse-shaped current consumption and component 2 is a sensitive interface assembly for analog signal transmission, then component 1 acts as interference source. This interference source disturbs via the galvanic coupling, i.e. via the voltage drop ΔU at the common impedance Z the supply voltage at the terminals of the interface module acting as interference sink, which can negatively affect the quality of the analog signal transmission.

3.1.1.1 Measures to reduce galvanic interference coupling

- Keep the length of shared conductors as short as possible.
- Use of large cable cross-sections if the common impedance has a predominantly ohmic character.
- Use of a separate supply and return conductor per circuit.

3.1.2 Capacitive interference coupling

A capacitive interference coupling occurs between mutually insulated conductors which are at different potentials. Due to the potential difference, there is an electric field between the conductors, which is described by the capacitance C_k . The size of the capacitance C_k depends on the geometry and the distance of the conductors at different potentials.

The *Figure 5 “Capacitive interference coupling”* shows a disturbance source, which couples a disturbance current I_s into the disturbance sink due to capacitive interference coupling. The interference current I_s generates a voltage drop at the impedance Z_i of the interference sink and thus an interference voltage U_s .

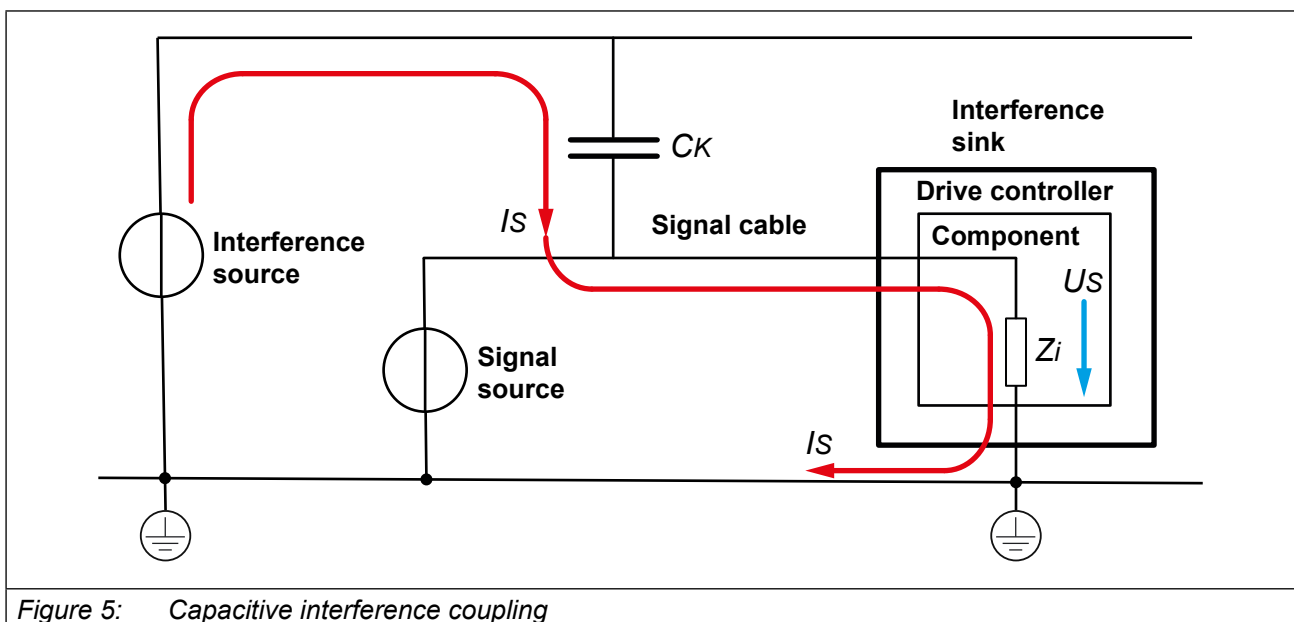


Figure 5: Capacitive interference coupling

If, for example, a motor cable and an unshielded signal cable are laid in parallel on a cable rack in a short distance over a longer distance, the short distance results in a very large coupling capacitance C_k . The inverter on the motor side of the drive controller, which acts as source of interference, couples with each switching edge a pulsed interference current via the capacitance C_k into the signal cable. If this interference current flows e.g. via the digital inputs into the control unit of the drive controller, even small interference pulses lasting a few microseconds and an amplitude of a few volts can disturb the digital control of the drive controller executed via microprocessors and this can lead to a malfunction.

3.1.2.1 Measures to reduce capacitive interference coupling

- Keep the distance between the disturbing and the disturbed cable as large as possible.
- Keep the length of the parallel cable routing as short as possible.
- Use of shielded signal cables.

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The most effective measure is the consistent separation of power and signal cables in combination with shielding of the signal cables. The interference current I_s is now coupled into the shield and flows via the shield and housing of the device or drive controller to ground without disturbing the internal circuits.

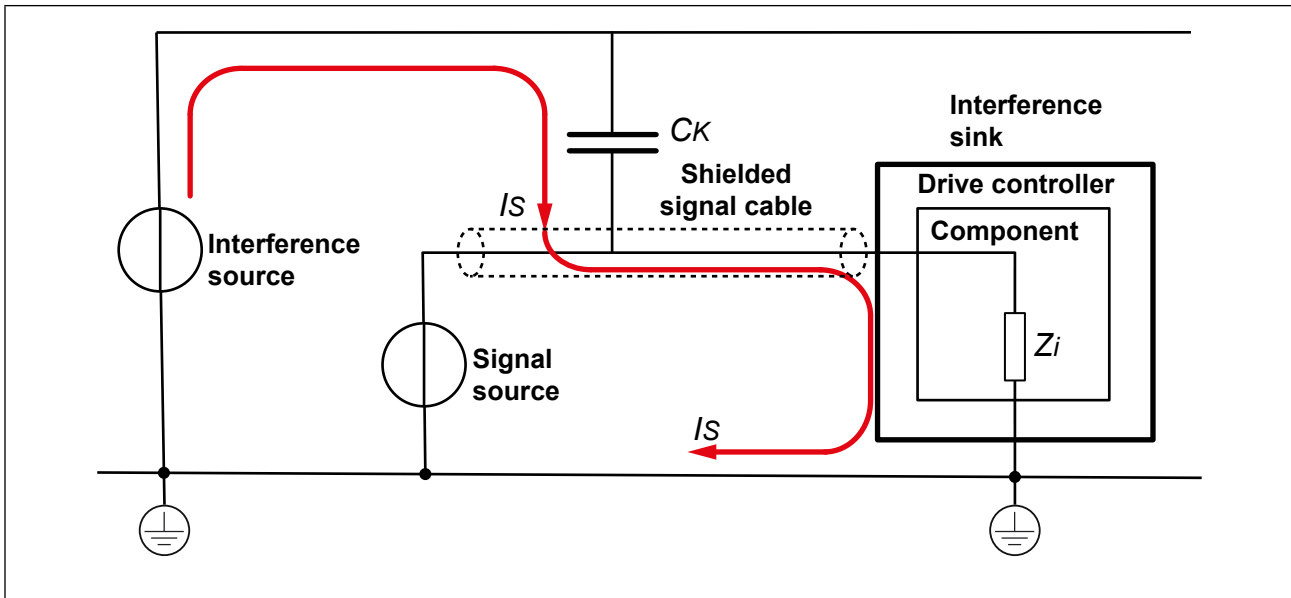


Figure 6: Reduction of the capacitive interference coupling due to shielded signal cable

The condition for an optimum effect of the shield is a large-area, low-inductance shield connection.

- For digital signal cables, the shield must always be applied over a large-area on both sides (at the transmitter and at the receiver).
- For analog signal cables, low-frequency interferences (ground loops) can result if the shield is applied on both sides. In this case, the shield must only be applied to one side of the drive controller.

3.1.3 Inductive interference coupling

Inductive interference coupling occurs between current active circuits or conductor loops. If an AC current is flowing in a conductor loop, this current generates a magnetic alternating field. This interferes the other conductor loop and induces a voltage there. The magnitude of the inductive interference coupling is described by the mutual inductance M_k and depends on the geometry and the distance between the conductor loops.

The *Figure 7 "Inductive interference coupling"* shows a circuit supplied by an interference source, which induces an interference voltage U_s in a signal circuit by means of a magnetic interference field B_s . The interference voltage U_s generates an interference current I_s and this induces a voltage drop at the impedance Z_i of the interference sink and thus a disturbance.

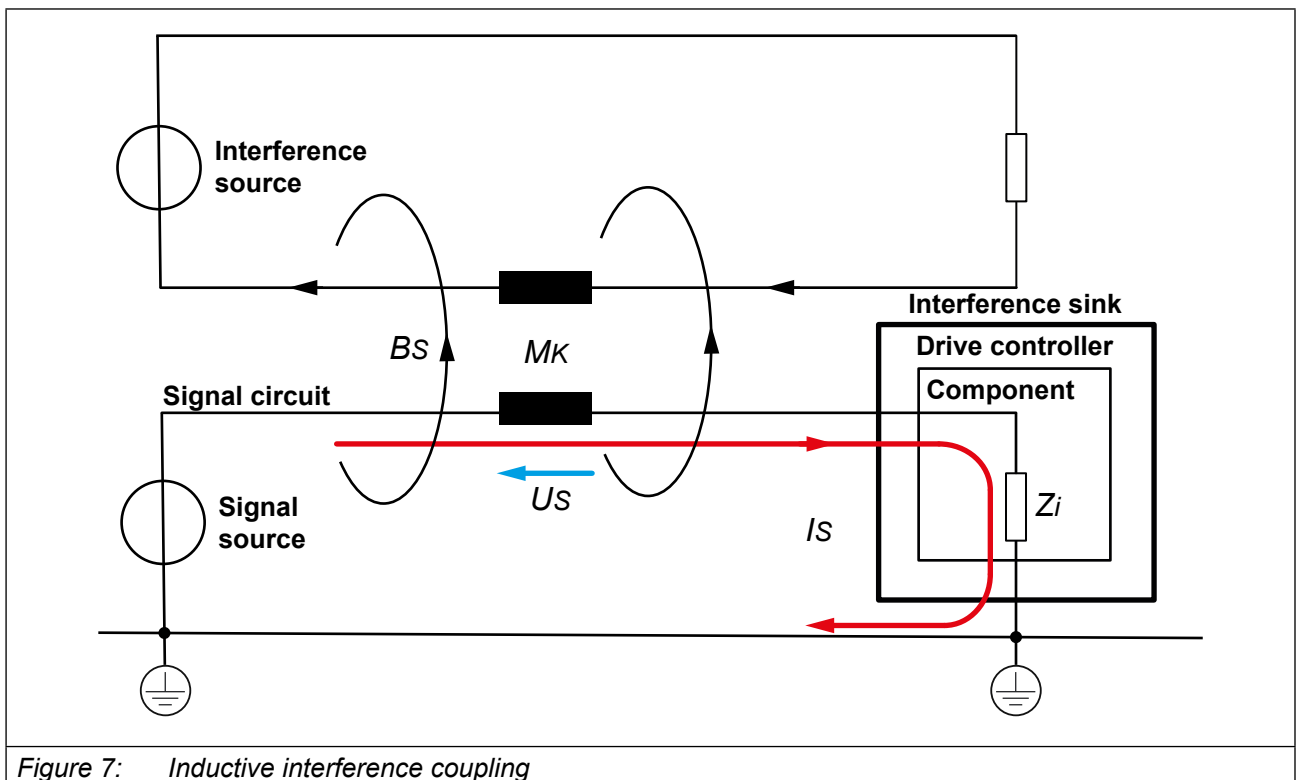


Figure 7: Inductive interference coupling

If, for example, the interference source is a braking resistor connected to the DC link of the drive controller, a high, pulsed current flows to the braking resistor during braking operation. Due to its size and its high rate of current increase di/dt , this pulsed current induces a pulsed interference voltage in the signal circuit, which causes an interference current. If this interference current flows e.g. via the digital inputs into the interface module of the drive controller, malfunctions such as sporadic interference shutdowns can be triggered.

3.1.3.1 Measures to reduce inductive interference coupling

- Keep the distance between the conductor loops as large as possible.
- Keep the area of the conductor loops as small as possible, i.e. apply the supply and return conductors in parallel as close together as possible or use twisted cables for signal cables.
- Symmetrical signal routing (twisted pair) with common mode filtering.

3.1.4 Electromagnetic interference coupling

Electromagnetic interference coupling or radiation coupling is a disturbance caused by a radiated electromagnetic field.

Typical interference sources are:

- Mobile phones
- Mobile phones (smartwatches, wireless headphones, devices with Bluetooth function)
- Devices that operate with spark gaps (spark plugs, welding equipment, contactors and switches during the opening of the switching contacts).

The *Figure 8 “Electromagnetic interference coupling”* shows a circuit supplied by an interference source, which induces an interference voltage U_s in a signal circuit by an electromagnetic interference field B_s . The interference voltage U_s generates an interference current I_s and this induces a voltage drop at the impedance Z_i of the interference sink and thus a disturbance.

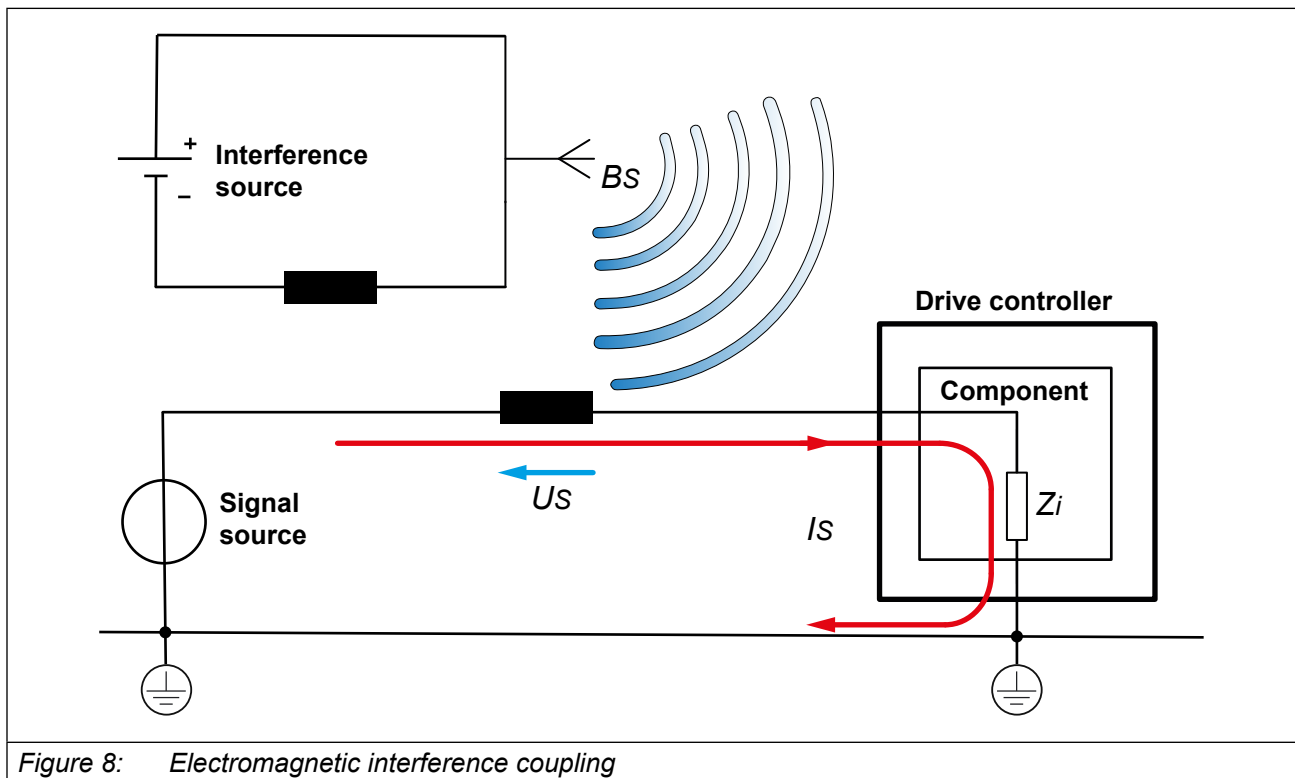


Figure 8: Electromagnetic interference coupling

3.1.4.1 Measures to reduce electromagnetic interference coupling

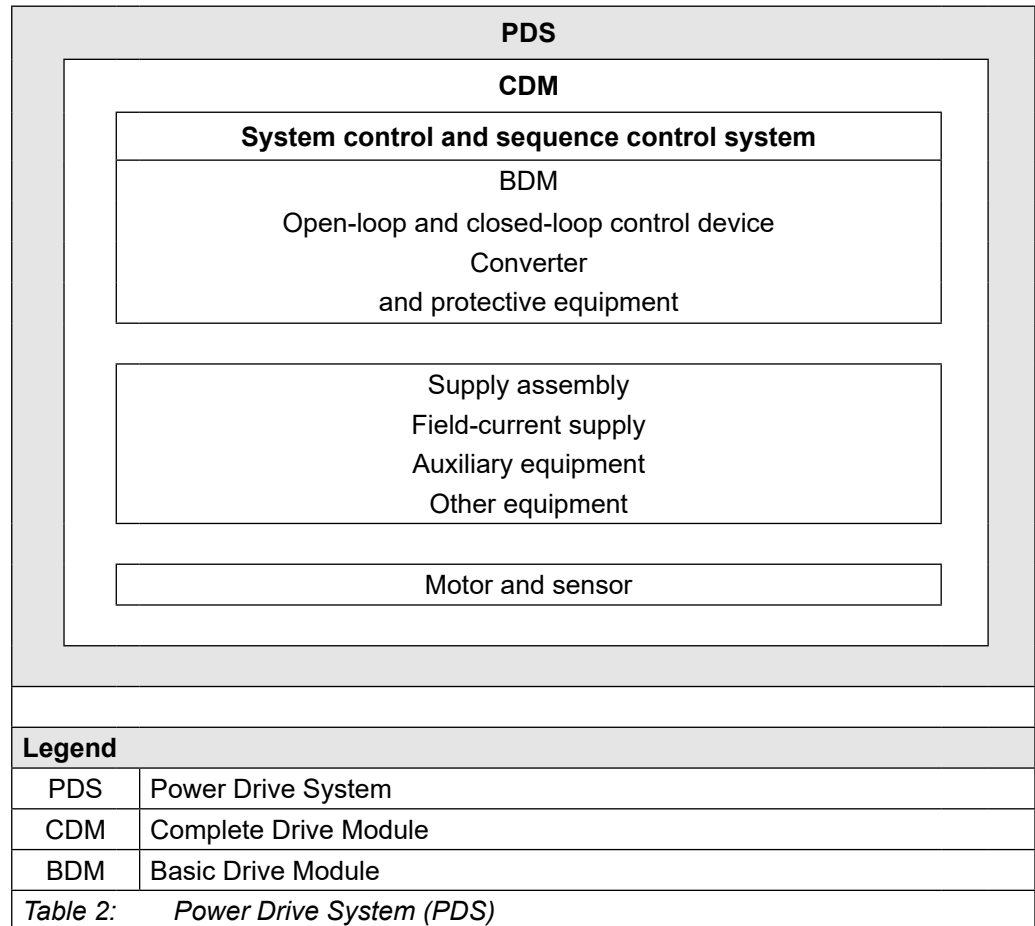
The electromagnetic fields are in the high-frequency range. Therefore, the shielding measures listed below for the reduction of interference radiation couplings must be designed by way that they are also effective at high frequencies.

The following should be used:

- Metal control cabinets whose individual parts (cabinet framework, walls, doors, etc.) are connected to each other in a well-conducting manner.
- Metallic housings for devices and assemblies that are well connected to each other and to the control cabinet housing.
- Shielded cables with fine-wire braided shields suitable for high frequencies.
- Ferrite cores (braid-breaker filter) e.g. folding ferrites on signal, supply and output lines.

4 Power Drive System (PDS)

A Power Drive System (PDS) consists of a complete drive module including system control and sequence control system (e.g. KEB COMBIVERT), as well as a motor and measuring sensor.



4.1 Categories for PDS

Depending on the installation environment and power variable speed drives (PDS), the following four categories are defined in *DIN EN 61800-3*.

Category	C1	C2	C3	C4
Environment	First environment		Second environment	
Voltage range	< 1000 V			≥ 1000 V / ≥ 400 A
Required competence	–	Installation and start-up must be carried out by qualified personnel.		

Table 3: Categories

4.2 PDS of category C1

PDS with a rated voltage lower than 1000 V, intended for the use in the first environment. No specialist knowledge is required for the installation and start-up.

4.3 PDS of category C2

PDS with a rated voltage lower than 1000 V, which is neither a plug-in device nor a movable device and which, when used in the first environment, is intended only for installation and start-up by qualified personnel.

4.4 PDS of category C3

PDS with a rated voltage lower than 1000 V intended for the use in the second environment and not intended for the use in the first environment. Installation and start-up may only be carried out by qualified personnel.

4.5 PDS of category C4

PDS with rated voltage from 1000 V and 400 A, intended for the use in the second environment and not for the use in the first environment. Installation and start-up may only be carried out by qualified personnel.



A specialist is a person or an organization with the necessary experience for the installation and / or start-up of drive systems including their EMC aspects.

4.6 Definition of a PDS (Power Drive System)

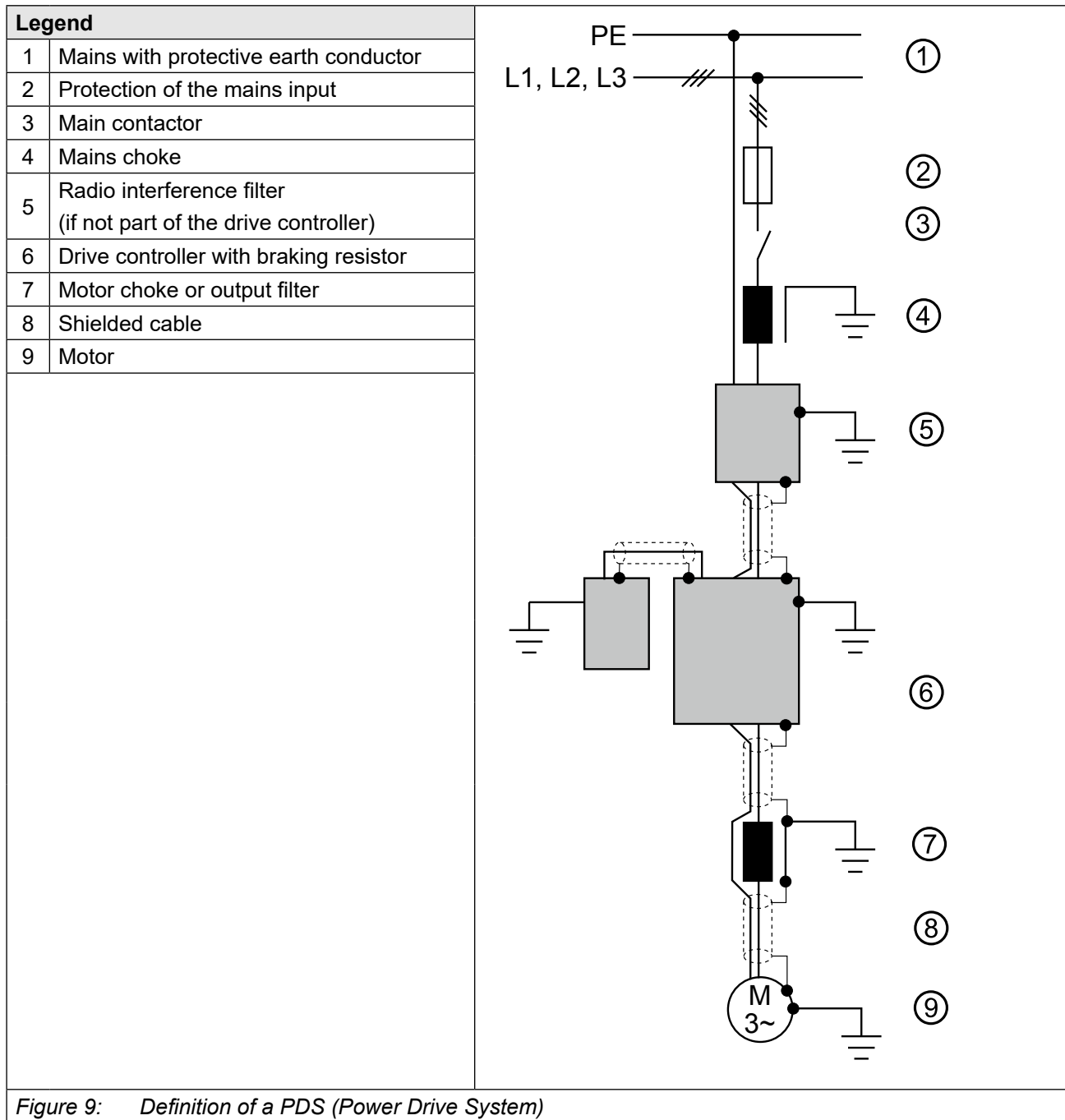
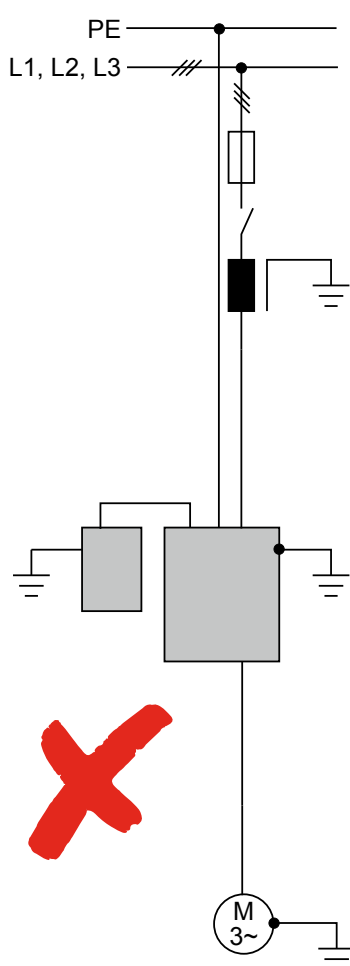
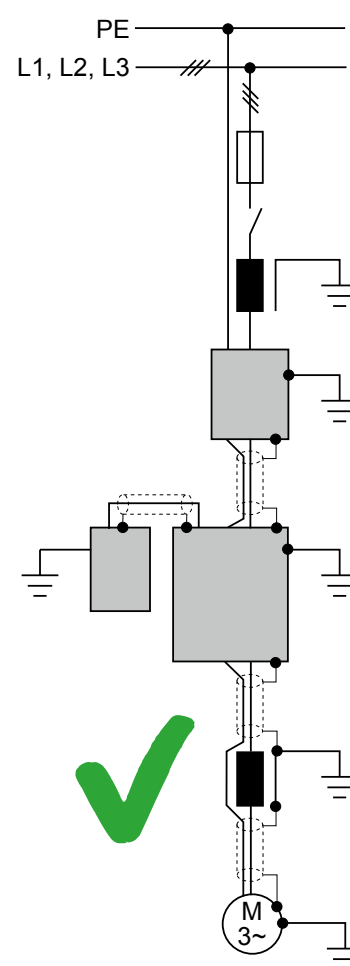


Figure 9: Definition of a PDS (Power Drive System)

4.6.1 PDS EMC installation

Incorrect installation	Correct installation
	
Error	Checklist
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missing filter measures • No EMC-compatible installation • No shielding • No functional grounding 	<input type="checkbox"/> Mains input filter connected to the drive controller?
Possible problems	<input type="checkbox"/> Output circuit of the drive controller provided with sine-wave filter?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malfunction of measuring equipment • Malfunction of communication equipment • Unsteady control • Radiation of high-frequency interference signals due to clocked output voltage • High-frequency interferences are coupled into the mains from drive controllers • High-frequency interferences are coupled into the mains from drive controllers • Other electrical devices operated on the high-voltage current system will be disturbed • High-frequency leakage currents to ground cause interference voltages in adjacent cables 	<input type="checkbox"/> All connecting cables as short as possible and shielded?
	<input type="checkbox"/> All components and shields connected to PE over a large area?
	<input type="checkbox"/> Filter and drive controller mounted over large area on the same control cabinet potential?
<p>Figure 10: PDS EMC installation</p>	

5 EMC measures

5.1 Notes

- The contact point of the motor shield and the HF filter must form a unit. Connect these together over a large area on the bare metal mounting plate.
- The connecting cable between the radio interference filter and the drive controller must be a shielded cable on both sides. Maximum length 30 cm.
- The mounting plate of the drive controller is to be seen as star point for the entire earthing and shield connection in the machine or system. Check the HF connection in case of interferences. In error case, perform parallel equipotential bonding.
- A good connection of the shield to the motor terminal box is only given on metal with metal PG screw connection. For plastic boxes, the shield must be fitted with a crimp connector without extension and connected directly to the earthing point.
- Consumers that generate electric or magnetic fields or influence the voltage supply must be placed far away from each other.

5.2 Cable laying

The cable laying contributes significantly to the electromagnetic compatibility of a system.

To avoid interference coupling, the following must be observed

- ▶ Mains/supply cables
- ▶ Motor cables from drive controllers ¹⁾
- ▶ Control and data cables (low-voltage level < 48 V)

must be separated and leave a space of at least 15 cm between them when installing.

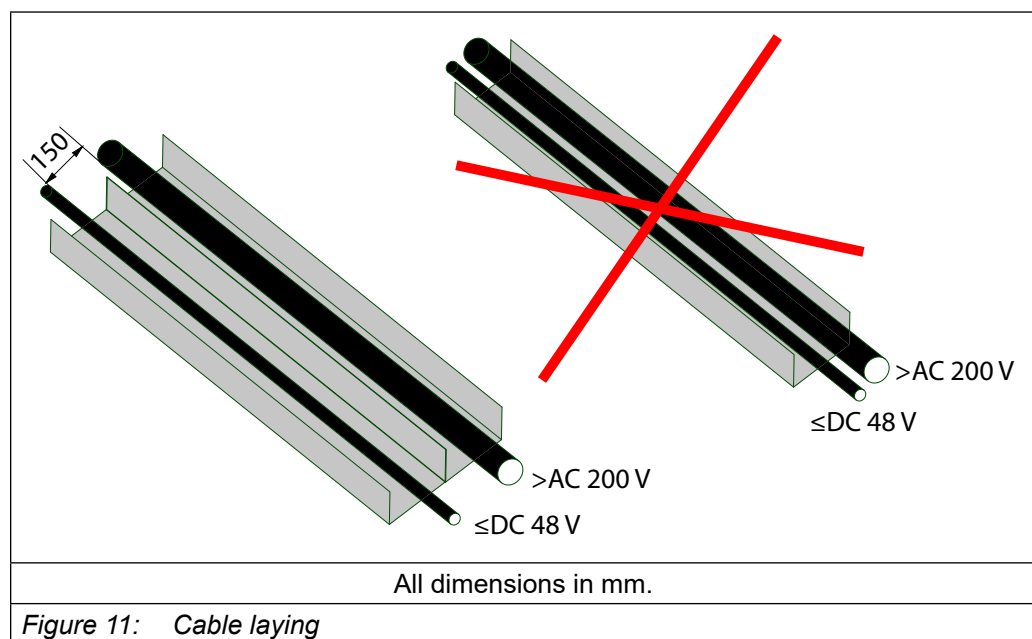


Figure 11: Cable laying

¹⁾ Observation of the informative measures against electromagnetic influences presented in EN 60204 in Annex H.

5.2.1 Notes on cable laying

The following points must be observed when laying the cable:

- Use shielded cables only with copper or tinned copper braiding. Steel braiding in the HF range is not suitable. Lay the shield with clamps on the compensating rails or guided through the housing wall with metal screw connections. Pigtails should generally be avoided.
- When using external radio interference filters, these must be installed with a maximum distance of 30 cm from the interference source and with good, flat contact to the mounting surface.
- Always equip inductive control elements (contactors, relays, etc.) with suppressors such as varistors, RC elements or damping diodes.
- All connections must be kept as short as possible and as close as possible to the reference potential.
- Avoid spare loops on all connecting cables.
- Cores of signal and data cables that are not used must be grounded at both ends. Free floating cables act like antennas.
- For unshielded cables, the supply and return conductors must be twisted (twisted pair) in order to dampen symmetrical interferences.
- Lay interference or interference-sensitive cables as far apart as possible (minimum 200 mm).
- If the distance cannot be maintained, additional shielding measures must be taken.
- Cables should be routed as close as possible to grounded housing parts, mounting plates or cabinet frames. This reduces interference radiation, as well as interference couplings.
- Cable crossings of different classes are to be tolerated, parallel laying should be avoided.
- If another routing is not possible, cross the cables at right angles, especially if the signals are sensitive and subject to interference.
- Avoid long cables and interference sources in order to prevent additional coupling points.
- Establish ground connections with the largest possible cross-section to other control cabinets, system components and decentralized devices.

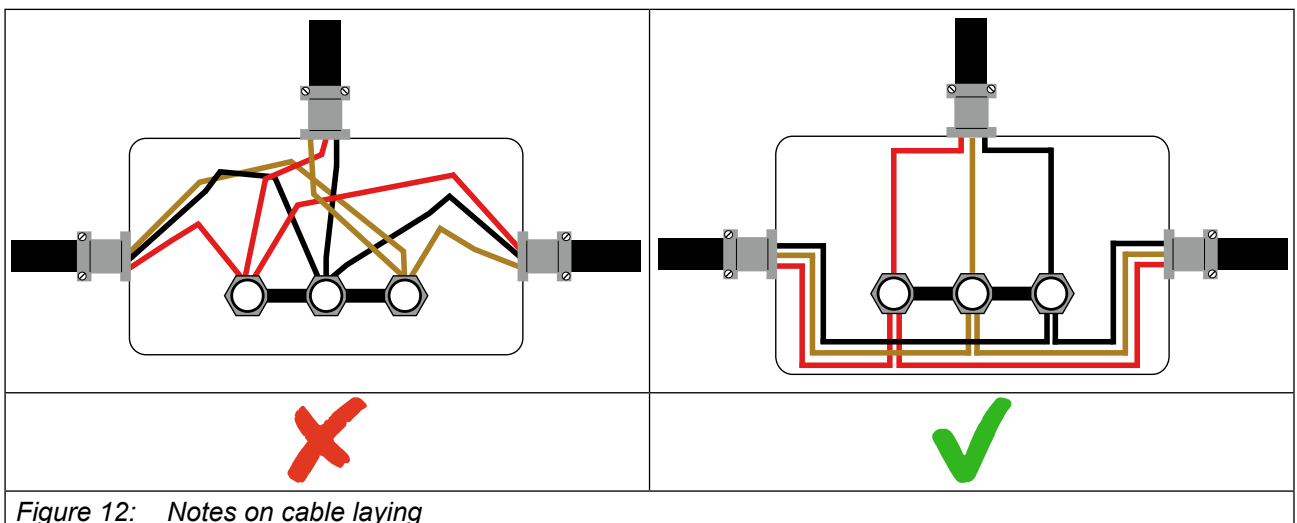


Figure 12: Notes on cable laying

5.3 Protective earth

5.3.1 Connection of the protective earth

- The drive controller or the control cabinet wherein the drive controller is installed must be connected to the protective earth at the destination.
- According to *EN 61800-5-1*, the minimum cross-section of the protective earth conductor must comply with the local safety regulations on protective earth conductors for equipment with high leakage current. Use of a protective earth conductor corresponding to at least half the cross-section of the cables supplying the power terminals.
- An earth connection is available at the drive controller for the connection of the motor protective earth.
- The resistance of the protective earth should be 0.1 Ω or less.

5.3.2 Leakage currents

NOTICE

Malfunctions due to excessive leakage currents !

Radio interference filters increase the leakage currents of the devices. When the 3.5 mA threshold is exceeded, one of the following conditions must be met:

- ▶ Protective earth conductor cross-section at least 10 mm² copper.
 - ▶ Monitoring of the protective earth conductor by a device that independently switches off under fault conditions.
 - ▶ Installation of a second protective earth conductor via separate terminals. This must also meet the requirements for protective earth conductors on its own.
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5.4 Shield connection

The cable shield is used to extend the housing around the cables.

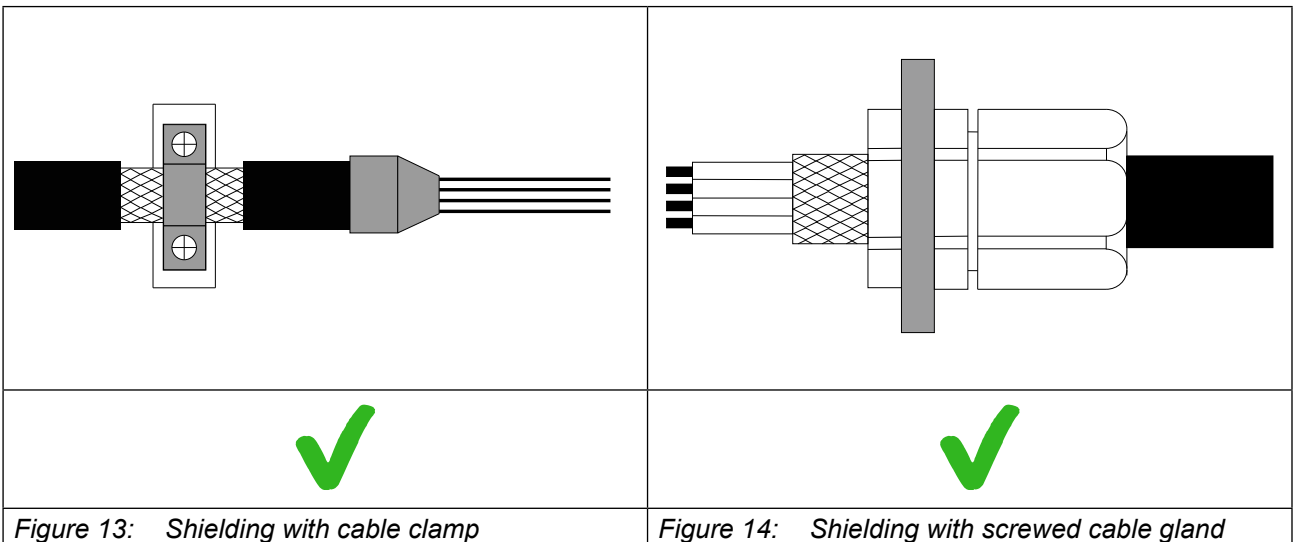
5.4.1 Connecting the shield connection

- Cable shields must not be used for current conduction.
- A cable shield must not take over the function of an N or PE conductor.
- Always apply cable shields over a large area.
- Do not use unshielded wire connections to extend the cable shield to the earthing point. Pigtails must be avoided. This reduces the shielding effect by up to 90%.
- Apply the cable shield over a large area directly after the cable enters the control cabinet.
- In order to obtain low-resistance HF connections, earthings, shieldings and other metallic connections (e.g. mounting plate, installed devices) over a large area on a bare metallic surface. Use earthing and potential equalization cables with large cross-section (min. 10 mm²) or use thick earthing strips.

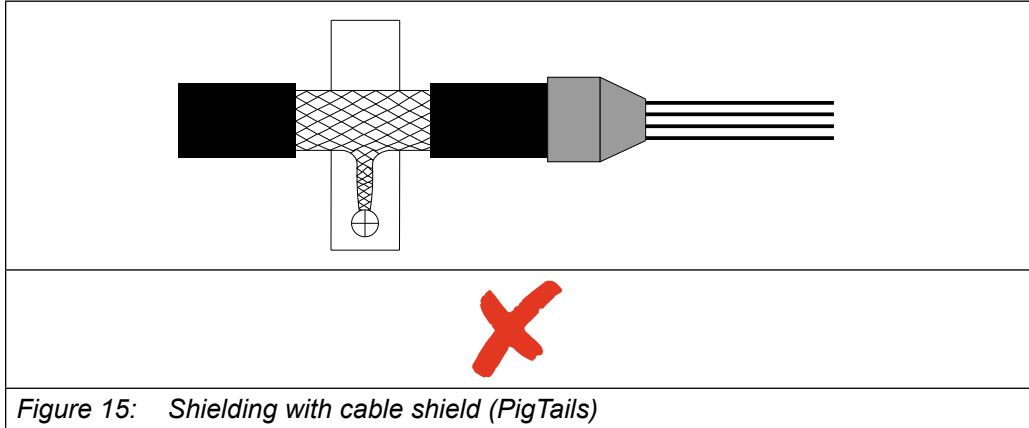
5.4.2 Connection variants

For dissipation purposes, the following properties must be observed for a good connection:

- Low impedance / low resistance
- Large cross-section
- Fine wire
- Short cables
- Large area contacted
- 360° if possible
- Metallic conductive components without dirt, varnish, grease or oxide layer

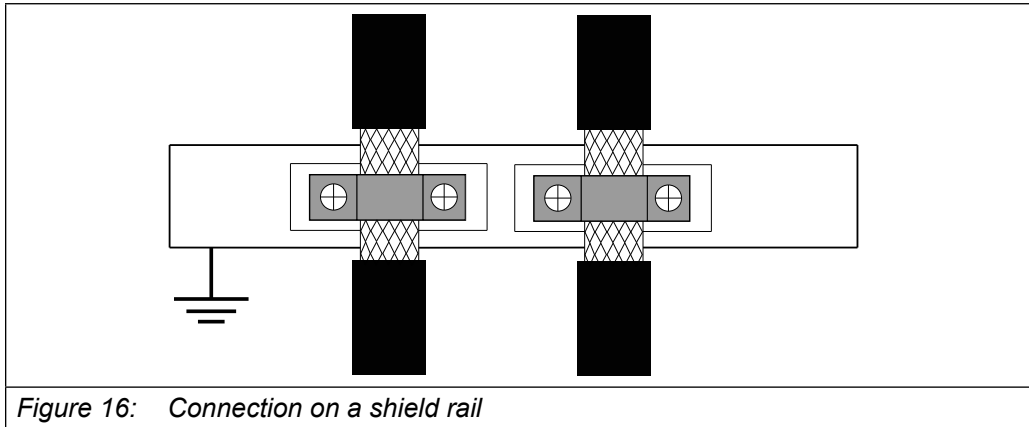


A braid that is twisted together at the end or a wire attached to the braid (pig tail) significantly reduces the effectiveness of the shield connection. In principle, this is not recommended..



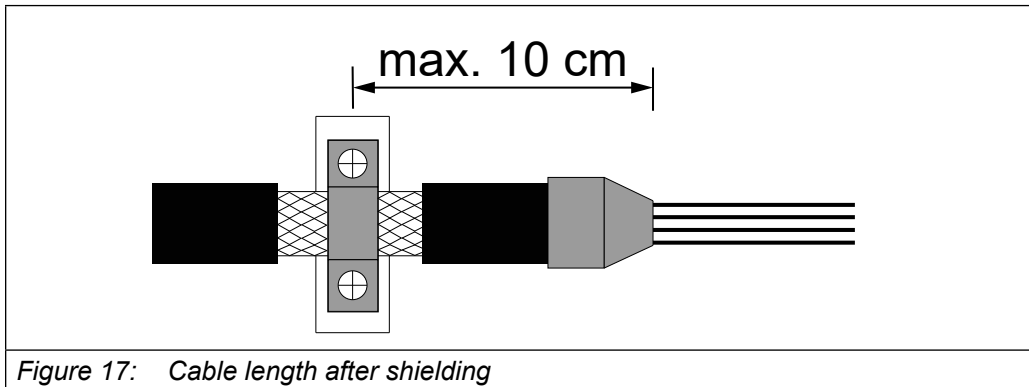
5.4.3 Connection on a shield rail

A shield rail must be provided for cable fastening in the control cabinet. This rail must be connected with good conductivity to the mounting plate or to the housing. All shields are placed on this rail.



5.4.4 Cable length after shielding

If the shielded cable continues after the shield contact, the free cable length should not exceed 10 cm. This also applies to cables inside control cabinets.

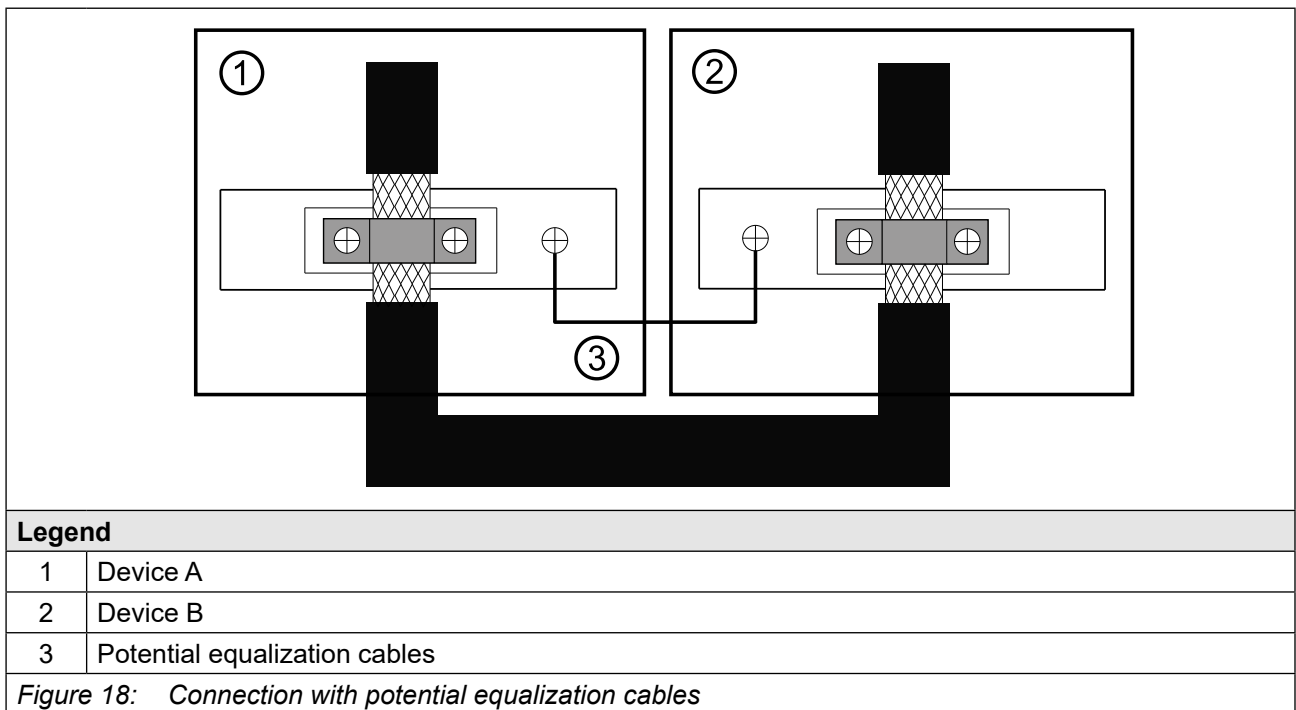


5.4.5 Potential equalization cables

Cable shields are always applied on both sides. A potential equalization cable ($\geq 6 \text{ mm}^2$) must be laid parallel to the shielded cable over longer distances and between individual machine components so that any equalizing currents or leakage currents can flow off.

The potential equalization cable should be fine-stranded so that it is effective even with high-frequency interference currents due to its large surface area. In addition, according to IEC 60364-5-54 minimum cross-sections must be observed. In general:

- Copper 6 mm^2
- Aluminium 16 mm^2
- Steel 50 mm^2
- The earthing system must be connected in a star configuration.
- The PE connection does not replace HF earthing or shielding, but is mandatory for safety reasons.
- If necessary, lightning protection must be provided.
- Atmospheric influences can lead to significant potential shifts.



It is possible to apply the shield capacitively on one side. A multilayer varistor (ZNR) in parallel with the capacitance prevents capacitor breakdown during burst or ESD. A potential equalization cable is not necessary with this measure.

5.5 Functional grounding

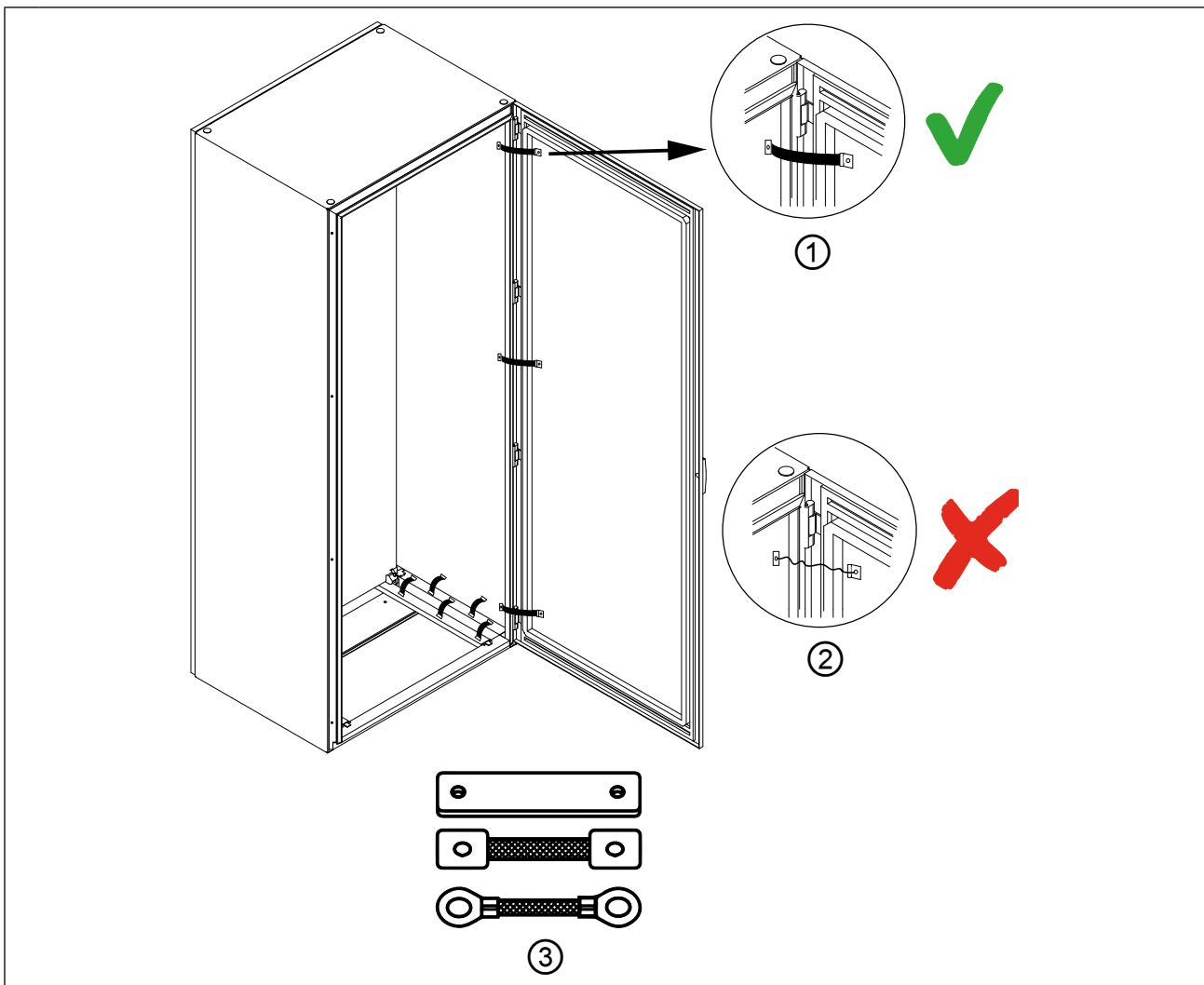
⚠ CAUTION

Dangerous contact voltages!

Lay functional earth and protective earth conductor separately from each other!

Functional earth is not the same as protective earth according to VDE 0100! EMC earth connectors are only used secondarily for protection against dangerous contact voltages.

- Welded connections are more suitable than screw connections because no corrosion can occur.
- Select connections as short as possible.
- Metal-powder tapes are preferable to round wires.



Legend	
1	Correct functional earthing with wide earthing strips
2	Incorrect functional earthing with thin round wires
3	Typical connectors for correct equipotential bonding. As large as possible and with a large cross-section.

Figure 19: Functional grounding

5.6 Ferrite rings

Drive controllers can cause high-frequency interference on mains and motor cables. The cables, or their shielding, act as antennas. Ferrite rings are used to suppress the common-mode interferences on mains and motor cables and thus reduce the radiated interferences.

5.6.1 Ferrite ring on the motor cable

NOTICE

Loss of the protective function!

Do not lead the PE protective earth conductor through the ferrite ring.

- Strip the sheathing of the motor cable.
- Fit the connecting wires with wire end ferrules at the end.
- Slide the ferrite ring over the three motor cables.
- Connect the cables to the terminals U, V, W.
- Connect PE protective earth conductor to protective conductor terminal.
- Place the shielding from the motor cable over a large area on the mounting surface or on the optional shielding plate (as shown in the figure).

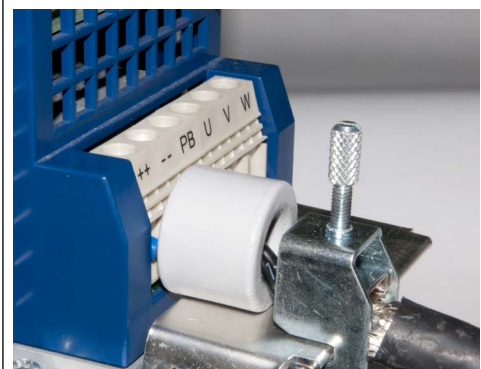


Connection example

Figure 20: Ferrite ring on the motor cable

5.6.2 Ferrite ring on the DC supply cable

- Strip the sheathing of the DC cable.
- Fit the connecting wires with wire end ferrules at the end.
- Slide the ferrite ring over the two wires of the DC cable.
- Connect the wires to the ++ and -- terminals.
- Connect PE protective earth conductor to protective conductor terminal.
- Place the shielding from the motor cable over a large area on the mounting surface or on the optional shielding plate (as shown in the figure).



Connection example

Figure 21: Ferrite ring on the DC supply cable



A shielded cable provides optimum protection against radiated interferences.

5.6.3 Ferrite ring on the DC supply cable

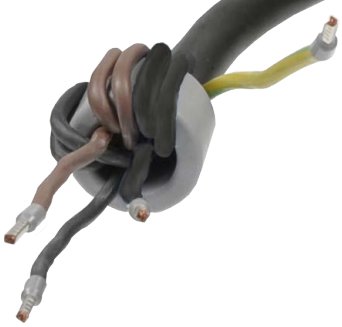

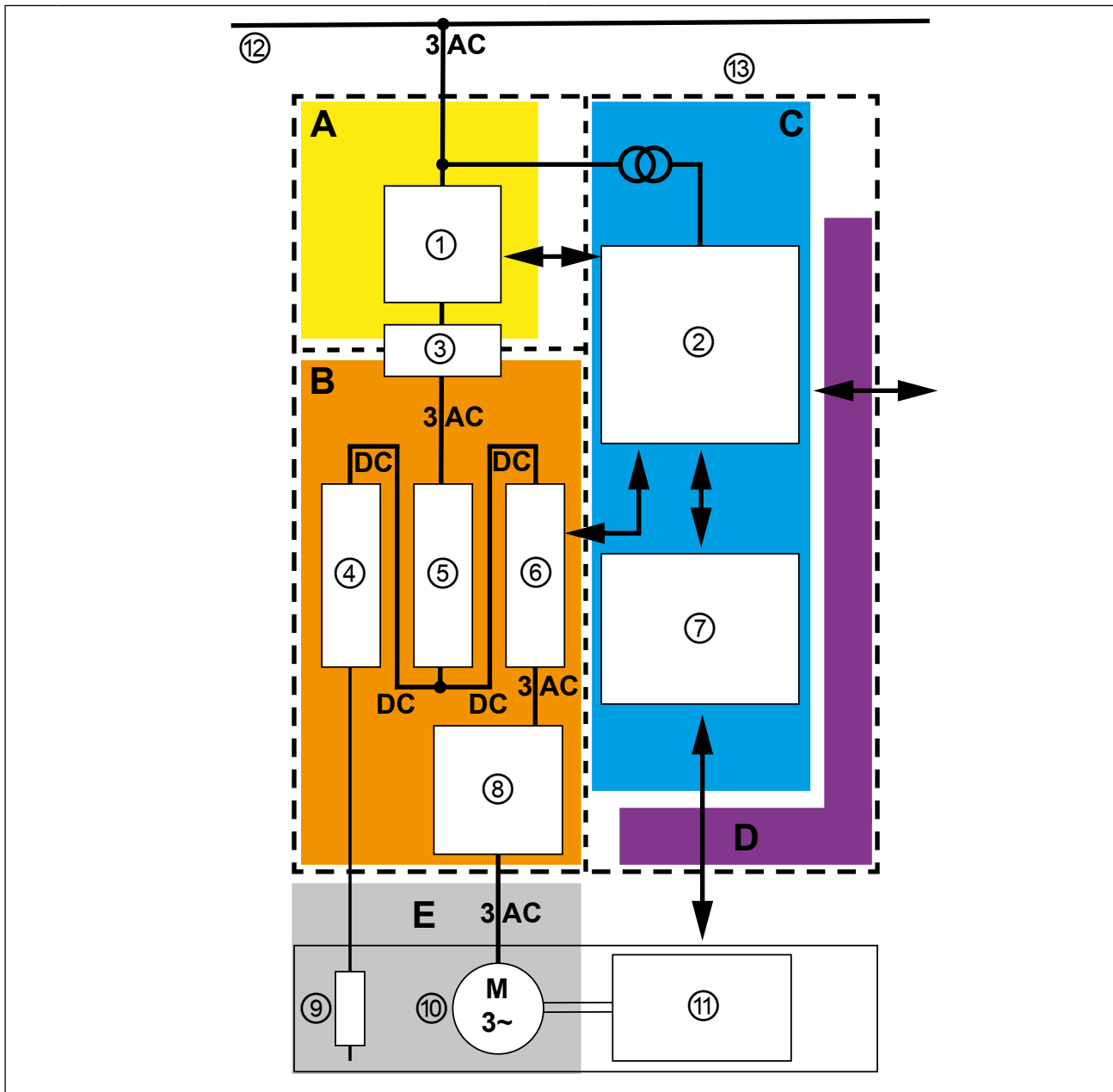
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strip the sheathing of the mains cable.• Strip the connecting wires at the end and fit them with wire-end ferrules.• Each wire must cross the ferrite ring three times.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Connect the wires to the terminals L1, L2, L3.• Connect PE protective earth conductor to protective conductor terminal.	

Figure 22: Ferrite ring on the DC supply cable

6 Construction of an EMC-compliant control cabinet



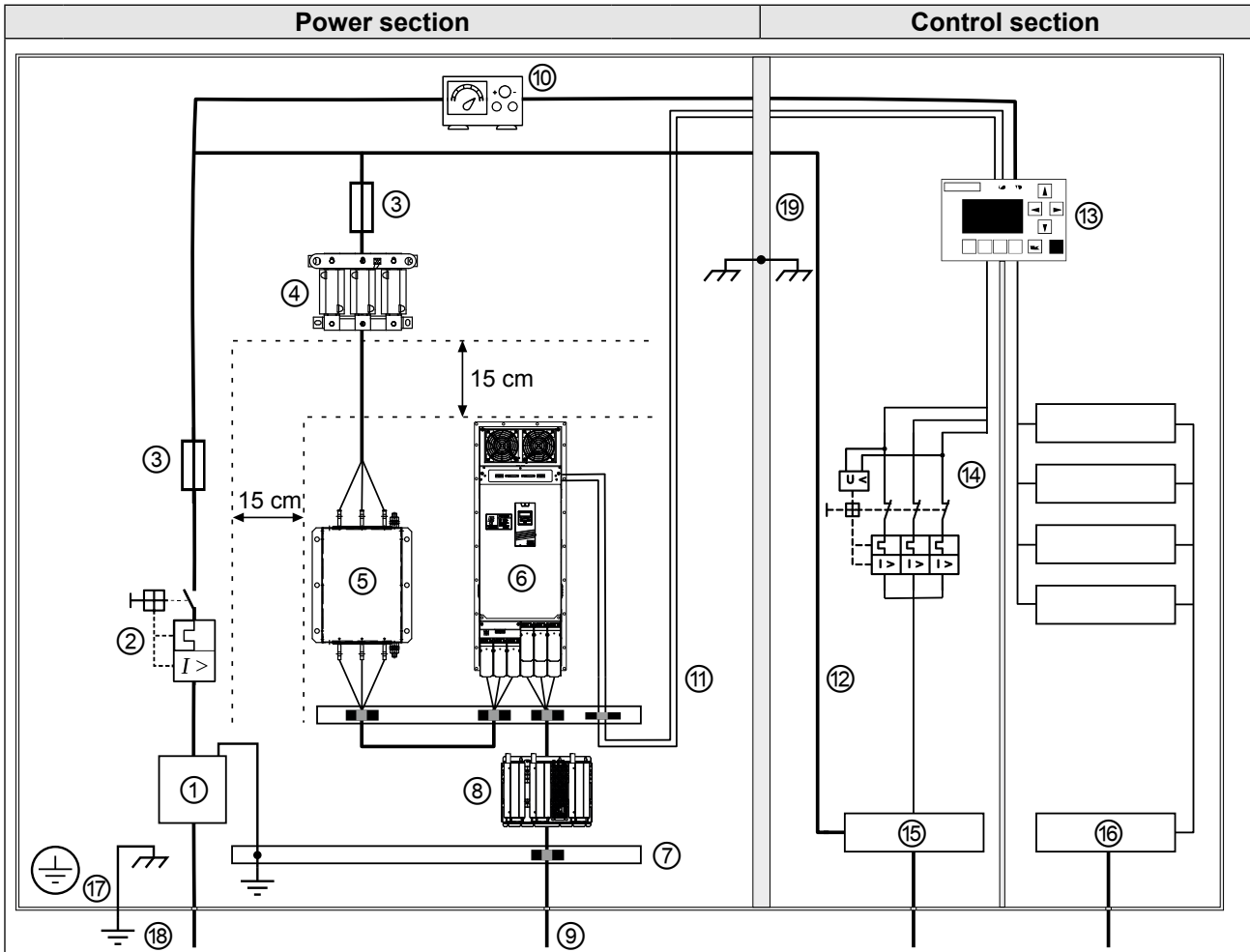
Legend

A	Zone A: Mains connection	5	Rectifier / power unit
B	Zone B: Power electronics	6	Inverter / power unit
C	Zone C: Control and sensors	7	Sensors
D	Zone D: Signal interfaces to the periphery	8	Motor connection
E	Zone E: Motor, cable, braking resistor	9	Braking resistor
1	Mains connection	10	Motor
2	Control	11	Mechanics
3	Mains filter, mains choke	12	Mains
4	Braking transistor / power unit	13	Control cabinet

Figure 23: Exemplary classification of a control cabinet into EMC zones

CONSTRUCTION OF AN EMC-COMPLIANT CONTROL CABINET

A control cabinet should always be divided into power section and control section. A system should be broadly separated into power section and control section, whether comprising a single enclosure or multiple enclosures. Due to the strong radiation of the power cables, the installation of a shielding wall is recommended. This must be very well connected to the frame or mounting surface (galvanised version or remove paint).



Legend

1	Mains input	11	Control cables
2	Mains contactor or main switch	12	AC-BUS
3	Mains fuse	13	PLC / PC
4	Mains choke	14	Contactors / PKZ
5	Radio interference filter	15	230V / 400V I/O
6	Drive controller	16	Logic I/O
7	Shield connection with clamps	17	Mounting plate is common star point (PE)
8	Motor choke / sine-wave filter (option)	18	Equipotential bonding with building earth
9	Motor supply cable	19	Wall unit
10	Power supply		

Figure 24: Construction of an EMC-compliant control cabinet

6.1 Control cabinet EMC installation

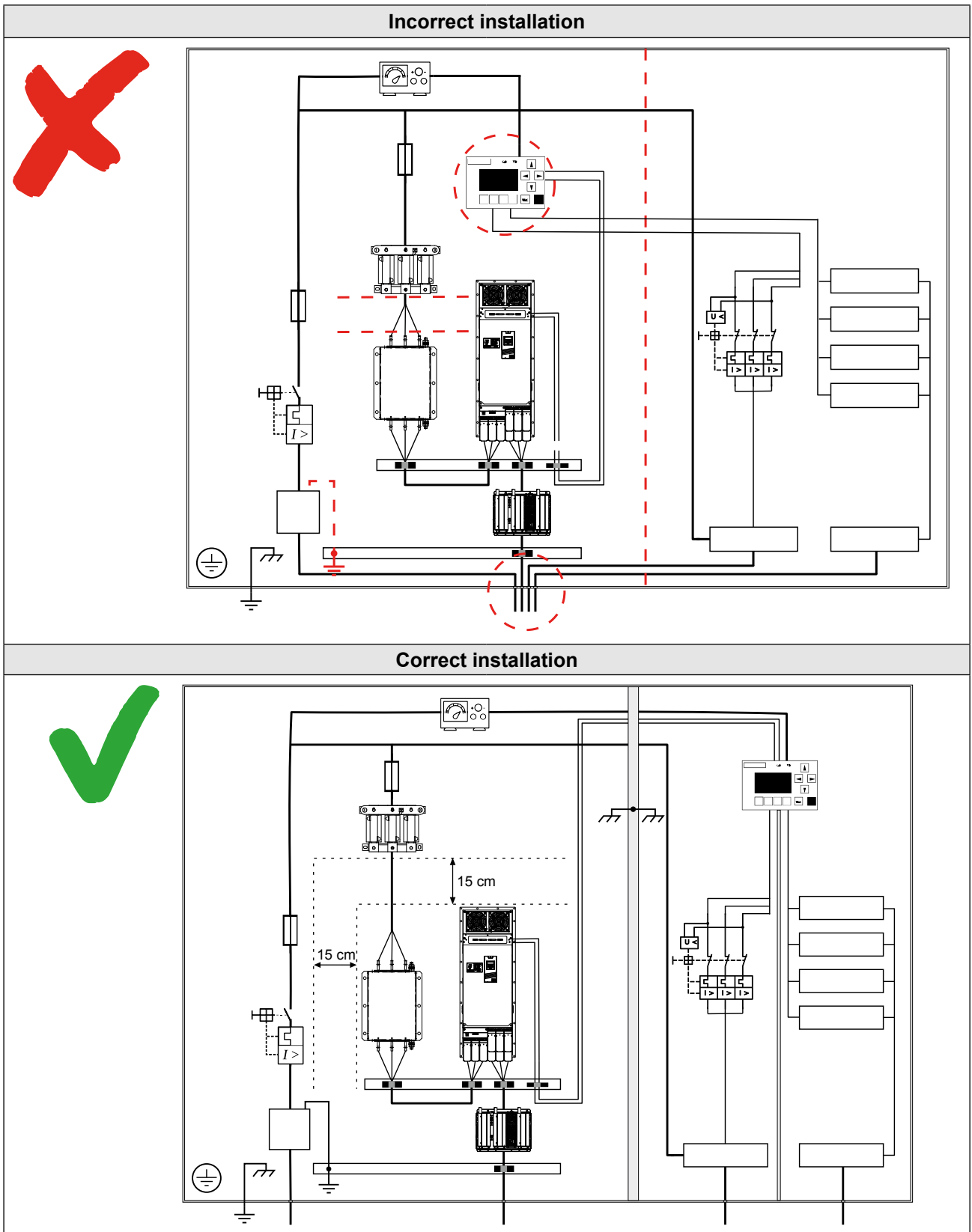


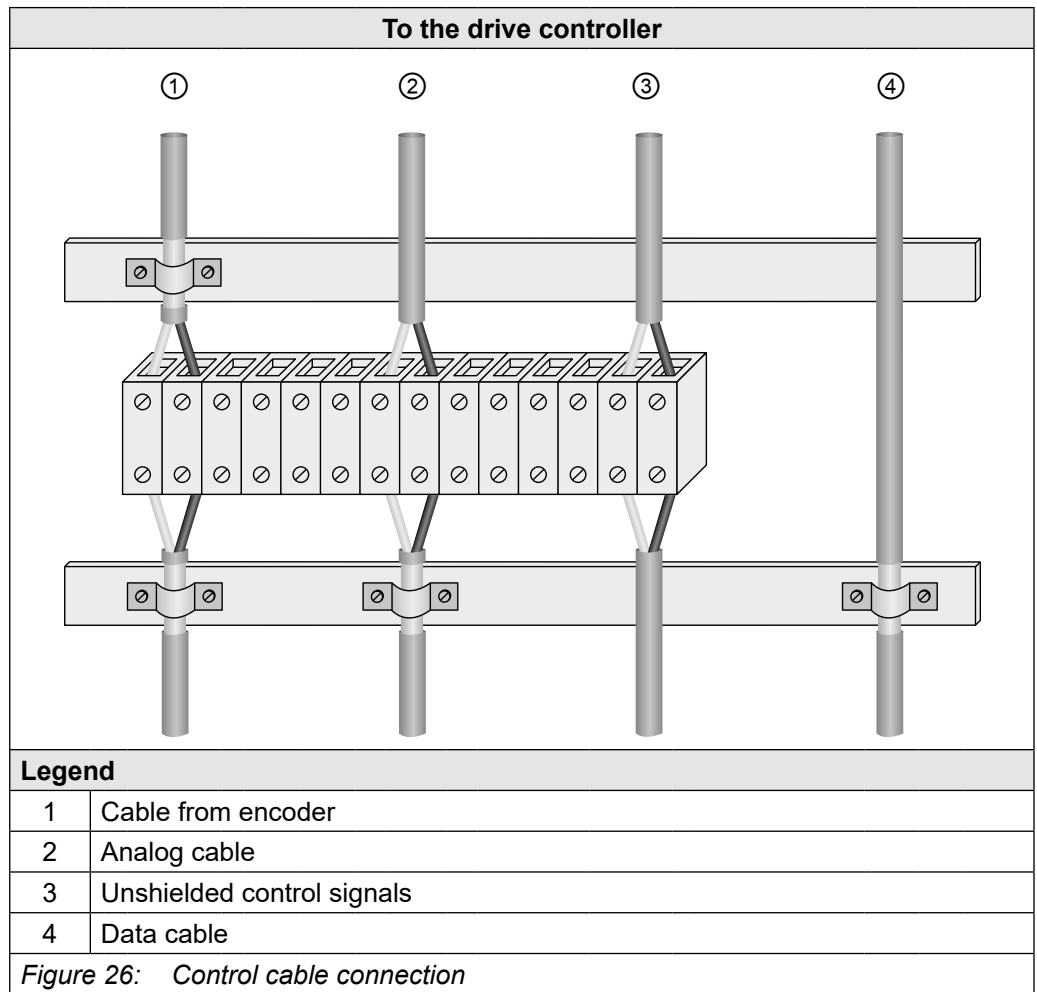
Figure 25: Control cabinet EMC installation

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CONSTRUCTION OF AN EMC-COMPLIANT CONTROL CABINET

Incorrect installation	Correct installation	
Error	Checklist	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No EMC-compatible installation • Cables are bundled • No shielding and no functional earthing • No separation between power and control section • No metallic partition between power and control section 	<input type="checkbox"/>	EMC control cabinet planning observed?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Separate control cabinets for power electronics and small signals if possible?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Partition walls contacted all around
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mounting plate EMC-compatible (not painted or anodised)?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Earthing bar connected to mounting plate with low resistance?
Possible problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cables of different cable groups spatially separated?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sporadic errors • Malfunction of measuring equipment • Malfunction of communication equipment • Failure or destruction of devices and system parts • Unsteady control • Radiation of high-frequency components due to clocked output voltage • High-frequency interferences are coupled into the mains from the drive controller • Other electrical devices operated on the mains are disturbed • High-frequency leakage currents to ground cause interference voltages in adjacent cables 	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cables kept short?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Interfering and sensitive cables crossed at right angles?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cable shields grounded at control cabinet inlet and outlet and at the devices?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Filter properly installed?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fluorescent tubes placed at a distance from sensitive devices?
<p><i>Table 4: Control cabinet EMC installation</i></p>		

6.2 Control cable connection



- Connect the shield rail flat to the stripped mounting plate and do not use it as strain relief.
- The shield of digital signal cables which are not connected via connection terminals must be connected to the shield buses at the control cabinet entry and in the vicinity of drive controllers in order to reduce the shield impedance.
- If digital signal cables are connected via connection terminals, the shield must be connected flat in front of and behind the terminal.
- If a shield bus is used near the drive controller (max. 20 cm), the shield must not be connected to the drive controller.
- If the shield is earthed with a single conductor, then the interference derivation deteriorates by around 70%.
- The metal clamps available in electronics stores are suitable for the shield connection.
- When using unshielded signal cables, these should always be laid as a twisted pair with forward and return cables.

6.3 Other notes on wiring

For drive controllers with electrolytic capacitors in the DC link, the service life depends on the current load. The use of mains chokes can significantly increase the service life, especially when connecting to "hard" mains or continuous load (S1 operation). For drives in S1 operation with an average load of > 60% KEB recommends the use of mains chokes with a $U_k = 4\%$.

The term "hard" mains can be defined as follows (for guidance):

$$k = \frac{S_{Net}}{S_{out}} \gg 200$$

The rated power of the drive controller (S_{out}) is very low compared to the nodal point power (S_{Net}) of the mains. Example:

$$k = \frac{S_{Net}}{S_{out}} = \frac{2 \text{ MVA (supply transformer)}}{6.6 \text{ kVA (drive controller)}} = 330$$

► Choke required.

If a mains choke is used, it must usually be mounted on the mains side of the radio interference filter.

7 EMC assessment

For the assessment of the electromagnetic compatibility two standards have to be observed.

7.1 EN 55011 (environment standard)

This standard defines the limit values depending on the environment in which the product is operated. A distinction is made between two environments, the first environment describes the non-industrial residential and business environment without its own high or medium voltage distribution transformers. The second environment defines industrial areas that are not connected to the public low-voltage grid, but they have their own high-voltage or medium-voltage distribution transformers. The limit values are divided into classes A1, A2 and B.

7.2 EN 61800-3 (product standard)

This standard defines the limit values depending on the application area of the product. The limit values are divided into categories C1, C2, C3 and C4, whereby class C4 is valid only for drive systems with higher voltage (> 1000 V AC) or higher current (> 400 A). However, class C4 can be valid for the individual device even if it is integrated in complex systems.

The same limit values apply to both standards. However, the standards differ in an extended application in the product standard. The operator decides which of the two standards shall be used, whereby the environment standard is typically used in case of troubleshooting.

The essential connection between the two standards is explained as follows:

Standards			
Category according to <i>EN 61800-3</i>	C1	C2	C3
Limit class according to <i>EN 55011</i>	B	A1	A2
Operation permissible in			
First environment (residential environment)	X	X ¹⁾	–
Second environment (industrial environment)	X	X ¹⁾	X ¹⁾
Note required according to <i>EN 61800-3</i>	–	²⁾	³⁾
Distribution channel	Generally available	Limited available	
EMC expertise	No requirements	Installation and start-up by an EMC qualified person	

Table 5: Comparison of EN 61800-3 and EN 55011

¹⁾ Use of the device neither as plug-in device nor in mobile devices.

²⁾ In a residential environment, the drive system may cause high-frequency interferences that may require interference suppression measures.

³⁾ The drive system is not intended for the use in a public low-voltage grid that supplies residential areas.

7.2.1 Emitted interference requirements

This standard divides emitted interferences into two ranges:

- Low frequency range <9kHz

Regarding to compliance with limit values for mains perturbations, the EMC product standard *EN 61800-3/A11* for PDS refers to compliance with the standards *EN 61000-3-2* and *EN 61000-3-12*.

- High frequency range >9kHz

The product standard *EN 61800-3/A11* requires compliance with the following emission limits for high-frequency interference emissions for the different categories.

Category	C1	C2	C3	C4
Limit values according to <i>EN 55011</i>	Class B	Class A1 and warning notice	Class A2 and warning notice	Class A2 or special EMC planning

Table 6: Categories of high-frequency emitted interferences > 9 kHz

Category C1 requires the limit values of class B group 1 according to *EN 55011*.

Category C2 requires the limit values of class A group 1 according to *EN 55011*. Installation by EMC specialist and warning notice: "This is a category C2 product according to *EN 61800-3*. This product may cause radio interference in residential areas. In this case, it may be necessary for the operator to implement appropriate measures."

Category C3 requires the limit values of class A group 2 according to *EN 55011*. However, the limit values are lower than those of class A group 1 and warning notice: "This type of PDS is not suitable for the connection to a public low-voltage grid that supplies residential buildings. High-frequency interferences are to be expected when connecting to a public low-voltage grid."

Category C4, the same limits apply as for category C3. If these cannot be met due to high rated values or special technical requirements, the user and manufacturer must agree on special EMC planning.

7.3 Classification of the limit classes

Two classes of devices or equipment are defined in the *EN 55011* standard. Class A and Class B associated with the environment intended for the end use.

7.3.1 Class A

Class A devices are intended for the use in industrial environments.

- Operation in other electromagnetic environments may affect electromagnetic compatibility.

7.3.2 Class B

Class B devices are intended for use in residential, commercial and industrial areas.

Class B requirements:

- Adequate protection for radio and broadcasting services in residential areas.
- Devices that are primarily intended for the use in residential areas must comply with the limit values of class B.



Devices complying with the limit values of class A may not provide adequate protection for residential radio and broadcast services.

7.4 EMC standards

When applying standardization, its hierarchy must be observed. If there is a product standard (Pn), this must be observed. If not, the respective generic standard (Fgn) applies. It contains references to the basic standards (Bn), which describe measuring methods, for example.

EN standard	Type of standard			Title
	Pn	Fgn	Bn	
<i>EN 61800-3</i>	X			Product standard EMC for Power Drive System, includes emission values and immunity requirements for public and industrial network
<i>EN 61000-6-1</i>		X		Generic standard Immunity requirement for residential, business and light-industrial environments
<i>EN 61000-6-2</i>		X		Generic standard Immunity requirement for industrial networks
<i>EN 61000-6-3</i>		X		Generic standard for emitted interference in residential, business and light-industrial environments
<i>EN 61000-6-4</i>		X		Generic standard emitted interference for industrial networks

Table 7: EMC standards

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