AC Induction Motor Controllers

e series
Models 1236 and 1238

Curtis Models 1236E and 1238E provide advanced control of AC induction motors performing on-vehicle traction drive or hydraulic pump duties. They offer vehicle developers a highly cost-effective combination of power, performance and functionality.

See a 360° view of Models 1236 and 1238 at:
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The ‘E’ Advantage

A significant enhancement to the Curtis AC family, The ‘E’ models utilize a powerful dual-microprocessor logic architecture to provide improved performance and surpass the requirements of the latest international functional safety standards.

Only Curtis AC can offer:

- **Curtis VCL™—Vehicle Control Language** is an easy to use programming language that allows vehicle developers to write powerful logic functions and create a ‘virtual system controller’. Curtis offers customers VCL development tools and training. Curtis also provides a VCL service where Curtis engineers will work with the OEM to create any custom VCL code required.

- **Indirect Field Orientation (IFO) Vector Control** algorithm generates the maximum possible torque and efficiency across the entire speed range. Advanced Curtis IFO vector control provides superb drive ‘feel’, improved speed regulation and increased gradeability.

- **Curtis Auto-Tune** function enables quick and easy characterization of the AC motor without having to remove it from the vehicle. Curtis AC controllers are fully compatible with any brand of AC motor.

- **Dual-Drive Functionality** is standard, allowing correct control of applications featuring twin traction motors. This function ensures smooth and safe operation, minimal tire wear and correct load sharing between the traction motors at all times.

- **Configurable CANbus** connection allows communication with other CANbus enabled devices. Models 1236E and 1238E are CANopen compatible and provide 20 VCL configurable CAN ‘mailboxes’, 6 more than earlier Curtis AC controllers.

- **Integrated System Controller**—More than just a motor controller, they are also powerful system controllers. They feature a comprehensive allocation of multi-function I/O pins for use as analog inputs, digital inputs, contactor coil drivers and proportional valve drivers. In addition to this local I/O, these controllers can use VCL to map and configure the remote I/O available on other CANbus devices, send messages to CAN displays and thus control and monitor the entire system.
FEATURES

Increased Performance, Improved functionality

▶ Higher performance form, fit and functional replacements for earlier Curtis Model 1236 and 1238 AC controllers.
▶ CE marked as a programmable safety device under EN ISO 13849-1.
▶ Models available for 350–800A output at 24–96V system voltages. These are true 2 minute RMS ratings, not short duration ‘boost’ ratings.
▶ Enhanced 64MHz micro and additional FLASH memory doubles the available VCL code space and provides more than twice the VCL execution speed.
▶ Six additional VCL-configurable CAN ‘mailboxes’ significantly increases CAN master capabilities.
▶ Advanced Pulse Width Modulation techniques produce low motor harmonics, low torque ripple and minimized heating losses, resulting in high efficiency.

Unmatched Flexibility

▶ Programmable for either traction or pump applications.
▶ Field upgradeable software.
▶ Integrated Battery state-of-charge algorithm and hour meters.
▶ Fully-featured generic software and VCL for typical Warehouse Truck applications is included.
▶ Comprehensive programming options and VCL allow other applications to be easily supported.
▶ Curtis hand-held or PC Windows programming tools provide easy programming and powerful system diagnostic tools.
▶ Integrated status LED provides instant diagnostic indication.
Robust Safety and Reliability

- Dual Microprocessor architecture cross-checks critical circuits, logic, and software functions to ensure the highest possible functional safety performance level is achieved.
- Insulated metal substrate power-base provides superior heat transfer for increased reliability.
- Fail-Safe power component design.
- Reverse polarity protection on battery connections.
- Short circuit protection on all output drivers.
- Thermal cutback, warning, and automatic shutdown provide protection to motor and controller.
- Rugged sealed housing and connectors meet IP65 environmental sealing standards for use in harsh environments.

FUNCTIONAL SAFETY DATA

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MODEL CHART

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**SYSTEM ACCESSORIES**

**Curtis / Albright** offers a full line of UL recognized DC contactors engineered for outstanding performance and durability on in-vehicle applications.

**The Curtis Model 1222** is an AC induction motor controller for ‘steer by wire’ electric power steering systems and is the ideal partner for the 1236E/1238E on vehicles such as reach trucks, order pickers, stackers and other similar industrial vehicles.

**The Acuity Battery Monitoring** system is a device that mounts directly to the vehicle battery. It measures, records and transmits battery performance data over the vehicle’s CAN network throughout the battery’s life.

Contact Curtis to obtain the VCL Vehicle Control Language compiler and development tools.

**CONNECTOR WIRING**

![Connector Wiring Diagram](image-url)
Models 1236 and 1238

TYPICAL WIRING

- EM REV.
- EMR CHECK (OPTIONAL)
- INTERLOCK
- MODE
- FORWARD
- REVERSE
- J1-24
- J1-30
- J1-9
- J1-10
- J1-11
- J1-12
- J1-22
- J1-33

- SWITCH 1/ANA 1
- ANALOG OUT (0-10)
- SWITCH 3
- DRIVER 1
- DRIVER 2
- DRIVER 3
- DRIVER 4
- PV DRIVER
- J1-1
- J1-13
- J1-6
- J1-5
- J1-4
- J1-3
- J1-2
- J1-19
- J1-20

- COIL
- RETURN
- B+
- U
- V
- W
- AC MOTOR

- PHASE A
- PHASE B
- I/O Gnd
- B-
- J1-26
- J1-31
- J1-32
- J1-7
- J1-1

- CAN H
- CAN L
- CAN TERM H
- CAN TERM L
- J1-23
- J1-35
- J1-21
- J1-34
- J1-28
- J1-29
- J1-7

- 840 DISPLAY
- SERIAL PORT
- TX
- RX
- I/O GROUND
- J1-25
- J1-3
- J1-1
- J1-7
- 8
- 6
- 5

- SHORT FOR 120 OHM TERMINATION
- J1-15
- J1-16
- J1-17
- J1-18
- J1-27

- MOTOR TEMP. INPUT
- J1-8
- J1-7

- I/O GROUND

- THROTTLE POT HIGH
- THROTTLE WIPER
- POT 2 HIGH
- POT 2 WIPER
- POT LOW

- BATTERY
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DIMENSIONS mm (typical)

1238E

- M8 ø 1.25, 6 plcs
- Status LEDs: 7 dia., 4 plcs
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DIMENSIONS mm (typical)

1236E

WARRANTY  Two year limited warranty from time of delivery.