



#### Certified/Matched HT fan and VSD package:

New EN12101-3: 2015 Certification



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**Product Range Scope / Fan Selector** 



#### HT Fan and VSD packaged solution (HTF-VPS) applications

- Allows a Dual mode Axial fan to be speed controlled during normal ventilation mode and Emergency HT mode
- Fan and VSD combination tested and certified by BSRIA and BSI: FULLY complies with EN12101-3:2015 (F300 & F400)
- Packaged solution uses tried and tested design principles
- Advance VSD design allows multiple duty set points to be defined
- BMS compatibility adds additional control flexibility and high levels of design strategy confidence
- VSD "Fire Mode" ensures that the fan and VSD package performs a smoke extract function for a minimum of 2 hours

Fläkt Woods / Danfoss package was the FIRST FULLY EN12101-3:2015 CERTIFIED Fire Mode Packaged Solution in the UK.









Impeller Design Integrity is paramount – Materials, Component Fit & Stress Limits

**Correct impeller tip to casing gap is critical** for correct operation and performance

Finite Element Analysis design tools are used for critical component design

Motor Specifications are also critical – Bearing design/grease, cooling systems

Complete Impeller, motor, casing and motor mounting are HT tested in-house

Third party testing at BSRIA, confirmed compliance (F300 and F400)







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**8th April 2017:** Smoke and Heat control systems standard changed to include the option to use Frequency Converters during a fire event. This revision, we believe, is a real game changer, as it offers designers more solution possibilities and will contribute <u>significantly to improving building occupant safety</u>

**2015 version** of this certification standard states **3 basic approaches for using Variable Speed Drives (VSDs)** with dual mode High Temperature smoke extraction / Normal Ventilation Axial fans. These are:



Third Party tested and Certified Fan/VSD range: Only 5% motor de-rate and no need to fit Voltage Waveform filters



By-pass the VSD during a fire event



De-rate drive motors by 20% and fit Voltage Waveform filters between VSD and Fan Motor



#### EN12101-3: 2015 – Third Party tested and Certified Fan and VSD range

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Our tested and certified range, delivers Fan Speed control during a fire event, but with a.... minimal motor de-rate and NO requirement for a Voltage Waveform filter

Fan motor only requires a minimal de-rate (over-sized by 5%) : same as if it were operating at normal ambient air temperature

Tested / proven fan, motor and VSD packaged solution means that the Installer does NOT need to fit voltage waveform filters. Our solution is based on ONLY using Danfoss HVAC VLT FC101 or FC102 drives to deliver a safe and reliable fire safety package





Historically, system designers have often opted to switch out or by-pass the VSD during a fire event



Using a VSD during an emergency smoke extraction event is *increasingly becoming more desirable*, as VSDs add additional control flexibility to enable smoke control and extraction performance to be optimised



VSDs offer a practical way of achieving desired smoke control strategies, as zonal control and the ability to reverse smoke extraction flows, then becomes possible <u>without</u> the need for additional equipment such as dampers and contactors



#### EN12101-3: 2015 – By-pass the VSD during a fire event

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**By-pass the VSD during a fire event**. When using this option, the **fan motor must be connected directly to the mains electrical supply during a fire event**, as the VSD must be by-passed so that it is not "within the electrical circuit" which supplies power to the fan drive motor. VSD control can therefore only be used when the fan is performing a normal ventilation function.



#### EN12101-3: 2015 – By-pass the VSD during a fire event

By-passing the VSD during a fire event does, on the face of it, provide a more robust solution, but doing this would *force the fan to run at full speed* 



If the fan is used within a pressurisation system then doing this could *cause system component damage, caused by over-pressurising them* 



Over-pressurising stairwell pressurisation systems would have very serious consequences, as this may then make it impossible for occupants to open escape route doors



By not using a VSD it could make it much *more difficult for the system designer to achieve desired smoke control and extraction strategies* 



#### EN12101-3: 2015 – De-rate drive motors by 20% and fit Voltage Waveform filters

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Where fans and VSDs have not been tested and certified as a packaged solution, drive motors must be de-rated and Voltage Waveform filters must be fitted.

#### De-rate (over-size) Motor by 20%

Installer MUST also fit either Sinusoidal or du/dt voltage waveform filter between the drive motor and the VSD.





#### EN12101-3: 2015 – De-rate drive motors by 20% and fit Voltage Waveform filters

EN12101-3:2015 allows VSD speed control for a dual mode fan, even during a fire event. HOWEVER.... If the Fan, drive motor and VSD have *NOT been third party tested and certified, some considerations must be made:* 



Drive motor rating must be *increased 20%*.



In addition, the Installer MUST fit a voltage waveform filter between the VSD and motor.

## **Other Implications Include:**



Cost and practicality: Voltage waveform filters are very expensive, often costing more than the VSD



As filters should be housed inside a remotely mounted control panel (with the VSDs), the panel enclosure needs to be larger, while extra wiring would also be needed



As the fan drive motor must also be larger, fan cost will increase, while higher amp ratings could impact on wiring and associated control equipment ratings and costs. Fan Size could also increase.





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HT Fan and VSD Packaged Solution (HTF-VPS) Applications



VSD Fire Mode



**Product Range Scope / Fan Selector** 





# WHY IS A VARIABLE SPEED DRIVE "FIRE MODE" (SMOKE CLEARANCE FUNCTION) NEEDED?

- Smoke obscures vision, preventing occupants from finding safe escape routes
- Smoke hinders the fire brigade in its search and rescue operations
- Smoke can kill by asphyxiation or by poisoning people (if toxic), well before the temperature of the fire or smoke causes any physical injuries
- Fire Protection should always be classed as a "System". System elements must work together in order to achieve a consolidated/co-ordinated approach to life safety
- Smoke Control systems can be categorised as "Dedicated" or "Non-Dedicated"
- Smoke-control system reliability decreases as the number of system components increases, unless the system includes component redundancy
- **VSD Fire Mode creates a priority function which over-rides all other functions**, to ensure that the drive performs its primary task for the fire event design duration







#### SPEED DRIVE "FIRE MODE" FUNCTIONS

- All safety devices within the VSD (or VFD) are automatically over-ridden
- The VSD will ignore overloads, but will trip and reset automatically on 'critical' faults
- In *Fire Mode*, the VSD ignores the ambient conditions and keeps operating. However, this Mode is only designed for *short-term use*, but is designed to be *long enough to ensure System Reliability*.... Offering an improved life safety solution
   VSD can be enabled either automatically or via a Digital Input
- Fire rated cable should always be used (especially between the motor and VSD)
- Non-critical faults or warnings will NOT be active when the VSD is in Fire Mode



### VARIABLE SPEED DRIVE APPLICATIONS



- Stairwell Pressurisation (Multi-Storey buildings) Multi-Zone Controls
- **Lift Shaft Pressurisation (Multi-Storey buildings) Multi-Zone Controls**
- Smoke Extract Fans (Buildings) Multi-Zone Controls
- Smoke Extract & Pollution Control Fans (Car Parks) Multi-Zone Controls
- Tunnel Ventilation, Pollution Control and Smoke control / Extraction

#### Advantages of using VSD control with Axial Fans

Precise speed control allows actual design duty to be accurately achieved
 Adaptive speed control (via NOx / CO sensors) delivers optimum pollution control
 Flexibility to adapt fan performance based on evolving system needs
 Energy saving opportunities based on using "on demand" control logic





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**Product Range Scope / Fan Selector** 



#### **CERTIFIED RANGE SCOPE – TOP LEVEL ATTRIBUTES**

- Any HT Axial flow fan with JM, JMv, JM2, JMTS, JMTSP, JT and JTv impeller variants
- Fläkt Woods approved motor frame size range: 71 to 280 inclusive (Foot/Pad/Flange)
- Maximum motor and VSD rating is 104kW. Larger motors are not currently certified.
- Approved multi-voltage motor electrical supply: 380-420v 50Hz or 440-480v 60Hz (3 phase)
- Maximum Fan speed must be equal to, or less than the impeller maximum speed
- HT Categories: 300°C/1 hour, 300°C/2 hours & 400°C/2 hours
- If HT 200°C/2 hours specification is required, offer 300°C/2 hour specification
- Approved VSD: Danfoss VLT HVAC FC101 (or FC102) range



# Range Exclusions

- Output Exclusions are: Bifurcated fan and Car Park Jet Induction fans
- Motor frame sizes less than 71 (Brook) /80 (WEG) or larger than 280 frame sizes
- Any motor or VSD rated at greater than 90kW (WEG) or 104kW (Brook)
- No single phase motors are within our certification scope
- HT Category Exclusions: F200 (200°C/2 hours) and F600 (600°C/1 Hour, 600°C/2 hours)
- Danfoss FC51 (single phase in/three phase out) drive is outside the certification scope



# **Out of scope Options**

- Offer on the basis that the VSD will be by-passed during a fire event
- Where the specification requires VSD control during a fire event, then the cost of HT tests and certification should be added into the project price/delivery time
- Offer VSD controlled fans on the basis of having Voltage Waveform filters fitted (by others) with an associated fan drive motor de-rate.

# Considerations

We cannot, of course, ignore a customer's specification requirement to use VSD speed control during a fire event. If we do, we would then have to retrospectively fit larger motors (very costly option)

**If VSDs are supplied by others, then** No VSD manufacturer can claim to comply with BS EN12101-3:2015 HT certification. ONLY Fläkt Woods can offer certification, as the VSD is *part of our FAN Certification* 





# EN12101-3: 2015 – Selection of VSDs with HT (Smoke Extraction) Fans

# Fan Selection software functionality

# Fan Selection Options

- Offer on the basis that the VSD will be by-passed during a fire event
- 2 Where a specification requires VSD control during a fire event and when the motor power is greater than 90kW (or 104kW if Brook), then .... We need to de-rate the fan drive motor ... and installers MUST Fit a Sinusoidal or du/dt filter between the VSD and Motor

Choose a fan and VSD combination from our fully tested and certified range

PREFERRED OPTION!



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This dialogue appears when...

An HT Axial fan is selected when "Inverter control" has been selected from the "Speed Control and Motor" menu

By default the "**Show only fans** certified to EN12101-3 2015" checkbox is pre-ticked

If doing multiple selections, It is recommended that the "Remember for current session" checkbox is ticked.





#### EN12101-3: 2015 – Use of VSDs with HT (Smoke Extraction) Fans: Desktop Fan Selector

This selection option offers ONLY fully certified combinations of our HT Axial fans and Danfoss VSDs



Compliance to EN12101-3 2015 is confirmed on each fan datasheet



#### EN12101-3: 2015 – Use of VSDs with HT (Smoke Extraction) Fans: Desktop Fan Selector

Before making an HT fan selection, first select the VSD by following the steps shown below:

- 1. Choose the "Speed Control and Motor" tab.
- 2. Select "Inverter" from the "Speed Control Type" dropdown menu.
- 3. Choose "Select fan at catalogue Speed (50Hz or 60Hz)" or "Select fan at requested Speed".
- 4. Note: Don't change any options under "Motor Options".
- 5. See VSD Variant Notes....

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#### VSD Variant Notes

Selecting an **IP54** drive will default to the **Danfoss HVAC VLT FC101** drive...

... while the **IP66** option defaults to the **Danfoss HVAC VLT FC102** drive, which as it has additional functionality, is the more expensive option.

The FC102 may only be needed for more complex BMS connectivity solutions or where advanced control logic is required (i.e. multiple duty setpoints etc.).





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During VSD testing, **Peak to Peak Voltage** and the associated **Rise Time** values where measured and recorded. These data are key to proving compliance with the test standard. **Du/dt** values are derived from the ratio of the peak-peak voltage and rise time. **These data (captured during tests) are our Intellectual property... so will not, of course, be disclosed to third parties** 



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# **Test Experiences**





#### Implications of getting the fan/motor/VSD/installation wrong can be dramatic! Key components are checked after certification tests

# **Post Test: Motor Bearings** checked for over heating VSD damage – caused by cable connection issues: Lesson Learnt!



#### EN12101-3: 2015 – Use of VSDs with HT (Smoke Extraction) Fans: Certification

# **Certificate Update**



New EN12101-3:2015 Certificate issued by BSI: dated 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 (Updated July 2021)

While our certificate has NO statement on page 1, to confirm that a defined range of VSDs (Danfoss) can be used to control our fans during a fire event, an *associated document does confirm this* 

Only Fan Manufacturers who can provide a copy of their Technical Annex file .... can PROVE and CONFIRM that they FULLY comply with EN12101-3:2015



Full Compliance is confirmed by the existence of an associated Technical Annex file: *"Fans Driven by PWM frequency converter at ambient and at high temperature A.1.n"*. This defines precise attributes of the tested and approved VSD range





#### EN12101-3: 2015 – Use of VSDs with HT (Smoke Extraction) Fans: Certification

# Technical Annex File

#### Specific Product detail pages refer to BSRIA reports which have an associated *"Technical Annex File"*

JM HT Aerofoil	125JM/31	125JM/40	125JM/50	140JM/40	140JM/50
Class F300	140JM/63	160JM/40	160JM/50	160JM/63	31JMv/14
Aluminium	31JMv/16	35JMv/14	35JMv/16	40JMv/14	40JMv/16
Blade & Hub	40JMv/20	45JMv/16	45JMv/20	50JMv/16	50JMv/20
	56JMv/20	63JMv/20	63JMv/25	63JMv/25	71JMv/25
	71JMv/25	80JMv/25	80JMv/25	80JMv/31	90JMv/31
	100JMv/31	31JMTS/16	35JMTS/16	40JMTS/16	40JMTS/20
	45JMTS/20	50JMTS/20	50JMTS/25	56JMTS/25	633MTS/25
	63JMTS/31	71JMTS/31	80JMTS/25	80JMTS/31	90JMTS/31
	100JMT5/31	100JMTS/40	100JMTS/50	112JMT5/40	112JMTS/50
	125JMTS/40	125JMTS/50	140JMTS/40	140JMTS/50	140JMTS/63
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Response Delay	N/A			2 4 4 4 1	
Resistance to Fire Class	F200 & F300 (Teste	ed to 300°C, 120 min	is)	5	TAN
Motor Rating	Class F / Class H		SY /A	V	
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Use of Inverters is specifically confirmed

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Our *"Technical (Annex) file"* gives details of the VSD range, which we qualified through physical third party testing, defining exactly what we can offer as an integral part of our fully certified smoke extract fan and VSD solution



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# "DoP" - Declaration of Performance

Essential characteristics	Performance	Harmonised technical specification
Response delay Opening under snow/wind load in a given time	Not determined	
Operational reliability Application categories	Thermally Insulated or Thermally Uninsulated Installed inside or outside Smoke Reservoir Horizontal or Vertical, Form A and Form B Driven by frequency converter (up to/including 280 motor frame) Driven by frequency converter with VWF filter (above 280 frame) Direct feed (DOL) with no speed variation Dual purpose use Emergency Only use No ducted cooling air required	Annex ZA of the standard EN12101-3:2015
Effectiveness of smoke/heat gas extraction Gas flow and pressure maintenance during smoke and heat extraction test	-10% ≤ flow ≤ +25%	
Resistance to fire	F400 (120)	
Ability to open under environmental conditions Opening under snow/wind load in a given time	Not determined	
Durability of operational reliability	Class H, 105K	

"DoP" now confirms that HT fans can be VSD controlled during a fire event when fans are designed for either "Dual Mode" or "Emergency Only" use





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-	A FläktGroup Company	Declaration of Per	formance
Ap Ad	pendix Iditional information related to installation method and applicatio	on, in accordance with Table F.8 EN12101-3:2015	
Me	echanically driven exhaust appliances for Smoke and Heat Cont	rol ventilators (Fan)	
Fire	e resistance: classification		
	Class	Temperature (°C)	Time (Min)
х	F200	200	120
х	F300	300	60
х	F400	400	120
х	Feeo	600	60
	F842		30
Fire	e resistance: Free classification for informative purposes		
х	Ff250	250	120
х	Ff300	300	120
x	Ff400	400	60
~			130
x	Ffeco	600	120

HT rated motor manufacturers used within our fans are stated. We also confirm which Accessories are within the scope of our HT certification





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# **Appendix**





Using our fully CERTIFIED fan and VSD packaged solution means that NO Voltage Waveform Filters are needed

HOWEVER, fitting a filter is beneficial in some applications



- Ouring normal operation, VSDs can, very occasionally, produce a voltage spike within the Motor
- Over prolonged periods of time these spikes can cause minor motor winding insulation and bearing damage
- ) If motor insulation is weakened enough it could (when under stress) breakdown causing a failure
- The amount of damage which voltage spikes can cause is VERY MINOR, but it is not zero
- Using a Voltage Wave form filter between the VSD and the motor does reduce this damage risk

# We have conducted extensive testing, <u>without</u> VWF Filters fitted, to ensure that this solution is both robust and safe



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#### VARIABLE SPEED DRIVE "BY-PASS" CONSIDERATIONS



- Not every system is designed to allow fans to be run at full speed
- Some pressurisation systems could have their duct work or other components damaged, if the fan over pressurises the system
- Stairwell pressurisation systems should <u>NEVER</u> be over-pressurised, otherwise it may be impossible to open escape route doors
- Systems which use the VSD "By-Pass" solution can be very difficult to integrate smoke direction control logic into them (they may not work effectively in all scenarios)
- The "By-Pass" option (in terms of an overall system approach) may <u>not</u> be more reliable





#### VARIABLE SPEED DRIVE RELIABILITY



- Where the VSD is used to control a **dual mode (non-dedicated) fan** which is used for both day-to-day HVAC ventilation and smoke extract fan, the Fan and VSD are effectively being "run tested" every day, so reliability could be deemed as being *higher*
- Dedicated fire mode fans (and associated equipment) would only (typically) be tested at monthly, 6 monthly or even yearly intervals.
- Dedicated fan mode fan maintenance: If fan/motor bearings are not turned regularly, they can degrade (flat spot) and then prematurely fail (especially when stressed)

