

The VLT® AQUA Drive

Defining new standards for the Water/Wastewater market



Built-in intelligence for increased performance in all water and wastewater applications

With a wide range of powerful standard and optional features designed specifically for water and wastewater applications, the VLT[®] AQUA Drive provides the lowest overall cost of ownership of any drive available.

Save energy

- High efficiency (>98%)
- Sleep Mode shuts off pumps when demand is low
- Automatic Motor Adaptation
- Automatic Energy Optimization produces typical savings of 3–5% (up to 15% possible)
- Flow compensation of setpoint
- Unique cooling concept

Save space

- Compact, modular design
- Built-in DC-link reactors for harmonic suppression—no need for external AC input line reactors
- Optional, integrated RFI filters throughout the power range
- Integrated disconnects and fusing

Save costs

Protect your system with a series of pump-specific features:

- Cascade controller
- Sensorless control
- Dry pump detection
- End of curve detection
- Motor alternation
- 2-step ramps (initial ramp)
- Safe stop
- Pipe fill mode
- Real-time clock
- Password protection
- Overload trip protection
- Smart logic controller
- User-selectable variable or constant torque operation
- NEMA/UL Type 12 (IP 54/55) and IP66 outdoor-rated enclosures can eliminate the need for separate enclosures

Save time

- Intuitive user interface with the new, award-winning local control panel (LCP)
- One drive type for the full power range
- Modular VLT design enables fast installation of options
- Auto-tuning of PI controllers
- Robust design and efficient monitoring significantly reduce maintenance requirements

Dedicated to water and wastewater

Danfoss Drives' unequalled experience was used to make the VLT AQUA Drive the perfect match for pumps and blowers in water and wastewater systems.

Water and Wastewater is a global business area for Danfoss Drives and you will find our dedicated sales and service staff all over the world, 24 hours a day.



Modular design platform



- Improves efficiency
- Reduces contaminants in electronics

Advanced cascade controller option

• (C-option)

Fieldbus options (A-option)

 Select any of the common fieldbus protocols

Local Control Panel (LCP)

• Six-line graphical LCP display

I/O, relay or safety (B-option)

• I/O, Cascade Controller and relay functions

24V supply option (D-option)

Conformally coated PCBs (optional)

• Durable in aggressive environments

AC mains disconnect (optional)

All VLT[®] AQUA Drives, regardless of horsepower size, have the same user interface and basic features.

Every VLT AQUA Drive is mass produced and factory tested with a load connected, as a complete assembly.

Modular plug-and-play options facilitate upgrading in the field.



Built-in DC-link reactors reduce harmonic noise and protect the drive. Integrated EMC filters are also available to minimize RFI interference (meets EN 55011 A2, A1 or B).



The VLT AQUA Drive can be remotely commissioned and monitored through a USB-pluggable cable using MCT 10 setup software.

Award-winning, user-friendly interface

Graphical display

- Informative overview
- Six lines of display
- Graphical or numerical display of information
- Readout in user-selectable engineering units
- Select from up to 27 languages
- Backlit for increased visibility

Quick Menus

- Danfoss-defined Quick Menu
- User-personalized Quick Menu
- Changes Made Menu displays
 the parameters to which changes
 have been made
- Function Setup Menu provides quick setup for specific applications
- Logging Menu provides access to operation history

Illumination

• Illuminated LEDs indicate which function is active

The VLT AQUA Drive has an awardwinning Local Control Panel (LCP) that was designed based on user feedback. With a well-structured menu system, the VLT AQUA Drive ensures fast commissioning and easy access to its many powerful functions.



design award winner



Menu structure

- Based on the field-proven matrix system used in previous VLT[®] Series drives
- Menu shortcuts access specific functions
- Edit and operate in different setups simultaneously

Other benefits

- The keypad is removable during operation
- Upload/download setups between drives using the keypad
- Remote mounting kit available for panel installation

Additional buttons

- Info: an "onboard manual" that provides specific information about each parameter
- Cancel: exits the current
 parameter without saving
 changes
- Alarm log: easy access to a list of all previous alarm conditions



Powerful control and flexibility

Connection overview

Power is connected to the terminals 91 (L1), 92 (L2) and 93 (L3) and the load is connected to 96 (U), 97 (V) and 98 (W).

Analog inputs can be connected to the 53 (V or mA), 54 (V or mA) terminals. These inputs can be set up for reference, feedback or thermistor inputs.

Up to 6 digital inputs can be connected to terminals 18, 19, 27, 29, 32, and 33. Two digital input/output terminals (27 and 29) can be set up as digital outputs to indicate a pending status or warning.

The terminal 42 analog output can be programmed for process values.

In addition, optional plug-and-play I/O, relay and function modules are available to facilitate drive upgrades:

Modular application options

- MCB 101 general purpose I/O
 option: 3 digital inputs, 2 digital
 outputs, 1 analog current output, 3
 analog voltage inputs
- MCO 101 extended cascade controller option: provides 3 additional relays for staging of additional pumps
- MC0 102 advanced cascade controller option: provides 8 additional relays for staging of additional pumps
- MCB 105 relay option: Provides three additional relay outputs
- MCB 107 external 24 VDC supply option: 24 VDC external supply can be connected to supply backup power to control and option cards
- MCB 109 advanced analog I/O option: 3 analog inputs, 3 analog outputs, backup power supply for real-time clock
- Integrated fused disconnect: Available in most sizes



Typical connection diagram for the VLT® AQUA Drive

Power accessories

- Advanced Harmonic Filters: for applications where reducing harmonic distortion is critical
- **dV/dt filters:** For providing motor isolation protection
- Sine filters (LC filters): reduce motor noise

PC software tools

- MCT 10: provides powerful functionality for drive commissioning and servicing
- VLT Energy Box: Comprehensive energy analysis tool
- MCT 31: Harmonics calculation tool



Designed with the user in mind



The VLT[®] AQUA Drive maximizes system reliability with built-in protection against:

- System overloads
- Motor failures
- Motor and drive overheating
- Voltage disturbances
- Power surges
- Loss of phase
- Phase-to-phase and phase-toground short circuit
- Ground fault
- Switching on input/output
- Electrical disturbances
- Overvoltage
- Overcurrent
- Undervoltage
- External fault
- Overtemperature

Minimize motor noise and heating with ASFM

With the ASFM (Adjustable Switching Frequency Modulation) function, the switching frequency is adjusted automatically in relation to the speed of the motor. As speed is reduced, the switching frequency increases to ensure optimally low motor noise and reduce motor heating.

Input line protection from extreme running conditions

Short circuit

The VLT AQUA Drive is protected against short circuits by measuring the current in each of the three motor phases. A short circuit between two output phases will shut down the drive as soon as the current exceeds the maximum value.

Line disturbances and transients

To protect itself from AC line voltage disturbances, the drive monitors all three phases and interrupts drive operation in the event of phase loss or imbalance. Transients on the AC line are suppressed by MOVs as well as zener diodes for extreme transients. Danfoss VLT AQUA Drives meet VDE 0160 (European standard— 2.3 x line voltage for 1.3 msec) for transient protection.

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Voltage sags and surges

The VLT AQUA Drive is designed for a wide range of operating conditions. The 480 volt drive will operate from 342-528 VAC. The 230 volt drives will operate on 180-264 VAC. 575 volt drives will operate on 495–660 VAC and 690 volt drives will operate on 472–759 VAC. Full rated motor voltage and torque can be delivered with voltage dips down to 10% under nominal AC line voltage. During an AC line drop-out, the VLT AOUA Drive continues until the intermediate circuit voltage drops below the minimum stop level, which is typically 15% below the VLT AQUA Drive's lowest rated supply voltage.

Ground fault

The VLT AQUA Drive provides complete protection from potentially damaging ground fault conditions on both the supply side and the motor side.



VLT[®] AQUA Drives incorporate both DC-link reactors and motor output protection as standard design features. This provides short circuit protection and allows unlimited switching on the output without damage to the drive, eliminating the need for additional output reactors or switch interlocks.

The DC-link reactors improve overall efficiency by increasing the power factor and lowering the ripple current in the bus voltage providing an almost threefold increase in capacitor and drive life. As a result, motor operation is smooth and quiet and longer motor life can be expected.

Hall effect current transducers measure current flowing on all three motor phases. This provides highly responsive and accurate feedback to the VLT control circuit for optimum motor protection and performance.

VVC^{PLUS} output switching pattern

Unique digital VVC^{PLUS} voltage vector control provides:

- A nearly perfect output sine wave that reduces the overshooting and undershooting of voltage and current generated by standard PWM drives
- Fully rated motor voltage at rated frequency
- Increased efficiency for both drive
 and motor
- Full motor performance without derating; no additional heating of motor windings
- Motor cable lengths up to 1000' standard

Reduced installation cost

Dual DC-link reactors reduce the input RMS current to less than or equal to the output current. This greatly reduces the cable size requirement and the subsequent cost of installation.

Minimal harmonic distortion/ maximum power factor

DC-link reactors reduce the harmonic distortion currents that a variable frequency drive injects back into the AC line. The properly sized reactors in a VLT AQUA Drive can reduce line harmonic currents by up to 40% of the fundamental current. This eliminates the need and cost of additional AC line reactors and their resultant line voltage reduction.

Thermal protection for the drive and motor

The ETR (Electronic Thermal Relay) is an open loop method built into the VLT AQUA Drive software to guard against motor overheating, requiring no additional sensors or wiring. This function is UL recognized (Class 20) as an effective guard against motor thermal overload.

The VLT AQUA Drive has built-in thermal protection and also accepts thermistor signal input from the motor to create closed loop thermal protection for the entire system.



Brand "X" PWM scope trace (left) compared to smoother VVC^{PLUS} scope trace (right).

Dedicated features for water and wastewater applications



Automatic tuning of PI controllers

The VLT® AQUA Drive offers up to four separate PID loops for controlling multiple processes, each of which is automatically tuned to provide optimal performance.

The drive monitors how the system reacts to corrections and learns from this data to quickly achieve precise and stable operation. Gain factors for PI are continuously adjusted to compensate for changing characteristics of the loads. Knowing the exact P and I settings at startup is not necessary, making commissioning easier.



Pipe Fill Mode

The VLT AQUA Drive can provide controlled (closed loop) filling of pipes, preventing water hammer, burst water pipes and damage to sprinkler heads. This feature is particularly valuable in applications that are vulnerable to these types of damage, such as irrigation systems and water supply systems.



End of Pump Curve Detection

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The VLT AQUA Drive can detect breaks and leakage in supply lines by comparing pump speed with the system pressure. The drive can be set to trigger an alarm, shut off the pump, or perform some other programmed action whenever a pump is found running at full speed without creating the desired pressure—a situation that usually indicates a break in the system.





Dry Pump Protection

The VLT® AQUA Drive constantly evaluates the condition of the pump, based on internal frequency/ power measurements. When power consumption drops too low indicating a no or low flow situation the VLT AQUA Drive will shut down the pump.

Sleep Mode

Sleep Mode keeps pump wear and power consumption to an absolute minimum. In low flow situations, the VLT AQUA Drive will boost the system pressure and then shut down the pump. It will continue to monitor the system pressure and restart when the pressure falls below the required level.



Flow compensation

The flow compensation feature of the VLT AQUA Drive takes advantage of the fact that flow resistance decreases with reduced flow. Using this information, the pressure setpoint is reduced as necessary, thereby saving energy.



Initial/Final Ramp

Initial ramp provides rapid acceleration of pumps to a desired minimum speed, at which time the normal ramp takes over. This prevents damage to thrust bearings and overheating of the pump.

The final ramp decelerates pumps to avoid unintended closure of check valves and water hammer.

Payback time indication

One of the main reasons for using a VLT Series drive is the minimal payback time due to energy savings. The VLT AQUA Drive comes with a unique feature that continuously displays the time remaining before the drive pays for itself.

Motor Alternation

This built-in logic controls alternation between two pumps in duty/stand-by applications. Running the stand-by pump prevents sticking and lubricates the seals.

An internal timer assures equal usage of the pumps.

Designed for all water and wastewater applications



Desalination plants

Desalination plants are used to provide clean drinking water from the ocean. The process uses high pressure pumps, which must be accurately controlled. With its builtin PID controller, the VLT[®] AQUA Drive ensures reliable and precise pressure control, maximizing process control and efficiency.



Water treatment plants

Meeting the varying flow demands on a daily or hourly basis requires reliable control. The VLT AQUA Drive software provides unique pump control features that will help control even the most demanding applications.



Groundwater pumps

Submersible deep well pumps need rapid start capability, precise control and protection against running dry. The built-in dry pump detection, initial ramp and multiple parameter input make the VLT AQUA Drive the perfect choice for these applications.



Wastewater plants

Fluctuations in flow can disrupt efficient process control, increase costs and equipment wear due to a higher number of starts and stops, and adversely affect effluent quality.

Using the VLT AQUA Drive on pumps, blowers and other equipment will lead to better process control and reduce energy consumption. The AQUA Drive can also provide tighter control of chemical feed pumps, mixers and other equipment.





Distribution

As areas become more populated, the increasing demand for reliable and precise pressure control becomes a challenge to many communities. The VLT AQUA Drive has innovative pumping functions to assist in maintaining precise pressure and flow while reducing system leakage and energy consumption. In many cases, it can also provide a cost-effective alternative to unsightly water towers.

Irrigation systems

The irrigation market is focusing more and more on efficiency and energy savings for water management. Meeting these demands requires precise pressure and flow control.

The VLT® AQUA Drive offers a pipe fill function that prevents water hammer and reduces damage to pipes and



Water fountains and pools

Water fountains are used to enhance the aesthetics of buildings and parks nearly everywhere. In these applications, the VLT AQUA Drive can provide energy efficiency, accurate control and even meticulously timed sequencing for a dramatic effect.

VLT[®] AQUA Drive specifications

Mains supply (L1, L2, L3):

Supply voltage Supply voltage Supply voltage Supply frequency Max. imbalance temporary between line phases Displacement Power Factor (cosφ) True power factor (λ) Switching on input supply L1, L2, L3

Output data (U, V, W):

Output voltage 0–100% of supply voltage Output frequency Rated motor frequency Switching on output Ramp times Closed loop Maximum motor cable length VLT AQUA Drive can provide 110% current for 1 minute. Higher overload rating is achieved by oversizing the drive.

Torque Characteristics:

Starting torque Starting torgue maximum Overload torque *Percentage relates to the nominal torque for the VLT AQUA Drive.

Control Characteristics:

Resolution of output frequency at 0-120 Hz System response time (terminals 18, 19, 27, 29, 32, 33) Speed control range (open-loop) Speed accuracy (open-loop) All control characteristics are based on a 4-pole asynchronous motor.

Digital inputs:

Programmable digital inputs (standard) 6** Additional digital inputs available with MCB 101 general purpose I/O card (option) 3 Logic PNP or NPN Voltage level 0-24 V DC ** 2 can be used as digital outputs Analog inputs: 2 Analog inputs (standard) Additional analog inputs available with MCB 101 general purpose I/O card (option) 2 Additional analog inputs available with MCB 109 advanced analog I/O card (option) 3 Modes Voltage or current Voltage level 0 to +10 V (scaleable) Current level 0/4 to 20 mA (scaleable)

200-240 V ±10% 380-480 V ±10% 525-690 V ±10% 50/60 Hz 3.0% of rated supply voltage near unity (> 0.98)> 0.9 1-2 times/min.

0-120 Hz

50/60 Hz

Unlimited

0–132 Hz 1000 ft.

1-3600 sec.

maximum 110% for 1 min.*

120% up to 0.5 sec.* maximum 110% for 1 min.*

: +/- 0.003 Hz $:\leq 2 \text{ ms}$ 1:100 of synchronous speed 30 - 4000 rpm: Maximum error of ±8 rpm

VLT® AQUA Drive specifications

Pulse inputs:	
Programmable pulse inputs (standard)	2†
Additional pulse inputs available with MCB 101 general purpose I/O card (option)	3†
Voltage level	0–24 V DC (PNP positive logic)
Pulse input accuracy	(0.1–110 kHz)
[†] Some of the digital inputs can be used as pulse inputs	
Analog output:	
Programmable analog outputs (standard)	1
Additional analog outputs available with MCB 101 general purpose I/O card (option)	1
Additional analog outputs available with MCB 109 advanced analog I/O card (option)	3
Current range at analog output	0/4–20 mA
Digital outputs:	
Programmable digital/pulse outputs (standard)	2
Additional digital outputs available with MCB 101 general purpose I/O card (option)	2
Voltage level at digital/frequency output	0 - 24 V
Max. output current (sink or source)	40 mA
Max. load at frequency output	1 kΩ
Max. capacitive load at frequency output	10 nF
Minimum output frequency at frequency output	0 Hz
Maximum output frequency at frequency output	32 kHz
Accuracy of frequency output	Max. error: 0.1% of full scale
Resolution of output frequency	12 bit
Relay outputs:	
Programmable relay outputs (standard)	2**
Additional relay outputs available with MCB 105 relay card (option)	3**
⁺⁺ (240 VAC, 2 A and 400 VAC, 2 A)	
Control card performance:	
Scan interval	5 ms
24V DC output max. load	200 mA
10V DC output voltage	10.5 V ±0.5 V
10V DC output max. load	15 mA
Control card, USB serial communications:	
USB standard	1.1 (Full speed)
USB plug	USB type B " device" plug
Fieldbus communication:	
Standard, built in	FC Protocol, Modbus RTU
Optional modules (field-installable)	Profibus, DeviceNet, LonWorks
Ambient temp:	
	up to 50° C

Current and power ratings

3 x 200	- 240 VA	c		3 x 380 – 480 V	x 380 – 480 VAC 3 x 525 – 690 VAC				480 VAC 3 x 525 – 690 VAC]
Output current [A]		l shaft put	Output current [A]	Output Typical shaft current [A] output		Output current [A]	Typica out								
3 x 200-240 V	kW	HP	3 x 380-480 V	3 x 441-480 V	kW	HP	3 x 575 V	current [A] 3 x 690 V	kW HP		1				
1.8	0.25	0.33	, 								PK25				
2.4	0.37	0.5	1.3	1.2	0.37	0.5					PK37				
3.5	0.55	0.75	1.8	1.6	0.55	0.75					PK55				
4.6	0.75	1.0	2.4	2.1	0.75	1.0	1.7			1.0	PK75				
6.6	1.1	1.5	3	3	1.1	1.5	2.4			1.5	P1K1				
7.5	1.5	2	4.1	3.4	1.5	2.0	2.7			2.0	P1K5				
10.6	2.2	3	5.6	4.8	2.2	3.0	3.9			3.0	P2K2				
12.5	3	4	7.2	6.3	3	4.0	4.9			4.0	P3K0				
16.7	3.7	5									P3K7				
			10	8.2	4	5.5	6.1			5	P4K0				
24.2	5.5	7.5	13	11	5.5	7.5	9			7.5	P5K5				
30.8	7.5	10	16	14.5	7.5	10	11			10	P7K5				
46.2	11	15	24	21	11	15	13	13	11		P11K				
59.4	15	20	32	27	15	20	18	18	15	15	P15K				
74.8	18.5	25	37.5	34	18.5	25	22	22	18.5	20	P18K				
88	22	30	44	40	22	30	27	27	22	25	P22K				
115	30	40	61	52	30	40	34	34	30	30	P30K				
143	37	50	73	65	37	50	41	41	37	40	P37K				
170	45	60	90	77	45	60	52	52	45	50	P45K				
			106	96	55	75	62	62	55	60	P55K				
			147	130	75	100	83	83	75	75	P75K				
			177	160	90	125	100	100	90	100	P90K				
			212	190	110	150	125	125	110	125	P110				
			260	240	132	200	155	155	132	150	P132				
			315	302	160	250	192	192	160	200	P160				
			395	361	200	300	242	242	200	250	P200				
			480	443	250	350	290	290	250	300	P250				
			600	540	315	450	344	344	315	350	P315				
			658	590	355	500					P355				
			745	678	400	550	400	400	400	400	P400				
			800	730	450	600					P450				
			880	780	500	650	500	500	500	500	P500				
			990	890	560	700	570	570	560	600	P560				
			1120	1050	630	800	630	630	630	650	P630				
			1260	1160	710	900	730	730	710	750	P710				
			1460	1380	800	1100	890	890	800	900	P800				
			1700	1530	1000	1250	1060	1060	1000	1100	P1M0				
							1260	1260	1200	1300	P1M2				

Cabinet sizes [in]



Enclosure nameD1Height39.3Width16.1Danth14.7	Chassis/IP 00				
Width 16.1	D2	E1			
Width 16.1	50.3	59.0			
Donth 14.7	16.1	23.0			
Depth 14.7	14.7	19.4			

	Chassi	s/IP 20	NEMA Type 1/IP 21								
Enclosure name	A2	A3	B1	B2	C1	C2	D1	D2	E1	E2	E3
Height	10.6	10.6	18.9	25.6	26.8	30.3	45.6	60.6	78.7	78.7	78.7
Width	3.5	5.1	9.5	9.5	12.1	14.6	16.5	16.5	23.6	55.1	63.0
Depth	8.1	8.1	10.3	10.3	12.2	13.2	14.7	14.7	19.4	23.6	23.6

	IP 66									
	NEMA 12/IP 54				NEMA					
Enclosure name	A5	B1	B2	C1	C2	D1	D2	E1	E2	E3
Height	16.5	18.9	25.6	26.8	30.3	45.6	60.6	78.7	78.7	78.7
Width	9.5	9.5	9.5	12.1	14.6	16.5	16.5	23.6	55.1	63.0
Depth	7.9	10.3	10.3	12.2	13.2	14.7	14.7	19.4	23.6	23.6

Note: VLT® AQUA Drive can provide 110% overload for one minute. Higher overload rating is achieved by oversizing the drive

Ordering matrix



Other Solutions from Danfoss

VLT® 2800 Variable **Frequency Drive** 0.5-25 HP



VLT MICRO Variable **Frequency Drive** 0.25-10 HP



MCD Series Soft Starters

10-1500 HP

Standard Bypass

NEMA Type 1, 12, 3R

Panel Options



Advanced Harmonic Filtration AHF 005 / AHF 010

VLT DriveMotor

FCM 300

0.75-10 HP



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EnVisioneering

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Danfoss "EnVisioneering":

- Engineered solutions to improve performance and profitability
- Energy efficiency to meet higher standards and to lower operating costs
- Environmental sustainability to provide a financial and social payback
- Engaged partnerships to foster trust, reliability, and technological superiority

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