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Manufacturer's Specification

AEGIS® PRO Series Shaft Grounding Ring

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Product Application:

Shaft grounding for large low voltage (LV) and medium voltage (MV, any supply voltage over 600 VAC) AC electric induction motors controlled or operated by pulse width modulation (PWM) variable frequency drives (VFD). Suitable for shaft grounding requirements of VFD induced shaft voltage to protect motor bearings from electrical damage. Also suitable for shaft grounding of large DC motors over 300 HP, generators, and turbines.

Industrial Systems and Manufacturing Design:

Incorporates design characteristics for reliable shaft grounding for medium voltage applications, generators, and turbines to divert harmful shaft voltages to ground and extend bearing life. Variable Frequency Drives save energy but require motor specifications to protect motor bearings from VFD-induced electrical bearing fluting failure. AEGIS® PRO Series conductive microfiber shaft grounding ring improves reliability of large VFD driven motors, DC motors, generators, and turbines.

Bearing Damage from VFD Induced Shaft Voltage in Large Motors:

Variable frequency drives induce voltage onto the shaft of the driven electric motors through parasitic capacitance. These voltages seek a path to ground through the motor bearings causing electrical currents which result in pitting and fluting damage and motor failure.

Bearing Damage from High Frequency Circulating Currents:

Large LV and MV motors when operated on a VFD may also have high frequency circulating currents (HFCC) due to the magnetic flux imbalances in the motor's windings. High frequency circulating currents through the motor bearings cause destructive arcing which may result in fluting damage and motor failure. These motors require an insulated bearing, usually on the non-drive end (NDE), to interrupt the HFCC flow.

Shaft Grounding Ring for VFD-Induced Shaft Voltage on Large Electric Motors (LV over 500 HP and all MV):

Application of AEGIS® PRO Series Shaft Grounding Rings is required on all VFD-driven motors to provide a conductive discharge path away from the motor bearings to ground. AEGIS® PRO Series Shaft Grounding Ring provides a maintenance-free circumferential ring of conductive microfibers that discharges voltages to ground.

Manufacturer's Application Recommendation for VFD Driven Motors: Medium Voltage Motors and Large Frame Low Voltage Motors 500HP (375 kW) or greater, DC motors 300HP or greater.

Drive end: AEGIS® PRO Series Shaft Grounding Ring with 6 rows of conductive microfibers.

Non-Drive end: Bearing housing must be isolated with insulated sleeve or coating or use insulated ceramic or hybrid bearing to disrupt circulating currents.

Protecting Attached Equipment from VFD Induced Bearing Currents:

VFD-induced shaft voltages may also discharge through the bearing in attached equipment including gear boxes, pillow block bearings, break motor bearings, encoders etc. Applying AEGIS® PRO Series Shaft Grounding Ring to the motor shaft will discharge induced electrical voltages to ground and prevent voltages from seeking a discharge path through the attached equipment.

Note: Install one AEGIS® PRO Series Shaft Grounding Ring, drive end preferred, in all applications where motor has insulated bearings or ceramic ball bearings installed on both DE and NDE to protect bearings in attached equipment.

Design Specification (Electrical or Mechanical Section):

Whenever variable frequency PWM drives are installed to control large AC motors, a maintenance-free, circumferential, conductive microfiber shaft grounding ring (PRO Series) shall be installed on the AC motor to discharge shaft currents to ground. Recommended part: AEGIS®PRO Series Shaft Grounding Ring



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Application Specifications:		
Shaft Surface Condition:	Shaft surface must be conductive and be free of any coatings or finishes that reduce conductivity. In most cases, standard steel shaft finish from motor manufacturer is suitabl for AEGIS® PRO Ring installation, however environmental factors could create a potential f decreased conductivity on the shaft of the motor by formation of a non-conductive surface layer such as rust or oxidation. Maintaining a conductive shaft surface is required to allow efficient discharge of VFD-induced shaft voltage to the AEGIS® PRO Shaft Grounding Ring. Recommend applying AEGIS® CS015 Colloidal Silver Shaft Coating to the motor shaft surface prior to installing AEGIS® PRO Series Ring.	
Severe Duty Applications	Severe Duty motors are operated in general processing industry applications requiring protection from severe environmental operating conditions - often where there is debris, powder, dirt, liquids, lubricants or other contaminants. For these applications the AEGIS® PROSLR incorporates an O-ring dust and debris barrier which will prevent ingress of materials that could interfere with the contact of the conductive microfibers to the motor's shaft. Note: When the AEGIS® PROSLR is installed inside the motor the O-ring barrier will prevent grease from clogging the fibers in an over-lubricated condition.	
Shaft Surface finish:	Ra 130 micro-inch finish or better.	
Shaft Surface Maintenance Requirements:	 If a non-conductive corrosion forms on the motor shaft such as rust or other oxidation: (1) Unfasten the AEGIS® PRO Ring from the motor end bracket by removing the screws and brackets. (2) Slide the ring away from the motor housing. (3) Using very fine grit (#220 - #240) sand remove any non-conductive corrosion from the area where the fibers touch the shaft. (4) Apply AEGIS® Colloidal Silver Shaft Coating (PN: CS015) to the shaft surface and allow to dry. (5) Reinstall the AEGIS® PRO Ring. 	
AEGIS® Conductive Shaft Surface Coating (Colloidal Silver CS015):	Applied to the motor shaft to enhance the conductivity of the motor shaft surface and help prevent non-conductive corrosion by filling in the machined surface with engineered silver <1 um flake. Silver is applied 360 degrees around the motor shaft where the fibers are in contact with the shaft. Silver particles are polished into the shaft surface by the AEGIS® PRO Ring conductive microfibers. Ships with all AEGIS® PRO Ring installations.	
Fiber Flexibility:	AEGIS® PRO Rings are constructed with patented AEGIS® FiberLock™ channel to allow conductive microfibers to bend and flex within their elastic design limits. Multiple rows of fibers are distributed 360 degrees inside the FiberLock™ channel to provide maximum shaft surface contact. Fiber length is designed with an optimal shaft overlap.	
Fiber wear:	Usually less than 0.001" [0.03mm] in 10,000 hours. Fiber wear length designed for expected life 200,000+ hours based on testing. Wear rate may vary depending on conditions in individual applications. Fibers retain contact/noncontact function.	
Friction:	Little or no frictional axial or radial fiber pressure applied to shaft. Extremely light contact only. Designed for minimal friction with no reduction in motor performance.	
AEGIS® PRO Ring Maintenance Requirements:	The AEGIS® PRO Ring does not require maintenance. The shaft must remain conductive for shaft current discharge.	



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Replacement Oil and Grease on Motor Shaft:	Install new AEGIS® PRO Ring whenever bearings are replaced on inverter-driven motors. Small amounts of oil and/or grease are acceptable if the shaft surface remains conductive.	
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Dirt/dust:	Small amounts of dust and/or small particles are acceptable. Fibers "sweep" particles from shaft surface during operation. Shaft surface must remain conductive.	
Eccentricity	0.010" [0.25mm] Total Indicator Runout in area where AEGIS® Ring is installed	
Directional rotation:	Motor may be operated in clockwise or counter clockwise rotation. Motor may change directional rotation without limitations.	
Maximum surface rate/RPM:	No Maximum rating - There is no theoretical RPM limit as there is virtually no frictional contact with the shaft at high RPM. Verify specific application with AEGIS® Engineering.	
Maximum temperature rating:	410°F (210°C) - Verify application specific temperatures with AEGIS® Engineering.	
Minimum temperature rating:	-112°F (-80°C) - Verify application specific temperatures with AEGIS® Engineering.	
Humidity:	0 to 90% - Verify application specific acceptable humidity with AEGIS® Engineering	
RoHS Test Results: Directive 2002/95/EC for the Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances in electrical and electronic equipment applies	All materials used in manufacture of AEGIS® PRO Rings are in compliance with Directive 2002/95/EC, Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances in electrical and electronic equipment. No RoHS banned substances are present in excess of the maximum concentration values (MCV). (1) Following substances were found to be less than 0.1% by weight in homogeneous materials (required by RoHS directive): Lead (Pb) Mercury (Hg) Hexavalent chromium (Cr(VI)) Polybrominated biphenyl (PBB) Polybrominated diphenyl ether (PDPE) (2) Following substance is less than 0.01% by weight in homogeneous materials (required by RoHS directive): Cadmium (Cd) Note: Request RoHS Certification Letter from sales@est-aegis.com or call 866-738-1857	
Hazardous areas:	Not certified for Class 1 Division 1, Division 2 or Class 1 Zone 1, Zone 2. AEGIS® Rings may be installed inside an explosion proof enclosure per IEEE Std 303™ 2004 or inside an XP motor.	
CE and UL requirements:	AEGIS® PRO Series Ring is classified as a "component" and as such is not subject to the requirements of any Directive. The application of CE or UL Mark is not applicable to this component.	



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Additional Installation Notes:		
Installation Instructions:	Detailed instructions available at www.est-aegis.com	
Corrosion Prevention:	Do not install AEGIS® Rings on rust-covered shafts or where rust is likely to accumulate on motor shaft surface. To assist in prevention of rust or oxidation apply AEGIS® Colloidal Silver Shaft Coating PN CS015 on clean shaft surface.	
Thread Locking compound:	Do not use thread locking compound or any other non-conductive material to secure the screws of AEGIS® Rings. The screws are part of the conductive path for shaft voltages.	
Excessive Vibration:	Installation bolts should be tightened and lock washers used. In some critical applications it may be also be desirable to use a thread locker. In this case you must use a conductive silver epoxy such as EP2400 available from sales@est-aegis.com or 866-738-1857	
Outdoor installations:	A cover should be installed to prevent rust on the shaft. Use AEGIS® Colloidal Silver Shaft Coating PN CS015 on motor shaft to help retard rust.	
Wash-down Duty Applications:	Recommend AEGIS® PRO Ring installed inside the motor. High pressure water should not be directed onto the conductive microfibers. Contact sales@est-aegis.com or call 866-738-1857 for recommendations regarding wash-down duty applications.	
Severe Duty Environments:	For severe duty applications use AEGIS® PRO Ring installed inside the motor or incorporate inside of a Bearing Isolator. AEGIS® PROSLR incorporates an o-ring dust and debris barrier.	
Technical information:	Technical information contained in this specification is rendered in good faith. User must assume responsibility to determine suitability of the product for intended use. Contact AEGIS® Engineering by calling customer service: 866-738-1857 or email sales@est-aegis.com .	

AEGIS PRO Series

Type of AEGIS® PRO Series Ring	Specifications	Description and Uses
AEGIS® PROSL	Designs: Solid, Split and Press Fit Shaft Dia: 2.5" to 15.75" [63.5mm to 400mm] OD: Shaft Dia + 1.86" [47.24mm] OAL: 0.650" [16.51mm] MAX assembled with mounting screws Mounting: Supplied with screws for bolt through mounting English: 8-32 x 1" Flat Head Cap Screws Metric: M4 x .7 x 25mm Flat Head Cap Screws	The AEGIS® PROSL is a high current capable AEGIS® PRO Series Bearing Protection Ring for large motors, generators and turbines operated by VFDs. The slim design and flexible installation options allow for adaptation to virtually all large motors.
AEGIS® PROSLR	Designs: Solid and Split Shaft Dia: 2.5" to 15.75" [63.5mm to 400mm] OD: Shaft Dia + 1.86" [47.24mm] OAL: 0.775" [19.68mm] assembled with mounting screws Mounting: Supplied with screws for bolt through mounting English: Solid Ring 8-32 x 1" FHCS, Split Ring 8-32 x 1.25" FHCS Metric: Solid Ring M4 x .7 x 25mm FHCS, Split Ring M4 x .7 x 31mm FHCS	Severe Duty motors are operated in general processing industry applications requiring protection from severe environmental operating conditions - often where there is debris, powder, dirt, liquids, lubricants or other contaminants. For these applications the AEGIS® PROSLR incorporates an O-ring dust and debris barrier which will prevent ingress of materials that could interfere with the contact of the conductive microfibers to the motor's shaft.
AEGIS® PROMAX	 Designs: Split Ring only Shaft Dia: 15.75" to 30" [400mm to 762mm] OD: Shaft Dia + 3.0" [76.2mm] OAL: 1.875" [47.62mm] assembled with mounting Screws Mounting: Supplied with (4) M8 x 1.25 x 50 Socket Head Cap Screws for bolt through mounting 	The AEGIS® PROMAX is designed for installation on the most critical and largest motors, generators and turbines. Scalable to any shaft diameter over 15.75" [400mm], this high current capable AEGIS® PROMAX Shaft Grounding Ring is custom engineered for each application to ensure the best bearing protection possible.
AEGIS® PROMR	For shaft diameter of 2.5" to 15.75" [63.5mm to 400mm]. Designs: Solid and Split OD: Shaft Dia + 1.86" [47.24mm] OAL: 1.312" [33.32mm] assembled with mounting screws Mounting: Supplied with screws for bolt through mounting English Screws: 8-32 x 1" Flat Head Cap Screws Metric Screws: M4 x .7 x 25mm Flat Head Cap Screws	The AEGIS® PROMR "monitoring ring" combines the AEGIS® PROSL with an additional isolated SGR ring that can be used as a monitoring device. The PROSL channels the voltages and currents safely to ground while the monitoring SGR ring measures voltage on the shaft and is not grounded. A phenolic plate between the 2 rings is used to isolate the monitoring ring.
Optional Mounting Brackets for AEGIS® PRO Series	Brackets designed for: PROSL PROSLR, PROMR	AEGIS® PRO Series Universal Bracket Kit includes brackets, four different spacer lengths and hardware for each.