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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR USERS

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## User Guide Change Summary

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The following is a summary of the primary changes to this user guide since the last version was released. This user guide, version 1600.135.05, supersedes version 1600.135.04.

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The successful completion of these steps will prevent subsequent performance problems and allow you to isolate and resolve any potential system difficulties before they affect your system's operation.

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#### **Developing Your Application**

Before you attempt to develop and implement your application, you should consider the following:

- Recognize and clarify the requirements of your application. Clearly define what you expect the system to do.
- Follow the guidelines and instructions outlined in this user guide. **Do not skip any steps or procedures.** Proper installation and implementation can be ensured only if all procedures are completed in the proper sequence.

## Chapter 1. INTRODUCTION

### Chapter Objectives

The information in this chapter will enable you to understand the product's basic functions and features.

### Product Description

The BL Series drives are high performance, low-loss pulse width modulated DC servo drives suitable for use with Digiplan brushless (ML range) servo motors. The drives can be supplied with an integral positioner which accepts motion control commands over an RS232C link. They are designed for rack or panel mounting and power-plate technology makes them capable of delivering a continuous output power of 100W to 2kW. Adjustable current limiting allows them to be matched to a wide range of motors.

The drives are fully protected against damage caused by overheating and by short-circuits across motor connections or to earth. Additional protection circuitry monitors the voltage rails within the drives and disables the power switches if these fall outside the specification.

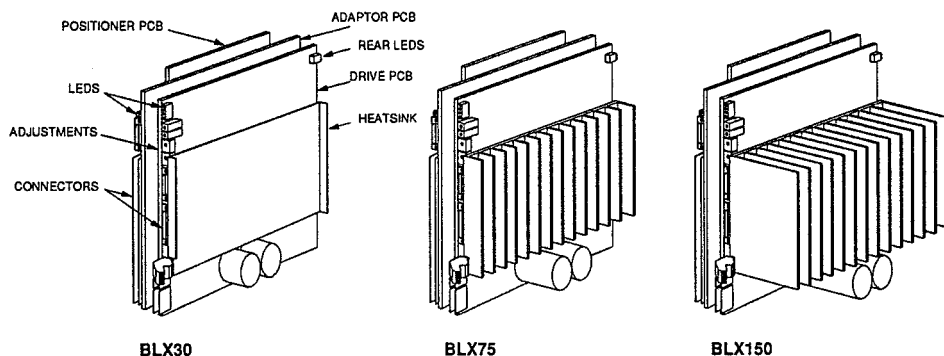


Figure 1-1. Basic BL Drives with Positioner

The built-in power supply operates from a single AC input voltage and uses a switching regulator to generate low voltage supplies, including power for the optional positioner. The supply has a built-in power dump circuit which protects its circuits by absorbing the power generated by the motor during deceleration.

**Product  
Features**

Protection Circuits	Adjustable Current Limit Overcurrent Overtemperature (Motor or drive) Overvoltage Output short circuit				
Function Indicators	Current Limit Drive Fault Overtemperature Logic Supply On				
Adjustments	Tachometer gain Balance Time constant Damping				
Outputs and Inputs	Reset/Disable Differential velocity/torque demand input Fault output Incremental encoder outputs				
Other Features	Power dump Euro rack system				
Variant Information	<table><tr><td>Positioner</td><td>Fitted, not fitted</td></tr><tr><td>Mounting</td><td>Rack, L bracket or packaged</td></tr></table>	Positioner	Fitted, not fitted	Mounting	Rack, L bracket or packaged
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**Table 1-1. BL Drive Type Variants**

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**Theory of  
Operation**

The drive contains all the necessary circuitry to control a brushless DC servo motor. It must be used in conjunction with a mains isolating transformer as this produces a suitable AC supply voltage from the AC mains supply.



The input to the drive is an analogue signal source, for example an analogue servo controller or simply a potentiometer. When the optional positioner is fitted, commands entered at an RS232C terminal or from a computer result in signals from the positioner to the drive which produce the commanded motion control function. The drive generates motor currents required to achieve the motion from the servo motor and an encoder provides feedback to complete the basic system shown in Figure 1-2.

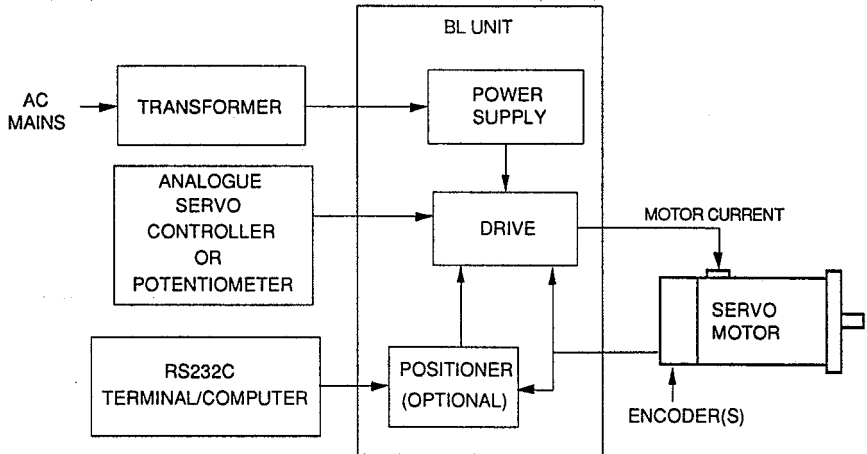


Figure 1-2. BL Drive System Schematic

## Controls and Indicators

### LED's

<b>Current Limit LED (Yellow)</b>	Illumination of this LED indicates that the axis is in current limit (does not disable the axis). This occurs if the rate of change of velocity demanded cannot be met by the drive or the torque request is greater than the set peak current.
<b>Overtemperature LED (Red)</b>	Illumination of this LED indicates overtemperature in the drive or the motor connected to it.
<b>Drive Fault LED (Red)</b>	This LED, when illuminated, indicates that there has been an incremental encoder signal loss, overcurrent or overvoltage. It will also illuminate if the 24V DC is present but the AC input is absent.

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### Logic Supply On (Green)

This LED indicates that the power to the logic circuits of the drive is present and correct.

### Potentiometers

#### Balance

This 20 turn potentiometer is used to adjust the balance of the amplifier to give zero motor current when there is no velocity input demand.

#### Tach Gain

The level of the velocity feedback is adjusted by this 20 turn potentiometer.

#### Time Constant

The Time Constant single turn potentiometer and associated components determine the bandwidth of the amplifier.

#### Damping

This single turn potentiometer adjusts the response characteristic of the amplifier so that the axis achieves the demanded velocity without overshoot.

### Jumper Links

BL drive options are selected by means of nine jumper links as shown in Figure 1-3. A full description of the jumper link functions will be found under "Setting Up the Drive". See Table 3-8 for Current Limit link settings and Figure 3-7 for Pull Up/Pull Down on disable input.

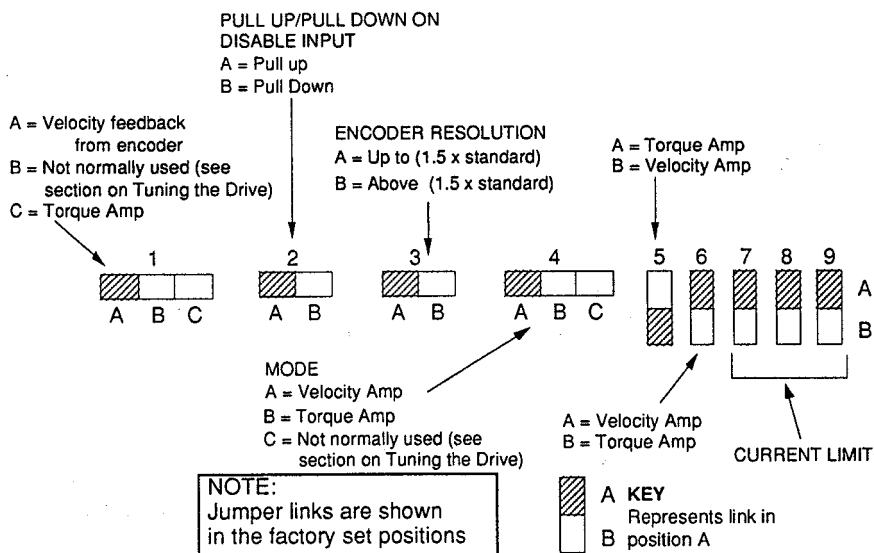


Figure 1-3. Jumper Link Setting Schematic

## Chapter 2. GETTING STARTED

### Chapter Objectives

The information in this chapter will help you to do the following:

- Verify that each component of your system has been delivered correctly.
- Become familiar with system components and their interrelationships.
- Establish the basic system configuration.
- Ensure that the drive functions correctly.

### What You Should Have

Upon receipt, you should inspect your BL system delivery for obvious damage to its container. Report any damage as soon as possible. The items listed in Table 2-1 should be present and in good condition. To verify that you have the proper drive model, check the model number listed on the drive serial plate.

Ship Kit Table

Part Description	Part Number
BL Drive	<b>L bracket mount:</b> BL30L, BL75L, BL150L <b>Packaged:</b> BL30B, BL75B, BL150B <b>Front connectors:</b> BL30F, BL75F, BL150F <b>Rear connectors:</b> BL30R, BL75R, BL150R
Positioner (if ordered)	BLX30, BLX75, BLX150
Optional Transformers: Model TO92 Model TO170 Model TO171	2050.036.04 2050.120.03 2050.121.03
BL User Guide	1600.135.04
Positioner Option User Guide (if positioner is fitted)	1600.137.02

Table 2-1. BL Drive Ship Kit

Systems may be shipped configured with drives and motors prewired or supplied as separate units.

Figure 2-1 illustrates the pre-installation test configuration for systems without a positioner operating from a 240V mains supply.



Figure 2-2 shows the pre-installation test configuration for systems without a positioner operating from 120V AC mains supplies.

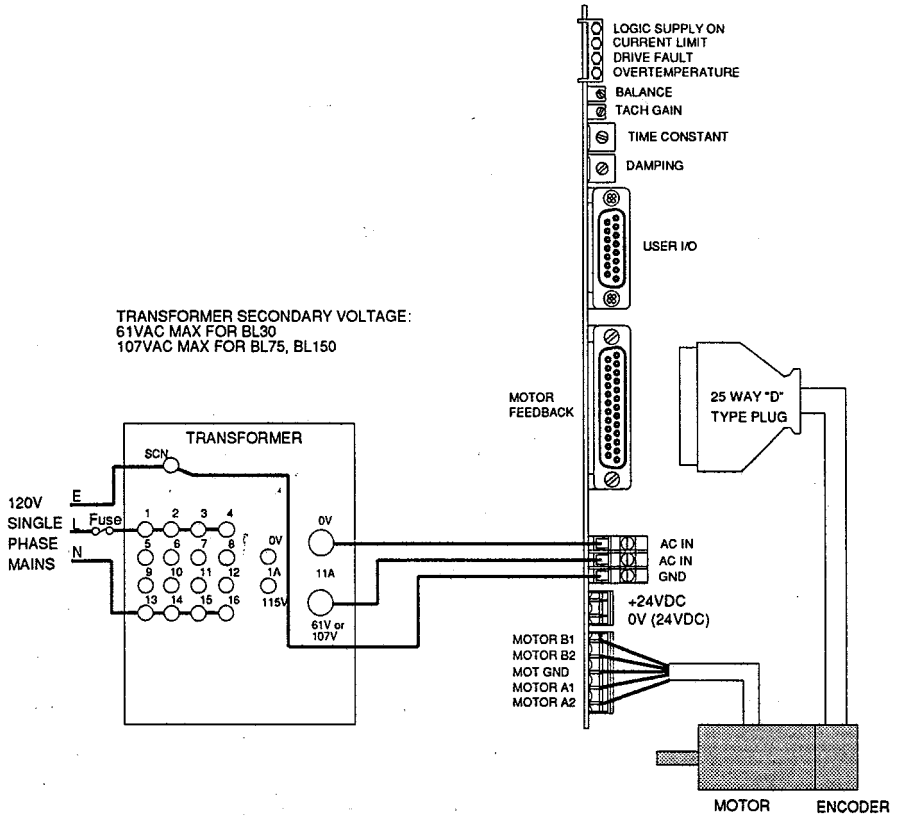
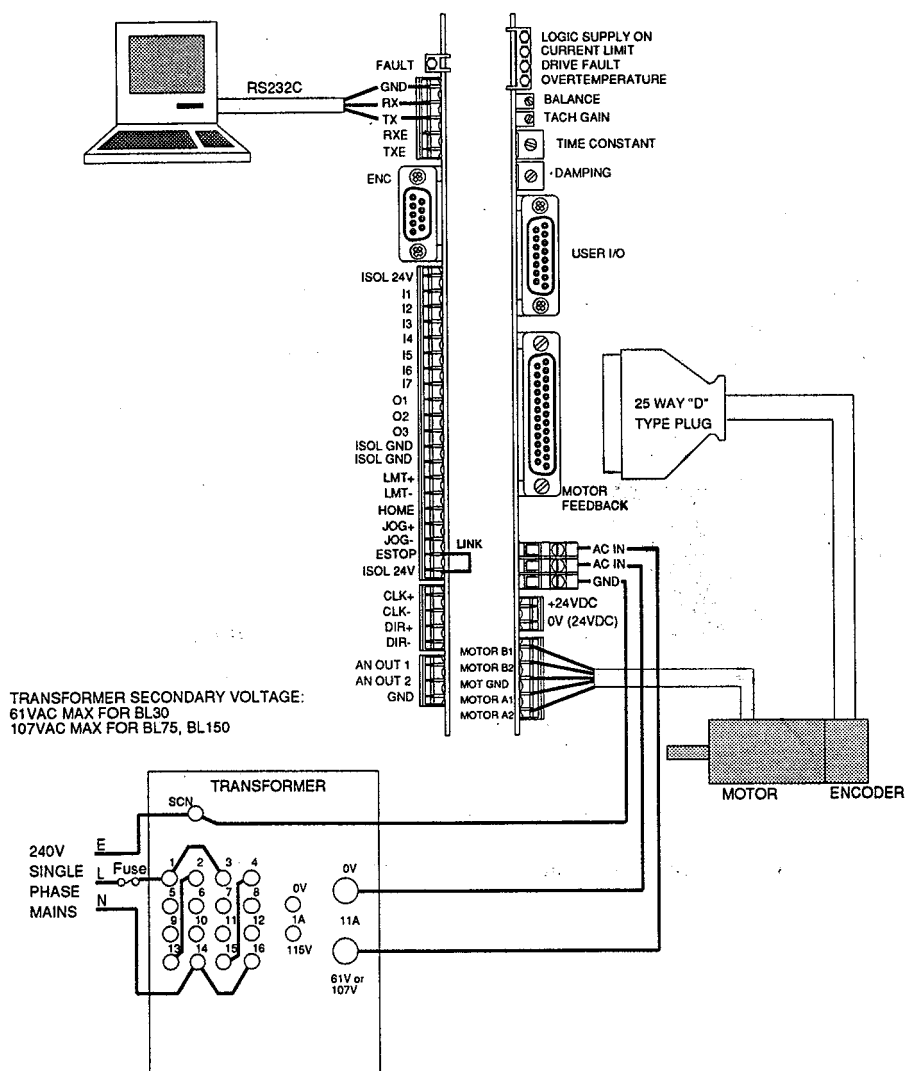


Figure 2-2. Pre-installation Test Configuration (120V AC Mains Supply)

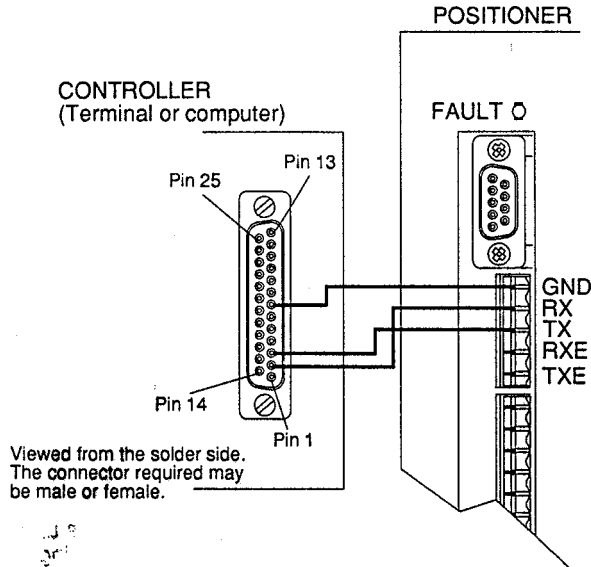
Figure 2-3 illustrates the pre-installation test configuration for systems supplied with a positioner.



**Figure 2-3. Pre-installation Test Configuration (Positioner-equipped Systems)**

## RS232C Controller

If a positioner is fitted, the RS232C connections from the controller to the positioner are as shown in Figure 2-4. Note that the Tx and Rx lines are cross-connected so that the transmit output is connected to the receive input in each case.



**Figure 2-4. Controller to Positioner RS232C Connections**

A cable suitable for this connection is available from Digiplan. Its part number is 7967.100. The connections RXE and TXE are not used for the test.

### 1. Connect the Motor

#### WARNING

**Ensure that AC power is disconnected before attempting to connect or disconnect the motor. Lethal voltages are present on the motor connectors.**

Motor and feedback connectors are pre-wired. Plug the 5-way screw terminal connector into the Motor socket and the 25-way D connector into the Motor Feedback socket. During final installation it may be necessary to extend the leads or re-wire the connectors - information on lead colours etc. will be found in Chapter 3 "Installation".

**2. Connect the Transformer**

The motor and logic supplies are derived from a single-phase isolating transformer, which should be rated for the total loading. This clearly depends on the duty cycle, but would be typically 2.5A @ 61V for the BL30, 6A @ 107V for the BL75 and 11A @ 107V for the BL150. You should install an in-line fuse suitably rated for the AC supply and the transformer loading in the live lead to the transformer primary (see Figure 2-1 to 2-3).

Normally, the BL system is shipped with one of the Digiplan transformers: TO170, TO171 or TO92.

**Before connecting the AC supply leads, measure the secondary voltage(s) from the isolating transformer. These should not exceed 61V AC for the BL30 or 107V AC for the BL75 or BL150 at the nominal AC input voltage.**

**Connection Examples**

Figures 2-1 and 2-2 illustrate connections for the standard Digiplan transformers.

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**Testing the BL System without a Positioner**

1. Set the drive potentiometers as follows:

TIME CONSTANT	Fully CCW
DAMPING	Fully CCW
TACH GAIN	Fully CW

2. For the pre-installation test set the drive up as a velocity amp by putting the jumper links in the following position:

1	A
2	A
3	A
4	A
5	B
6	A
7, 8 and 9	A (to give minimum motor current)

For more information on jumper link settings see Figure 1-3 and Table 3-8.

2. Refer to Figure 1-3 and Table 3-8 and set the drive jumper links accordingly. Information on setting the jumper links will be found in the same section.
3. Make sure that the motor is held securely and that the shaft is free to rotate.
4. Turn the Time Constant and Damping controls fully CCW and the Tach Gain control fully CW.



5. Turn on the 24V supply (if used) and the main AC supply.
6. Rotate the Balance control until the motor shaft remains stationary. Rotating the Balance control CW should cause the motor to rotate CW and therefore, rotating CCW should cause the motor to rotate CCW.

### Testing the BL System with a Positioner

1. Set the drive potentiometers as follows:
 

TIME CONSTANT	Fully CW
DAMPING	Fully CCW
TACH GAIN	Fully CW
2. For the pre-installation test set the drive up as a torque amp by putting the jumper links in the following position:
 

1	C
2	A
3	A
4	B
5	A
6	B
7, 8 and 9	A (to give minimum motor current)

For more information on jumper link settings see Figure 1-3 and Table 3-8.

3. Make sure that the motor is held securely and the shaft is free to rotate.
4. Turn on the 24V supply (if used) and the main AC supply.
5. Check that the controller is communicating with the positioner by typing 1R<CR> (assuming the device address is 1). Note that all commands should be followed either by a space or carriage return <CR>. The positioner should respond with \*R if it is ready to accept commands. If there is no response, or a different character is returned, refer to the Troubleshooting section before going any further.

Type OFF to ensure the drive is disabled.

6. Put a wire jumper link or normally closed push-button switch, between emergency stop and isolated 24V.
7. Type the following:

CPG5 CVG2 CFG0 CTG0 COFF0

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8. Type the following:

MC V1 A500 ON G

9. Motor should rotate slowly. This confirms that the drive is working.

10. Type S OFF



## Chapter 3. INSTALLATION

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### Chapter Objectives

The information in this chapter will enable you to do the following:

- Mount all system components
- Connect all system inputs and outputs
- Ensure that the system is installed properly
- Perform basic system tests

**You must complete all steps in Chapter 2, "Getting Started" before proceeding with the steps in this chapter.**

This chapter also covers mains transformer information.

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### Environment

The drive system should be installed in an area where there is adequate ventilation above and below the racks. In some applications involving high duty cycles, ventilation fans and/or additional dump resistors may be required.

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### Mounting the Drive

The drives are available with fittings for various methods of mounting. Figure 3-1 shows the mounting methods and the dimensions of the units.

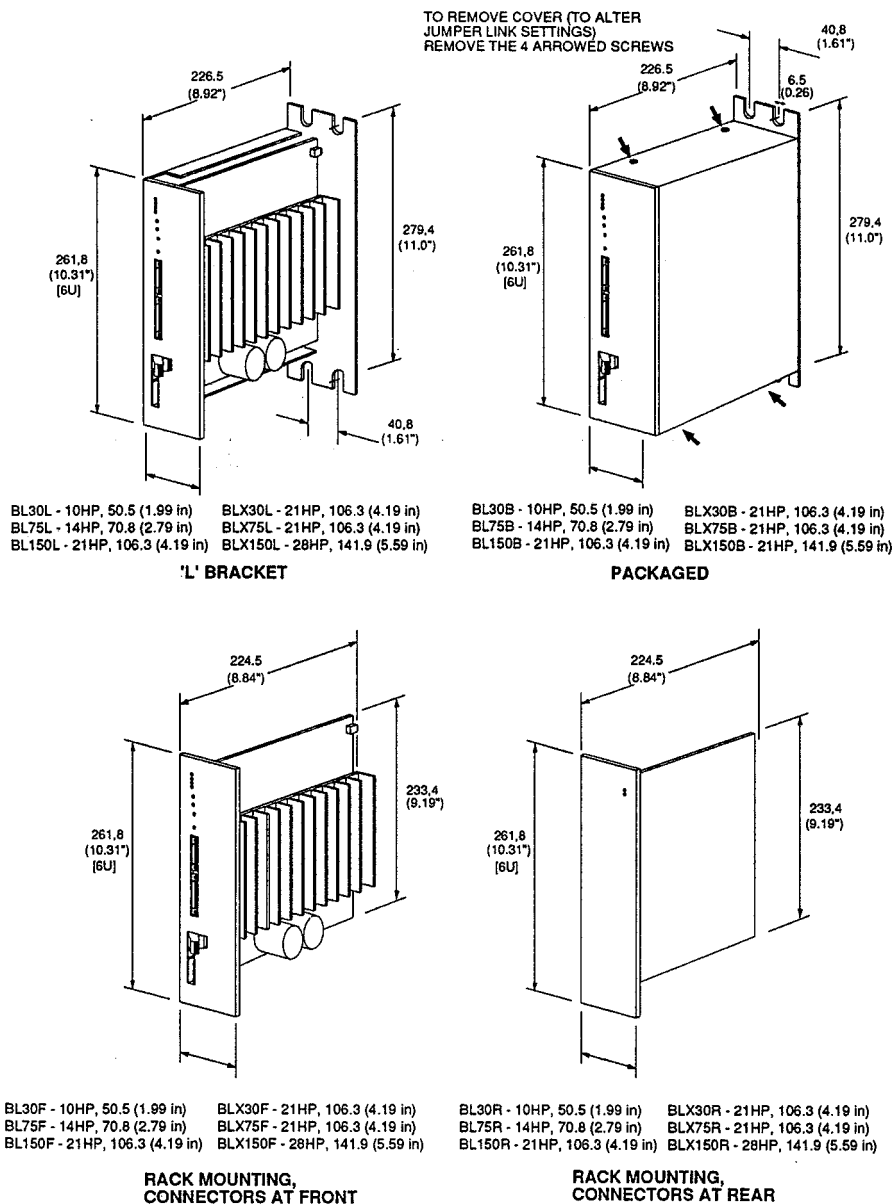


Figure 3-1. Mounting the Drive

## Mains Transformer

This section describes the range of mains transformers suitable for use with BL drives available from Digiplan. It is advisable to test that either 61VAC (for an 85V DC motor supply) or 107VAC (for a 150V DC motor supply) is obtained on the secondary of the transformer used before connecting it to the equipment. The equipment will be damaged if the voltage is too high. A qualified electrician should carry out this work.

**NOTE:** It is our convention to quote transformer secondary voltages in the open circuit condition.

To use the system on a different mains supply, you will need to change the transformer connections. The information given in this section will show you how to do this.

Table 3-1 shows details of the transformers available. These are all for single phase operation.

Type	DC Supply	VA Rating	Suitable Drive
Model TO92	85v	700	BL30
Model TO170	150v	1300	BL75, BL150
Model TO171	150v	2500	BL75, BL150

**Table 3-1. Optional Mains Transformers**

Figures 3-2 and 3-3 show the transformer connections when used with 240VAC mains supplies and 120VAC mains supplies respectively.

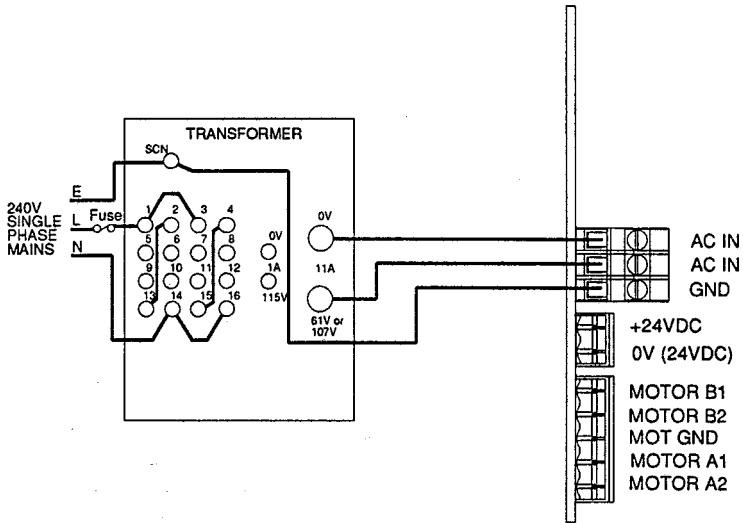


Figure 3-2. 240VAC Connections

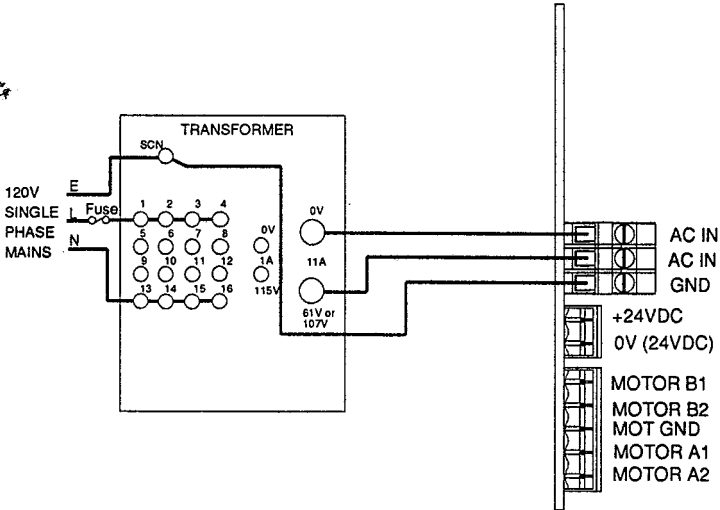


Figure 3-3. 120VAC Connections

### Voltage Adjustment

Table 3-2 gives details of the terminal connections for the range of mains input voltages. Input voltages in the range 360 to 480V are for connection across two phases of a three phase supply.

Input voltage	Primary connections		Jumper Links
	Line 1	Line 2	
100	1	9	1-2-3-4, 9-10-11-12
110	5	13	5-6-7-8, 13-14-15-16
120	1	13	1-2-3-4, 13-14-15-16
200	1	10	9-2, 11-4, 1-3, 10-12
220	5	14	13-6, 15-8, 5-7, 14-16
230	1	14	1-3, 13-6, 15-8, 14-16
240	1	14	1-3, 13-2, 15-4, 14-16
360	5	12	9-6, 10-7, 11-8
380	5	16	9-6, 10-7, 11-8
400	1	12	9-2, 10-3, 11-4
420	1	16	9-2, 10-3, 11-4
440	5	16	13-6, 14-7, 15-8
460	5	16	13-6, 14-3, 15-4
480	1	16	13-2, 14-3, 15-4

**Table 3-2. Transformer Connections**

The mains earth should be connected to the the transformer screen on terminal SCN.

### Transformer Connections

Where several drives are to be operated from the same isolating transformer, it is desirable that a separate secondary winding is provided for each drive. If this is not possible, ensure that the wiring impedances to each drive are closely matched by connecting each unit individually back to the transformer using equal lengths of wire. Don't 'daisy chain' drives by looping the AC input from one to the next.



# Drive Signal Connections

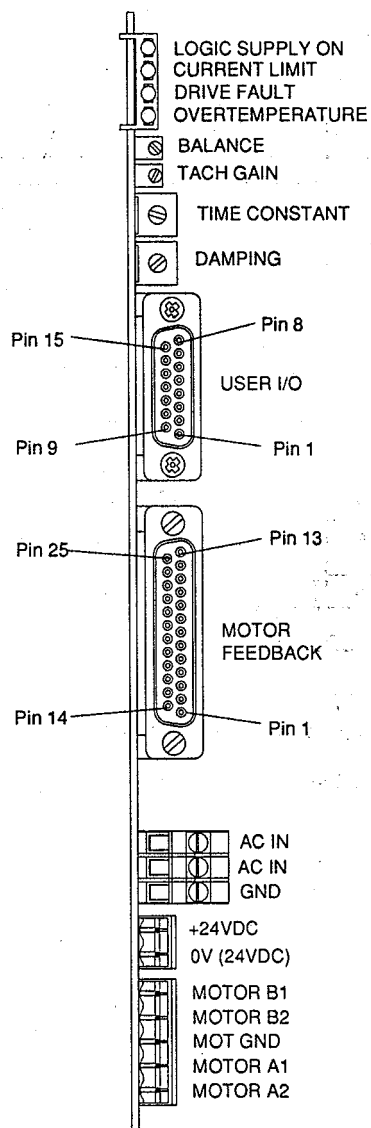


Figure 3-4. Connectors and Indicators

User I/O Connector  
Pin Functions

Pin	Signal Name	Function	Signal Type
1	V2	Analogue velocity input	L
2	V1	Analogue velocity input	L
3	-15v	Reference voltage	O
4	GND	Ground	Q
5	RST	Reset/Disable	P
6	+15V	Reference voltage	O
7	Not used		
8	Not used		
9	FT	Fault	N
10	AOP *	A output from incremental encoder	M
11	AOP	A output	M
12	BOP *	B output from incremental encoder	M
13	BOP	B output	M
14	ZOP **	Z output from incremental encoder	M
15	ZOP	Z output	M

\* AOP leads BOP for CW motor rotation

\*\* ZOP is a once-per-rev high-going pulse, covering  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a channel AOP cycle and occurring when AOP and BOP are both high

Table 3-3. User I/O Connector Pin Functions

Motor Connector Pin  
Functions

Signal Name	Function	Signal Type	Lead Colour *
Motor A1	Motor phase A1	I	White
Motor A2	Motor phase A2	I	Yellow
MOT GND	Motor ground	J	Green
Motor B1	Motor phase B1	I	Brown
Motor B2	Motor phase B2	I	Grey

\* Lead colours may vary depending on motor frame size. Please check before removing connector

Table 3-4. Motor Connector Pin Functions

**Motor Feedback  
Connector Pin  
Functions**

Pin Number	Function	Signal Type	Lead Colour
1	Screen	R	Drain Wire
2	0V	E	Bk
3	5V	D	Rd } Twisted Pair
4			Not connected
5			Not connected
6	$\overline{\text{MOT}}$	F	Rd
7	MOT	F	Gn } Twisted Pair
8	Z-	C	Rd
9	Z+	C	W } Twisted Pair
10	B-	C	Bk
11	B+	C	Or } Twisted Pair
12	A-	C	Bk
13	A+	C	Brn } Twisted Pair
14 to 17			Not connected
18	$\overline{\text{A3}}$	C	Bk
19	A3	C	W } Twisted Pair
20	$\overline{\text{A2}}$	C	Bk
21	A2	C	Gn } Twisted Pair
22	$\overline{\text{A1}}$	C	Bk
23	A1	C	Bl } Twisted Pair
24	$\overline{\text{A0}}$	C	Bk
25	A0	C	Y } Twisted Pair

**Table 3-5. Motor Feedback Connector Pin Functions****AC In Connector**

Signal Name	Function	Signal Type
AC IN	AC supply voltage from mains transformer	G
AC IN	AC supply voltage from mains transformer	G
GND	Ground for mains transformer screen	H

**Table 3-6. AC Input Connector Pin Functions**

## 24V DC Connector

Signal Name	Function	Signal Type
+24V DC	+24V DC supply to drive	A
0V (24V DC)	0V of 24V DC supply to drive	B

Table 3-7. 24V Supply Connector Pin Functions

## Key to Signal Types

- A +24v supply to drive
- B 0V of 24V supply to drive
- C Differential encoder input
- D Encoder supply voltage
- E Encoder supply 0V
- F Motor overtemperature input
- G AC input from mains transformer
- H Ground for mains transformer screen
- I Motor supply
- J Motor Ground
- L Analogue velocity demand signal
- M Differential output from incremental encoder
- N Open collector output
- O Reference voltage out (10mA max.)
- P Active low control input
- Q Logic supply ground

## Using an External +24V Supply

The BL drive has an on-board switch-mode power supply which also supplies the positioner, if fitted. This supply normally runs from the AC input. If it is required that the logic supply to the positioner be maintained even when the AC input is removed (to keep the positioner communicating) a 24V DC supply can be connected to this 2 pin socket. This will maintain all the logic supplies when the AC input is removed. When the AC input is restored, the current from the 24V DC supply, normally about 750mA, falls to zero.

## Using an External Positioner

The incremental encoder incorporated in the motor may be used to provide position information to an external positioner. Terminals 10-15 on the User I/O connector provide the true and complementary signals from all three encoder channels (see Table 3-3). These outputs are generated by 26LS31 line drivers.

## Rewiring the Motor Connections

If it is necessary to disconnect the feedback cable for any reason (to feed it through a conduit, for example) it is recommended that it is disconnected at the motor end. To do this, loosen both gland nuts, take off the terminal cover by removing the 4 retaining bolts, **make a careful note of where each pair of wires is connected** and then loosen all the screw terminals to remove the cable.

If you need to extend the feedback cable, use 18-way (9-pair) twisted-pair shielded cable such as Cablemaster Type OS 9P 24 or Belden Type 9509. Where one lead of a twisted pair is black, take care to use the correct black lead at the other end.

The main motor cable has 5 leads and is terminated in a 5-way screw terminal connector. This connector is easily removed and refitted where necessary. The lead colours are shown in Table 3-4; make a note of where each colour wire is connected before proceeding and take particular care that the leads are reconnected correctly. If a longer motor cable is required, remove the existing cable completely and replace it with 5-core shielded cable as follows:

1620 motor	-	0.4mm <sup>2</sup> (20AWG)
2340 motor	-	0.75mm <sup>2</sup> (18AWG)
3450 motor	-	1.0mm <sup>2</sup> (16AWG)
3475 motor	-	1.0mm <sup>2</sup> (16AWG)

Please consult Digiplan if you propose to extend the motor and feedback leads beyond 50 metres.

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### Setting Up the Drive

#### **Application Types**

There are two basic types of applications (described below) for the BL servo drive. Each type of application requires a different type of tuning.

#### ***Velocity Following***

For this application, it is required that the axis follows programmed velocities as accurately as possible. A high amplifier gain is needed so that the small signals resulting from small velocity errors will produce large correcting torques.

#### ***Torque Amplifier***

In this type of application, the torque produced is required to be proportional to the input voltage. Low amplifier gain is needed in this case. The torque produced directly relates to the motor current. For example, a gain of 1A/Volt would produce 1A of motor current for each volt at the input ( $\pm 10V$  at the input would produce  $\pm 10A$  of motor current).

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### Initial Precaution

Before starting to tune the drive ensure that the motor mechanism is clear of obstructions. Position the mechanical system at the mid-position of its total travel. Do not allow the motor to remain unstable for more than a second or two.

### Setting the Drive Jumper Links

Depending on how you want to use the drive, you may need to change some of the factory-set link positions. Figure 3-5 shows the positions and functions of all the jumper links. See Table 3-8 for Current Limit link settings and Figure 3-6 for the Pull Up/Pull Down on Disable Input.

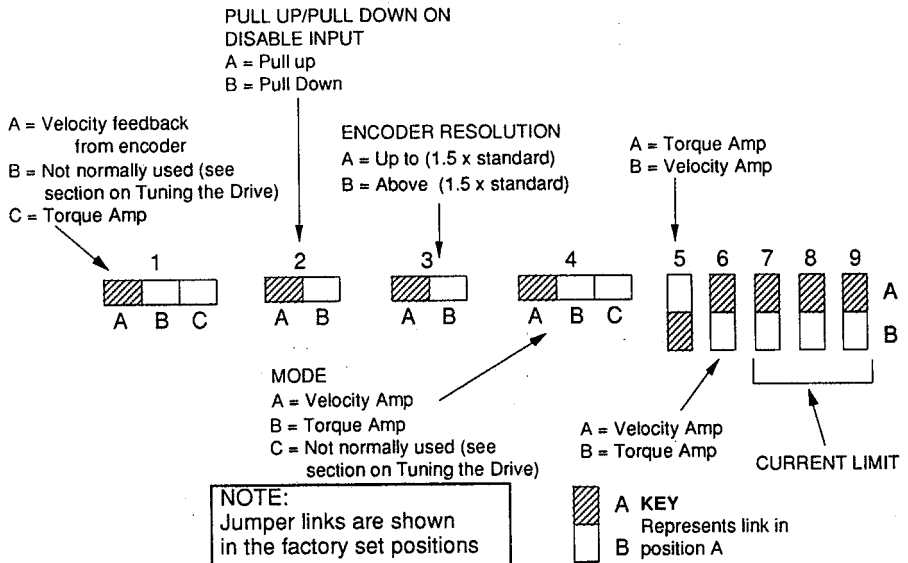


Figure 3-5. Jumper Link Setting Schematic

#### Velocity or Torque Amplifier

The BL drive would normally be used as a velocity amplifier, in which case the jumper links are set as follows:

Link 1 = A                      Link 5 = B  
Link 4 = A                      Link 6 = A

To use the drive as a torque amplifier (so that input voltage now determines torque rather than velocity), set the jumper links as follows:

Link 1 = C                      Link 5 = A  
Link 4 = B                      Link 6 = B

When the drive is used as a torque amplifier, turn the Time Constant control fully CW and the Damping control fully CCW.

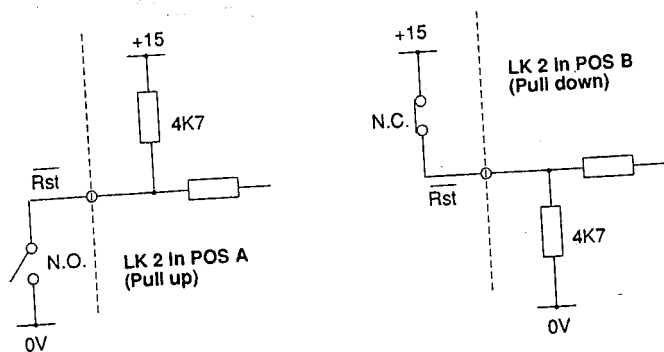


Figure 3-6. Reset/Disable Input Circuit Options

#### Polarity of the 'Disable' Input

Jumper link 2 determines whether the internal resistor on the disable input is pulled up or down. In position A, the resistor is pulled up to +15V and the drive can be disabled by connecting the disable input to 0V using a switch or open-collector transistor. In position B the input resistor is returned to 0V, requiring a normally-closed switch up to +15V to keep the drive energised. The options are illustrated in Figure 3-7.











































#### Encoder Resolution


With all standard motors, jumper link 3 should be left in position A. If the motor has been fitted with a non-standard encoder (available to special order only), and its resolution is greater than 1500 lines, transfer the jumper link to position B.


Standard encoder resolutions are 500 lines for size 16 and 23 motors, and 1000 lines for size 34 motors. After quadrature decoding these produce working resolutions of 2000 and 4000 counts/rev respectively.

#### Current Limit Setting

Jumper links 7, 8 and 9 are used to set the peak current which the drive will deliver. Table 3-8 shows the Jumper link settings for various peak current levels.

BL30	BL75	BL150	7	8	9	
7.5A	15A	30A				A
						B
3.75A	7.5A	15A				A
						B
2.5A	5A	10A				A
						B
2A	3.75A	7.5A				A
						B
1.5A	3A	6A				A
						B
1.25A	2.5A	5A				A
						B
1A	2A	4A				A
						B

 A KEY  
Represents link in  
position A

 B

**Table 3-8. Current Limit Link Settings**

It is normal to set the peak current at approximately 3 times the continuous current rating of the motor. The table below shows the recommended peak current setting for each motor size:

Motor	Peak Current
1620	3.75A
2340	7.5A
3450	15A
3475	30A

**Table 3-9. Recommended Peak Current**

You can use peak current settings higher than the values shown above provided you take great care not to exceed the appropriate duty cycle, otherwise you may burn out the motor. Information on duty cycle calculation will be found in Digiplan's Analogue Servo Application Guide, or you can obtain engineering assistance from Digiplan or your local distributor. Also, if you make the motor go unstable during tuning, disable the drive immediately to prevent damage to the motor.



## Tuning the Drive

The appropriate tuning procedure should be carried out on each axis. The procedures in this section assume that you have completed the connection and test procedures provided in Chapters 2 and 3. The motor should be coupled to the load at this stage.

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## Tuning the Drive without a Positioner

Tuning for use as a Velocity Amplifier

Use the following procedure to tune the drive.

- Step 1** Set jumper links.
- Step 2** Make sure the power to the drive is off and that the motor is held securely and the shaft is free to rotate.
- Step 3** Adjust the front panel controls as follows:
- |               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| TACH GAIN     | Fully CW  |
| DAMPING       | Fully CCW |
| TIME CONSTANT | Fully CCW |
- Step 4** Apply zero velocity demand to the input by connecting both signal inputs (VEL1 and VEL2) together.
- Step 5** Switch on the power to the drive. Should the motor rotate, adjust the Balance potentiometer in the opposite direction to the motor rotation until stationary.
- If any fault LEDs illuminate, refer to Chapter 5, "Maintenance & Troubleshooting".
- Step 6** Set the velocity amplifier sensitivity by applying a signal of 20% of maximum input (2V for  $\pm 10V$  operation) and adjusting the Tach Gain 20-turn potentiometer to give 20% of maximum speed.
- Step 7** Reduce the input signal to zero to stop the motor.
- Step 8** Rotate the Time Constant control clockwise until the motor shaft starts to oscillate (characterized by a high-pitched ringing sound). Optimum drive performance is achieved at the point when the motor first starts to ring. Do not allow the motor to oscillate for more than a second or two.
- Step 9** Increase the input signal to run the motor at high speed (**not full speed**) and check for smooth behaviour. If there is excessive noise or vibration, try turning the Time Constant control anti-clockwise.

**Step 10**

Periodically apply and remove short 20% velocity input signal pulses at approximately 1-second intervals. If the control system will not permit this method of control, remove the signal connections and use a separate DC power source (i.e., a battery or a DC power supply) to provide the signal.

Note the response of the system. The velocity may be monitored by attaching an oscilloscope probe to LK1 with the earth clip on pin 4 of the user I/O connector (15 way D type). The objective is to optimise the motor's responsiveness to the input signal. Adjust the Damping control to give the shortest settling time without overshoot and without sluggishness. Turning the control CCW makes the motor more responsive (stiff), and turning the control CW makes the motor more sluggish.

If the final speed changes considerably, you may want to change the velocity input signal to compensate. If the motor begins to oscillate (or oscillate louder than the setting derived from step 10) adjust the Time Constant control.

**Step 11**

Remove the input signal and ground VEL1 and VEL2 to each other, and, if necessary, readjust the Balance control until the shaft remains stationary.

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**Tuning for use as a  
Torque Amplifier**

Use the following procedure to tune the drive.

**Step 1**

Set jumper links.

**Step 2**

Make sure the power to the drive is off and that the motor is held securely and the shaft is free to rotate.

**Step 3**

Adjust the front panel controls as follows:

DAMPING	Fully CCW
TIME CONSTANT	Fully CW

In some torque amp applications it is necessary to set an accurate torque amp gain (i.e. Amps/Volt or Nm/Volt). This can be achieved by setting LK1 in position B and LK4 in position C. In this mode, the otherwise redundant TACH GAIN pot is used as a gain control.

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**Tuning the  
Drive with a  
Positioner**

Please refer to the Positioner User Guide for this information.



## Chapter 4. HARDWARE REFERENCE

### Chapter Objectives

This chapter is designed to function as a quick reference tool for system specifications.

### BL Drive Specification

	BL30	BL75	BL150
Continuous Current	3.75A	7.5A	15A
Peak current	7.5A	15A	30A
DC bus Voltage	85V	150V	150V
AC Input Voltage (RMS)	61V	107V	107V
Weights *	0.8Kg	1.7Kg	2.8Kg
Motor Options	ML-1620, ML-2340	ML-2340, ML-3450, ML-1620	ML-3450, ML-3475
Power input	AC direct from mains transformer		
Control input	±10V analogue (torque or velocity)		
Reference outputs	±15V at 10mA		
Velocity feedback	Built-in incremental encoder		
Commutation method	4 bit absolute encoder		
Jumper link settings	Input range, current limit, torque/vel. mode		
Potentiometer settings	Time constant, damping, balance, tach gain		
Diagnostic LED's (Front)	Power on, current limit, overtemperature, drive/motor fault		
Diagnostic LED's (Rear)	Power on, composite fault		
Dimensions	See Figure 3-1 (Chapter 3)		

\* If the drive is supplied with the positioner option, add 0.5Kg to this weight.

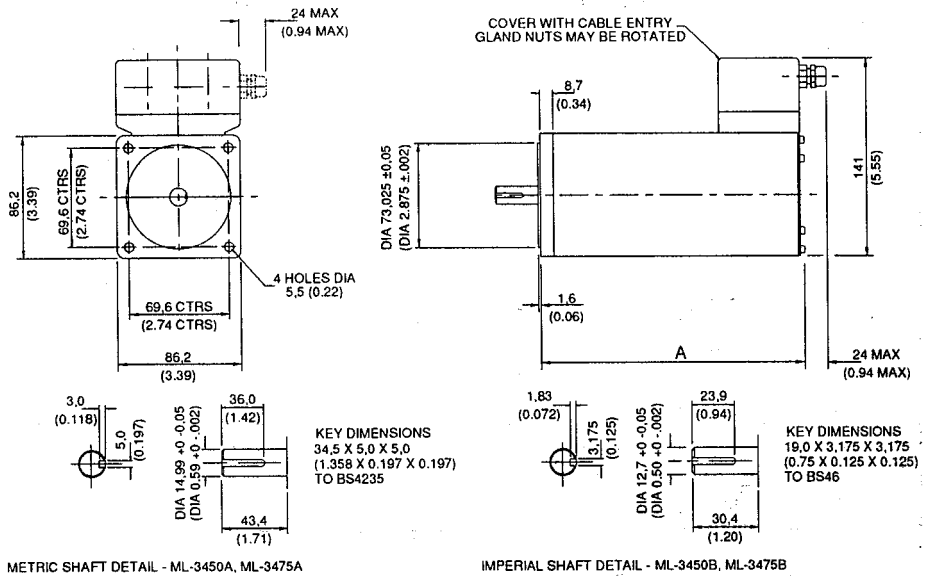
**Table 4-1. BL Servo Drives Specification**

### Brushless Motor/Drive Packages

The BL Series drives may be matched with motors in the Digiplan brushless range and supplied as ready-wired motor/drive packages. Details of the range of four motors (Types ML-1620, ML-2340, ML-3450 and ML-3475) are given in Table 4-2.

Type	Weights (including cable)	Rotor Inertia Kg-cm <sup>2</sup>	Incremental Encoder Line Count
ML-1620	0.85Kg	0.056	500
ML-2340	2.1Kg	0.28	500
ML-3450	5.1Kg	1.6	1000
ML-3475	6.4Kg	2.4	1000

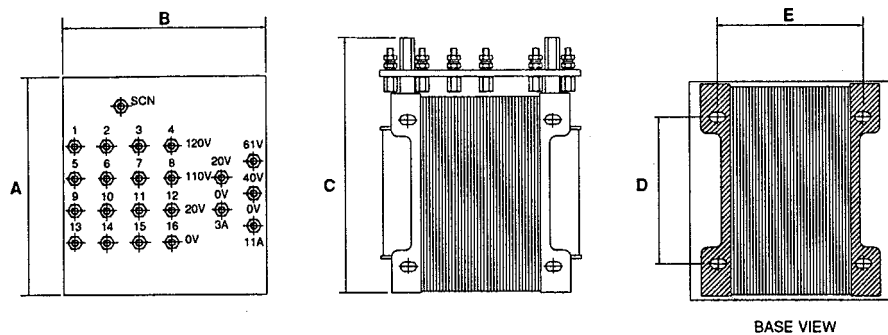
**Table 4-2. Brushless Motor Data**



Motor Type	3450	3475
Dimension A	177 (6.97)	217 (8.54)

Figure 4-3. Motor Type ML-3450 & ML-3475 Dimensions

## Transformer Dimensions



Dimensions	T092	T0170	T0171
A	136.0 (5.35)	195.0 (7.68)	215.0 (8.47)
B	126.0 (4.96)	135.0 (5.32)	172.0 (6.77)
C	155.0 Max. (6.10 Max.)	215.0 Max. (8.47 Max.)	242.0 Max. (9.53 Max.)
D	89.0 (3.50)	102.0 (4.02)	115.0 (4.53)
E	89.0 (3.50)	82.0 (3.23)	110.0 (4.33)
Weight	8Kg	15.5Kg	24.5Kg

Figure 4-4. Transformer Dimensions for T092, T0170 and T0171 - mm(ins)

### Motor/Drive Package Performance Data

The torque curves for the possible motor/drive combinations are shown in Figure 4-4.

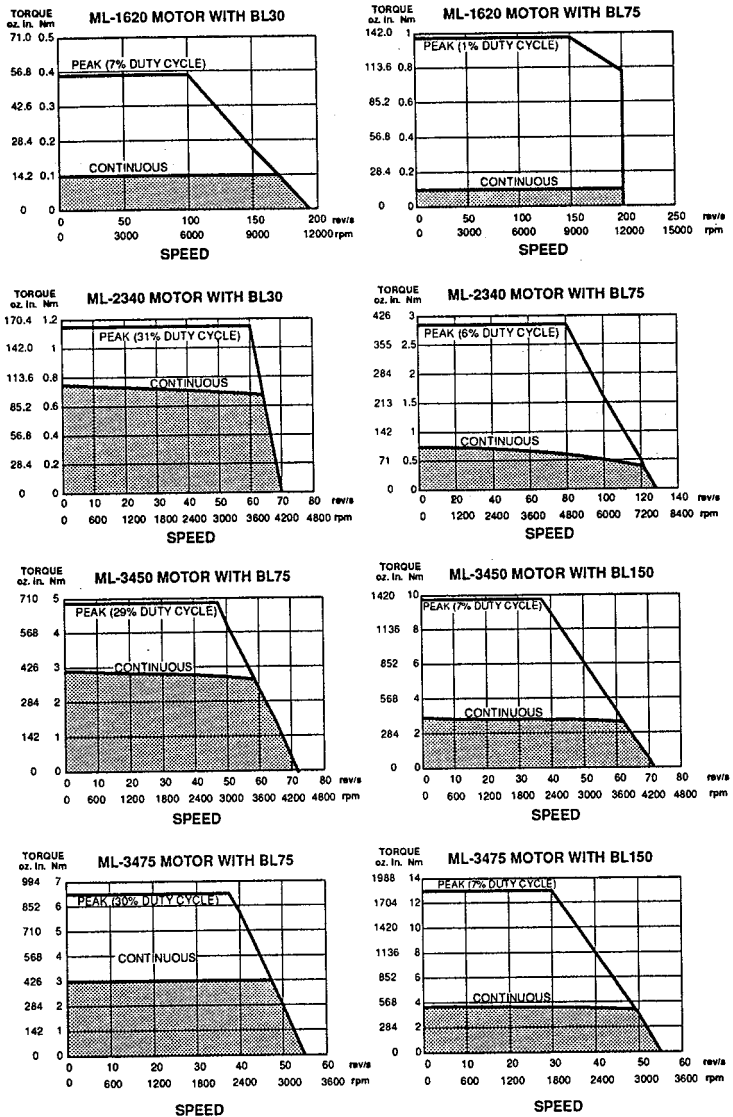


Figure 4-5. Motor/Drive Packages Torque Curves

## 2. Overcurrent

The drive fault LED will also be illuminated in the event of a short circuit occurring between the motor terminals or if either terminal is shorted to earth.

If no external reason can be found, switch off the supply, then remove the associated motor connections. Switch on the supply. If the fault LED is now illuminated then the drive is at fault and should be returned for repair. It may be necessary to request motion in either direction to obtain the fault.

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## 3. Loss of Incremental Encoder Signal

The LED will be illuminated if the signal from the incremental encoder is not present. The motor would run away out of control if this was not detected.

If previous tests have not enabled the fault to be isolated, then substitution of the drive should enable the fault to be narrowed down to one drive which can then be returned for repair.

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## Overtemperature LED

This LED indicates an overtemperature fault. It may be the result of a drive fault, which can of course be proven by substitution. If this does not identify the fault then checks should be made to ensure that the ambient temperature does not exceed 40°C, when all units in the vicinity of the drive have reached their normal operating temperature. A cooling fan may be necessary if high duty cycles are required. The LED may also indicate motor overtemperature.

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## Power On LED

This LED indicates that the logic supplies are present. It will remain illuminated for a short time after the drive has been switched off, due to the stored charge in the capacitors.

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## Incorrect Operation

### Noise from Motor or Unstable Motor Operation

This is usually caused by the Damping or Time Constant controls requiring adjustment. Re-adjustment of either of these two controls should cure this. If none of these checks has isolated the problem then substitution of the drive should be used to prove whether or not the drive module is at fault.

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### Motor Creep

This is usually caused by an incorrect setting of the Balance control, so first check this setting by confirming that there is zero velocity command on V1 and V2 inputs. Then adjust the Balance control until the motor shaft is stationary.



The dimensions of the motors are shown in Figures 4-1 to 4-4.

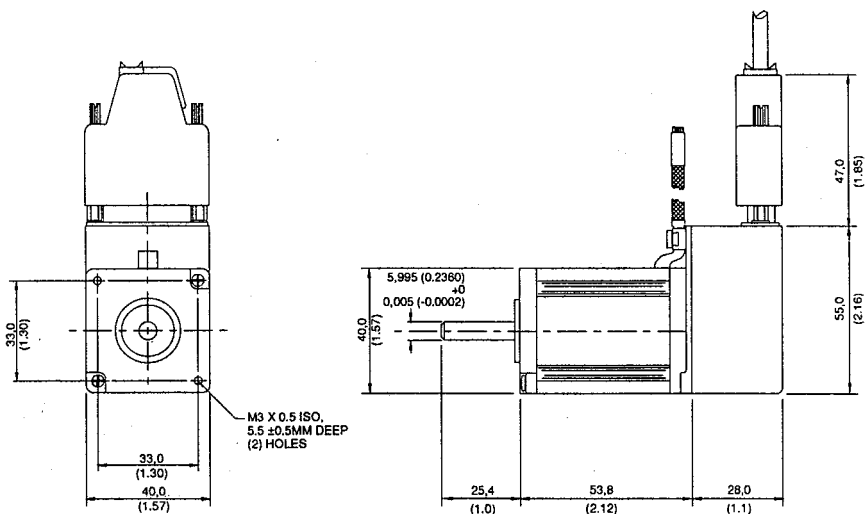


Figure 4-1. Motor Type ML-1620 Dimensions

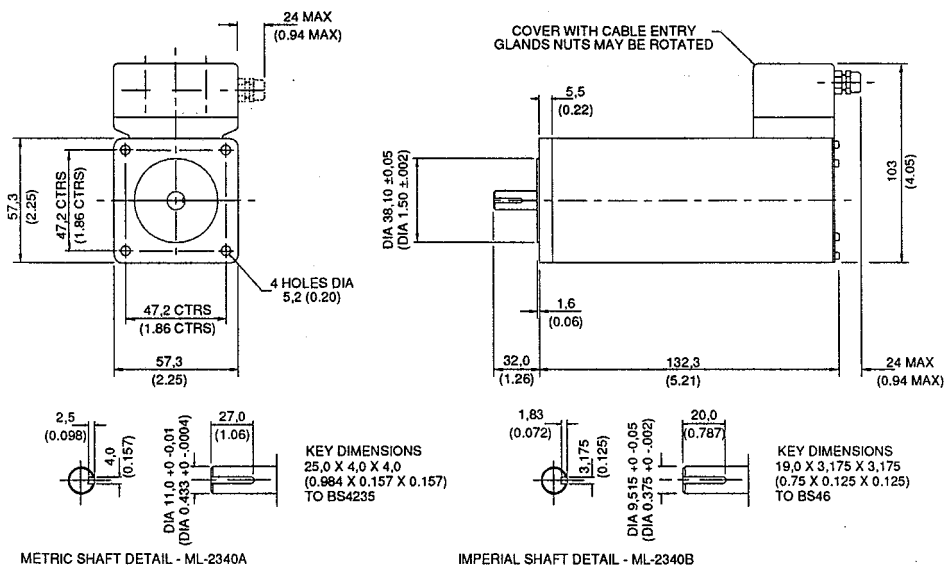


Figure 4-2. Motor Type ML-2340 Dimensions

## Fuse Ratings

BL drives incorporate four fuses - two AC input fuses, a DC bus fuse and a power dump fuse. Types and ratings are shown in Table 4-3.

Fuse No.	Circuit	Type	Rating		
			BL30	BL75	BL150
FS1	AC input	32mm TL HBC	8A	16A	32A
FS2	AC input	32mm TL HBC	8A	16A	32A
FS3	DC bus	32mm QA HBC	8A	16A	20A
FS4	Power dump	20mm TL LBC	2A	2A	2A

**TL** - Time lag  
**QA** - Quick acting  
**HBC** - High breaking capacity  
**LBC** - Low breaking capacity

**Table 4-3. BL Fuse Ratings**

Ship the unit to: Parker Hannifin plc  
Digiplan Division  
21, Balena Close,  
Poole,  
Dorset,  
England.  
BH17 7DX

4. In the USA, call Parker Compumotor for a Return Material Authorization (RMA) number. Returned products cannot be accepted without an RMA number. The phone number for Digiplan Applications Department is (800) 358-9070.

Ship the unit to: Parker Hannifin Corporation  
Digiplan Division  
5500 Business Park Drive  
Rohnert Park, CA 94928  
Attn: RMA # xxxxxxx

5. Elsewhere: Contact the distributor who supplied the equipment.

Ensure that all signals are supplied in twisted pairs or screened cables.

If none of these steps resolves the problem then, once again, try substitution of the drive module to prove if the drive is at fault.

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### Returning the System

If you must return your BL drive to affect repairs or upgrades, use the following steps:

1. The serial number and the model number of the defective unit, and a purchase order number to cover repair costs in the event the unit is determined by the manufacturers to be out of warranty.
2. Before you return the unit, have someone from your organization with a technical understanding of the BL drive/system and its application include answers to as many of the following questions as possible:
  - What is the extent of the failure/reason for return?
  - How long did it operate?
  - Did any other items fail at the same time?
  - What was happening when the unit failed (i.e., installing the unit, cycling power, starting other equipment, etc)?
  - How was the product configured (in detail)?
  - What, if any, cables were modified and how?
  - With what equipment is the unit interfaced?
  - What was the application?
  - What was the system environment (temperature, enclosure, spacing, unit orientation, contaminants, etc.)?
  - What upgrades, if any, are required (hardware, software, user guide)?
3. In UK, call Digiplan for a GRA (Goods Returned Authorisation) number. Returned products cannot be accepted without a GRA number. The phone number for Digiplan Repair Department is 0202-690911. For Customer Service/Applications Department phone 0202 699000.

## Appendix

### Using the BL Drive with a Compumotor 4400 Controller

This information relates to the X axis on a 4404 Machine Controller.

Other axes can be easily configured by following the information below and referring to the 4400 User Guide.

Each axis of the 4400 has encoder inputs and control outputs. The encoder connections can be found on C1-a and the control outputs on C2-a of the 4404 Machine Controller.

The 4404 has only one ENABLE relay, so if all drives are to be enabled/disabled the enable relay must be connected in parallel to all the drives. (4400 C2-a connector pins 10 and 11)

Function	15-Way D BL (User I/O)	37-Way D 4400 (C1-a)	15-Way D 4400 (C2-a)
V2	1	NC	4
V1	2	NC	12
GND	4	NC	10
RESET	5	NC	11
CHA+	10	21	NC
CHA-	11	2	NC
CHB+	12	20	NC
CHB-	13	1	NC
CHZ+	14	22	NC
CHZ-	15	3	NC
SHIELD	NC	17	NC
SHIELD	NC	NC	8

**Table A-1. Connections Between BL Drive & 4400 Controller**

C-2a Pin 1 connects to C-2a Pin 9 via normally closed switch. Opening the switch will cause servos to disable — this would be an ESTOP type input or a jumper link.

NC denotes No Connection.



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