SCR Power Controllers



Introduction to Silicon Controlled Rectifier (SCR) Power Controllers

Features and Benefits of SCRs

* High reliability

Because the SCR power controller is a solid-state device, it provides virtually limitless, trouble-free operation with a minimum of maintenance.

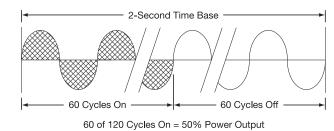
- * Infinite resolution Power, current or voltage can be controlled from zero to 100% with infinite resolution.
- * Extremely fast response The SCR controller can toggle-load power on and off rapidly, providing the means to respond quickly to command, load and power supply changes.

The SCR

The SCR has two states, *On* and *Off*, and allows current to flow in only one direction. An SCR unit is composed of two SCRs arranged to control AC power. SCRs can remain in the off state even though the applied potential may be several thousand volts; in the on state, they can pass several thousand amperes. When a small signal is applied the SCR will turn on in 10-100 microseconds. Once turned on it will remain on until the current through it is reduced below a very low value called the holding current.

Basically, an SCR power controller consists of the following:

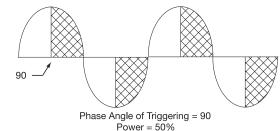
- Semiconductor power devices (SCRs and diodes)
- A control circuit normally referred to as the firing circuit
- A means to dissipate the generated heat
- Protective circuits (fuses and transient suppressors)



Distributive Zero-Cross Control

The term zero-cross or synchronous operation of SCRs is derived from the fact that the SCRs are turned on only when the instantaneous value of the AC sinusoidal waveform is zero. Zero-cross controllers can provide two rather distinctively different types of control: time proportioning control, and distributive control.

The Distributive Control Technique combines power pulses of short duration to obtain the exact power level proportional to the command signal or setpoint.



Phase-Angle Control

In phase-angle control the SCR unit is turned on at a certain phase angle of the AC power supply that provides the correct percentage of power. Power is regulated by advancing or delaying the point at which the SCR is turned on within each half cycle. Shown is an example of this for 50% power output.

Phase-angle control provides a very fine resolution of power and is used to control fast responding loads such as tungsten-filament lamps or loads in which the resistance changes as a function of temperature. Phase-angle control is required if the load is transformer-coupled or inductive.

Phase-angle controllers are typically more expensive than zero-cross controllers because the phase-angle circuit requires more sophistication than a zero-cross circuit. Phase-angle control of three-phase power requires SCRs in all three legs and is appreciably more expensive than zero-cross control, which only requires SCRs in two of the three legs.

Optional (SCR) Features

True Power Regulation / Current Limit It uses output voltage, current, conduction angle, phase shift, and power factor to monitor and regulate the output. It will provide output power that is constant, regulated and linear to the command signal. This option includes an RMS current limit (adjustable from 35 to 125% of the unit's rating) and has a 0-5 VDC output that is proportional to the load power.

Over-Current Trip Tempco's over-current trip is peak current sensing. The circuit will shut down the SCR within a half-cycle of AC current. It includes an automatic or manual reset that allows the user to select the reset mode after an alarm. A relay output is available for alarming or shutdown. Adjustable from 100 to 300% of the unit's rating.

RMS Current Regulation / Over-Current Trip It will hold the output current constant regardless of the load resistance, based upon the command signal input. This option includes an RMS current trip adjustable from 35 to 125% of the unit's rating.

RMS Current Limit / Over-Current Trip The output current can be adjusted to automatically limit or clamp the maximum RMS current available from the SCR power control. It is settable from 35 to 125% of the unit's rating. This option includes an RMS current trip adjustable from 35 to 125% of the unit's rating.

Over-Temperature Thermostat These are bi-metal snap action thermostats that open or close when the heat sink's temperature exceeds its maximum operating temperature. Standard on all SCR power controls starting at 90 Amps. Specify NO or NC when ordering, or a NO thermostat will be included.

Load Unbalance Alarm The unbalance alarm monitors and compares the current in each of the three phases. If the current deviates more than the setpoint allows, an alarm relay is actuated.

SCR Module Failure Alarm This option monitors the voltage drop across each of the SCRs. Since most SCRs fail shorted (zero voltage drop) this is the most accurate method to detect a failed SCR module. A relay output is provided.

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Single Phase SCR Power Controllers

SCR Power Controller "A" Series — Single Phase 15 through 70 Amp

Design Features

- * Electrically Isolated Heat Sink
- * Conservative Thermal Design
- * Voltage Squared Linearity
- * Transient Voltage Protection
 * Multi-Turn Zero &
- Span Adjustments
- * UL, cUL, CE Compliant

The **"A"** Series SCR Power Controllers are a compact and economical power control solution for industrial applications that require high reliability and long life. The fast solid state switching provides superior performance over relays, contactors and other slower cycling controllers by reducing temperature variations associated with the longer on-off cycles of those devices. The result is a more precise control of the heating process and extended heater life.

- Fast Cycling Distributive Zero Cross or Phase Angle Firing Control Modes
- ► Line Voltage Compensation

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➤ Compact Size; Diagnostic LED; Increased Heater Life





Specifications

Command Signals:	4-20mA; 0-5 VDC; 0-10 VDC;	potentiometer	Temperature		
Control Mode: Distri	e Firing		32 to 122°F (0 to 50°C)		
Load Current: 15, 25		•	to 198°F (-10 to 70°C)		
Line Voltage: 120, 24	% 50/60 Hz	Cooling: Conve			
Zero and Span: Fact	er a range of		el mount with heat sink fins vertical		
20% of span.		Dimensions	units – Overall: 4.75 "W × 6.0 "H × 3.1 "D		
Transient Voltage a			Mounting Centers: 4.35"W × 4.5"H		
Uses a dv/dt snubbe	IOV)	70 Amp uni	ts – Overall: 8.5"W × 10"H × 5"D		
Zero Cross: 0 to 1	00% of line voltage		-	Mounting Centers: 8.0"W × 8.75"H	
Phase Angle Firi		Weight			
Linearity		•	units: 1.2 lb.		
Zero Cross: Linea	r with respect to the command s	signal	70 Amp uni	ts: 3 lb	
Phase Angle Firir		Notes: Fus	sing is not included. Class T fuses are		
within 2% of the command signal.			recommended.		
"A" Series SCR Power Controllers are offered with the All control input configurations require 24 V					
	sheet below. Fill in the boxes v letter designation for your requi		pov	ver supply except zero cross with 4-20mA input.	
and a part number will be a		rements	4		
x	Ordering (Code: SE			
Control Mode BOX 1	Line Voltage BOX 3	Control In	put BOX 4	Options (up to two) BOXES 5, 6	
Z: Distributive Zero Cross	1: 120 VAC	A: 4 to 20 mA	A	(for zero cross or phase angle fire models)	
P: Phase Angle Fire	2: 240 VAC 3: 480 VAC	B: 0 to 5 VD C: 0 to 10 VI	-	E: Over-Temperature Thermostat – N.O. Contacts F: Over-Temperature Thermostat – N.C. Contacts	
	4: 575 VAC	D: Potentiom	-	N: None	
Load Current BOX 2			ntrol input types	(for phase angle fire models only)	
xx: 15, 25, 40 or 70 Amps		require additi power input,		C: RMS Current Limit	
COMMON CONFIGURAT		cross firing w		J: Over-Current Trip	
240 VAC; 1-phase					
Part Number		Potentiometer Kit (ordered separately): 5KΩ potentiometer and knob Part number: SRS99001			
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Multi-Tap Transformer Input: 120/240V, 400V, 480V or 575V		
15 Amp SRS01 25 Amp SRS01		Warti-1		Output: 24VAC	
40 Amp SRS01	103 SRS02103			Part number: SRS99002	
70 Amp SRS01	104 SRS02104				
Standard lead time	is 2 to 3 weeks. 🔥	WARNING: C	ancer and Rep	roductive Harm - www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.	

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SCR Power Controller "B" Series—Single Phase 60 through 1200 Amp

The "B" Series SCR Power Controllers are a compact and economical power control solution for industrial applications that require high reliability and long life. The fast solid state switching provides superior performance over relays, contactors and other slower cycling controllers by reducing temperature variations associated with the longer on-off cycles of those devices. The result is a more precise control of the heating process and extended heater life.

Design Features

- * Conservative Thermal Design
- * Compact Size
- * Voltage Squared Linearity
- * Line Voltage Protection
- * Includes Semiconductor I²T Fuses
- * Diagnostic Indicators
- * Multi-Turn Zero & Span Adjustments
- * UL, cUL Compliant



Specifications

Command Signals: 4-20mA; 0-5 VDC; 0-10 VDC; potentiometer

Control Mode: Distributive Zero Cross; Phase Angle Firing

Load current: Zero Cross or Phase Angle Fire Output Amperage Ratings: 60, 90, 120, 180, 225, 350, 500, 650, 800, 1000, 1200

Line Voltage: 120, 240, 480, or 575 VAC; 10% to 20% 50/60 Hz

Zero and Span: Factory pre-set. User adjustable over a range of 20% of span.

Transient Voltage and dv/dt: 200 volts/microsecond minimum. Uses a dv/dt snubber and a metal oxide varistor (MOV).

Control Range

Zero Cross: 0 to 99.5% of line voltage

Phase Angle Firing: 0 to 97% of line voltage

Linearity

Zero Cross: Linear with respect to the command signal Phase Angle Firing: RMS load voltage is linear within 2% of the command signal.

"B" Series SCR Power Controllers are offered with the options listed in the worksheet below. Fill in the boxes with the appropriate number and/or letter designation for your requirements and a part number will be assigned.

Temperature Operating: 32 to 122°F (0 to 50°C) Storage: 14 to 158°F (-10 to 70°C)

Cooling: 60 Amp convection; all others fan cooled

Mounting: Panel mount with heat sink fins vertical

Dimensions

60-225 Amp units - Overall: 9.5"W × 16.25"H × 9.25"D Mounting Centers: 7.0"W × 15.69"H

350 and 500 Amp units-Overall: 14.75"W × 20.125"H × 8.5"D Mounting Centers: 13.0"W × 18.375"H

650 Amp units - Overall: 16.75"W × 23.0"H × 11.5"D Mounting Centers: 15.75"W × 22.0"H

800-1200 Amp units: Overall: 16.75"W × 29.0"H × 12.0"D Mounting Centers: 15.75"W × 13.0" Top/15.0" Bottom

Weight

60-225 Amp units: 22 lbs 600 Amp units: 47 lbs

350-500 Amp units: 24 lbs 800-1200 Amp units: 71 lbs



Control Mode Z : Distributive Z P : Phase Angle F	Zero Cross	Load Current BOX 2 xxxx: 60, 90, 120, 180, 225, 350, 500, 650, 800, 1000, 1200 Amps	Line Voltage BOX 3 1: 120 VAC 2: 240 VAC 3: 480 VAC 4: 575 VAC	Options (up to three) BOXES 5, 6, 7 (for zero cross models only) E: Over Temperature Thermostat – Normally Open F: Over Temperature Thermostat – Normally Closed
COMMON CONFIGURATIONS — "B" SERIES 240 VAC; 1 phase; 4-20 mA control input; Includes Over Temperature Thermostat – N.O.			Control Input Box 4 A: 4 to 20 mA	 (for phase angle fire models only) A: True Power Regulation / Current Limit B: Over-Current Trip C: RMS Current Regulation / Over-Current Trip D: RMS Current Limit / Over-Current Trip E: Over Temperature Thermostat – N.O. Contacts F: Over Temperature Thermostat – N.C. Contacts N: None
for controls 90 Amp and over. Part Number Load Current: Zero Cross Phase Angle 60 Amp SRS03101 SRS04101		B : 0 to 5 VDC C : 0 to 10 VDC D : Potentiometer		
90 Amp 120 Amp 180 Amp 225 Amp	SRS03102 SRS03103 SRS03104 SRS03105	SRS04102 SRS04103 SRS04104 SRS04105	on 90 Ar	ver-temperature thermostat is standard mp controls and over — Specify N.O when ordering

Potentiometer Kit (ordered separately): $5K\Omega$ potentiometer and knob - Part Number: SRS99001

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350 Amp

SRS03106

Standard lead time is 3 to 4 weeks.

SRS04106





Three Phase SCR Power Controllers

SCR Power Controller "C" Series — Three Phase 15 through 70 Amp (2-Leg – Zero Cross)

Design Features

- * Electrically Isolated Heat Sink
- * Conservative Thermal Design
- * Voltage Squared Linearity
- * Transient Voltage Protection
- * Multi-Turn Zero & Span Adjustments

Control Mode: Distributive Zero Cross

20% of span.

Linearity: Average load voltage is linear within 1% of

"C" Series SCR Power Controllers are offered with

the options listed in the worksheet below. Fill in the boxes

with the appropriate number and/or letter designation for

your requirements and a part number will be assigned.

Control Range: 0 to 100% of line voltage

the command signal.

Load Current: 15, 25, 40 or 70 Amps

- * UL, cUL, CE Compliant
- * Ideal for: Electric Ovens, Furnaces and Kilns, Environmental Chambers and Extruders

The **"C" Series SCR Power Controllers** are two-leg zero cross SCR power controllers that linearly control, proportional to the command signal, the power applied to a 3-phase electrical load. The controller consists of a master and slave assembly. Each assembly consists of a heat sink and an SCR module. The master

assembly consists of a neat sink and an SCR module. The master assembly contains the control circuit card which controls the on-off cycles for both assemblies.

Command Signals: 4-20mA; 0-5 VDC; 0-10 VDC; potentiometer

Line Voltage: 208, 240, 277, 480 or 575 VAC; 10% to 20% 50/60 Hz

Zero and Span: Factory pre-set. User adjustable over a range of

Transient Voltage and dv/dt: 500 volts/microsecond minimum.

Uses a dv/dt snubber and a metal oxide varistor (MOV).



Specifications

Temperature Operating: 32 to 122°F (0 to 50°C) Storage: 14 to 158°F (-10 to 70°C)

15-40 Amp units: 2.5 lbs

Cooling: Convection

Mounting: Panel mount with heat sink fins vertical

Dimensions

15-40 Amp units—Overall: 9.61"W × 6.0"H × 3.1"D **Mounting Centers:** 4.35"W × 4.5"H (each heat sink)

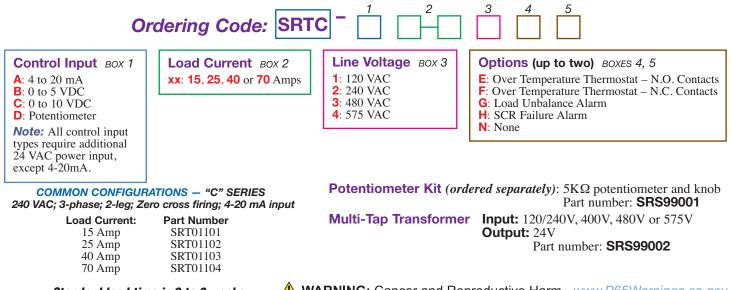
70 Amp units—Overall: 17.25"W × 10"H × 5"D Mounting Centers: 8.0"W × 8.75"H (each heat sink)

Weight

70 Amp units: 5.7 lbs



Notes: Fusing is not included. Class T fuses are recommended. All control input configurations require 24 VAC power supply except zero cross with 4-20mA input.



Standard lead time is 2 to 3 weeks.

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SCR Power Controller "D" Series — Three-Phase 60 through 1200 Amp (2-leg – Zero Cross)

The "D" Series SCR Power Controllers are two-leg zero cross SCR power controls that linearly control, proportional to the command signal, the power applied to a 3-phase electrical load.

The Series "D" controller features a compact design, a single plug-in circuit card for ease of operation and an electrically isolated heat sink. All three leads are fused.

Design Features

- * Back to Back SCRs
- * Includes 3 Semiconductor I^2T fuses
- * Line Voltage Compensation
- * Diagnostic Indicators (Control Power, Command Signal, Blown Fuse)
- * Fan Cooled on 90 Amp and higher units
- * Transient Voltage Protection
- * Voltage Squared Linearity
- * Electrically Isolated Heat Sink
- * Multi-Turn Zero & Span Adjustments
- * UL, cUL, CE Compliant

Partial case shown for 60 to 225 Amp units. 350 Amp and up use a caseless, open panel mount design.



Specifications

Command Signals: 4-20 mA; 0-5 VDC; 0-10 VDC; potentiometer Control Mode: Distributive Zero Cross

Load Current per Leg: 60, 90, 120, 180, 225, 350, 500, 650, 800, 1000, 1200 Amps

Line Voltage: 208, 240, 480 or 575 VAC; 10% to 20% 50/60 Hz

- Zero and Span: Factory pre-set. User adjustable over a range of 20% of span.
- Transient Voltage and dv/dt: 200 volts/microsecond minimum. Uses a dv/dt snubber and a metal oxide varistor (MOV).

Control Range: 0 to 99.5% of line voltage

Linearity: Average load voltage is linear within 2% of the command signal.

Temperature

Operating: 32 to 122°F (0 to 50°C) Storage: 14 to 158°F (-10 to 70°C)

Cooling: 60A convection; all others fan cooled

Amp and over

Standard lead time is 3 to 4 weeks.

Part Number

SRT02101

SRT02102

SRT02103 SRT02104

SRT02105

SRT02106

Load Current:

60 Amp 90 Amp

120 Amp

180 Amp

225 Amp

350 Amp

Mounting: Panel mount with heat sink fins vertical **Dimensions**

(60 to 225 Amp units use a partial case design. 350 Amp and up use a caseless, open panel mount design.)

60-225 Amp units - Overall: 12.5"W × 16.25"H × 9.25"D Mounting Centers: 10.0"W × 15.69"H

350 and 500 Amp units-Overall: 19.0"W × 20.125"H × 8.5"D Mounting Centers: 17.25"W ×

18.375"H

650 Amp units - Overall: 24.0"W × 23.0"H × 11.5"D Mounting Centers: 23.0"W × 22.0"H

800-1200 Amp units: Overall: 27.0"W × 29.0"H × 11.75"D Mounting Centers: 26.0"W × 13.75" Top/14.25" Bottom

Weight

60-225 Amp units: 31 lbs 650 Amp units: 87 lbs

2 Ordering Code: SRTE "D" Series SCR Power Controllers are Control Input BOX 1 Line Voltage BOX 3 offered with the options listed in the worksheet at A: 4-20 mA 8: 208 VAC **B**: 0-5 VDC 2: 240 VAC C: 0-10 VDC 3: 480 VAC 4: 575 VAC D: Potentiometer **COMMON CONFIGURATIONS - "D" SERIES** 240 VAC; 3-phase; 2-leg; zero cross firing; Load Current BOX 2 4-20 mA control input; Includes Over-**Options (up to two)** BOX 4, 5 Temperature Thermostat – N.O. for controls 90 xxxx: 60, 90, 120, 180, 225. E: Over-Temperature Thermostat – N.O. Contacts 350, 500, 650, 800, Over-Temperature Thermostat - N.C. Contacts E 1000, 1200 Amps G: Load Unbalance Alarm

- H: SCR Failure Alarm
- N: None

Note: Over-temperature thermostat is standard on 90 Amp controls and over - Specify N.O or N.C. when ordering

Potentiometer Kit (ordered separately): 5K Ω potentiometer and knob Part number: SRS99001

350-500 Amp units: 41 lbs

800-1200 Amp units: 180 lbs

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right. Fill in the boxes with the appropriate number and/or letter designation for your requirements and a part number will be assigned.





Three Phase SCR Power Controllers

SCR Power Controller "E" Series — Three-Phase 60 through 1200 Amp (3-leg – Phase Angle Fire)

The "E" Series SCR Power Controllers are three-phase, six SCR, phase angle power controls. 5 LEDs monitor line, command signal, 3-line current. They are ideal for electric ovens, furnaces and kilns, silicone carbide, transformer coupled loads.

Design Features

- ***** Back to Back SCRs
- * Includes 3 Semiconductor I^2T Fuses
- * Line Voltage Compensation
- * Diagnostic Indicators (Control Power, Command Signal, Blown Fuse)
- * Fan Cooled on 90 Amp and Higher Units
- * Transient Voltage Protection
- * Voltage Squared Linearity
- * Electrically Isolated Heat Sink
- * Multi-Turn Zero & Span Adjustments
- * UL, cUL, CE Compliant

Partial case shown for 60 to 225 Amp units. 350 Amp and up use a caseless, open panel mount design.



Specifications

Command Signals: 4-20 mA; 0-5 VDC; 0-10 VDC; potentiometer

Control Mode: 3-Leg – Phase Angle Fire

- Load Current: 60, 90, 120, 180, 225, 350, 500, 650, 800, 1000, 1200 Amps
- Line Voltage: 120, 208, 240, 380, 415, 480 or 575 VAC; 10 to 20% 50/60 Hz
- **Zero and Span:** Factory pre-set. User adjustable over a range of 25% of span.
- Transient Voltage and dv/dt: 200 volts/microsecond minimum. Uses a dv/dt snubber and a metal oxide varistor (MOV).

Control Range: 0 to 98% of line voltage

Linearity: Average load voltage is linear within 2% of the command signal.

Options Available: See Ordering Box

Temperature

Operating: 32 to 122°F (0 to 50°C) Storage: 14 to 158°F (-9 to 70°C

Cooling: 60A convection; All others fan cooled)

Mounting: Panel mount with heat sink fins vertical, or any position if fan cooled

Dimensions

(60 to 225 Amp units use a partial case design. 350 Amp and up use a caseless, open panel mount design.)

60-225 Amp units - Overall: 17.5"W × 16.25"H × 9.25"D Mounting Centers: 15.0"W × 15.69"H

350 and 500 Amp units-Overall: 19.0"W × 31.0"H × 8.5"D Mounting Centers: 17.25"W × 14.37" Top/14.37" Bottom

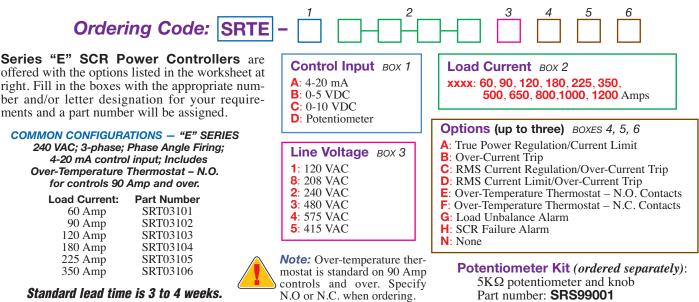
650 Amp units - Overall: 24.0"W × 34.75"H × 11.25"D Mounting Centers: 23.0"W × 16.25" Top/17.5" Bottom

800-1200 Amp units: Overall: 27.0"W × 38.75"H × 11.75"D Mounting Centers: 26.0"W × 17.25" Top/20.5" Bottom

Weight

60-225 Amp units: 40 lbs 650 Amp units: 126 lbs

350-500 Amp units: 60 lbs 800-1200 Amp units: 231 lbs



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