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## Dynamic Braking User Manual GS-DB\_UMW



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**WARNING:** GROUND THE DURAPULSE DYNAMIC BRAKE UNIT USING THE GROUND TERMINAL. THE GROUNDING METHOD MUST COMPLY WITH THE LAWS OF THE COUNTRY WHERE THE BRAKE UNIT IS TO BE INSTALLED. REFER TO THE "BASIC BRAKING WIRING DIAGRAM" SHOWN IN "CHAPTER 3: COMPONENT CONFIGURATION AND WIRING."



**WARNING:** THE MOUNTING ENCLOSURE OF THE DURAPULSE DYNAMIC BRAKE UNIT MUST COMPLY WITH EN50178. LIVE PARTS SHALL BE ARRANGED IN ENCLOSURES OR LOCATED BEHIND BARRIERS THAT MEET AT LEAST THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROTECTIVE TYPE IP20. THE TOP SURFACE OF THE ENCLOSURES OR BARRIER THAT IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE SHALL MEET AT LEAST THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROTECTIVE TYPE IP40. USERS MUST PROVIDE THIS ENVIRONMENT FOR THE BRAKE UNIT AND BRAKING RESISTOR.



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# CHAPTER 1

## **BRAKING OVERVIEW AND COMPONENT SPECIFICATIONS**

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## MANUAL OVERVIEW

### OVERVIEW OF THIS PUBLICATION

The *DURAPULSE* Dynamic Braking User Manual describes the installation, wiring, configuration, and operation of the dynamic braking unit and braking resistors as used with GS4 and GS30 series *DURAPULSE* AC Drives.

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### SUPPLEMENTAL PUBLICATIONS

The *DURAPULSE* AC Drive User Manuals for GS4 & GS30 are available from AutomationDirect and should be used along with this manual to properly install and operate both the *DURAPULSE* AC drive and the *DURAPULSE* dynamic braking unit.

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- Application Guide for AC Adjustable Speed Drive Systems
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## INTRODUCTION

### DYNAMIC BRAKING

All *DURAPULSE* GS4 and GS30 series AC drives are capable of dynamic braking to enable an AC motor with a high-inertia load to decelerate more rapidly than could be otherwise achieved, and to absorb the energy generated when a three-phase induction motor decelerates.

Applications with high-inertia type loads tend to cause the motor to regenerate energy back into the AC drive. This regeneration causes the AC drive's internal DC bus voltage to rise, which can cause an over voltage fault. With dynamic braking, the energy generated by the overhauling motor is dissipated through dedicated braking resistors as heat.

Lower-capacity drives can connect directly to the optional external braking resistors, but higher-capacity drives also require optional dynamic braking units installed between the drives and resistors.

### DYNAMIC BRAKING UNITS

*DURAPULSE* dynamic braking units are used with larger *DURAPULSE* GS4 and GS30 AC Drives to continuously monitor the drive's DC bus voltage. When bus voltage exceeds a predetermined level (depending on the supply voltage) the dynamic braking unit dissipates the excess energy into external resistors in the form of heat. *DURAPULSE* dynamic braking units must be used along with braking resistors to provide optimum braking performance.

*DURAPULSE* dynamic braking units are available for both 230V or 460V *DURAPULSE* AC Drives. MASTER/SLAVE configurations allow the use of multiple *DURAPULSE* dynamic braking units in order to accommodate the power ratings of larger *DURAPULSE* AC Drives and motors.

*DURAPULSE* dynamic braking units (GS-1DBU, GS-2DBU, GS-3DBU and GS-4DBU) are approved by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL) and Canadian Underwriters Laboratories (cUL).

### Unpacking

After receiving the *DURAPULSE* dynamic braking unit, please check for the following:

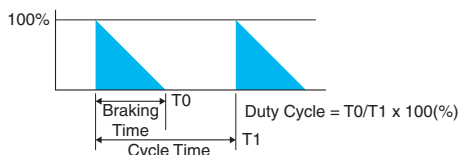
- Make sure that the part number indicated on the package corresponds with the part number of your order.
- Make sure that the package includes the *DURAPULSE* dynamic braking unit and the *DURAPULSE* dynamic braking unit User Manual.
- Inspect the contents to insure they were not damaged during shipment.

## BRAKING DUTY CYCLE

Application of a *DURAPULSE* dynamic braking unit should take into account how often the motor will stop or decelerate during normal operation. The Duty Cycle is the percentage of time the brake is actually used during deceleration in comparison to the time elapsed between each start or acceleration of the motor. This Duty Cycle percentage is necessary to allow the dynamic braking unit and braking resistor(s) sufficient time to dissipate the heat created during dynamic braking. If the Duty Cycle is exceeded, the braking resistor will not cool sufficiently, causing resistance to increase as the temperature rises with the loss of effective braking torque.

**Example:** If in a given application it is determined that it will take 10 seconds for the motor to decelerate to a stop using dynamic braking, then the motor can only be cycled on and off continuously every 1.6 minutes (100 seconds).

- $10 / 100 \times 100 = 10\%$  Duty Cycle



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*The maximum braking On-Time for the maximum 10% Duty Cycle is 10 seconds.*

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## OVERLOAD RELAY

### OVERLOAD RELAY PURPOSE

For safety purposes, install an external thermal overload relay between the dynamic brake unit and the braking resistor(s). The thermal overload relay protects the braking resistor from damage due to frequent braking, or due to the braking unit operating excessively due to unusually high input voltage.

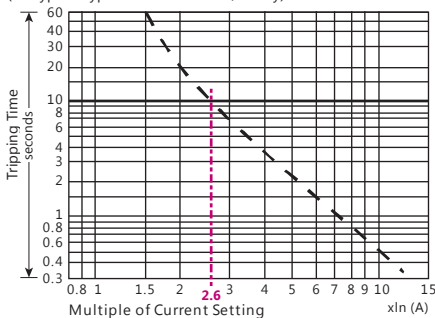
### OVERLOAD RELAY SELECTION PROCEDURE AND EXAMPLE

(For a GS4-4150 drive)

- 1) Select a thermal overload relay based on its overload capability.

Thermal Overload Response Curve

(for typical hypothetical thermal O/L relay)



Standard braking capacity for GS4 and GS30 AC drives is 10% duty cycle (tripping time = 10s).

Determine the 10s Overload Capacity (Multiple of Current Setting) for your selected overload relay.

The intersection of the Trip Time (10s) and the Multiple of Current Setting is 2.6 (or 260%) for this example response curve.

The property of each thermal relay may vary by manufacturer, so please read the specifications carefully.

- 2) Use the appropriate AC Drive Braking Component Selection table from your drive's online technical pages at [AutomationDirect.com](https://www.automationdirect.com) to find the Max Total Brake Current for the motor, drive, and braking components. Value for this example is 126A.

GS4 AC Drive Braking Component Selection													
Drive Voltage	Motor Power (hp)	Drive Model	Drive Brake Capacity - Max Torque		Braking Unit		125% Braking Torque @ 10% Duty Cycle*						
			Min Resistor Value (Ω)	Max Total Brake Current (A)	Quantity	Part # GS-	Open Type Braking Resistor		NEMA1 Resistors with Thermal Switch				
							Part #	Quantity	Brake Torque (kg-m)	Total Brake Current (A)	Part #	Qty.	Total Brake Current (A)
460V	50	GS4-4050	12.7"	60"	1	4DBU	GS-BR-1K2W015	4	25.1	50"	BR-N1-4K7W14P7	1	53.7
	60	GS4-4060	12.7"	60"	1	4DBU	GS-BR-1K5W013	4	30.5	59"	BR-N1-6K9W13P6	1	58.1
	75	GS4-4075	9.5"	80"	2	3DBU	GS-BR-1K0W5P1	8	37.2	76"	BR-N1-3K6W20	2 (1/DBU)	39.5*
	100	GS4-4100	6.3"	120"	2	4DBU	GS-BR-1K2W015	8	50.8	100"	BR-N1-4K7W14P7	2 (1/DBU)	53.7*
	125	GS4-4125	6.3"	120"	2	4DBU	GS-BR-1K5W013	8	60.9	117"	BR-N1-6K9W13P6	2 (1/DBU)	58.1*
	150	GS4-4150	6.0"	126"	1	5DBU	GS-BR-1K2W015	10	74.5	126"	BR-N1-13K0W06P4	1	123.4
	175	GS4-4175	4.0"	190"	1	6DBU	GS-BR-1K5W012	12	89.4	190"	BR-N1-18K0W03P7	1	213.5
	200	GS4-4200	4.0"	190"	1	6DBU	GS-BR-1K5W012	12	108.3	190"			
* These values are per individual DBU, as seen between DBU terminals B1 and B2. ** 10% Duty Cycle with maximum ON (braking) time of 10 seconds.													

- 3) Divide the Max Total Braking Current by the Overload Capacity (126A / 2.6 = 48.46A), and select a thermal O/L relay which has the same or higher rated current. In this case, select a 50A relay.



For wiring information, refer to "Overload Relay" in Chapter 3, page 3-2.

## DYNAMIC BRAKING UNIT SPECIFICATIONS

The following table provides the specifications and applications for the *DURAPULSE* dynamic braking units designed for use with GS4 and GS30 series AC drives.

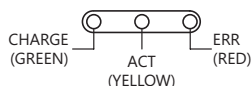
DYNAMIC BRAKING UNIT SPECIFICATIONS								
BRAKING UNIT PART NUMBER		GS-1DBU	GS-2DBU	GS-3DBU	GS-4DBU	GS-5DBU	GS-6DBU	GS-7DBU
NOMINAL VOLTAGE (VAC)		230			460			
MAX MOTOR CAPACITY (HP/[kW])		20 [15]	30 [22]	40 [30]	60 [45]	150 [110]	200 [160]	250 [185]
OUTPUT RATING	MAX DISCHARGE CURRENT (A) @ 10% DUTY CYCLE*	40	60	40	60	126	190	225
	CONTINUOUS DISCHARGE CURRENT (A)	15	20	15	18	45	50	100
	BRAKING STARTUP VOLTAGE (VDC)	330/345/360/ 380/400/415 ±3V		660/690/720/ 760/800/830 ±6V		618/642/667/690/ 725/750 ±6V		
	MAXIMUM ON-TIME (s)	10						
INPUT DC VOLTAGE (VDC)		200–415		400–830		400–750		
MIN EQUIVALENT RESISTOR FOR EACH BRAKING UNIT (Ω)		10	6.8	20	13.6	6	4	3.4
PROTECTION	POWER CHARGE LAMP/LED	Comes ON until DC bus voltage (+P – -N) drops below 50VDC				Comes ON when DC bus voltage (DC+ – DC-) rises above 300VDC. Goes OFF when DC bus voltage (DC+ – DC-) drops below 100VDC.		
	BRAKING ACT LAMP/LED	ON during braking						
	FAULT ERR LAMP	ON if an over-temperature fault has occurred				n/a		
	OVERCURRENT LEVEL LED (A)	n/a				190	290	340
	OVERHEAT LED	n/a				Comes ON > 176°F [80°C]; Goes OFF < 149°F [65°C]		
	HEAT SINK OVERHEAT TEMPERATURE	203°F [95°C]				n/a		
	ALARM OUTPUT RELAY CONTACT	5A @ 120VAC/28VDC (RA,RB,RC)				3A @ 250VAC/28VDC (RA,RC)		
ENVIRONMENT	INSTALLATION LOCATION	indoor (no corrosive gases; no metallic dust)						
	OPERATING TEMPERATURE	14°F to 122 °F [-10 to +50 °C]						
	STORAGE TEMPERATURE	-4 to +140 °F [-20 to +60 °C]						
	HUMIDITY	less than 90% RH, non-condensing						
	VIBRATION	9.8 m/s <sup>2</sup> [1G] under 20Hz ; 2m/s <sup>2</sup> [0.2G] at 20–50 Hz						
	MECHANICAL CONFIGURATION	IP50 wall-mount enclosed				IP10 wall-mount enclosed		
* 10% Duty Cycle with maximum ON (braking) time of 10 seconds								

\* 10% Duty Cycle with maximum ON (braking) time of 10 seconds

### LAMP/LED INDICATORS FOR DYNAMIC BRAKING UNITS

GS-1DBU, GS-2DBU, GS-3DBU, GS-4DBU

GS-5DBU, GS-6DBU, GS-7DBU



LED LABEL	MEANING
ACT	Active
OC	Overcurrent
OH	Overheat

See "[DBU Jumper and Wiring Terminal Locations](#)" in Chapter 3 for locations of indicators.



# BRAKING COMPONENT INSTALLATION AND DIMENSIONS



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## INSTALLATION

### GENERAL INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

Improper installation of the dynamic brake unit will greatly reduce its life. Be sure to observe the following precautions when selecting a mounting location.



**WARNING: FAILURE TO OBSERVE THESE PRECAUTIONS MAY DAMAGE THE UNIT AND VOID THE WARRANTY!**

- Do not mount the dynamic brake unit near heat-radiating elements or in direct sunlight.
- Do not install the dynamic brake unit in a place subjected to high temperatures, high humidity, excessive vibration, corrosive gasses or liquids, or airborne dust or metallic particles.
- Mount the dynamic brake unit vertically and do not restrict the air flow to the heat sink fins.



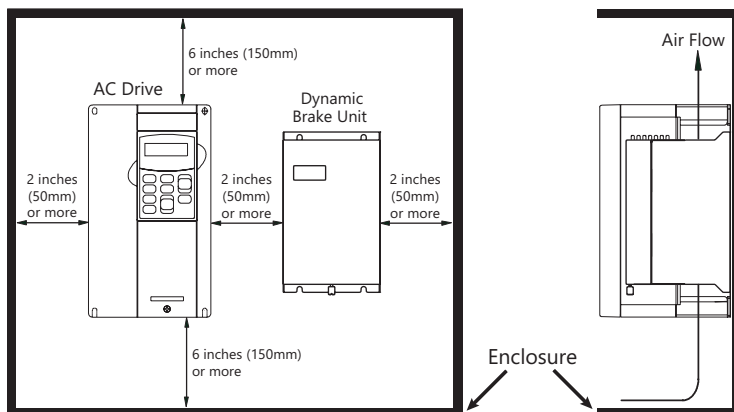
**WARNING: THE DYNAMIC BRAKE UNIT AND BRAKING RESISTORS GENERATE LARGE AMOUNTS OF HEAT WHICH MAY DAMAGE THE BRAKING UNIT, RESISTORS, OR ANY EQUIPMENT MOUNTED IN THE SAME ENCLOSURE AS THE HEAT PRODUCING DEVICES. AUXILIARY COOLING METHODS ARE TYPICALLY REQUIRED SO AS NOT TO EXCEED MAXIMUM AMBIENT TEMPERATURES, ESPECIALLY IF FREQUENT DECELERATION BRAKING IS PERFORMED (OVER 10% DUTY CYCLE).**



**WARNING: FLAMMABLE SOLIDS, GASES, OR LIQUIDS MUST BE AVOIDED AT LOCATIONS WHERE BRAKING RESISTORS ARE INSTALLED. IDEALLY, BRAKING RESISTORS SHOULD BE INSTALLED IN INDIVIDUAL METALLIC BOXES WITH FORCED AIR-COOLING.**

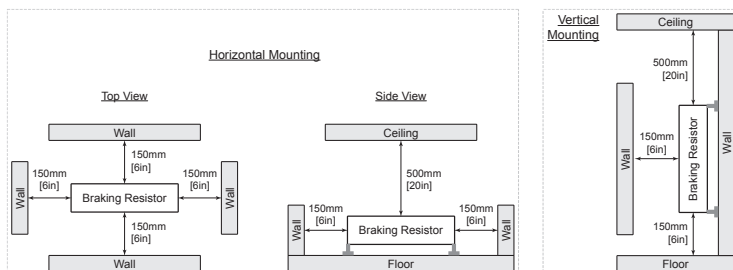
### MINIMUM CLEARANCES AND AIR FLOW

#### Minimum Clearances for Drives and Dynamic Braking Units

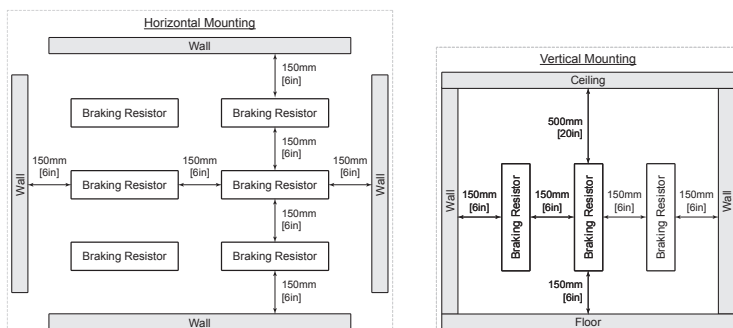


# Minimum Clearances for Braking Resistors

## Mounting Individual Resistors



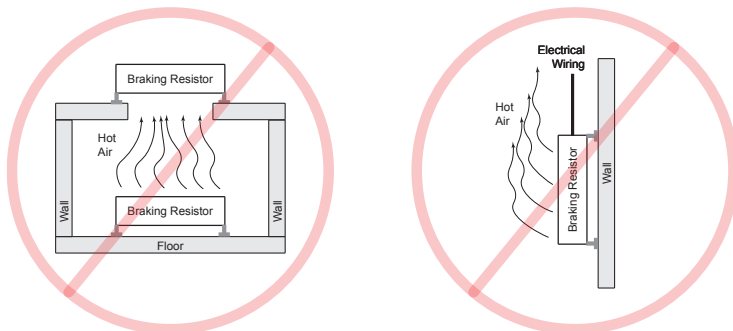
## Mounting Multiple Resistors



## Do NOT Mount Heat-Producing or Heat-Sensitive Items Above Braking Resistors

Do NOT mount one resistor above another one!

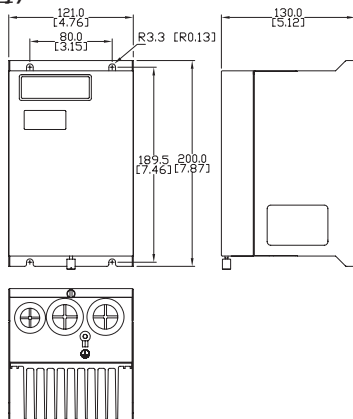
Do NOT run electrical wiring above a resistor!



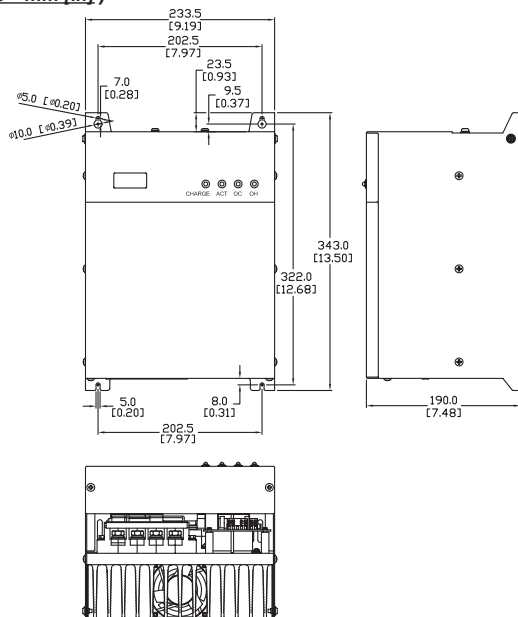
## BRAKING UNIT DIMENSIONS

A)  $DBU \leq 100hp$  (GS-1DBU, GS-2DBU, GS-3DBU, GS-4DBU)

(Dimensions = mm [in])

B)  $DBU > 100hp$  (GS-5DBU, GS-6DBU, GS-7DBU)

(Dimensions = mm [in])



# BRAKING COMPONENT CONFIGURATION AND WIRING



## CHAPTER 3

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## OPERATIONAL ELECTRICAL INFORMATION

The *DURAPULSE* AC Drive and Dynamic Braking Unit will both be energized at the same time when power is applied to the drive. (Please refer to the applicable *DURAPULSE* AC Drive User Manual for GS4 or GS30 to determine the start and stop operation of the motor.) The Dynamic Braking Unit will monitor the internal DC bus voltage of the AC drive. When the AC drive stops the motor by decelerating, the braking unit will detect an increase in the drive's DC bus voltage due to motor created regenerative power. The braking unit dissipates this power by shunting it to the brake resistor(s). Dissipating this regenerated energy provides a stable and controlled deceleration of the motor.

The alarm relay output contact terminals (RC, RA, & RB) of the dynamic braking unit are activated when the temperature of the braking unit heat sink exceeds 203°F (95°C) for DBUs ≤ 100hp, or 176°F (80°C) for DBUs > 100hp. Overheating can be caused by the ambient temperature surrounding the braking unit exceeding 50°C (122°F), or by the Duty Cycle exceeding 10%. If a high ambient temperature situation exists, then a method of reducing the ambient temperature by the use of forced air cooling or other means should be implemented. This is covered below.

## OVERLOAD RELAY

For safety purposes, install a thermal overload relay between the dynamic braking unit and the braking resistor(s). Wire the relay's NC contact so that the device supplying power to the AC Drive disconnects drive input power when the resistors(s) are overheated.

The purpose of installing the thermal overload relay is to protect the braking resistor(s) from damage due to frequent braking, or due to the braking unit operating excessively due to unusually high input voltage.



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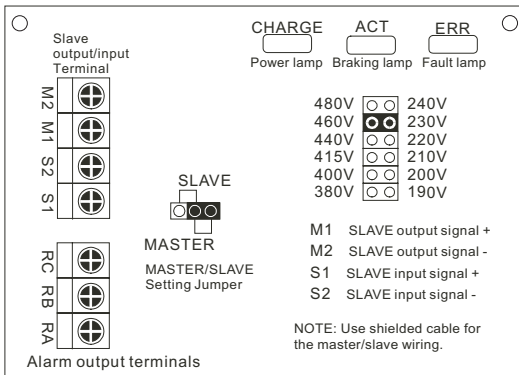
*For overload relay selection information, refer to "Overload Relay Selection" in Chapter 1, page 1-5.*

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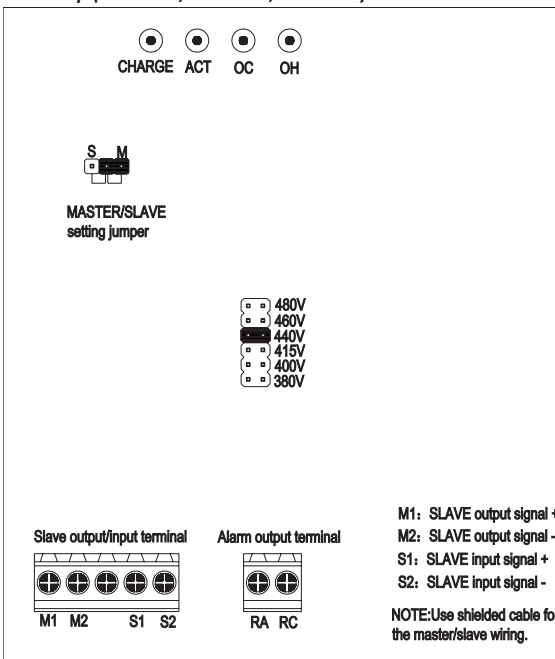
## DYNAMIC BRAKING UNIT SETUP

### DBU JUMPER AND WIRING TERMINAL LOCATIONS

DBU ≤ 100hp (GS-1DBU, GS-2DBU, GS-3DBU, GS-4DBU)



DBU > 100hp (GS-5DBU, GS-6DBU, GS-7DBU)



**DBU VOLTAGE JUMPER SETTINGS**

The power source for the *DURAPULSE* dynamic braking unit (DBU) is DC bus voltage from the DC+ and DC- terminals of the GS drive. It is important to set the voltage selection jumper of the *DURAPULSE* dynamic braking unit accurately based on the input power of the GS drive before using the DBU. The voltage selection jumper setting determines the drive DC bus voltage level at which dynamic braking is applied.



**BEFORE SETTING THE VOLTAGE SELECTION JUMPER, MAKE SURE THE POWER HAS BEEN TURNED OFF. SET THE JUMPER TO MATCH THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE VOLTAGE FOR AN UNSTABLE POWER SYSTEM.**

**EXAMPLE:** A 380VAC POWER SYSTEM RISES TO 410VAC ON A REGULAR BASIS. TO AVOID ENGAGING DYNAMIC BRAKING WHEN THE POWER SUPPLY VOLTAGE RISES ABOVE 380VAC, SET THE VOLTAGE SELECTION JUMPER TO THE 415VAC POSITION.



For *DURApulse* AC drives, set the “Over Voltage Stall Prevention” parameter as “close (1)” to disable over-voltage stall prevention (P6.11 in GS4; P6.01 in GS30). This will ensure a stable deceleration characteristic.

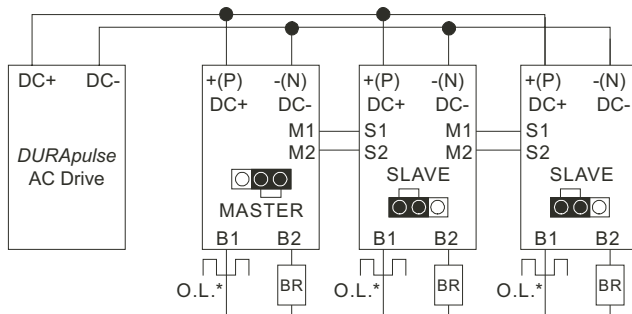
BRAKING UNIT VOLTAGE SETTINGS					
MODELS ≤ 100HP (GS-1DBU, GS-2DBU, GS-3DBU, GS-4DBU)				MODELS > 100HP (GS-5DBU, GS-6DBU, GS-7DBU)	
230VAC CLASS		460VAC CLASS		460VAC CLASS	
AC POWER VOLTAGE	BRAKING START-UP VOLTAGE DC Bus (+(P), -(N)) VOLTAGE	AC POWER VOLTAGE	BRAKING START-UP VOLTAGE DC Bus (+(P), -(N)) VOLTAGE	AC POWER VOLTAGE	BRAKING START-UP VOLTAGE DC Bus (DC+,DC-) VOLTAGE
190 VAC	330 VDC	380 VAC	660 VDC	380 VAC	618 VDC
200 VAC	345 VDC	400 VAC	690 VDC	400 VAC	642 VDC
210 VAC	360 VDC	415 VAC	720 VDC	415 VAC	667 VDC
220 VAC	380 VDC	440 VAC	760 VDC	440 VAC	690 VDC
230 VAC	400 VDC	460 VAC	800 VDC	460 VAC	725 VDC
240 VAC	415 VDC	480 VAC	830 VDC	480 VAC	750 VDC
NOTE: Input Power With Tolerance ±10%					



### DBU MASTER/SLAVE JUMPER SETTINGS

The MASTER/SLAVE jumper on the *DURApulse* dynamic braking unit has a factory default setting as a MASTER. If the application of the *DURApulse* AC drive requires the use of more than one DBU, then the power terminals of the multiple units are wired in parallel and the first unit is set to MASTER while all remaining units are set to SLAVE. The jumper settings along with the wiring between the MASTER/SLAVE (M1, M2, S1 & S2) terminals allows the multiple braking units to synchronize the power dissipation between braking units. This assures each unit is dissipating an equivalent amount of energy to allow rapid deceleration of the motor.

*Typical one-line wiring diagram for multiple parallel DURApulse dynamic braking units. The first DBU has the jumper set to MASTER, while the remaining DBUs are set to SLAVE. (DBU ≤ 100hp have terminals +(P) & -(N); DBU > 100hp have terminals DC+ & DC-)*



\* Although it is recommended, the use of a thermal overload relay in line with the braking resistor is not required. AutomationDirect and CROHM NEMA1 braking resistors include a thermostat for thermal protection of the braking resistor, and are the preferred method of protection when available. For GS series resistors, orient the braking resistors such that the thermostat is above the resistors in the enclosure, as this will ensure that the thermostat is exposed to the rising air temperature produced by the resistors. Refer to the “Basic Braking Wiring Diagram” on page 3-9 for details. For CROHM resistors, see the installation instructions online for details [here](#).

## DYNAMIC BRAKING WIRING

### WIRING WARNINGS AND NOTES



DO NOT PROCEED WITH ANY WIRING WHILE POWER IS APPLIED TO THE CIRCUIT, OR WHILE THE DRIVE OR DBU CHARGE LED(S) ARE ON.



TO PREVENT PERSONAL INJURY, DO NOT CONNECT/DISCONNECT WIRES OR REGULATE THE SETTING OF THE BRAKING UNIT WHILE POWER ON. DO NOT TOUCH THE TERMINALS OF RELATED WIRING AND ANY COMPONENT ON PCB LEST USERS BE INJURED BY EXTREMELY DANGEROUS DC HIGH VOLTAGE.



CONFIRM THAT THE DC+ AND DC- TERMINALS OF THE DURAPULSE AC DRIVE ARE PROPERLY CONNECTED TO THE DURAPULSE DYNAMIC BRAKING UNIT WITH THE CORRECT POLARITY BEFORE APPLYING POWER. OTHERWISE, THE DRIVE AND THE BRAKING UNIT COULD BE DAMAGED.



CONNECT THE BRAKING UNIT GROUND TERMINAL TO EARTH GROUND. THE GROUND LEAD MUST BE THE SAME GAUGE WIRE OR LARGER THAN LEADS +(P) AND -(N) OR DC+ AND DC-.



DO NOT WIRE TERMINALS -(N) OR DC- TO THE NEUTRAL POINT OF THE POWER SYSTEM.



DURING BRAKING, THE WIRES CONNECTED TO +(P), -(N), DC+, DC-, B1, AND B2 GENERATE POWERFUL ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS DUE TO HIGH CURRENT PASSING THROUGH. SEPARATE THESE WIRES FROM OTHER LOW VOLTAGE CONTROL CIRCUITS TO PREVENT ELECTRICAL INTERFERENCE OR IMPROPER OPERATION.



BEFORE WIRING THE RESISTOR(S) TO THE DYNAMIC BRAKING UNIT(S), CHECK THE MIN. RESISTOR VALUES SHOWN IN THE BRAKING COMPONENT SELECTION TABLES IN Ch.1 OF THIS USER MANUAL, AND MAKE SURE THE ACTUAL RESISTANCE IS NO LESS THAN THIS VALUE. DAMAGE TO THE DYNAMIC BRAKING UNIT AND/OR RESISTORS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT CAN RESULT IF THE WRONG RESISTANCE VALUE IS USED.



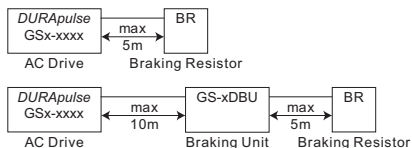
FOR SAFETY PURPOSES, INSTALL A THERMAL OVERLOAD RELAY BETWEEN THE DYNAMIC BRAKING UNIT AND THE BRAKING RESISTOR. WIRE THE OVERLOAD RELAY NORMALLY CLOSED CONTACT SO THAT THE DEVICE SUPPLYING POWER TO THE AC DRIVE DISCONNECTS DRIVE POWER WHEN THE RESISTOR(S) ARE OVERHEATED. TO PREVENT DAMAGE TO THE BRAKING RESISTOR IN THE CASE OF EXCESSIVE BRAKING OR UNUSUALLY HIGH INPUT VOLTAGE.

## MAXIMUM WIRING DISTANCES



WIRE SIZES AND WIRING DISTANCES MUST COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE ELECTRICAL CODES.

- From *DURAPULSE* AC Drive (GSx-xxxx) to Braking Resistor (AutomationDirect GS series or CROHM NEMA1): 5m [16ft]
- From *DURAPULSE* AC Drive (GSx-xxxx) to *DURAPULSE* Dynamic Braking Unit (GS-xDBU): 10m [33ft]
- From *DURAPULSE* Dynamic Braking Unit (GS-xDBU) to Braking Resistor (AutomationDirect GS series or CROHM NEMA1): 5m [16ft]



## DYNAMIC BRAKING UNIT WIRING TERMINALS



WIRE SIZES AND WIRING DISTANCES MUST COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE ELECTRICAL CODES.



Ring terminals are recommended to be used for main circuit wiring. Make sure the terminals are fastened before power is applied.

### Ring Terminals

Ring terminals are not required by UL, but they can be used according to the UL conditions of acceptability.

### UL Conditions of Acceptability

For use only in Industrial Control Equipment where the acceptability is determined by Underwriters Laboratories Inc.

This component controller has been judged on the basis of the required spacings in the Standard for Power Conversion Equipment, UL 508C, Pollution Degree 2.

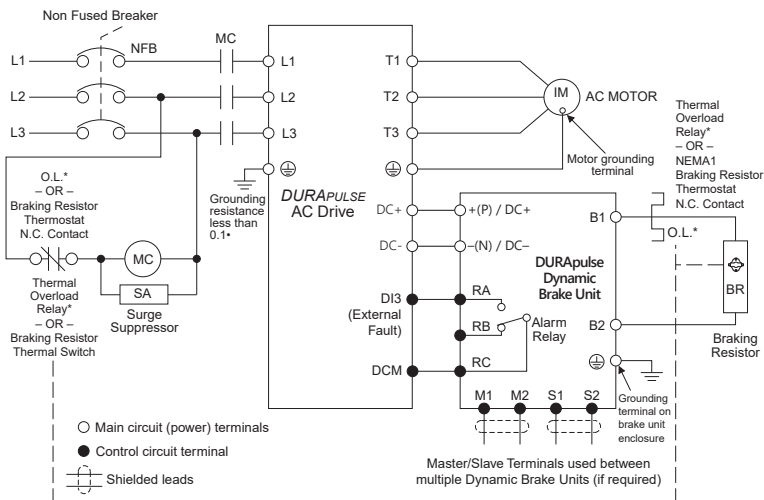
The following shall be considered in the final application:

- 1) Terminals are acceptable for factory or field wiring.
- 2) Device shall be installed in a suitable enclosure.
- 3) Failure mode testing of the voltage sensing circuit, which could result in operation of the DC bus input at transient voltages higher than 800VDC during motor regeneration, was not performed.
- 4) These devices should be mounted and used according to the manufacturer's directions and specifications with regard to compatibility with drive type (see Ratings Section) and braking resistor specification.
- 5) The manufacturer should provide in the end product all literature designating use of the devices as described in Condition of Acceptability 4) above.
- 6) Temperature testing was performed in a 150% outer enclosure and results found acceptable for use in 25°C ambient outside of the 150% outer enclosure. Use at elevated ambients with other enclosure configurations will require heat testing with the actual intended enclosure and the elevated ambient.

### DBU Wiring Terminal Specifications

BRAKING UNIT WIRING TERMINAL SPECIFICATIONS					
BRAKING UNIT MODELS: GS-1DBU, GS-2DBU, GS-3DBU, GS-4DBU					
CIRCUIT	TERMINAL MARK		WIRE SIZE	SCREW	TORQUE
Power Input Circuit	+(P), -(N)		10–12 AWG [3.5–5.5 mm <sup>2</sup> ]	M4	15.6 in·lb [18 kg·cm]
Braking Resistor	B1, B2		10–12 AWG [3.5–5.5 mm <sup>2</sup> ]	M4	15.6 in·lb [18 kg·cm]
Slave Circuit	Output	M1, M2	18–20 AWG [0.8–0.5 mm <sup>2</sup> ] (with shielded wires)	M2	3 in·lb [4 kg·cm]
	Input	S1, S2			
Fault Circuit	RA, RB, RC		18–20 AWG [0.8–0.5 mm <sup>2</sup> ]	M2	3 in·lb [4 kg·cm]
BRAKING UNIT MODELS: GS-5DBU, GS-6DBU, GS-7DBU					
CIRCUIT	TERMINAL MARK		WIRE SIZE	SCREW	TORQUE
Power Input Circuit	DC+, DC-		4–6 AWG [21.2–13.3 mm <sup>2</sup> ]	M8	26 in·lb [30 kg·cm]
Braking Resistor	B1, B2		4–6 AWG [21.2–13.3 mm <sup>2</sup> ]	M8	26 in·lb [30 kg·cm]
Slave Circuit	Output	M1, M2	18–20 AWG [0.8–0.5 mm <sup>2</sup> ] (with shielded wires)	M2	3 in·lb [4 kg·cm]
	Input	S1, S2			
Fault Circuit	RA, RC		18–20 AWG [0.8–0.5 mm <sup>2</sup> ]	M2	3 in·lb [4 kg·cm]

# BASIC BRAKING WIRING DIAGRAM



*Smaller-capacity DURApulse AC Drives can connect directly to braking resistors, and do not require Dynamic Braking Units for braking. Refer to the online technical pages for each drive series to determine which braking components are required for each drive.*



*For overload relay information, refer to the “Overload Relay” section at the beginning of this chapter.*

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