

Instructions for Tuning a Bosch-Rexroth
Servo Drive using ctrlX DRIVE Engineering
– XCS Drives (EtherCat)

ctrlX DRIVE Engineering Tuning Procedure (EtherCat)





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Introduction

Summary

This document is designed to serve as a guideline to assist technical personnel in the tuning of a Bosch-Rexroth servo drive. The setup document applies only to servo drives that are used in conjunction with an AMS Controls XL200 Series Controller.

Bosch-Rexroth drives can be tuned in-house or in the field. The following procedures are written for a technician tuning a drive, in-house. Where an asterisk (*) appears, field-tuning procedures deviate from what is written. **Customers attempting to tune a drive unit on-site should use the information following the asterisk.**

Prerequisites

The document is designed using ctrlX DRIVE Engineering version 1.40.1. It is best to download this version from the Bosch-Rexroth website before moving forward. Otherwise, your screens may not match this documentation.

In addition, for this documentation the drive is a XCS2-W0005FBN-01NETT0NNNN-S0612N2NNNN0NN loaded with Firmware FWA-XD1-AXS-V-0612N-NN-00. If your drive has a different part number or is loaded with a different firmware this documentation may not match and you may be required to adjust additional settings that are not called out specifically in this documentation, however, this will get the basics accomplished.

To connect to the drive, you must have a USB Panel for the drive you are connecting to. Commissioning cannot be completed without this panel. The panel used for this document is a XDP1-N-128-NN-VSRN-NN with firmware PAN-V-0124



Pre-Tuning Checks

Safety Precautions

DANGER: Safety precautions must be followed at all times! Bosch-Rexroth drives have large capacitors inside them that can deliver a high amperage shock to anyone touching the terminals on the drive. These capacitors can remain charged for up to 10 minutes after having power removed. Remove power and lock out incoming line power before touching any of the terminals on the drive. Eye protection should also be worn while working with these units.

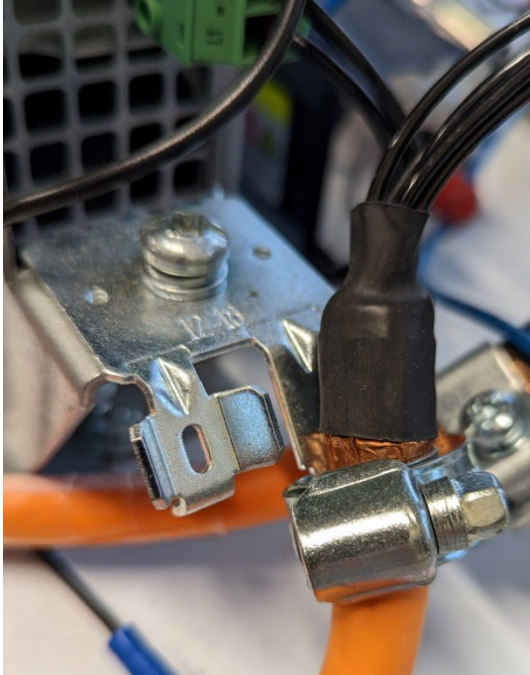
Power Cable Connections

The power cable that connects the drive to the motor **must not** be “spliced,” terminated, or otherwise modified. There are important grounding and shielding connections between the motor and the drive that **must** be maintained for proper operation. Improper connection of this cable **will** cause catastrophic failures in the motor and the drive. The motor cable must be connected directly from the motor to the drive. Failure to do so **will** result in damaged equipment.

Power and Resolver Cable Connections

Various motors from Bosch come with either 2 separate connectors for Power and Resolver or the two are built into a single cable for this reason we will refer to the motor connection side as Power/Resolver Cables. With power removed and locked out, connect the motor power/resolver cable to the drive and motor. It is important to attach the three main power wires to the appropriate terminals. These wires are labeled 1, 2, and 3, respectively, and **must** be connected to the corresponding terminals, A1, A2, and A3. These drives are self-phasing and cannot correctly phase themselves if the power leads are not properly connected.

The drive comes with “hose clamps” or “cable clamps” that can be used to clamp the motor cable to the drive. At the end of the motor cable the cable’s internal shields emerge and are wrapped under copper foil. The motor cable must be clamped to the case of the drive with the copper foil shield making contact to the case of the drive (see the Functional Description section of the drive manual for more details.)



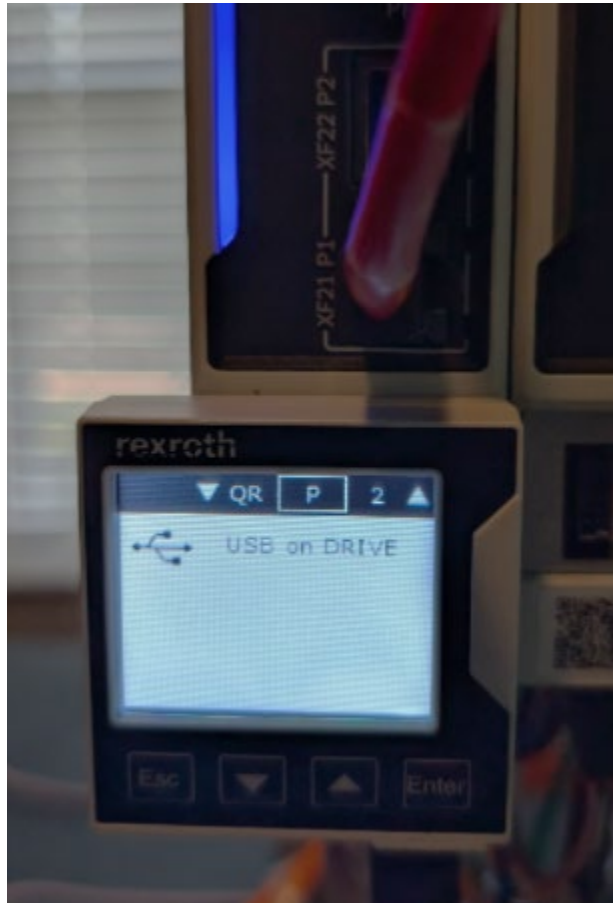
Looking at the motor side of the cable, there is a shield wire terminated with a ring connector. This connector must be connected to the case of the motor via the terminals inside the head of the connector plug. There are two terminals in the head, one for the motor cable, and one for the resolver feedback cable. Some motor/cable combinations have screw on connections at the motor. No additional shield terminations need to be made in these cases.

The motor cable has four wires for the thermal switch and motor brake that must be connected to the drive and motor. See the Functional Description section of the drive manual for terminal connections.

The resolver feedback cable must be connected to the drive and motor. On the drive side, the connector is a DB15 connector. On the motor side, there is a screw-on connector. Note: Some MS2N Series Motors will be a single cable.

Apply Power

Once all the terminal connections have been made and verified, apply 24VDC power to the drive. The screen on the drive will most likely power up to the following display. This is OK and will change as we progress.



Getting Connected

Connecting your PC to the Servo Drive

Connect USB-C Cable to the Drive Panel

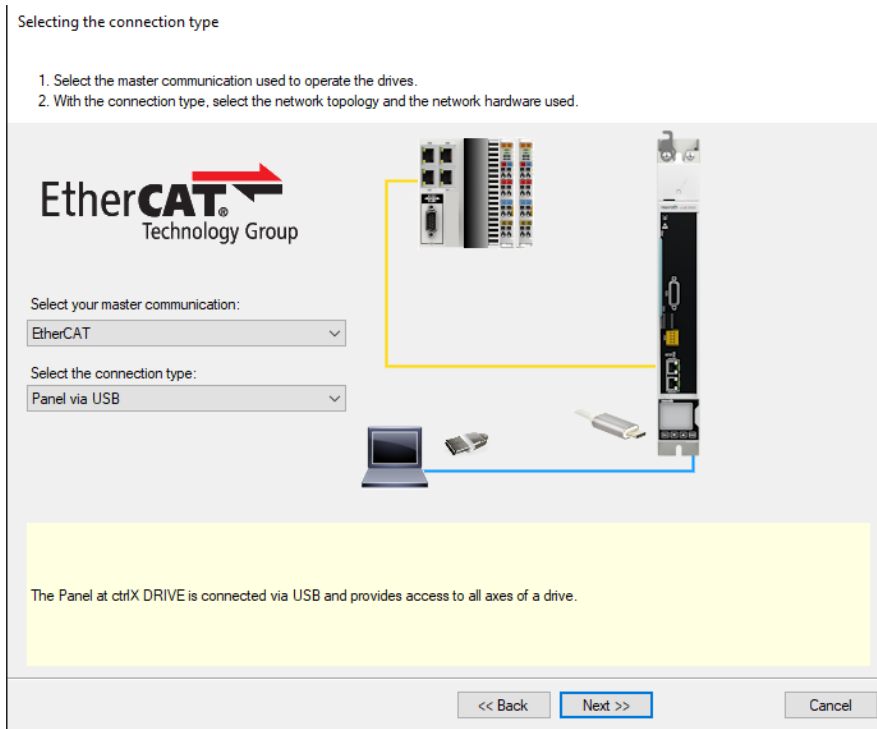
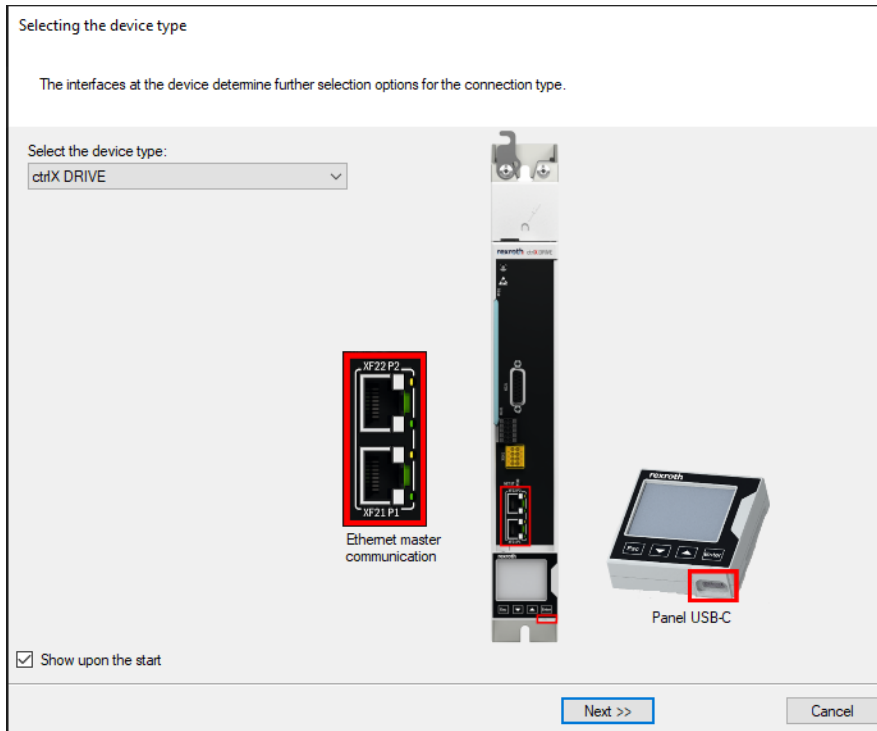
The drive panel required for this setup has a USB-C connection point under the panel. Use the appropriate USB cable from your PC with a USB-C end to connect the drive to your PC.



When a proper connection is made, the screen on the panel will change to the above.

Initializing Communication from ctrlX DRIVE Engineering

Start up the ctrlX DRIVE Engineering and follow the startup dialog boxes as shown below:



Press the next button and your drive should be connected and should look like the screen below.

- **Eliminate all USB Cables except the connected drive cable.**
- **Change the “Select the connection type” option to something different, then change it back.**
- **On the connection error screen, change the network adapter, then change it back.**

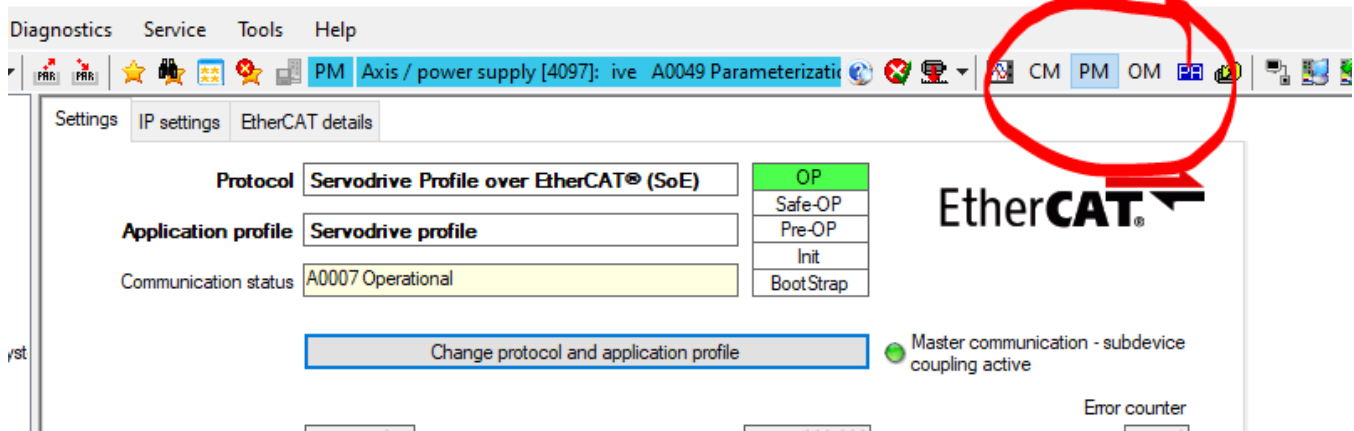
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Configure the drive for EtherCAT Communications

Set Parameterization Mode

Before adjusting drive parameters, we must put the drive into a parameterization mode (PM). If this is a new drive it will start up in this mode, however, if not you can easily do this by clicking the PM Button at the top of the screen.

er supply [4097]: Master communication settings



Parameter Adjustment

Various levels of parameters will now be adjusted. These are shown below:

Load Basic Parameters

To start the process of setting the parameters, it is important to start from a default set of parameters. To do this we will “Load Basic Parameters” from the CtrlX DRIVE Engineering software. To do this:

- Click “Commissioning”
- Click “Load Basic Parameters”
- Click “Set saved parameters to default values”
- Click “Without Engineering Port”
- Click “Load Basic Parameters”

Axis / power supply [4097]: Load basic parameters...
✕

Factory settings
Select the parameters that are to be reset to their default values.

Controller
Motor

Application parameter

☒ Reset application parameter (scaling, control, ...)

☐ Set axis name to default

Master communication

☐ Reset master communication parameters (incl. application profile)
The master communication protocol is retained.

Engineering

☐ Reset Engineering parameters (IP address)

Motor initialization

☐ 'Plug and Scan' of the motor
After the default values were loaded, there is an attempt to reinitialize the motor by CM-PM switching.

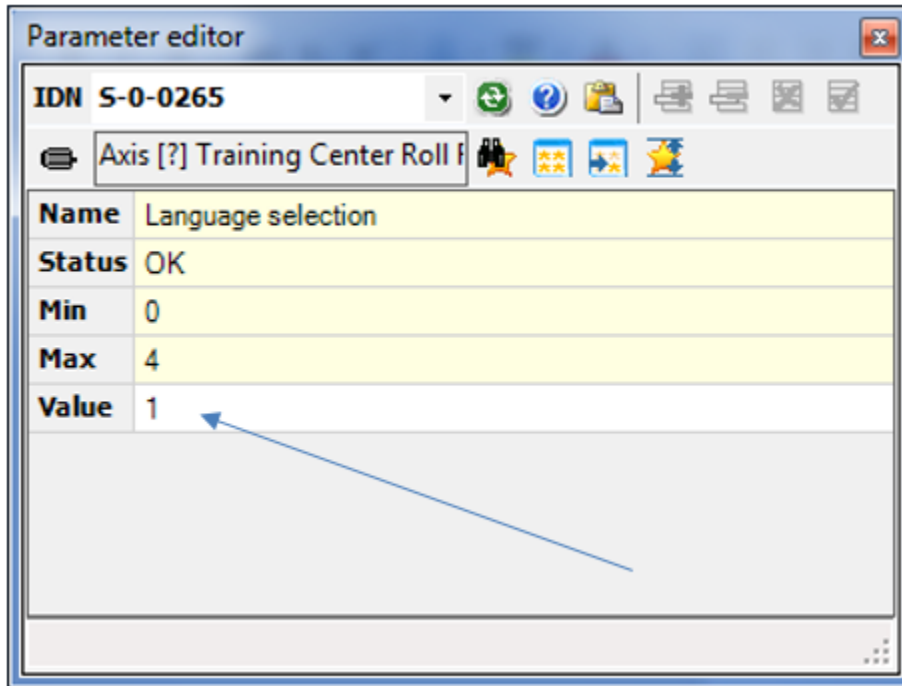
Reset to default values

Close

Set Drive Language

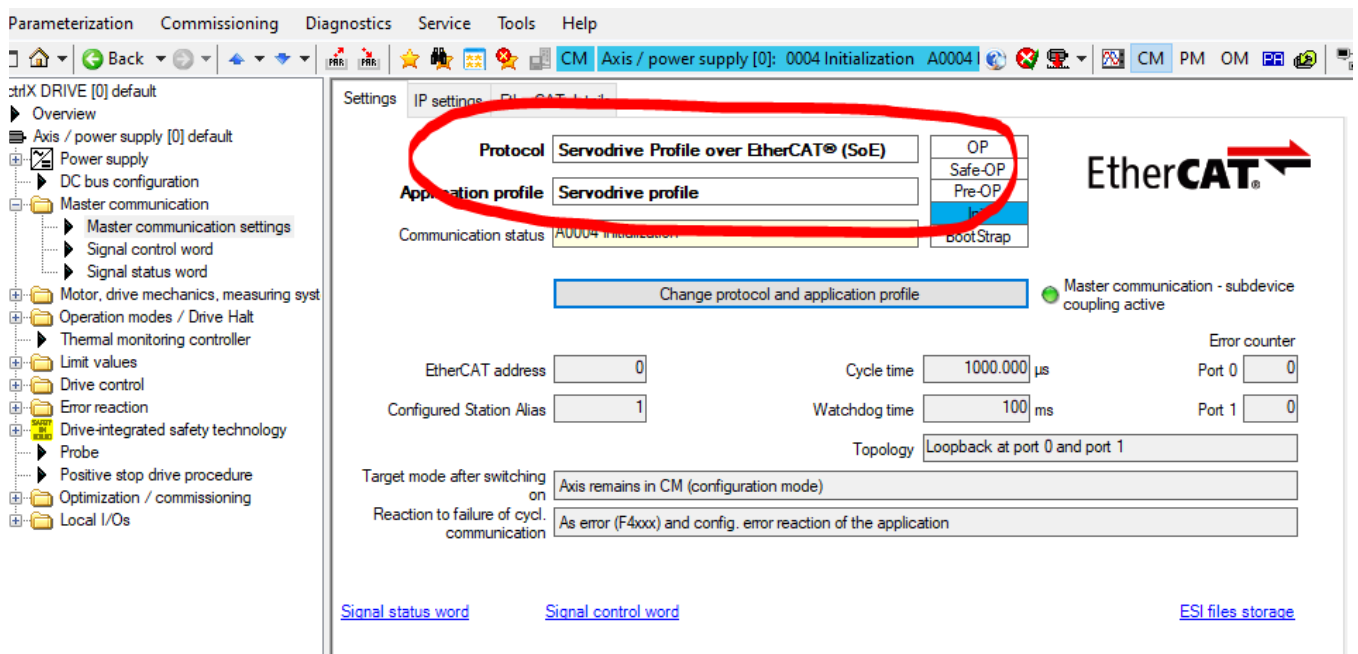
By default, the drive will use German as the language in which it displays errors. This makes it difficult to determine the cause of problems from CtrlX DRIVE Engineering. This is not to be confused with the language setting on the CtrlX DRIVE Engineering software. They are completely different. To set the language do the following:

- Click “Parameterization”
- Click “Parameters”
- Click “Parameter Editor”
- Click the “IDN” box and enter S-0-0265
- Under “Value”, enter “1” as shown below:



Set the Protocol and Application Profile

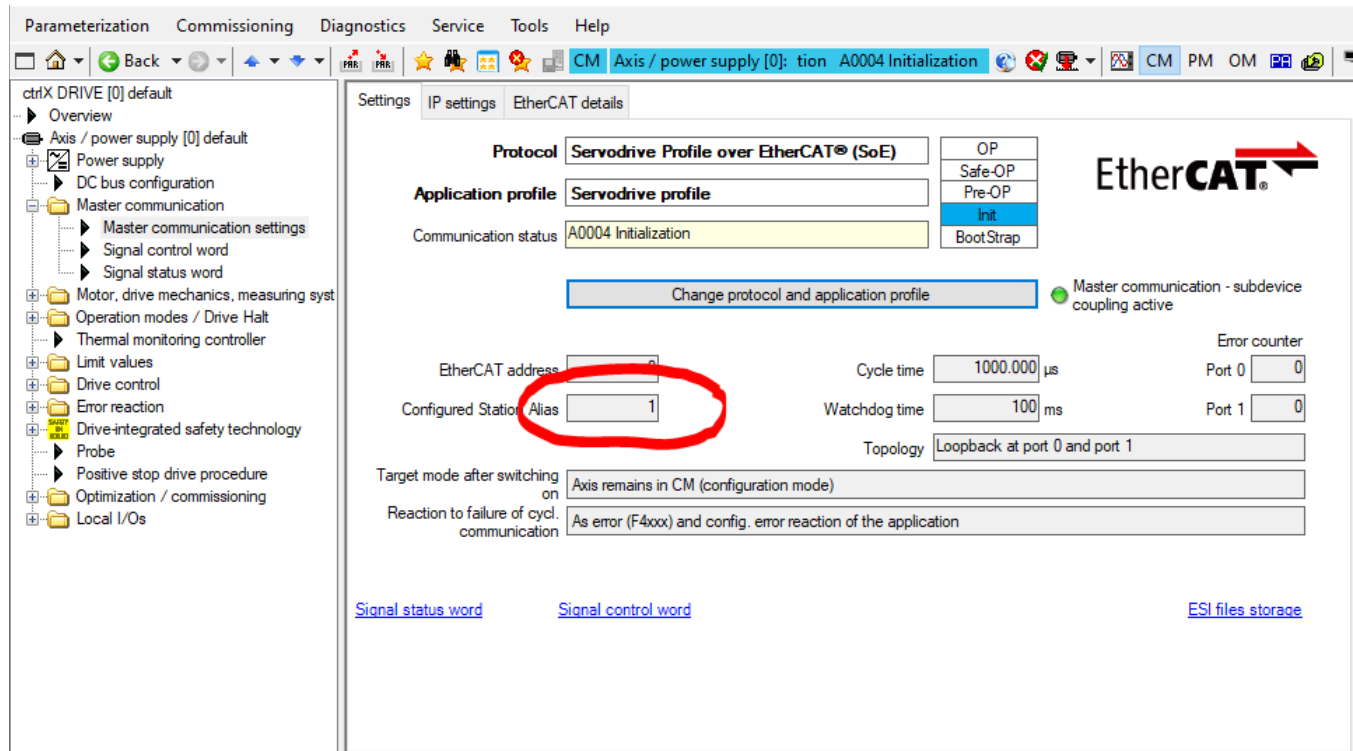
The XL200 Series Controller EtherCAT protocol when communicating with a Bosch-Rexroth Drive is EtherCAT (SoE). To set this in the drive go to Master Communication – Master Communication Settings. You can view what the drive is currently configured for. It should look like the screenshot below:



If the protocol is any other than the one shown, use the “Change protocol and application profile” button to make the change.

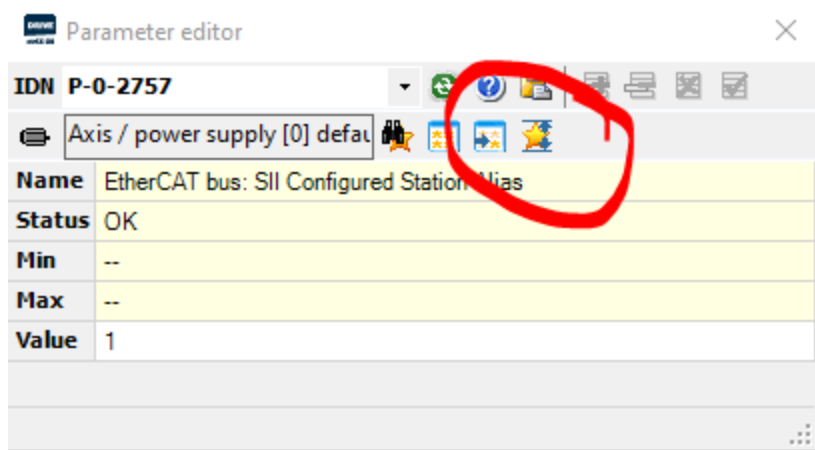
Set the Configured Station Alias

For the XL200 Series controller to be able to properly identify the drive and establish communication, the drive must be configured with a “Configured Station Alias”. The current setting for this can be found by navigating to the Master Communication – Master Communication Settings. The first axis should be 1, and any additional axis should be 2, 3 4, etc. Axis 1 is always the Shear Axis.

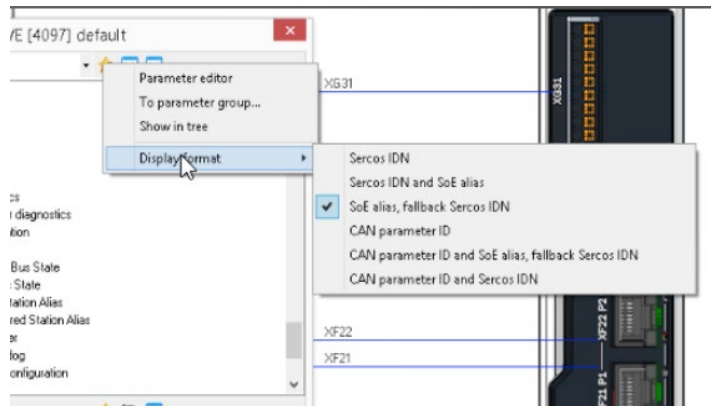


If the drive is not configured with the appropriate Station Alias, it must be changed. To change this, we must first set the drive parameter display format so we can standardize the parameters we are using. This is done by the following:

1. Click Parameterization/parameters/Parameter Editor
2. Right Click the Star



3. Set to SoE alias, fallback Sercos IDN



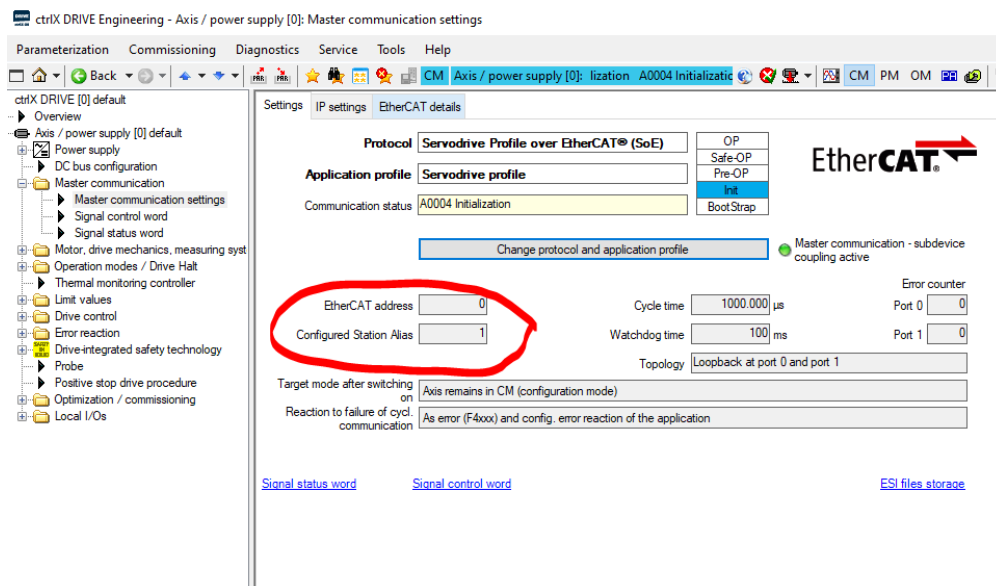
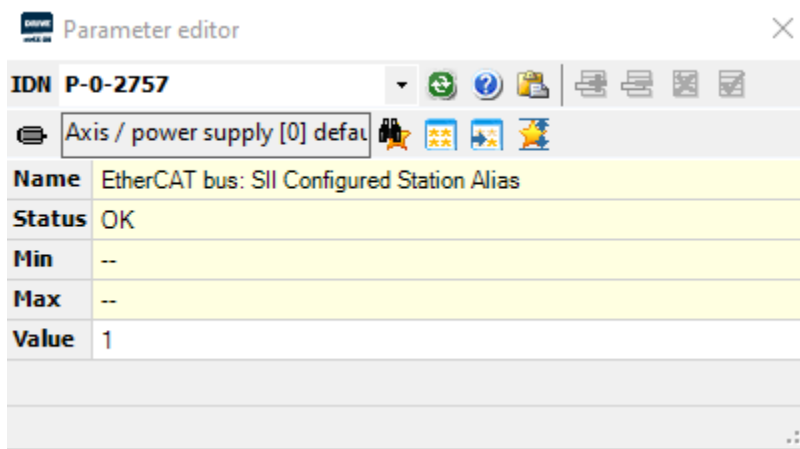
Now that we have the correct display format, we can set the Configured Station Alias by using the parameter editor again and open IDN P-0-2757.

Note: if it is not possible to set the filter properly, your drive may not report that it recognizes P-0-2757. In this case, you may look for P-0-4089.0.7. P-0-4089.0.7 and P-0-2757 are equivalent.

- Set the value to the ID you wish, (typically 1).
- Cycle Power on the drive

!!The drive must be power cycled, or the station alias will not be set!!

The screens should look like the below image once configured:



XL200 Series Controller Connections

Connect the Ethernet Cable to the X21

An ethernet cable connection is required from the XL200 ethernet port to the Servo Drive's X21. A Patch or Crossover cable can be used, and the cable must support 100mb communication rates. Do not connect to the X22 port of the drive. This port is used to connect to a second drive if present.

Check for Controller Communication

If your connections and setting are correct, your drive should power up to an operational state or some error state. We can verify communications by going to the XL200 and doing the following:

- Press "Diagnostics"
- Touch "EtherCAT"

If the controller is communicating the drive status will be showing information as well as the Bus Jitter.

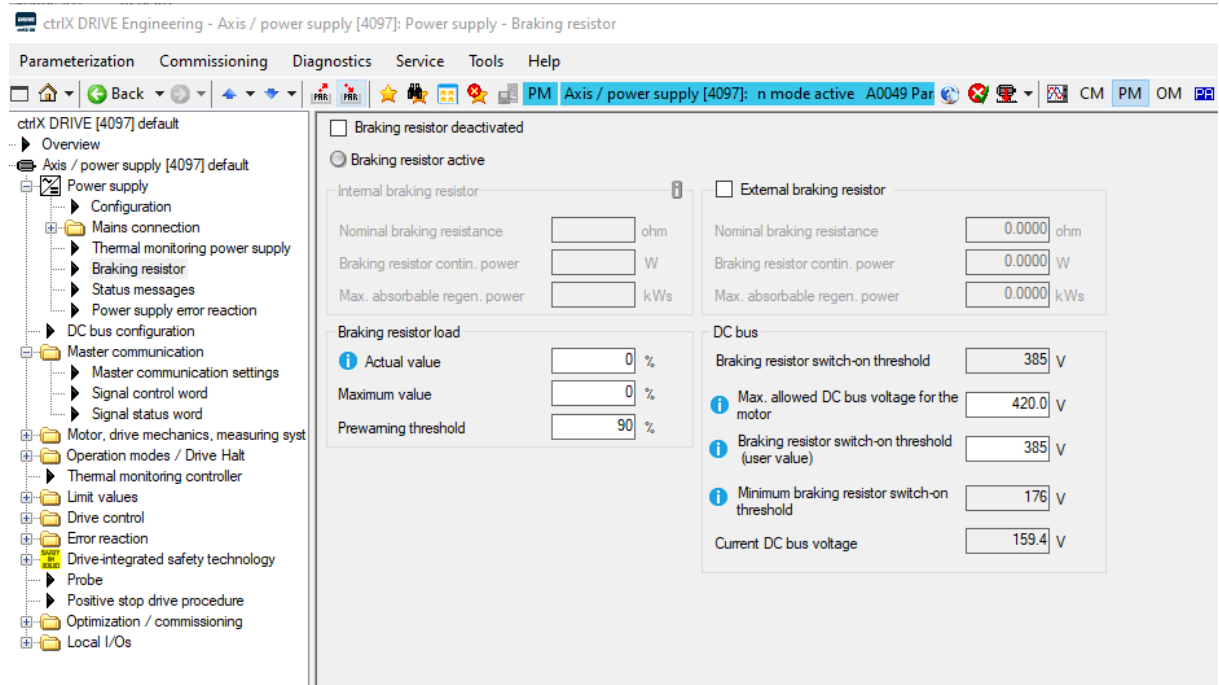
EtherCAT SOE			
Operational State:	Operational	Max Command:	16.66667In/Sec
Input Gear:	1	Output Gear:	1
Feed Constant:	10.0000"		
Drive Status: A0012 Control and power sections ready for operation			
Class 1 Diag: 0000:			
Bus Jitter:	60.054uSec, -52.982uSec		
Bus Integral:	83		

Commissioning the Servo Drive

Braking Resistor

Inform the system if there is a Braking Resistor available. Double click the “Power Supply” text on the left-hand side of the screen. The window below will appear. If you wish to disable the internal braking resistor or add an external resistor, check the appropriate boxes.

Note: Some drives do not support the addition of a Braking Resistor. For these drives you will not see the option to add an HLB or Braking Resistor.



The screenshot shows the 'ctrlX DRIVE Engineering' software interface. The title bar indicates the current project is 'Axis / power supply [4097]: Power supply - Braking resistor'. The interface includes a menu bar (Parameterization, Commissioning, Diagnostics, Service, Tools, Help) and a toolbar with various icons. On the left, a tree view shows the project structure, with 'Power supply' selected under 'Axis / power supply [4097] default'. The main workspace displays the 'Braking resistor' configuration window.

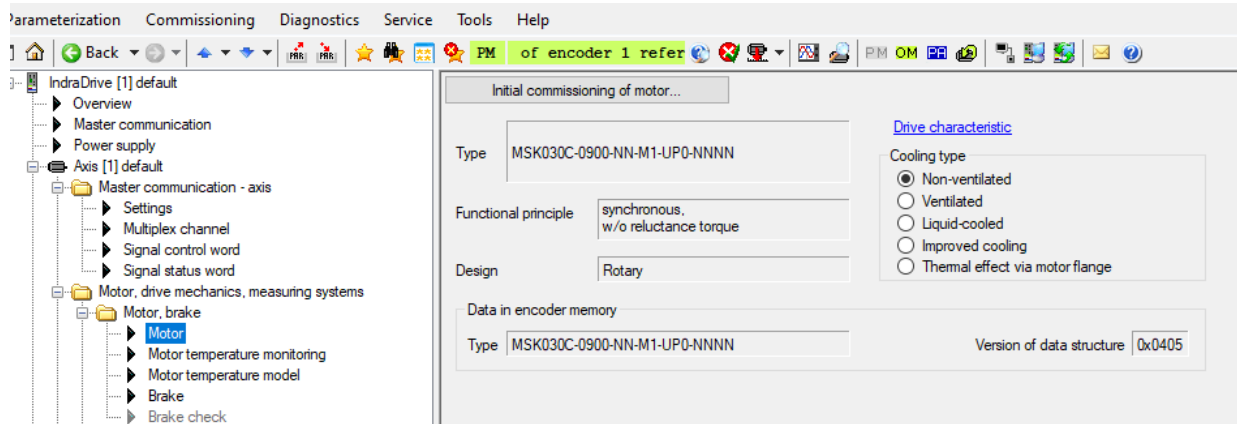
The configuration window has two tabs: 'Braking resistor deactivated' and 'Braking resistor active'. The 'Braking resistor active' tab is selected. It contains several sections:

- Internal braking resistor:** Includes fields for 'Nominal braking resistance' (0.0000 ohm), 'Braking resistor contin. power' (0.0000 W), and 'Max. absorbable regen. power' (0.0000 kW).
- External braking resistor:** Includes fields for 'Nominal braking resistance' (0.0000 ohm), 'Braking resistor contin. power' (0.0000 W), and 'Max. absorbable regen. power' (0.0000 kW).
- Braking resistor load:** Includes fields for 'Actual value' (0 %), 'Maximum value' (0 %), and 'Prewarming threshold' (90 %).
- DC bus:** Includes fields for 'Braking resistor switch-on threshold' (385 V), 'Max. allowed DC bus voltage for the motor' (420.0 V), 'Braking resistor switch-on threshold (user value)' (385 V), 'Minimum braking resistor switch-on threshold' (176 V), and 'Current DC bus voltage' (159.4 V).

Set Cooling Type

If the servo motor has a cooling fan attached, we must inform the drive. To do this:

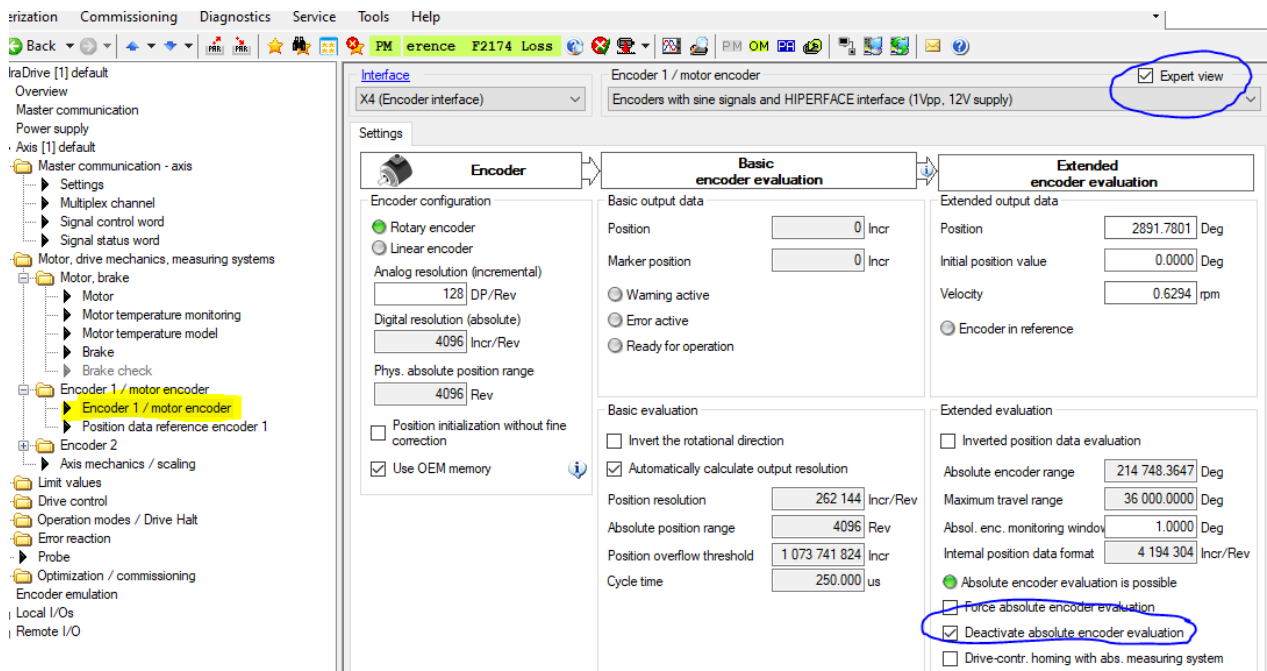
- Click “Motor, drive mechanics, measuring system”
- Expand “Motor, brake”
- Click “Motor”
- Set “Ventilated” if there is a fan – or “Non-Ventilated” if there is not a fan.



Disable Absolute Positioning

Most servo motors provided by AMS Controls will have an absolute encoder on them. However, absolute positioning is not used for a Die Accelerator or Roll Feed application. This feature needs to be turned off. To do this:

- Click “Motor, drive mechanics, measuring systems”
- Expand “Encoder 1/ motor encoder”
- Click “Encoder 1/ motor encoder”
- In the settings window, Click “Expert View”
- Click “Deactivate absolute encoder evaluation”



The screenshot shows the AMS Controls software interface with the following settings:

- Interface:** X4 (Encoder interface)
- Encoder 1 / motor encoder:** Encoders with sine signals and HIPERFACE interface (1Vpp, 12V supply)
- Expert view:** ☒ (Circled in blue)
- Encoder configuration:**
 - Rotary encoder (selected)
 - Analog resolution (incremental): 128 DP/Rev
 - Digital resolution (absolute): 4096 Incr/Rev
 - Phys. absolute position range: 4096 Rev
 - ☐ Position initialization without fine correction
 - ☒ Use OEM memory
- Basic encoder evaluation:**
 - Basic output data:
 - Position: 0 Incr
 - Marker position: 0 Incr
 - ☐ Warning active
 - ☐ Error active
 - ☐ Ready for operation
 - Basic evaluation:
 - ☐ Invert the rotational direction
 - ☒ Automatically calculate output resolution
 - Position resolution: 262 144 Incr/Rev
 - Absolute position range: 4096 Rev
 - Position overflow threshold: 1 073 741 824 Incr
 - Cycle time: 250.000 us
- Extended encoder evaluation:**
 - Extended output data:
 - Position: 2891.7801 Deg
 - Initial position value: 0.0000 Deg
 - Velocity: 0.6294 rpm
 - ☐ Encoder in reference
 - Extended evaluation:
 - ☐ Inverted position data evaluation
 - Absolute encoder range: 214 748.3647 Deg
 - Maximum travel range: 36 000.0000 Deg
 - Absol. enc. monitoring window: 1.0000 Deg
 - Internal position data format: 4 194 304 Incr/Rev
 - ☒ Absolute encoder evaluation is possible
 - ☒ Force absolute encoder evaluation
 - ☒ Deactivate absolute encoder evaluation (Circled in blue)
 - ☐ Drive-contr. homing with abs. measuring system



Set the Axis Mechanics of the system

The setting of the axis mechanics and mechanical gearing of the system is extremely important! It is important that we set these to actual values of the attached load. The drive uses these settings to properly determine speed, gains, and feedback values. Incorrectly setting these values WILL result in unexpected faults and drive tuning.

Set the Axis Mechanics & Scaling

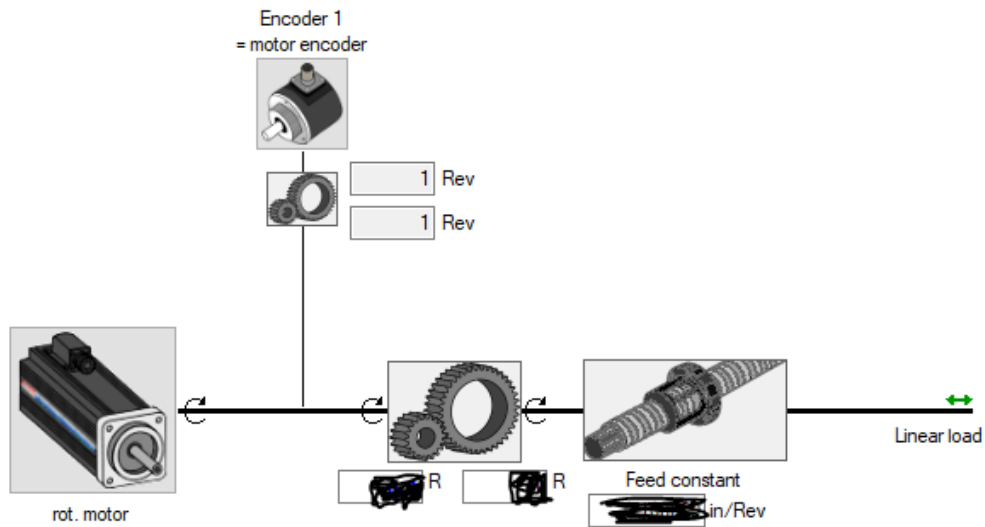
This is the location in which we tell the controller what the system is connected to. The screen should look like the following picture, however; the actual gearing and feed constant settings will be determined by attached mechanics. The most common applications used for these are Roll Feeds and Die Accelerators. A couple of examples for how these settings are determined are on following pages of this document.

- Click “Motor, drive mechanics, measuring systems”
- Click “Axis mechanics / scaling”
- On the settings page, click the “Axis mechanics & scaling” tab
- Set the scaling type to “Linear”
- Set the Data reference to “Load”

Note: DO NOT adjust the “Maximum Travel Range” parameter. This can drastically affect other parameters in the system. It is meaningless in our application.

Axis mechanics & scaling **Scaling extended**

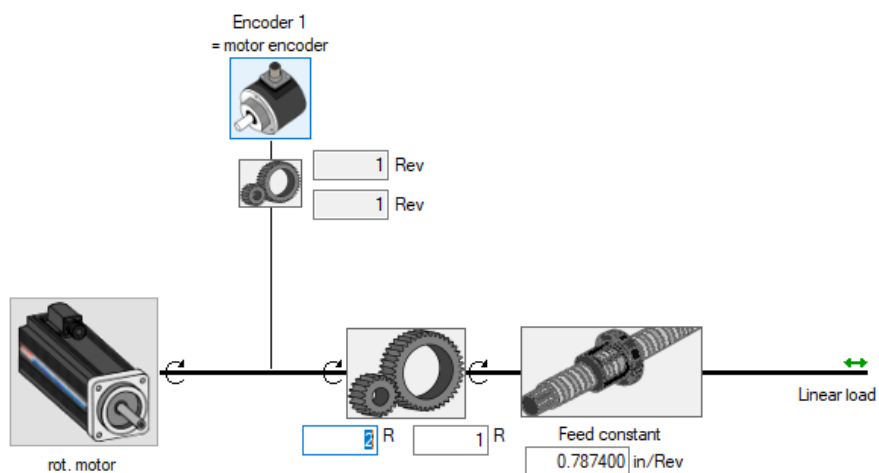
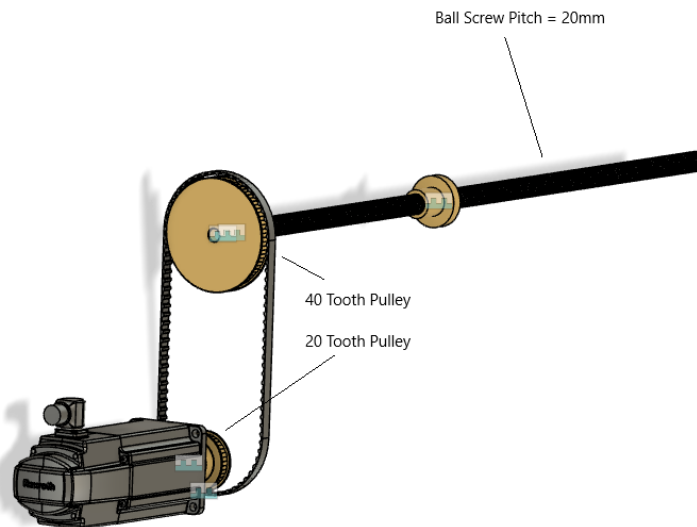
Scaling type ☐ Rotary ☒ Linear ☐ Scaling not uniform		inch ▾	Negation ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Negation not uniform	Data reference ☒ Load ☐ Motor shaft ☐ Data reference not uniform
Position data format ☒ Absolute ☐ Modulo		Max. travel range ± 360.000000 in Modulo value 3.600000 in	Velocity data Time unit s ▾	



Example Axis Mechanics Settings (Die Accelerator)

Below is an example of the mechanics of a Die Accelerator system using a ball screw and gear reduction. For the examples below the settings would be as follows:

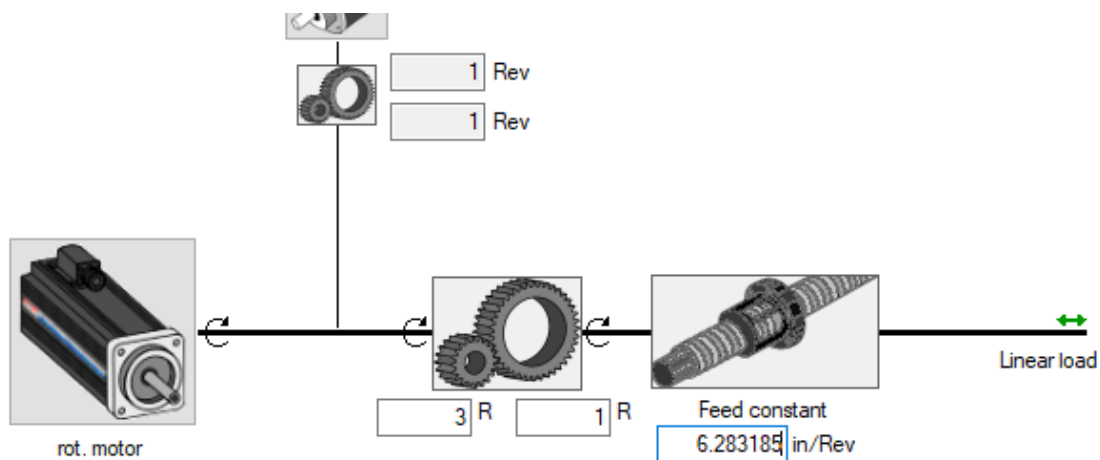
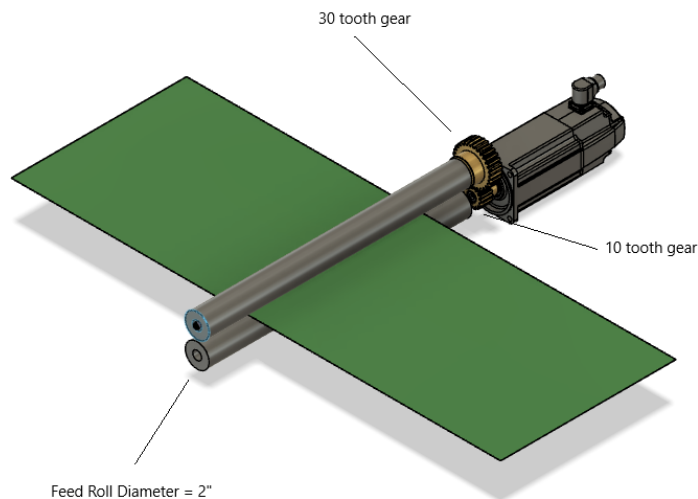
- Feed Constant = 0.7874" (20mm/25.4)
 - The feed constant is the amount of movement of the load per rotation of that device. In this instance the screw pitch or lead is 20mm. We convert that to inches by taking mm and dividing by 25.4.
- Gear Ratio is 2:1 or 40:20



Example Axis Mechanics Settings (Feed Rolls)

Below is an example of the mechanics of a Feed Roll or Servo Feeder system using a set of feed rolls and gear reduction. For the examples below the settings would be as follows:

- Feed Constant = 6.283185" (2" x 3.14159)
 - The feed constant is the amount of movement of the material per rotation of the rolls. In this instance the feed roll diameter is 2". To get the amount of movement per rev of the rolls, we need to know the circumference. We get the circumference by taking the feed roll diameter x pi.
- Gear Ratio is 3:1 or 30:10



Velocity Scaling

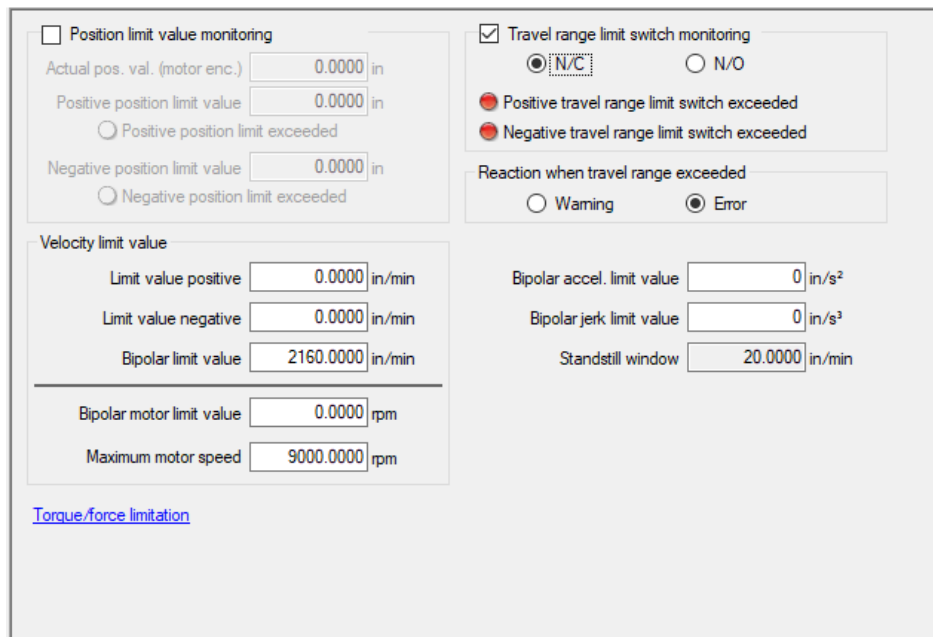
Set the Velocity Scaling of the system. Go there by doing the following:

- Click “Limit Values”
- Click “Motion Limit Values”

To scale the system, we need to know the maximum FPM of the Axis. We will need to convert this value to in/min and add 20% to properly scale the system. For instance, we have a Die Accelerator System that we want to run at a max speed of 150FPM. The following formula would be used:

$$150\text{FPM} \times 12 = 1,800\text{in/min} \times 1.2 = 2,160 \text{ in/min}$$

Therefore 2,160 in/min would be entered as shown below:



The screenshot shows the 'Velocity Scaling' configuration window in the AMS Controls software. The window is divided into several sections:

- Position limit value monitoring:** This section is currently unchecked. It includes fields for 'Actual pos. val. (motor enc.)', 'Positive position limit value', and 'Negative position limit value', all set to 0.0000 in. There are also radio buttons for 'Positive position limit exceeded' and 'Negative position limit exceeded'.
- Travel range limit switch monitoring:** This section is checked. It includes a radio button for 'N/C' (selected) and 'N/O'. Below are two red indicator lights for 'Positive travel range limit switch exceeded' and 'Negative travel range limit switch exceeded'. A sub-section 'Reaction when travel range exceeded' has radio buttons for 'Warning' and 'Error' (selected).
- Velocity limit value:** This section contains three input fields: 'Limit value positive' (0.0000 in/min), 'Limit value negative' (0.0000 in/min), and 'Bipolar limit value' (2160.0000 in/min).
- Bipolar motor limit value:** This section has a single input field set to 0.0000 rpm.
- Maximum motor speed:** This section has a single input field set to 9000.0000 rpm.
- Bipolar accel. limit value:** This section has a single input field set to 0 in/s².
- Bipolar jerk limit value:** This section has a single input field set to 0 in/s³.
- Standstill window:** This section has a single input field set to 20.0000 in/min.

At the bottom of the window, there is a link labeled 'Torque/force limitation'.

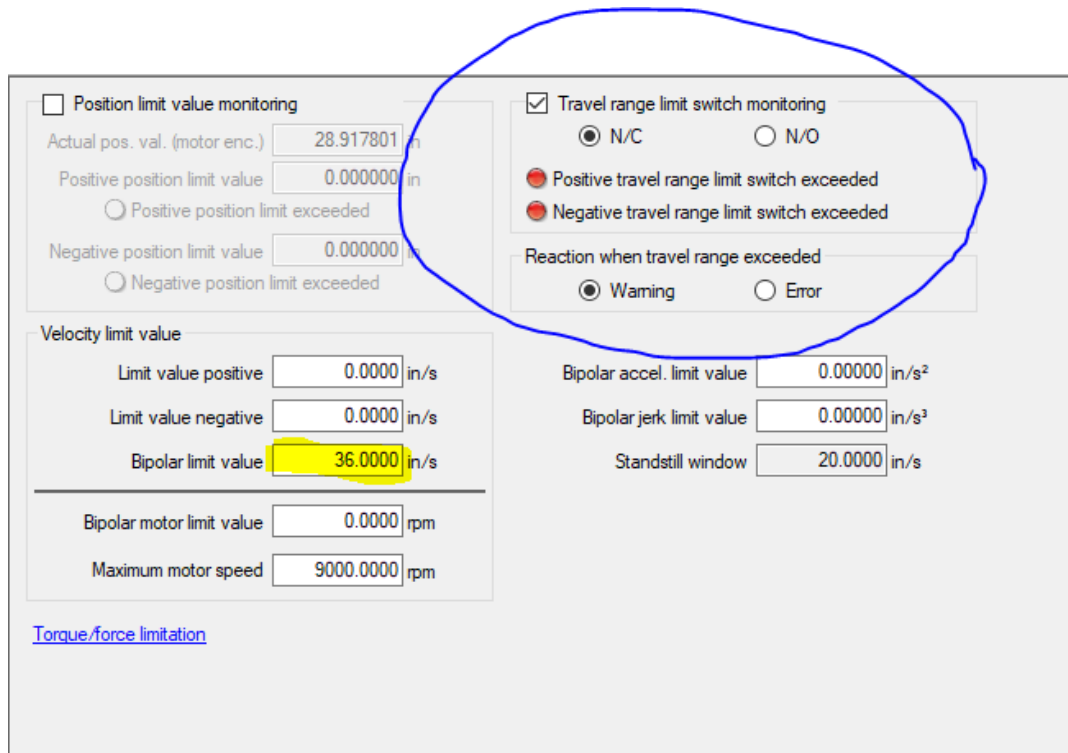
Set Travel Range Limit Switch Monitoring

Set the Travel Range Limit Switch Monitoring of the system. Go there by doing the following:

- Click “Limit Values”
- Click “Motion Limit Values”

At this time we will tell the drive if we have over-travel switches connected and if they are N/O or N/C. The drive should be set to react as a warning as shown.

Important! If you are setting up a Roll Feed System do NOT check the travel range box above.



☐ Position limit value monitoring

Actual pos. val. (motor enc.) 28.917801 in

Positive position limit value 0.000000 in

☐ Positive position limit exceeded

Negative position limit value 0.000000 in

☐ Negative position limit exceeded

☒ Travel range limit switch monitoring

☒ N/C ☐ N/O

☒ Positive travel range limit switch exceeded

☒ Negative travel range limit switch exceeded

Reaction when travel range exceeded

☒ Warning ☐ Error

Velocity limit value

Limit value positive 0.0000 in/s

Limit value negative 0.0000 in/s

Bipolar limit value 36.0000 in/s

Bipolar motor limit value 0.0000 rpm

Maximum motor speed 9000.0000 rpm

Bipolar accel. limit value 0.00000 in/s²

Bipolar jerk limit value 0.00000 in/s³

Standstill window 20.0000 in/s

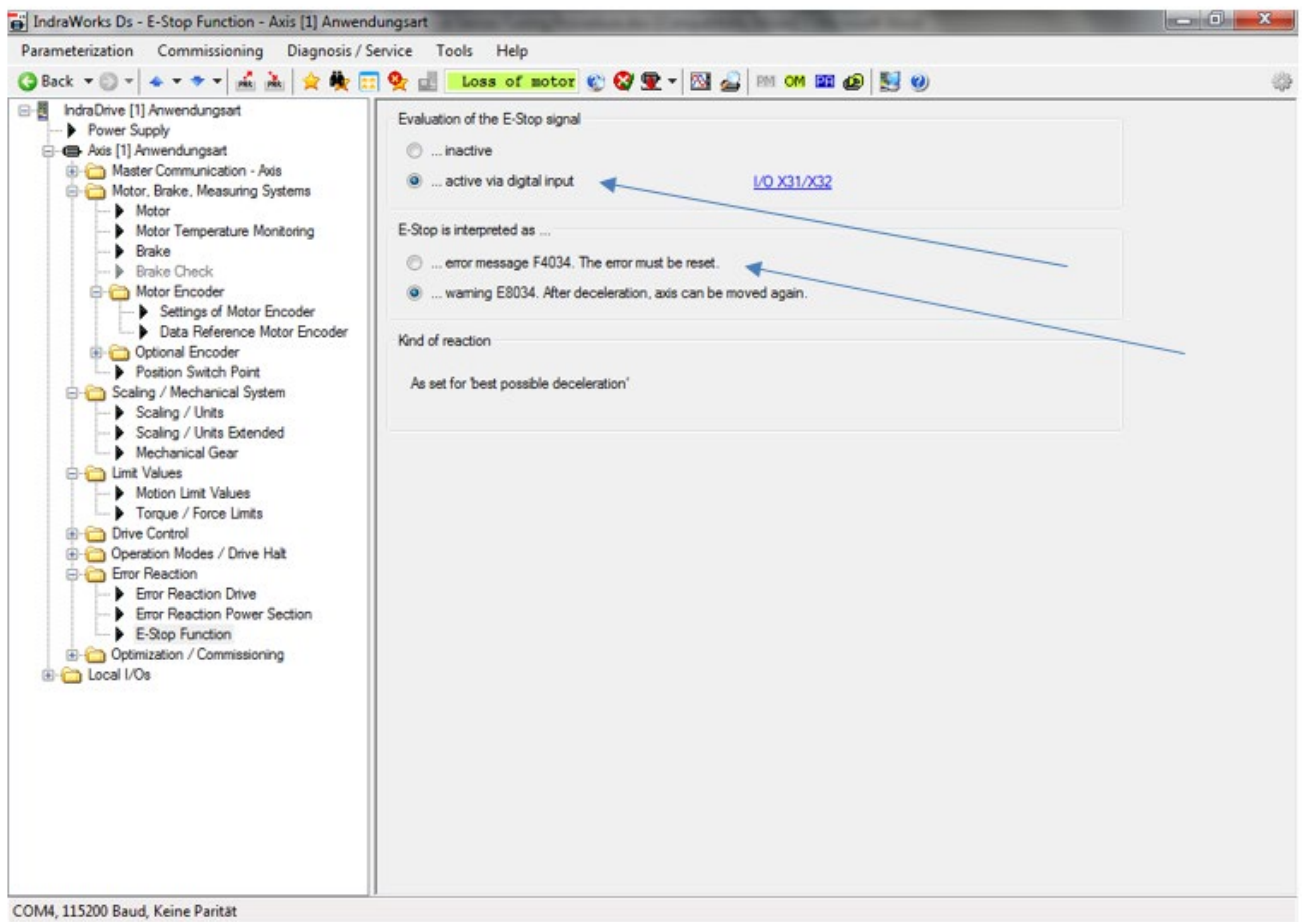
[Torque/force limitation](#)

Set E-stop Function

Set the E-stop function. Assuming the E-stop signal is being used and is physically wired the below selections can be made. Go there by doing the following:

- Click “Error Reaction.”
- Click “E-stop Function.”
- Set the “Evaluation of the E-stop Signal” to Active
- Set “E-stop is interpreted as...” to Warning E8034

Note: If the E-stop signal is not being utilized simply check “inactive.”



Set Inputs and Outputs (I/O)

The Input and Output assignments are dictated by the electrical design. The Inputs and Outputs are assignable in the software. Go there by:

- Clicking “Local I/Os.”
- Click “I/O X31/X32.”

In the example below the following I/O were assigned:

- Input 1 (X31:1) = Probe 1
- Input 2 (X31:2) = Probe 2
- Input 3 (X31:3) = E-stop
- Input 4 (X31:4) = Forward Overtravel
- Input 5 (X31:5) = Reverse Overtravel
- Output 8 (X31:8) = Drive Fault

Digital inputs
[Status](#)

	PIN	Signal		Bit	
☐	X31:1	S-0-0401 : Probe 1	▼	0	
☐	X31:2	S-0-0402 : Probe 2	▼	0	
☐	X31:3	P-0-0223 : E-Stop input	▼	0	
☐	X31:4	P-0-0222 : Travel range limit switch inputs	▼	0	
☐	X31:5	P-0-0222 : Travel range limit switch inputs	▼	1	
☐	--	S-0-0000 : Not assigned	▼	0	
☐	--	S-0-0000 : Not assigned	▼	0	
☐	--	S-0-0000 : Not assigned	▼	0	
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Digital outputs

	PIN	Signal		Bit	
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Set Operating Mode

Before attempting to move the motor, we must put the drive into an operation mode or “Phase 4.” Placing the drive into Phase 4 must be done from the XL200 Series Controller.

From the XL200 Controller display do the following:

- Touch “Diagnostics.”
- Touch “EtherCAT”
- Press F2-Change State
- Set to “Operational”
- Touch “OK.”
- Current Phase should then read “Operational”

Note: If the drive fails to go to Operational, see the Troubleshooting section of this manual for help to resolve this issue.



Spinning the Motor

Controller Setup

Now that the initial drive parameters are set, the system is ready for motion.

DANGER: De-couple the motor from all mechanical connections to die. Should the command signal be out of phase on start-up, the motor will quickly spin out of control in one direction, causing physical harm to equipment and personnel.

1. The motor should be disconnected from any mechanical structure, gearing, or couplings before continuing. Place the motor on the floor and secure the motor so it can't roll. Most servo motors have enough torque to roll over or even flip in the air, causing damage to the motor or those standing nearby.
2. The closed-loop AMS Controls controller must now be programmed with the information required to begin testing the servo system. Explanations of these parameters follow.
3. Begin by setting the following parameters to their corresponding "start-up" settings:

Jog Select	Die
Loop Gain	5
Maximum Die Return Velocity	Max. Line Speed + 15fpm
Minimum Die Return Velocity	1*
Acceleration	Line Speed in fpm + 10-15
Return Acceleration	Same as Acceleration
Minimum Die Distance	See Below
Maximum Die Distance	Max. Travel Allowed**
Line Resolution	See Below

Jog Select

The Jog Select parameter allows the operator to switch from jogging the line through the controller to jogging the die. If "Line" is selected, the controller turns on its Forward and Reverse outputs when the corresponding inputs are activated.

When "Die" is selected, the controller does not turn on its directional outputs when the jog buttons are pushed. When the controller is configured to jog the die, and a jog input is received, the controller turns on its Drive Enable output and tries to command the drive with the analog signal.

Loop Gain

In simple terms, Loop Gain reflects the responsiveness of the motor. If this number is too low, the motor will be slow and sluggish to respond. If the Loop Gain is set too high, the motor will become "over-stable" and begin to oscillate.



AMS Controls sets the Loop Gain as high as possible without pushing the motor into an “over-stable” state. This is accomplished by increasing the Loop Gain until the motor begins to oscillate, then backing the number down until oscillation goes away.

For most applications, the Loop Gain for a Bosch-Rexroth motor/drive combination should be set around 10-15.

Maximum Die Return Velocity/Minimum Die Return Velocity

When running parts, the AMS Controls controller can calculate the speed at which it needs to bring the die back to the home position to achieve the next part. It is programmed to always try to come back as slowly as possible to save wear and tear on the servo/actuator system. *

The Maximum Return Velocity of the motor should be set high enough so that the controller can bring the die back to the home position before the next cut point is reached. For most applications, adding 10 to 15 feet per minute to the maximum line speed is sufficient.

If the controller can achieve the first target, but displays a “Missed Shear” error afterward, increase the Maximum Die Return Velocity to overcome this problem.

Minimum Die Return Velocity should be set as low as possible to extend the life of the mechanical parts on the servo/actuator system. However, should the need arise to bring the die back to the home position faster, the Minimum Die Return Velocity parameter can be set as high as is necessary.

**On Hole Detect models, the controller is not programmed with the part length, so it cannot calculate a return speed. In these cases, the controller will always bring the die back to home at the Maximum Die Return Velocity. Careful consideration should therefore be given when setting the drive “Bipolar Velocity Limit Value” on controller models with the Hole Detect option. See the section “Velocity Scaling”*

Acceleration/Return Acceleration

Acceleration is the rate at which the controller brings the die up to line velocity. Enter the value calculated for the sizing of the application.

Return Acceleration should be set high enough for the controller to bring the die up to speed to get back to the home position but Return Acceleration can usually be set lower to increase the life of the mechanical equipment in the servo/actuator system.



Minimum Die Distance

Minimum Die Distance is the minimum amount of distance the die must travel at the controller's programmed Acceleration to reach line velocity. This distance can be calculated by using the following formula:

S_0 = Line Speed in Feet per Minute

S_1 = Line Speed in Inches per Second

D = Total Dwell Time of Press

A = Acceleration

$$S_0 / 5 = S_1$$

$$(S_1)^2 / (2 * A) = \text{Minimum Die Distance}$$

Every time the controller accelerates the die to line speed to achieve a cut, the die typically overshoots the actual target, initially, and spends a little time trying to compensate for the overshoot. This results in something of a dampening curve. The higher the Acceleration, the longer it takes for the controller to position the die accurately. Increasing the Minimum Die Distance can decrease tolerance problems caused by this overshoot.

Maximum Die Distance

Depending on the setting of the On Tolerance Error parameter in the controller, this parameter may or may not be critical. If the On Tolerance Error parameter is set to "Stop No Cut," the controller will begin calculating its tolerance when the die reaches the Minimum Die Distance and will not fire the die until it's in tolerance. If the controller cannot achieve tolerance by the programmed Maximum Die Distance, it will not make the cut, but instead will stop the line, bring the die back to the home position, and give the operator an "Out of Tolerance" error.

If the On Tolerance Error parameter is set to "Cut and Stop," the controller will fire the die at the Minimum Die Distance and calculate tolerance error at the end of the Shear Dwell Down Time. In this instance, Maximum Die Distance is ignored.

In any case, the controller updates the Lag time of the servo system whenever the die is traveling between the Minimum and Maximum Die Distances.



Line Resolution

The Line Resolution parameter is the amount of material represented by one pulse from the line encoder. Line Resolution is calculated using the following formula:

P = Model of AMS Controls Encoder or the Pre-Quadrature Pulses per Rev. of a Non-AMS Controls Encoder

D = Diameter of the Measuring Wheel

C = Circumference of the Measuring Wheel

π = Pi, a Mathematical Constant Approximately Equal to 3.14

$$C = \pi * D$$

$$\text{Line Resolution} = C / (P * 4)$$



1. Reset the line/console. The drive should display “Ab” on the digital read out on the firmware module. This indicates the drive is powered up and ready for motion. If the module displays any other code, check the Bosch-Rexroth Functional Description manual for the appropriate firmware version. Call AMS Controls if questions arise. AMS Controls technicians are experts in the use of these drive systems with AMS Controls XL Series controllers. Bosch-Rexroth technicians may not be able to assist in start-ups because they do not know how our controller interfaces with the drive.
2. Enter the controller setup screen “Closed Loop Data” and select “Jog Die Accelerator” from the menu. The screen will display a position of 0.000”. Press the “Jog Forward” button. The motor should begin turning. Check the motor rotation. If the motor is turning in the wrong direction, see the section [Reversing the Motor Direction](#).
3. Now that the motor is turning in control and in the proper direction, reconnect the motor to the actuator or roll feed mechanism. This should be done with the power removed from the drive and motor.

*Before moving the die, over-travel limit-switches and the home switch must be in place. Over-travel switches should be part of the E-Stop chain for the machine. Shock absorbers should be mounted at both ends of the travel to maintain the AMS Controls warranty on the actuator and to protect the mechanical equipment from damage. Additional hard, or physical, stops should be added to prevent damage to equipment and personnel.

4. Press the “Manual Shear” button to home the die and zero the position reading on the controller. This will move the die to the home switch, bring the die off the switch, then back onto the switch and fire the press. If any Shear Die Distance has been programmed, the die will move to the programmed position before the press fires.

The manual shear button must remain depressed until the controller fires the press, or the process will be aborted. This is a safety feature of the controller.

5. Enter the “Setup” menu and go to the “Closed Loop Data” submenu in the controller. Select “Die Test” from the “Closed Loop Data” submenu. Enter a test length and a line speed to simulate and press enter to begin the test. The die will begin to simulate production.

It’s usually a good idea to start off at a low speed (10-50 fpm) and work up to a test that will simulate the line at maximum production speed. This will require that the Die Test be halted and restarted for each change in simulated line speed.

6. The AMS Controls Closed-Loop controller performs its main function by accelerating a cutting tool to line speed, matching position and speed of the target, and firing a press to actuate the cutting



tool. The controller accomplishes this by using the Acceleration and Minimum Die Distance programmed by the user.

One way to improve tolerance is to increase Minimum Die Distance. This gives the controller more distance to match speed and position of the target. Lowering Acceleration can accomplish the same thing by decreasing the amount of “overshoot” of the die once it has reached line velocity.

Try increasing Minimum Die Distance until it no longer seems to affect the tolerance. At this point, begin increasing Loop Gain. Loop Gain is the final tool in fine-tuning the servo system.

Loop Gain should be increased until the tolerance begins to become more erratic. At this point, the closed loop is over-stable. Set the gain to a lower, more stable number.

Troubleshooting

Motor Spins Out of Control (Drive Not Responding Error)

Once you have commissioned your drive, you may experience the drive spinning uncontrollably when attempting to jog. This is most likely due to the analog command or encoder feedback being out of phase. Try the following, in most cases the first action item resolves the issue.

1. E-stop the system and Swap the Analog Command Wires
2. Check the analog command at the Controller and the Drive for voltage
3. Check the AMS Diagnostics/Closed Loop Data screen for Encoder Feedback

Reversing the Motor Direction

Once you have commissioned your drive, and you find that the motor is spinning in the opposite direction that is required, it is possible to invert this direction.

1. E-stop the system
2. Swap the Analog Command Wires with each other AND Swap the A+ and A- wires of the encoder feedback

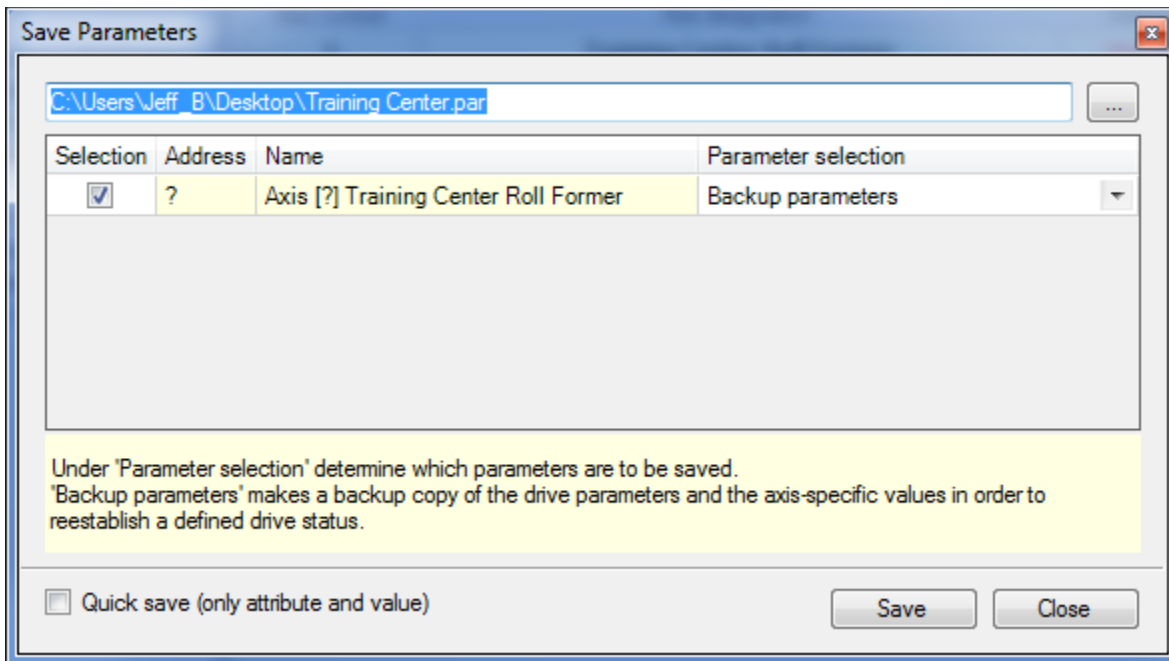
Backup and Restore Parameters

Back Up Parameters

It is recommended to back up or “Save” the parameters once the drive is commissioned in case parameters are lost. Prior to backing up parameters, you must first place the drive into a “Parameterization mode” or “Phase 2”. See the section for [Set Parameterization Mode](#) for assistance. To back up the parameters do the following:

- Click “Parameterization.”
- Click “Save...”
- Click the address bar at the top and choose a location to save the file.
- Click “Save.”

Once the process is complete, click “Close”. At this time, you must place the drive back into “Operation Mode” or “Phase 4”. See the section [Set Operating Mode](#) for assistance.



Restore Parameters

In case of a problem, you may want to restore parameters from a known good state. In this case you may want to restore or “Load” parameters. Prior to loading parameters, you must first place the drive into a “Parameterization mode” or “Phase 2”. See the section [Set Parameterization Mode](#) for assistance. To restore the parameters, do the following:

- Click “Parameterization.”
- Click “Load...”
- Click the address bar at the top and choose a location to load the file.
- Click “Loading.”

Once the process is complete, click “Close”. At this time, you must place the drive back into “Operation Mode” or “Phase 4”. See the section [Set Operating Mode](#) for assistance.

