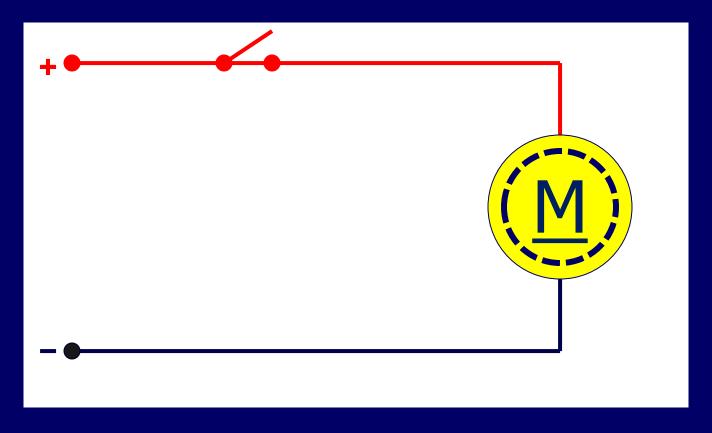


Motor Control Direct Online

Motor Control



All electric motors require some form of starting method

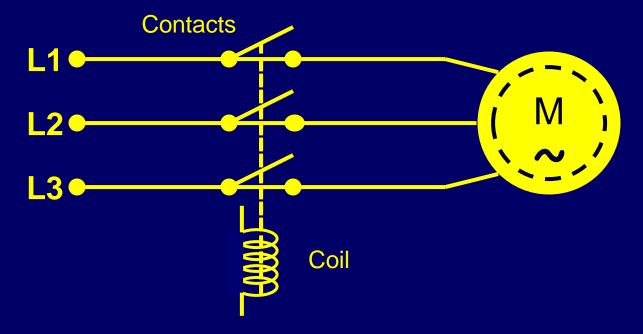


In this DC case a simple switch would suffice

Three Phase AC Motor



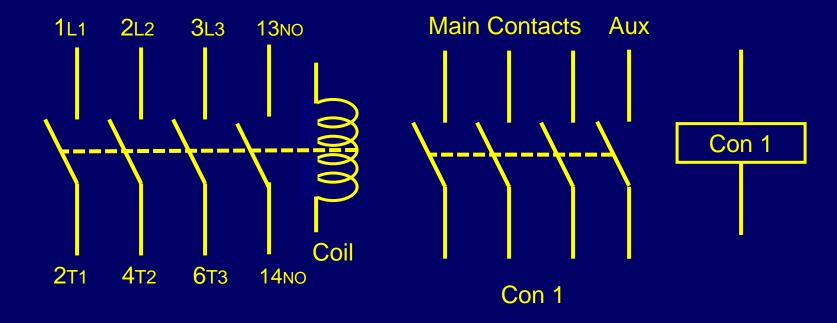
With a three phase motor we need to switch all three live Lines on at the same time



For this we can use a component called a <u>CONTACTOR</u>, this is an electrically controlled switch and consists of two main parts



Contactor Circuit Symbols

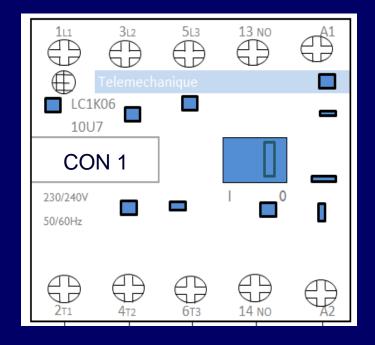




Contactor

The modern contactor has an internal operating coil and a set of spring loaded main contacts. Some versions have extra contacts integral to the design or as an add on component. These can be either normally open or normally closed, or a combination of both, called Auxiliary contacts.





AC Motor Starting Methods

This type of starter configuration is called **<u>Direct Online</u>** and is the simplest most common method of starting motors

It consists of a contactor to supply the voltage directly through to the motor and some form of overload protection relay to protect the motor from excesses of current during overload situations

This configuration can be incorporated into one single device or by building modular starters using manufactured , type specific components













Overload

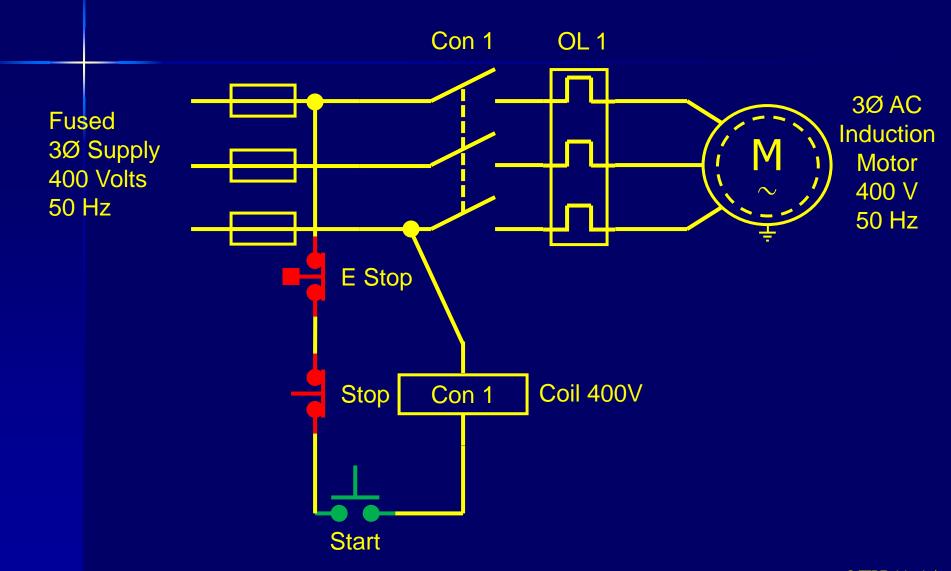


The overload is a thermal device and operates in much the same way as the thermal device in an MCB. It connects directly to the Contactor

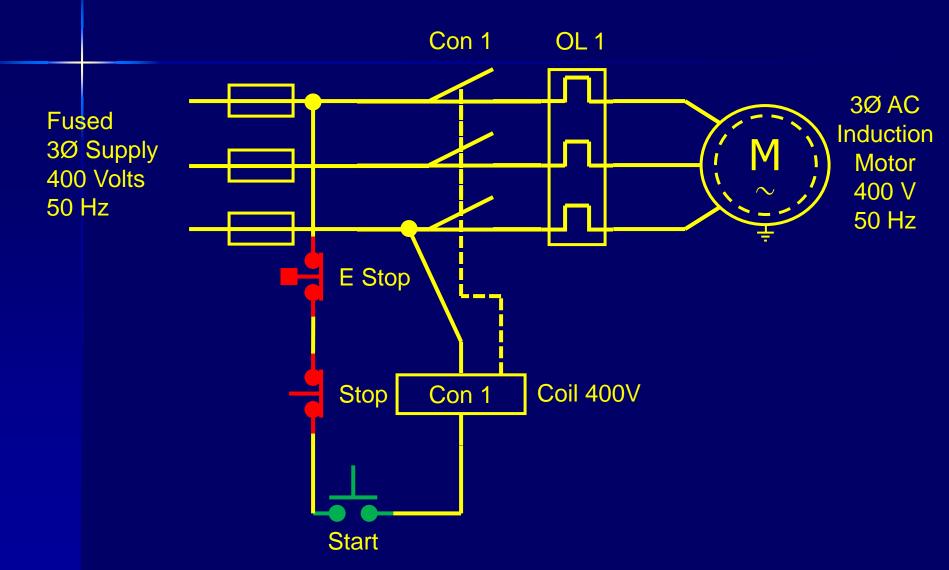


Inside it contains 3 bi-metallic strips that monitor the current as it passes through each phase of the supply to the motor. Any current that exceeds the setting on the overload will cause that strip to bend which will mechanically trip a set of normally closed contacts in series with the Contactor coil supply

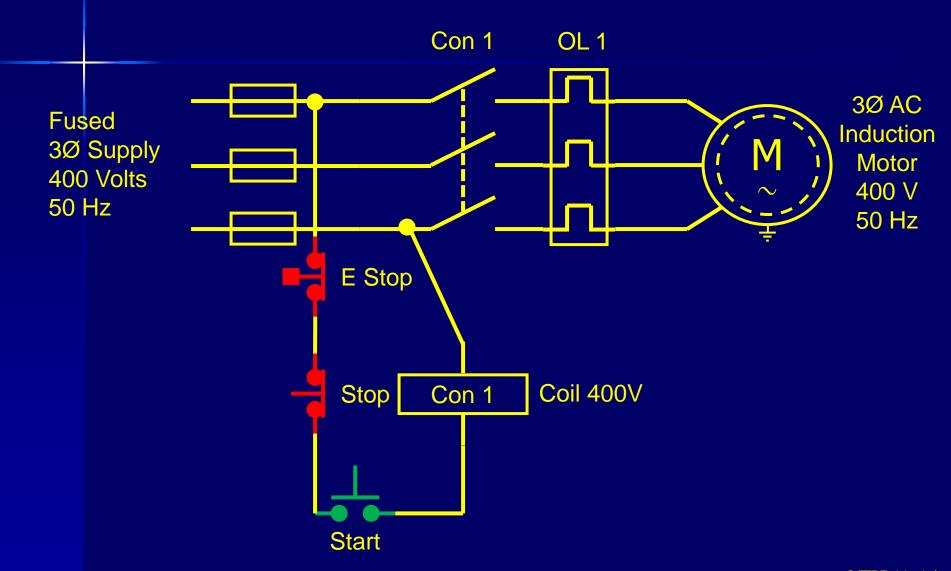




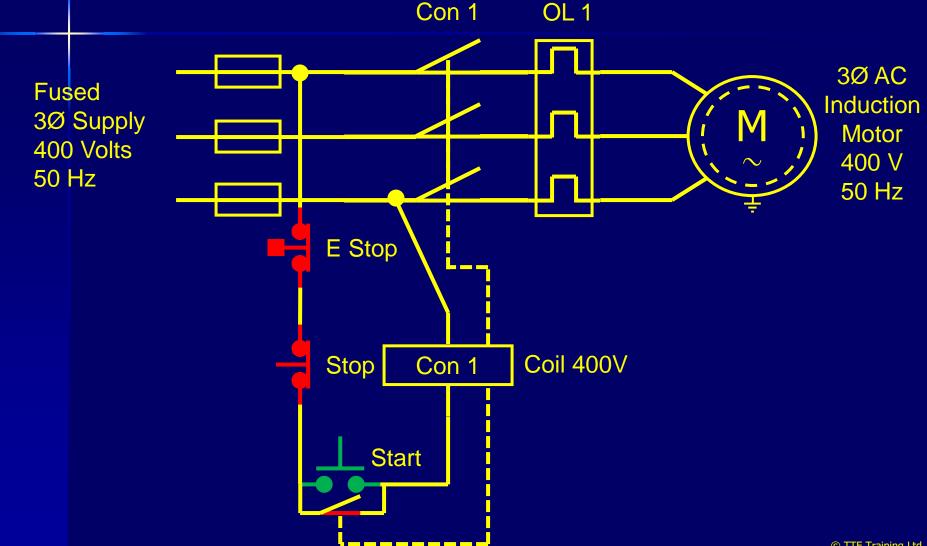




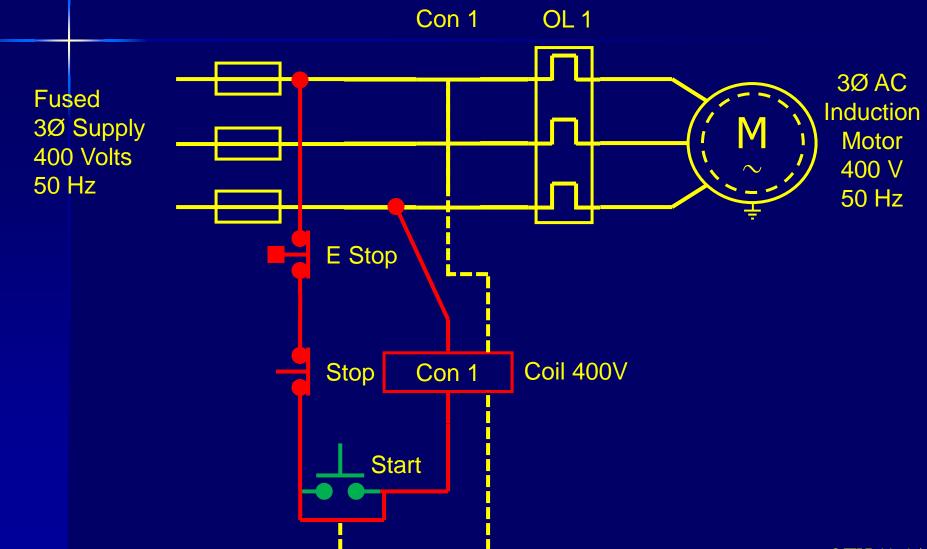










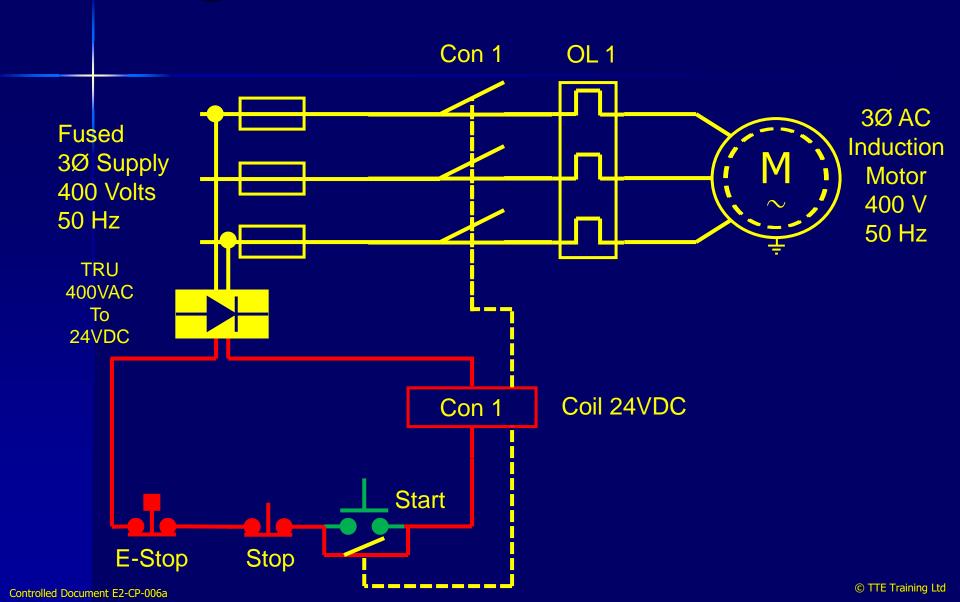


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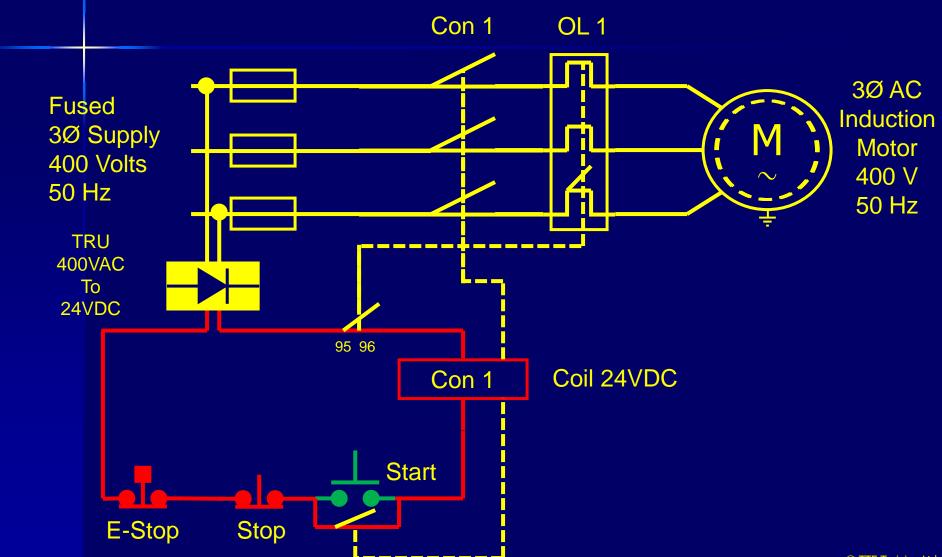


Configuration 24VDC Coil



Overload

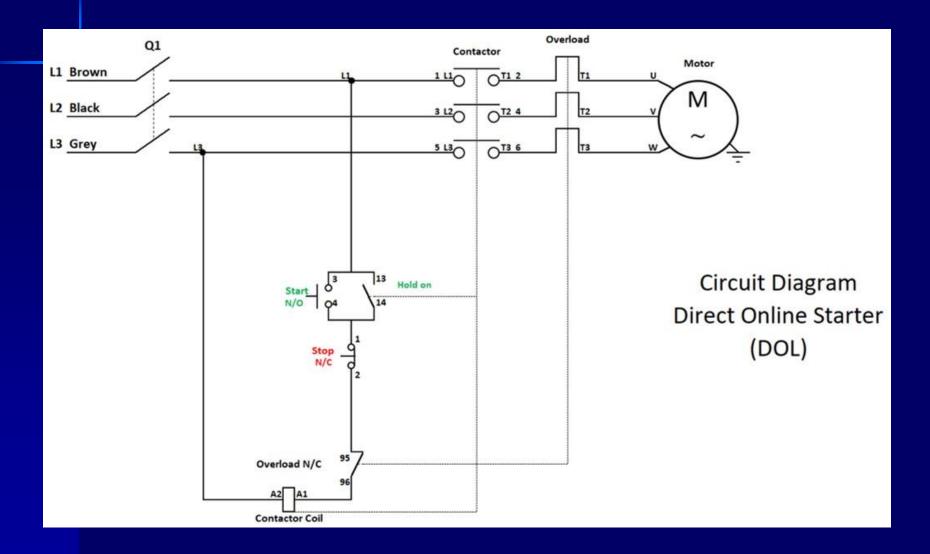


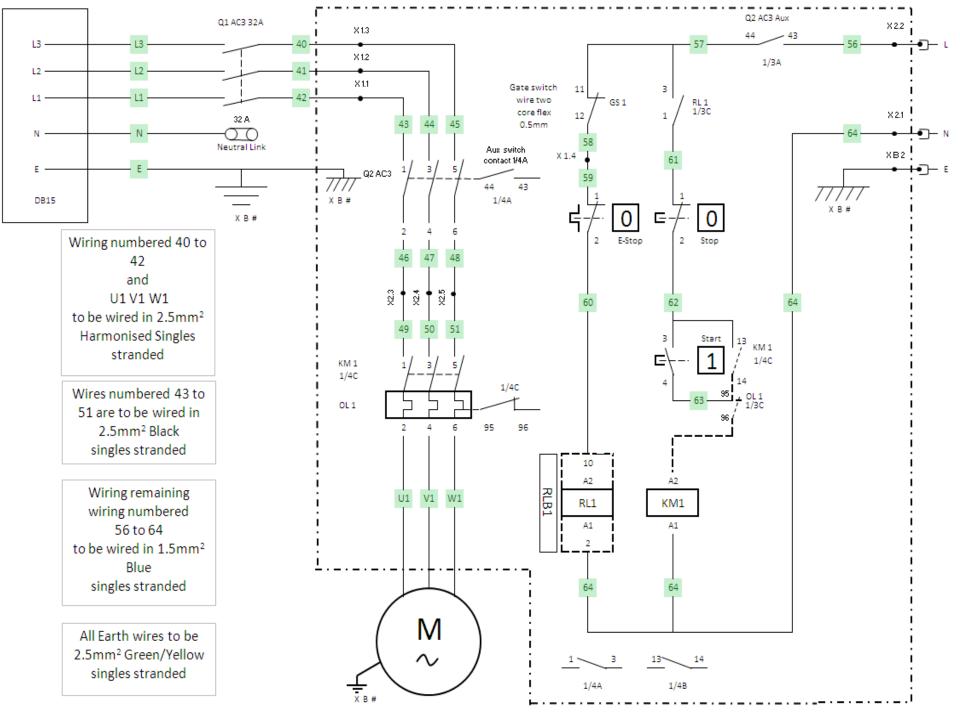


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AC Motor Starting Methods

Other methods of motor starting include:

STAR DELTA STARTERS:

This method requires the use of 3 contactors and a timer circuit

AUTO TRANSFORMER STARTERS

This method requires the use of contactors and a tapped autotransformer

RESISTANCE STARTERS

This method requires the use of contactors and specific resistances shorted out by the contactors during run up

SOFT STARTERS

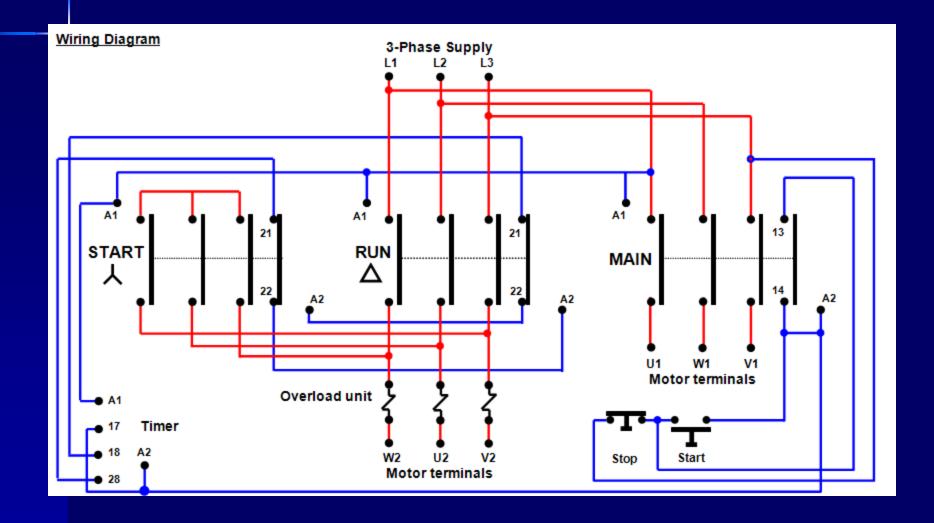
This method mainly uses semiconductor devices to control the supply to the motor electronically

VARIABLE SPEED DRIVES

As a Soft Start but with a lot more functionality and control



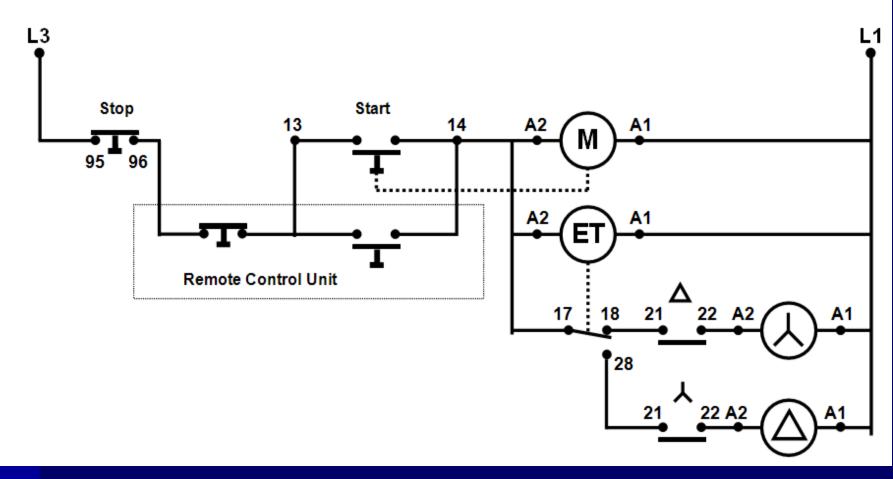
STAR/DELTA Starting





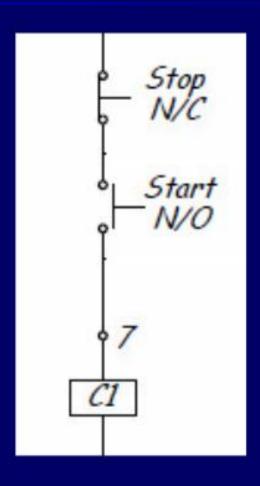
STAR/DELTA Starting

Schematic Diagram





Basic Stop Start





Basic Stop Start with Hold

