Irrigation
Efficient water distribution and conservation for a sustainable future
How to improve distribution and prevent scarcity

Freshwater is one of the world’s most important resources, but it is limited. Up to 70 percent of water is used for irrigation purposes, making careful distribution and conservation crucial to ensure a sustainable supply.

Tackle diverse manufacturing demands…
OEMs require safe, reliable and resilient components, with global and local after-sales support to help manufacturers build effective systems.

…using best-in-class technology and services

Matched VSD/VFD and motor ensures correct dimensioning of the pair and guaranteed package efficiencies.

Wide power range gives OEMs flexibility to offer broad product range.

ABB Ability™ Smart Sensors for low voltage motors and general machinery helps to spot energy saving opportunities among motors running pumps.

Digital services brings remote support and predictive maintenance, enabling early warning of issues and rapid remedy before failure occurs.

Compact VSD/VFD footprint enables installation into smaller panels or additional functionality to be built into larger panels.

Genuine spares available globally, with online ordering providing 24-hour access.

Fast delivery of parts and support via ABB’s channel partner network, providing local expertise and training through specially selected technical partners.

Build in resilience…
Energy use in irrigation systems is directly proportional to the volume of water being moved and the pressure against which the pumps operate. While reducing volume or pressure lowers energy consumed, using a pressure relief valve to do so is wasteful.

…with effective motor-driven solutions

High efficiency VSD/VFD-motor package lowers energy usage by between 20 and 60 percent and reduces CO₂ emissions.

Wheeled module drives can be rapidly manoeuvred into a panel, eliminating manual lifting while ensuring fast, easy installation in lift irrigation systems.

Soft pipe filling function of a VSD/VFD protects pipe networks from pressure peaks when starting pump systems, allowing pipelines to fill smoothly. This prevents overpressure which reduces burst pipes and damaged sprinkler heads.

VSD/VFD built-in smart pump functions ensure that pressure is accurately kept to the required level 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Ease of retrofit allows VSDs/VFDs to be installed seamlessly into existing applications, while still delivering significant energy savings.

Engineering support provided by ABB and its local partners can help to ensure timely, cost-effective project delivery by providing expertise at all stages.

“I need components and supply chains that I can rely on.”

OEM

“We require quality equipment to efficiently manage pressure, and ensure that we don’t waste a single drop.”

System Builder
Growers / Farmers

“I need to ensure high quality of crops, while avoiding excess loss of water.”

Farmer

Utilities

“We need high resilience and low total cost of ownership to maximize return on investment.”

Operations Manager

Know where to look…
Irrigation is often required in remote areas where water supplies are already scarce. Ensuring maximum reliability and resilience is crucial for stability of supply.

…and how to unlock the saving potential
Precise motor speed control allows the supply of water to be adapted immediately to the demand as well as adjusting for seasonal variations, saving energy.

Preventive maintenance plan provides regular inspections and component replacements according to farming schedules.

Service agreements are available to tackle proactive and reactive maintenance needs.

Soft pipe filling prevents overpressure, reducing damage to pipelines through water hammer and leakage.

Digital services like remote condition monitoring, automatically and continuously collects performance data from drives and motors and provides alerts and information to enable issues to be predicted before failure occurs.

Channel partner network provides access to ABB-accredited experts around the world to ensure minimum downtime.

Real-time clock in the VSD/VFD makes it simple to program pumps and fans to run at different speeds depending on the time of day and day of the week, while trips can be time stamped to help with fault-finding.

Engineering optimization ensures that the VSD/VFD control panel communicates in a language you can understand, providing information in layman’s terms to help end users understand precisely how to mitigate fault conditions.

Lower operational overheads…
As irrigation is often in hot climates, evaporation can result in wastage. Leak prevention and building-in resilience is, therefore, critical to help maximize water availability.

…and with high efficiency VSD/VFD-motor packages
Fast payback times as energy efficiency savings can result in VSD/VFD payback in under six months, with future ongoing savings.

IES5 and higher efficiency class motors are among the most efficient available, contributing to further energy reduction.

Synchronous reluctance motors (SynRMs) reduce total losses by up to 40 percent, bringing optimal efficiency, reliability and resilience.

Life cycle assessment provides a clear understanding for all stakeholders of the drive/motor installed base, detailing how assets will evolve over the next few years.

Total cost of ownership is reduced by lowering energy costs when motors are running, while limiting the cost of not running (i.e. damaged crops, reputational damage) by ensuring maximum uptime.

Precision control of pumps mitigates pressure peaks and troughs, reducing damage to pipework and ensuring that minimum water is lost to evaporation, etc.
Improving operational efficiency helps boost output and profitability

Each stage of irrigation can be fine-tuned to improve productivity, increase sustainability and enhance safety.

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**RAW WATER PUMPING**

Raw freshwater is delivered by intake pump and sent into pumping station.

**Applications:**
- Centrifugal pumps

**Requirements:**
- Pumps are required to raise freshwater to level of facility
- Piston and centrifugal pumps are best suited for single and multiple well-point systems
- Submersible pumps can be used with larger diameter well-points. Here, the pump is installed directly within the well-point.

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**CENTER PIVOT IRRIGATION**

Sprinklers fixed to a frame rotate around a pivot to water crops.

**Applications:**
- Centrifugal pumps
- Pivot motors

**Requirements:**
- Smooth operation to ensure even water distribution and prevent equipment damage
- Constant pressure to maintain proper water flow through nozzles/spray heads
- Pumps must be robust, highly efficient and well maintained
BOREHOLE PUMPING

Groundwater is extracted from aquifers, which are subterranean water-bearing rocks.

Applications:
- Multi-stage mixed flow pump with special submersible motor
- Vertical turbine pumps

Requirements:
- Submersible centrifugal pumps are used to raise water to point of use
- Pump and motor are installed directly in the well
- Gradual ramps to reduce turbidity
- High installation costs focuses attention on protecting well and pump to ensure a long life time

INFLOW PUMPS

A pumping station pumps water directly into the distribution system. Alternatively, the station is used in gravity flow distribution system to increase pressure where water levels are insufficient.

Applications:
- Centrifugal pumps

Requirements:
- Capital costs are high, but energy is the costliest aspect of running pumps
- Pumps must be highly efficient and well maintained

LATERAL MOVE IRRIGATION

Sprinklers are coupled together and rolled linearly across field surface.

Applications:
- Centrifugal pumps
- Lateral move motors

Requirements:
- Pumps must be robust, highly efficient and well maintained
- Constant pressure to maintain proper water flow
Unlock the potential in irrigation systems

Alongside energy saving, improved productivity and greater safety, there are many other benefits from using variable speed drives (VSDs)/variable frequency drives (VFDs) and high efficiency motors on motor-driven applications.

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• Optimized energy consumption  
• Optimal performance achieved even in worst case scenarios                                                                                          |
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| • Complex and mechanically controlled water networks                        | • Motor-drive: Simplify the water network by eliminating need for control valves, by-pass lines and instrumentation, with speed control, built-in protections and functions | • Reduces wear on motors  
• Reduces leaks caused by pressure surges  
• Lower maintenance and life cycle costs                                                                                                                   |
| • Cavitation caused by changes in pressure shortens impeller lifetime        | • Drive: Detect inlet pressure to predict occurrence of cavitation                            | • Allows for planned maintenance                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| • Maintaining reliability in multistage/borehole pumps                     | • Drive: Detect inlet pressure to predict occurrence of cavitation                            | • Allows for planned maintenance                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| • Unplanned interruptions because of power outages or weak networks         | • Drive: Fast ramp to minimum speed                                                          | • Increased uptime  
• Increased service intervals  
• Protects motor bearings                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| • Drive: Ability to keep pumps running during short power outages and automatic restart after longer power cuts | • Drive: Ability to keep pumps running during short power outages and automatic restart after longer power cuts | • Avoid mechanical stress on the pump with repetitive starts and stops  
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Optimized functions that benefit irrigation systems

Drives, motors, PLCs and softstarters all play a vital part in keeping water flowing. Choosing the right product feature for the right environment is essential in ensuring an optimized production.

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**Variable speed drives/variable frequency drives**

- **Energy efficiency**
  - Control operating costs by seeing energy costs in local currency, kWH and CO₂ emissions
- **Communication**
  - Use information such as water flow rates to get the VSD/VFD to adjust motor speed and torque
  - Get detailed insight into flow performance through fieldbus comms connecting VSD/VFD with plant monitoring systems
- **Ingress protection**
  - IP55 for wet and corrosive environments
- **Low harmonics**
  - Eliminate supply disturbances that could trip production with built-in active supply unit and integrated low-harmonic line filter
  - Makes design and operation of the back-up generator easy and reliable

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**Solar pump drive**

- **Maximum uptime**
  - Operates without grid directly from photovoltaic (PV) cells
- **Ease of installation**
  - Compatible with all pump types and set up for serial production
- **Return on Investment (ROI)**
  - Superior ROI compared to diesel-powered pumping

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**Softstarters**

- **Prolong pipe and pump life**
  - Uses torque control to gently open and close valves and reduce water hammer during starts and stops
- **Protect pump system**
  - Motor preheat ensures a dry and warm motor, prolonging pump life and increasing uptime
  - Coated boards and IP66/UL Type 4x externally mounted keypads for harsh conditions
- **Simplify use**
  - Application wizards simplify commissioning and control of pump
Motors

Designed for harsh environments
- Protection against external conditions
- IP55-IP66 protection against wet and corrosive environments
- Wide range of surface treatment and corrosion protection solutions available

Energy efficiency
- High efficiency to support emissions reduction – up to IE5 efficiency levels
- Suitable for frequency converter operation
- High power density and efficiency reduces cost of ownership

High reliability
- Robust design
- Bearing locked at D-end to avoid axial play
- Bearings can be regreaseable, fitted with grease relief systems
- Fan and motor fins optimized for low noise level
- Provides same output power with a smaller frame size – less weight, a smaller installation footprint and lower costs

Easy installation
- Oversized terminal box as standard for ease of installation
- Flexible cabling solutions
- Horizontal or vertical mounting

Drive and motor packages

High efficiency motor and drive (SynRM/EC Titanium)
- Save energy across all applications with IE5 ultra-premium efficiency motors and drive packages

Globally certified drives and motors packages
- Protect plant and people and conform to global regulations using tested and certified motors and drives for potentially explosive atmospheres

Programmable logic controllers (PLCs)

- Comprehensive range of scalable PLCs, I/Os and robust HMI control panels delivering performance, quality and reliability
- Remote access helps reduce commissioning time
- One integrated engineering tool for programming, simulation and commissioning for PLCs, safety, drives, control panels and network
- Flexible choice of network and fieldbuses to integrate I/O’s, drives, HMI, Scada and 3rd party devices
- S500 I/O System:
  - Cost efficient remote I/Os supporting different fieldbus protocols
  - Hot-Swap I/Os for increased availability
  - Fast integration into existing environment
- IIoT gateway functionality onboard the PLCs and control panels offer secure connection to cloud
- Cyber Security with AC500: Secure components with certified international standards (IEC 62443-4-1)
- High availability of AC500 HA prevents downtime and enhances system availability
- AC500-XC for xtreme Condition (humid environments, high altitudes, vibrations, hazardous gases and salt mist)
- Automation Builder support configuration of drives and motion
From the factory floor to the cloud and beyond

ABB Ability™ Condition Monitoring for powertrains optimizes the performance and efficiency of electric motor-driven rotating equipment. It enables better decision making by providing real-time access to data on all parameters for drives, motors and general machinery.

**Intelligent powertrain**
The powertrain is equipped with sensors and cloud connectivity and can consist of motors, drives and general machinery.

**Turning data into valuable insights**
Data gathered through VSDs/VFDs’ built-in sensors and loggers together with that collected from ABB Ability™ Smart Sensors fitted to motors and general machinery, can be collected, stored and further accessed via the cloud. The ability to gather and analyze this data insights paired with service expertise can reveal information on the status and condition of your equipment, so that service activities can be scheduled more effectively.
Accessing data for analytics
Detailed information can be extracted into a company’s portal and systems. Information on many aspects of the irrigation process is available, including the ability to know exactly when and how production equipment was cleaned. Detailed dashboards give full transparency so that you can take actions that lead to less downtime, extended equipment lifetime, lower costs, safer operations and increased profitability.

Gain a digital advantage
While the data is always at your disposal, ABB service experts can work with you to provide help on how you analyze the data and define the steps for improving your operations.

Ensuring that the right person is exposed to the right information at the right time brings:
• Appropriate response to production challenges, lowering operating costs and product waste.
• Greater insight into various aspects of the irrigation process, thereby improving quality and reducing variations, errors and waste.
• Maximum material traceability helps fulfill regulatory compliance.
• Lower risk of production failure and change the maintenance from reactive to predictive.
Our service expertise, your advantage

ABB Motion Services helps customers around the globe by maximizing uptime, extending product life cycle, and enhancing the performance and energy efficiency of electrical motion solutions. We enable innovation and success through digitalization by securely connecting and monitoring our customers’ motors and drives, increasing operational uptime, and improving efficiency. We make the difference for our customers and partners every day by keeping their operations running profitably, safely and reliably.

With a service offering tailored to your needs, ABB Motion Services maximizes the uptime and extends the life cycle of your electrical motion solutions, while optimizing their performance and maximizing your energy efficiency gains throughout the entire lifetime of your applications. We help to keep your applications turning profitably, safely, and reliably.

Digitalization enables new smart and secured ways to prevent unexpected downtime while optimizing the operation and maintenance of your assets. We securely connect and monitor your motors, drives or your entire powertrain to our easy to use cloud service solutions. Connecting your applications also gives you access to our in-depth service domain expertise.

We quickly respond to your service needs. Together with our partners, local field service experts, and service workshop networks, we provide and install original spare parts to help resolve any issues and minimize the impact of unexpected disruptions.

Our tailored to your needs service offerings and digital solutions will enable you to unlock new possibilities. Not only are we your premier supplier of motion equipment, we are your trusted partner and advisor offering support throughout the entire life cycle of your assets. We ensure your operations run profitably, safely and reliably and continue to drive real world results, now and in the future. Our service teams work with you, delivering the expertise needed to keep your world turning while saving energy every day.
ABB Motion OneCare:
The modular service agreement tailored to your needs

Recovery services:
Fast intervention when something goes wrong

Data and Advisory services:
Better decision making

Energy efficiency and Circularity:
Reducing carbon emissions and waste Driving the tomorrow

Digital and Innovation:

OUR EXPERTISE
YOUR ADVANTAGE
With you, wherever you are in the world

Partnering with ABB, gives you access to some of the world’s most innovative technology, expertise and solutions.

Global reach
ABB operates in over 100 countries with its own manufacturing, logistics and sales operations together with a wide network of local channel partners that can quickly respond to your needs. Stock availability is good, with short delivery times for many products backed by 24-hour spare parts delivery.

In addition, we work closely with irrigation providers to develop custom products, services and solutions to help standardize processes across multiple sites and streamline your supply chain.

End-to-end product portfolio
Alongside its variable speed drives (VSDs)/variable frequency drives (VFDs), motors and soft starters, ABB’s automation offering includes a wide range of scalable PLCs, a selection of HMIs, instrumentation and robotics. With functional safety options, from built-in safe torque off in drives to safety PLCs, you can readily implement safety requirements.

We have several global R&D centers with thousands of technologists and considerable investments annually on innovation.
ABB’s offering includes:
• End-to-end **power and automation solutions**, from power distribution, raw material receipt, to process and machine control, to end of line packaging
• **Power protection and power quality solutions** to safeguard equipment and processes
• Industry leading **robotic automation solutions** that improve your speed-to-market, flexibility and help make packaging a differentiator
• A complete range of **protection, connection and wire management solutions** that withstand harsh environments and extreme temperature swings, and provide the reliability needed for continuous operations

**Streamline sourcing**
ABB’s end-to-end product and services portfolio streamlines your sourcing and purchasing activities and standardizes production across multiple sites, saving you money on spare part inventories while reducing maintenance costs.
For more information, please contact your local ABB representative or visit

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