

# **EMC INSTALLATION INFORMATION**

***For:***

**SANYO DENKI Stepper Motors  
RTA Stepper Drives**

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# EMC STATEMENT

This information is based on our interpretation of the *EMC Framework* introduced by the *Australian Communications Authority*. AUTOMATED MOTION SYSTEMS PTY. LTD. recommends its customers should seek independent advice to determine the affect of the *EMC Framework* on their manufactured products.

From January 1999 the *EMC framework* is intended to ensure that most electrical and electronic products sold on the Australian market are constructed so they do not cause excessive electromagnetic interference (EMI) and their performance is not adversely affected by electromagnetic interference.

If you are manufacturing machines for sale within Australia, the *EMC Framework* requires you to certify that the machine conforms to the framework. This may involve having the machine tested by an accredited organisation and labelling it with the C-tick mark. Using the suggested installation methods in this booklet should ensure that the machine will comply with EMC regulations, however, the ultimate responsibility for ensuring the EMC compliance rests with the machine manufacturer.

The RTA stepper drives and Sanyo Denki stepper motors both comply with the Australian EMC regulations when installed and operated properly. They are supplied to Australian customers with the C-tick label applied. The stepper motors and drives apply to level 2 and standard IEC 61800-3.

The EMC Framework does not apply to mechanical components that do not carry electrical currents, such as couplings, gearheads, and timing belts and pulleys.

AUTOMATED MOTION SYSTEMS cannot guarantee that your machine will comply with the *EMC Framework* and is not responsible if it does not comply. The EMI generated will emanate not only from our motors and drives, but also from other components in the system and installation such as cabling, power supplies, controllers, enclosures and earthing. However, with careful design and installation methods we suggest as follows, in most cases EMC compliance can be achieved. Stepper and servo motors and drives inherently produce EMI due to high frequency switching of large currents. Care must be taken with earthing and cabling methods.

These products are intended for installation by technically qualified personnel, according to the appropriate safety procedures laid down by the local supply authority regulations. It should be noted that safety must never be compromised for the purpose of achieving EMC compliance. If a conflict occurs between safety regulations and the suggestions for achieving EMC compliance we suggest below, the safety regulations always take precedence. In most cases, a solution meeting both requirements can be found.

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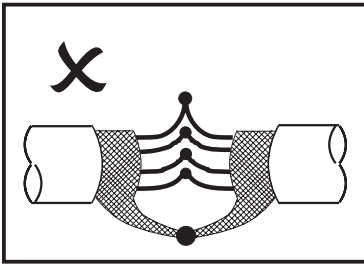
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# MOTOR CABLES

Due to the high frequency switching of motor currents, special screened cables must be used for the motors. For a stepper motor, a 5 conductor cable is necessary, 4 for windings and one for earth. For low current and voltage drives, sometimes a 4 core cable and braided screen (without earth conductor) will be sufficient. The screen must be high quality braid with a PVC protective outer layer. Metallised plastic or foil screens are not suitable as the shielding is insufficient. Conductor thickness should be chosen depending on motor current.

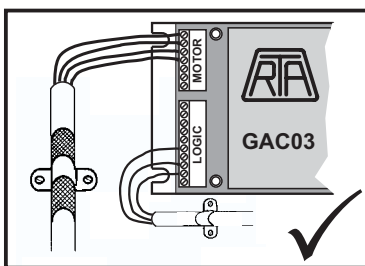
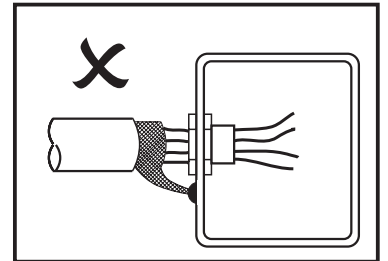
## RECOMMENDED SOURCES

Cable: LAPP 16251, 5 core x 1mm<sup>2</sup> (4 x black, 1 x green), Agent: Treotham Australia)  
TECNIKABEL 4 core x 1mm<sup>2</sup> (white, blue, brown, grey), Agent: AMS  
DKSH, 5 core x 1mm<sup>2</sup> (4 x black, 1 x green)



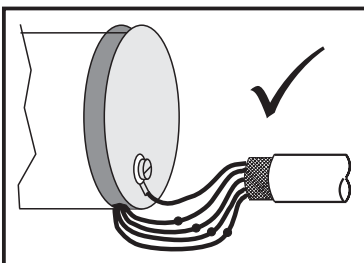
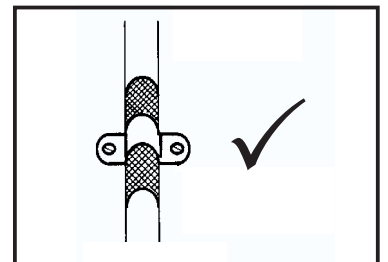
There should be no break in the 360° coverage that the screen provides, except at ends. If a connector must be used, it should be metallic and maintain 360° coverage of the screen. If cables must be joined, a metallic junction must be used and earthed.

The cable screen must not be bonded to the enclosure at the point of entry. The whole cable including screen should enter the enclosure and the screen should be grounded internally.



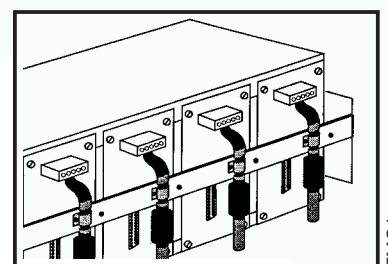
Within the cabinet, all motor cables should lie in the same trunking. They should be separated from low level control signals. Control signals should also be separated from power cables.

Motor cables must be clamped to the panel in the cabinet using 360° coverage such as P-clips or clamps. Remove the protective sleeve at that point so the screen is electrically connected to the panel.



Stepper motors with terminal boxes are better for EMC compliance, but are much more expensive. If motors with unscreened flying leads are used, join these leads to the braided screened cable within 100mm of the motor. Most stepper motors have an earth screw for the earth connection. Connect the earth conductor in the cable to this screw.

When connecting a motor cable to a drive, clamp the screen to the panel using a clip, as close to the drive terminal as possible. When connecting motor cables to a rack containing rack mounting drives, a different approach is needed. Construct an earthing bus bar and bolt it to the back of the rack. Clamp the cable screens to this bus bar using cable clamps or P-clips.



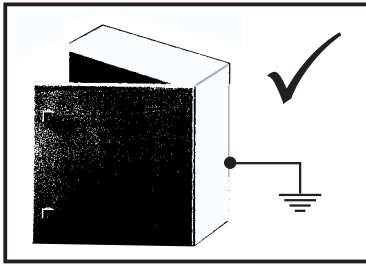
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# ENCLOSURES

To control radiated emission of EMI the drive, power supply, and motion control circuitry must be enclosed in a steel equipment enclosure. This is not only an EMC requirement but is also necessary for operator safety and environmental protection of the equipment. Most enclosures have an internal base plate for attaching devices and a hinged door. The hinged door is often used as a control panel and is fitted with switches, indicators and keypads.

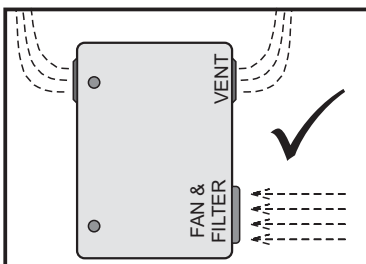
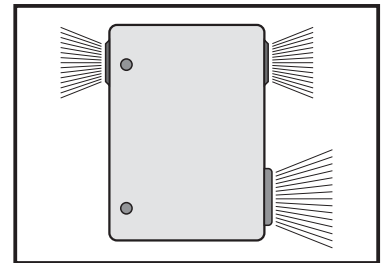
## RECOMMENDED SOURCES

RITTAL, SAREL, KLOCKNER MOELLER, SCHROFF, VERO



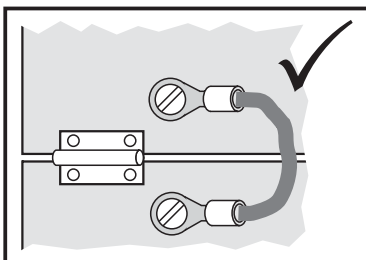
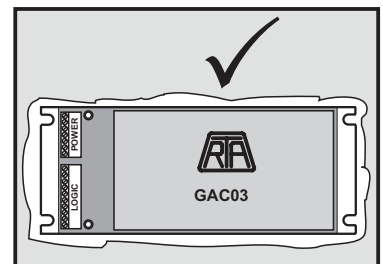
The enclosure must be well earthed. This is achieved by both mounting the enclosure on the metal body of a machine which is earthed and cable connection to electrical earth.

The enclosure must be sealed, noting that any opening or aperture cut for non metallic device fitted into the front panel is a possible source of EMI. Fans and filters which are often made from plastic may be a source of radiated EMI. It may be necessary to use EMC gasket material and gauze to prevent EMI leakage.



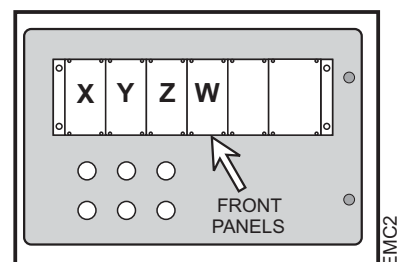
It is still necessary to ensure the drives and transformer all have adequate cooling. Filters may be needed on fans to ensure dust and metal particles do not enter the enclosure.

Drives, motion controllers and filters usually have metal bases and must be mounted onto a conductive base plate which is also grounded. If the panel has a paint finish, the paint must be removed in the areas where equipment is mounted to ensure a low resistance path.



Hinged doors must also be earthed as there may not be low resistance path through the hinge. Most enclosures are supplied with threaded copper earthing studs for this purpose.

Some drives are designed to mount in racks. When the rack is mounted on the front panel of the enclosure, rack front panels must be fitted to ensure EMC compliance. If the rack is mounted wholly inside the enclosure then front panels are not necessary.



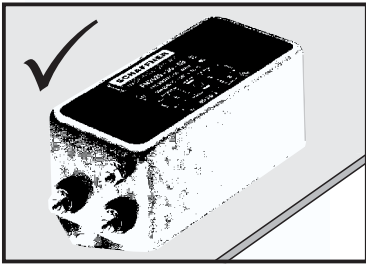
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# AC SUPPLY FILTERING

It is recommended that a mains filter is used on the primary side of the transformer used to energise the drive. These are readily available and prevent conducted EMI from transmitting back into the mains supply. They have two terminals on the input side for 'A' and 'N' and two on the output side. Usually a third terminal on the input side is an earth and is internally connected to the metal case. If there is a PLC or motion controller in the same enclosure, do not connect this to the output of the filter. The filter should be used for the drive power supply and electrically noisy devices only.

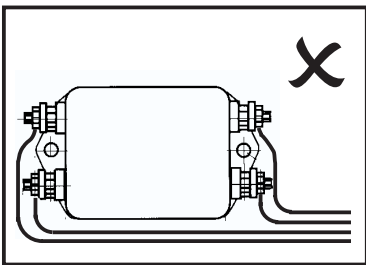
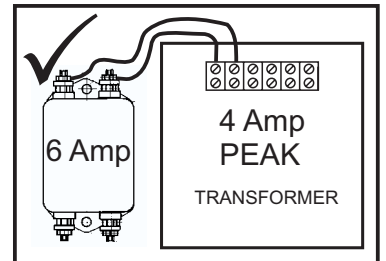
## RECOMMENDED SOURCE

SCHAFFNER Model FN-2070-6-06 (Agent: Westek Industrial Products P/L, VIC)  
 CORDOM Model VDK,SK (Agent: ELEMENT 14, formerly FARNELL)



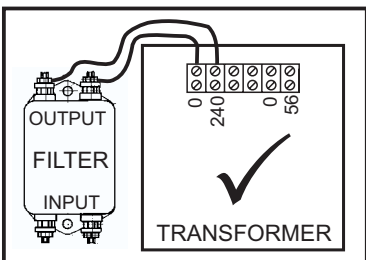
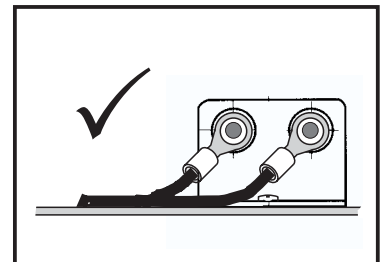
Filters must be mounted on a conductive base plate. Leakage currents can be very high so earthing is important. If the base plate is painted or powder coated, remove the coating from where the mains filter is going to be located.

Filters must be sized according to current demand.



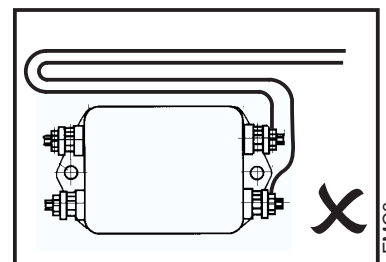
When connecting, keep the input cables away from the output cables.

Run input cables as close to the base plate as possible.



Mount the filter as close as possible to the transformer.

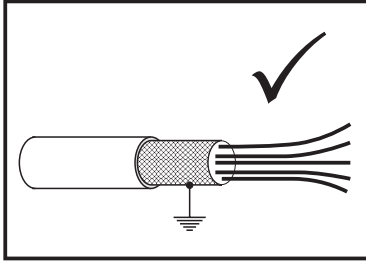
Keep cables as linear as possible, avoiding doubling back as this negates the effect of the filter.



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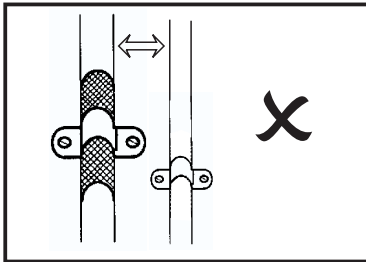
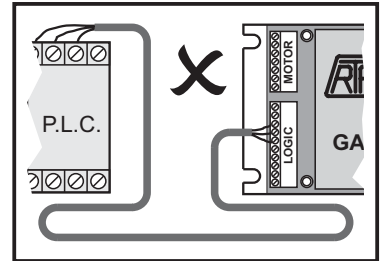
# CONTROL CABLES

The drive in the enclosure will probably be the greatest source of EMI. This is why control signals to the drive such as STEP, DIRECTION, FAULT, DE-ENERGISE, CURRENT REDUCTION must all use screened cable. If STEP signal cables are not screened, interference spikes picked up by the cable may be interpreted as motor steps by the drive, leading to position errors. Cables with only foil screens are not recommended as the shielding is inadequate.



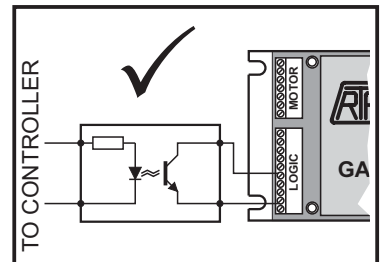
Use metal braided screened cables.  
Connect the screen to ground (0V common).

Keep control cables as short as possible.



Route control cables away from motor and power cables.

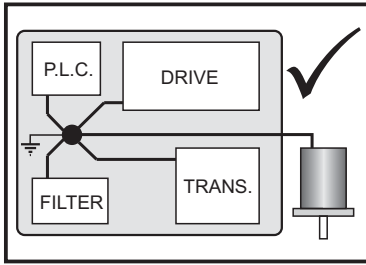
If running cables longer than 6 metres, use a buffered alternative to open collector signal, such as relay or opto isolated signals. When using opto isolators for step signals ensure their switching frequency is fast enough and the output switches sufficiently low, below the drive threshold.



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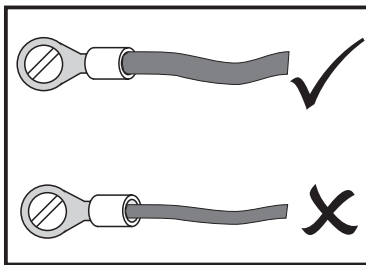
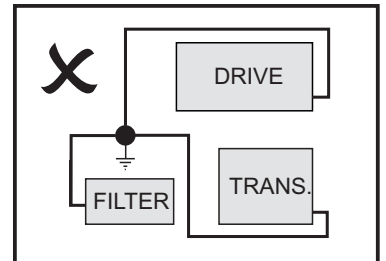
# EARTHING

Whether a system complies with EMC framework depends highly on cabling methods and layout of components. It must be noted that normal safety wiring rules apply and safety considerations take priority over EMC. Each piece of electronic equipment must be wired to an earth point, even if it is already mounted on an earthed panel. Motor and power cable screens must be bolted to the panel using clips.



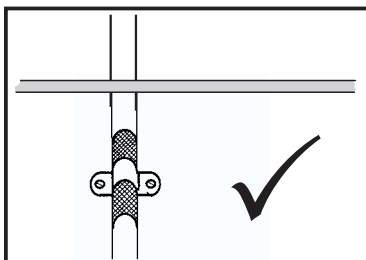
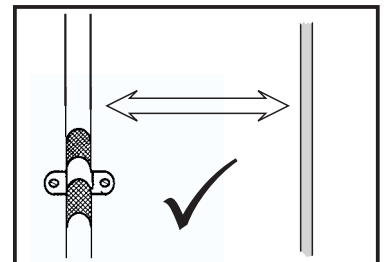
Within the enclosure, where possible, take all earth leads to a common point. This may mean doubling cables in some areas.

Keep the earth cable runs as short as possible. Long earth cables have a higher impedance.



Use low impedance conductors for earth lines. Thin cables have higher resistance than thick cables.

Separate motor and power cables from control cables, preferably 300mm apart. Do not run power or motor cables in parallel with control cables at close proximity.



Avoid crossing power or motor cables with control cables, but if you must do this, do so at 90° to avoid EMI pickup.

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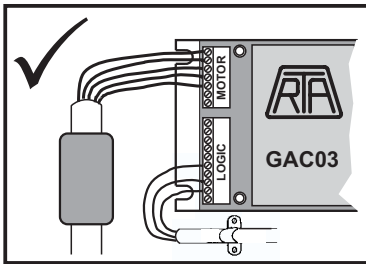
# FERRITE CORES

Some equipment manufacturers recommend that motor cables should be fitted with a ferrite core absorber which has high losses at radio frequencies. The ferrite core must be located as close to the drive as possible, before the motor cable leaves the enclosure. E.M.C. testing of RTA stepper drives has proven that if correct wiring and installation methods are used, ferrite cores are not really necessary. If ferrite cores are required for other equipment in the system, here are some suggestions.

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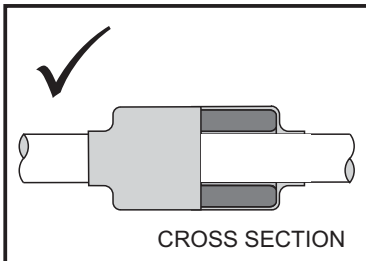
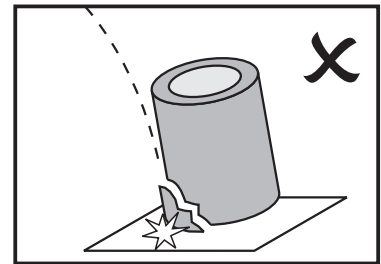
FARNELL ELECTRONICS

Part Number: 449-568 28.5mm long x 10.7mm ID



Locate the ferrite core next to the drive but inside the enclosure.

Ferrites are brittle and shatter easily if dropped on a hard surface.  
Take care when handling..



Lock the ferrite onto the cable by fitting some 19mm diameter heatshrink over it and shrinking it onto the cable. If heat shrink is not available, use cable ties but these will give no protection to the ferrite..

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