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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) references to relevant standards have been updated;
- b) global market data for industrial motors have been updated;
- c) guidelines and theories about normal industrial applications have been described;
- d) energy efficiency comparison examples have been given.

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INTRODUCTION

This document gives technical and economical guidelines for the use of energy-efficient motors in constant speed and variable speed operations in different applications.

About 50 % of the total global electric energy consumption is converted in electric motors, which are the largest consumers of electricity per component type and industrial motors alone accounting for around 30 % of all electricity in 2016. The wording 'electricity consumption' is commonly used even though most of this energy is doing useful work. Electric motors convert electric energy into mechanical energy where a minor part is converted into heat losses. Therefore, electric motors, and especially motors operated with variable speed drives that enable control of both speed and torque according to varying load requirements, are key components that can achieve significant electricity savings.

A simple measure for reducing energy consumption is of course to invest in electric motors with higher efficiency that normally result in rapid return on investments due to the dominating operational costs through electricity bills. The highest energy saving potentials though can only be identified by taking a holistic system perspective. It is estimated that only 12 % of the installed base of electric motors are controlled by variable frequency drives, even though it is estimated that more than 50 % of these motors would benefit by such control when for instance wasteful mechanical control as throttling for varying the flow of a medium is replaced. This document is intended to give guidance for proper use of constant speed motors and variable speed motors and when to use them in light of actual applications and duty profiles.

Examples of constant torque duty profiles and quadratic torque duty profiles are given and practical implications are described in order to facilitate enhanced understanding around viable customs. Some parts of the document may be applicable for other motors as well.