

Softstarter for

hydraulic elevators



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1 Important Instructions



- 1. Operating the unit without hood is only allowed if it is fitted in a close cabinet.
- 2. During operation power converters might have power leading, non-insulated and hot surfaces according to their system of protection.
- 3. In case of improper removal of the required cover, with improper use, with wrong installation or operating there is danger of death or serious health or material damages.
- 4. All works of transport, installation and putting into operation as well as maintenance have to be carried out by **qualified expert personnel**. Qualified expert personnel in the sense of basic safety instructions are persons who are familiar with the installation, assembly, commissioning of the product and are qualified to carry out these works.
- Power converters are components which are intended to be fitted into electrical units and machines. Putting them into operation (i.e. starting the operation as agreed) is only allowed with keeping the EMC-regulation (89/336/EWG).
- 6. The technical data as well as the indications concerning leading connection have to be gathered from the type plate and the documentation and to be strictly kept to.
- 7. For safety reasons, the motors have to be protected **by ptc thermistors** on principle.
- 8. The elevator should not be operated by a fault current protection switch (FI switch).

Above all this applies while the construction period, in which, as experience shows, the elevators are supplied with current "somehow makeshift", often from a building site main cabinet, which also supplies the manual workers with current. In such a case reserve an own main cabinet for the elevators. See chapter "Installation" for details.

- 9. Ensure sufficient ventilation in the control cabinet. There must be at least 5 cm of free airspace above and below the heat sink to ensure sufficient air convection. Moreover, leave air holes in the bottom and the cover of the control cabinet, e.g. using perforated plates as offered by most manufacturers of control cabinets for their design. This encourages the air exchange with the outside air and avoids a thermal breakdown of the electronic control unit also in the height of summer.
- 10. Capacitors for reactive current compensation, if really required, must be connected prior to the main switch of the power supply. (EN 81 part 2, 13.4.4).
- 11. Warranty and warranty claims have to be settled according to our General Conditions. Further reaching claims have to be settled separately.

2 Standards

The devices of the series "ESB-LC" comply with the following national and international standards:

DIN IEC 38	Standard voltages
DIN EN 81 part 2	Safety rules for the construction and installation of elevators and service elevators (hydraulic elevators)
DIN EN 50178	Rules for power installations to be equipped with electronic devices
DIN VDE 0660 part 500	Switchgears Combinations of low-voltage switchgears
DIN EN 12015	EMC - Emitted Interference
DIN EN 12016	EMC - Noise immunity

To comply with the relevant EMC-regulations, a three-phase commutation choke is required for the devices of size 1...5. The ESB-LC 6 complies with the EMC-limits without a choke.

Chokes corresponding to the respective sizes of the devices can be provided by us.

2.1 Manufacturer Declaration



3 Technical Data

3.1 Electrical Data

Supply voltage L1-L2-L3:	 400 V ± 10%, 50/60 Hz 230 V ± 10%, 50/60 Hz (special design) other voltages on request
Break time before new start:	appr. 2 seconds (only if contactor is connected prior to device in L1, L2 L3)
Temperatures:	+10 °C +50 °C
Protective system:	IP 20
Signal relay (Top of the ramp):	1 two-way, related voltage: 250 VAC min load: 5V/5mA max continuous current: 6A
Release input (GS):	 Voltage appr. 20V (is delivered by the softstarter – do not feed external voltage!). The voltage is <u>not</u> potential free and is leading (e.g. in case of loss of 2 phases) mains voltage! Current appr. 13mA

3.2 Device dimensioning for hydraulic elevators

The suitable device must be selected by the nominal current of the motor. The maximum values are shown in table below.

Size	max. nominal m hydraulic	Terminals			
	Standard-wiring	W3-wiring			
ESB-LC 1	25 A	38 A	10mm ²		
ESB-LC 2	33 A	50 A	10mm ²		
ESB-LC 3	46 A	69 A	16mm ²		
ESB-LC 4	65 A	98 A	16mm ²		
ESB-LC 5	90 A	135 A	35mm ²		
ESB-LC 6	135 A	200 A	95mm ²		
maximum switching frequency 60 starts/hour					

Table: Maximum nominal currents for hydraulic elevators



The definitive value is the motor current. The nominal motor currents given above are maximum values which are not allowed to be exceeded!

3.3 Dimensioning of other applications

The electronic inrush current limiter ESB-LC is developed for hydraulic elevators (operation only in up direction). Therefore the heat sink is designed for short time operations. However there also is a possibility to operate motors with other applications (fans, pumps, ...). You may use a bypass-contactor or reduce the allowed currents referring to elevators. Please contact RST Elektronik GmbH for more informations.

3.4 Three-phase choke

While starting the device produces radio disturbances because of phase-shifting operation. To fulfil the EMC-regulations (DIN EN 12015) it is necessary for **ESB-LC 1...5** to have a 3-phase choke **in the supply lines**.

If you use a 3-phase choke, it must always be selected according to the **nominal current** of the motor. The maximum nominal motor currents are shown in table below.

type	nominal current
ESB-KDR-1	max. 25 A
ESB-KDR-2	max. 38 A
ESB-KDR-3	max. 50 A
ESB-KDR-4	max. 69 A
ESB-KDR-5	max. 98 A
ESB-KDR-6	max. 135 A
ESB-KDR-7	max. 155 A

Table: three-phase chokes

3.5 Inrush current factor

The factor between "limited" inrush current and nominal motor current may be between 1,0 and 2,0 if the device is adjusted well. This value is very strong depending on the motor and the adjustment of the ESB-LC:

The ESB-LC raises the voltage linear. The current is not measured and controlled. The reduction of the current appears because of physical fundamental laws.

A short start-up time causes high inrush currents. An extreme false adjustment (Time = min and Offset = max) causes nearly the same inrush current as switching on the motor directly.

For this reason a concrete factor for the limited inrush current can not be given.

On the 21st of June in 1996 a measuring at a hydraulic elevator took place. The nominal motor current was 33A and the measured inrush current factor was **1,07**. This value can not be transferred on other elevator systems because of the reasons told before.

4 Mechanical data

4.1 Dimensions and weights

Size	Width	Height	Depth	Weight
ESB-LC 1	200 mm	230 mm	115 mm	ca. 2,6 kg
ESB-LC 2	200 mm	230 mm	115 mm	ca. 2,6 kg
ESB-LC 3	200 mm	230 mm	130 mm	ca. 3,8 kg
ESB-LC 4	216 mm	230 mm	173 mm	ca. 5,9 kg
ESB-LC 5	216 mm	230 mm	173 mm	ca. 7,3 kg
ESB-LC 6	380 mm	400 mm	210 mm	ca. 19,2 kg

Table: Dimensions and weights

4.2 Device fixing

The devices ESB-LC 1...5 will be mounted with 3 internal wrenching bolts. The device ESB-LC 6 will be mounted with 4 bolts.

5 General description

5.1 Basics

If a non-synchronous machine is switching on directly or by star-delta-switching, mains fluctuations are caused. The current pulse while the start-up time causes short lows and breakings in the mains-network (some milliseconds). The consequences are more or less heavy interferences to other consumers, for example disturbances in radios and TV's, light flickers, data missing in computers or unintended events in electronic appliances.

To get rid of this problem you can use a soft start device. The aim is to decrease the start-up current considerable and to improve the behaviour and lifetime of the elevator-system.

With the "ESB-LC" the voltage at the non-synchronous machine is driven up to nominal voltage within an adjustable time. The motor is always delta-connected, the torque builds up steadily. The motor starts slowly and accelerates softly.

5.2 Applications

The devices of the series "ESB-LC" may be used for hydraulic elevators and lifting platforms. Other applications with a switch-on time (ED) up to 100% like escalators, fans and pumps are possible also under certain conditions.

5.3 Advantages

The "ESB-LC" has following additional advantages:

- Compact dimensions and low-space requirement through microprocessor controlling.
- Simple connection into the motor feed line (standard-wiring).
- The motor starts automatically if the three-phase line voltage is applied. You may also or additional start the motor with an external release contact connected to the "ESB-LC".
- The motor voltage increases during the start-up phase to 100%. The start-up time and start-voltage are adjustable with potentiometers.
- Signal emission (relay point, top of the ramp) if the full voltage is achieved. With this relay external loads (e.g. valves) may be switched.
- Simple installation and commissioning without any problems.

5.4 Construction

The "ESB-LC" is constructed with a power part and an electronic board.

The power part exists of a power heat sink with thyristors, which are building a fully controlled three-phase thyristor regulator.

The electronic board, also containing the internal supply for pulse-firing, is mounted directly on the thyristors. At the front of the electronic board there is a two-pole and three-pole terminal. You can connect an external release signal (potential free contact) at the two-pole terminal "GS" (GS1 and GS2). The three-pole terminal (11, 12, and 14) leads the contacts of the signal-relay away.

5.5 Function

After switching on the 3-phase supply the thyristor set and the control unit are powered.

The internal voltage builds up and is indicated by the green LED "Power". If the start is released (by bridge at terminal "GS" or by closed external release contact), the yellow LED "GS" lights up. After that the adjustment of the two potentiometers will be recognized. The motor voltage will be increased within a fixed time up to 100%. The period of start-up time is directed by the adjustment of potentiometer "Time". The start voltage at the motor can be adjusted between 0% and appr. 40% with potentiometer "Offset".

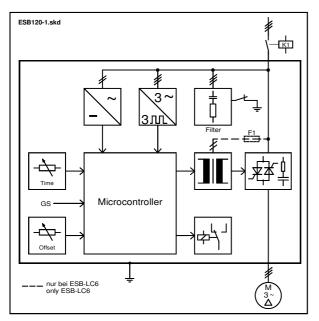


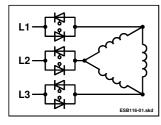
Figure: Block diagram ESB-LC (Standard-wiring)

After reaching full voltage the signal-relay (top of the ramp) attracts and the red LED "Relay" lights up.

After switching off the 3-phase supply the device becomes idle and the electronic will be resetted (appr. 2 seconds after switching off). If the release contact "GS" is opened while powering the device, the electronic is resetted also.

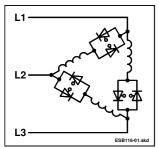
5.6 Standard- and W3-wiring

The motor may be connected in standard-wiring and W3-wiring.



If you use the standard-wiring, the "ESB-LC" is connected between mains and motor. The motor is connected with three wires. There are two thyristors in each main line. With the standard-wiring the motor may be star-connected also.

Figure: Standard-wiring



If you use the W3-wiring there are always two thyristors in series to a coil. The current through the thyristors is lower, so you can use a smaller size of the "ESB-LC". However the motor must be connected with six wires, which means more time for wiring. With the W3-wiring the motor is always delta-connected.

Figure: W3-wiring

6 Installation

6.1 General information

The power converters have to be protected from excessive stain. Above all, during transport and handling it is not allowed to bend any components nor it is allowed to alter any insulation spaces. The electronic components and contacts must not be touched.



Power converters contain electrostatically endangered components, which may easily be damaged by improper handling. People who work at these units must discharge themselves by touching an earthed object.

Electrical components must not be damaged or broken mechanically (possible damage to health).

While working on charged power converters the valid national regulations for accident preventions have to be kept (e.g. VGB4).

The electrical installation has to be carried out according to the relevant regulations (e.g. lead cross sections, protections, earth wiring).

The elevator company is responsible for the keeping of the limiting values required by the EMC-regulations.

6.2 Fitting

The device must be mounted **vertically** (that means, the rips of the heat sink should stand vertically), to ensure optimal heat removal.

For better ventilation of the power unit it is necessary to keep a gap of at least **5 cm** above and below the device.

6.2.1 Fixing holes ESB-LC 1...5

The devices ESB-LC 1...5 will be mounted in the control cabinet with 3 internal wrenching bolts.

If you want to use a common assembly plate for ESB-LC 1...5 in the control cabinet, you may make the threads like on drawing number 5.199.xx (see appendix in the manual).

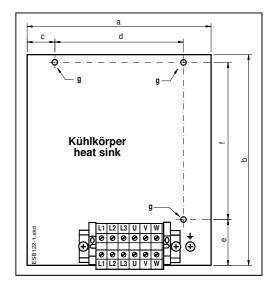


Figure: Mechanische Abmessungen ESB-LC15
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Size	а	b	С	d	е	f	g	Height of the heat sink
ESB-LC 1	200	230	20,0	160	50	170	Ø 7	25
ESB-LC 2	200	230	20,0	160	50	170	Ø 7	25
ESB-LC 3	200	230	20,0	160	50	170	Ø 7	40
ESB-LC 4	216	230	36,5	143	50	170	Ø 7	83
ESB-LC 5	216	230	36,5	156	60	160	Ø 7	83

Table: fixing holes ESB-LC 1...5 (all dimensions in mm)

6.2.2 Fixing holes ESB-LC 6

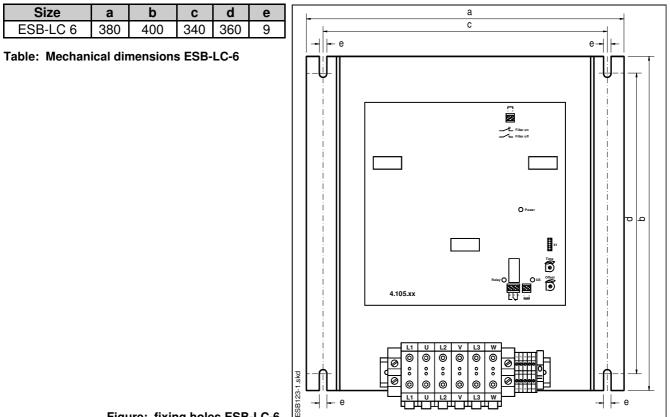


Figure: fixing holes ESB-LC-6

6.3 Connection

The **mains line** must be connected with the terminals **L1**, **L2**, **L3**. The protective earth (PE) must be connected with the M5 earth screw or the PE-terminal.

The contacts of the signal relay may be connected at the three-pole connection at the front of the PCB to switch external loads (e. g. valves).

If necessary, the device may additionally be released with an external switch (potential free), which is connected to the two-pole connection "GS" at the front of the PCB. If connecting the switch, the bridge must be removed.

6.3.1 Advices for wiring ESB-LC 1...5

The flexible wires for connecting the pcb-terminals (GS1, GS2, 11, 12, and 14) have to be led out of the device above the left end bracket.

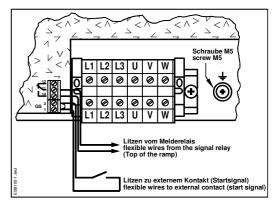
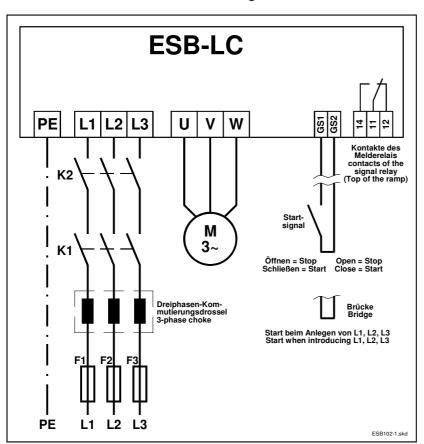


Figure: cable running



6.3.2 Connection in standard-wiring

Figure 6.3.2-1 shows the principal order of the device in an elevator system with two contactors.

It is also possible to wire one or all two contactors between terminal U, V, W and the motor. If doing this, the secondary contact (closing contact) of the respective contactor should be wired in series in the release line (GS1 -GS2).

Firgure: Wiring diagram standard-wiring

6.3.3 Connection in W3-wiring

The motor must be connected **additionally** with the three phases L1, L2 and L3 comparing to the standard-wiring.

If a 3-phase choke is used, it must be suitable for the motor current!

In the W3-wiring the motor is delta-connected.

6.3.3.1 Contactors in the mains line

The figure shows the principal order of the device in an elevator system with two contactors with W3-wiring.

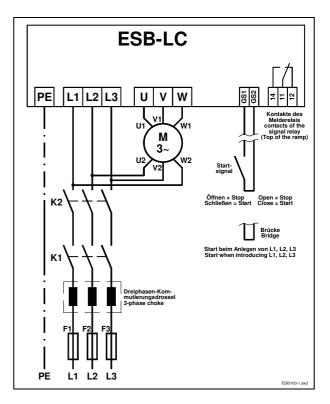


Figure: Wiring diagram W3-wiring (contactors in the mains line)

6.3.3.2 Contactors in the motor line

In principle it is possible to wire the contactors in the motor lines. The nominal current through the contactor is factor $\sqrt{3}$ smaller than the nominal motor current. The order of the contactors in this wiring is shown in the figure.

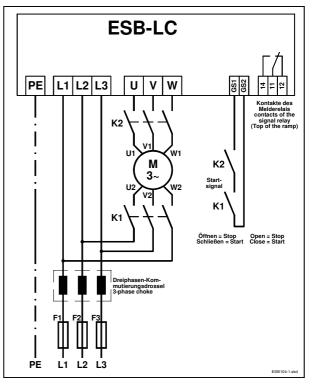


Figure: Wiring diagram W3-wiring (contactors in the motor line)

7 Commissioning instruction

7.1 Safety instructions

Units with build-in power converters eventually must be equipped with additional operational monitoring systems and protective gear according to the newest valid safety regulations, e.g. law of technical work material, regulations of accident prevention etc.

After separating the power converters from the distribution voltage, power leading components and terminals must not immediately be touched because of possibly charged condensators. During operation all coverings and doors have to be closed.

7.2 General information

The device is pre-adjusted by the manufacturer, so that the motor can be started immediately if all connections are made.

If the power is introduced, the internal power is indicated with the green LED "Power" on the PCB.

The yellow LED "GS" lights up, if the start-input is bridged or the external switch is closed. If adjusted by the manufacturer (Time = max , Offset = min) the voltage at the motor rises from 0% up to 100% within appr. 5 seconds.

After reaching full voltage the signal relay on the PCB attracts and the red LED "Relais" lights up.

7.3 Operating with FI switch

The electronic inrush current limiter ESB-LC has RC-components against earth to reduce disturbances (EMC). The static divert current is about 5 mA. During the switch-on time or if having unsymmetrical mains, this current may be bigger, so that a fault current protection switch with 30 mA threshold current can be released.

Solutions:

- a) Use a special FI switch for electronic drives with higher threshold release (e.g. from Siemens).
- b) The connection from the filter to protective earth (PE) is conducted above a PCB terminal. If you have problems with a FI switch, especially if supplied from a building site main cabinet, the bridge in the PCB terminal may be momentary removed (see figure). After normal supply the bridge must be put in to fulfil the EMC-regulations.



8 Commissioning



Adjustment takes place at open device. All components can lead dangerous voltage. Only adjust if you are sure that the device is disconnected from the mains!

The voltage at the release input GS is <u>not</u> potential free and leads (e.g. in case of loss of 2 phases) full mains voltage!

8.1 Indication and control elements

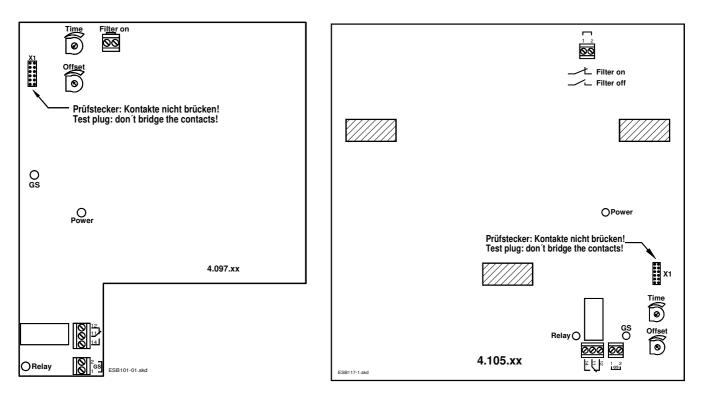
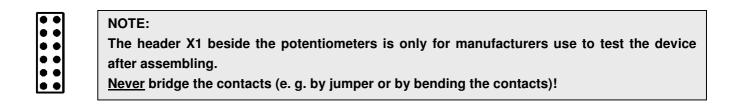


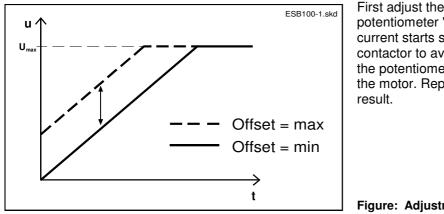
Figure: indication and control elements ESB-LC1...5 Figure: indication and control elements ESB-LC 6



9 Adjustments

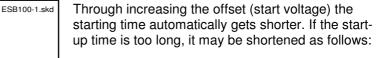
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First adjust the start voltage of the ramp with the potentiometer "Offset", that the flow of the motor current starts shortly after switching the main contactor to avoid unnecessary delay times. Turn the potentiometer clockwise in small steps and start the motor. Repeat this process up to getting a good result.

Figure: Adjustment of potentiometer "Offset"



Turn potentiometer "Time" anticlock-wise in small steps and start the motor. Repeat this process till the start-up time is short enough.

Figure: Adjustment of potentiometer "Time"

NOTES: The start-up time should only be as short as absolutely necessary. The shorter the start up time, the higher the starting current!

Time = min

Time = max

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The effect of the adjusted value of potentiometer "Offset" depends on the kind of wiring (standard- or W3wiring) and the phase sequence. If you have the W3-wiring with right hand turning phase sequence the motor starts a little bit later with the same adjustment as in standard-wiring. If you have the W3-wiring with left hand turning phase sequence the motor starts a little bit earlier with the same adjustment as in standardwiring.

10 Description of errors

Cause	Removal
One or more phases are missing	Check fuses
One of more phases are missing	Check wiring
Drive contactor doesn't attract	Check wiring
LED "Power" doesn't light up	Check wiring
LED of the start signal (GS) doesn't light up	Close external release switch respectively connect bridge at terminal "GS"
Wrong wiring (W3 wiring)	Check wiring
Wrong adjustment of potentiometer "Offset" and/or "Time"	Adjust potentiometers new
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Divert current from the EMC-filter	See chapter "FI switch"
	<u>Standard wiring:</u> Change 2 phases in mains line or motor line <u>W3 wiring:</u> Change 2 phases in mains line (before the junction of the wires
	One or more phases are missing Drive contactor doesn't attract LED "Power" doesn't light up LED of the start signal (GS) doesn't light up Wrong wiring (W3 wiring) Wrong adjustment of potentiometer "Offset" and/or "Time" Wrong adjustment of potentiometer "Offset" and/or "Time"

Table: Effect of error and removal

11 Maintenance

As the modern electronically construction components are very durable and are naturally not subject to any mechanical wear and tear, normally no special service and maintenance will be necessary to be carried out on the device.

Within general service of the elevators, however, some things should be checked:

a) Heat sink of the ESB-LC:

It has to be taken care of the rips of the heat sink being not congested by dust accumulations. In general residential and office buildings problems like this don't occur as a rule.

b) PCB of the ESB-LC:

With a dirty and dusty environment, especially with industrial elevators e.g. within the range of chemical and similar industries, possible dust accumulations on the PCB and in the power components have to be blown off occasionally in order to avoid tracking currents and flashovers.

The relay contact points from the signal relay must be checked for consumption.

The flexible wires connected with the PCB-terminals (GS1, GS2, 11, 12, 14) must be checked for their fitting.

c) Power Unit:

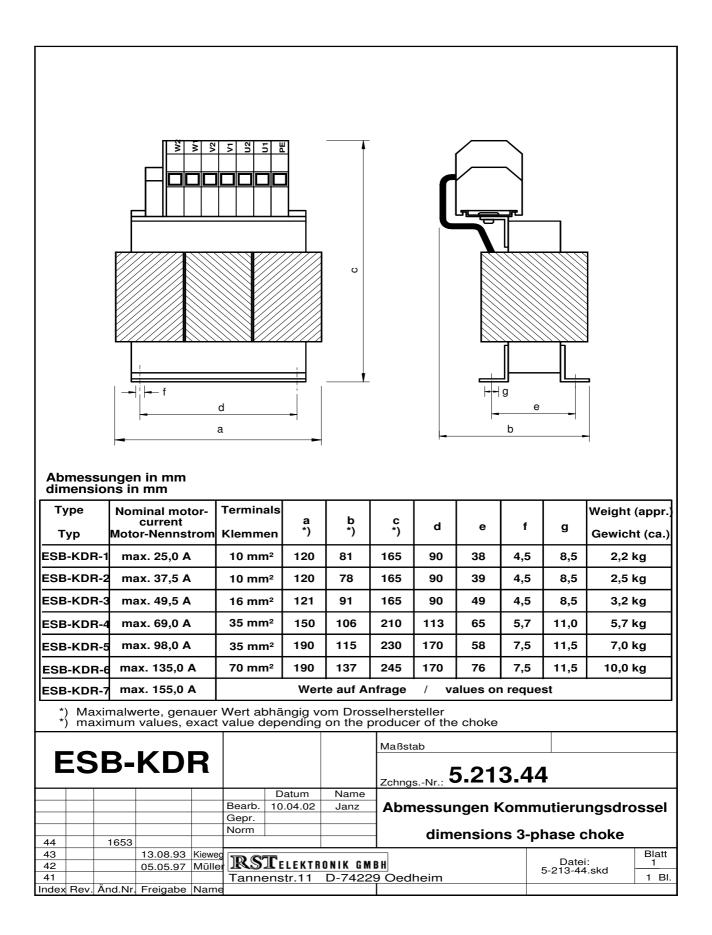
The power terminals must be checked for their fitting.

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- 12 Appendix
- 12.1 Certificate TÜV



12.2 Dimensions of 3-phase choke



12.3 Combined drilling plan for ESB-LC1...5

