

Efficiency requirements for electric motors



1. Since 1. January 2017:

Three-phase AC motors with rated output of $0,75 \text{ kW} \leq P_n \leq 375 \text{ kW}$ and **2, 4 or 6 poles** shall correspond to at least the **IE3** efficiency level or **IE2 with a variable speed drive** (in the following: **VSD**).

Major exemptions:

- I) Explosion-proof motors (Ex-motors)
- II) Brake motors
- III) Submersible motors
- IV) Motors completely integrated into a product (whose energy performance cannot be tested independently from the product)
- V) Motors with multi-winding more specifically pole-changing winding

2. Starting from 1. July 2021:

Three-phase AC motors with rated output of $0,12 \text{ kW} \leq P_n < 0,75 \text{ kW}$ and **2, 4, 6 or 8 poles** shall correspond to at least the **IE2** efficiency level.

Three-phase AC motors with rated output of $0,75 \text{ kW} \leq P_n \leq 1000 \text{ kW}$ and **2, 4, 6 or 8 poles** shall correspond to at least the **IE3** efficiency level (**IE2 with a VSD is no longer applicable!**).

Motors that will also be subject to the regulation in the future:

- a) Motors with mounted brakes
- b) All Explosion-proof motors except Ex eb-Motors (increased safety) and motors group I (mining motors)
- c) Motors completely integrated into a product but can be tested by mounting a temporary end shield and bearing

In addition these motors exempted from the requirements:

- I) Motors without fan (TENV)
- II) Spare motors for identical motors that are purchased until 1.7.2022 (valid until 30.06.2029)

3. Starting 1. July 2023:

Ex eb-Motors (increased safety) and **single-phase motors** with rated output of $0,12 \text{ kW} \leq P_n \leq 1000 \text{ kW}$ and **2, 4, 6 or 8 poles** shall correspond to at least the **IE2** efficiency level

Three-phase AC motors with rated output of $75 \text{ kW} \leq P_n \leq 200 \text{ kW}$ and **2, 4 or 6 poles** shall correspond to at least the **IE4** efficiency level. Ex-motors as well as brake motors can still delivered in IE3 efficiency level.