

# Oscilloscope measuring AC inverter





## Overview

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How to choose oscilloscope voltage probes for motor drive measurements?

When selecting oscilloscope voltage probes for motor drive measurements, it is important to consider: Motor drive measurements involve relatively high voltages. For example, the DC bus voltage in a 480 Vac three-phase motor drive is typically around 680 Vdc.

How do I calculate the total power of my oscilloscope?

The total power,  $\Sigma TrPwr = P1 + P2 + P3$ . Making use of the oscilloscope built-in software that includes a 3-phase Autoset function that automatically configures voltages and current sources based on the selected wiring configuration is highly recommended.

Can a motor drive system be measured with an oscilloscope?

However, it may be difficult or impossible to get measurements in engineering units of speed, acceleration or torque without custom processing and scaling. For these reasons getting a good view of a motor drive system with an oscilloscope requires careful setup, stable waveforms and robust measurement algorithms.

What is a Tektronix 8-channel MSO oscilloscope?

This primer illustrates these measurements on a Tektronix 8-channel, 5 Series B MSO Oscilloscope, equipped with Inverter Motor Drive Analysis software which enables stable, accurate measurements on PWM waveforms. Most modern motor drive systems use some form of modulation to control the frequency and therefore the speed of a motor.



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