

# *micPower* LCU424, CT-Based Load Monitor

## Load Controller with built-in Motor Reversal function

A member of the *micPower* family of Programmable Digital Load Monitors for machinery monitoring, supervising and control. The new *micPower* family of load controllers are based upon the latest advance in 32-bit Microcontroller technology. The *micPower* units are designed to measure true electrical power, either from a motor that is connected directly through the main supply or controlled by a variable frequency inverter. The LCU424 uses a **Current Transformer** for the current measurement. The **Current Transformer** is a reasonable accurate Current Sensor. Other members of the *micPower* family uses Shunt Sensors or Hall Sensors for the Current Measurement. The LCU424 is a Single-Phase Power Measurement Device that measures power on any symmetric load, typically an AC-Motor.

Family features:

- ◆ Single-Phase CT-based design.
- ◆ True Digital Design, High Measurement Bandwidth 0–30 kHz.
- ◆ Measures Power before or after a Variable Frequency Inverter.
- ◆ Measures Inductive Load only.
- ◆ Displays kW[%], kW, HP, RMS Voltage, RMS Current and Power Factor.
- ◆ 0,5 A - 50 A internal transducer. Up to 1000 Amp. with external N/5 transducer.
- ◆ 24V DC Power Supply, electrically isolated.
- ◆ Two Analog Outputs 0(4) - 20(24)mA and 0-10V, electrically isolated.
- ◆ Modbus RTU available on custom demand.
- ◆ IP66 Remote Control. Two wire isolated, short circuit proof interface (power/comm).
- ◆ 4-digit Seven Segment Display and 14 LED User Interface.
- ◆ Dimension: 79 x 115 x 45 mm.



The LCU424 is able to display kW[%], kW, HP, RMS voltage, RMS current and Power Factor of the 3 phase load connected. As a true digital design any power related parameter may be calculated. Watch out for a version with Graphic Display to be released at a later point in time. The LCU424 has a built in Current Transformer for Currents up to 50 Amp. For higher current an external Cascade Coupled Current Transformer must be used.

### Synopsis.

The LCU424 measures true power from a symmetrical 3-phase load from the formula:

$$P_T = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (V(t) \times I(t)) dt$$

### Applications.

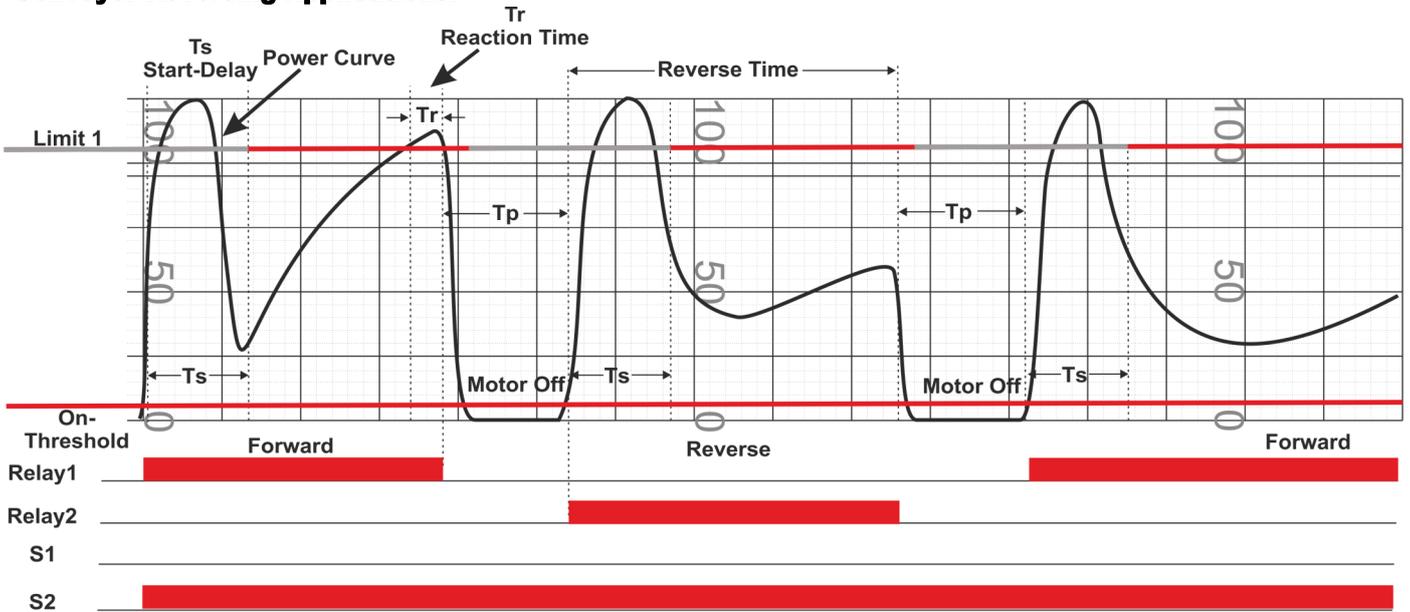
The power measurement, which is proportional to machine torque, is very fast down to 10ms (50 Hz) or 8.33ms (60 Hz). This fast measurement makes it possible to react to a blocking condition in order to even stop the machine before it is able to destroy itself. Load Monitoring does **not** protect the motor, it protects the machine or let us say the drive chain. If the machine is not stopped, it is often so strong that it may damage the drive chain. So a Load Monitor gives the operator the possibility to remove the blocking condition before a disaster occur. As a side effect even a bad bearing in the drive train will cause an overload eventually.

The LCU424 is a Conveyor Reversal Controller.

The LCU424 is specifically developed for load protection of conveyance machinery. When a conveyor transport is blocked the LCU424 reverses the transport direction in order to automatically recover the fault. The number of reversals (before the generation of an exception) as well as the reverse time are programmable.



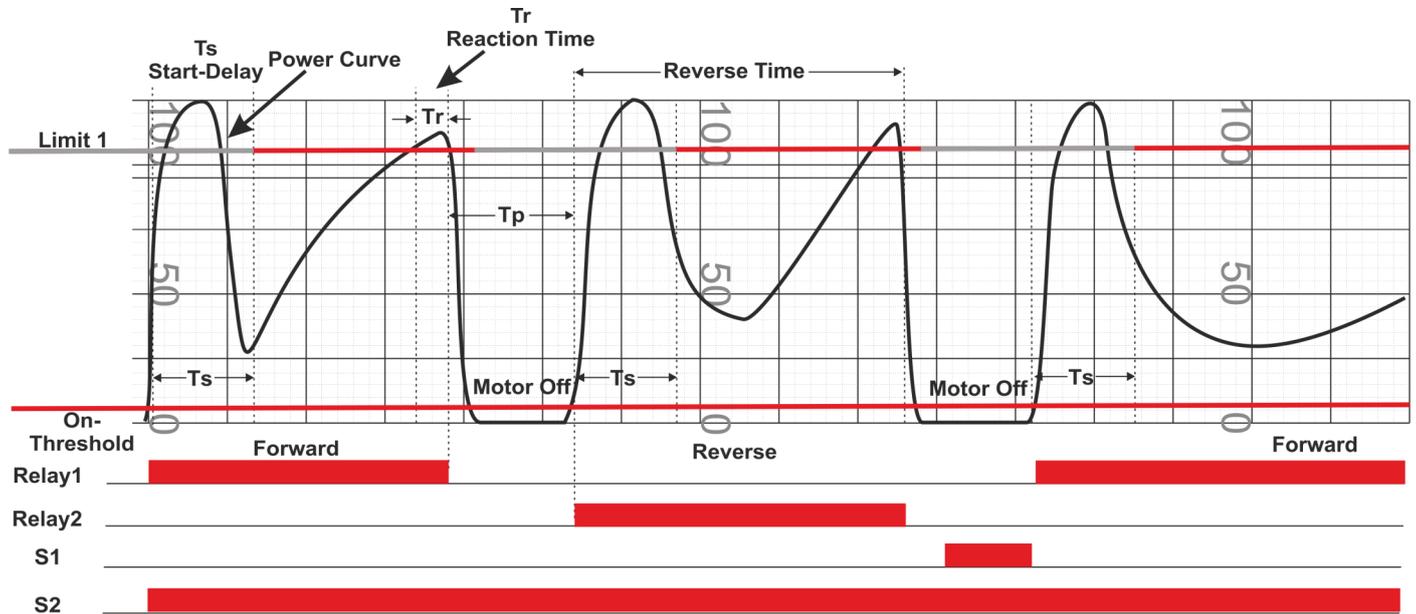
**Conveyor Reversing Applications:**



**Example #1 of Conveyor Reversal Power (Torque) Curve.**

The figure above shows the power curve for a conveyor. When the Max. Limit1 is exceeded a Motor-Pause introduced and the Motor reverses to run in the reverse direction for a certain amount of time. The digital input S2 is used to enable the unit and Motor starts to run in the Forward direction. If the blocking condition is not cleared after a programmable number of reversals an alarm is generated and operator invention is required. This alarm need to get reset (acknowledge) from the external Reset Input of from the front panel Reset Key. If the analog output circuit is present the 0-10Volt may be used as an external alarm indication (P14).

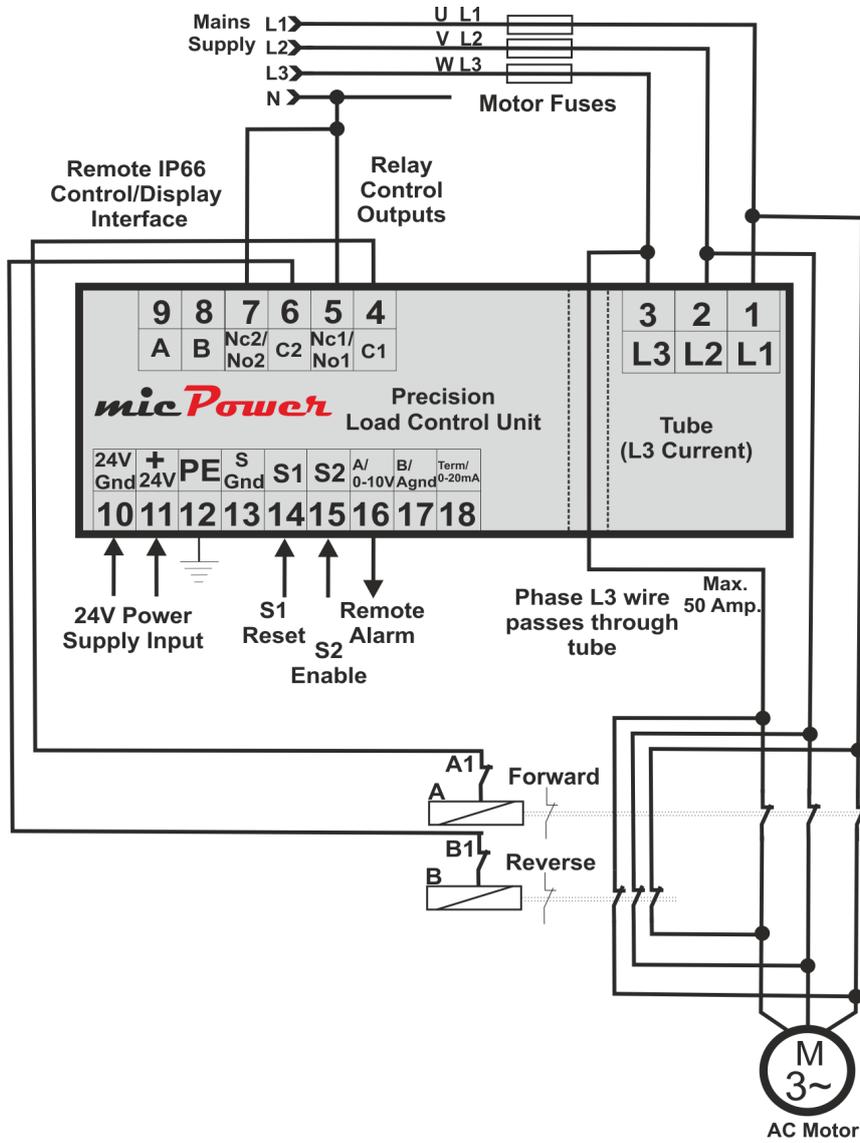
The wire diagram on the following page show how a, not Frequency Inverter Controlled Motor, may get wired for reversing. When a Motor is controlled from a Frequency Inverter the reversing in circuit will get much simpler as the Motor Reversing is usually controlled from a digital input into the Frequency Inverter.



**Example #2 of Conveyor Reversal Power (Torque) Curve.**

If the Limit1 generates a blocking condition in the reverse direction as show above alarm is signaled and the unit must get reset before it is allowed to run again.

**Wire Diagram:**



**Technical Specifications:**

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**Model:** LCU424  
**Type:** Load Monitor  
**Firmware Version:** 1.0  
**Rev:** 1.0 HW

**Electrical:**  
**No of Phases:** 1  
**Voltage Input:** 3 x 0-500 VAC max.  
**Current Input:** 50 Amp.  
 N/5 Cascaded CT for higher currents

**Frequency Range:** 0Hz - 30 kHz AC.  
**Power Factor Range:** 0 - 1.  
**AC Motor Power Range:** 0 - 39.837 kW AC, 460V internal CT.  
**CT Tube Dimension:** 11.8 mm, AWG 0000

**Supply:** 18-36 VDC, Max. 4.0 Watt.  
**Remote Control:** Yes, 2 wire, power and communication.  
**Relay Outputs:** 240 VAC/5 Amp.  
**Digital Inputs:** 24V Positive Logic.  
**Analog Output:** Not Present.  
**Serial Interface:** Not Present.

**Mechanical:**  
**Housing:** Blend PC/ABS self-extinguishing.  
**Mounting:** 35mm Din Rail.  
**Operating Temperature:** -15 - +50 °C.  
**Weight:** Approximately 200 gram.  
**Dimensions:** 79 x 115 x 45.0 mm.

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Measurement:  $P_T = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (V(t) \times I(t)) dt$

## Functional Ranges:

Mode	Function	Range	Comment
kW%	kW[%]	0–100%	Show kW[%]
Display	kW[%], kW, HP, U, I, PF		Display Function
Limit1	Max. Limit Speed 1	5.0-99.9 % (0.0 = Off)	Limit1 Speed 1
Tr1	Speed 1 Limit1 Reaction Time	0.01-999.99 seconds	Limit1 Reaction Time
Range[A]	Current Range	0.5-1000 Amp	Current Range
Ts	Start Delay	0.1-999.9 seconds	Start Delay
Param	Parameters Programming	P-00 to P-21	See the list on next page

## Programming

The LCU424 is programmed from the use of only four keys located on the front panel. The “Mode” key is used to select programmable parameters. When a parameter is chosen the value may be altered from the use of the arrow keys.

## Locked

If the ‘Lock Enable’ P-08 parameter has been enabled then the unit must be unlocked before a variable can be changed. This is done by selecting Locked with the mode key and the hold Both the Arrow Keys down for 5 seconds.

## Measurement Ranges

The LCU424 includes an internal CT that measures current up to 50 Amp. Larger currents need an external cascade coupled n/5 Current Transformer.

## Peak Detectors

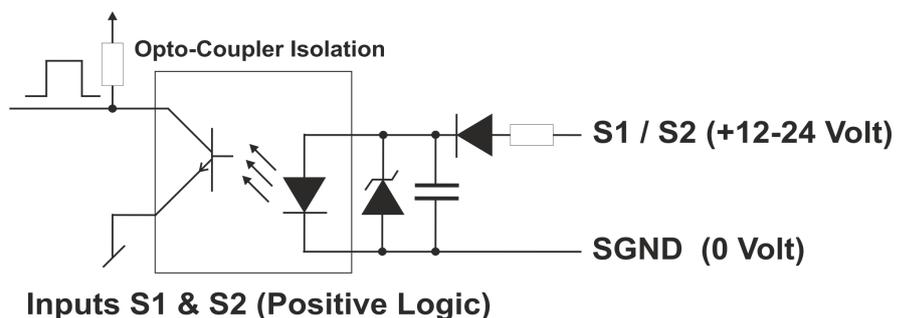
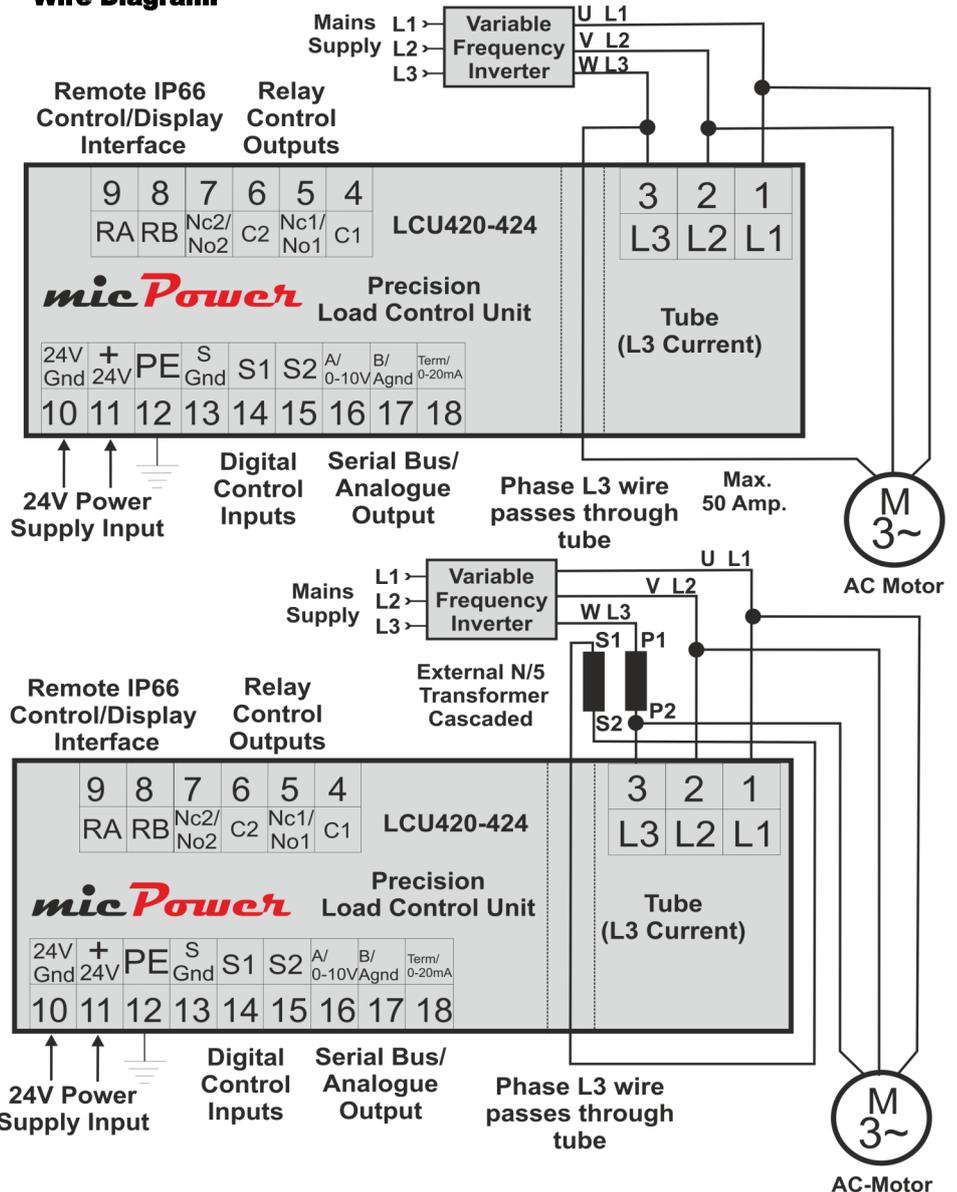
Leave the motor running at normal operation and load. Read the peak detectors by pressing the arrow up/down key when kW or kW[%] is being displayed. If both arrow keys are activated the max power range (100%) in true kW is displayed.

Reset the peak detectors from the reset key.

## Digital Inputs

Input S1 is used to reset a blocking condition. The blocking occur when the reversal exception alarms. The input S2 is used to enable the unit. Until a voltage (12-24 Volt) is applied to the S2 input the motor is not allowed to start in either direction.

## Wire Diagram:



**Parameter List:**

Mode	Function	Range	Comment
P-00	Nominal Voltage	110V-500 (Default = 400V)	Nominal Voltage Setup
P-01	Relay 1 Function	NC1/NO1 (Default NC1)	Relay 1 polarity
P-02	Relay 2 Function	NC2/NO2 (Default NC2)	Relay 2 polarity
P-03	Averaging Programming	1-20	Measurement Averaging
P-04	Pause	1.0 to 100.0 seconds	Pause Between Reversal
P-05	On threshold	1.0-25.0 % (Default 3.0%)	Motor Start-Threshold
P-06	Remote Update Enable	On/Off (Default = On)	Enable/Disable Remote Control Update
P-07	Alarm Reset Key Enable	On/Off (Default = On)	Front Panel Reset Key Enable/Disable
P-08	Lock Enable	On/Off (Default = Off)	Enable/Disable Keyboard Lock Function
P-09	Reserved		
P-10	Analog Output Mode	4-20 mA (Default), 0-20 mA or 0-24mA	Analog Current Output Mode Voltage is always 0-10 volt
P-11	Analog P1Max programming	51-100 % (Default = 100%)	Analog P1Max
P-12	Analog P1Min programming	0-49% (Default = 0%)	Analog P1Min
P-13	Analog Polarity Mode	Normal or Inverted (Default = Normal)	Analog Output Polarity
P-14	Remote Alarm Enable	On/Off	Remote Alarm Enable
P-15	Number of Reversals	0-25 number of reversals	Number of reversals
P-16	Reverse Time	0.1 to 100.0 seconds	Reverse Time
P-17 to P-19	Reserved		
P-20	Show S1 Input State	1.On/1.Off	Show Input S1 state (for testing)
P-21	Show S2 Input State	2.On/2.Off	Show Input S1 state (for testing)

**Global Parameter Programming:**

Use the mode key to move to the 'Param' Led. The display will show 'Prog'. When the reset key is pushed the parameter number 0 is shown flashing between P-00 and the actual parameter display. The parameter may now get altered from the arrow keys. The mode key is used to advance to the next parameter in the list.

If no key is activated for about 30 seconds the display reverse to the default display position: 'kW%'

**P-00 = Nominal Voltage**

Nominal voltage range. This is necessary to calculate the currently selected Power Range. See table Range[A].

**P-01 = Relay 1 Function**

Relay #1 polarity normally open or normal close.

**P-02 = Relay 2 Function**

Relay #2 polarity normally open or normal close.

**P-03 = Averaging Programming**

Measurement averaging.

**P-04 = Pause Between Reversals**

1.0-100.0 seconds pause between reversals.

**P-05 = On Threshold**

Motor On Threshold.

**P-06 = Remote Update Enable**

Remote controller enable On/Off.

**P-07 = Alarm Reset Key Enable**

Enable the reset key from the Front Panel.

**P-08 = Lock Function Enable/Disable**

Enable and disable of the keyboard lock function. If the lock function is used it must get unlocked before the user is able to modify parameters.

In order to unlock the unit, use the mode key to select "locked" position and then press both arrow keys for about 5 seconds in order to unlock the unit

**P-09 = Reserved****P-10 = Analog Output Mode**

This Parameter defines the Analog Current Output mode. Options are: 4-20mA, 0-20mA or 0-24mA. The voltage output is always 0-10V.

**P-11 = Analog P1Max programming**

Analog zoom P1Max.

**P-12 = Analog P1Min programming**

Analog zoom P1Min.

**P-13 = Analog Output Polarity Mode**

Analog Output Polarity may be Normal or Inverted. Some regulations need Inverted polarity.

**P-14 = Remote Alarm Enable**

The analog output 0-10 volt output maybe used to signal a blocking condition, if the analog output is present.

**P-15 = Number of Reversals**

0-25 reversals before a blocking condition is signaled.

**P-16 = Reverse Time**

0.1-100 second reverse time.

**P-17 to P-19 = Reserved****P-20 = Show S1 Input State**

Show the state of the input the S1. On/Off.

**P-21 = Show S2 Input State**

Show the state of the input the S2. On/Off.

## Power Measurement Range

The Power Measurement Range of the unit is given by the formula:

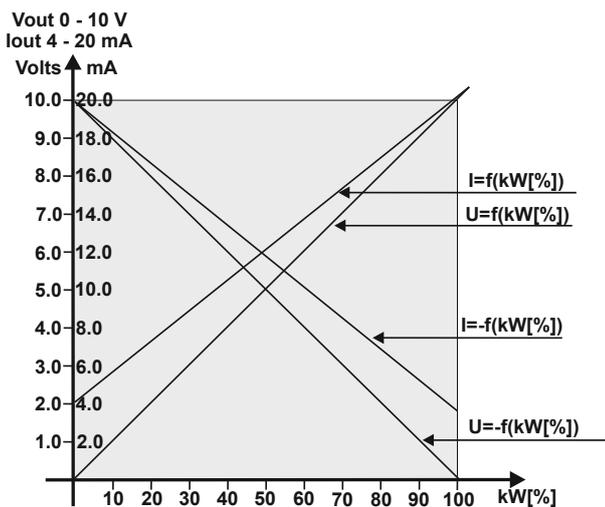
$$P[W] = \sqrt{3} * U_{nom}[V] * Current-Range[A]$$

P is the power consumption for all 3 phases together. The Phase to Phase Nominal Voltage must be set in Global Parameter #0. The Current Range is programmable from the Front Panel under point Range[A].

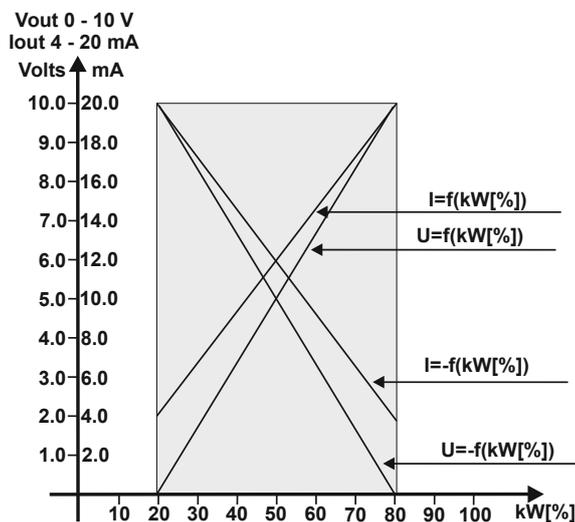
The current measurement phase that runs through the unit MUST be the phase that connects to L3 on the Voltage Input Terminal (#3). The direction of the wire is not important as this unit is designed to measure inductive power only. This also mean that it is assumed that the motor cannot work as a generator that sends power back to the main supply.

## Notes on the Analog Output

The unit has two simultaneous active analog outputs. A 0-10 Volt output and a current output. The voltage output is fixed but the current output takes 3 different formats: 4-20 mA, 0-20mA or 0-24 mA. The Global Parameter #10 defines which format the current output takes. The default format is 4-20mA. When 4-20 mA is chosen the sensor wire is monitored for wire break. A power consumption of zero is supposed to output 4 mA. The LCU424 would never output a value less than 4mA so when the PLC reads a current close to zero mA, it knows the sensor is not connected or powered on. After the Nominal Voltage Range and the CT Range has been set, then 10 Volt on the voltage output and 20/24mA on the current output will occur at the kilowatt or horse power shown at the right side of the page.



Analog Output 0 - 10Volt and 4-20mA Normal and Inverted



Analog Output 0 - 10Volt and 4-20mA Normal and Inverted  
Zoom: P1Min = 20.0 % and P1Max = 80.0 %

Range [A]	kW (460V)	HP (460V)
Int. 0.5	0.398	0.534
Int. 1	0.797	1.068
Int. 2	1.593	2.136
Int. 3	2.390	3.204
Int. 4	3.187	4.272
Int. 5	3.984	5.340
Int. 6	4.780	6.408
Int. 7	5.577	7.476
Int. 8	6.374	8.544
Int. 9	7.171	9.612
Int. 10	7.967	10.68
Int. 11	8.764	11.75
Int. 12	9.561	12.82
Int. 13	10.36	13.88
Int. 14	11.15	14.95
Int. 15	11.95	16.02
Int. 16	12.75	17.09
Int. 17	13.54	18.16
Int. 18	14.34	19.22
Int. 19	15.14	20.29
Int. 20	15.93	21.36
Int. 21	16.73	22.43
Int. 22	17.53	23.50
Int. 23	18.33	24.56
Int. 24	19.13	25.63
Int. 25	19.92	26.70
Int. 26	20.72	27.77
Int. 27	21.51	28.84
Int. 28	22.31	29.90
Int. 29	23.11	30.97
Int. 30	23.90	32.04
Int. 31	24.70	33.11
Int. 32	25.50	34.18
Int. 33	26.29	35.24
Int. 34	27.09	36.31
Int. 35	27.89	37.38
Int. 36	28.62	38.45
Int. 37	29.48	39.52
Int. 38	30.28	40.58
Int. 39	31.07	41.65
Int. 40	31.87	42.72
Int. 41	32.67	43.79
Int. 42	33.46	44.86
Int. 43	34.26	45.92
Int. 44	35.06	46.99
Int. 45	35.85	48.06
Int. 46	36.65	49.13
Int. 47	37.45	50.20
Int. 48	38.24	51.26
Int. 49	39.04	52.33
Int. 50	39.84	53.40
Ext. 30/5	23.90	32.04
Ext. 50/5	39.84	53.40
Ext. 75/5	59.76	80.10
Ext. 100/5	79.67	106.8
Ext. 150/5	119.5	160.2
Ext. 200/5	159.3	213.6
Ext. 250/5	199.2	267.0
Ext. 300/5	239.0	320.4
Ext. 400/5	318.7	427.2
Ext. 500/5	398.4	534.1
Ext. 600/5	478.0	640.8
Ext. 700/5	557.7	747.6
Ext. 800/5	637.4	854.4
Ext. 900/5	717.1	961.2
Ext. 1000/5	796.7	1068

## Quick Setup Guide

- 1. Apply 24 VDC Power to terminals 10 (Gnd) and 11.**  
The unit powers on and shows its type and version during power on.
- 2. Unlock the Unit.**  
Unlock if this function is enabled from parameter #8.  
Push the mode key multiple times until the LED 'Locked' is lit and the display shows 'On'. This means that the lock function is now on and you cannot alter any variables. Now hold both arrow keys down for about 5 seconds. After about 5 seconds the display shows 'Off' and the 'Locked' LED starts flashing. Now the unit is open for setup (programming).
- 3. Set the Current Range.**  
Use the mode key to go to the point on the Front Plate named Current Range. Now select the immediate current range you think you need. Fine tune later.
- 4. Set the Nominal Voltage.**  
Nominal Voltage is one of the seldom programmed variables that may have been set before shipping to the customer.  
The nominal voltage is the RMS Phase to Phase voltage. You can change it like this: unlock the unit (2). Use the mode key to move to the point Param on the front plate. Now push reset key once to enter parameter mode. Now the display flashes between P-00 and 460 (nominal voltage). Now the nominal voltage can be increased or decreased from the Arrow Keys. Please note that the setup of these special parameters must be carried out with a certain speed or the displays drops back to normal display mode.  
**Hint.** When Nominal Voltage and Current Range has been set you can display the Power Measurement range like this. Go to the point on the Front Plate named kW or HP. Now push both arrow keys simultaneously and the display shows the Power Range in true kW or HKP.
- 5. Fine Tune Current Range.**  
If the unit default operating range is in the 30 – 70% of the selected range. Turn on the motor and select kW% as display mode. When the motor is running normal load it should display like 30 – 70 %. If measurement is too small you should now decrease the Current Range and if the display reading is too large you should increase the Current Range (point 3).

