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Simplifying your world without limiting your possibilities.

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ACS880 drives with a built-in crane control software

Sensorless anti-sway

Synchronizes the movement of multiple hooks.

Mechanical brake control

Integrates mechanical brake control with crane system check and torque memory.

Hoist speed optimization

Optimizes hoist speed in the motor field weakening area.

Master/follower

Drive-to-drive link allows fast communication between drives in master/follower operation in speed-torque or speed-speed control modes.

Synchro control

Synchronizes the movement of multiple hoists.

Direct torque control (DTC)

ABB’s signature motor control technology provides precise speed and torque control.

Speed and position feedback

I/O extension modules enable connecting speed feedback interface, like incremental and absolute encoders.

Removable memory unit

Stores the drive’s software and settings for fast and easy commissioning and maintenance.

Control panel and PC tool

For startup, configuration and monitoring of drive’s signals and parameters.

Drive based safety

Safe torque off is built-in as standard in the drive. An optional safety functions module provides additional safety functions achieving up to SIL 3 or PL e safety level.

Enclosure class options are IP20, IP21 and IP55.

Extensive list of add-ons

Cable control via I/O and fieldbus interfaces

Wide range of interfaces for connecting crane controls like joystick, radio control and pendant controller.

PLC based safety

AC500-S safety PLC offers a flexible platform for extending the crane safety even further.

Custom crane solutions with a PLC

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ACSS80 drives with built-in sensorless anti-sway control

Operating mechanics of the anti-sway control program

Load sway can occur in trolley and long travel movements. The ACS880 drive’s anti-sway control program automatically compensates for it when it happens. The control program creates a mathematical model of the crane’s pendulum. It estimates the pendulum’s time constant by continually measuring the hoist position and load properties, and factors in the swing velocity and angle. When the operator changes the speed of the crane’s travel, the drive quickly recalculates the required speed reference to compensate for the crane’s speed change, preventing the load from swaying.

Key benefits of the anti-sway control

- Improves productivity by letting the crane operator fully focus on moving the goods rather than manually controlling the sway.
- Lowers risk of damage to the load.
- Reduces mechanical wear and stress to the crane by eliminating the need for quick and jerky manual sway control movements.
- Lowers risk of accidents caused by uncontrolled sway.
- Built into the drive. Works without external anti-sway sensors or other hardware.

The drives communicate with each other either via a D2D link, or by analog or fieldbus communications.
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