

## Lovato ADXL Softstarters

### Overview

Lovato Electric's **ADXL series soft starters** are advanced electronic motor starters designed to smoothly control the acceleration and deceleration of three-phase induction motors. Instead of the abrupt full-voltage shock of direct-on-line starting, soft starters gradually ramp up the motor's voltage, drastically reducing inrush current and startup torque. This gentle start protects mechanical components from stress and **extends the life of equipment while reducing maintenance** needs, as noted by industry experts (smooth torque-controlled acceleration "**extends the life of mechanical components and reduces their maintenance requirements**" according to a Schneider Electric publication)<sup>[1]</sup>. By limiting electrical surges, soft starters also prevent voltage dips in the power system and avoid tripping upstream protection. In essence, the ADXL soft starters provide a **simple, efficient, and safe motor control solution** for a wide range of applications.



*An ADXL series soft starter by Lovato Electric. The compact open-chassis design (IP00) is intended for panel installation. A backlit LCD display and control keypad on the front panel allow easy setup and monitoring, while built-in and optional communication interfaces enable advanced programming and integration.*

Introduced as Lovato's latest generation, the ADXL series combines **two-phase control** power electronics with modern digital features. Each unit uses solid-state thyristors on two of the three supply phases to modulate voltage during start and stop, while the third phase is connected directly. This two-phase arrangement (sometimes called "2-phase control") is a cost-effective method to achieve soft starting for standard AC motors. All ADXL models include an **integrated bypass relay** that closes after the motor is up to speed, shunting current around the SCRs. This bypass design minimizes heat dissipation and power loss

once running at full voltage – resulting in efficiency around 99.5–99.9% during run mode, comparable to a direct connection<sup>[^2]</sup>. (By contrast, VFDs continuously use active components and are typically only 95–98% efficient, so a bypassed soft starter runs cooler and with lower energy loss<sup>[^2]</sup>.) The high efficiency and low heat of the ADXL's bypass contactor eliminate the need for large heat sinks or external cooling fans, and they contribute to a longer lifespan of the device's electronics.

From a performance standpoint, the ADXL soft starters allow smooth motor acceleration with **fully adjustable parameters**. Users can configure the initial voltage, ramp-up time, and even choose between different control modes such as a classic **voltage ramp** or a **torque control** ramp. In torque control mode, the starter actively regulates output to maintain a constant acceleration torque – helping the motor speed up in a linear fashion without sudden jerks or torque spikes <sup>1</sup>. This method results in very soft starts and stops, ideal for high-inertia loads or sensitive mechanisms. In fact, torque-controlled soft starting and stopping can solve problems like water hammer in pump systems – a major benefit for industries like water treatment. For example, using a soft starter's torque control to decelerate pumps gradually has been shown to **eliminate water hammer**, in one case reducing pump downtime by 20% and maintenance costs by 40% after implementation <sup>2</sup>. The ADXL series provides a “controlled stop” option specifically to manage pump deceleration and avoid fluid surges, similar to the pump-stop features found on other high-end soft starters (for instance, Siemens's 3RW5 soft starters include a dedicated pump stop mode to prevent pressure spikes in piping <sup>3</sup>).

Overall, Lovato's ADXL soft starters are engineered as **versatile motor control solutions** that bring digital convenience to traditional reduced-voltage starting. In the following sections, we detail the ADXL's key features, technical specifications, built-in protections, and the practical benefits it offers in real-world motor applications.

## Features and Capabilities

The ADXL series packs a robust set of features aimed at both ease of use and high performance. Below is a summary of its main capabilities and characteristics:

- **Wide Motor Range:** The ADXL soft starters cover motor sizes from approximately **7.5 kW up to 160 kW** (at 400 V AC), which corresponds to about **15 HP up to 300 HP** at 600 V ratings <sup>4</sup> <sup>5</sup>. Models are available with IEC rated continuous currents from **18 A through 320 A**, making the series suitable for everything from small pumps and fans to large industrial compressors <sup>6</sup>. All units accept supply voltages in the range **208–600 VAC (50/60 Hz)**, with a universal control voltage input of **100–240 VAC** for the starter's internal logic and display <sup>7</sup>. This broad voltage and power range means a single product family can be used across many installation standards worldwide.
- **Two-Phase Control with Integrated Bypass:** All ADXL soft starters use two-phase control of the motor. During startup and stopping, two phases are modulated by SCRs (thyristors) while the third phase is connected directly. Once the motor reaches full speed, an **internal bypass contactor closes** across the SCRs, effectively connecting all three phases directly to line <sup>8</sup>. The built-in bypass relay eliminates the continuous voltage drop and heat generation in the power devices after startup, improving efficiency and reducing thermal stress on the starter. (The bypass contactor is rated for the full current of the unit; for example, models exist up to 320 A with integrated bypass.) Thanks to this design, **thermal power dissipation is minimized**, and the soft starter can be more compact since it doesn't need to continuously cool large SCRs during run-time. According to ABB, using a

bypass in a soft starter allows it to run at full speed with negligible losses, saving energy and avoiding extra heat inside panels<sup>[^2]</sup>.

- **Advanced Start/Stop Control Methods:** The ADXL series offers multiple starting profiles to suit different load types:

- *Voltage Ramp Start:* Gradually increases the voltage from a user-set initial value up to full voltage over an adjustable time. This classic soft start method reduces inrush current and torque by limiting voltage <sup>9</sup>. It's effective for many standard applications with light-to-medium load inertia.
- *Torque Control Start:* Uses feedback (monitoring motor current and power factor) to maintain approximately constant acceleration torque <sup>10</sup>. This results in a very smooth, linear speed ramp of the motor. Torque control is especially beneficial for pumps, conveyors, and other loads where a linear acceleration minimizes mechanical stress. By providing a **constant acceleration torque**, this method prevents the sudden lurches that can occur at the beginning of a start, thus protecting connected equipment <sup>1</sup>.
- *Current Limit Start:* Allows the user to set a maximum current level (% of motor full-load current) that will not be exceeded during startup. The soft starter will adjust the voltage to keep the current around this limit <sup>11</sup>. Current limiting is useful when the supply network has limited capacity (for example, generator-powered sites) or to avoid tripping upstream breakers. The ADXL supports a **"limited maximum starting current" mode as one of its standard features** <sup>12</sup>.
- *Kick Start:* For loads that have high breakaway friction (e.g., loaded conveyors or pumps that tend to stick), the ADXL can provide an initial boost of torque by momentarily applying a higher voltage at startup <sup>13</sup>. This **kick start** pulse helps "unstuck" the motor shaft before ramping down to the normal soft start profile. It ensures reliable starting of hard-to-start loads while still limiting overall inrush current.

On stopping, the ADXL can perform either a **free-wheel stop** (also known as coast to stop, where power is simply removed and the motor coasts until it stops) or a **controlled deceleration ramp** <sup>14</sup>. The controlled stop (soft stop) feature is especially useful for pump applications to avoid water hammer. Instead of the pump halting abruptly (which causes fluid pressure surges), the soft starter gradually reduces voltage to gently slow the pump. As mentioned earlier, torque-controlled soft stopping can dramatically mitigate water hammer in fluid systems <sup>2</sup>. Even without a specialized pump algorithm, the ADXL's ability to ramp down smoothly in a controlled fashion serves a similar purpose as competitor solutions that have dedicated pump-stop modes <sup>3</sup>.

- **Digital Interface and Display:** A standout feature of the ADXL series is its **backlit LCD display with icon-based menus** <sup>15</sup>. The built-in screen provides clear readouts of parameters, settings, and real-time measurements. It supports text in **6 languages** (English, Italian, French, Spanish, Portuguese, German) for user-friendly navigation <sup>16</sup>. Accompanying the display are a few push buttons on the front panel (typically for programming, Start, Stop/Reset, navigation arrows, etc.), which allow users to set up the unit without any external tools. The interface is intuitive and designed for both quick setup and advanced parameter access:

- **Auto-Setup Wizard:** The ADXL soft starters include an installation **wizard (AUTOSET)** that guides the user through initial configuration <sup>17</sup> <sup>18</sup>. This makes the product very **"plug-and-play" for simple applications** – even personnel with minimal experience can get a motor up and running safely by following the guided prompts. During the wizard, the user can specify if the motor is a standard duty or heavy duty load, and the ADXL will automatically adjust key parameters (like ramp times, overload

class, etc.) appropriate for that duty profile <sup>19</sup> <sup>20</sup> . Expert users still have access to the full parameter menu for fine-tuning, but the wizard provides a fast baseline setup.

- **Real-Time Monitoring:** While operating, the ADXL's display can show a variety of measured values. Users can scroll through pages to view **line currents (L1, L2, L3)**, the **maximum current during start**, **percentage of nominal torque**, **average line voltage**, **total active power (kW)**, **power factor**, the **motor's thermal state (% of thermal capacity used)**, and the **starter's temperature** <sup>21</sup> . Having these readings visible on the device helps operators and maintenance personnel monitor the motor's performance and loading without separate instruments. It effectively builds some basic metering and diagnostics into the starter.
- **Status LEDs:** In addition to the LCD, the front panel has LED indicators (typically for Power On, Run (or Bypass active), and Fault/Alarm) <sup>22</sup> . These give at-a-glance status information: for instance, an LED will illuminate when the starter is ramping or in bypass mode, and an alarm LED will flash if any fault condition occurs.
- **Smartphone Programmability (NFC):** A unique convenience feature of the ADXL series is the inclusion of **NFC (Near Field Communication) technology** built-in <sup>23</sup> . Using an Android smartphone or tablet with Lovato's app, users can wirelessly program and manage the soft starter simply by bringing the device near the ADXL (NFC works even if the starter is powered off). This means configuration profiles can be prepared or copied on a phone and then transferred to the ADXL in seconds – a great time-saver for commissioning multiple units with the same settings or for quickly backing up/restoring configurations. The NFC functionality reflects a broader trend in industrial controls to enable programming without physical cables, adding flexibility for field engineers. Lovato's app via NFC allows editing parameters, saving parameter sets on the phone, and even emailing configuration files <sup>24</sup> . This way, a technician could pre-set the soft starter before installation or adjust settings without powering the cabinet, improving safety and convenience.
- **PC Connectivity and Software:** For more extensive monitoring or programming, the ADXL has an **optical communication port** on the front (sometimes referred to as an IR programming port) <sup>25</sup> . With a special USB-to-optical cable (Lovato model CX01 or similar), users can connect the soft starter to a PC. Lovato offers software tools (e.g., their **Synergy** supervision software or a dedicated configuration utility) to interface with the ADXL <sup>26</sup> <sup>27</sup> . Over the PC link, one can perform real-time monitoring of all measurements graphically, adjust all parameters via a convenient UI, save/load parameter sets, and download event logs for analysis. Additionally, Lovato's Synergy software is an **energy management and supervisory platform** that can integrate multiple devices; it uses a relational database to record data and allows multi-user web access for centralized monitoring of a plant <sup>28</sup> <sup>29</sup> . The ADXL can be one component in such a system, providing motor performance data and receiving remote control commands. This capability is quite valuable in Industry 4.0 contexts, where operators want networked visibility of all their motor controllers.
- **Optional Fieldbus Communication:** While the base ADXL units do not inherently have fieldbus ports, they are designed with expansion in mind. Each soft starter has a slot for an add-on **RS-485 communication module (Lovato EXC1042)** that enables serial communication <sup>30</sup> . With this module installed, the ADXL can speak Modbus protocols – it supports **Modbus RTU and Modbus ASCII** out of the box for integration into PLC networks or SCADA systems <sup>31</sup> <sup>32</sup> . (Some literature also mentions Modbus TCP support <sup>33</sup> , which likely can be achieved via an external gateway device or the optional Wi-Fi module.) Using RS485 connectivity, multiple ADXL soft starters can be daisy-chained on a network. This opens up possibilities like remote start/stop control, centralized

parameter changes, or linking into plant-wide automation and HMI displays. Lovato even provides an optional **external remote keypad (EXCRDU1)** with a graphical touch-screen that can be connected via RS485 to mirror the soft starter's display on a cabinet door <sup>34</sup>. This allows interaction with the ADXL without opening the panel, and one keypad can supervise several starters on the bus. Such accessories offer flexibility to adapt the interface to the user's needs.

- **Comprehensive Motor & Starter Protection:** Beyond controlling startup, a soft starter must also safeguard the motor and itself. The ADXL series excels in this area by integrating numerous protection features and alarms, eliminating the need for separate motor protection relays in many cases. Key protections include:
  - **Motor Overload (Thermal) Protection:** The ADXL continuously calculates the motor's thermal state based on current and time (electronic **thermal modeling**). It supports separate overload curve settings for the start phase and running phase <sup>35</sup>, allowing it to trip in accordance with a chosen class (e.g. IEC trip class 10, 20, 30, etc.) during starting, and a different class for steady running. This ensures the motor is protected from overheating both during long soft starts and under sustained overload conditions. The device will trip on overload if the calculated thermal capacity exceeds the limit, protecting the motor's insulation from damage. Additionally, the ADXL can utilize an **external PTC sensor input** – it has a dedicated terminal where a motor-mounted temperature probe (PTC thermistor) can be connected <sup>36</sup>. If the motor windings physically overheat, the PTC resistance increases and the ADXL will detect this and shut down, providing direct thermal feedback protection.
  - **Stall and Load Protection:** The ADXL monitors for **locked rotor (stall)** conditions – if the motor fails to accelerate (e.g., a jammed load) and the current remains high for too long, it will trip to prevent damage <sup>36</sup>. It also checks for **excessive start duration** ("startup too long" alarm) which might indicate a problem if the motor hasn't reached nominal speed in the expected time <sup>37</sup>. On the other end, it has a **minimum torque / underload** alarm – if during run the motor torque falls below a threshold (could signify a broken coupling or no load condition), it can alert or stop to protect the system <sup>38</sup> <sup>39</sup>. **Current asymmetry** protection is included as well, which can detect if one phase is drawing significantly less current – a sign of a phase loss or imbalance in the system <sup>36</sup>.
  - **Power Supply Protection:** The ADXL will detect and fault on **phase loss** (loss of one of the supply phases) to avoid single-phasing the motor <sup>40</sup>. It also checks for incorrect **phase sequence** (phase rotation) at installation – if the phase order is wrong relative to desired motor direction, it can alarm so that wiring can be corrected <sup>41</sup>. The device also verifies the line frequency (50/60 Hz) is within tolerance; if the frequency is out of range, it issues an alarm <sup>41</sup>. These functions ensure that the starter only operates under correct power conditions.
  - **Internal Starter Protection:** To protect itself, the ADXL monitors its internal temperature and current. It has an **over-temperature trip** if the internal heatsink gets too hot (e.g., due to too frequent starts or high ambient temperature) <sup>42</sup>. There is also an **overcurrent protection** distinct from the motor overload – this would act if a short circuit or very excessive current flows through the starter (though short-circuit protection generally requires fuses or circuit breakers upstream per coordination standards). The ADXL can detect **SCR faults** (e.g., if a thyristor has failed open or short) and will alarm if the expected voltage drop across the SCR is abnormal <sup>43</sup>. It also supervises the status of the **bypass relay** – if the bypass fails to close or is welded closed, the unit can raise a fault <sup>43</sup>. Furthermore, models with an internal cooling fan have a **fan failure alarm** to alert if the fan is not working or blocked <sup>44</sup>. All these protections help ensure safe, reliable operation and avoid catastrophic failures.

- **Event Logging and Alarms:** The ADXL keeps an **event log** of the last faults/trips <sup>45</sup>. Users can review fault codes on the display or via software to diagnose what caused a shutdown. This is invaluable for troubleshooting (for example, seeing if an overload trip occurred, or a phase loss, etc.). Additionally, the system supports **user-programmable alarms/limits** – you can set threshold levels for certain measurements to trigger an alarm relay (for instance, a warning if current exceeds a set value for a duration, without tripping the motor off) <sup>46</sup> <sup>47</sup>. Two of the ADXL's three output relays can be configured for such limit alarms or other functions as needed <sup>48</sup>.
- **Maintenance and Diagnostics Features:** In line with modern “smart” starter design, ADXL soft starters contribute to **predictive maintenance** strategies. They maintain internal counters for the number of motor starts and the total running hours of the motor <sup>49</sup>. If desired, the user can set a threshold for these counters – for example, a maintenance alarm after 10,000 starts or after 20,000 hours of operation <sup>49</sup>. When the threshold is exceeded, the ADXL triggers an alarm to notify that preventive maintenance (such as checking the motor, inspecting the coupling or load, etc.) is due. This kind of built-in **condition monitoring** helps avoid unplanned downtime by scheduling service proactively. It aligns with industry trends where devices report their utilization and wear indicators. In fact, advanced soft starters from various manufacturers now emphasize such **condition monitoring and self-diagnostics** as a key benefit in Industry 4.0 environments <sup>50</sup>. The ADXL's approach is straightforward yet effective: by monitoring usage and stress, it can prompt timely maintenance, thereby increasing overall system reliability.
- **Physical Design and Installation:** The ADXL series comes in a range of frame sizes corresponding to the current ratings. All are **panel-mount units (IP00 open type)** intended to be installed inside an electrical enclosure. For the lower current models, mounting can be either on DIN rail or by screws to a backplate. Lovato provides an optional **DIN-rail mounting kit (EXP8003)** that allows models up to 115 A to clip onto standard 35 mm DIN rails <sup>51</sup>. This can simplify installation for smaller units, saving time on drilling and bolting. Higher current units (above ~115 A) are typically too large for DIN rail and must be screw-mounted. The soft starters have generous terminal access for power cables, and optional terminal shrouds or lug kits are available for the largest sizes <sup>52</sup> to ease the connection of large-gauge wires. All ADXL devices are built to comply with international standards **IEC/EN 60947-4-2** (the IEC standard for low-voltage semiconductor motor controllers/soft starters) and **UL 508** (the UL standard for industrial control equipment), among others <sup>53</sup> <sup>54</sup>. They carry cULus certification for use in North America, as well as CE marking for Europe and other required approvals <sup>53</sup>. This ensures the ADXL series meets safety and performance requirements globally, allowing machine builders and panel integrators to use them in compliance with local codes.

In summary, the feature set of the Lovato ADXL soft starters is both rich and well-balanced. They offer **precise motor control functions** (multiple start/stop modes, torque control), **ease of configuration** (with an LCD interface, auto-wizard, and smartphone NFC capability), and **strong protection/diagnostic tools** (thermal model, fault logging, communication options). This makes them suitable for a broad spectrum of applications, as the next section will discuss.

## Applications and Benefits

Soft starters like the Lovato ADXL are used anywhere we need to reduce the mechanical and electrical stresses of motor startup. **Across industries – from manufacturing plants to commercial HVAC systems – soft starters protect motors and driven machinery by eliminating the jarring effects of across-the-**

**line starts.** By smoothly ramping voltage and torque, they prevent the sudden jerk that can cause gear teeth to shear, belts to slip, or pump impellers to hammer. This results in **longer equipment lifetime and less maintenance**. As one published case highlighted, replacing direct starters with soft starters led to a significant drop in maintenance costs (in a pumping system, a soft starter solution cut maintenance expenses by 40% while also reducing downtime by 20% by preventing water-hammer-related damage <sup>2</sup>). These improvements translate to real savings and higher uptime for facility operators.

Typical applications of the ADXL soft starters include:

- **Pumps and Water Systems:** Pumping applications greatly benefit from soft starters. A controlled ramp-up avoids pressure surges on startup, and a soft stop prevents the notorious *water hammer* that can burst pipes or damage valves. The ADXL's torque control and soft-stop capabilities make it ideal for fresh water pumps, irrigation systems, booster pumps, and wastewater treatment facilities. For example, in municipal water supply pumps or building hydronic systems, using soft starters has eliminated water hammering issues that were present with abrupt stops <sup>2</sup>. Major manufacturers (ABB, Siemens, etc.) emphasize torque control soft stop as "the most efficient way to stop pumps" to protect pipes <sup>55</sup> – and Lovato's ADXL implements the same core principle. The series has sufficient power range (up to 300 HP) to handle all but the very largest of pump motors.
- **Fans, Blowers, and HVAC:** Centrifugal fans and blowers often have low starting torque requirements but high inertia. Using an ADXL soft starter on large air handlers, cooling tower fans, or industrial dust collection fans will reduce belt wear and mechanical shock to the system. The soft start also limits the inrush current, which can be critical in large HVAC systems where multiple motors might start sequentially. By limiting current, the ADXL can help avoid peak demand penalties on the facility's electrical bill and prevent lights from flickering when big fans kick in. Additionally, less stress on fan blades and ductwork occurs without the sudden blast of full-speed air on start.
- **Conveyors and Material Handling:** Conveyor belts, whether in manufacturing lines, airport baggage systems, or mining operations, benefit from gradual starting to avoid product spillage and undue stress on gearboxes and shafts. The ADXL soft starter can be tuned (using kick start if necessary) to get a heavily loaded conveyor moving and then ramp smoothly to speed. This **prevents the belt from slamming** and extends the life of couplings and bearings. In one scenario, a factory retrofitted its 75 kW conveyor motors with soft starters and saw reduced downtime due to far fewer belt repairs, as the shock load on startup was virtually eliminated. Soft starters also allow conveyors to be **stopped gently**, which can be important for delicate materials that might shift if the belt jerks to a halt.
- **Compressors and Chillers:** Many compressors (reciprocating or screw type) and refrigeration chillers have high startup torque and cause large current draws. The ADXL series, with its current limit function, can be very useful here – it can cap the inrush to a set multiple of motor FLA, protecting both the motor and the facility's power supply. Moreover, reducing the start torque on a compressor minimizes stress on couplings and can mitigate the risk of compressor motor stalling on heavy starts. Soft starters also synergize well with generator-backed power systems that often run large compressors; by limiting startup current, they prevent generator overload. The ADXL's ability to adjust ramp profiles means it can be tailored to the compressor's characteristics (e.g., a longer ramp for a screw compressor to avoid tripping on high head pressure).

- **Mixers, Crushers, and Mills:** High inertia loads like industrial mixers, rock crushers, ball mills, or large centrifuges often cannot be started DOL without either tripping breakers or causing mechanical damage. Soft starters are almost a necessity in these cases. The ADXL can provide the necessary torque boost (kick start) to overcome static friction, then ensure the machine comes up to speed without exceeding safe current levels. This prevents issues like torque spikes that can twist shafts or sudden current surges that can heat motor windings. Additionally, the ADXL's **torque control mode keeps acceleration smooth even if the load torque is not constant**, which helps in systems like mixers where the load might become heavier as material is moved. Users have found that using soft starters on such equipment not only reduces electrical stress but also prevents mechanical shock that could misalign drive components.

One of the major benefits of the ADXL soft starters in all these applications is **improved operational reliability**. By incorporating protective functions (overload, phase loss, etc.), the ADXL can shut down a motor before severe damage occurs. For instance, if a pump's discharge valve is accidentally left closed, the motor might overload – the ADXL will trip on thermal overload rather than allow the motor to overheat and burn out. Or if a crusher jams, the locked-rotor protection will stop the motor to prevent drawing excessive current indefinitely. In this way, the soft starter not only assists in normal operation but also actively guards against certain fault conditions. This dual role as a motor controller and protector simplifies system design and increases safety.

Another benefit worth noting is the **space and cost savings** of soft starters compared to alternative solutions like variable frequency drives (VFDs) when only start/stop control is needed. Soft starters typically cost a fraction of an equivalently sized VFD and are much more compact in physical size<sup>[^2][^3]</sup>. For example, Rockwell Automation cites that AC drives can be *1.5 to 7 times the cost* of a soft starter and can occupy *2.5 to 10 times the volume* for the same motor, especially in the 50–500 HP range<sup>[^2]</sup>. The ADXL's built-in bypass and simplified two-phase control contribute to its compact footprint. This makes a big difference in MCC (Motor Control Center) design or control panel layouts – using soft starters like ADXL can allow smaller enclosures and less cooling infrastructure than an all-VFD approach, where appropriate. Of course, VFDs are required for variable speed control, but for fixed-speed motors that simply need a gentle start/stop, a solution like ADXL is far more economical and efficient. In fact, when running at full speed, a bypassed soft starter typically operates at **99%+ efficiency**, higher than a drive, meaning virtually no additional energy losses during normal operation<sup>[^2]</sup>. This high efficiency is reflected in lower heat dissipation, which not only saves energy but also reduces the thermal load inside electrical rooms.

Finally, the ADXL series supports modern maintenance practices. With its event log and maintenance alarm features, it provides valuable data for operators to plan service. Many industrial users are moving toward predictive maintenance, and having a starter that can tell you “I’ve started this motor 5000 times” or “the motor has run for 10000 hours” or “I’m seeing more frequent overload conditions” can feed into those maintenance programs. The connectivity options (Modbus communications, etc.) allow this data to be pulled into plant monitoring systems. For example, a facility using a SCADA system can poll all ADXL starters for their motor thermal % and start counts, then schedule inspections for any motor that’s close to its thermal limit or has high start counts relative to others. This kind of insight helps avoid unexpected failures. It’s also in line with what other **leading manufacturers** are doing – for instance, Siemens 3RW5 soft starters provide condition monitoring that can detect wear on the driven machine and prompt maintenance<sup>50</sup>, and ABB’s advanced PSTX starters even include diagnostics like power factor monitoring and predictive fault warnings. Lovato’s ADXL incorporates the most important aspects of this trend, giving users the information needed to increase uptime.



## Conclusion

The Lovato ADXL soft starters represent a comprehensive solution for controlled motor starting and stopping, blending solid-state power control with intelligent electronics. They bring together **smooth motor acceleration, extensive protection functions, and user-friendly configuration** in one package. By doing so, ADXL starters help customers **solve practical problems**: they mitigate electrical issues like high inrush currents and mechanical issues like shock loads and water hammer. In turn, this leads to greater productivity (less downtime, fewer nuisance trips) and prolonged equipment life.

Crucially, the ADXL series doesn't require users to be experts in motor control to get these benefits – features like the auto-set wizard and smartphone app support make them accessible to a broad range of users, from panel builders to maintenance engineers. At the same time, power users can integrate the ADXL into complex systems via communication modules and advanced software, indicating its **scalability from basic to high-performance applications**.

In an era where industrial devices are expected to be “smart”, connected, and reliable, Lovato's ADXL soft starters fit right in. They exemplify how traditional motor starters have evolved with technology: incorporating **NFC connectivity, digital displays, and network communications** alongside the core function of controlled motor starting. Whether it's deployed on a pump in a municipal water plant, a fan in a commercial building, or a conveyor in a manufacturing line, the ADXL series provides the control finesse and protective oversight that modern operations demand. It stands as a competitive offering in the soft starter market, alongside established lines from ABB, Schneider, Eaton, Siemens, and others, distinguished by its blend of simplicity and sophistication.

In summary, the Lovato ADXL soft starters enable businesses to **increase the reliability of their motor-driven systems, reduce maintenance costs, and improve overall electrical efficiency** – all while simplifying the task of motor control. This makes the ADXL series a compelling choice for anyone seeking to upgrade from across-the-line starters or to design new systems with smooth motor management built-in.

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