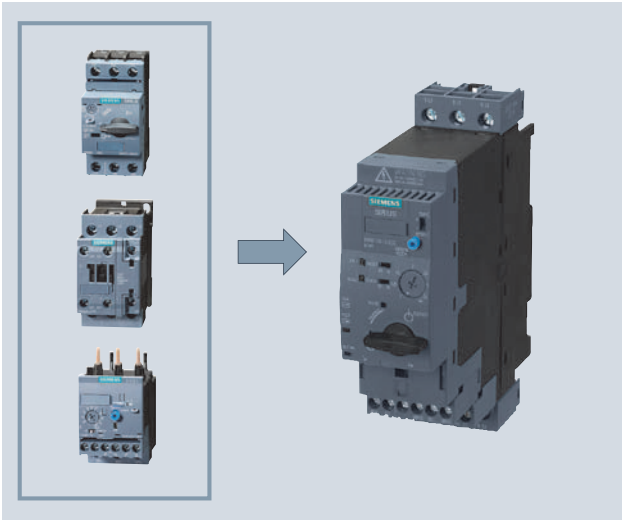
Overview

3RA6 fuseless compact starters and infeed system for 3RA6

3RA62 reversing starter

Integrated functionality

The SIRIUS 3RA6 compact starters are a generation of innovative load feeders with the integrated functionality of a motor starter protector, contactor and electronic overload relay.
In addition, various functions of optional mountable accessories (e.g. auxiliary switches, surge suppressors) are already integrated in the SIRIUS compact starter.



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Applications

The SIRIUS compact starters can be used wherever standard three-phase motors up to 32 A (20 HP/460 V) are directly started.

The compact starters are not suitable for the protection of DC loads.

Approvals according to IEC, UL, CSA and CCC standards have been issued for the compact starters.

Low variance of devices

Thanks to wide setting ranges for the rated current and wide voltage ranges, the equipment variance is greatly reduced compared to conventional load feeders.

Very high operational reliability

The high short-circuit breaking capacity and defined shut-down when the end of service life is reached means that the SIRIUS compact starter achieves a very high level of operational reliability that would otherwise have only been possible with considerable additional outlay. This sets it apart from devices with similar functionality.

Safe disconnection

The auxiliary switches (NC contacts) of the 3RA6 compact starters are designed as mirror contacts. This enables their use for safe disconnection - e.g. EMERGENCY STOP up to SIL 1 (IEC 62061) or PL c (ISO 13849-1) or, if used in conjunction with an additional infeed contactor, up to SIL 3 (IEC 62061) or PL e (ISO 13849-1).

Communications integration through AS-Interface

To enable communications integration through AS-Interface there is an AS-i add-on module available in several versions for mounting instead of the control circuit terminals on the SIRIUS compact starter.

The design of the AS-i add-on module permits a group of up to 62 feeders with a total of four cables to be connected to the control system. This reduces wiring work considerably compared to the parallel wiring method.

Communications integration using IO-Link

Up to 4 compact starters in IO-Link version (reversing and direct-on-line starters) can be connected together and conveniently linked to the IO-Link master through a standardized IO-Link connection. The SIRIUS 4SI electronic modules are used e.g. as IO-Link masters for connection to the SIMATIC ET 200S distributed I/O system.

The IO-Link connection enables a high density of information in the local range.

Details of the communications integration using IO-Link, see Chapter 14 Communications.

The diagnostics data of the process collected by the 3RA6 compact starter, e.g. short circuit, end of service life, limit position etc., are not only indicated on the compact starter itself but also transmitted to the higher-level control system through IO-Link.

Thanks to the optionally available operator panel, which can be installed in the control cabinet door, it is easy to control the 3RA6 compact starters with IO-Link from the control cabinet door.

Permanent wiring / easy replacement

Using the SIRIUS infeed system for 3RA6 (see page 4/16) it is possible to carry out the wiring in advance without a compact starter needing to be connected.

A compact starter is very easily replaced simply by pulling it out of the device without disconnecting the wiring.

Even with screw connections or mounting on a standard mounting rail there is no need to disconnect any wiring (on account of the removable main and control circuit terminals) in order to replace a compact starter.

Consistent solution from the infeed to the motor feeder

The SIRIUS infeed system for 3RA6 with integrated PE bar is offered as a user-friendly possibility of feeding in summation currents up to 100 A with a maximum conductor cross-section of 2/0 AWG and connecting the motor cable directly without additional intermediate terminals.

Screw and spring-type terminals

The SIRIUS compact starters and the infeed system for 3RA6 are available with screw and spring-type terminals.

To comply with the clearance and creepage distances demanded according to UL 508 there are the following infeed possibilities:

Type of infeed	Feeder terminal (according to UL 508, type E)	Type
Conventional wiring	Terminal block for "Self-Protected Combination Motor Controller (Type E)"	**3RV29 28-1H**
Three-phase busbars	Three-phase infeed terminal for constructing "Type E Starters", UL 508	**3RV29 25-5EB**
Infeed systems for 3RA6	Infeed on left, 50/70 mm^2, screw terminal with 3 sockets, outgoing terminal with screw/spring-type connections, including PE bar	**3RA68 13-8AB** (screw terminals), **3RA68 13-8AC** (spring-type terminals)

SIRIUS 3RA6 compact starters

The SIRIUS 3RA6 compact starters are universal motor starters according to IEC/EN 60947-6-2. As control and protective switching devices (CPS) they can connect, convey and disconnect the thermal, dynamic and electrical loads from short-circuit currents up to I_q = 53 kA, i.e. they are essentially weld-free. They combine the functions of a motor starter protectors, a contactor and a solid-state overload relay in a single enclosure and can be used wherever standard induction motors up to 32 A (up to approx. 20 HP at 480 V AC) are started directly. Available versions are the direct-on-line starters with 45 mm width and the reversing starters with 90 mm width.

The reversing starter version comes with not only an internal electrical interlock but also with a mechanical interlock to prevent simultaneous actuation of both directions of rotation.

3RA6 compact starters are supplied in 5 current setting ranges. The 3RA61 and 3RA62 have 2 control voltage ranges (AC/DC), the 3RA64 and 3RA65 have one control voltage range (DC):

Current setting range	At 460 V AC for induction motors Standard output P	Rated control supply voltage for	
		3RA61, 3RA62 compact starters	3RA64, 3RA65 compact starters for IO-Link
A	HP	V AC/DC	V DC
0.1 ... 0.4	0.12	24	24
0.32 ... 1.25	0.43 ... 1.68	110 ... 240	
1 ... 4	1.34 ... 5.36		
3 ... 12	4.02 ... 16.1		
8 ... 32	10.7 ... 42.9		

Note:

The 3RA1 motor starters can be used as motor starters > 32 A up to 100 A.

The SENTRON 3VL circuit breakers and the SIRIUS 3RT contactors can be used for motor starters >100 A.

Operating conditions

The SIRIUS 3RA6 compact starters are suitable for use in nearly all climates. They are intended for use in enclosed rooms in which no severe operating conditions (such as dust, caustic vapors, hazardous gases) prevail. Suitable covers must be provided for installation in dusty and damp locations.

The SIRIUS compact starters are generally designed to degree of protection IP20. The permissible ambient temperature during operation is -20 to +60 °C.

The maximum short-circuit current based on UL testing is 30 kA up to 12 A and 15 kA for the 8 ... 32 A versions at 480 V.

Note:

More technical specifications can be found in the system manual at

www.siemens.com/compactstarter

Overload tripping times

The overload tripping time can be set on the device to less than 10 s (CLASS 10) and less than 20 s (CLASS 20 for heavy starting). As the breaker mechanism still remains closed after an overload, resetting is possible by either local manual reset or autoreset after 3 minutes cooling time.

With autoreset there is no need to open the control cabinet.

Diagnostics options

The compact starter provides the following diagnostics options on site:

- With LEDs
  - Connection to the control voltage
  - Position of the main contacts
- With mechanical indication
  - Tripping due to overload
  - Tripping due to short-circuit
  - Tripping due to malfunction (end of service life reached because of worn switching contacts or a worn switching mechanism or faults in the control electronics)

These states can also be evaluated in the higher-level control system:

- With conventional wiring using the integrated auxiliary and signaling switches of the compact starter
- With AS-Interface or IO-Link in even greater detail using the respective communication interface

Four complement variants for 3RA6 compact starters

- For standard mounting rail or screw mounting:
  basic version including 1 pair of main circuit terminals and 1 pair of control circuit terminals
- For standard mounting rail or screw mounting when using the AS-i add-on module:
  comes without control circuit terminals because the AS-i add-on module is attached in lieu of them
- For use with the infeed system for 3RA6:
  without main circuit terminals because they are supplied with the infeed system and the expansion modules
- For use with the infeed system for 3RA6 and AS-i add-on module:
  without main or control circuit terminals as they are not needed
- The control circuit terminals are always required by the compact starters for IO-Link; the main circuit terminals depend on the use of the infeed system.

Additional components of the 3RA6

The two control circuit terminals on the 3RA61/3RA62 allow access to signalling contacts for overload (1 CO) and short-circuit / malfunction (1 NO). Furthermore, the 3RA61 has two auxiliary contacts (1 NO + 1 NC) for indicating the position of the main contacts, while the 3RA62 has one auxiliary contact (1 NO) per direction of rotation per main contact.

Function

Trip units

The SIRIUS 3RA6 compact starters are equipped with the following trip units:
- Inverse-time delayed solid-state overload release
- Instantaneous electronic trip unit (electromagnetic short-circuit release)

The overload releases can be adjusted in accordance with the load current.

The electronic trip units are permanently set to a value 13 times the maximum rated current of the 4 A, 12 A and 32 A starter and thus enable trouble-free starting of motors.

Trip classes

The trip classes of electronically delayed trip units are based on the tripping time (t_A) at 7.2 times the set current in the cold state (excerpt from IEC 60947-4):

CLASS 10: 4s < t_A < 10 s

CLASS 20: 6s < t_A < 20 s (for heavy starting)

The compact starter must trip within this time.

Disconnection due to malfunction

The following malfunctions can be detected:
- End of service life
  - Worn switching contacts (for electrical endurance see "Technical data")
  - Worn switching mechanisms (for mechanical endurance see "Technical data")
- Faults in the control electronics

Short-circuit protection

If a short-circuit occurs, the short-circuit releases of the SIRIUS 3RA6 compact starters isolate the faulty motor starter from the network and thus prevent further damage. The short-circuit releases are factory-set to 14 times the value of the maximum rated current I_n of the device.

The SIRIUS compact starters have a short-circuit breaking capacity up to 30 kA at a voltage of 480 V AC.

Overload relay function

In the event of an overload, the compact starter switches off without the breaker mechanism being opened.

The overload trip can be signaled to the higher-level control system through an integrated signal switch.

The overload signal can be reset automatically or by means of a manual reset.

Control through AS-Interface

For control through AS-Interface, the AS-i add-on module is mounted instead of the two control circuit terminals on the SIRIUS 3RA6 compact starters (direct-on-line starters and reversing starters).

The AS-i auxiliary voltage and the AS-i data line are installed on the AS-i add-on module easily and quickly without tools by means of two plug-in connector blocks with insulation displacement connection.

The AS-i add-on module is equipped with the latest A/B technology and has an addressing socket onboard.

An addressing unit is required and can be ordered for addressing the AS-i add-on module.

Bit assignment (see below) is similar to that for the SIRIUS motor starters, which means that the same programming can be used here.

DI 0.0 ready
DI 0.1 motor on
DI 0.2 group fault
DI 0.3 group warning

DO 0.0 motor on or motor clockwise
DO 0.1 motor counterclockwise

A 24 V DC PELV power supply unit according to EN 61140 safety class III is required for the auxiliary voltage.

The AS-i data line is supplied with voltage by means of a 30 V DC AS-i power supply unit and is controlled by means of the AS-i master.

The AS-i add-on modules are available in the following five versions:
- AS-i add-on module for compact starters
- AS-i add-on module for compact starters with two local inputs for safe disconnection of the "clockwise rotation" or "counter-clockwise rotation" outputs
- AS-i add-on module with two free external inputs
- AS-i add-on module with two free external outputs
- AS-i add-on module with one free external input and output

The AS-i add-on module can only be used with compact starters with a control voltage of 24 V AC/DC.

Integrated auxiliary switches

The control circuit terminals of the SIRIUS 3RA6 compact starters have the following connections:
- A1/A2 for the control voltage for 3RA61, A1/A2 and B1/B2 for the control voltage for 3RA62
- "Overload" signal switch
- "Fault" signal switch, e. g. "short-circuit"
- Internal auxiliary switch for position of the main contacts (in case of direct-on-line starters: 1 NO + 1 NC with mirror contact to the main contact; in case of reversing starters: 2 NO)

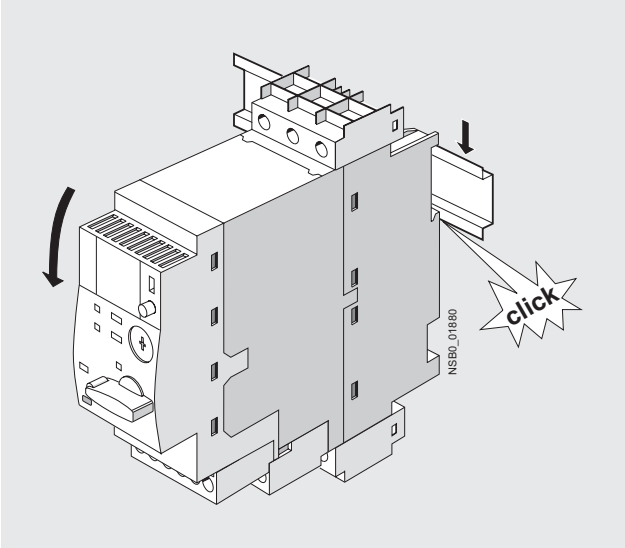
Design

Mounting

The 3RA6 compact starters can be mounted in 4 ways:

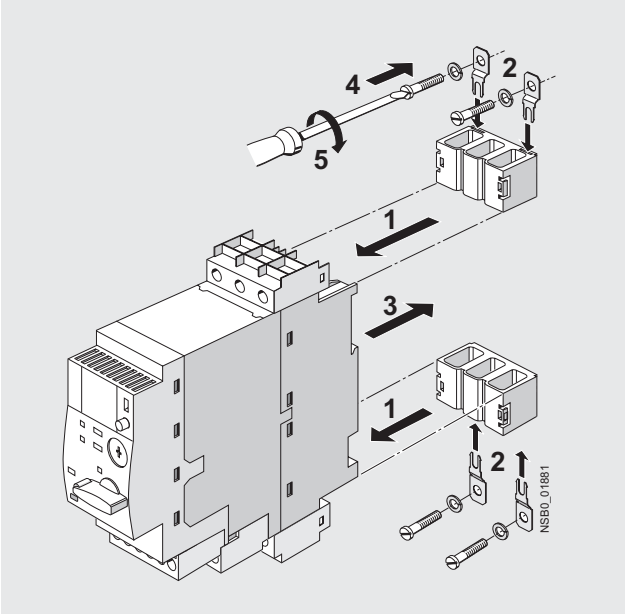
1) By snapping onto a TH 35 standard mounting rail

The SIRIUS compact starters can be snapped onto a standard mounting rail according to EN 60715 with a width of 35 mm.



2) By screw fixing to a flat surface

The SIRIUS compact starters are suitable for screw fixing to a flat surface. One set of 3RA69 40-0A adapters for screw connection (including push-in lugs) is required per direct-on-line starter, two sets are required per reversing starter.



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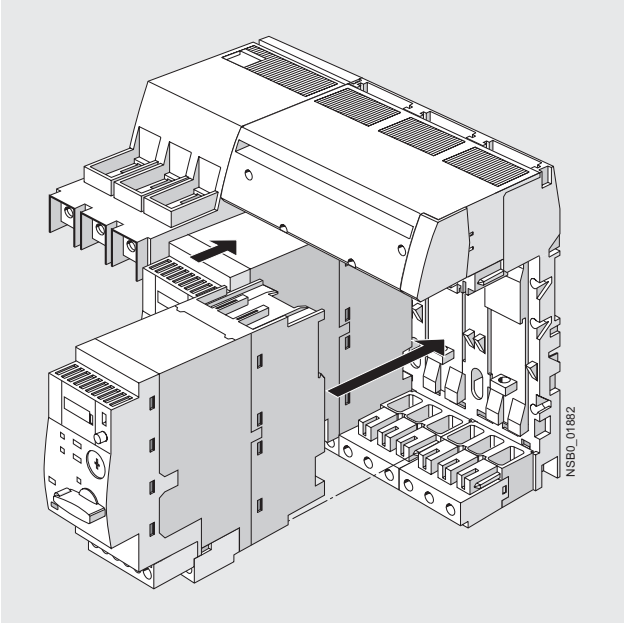
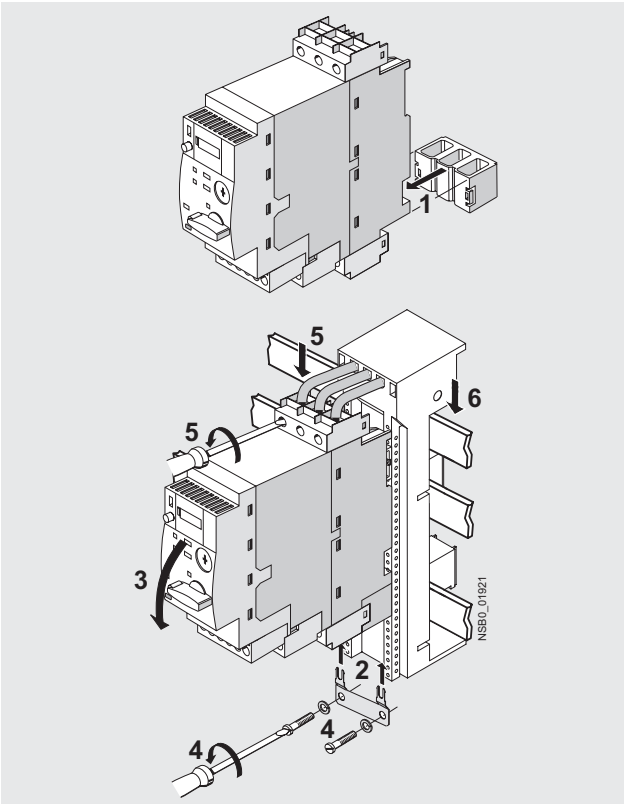
3) By integrating in the infeed system for 3RA6

The SIRIUS compact starters can be assembled with the infeed system for 3RA6 (see "Infeed system for 3RA6").



4) By using the 8US busbar adapter for Fast Bus systems with 60 mm busbar center-to-center clearance



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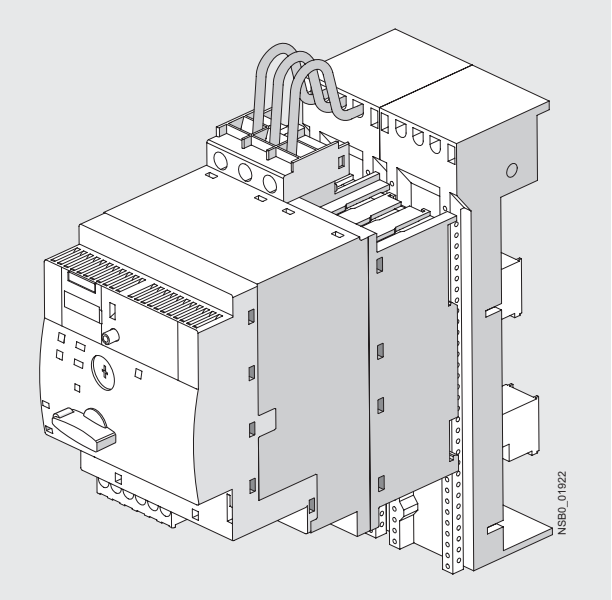
4a) By using an additional device holder in the case of reversing starters

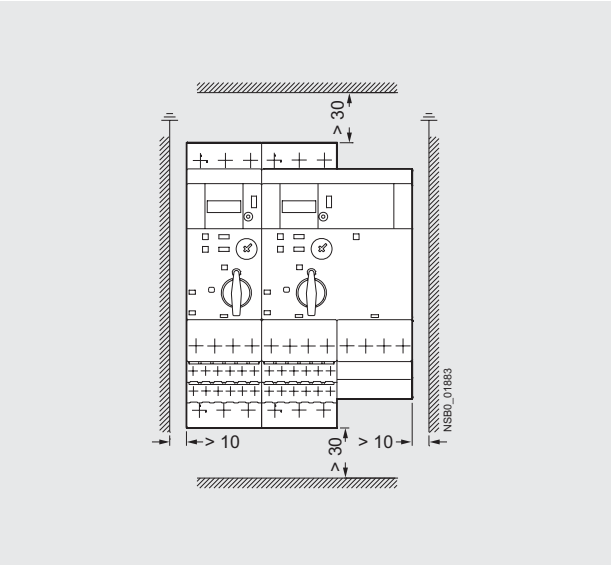
When the 8US busbar adapter is used on Fast Bus systems with 60 mm busbar center-to-center clearance, a device holder is needed in addition for a reversing starter on account of its double width.

The reversing starter is mounted in the same way as the direct-on-line starter on the busbar adapter. Then the device holder is snapped on alongside the busbar adapter.



Mounting regulations

The module can be installed horizontally or vertically. For the different installations attention must be paid however to limit values for protective separation according to IEC/EN 60947-2 of the compact starters (for details see the "Technical specifications").



The following distances must be observed when mounting the compact starters:
- Lateral clearance to grounded components: 10 mm
- Arcing space at top and bottom: 30 mm

3RA2 Accessories

Busbar adapters

	For motor starter protector	For contactors	Version	Order No.	Std. pack qty.	Weight approx.
	Size	Size				kg
Busbar adapters for 60 mm systems						
 8US12 51-5DS10  8US12 51-5DT11	For flat copper profiles according to DIN 46433 Width: 12 mm and 30 mm Thickness: 5 mm and 10 mm also for T and double-T special profiles					
	For motor starter protectors and contactors with screw terminals			**Screw terminals**		
	S00	S00	Rated current 16 A, 45 mm wide, 200 mm long	**8US12 51-5DS10**	1 unit	0.183
	S0	S0	Rated current 32 A, 45 mm wide, 260 mm long	**8US12 51-5NT10**	1 unit	0.183
	S2	S2	Up to 65A, 55mm wide, 260mm long	**8US12 61-6MT10**	1 unit	0.572
	For motor starter protectors and contactors with spring-type terminals			**Spring-type terminals**		
	S00	S00	Rated current 16 A, 45 mm wide, 260 mm long	**8US12 51-5DT11**	1 unit	0.183
	S0	S0	Rated current 32 A, 45 mm wide, 260 mm long	**8US12 51-5NT11**	1 unit	0.183
Device holders for lateral mounting onto busbar adapters for 60 mm system						
 8US12 50-5AS10  8US12 50-5AT10	S00, S0	S00, S0	Up to 25 A, 45 mm wide, 200 mm long	**8US12 50-5AS10**	1 unit	0.183
	S0	S0	Up to 40 A, 45 mm wide, 260 mm long	**8US12 50-5AT10**	1 unit	0.183
	S2	S2	Up to 65A, 118mm wide, 260mm long (includes 8US1261-6MT10 adapter)	**8US12 11-6MT10**	1 unit	0.873
Side modules for widening busbar adapters						
	--	--	Including connecting wedges, for widening busbar adapters or device holders, 9 mm wide, 200 mm long	**8US19 98-2BJ10**	1 unit	0.023
Spacers for fixing the motor starter onto the busbar adapter						
	--	S00, S0	(1 pack = 100 units)	**8US19 98-1BA10**	1 pack	0.183
Vibration and shock kits for high vibration and shock loads						
	--	S00, S0		**8US19 98-1CA10**	1 unit	0.183
RS assembly kits for reversing duty for 60 mm busbar systems						
 3RA29 23-1DB1 only Busbar adapter pictured	**RS assembly kits for screw terminals**			**Screw terminals**		
	S00, S0 S0 S00 S2	S00 S0 S0 S2	Comprising: • Wiring kits • Busbar adapters • Device holders • 2 connecting wedges • Side modules Link modules must be ordered separately.	**3RA29 13-1DB1** **3RA29 23-1DB1** **3RA29 23-1EB1** **3RA29 33-1DB1**	1 unit 1 unit 1 unit 1 unit	0.001 0.001 0.001 1.235
 3RA29 23-1DB2 only Busbar adapter pictured	**RS assembly kits for spring-type terminals**			**Spring-type terminals**		
	S00 S0	S00 S0	Comprising: • Wiring kits • Busbar adapters • Device holders • 2 connecting wedges • Spacers • Side modules Link modules must be ordered separately.	**3RA29 13-1DB2** **3RA29 23-1DB2**	1 unit 1 unit	0.001 0.001