SINAMICS Startdrive

Intuitive drive engineering and perfect interaction with SIMATIC in the Totally Integrated Automation Portal
Your gateway to automation in the Digital Enterprise
The Totally Integrated Automation Portal (TIA Portal) allows you to completely access all of the digitalized automation—extending from digital planning through integrated engineering up to transparent operation. The new version shortens your time-to-market, for example using simulation tools, increases the productivity of your plants and systems through additional diagnostic and energy management functions—and offers you a higher degree of flexibility through connection to the management level. System integrators, machine builders, as well as companies operating plants benefit from these new possibilities. Summarizing, the TIA Portal provides the perfect access to automation in the Digital Enterprise. In addition to PLM and MES, within the scope of the Digital Enterprise Software Suite, it rounds off the holistic and seamlessly integrated portfolio of Siemens for companies en route to Industrie 4.0.

**Digital Workflow with the TIA Portal**—you work openly, virtually and networked with:
- Flexible cloud solutions
- Virtual commissioning with digital twins
- Open interfaces for higher connectivity

**Integrated Engineering with the TIA Portal**—shorten your time-to-market, for example through:
- Coordinated collaboration in interdisciplinary teams
- Automatic generation of automation solutions instead of manual programming

**Transparent Operation with the TIA Portal**—boost your productivity, for example through:
- Higher availability of production plants and machines
- Energy management: Energy transparency for energy-saving according to ISO 50001

**Drive Engineering with SINAMICS Startdrive**
The TIA Portal includes SINAMICS Startdrive to intuitively integrate SINAMICS drives into the automation landscape. The same operating concept, elimination of interfaces and a high level of user-friendliness make it possible to quickly integrate SINAMICS drives into the automation environment and commission them using the TIA Portal.

Applications involving pumps, fans and compressors can be implemented efficiently and intuitively, for example HVAC systems along with water and wastewater plants. Using integrated motion functions, the motion control can be completely integrated and implemented in a time-saving fashion—for example for elevators, cranes, conveyor belts and storage systems, as well as handling systems. Because you always work with the TIA Portal, it’s not important whether these motion functions are achieved in the control system or in the drive.
Effectiveness through user-friendliness

An integrated and seamless engineering platform for automation and drive technology

With the integration of SINAMICS Startdrive, the outstanding user-friendliness of the TIA Portal is now available for drive technology. As a result, a high degree of functionality with simple operability is achieved.

- The same user navigation for control system, HMI and drive technology increases the engineering productivity and reduces the potential for making mistakes.
- A common hardware configuration for all components of the application facilitates that the drive automatically goes online, even beyond network boundaries (routing/remote maintenance). This significantly simplifies commissioning.
- Common data management for the control system and converter in one tool automatically guarantees consistency — the bus address and message frame types, for example. As a result, commissioning times and potential errors are significantly reduced.
- A common library concept guarantees the simple reusability of the drive, including the parameters and hardware components.
- The effective and intuitive communication connection between the drive and the control using drag-and-drop considerably simplifies configuration.
- Useful functions such as undo/redo or copy/paste, known from the Windows environment, facilitate an intuitive workstyle, and allow drive configurations to be simply copied.

High degree of user-friendliness of SINAMICS Startdrive

- Users can optimally parameterize their drives supported by user-friendly wizards and screen forms.
- Based upon a transparent parameter list, experienced users can work quickly and efficiently.
- The various steps when engineering a drive are intuitively structured according to the particular task and promote a structured workflow.
- Additional user-friendly functions — for example, toggling between SI/US units for the converters — simplify engineering.
- Intuitive parameterization of the safety functions integrated in the drive using graphical screen forms.
- Simple configuration of the matching SIMOTICS motors.

Expertise once gained — for example, how to configure a control system — can be applied quickly and easily when configuring the drive. This reduces training and engineering costs significantly.
Perfect interaction between the drive and the control

Automation and drive technology in one environment
- All of the data required for the drive and the control are saved in a common data management system. This avoids conflicts between versions—and significantly simplifies service.
- Consistency of bus address and message frame types facilitate automatic communication between the drive and the control, therefore eliminating dual entries. As a result, complex and time-consuming programming of bus communication is a thing of the past.
- Safety technology is fully integrated without requiring any additional tools—including PROFIsafe—and is standard for the drive and the control.

Integrated motion control technology objects for synchronous, position-controlled and variable-speed axes
Technology objects facilitate a very simple view of technology functions—and are generated, configured and parameterized using user-friendly input screens. Technology objects handle the motion control, closed-loop control and diagnostics of the axes. When creating the technology objects, users are guided through the parameterization of the open-loop control and the drive.
- Central motion control for several axes
- Automatic alignment of technological variables between the drive and the control
- User-friendly axis diagnostics, powerful trace functionality
- Intuitive configuration and programming of applications
- Shorter engineering, commissioning and service times

Motion control was never as simple as this!
Faster engineering and shorter downtimes using automatic system diagnostics and trace functionality

Increased productivity based upon automatic system diagnostics for the drive

Drive status alarms and faults are directly routed to the control using automatic system diagnostics.

- System diagnostics for the drives are automatically available without users having to take any action.
- All drive messages are visible on the SIMATIC HMI operator panel, in the web server of the SIMATIC control and in the TIA Portal. As a result, faults in the plant or system are quickly localized from anywhere—simply and without any high associated costs, therefore minimizing downtimes.
- Active faults and alarms are displayed in clear text—which makes them easy to understand without requiring any additional programming.
- With the integration of SINAMICS Startdrive, system diagnostics for the drive are part of the TIA Portal, and are available without additional tools or resources.

Trace

With SINAMICS Startdrive, a trace function is directly integrated in the drive for precise diagnostics. The trace function allows every individual drive parameter to be precisely monitored and traced—just the same as you would use an oscilloscope, however far more conveniently and efficiently.

- Productivity can be increased by recording and optimizing motion sequences
- When commissioning, the drive can be optimized using traces, which in turn means that mechanical stress on the machine can be minimized
- For diagnostics in the case of faults, individual parameters can be recorded. This allows fast and easy troubleshooting and downtimes can be reduced
- The trace is initiated using freely definable events (trigger events), with the possibility of recording the trace before the event (pre-trigger).

However, the best is yet to come: Drives and controls are handled using the same tool, which means that you can use the same interface and operating philosophy. It doesn’t make any difference whether you wish to monitor parameters in the drive or variables in the control. This allows you to save valuable time.
There’s more to it.
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Everything about our drive family can be found online.
SINAMICS — one family, one source, all applications