FB-70 SERIES

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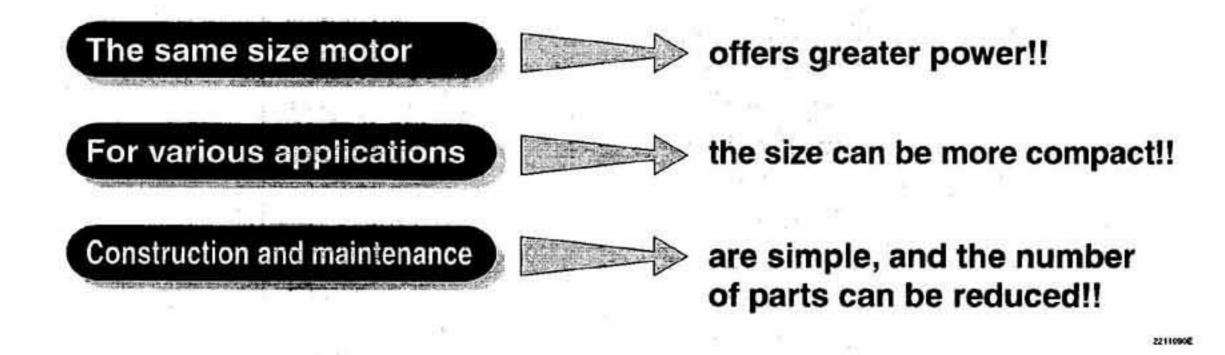
Overview of SICOS-AC (AC control)

1-1. Why change to AC now?

With the spectacular trend in the improvement of electrical technology beginning in the early 1970's, there were advances in new element discoveries and development, especially for controls. In the 1980's, the automation of factories advanced with the rationalization of plants with systems for mass production. Many AC systems became available for this equipment, and at the same time the change to AC power began to spread throughout mass-production industries.

The feature of AC power is that, for motors that require power, greater output can be acquired from devices of the same size. Or, putting it another way, you can get the same amount of power from a smaller device, which will result in compact equipment. Also, the range of controls that can be operated as you like is larger, the performance feeling is improved, and costs can be reduced. The primary reasons for the delay in the application of AC power to forklifts in industrial circles are the formerly high prices of elements for converting DC to AC for the low voltages used in forklifts, and the large energy loss in the conversion of a limited amount of electrical energy, as in batteries, for complex controls. However, the recent use of new elements that have the heavy insulation, high capacity, and high-speed switching of IGBT (Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistors) have allowed the conversion to AC power.

This has made possible a wide range of controls that were difficult to achieve with conventional DC systems, resulting in expectations for improvements in performance feeling in forklift operations. There are the benefits of the conversion to AC power.



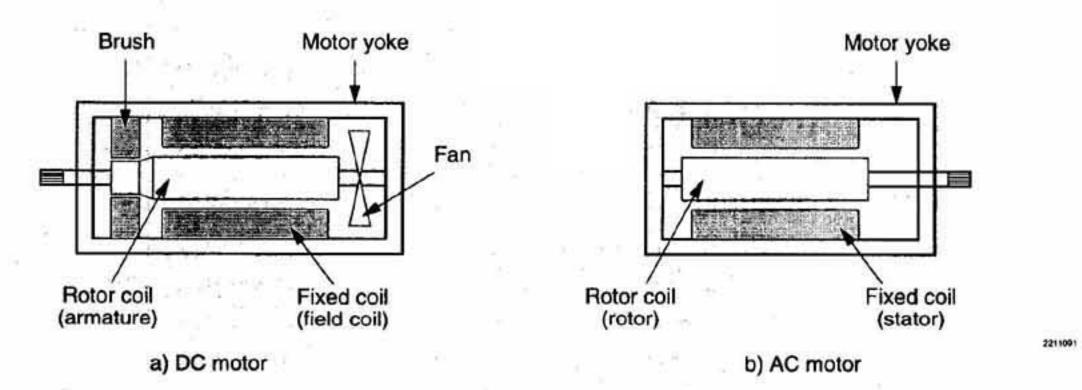


Figure 1 Comparison of DC and AC Motors

Compared to DC motors, AC motors

- have no brushes, and motor construction is simpler.
- can have smaller motor yokes since there are no brushes, resulting in a more compact design.

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1-2. Features of SICOS-AC

Enhanced regenerative functions on slopes

The SICOS-AC has the traditional speed-holding regenerative functions for descending slopes, but in addition it is designed so that regenerative functions are activated simply by release of the accelerator, whether or not the slow speed mode switch (turtle switch) has been pressed. This enables descent down slopes at constant speed.

Slow speed mode switch

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Enhanced acceleration force / braking force (regenerative / plugging brake)

Use of AC control gives acceleration force that is appreciably stronger than in conventional vehicles. And in the SICOS-AC, not only is basic braking performance enhanced, but the regenerative brake is activated simultaneously with release of the accelerator pedal -- unlike in conventional vehicles where the regenerative brake is activated after the brake pedal is depressed. This provides smoother braking.

Simple motor maintenance

Motor does not use brushes, so there are no brush wear problems. And the absence of brush holders and brush springs makes for simpler maintenance.

Fewer contactors

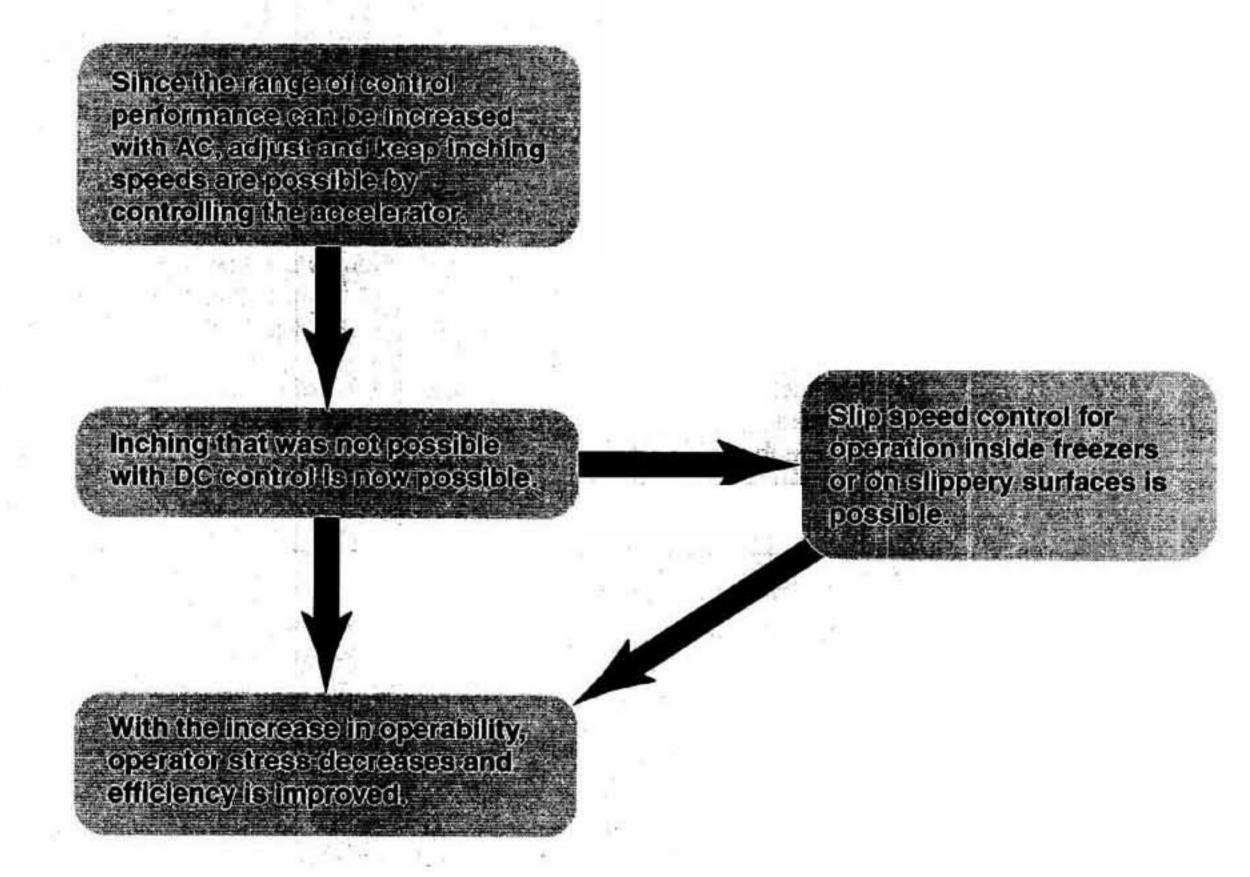
Use of 3-phase inverter control renders contactors for travel (forward/backward/bypass) unnecessary. The only one contactor is used for emergency sake in the control circuits.

Contactor actuation noise eliminated

Because of no contactors for travel and hydraulic circuits, the actuation noise is also eliminated.

1-3. Comparison of DC and AC

Method Performance	DC (Direct Current)	Operated with an inverter (IGBT device). (Very little sound since a contactor is not used.) Controls are more complicated. The control range is larger, and the performance feeling is increased with a few hundred levels (more than 30 times DC).		
Forward and Backward Controls and Operability	 A contactor is used to switch between forward and backward. (There is a switching sound.) Controls are relatively simple. The control range is limited to a few dozen levels. 			
	A few dozen levels Accelerator open	A few hundred levels (nearly a straight line without levels) Accelerator open		





IGBT device

Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistor (IGBT) is the device that have the high voltage insulation and high capacity of bipolar transistors and the high-speed switching of Field Effect Transistors (FET). This low-loss device is compact and highly reliable. Nichiyu uses it and has had good results with all models of the A-SICOS since the FBR-60 series.

Method Performance	DC (Direct Current)	AC (Alternating Current)		
	There are several dozen control levels, and the inching speed control is relatively rough.	There are several hundred control levels (30 times those for DC control), and the inching speed control is high-performance to allow for very slow travel speed and a good feeling. Inching speed control Slow speed control Pallet		
Acceleration		1. Insert the fork into the pallet. 2. Operate at 3 - 0 km/h. (approach) 3. No chopper sound during start or travel, and low amount of noise. 4. Outstanding inching performance has been achieved. Its resolution is approximately 30 times of current forklifts.		
	 Acceleration is controlled by microcomputer, but somewhat rough. Little acceleration during high-speed travel 	Acceleration is possible even in high-speed travel areas.		

Method Performance	DC (Direct Current)	AC (Alternating Current)	
	 13.0/15.0km/h (loaded/unloaded) for both the 1.5 ton and 2.0 ton models of 65 series 	 Improved travel speed of 14.0/16.0km/h (loaded/unloaded) for both the 1.5 ton and 2.0 ton models of 70 series. 	
Travel speed	Low speed setting ● 65 series has 8 levels from 5 to 12km/h. Settings below 5km/h are not possible.	● 70 series has 5 levels from 2 to 6km/h, and 3 levels of 8, 10, and 12km/h, for a total of 8 levels. Feature: Settings below 5km/h are possible for operators who want to keep low-speed travel.	
Gradeability	 The accelerator pedal should be depressed fully when climbing a grade. When climbing, speed adjustments with the accelerator are difficult. Inching is impossible when climbing. 	 Speed adjustments can be made easily with the accelerator, even when climbing. Inching is possible while climbing. 	

Method Performance	DC (I	Direct Current)	AC (Alte	AC (Alternating Current)	
Descending and Regenerative Breaking	When descending, travel speed is regenerated by activating the slow speed mode switch (turtle switch). The regenerative force increases in the high speed range, and decreases by lowering the speed. (Regeneration is not possible at speeds of 3km/h or lower.) Descending speed is the preset speed plus 1km/h.		(turtle switch turn on while descending accelerator 1km/h is may the descent Feature: This avail forkl Regenerative I Descending	the descent. Feature: This function is not available on competitor's forklifts or engine forklifts. Regenerative Breaking when Descending Speed is set at the beginning of Release accelerator	
	Bert Iv	Regeneration Fund	tion when Desc	ending	
		65 series	70 series	Toyota 7FB	
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	Setting	set speed plus	Descent Is at the speed when the accelerator is leased plus 1 km/h.	Not available	
Starting on a slope / Creeping back	When stopping mid-grade with a normal load, creeping back will occur when starting again. After stopping mid-grade, the parking brake must be aligned when starting again. When stopping mid-grade, releasing the accelerator and brake pedals will cause the forklift to descend and accelerate dangerously. A chopper sound is emitted when starting mid-grade.		descend at a safe speed of 1km/h. No chopper sound is emitted.		
				Stop Stop	