

## Safety Messages

For the best results with the L100 Series inverter, carefully read this manual and all of the warning labels attached to the inverter before installing and operating it, and follow the instructions exactly. Keep this manual handy for quick reference.

### Definitions and Symbols

A safety instruction (message) includes a hazard alert symbol and a signal word, WARNING or CAUTION. Each signal word has the following meaning:



**HIGH VOLTAGE:** This symbol indicates high voltage. It calls your attention to items or operations that could be dangerous to you and other persons operation this equipment. Read the message and follow the instructions carefully.



This symbol is the “Safety Alert Symbol.” It occurs with either of two signal words: CAUTION or WARNING, as described below.



**WARNING:** Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, can result in serious injury or death.



**CAUTION:** Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, can result in minor to moderate injury, or serious damage to the product. The situation described in the **CAUTION** may, if not avoided, lead to serious results. Important safety measures are described in **CAUTION** (as well as **WARNING**), so be sure to observe them.



**Step 1:** Indicates a step in a series of action steps to accomplish a goal.



**NOTE:** Notes indicate an area or subject of special merit, emphasizing either the product’s capabilities or common errors in operation or maintenance.



**TIP:** Tips give a special instruction that can save time or provide other benefits while installing or using the product. The tip calls attention to an idea that may not be obvious to first-time users of the product.

## Hazardous High Voltage



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**HIGH VOLTAGE:** Motor control equipment and electronic controllers are connected to hazardous line voltages. When servicing drives and electronic controllers, there may be exposed components with housings or protrusions at or above line potential. Extreme care should be taken to protect against shock.

Stand on an insulating pad and make it a habit to use only one hand when checking components. Always work with another person in case an emergency occurs. Disconnect power before checking controllers or performing maintenance. Be sure equipment is properly grounded. Wear safety glasses whenever working on electronic controllers or rotating machinery.

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## General Precautions - Read These First!



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**WARNING:** This equipment should be installed, adjusted, and serviced by qualified electrical maintenance personnel familiar with the construction and operation of the equipment and the hazards involved. Failure to observe this precaution could result in bodily injury.

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**WARNING:** The user is responsible for ensuring that all driven machinery, drive train mechanism not supplied by Hitachi, Ltd., and process line material are capable of safe operation at an applied frequency of 150% of the maximum selected frequency range to the AC motor. Failure to do so can result in destruction of equipment and injury to personnel should a single-point failure occur.

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**WARNING:** For equipment protection, install a ground leakage type breaker with a fast response circuit capable of handling large currents. The ground fault protection circuit is not designed to protect against personal injury.

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**HIGH VOLTAGE: HAZARD OF ELECTRICAL SHOCK. DISCONNECT INCOMING POWER BEFORE WORKING ON THIS CONTROL.**

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**WARNING:** Wait at least five (5) minutes after turning off the input power supply before performing maintenance or an inspection. Otherwise, there is the danger of electric shock.

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**CAUTION:** These instructions should be read and clearly understood before working on L100 series equipment.

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**CAUTION:** Proper grounds, disconnecting devices and other safety devices and their location are the responsibility of the user and are not provided by Hitachi, Ltd.

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**CAUTION:** Be sure to connect a motor thermal cutoff switch or overload device to the L100 series controller to assure that the inverter will shut down in the event of an overload or an overheated motor.

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**HIGH VOLTAGE:** Dangerous voltage exists until power light is off. Wait at least 5 minutes after input power is disconnected before performing maintenance.

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**WARNING:** This equipment has high leakage current and must be permanently (fixed) hard-wired to earth via two independent cables.

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**WARNING:** Rotating shafts and above-ground electrical potentials can be hazardous. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that all electrical work conform to the National Electrical Codes and local regulations. Installation, alignment and maintenance should

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be performed only by qualified personnel.  
Factory-recommended test procedures included in the instruction manual should be followed. Always disconnect electrical power before working on the unit.

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**CAUTION:**

- a) Class I motor must be connected to protective earth via low resistive path (< 0.1 ohm)
  - b) Any motor used must be of a suitable rating.
  - c) Motors may have hazardous moving parts. In this event suitable protection must be provided.
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**CAUTION:** Alarm connection may contain hazardous live voltage even when inverter is disconnected. When removing the front cover for maintenance or inspection, confirm that incoming power for alarm connection is completely disconnected.

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**CAUTION:** Hazardous (main) terminals for any interconnection (motor, contact breaker, filter, etc.) must be inaccessible in the final installation.

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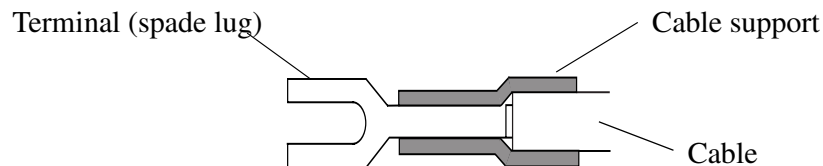


**CAUTION:** This equipment should be installed in IP54 or equivalent (see EN60529) enclosure. The end application must be in accordance with BS EN60204-1. Refer to the section on inverter mounting, starting on page 2–6. The diagram dimensions are to be suitably amended for your application.

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**CAUTION:** Connection to field wiring terminals must be reliably fixed having two independent means of mechanical support. Using a termination with cable support (figure below), or strain relief, cable clamp, etc.



**CAUTION:** A double-pole disconnection device must be fitted to the incoming mains supply close to the inverter. Additionally, a protection device meeting IEC947-1/IEC947-3 must be fitted at this point (protection device data shown in page 2–13).

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**NOTE:** The above instructions, together with any other requirements are highlighted in this manual, and must be followed for continued LVD (European Low Voltage Directive) compliance.

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## Precautions for EMC (Electromagnetic Compatibility)

You are required to satisfy the EMC directive (89/336/EEC) when using an L100 inverter in a European country. To satisfy the EMC directive and to comply with standard, follow the checklist below.



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**WARNING:** This equipment should be installed, adjusted, and serviced by qualified personal familiar with construction and operation of the equipment and the hazards involved. Failure to observe this precaution could result in bodily injury.

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1. The power supply to L100 inverter must meet these specifications:
  - a. Voltage fluctuation +/- 10% or less
  - b. Voltage imbalance +/- 3% or less
  - c. Frequency variation +/- 4% or less
  - d. Voltage distortion THD = 10% or less
2. Installation measure:
  - a. Use a filter designed for L100 inverter
3. Wiring:
  - a. Shielded wire (screened cable) is required for motor wiring, and the length must be less than 50 meters.
  - b. The carrier frequency setting must be less than 5 kHz to satisfy EMC requirements.
  - c. Separate the main circuit from the signal/process circuit wiring.
4. Environmental conditions - when using a filter, follow these guidelines:
  - a. Ambient temperature: -10 to 40 °C
  - b. Humidity: 20 to 90% RH (non-condensing)
  - c. Vibration: 5.9 m/sec<sup>2</sup> (0.6 G) 10 ~ 55Hz
  - d. Location: 1000 meters or less altitude, indoors (no corrosive gas or dust)







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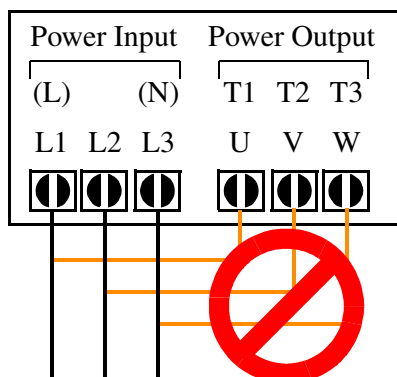
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### Wiring - Cautions for Electrical Practices

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**NOTE:**













L, N: Single-phase 200 to 240V 50/60 Hz  
L1, L2, L3: Three-phase 200 to 240V 50/60 Hz  
Three-phase 380 to 460V 50/60 Hz

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## Warnings for Operations and Monitoring

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-  **WARNING:** After the Reset command is given and the alarm reset occurs, the motor will restart suddenly if the Run command is already active. Be sure to set the alarm reset after verifying that the Run command is off to prevent injury to personnel. .... 4-16

## Cautions for Operations and Monitoring

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## Warnings and Cautions for Troubleshooting and Maintenance

-  **WARNING:** Wait at least five (5) minutes after turning off the input power supply before performing maintenance or an inspection. Otherwise, there is the danger of electric shock. .... 6-2
-  **WARNING:** Make sure that only qualified personnel will perform maintenance, inspection, and part replacement. (Before starting to work, remove any metallic objects from your person (wristwatch, bracelet, etc.). Be sure to use tools with insulated handles. Otherwise, there is a danger of electric shock and/or injury to personnel. .... 6-2
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-  **CAUTION:** Never test the withstand voltage (HIPOT) on the inverter. The inverter has a surge protector between the main circuit terminals above and the chassis ground. .... 6-12



**HIGH VOLTAGE:** Be careful not to touch wiring or connector terminals when working with the inverters and taking measurements. Be sure to place the measurement circuitry above in an insulated housing before using them.

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## General Warnings and Cautions



**WARNING:** Never modify the unit. Otherwise, there is a danger of electric shock and/or injury.



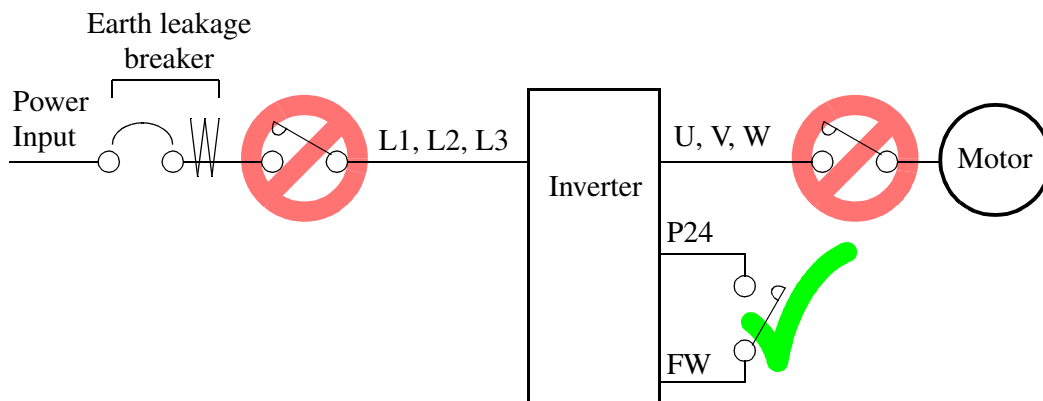
**CAUTION:** Withstand voltage tests and insulation resistance tests (HIPOT) are executed before the units are shipped, so there is no need to conduct these tests before operation.



**CAUTION:** Do not attach or remove wiring or connectors when power is applied. Also, do not check signals during operation.



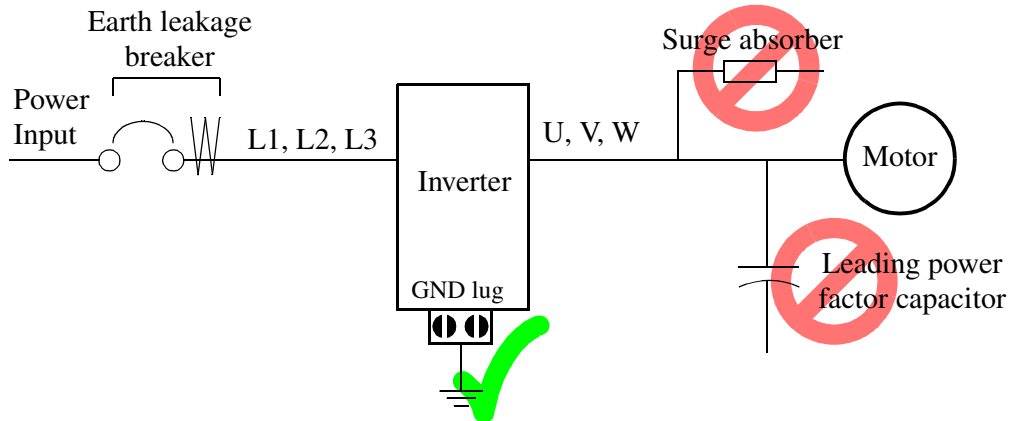
**CAUTION:** Do not stop operation by switching off electromagnetic contactors on the primary or secondary sides of the inverter.



When there has been a sudden power failure while an operation instruction is active, then the unit may restart operation automatically after the power failure has ended. If there is a possibility that such an occurrence may harm humans, then install an electromagnetic contactor (Mgo) on the power supply side, so that the circuit does not allow automatic restarting after the power supply recovers. If the optional remote operator is used and the retry function has been selected, this will also cause automatic restarting when an operation instruction is active. So, please be careful.



**CAUTION:** Do not insert leading power factor capacitors or surge absorbers between the output terminals of the inverter and motor.



**CAUTION:** Be sure to connect the grounding terminal to earth ground.



**CAUTION:** When inspecting the unit, be sure to wait five minutes after tuning off the power supply before opening the cover.



**CAUTION: MOTOR TERMINAL SURGE VOLTAGE SUPPRESSION FILTER (For the 400 V CLASS)**

In a system using an inverter with the voltage control PWM system, a voltage surge caused by the cable constants such as the cable length (especially when the distance between the motor and inverter is 10 m or more) and cabling method may occur at the motor terminals. A dedicated filter of the 400 V class for suppressing this voltage surge is available. Be sure to install a filter in this situation.



**CAUTION: SUPPRESSION FOR NOISE INTERFERENCE FROM INVERTER**

The inverter uses many semiconductor switching elements such as transistors and IGBTs. Thus, a radio receiver or measuring instrument located near the inverter is susceptible to noise interference.

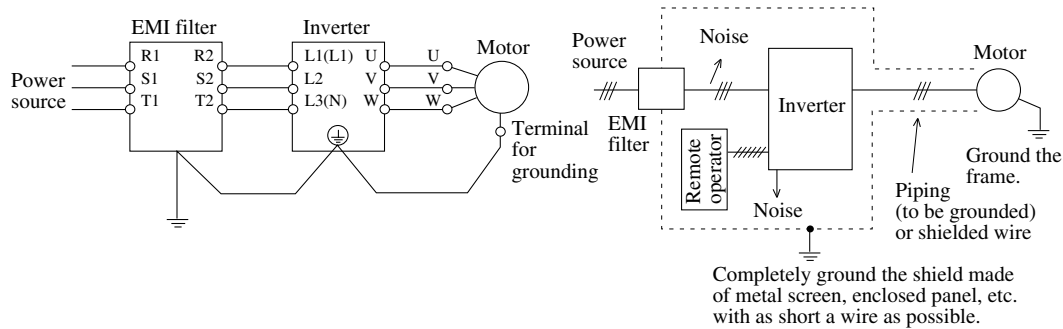
To protect the instruments from erroneous operation due to noise interference, they should be used well away from the inverter. It is also effective to shield the whole inverter structure.

The addition of an EMI filter on the input side of the inverter also reduces the effect of noise from the commercial power line on external devices.

Note that the external dispersion of noise from the power line can be minimized by connecting an EMI filter on the primary side of inverter.



### CAUTION: EFFECTS OF DISTRIBUTOR LINES ON INVERTERS



In the cases below involving a general-purpose inverter, a large peak current flows on the power supply side, sometimes destroying the converter module. Where such situations are foreseen, or the paired equipment must be highly reliable, install an AC reactor between the power supply and the inverter.

1. The unbalance factor of the power supply is 3% or higher.
2. The power supply capacity is at least 10 times greater than the inverter capacity (and the power supply capacity, 500 kVA or more).
3. Abrupt power supply changes are expected.

Some examples include:

- a. Several inverters are interconnected with a short bus.
- b. A thyristor converter and an inverter are interconnected with a short bus.
- c. An installed phase advance capacitor opens and closes.

In cases (1), (2), and (3) we recommend installing an AC reactor of 3% (at a voltage drop at rated current) with respect to the supply voltage on the power supply side.



**CAUTION:** When the EEPROM error E8 occurs, be sure to confirm the setting value again.

**CAUTION:** When setting b contact to the forward or reverse command [FW], [RV] terminal, the inverter starts automatically. Do not set to b contact without a purpose.

### General Caution



**CAUTION:** In all the illustrations in this manual, covers and safety devices are occasionally removed to describe the details. While operating the product, make sure that the covers and safety devices are placed as they were specified originally and operate it according to the instruction manual.