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PM100 Series AC Motor Drive User's Manual

Everything you need to know to install, set up, and calibrate the PM100 family of AC drives on asynchronous and PM synchronous motors in your Electric or Hybrid vehicle

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1 Safety First:

When you see this sign, PAY ATTENTION! This indicates that something important is about to be said, that concerns your safety and the proper operation of the equipment.

When you see this sign, you are being alerted to an IMMEDIATE DANGER that could cause severe injury or even death. You MUST review these sections carefully an do everything possible to comply with installation and operation requirements, or you risk injury or death to yourself or anyone else who uses the equipment or the vehicle. Failure to comply with safety requirements will void all warranties and could expose you as the installer to liability in the event of an injury. Use the equipment in the manner in which it was intended.

When you see this sign, you are being advised that the issue under discussion has a serious safety or equipment reliability implication. Use caution and be conservative. Use equipment in the manner described in this User's Manual.

Safety is entirely the responsibility of the installer of this equipment. RMS has done everything it can to ensure that the traction controller itself conforms to international standards for safety, including electrical safety spacings on printed circuit boards and in connectors and wiring harnesses, and for electromagnetic compatibility with other systems on a typical vehicle. This does NOT mean that your installation will be safe, or that it will not interfere with other systems on board your vehicle. It is your responsibility as the installer to review this entire User's Manual, to understand the implications of each and every section, and to know what might be unique about your system application that presents a unique hazard or potential safety issue – and to solve it.

RMS is committed to helping you solve these problems, but cannot take responsibility for the application of this traction controller. We can only promise to meet the specifications for this product and that it meets international safety standards when used in accordance with the instructions in this Manual.

2 Functional Overview:

The PM100 is intended as a traction controller for EV and HEV drive systems, and includes both the motor control function and a rudimentary vehicle controller strategy in the same box. The motor control is a torque commanded, Direct Field Oriented Vector motor control technology that has been used on AC Induction and PM Synchronous motors in many applications. The use of Direct Field Orientation, measuring and regulating the machine flux with the use of an observer, allows the control to track actual torque production in real time, including the effects of transients and disturbances that an Indirect Field Oriented controller cannot handle.

The motor control subsystem firmware is mated to a vehicle controller firmware implemented in the DSP controller. This vehicle controller subsystem handles the driver interface (accel and decel / brake pedal inputs, Fwd/Rev controls, etc) and the vehicle interface (power sequencing, built in test, fault handling and safety issues). It is essentially a state machine in front of the motor controller firmware with a defined interface between the two software processes.

By default, out of the box the standard PM100 is set up in Torque Control Mode, with default motor parameters loaded. The parameters must be changed to match the load motor and operating characteristics before running for the first time. These parameters personalize the drive to the motor and the vehicle.

3 Installing the PM100:

The PM100 controller has 4 mounting locations, one at each corner. Mounting orientation is not critical. The controller should be mounted in a location that is not exposed to direct spray from water. Each mounting hole is sized to handle up to a M10 socket head cap screw.

Liquid Cooling Connections:

The controller must be cooled by passing liquid through it. The controller includes two ports to be used for liquid cooling. Each port is designed to accommodate a 3/8 inch NPT fitting. While it generally isn't critical, it is preferred that the rearmost plenum (the ports furthest from the 3 AC output terminals) be the fluid inlet, as this keeps the coolest fluid near the DC Link capacitor assembly. See table below for coolant specifications:

3.1 External Signal Connectors:

Two sealed automotive connectors are provided to connect to the internal I/O resources. J1 and J2 are standard AMPSEAL connectors by AMP/Tyco:

3.1.1 J1 – 35p AMPSEAL Plug 776164-1 with crimp contact 770854-1

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 (1) – Switch to GND; (2) – Switch to Battery

3.1.2 J2 – 23p AMPSEAL Plug 7706802-1 with crimp contact 770854-1

3.2 External Power Connections:

3.2.1 DC+ / DC-:

DC/Battery power is provided to the controller via two wire ports located at the rear of the

controller. The DC power must be run through an external pre-charge circuit to safely charge the capacitors inside the controller before the main contactor engages (refer to application schematic). The main contactor provides a safety disconnect of the DC power in case of a fault condition. Make sure that the wire to the drive is sized properly to handle the current. The recommended wire size is 2 AWG.

Wiring Procedure:

Remove the plugs in the cover using a 12mm Allen wrench. The plugs have an O-ring seal on them.

Two screw heads will now be visible. Use a 5mm Allen wrench to loosen these screws till the wire opening is at its maximum opening. Do not back both screws out all the way – they must remain threaded in the bottom half of the clam-shell terminal. It may be necessary to push down on the screws to make sure that the lower part of the terminal is moving all the way down.

Install the threaded portion of the cable gland on to the controller. Slide the remaining portion of the cable gland on to the wire.

Strip the wire insulation back 15mm (.625 in).

Slide the wire into the opening through the cable gland. The wire insulation should be visible through the view port hole from the top of the unit. Make sure that the wire is inserted until the insulation completely fills this viewing hole.

Tighten the two screws using the 5mm Allen wrench. It may be necessary to alternate back and forth between the screws to get the pieces to properly tighten.

Give it a test pull – make wire that the wire is indeed fully captured, and examine the installation. The cable insulation should be flush with the insulated wiring port, which is visible from the top.

Slide the cable gland sealing parts into the threaded portion of the cable gland. Tighten. Reinstall the plug into the cover using the 12mm Allen wrench.

3.2.2 Phase A / Phase B / Phase C:

Phase A, Phase B, and Phase C are wired to the motor. It is important the 3 wires be wired to the motor such that they give the proper directi on of rotation. The motor wires are the most likely to generate EMI and they also carry a higher average curren than the DC power wires. When

installed in the vehicle these wires should be kept as short as possible. It is also desirable to shield the three wires. This can be done by adding a copper braid over the wires, or using wire that includes a shield. Special cable glands are available that are metallic that can be used with braided wire. Follow the instructions above for installing the wires into the controller.

3.3.3 Pre-Charge Circuit:

An external pre-charge circuit must be used with the controller. The circuit limits peak inrush current into the controller when the main contactor is engaged. The pre-charge circuit adds a resistor, relay, and fuse in parallel with the main contactor. When the controller is powered on the controller will first engage the pre-charge relay to charge the capacitors internal to the controller. If the capacitors charge properly then the main contactor will engage.

The pre-charge resistor should be sized to rapidly charge the capacitor, but not dissipate too much power in a fault condition. The pre-charge resistor should be sized so that if the controller had a short on its input the pre-charge resistor would not fail.

The pre-charge circuit should be fused with a small fuse appropriate to the wire used. Since the pre-charge current is generally very low, approximately 0.5 amps in the example below, small wire can be used (recommend 18 AWG). A 5 amp fuse would be appropriate for this wire.

Sizing Example:

A typical application could have a maximum DC bus voltage of 320 volts. If a 600 ohm resistor were chosen this would result in a power dissipation of 171 watts. This is within the short term rating of a 50 watt wire-wound resistor. The internal capacitance of the controller is approximately 500uF. It takes approximately 3 time constants before the controller will close the main contactor, thus in this example it will take 0.9 seconds for the pre-charge to complete.

RMS can provide these parts if needed. Reference the following:

- Pre-charge Relay (30A, 12V COIL): RMS p/n 77-0026
- Pre-charge Resistor (600 ohm 50W): RMS p/n 53-0006
- Pre-charge Fuse (5A 500V): RMS p/n 59-0008

3.3.4 Main Contactor:

The main contactor is the switching element between the DC high-voltage power source (typically a battery) and the controller. The main contactor must be sized to handle the operating currents of the controller. In addition the main contactor must be able to open under a fault condition. Generally only one contactor is needed, the application schematic shows the main contactor in series with the positive path from the battery to the

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controller. RMS has successfully used the following: Tyco/Kilovac p/n EV200AAANA. This contactor is available from RMS, contact us for more information (RMS p/n 77-0025). The contactor must be rated to handle DC voltage, AC only rated contactors and relays must not be used. DC rated contactors may be polarity sensitive. That is the normal operating current should flow in a particular direction. Refer to the contactor data sheet for more information.

3.3.5 Main Fuse:

The DC Power input to the controller must be fused. The fuse must be rated for the voltage of the battery as well as rated to open under the short circuit current that the battery can produce. Generally, this fuse (or equivalent fusible link) may be a part of the battery pack, but if the pack protection is not present or adequate, this fuse is required to prevent a potential battery pack fire. The fuse should be rated to handle the maximum DC input current of the controller. A semiconductor type fuse is recommended. Bussmann type FWP-400A is a suitable choice in many applications.

3.3.6 12V Power:

The PM100 requires a source of 12V power to operate. Normally this power will be on a switched circuit:

When the vehicle is turned OFF - the 12V power is removed from the controller by a switch.

This switched 12V power is connected to the BATT+ terminals of J2 (pins 8 and 23). The ground return for 12V power is connected to the GND terminals of J2 (pins 6 and 14). For normal applications only one pin is necessary. If necessary the 2^{nd} set of pins can be used for applications that push higher 12V or GND currents through the controller.

Quiescent currents:

These currents do not include any high-side or low-side drivers:

- Any hi-side driver output currents, including the main and pre-charge contactor relay drive currents, will come through the BATT+ pins and will add to the above currents.
- Any low-side driver output currents, including indicator lamp current, will come through the GND pins, and should be considered in sizing this connection.

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3.3 Typical Application Wiring Diagram:

PM100 AC MOTOR CONTROLLER BASIC VEHICLE APPLICATION SCHEMATIC AC Induction Motor Application Example

using Incremental Encoder for motion feedback

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4 CAN Interface:

PMxxx controller has two interfaces CAN A and CAN B. Currently, only CAN A is active. CAN B is reserved for future use. The CAN protocol conforms to CAN 2.0 A using 11-bit identifiers. The default bus speed is 250kbps and every message has a data length code (DLC) of 8 bytes.

The CAN interface has multiple purposes:

- Provides direct control of the motor
- Provides diagnostic and monitoring capabilities
- Provides user-adjustable configuration

The user can change the following configuration parameters through GUI interface:

- Inverter Command Mode: Setting this parameter to 1 allows the CAN mode to become active.
- CAN Bus Speed: Allowed speeds are 125 Kbps, 250 Kbps, 500 Kbps, or 1 Mbps. Enter 125, 250, 500, or 1000 to program the configuration parameter.
- CAN Terminator Resistor: The resistor can be applied or opened.
- CAN Identifier Offset: The default identifier is 0x0A0. However, user can choose any address between 0 and 0x7C0.

5 RS-232 Serial Interface:

There is one RS-232 serial interface with EMI filtering. This port can be used to set up and tune the controller, and to download controller software updates from a PC. RMS offers a simple serial user monitor that runs on the PC to allow changing parameters.

The drive can also be placed in a data-logging mode, and used with a PC, Palm, or other serial device the unit broadcasts datasets at 3Hz of a number of parameters that allow performance and energy consumption data to be gathered in real time.

This capability is described later in the data-logging section.

6 Encoder Interface:

The induction motor control software currently mandates the use of a position encoder on the motor. The encoder provides information about motor speed that is used by the induction motor control software. The controller provides a 5V interface to power the external encoder and to receive, level translate, and filter the signals from A, B and INDEX channels. For induction motor applications the INDEX channel is not used, but it may be wired. The encoder is connected internally to the TI DSP QEP Module (Quadrature Encoder Peripheral), which has special hardware for wide dynamic range speed and angle calculation from the encoder data. The drive has internal pull-up resistors on these inputs, and works with encoders that have either bi-polar or open-collector outputs.

Schematic of Encoder Inputs

7 Resolver Interface:

Upon request, a resolver can be used in place of the incremental encoder to determine motor rotor position and velocity. This is usually a good idea with Permanent Magnet (PMSM) machines, or any machine with significant rotor saliencies. The resolver is excited by a precision sinusoid, and the sine and cosine winding outputs are filtered for noise and presented to the DSP to be digitized at 12b resolution. For more information, consult the factory.

8 Vehicle Interface Setup:

8.1 ANALOG INPUTS:

There are 4 analog inputs, intended for general analog signal sensing $(0 - 5V)$. There are 5 dedicated RTD sensor inputs (three 1,000 Ohm and two 100 Ohm calibrated RTD channels).

Schematic of Analog Inputs AIN1 - 4

The vehicle control system assigns the analog inputs as follows:

A 5V power supply (XDCR_PWR) is provided for powering sensors or potentiometers. This supply is available on several pins of J1 and J2 to ease connection. However, the total supply current available from this supply is limited to 80mA.

The analog signals should be referenced to one of the analog ground (AGND) pins available on J1. This will reduce noise. Analog ground should NOT be connected to GND or the vehicle chassis.

8.2 DIGITAL INPUTS:

There are 6 digital inputs for general interface to the vehicle and for feedback from external contactors and switchgear as required in the application. Two inputs are "Switch To Battery" (STB) inputs. These inputs are designed to be used in an application that switches the input to a positive battery potential. There are four inputs that are "Switch To Ground" (STG) inputs. These STG inputs are designed to be used in an application that switches the input to ground.

Switch To Ground (STG) Input Schematic

The vehicle control system software currently assigns these inputs as follows:

8.3 DIGITAL OUTPUTS:

There are 4 digital outputs for general interface to the vehicle. Two of the outputs provide a high-side driver (output switches to battery potential). Two of the outputs are low-side drive (output switches to ground).

Schematic of High-Side Driver (RLY1-2) Schematic of Low-Side Driver (RLY3-4)

The vehicle control system assigns the outputs as follows:

Each of the digital outputs is rated for 1.5 Amp. However, the two high-side drivers (RLY1 and RLY2) share a common reverse polarity diode thus the total current consumption of these two outputs cannot exceed 1 amp continuous.

9 Parameter Setup:

There are a number of internal parameters (consider them "calibrations") that must be set in the controller before it is ready to operate a vehicle.

Parameter setup is accomplished using custom software provided by RMS. Refer to "Programming EEPROM Parameters using GUI" for more information on how to change, and how to program these parameters in non-volatile memory.

General Parameters:

9.1 Accelerator Parameters:

The accelerator pedal input provides a torque command to the motor. The graph below details the relationship between the accelerator input voltage and the torque command:

Below is a list of the parameters that effect how the accelerator input works. The accelerator input has a range of 0 to 500. This corresponds to a physical range of 0 to 5.00 volts on the input. The parameters are designed for a pedal that provides a low input voltage when the pedal is released and a higher voltage as the pedal is pressed. If the vehicle has a pedal that operates in the opposite direction use the ACCEL PEDAL FLIPPED parameter as described below.

For initial setup and calibration, the accel pedal voltage can either be monitored by a volt meter, or it can be monitored by the GUI software over the serial port.

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The Motor Torque Limit EEPROM and Regen Torque Limit EEPROM parameters set the maximum value of commanded torque. They will be modified internally based on motor speed as the motor cannot put out full torque over the entire speed range.

The accelerator should be designed so that in its normal range of operation it is greater than 0 volts and less than 5 volts. The parameters Pedal Lo EEPROM and Pedal Hi EEPROM should be set so that if the input goes to 0 or 5 the torque command goes to zero.

The parameters allow the controller to be setup to command a pedal off amount of regen torque. This regen torque would mimic the engine compression feel that vehicles often have.

Example Setup:

As an example let's assume that assume that the accelerator input comes from a potentiometer. That is, the one end of the pot is connected to AGND. The other end is connected to XDCR_PWR (+5V), and the wiper is connected to AIN1. This setup is shown in the example application schematic.

First we need to determine the range of travel of this potentiometer. With the controller 12V turned on measure the voltage on the wiper of the pot (AIN1). Note how the voltage changes as the pedal is pushed and released. If the voltage increases as the pedal is pressed then the ACCEL_PEDAL_FLIPPED_EEPROM parameter needs to be set to 0. If the voltage decreases then the ACCEL_PEDAL_FLIPPED_EEPROM parameter needs to be set to 1. Whenever the parameter is set to 1 all of the other parameter settings must be calculated as follows (parameter = 500 – actual voltage*100). For example if you desire a parameter to be set to 1.20 volts then the actual parameter setting will be 500 – 1.20*100 = 380.

For this example we will assume that the voltage increases as the pedal is pressed. So Accel Pedal Flipped EEPROM will be set to 0.

First measure the wiper voltage (AIN1) when the pedal is in the fully off position. For this example let's assume the measured value is 0.83 volts.

The Pedal Lo EEPROM parameter should be set to a value that is lower than this measured value. In this example let's set it to 0.40 volts (this corresponds to Pedal Lo EEPROM = 40). We want to set the parameter Accel_Min_EEPROM to be equal to this measured value (Accel_Min_EEPROM = 83). This will cause the torque to start increasing as soon as the pedal begins to be pressed.

Now measure the value of the wiper voltage (AIN1) when the pedal is fully pressed. For this example let's assume that measured value is 4.75 volts.

When the pedal is fully pressed we want to be commanding full torque so set the Accel Max EEPROM parameter to this measured value (Accel Max EEPROM = 475).

The Pedal_Hi_EEPROM parameter should be set to a value that is above this measured value but less than 5.00 volts. In this example let's set the value to 4.90 volts $(Pedal_Hi_EEPROM = 490)$.

The Coast_Lo_EEPROM and Coast_Hi_EEPROM parameters define a range of pedal position where the torque command will be zero. For this example we'll define this range to be fairly narrow and with the pedal only slightly depressed. So we will set Coast_Lo_EEPROM to 1.10 volts (110) and Coast_Hi_EEPROM to 1.20 volts (120).

10 Vehicle State Machine:

The drive has an internal state machine that steps through a series of actions at startup, at shutdown, and generally whenever operation "transitions" from one mode or state to another. Following is a list of the states the drive sequences through upon application of power:

The particular state that the drive is in can be tracked via the DSPGui software. The state is monitored via the VSM_State symbol. This symbol will take on the following values:

10.1 Start State (VSM_state = 0):

10.1.1 12V Power-up:

When the vehicle is powered up, this is the default state. Boot over the serial port is initiated if the relevant input is low.

10.1.2 Default Initialization:

This is the processor setup and initialization process, including setting all I/O pins to the correct state (in/out, pull-up or –down, weak or strong, etc). At this point, the initialization process sets up a default list of parameters with pre-assigned default values.

10.1.3 Load from EEPROM:

This state will load the application parameters to set the drive and vehicle controllers up for the actual application. This also loads CALIBRATIONS from memory, as these are just a class of EEPROM parameters.

10.1.4 Power on Self Test (POST):

A number of tests are to be performed in this state. Each test will have an associated fault flag. Following is a list of parameters checked:

Current Sensor offsets: match to factory default ACCEL: check accelerator input data is in valid range T_PCB: check PCB temperatures in range T_GDB: check GDB temperatures in range T_MODA, T_MODB, and T_MODC: check substrate temperatures in range SENSE_XDCR: 5V and external transducer power SENSE_12V: 12V voltage sense VREF_2.5 VREF_1.5 HW Faults (Saturation and over current): Attempt to clear Faults

If a Power-On Self Test fault occurs it will blink the fault indicator. The number of blinks gives a general indication of the particular fault. The table below shows the number of blinks and the corresponding fault information.

The particular fault that occurred can be determined from monitoring the post fault hi and post fault lo variables with the DSPGui. If more than one fault has occurred the number indicated will be an AND of the two faults. For example, if ACCEL SHORT (hi = 0x0000, lo = 0x0004) and HW OC (hi = 0x0000, lo = 0x0002) both are present then the variables will show post fault $hi = 0x0000$ and post fault $lo = 0x0006$.

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Table of Power-On Self Test Fault Codes

10.2 Pre-charge Sequence (VSM_State = 1, 2, 3):

The following is brief description of the pre-charge sequence.

Turn-on the PRE_CHG output if Vdc has not exceeded VIN_MAX. Otherwise, set VDC OOR HI fault and go to the FAULT state.

- 1. If all of the following conditions are true:
	- Vdc stops rising by less than PRECHARGE_RATE V/s
	- Vdc is greater than VIN_MIN, Vdc is less than VIN_MAX
	- Time has not exceeded 1 second

Then do the following:

- Engage the MAIN_OUT output
- Turn-off the PRE_CHG output
- Go to the 30ms delay.
- 2. If total pre-charge time exceeds 1 second then:
	- If the DC BUS is greater than VIN_MAX:
		- o Turn the PRE_CHG output off
		- o Declare VDC_ OOR_HI fault.
	- If the DC BUS is less than VIN_MIN:
		- o Turn the PRE_CHG output off
		- o Declare VDC_ OOR_LOW fault
	- If Vdc is still rising by more than or equal to PRECHARGE_RATE V/s
		- o Turn off the PRECHARGE_OUT output
		- o Declare PRECHARGE_ TIMEOUT fault
- 3. Delay 30ms.
- 4. Measure Vdc.
	- If Vdc is above VIN_MAX, declare VDC_OOR_HI fault.
	- If VDC is below VIN_MIN, declare VDC_OOR_LO fault.

- 5. Delay 15ms.
- 6. Take another measurement of Vdc.
	- If Vdc is above VIN_MAX, declare VDC_OOR_HI fault.
	- If VDC is below VIN_MIN, declare VDC_OOR_LO fault.
- 7. Verify that voltage is with in VDC_MATCH_RANGE_THRESHOLD of the first measurement. If not, declare VDC_DATA_MISMATCH fault.

Application Parameters:

10.3 Wait State (VSM_state = 4):

This state checks to see that both /FORWARD and /REVERSE switches are inactive. Once both switches are in the acceptable state, it then waits for one of the switches to become active. If both switches, /FORWARD and /REVERSE, are active, the state shall declare a FWD_RVS_INVALID_STATE_FAULT.

After startup, this state also waits for an EEPROM Programming command only once, before its first transition to the READY state.

10.4 Ready State (VSM_State = 5):

The READY state shall send out the Enable Inverter Command and wait for Inverter Ready Flag to be set. If there is no response within a specific amount of time, the state shall declare an INVERTER_RESPONSE_TIMEOUT_FAULT.

This state automatically transitions to the next state if there are not faults.

10.5 Motor Running State (VSM_State = 6):

This is the normal running operation of the torque commanded field oriented controller that rides on top of the power electronics hardware. While running the drive can be switched from torque command to speed command mode, and may be exercised within the full operating envelope of the machine / drive combination.

10.6 Fault State (VSM_State = 7):

If a fault occurs either during Power-On Self Test, or while the drive is running the drive will go to the fault state.

If the drive has a fault during the running state a fault code will be set and the fault indicator will begin blinking.

The particular fault code can be found by monitoring the run fault hi and run fault lo parameters. If multiple faults have occurred the parameters will indicate the logical AND of the two faults. Below is the table of faults:

Table of Run Faults

10.7 Recycle Power State (VSM_State = 0xFFFF):

This state indicates that the EEPROM Programming has been successfully completed. For new EEPROM values to take effect, the controller must be re-powered.

11 Drive Startup Sequence:

To begin driving, the drive insists that an orderly sequence of events occurs during the transition from READY state to RUNNING state. The following conditions must be met and held:

- BRAKE must be ON. This means the brakes must be pressed hard enough to actuate the pressure hydraulic switch for the brake lights.
- FORWARD switch must be OFF.
- REVERSE switch must be OFF.

Once these conditions have been met the operator can switch either the FORWARD switch ON or the REVERSE switch ON. The BRAKE switch must still be ON. This switch (input) transition will move the drive from READY to RUNNING state, fluxing the machine for one rotor time constant, and then engage the current regulators and then the torque regulator to energize the motor. The operator can now release the Brake pedal (BRAKE goes away) and begin driving the vehicle.

When it comes time to reverse directions the BRAKE must be applied, both switches must go off, and then the new switch can be toggled to engage the new direction. The pedals should operate naturally in either direction.

Commanding Torque:

Torque Capability Curve is a function of Motor Speed, a feedback parameter from the Motor Control. Figure 2-3 shows the relationship between Torque Capability and Motor Speed:

Figure 2-3 – Torque Capability vs. Motor

There are two types of Torque Capability curves, Motor Torque Capability and REGEN Torque Capability. The two quantities MOTOR_TRQ_LMT and REGEN_TRQ_LMT differentiate the two curves from each other. Moreover, the BREAK_SPEED, currently a constant, will also be different for each curve.

Following table lists the calibration parameters that pertain to the above graphs. The values of these parameters come from the EEPROM and are set via the DSPGui software.

All of these values must be adjusted to suit the vehicle and motor you are using. These adjustments are part of personalizing the drivability and vehicle dynamics to suit the final application of the vehicle.