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INSTRUCTION MANUAL

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PREFACE

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WARNING

PRECAUTIONS BEFORE USE

- If using a frame on castors, lock the brakes of the castors concerned.

- Check that all the test bench machines are correctly aligned and all the machine couplings are correctly installed.

- Check that the machine fixing screws are correctly tightened.

- Check that all the protective housings are correctly done up.

- Because of their purpose, the instructional test units are modular with fast connections, and therefore particular care must be given to earth connections.

All sub-assemblies must be connected, by the user, to the rail earth terminal by independent links, and the user must then connect the earth terminal to the installation earth.

PRECAUTIONS FOR USE

- Electrical power supplies for the electrical machines must be provided with a 30 mA residual current device and have an easily accessible emergency stop close to the test bench.

- Cables and fuse-based protective devices must match the power and current stated on each machine.

- It is necessary to place thermal protective devices (generally PTO type for instructional series machines) in the power supply safety chain in order to switch off the supplies to the test bench in the event of a fault.

- When a series or separately excited DC motor is installed on the test bench, it is essential to have overspeed protection that causes overall disconnection of the power supply circuit from the machine in order to avoid any risk of racing.

- Level of noise from the test bench less than 70 dB.

INSTALLATION PRECAUTIONS

- The test bench must be placed in a well-lit location as stipulated by the labour regulations.

- The test bench must be visible to the person operating the controls of the various power supplies concerned.

- He must have within reach a device for disconnecting the power supplies.

- Before the test bench is moved at all, it must be checked that all items are fixed using the original screws and that these are correctly tightened. While being moved, the slide rails must remain horizontal.

- If it is necessary to lift the bench, separate the items in order not to move any load greater than 50 kg. For machines weighing more than 50 kg, slings should be used on the 2 shaft ends.

- The bench must be placed on a flat, even floor.

- After any modification of the items forming the bench, for example replacement of one test machine by another, it is necessary to repeat the aligning of the line shafting.

PRECAUTIONS DURING USE

- Make sure there is an emergency stop device close by.

- Before carrying out any work, make absolutely sure that all power supplies are disconnected and the line shafting has completely stopped rotating.

- The braking resistor must be placed in a dry and well-ventilated location. It must never be covered with an object. It must be kept well away from the user.

- It must not be handled during use, owing to the presence of high voltage and temperature, which may cause physical injury.

- During nominal operation, it can reach 100°C.

- During full-load operation, it can reach 145°C.

SERVICING THE TEST BENCH

- Annually, check the tightness of the various items, the alignment of the machines and the condition of the couplings.

- Periodically check the brushes of the DC machines.

LEROY-SOMER declines all responsibility in the event of the above recommendations not being observed.

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1 - Introduction

The **active load** uses one of the machines of the test bench to apply a torque to the shaft of the machine under test. For each of the 2 power ranges (0.3 kW and 1.5 kW), the active load system develops sufficient torque to bring the machine under test to stalling in order to read the torque/ speed characteristics.

The choice of a servo-controlled synchronous motor as the **load** provides a great many advantages if it is compared to the traditional principle of test benches that use a powder brake:

- The **load** will apply a resistive torque or a driving torque with the same ease.

- By construction, its induction flux is fixed and known, and therefore the torque on the shaft is known perfectly by measuring the stator supply current.

- This constant flux eliminates periodic calibration of the measurement chain between the torquemeter and the mechanical measurement module.

- Its **control unit** always knows the position and speed of the rotor. It will therefore communicate it when data is acquired at the same time as the value of the torque on the shaft. The **control unit** will be responsible for calculating the product of the torque and the speed in order to ascertain and transmit the output power.

- Set-up is reduced to connecting 2 cables between the **control unit** and the **load**, the braking resistor and a communication cable between the drive and the PC.

- The energy produced during on-load tests is dissipated in a resistor which eliminates ventilation problems.

- The **control unit** contains the electrical measurement module, whose measurements are transmitted to the PC by the same communication as the mechanical parameters coming directly from this drive.

- The software includes the main functions necessary for acquiring the electrical and mechanical characteristics of each of the machines making up the test bench. It also provides other levels that give the user a choice of industrial applications using the various electrical machines in an application-dependent context.

2 - Composition of the active load

The active load consists of 4 main items:

a) An instructional control unit comprising:

- A "UNIDRIVE SP" *universal drive* for an induction or selfstarting synchronous motor, with a specific configuration (not modifiable).

Un = 400 V 3-phase

- An "SM-Application" *card* containing the main program (not modifiable).

- An *electronic card* for acquiring electrical measurements from the motor under test. This card is used to convert these electrical characteristics into numerical values, to the Unidrive SP.

b) A load mounted on a support and equipped with a coupling:

- 300 W range: "UNIMOTOR - 095U2B200BACDA100190" self-starting synchronous motor.

Un = 480 V; Pn = 0.84 kW; I = 1.8 A; T = 4.3 N.m; n = 2000 rpm; 1096-line encoder.

- *1500 W range:* "UNIMOTOR - 115U2D200BACDA115240" self-starting synchronous motor.

Un = 480 V; Pn = 2.26 kW; I = 5.2 A; T = 12.4 N.m; n = 2000 rpm; 1096-line encoder.

c) An instructional braking resistor for recovering energy. This 2000 W - 75 Ω resistor is mounted under an IP20 metal cover.

d) "ApILE" software, for acquiring and using mechanical and electrical data from the machine under test.

The cables for connecting between the load and the control unit are supplied (see opposite).

The cable for connecting between the PC and the control unit is also supplied (see opposite).

3 - Characteristics and performance

Load machine characteristics	300 W range	1500 W range		
Continuous stall torque (N.m)	4.3	12.4		
Peak torque (N.m)	12.9	37.2		
Inertia (kgcm ²)	2.9	11.4		
Winding thermal time constant (S)	168	217		
Max. cogging (N.m)	0.06	0.18		
Kt (N.m/A)	2.4	2.4		
Ke (V/km-1)	147	147		
Rated torque (N.m)	4	10.8		
Stall current (A)	1.8	5.2		
Rated power (kW)	0.84	2.26		
R (ph-ph) (Ohms)	17	2.96		
L (ph-ph) (mH)	54.5	18.6		



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Performance of assemblies	300 W range	1500 W range
Minimum continuous speed (rpm)	0	0
Maximum continuous speed (rpm)	+/- 2000	+/- 2000
Rated continuous torque (N.m)	+/- 4	+/- 10.8
Maximum transient torque (N.m)	+/- 12.6	+/- 37.2





4 - Environmental characteristics

Characteristics	
Protection	IP 20
Temperature: - storage - operating - transport	 -20°C to +50°C 0°C to +40°C -20°C to +50°C
Altitude	Less than 1000 m Derate the current by 0.5% per additional 100 m
Non-condensing humidity	Conforms to IEC 68-2-3 and IEC 68-2-30
Vibrations	Conforms to IEC 68-2-61
Electromagnetic compatibility	Conforms to IEC 1000-4-2, IEC 1000-4-4 and IEC 947-2 part 4

5 - Weight and dimensions



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6 - Connection diagram and examples





















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7 - Using the test bench without the software

Manual operation allows the characteristics of different industrial electrical machines to be studied.

Under certain power supply conditions, for example with a variable speed drive, limiting of the input current will clamp the supplied torque and it will be possible to display only the characteristics of the motor-drive assembly.

It is therefore strongly recommended to power machines directly from an AC or DC mains supply simply protected against long overloads, but with no current regulation.

The manual Load mode selector enables 4 different torque/ speed laws.

This selector switch works only if there is no communication established with a computer.

The potentiometer will act on the torque or the speed depending on the position of the selector switch. The LED indicates the system status:

- On: manual operation from the selector switch and the potentiometer

- Off: operation via PC; the position of the selector switch and potentiometer has no effect on this mode.





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With the **active load** system, the main selector switch on the drive's front panel provides 4 positions that enable the following functions under certain conditions that govern the safety of the assembly.

- Selector switch at 0: "Stop"

- Selector switch at 1: "Brake T = K"

Starting conditions: Machine tested rotating and potentiometer \pmb{K} at 0

The **active load** sets a zero speed, with no torque when K = 0. The torque will increase proportionally, with the rotation of the potentiometer K, until locking of the shaft when the resistive torque becomes greater than the motor torque.

On the asynchronous machine, this function can be used to read a maximum number of points between "no load" and "maximum torque" of the machine.

- Selector switch at 2: "Brake T = K.n"

Note: During operation, do not change the direction of rotation of the machine under test. Any change in the direction of rotation must be accompanied by the selector switch being set to 0.

Starting conditions: Machine tested rotating and potentiometer \boldsymbol{K} at 0

The **active load** stores the current speed of the machine under test and its direction of rotation. The speed is set at 0. The speed will reduce proportionally with the rotation of the potentiometer K until stalling occurs.

This operation should be reserved for asynchronous machines, for reading the points on the curve of torque as a function of speed over the entire range from rated n to n = 0

- Selector switch at 3: "Motor n = K"

Starting conditions: Machine tested stopped and potentiometer \pmb{K} at 0

Only one direction of rotation is possible (clockwise).

The **active load** behaves as a motor, and will drive the machine under test over a speed range of 0 to 2000 rpm. This position can be used to read the EMF of many machines, both AC and DC.

- Selector switch at 4: "Motor T = K(n-n0)"

Note: During operation, do not change the direction of rotation of the machine under test. Any change in the direction of rotation must be accompanied by the selector switch being set to 0.

Starting conditions: Machine tested rotating and potentiometer \pmb{K} at 0

The **active load** stores the current direction of rotation and sets its speed reference at 2000 rpm in this direction of rotation but with no torque with K = 0.

The torque will increase proportionally, with the rotation of the potentiometer K. The machine under test accelerates, and goes into a generator quadrant.

This position enables reading of the operating points of a generator, both AC and DC.



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Electrical measurement connections:

The various inputs accept AC or DC values.



Active load - manual mode

Selector switch	Squirrel cage or slip ring induction motors	Synchronous machines	DC machines	
0	No load delivered	No load delivered	No load delivered	
1 Brake T = K	Torque/speed measurements up to maximum torque of the induction motor	Measurements of torque/ speed as a synchronous motor	Measurements of torque/ speed as a motor	
2 Brake T = Kn	Torque/speed measurements over the entire speed range of the motor			
3 Motor n = k	No-load driving of the induction motor	No-load measurements of the alternator	No-load measurements of the DC machine	
4 Motor T = K (n-No)	Torque/speed measurements above the syn- chronous speed	Measurements of torque/ speed as an alternator	Measurements of torque/ speed as a generator if power supply so permits	

"In manual mode, one or more multimeters must be used on the 4 analogue outputs on the front panel of the control unit".

Analogue outputs:

The analogue outputs return the images of the main characteristics (torque, speed, voltage, current). These are expressed as 0-10 V signals.



Mechanical measurements:

Image of the torque in +/- 10 V: - 300 W range = 1 V/Nm

- 1500 W range = 0.3 V/Nm

Image of the speed in +/- 10 V: All ranges: 10 V = 2000 rpm

Electrical measurements:

The 2 terminals, U and I, return: - a DC image, if the mains power supply of the machine under test is DC

- an AC image, if the mains power supply is AC

Image of the voltage in 0 to 10 V ~/= All ranges: 10 V = 1000 V

Image of the current in 0 to 10 V ~/= All ranges: 10 V = 2 or 20 A (depending on use)





Command	Label	Function			
8888	A	Upper display comprising 4 x 7-segment displays for indicating: - the drive operating status - the adjustment parameters, comprising the menu and the parameter			
8888888	B	Lower display comprising 7 x 7-segment displays for indicating: - the operating mode - the content of parameters - the fault code			
	C	Mode button which can be used to switch from normal mode to parameter-setting mode.			
	D	The 2 arrows can be used to move within the 7-segment displays of the lower display to modify its value or switch from one menu to another. The 2 arrows can be used to scroll up and down through the parameters or their value.			
	E F G	In keypad mode, these buttons are used for the following commands: - run - stop, clear fault - reverse direction of rotation			



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Action	Function
	Power-up. Drive disabled (terminal 31 open) (initial state)
	 ① : Access to parameter-setting mode. Parameter 0.10 is displayed flashing. ② : The fraction and fraction keys are used to access the parameter to be modified. For example, select parameter 0.04.
3 3 0 0 0 4	 ③ : Access to parameter modification. The parameter number is no longer flashing. Its value is indicated in the lower display (the lowest order digit flashes). ④ : Press and hold down the key, to make the parameter value scroll quickly. The final adjustment is made by short presses on the same key. For more speed, or can be used to move to modify the other digits.
5 5 5	5 : The new value of 0.04 is stored. Press or to select a new parameter to be modified.
	6 : Return to the initial state of the drive.

Adjustment of level 2:

List of display parameters

Parameter	Description	Unit
#0.13 / #20.03	Motor speed	rpm
#0.14 / #20.04	Motor torque	1/100 Nm
#0.15 / #20.05	Average excitation current	1/1000 A
#0.16 / #20.06	Average supply current	1/1000 A
#0.17 / #20.07	rms supply current	1/1000 A
#0.18 / #20.08	Average supply voltage	1/10 V
#0.19 / #20.09	rms supply voltage	1/10 V
#0.20 / #20.10	rms supply current or voltage filtered at 500 Hz	V or A
#0.21 / #20.11	Average power	kW
#0.22 / #20.12	Instantaneous power	kW



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8 - Using the test bench with the "ApILE" software

The control unit must be connected to the PC with 3 types of connection means:

- 1 USB/RJ45 cable supplied as standard connected to the UNIDRIVE SP drive.

- 1 RS232 cable if the PC is compatible connected to the UNIDRIVE SP drive.

- 1 Ethernet cable connected to the RJ45 on the front panel of the control unit. This last solution can be used only if the control unit includes the SM ETHERNET card option. When the Ethernet option is present in the drive, it overrides the other communication modes, and makes the drive's RJ45 input unavailable.



Load control unit

8.1 - Installing the "ApILE" software

Create a new folder on the PC that will be connected to the Active Load control unit.

Rename this folder "Leroy-Somer" or "Active Load".

Open the CD entitled "1500 W Active Load" or "300 W Active Load".

Open the "Technical documents" folder.

Open the APILE software folder.

Select all the items (Ctrl A).

Copy the selection into the folder created on the PC.

Connect the communication cable supplied with the Active Load between the PC and the RJ45 located on the control unit drive underneath and to the left of the display.

Start APILE by clicking on the APILE.exe icon.

In the window that has just opened, click on "Hardware configuration" and select the communication port you are using.

Exit APILE and restart it; the green LED on the control unit should go out. This means that communication between the PC and the Active Load is established.

From this moment, and as long as the communication remains valid, it is no longer possible to use the manual function switch or the front panel of the control unit. Other software:

There are two other tools in the LS Software folder: Winflash.exe is used to load the control unit drive with future enhancements made available to you by LS.

CTScope Fr.ZIP provides two options:

- CTScope must be installed on the PC since it includes a file necessary for running Winflash.

- Ctscope is a digital oscilloscope that works with the internal data of the control unit's Unidrive SP. It can plot 4 curves simultaneously.

The management of communication priorities by the PC, using the RS232 or USB comms cables, does not allow CTScope to be used at the same time as APILE.

APILE and CTScope can run simultaneously with the Ethernet TCP/IP option.



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8.2 - Procedure for using the "ApILE" software

- The control unit must be connected to the PC by one of the solutions given above.

- Open ApILE:

- This operation should cause the green LED located on the front panel of the control unit to go out.

If the LED remains on, this indicates a communication problem between the PC and the control unit.

In this case, you must click on the Configuration button to choose the correct serial port and restart the program to obtain communication.

- When used for the first time, the communication between ApILE and the PC must be configured using the Configuration button in order to adapt the communication parameters.

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Which opens this new page



Select CT-TCP/IP, then OK



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It then becomes possible to modify the address of the drive which by default is always:

192.168.1.100

With the Ethernet TCP/IP option, it is also necessary to make sure that the PC connections are configured correctly to enable communication.

Reminder: The RJ45 plug coming from the PC via the RS232 socket or the USB socket is connected directly to the UNIDRIVE SP on the left under the display.

The RJ45 plug coming from the PC via the Ethernet output is connected to the front panel of the control unit on the socket marked Ethernet at the bottom right of the black front panel (if the Ethernet option is present).



Use of the Active Load with

Choosing the operating options:

Characteristics plot:

This button opens a page for choosing the type of machine used and the type of law that will be applied to it.

Performance on an industrial application:

This button calls up the page that lists the main applications encountered in the industrial field.

Time display on an industrial application:

This button generates an oscilloscope associated with the industrial applications seen on the previous page and adds new applications with a higher dynamic range in the movements.





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Tracé des caractéristiques

The left-hand column assists in selecting the machine or power supply that is going to be tested. The right-hand column contains the load types described previously in operation without a PC.



Choosing the test configuration:

One box in each column must be selected to make the 2 buttons, **DISPLAY** and/or **STUDY**, active. The generic title is repeated at the top of the display (Machine characteristics plot). The 2 lines underneath show the type of machine under test and the type of load that will be applied to it.





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DISPLAYING MEASUREMENTS



The information displayed in this window is not stored anywhere. It is only a display of the measured parameters. The slider at the top of the screen acts directly on the torque level of the load. It can be moved in 3 different ways: - Directly with the mouse, moving it to the right or the left.

- Using the arrows at the two ends of the slider.
- Using the right and left arrows on the keypad.

Pressing the

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button opens the following window:

The 2 left-hand columns are used to define the parameters that will be displayed on the X and Y axes. At this stage, it is only display on the screen. All the mechanical and electrical values are acquired if the connections have been carried out correctly. The right-hand part contains the operating quadrants available to the user.

By default, display of the curve of torque as a function of speed is offered, and display in all 4 quadrants. During working, it will always be possible to return to this screen by clicking on the "Characteristics" button in order to make other choices that will improve ease of use. The rating of the measurement of the current connected to the control unit must be confirmed on one of the buttons, 2 A or 20 A, in the box at the bottom right. The 20 A rating will be selected by default.

	uvelle caractéristique			
	Ordonnée Y	Abscisse X	Quadrants de visualisation	
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Pressing the STUDY button opens the window: "New characteristic".



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A double-click on the required quadrant opens the following window:

In this example, the user has carried out 3 tests grouped together into:

- Curve 1 in red T=K
- Curve 2 in blue T=K.n
- Curve 3 in green T=K.(n-N0)

In a generator quadrant (Q4), it is possible to plot up to 5 different curves on the same page.







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Help with alternator coupling to the mains supply:

When the machine selected in the left-hand column is a 3-phase synchronous machine, the right-hand column allows the "Help with coupling" function.



The "Study" button opens the characteristics plotting window, enabling activation of the "Manual" button. The slider is automatically positioned at 50%, and the active load drives the synchronous machine at approximately 1500 rpm. The left and right arrows on the keypad can be used to adjust the speed precisely as close as possible to synchronism. Several methods for checking synchronism can be used in order to couple to the mains supply (synchroscope, 6-lamp method, etc.).

After connecting to the mains supply, the left and right arrows on the keypad can be used to load the machine + or - and to go to a motor quadrant or a generator quadrant.





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Other ways of using the measurements: Using the Edit menu.







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MANUAL ACQUISITION



* Caution, in manual mode, the percentage shown in the window to the right of the slider (K=xx%) represents the reference of the **active load**, and not of the machine under test. The **active load** at 100% reference develops a torque of at least 4 times the torque of the machine under test in order to be able to stall it or cause it to overspeed.



AUTOMATIC ACQUISITION



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Other functions:



The example on these 2 pages shows that 4 characteristics can be displayed simultaneously.





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Example of running 2 tests with 4 different characteristics







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Comportement sur application industrielle

A large number of industrial applications work at variable speed. They are usually classified into 4 major Torque/Speed ratio families. The **active load** can be used to work on these industrial applications.



Opens animations of applications consistent with the type of load chosen:





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Preparing the test settings:

The majority of industrial applications can be classified by type of behaviour in the Torque as a function of Speed characteristic. The types of resistive torque most commonly encountered are listed in the right-hand column on the ApILE screen. Before starting the test, this resistive torque must be selected. This operation displays an adjustment page in the centre of the screen allowing modification of the most significant parameters of a real industrial application.





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The

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button opens the acquisition page







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				-16,00-					
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In a vertical movement industrial application, the drive motor is almost always fitted with an electromechanical failsafe safety brake. In applications where people are carried (lifts, cable cars, chair lifts, etc.), the safety brake is situated directly on the cable winding drum.

In the hoisting movement study, the Active Load will behave in 2 different ways depending on the configuration of the motor coupled to it:

- When a brake motor is used, the "Function Input" terminals must be shunted.

- When a motor without a brake is used, the function input is open in the stop phases and closed in the upward and downward phases.

The use of a Leroy-Somer frequency inverter configured to control the power supply of a failsafe brake coil on the internal relay provides an easy-to-use solution.

Example with the DIGIDRIVE SK DID configured with parameter 12.41 = 1. This setting causes the state of the internal relay to change on a FWD or REV command above a frequency threshold and with an observed current level in the motor.



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Comportement sur application industrielle

Hoisting application:

Specific adjustments for this application.





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Visualisation temporelle sur application industrielle

This version of Active Load operation makes it possible to work with all the loads already used in the previous section, adding a cyclic application such as a piston pump.



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Visualisation temporelle sur application industrielle

Functions of the "Time Display on an Industrial Application" page:

Active load allows industrial applications to be studied through a time display of measured parameters.

This section contains the main generic applications already looked at with the behavioural studies, with machine cycles added, such as the example given which depicts the operation of a piston pump. In this application, the periods of operation at low torque and at high torque are linked to a number of revolutions of the motor and not to a time.

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Visualisation temporelle sur application industrielle

Measurement acquisition page as a time display.

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