



Model M3628ACF Automatic Capacitor Former

Customer Reference Manual

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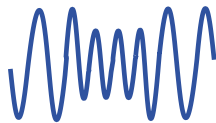
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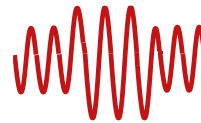
In 1975, Bonitron began working with AC inverter drive specialists at synthetic fiber plants to develop speed control systems that could be interfaced with their plant process computers. Ever since, Bonitron has developed AC drive options that solve application issues associated with modern AC variable frequency drives and aid in reducing drive faults. Below is a sampling of Bonitron's current product offering.

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Capacitor Testers



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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. WHO SHOULD USE

This manual is intended for use by trained personnel responsible for maintaining or testing capacitor banks.

Please keep this manual for future reference.

1.2. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This manual is a user's guide for the model M3628ACF. It will provide the user with the necessary information to successfully connect and operate the M3628ACF.

In the event of any conflict between this document and any publication and/or documentation related to any associated hardware (capacitor bank, etc.), the latter shall have precedence.

1.3. MANUAL VERSION AND CHANGE RECORD

The initial release for this module is Rev 00a.

Updates to the Menu Tree were added in Rev 00b

Updates to the Menu Tree were added in Rev 00c.

Added Manufactures recommended procedures to section seven in Rev 00d.

Updated section 4.2 to include LED indicator descriptions in Rev 00e.

Updated table 2.3 to include minimum load capacitance in Rev 00f.

Updated Section 4.1 to include capacitance reading disclaimer in Rev 00g.

Added USB port and Export Records function in Rev 01a (for -E models).








Added verbiage reflecting CE requirements in Rev 01b.

Updated input current for Table 2-3 in Rev 01c

Figure 1-1: M3628ACF



1.4. SYMBOL CONVENTIONS USED IN THIS MANUAL AND ON EQUIPMENT

	Earth Ground or Protective Earth
	AC Voltage
	DC Voltage
 DANGER!	DANGER: Electrical hazard - Identifies a statement that indicates a shock or electrocution hazard that must be avoided.
 DANGER!	DANGER: Identifies information about practices or circumstances that can lead to personal injury or death, property damage, or economic loss.
 CAUTION!	CAUTION: Identifies information about practices or circumstances that can lead to property damage, or economic loss. Attentions help you identify a potential hazard, avoid a hazard, and recognize the consequences.
 CAUTION!	CAUTION: Heat or burn hazard - Identifies a statement regarding heat production or a burn hazard that should be avoided.

2. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION / FEATURES

As capacitors age and wear, their internal chemistries change, leading to a decrease in capacitance. It is important to be able to measure this capacitance and thus estimate the remaining useful life of your capacitor bank. This can help reduce expensive pre-emptive replacement. Capacitors stored for long periods of time also display chemistry changes, which may cause them to fail if full voltage is suddenly applied.

The Bonitron M3628ACF is a portable, digitally controlled DC power supply with a variable output voltage and current limiting. The digital display indicates the unit's status and charging profile as well as the calculated capacitance. Data from recent uses can be saved to an external storage device. This product may be used for many purposes, including charging, discharging and forming of capacitors.

2.1. RELATED PRODUCTS

M3528 ULTRA CAPACITOR/ BATTERY CHARGER

The M3528 charger can charge strings of batteries or ultra capacitors to voltages required for industrial and commercial applications. AC or DC input is available, along with separate float and equalization charge levels. The charger is current limited, and designed for use in integrated storage and backup systems, but can also be used in bench or mobile systems.

KIT 3628T ULTRA CAPACITOR DISCHARGER

Large capacitor banks store huge amounts of energy and can be a hazard when systems are shut down for system maintenance. The KIT 3628T system discharges capacitor banks to safe working levels quickly, allowing work on the system to begin in seconds, rather than hours.

M3628PCF PORTABLE CAPACITOR FORMER

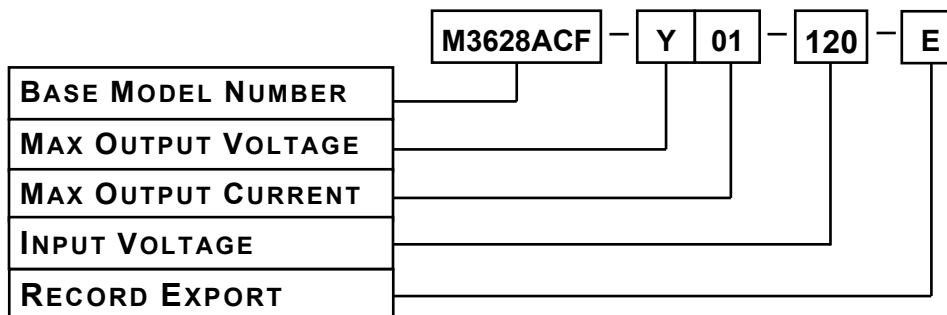
The M3628 portable capacitor former can be used to charge or discharge capacitor banks as large as 50 kJ. The output voltage is manually variable between 0 and 800 VDC, and the system is capable of supplying 1 ADC continuously. The unit can also be used for reforming disused capacitors.

M3628PUT PORTABLE ULTRACAPACITOR TESTER

The M3628PUT portable ultracapacitor tester can be used to charge, discharge, and measure ultracapacitors as large as 500 kJ. The output voltage can be set to between 0 and 130 VDC, and the unit is capable of supplying up to 7 ADC. After discharging, the unit reports the capacitance and ESR of the ultracapacitor.

2.2. PART NUMBER BREAKDOWN

Figure 2-1: Example of Part Number Breakdown



BASE MODEL NUMBER

The base model number for all Automatic Capacitor Formers is M3628ACF.

MAX OUTPUT VOLTAGE RATING

The max output Voltage rating indicates the maximum DC output voltage the unit can supply. The max output voltage is indicated by a code letter.

Table 2-1: Max Output Voltage

RATING CODE	VOLTAGES (DC VOLTAGE OUTPUT)
Y	1000VDC out

MAX OUTPUT CURRENT RATING

The max output current rating indicates the maximum DC current the unit can supply at its maximum voltage.

INPUT VOLTAGE

A three-digit code represents the input voltage that should be used.

Table 2-2: Input Voltage

RATING CODE	INPUT VOLTAGE
120	110-120 VAC
240	220-240 VAC

RECORD EXPORT OPTION

Adds a USB port for exporting records.

2.3. GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

Table 2-3: General Specifications Table

PARAMETER	SPECIFICATION
Input Voltage	110-120 VAC, 50/60Hz 1Ø 220-240 VAC, 50/60Hz 1Ø (Overvoltage Category II)
Input Current	10A
Output Voltage	10V-1000V DC
Output Current	100mA-1000mA DC
Minimum Load Capacitance	5uF
Maximum Load Capacitance	100,000uF
Maximum Discharging Time	20 minutes
Controls	Six display soft keys
Display	Four line, eighty character LCD (4x20)
USB Port (-E Model)	USB 2.0 Type A
Unit Size (H x W x D)	22.0" x 13.9" x 9.0"
Weight	49 lbs.
Operating Temp	0°C to +40°C
Storage Temp	-20°C to +65°C
Altitude	Up to 2000m
Humidity	Below 90% non-condensing
Atmosphere	Free of corrosive gas and conductive dust

2.4. GENERAL PRECAUTIONS AND SAFETY WARNINGS



- THIS UNIT PRODUCES VOLTAGES CAPABLE OF CAUSING INJURY OR DEATH!
- FOR USE BY QUALIFIED AND TRAINED PERSONNEL ONLY!
- IMPROPER OPERATION OF THE PRODUCT OR IGNORING THESE WARNINGS MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS BODILY INJURY OR DEATH!
- BEFORE CONNECTING THE M3628ACF TO A CAPACITOR BANK, ENSURE THAT THE BANK IS FULLY DISCHARGED BY CHECKING WITH A VOLTMETER.
- CONNECTING THE M3628ACF'S VOLTAGE OUTPUT TO A LOAD WITH THE POLARITY REVERSED CAN CAUSE DAMAGE TO YOUR EQUIPMENT AND POTENTIALLY CREATE A FIRE OR EXPLOSION HAZARD, THREATENING LIVES. ENSURE THAT THE POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE TERMINALS ON BOTH THE SOURCE AND LOAD ARE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AND CORRECTLY CONNECTED BEFORE OPERATION.
- NEVER OPERATE THIS PRODUCT WITH THE ENCLOSURE COVER REMOVED.



- NEVER ATTEMPT TO SERVICE THIS PRODUCT.
- CERTAIN PARTS INSIDE THIS PRODUCT MAY GET HOT DURING OPERATION.
- BEFORE CONNECTING THIS DEVICE TO ANY OTHER PRODUCT, BE SURE TO REVIEW ALL DOCUMENTATION OF THAT PRODUCT FOR PERTINENT SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

ANY QUESTIONS AS TO APPLICATION, INSTALLATION, OR SERVICE SAFETY SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE EQUIPMENT SUPPLIER.

3. INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. ENVIRONMENT

The M3628ACF is intended to be used in indoor environments classed Pollution Degree 2.

While open and in operation, the unit should be considered as having no particular protection and therefore be used only in clean, dry areas. When closed and properly latched, the case is rated dust tight and water and crush resistant.

If necessary, the interior of the unit casing can be wiped clean with a dry towel.

3.2. WIRING AND CUSTOMER CONNECTIONS

The M3628ACF is not intended for permanent installation. It is designed as a portable unit, to be brought out when needed.

3.2.1. POWER WIRING

The input AC Power connector accepts either 120VAC or 240VAC 50-60 Hz from the included IEC C13 power cable. This input voltage is determined when ordering, and cannot be adjusted in the field.

The DC Output connectors supply DC voltage at the user-selected level via a pair of banana connectors.



Only the provided cable sets should be used with the unit. Contact Bonitron regarding replacements or alternates.

3.2.2. USB PORT (-E MODEL ONLY)

This is a Type A USB port. Records of the most recent uses can be transferred to an external data storage device (i.e., flash drive) via this port.

Figure 3-1: M3628ACF



3.2.3. SOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Input voltage should not exceed 120VAC / 240VAC or damage to the unit may result. The source must be capable of supplying at least eight (8) amps to guarantee correct system operation at all output voltages.

3.3. ORIENTATION

3.3.1. WHILE OPERATING

The unit should be energized only when placed on its back, on flat and level ground. The case lid should always remain open so as to allow access to the control panel at all times.

3.3.2. TRANSPORT/STORAGE

Before moving the M3628ACF, ensure the unit is powered off, disconnect all cables, and close and fully latch the lid.

4. OPERATION

4.1. FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

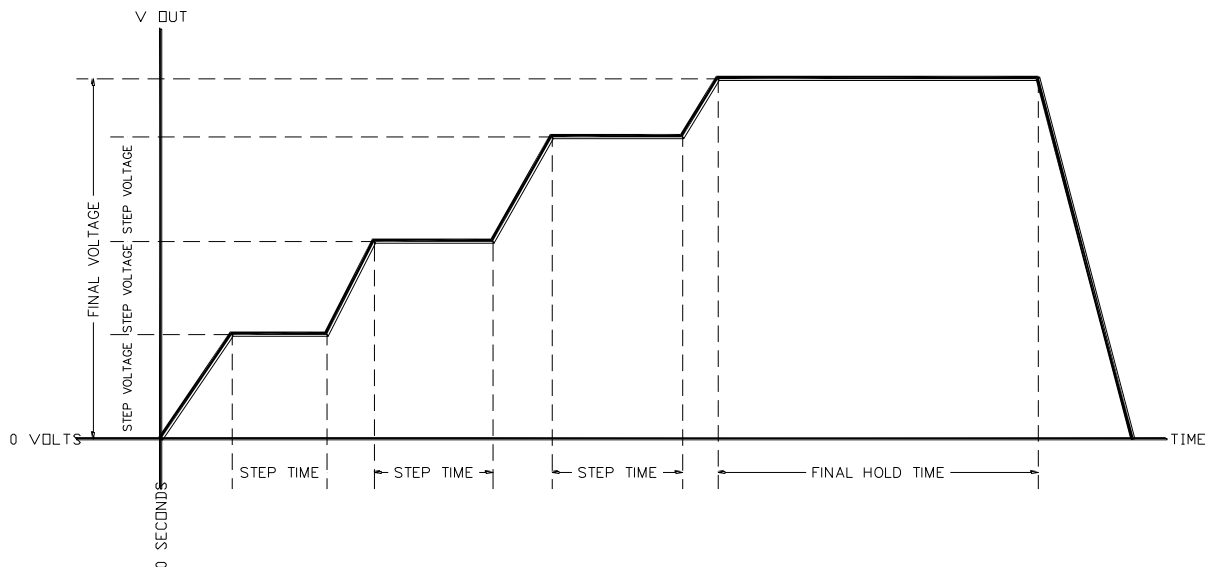
The M3628ACF is a digitally controlled DC supply capable of sourcing between 100 mA and 1A, at voltages between 10 and 1000 volts. Actual available charge current depends on load voltage.

The primary use-case is to choose the Profile Charge option; this will incrementally increase the voltage on the capacitor, pausing at each step for a period of time. When it reaches the max final voltage, it will again hold there for a designated amount of time. When that time elapses, the M3628ACF will automatically discharge and calculate an estimated capacitance.

Alternatively, the user can choose the Basic Charge option. This is a simpler operation as there are no hold phases, it just charges the capacitor all the way up to the final voltage and then immediately discharges it. It does still calculate the estimated capacitance.

Additionally, The M3628ACF has internal memory to save the 40 most recent forming operations. It saves the date and time the operation was started, the calculated capacitance result, and the type of operation along with the relevant parameters for that type. If the unit was equipped with the Export functionality (-E models) then these saved records can be transferred to a computer via flash drive for further archiving, if desired.

Figure 4-1: M3628ACF Charging Profile



4.2. FEATURES

4.2.1. HARDWARE

4.2.1.1. AC POWER INPUT CONNECTOR

The M3628ACF is equipped with a standard IEC C14 connector for input power. This connector mates with a standard C13 cable, commonly used with desktop computers, to provide power to the unit.

4.2.1.2. DC OUTPUT CONNECTORS

Two banana jacks provide the user with DC output voltage between 0 and 1000VDC. These connectors accept standard 4mm banana plugs.

4.2.1.3. DISPLAY

The digital display presents the user with information about the present status of the system, including the output voltage and current. The display also presents the user with options to control system operation, including charging and discharging attached capacitors.

4.2.1.4. INDICATOR LEDs

There are three LEDs below the Display to indicate the operational status of the unit.

- Green: Unit is powered on.
- Yellow: A capacitor forming operation is currently in progress.
- Red: A fault has occurred. Check display for description.

4.2.1.5. DIRECTIONAL BUTTONS

Each of the four buttons corresponds to a direction, up, down, left or right. Up and down move the cursor among menu items. On screens where numbers are input by the user, the left and right buttons move the cursor, while the up and down buttons change the selected digits. On some screens, certain buttons may have no function at all.

4.2.1.6. ENTER AND CANCEL BUTTON

The green enter button selects menu options. On a menu screen, the red cancel button will return you to the previous menu. While a forming operation is active, the cancel button will act as an ABORT, should the need arise.

4.2.1.7. VOLTAGE PRESENT INDICATOR

A red light indicates that there is voltage on the DC output of the unit. Do not touch the output connectors or the attached equipment while this light is on, as electric shock could result.



Do not use this light as an indication that the output is safe to work on! Always check the output with a working voltmeter before servicing equipment, as the lamp may be malfunctioning!

ELECTROCUTION HAZARD! *This unit produces dangerous levels of voltage that can cause injury or death. Always follow safety protocols when working with high voltages!*

4.2.1.8. POWER SWITCH / CIRCUIT BREAKER

The Power Switch also acts as a circuit breaker to protect from overload conditions. If the breaker is tripped, you can reset it by simply turning the switch back on.

4.2.1.9. USB PORT (ON -E MODEL ONLY)

This USB port is only used to export the saved history from the internal memory of the M3628ACF. Simply plug in a flash drive and navigate to Export Records under the Settings menu.

The data is exported in a comma-delimited (.CSV) format. It will be saved to the flash drive at the file path: "\\M3628ACF\\yyMMMdd.csv". If a file with that name already exists there, the new data will just be appended to that existing file.

We recommend using a program like MS Excel for the best viewing experience, but any text editor will open a csv file. The max exported file size should be <5KB.



*The USB port is used for data transfer only. Do **not** attempt to charge and/or power any device(s) from this port.*

4.2.2. SCREENS & MENU NAVIGATION

Many screens are menus allowing access to other screens, or lists presenting a number of options. The presently selected item on the menu is indicated by a '>' cursor. This selection indicator is moved using the *up* and *down* buttons. If a line on the menu represents another screen, that screen is accessed with the *Enter* button. The *Cancel* button will return the display to the parent screen. See Figure 4-2.

4.2.2.1. MAIN MENU

4.2.2.1.1. PROFILE CHARGE

The user may set the necessary parameters and initiate charging from here.

4.2.2.1.1.1. SET FINAL VOLTAGE

From this screen the user may set the final voltage they wish to charge the load to. The right and left buttons control which digit is presently being edited, and the up and down buttons increment or decrement that digit. Pressing Enter will exit this screen and save the voltage.

4.2.2.1.1.2. SET STEP VOLTAGE

From this screen the user may set the voltage step by which the load will approach the final voltage. The right and left buttons control which digit is presently being edited, and the up and down buttons increment or decrement that digit. Pressing Enter will exit this screen and save the voltage.

4.2.2.1.1.3. SET CURRENT

From this screen the user may set the maximum current with which they wish to charge the load. The *right* and *left* buttons control which digit is presently being edited, and the *up* and *down* buttons increment or decrement that digit. Pressing Enter will exit this screen and save the current.

4.2.2.1.1.4. SET STEP HOLD TIME

From this screen the user may set the number of minutes each step voltage will be held. The right and left buttons control which digit is presently being edited, and the up and down buttons increment or decrement that digit. Pressing Enter will exit this screen and save the hold time.

The maximum step time is 999 minutes or about 16 hours and 39 min.

4.2.2.1.1.5. SET FINAL HOLD TIME

From this screen the user may set the number of minutes the final voltage will be held. The right and left buttons control which digit is presently being edited, and the up and down buttons increment or decrement that digit. Pressing Enter will exit this screen and save the hold time.

The maximum final hold time is 999 minutes or about 16 hours and 39 min.

4.2.2.1.1.6. CHARGE CONFIRM

From this screen, the user is asked to confirm the charge voltage and current in order to begin charging the output.

4.2.2.1.1.6.1. CHARGING

This screen displays the present output voltage and current. It transitions to the "Discharging" screen (4.2.2.1.3.1.) when the output voltage reaches the set point and is held for the specified number of seconds. Charging may be aborted by pressing the Cancel button.

4.2.2.1.2. BASIC CHARGE MENU

The user may set the necessary parameters and initiate charging from here.

4.2.2.1.2.1. SET VOLTAGE

From this screen the user may set the voltage they wish to charge the load to. The right and left buttons control which digit is presently being edited, and the up and down buttons increment or decrement that digit. Pressing Enter will exit this screen and save the voltage.

4.2.2.1.2.2. SET CURRENT

From this screen the user may set the maximum current with which they wish to charge the load. The *right* and *left* buttons control which digit is presently being edited, and the *up* and *down* buttons increment or decrement that digit. Pressing *Enter* will exit this screen and save the current.

4.2.2.1.2.3. CHARGE CONFIRM

At this screen, the user is asked to confirm the parameters of the selected charge mode to begin charging the capacitor.

4.2.2.1.2.3.1. CHARGING (BASIC)

This screen displays the present output voltage and current. Charging may be aborted by pressing the *Cancel* button.

4.2.2.1.3. DISCHARGE CONFIRM

At this screen the user is asked to confirm their intent to discharge the capacitor bank. If the user confirms, the capacitor starts discharging.

4.2.2.1.3.1. DISCHARGING

This screen displays the capacitor voltage and duration timer. It transitions to the “Results” screen when the Discharge finishes.

4.2.2.1.4. PREVIOUS RESULTS

This screen presents the user with results of the previous capacitor forming operations and measurements.

Press *right* and *left* to scroll from one record to the next.

Use *up* and *down* to show more info about the current record.

4.2.2.1.5. SETTINGS MENU**4.2.2.1.5.1. SET CURRENT DATE & TIME**

From this screen the user may edit the local Date and Time. The *right* and *left* buttons control which digit is presently being edited, and the *up* and *down* buttons increment or decrement that digit. Pressing *Enter* will save the current value.

4.2.2.1.5.2. SET MENU IDLE TIMEOUT

From this screen the user may set the Idle Timeout duration. The *right* and *left* buttons control which digit is presently being edited, and the *up* and *down* buttons increment or decrement that digit. Pressing *Enter* will save the current value.

4.2.2.1.5.3. EXPORT RECORDS

From this screen the user may start the Export process.

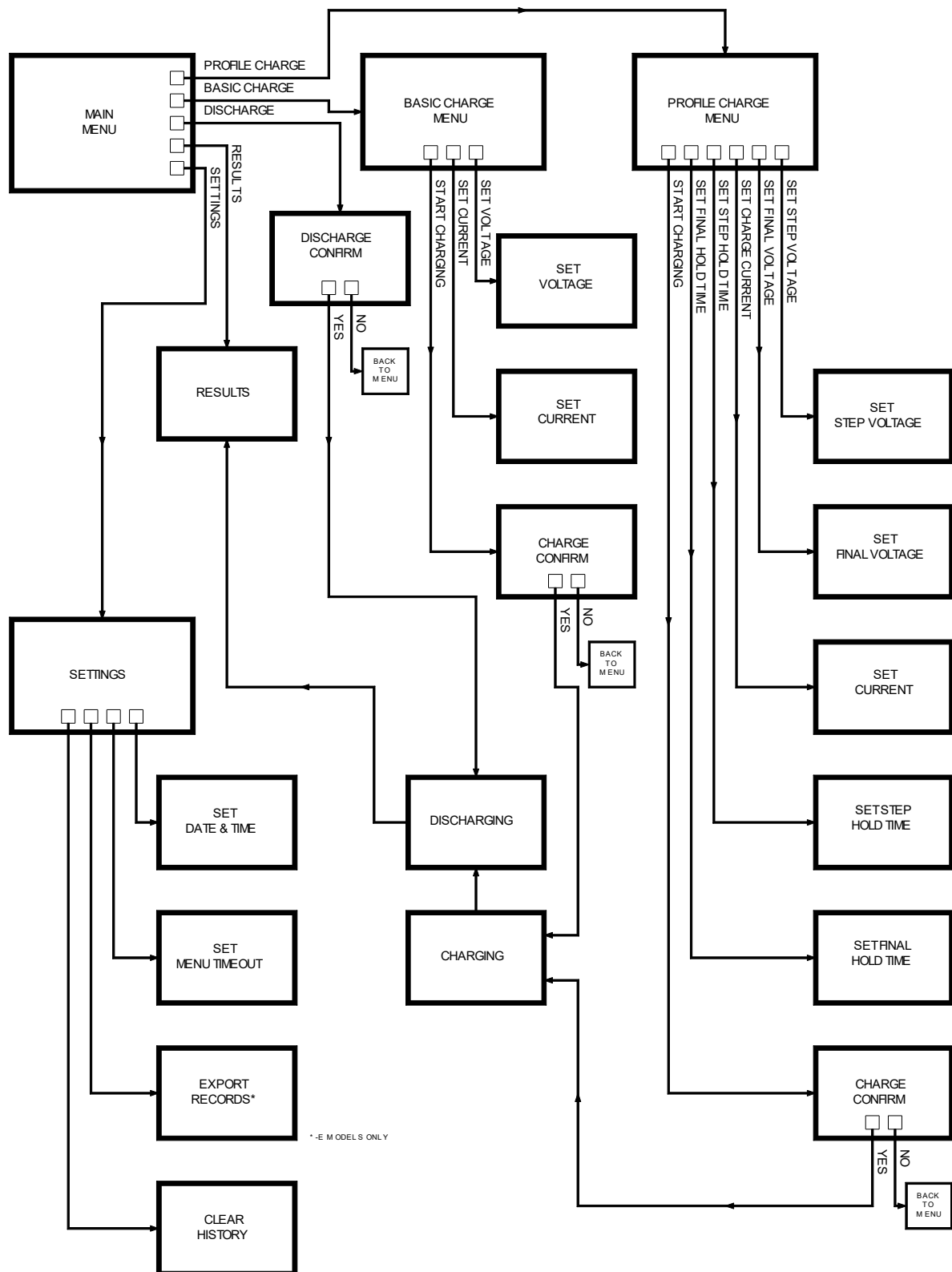
4.2.2.1.5.4. CLEAR HISTORY

From this screen the user may clear all currently saved records.

4.2.2.2. VOLTAGE

If the system is idle and no button is pressed for a period of time, the system will transition to this screen, much like a screensaver. It displays the present load voltage. Pressing *Enter* or *Cancel* will transition back to the main menu.

Figure 4-2: M3628ACF Interface Screen Tree



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5. TROUBLESHOOTING

If a problem occurs on start-up or during normal operation, refer to the problems described below. If a problem persists after following the steps below, contact the product supplier or your system integrator for assistance.

Repairs or modifications to this equipment are to be performed by Bonitron approved personnel only. Any repair or modification to this equipment by personnel not approved by Bonitron will void any warranty remaining on this unit.

Table 5-1: Troubleshooting

Display never comes on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that the input power cable is connected firmly to the unit and to a functioning power source at the correct voltage. • If both connections and the power supply are good, make sure the input circuit breaker has not tripped.
Output voltage never rises above zero while charging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check the connections between the unit and the load, making sure that the connection is solid and that the polarity is correct. • Check the output voltage with a separate voltage meter; if voltage is present, the internal circuitry may need service. Consult Bonitron for service options.
Display shows no output current while charging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check the output connections to make sure there is good contact. • Make sure there is voltage at the output terminals.
Capacitor takes a very long time to charge - Or - Voltage Step never reached	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check the connections between the unit and the load, making sure that the connection is solid and that the polarity is correct. • Increase the Current Limit, if possible. • Try to isolate the capacitor bank from any other attached circuitry that may be drawing power.
Red voltage present light is ON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Voltage Present light indicates that there is voltage between the output terminals of the unit. If the display indicates that no voltage is present, contact Bonitron.
Red voltage present light never turns on regardless of output voltage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check the output voltage with a separate voltmeter. If the voltage is above 50VDC, your unit may require service. Contact Bonitron.
Flash Drive not recognized	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove and re-insert flash drive. • Ensure device is fully seated in USB port.
Export process takes longer than 60 seconds to complete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power OFF the unit and then remove flash drive. • Power ON the unit and attempt the export process again.



Always monitor the output voltage while operating the unit. Ensure that the attached loads do not exceed their rated voltage, as catastrophic damage, injury, or death may occur.

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6. ENGINEERING DATA

6.1. RATINGS CHART

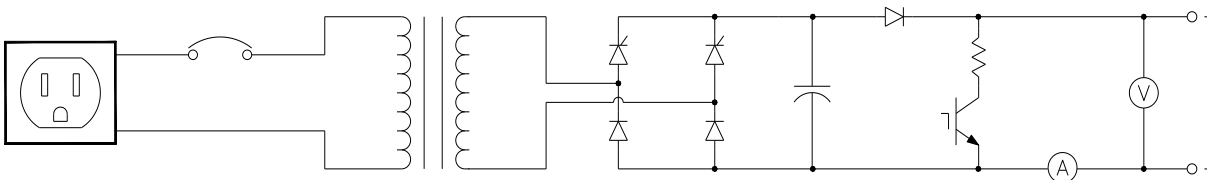
Table 6-1: Ratings Chart

Input Voltage	110 - 120VAC, 50/60Hz 220 - 240VAC, 50/60Hz
Output Voltage	10V - 1000V DC
Output Current	100mA - 1000mA DC
Discharge Resistor	240 Ohm
Isolation Transformer	1 kVA

Table 6-2: Dimensions

Height	9 in. (with top closed)
Width	13.9 in.
Depth	18.0 in.

6.2. BLOCK DIAGRAM



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7. APPLICATION NOTES

7.1. TYPICAL CAPACITOR BANK FORMING / TESTING PROCEDURE

Electrolytic capacitors undergo physical changes when stored for long periods. Depending on the ambient conditions of the storage, this can be from six months to two years. If the capacitors are rapidly taken to their rated voltage, excessive leakage current may cause them to overheat and fail.

Electrolytic capacitors also undergo physical and chemical changes after long periods of use. If wear continues, these capacitors can fail, potentially causing catastrophic damage. Capacitor lifetime is heavily dependent on use and ambient conditions, and thus impossible to predict. Periodically measuring the capacitance of a bank can help quantify the wear on and remaining lifetime of the capacitors, helping avoid catastrophic failure without periodically replacing the entire bank.

If the capacitor bank is part of a Variable Frequency Drive, check with the drive manufacturer for specific instructions on how to reform the capacitor bank.



Please note, the accuracy of the capacitance measurement may be affected by additional loads, such as the drive's control power, bleeder or balancing resistor(s), or other internal components.

Reducing or isolating any non-capacitive system loads as much as possible will improve the consistency and accuracy of the testing procedures.

The generic forming/testing procedure:

1. Ensure the capacitor bank is fully discharged.
2. Apply power to the M3628ACF.
3. Attach the output leads to the capacitor bank directly. If you are forming the capacitors in a drive, ensure that you are directly across the DC bus, not attached through the braking circuit.
4. Select "Charging Profile" from the main menu.
5. Set the final voltage to the rated voltage of the capacitor bank.
6. Set the step voltage to approximately 10% of the rated voltage of the capacitor.
7. Set the charging current to its maximum setting, unless counter-indicated by the capacitor manufacturer.
8. Set the step hold time to at least 10 minutes, or manufacturer's recommendation.
9. Set the final hold time to at least 20 minutes, or manufacturer's recommended reforming time.
10. Begin charging the capacitors. Verify the information on-screen to make sure the voltage is rising on the capacitor bank. Continually monitor the capacitor banks or attached equipment for any abnormal signs, such as noise, heating, or smell.

IF AT ANY TIME ABNORMAL SIGNS ARE DETECTED, OR THE LOAD CAPACITORS ARE OVERVOLTAGED, PRESS AND HOLD THE CANCEL BUTTON TO END THE PROCEDURE.

11. After the final hold time, the unit will discharge the load and calculate its capacitance. Wait until discharging is complete before dis-connecting the load. Record the calculated capacitance somewhere safe, along with the designation of the capacitor being tested. Multiple tests may be performed if desired, to ensure repeatability.
12. If the procedure is completed successfully, the capacitor bank or equipment can be returned to storage or put into use, as appropriate.
13. If the bank is put into service, test the capacitor bank periodically, on a schedule recommended by the capacitor manufacturer. Ensure that all tests are performed in a similar ambient temperature; otherwise, comparison between results may not be valid. If over time the bank capacitance falls below the manufacturer-recommended percentage of the original recorded capacitance, discard and replace the capacitor.

7.1.1. MANUFACTURES RECOMMENDED REFORMING PROCEDURES

The following information was copied directly from the manufacturers' manuals, service bulletins, or websites pertaining to the process of reforming the capacitors in their drives.

Figure 7-1: Rockwell Automation (Part 1)

□ Bus Capacitors

For drives that are in storage and do not have voltage applied, maintenance of the capacitors in the drive can be required. Follow these requirements and the guidelines listed in [Table 3](#) for bus capacitor maintenance and reforming:

- The reforming voltage must be 1.35...1.45 times the rated AC system voltage
- During the reforming process, the power supply current draw must not exceed 500 mA
- For PowerFlex 753 and 755 frame 6 and 7 drives disconnect all internal stirring fans before applying voltage to the bus capacitors.

Table 3 - Drive Storage Duration and Reforming Recommendations

Duration	Reforming Guideline
Under 2 years	No reforming required.
2 ... 3 years	Apply rated voltage, per the normal method, for 30 minutes under no load.
Over 3 years	Using a DC power supply connected directly to the DC terminals of the product, ramp-up the voltage from 0...100% of DC bus voltage (as per Table 4) in increments of 50%, 75%, and 100% rated voltage, under no load, for 30 minutes at each increment. See Figure 5 on page 4 for an illustration of this method.

Table 4 - DC Bus Voltage Ramp-up Values

AC Input Voltage	Voltage Across the DC Bus
230V	325V DC
400/480V	680V DC
600V	848V DC
600/690V	976V DC

Figure 7-2: Rockwell Automation (Part 2)

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Figure 5 - Bus Capacitor Reforming Guidelines

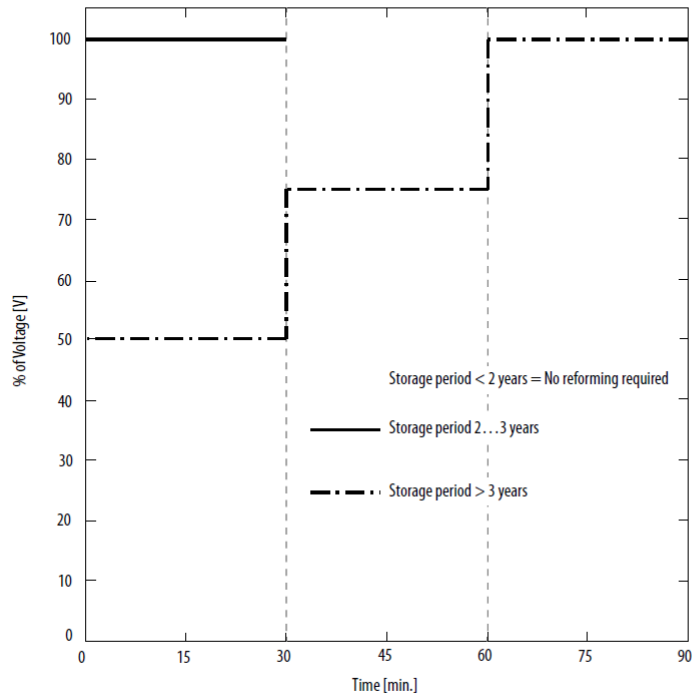
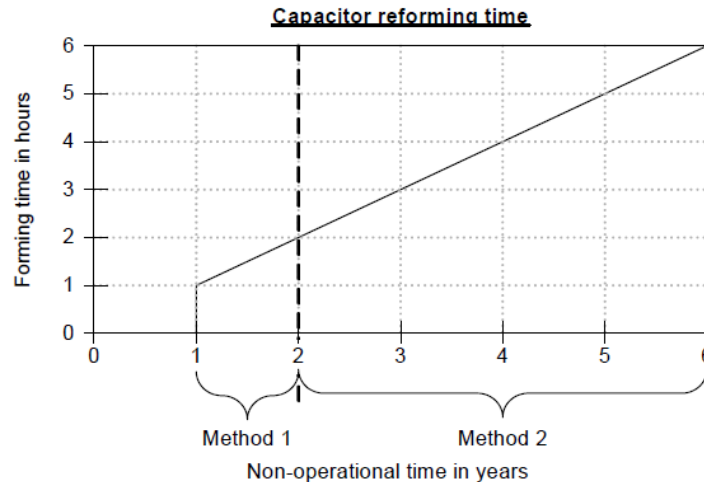


Figure 7-3: ABB ACS 800 (Part 1)*Figure 1. Capacitor reforming time for Method 1 and Method 2***Converters stocked (non-operational) less than 2 years**

Use method 1 (below) for capacitor reforming if the converters have been stocked (non-operational) for less than two years.

Switch the power on to the converter for a time given in Figure 1 (Method 1). The converter "wakes up" its capacitors on its own. Power the multidrive inverter units and the inverter modules up once a year to keep the capacitors in operational condition.

Converters stocked (non-operational) for 2 years and over

Use method 2 A or method 2 B (below) for capacitor reforming if the converters have been stocked (non-operational) for two years or longer.



WARNING! The inverter module AC or DC supply voltage must be disconnected by removing the DC/AC fuses or by opening the disconnecting switch/fuse switch.

Method 2 A:

Capacitors are reformed via a composition of a rectifier and a resistor circuit, which is connected to the converter DC link. The reforming circuit is shown below. Component values for different voltages are given in the table below. See the reforming time from Figure 1.



WARNING! The converter supply must be disconnected while reforming circuit is connected.

Figure 7-4: ABB ACS 800 (Part 2)**Method 2 B:**

Capacitor reforming is based on DC power supply, which is connected to converter DC link. Power supply current charges the converter capacitors. If power supply cannot limit the current, voltage is increased gradually (with e.g. 100 V steps). Maximum recommended reforming current is 500 mA. An appropriate reforming voltage is $(1.35 \dots \sqrt{2}) \times U_N$ (U_N = Nominal supply voltage of the converter (VAC)). See reforming time from Figure 1.



WARNING! The converter supply must be disconnected while reforming circuit is connected.

Capacitor reforming guide

Figure 7-5: Schneider ATV61/71

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Product Line:

ATV61/71 series

Environment:

All serial numbers for ATV61/71 series

Cause:

N/A

Resolution:

Procedure for applying voltage to an Altivar after a long duration storage:

As a function of the length of storage, you must re-apply voltage progressively to the product to re-form the capacitors. Calculate the storage time from the date code of the product and not from the date of delivery.

Up to 1 year:

Apply voltage normally

More than 1 year (performed without a motor connected and without a run command):

Use a variable AC power supply to increase the voltage in such a fashion so as to have:

- 25% of nominal voltage for 30 minutes
- 50% of nominal voltage for 30 minutes
- 75% of nominal voltage for 30 minutes
- 100% of nominal voltage for 30 minutes

Warning: This process MUST be followed and is not optional. Applying full line voltage immediately could result in serious damage to the drive, and possible personal injury (when the drive has been sitting for more than 1 year).

Figure 7-6: Siemens Micromaster 440

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2 Installation

2.1 Installation after a Period of Storage

Following a prolonged period of storage, you must reform the capacitors in the inverter.

Frame Sizes A to F

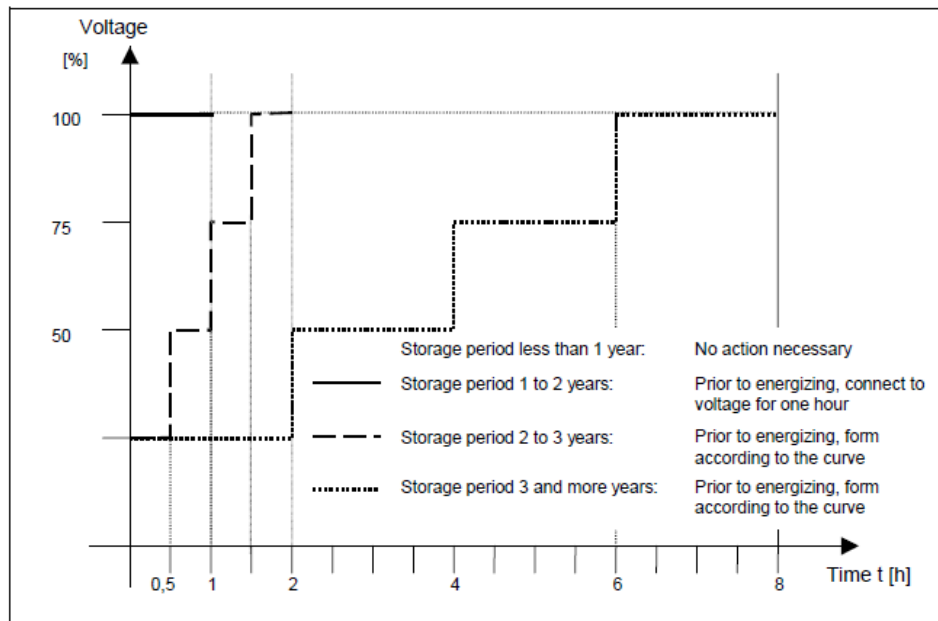


Fig. 2-1 Forming

Frame Sizes FX and GX

Reforming the capacitors can be accomplished by applying 85% of the rated input voltage for at least 30 minutes without load.

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