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1. ESD Protection

SEMTRANS® IGBT modules are electrostatic sensitive devices. All modules SEMTRANS® 2, 3 and 4 are supplied with ESD protection via a conductive connection between the gate and emitter terminals. This connection should be kept intact until the driver has been connected.

Module assembly must be carried out by qualified staff wearing conductive grounded bracelets at ESD protected, grounded workstations.

2. Heat sink specifications

Preparation, surface specifications

In order to ensure good thermal contact and to obtain the thermal contact resistance values specified in the datasheets, the contact surface of the heat sink must be clean and free from particles. It is useful to clean the mounting surface of the heat sink with wipes and an alcohol cleaner, e.g. isopropanol, right before the mounting process. The following mechanical specifications have to be met:

- Unevenness of heat sink mounting area must be ≤ 50 µm per 100 mm (DIN EN ISO 1101)
- Roughness “Rz” ≤ 10 µm (DIN EN ISO 4287)
- No steps > 10 µm (DIN EN ISO 4287)

![Heat sink surface specifications](image)

Fig. 1 Heat sink surface specifications
3. Thermal compound
Before assembly onto the heat sink, the module baseplate or the contact surface of the heat sink has to be evenly coated with a thin layer of thermal compound. A layer thickness of 50 μm – 100 μm is recommended for silicone paste P12 from WACKER CHEMIE or silicone-free paste HTC from ELECTROLUBE.

The thickness of the layer can be determined using a measurement gauge as shown in Fig. 2.

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Fig. 2 Wet Film Thickness Gauge 5 – 150 μm

SEMIKRON recommends using screen printing to apply a homogenous layer of thermal paste. In certain cases a hard rubber roller might be suitable for the application of thermal paste.

Weight measurements (spot test) on module before and after thermal compound printing is a good possibility to apply statistical process control to the printing process without performing destructive testing with the film thickness gauge.
4. Mounting torques

Mounting torques on heat sink $M_s$

To secure SEMITRANS® IGBT modules, the use of either M6 steel screws (DIN 7045, property class 4.8) in combination with suitable washers and spring lock washers or combination screws is strongly recommended. When doing so, the torque value specified must be observed.

### Table 1: Tightening torque for module mounting

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<th>Housing</th>
<th>Screw</th>
<th>Mounting torque $M_s$ [Nm]</th>
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<td>Min</td>
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A pre-tightening torque of 0.6 Nm and retightening to the given torque value is recommended.

For the screwing process the speed has to be limited to 300 rpm and soft torque limitation is recommended to avoid torque peaks, which may occur with pneumatic screwdrivers. Calibrated screw drivers (manual screw driver or electrical screw driver) are recommended.

The screws must be tightened in diagonal order with equal torque in several steps until the specified torque value $M_s$ has been reached. An example of the diagonal mounting order is shown in Fig. 3.
Mounting torque for terminals $M_t$

For the electrical terminals, suitable screws, washers and spring lock washers or combination screws are to be used. Maximum and minimum thread reaches can be taken from the module drawings (see data sheets) and the permissible tightening torque values $M_t$ must be observed.

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Table 2: Tightening torque for electrical terminals
5. Power Terminals
Where possible, laminated DC-link bus bars should be used for connections on the DC side of the circuit. In this way, a minimum of stray inductance is achieved, which in turn guarantees a low load with switching surges. In most applications, the use of inductance pulse capacitors (MKP, MKT … 0.22 μF … 1μF) at the DC terminals (collector TOP-IGBT/emitter BOT IGBT) is recommended to prevent parasitic oscillations.

6. Terminal pull forces
SEMITRANS®2
Cable connections of half bridge modules must be mounted in such way that the resulting pull forces per power terminal of the module are limited to 200N and the resulting pull forces per control terminal of the module are limited to 60N.

Fig. 4 Half bridge module (SEMITRANS®2)
SEMITRANS®3

Cable connections of half bridge modules must be mounted in such way that the resulting pull forces per power terminal of the module are limited to 250N and the resulting pull forces per control terminal of the module are limited to 60N.

Fig. 5 Half bridge module (SEMITRANS®3)

SEMITRANS®4

Cable connections of single switch modules must be mounted in such way that the resulting pull forces per power terminal of the module are limited to 250N and the resulting pull forces per control terminal of the module are limited to 150N.

Fig. 6 Single switch module (SEMITRANS®4)
7. Terminal push forces

SEMITRANS®2

Cable connections of half bridge modules must be mounted in such way that the resulting pull forces per power terminal of the module are limited to 250N and the resulting pull forces per control terminal of the module are limited to 60N.

Fig. 7 Half bridge module (SEMITRANS®2)

SEMITRANS®3

Cable connections of half bridge modules must be mounted in such way that the resulting pull forces per power terminal of the module are limited to 200N and the resulting pull forces per control terminal of the module are limited to 60N.

Fig. 8 Half bridge module (SEMITRANS®3)
SEMITRANS®4

Cable connections of single switch modules must be mounted in such way that the resulting pull forces per power terminal of the module are limited to 250N and the resulting pull forces per control terminal of the module are limited to 250N.

8. Driver connections
All control cables must be twisted conductor cables and kept as short as possible in order to minimize stray inductance and avoid electromagnetic interference and oscillation.

SEMIKRON recommends the use of SEMIKRON drivers (data sheets available on the internet under: http://www.semikron.com)
9. Mounting accessories
SEMIKRON offers a standard accessories kit (ID No. 33321100) for 10 SEMITRANS® 2, 3 and 4 modules each or 4 SEMITRANS® 6, 7 modules each.

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Table 3: Content of the accessories kit

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