

Unify to amplify

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Control Techniques and KB Electronics are excited to announce that from 1st May 2024, they will undergo a brand elevation process, transitioning to Nidec Drives.

This decision has been made with strategic initiative and progression in mind. Control Techniques and KB Electronics, with over 50 years of experience, represent innovation and trailblazing in the drives sector; becoming Nidec Drives aligns with their forward-thinking approach and dedication to staying ahead in an ever-evolving market.

It's important to emphasise that this change will not affect any of the products or services currently offered by Control Techniques or KB Electronics. Their product lines will remain at the same high level of quality, innovation, and service, which their customers have come to expect. There will be changes to branding on social media channels, product labelling, and brochures, but customers can rest assured; the same team of drive obsessives are behind the wheel.

This strategic decision signifies greater collaboration with Nidec, a global brand, giving further opportunities to produce more of what customers want and need. Becoming Nidec Drives enables Control Techniques and KB Electronics to harness the strength and resources of Nidec, meaning greater prospects and collective possibilities. This change will not only strengthen their valued stakeholder relationships, but also ensure a more efficient and effective experience for all.

Nidec Drives, as they embark on this new chapter, remain firmly committed to their existing values of prioritising customer success and satisfaction.

If you would like any further information on this process, please contact your local [Nidec Drives drive centre](#), who are always ready to help with any need.



5-year warranty becomes standard at Nidec Drives

04 November 2024

We are a global leader in industrial drives and automation and as such, we are launching a groundbreaking change to our warranty program. Effective immediately, our customers will now receive a **5-year warranty as standard** on all Nidec Drives global drives, option module and keypad product lines. For full details of offer visit the [Eligibility criteria page](#).

We are the first drives supplier to offer a 5-year warranty as standard **across our range of drives, particularly including high-performance and high-power drives ranges.**

The message is clear, why pay for a warranty when we provide unmatched cover as a standard.

Demonstrating the confidence that we have in the quality and reliability of our products. This bold move shows our commitment to moving with a rapidly changing market that expects more from its drives supplier.

This program reflects the success of the extended 5-year warranty program that was initially introduced to [Commander C general purpose drives](#) in 2019, and more recently included in the launches of specialist [Pump Drive F600](#), the [HVAC Drive H300](#), as well as the groundbreaking [Commander S100 micro-AC drive](#).

No registration. No extra fees. Just peace of mind from day one.



At Nidec Drives we invest in research and development that is dedicated to advancing drive technology, ensuring continuous innovation in performance, efficiency, and reliability. **With multimillion-dollar investments in automation, factory upgrades, and global expansion**, we ensure that our manufacturing excellence is consistent across all locations—whether in Asia Pacific, Europe, or the Americas.

The global setup of our manufacturing sites enables the production of any product at any location, offering customers unmatched flexibility and peace of mind in the event of supply chain disruptions. Our commitment to quality means that every product, no matter where it's made, meets the same high standards of precision, durability, and performance.

We offer **unrivalled local support through our global network of Drive Centres** where expert teams of sales and application engineers are dedicated to helping customers solve complex, technical and operational challenges.

This ground-breaking offer means our customers can now invest with confidence and have the guarantee that their investments are protected. **We firmly believe in the reliability and quality of our products and now you, our customers can too.**

Sue Clark, Global Marketing Manager Nidec Drives adds:

“We are proud to be the first global drive supplier to offer a 5-year warranty as standard. This reflects the confidence we have in the quality of our products, built on the back of major investments in our design and manufacturing facilities worldwide. In today’s competitive landscape, this initiative allows us to offer our customers a clear differentiator—a risk-free investment that lowers their total cost of ownership. Our customers can be assured that their investment is protected, with no extra cost for added peace of mind.”

[If you're looking to purchase variable speed drives with a 5-year warranty as standard click here](#)





ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The standard 5-year warranty applies to the following products. This starts from the date of sales invoice.

Drives*

- KBAC
- KBDA
- KBMA
- KBVF
- KBWA
- Commander S
- Commander C
- NE200 & NE300



- Unidrive HS30
- Unidrive M400
- Elevator Drive E300
- Pump Drive F600
- HVAC Drive H300
- Powerdrive F300
- Unidrive M700, M701, M702
- Unidrive M600
- Unidrive HS70
- Unidrive SPMC
- DFS & WMP Series – Installed drive only
- Digitax HD
- KBIC
- KBMD
- KBMG
- KBMM
- KBPC
- KBRC
- KBRG
- KBTC
- KBWM
- Mentor MP
- Quantum MP

Options and Accessories*

Field Controller

- FXMP25

Communications Option Modules

- AI-485-Adaptor
- CI-485-Adaptor
- KI-485-Adaptor
- SI-BACnet IP
- SI-CANopen
- SI-DeviceNet
- SI-EtherCAT
- SI-Ethernet
- SI-INTERBUS



- SI-PROFIBUS
- SI-PROFINET
- SI-POWERLINK
- SM-CANopen
- SM-DeviceNet
- SM-EtherCAT
- SM-Ethernet
- SM-PROFIBUS-DP
- SM-PROFINET
- SM-Interbus

Drive Keypads and Back-up Series

- AI-Back-up Adaptor
- AI-Smart Adaptor
- CI-Keypad LCD
- KI-Keypad Plus
- KI-Keypad LCD
- KI-Keypad RTC
- CI-KEYPAD-LCD
- Remote Keypad
- Remote Keypad RTC
- SD-Smartcard Adaptor
- MP-Keypad
- SM-Keypad (LED)

Feedback Option Modules

- SI-Encoder
- SI-Universal Encoder
- SM-Encoder Plus
- SM-Universal Encoder Plus
- 15-way D-type converter (UT01)
- 15 V single end encoder (UT02)
- 24 V single end encoder (UT02)

Input and Output Option Modules

- SI-IO
- SI-I/O 24 Plus
- SM-IO 120V
- SM-IO Lite



- SM-IO PELV
- SM-IO Plus

Machine Control Option Modules

- MCi200 Machine Control Module
- MCi210 Integrated Machine Controllers
- PTi210 PowerTools Integration Module
- SI-Applications Plus Module
- SI-Apps Compact Module
- SM-Applications Plus

Safety Modules

- SI-Safety
- MS210
- MiS250

*Note: We reserve the right not to apply the 5-year warranty on certain commercial transactions. Please contact your local Drive Centre or Nidec Drives sales agent for clarification.

Registration requirements

No registration is required for products purchased from 1st November 2024 to qualify for the 5-year warranty.

Also, registration is no longer required for the following products purchased between 1st November 2023 and 31st October 2024, as these will now automatically qualify for the extended 5 year warranty:

- Commander S
- Commander C200 & C300
- Pump Drive F600 - frame sizes 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7
- HVAC Drive H300 - frame sizes 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7

Products that have already been registered will not be affected by this change.

Duration of 5-year warranty offer

We reserve the right to amend or terminate the 5-year warranty offer at any time.



Warranty terms

Other warranty terms are set out in our Standard Terms and Conditions of Sale.

