Optimizing Motor Production Projects: Key Factors To Consider For Optimal Motor Winding and Assembly Automation

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ABSTRACT

The success of a new motor winding project relies on a harmonious blend of several key factors. Careful consideration of these factors is essential to ensure optimal results. The process begins with the selection of appropriate wire, insulation type, steel laminations, and plastic insulators. Tied to materials selection is winding equipment selection including wire tensioning to achieve precision layering and enhance the filling factor. In addition, the type of winding technology that best fits the project’s needs must be carefully chosen, taking into account the project’s targets and product design, and weighing the advantages and disadvantages of open stator versus closed stator winding.

While winding operations are at the core of a motor production project, there are other important considerations as well. Of course, the market demands motors that are more efficient, provide a higher torque, yield more power, as well as being more compact than ever before. However, the market also requires motor manufacturing solutions that are reliable, consistent, automated, and allow for full trace-ability of both processes and materials, resulting in unsurpassed quality in factory automation. There are various automation technologies that can be incorporated into motor production projects such as automatic loading, pre-assembly of stators, winding, wire stripping, connection technologies, post-assembly, laser-welding, taping, palletizers, robotic integration, over-molding integration, etc....

This presentation aims to provide a guide to best practices for motor production projects, starting with an introduction to the key factors that must be taken into consideration. It will then focus on the available automated winding technologies (linear, flyer, and needle winding), outlining the advantages and disadvantages of each and identifying the circumstances in which one may be more beneficial than the others. Finally, the presentation concludes by delving into the various automation possibilities that can be incorporated to take a motor project from yielding just average results to one that yields exceptional results and exceeds...