Electromagnetic braking systems for wind turbines
The INTORQ brand stands for reliable brake solutions of the highest standard. Whether in cranes, wind turbines or lift systems – INTORQ products are used in the most diverse of applications. Rely on us to create the right solution for your drive – individually and reliably.

With its high number of variants, INTORQ’s range of modular products is used in many motors and geared motors and has set standards worldwide. With the establishment of facilities in Shanghai and Atlanta, we have also consistently expanded our international presence. So wherever you are in the world, our network of sales and service staff is always close at hand to support you.

### INTORQ at a glance

- Electromagnetic brakes and clutches
- Configurable standard solutions and custom-made solutions
- Development and production centred in Aerzen
- Fast delivery times worldwide thanks to production sites in Shanghai und Atlanta
- 45 million euros a year sales volume
- 800,000 units a year
- 10,000 square metres production area
- 220 employees
- Market leader with 63 sales partners in 49 countries
Our strength: we bring wind turbines to a precise, safe halt

Our brakes have been used in wind power installations for over 20 years, and they perform their task reliably. This field of application has special requirements: great reliability, long maintenance cycles, durability in the face of environmental influences, and tight braking torque tolerance.

For pitch drives we have developed spring-applied brakes as holding brakes. Even after a failure, they operate in a defined failsafe running mode. The brake is encapsulated and, if required, can be fitted with a tachometer.

For yaw drives we use brakes from our modular BFK458 series. They keep the turbines properly aligned in the wind. In the event of a fault, the brakes have to allow the nacelle to keep moving with the wind.
Optimal solutions for the standard tasks

For more than 20 years we have kept our nose to the wind, offering our customers optimised braking systems for the heavy demands made on pitch and yaw drives. We are constantly refining our range of products, adapting them to the various requirements. Today you are in a position to select the braking system you require from a wide variety of variants, assembling it flexibly from different components.

We stand for the highest levels of quality and reliability, and we guarantee you short delivery times. Our production system is geared to low piece numbers, always ensuring you the most cost-efficient solution for your drive.

The BFK470 range of sealed-design brakes replaces the BFK460 spring-applied brake. A self-contained system, it is predestined for use in pitch and yaw drives. Thanks to its high level of ingress protection, IP66, its sealed hand-release, and its numerous different friction linings, this brake can be flexibly adapted to meet the various requirements in wind power installations.

The modular BFK458 range is mostly used in yaw drives, where it can be employed universally as a standard product. The modular design ensures a high degree of flexibility, and the use of standard components ensures cost-saving configuration.
BFK458 with mounted hand-release and flange, typical of yaw drives

BFK470 for transducer mounting with inductive micro switch, suitable for pitch drives

Yaw drive with BFK458 spring-applied brake, pictured without transducer

BFK470 with hand-release, typical of yaw drives

BFK458 with mounted hand-release and flange, typical of yaw drives

BFK458 without hand-release with friction plate, suitable for yaw drives
BFK470 spring-applied brake – the solution for pitch and yaw drives

### Specifications
- IP66 enclosure
- Wear can be measured when the brake is mounted
- Graduated torques, from 40-250 Nm, 3 sizes
- Standard voltages 24-205V DC
- Temperature class F (155°C)
- Designed for 100% duty cycle
- Electrical insulation system is UL-certified (UL Standard 1446)

### Variants
- Temperature-proof up to –40°C (CCV, cold climate version), also with sealed hand-release – open design, suitable for mounting a rotary transducer
- Function monitoring by non-contact proximity switch
- Rotor with plastic sleeve
- Models with and without flange
- Excitation possible with pulse width modulation (PWM)
- Overexcitation and holding-current reduction possible with bridge/half-wave rectifier
BFK458 spring-applied brake – the option for yaw drives

### Specifications
- Standard brake, modular structure with large number of variants
- IP55 enclosure
- Graduated torques, from 2-600 Nm, 9 sizes
- Standard voltages 24-205V DC
- Temperature class F (155°C)
- Designed for 100% duty cycle
- Electrical insulation system is UL-certified (UL Standard 1446)
- CSA/CUS certification on the basis of UL Standard 508

### Variants
- Temperature-proof up to –40°C
- Design E (torque can be reduced) and Design N (torque cannot be adjusted)
- Function monitoring or wear control via micro switch
- Rotor with plastic sleeve
- Models with and without flange or friction plate
- Excitation possible with pulse width modulation (PWM)
- Overexcitation and holding-current reduction possible with bridge/half-wave rectifier

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![Diagram of brake components](image)
Always a better idea – the options for sustained operation

Special friction linings

We have developed different kinds of friction lining for the various applications and operating conditions. BFK458 spring-applied brakes can be equipped with standard linings, low-wear friction linings or HFC friction linings. The newly developed BFK470 spring-applied brakes can also be supplied with RIF and HT friction linings.

HFC (high friction coefficient)
- For higher braking torques
- For use as a holding brake
- Running-in period required
- Restricted maximum speed

RIF (run-in-free)
- Stable static torque
- For use as holding brake
- No running-in required
- Developed for the heavy demands on pitch drives in wind power installations
- Restricted maximum speed

HT (high temperature)
- Highly temperature-resistant friction lining, to facilitate significantly higher friction work (in comparison with the standard aluminium rotor)
- Stable static torque
- Especially suitable for pitch and yaw drives in wind power installations

Rotor with plastic sleeve – a solution with many benefits

The rotor with the plastic sleeve reduces the necessary backlash to a minimum and thus increases the service life.

Features and benefits

- Low rate of wear between rotor and hub
- Recommended for operation with frequency inverter
- Also suitable for CCV
Faster, better more reliable – bridge/half-wave rectifiers

After a set amount of time, the bridge/half-wave rectifiers switch from bridge rectification to half-wave rectification. Depending on the choice of voltage, this leads to an overexcitation (shortened brake release time) or to a holding-current reduction (low self-heating, energy savings).

It is also possible to combine the two features with each other: slight overexcitation with low holding-current reduction.

Benefit with far-sightedness – pulse width modulation (PWM)

We have modified the insulation system of the INTORQ spring-applied brakes specially for this area of use, in order to prevent possible damage through partial discharges.

This can occur in the excitation of spring-applied brakes from the intermediate circuit of a frequency inverter.
With our nose to the wind for over 20 years: competitive advantages from INTORQ brakes

Our brake solutions have been tried and tested a 100,000 times in wind turbines all over the world. As a result of our many years of experience and our innovative refinements, we have continually extended our standard programme.

A recent addition to the programme is our new BFK470 series of brakes, which meets even more of the requirements in this market thanks to special friction linings combined with a high level of enclosure (ingress protection). In what we do, our focus is always on the customer benefits and the individual application.

We understand your requirements and find the right solution

Do you need more than our standard programme can offer with its numerous ready-made solutions? Our experienced project management is used to fulfilling challenging requirements in a professional way. Together with you, our customers, we develop the right solution for your drive. That is one of our strengths. The first point of contact is our Key Account Sales Team, who will document your special requirements and support you in the very first steps of the planning process.

Within the organisation, our development engineers accompany the project from the construction to the sample production and to the series production release. In this way, together we find an individual solution precisely tailor-made to meet your needs.

Our competence – your benefits

- Long maintenance intervals thanks to the special construction and the use of wear-reducing components
  - guide pins in the armature plate
  - rotor with sleeve
  - use of a steel hub
- Easy maintenance through wear assessment while mounted (dismantling unnecessary)
- Temperature-proof up to –40°C (Cold Climate Version)
- IP66 enclosure, even with sealed hand-release
- Low torque tolerance through special friction linings
- Monitoring by non-contact proximity switch or mechanical micro switch
- Modular structure with short, defined delivery times
- Brakes and spare parts available worldwide from INTORQ companies and sales partners
We are available to our customers at all times and in all locations. Major customers and projects are supported directly by our Key Account Sales Team at our HQ in Aerzen (Germany) or by our locations in Shanghai (China) and Atlanta (USA).

In addition to this, we work with a global network of local trading partners and cooperate with Lenze’s global sales organisation.

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