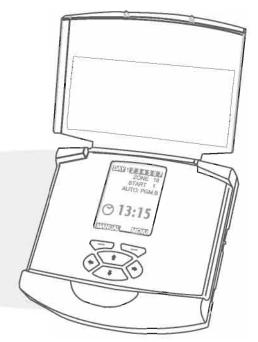


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# Multi-Zone AC Irrigation Controller

for 24VAC solenoid valve only



**Users Guide** 

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# Getting Started Features

#### **Up to 8 valves plus Master Valve**

Turns up to 8 valves (or zones) on and off automatically, according to programmed days and times.

#### **Four Start Times for Each Valve**

Each valve may be programmed to irrigate up to four times a day. The times programmed refer to all valves.

#### **Programs Specific Days or Intervals**

You may program irrigation to start on specific days (e.g Mondays and Thursdays), or at specific intervals (e.g. every second day).

#### Sensor

A sensor may be connected to the Controller to determine the moisture level in the soil. If the sensor detects sufficient moisture the related valves are automatically closed.

#### **Rain Delay**

This function allows you to delay irrigating for up to 14 days if there has been sufficient rain. All previously set programs are retained, and irrigation will resume as before, after set number of days has passed.

#### Six Languages

Screen display may be set to one of six languages: English, French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and Hebrew.

#### **Seasonal Changes in Irrigation Quantities**

You may quickly and easily change duration times of all zones to adjust for changes in the weather. Increasing or decreasing percentages will adjust duration times according to your needs, so for example, all irrigation duration times will be cut in half if you select 50%.

#### **Pump Operation**

Allows operating a pump or a master valve controlling the whole area.

#### **Non-Volatile Memory**

The Controller retains programmed information in the event of a battery being removed and 24VAC failure.

#### Easy-to-Read Screen Display

Large screen and display enable easy programming and viewing information.

### **Screen Table of Programmed Irrigations**

On screen table enables quick review of set programs.

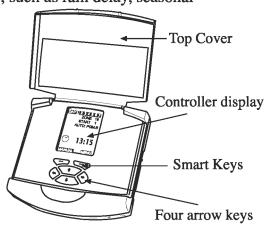
## **Parts Identification**

#### **Screen Display**

The screen display automatically turns off when not in use for 5 minutes. Touch any button to activate. The basic display shows current time, current day of the week, and chosen

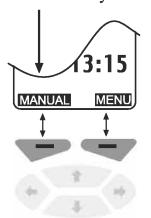
Other chosen functions, such as rain delay, seasonal

or manual operation are also displayed on the screen.



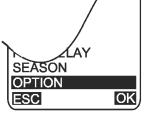
#### **Function Buttons**

These keys refer to the actions displayed on the screen directly above them.



Arrow keys move the highlighted selection in the direction of the

arrow.\_



#### **UP ARROW**

is also used to make a selection

#### DOWN ARROW

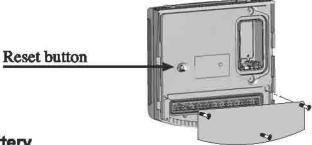
is also used to cancel a selection.

#### Wall or Pipe Mount

The Controller may be mounted on a wall or pipe using the wall bracket provided.

#### Solenoid and Sensor Connections

Terminals for connecting a sensor and valves/zones are on the rear of the Controller. Unscrew the long plate to connect. The solenoids are latch solenoids, 9V.



#### **Battery**

Use 9V alkaline battery. Duracell or Energizer batteries are recommended. The battery will keep the time during a 24VAC failure.

#### **Reset Button**

The Reset button is the small, red button located on the back of the unit. Set programs are retained even if the reset button is pressed. Only the clock needs to be set.

## Installation

#### Selecting a Location

The Controller should be placed near the valves. It is water resistant, but should not be immersed in water. It may be mounted on a wall or on a pipe. Avoid direct sunlight. Temperature should not exceed 50 degrees C.

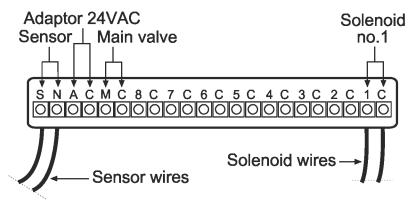
### **Mounting Controller**

To mount Controller on the wall, mark the distance between the holes on the bracket and place two screws in the wall. To mount on a pipe use plastic fasteners to hold in place.



#### **Connecting Solenoids to Controller**

- 1. Unscrew back plate
- 2. Bring solenoid wires through conduit paths on the bottom of the Controller.
- 3. Unscrew the terminals marked 1 +. Push the wires from solenoid no. 1 into the holes on the seal under the screws, Black to ①, Green to ① and then tighten.



- 4. Continue till all solenoids are connected to appropriate terminals.
- 5. Connect main valve wires to terminal M + .
- 6. Connect adaptor to terminal AC.

#### **Connecting Valves to Solenoids**

Connect each valve to the appropriate solenoid.

#### **Connecting a Sensor**

- 1. Bring the sensor wires through the conduit paths in the bottom of the Controller
- 2. Unscrew the terminal marked SN. Push the wire from sensor in under the screw and tighten

### **Completing Installation**

- 1. Check that all valves, solenoids and the sensor are connected correctly.
- 2. Replace back plate and screw tight.
- 3. Open main water valve, press Reset Red Button.
- 4. Place the Controller over the mounting plate and slide it into place.

### Making an Irrigation Schedule

Use the tables printed on pages 27 and 28 to assist in making your irrigation schedule. We suggest you photocopy the table. Remember to take into account the maximum number of valves/zones that may operate together.

# Programming the Controller

## **Setting Main Functions**

Touch any key to activate the screen display.

**NOTE**: Remember to press **OK** after changing selections to confirm your choice. If not confirmed, the programmer will revert to the previous value.

Irrigation WILL ONLY BEGIN when the AUTO or MANUAL screen is displayed. So, after programming or making changes, make sure you return to the AUTO or MANUAL screen. If you fail to do so, the Controller will revert automatically after 4 minutes.

#### **Using the Keys**

The keys control the functions that appear in the lower corners of the screen directly above the keys: ESC (Escape) and OK; MANUAL and MENU; or BACK and SELECT.

Use **OK** to confirm the highlighted selection on the screen, and **ESC** to exit.

Press MENU to bring up the MAIN MENU. MANUAL is used to override automatic programming.

Press **SELECT** to choose the highlighted selection on the screen, and **BACK** to return to the previous screen

The +

arrow keys move the highlighted selection up or down, left or right. In addition, the

UP ARROW is used to select and the DOWN ARROW to a selection.

## Follow setting procedure step A to F.

#### A. Setting the Clock

A flashing clock indicates that the time must be set. You will need to set the clock when the power is stopped (such as when battery is changed).

- 1. Press MENU
- 2. Press up/down arrows until SET
- 3. Press **OK**. **SET MENU** appear and **TIME** is highlighted
- 4. Press **OK**. The clock face appears
- 5. Use arrows to set correct time
- 6. Press OK

Time is set.

#### **B.** Setting the Day

- 1. Press MENU
- 2. Press up/down arrow until SET
- 3. Press **OK**. **SET MENU** appears and **TIME** is highlighted
- 4. Press up/down arrows until DAY is highlighted
- 5. Press **OK**
- 6. Use arrows to select the current day of the week

The day is set. You may program the current day (e.g. Monday as Day 1), or the first day of your irrigation cycle as Day 1. In this case, Day 1 could be Saturday or whatever you choose.

## C. Setting the Start Times for Programs A and B

Four start times are available. These start times refer to all zones/valves. If the duration is set to overlap the start time of a specific zone, the Controller will reduce the irrigation time to fit into the given time.

You must calculate the start times, duration times and the maximum number of valves that can operate together.

- 1. Press MENU
- 2. Press up/down arrows until **SET**
- 3. Press **OK**. **SET MENU** appears and **TIME** is highlighted
- 4. Press up/down arrows until **STARTS** is highlighted
- 5. Press **OK** and use up/down arrows to highlight required Start Time
- 6. Press **SELECT** and use up/down arrows to set minutes
- 7. Press left arrow to highlight hours and up/down arrows to set hours
- 8. Press OK

Repeat steps 5–8 until all four start times are set according to your requirements.

#### **Calculating Irrigation and Duration Times**

When planning your irrigation schedule, you must take into account the maximum number of zones that can operate together. Then carefully calculate the start and duration times to avoid overlap.

If an overlap occurs, the Controller will decrease duration time proportionately over all programmed zones.

#### FOR EXAMPLE:

Maximum zones: ONE

Start Times: 06:30; 10:30; 15:30; 19:30

Duration Times: Zone 1/Start 1 — 2 hours Zone 2/Start 1 — 3 hours

In this plan, we have programmed five hours of irrigation for Start 1, but Start 2 commences after four hours. The Controller will calculate the total irrigation times of both zones and decrease the duration time of both zones proportionately. The result will be that neither Zone 1 nor Zone 2 receives the full irrigation intended.

# D. Setting the Duration and Selecting Starts for programs A and B

Each zone can have a different duration time according to the irrigation needs in that area. Each time that zone is operated, irrigation will continue for the duration time programmed for that zone.

The duration time programmed refers to the zone that is underlined.

- 1. Press MENU
- 2. Press up/down arrows until **SET**
- Press OK. SET MENU appears and TIME is highlighted
- 4. Press up/down arrows until **DURATION** is highlighted
- Press OK. SET DURATION appears and ZONE is highlighted
- 6. Press **SELECT** and left/right arrows to highlight zone to be programmed
- 7. Press **OK** and up/down arrows until **DURATION** is highlighted and **SELECT** to highlight minutes.
- 8. Press up/down arrows to set minutes
- 9. Press left arrow to highlight hours and up/down arrows to set hours
- 10.Press **OK** and up/down arrows until **SELECT STARTS** is highlighted

- 11. Press SELECT. The first START is highlighted
- 12. Use right/left arrows to highlight the required START
- 13. Press up arrow to select START or down arrow to cancel selection.Repeat steps 12, 13 for all STARTS
- 14. Press OK
- 15. Press up/down arrows to highlight **ZONE** and repeat above procedure from step 6 until each valve is programmed
- 16. Press **OK** and **BACK** to complete duration settings

#### E. Selecting the Program

The Controller has four separate programs.

**PROGRAM A** irrigates according to the days of the week that you select. It is a Weekly program.

**PROGRAM B** is an Interval program. You select the interval you require between irrigations e.g. every three days.

**PROGRAM C** and **PROGRAM D** are Weekly and Interval programs respectively which have been pre-set by the factory and cannot be changed.

Use these programs when you do not want to inadvertently change your programming, and prefer to use the pre-set factory programs.

To select the desired program:

- 1. Press **MENU**
- 2. Press up/down arrows until **SET**
- Press OK. SET MENU appears and TIME is highlighted
- Press up/down arrows until PROG. SELECT is highlighted
- 5. Press **OK** and use up/down arrows to highlight desired program
- 6. Press OK

Program is selected.

## F. Selecting Irrigation Days

After the program has been selected, set the irrigation days. If Program A is selected, you must choose which days of the week each zone will be irrigated.

- 1. Press **MENU**
- 2. Press up/down arrows until TABLE is highlighted
- 3. Press **OK** and use up/down arrows to highlight zone
- 4. Press **SELECT** and use right/ left arrow to highlight day of week

- 5. Use up arrow to select day or down arrow to cancel selection
- 6. Repeat steps 3–5 until all days and zones are programmed
- 7. Press **OK** and **BACK** to end programming

If Program **B** is selected you must choose the interval between each irrigation. You may choose up to a 14 day interval or OFF for each zone.

- 1. Press MENU
- 2. Press up/down arrows until TABLE is highlighted
- 3. Press **OK** and use up/down arrows to highlight zone
- 4. Press **SELECT** and use up/down arrows to highlight interval
- 5. Use up/down arrows to select number of days interval between irrigation
- 6. Repeat steps 3-5 until all days and zones are programmed

## Other Functions

#### **Manual Operation**

You may manually turn on the irrigation in any zone.

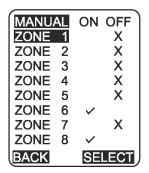
Manually operating will irrigate for the duration programmed of that zone.

#### From the Main Screen

1. Press MANUAL. The Manual Screen appears OR

Press MENU and use up/down arrows to highlight MANUAL and press OK

- 2. Use up/down arrows to highlight the zone
- Press SELECT and use right/left arrows to turn ON or OFF as desired
- 4. Press **OK** and repeat for each valve
- 5. Press **OK** and **BACK** to return to Main Screen



**NOTES**: Pressing **AUTO** will cancel Manual operation.

MANUAL operation will only apply after returning to the main screen.

## **Viewing Programmed Table**

- 1. Press MENU
- 2. Press up/down arrows until **TABLE**
- 3. Press OK

Table showing zones and selected irrigation days is displayed. You may also change selections for Program A or B (see pages 17, 18). Programs C and D are pre-set and may be viewed here, but not be changed.

### **Setting Rain Delay**

If rain has enabled you to postpone irrigating, you may program the Controller to delay all irrigation for up to 14 days.

- 1. Press MENU
- 2. Press up/down arrows until RAIN DELAY
- 3. Press **OK**
- 4. Use up/down arrows to enter number of days to delay irrigation e.g. 3
- 5. Press **OK** and **ESC** to return to main screen



DELAY 3 DAYS will appear on main screen, and the number will decrease as days pass.

**NOTE**: One day delay will stop irrigation till midnight.

#### **Seasonal Adjustment**

If local conditions (e.g. rain or heat wave) necessitate a change in irrigation, this may be done with one simple adjustment. For example, programming the seasonal adjustment to 110% will increase the duration times by 10%, while entering an adjustment of 50% will halve the duration times. Any deviation from 100% will appear on the **AUTO** screen display. Minimum is 10% and maximum is 200%.

To program seasonal adjustment:

- 1. Press MENU
- 2. Press up/down arrows until **SEASONS**
- 3. Press **OK**
- 4. Use up/down arrows to enter percentage change required. e.g. 120%



5. Press OK and ESC to return to Main Menu

SEASON ...120% appears on main screen.

#### Off

To turn off the valves:

- 1. Press MENU
- 2. Press up/down arrows until **OFF**
- 3. Press OK



OFF appears and no irrigation will occur.

To cancel, select **AUTO** and the Controller reverts to its normal operation.

#### **Run-Test**

Perform a Run-Test to test the operation of all valves.

1/ Electric test for short-cut or disconnection. Each valve operates for one second.

minute trial, each valve

in turn, one after the other.

NOTE: Run-Test disrupts all operating programs.

When the Run-Test is complete, the Controller will resume irrigating according to the programmed setting.

- 1. Press MENU
- 2. Press up/down arrows until **OPTIONS**
- Press OK and OPTIONS menu appears with RUN TEST highlighted
- 4. Press **SELECT** and use up arrow to select **ON**
- 5. Press OK

#### Sensor

There are two basic types of sensors, normally open (N.O.) or normally closed (N.C.), and the Controller may operate with either. If you connect a sensor, you must define which type you are using, and which zones are connected.

- 1. Press **MENU**
- 2. Press up/down arrows until **OPTIONS**
- 3. Press **OK** and **OPTIONS** menu appears
- 4. Use up/down arrows to highlight SENSOR
- 5. Press **SELECT** and use up/down arrows to select **N.C**, **N.O**. or **OFF**
- 6. Press **OK** and use arrows to select or cancel zones that are connected to the sensor
- 7. Press **OK** and **BACK**

When the sensor detects the required moisture levels, **SENSOR ON** appears on the main screen and the operating valves will turn off, or valves programmed to open will remain closed.

## **Setting Maximum Number of Zones**

The maximum number of zones that can operate together may change according to water pressure and other local conditions. The Controller can operate a maximum of 3 zones at one time, and you must program from 1-3 as desired.

- 1. Press MENU
- 2. Press up/down arrows until **OPTIONS**
- 3. Press **OK** and **OPTIONS** menu appears
- 4. Use up/down arrows to highlight MAX ZONES
- 5. Press **SELECT** and use up/down arrows to select the maximum number of zones (1 or 2 or 3).
- 6. Press **OK** and **BACK**

## Selecting a Language

- 1. Press **MENU**
- 2. Press up/down arrows until **OPTIONS** is highlighted
- 3. Press OK and OPTIONS menu appears
- 4. Use up/down arrows to highlight SET LANGUAGE
- 5. Press **SELECT** and use arrows to select language
- 6. Press OK and BACK

#### **Restoring Default Settings**

The Controller is programmed at the factory with default settings that may be restored at any time.

The default settings are:

START TIMES

START 1 06:30

START 2 10:30

START 3 15:30

START 4 19:30

#### **MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ZONES**

#### One

The default irrigation schedules for Programs A and B appear on pages 25, 28.

To restore default settings:

- 1. Press MENU
- 2. Press up/down arrows until **SET**
- 3. Press **OK**. **SET MENU** appears and **TIME** is highlighted
- 4. Press up/down arrows until **DEFAULT** is highlighted
- 5. Press OK
- 6. **RESTORE FACTORY SETTINGS** appears on screen. Press **OK**

Default settings are restored.

## **Troubleshooting**

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Valve does not open at set time OR Irrigation stops OR No AC	1. Controller is set to MANUAL 2. AC failure 3. Clock or day is incorrectly set. 4. Faulty solenoid connection 5. Sensor detected moisture and stopped program 6. Zone - failure	<ol> <li>Press AUTO</li> <li>Change battery</li> <li>Set clock &amp; day</li> <li>Check all connections</li> <li>Check moisture levels</li> <li>Change sol. and run test.</li> </ol>
Screen is blank	No display when inactive	Touch any key to activate
Cannot change settings	Program is set to C or D (pre-set programs)	Change program to A or B
Irrigation stops before completing duration time	Start times and duration times overlap	Recalculate programmed times (see page 14)
Manual operation does not work	Did not return to Main screen after changes in programming	Press <b>OK</b> and <b>BACK</b> to return to Main screen (Manual)

## **IRRIGATION TABLES**

PROGRAM A									
ZONE	DURATION START	STARTS		DAY OF WEEK					
ZONE	BURATION	STARTS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1		1 2 3 4							
2									
3									
4									
5									
6									
7									
8		1 1 1							

PROGRAM B						
ZONE	DURATION	STARTS	INTERVAL			
1		1 2 3 4				
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						

PR	PROGRAM A DEFAULT SETT:NGS FOR								
ZONE	DURATION	STARTS		D	AY (	)F W	EEK		
ZONE	DUMITION	STARTS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	0:05	1 2 3 4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	0:05	1 2 3 4	1	1	1	1	1	1	<b>\</b>
3	0:30	1 2 3 4	1		1		1		1
4	0:30	1 2 3 4	1		1		1		1
5	1:00	1 2 3 4	1			1			
6	1:00	1 2 3 4	1			1			
7	2:00	1 2 3 4			1				
8	2:00	1 2 3 4			1				

PROGRAM B DEFAULT SETT:NGS FOR							
ZONE	DURATION	STARTS	INTERVAL				
1	0:05	1 2 3 4	1				
2	0:05	1 2 3 4	1				
3	0:30	1 2 3 4	2				
4	0:30	1 2 3 4	2				
5	1:00	1 2 3 4	3				
6	1:00	1 2 3 4	3				
7	2:00	1 2 3 4	6				
8	2:00	1 2 3 4	6				

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