

Mold Power Controller

USER MANUAL





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1 Introduction

1.1 Symbols used

	Caution/Warning	Information on possible damage to property or personal injury	
	Information	Important information	

1.2 Notations

Menu structures between words are indicated by the > symbol and depicted in the same way on the device.

Interaction with the operator is denoted by the finger symbol.



2 Safety instructions



Please read this document completely and carefully before commissioning or operating the device.

2.1 Intended use

The hot runner controller is used to control the temperature of heating circuits and is designed for use under precisely defined conditions, such as supply voltage and temperature. The operator must therefore ensure that the controller is only used under operating conditions that comply with the technical data. The manufacturer is not liable for damage resulting from non-compliance with the intended use.

The hot runner controller is not suitable for use beyond the limits defined in the technical data and during its design. In addition, the use of spare parts from third parties and the implementation of non-described maintenance activities constitute failure to comply with the intended use.

Alterations, conversions and other modifications are made exclusively at the operator's own risk and could pose safety hazards. The manufacturer and distributor of this device cannot be held liable for direct and indirect damage resulting from improper handling or treatment.

2.2 Information for operators and users

The controllers are operated on a high voltage electrical supply. The relevant safety regulations must be observed when connecting power to the controller and performing maintenance on it. In addition, the local and general safety regulations must be observed for its installation and operation. The operator is responsible for compliance with these regulations. The operator must additionally make this documentation available to the user and provide instruction in the correct operation of the device. The user must be familiar with this documentation. In order to ensure reliable and safe operation, the individual user is required to observe the information and warnings.



The controllers may only be brought into operation by authorized and qualified personnel. Under the terms of these operating instructions, qualified personnel are persons who can recognize and assess the dangers associated with the work entrusted to them on the basis of their special training, their experience and their knowledge of standards.

The device is checked carefully prior to delivery and has passed the tests specified in the test plan for its production, in conformity with the manufacturer's valid quality guidelines. To prevent any damage to the controller, it must be transported and stored in the correct manner. Further safety-related notices are marked in the individual sections of this documentation.

3 Structure and functionality

3.1 General information

The MPC hot runner controllers are especially suited to the temperature control of hot runner style molds on injection molding machines. In use, the controllers are connected directly to the mold via cables.

During operation, the hot runner controllers deliver electric current to the hot runner system heaters. The controller regulates the heater power which can increase or decrease the heater temperature. Continuous temperature monitoring is provided via connected thermocouples. In the event of deviations between the actual temperature recorded and the temperature setpoint on the hot runner controller, the heating power is automatically adjusted until the two temperatures are identical.

The controllers are available in different variants. These differ solely in terms of the number of control circuits that are possible – which are also referred to as heating zones. Depending on the variant, hot runner controllers are available with either 6, 12, 18, 24, 30 or 36 heating zones.

3.2 Structure

A 12-zone controller is shown by way of example in the figures that follow. All the designated components are identical on controllers with more than 12 heating zones.



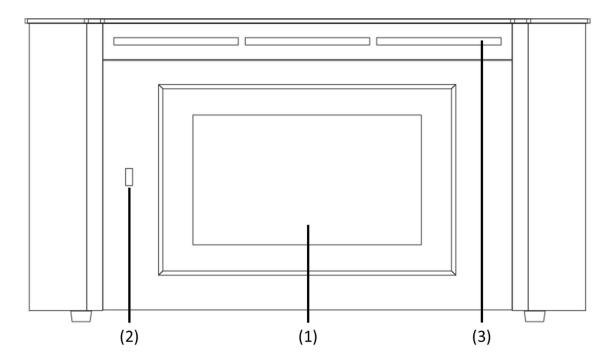


Figure 1 - Housing front

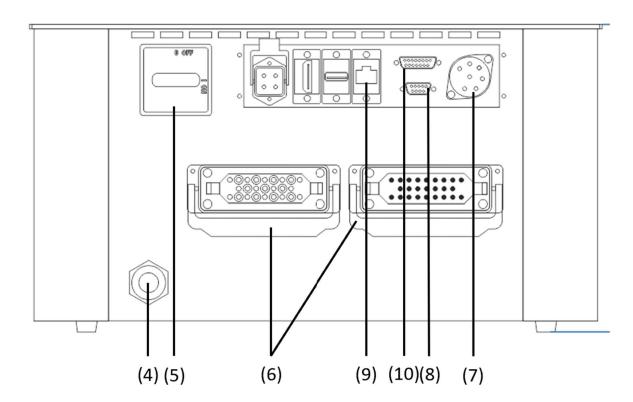


Figure 2 - Housing rear



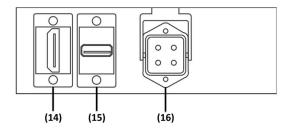


Figure 3 – Additional connections with external touch monitor

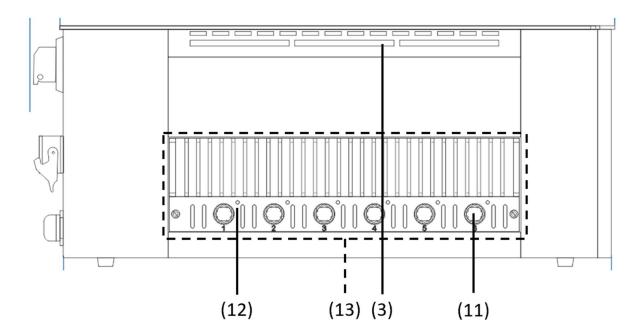


Figure 4 - Housing side view

The following overview describes the main components of the hot runner controller.

- (1) Touch Display
- (2) USB connection
- (3) LED alarm beacon

- (4) Connection line
- (5) Main switch
- (6) Connector system

- (7) Alarm socket
- (8) RS485 connection
- (9) Ethernet connection

- (10) Digital input
- (11) Fuse

(12) Status LED

- (13) Power unit
- (14) *HDMI Connection
- (15) *USB Connection

(16) *Power Connection 230VAC, 2,5A mt

*only with optional external touch monitor



3.2.1 Display (1)

The touch display reacts to finger pressure or can be operated with standard commercial pens that have a rounded plastic tip. For optimum operation, the display can be adjusted to four different positions. This allows an ideal reading and operating angle to be obtained.



Please note: sharp, pointed objects can damage the display.

3.2.2 LED alarm beacon (3)

The controller status is depicted in color in an LED alarm beacon that is visible from a distance. This permits a rapid assessment of the current controller and mold status.

3.2.3 Power boards (13)

The connected heating units are controlled via compact power boards, as is the temperature measurement of the thermocouples. Each power board contains the electronics for heating and measuring six heating zones. The individual boards are mounted at the side of the housing. The heatsink visible from the outside is used for optimum heat dissipation and thus increases the service life of the installed electronics. The fuses for the load outputs (11) are located beneath the heatsink.

Each zone is switched off separately via relays on the power board so that zones can be switched off individually, and seamless production is always guaranteed.

In addition to the fuse for the load outputs, each power board (13) contains an internal second fuse that is necessary for operation in delta supply networks. There is also a control fuse on the internal wiring terminals.

3.2.4 Connections

In addition to the tiltable display, the front of the housing also has a USB connection. All the other connections are on the rear of the housing. Apart from the mold connections, each controller has alarm contacts, digital inputs and an Ethernet connection.

3.2.4.1 USB connection (2)

The USB connection makes it possible to save and load controller settings, export service files and also update the controller firmware via a flash drive.

3.2.4.2 Ethernet connection (9)

The Ethernet connection is used for communication with additional controllers or an injection molding machine and is located on the rear of the housing.

3.2.4.3 RS485 connection (8)

The RS485 interface is used for communication with injection molding machines and is located on the rear side of the housing as a 9-pin D-SUB socket. Further information regarding this interface can be found in chapter 8.4.



3.2.4.4 Notification contacts (7)

Each controller has three potential-free (dry) alarm contacts that are available on the connector on the rear of the housing. By default the alarm contacts open when the controller issues a warning or an alarm. A list of the possible alarms is given in Chapter 5.3.2.2.4. A wiring diagram of the alarm contact socket is shown in Chapter 8.2.

3.2.4.5 Digital inputs (10)

The controller evaluates 24V DC signals via a 15-pole D-SUB input connector. The digital inputs are used for the external activation of functions such as standby or locking the outputs. Chapter 8.3 shows the assignment for the digital inputs with the corresponding functions.

The digital inputs are PLC compatible, i.e. they operate over a voltage range of 13...30 VDC with a typical current consumption of approx. 8.5 mA.

3.2.4.6 External touch monitor connection (14), (15) and (16)

Optionally, an external touch monitor can be connected via the connectors on the back of the housing. Besides the additional monitor, a connection cable set MPCDSPY1MC (alternative MPCDSPY5MC or MPCDSPY10MC) is required, as well as the magnetic stand (MPCDSPYSTAND) or wall / machine mount bracket (MPCDSPYMNT).

3.3 Identification on the controller

The type plate is mounted on the side of the controller housing. It contains the type designation with the number of zones, the electrical connection data and the manufacturer's data.

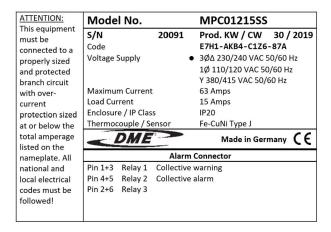


Figure 5 - Type plate

3.3.1 Wiring of the connector system

The connectors for mold power and thermocouple (sensor) cables to the hot runner system are available on the rear of the controller. The connector-specific wiring diagram for the connector system is located on the side of the controller housing (see Figure 6 for an example).



	THERMO	COUPLE	MOLD I	POWER
ZONE	(+) WHITE	(-) RED	AC LIN	E 240V
1	A1	A2	A1	A2
2	A3	A4	А3	A4
3	A5	A6	A5	A6
4	A7	A8	A7	A8
5	B2	В3	B2	В3
6	B4	B5	B4	B5
7	B6	В7	В6	В7
8	C1	C2	C1	C2
9	C3	C4	C3	C4
10	C5	C6	C5	C6
11	C7	C8	C7	C8
12	A9	C9	A9	C9

	THERMOCOUPLE		MOLD	POWER
ZONE	(+) WHITE	(-) RED	AC LIN	E 240V
13	A1	A2	A1	A2
14	A3	A4	A3	A4
15	A5	A6	A5	A6
16	A7	A8	A7	A8
17	B2	В3	B2	В3
18	B4	B5	B4	B5
19	B6	В7	B6	В7
20	C1	C2	C1	C2
21	С3	C4	C3	C4
22	C5	C6	C5	C6
23	C7	C8	C7	C8
24	A9	C9	A9	C9

Figure 6 - Wiring of connector system

4 Start-Up

4.1 Electrical connection

Important! Before the device is connected to the supply voltage, a check must first be performed to ensure that the main electricity conditions comply with the specifications on the type plate.



The electrical connections must be made by a qualified electrician and all local and national electrical codes must be followed. Start up and operation while the controller is under power is only to be carried out by authorized qualified personnel!

Switching off all the outputs or individual zones will not protect any of the outputs against hazardous voltages. Before working on the connected heating elements, the associated cable connections must be unplugged or the entire device disconnected from the main power.

Before the device enclosure is opened, it must be disconnected from the main power!

4.1.1 Main power supply

Before connecting the device to the supply voltage, a check must be conducted to ensure that the main electrical power system is correct. The hot runner controllers are factory wired for operation in a four-wire three-phase delta network (3x240VAC + earth ground), but can also be operated in a five-wire three-phase wye network (3x400VAC + neutral + earth ground) or a three-wire single phase network (1x240VAC + neutral + earth ground). The terminals on the controller input terminal block must be bridged accordingly for use in a delta, wye or single phase network. Annex 8.1 contains a clear terminal connection diagram.

4.1.2 Main power connection

To ensure correct operation, the hot-runner controller is connected to the main AC power by using the connecting cable supplied with and connected to the unit. It is the user's responsibility to ensure the controller is connected to a properly designed and protected branch circuit, sized accordingly to



voltage and ampacity noted on the controller type / serial number plate. Consult your local electrical authority for clarification.

4.1.3 Connection of the mold

To connect the individual control zones to the corresponding injection mold, use must be made of appropriate cables for the sensor and heating unit connection.



Please note: it must always be ensured that the internal wiring, the wiring of the cable set and the wiring in the mold are suitably sized with each other.



Important! To mitigate the possibility of harm to operating personell, the injection molds that are connected to the controller must be properly bonded to earth ground.

4.2 Operating and display

4.2.1 Main switch



The main switch is located on the rear of the housing. The switch must be activated to switch the controller on and off.

4.2.2 LED Beacon Status display

The controller status is indicated on a circulating LED beacon strip. In normal operating mode, this display will be green. In the event of a warning the display will change to yellow, and red for alarm.

4.2.3 Operation

The hot runner controller is operated via the integral 7" touch display (Figure 1) on the enclosure front.



Please note: The heatsink can become hot during heating. Avoid touching the heating unit!

5 Start menu

A few seconds after the controller is switched on, the start menu of the user interface appears. In addition to selecting the user language, the most common methods of start-up can be accessed from here.

Quick start

The main settings for bringing a new mold into operation.



Start with saved settings

Start the heating process with the saved settings.

Start with a recipe

Load controller settings that have previously been saved as a recipe.

If the user does not choose anything at this point, the controller will automatically start with saved settings after 30 seconds.

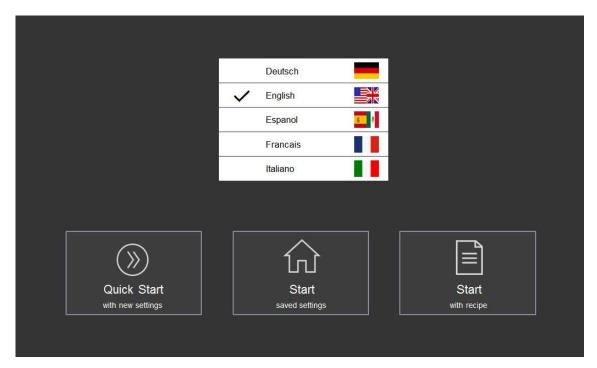


Figure 7 - Start screen

5.1 Navigation bar

The navigation bar is <u>always</u> visible at the top of the screen and contains the most important control elements for the controller.



Figure 8 - Navigation bar

Description of the control elements in the navigation bar



Symbol	Brief description	Explanation
	Show and hide the navigation menu Error! Reference source not found.	The navigation menu groups all the settings and display options for the controller in its three main areas: setup, operation and settings.
?	Show and hide the index of keywords	The keyword index is an alphabetically arranged list of all the functions including the possibility to directly navigate to the respective settings screens.
命	Display of the main view	This is the primary operating display. The main view, during normal operation, provides a zone overview with the most important information at a glance.
(h)	Switch all outputs on and off	Once all the zone settings have been made, this button engages all the control outputs. The button must be pressed at length so as to avoid unintentional operating errors. When the outputs are switched on, the symbol changes to:
(1)	Switch all outputs on and off	Pressing this button switches off all the control outputs. The button must be pressed <u>at length</u> in order to avoid unintentional operating errors. After switching off the outputs, the symbol changes to:
	Switch Standby Temperature on	To reduce the setpoint temperatures during production breaks. This button must be pressed at length in order to avoid unintentional operating errors. The symbol changes in lowering mode to:
	Switch Standby off	Press this button to switch off standby mode.
\triangle	Diagnostics	This symbol is only visible if warnings or faults have occurred. When pressed, it opens the fault overview with the fault handling.
ি	User level	The symbol indicates that the lowest user level without a password is currently active (by default display only). Once a higher user level has been released by entering the corresponding password, the following symbol will appear instead:
Ö	Timer	This symbol is only visible if the heating timer is activated and the device is switched on or off at the programmed time.



xxxx.rzp Recipe file

Name of the last recipe loaded. If values have been changed after activation of the recipe, an * is added to the name.

5.2 Selection of zones and groups for configuring

The page for configuring zones is divided in two parts. The left side of the screen always shows the zone or zone groups that are to be selected. The actual input is then made on the right side.

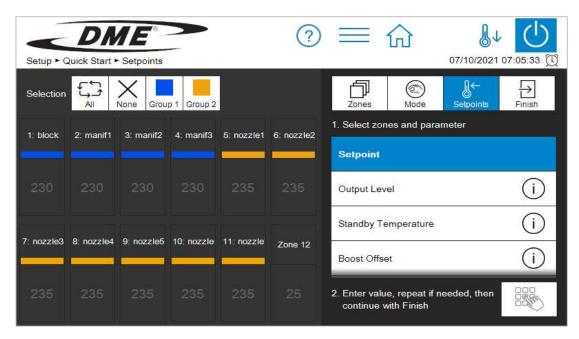


Figure 9 - Sample page for entering setpoint values

Before zone settings can be changed, they must first be selected. This is done by clicking on the desired zone. A selected zone is framed in white. A selected zone can be deselected by clicking on it again (toggle function). The fast selection of several zones is possible by selecting with the finger and holding, then wiping the desired zones with the finger. Note that this view displays up to 24 zones at once. Controllers with more zones allow scrolling by swiping the zone display up or down.

Zones can be allocated to a freely named group. Zones that belong to a group will display their group color under the zone name. To select an entire group of zones, click on the respective group button (above the zone display). To select or deselect all the zones, click on the "All" button. Settings of the zones is performed on the right side.

If the number of zones is greater than the maximum number that can be displayed on one page, scrolling is required. For an easy overview the scroll bar has a mini display that shows marked zones and messages. As shown in Figure 9, each zone row has 2 rectangular check boxes. If zones in a row have been selected (marked), the left checkbox is displayed in white. The right checkbox indicates the messages of the zone row. As shown in the example, an alarm message is pending for one zone. Even if the corresponding zone is currently not part of the display, the mini display always keeps all zones in view.



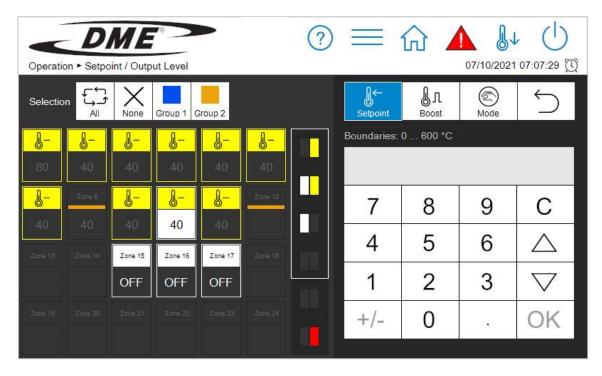


Figure 10 - Example of the scrollbar with mini view

5.3 Navigation menu

For a better overview, the navigation menu has been divided into three levels:

Setup For setting and configuring the mold-specific settings for all the control zones.

Operation For displaying process values and faults during operation and configuring control-

related settings

Settings For the general configuration and display of information about the controller.

Each of these three main areas is, in turn, divided into subareas that are explained in more detail below.



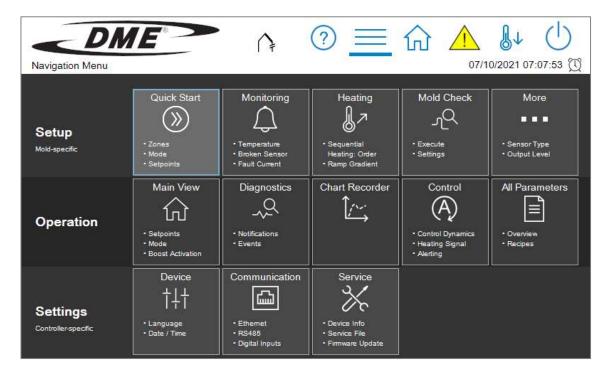


Figure 11 - Navigation menu

5.3.1 **Setup**

All mold-specific settings should be made before operation. The quick start guides users through the key settings for bringing the controller into operation as quickly as possible. The "Monitoring" menu item is used for monitoring process values and setting the corresponding limits. "Heating" contains functions that can influence the heating process. "Mold Check" is used to test the correct wiring of sensors and heaters. This function is particularly useful after initial installation or after maintenance operations but can also be useful for analyzing faults.



Figure 12 - Setup

The individual functions are explained in more detail below.

5.3.1.1 Quick start



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Setup > Quick Start

The basic zone settings can be entered in quick start. Zones can be grouped here and setpoint temperatures and operating modes entered for the zones.

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5.3.1.1.1 Groups and Zone designation



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Setup > Quick Start > Groups

Zones can be combined into groups, considerably simplifying operation. It makes sense, for example, to allocate the zones for nozzles and manifolds to different groups. In this way, the grouped zones can be easily selected for simultaneous operation later on. If no groups are to be defined, this section can be skipped.

Procedure: First select the zones on the left that are to be made into a group. Then, on the right side, click on one of the predefined groups and confirm the selection with \checkmark . The names of the groups are defaulted to Group 1... Group 9 and can be customized with the \bigcirc symbol where required. In addition, each group is represented by a color. Zones that are assigned to a group indicate this by the corresponding group color beneath the zone name.

The names of the zones can also be changed. If a group name is changed as described above and zones have already been assigned to this group before, a query will appear to automatically change the zone name according to the group name. Alternatively, the names of single selected Zones can be changed individually using the icon \mathcal{L} .

If several zones are selected, the last digit in the name of the zones is automatically incremented. However, the actual zone numbering is always retained and prefixed to the new name.

Empty zone or group names reset the name back to the original name.

Factory setting:



All zones without a group

5.3.1.1.2 Operating mode



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Setup > Quick Start > Mode

In the "Mode" menu item, a specific operating mode can be entered for each zone.

Procedure:

- First select the zones on the left whose operating mode is to be changed .
- Then, on the right side, select one of the operating modes.
- Accept the selection with ✓.

The following operating modes are defined:

Operating mode Description



Control Mode	In normal (automatic) operating mode, the hot runner controller will control the output in such a way that the measured temperature attains a specified setpoint value. The output power level (0100%) at the output is calculated automatically. In steady state operation, the actual value and setpoint value will be identical.
Manual Mode	During manual operation, a constant output power level will be maintained at the heating output. 0% means that the heating output is permanently off, 100% means that the heating output is permanently on. Manual operation can be used, for example, to manually maintain operation of the control zone until a defective sensor is replaced.
Zone inactive OFF	Zone inactive = Zone is switched off. If the sensor is connected, the temperature monitoring of the cut-off temperature remains active.
Monitoring Mode	With this setting, a zone can only be used for display and temperature monitoring. Output power is diasabled.
Reference Mode Z#	In reference mode the power output (output level) of the reference zone is adopted. This allows control of multiple heaters with a single sensor.

Factory setting:



All zones will be switched off (OFF).

5.3.1.1.3 Setpoint value



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Setup > Quick Start > Setpoints

It is possible to enter setpoint values as the specified temperatures for different situations: for normal operating mode, the standby value and the specified value for boosting.

Procedure:

- First select the zones on the left whose setpoint value is to be displayed or changed.
- On the right side, select one of the setpoint values described below
- Open the box for entering the setpoint value with
- Enter the desired value in the input box
- Confirm with OK.



Value	Description	Settings	
Setpoint	Specified temperature for a zone in normal operating mode.	Min: Max: Standard:	32°F / 0°C 1112°F/600°C 32°F / 0°C
Output Level	The output power level can be set manually. However, this value will only be applied to zones in manual mode or with a broken sensor and corresponding broken sensor behavior set to a specific output level.	Min: Max: Standard:	0% 100% 0%
Standby Temperature	It is recommended that the standby function be utilized to protect the plastic melt and reduce energy costs. The standby temperature can be specified here as a function of the materials used. This determines the value to which the zones should cool down. The standby function is activated in the menu bar with the "stand-by" button or, alternatively, via a remote control input.	Min: Max: Standard:	32°F / 0°C 572°F / 300°C 302°F / 150°C
Boost Offset	By implementing the boost function, the setpoint temperature for individual zones or groups is raised by an adjustable value for a specified period of time. This function can be used to heat up nozzle tips in order to clear them prior to start-up. The boost function is activated from the home view. The editor with the boost button can be opened by clicking on a zone.	Min: Max: Standard:	0° 32°F / 150°C 0°
Boost Duration	For setting the time mentioned above for which a zone is to be boosted	Min: Max: Standard:	0 sec 900 sec 60 sec

5.3.1.2 Monitoring

5.3.1.2.1 Temperature monitoring



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Setpoint > Monitoring > Temperature

Different temperature limits can be set on the temperature monitoring page.



Procedure:

- First select the zones on the left whose temperature limit is to be changed (see chapter Selection of zones and groups for)
- On the right side, select one of the values described below
- Open the box for entering the setpoint value with
- Enter the desired value in the input box
- Confirm with OK.

Value	Description	Settings	
High Temperature Limit	If the actual value exceeds the limit value set here, the corresponding zone will depict a corresponding symbol: The LED beacon will light up red and the zone will temporarily turn off its output. A voltage-free contact can signal this alarm to the outside. If the actual value falls below this limit value, this alarm will automatically deactivate.	Min: Max: Standard:	0 °C 1112°F / 600°C Type J T/C 1472°F / 800°C Type K T/C 752°F / 400°C
Upper	For temperature monitoring, a tolerance range can be specified above the setpoint. If the actual value is over the upper tolerance range, this will be signaled as a warning. This is depicted on the relevant zone with a warning symbol (+) The LED beacon will light up yellow. A voltage-free contact can signal this alarm to the outside. The outputs will not be switched off.	Min:	2°F / 1°C
Tolerance		Max:	1080°F / 600°C
Range		Standard:	27°F / 15°C
Lower	For temperature monitoring, a tolerance range can be specified below the setpoint. If the actual value is under the lower tolerance range, this will be signaled as a warning. This is depicted on the relevant zone with a warning symbol(—) The LED beacon will light up yellow. A voltage-free contact can signal this alarm to the outside. The outputs will not be switched off.	Min:	2°F / 1°C
Tolerance		Max:	1080°F / 600°C
Range		Standard:	27°F / 15°C
Low	If the actual temperature falls below the limit value set here, the relevant zone will be marked with a corresponding alarm:	Min:	1°F / 0°C
Temperature		Max:	1080°F / 600°C
Limit		Standard:	1°F / 0°C



The LED beacon will light up red.

A voltage-free contact can signal this alarm to the outside. If the actual value exceeds this limit value, the alarm will be automatically deactivated.

Shut-off Temperature

If the actual value of <u>one</u> zone exceeds the shut-off temperature set here, <u>all</u> the zones will be switched off. All zones will be marked with a corresponding alarm: For the relevant zones the corresponding alarm flashes. The LED beacon will light up red.

A voltage-free contact can signal this alarm to the outside.

The controller can only be operated again with an error confirmation or a restart.

Min: 1°F / 0°C

Max: 1080°F / 600°C Standard: 900°F / 500 °C

Temperature Offset

The temperature offset is added to the actual value and affects its display and temperature monitoring.

Min: -90°F / -50°C Max: 90°F / 50°C Standard: 1°F / 0°C

5.3.1.2.2 Broken sensor monitoring



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Setup > Monitoring > Broken Sensor

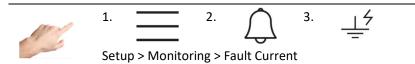
The controller behavior in the event of a broken sensor during normal operation is explained here.

Behavior	
Output Level 0%	The zone reports an alarm and adjusts the output level to 0%.
Average Output Level YM	The zone reports sensor break as an alarm and then switches to the previously averaged output level.
Defined Output Level	The zone reports sensor break as an alarm and then switches permanently to the output level that can be adjusted here. The output level can be specified after pressing the button and is displayed at the zones.
Output level of Reference zone	The zone reports sensor break as an alarm and then switches to the output level of a reference zone that can be defined here. The reference zone can be specified after pressing the button and is displayed at the zones with Zxxx (xxx = number of the reference zone).



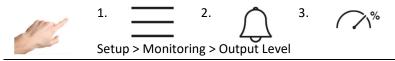
In the "Setup > More > Sensor type" menu, the monitoring can also be completely deactivated by selecting "No sensor".

5.3.1.2.3 Fault Current Monitoring



Behavior	Description
No Signal	Fault current monitoring is switched off
Only Signal	Fault current monitoring detects fault currents that flow on account of moisture in the mold or heater insulation damage. If "Only Signal" is selected, fault current monitoring is activated and an alarm is generated if the limit value is exceeded.
Signal and dry out	If "Signal and dry out" is selected, fault current monitoring is activated. If the limit value is exceeded, an alarm will be generated and, in order to dry out the mold, all the zones will be heated up to 100°C until the fault current falls below the limit value. If the alarm doesn't disappear after the dry-out period the heater may have suffered permanent damager.
	The factory setting is: Signal and dry out

5.3.1.2.4 Output level monitoring



Value	Description	Settings	
Output: Reference Value	The average output level calculated during normal operating mode can be monitored. If the calculated value deviates from this reference value, it could be a sign of an irregularity in the controlled system. There could perhaps	Min: Max: Standard:	100 %



be leakage in the nozzle. Setting this to "0" switches off the monitoring. **Output:** If the current output level exceeds or falls be-Min: 0% **Tolerance** Max: 100 % low the reference value by the set tolerance, a Standard: 100 % warning is generated. The LED beacon lights up yellow and, on the touch display, the relevant zone is marked with a warning symbol ✓\
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. A voltage-free contact can signal this alarm to the outside. The outputs will not be switched off. Adopt average By pressing "Adopt average output level", the current average output level that has been output level calculated will be set as the new reference value for output level monitoring.

5.3.1.2.5 Heating current (amps) monitoring



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Setup > Monitoring > Heating current

Heating current (amps) monitoring is used to detect defective heating units or supply lines. A message is generated if the measured current deviates from the specified reference value.

Value	Description	Settings	
Current:	The heating current to be monitored can be	Min:	0 A
Reference	specified here. Any deviation is calculated on		
Value	the basis of this reference value. Entering a setting of 0.0 A will switch off the monitoring. The current will, however, continue to be displayed.	Standard:	UA
Current:	The tolerance set here is the maximum permit-	Min:	0 A
Tolerance	ted deviation of the present heating current	Max:	16 A
	measured from the reference value. If the heating current exceeds or falls below the tolerance, a warning will be generated. The LED beacon will light up yellow and, on the touch display, the relevant zone will be marked with a warning symbol \(\subseteq \subseteq^A. \)	Standard:	0.5 A
Adopt heating current	When the "Adopt heating current" button is pressed, the present heating current measured will automatically be set as the new reference		



value for current monitoring.

5.3.1.3 Heating



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The heating behavior of each individual zone can be selected here.

Function	Description	Settings
Max. Temperature Difference	The maximum temperature difference is defined as how much the zones within the same priority group are allowed to deviate. This value is called the maximum temperature deviation.	Min: 1° Max: 100° Standard: 25°C
Sequential Heating: Order	Heating of zones in a defined order heating avoids thermal imbalances in the mold by grouped, smooth heating with respect to the slowest zone.	Standard: 1
	When heating the zones are grouped by their priority and each priority group is heated sequentially starting with 1. The maximum temperature difference is kept for zones in the respective priority group.	
	Factory setting: All zones in Group 1 (all values = 1)	
Cooling Limit	In accordance with the order of sequential heating, sequential cooling in reverse order is also possible by setting a cooling limit value per zone. When the controller is switched off, the zones that last heated up cool down first. When all these zones have reached their cooling limit value, the next zones start cooling. As soon as no more zones heat up, the controller switches off automatically.	Min: 0° Max: 900°F / 500°C Standard: 0 (0 = no sequential cooling)
	Cooling is indicated by alternating flashing of \bigcirc and \checkmark . To cancel sequential cooling, press \bigcirc . In the window that appears, you can choose between switching off all heating zones immediate-	



	ly or heating up again.		
Softstart	Softstart enables gentle heating of the mold. All the zones are heated separately and gently to a maximum of 212°F / 100°C, independently of a higher setpoint temperature. Up to a temperature of 122°F / 50°C, each zone is heated with a maximum output level of 50%. The output level is then slowly increased to 100% as a function of the actual value. Once 212°F / 100°C has been reached, the soft start has been completed and the zone can heat up at full power.	Standard: So activated for all z	oft start is ones
Ramp Gradient	The ramp function is executed when a setpoint value is changed. It ensures that the new setpoint is approached at an adjustable, constant rate.	Max: 212°F/10	° / sec 0°C/sec ° / sec

5.3.1.4 Mold Check



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Setup > Mold Check > Execute

The mold check tests the sensors (thermocouples) and heaters and is particularly useful after initial installation or assembly work, and also in the event of irregularities during normal operation. The mold test detects: mis-wired thermocouples, heaters and connectors as well as sensor polarity reversal and short-circuit. Irrespective of the selection, all zones will be monitored.

To begin, select the zones which should be tested. To start the test, press the start button \triangleright . The selected zones will now be tested one after the other. The status of the zones during the test will be represented by the following symbols:

Symbol	Desription
0:25	This zone is currently being tested. The duration of the mold check for this zone is shown in minutes: seconds.
✓	The mold check for this zone has been successfully completed.
$\overline{\mathbb{Z}}$	Zone in the queue.

The mold check can be interrupted at any time with the pause button \square and cancelled with the stop button \square . In addition, individual zones can be skipped during the test using the forward button \bowtie . If an error is detected on a tested zone, the controller immediately alerts and aborts the test.



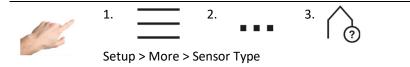
After each test, the result can be saved via the button. In addition, the protocol of the last executed test is also available for export afterwards via this button.

With the subitem "Settings" the following functions of the mold test can be adjusted:

Function	Description	Settings	
Mold Check Timeout	The mold check usually detects a sensible duration based on the responsiveness of the zone. For very high wattage heater circuits this can be overridden by setting a specific diagnosis time. When exceeding this time, the test will fail with timeout.	Min: Max: Standard:	0 seconds 900 seconds AUTO (0 sec)
Abort check on error	The mold check is usually aborted if the test fails for a zone or if any of the selected zones reports an alarm. This is supposed to make it easier to find problems in the wiring. This behavior can be changed by this parameter – for example, to get a complete report.	Standard: on error active	"Abort check

5.3.1.5 More

5.3.1.5.1 Sensor Type



The sensor type to be used for the temperature measurement can be selected here. The two thermocouple types Type J (FeCuNi) and Type K (NiCrNi) are available for selection.

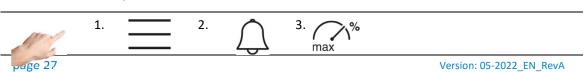
It is also possible to select "no sensor". In this case, either no sensor is available or the sensor is not used. The selected zones then have no actual temperature feedback and all the temperature related alarms, signals and logs are deactivated. The controller must operate in manual control mode (% power output) if thermocouple feedback is not available.



Please note:

No monitoring is performed for values exceeding or falling below temperature limits, and no sensor breaks are signaled. No entries relating to this are made in the event list.

5.3.1.5.2 Max. Output Level





Setup > More > Output Level

The maximum power output level serves to limit the output power of the controller outputs. Normally, the output level is within the limits 0% to 100%. The upper limit can be set to a new value by limiting the power output level. The output level is then limited to this new value.

In the zone display, the output level will be placed in brackets once the output level limit is attained. In the following example, an output limit of 70% is shown in the zone display.



Display of the output level limit: Output level Y is currently limited to 70%.

Setting limits: 0 ... 100% Factory setting: 100%

5.3.2 Operation

Under operation, the main functions that are required during the process can be selected. This includes the home view for changing the setpoint values, output levels and operating modes, the diagnostics for fault analysis, the chart recorder / plotter for analyzing zone profiles over time, the control parameters and an overview of all parameters that can be saved as a recipe.



Figure 13 - Operation

These functions are described in greater detail below.

5.3.2.1 Main View



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Operation > Main View

The main view shows all the zones with their process values, faults and information on the current operating status.



5.3.2.1.1 General presentation

The view is depicted in the following manner:

Zone status	Presentation
Zone active	Black background
Zone inactive	Grey background. Zone is off.
Manual	Zone in manual operation, process values in blue
Monitor	Zone in monitoring operation, process values in orange
Boost	Zone in boost mode
Standby	Zone in standby mode
BSB	Behavior in the event of sensor break is depicted in the zone designation box: BSF = \underline{B} roken \underline{S} ensor \underline{B} ehavior
Fault icon	The fault icon flashes in the zone designation box. Clicking on the fault icon will call up the diagnosis.
Combined	The zone belongs to a heating group and is uniformly heated together with the other zones in the group.
Combined*	This zone is the slowest zone in the group that is currently being heated.
Empty box	A box for displaying a process value remains empty if the set operating mode is not relevant for this process value. Example: in monitoring mode, no output power level is output and hence the process display for the output mode remains empty.
(50%)	The output level display <u>in brackets</u> means that the output level is currently limited. This can be the case during the heating process with a soft start, for example.
\triangle	The actual value display with this symbol means that no valid actual value is being measured. This symbol only occurs in combination with faults such as a sensor fracture or CAN communication faults.
Optimizing	The controller automatically determines the control parameters (PID).
Check	Zones which are selected for mold check.
Check*	Zone which is currently being tested by mold check

Example:





Figure 14 - Example of a zone display

Individual zone display:

The button is on the right side of the screen (until Firmware 2.3, button "Display"). Here, the process values that can be displayed per zone can be selected from a range of process values. The zone displays can thus be individually defined with just a few clicks. A click on the process value causes an immediate change in the display. A maximum of four process values can be displayed per zone.

The following process values are available for selection:



Process value	Description
Actual value	The actual temperature measured by the thermocouple
Setpoint	Specified setpoint temperature
Output Level	Controller output signal (% percent of 100% power putput)
Heating current	Heating current flowing through the heaters (amps)
Temperature Deviation	Actual value - Setpoint value
Temperature Deviation, graphical	Graphic representation temperature deviation by means of a bar graph. The height of the bar corresponds to the control deviation. If the control deviation exceeds the tolerance range, the bar will turn yellow. If it exceeds the limit for an excessively high temperature, it will turn red. The maximum display range for the control deviation can be specified with the "Tolerance range" parameters. Setup > Monitoring > Temperature
Control Quality	From the control quality displayed, it is possible to see how consitantly the zone can maintain the setpoint value. 100% means no deviation over a fairly long period of time. Zones with process-related, short-term tolerances (friction, injection cycle) have a lower quality.
Mean Output Level	The mean power output level is the average output level that has been output over a specified period of time.
Fault Current (Phase)	Currently measured fault current for every phase.
Internal Setpoint	The internal setpoint value is the setpoint value currently employed for control. Depending on the operating conditions and functions, the internal setpoint value may deviate from the actual setpoint value. In standby mode, for example, the controller applies the set standby temperature. In this example, the internal setpoint value would display the standby temperature.
Temperature gradient	Temperature rise during heating.

The following examples illustrate the different presentations:

Presentation		Description
	Zone 1	Zone 1 is inactive, the outputs are deactivated.
Ac [°C]	23	The display boxes for the process values remain greyed out. The
Set [°C]	OFF	actual value is displayed.



	Zone 1
Act [°C]	235
Set [°C]	238

Active zone with the actual temperature and setpoint value display



Active zone with 4 process values:

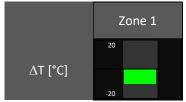
- actual value
- setpoint value
- output level (% of power)
- heating current (amps)



Active zone with actual temperature and setpoint value, as well as graphic display of the control temperature deviation ΔT .

If the bar display for the control deviation is above the zero line, the actual value is too high. In this example, the actual value is 10° above the setpoint value.

The display range of the bar corresponds to the tolerance range value, in this case 20°.



Active zone with graphic display of the control temperature deviation.

If the bar display of the control deviation is below the zero line, the actual value is too low.



Zone 1 in monitoring mode with the actual temperature value, setpoint value and the graphic control deviation.

Process values in monitoring mode are shown in orange.

The yellow bar indicates that the actual value is outside the tolerance range.

In the example, the tolerance range is 10° and the control deviation 20°.



	Zone 1 Combined*
Actl [°C]	235
Y [%]	25

Active zone with the actual temperature value and output power level display.

Zone 1 is heated up in a group.

"*" means that this zone is the slowest in the heating group. All the other zones in the heating group show "combined" without an "*".

	Zone 1 Optimizing
Act [°C]	235
Y [%]	25

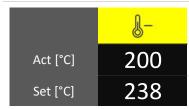
After it is switched on, the controller establishes the optimum control parameters (automatic optimization of PID variables, or "auto tuning").

As soon as the optimum control parameters have been found, the word "Optimizing" will be removed.



Zone 1 in manual operation

Process values in manual operation are shown in blue.



Zone with fault indication "Negative temperature deviation".

The warning signal with the yellow background flashes.

Pressing the warning symbol 2

Active zone with 3 process values:



 $oldsymbol{\lambda}$ will open diagnostics.

	Zone 2
Act [°C]	235
Set [°C]	248
Y [%]	(70)

In this example:

- actual value
- setpoint value
- power output level: the output level is currently <u>limited</u> to 70%.



Zone 1 in monitoring mode with actual value and power output level.

The power output level display remains empty because no output level is output in monitoring mode (outputs are switched off).



Act [°C] Set [°C]	Zone 1 Boost 235 260	Zone 1 is in boost mode. Display in this example: - actual temperature value - setpoint temperature value for boost (parameterized setpoint plus boost increase)
Act [°C] Set [°C]	Zone 1 Standby 120 120	Zone 1 is in standby mode. Display in this example: - actual temperature value - setpoint temperature value for standby
Act [°C] Set [°C]	<u>↑</u> <u>↑</u> 237	Zone with "open thermocouple" fault display. The alarm signal with the red background flashes. Pressing the alarm signal calls up the diagnosis. The triangle with an exclamation mark indicates that no valid actual value is available.
Act [°C] Set [°C]	Zone 1 BSB: 0%	The behavior in the event of broken sensor (BSB) is shown in the zone designation box. In this example, the setting is "BSB=0%", which reduces the output power level to 0% in the event of an open sensor.

5.3.2.1.2 Changing the setpoint value and output level

To change the setpoint value and output level in the home view, simply click on a zone.

Editor mode will then open, with selection buttons in the top right half of the screen and a numeric keyboard for entering the values. First, the zones that shall be changed are selected. This can be done by clicking on the individual zones or by using the "All" selection button. If groups have also been defined in the quick start, these will similarly appear in the selection. By clicking on a group, the corresponding zones will automatically be selected.

By clicking on a group and then pressing the OK button, it is now possible to change the setpoint value or the output level for the selected zones, depending on which operating mode is active for the selected zones.

5.3.2.1.3 Activating the boost function

If the selected zones are to be boosted, the "Boost" selection button should be pressed. A window will then open for activating the boost function. The boost process is started by pressing the boost button. The background of the boost button will change color to indicate that the boost is in progress. The background of the button acts like a progress bar, just in the other direction. As the duration increases, the colored background decreases in size until the boost has finished. It is thus possible to see at a glance how long the boost process still has to run.



Example	Description
Įл	Boost function not activated
Įл	Boost function just started.
Įл	The boost function has now run for half of the boost time.
Įл	The boost function now has only 1/4 of the boost time to run.

5.3.2.1.4 Changing the operating mode

The procedure for changing the operating mode is precisely the same as that described in Chapter 5.3.1.1.2. Pressing on the "Operating mode" button will call up the window for setting the operating mode. It is now simply a matter of following the guided dialogue:

- 1. Select the zones for which the operating mode is to be changed and select the operating mode for these.
- 2. The selection is accepted by pressing the confirmation button.

5.3.2.2 Diagnostics

5.3.2.2.1 Faults



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Operation > Diagnostics > Faults

The Faults menu provides a convenient overview and explanations of existing warning and alarm-messages and alarms. For rapid assistance in the event of a fault, it is also possible to navigate to the troubleshooting function. This contains information and explanations on the type of fault and its cause.

Procedure:

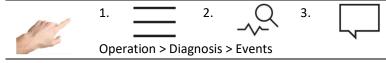
- First select a pending warning or alarm on the left side.
- An explanation of the fault will then appear on the right side.
- * can be used to navigate in the fault handling function (see Chapter 5.3.2.2.3.)



Critical faults must be acknowledged with \checkmark . Otherwise, it will not be possible to switch on the affected zone again.



5.3.2.2.2 Events



The events view contains a list of date and time-dependent controller information. In addition to all the warnings or alarms that occur, user logins and parameter settings are documented. The list is filled and overwritten automatically. The last 1000 entries are always displayed. The event list also is included in the service file (see Chapter 5.3.3.3) and can thus be saved and exported for evaluation.

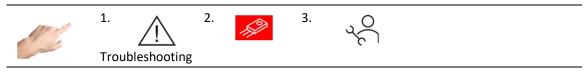
5.3.2.2.3 Troubleshooting

As soon as the controller issues a warning or an alarm about a status change, the malfunction symbol appears in the status bar. Pending warnings and alarms are also always displayed as symbols in the relevant zone. The home view thus already provides information on the current zone status. In addition, the controller's status display (LED beacon strip) changes color in accordance with the message. Warnings are indicated by a yellow LED strip and alarms by a red LED strip.

Warning messages inform the system operator of potential problems and production is continued. However, if an alarm message is issued the system operator is required to intervene. For critical alarms, a fault acknowledgement or system restart may be necessary. A detailed list of all the warnings and alarms is given in Chapter 5.3.2.2.4.

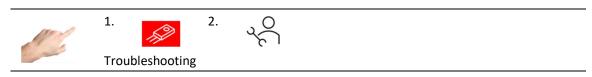
Procedure in the event of a fault (example: "defective triac" fault message):

Example 1 \rightarrow To the fault handling via the navigation menu



or

Example 2 \rightarrow To the fault handling via a direct message in the affected zone





If alarms are issued for several zones in example 2, the messages for this zone will be displayed in filtered form. Press \overrightarrow{V} for an overview of all the messages.

After navigating in potential causes for the pending message appear. Each cause contains explanations which provide step-by-step support in eliminating the message.





Fault rectification provides possible causes for the pending message. It can still, however, happen that an undocumented cause is responsible for the pending message. In other words, it is possible that the controller cannot diagnose the cause of all faults.

The individual causes can be checked one after the other. Within a cause, it is also possible to use \triangleleft and \triangleright to navigate back and forth between the instruction steps.

Warnings and alarms

Symbol / Status	Description	Cause	Alarm connector
+	Positive temperature deviation The actual temperature is currently above the set tolerance range.	• Setting limit	Collective warning
<u> </u>	Negative temperature deviation The actual temperature is currently below the set tolerance range.	, • Setting limit	Collective warning
∕ \ ^A	Current deviation The present heating current is above the set tolerance value.	Tolerance valueHeating faultMains voltage fluctuation	Collective warning
√ \%	Output level deviation The mean output level is above the set tolerance value.	 Overmolding Heating aging Defective parallel heating Heating fault Setting limit Triac 	Collective warning
खि	Sensor voltage The voltage in the sensor line is inadmissibly high	 Wiring error Connection to neighbouring zone Insulation damage 	Collective warning
ヴ	Mains voltage Fluctuations detected in the mains voltage.	Mains voltage fluctuations	Collective warning
<u></u>	Fault current Residual current flowing in the affected phase.	MoistureInsulation damage	Collective warning
()	Sensor break The zone is not connected to the sensor.	• Sensor connection in controller, con-	Collective warning or



or		necting cable or mold	collective alarm
	Switch-off temperature The current temperature is above the maximum permitted temperature.	Setting limitManual operationWiring error	Collective alarm
	High temperature The current temperature is above the limit for an excessively high temperature.	Setting limitManual operationWiring error	Collective alarm
	Low temperature The current temperature is below the limit for an excessively low temperature.	Setting limitManual operationHeating powerWiring error	Collective alarm
[^W]	No connection to load No current flows when the outputs are controlled with an output level > 0%	 Connection to mold Cable/plug or heating unit defective Triac defective 	Collective alarm
₹	Sensor polarity The sensor polarity has been reversed. Increasing temperatures are recorded as negative temperature values. Alarm only disappears if the connection cable will be disconnected and the reserved polarity will be changed.	• Wiring error	Collective alarm
B	Defective fuse No current flows despite the outputs being controlled	External fuseInternal fuseInsulation damage	Collective alarm
	Defective triac Current flows when the outputs are not being controlled.	• Triac	Collective alarm
[^W] <u>A</u>	Relay fault The output relay of the relevant zone is defective.	Internal hardware error	Collective alarm
™	Load short circuit The current flowing is inadmissibly high.	Wiring errorInsulation damageDefective heater	Collective alarm
CAN	Internal bus error No communication to the affected power board.	Identical address assignmentCommunication	Collective alarm



disrupted
• End if buss impedance

• Defective hardware



System fault

The power board has detected a hardware fault.

Internal hardware fault

Collective alarm



Device group error

Communication in the device group does not work properly.

Connection ErrorConfiguration Error

Collective alarm

5.3.2.3 Chart Recorder



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Operation > Chart Recorder

The chart recorder is used to analyze the control behavior of zones by displaying the profile over time of the process values for actual value, setpoint value and output level on a curve diagram. The curve is shown in the window with a black background. On the right of the screen are the arrow keys that can be used to select the zones for the display. Only one zone at a time is displayed in the curve window, with the three process values of actual value, setpoint value and output level. The process values to be displayed can be determined by clicking on the process value in question. If the process value is marked with a tick it will be displayed – if it has no tick, the process value will be hidden.

At the bottom of the screen there are additional buttons that can be used for the following settings:

15 min The chart recorder displays a time range of 15 minutes.

60 min The chart recorder displays a time range of 60 minutes.

4 h The chart recorder displays a time range of 4 hours.



Zoom in

The chart recorder's display range is reduced



Zoom Out

The chart recorder's display range is enlarged



The display range can also be zoomed in/out by touching it. To do this, the desired range must be marked horizontally. The starting point must be indicated by touching the screen



and swiping to the right. The display range is then marked in grey. As soon as the touch screen is no longer being touched, the marked area will be enlarged to fill the maximum displayable size in the display window.

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The display range will change so that the current values are shown in the right-hand section.



Screenshot

The currently displayed chart is stored locally on the device.



Pressing this button opens a new window for filtering the zones to be displayed in the chart recorder.

5.3.2.4 Control



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Operation > Control

The "Control" menu item contains settings that can be used to influence the control behavior of zones.

5.3.2.4.1 Control dynamics

Value	Description		
Automatic Optimization	The automatic control optimization determines the P, I and D components of the controller automatically. This is only performed for zones in normal operation directly after the outputs are switched on and is marked "Optimized" in the status text below the zone designation. The zones to be automatically optimized when they are switched on can be determined by activating and deactivating the function. To do this, the zones should first be selected and the function then activated/deactivated with the corresponding buttons.		automatic ctive
P component	P component of the PID controller The output level is reduced linearly before attaining the setpoint value. Increasing the P band causes a slower transient response.	Min: Max: Standard:	0 % 100 % 5%



I component	I component of the PID controller. The reset time TN of the PID controller is specified in this setting. Increasing the reset time causes a slower transient response.	Min: Max: Standard:	0 s 999 s 80 s
D component	D component of the PID controller. The derivative time TV of the PID controller is specified in this setting. The derivative time is only effective with fast changes in the actual value. Increasing the derivative time causes a more dynamic transient response.	Min: Max: Standard:	0 s 999 s 16 s

The procedure for changing one of the PID parameters is as follows:

- First select the zones on the left whose parameters are to be changed
- Then, on the right side, select the desired parameter
- Open the box for entering the value with
- Enter the desired value in the input box
- Confirm with OK

5.3.2.4.2 Heating signal

Clicking on the \bigcirc selection button opens the heating signal selection. A distinction is drawn in principle between pulse operation and phase angle control for the heating signal. Pulse operation and phase angle control are two different means of controlling the heaters.

Setting	Description
Pulsed Operation	During pulse operation, the heating output is switched on and off at full voltage in a specific ratio. The ratio of the time switched on to the time switched off is determined by the output level that is calculated by the controller. An output level of 25%, for example, means that the output is switched on for one time unit and then remains switched off for 3 time units. With a high output level, pulsed operation delivers better control behavior. The output switches the voltage in zero crossing mode, which causes less wear on the heating unit among other things. Factory setting: All zones in pulse operation
Phase Control	With phase control, the voltage at the heating output is kept proportional to the calculated output level. With a lower output level, phase control ensures better control behavior. Phase control, however, causes more wear than pulse operation.



	Factory setting: All zones in pulse operation
Mixed	This setting activates a combination of both operating modes, uniting the advantages of both.
	Factory setting: All zones in pulse operation

The procedure for changing the heating signal is as follows:

- First select the zones on the left whose heating signal is to be changed.
- Then, on the right side, select the desired heating signal
- Confirm with ✓.

5.3.2.4.3 Alerting

By clicking the selection button $\bigcap_{k} \mathbb{A}^k$, you can set certain alarms. In general, no settings need to be made for these parameters. However, these settings can be useful for special applications.

Function	Description
Load Detection	The load detection triggers an alarm if there is no current despite power output. This is used to detect whether a heater is correctly connected. A reliable load detection requires a current of at least 100 mA.
	The function can be deactivated in the selection "Load detection". The deactivated load detection is displayed by $-$ in the zone selection.
	This function can only be deactivated for power cards with firmware 3.5 or higher. For power cards with firmware 3.4 or lower the input is blocked and is displayed with .
Overload Detection	The overload detection prevents the outputs from being switched on in the event of overload (> 17 A), e.g. due to a short circuit. This prevents the fuse from being cleared and thus its required replacement.
	The function can be deactivated in the selection "Overload detection". This allows the outputs to be switched on even at high currents (>17 A). The deactivated overload detection is displayed by $-$ in the zone selection.
	This function can only be deactivated for power cards with firmware 2.7 or higher. For power cards with firmware 2.6 or lower the input is blocked and is displayed with .





Attention! There is no longer any overload detection. This means that only the fuses are now used to protect against excessive currents.

Delay Fuse defective

A delay means that the fault is only signalled after it has been present for a set time. This allows the sensitivity to mains disturbances to be reduced.

Relay Error Detection

The relay error triggers an alarm if the output relay cannot be opened or closed as expected. If the relay is mechanically damaged, it is not possible to safely switch the output on and off.

This function can only be deactivated for power cards with firmware 4.2 or higher. For power cards with firmware 4.1 or lower the input is blocked and is displayed with ...

Triac Defective Detection

The defective triac detection triggers an alarm if there is a current despite no power output. This prevents unctonrolled heating before a high temperature is signaled.



Attention! Triac monitoring is no longer performed. As a result, the system is only switched off if limit temperatures are exceeded. These must always be set specifically for the application.

5.3.2.5 All Parameters



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Operation > All Parameters

All the parameters are arranged in a clear table here, which can also be saved as a recipe. An existing recipe can also be loaded. The rows contain the individual parameters that are assigned to a zone in the columns. Vertical scrolling leads to further parameters, and horizontal scrolling shows further zones.



Function	Description
Save	Using the "Save" button, the entire parameter set can be saved locally on the device in a file. Once the button has been pressed, a dialog will open for selecting the storage location and entering the name.
	After selection of the desired storage location, a file with the name "< New recipe file >" will appear in the selection box. By selecting this file and pressing the confirmation button, the prompt for entering the file name will appear. This is accepted by pressing the Return ← key.
Open	The "Open" button can be used to load a recipe that has already been compiled and saved in the controller memory. This is the simplest way to bring the controller into operation with just a few clicks. After the button has been pressed, the dialog will open to select the recipe file. First, the directory should be selected (local or possibly a flash drive plugged into the front of the controller). Then the required recipe file is selected and displayed on the screen by pressing the confirmation button \checkmark . The parameters can now be checked again BEFORE they are transferred to the controller. A prompt appears for accepting the parameter set. Pressing the confirmation button \checkmark loads the parameter set into the controller, and pressing X cancels the process and returns the user to the parameter overview.

5.3.3 Settings

All the device-specific settings are made under "Settings". These are generally parameters that only need to be set once. They include language, temperature unit, date/time, timer, user administration and file management. Communication with external devices can also be specified. In addition, "Settings" contains all the topics of relevance for service and support, such as controller information, firmware update, service file, support and factory settings.



Figure 15 - Settings



5.3.3.1 Device

5.3.3.1.1 Language



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Settings > Device > Language

The language of the user interface can be specified by selecting the corresponding flag. When the line containing the flag is pressed, this will be highlighted in color. To adopt the selected language, the selection must be confirmed with the "Accept changes" button. All the texts will then be displayed in the new language during the runtime, and the selected language marked with a checkmark.

5.3.3.1.2 Temperature Unit



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Settings > Device > Temperature Unit

Here the temperature display can be set to either °C (Celsius) or °F (Fahrenheit). When the corresponding line in the left window of the display is pressed, this will be highlighted in color. To accept the changes, the selection must be confirmed with the "Accept changes" button. All displays during the runtime will then be shown in the selected temperature unit. The selected temperature unit will be marked with a tick.

5.3.3.1.3 Date / Time



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Settings > Device > Date / Time

On this page, the time for the controller can be precisely set with the year, month, day, hour and minute. A precise time is of particular importance for process values and events that are recorded with a time stamp.

To change the date or the time, it is necessary to use the

- 1. Arrow keys to set the corresponding value for the year, month, day, hour or minute.
- 2. Pressing the arrow key increases (\triangle) / reduces (∇) the value in the box highlighted in color.
- 3. The changes are adopted by pressing the \checkmark button.



5.3.3.1.4 Heating Timer



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Settings > Device > Heating Timer

Using the timer, it is possible to have the outputs switched on and off automatically at certain times and on certain days.

The necessary settings may be found in the guided dialogue (1. 2. 3. 4.) The procedure is as follows:

- 1. First, the days on which automated switching on/off is required are activated. To do this, click on the box for the corresponding day of the week (Mon=Monday, Tue=Tuesday, etc.). The day of the week is marked with an and, in the lower part of the window, the times for switching on/off are proposed. The tick indicates that automatic switching on/off will be performed on this day. By pressing this box once again, the tick will be hidden, deactivating automatic switching on/off.
- 2. To change the times for ON (switching on) and OFF (switching off), it is necessary to click in the relevant box. A further dialogue will open on the right side where the selected time can be set with the arrow keys. Each time the arrow key is pressed, the value in the box that is highlighted in color will increase (\triangle) / decrease (∇).
- 3. The changes can be activated by pressing the "Accept changes" button \checkmark .
- 4. X closes the dialogue.

As soon as the timer is activated, an alarm clock symbol appears on the right of the menu bar next to the date and time.

5.3.3.1.5 User Management



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Settings > Device > User Management

The controller is protected against unauthorized settings by means of user levels. Each user level determines which changes are permitted. There are four user levels: Display, Operation, Configuration and Administration. If the current user level is setting, for example, then this is indicated in the menu bar with the lock. A separate password can be assigned to each user level.



Information:

As the factory setting, all passwords are set to a value of 22

To change a user level, it is sufficient to click the corresponding line in the available user levels. The box will be highlighted in color. To accept the new user level, it is necessary to press the confirmation button. The user will then be prompted to enter the password for this or the next highest level. Clicking on "Login" opens the screen for entering the password, which is accepted with the Return key ←.



The higher the user level, the more changes are permitted. The following change options are allocated to the individual user levels:

User level	Change options
Display	No change options Only navigation
	 Setpoint values Activation of boost Activation of standby Operating modes Diagnosis
Operation	Locked: Parametrisation Fault handling Mold test User administration Factory setting
Configuration	 Setpoint values Activation of boost Activation of standby Operating modes Parametrisation Mold test Diagnostics and troubleshooting Locked:
Administration	User administrationFactory setting No restrictions

The administrator can change and delete the passwords.



Function	Description
Change	Select the user level for which the administrator wishes to change the password. This will be highlighted in color. Then click on change password. A confirmation prompt appears, asking whether the password is really to be changed. This can be made to disappear either by clicking on X or by confirming the change. If it is confirmed, the new password must then be entered, which will be adopted by pressing return . The new password must be entered a second time for verification. A brief message then appears at the bottom of the screen indicating that the password has been successfully changed.
Deactivate	First, the user level for which the administrator wishes to deactivate the password must be confirmed. This is then highlighted in color. Next, click on deactivate password. A prompt appears, asking whether the password is really to be deactivated. This can be made to disappear either by clicking on X or by confirming the change. A brief message then appears at the bottom of the screen indicating that the password has been successfully deactivated.
Forgot	By clicking on "Forgot password", information will appear on how a new password can be requested. Support will supply a one-day password for the Administration user level. The contact data for support can be found in the Service menu option (Settings > Service > Support)
5.3.3.1.6 File Mar	nagement 2. \bot 1 \bot 3. \Box

Settings > Device > File Management

Under file management, it is possible to copy (to a flash drive, for example) or move local files on the controller and to rename or delete files. Simply follow the steps in the guided dialogue.



Function	Description
Сору	This function copies a file to a new target directory. The local file is retained.
	To copy a file, select one or more files from the list of available files by clicking on the file name. The dialogue will then open on the right-hand side of the screen. Clicking on "Copy" and "Confirm selection" will activate the copying process. The dialogue for selecting the target directory will appear. The target directory can be changed by pressing the arrow. After selecting the desired target directory, the copy process can be confirmed \checkmark or cancelled with X. Successful copying is indicated by a brief message at the bottom of the screen.
Move	This function is used to move a file to a new target directory, i.e. the file is then no longer in the original directory. One or more files must be selected from the list of available files by clicking on the file name. The dialogue will then open on the right-hand side of the screen. Clicking on "Move" and "Confirm selection" will activate the move. The dialogue for selecting the target directory will appear. The target directory can be changed by pressing the arrow. After selecting the desired target directory, the process can be confirmed \checkmark or cancelled with X. If the files have been successfully moved, this will be indicated by a brief message at the bottom of the screen.
Rename	To rename a file, select one or more files from the list of available files by clicking on the file name. The dialogue will then open on the right-hand side of the screen. Clicking on "Rename" and "Confirm selection" will activate the dialogue for entering the new name, which is then adopted by pressing Return 2. Successful renaming is indicated by a brief message at the bottom of the screen.
Delete	To delete a file, select one or more files from the list of available files by clicking on the file name. The dialogue will then open on the right-hand side of the screen. Clicking "Delete" and "Confirm selection" will delete the selected files.

5.3.3.2 Communication

Communication contains settings and functions that are necessary for communicating, signalling with and for external control by an injection moulding machine.



5.3.3.2.1 Ethernet



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Settings > Communication > Ethernet

Ethernet is the network interface of the controller. The menu shows the parameters of the Ethernet interface, such as IP address, which are necessary for data exchange with the controller via the FE3 protocol or OPC UA (Euromap 82.2).

Function	Description
IP-Address	Shows the current IP address of the controller.
	Setting options:
	Automatic \rightarrow With this setting, the device expects an automatic assignment of the IP address by a so-called DHCP server.
	Manual $ ightarrow$ With this setting, the IP address can be entered manually.
	Factory setting: Automatic
Subnet Mask	Setting options:
	Automatic \rightarrow With this setting, the device expects an automatic assignment of the IP address by a so-called DHCP server.
	Manual $ ightarrow$ With this setting, the IP address can be entered manually.
	Factory setting: Automatic
Default Gateway	Setting options:
	Automatic \rightarrow With this setting, the device expects an automatic assignment of the IP address by a so-called DHCP server.
	Manual \rightarrow With this setting, the IP address can be entered manually.
	Factory setting: Automatic



Protocols

Available Ethernet protocols

(not adjustable)

Feller FE3BUS → UDP8070

Proprietary ASCII protocol that almost completely maps the controller functions - A protocol specification is available on request.

OPC UA (OPC40082-2) → TCP4840

In accordance with Euromap 82.2, status information, general information and determined process data are provided by the MPC hot runner controller. In addition, hot runner controllers can be parameterized by the injection molding machine. In addition to operating modes and setpoints, alarm limits and the heating process can also be adjusted, so that Euromap 82.2 makes almost all process-relevant parameters adjustable via the injection molding machine operating unit. Therefore, as long as an injection molding machine has Euromap 82.2 communication, MPC hot runner controllers with firmware version 4.2 or higher can be operated and read out by injection molding machines true to specification. For all controllers with older firmware, a free update is available.

5.3.3.2.2 Device Group



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Settings > Communication > Device Group

With the device group, several controllers can be connected to form a single unit. This allows all connected devices to be operated from one controller, so that several individual devices act like a single controller with a correspondingly higher number of zones.

As a prerequisite, the devices must be connected via Ethernet. This may also require additional peripherals such as a network switch. In this way, up to 360 zones can be interconnected.

Communication channel in the device group (optional setting)



Note

The communication of the devices in the group works via UDP multi-cast address.

The communication channel defines the multicast address. The address is:

"224.0.[Communication channel setting].0"



Function	Description
Communication Channel	If there are several device groups in the same network, they must communicate on different communication channels to ensure error-free operation. For this purpose, this channel must be set to the identical address on all participants of a device network before the network is started.
	Boundaries 0255
	Factory setting: 1; if set to value "0", communication is disabled

Start device group

- 1. Press the "Start device group" " button. Then enter the password for the administrator level
- 2. Next, a list of all devices in the network is displayed. In addition to the serial number, the zone number of the respective controller is also displayed. The devices that are to be used for the group must be selected accordingly. Selected devices in this list show this via a circulating LED band.
- 3. The selection must then be confirmed via \checkmark .
- 4. Subsequently, the device group must be confirmed by password at all selected participants.
- 5. In the subsequently displayed dialog on the operating unit, the order of the controllers can optionally be adjusted. This allows the individual controllers to be arranged using the arrow keys so that zone numbers are lined up one after the other accordingly. To conclude, confirm again with \checkmark .
- 6. The operating unit now displays all zones of the controllers involved in the device group. The parameterization of all zones is now only carried out via this display.
- 7. The parameters can no longer be set on the operating displays of the connected devices. By pressing \$\frac{1}{2}\$, only the LED display of the operating unit flashes, so that it makes it easy to find out the operating unit.

Cancel device group

The device group can be deactivated at the operating unit via Subsequently, all controllers that were previously only operable as a group can be used again as a single unit.

Status messages in the group

When the device group is active, the status of all nodes is always displayed on the configuration page. The following states can occur:



Connection status	Description	Solution approach
ОК	Connected	
Connection error	Connection to the respective subscriber is interrupted	Check if device is not switched on, network cable not plugged in or defective, network switch switched off or defective
Incompatible	Firmware version of the control unit is not compatible with the firmware of the paired controller	Update firmware of the affected controller
Configuration error	Connected controller operates as an individual controller, although it should be part of the device group	Deactivate device group on operating unit and restart

5.3.3.2.3 RS485



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Settings > Communication > RS485

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RS485 is the serial interface of the controller. This menu item contains the following setting options:



Function	Description
RS485: Protocol	Defines the protocol type to be used for communication via RS485.
	Setting options: FE3BUS protocol for seamless logging of all process values and operation of all available parameters.
	ARBURG EUROMAP 17 → Protocol for coupling the controller to an ARBURG injection molding machine, which in turn must have a serial interface to a hot runner controller. Some important process values (actual values, alarms) can be queried via a restricted EUROMAP17 protocol and the setpoints can be operated. This is usually done with a maximum of 9600 baud.
	FANUC Modbus → Protocol for coupling the controller to a FANUC injection molding machine, which in turn must have a serial interface to a hot runner controller. Via the Modbus protocol, the most important process values (actual values, alarms, power and current) can be queried and the setpoints and alarm limits set.
	ENGEL / HB-Therm → Protocol for coupling the controller to an ENGEL injection molding machine, which in turn must have a serial interface to a temperature control unit. This can be used to set setpoints and to query actual values and alarms.
	Factory setting: FE3BUS
Baudrate	This parameter sets the baudrate. The baudrate must be identical for the controller and the device to be connected, otherwise interference-free communication cannot be guaranteed.
	Setting options: 9600; 19200; 38400; 57600; 115000
	Factory setting: 19200
Address	To address the controller it is necessary to assign an address. To ensure trouble-free communication, the controller and the device to be connected may have different addresses.
	Setting limit: 1 30
	Factory setting: 1



5.3.3.2.4 Digital Inputs



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Settings > Communication > Digital Inputs

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The digital inputs of the controller can, for example, be controlled by a PLC with a 24 VDC signal. For each function, a distinction can be made between the following five control modes:

Control mode	Description
Input inactive	The input is inactive. Incoming signals are ignored and are not logged in the event list.
Level-controlled high-active	As long as a signal (high level) is present at the digital input, the function remains activated. It cannot be deactivated via the user interface.
Level-controlled low-active	As long as a signal (high level) is present at the digital input, the function remains deactivated. It cannot be activated via the user interface.
Edge-controlled high-active	With every change at the digital input from 0V to signal (High) the function is switched over. This can be realized by a pulse of at least 100 ms. Thus the function can also be changed at any time via the user interface.
Edge-controlled low-active	With every change at the digital input from signal (High) to 0V the function is switched over. This can be realized by a pulse of at least 100 ms. Thus the function can also be changed at any time via the user interface.



The following functions can be performed by the control inputs:

Function	Description
Boost (Digit-In, Pin 1)	The input allows machine controlled boosting. The function affects all zones that have a set boost duration and a boost offset greater than zero. Factory setting: Input inactive
Outputs On/Off (Digit-In, Pin 2)	The input permits machine-controlled switching of the outputs. Thus the heating process can be started and stopped by the digital input. Factory setting: Input inactive
Release Outputs (Digit-In, Pin 3)	The input permits machine-controlled output release. The controller outputs can be switched independently, but the controller only outputs power if the outputs are switched on and enabled via this digital input. Factory setting: Input inactive
Standby (Digit_In, Pin 4)	The input permits machine-controlled lowering to standby temperature. Factory setting: Level-controlled, high-active
Additional Heaters On/Off Digit-In, Pin 9	The input allows machine-controlled switching of additional heaters. Zones of group 8 are switched to control mode - or switched off. Therefore, in addition to this setting, the corresponding zones must be assigned to group 8 under "Quick start"(chapter 5.3.1.1.1). If zones are assigned to this group and the function is activated via the control input, the corresponding zones switch between "control mode" and "zone inactive". Factory setting: Input inactive



5.3.3.2.5 Notification Contacts



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Settings > Communication > Notification Contacts

The notification contacts are voltage-free led out to the signal connector on the back of the control-ler. Warnings and alarms can thus be communicated to an injection molding system as a collective signal. Each contact can be configured as follows:

Configuration	Description
NC contact (fail-safe)	As a normally closed (NC) contact, the contact is normally closed and opens as soon as an alarm or warning is present.
	This behavior is fail safe, since each interruption of the connection also opens the circuit.
NO contact	As a normally open (NO) contact, the contact is normally open and closes as soon as an alarm or warning is present.

Depending on the configurations above, the following contacts can be set:

Function	Description
Contact 1: Warnings	The signal contact 1 switches when a warning is signaled at at least one zone or when the LED band lights up yellow, e.g. in case of temperature deviation.
	Factory setting: Break contact (fail safe)
Contact 2: Alarms	The signal contact 2 switches when an alarm is signaled at at least one zone or the LED strip lights up red, e.g. in the event of a sensor break.
	Factory setting: Break contact (fail safe)

5.3.3.3 Service



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Settings > Device > Service

Service contains information and functions that are useful in the event of required system service.

Function	Description
Device info	Device info lists the most important information on the device and also on the current software versions of the installed hardware.
Firmware update	The firmware updates for the control unit and power unit in the controller can be carried out here. The update can be installed via a flash drive. A flash drive with the update program must be connected for updates to the control device. The update process starts automatically.
	For updates of the power boards, a flash drive with the firmware must be inserted in the main directory and the device restarted. Then follow the instructions on the starting page.
	Once the update process is completed, the controller will start again.
Service File Log	The service file contains technical data that is useful for support when analyzing errors.
	A click on the icon in the left-hand side of the screen starts the saving process. The dialogue for selecting the target directory will appear. The target directory can be changed by pressing the arrow. After selecting the desired target directory, the process can be confirmed by pressing the tick, or cancelled with X. Successful compilation of the service file is indicated by a brief message at the bottom of the screen.
Support	The support page contains the main contact data for support. A one-day password can also be requested here if the password has been forgotten. (See also: Settings > Device > User management) The login button for service personnel releases further details that are only available to service employees.
Factory Settings	The controller can be reset using two different methods. If "Load default parameters" is selected, all the parameters will be reset to their default values. All files on the device, such as recipe files, protocols and screenshots are retained.
	If "Reset to factory setting" is selected, all the parameters will be reset to their default values and all files on the device will be deleted. This requires



the user level "Administration" or higher.

In both cases, a dialog will appear for entering the corresponding password.

5.4 Index



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Index

The index contains all the important keywords with a brief explanation and makes it possible to navigate, with a single click, to the page on which the settings are made.

There are two ways to find the term being searched for. The alphabetical list can be scrolled by pressing the rectangle at the right edge of the screen and moving it up or down. Or, the first letter of the term being searched can be clicked beneath the menu bar (A to Z).

If the terms marked in color are clicked, these will lead directly to the screen page where the settings for this term are made. Terms in white are not navigable but serve solely as explanations.

5.5 Switch all outputs on and off





In the menu bar

A longer press on the arrow button will start the heating process by activating the controller outputs. Zones in the "Inactive mode" operating mode will remain switched off. When the outputs are activated, the internal relays will close and the output level will be output at the corresponding contacts.





In the menu bar

After activating the On/Off button, the color of the icon and the background changes. This indicates that the outputs are active.

The On/Off button must be pressed to deactivate the outputs. The icon appears again without a colored background.



5.6 Standby operation





In the menu bar

When the outputs are switched on (see above), pressing the standby button for a longer period of time will initiate the temperature reduction mode in which the temperature of all zones in control mode are reduced to the specified standby temperature.

"Standby" is displayed in the zone designation and the setpoint value for standby appears in the setpoint display.

The value of the standby temperature can be set individually in Setup > Quick start > Setpoint values.





In the menu bar

During standby, the standby button changes and is displayed with a colored background. If you press it again, the standby mode is cancelled and the pause button reappears with a white background.

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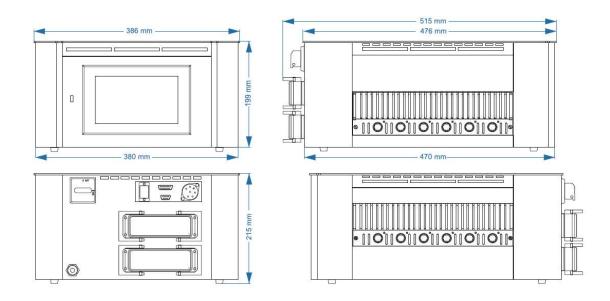
6 Technical data

Operation and display	7" or 10" touchscreen, resistive	
Housing	7 Of 10 todalistically resistive	
Housing material	Galvanized steel	
Protection type	IP 20	
Environmental conditions	IF 20	
Operation temperature	32 to 122°F (0 to 50°C)	
Humidity	0 to 90% relative humidity, no condensation	
Storage temperature	-13 to +167°F (-25 to +75 °C)	
Mains supply Supply voltage	3-Phase 240 VAC DELTA or 1-Phase 208-240 VAC	
,		
Switchable to	3-Phase 380 VAC WYE	
Tolerance	+ 10% / -15%	
Power consumption when idle	7 W + 5 W per power board	
Control voltage		
Internal control voltage	+24VDC	
Protection	1 x 2A medium delay (5 x 20mm)	
Thermocouple inputs		
Thermocouple	FeCuNi (TYPE J) 0 to 830°C	
Thermocoupie	Switchable to: NiCr-Ni (TYPE K) 0 to 830°C	
Cold junction compensation	Integrated / Automatic	
Thermocouple Resolution	0.18°F (0.1°C)	
Thermocouple Accuracy	+/- 0.3% full scale (1,436°F / 780°C)	
Load outputs	Bistable, electrically insulated	
Per zone	1x heating, 230V AC switching	
Control time (phase angle	10 ms at 50 Hz – 8.3 ms at 60 Hz	
/pulse package	10 1113 at 50 112 - 8.5 1113 at 00 112	
Current per zone	max. 16 A with 80% switch-on duration per zone	
Caution: observe the total load	capacity of the electrical connection cable	
Minimum load	100 W	
Signal shape	Pulse operation/phase control (automatic or manual selection)	
	2-pole; 6.3 x 32 mm	
Protection	Internal: SIBA TYPE 16A T	
Frotection	External SIBA TYPE 16A GRL	
	Only use these fuse types!	
Alarm notification outputs		
3x relay contact	Voltage-free for max. 250 VAC	
Maximum current	4 A for $cosφ = 1$; 2A for $cosφ = 0.5$	
Digital inputs		
Insulated, potential-free	16 – 30 VDC	
Data interfaces		
Ethernet	CAT 5	
RS485	D-SUB 9-pole	
	USB 3.0 Standard	

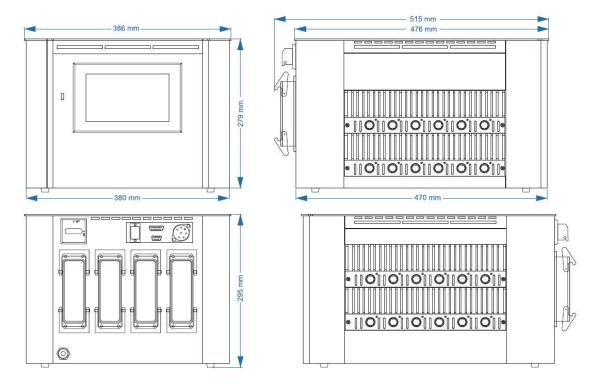


7 Dimensions

7.1 12 zone controller

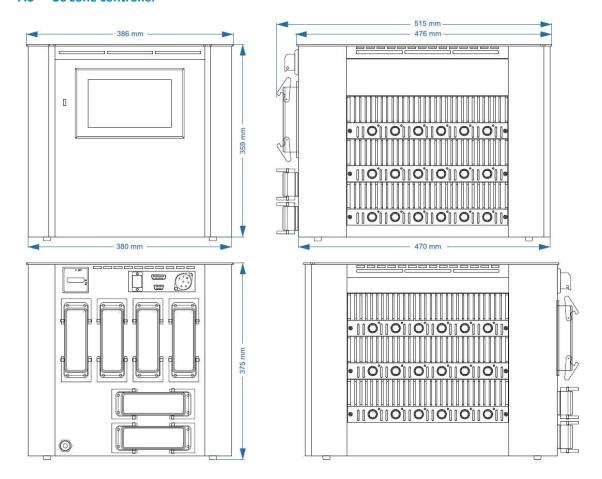


7.2 24 zone controller



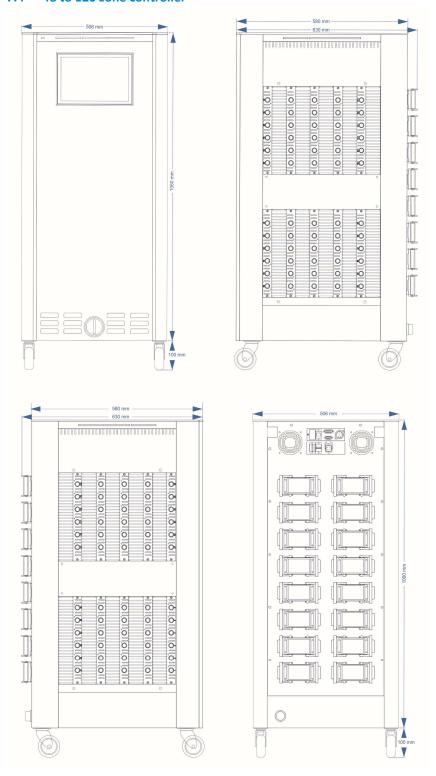


7.3 36 zone controller





7.4 48 to 120 zone controller





8 Appendix

- 8.1 Terminal bridges for the Delta, Wye and Single Phase power system
- 8.1.1 Terminal bridges in Delta AC power system (wire as delivered)

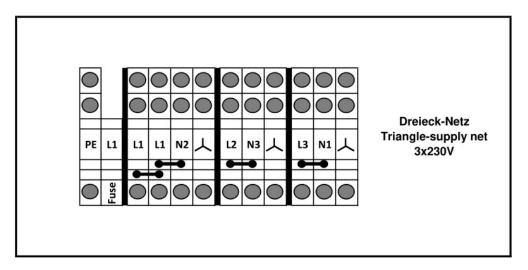


Figure 16 – Delta supply

8.1.2 Terminal Bridges in WYE AC power system

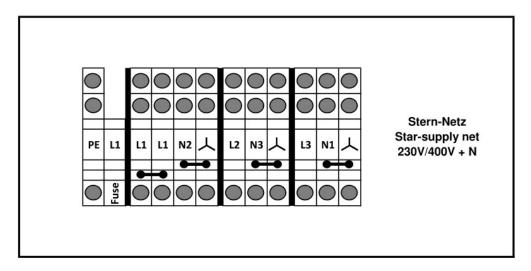


Figure 17 – Wye supply



8.1.3 Terminal bridges and AC cord connection in North American Single Phase power system

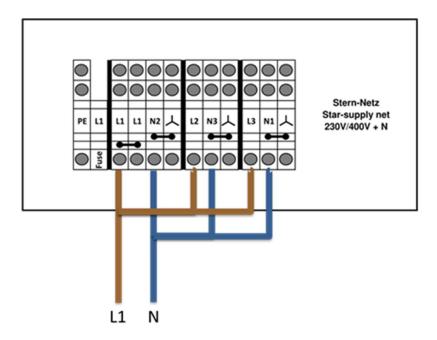


Figure 18 - Single Phase supply

SPECIAL NOTE: Wiring North American three-wire single phase 208-240 VAC.

To wire the MPC controllers for single phase input, the AC input block terminal bridges must be set to <u>European five-wire three phase wye</u>, which sets the internal wiring of all output circuits to be connected to neutral and one leg of the three phase; L1, L2 & L3.

As such, the installing personell must <u>tie together</u> the AC power cord conductors L1, L2 and L3 at the cord plug or power service disconnect.



8.2 Pin assignment alarm/ notification socket

Table 1 Alarm/ Notification socket	Fun	ction
1+3	Collective warning	Break contact (fail-safe)
4 + 5	Collective alarm	Break contact (fail-safe)
2 + 6	No fu	ınction



8.3 Pin assignment digital inputs

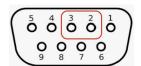
Table 2 Digital input	Func	tion
1	Boost	+24VDC
2	Outputs On/Off	+24VDC
3	Release Outputs	+24VDC
4	Standby	+24VDC
5	No function	
6 – 8		0VDC
9 – 15	No function	
13 – 15		0VDC

Reading direction →*
Input 1-8

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Input 9-15

8.4 Pin assignment RS485

Table 3 RS485	Function
2	Rx/Tx+
3	Rx/Tx-



^{*} The individual pins are also marked on the plug.