Battery Operated Advanced Computerized Irrigation Controller Installation and Operating Instructions

This handbook provides the installation and operating instructions for the DC-1 and DC-4 controllers.

Main Features:

- Independent programming of each individual valve
- Weekly or cyclical programming
- Up to 4 operations per day in weekly program mode
- Irrigation duration one minute to 12 hours
- Irrigation frequency once a day to once every thirty days in a cyclical program
- Waterproof when immersed in water (IP68)
- Rain off sensor option
- Weather resistant
- Irrigation duration modifiable as a function of percentage entered
- Operation of one to 4 valves and a master valve
- Computerized "manual" operation of individual valves
- Sequential "manual" operation optional
- Batteries: DC-1-4: two 9V alkaline batteries



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1. Parts Identification

- 1. Cover
- 2. Push buttons
- 3. Controller display
- 4. Battery compartment cover
- 5. Solenoid
- 6. Mechanical operation lever
- 7. Bayonet adapter
- 8. Hydraulic valve

Important!

Assembly of a filter upstream of the valve is mandatory.

(See list of accessories page 20).

2. Setting up the Irrigation Controller2.1Valve and Solenoid Assembly

- 2.1.1 Shut the main irrigation system valve.
- 2.1.2 Install the hydraulic valve in the irrigation system.
- 2.1.3 If necessary, remove the solenoid [1] from the bayonet adapter by making a quarter turn to the left.

Note: Be careful not to lose the seal (O-ring) [2] and assemble the solenoid with the manual lever (see illustration).

After installing the hydraulic valve [3], assemble the solenoid (if you removed it) by making a quarter turn to the right.

2.1.4 Be sure to correctly position the seal (O-ring) [2] in place.

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Important!

It is recommended that you do not disassemble the bayonet adapter.

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2.2 Manual-Mechanical Operation

The irrigation valve can be opened and closed independent of the controller's operation. Manual operation is useful when immediate irrigation is required, and there is insufficient time or knowledge to program the controller. The valve lever is located on the solenoid, and has three positions (from left to right): Open, Automatic [AUTO] and Closed.



Remember! For controller operated irrigation, the valve lever must be in the middle (AUTO) position.



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2.3 Battery Installation

Open the battery compartment cover. Insert batteries (see illustration). All the controller display elements appear briefly on the display, followed by a blinking time of 12:00. The controller is now ready to be programmed.

Important!

Make sure to replace the battery compartment cover with the grip (see drawing) and then rotate the cover 1/8 of a turn to the right.Be sure to do so otherwise the battery cover pins might break.



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2.4 Installing the controller in the irrigation system

The controller can be installed on the solenoid or on the wall.

Installing on the solenoid

- a. Remove the solenoid (5) with a 1/4 turn.
- b. Pass the solenoid through the connector, and connect back into place.

Important: Make sure the Oring is in place and the lever is in the direction as shown in drawing.

- c. Install the solenoid connector (4) onto the solenoid(5) and fasten with screw (3) parallel to the valve.
- d. Remove the bracket (2) from the controller and slide the bracket onto the solenoid connector.
- e. Connect the controller onto the bracket by pressing.

Installing on the wall

- a. Place the mounting plate (6) on the wall using 3 screws (not included).
- b. Remove bracket (2) from controller and slide onto the mounting plate.
- c. Connect the controller to the bracket (2) by pressing.
- (1) Controller
- (2) bracket
- (3) Screw

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- (4) Solenoid connector
- (5) Solenoid
- (6) Mounting plate for wall

2.5 Wiring the Solenoids in the DC-4

In the DC-4 connect the valves to the cables emerging from the controller according to the illustration and explanation below.



Labeled cables (1) emerge from the controller. The end of each cable is protected by a cover that must be removed prior to connecting the cable. The cables are specifically designed to connect to Galcon DC type irrigation valves and solenoids (3).

The controller and its connections are waterproof. To safeguard the waterproof characteristics, compliance with the following is essential:

- Do not remove protective covers from cables that are not connected to valves. Exposed cable ends can short-circuit with each other, with conducting bodies and in water.
- Connect the cables to the valves (3) using the special waterproof connectors (2) supplied with the product. See illustration.
- 1. Cut away the covering from the controller cable (1) near the end of the cable and expose the cable leads from the black insulating outer sleeve. The solenoid cables have three wires: white, red and black. Do not expose the three wires from their colored insulation.
- 2. Connect the leads to waterproof connector (2)

3. Programming the Irrigation Controller

This section describes the programming steps for a simple irrigation schedule. It is followed by a section dealing with more advanced irrigation controller operations.

The irrigation controller is programmed with the aid of 4 buttons: © Programming Step Selector - used to select the desired programming mode (e.g., clock setting mode)

Parameter Selection Button - used to select the parameter to be changed (e.g., hour, minute, etc.). The selected parameter can only be changed when its entry is blinking on the display.

 Decrement Button - decreases the value of the selected parameter (e.g.,when hour is selected, from 06:00 to 05:00).

3.1 Setting the Current Time and Day of the Week

To enable the irrigation controller to operate the irrigation system at the correct times, the current time and current day of the week must first be set.

1. Press © several times until the \odot appears.

2. Press O The hour digits blink. Set the current hour using O or \bigcirc (Note the AM and PM designations).

3. Press S The minute digits blink. Set the current minute using T or \bigcirc .

4. Press S A blinking arrow appears at the top of the display. Move the arrow to the current day of the week using the F or \bigcirc button.



If the most recent data item stops blinking before you finish programming it, press i to continue the programming process.

3.2 Switching between AM/PM and 24 Hour Time Format

The default time format is AM/PM. There is also a 24 hour time format. To switch between the two formats:

1. Press \bigcirc until the O appears.

2. Press O The hour digits blink.

3. Press $\textcircled{\bullet}$ and \bigcirc simultaneously. The clock reading switches from AM/PM to a 24 hour time display or vice versa.

You can switch the time display format at any step in the programming process.



3.3 Valve Selection

This section does not apply to the DC-1 model.

Program an irrigation schedule for each valve individually. First select the desired valve, and then program a schedule as follows:

1. Press © until 📥 appears.

2. Press B. A blinking arrow appears at the bottom of the display.

3. Move the arrow to the desired valve number by pressing \oplus or \bigcirc .

4. Press C to proceed to the next step.



3.4 Setting the Irrigation Duration

This setting determines how long the irrigation lasts.

- 1. Press G until \mathbb{I} appears.
- Press ☺. The hour digits blink. Set the desired number of hours by pressing ⊕ or ⊡. Press ☺ again the minute digits blink. Set the desired number of minutes by pressing ⊕ or ⊡.
- 3. Press © to proceed to the next step.



3.5 Selecting Days of the Week for Irrigation

This setting determines which days of the week the irrigation controller will operate the specified valve.

- 1. Press \bigcirc until \boxtimes appears.
- 2. Press ⊕. A blinking arrow appears at the top of the display, under Monday.
- 3. Move the blinking arrow to the desired day of the week by pressing ⊜.
- Selecting/adding irrigation days: Press ⊕. The arrow under the selected day stops blinking, moves one position to the right, and blinks under the next day of the week. You can select additional days of the week in the same manner.
- 5. Canceling Scheduled Irrigation Days: Have the arrow blink under the day you want to cancel. Press ⊙. The arrow under



the selected day will disappear. The blinking arrow will move one position to the right, under the next day of the week. Cancel additional scheduled irrigation days in the same manner.

- 6. Press $\ensuremath{\textcircled{}}$ to proceed to the next step.
- •When the blinking arrow reaches Sunday, pressing again displays OnCe in the center of the display, and reaches at the top right of the display. To return to the "Selecting/Adding Irrigation Days" mode, press once or twice.

3.6 Setting Irrigation Start Times

In this step, up to 4 separate irrigation start times can be programmed for a selected day for the valve being programmed. The selected valve will open at each of the start times set, for the irrigation duration set as described in Section 3.4.

- 1. Press © until the START I appears. The word OFF or the last start time set will appear on the display.
- Press ☺. The displayed item blinks (OFF or last start time entered).
- 3. Set the desired start time by pressing

 or ○. (Take note of the AM and PM designations). Repeat actions 2 and 3 to set start times II, III and IV, as needed.
- 4. To cancel a specific start time, select it by pressing

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- 5. To program another valve, select it, and repeat the above steps, starting from section 3.3 above.



3.7 Example: Programming a Weekly Irrigation Schedule

Let's assume you want to program the irrigation controller to water three times a day using the 24 hour time display format: at 08:00 AM, 13:00 PM and 19:00 PM, for 21/2 hours at a time, on Tuesday and Friday.

To switch to an AM/PM time display format, see section 3.2.

(If you are using a DC-1 model irrigation controller, start from step 4 below.)

- 1. Press 🖾 until 📥 appears.
- 2. Press \circledast . A blinking arrow appears at the bottom of the display.
- 3. Press ⊕ or ⊖ to move the arrow to the valve number to be programmed.
- 4. Press \bigcirc until \mathbb{X} appears.
- 5. Press ⊕ . The hour digits blink. Press ⊕ or ⊖ until the hour displays 2. Press ⊕. The minute digits blink. Press ⊕ or ⊖ until the minute displays 30.
- 6. Press ©. 🖄 appears.
- 7. Press ☺. A blinking Ĵ appears at the top of the display, under Monday.
 Press ☺ until the blinking arrow appears under Tuesday, and then press ⊕.
 The arrow under Tuesday will stop blinking and advance one position to the right, to Wednesday. Press ☺ twice to move the arrow to Friday, and then press ⊕.
- 8. Press ©. START I time appears. Press ☺. The hour digits blink.
- 10. Press ©. START IV time [4] appears. Press ⊕. The hour digits blink.
- 11. Press \oplus or \bigcirc until \square appears. The fourth opening of the value is canceled.

4. Additional Functions

4.1 One-Time Irrigation

This function is used to program the irrigation controller to operate the irrigation system once only, for the set irrigation duration, at the set time.

(Duration set as described in Section 3.4).

- 1.Press © until 🖄 appears.
- 2.Press ☺ several times (for all the days of the week) until ☺ appears, and On CE blinks on the display.
- 3.Go to Section 4.3 to set the day and time.



4.2 Cyclical Irrigation

This option is used to program the irrigation controller to operate the irrigation system in a cyclical manner, once every x days, for the irrigation duration.

(Note: Duration for which valve stays open set as described in Section 3.4).

- 1. Press \bigcirc until \boxtimes appears.
- Press ☺ several times (for all the days of the week) until ☺ appears, and In [E blinks on the display.



3. With the display blinking, press ⊕ or ⊡. The interval between irrigation sessions (irrigation cycle) in days, hours or minutes is displayed. For example, if you set 2 days, the irrigation will be performed every two days for the defined duration.

4.3 Setting the Day of the Week and Time For Cyclical and One-Time Irrigation Programs

These programs enable you to pre-set the time of valve opening. The number of days until the valve opening appears on the display, to the right of the irrigation start time (above the word "days"). 0 days = program starts today; 1 day = program starts tomorrow, etc. (up to 30 days).



- 1. Press © until START I appears. The last opening time entered appears on the display.
- 2. Press \circledast . The hour digits blink.
- 3. Set the desired opening time by pressing \oplus or \bigcirc (Take note of AM and PM designations).
- 4. Press ☺ until the digit to the right of the opening time blinks (The digit above the word "days").
- 5. Set the number of days until the opening of the value by pressing \oplus or \bigcirc .
 - Valve openings 2, 3 and 4 are canceled in this mode.

4.4 Example: Programming a Cyclical Irrigation Schedule

Let's assume you want to program the irrigation controller to open the valve at 12:45 PM, for a period of one hour, every 5 days.

- 2. Press © until 🕸 appears.
- 3. Press ☺ a number of times (for all the days of the week) until On CE appears blinking on the display.
- 4. While the display is still blinking, press \oplus or \bigcirc until "5 days" appears on the display, representing the irrigation frequency.
- 5. Press $\ensuremath{\textcircled{\text{G}}}$. START I is displayed.
- 6. Press \circledast . The hour digits blink.
- 7. Press \oplus until the hour digits change to 12 (PM).
- 8. Press \boxdot until the minute digits change to 45.

4.5 "Manual" Irrigation System Operation via the Irrigation Controller

This function operates the selected valve for the irrigation duration defined in the program. The valve will close automatically at the end of the irrigation duration.

Note that the originally programmed irrigation schedule continues to operate at the set times.

- Press © until ♣ appears. Select one or more valves as described in Section 3.3: "Valve Selection".
- 2. Press © until 🔊 appears.
- Press
 to open the valve. The word "On" is displayed. After an interval of 5 seconds, a count down of the remaining irrigation duration appears on the display. To close the valve manually, press
 .□ FF appears on the display.
- 4. To close the valve manually before the end of the irrigation duration, press [©] until ON appears again on the display.
 Press [⊙] to close the valve.

Up to two valves can be operated simultaneously in this manner. Simply repeat the above steps for the second valve.

4.6 Sequential "Manual" Operation of all the Valves

The valves can be operated sequentially, one after the other.

- 1. Press \bigcirc until the O appears.
- When nothing is blinking on the display, press and hold down ⊕ for 5 seconds. Valve 1 will open and operate for the programmed irrigation duration. When valve 1 closes, valve 2 opens, and so forth until the last valve has opened. All the valves designated to open blink.
- 3. You can control the process. Pressing ⊕ closes the current valve and opens the next one.

Important: You can only exit this screen after all the valves have opened.





4.7 Suspension

This option is used to temporarily suspend the irrigation controller's control of the valves, for example, while it is raining. The irrigation schedule remains stored in the controller, but is not implemented. The suspension option disables ALL valves connected to the irrigation controller.

- 1. Press $\ensuremath{\mathbb{G}}$ until the $\ensuremath{\mathbb{O}}$ appears.

- 3. To restore control to the controller, press © until the 𝔅 appears, and then press and hold down ⊂ until the 𝔅 disappears.
- 4. Suspension can also be implemented while a valve has been activated.
- 5. If an attempt is made to operate a valve manually while the irrigation controller has been suspended, or when a valve is meant to open sequentially, the word "rAin" appears on the display, and the valve will not open.

4.8 Irrigation Duration Extended or Shortened by a Specified Percentage

You can extend / shorten the irrigation duration for all the valves simultaneously by specifying a percentage for the duration.

Example: if the irrigation duration has been set to one hour, adding 10% extends the duration by 6 minutes (to 66 minutes).

- 1. Press \bigcirc until the \oslash appears.
- 2. Wait until no digit is blinking
- 3. Press ⊕ and ⊖ simultaneously. 00+% is displayed.
- Press ☺ . The 00 blinks. Press ⊕ or ⊝ to increase or decrease the percentage as necessary (in increments of 5%). +% or -% is permanently displayed on the main ☺ display, accordingly.

M Tu W Th F Sa Su valve duration days starts + % E manual rain off 1 2 3 4 DC4

Important! The percentage cannot be changed for an individual valve.

5. Additional Displays

5.1 Valve in Wait Mode

This section does not apply to the DC-1 Model.

When two valves are currently open, and a third valve is scheduled to open, the third valve enters into wait mode. A blinking appears above the number of the waiting valve. When one of the first two valves closes, the waiting valve opens. During "manual" operation of a waiting valve via the irrigation controller, the letter "W" (Wait) appears on the display. The valve opens when another valve closes.



5.2 Blinking Low Battery Warning

When the batteries are low, a blinking battery icon appears on the display. In this state, the batteries still enable valve operation, but must be promtly replaced.

After replacing the batteries, press any button to resume irrigation controller operation. Programmed data are retained if batteries are replaced within 30 seconds.



5.3 Permanent low battery warning

When the batteries are low and not replaced in a timely manner, the battery icon is permanently displayed. All other display elements disappear, all valves will close and all programs will disappear. Replace batteries promply and reprogram the controller.

Programmed data are retained if batteries are replaced within 30 seconds.



5.4 Missing Program Data

During "manual" operation via the irrigation controller no Pro9 appears on the display (see Section 4.6: "Manual Irrigation System Operation"), indicating that no irrigation duration has been set for the specified valve. In this case, opening of the valve is disabled.



5.5 Sensor

The irrigation controller offers advanced irrigation control using a rain off sensor. That is, as long as the conditions defined for activation of the sensor are not met, the irrigation schedule will not be implemented. (The rain off sensor contact remains closed). For example, if a rain sensor is connected to the irrigation controller, irrigation takes place as long as the sensor remains dry. In the event of rainfall, the sensor prevents the opening of all the valves associated with it.

There is also the option of using any type of dry contact sensor N.O. When the sensor contact is closed all valves will close and no irrigation will take place (diagram page 6).

As long as the sensor closes the circuit (i.e., the sensor detects the existence of a defined program lockout condition) the symbol \ddagger blinks on the display and irrigation will not take place through any valves associated with the sensor. The display will show "S OFF" when the controller is in manual operation. This means the sensor is activated and prevents the irrigation.





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6. Maintenance, Troubleshooting and Repairs

• Batteries should be removed if the irrigation controller is not going to be used for a lengthy period. The programs will disappear when removing batteries. Again

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- the controller.
- A filter must be installed upstream of the valve or system of valves and cleaned every few months. Operation without a filter is liable to lead to malfunctions.
- Under normal usage, batteries (Alkaline) last at least a year.
- Do not run water through an irrigation line unless a solenoid is fitted on the hydraulic valve.
- Recommended water pressure: 1-8 ATM (bar).

Problem/Event	Cause	Solution
Valve does not open during Automatic operation or during	Valve lever not in AUTO position.	Move valve lever to AUTO position.
irrigation controller	Batteries not working	Replace batteries
No display	Batteries not working	Replace batteries
Valve does not close, despite click heard during activation	Valve lever not in AUTO position.	Move valve lever to AUTO position
	Dirt and scale in valve mechanism	Clean or replace valve
Water leak from the solenoid-valve coupling connection	20 mm or 5 mm seal (O-Ring) between bayonet adapter and valve missing (See illustration below)	Install new seal (O-Ring)
	1. 20mm seal (O 2. 5mm seal (O-F	-Ring). Ring).



7. Additional Accessories and Products 7.1 General

Lockable protective box Line Filter, BSP 3/4" Line Filter, BSP 1" Waterproof connector Extension cable for solenoid cables

7.2 Two-way (2W) Controllers

Spare Parts Kit: bayonet adapter, plunger and O-rings Valve + DC solenoid from Galcon: 2W 3/4" (valve + solenoid) 2W 1" (valve + solenoid) 2W 1^{1/2"}(valve + solenoid) 2W 2" (valve + solenoid) 2W DC Solenoid Only 3/4" (Valve + 2W bayonet adapter) 1" (Valve + 2W bayonet adapter) 1^{1/2"} (Valve + 2W bayonet adapter) 2" (Valve + 2W bayonet adapter)

alve 0.	The irrigation/vegetation area (window box, porch balcony, lawn)	Irrigation Proç Weekly M, Tu, W, Th, F, Sa, Su M, Tu, W, Th, F, Sa, Su	gram Cyclical	Irrigation Duration (minutes, hours)	Daily st	art time 3	8 4
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