

USERGUIDE

Thermolator Oil Temperature Controller Start-Up Guide

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WARNING - Reliance on this Manual Could Result in Severe Bodily Injury or Death!

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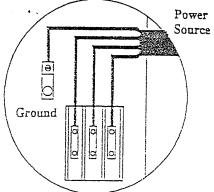
To change rotation direction;

Disconnect and lock out the power at the fused disconnect.

Open the electrical access panel, the door will fold open exposing the electrical compnents and mother board (MT3).

Reverse any two incoming leads at the power terminal block. Donot switch leads at the motor or motor starter.

Check your work, close the electrical access panel, reconnect the power supply, and proceed to start the unit.



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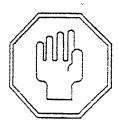
Cooling on a Thermolator® Oil Temperature Control Unit is optional.

TC-400 Oil Temperature controllers are designed to operate from 70°F to 400°F. TC-500 Oil Temperature Control Until are designed to operate from 70°F to 500°F. TC-500s require 2GPM of 85°F pump seal cooling water.

Conair Tempro tests with, and recommends the use of Paratherm NF Heat Transfer Fluid in their Thermolator® Oil Temperature Controllers. If an alternate heat transfer fluid is used, all of the manufactures recommendations for flushing the piping system of the Thermolator® must followed to prevent failure of the equipment.

The Thermolators® physical dimensions are 33" deep, 15" wide, and 43" tall. The piping protruding from the back of the unit must be considered when locating the unit. In addition, 6" around the sides, and a minimum of 12" of top clearance should be allowed in order to dissipate heat.

Only the TC-500 Thermolator® Oil Temperature Controllers have an absolute minimum requirement of 2 GPM @ 85°F of cooling water for the pump seal cooling. For those TC-400 or TC-500 Thermolators® that were purchase with a heat exchanger option, a minimum of 25 PSI and a maximum 85 PSI must e supplied to the unit to achieve proper cooling. Cooling water lines must be run full size to the unit in order to reduce line pressure drops.



TC-500s must have seal cooling water flowing whenever the process temperature is above 150°F, including when the unit is shut down. Failure to do so will damage the seal immediately.

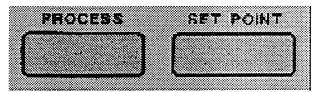
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The microTrac 1 control panel has 3 function areas; Display Screens, Action L.E.D.s, and Control Buttons.

Display Screens

The Process Display continuously displays the process oil temperature of the Thermolator®.

The Set Point Display shows the oil temperature SET POINT selected by the operator.



Action L.E.D.s

There are 2 categories of L.E.D.s; Action Monitoring, and Waring.

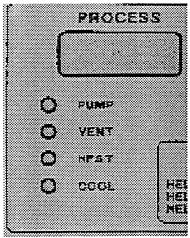
Action Monitoring

Pump - Indicates the pump is working.

Vent - Indicates that the Thermolator® vent sequence is activated.

Heat - Indicates the heater has been turned ON by the controller.

Cool - indicates the cooling solenoid, for units equipped with a water cooling heat ex changer, has been opened by the controller.



Warning L.E.D.s

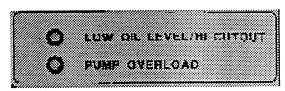
Low Oil Level - Indicates that the process oil level is low.

Check oil level in tank.

Check oil lines and process machinery for oil leaks.

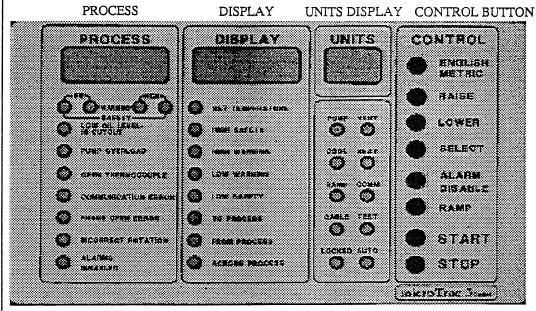
Pump Overload - Indicates that current drawn by any of the three power source lines (phases) exceeds factory specifications.

Inspect pump for jaming of obstruction of impeller.



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The microTrac 3 Control Panel consists of five areas that provide process information and control.



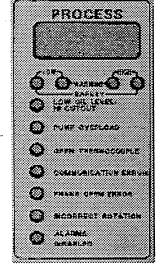
ACTION L.E.D.

Process Area

The Process area contains, a display screen, and eleven L.E.D.s which indicate trouble conditions.

The Process display screen shows the process oil temperature.

The eleven L.E.D. indicators in this area are used to indicate any alarm condition the may occur. Mo these indicators a covered in the Fouble Shoot apter of this manual.



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Heat

The Heat L.E.D. will light indicating the heater has been turned on by the controller.



Ramp

The Ramp L.E.D. will light when the control is raising or lowering the process temperature to the Set Point.



Comm

The Comm L.E.D. will flash on indicating that communication with a host machine has been enabled. When the host machine makes a change to the microTrac 3 control parameters, the Comm L.E.D. will flash off. The display L.E.D. for any parameter that has been changed through communication will also flash when selected.



Cable

The Cable L.E.D. will light indicating the control panel cable that links the control panel to the mother board is improperly connected, or is not a proper cable type.



Test

The Test L.E.D. will light indicating the unit is in the diagnostic test moce. The process display screen will also show "SEL" and the display screen will indicate the number of the specific test about to be preformed. For more on diagnostic testing, see Chapter 8, System Test. The Test L.E.D. must be off for proper operation to occur.



Locked

The Locked L.E.D. will light when the locking key has been enabled. The Control Panel Locking Key is a user option as well as a foctory installed option. For more on the locking key option, see Chapter 5, Basic Operations & Extra Features.



Auto

The Auto L.E.D. will flash when the autostart capability is enabled. The L.E.D. will remain flashing when the unit is started or stopped by the autostart option. For more on the autostart option, see Chapter 5, Basic Operations & Extra Features.

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Ramp (White)

At anytime the Thermolator® Oil Temperature controller is operating in a mode where it is gaining or losing temperature the RAMP function may be activated. This function allows the operator to establish a set rate at which the unit will hear or cool the process. This is done be setting into the MT-3 control a value of time, in seconds, that the controller must allow to time out before it can raise or lower the process temperature 1° F.

The default value for the RAMP function is 300 seconds or five minutes per 1°F. This means that if the unit is in a heating mode, every five minutes, (300 seconds), the MT-3 control will raise the temperature 1°F.

When the RAMP button is pressed the control will ramp the process to the temperature set point.

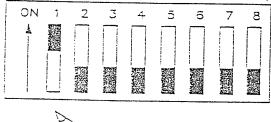
To change the RAMP time value;



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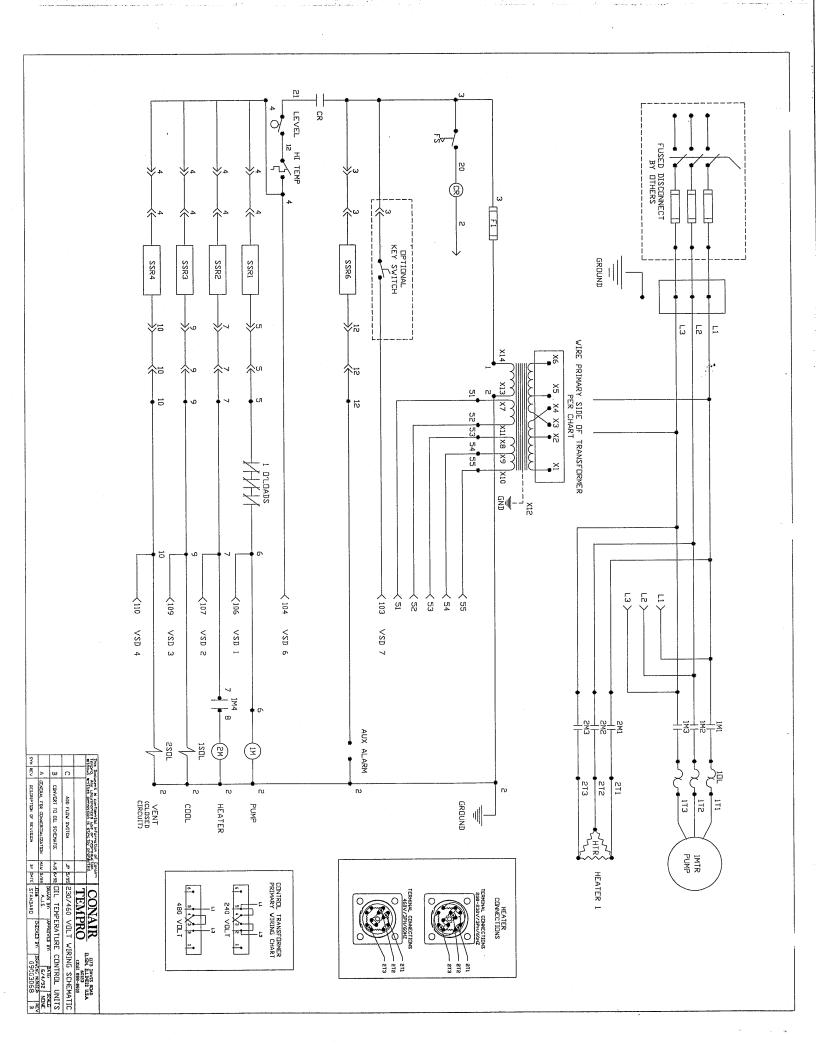
Open the electrical access panel by turning the locking screws counter clockwise. The electrical access panel will fold down exposing the electrical components and mother board.

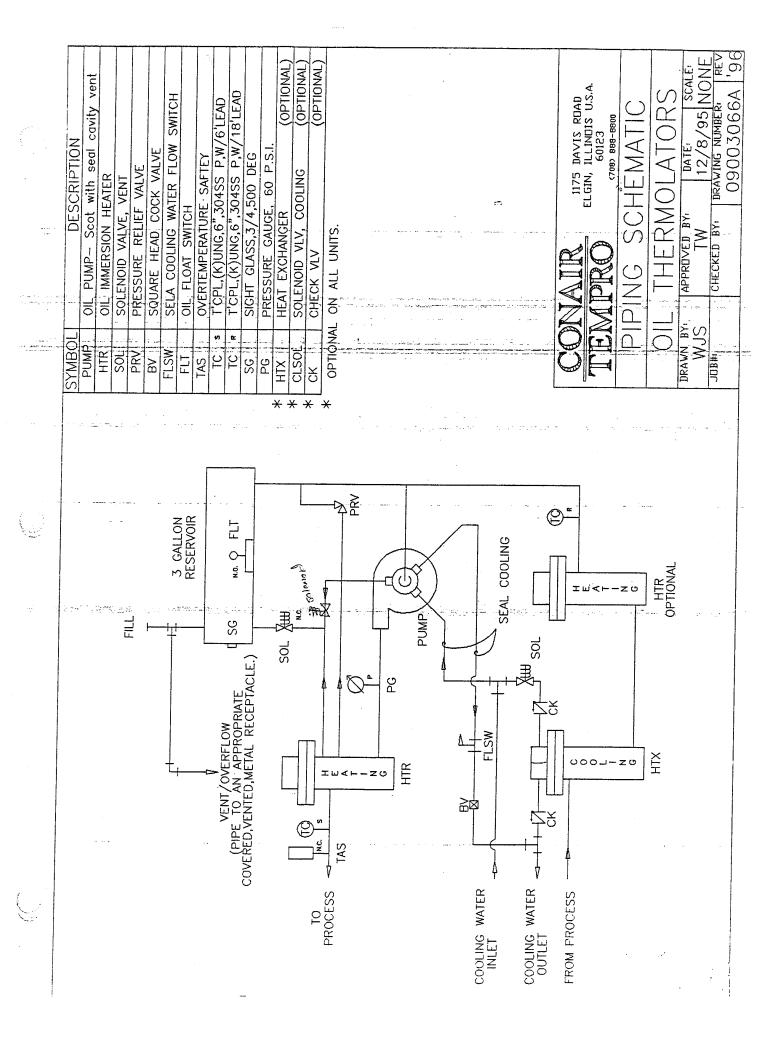
Using a ball point pen, switch configuration switch 1, labeled "System Test Mode", on the mother board to the "ON" position. "ON" will be indicated by an arrow on the switch block.

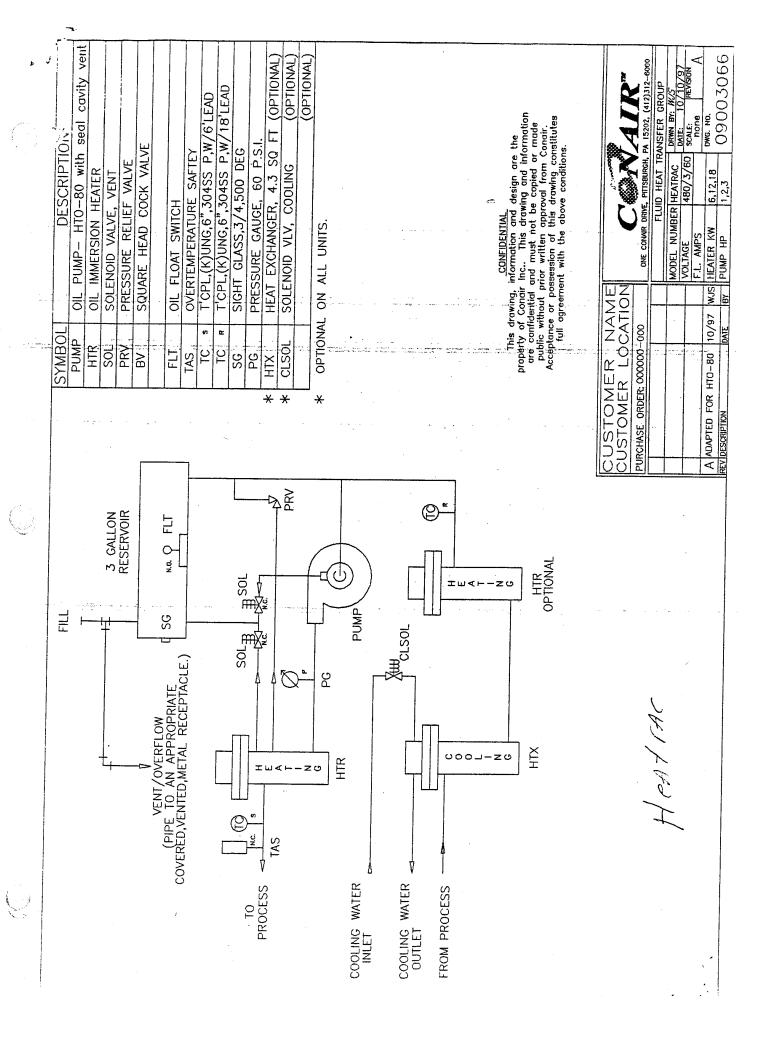




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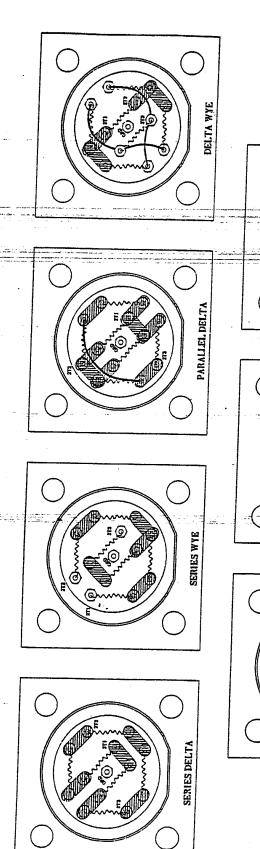


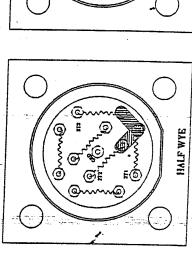
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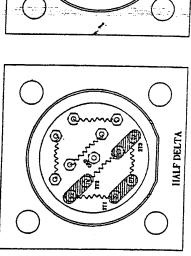
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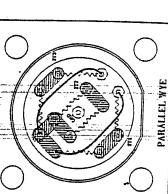
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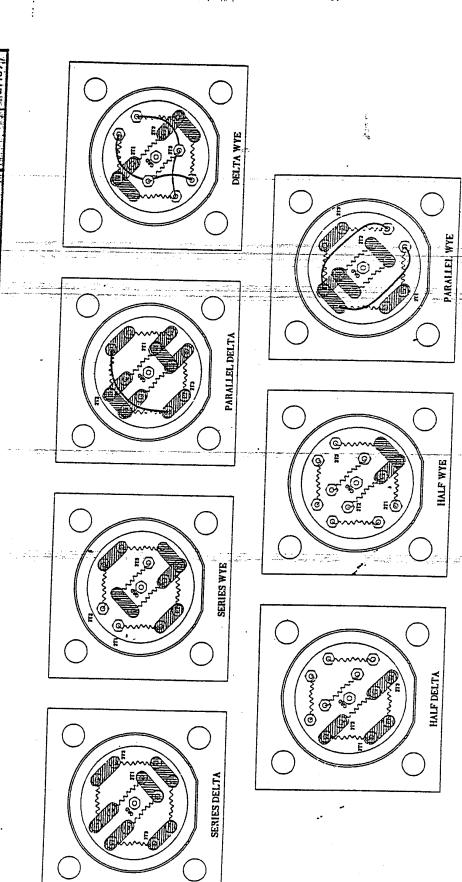


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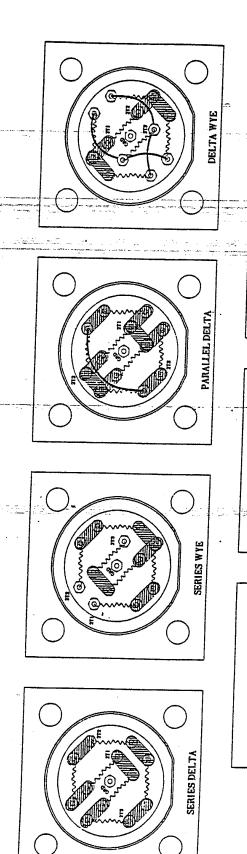
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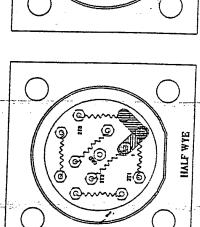
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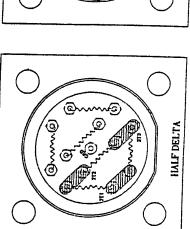


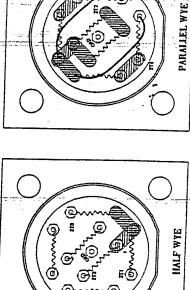
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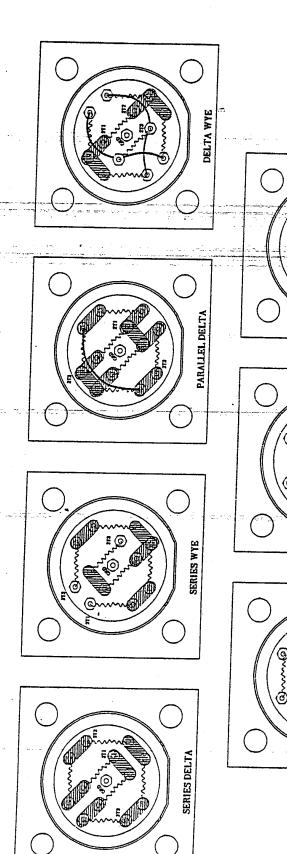


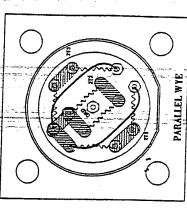


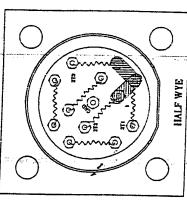
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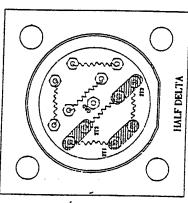
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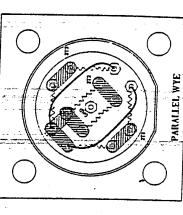
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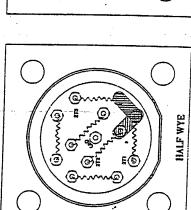
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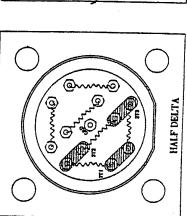
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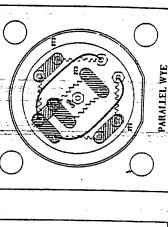
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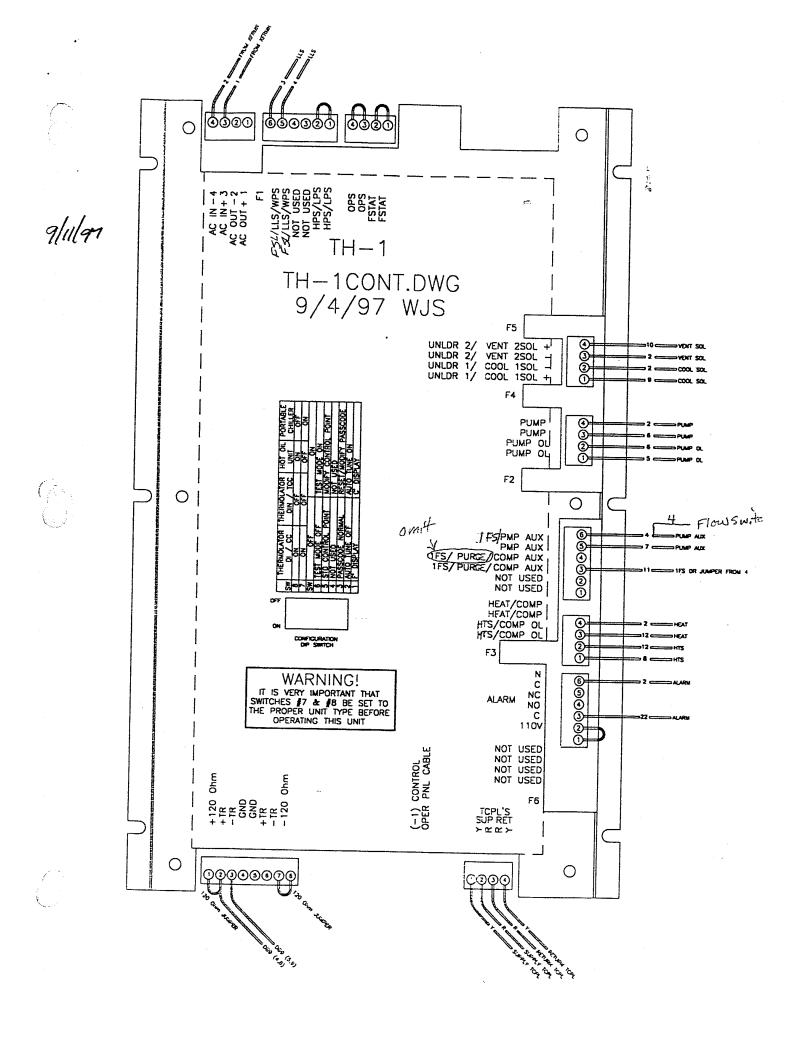


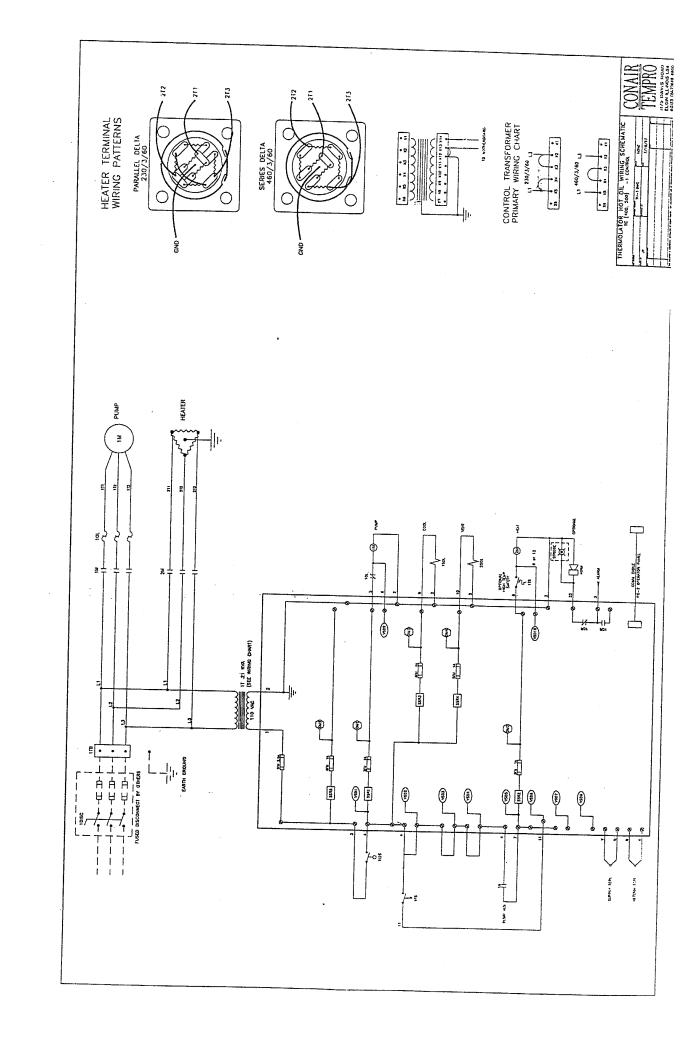
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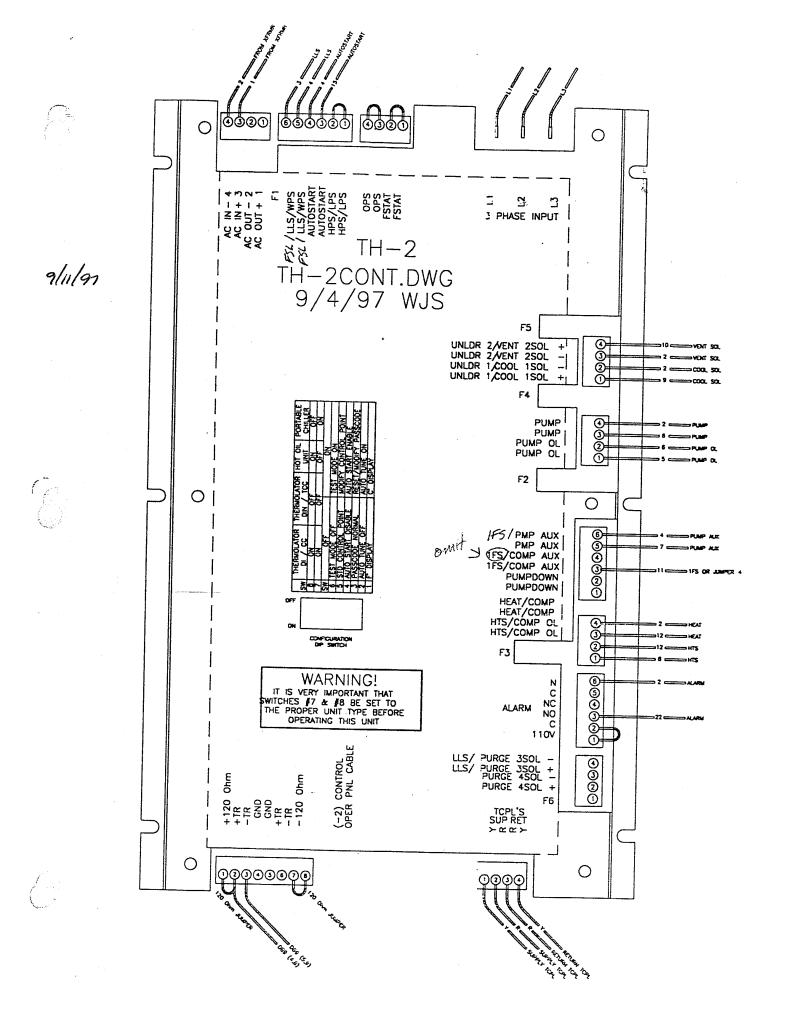


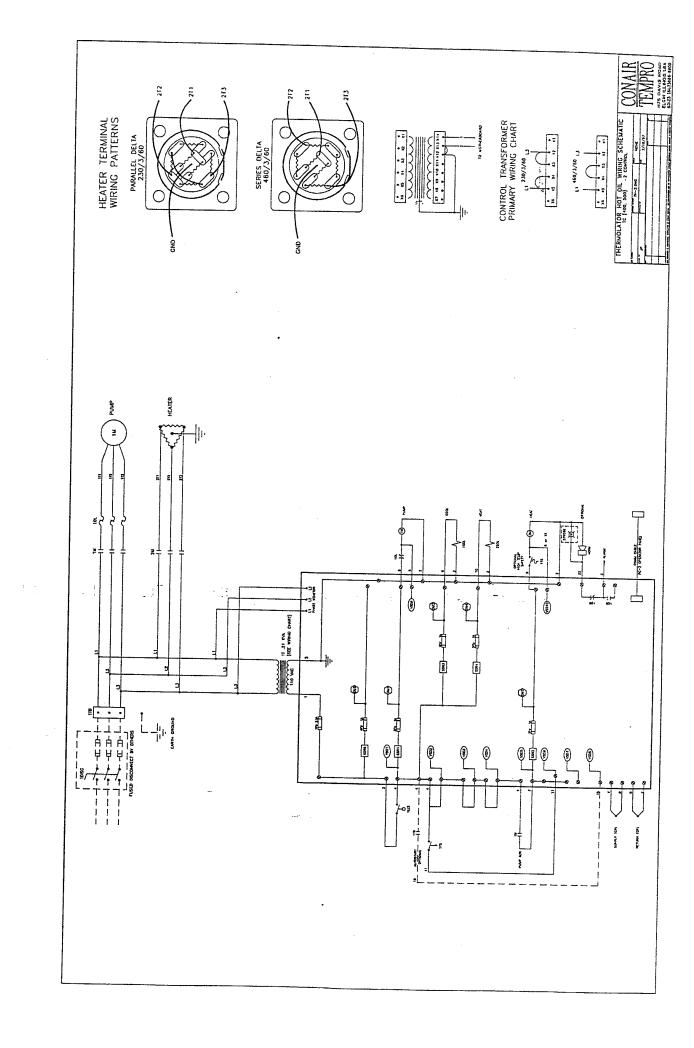












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If there is a problem, the Thermolator® activates the red Alarm light and changes the RUN/STOP light from green to flashing red

Press 🐼 to silence the optional audible alarm.

Check the indicator lights and messages to help determine the cause of the problem.

the main power source. Disconnect water and air supply lines. Allow the unit to cool to below 100° F. Disconnect and lockout WARNING: Before servicing the Thermolator®

Actual temperature of oil supplied to the mold higher than the programmed 510° F

Shut down alarms

1. Oil has stopped flowing between supply outlet and return 2. The heater contactor failed. Replace contactor. The Thermolator has shut down automatically to prevent damage to equipment or personnel. To resume normal operation, press Stop, fix the problem, then press Run

he pump overload has tripped. Contact is open.

Check current draw against motor rating. Decrease flow. 1. Verify that the correct voltage is supplied to the motor. Fluid flow may be more than the pump can handle.

Low Oil Alarm

he oil level in the unit reservoir is too low.

. Check reservoir and add oil as needed.

Low Water Flow Alarm

here is not enough cooling water at the pump seal.

Check the water-jacketed seal chamber at the pump.

The actual temperature of oil supplied to the mold exceeds the temperature safety switch limit. High Temp. Safety

- I. The unit is not running. Start the Thermolator.
- Oil has stopped flowing between supply the outlet and return inlet. Check for closed valve or plugged line.
 - The heater contactor failed. Replace contactor.

The Thermolator continues operating, but this problem

Warning alarms

could lead to a shutdown condition if not corrected.

Actual temperature of oil supplied to the mold is higher than the setpoint deviation limit allows.

- 2. Oil has stopped flowing between supply outlet and return inlet. Check for plugged pipe or failed cooling valve. High deviation temperature is set too low. Increase.
 - 3. The heater contact failed. Replace the contactor.
- The heater and lines may be too large for this application.

SPI Communication

2. The heater failed. Check for a bad heating element or a 3. The cooling valve is stuck open. Člean valve as needed.

heater contact that failed in the open position.

Low deviation temperature is set too low. Increase.

than the setpoint deviation limit allows.

Actual temperature of oil supplied to the mold is lower

Low Deviation

The SPI communication link has failed.

1. Check SPI device, cables and cable connections.

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Actual temperature of oil supplied to the

inlet. Check for closed valve or plugged line.

safety limit.

SAF

mold is below the programmed 60° F

Troublesho

2. The heater has failed. Check for a bad heating element,

1. The cooling valve is stuck open. Clean valve.

safety limit,

SAF

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or a heater contact that failed in the open position.

 The pump is rotating in the wrong direction. Reverse any The incoming power is out of phase. A leg may have failed or is disconnected

Check fuses or circuits at the main power supply.

Err

Pbr

PbS

two leads on the power connection.

Err

PHS

The return line temperature probe failed. Check for loose connections, or replace.

The supply line temperature probe failed. Check for loose connections, or replace. Err

002 FUS

Replace the fuse on the motherboard. The pump fuse failed.

NOTE: See the Thermolator User Guide for additional alarm mesages regarding fuses and controller errors. The Conair Group, Inc. One Conair Drive

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Setpoint display

and low temperature deviafluid temperature, the high rate and the SPI address. lion alarms, the SPI baud The window displays the setpoints entered for the

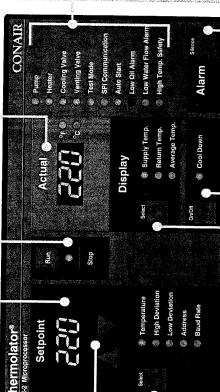
Run/Stop

Press the RUN button to Press STOP to stop the emperature control unit start normal operation. = Running

🍂 = Alarm (flashing) ■ Stopped

Actual values display

The lights indicate whether the temperature at the middle of the mold. This temperature is calculated as an average of the temperatures of the supply oil and return oil. is in degrees Fahrenheit or Celsius.



Setpoint Select button

light appears next to the parame-NOTE: Default settings for the deviaer you want to program or view. light turns red) whenever the actual lemperature is outside this setpoint range. Recommend setting: ± 2-10* Press repeatedly until a green A warning alarm occurs (indicator High = setpoint + 10° F Low = setpoint - 10° F tion setpoints are:

Setpoint adjustment buttons

ture and SPI parameters. Press ▲ Press ▲ or ▼ to enter temperato increase a value. Press V to decrease a value.

TIP: Press and hold the button for faster scrolling speed.

Alarm

alarm light and silence the Press to acknowledge the The alarm light will flash alarm condition is fixed optional audible alarm. until the cause of the

Cool Down On/Off

cool the system before stopping. Press to turn the feature on. Press The Cool Down feature resets the setpoint temperature to 100° F to again to turn it off.

Display Select button

appears next to the parameter you want to program or view in the Actual values window. See the User Guide for pro-Press repeatedly until a green light gramming information.

The green window displays the temperature

Status lights

The lights indicate the operating status of the listed components. Except in Test Mode and Auto Start, the lights indicate:

- = Off or inactive
- = On or active
- = Alarm condition

Test Mode is used for initial programming. When test mode is enabled, normal operation is disabled

- = Test Mode off
- = Test Mode on; unit disabled

can only be enabled by configurand stop the Thermolator® from device, such as the processing Auto Start allows you to start ing a dip switch on the contro machine control. This feature a remote switching or timing motherboard.

- 🌑 = Disabled; Auto Start not available
- = (flashing) Enabled; unit can start at any time
- On and under control of the remote device

OPERATION

Starting the Thermolator®.

- ◆ Setpoint and actual windows display three seconds, then display the most recently entered setpoint temperature and the current Turn on main power to the Thermolator actual temperature.
 - Indicator lights blink green, then red.
 - Turn on the water supply to the unit. If the water supply is on, go to Step 3. 3
- Enter the temperature setpoint. က

Press the Setpoint 💌 until the green light appears next to Temperature. Press ▲ to increase the setpoint or V to decrease.

Press Frm

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- ◆ The RUN/STOP light turns green.
 ◆ If fluid temperature is 210° F or lower, the unit initiates a 60-second venting sequence. Coolonds. The pump runs for the final 30 seconds. ing and venting valves are active for 60 sec-
 - Normal operation begins. The heater turns on The cooling valve remains active if the actual if the actual temperature is below setpoint. lemperature is above setpoint

If the Alarm light turns on, press we to silence an audible alarm and go to the Troubleshooting section.

Cooling the Thermolator®

If your setpoint is over 250° F, you should cool the unit and fluid before stopping. The Thermolator* must be running to use the Cool Down feature.

- Press the button to begin cooling.
 - The green Cool Down light turns on.
- ◆ The temperature setpoint changes to 100° F. The heater indicator light turns off.
 - The cooling valve indicator light turns green and stays on until the actual temperature reaches 100° F.

Press the button again to stop cooling. 8

 The setpoint temperature stays at 100° F until a new setpoint is entered.

Stopping the Thermolator®.

1 Press Stop.

◆ The RUN/STOP light turns red

TROUBLESHOOTING



If there is a problem, the Thermolator® activates the red Alarm light and changes the RUN/STOP light from green to flashing red.

- to silence the optional audible alarm. Press
- Check the indicator lights and messages to help determine the cause of the problem.
- **WARNING: Before servicing the Thermolator***Allow the unit to cool to below 100° F. Disconnect and lockout the main power source. Disconnect water and air supply lines.

Shut down alarms

he Thermolator has shut down automatically to prevent damage to equipment or personnel. To resume normal operation, press Stop, fix the problem, then press Fitting

Oil has stopped flowing between supply outlet and return inlet. Check for closed valve or plugged line.

The heater contactor failed. Replace contactor.

Actual temperature of oil supplied to the

mold is below the programmed 60° F

safety limit.

SAF

Lo

Actual temperature of oil supplied to the

mold is higher than the programmed

510° F safety limit.

SAF

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Check current draw against motor rating. Decrease flow. . Verify that the correct voltage is supplied to the motor. Fluid flow may be more than the pump can handle.

Low Oil Alarm

he oil level in the unit reservoir is too low. . Check reservoir and add oil as needed.

Low Water Flow Alarm

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Check the water-jacketed seal chamber at the pump.

High Temp. Safety

The actual temperature of oil supplied to the mold

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Warning alarms

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- Oil has stopped flowing between supply outlet and return inlet. Check for plugged pipe or failed cooling valve. The heater contact failed. Replace the contactor.
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SPI Communication

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than the setpoint deviation limit allows.

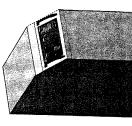
Actual temperature of oil supplied to the mold is lower

Low Deviation

. Check SPI device, cables and cable connections. The SPI communication link has failed.

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Troublesho

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or a heater contact that failed in the open position.

 The pump is rotating in the wrong direction. Reverse any The incoming power is out of phase. A leg may have failed or is disconnected. Err

PHS

Check fuses or circuits at the main power supply. two leads on the power connection.

The return line temperature probe failed. Check for loose connections, or replace. Err Pbr

The supply line temperature probe failed. Check for loose connections, or replace. Err

PbS

Replace the fuse on the motherboard. The pump fuse failed. 002

FUS

NOTE: See the Thermolator User Guide for additional alarm messages regarding fuses and controller errors.

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Run/Stop

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Setpoint adjustment Setpoint Select button

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Alarm

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OPERATION

Starting the Thermolator®.

■ Turn on main power to the Thermolator[®]

◆ Setpoint and actual windows display three seconds, then display the most recently entered setpoint temperature and the current actual temperature.

Indicator lights blink green, then red.

If the water supply is on, go to Step 3. Turn on water supply to the unit. S

Enter the temperature setpoint. က

Press the Setpoint on until the green light appears next to Temperature. Press A to increase the setpoint or V to decrease.

Press Fun 4

The RUN/STOP light turns green.

 If the fluid temperature is 210° F or lower, the unit initiates a 60-second venting sequence. Cooling and venting valves are active for 60 seconds. The pump is active for the final 30 seconds.

 Normal operation begins. The heater turns on The cooling valve remains active if the actual if the actual temperature is below setpoint. emperature is above setpoint.

If the Alarm light turns on, press wo to silence an audible alarm and go to the Troubleshooting section.

Stopping the Thermolator®

1 Press Stop

The RUN/STOP light turns red.

higher, you should cool the system to 100° F before NOTE: If your setpoint temperature was 250° F or stopping the unit for a long time. To cool, enter a temperature setpoint of 100° F. Allow the unit to continue running until the actual temperature reaches 100° F. Conair has made the largest investment in customer support in the plastics industry. Our service experts are available to help with any problem you might have installing and operating your equipment. Your Conair sales representative also can help analyze the nature of your problem, assuring that it did not result from misapplication or improper use.

We're Here to Help

To contact Customer Service personnel, call:



How to Contact Customer Service

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If you do have a problem, please complete the following checklist before calling Conair:

- ☐ Make sure you have all model, serial and parts list numbers for your particular equipment. Service personnel will need this information to assist you.
- ☐ Make sure power is supplied to the equipment.
- ☐ Make sure that all connectors and wires within and between loading control and related components have been installed correctly.
- ☐ Check the troubleshooting guide of this manual for a solution.
- ☐ Thoroughly examine the instruction manual(s) for associated equipment, especially controls. Each manual may have its own troubleshooting guide to help you.
- ☐ Check that the equipment has been operated as described in this manual.
- ☐ Check accompanying schematic drawings for information on special considerations.

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Additional manuals and prints for your Conair equipment may be ordered through the Customer Service or Parts Departments for a nominal fee.

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Conair warrants that this equipment will perform at or above the ratings stated in specific quotations covering the equipment or as detailed in engineering specifications, provided the equipment is applied, installed, operated and maintained in the recommended manner as outlined in our quotation or specifications.

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