

**SERIES SMC RATIO:FEEDER®
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There is some information you should have available when you call. You should know the version number of your controller program. Section 5.1, page 5-1 tells how to find the version number. You should also write down the current settings of your controller, PPS, FEED RATIO, and MAX FLOW. Also, you should note the number of pumpheads of each type, and their model numbers. We may not need all this information, but having it available at the start can sometimes save a lot of time and trouble for you. You can record these settings below for easy reference.

EC PPS SETTING (KEY 6, THEN 4)

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EC FEED RATIO (FR) DISPLAY (KEY 3, THEN 4)

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pH PPS SETTING (KEY 6, THEN 5)

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pH FEED RATIO (FR) DISPLAY (KEY 3, THEN 5)

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MAX FLOW SETTING (KEY 9)

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MICROPROCESSOR INJECTOR CONTROLLER

1 INTRODUCTION

This manual covers only the electronic injector controller. You should have separate manual(s) which cover other system components.

The Series SMC metering pump controller uses the latest in microcontroller technology to provide you with the most advanced controller available. It is specifically designed to work with Anderson Ratio:Feeder® multi-head injectors.

This controller is programmed to work only with the flow measuring device supplied with your system. The flow measuring device can be a turbine meter or other device which supplies a pulse output proportional to water flow.

It is designed to be easy to use. It has security features which can protect against accidental changes or tampering.

You do not need to read this entire manual. However, there is some information which you should read. You will need it to set up the controller for your particular installation. Once this is done, you will not have to refer to the manual unless you need to make changes which are beyond the scope of the front panel instructions.

Read the following section which describes the features available in your controller. You should also read Chapter 2 INSTALLATION. Once the controller is installed you will need to read Chapter 3 to learn how to program the unit.

You will also want to read Section 3.4 USING THE FLOW ALARM to see how and if you want to use this feature. Other sections cover optional features. You need to read these only if you want to use those specific features.

It is a good idea to familiarize yourself with Chapter 4 TESTING AND TROUBLE-SHOOTING. This will show you how to determine that your controller is operating properly and alert you to possible problems.

1.1 FEATURES

The controller has several built-in features which make it very flexible. We will summarize them here. Some of them will be covered in greater detail under specific headings for each feature.

1.1.1 Independent Fertilizer and Acid Feed

This controller can independently control fertilizer feed and acid/base feed. The controller can control up to three pumphead manifolds to feed fertilizers. Each of these manifolds can have multiple pumpheads. In addition, a fourth manifold can independently control an acid, base, or other chemical(s) which needs to be independent of the others.

1.1.2 Display

The controller has a four digit LCD display. Normally this display displays the water flow rate in gallons per minute. If no water is flowing it will display **OFF**. It can also display flow totals, programming settings, and alarm indications.

There are two built-in totalizers; one is resettable. Both are eight digits and can totalize up to 99,999,990 gallons. Either can be displayed four digits at a time on the LCD display by using the keypad.

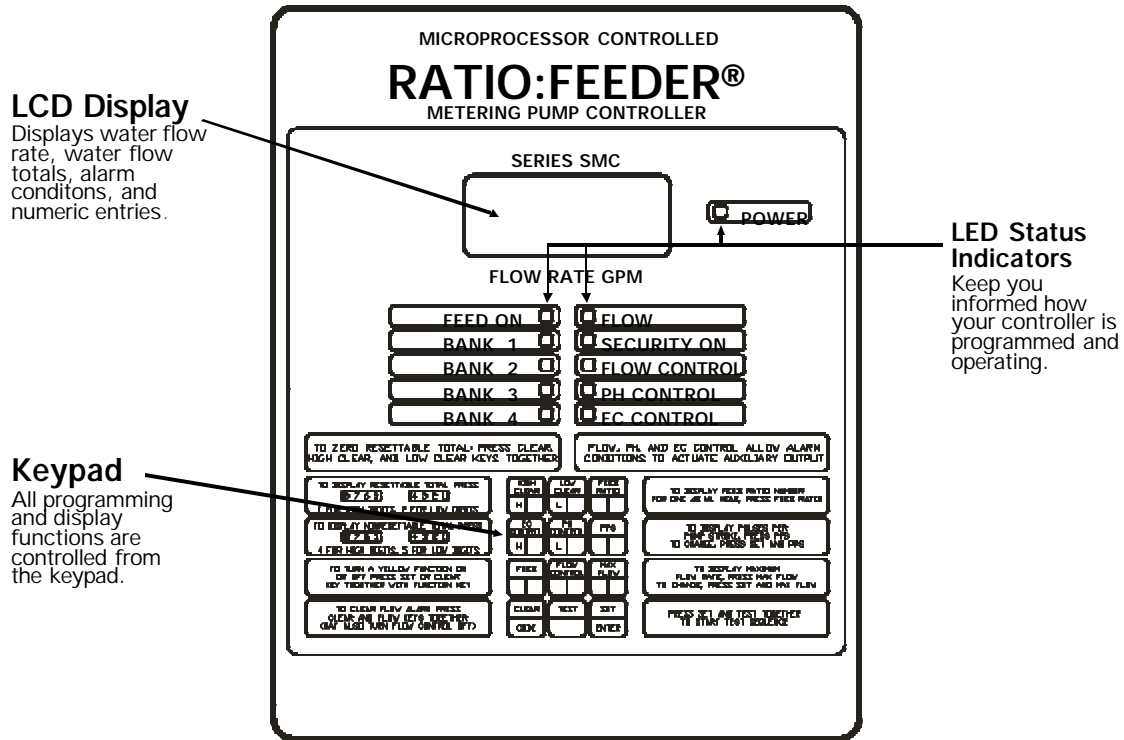


Figure 1-1
The Controller Front Panel

1.1.3 Flow Alarm

There is a built in high flow alarm; its use is optional. An alarm condition will sound the built-in audible alarm. Using the alarm is covered in detail later. The three alarm conditions are high flow, pH, and EC. The display will show **FLO**. When there is a flow alarm condition. This displays will alternate with the flow rate display about every two seconds. *NOTE: If there is very little or no water flowing the display may update every four or six seconds.*

High flow is an internal alarm generated by the controller if it detects water flow greater than the MAX FLOW setpoint.

1.1.4 Feed Control

You may turn off all chemical feed at any time from the front panel. Turning off chemical feed does not affect the alarm or flow totalizing functions.

Turning off chemical feed will suspend automatic control until feed is turned back on.

1.1.5 Auxiliary Output

There is an auxiliary 24 VAC output which can be used to drive an external device. This could be a remote alarm, or a relay to shut down the watering system if a flow alarm occurs.

1.1.6 Security

The controller has a built-in security function. Its use is optional. The controller can be made secure at any time by entering a four digit security code. Any time after that programming functions will be protected from changes, unless the controller is de-secured by re-entering the code.

1.1.7 Test Sequence

There is also a test function. This allows quick determination of proper operation and

helps pinpoint problems. The many LED indicators also provide visual indication of proper operation.

1.1.8 Battery Back-Up

The controller memory is backed up by a long life lithium battery. If power is lost, flow totalizing and chemical feed will stop, but all programming information and flow totals will be retained. When power is restored the unit will start functioning exactly as when power was lost.

If for some reason the battery fails or is removed when power is off the controller will detect the loss of memory and will force the

user to enter a new PPS setting upon power up. All other programming settings, including security code will also be lost and must be re-entered.

1.1.9 Circuit Protection

The controller includes some protection against external voltage spikes and other problems. However we cannot guarantee that it will be protected from all the strange things that happen in the real world. You should follow the recommendations given in Section 2.4 to provide maximum protection of your investment.

2 INSTALLATION

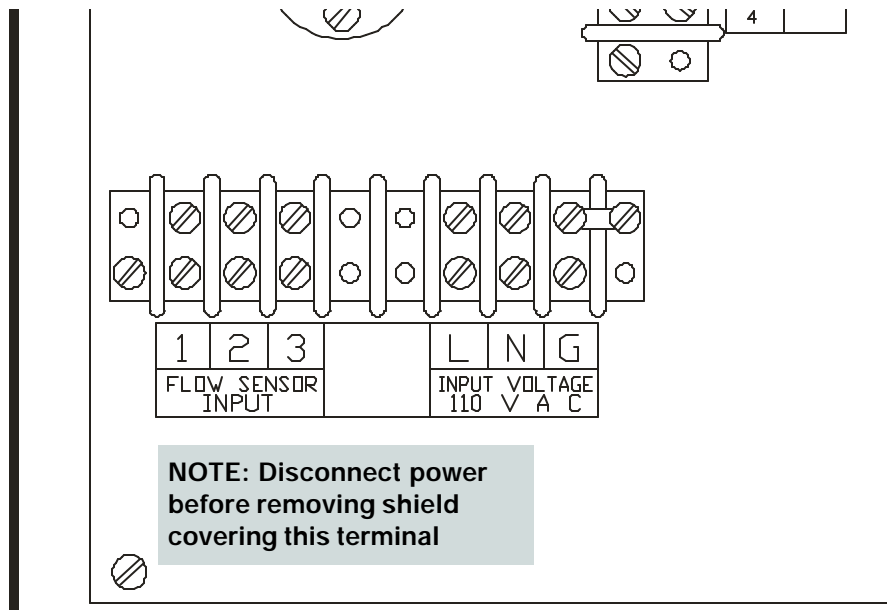


Figure 2-1
Power and Flow Device Connections

2.1 MOUNTING

Mounting for this unit is very flexible. There are a few simple things to consider when selecting a location:

- (1) Select a location close to a power source and close to the flow measuring device and manifold valves. We recommend the total cable length between flow device and controller not exceed twenty feet.
- (2) The location should be out of direct sunlight, be protected from extreme heat, and be free of vibration.
- (3) The enclosure is water resistant and the unit is well sealed against water spray. However, you should choose a location where it will not be subjected to constant water spray or spray from the bottom.

Mount the unit securely, using the four holes located on the upper and lower flanges.

2.2 ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS

NOTE: All electrical connections should be made before power is applied.

2.2.1 Power Connections

If your controller comes wired for 120 VAC operation, you normally will not have to make any power connections. Simply plug the unit into a grounded AC receptacle.

If you need to have your connections in conduit, you will have to disconnect the AC power cord from the power terminal block. Refer to Figure 2-1. for power connections. You must remove the terminal block shield to expose the connections. You should have a qualified electrician remove the cord and make the following connections:

- (1) Remove the terminal block shield.
- (2) Remove the line cord bushing and replace with a conduit connector.
- (2) Connect the ground wire to terminal **G**.
- (3) Connect line neutral to **N**.

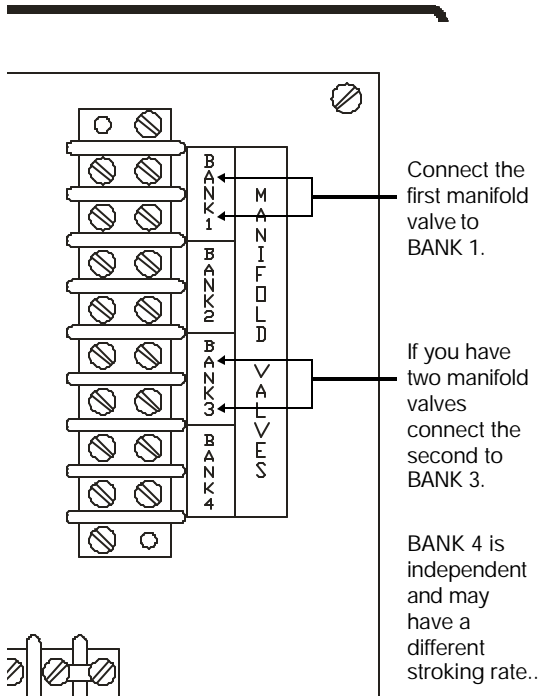


Figure 2-2
Manifold Valve Connections

- (4) Connect the hot line connection to L.
- (5) Replace the terminal block shield.

2.2.2 Flow Measuring Device Connections

- (1) Connect the shield to terminal 1.
- (2) Connect the black wire to 2.
- (3) Connect the red wire to 3.

NOTE: We recommend that the controller and flow measuring device be no further apart than is allowed by the cable supplied with the unit. If more distance is absolutely necessary, be sure to use shielded cable for the extension. DO NOT RUN THIS CABLE IN THE SAME CONDUIT WITH THE MANIFOLD VALVE CABLES.

2.2.3 Manifold Valve Connections

The manifold valve terminal block is located on the upper right of the panel mounted to the rear of the enclosure. The valve outputs are 24 VAC. Valve coil ratings should be 30 Volt-Amps. or less.

Refer to Figure 2-2. for valve connections. You may connect up to four manifold valves to the controller. Banks 1 through 3 are for fertilizer and all operate at the same pumping rate. Valve operation is staged; that is only one valve is actuated at a time. This provides better performance and chemical blending. **BANK 4** is independent and may have a different stroking rate.

If you have only a single manifold, connect the valve to **BANK 1** on the terminal block. If you have two fertilizer manifolds, connect the second valve to **BANK 3**. This will allow the second manifold to make pump strokes exactly in between the first. A third and fertilizer valve may be connected to **BANK 2**.

2.2.4 Auxiliary Control Output

The auxiliary control output connections are the top two connections on the terminal block located in the upper right corner of the main circuit board. They are labeled "CONTROL OUTPUT 24 VAC."

It is activated by the high flow alarm. It is rated at 24 VAC @ 1 Amp. This output can be used to control a relay, valve, or external alarm. Section 3.6 tells more about how to use the auxiliary control output.

2.3 CIRCUIT PROTECTION

We have done our best to design this product to stand up to adverse electrical supplies. The circuit is fused and we have included MOV devices to suppress voltage spikes coming in over the AC line. However, MOV's cannot protect under all conditions and do not last forever. Each time the MOV takes a really big spike it is damaged a little. After enough spikes it will fail.

For the best protection you should buy a spike suppressor (you can get them at Radio Shack). This device goes between the line cord and wall socket. If you have a big storm that damages any of your other equipment, you should replace your spike suppressor; it may have been damaged by the storm even though it may appear to be OK.

3 PROGRAMMING & KEYPAD FUNCTIONS

All programming and display functions are controlled from the keypad. This section describes in detail how to use each function.

Once you have fully programmed the controller you may want to use the security function to protect against unauthorized or accidental changes.

Dual Output (Dual PPS) Option

This option provides two independent output stroking rates which permits widely different feed ratios for different solutions. For example: high feed for nutrient solutions and low feed for acid or chlorine. Banks 1, 2, & 3 all stroke at the same rate, although stroking is staggered. Bank 4 can stroke at a different rate. If you have this option, the unit will display **EorP** any time the **FR** or **PPS** keys are pressed

3.1 SETTING THE FEED

One of the best features of the controller is the ease with which you can control and optimize the chemical feed for your particular circumstances. We will show you two different methods of custom programming your controller. They are: (1) Programming for a specific maximum flow and (2) Programming for a specific feed ratio. See APPENDIX B. for some useful feed ratio formulas and examples.

Figure 3-1. shows how to enter new PPS values and display the PPS, FR and MAX FLOW values. Entering a PPS value is a three step process. First Press the SET and then the PPS key. *NOTE: The SET key must be pressed first and must remain pressed when you press the PPS key. The display will show **EorP**, and waits for the next input. Now press either the 4 key to access the settings for banks(manifolds) 1, 2, & 3, or the 5 key to access the settings for bank 4. The final step is to enter a new PPS value.*

When entering the PPS, the display will display----- and the alarm will sound. Enter

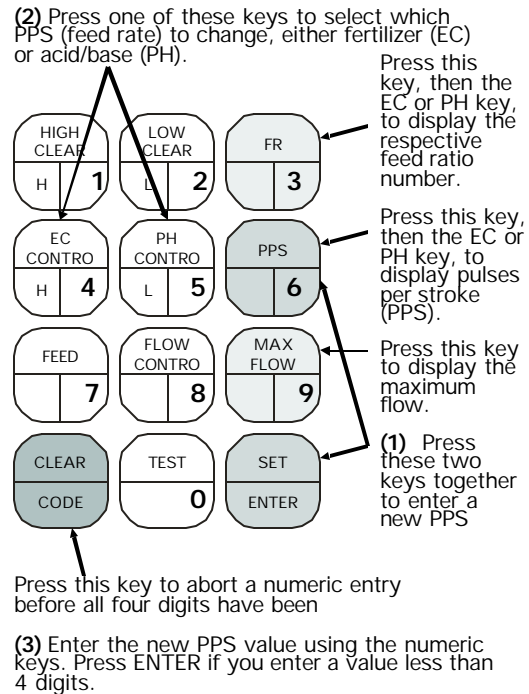


Figure 3-1
Setting PPS to Adjust Feed

the new value and press the SET/ENTER key. The alarm should stop sounding. You may abort an entry by pressing the CLEAR key before all four digits are entered.

3.2 MANUAL PROGRAMMING OF FERTILIZER FEED

The following sections on programming pertain only for manually programming the fertilizer feed. When setting the independent acid/base feed, you should adjust the PPS and pumphead settings for optimum stroking rate and stroke capacity to achieve the desired pH.

3.2.1 Programming for Your Maximum Flow

In most irrigation systems the highest flow will be less than the maximum rated

flow of the unit. If this is your case, you may re set the pulses per stroke to cor re spond to a lower max i mum flow.

There are good rea sons for do ing this. It in creases the feed ca pac ity of your in jec tor. This may al low you to feed a given chem i cal with fewer pumpheads. Or you may be able to mix your fer til izer at lower con cen tra tions for easier dissolving. It also maximizes the feed pulse rate for better mixing.

You may already know the maximum flow of your ir ri ga tion sys tem. If you do not, you can mea sure it with the con trol ler. Sim ply turn on the maximum amount of water you will ever need and read the flow on the dis play. Of course you will have to have your unit in stalled to do this.

We sug gest that you pro gram your con trol ler for a max i mum flow about ten per cent above the max i mum you will nor mally have. This allows for flow variations due to changes in pres sure, or other fac tors.

Once you have de ter mined the max i mum flow it is easy to pro gram the con trol ler.

You need to find the PPS (pulses per pump stroke) value to enter. There are two methods to do this: trial and error, simple mathematics, or a com bi na tion of the two.

Start by re fer ring to AP PEN DIX A. for the spec i fic a tions for your model. Figure 3-1. shows how to dis play and change the val ues.

Enter the PPS value given in the chart and then display the MAX FLOW value; it should equal the value in the chart. Now you can determine a new value of PPS for your lower max i mum flow.

We will cover the mathematical method first.

Mathematical Method

Display the PPS value. Now display the cur rent MAX FLOW value. You may com pute a new PPS value for your maximum flow by using the follow ing equation:

$$\text{New PPS} = \frac{\text{New MAX FLOW} \times \text{Cur rent PPS}}{\text{Current MAX FLOW}}$$

The PPS value is directly propor tional to the MAX FLOW value; this makes com pu ta tions very easy.

Round off your an swer to the near est in te ger and en ter that PPS value into the con trol ler. Now display MAX FLOW. This value may not ex actly match the value you used in the com pu ta tion, but it should be very close. Dif fer ences are due to round ing off the PPS value.

Now dis play FR (feed ra tio num ber). This is the new value you should use when com put ing all your chem i cal con cen tra tions.

Trial and Error Method

Display the PPS value. Now display the current MAX FLOW value. Enter a lower value for PPS and dis play the re sult ing MAX FLOW. If the new value for MAX FLOW is too low, then en ter lit tle higher value for PPS; if MAX FLOW is too high, enter a little lower value for PPS. Re peat un til you de ter mine the value of PPS which gives MAX FLOW clos est to the value you want. You will prob a bly not be able to get the de sired value ex actly.

Now dis play FR (feed ra tio num ber). This is the new value you should use when com put ing all your chem i cal con cen tra tions.

3.2.2 Programming for Feed Ratio

You might want to set your con trol ler to pump at a specific feed ra tio. The con trol ler makes it very easy to change the feed ra tio by dis play ing the feed ra tio num ber (FR) for a single high capacity (40 ml per stroke) pump-head.

First, you need to know the over all value of FR you want. Multiply that value by the num ber of heads you will be using to pump the chem i cal. This gives you the FR value you will want to set in the con trol ler.

Example: You want to use three pumpheads to feed at an over all feed ra tio of 1:200. Mul ti ply 3 x 200 to get the FR value of 600 for a single pumphead. This is the value (600) that you should use in the com put a tions.

Now you need to determine the PPS (pulses per pump stroke) value to enter to give that value of FR. There are two methods to do this: trial and error, simple mathematics, or a combination of the two.

Start by referring to Appendix A. for the specifications for your model. Refer to Figure 3-1. to see how to display and change the values.

Enter the PPS value given in the chart and then display the FR value; it should equal the value in the chart. Now you can determine a new value of PPS for the FR you want.

We will cover the mathematical method first.

Mathematical Method

Display the PPS value. Now display the current FR value. You may compute a new PPS value for your FR by using the following equation:

$$\text{New PPS} = \frac{\text{New FR} \times \text{Current PPS}}{\text{Current FR}}$$

The PPS value is directly proportional to the FR value; this makes computations very easy.

Round off your answer to the nearest integer and enter that PPS value into the controller. Now display FR.

Trial and Error Method

Display the PPS value. Now display the current FR value. Remember that higher values for PPS mean higher FR values. Enter a higher or lower value for PPS and display the resulting FR. If the new value for FR is too low, then enter a little higher value for PPS; if FR is too high, enter a little lower value. Repeat until you find the value of PPS which gives FR closest to the value you want; you probably will not be able to get exactly the value you want.

3.2.3 Using the Results

You will probably find that you cannot get the exact feed ratio you want, but you should be able to get close enough to use an even value in computations. For example you

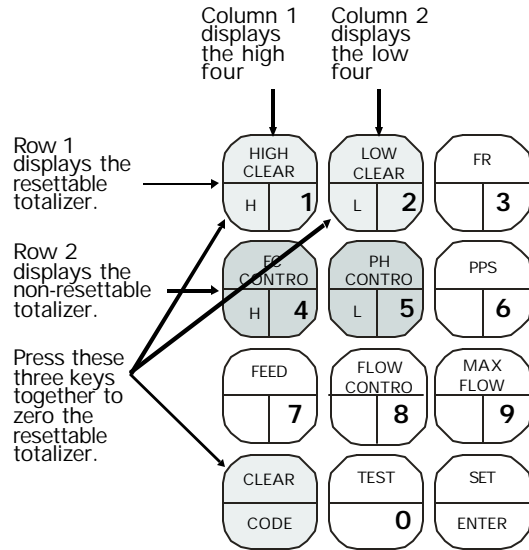


Figure 3-2
Using the Totalizers

might be able to get FR values of 396 or 404, but not exactly 400. This depends on the pulses per gallon figure for your flow measuring device. In general, the larger the value of FR, the closer to the desired value you will be able to get.

Now display MAX FLOW. If this value is less than the maximum flow in your system, you have a conflict. You must either restrict your maximum flow to the value shown or increase the chemical capacity in another way; usually by increasing chemical concentration or by adding pump-heads.

3.3 THE FLOW TOTALIZERS

The controller has two flow totalizers. One is resettable. Both are eight digits, so each can totalize up to 99,999,990 gallons. Both totalizers increment ten gallons at a time. Since there are only four digits on the display only half the digits can be displayed at a time.

Figure 3-2. shows how to access the totalizers and to zero the resettable total.

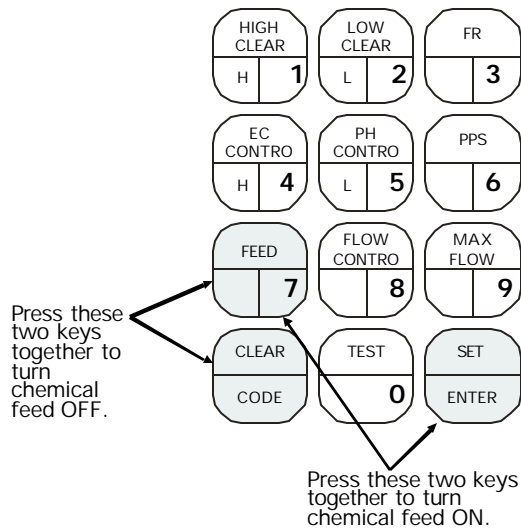


Figure 3-3
Turning Chemical Feed OFF and ON

Flow to tals may be dis played at any time. However, the resettable total cannot be zeroed when security is on.

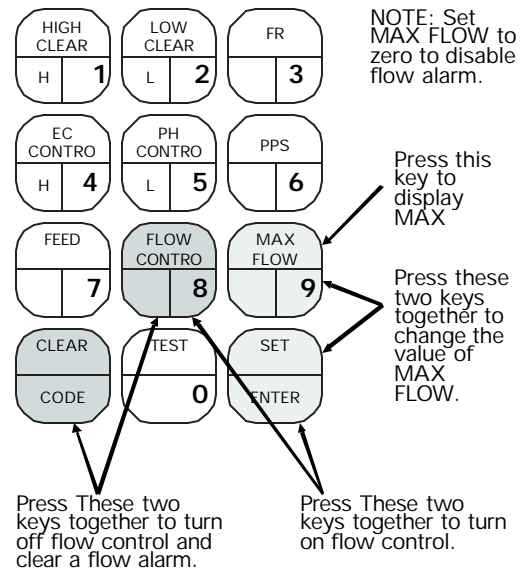
3.4 TURNING CHEMICAL FEED OFF AND ON

You can eas ily turn the chem i cal feed off and on from the front panel. This al lows you to stop feed ing with out shut ting off the wa ter. Fig ure 3-3. shows how to turn chem i cal feed off and on. This function is protected and may not be changed when se cu rity is on.

3.5 USING THE FLOW ALARM

A unique fea ture of the con trol ler is the flow alarm. Its use is optional. The audible alarm can be used to alert you that you are exceed ing the ca pac ity of the in jec tor (which affects performance), or it could be used with the auxiliary control output (Section 3.6) to shut down the sys tem if a ma jor leak occurs.

Figure 3-4. shows how to set and clear the flow alarm.



NOTE: If security is off, clearing a flow alarm will turn flow control off. If you want flow control, you must turn it back on after clearing

Figure 3-4
Using the Flow Alarm

The flow alarm will trigger any time the water flow exceeds the MAX FLOW setpoint. The audible alarm will sound and the dis play will dis play **FLO** al ter nately with the flow rate. This indicates the type of alarm.

The flow alarm will not reset if the flow later drops be low the setpoint. This is to pre vent os cilla tion from oc cur ring if the aux ili ary control is used to shut off the wa ter. That would cause the alarm con di tion to go away which would turn the wa ter back on. We do not want that to happen.

NOTE: Clearing a flow alarm is not af fected by security. However, if security is off, the key se quence which clears the flow alarm will also turn off flow control of the aux ili ary out put. This will be in di cated by the sta tus LED. If you are us ing flow con trol, you must turn it back on. If security is on, flow control is not affected. See Section 3.6 to see how to use the auxiliary control.

Any time you en ter a new value for PPS the con trol ler au to mat i cally sets a new value

for MAX FLOW. This value is the flow at which the injector is making its maximum of thirty strokes per minute. You may change MAX FLOW if you want to, making it either higher or lower.

Figure 3-4. shows how to enter a new MAX FLOW value. When entering the MAX FLOW, the display will display F--- and the alarm will sound. Enter the number and press the SET/ENTER key. The alarm should stop sounding. You may abort an entry by pressing the CLEAR key before all four digits are entered.

But remember that if you change the PPS the controller will change MAX FLOW. You should check MAX FLOW any time you change the PPS and change MAX FLOW if needed.

You may disable the flow alarm by setting MAX FLOW to zero.

This function is protected and may not be changed when security is on.

3.6 USING THE AUXILIARY CONTROL OUTPUT

The auxiliary control output is a 24 VAC output. It can be actuated by the flow alarm.

Figure 3-4. (Previous page) shows how to turn this control function on and off.

When turning on this function, the LCD display will display FL 1. When turning off this function, the LCD display will display FL 0.

There are two special things to remember about flow control:

- (1) If security is off, clearing a low alarm will also turn flow control off. If you are using flow control, you must turn it back on. If security is on, flow control status is unaffected.
- (2) If the flow alarm is disabled by setting MAX FLOW to zero, flow control will automatically be turned off.

This function is protected; its status may not be changed when security is on.

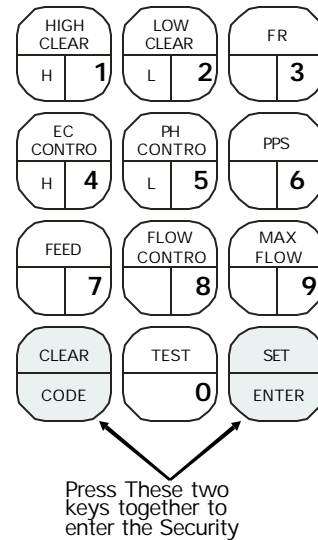


Figure 3-5
Entering the Security Code

3.7 USING THE SECURITY FEATURE

Use of the security feature is optional. When you receive your controller the security function is not active.

Figure 3-5. shows how to enter the security code.

3.7.1 Setting the Security Code

IMPORTANT - The first time you press the CODE-ENTER key combination the display will prompt by showing C---. You may enter up to four digits which will be displayed as you enter them. These four digits then become the code and the controller is set to the secured mode. Be sure you remember the code you enter or write it down and keep it in a safe place. You will not be able to make any programming changes without reentering this code.

The code may be one to four digits long. If less than four digits the SET/ENTER key must be pressed after code entry. A code value of 0 is not a valid code. You may abort an entry by pressing the CLEAR key before all four digits are entered.

You may confirm that security is on by observing the **SECURITY ON** LED on the front panel.

If you attempt to make any programming change with security on, the display will display **COdE** and the alarm will make a short beep.

3.7.2 Turning Security OFF and ON

To turn security off reenter the security code exactly as you entered it the first time. The only difference is that the display will not show the numbers as entered. Instead the dashes will drop to the bottom of the display as the numbers are entered. Once you have

entered the code the alarm will stop sounding and the front panel LED will go off. You may now make any programming changes you wish.

If you enter a wrong code the display will display **COdE** and the alarm will make a short beep.

You turn security back on exactly as you turned it off. **You must turn security back on to re-se cure the sys tem.**

If you happen to forget the security code, it is possible to clear the code from the system. This is covered in APPENDIX C.

4 TESTING AND TROUBLESHOOTING

We have designed and manufactured your controller to make it as trouble free as possible. By using the internal test program and by observing the front panel display and indicators, you will be able to pinpoint many problems.

If you have a problem with your controller, follow through this section. Then if you need technical assistance, refer to the page GETTING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE in the front of this manual.

4.1 DISPLAYING THE VERSION NUMBER

Whenever you call us we will ask you for the version number of your controller program. You may display the version at any time. Figure 4-1. shows how to display the program version number. Write it down exactly as displayed before you call.

4.2 OBSERVING THE INDICATORS

You can tell a lot about the operation of your controller just by observing the LED indicators. These indicators, together with the test sequence (Section 5.3) will allow you to pinpoint most problems with the controller. They will also help identify many problems with the overall injection system. Here are some things to look for, along with what they mean.

4.2.1 The POWER Indicators

There are two power indicators. One is on the front panel. The other is on the lower right of the system circuit board. You must open the enclosure to see this LED indicator.

NOTE: Dangerous voltages are present inside the enclosure. Use caution when opening the door or working inside. Except for checking incoming power, the unit should be disconnected from the power source whenever the door is open.

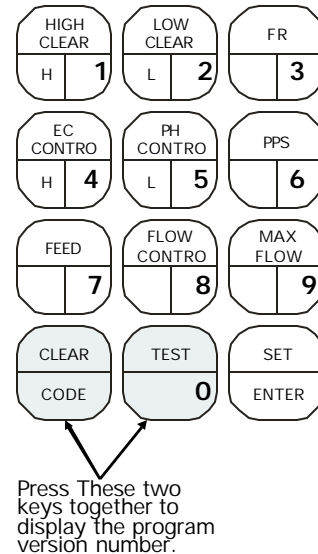


Figure 4-1
Displaying the Version Number

- (1) Front Panel POWER indicator is OFF, internal power indicator is OFF.

This means that there is no power to the system circuit board. There is most likely a problem with the power to the board. Check the electrical circuits and breakers to see that power is reaching the controller. If power is getting to the controller the problem is likely with the 24 volt transformer and connections. **These should be checked by a qualified electrician.**

- (2) Front Panel POWER indicator and display are OFF, internal power indicator is ON.

This means the on board power supply has failed. The system circuit board needs to be replaced.

- (3) Front Panel POWER indicator is OFF, but display is on.

If there are any other indicator lights on, or if there is anything showing on the display, the problem is most likely with the indicator LED itself. This should not af-

fect operation. Fixing it requires replacement of the system circuit board.

4.2.2 The LCD Display

There should always be something showing on the display. If the power indicator is on, but the display is blank, there is a problem with the system circuit board. It should be replaced.

4.2.3 The FEED ON Indicator

The FEED ON indicator shows that chemical feed is turned on.

- (1) *FEED ON indicator is OFF, water is flowing, BANK lights are always OFF.*

You have probably turned the feed OFF. Turn the feed back on. See Section 3.3.

- (2) *FEED ON indicator is ON, water is flowing, but BANK lights are always OFF.*

Run the TEST sequence. See Sections 5.3 and 5.3.3.

- (3) *FEED ON indicator is OFF, water is flowing, BANK lights are flashing in sequence.*

The problem is most likely with the FEED ON indicator LED itself. Check this by running the TEST sequence (Section 5.3). This should not affect operation. Fixing it requires replacement of the system circuit board.

4.2.4 The FLOW Indicator

This indicator should be blinking any time the water is flowing. This indicates pulses are being received from the flow measuring device.

- (1) *Water is flowing but FLOW indicator is OFF. Display shows OFF.*

This indicates a problem with the flow measuring device or its connections to the controller. See the manual which covers this device for checking it. If it checks out OK there is a problem with the system circuit board. It should be replaced.

- (2) *Water is flowing, display indicates flow, FLOW indicator is OFF.*

The problem is most likely with the FLOW indicator LED itself. Check this by running the TEST sequence (Section 5.3.1). This should not affect operation. Fixing it requires replacement of the system circuit board.

4.2.5 The Flow Display

The flow rate display should normally be steady. There are several possible causes of erratic flow readings. If you are getting unstable flow readings or spurious flow alarms, check the following.

- (1) *Erratic water flow*

Check to make sure that water flow is stable and is not quickly varying due to pumps or valves being quickly turned on and off.

- (2) *Improper cable or routing*

Only properly grounded shielded cable should be used to connect the flow device to the controller. Unshielded cable can allow voltage spikes from motors and other electrical machinery to be fed into the controller. This cable should be routed away from valve and other electrical wiring.

- (3) *Cable too long*

The longer the cable between the flow device and controller the greater the chance of electrical noise problems. If your controller is located too far from the flow device, you may have to relocate it. We recommend the total cable length not exceed twenty feet.

- (4) *Fouled flow measuring device*

Trash in the water line can foul turbine meters and paddle wheels and cause them to stick. Rust and magnetic particles can collect on magnetic paddle wheels, causing problems.

4.2.6 The BANK Indicators

The bank indicators flash when each manifold valve is energized. They should flash in sequence when water is flowing.

- (1) Water is flowing, BANK indicators always off, FEED ON indicator is OFF.

The feed is turned OFF. Turn on the feed. See Section 3.3.

- (2) Water is flowing, BANK indicators always off, FEED ON indicator is ON.

Run the TEST sequence. See Sections 5.3 and 5.3.3.

4.2.7 The CONTROL Indicators

Run the TEST sequence. See Sections 5.3 and 5.3.1. If they all light up during the test, you should be sure you are setting the control status properly. See Section 3.6.

4.3 THE TEST SEQUENCE

The test sequence may be run at any time. If you observe carefully while the test sequence runs, you can get a very good indication of the nature of any problems with your injection system. Following the test sequence, the controller is returned to its previous status, including any actuated alarms.

Figure 4-2. shows how to start the test sequence.

4.3.1 Display and Indicators

The first part of the test sequence checks out the LCD display, the LED status indicators. You should observe the following:

- (1) The LCD display should display **8888**. If any segments are not on, there is a problem with the system circuit board. It should be replaced.
- (2) The FEED ON, SECURITY ON, and the three control status indicators should all be on. If they are not, there is a problem with the system circuit board. It should be replaced.

4.3.2 Alarm and Control Test

The audible alarm and auxiliary control output are also checked during the first part of the test. Look for the following:

- (1) The audible alarm should sound. If it does not, the alarm may be disconnected, or it

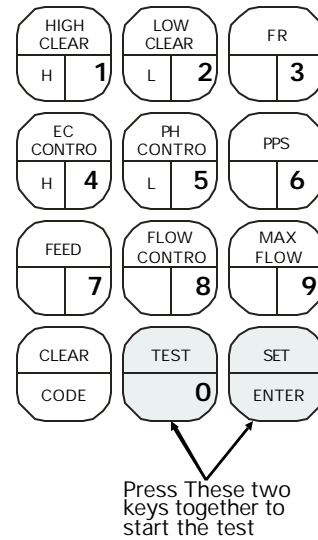


Figure 4-2
Starting the Test Sequence

has failed. It should be reconnected or replaced.

- (2) The auxiliary control will be actuated. If you are not using this feature, this will not affect you. If you are, anything connected to this output will turn on for about two seconds.

4.3.3 The Valve Sequence

The second part of the test sequence actuates the valve outputs. Check to see that each BANK indicator lights in sequence. The display will show the number of each bank as the valve is actuated.

Check to see that each manifold valve in your injector is operating properly. If things are working properly, each bank of heads in your system will make a pump stroke.

If an indicator does not light and the corresponding bank of heads does not stroke, there is a problem with the system circuit board. It should be replaced.

If the indicators all work, but a manifold valve does not work properly, first check to see that the valve is getting the 24 VAC supply voltage. This voltage should be present

only when the bank indicator for that valve is lit.

If the voltage is present, there is a problem with the manifold valve. Problem areas could be the valve coil or the internal mechanical parts. For the latter, refer to the user manual covering mechanical maintenance.

NOTE: Remember that the test sequence makes a pump stroke each time it is run. If no water is flowing, running the test sequence several times in succession can flood your water lines with concentrated chemical. If water is flowing when the test is run, the stroking rate in the test sequence may be faster or slower than the current flow actuated stroking rate. In any case, running the test sequence may cause temporary variations in pH and EC readings.

4.4 LOSS OF PROGRAMMING

Loss of programming is indicated by an immediate alarm condition on power up and display of the ——— prompt.

Only two things can cause loss of programming information: a faulty lithium battery or a failure on the system circuit board. Battery failure is far more likely.

Here is an easy test for a bad battery. When you get the alarm and ——— prompt, program in any value for PPS. Now disconnect power from the controller. Wait a few seconds and reconnect power. If the prompt reappears and the alarm sounds the battery is dead and should be replaced.

5 REPAIR

IMPORTANT: Disconnect power before removing circuit

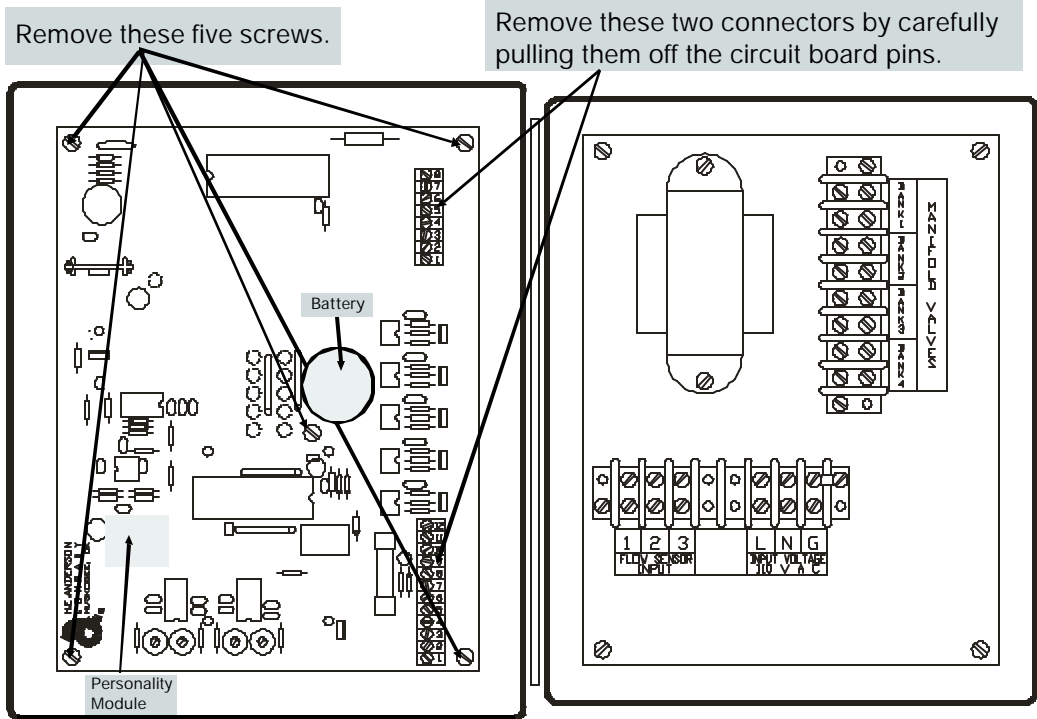


Figure 5-1
Removing the System Circuit Board

The only repairs you should attempt are replacement of the battery or the system circuit board. The controller is designed for easy replacement of the circuit board.

5.1 CIRCUIT BOARD REMOVAL

Disconnect power before opening the enclosure. Carefully pull off the power and valve terminal blocks. Remove the five screws shown in Figure 5-1. Carefully remove the circuit board.

5.2 CIRCUIT BOARD REPLACEMENT

Carefully position the replacement circuit board behind the front panel. Be sure the keyboard and display fit properly in the front

panel cut-outs. Replace the five retaining screws. Carefully press on the power and valve terminal blocks. **Be sure they are properly aligned on the pins.**

5.3 BATTERY REPLACEMENT

Replace with a Panasonic type BR2330 lithium battery or equivalent (available from H.E. Anderson Co. if you cannot find it locally). **NOTE:** You may replace the battery with a type BR2325 (Radio Shack), but battery life will be shorter.

Refer to Figure 5.1. Carefully remove the old battery and install the new one. Be sure the + side is toward you. **NOTE: You will now need to completely reprogram your controller.**

6 FACTORY SERVICE

You may return your entire control unit or system circuit board to us, prepaid, for repair. The charge will be a fixed labor charge plus parts and return postage. Charges for units under warranty will be for transportation only. Refer to our Limited Warranty in the back of this manual for details of the warranty. Turn around time in our plant is normally one to two days.

Refer to our current price list or call H.E. Anderson Company for the prices of these options. Our shipping address is:

H.E. Anderson Company

2100 Anderson Drive

Muskogee, Oklahoma 74403 USA

APPENDIX A.

Specifications and Default Settings

System Type and Version	Minimum PPS	Maximum PPS	Default PPS	FR at Default PPS	MAX FLOW (GPM)	Pulses per Hundred Gallons
2" Turbine Meter b2.1.0	4	3668	232	632	200	3472
3" Turbine Meter b3.1.0	4	2620	372	1419	450	2480
4" Turbine Meter b4.1.0	4	541	206	3807	1200	512
6" Turbine Meter b6.1.0	4	228	166	7272	2300	216

APPENDIX B.

Formulas and Examples

SYMBOLS:

FR = Feed ratio number (This is the number displayed by pressing the FR (3) key on the controller keypad.)

ppm N = parts per million nitrogen

ppm K = parts per million potassium

% N = percent nitrogen in fertilizer

% K₂O = percent K₂O in fertilizer

Example: For potassium nitrate (13-0-44) % N = 13 and % K₂O = 44

G = gallons of fertilizer concentrate mixed in tank at one time

Lbs. = pounds of fertilizer in G gallons of concentrate solution

P = number of pumpheads pumping a given solution

DS = pumphead dial setting

FORMULAS:

To calculate the amount of dry fertilizer to add to the concentrate tank when making the

$$(1) \text{ (Nitrogen)} \quad \text{Lbs.} = \frac{(\text{FR})(\text{ppm N})(\text{G})}{(\text{P})(\%)}$$

$$(2) \text{ (Potassium)} \quad \text{Lbs.} = \frac{(\text{FR})(\text{ppm K})(\text{G})}{(\text{P})(\%)}$$

stock concentrate solution:

$$(3) \text{ (Nitrogen)} \quad \text{DS} = \frac{(\text{FR})(\text{ppm N})(\text{G})}{(\text{P})(\text{Lbs.})(\%)}$$

$$(4) \text{ (Potassium)} \quad \text{DS} = \frac{(\text{FR})(\text{ppm K})(\text{G})}{(\text{P})(\text{Lbs.})(\%)}$$

To calculate the dial setting for a specific ppm when the mixture is known:

To calculate the ppm contribution for a given amount of fertilizer at a given dial setting:

$$(5) \text{ (Nitrogen)} \quad \text{ppm N} = \frac{(\text{P})(\text{DS})(\text{Lbs.})(\% \text{ N})(120)}{(\text{FR})(\text{G})}$$

$$(6) \text{ (Potassium)} \quad \text{ppm N} = \frac{(\text{P})(\text{DS})(\text{Lbs.})(\% \text{ K}_2\text{O})(100)}{(\text{FR})(\text{G})}$$

EXAMPLE:

In our example we will calculate the mixtures and dial settings to apply 100 ppm potassium and 150 ppm nitrogen using potassium nitrate (13-0-44) and ammonium nitrate (33-0-0). We will have two solutions, each fed separately. Since potassium nitrate will contribute both potassium

and nitrogen, we will do those computations first. Then we will compute the mixture and setting for ammonium nitrate. The computations are done on the following page.

The FR number in our example is 632. We will be mixing 50 gallons of each fertilizer concentrate at a time, so $G = 50$. Ppm K = 100 and ppm N = 150. From the fertilizer formula (13-0-44)

$$(2) \text{ (Potassium) Lbs.} = \frac{(FR)(\text{ppm K})(G)}{100} = \frac{(632)(100)(50)}{100} = 71.8 \text{ Lbs.}$$

we find % $K_2O = 44$. Calculations will be rounded off. First we will apply Formula 2 to calculate how much potassium nitrate we will need:

To get 100 ppm potassium we need 71.8 pounds of potassium nitrate. Since fertilizers come in 25 pound bags, we will make things easy by using three 25 pound bags in each 50 gal-

$$(4) \text{ (Potassium) DS} = \frac{(FR)(\text{ppm K})(G)}{100} = \frac{(632)(100)(50)}{100} = 9.6$$

lon mixture of concentrate. This gives Lbs. = 75. We will now apply Formula 4 to calculate the dial setting needed to get 100 ppm K at this mixture.

$$(5) \text{ (Nitrogen) ppm N} = \frac{(P)(DS)(\text{Lbs.})(\% N)(120)}{100} = \frac{(1)(9.6)(75)(13)(120)}{100} = 35.5 \text{ ppm}$$

We will set our potassium nitrate pumphead at 9.6. We will now apply Formula 5 to find out how much nitrogen is coming from the potassium nitrate.

Now we can figure how much nitrogen we need from ammonium nitrate by subtracting the

$$(1) \text{ (Nitrogen) Lbs.} = \frac{(FR)(\text{ppm N})(G)}{100} = \frac{(632)(114.5)(50)}{100} = 91.4 \text{ Lbs.}$$

contribution from potassium nitrate from the total needed. This gives us $150 - 35.5 = 114.5$ ppm. We will use Formula 1 to figure how much ammonium nitrate we need in our concentrate.

Again we will make things easy by mixing our concentrate in convenient increments. We will

$$(3) \text{ (Nitrogen) DS} = \frac{(FR)(\text{ppm N})(G)}{100} = \frac{(632)(114.5)(50)}{100} = 9.1$$

mix 100 pounds of ammonium nitrate in each 50 gallons of solution. Using these figures, we can finally apply Formula 3 to calculate the dial setting of our ammonium nitrate pumphead.

So, we can get our desired feed of 100 ppm potassium and 150 ppm nitrogen by using these mixtures and dial settings: 75 pounds of potassium nitrate in 50 gallons of solution and feeding at a dial setting of 9.6 on one pumphead, and 100 pounds of ammonium nitrate in 50 gallons of solution and feeding at a dial setting of 9.1 on the second pumphead.

Once you determine your mixtures you can use the formulas to figure dial settings for different ppm values.

NOTES:

If you do not know how many pumpheads you will need for a solution, figure the mixture for a single pumphead. If the dry chemical required is too much to dissolve, set your mixture to the maximum concentration you can get, and then apply Formulas 3 and 4 for one pumphead. If you get a dial setting value greater than 10, you need more than one pumphead. A value from 10 to 20 means two pumpheads are needed, 20 to 30 - three, and so on. The dial setting value obtained in this way is the total of the dial settings for all pumpheads pumping that solution.

APPENDIX C.

Clearing the Security Code

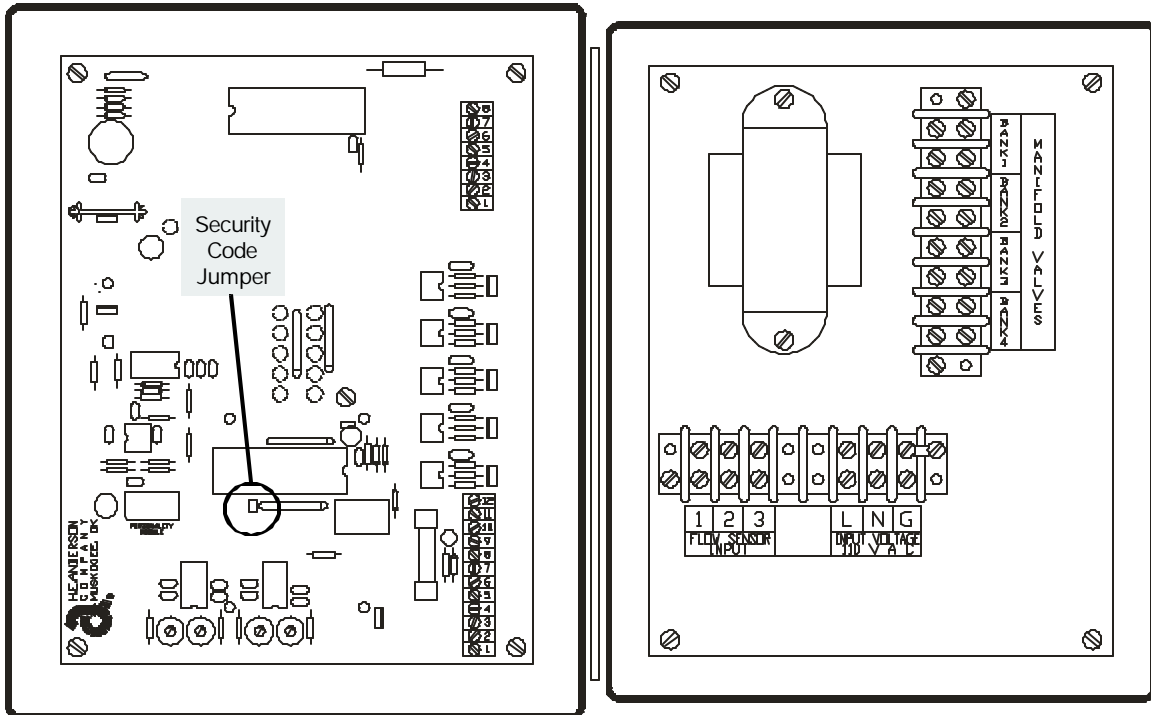


Figure C-1
Locating the Security Code Jumper

At some point it may be necessary to clear out the security code. This could be due to forgetting the code, or to periodically change it. The code can not be changed simply by a key combination from the key pad. The simple procedure to clear the code is given below.

- (1) open up the unit.
- (2) Refer to Figure C-1, above, to locate the security code jumper pins just below the micro processor. There you should find two pins with a small jumper clip attached to one pin.
- (3) Remove the jumper clip and replace it so that it connects both jumper pins to gether.
- (4) Now, on the key pad, press the CODE and ENTER keys together. This is the same combination used to enter the security code. (Refer to Figure 3-6.) However, with the jumper pins connected, this will clear the security code. The display should display **CODE**.
- (5) Remove the jumper and replace it on a single pin. A new security code may be entered as described in Section 3.7. NOTE: As long as the two jumper pins are connected together, no security code can be entered and the unit can not be made secure. If you do not want to use the security feature, you might want to leave the jumper connected to both pins to prevent accidental entry of a security code.
- (6) Close the unit.

RATIO:FEEDER[®] LIMITED WARRANTY

WHAT IS COVERED

The H.E. Anderson Company of Muskogee, Oklahoma, will make any necessary repairs and/or replace any parts of any Ratio:Feeder[®] product made necessary because of defects in materials or workmanship for fifteen months from date of manufacture. Warranty repairs and/or replacements will be performed without charge to the owner by H.E. Anderson Company within a reasonable time after pre-paid delivery of the defective product to the H.E. Anderson Company, 2100 Anderson Drive, Muskogee, Oklahoma 74403.

WHAT IS NOT COVERED

This warranty specifically excludes failure of any parts or materials caused by chemical attack or damage caused by operation above rated capacity or pressure. Further, this warranty does not cover wear or failure caused by sand or other foreign materials which may be found in water that is passed through our products, or damage caused by freezing or exposure to water temperatures above 60 °C (140 °F).

This warranty does not cover damage caused by failure to follow prescribed installation instructions and limitations issued by H.E. Anderson Company. In addition, this warranty does not cover service adjustments, repairs, or replacements caused by misuse, negligence, alteration, accident, or lack of specified maintenance.

This warranty does not cover components used by, but not manufactured by H.E. Anderson Company, in the manufacture of our products except to the extent of said component manufacturer's warranty.

This warranty specifically excludes liability for consequential damages or for charges for labor or expense in making repairs or adjustments, or losses of time or inconvenience.

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WHAT TO DO IF THERE IS A QUESTION REGARDING WARRANTY

- (1) Promptly notify the consumer advisor at H.E. Anderson Company by telephone at 800-331-9620 or 918-687-4426.
- (2) Confirm the report in writing (or via FAX at 918-682-3342) to the H.E. Anderson Company, stating the circumstances surrounding the problem.

PURCHASER'S OBLIGATION

- (A) Purchaser must give H.E. Anderson Company immediate written notice on discovery of defect.
- (B) Purchaser must pay for shipment of the defective product to the H.E. Anderson Company, 2100 Anderson Drive, Muskogee, Oklahoma 74403.