The DHW Control 257 is used for dedicated domestic hot water systems. The control operates two on/off boilers, or one two-stage boiler to maintain the DHW Target temperature at the DHW Sensor. The control can operate in Proportional (P) mode, or Proportional, Integral, Derivative (PID) mode.

Additional functions include:
- Boiler rotation
- Cumulative boiler run time hours
- P or PID staging modes of operation
- CSA and UL certified for use in the USA and Canada
How to Use the Data Brochure

This brochure is organized into three main sections. They are: 1) Sequence of Operation, 2) Installation, and 3) Control Settings.

The Control Settings section of this brochure describes the various items that are adjusted and displayed by the control. The control functions of each adjustable item are described in the Sequence of Operation.

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User Interface

The 257 uses a Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) to display information. Use the LCD to set up and monitor the operation of the system. The 257 has three push buttons (Item, ▲, ▼) for selecting, viewing, and adjusting settings. As you program the control, record the settings in the ADJUST menu table which is found in the second half of this brochure.

Item

The selected item will be displayed using a pointer in the display. To view the next available item, press the Item button. Once you have reached the last available item, pressing the Item button again will return the display to the first item.

Adjust

To make an adjustment to a setting in the control, press and hold simultaneously for 1 second all three (3) buttons. The display will then show the word PRGM. Select the desired item using the Item button. Finally, use the ▲ or ▼ button to make the adjustment.
Display

**POINTER**

Displays the control operation as indicated by the text.

**HEAT RELAY**

- Displays when the HEAT 1 relay is closed.
- Displays when the HEAT 2 relay is closed.

**Units of measurement**

- °F, °C
- Displays the current value of the selected item

**Status Field**

Displays the current status of the control's inputs, outputs and operation

**Buttons**

Selects Menus, Items and adjusts settings

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Sequence of Operation

Powering Up the Control

When the DHW Control 257 is powered up all LCD segments are displayed for 2 seconds followed by the version number being displayed for 2 seconds. The control then enters into the normal operating mode and the LCD defaults to displaying the current DHW temperature.

Staging Operation

Proportional Staging Mode (P)

When the Stage Mode is set to P, the on/off points of the HEAT 1 and HEAT 2 relays are determined by the Target DHW setpoint, the Differential 1 and the Differential 2 settings. This is a manual way of staging the boilers. See figure 1 for a visual representation.

Differential 1 & Differential 2 (P Mode)

Manually adjust Differential 1 and 2 to set the on points of stage 1 and 2. Stage 1 will fire when the temperature falls below Target DHW minus Differential 1. Stage 2 will fire when the temperature falls below Target DHW minus differential 1 minus differential 2.

![Figure 1 - Staging operation for proportional logic](image)

Proportional, Integral, Derivative Staging Mode (PID)

To provide proper boiler staging and accurate DHW Target temperatures, PID mode should be used. When the Stage Mode is set to PID, the on and off points of the HEAT 1 and HEAT 2 relays are determined by PID logic and the differential setting.

What is PID?

• Proportional Error - How far is the temperature from the Target?
• Integral Error - How long has the temperature been there?
• Derivative Error - How fast is the temperature changing?

By considering these three errors, the control can better decide when to turn on a boiler stage. This function provides greater boiler plant efficiency and also prevents water temperature drop that is commonly seen on proportional staged systems.

Differential (PID Mode)

If Differential is set to Auto, the control will calculate an appropriate differential to reduce boiler short cycling. If a boiler short cycles, the differential is automatically increased. If auto differential is not desirable, the installer may select a manual differential.

Minimum On and Off Times

The minimum on and off time for each boiler is 30 seconds.

DHW Maximum

If the DHW temperature rises 2°F above the Target DHW setpoint due to minimum boiler on times, the control will open both the Heat 1 and Heat 2 relays.
Rotation

This function rotates the firing sequence of the two boilers based on the accumulated running hours of each stage. The HEAT 1 and HEAT 2 items in the default menu display the accumulated running hours of each stage. When one stage has accumulated 48 hours more running hours than the other stage, the operating sequence is rotated. The stage with less running hours is rotated in the firing sequence to turn on first, while the stage with more running hours will turn on last. This function increases the quality and reliability of the boiler plant by ensuring equal running times of both boilers. When this item is set to off, HEAT 1 is always the first stage to fire.

Forced Rotation:
If the difference in run times reaches 60 hours, then boiler rotation takes place immediately. This could occur if the DHW tank has a constant load causing one boiler to fire for an extended period of time.

Delay

When P Staging Mode is selected, you are then able to adjust the minimum stage delay between when stage 1 and stage 2 fires. This item is default at 30 seconds and is adjustable between 0 seconds and 19 minutes 50 seconds.

When PID Staging Mode is selected, PID logic is able to determine when to bring on stage 1 and stage 2. The minimum stage delay now becomes the default 30 seconds.

Selecting a Delay Time:
- For low mass boilers, select a shorter delay time.
- For high mass boilers, select a longer delay time.

Relay Run Times

The control logs the number of run time hours for the HEAT 1 and HEAT 2 relay in the default menu. To reset back to zero hours, press and hold the up and down buttons for 3 seconds.

Reset Rotation:
To reset the rotation sequence back to 1-2, clear both run time hours in the default menu by pressing and holding the up and down buttons. Next, switch the rotation dip switch to the off position and then back to the on position. Both stages now have 0 hours accumulated run time and the firing sequence is 1-2.
Step Three — Rough-in Wiring

The wiring terminates in the two wiring chambers on the control. Determine whether the low voltage wiring enters the wiring chamber through the back or the bottom of the control. The wiring is roughed-in prior to installation of the control (see Brochure D 001). Standard 18 AWG solid wire is recommended for all low voltage wiring, and multi-strand 16 AWG wire is recommended for 120 V (ac) wiring. Power must not be applied to any of the wires during the rough-in wiring stage.

• Install the DHW Sensor 082 according to the instructions in the Data Brochure D 070, and run the wiring back to the control.
• Run wires from the 24 V (ac) power to the control. Use a clean power source to ensure proper operation.

Step Four — Testing the Wiring

The following tests are to be performed using standard testing practices and procedures, and should only be carried out by properly trained and experienced persons.

A good quality electrical test meter, capable of reading from at least 0 - 300 V (ac) and at least 0 - 2,000,000 Ohms, is essential to properly test the wiring and sensors.

Test the Sensors

In order to test the sensors, the actual temperature at each sensor location must be measured. A good quality digital thermometer with a surface temperature probe is recommended for ease of use and accuracy. Where a digital thermometer is not available, a spare sensor can be strapped alongside the one to be tested, and the readings compared. Test the sensors according to the instructions in the Data Brochure D 070.
Test the Power Supply

Make sure exposed wires and bare terminals are not in contact with other wires or grounded surfaces.

If a 24 V (ac) transformer is used, make sure the voltmeter is set to AC. Turn on the power and measure the voltage across the 24 V (ac) power supply. The reading should be between 22 and 26 V (ac).

Test the Outputs

Heat 1 and Heat 2

Make sure power is off to the boiler circuits and connect the TT contacts on the boilers to the Heat 1 and Heat 2 contacts on the control. Install jumpers at the Heat 1 and Heat 2 terminals to externally close the switch. When the boiler circuits are powered up, the boilers should fire. If the boilers do not turn on, refer to any installation or troubleshooting information supplied with the boilers (the boilers may have a flow switch that prevents firing until the boiler pumps are running). If the boilers operate properly, disconnect the power and remove the jumpers.

Step Five — Electrical Connections to the Control

The installer should test to confirm that no voltage is present at any of the wires.

Powered Input Connections

24 V (ac) Power

Connect the 24 V (ac) power supply to the Power C and Power R terminals (1 and 2). This connection provides power to the microprocessor and display of the control.

Output Connections

Heat 1 and Heat 2 Contacts

The Heat 1 and Heat 2 contacts are an isolated output in the 257. There is no power available on these terminals from the control. These terminals are to be used as a switch to either make or break the boiler TT circuit. When the 257 requires boiler 1 to run, it closes the contact between terminals 3 and 4, and when the 257 requires boiler 2 to run, it closes the contact between terminals 5 and 6.

Sensors

Do not apply power to these terminals as this will damage the control.

DHW Sensor

Connect the two wires from the DHW Sensor 082 to the Com and DHW terminals (7 and 8). The DHW Sensor is used by the 257 to measure the DHW tank temperature.

Locate the sensor in a well in the tank. The 082 sensor is 3/8” OD and will insert into a standard 1/2” well.
DIP Switch Settings

Off | On - Rotate
The Off | On – Rotate DIP switch is used to turn boiler rotation on or off. When using a single boiler with two stages, the DIP switch should be in the off (down) position. When using two single-stage boilers, the DIP switch should be in the on (up) position.
The Default menu items display current operating temperatures and system status information. Use the Item button to view items in this menu.

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<td><strong>DHW TEMPERATURE</strong></td>
<td>-60 to 255°F (-51 to 124°C)</td>
<td>The current DHW temperature as measured by the DHW sensor. HEAT is displayed with a 1 or 2 when either the Heat 1 or Heat 2 relay is closed.</td>
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<td><strong>TARGET DHW</strong></td>
<td>70 to 190°F (21 to 88°C)</td>
<td>The current DHW target as programmed in the PRGM menu. HEAT is displayed with a 1 or 2 when either the Heat 1 or Heat 2 relay is closed.</td>
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<td><strong>HEAT 1 RUN TIME</strong></td>
<td>0 to 1999 Hours</td>
<td>The total running time in hours of the HEAT 1 relay since this item was last cleared. To clear, press the ▲ and ▼ buttons simultaneously while viewing this item.</td>
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<td><strong>HEAT 2 RUN TIME</strong></td>
<td>0 to 1999 Hours</td>
<td>The total running time in hours of the HEAT 2 relay since this item was last cleared. To clear, press the ▲ and ▼ buttons simultaneously while viewing this item.</td>
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The Program menu items are the programmable settings used to operate the system. **Press and hold all three buttons simultaneously** to enter the Program menu.

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<td><strong>PRGM</strong> 140°F</td>
<td>70 to 190°F (21 to 88°C) Default = 140°F (60°C)</td>
<td>TARGET DHW The DHW tank target temperature.</td>
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<td><strong>PRGM</strong> Au</td>
<td>1 to 42°F (Au, 1 to 23°C) Default = Au</td>
<td>DIFFERENTIAL The differential the control will use when operating the boilers in PID mode. (Stage Mode is set to PID)</td>
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<td><strong>PRGM 1</strong> 2°F</td>
<td>1 to 42°F (1 to 23°C) Default = 2°F (1°C)</td>
<td>DIFFERENTIAL 1 The differential the control will use for the turn on point of the Heat 1 relay (all below target DHW). (Stage Mode is set to P)</td>
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<td><strong>PRGM 2</strong> 2°F</td>
<td>1 to 42°F (1 to 23°C) Default = 2°F (1°C)</td>
<td>DIFFERENTIAL 2 The differential the control will use for the turn on point of the Heat 2 relay (all below Differential 1). (Stage Mode is set to P)</td>
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<td><strong>PRGM 0:30</strong></td>
<td>0:00 to 19:50 minutes Default = 00:30</td>
<td>DELAY The minimum time delay between the operation of stages. (Stage Mode is set to P)</td>
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<td><strong>PRGM PID</strong></td>
<td>PID, P Default = PID</td>
<td>STAGE MODE Selects the mode of operation for staging.</td>
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<td><strong>PRGM °F</strong></td>
<td>°F, °C Default = °F</td>
<td>UNITS The units of measure that all of the temperatures are to be displayed in the control.</td>
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Field Test

To test the control, push and hold the up button for 3 seconds while in the default menu. While in Field Test “tSt” is displayed.

**Step 1:** Heat 1 relay will close and Heat 2 relay will open for 10 seconds

**Step 2:** If rotate switch is off, both Heat 1 and Heat 2 relays will close for 10 seconds. If rotate switch is on, Heat 1 relay will open and Heat 2 relay will close for 10 seconds.

**Step 3:** The test routine ends and the control resumes normal operation.

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<td><strong>EEPROM READ ERROR</strong></td>
<td>The control was unable to read a piece of information stored in it’s memory. Because of this, the control was required to reload factory settings for all items in the PRGM menu. The control will stop operation until all of the items in the PRGM menu have been checked.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>DHW SENSOR ERROR</strong></td>
<td>The control is no longer able to read the DHW Sensor due to an open or short circuit. Locate and repair the problem as described in the Data Brochure D070. The outputs will not operate until the error is cleared.</td>
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DHW Control 257 Two Stage

**Literature**
- D257, A257, D001, D070

**Control**
- Microprocessor control; This is **not a safety (limit) control**

**Packaged weight**
- 0.78 lb. (355 g)

**Dimensions**
- 4-3/4” H x 2-7/8” W x 7/8” D (120 x 74 x 22 mm)

**Approvals**
- CSA C US, CSA 22.2 N°24 and UL 873, meets class B: ICES & FCC Part 15

**Ambient conditions**
- Indoor use only, 32 to 122°F (0 to 50°C), < 90% RH non-condensing

**Power supply**
- 24 V (ac) ±10%, 50/60 Hz, 3 VA

**Relay**
- 240 V (ac) 10 A 1/3 hp

**Sensors**
- NTC thermistor, 10 kΩ @ 77°F (25°C ±0.2°C) β=3892
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