Instructions for TPC Power Through Control Console

SPECIFICATIONS

**Temperature Controller:** Model TEC-9100, 1/16 DIN Dual Display with PID Auto-tuning  
**Sensor Input:** Type “J” or type “K” thermocouple dependent on model ordered  
(Alternative inputs available for special order)  
**Power Cord/voltage Input:** 120VAC or 240VAC (dependent on model ordered)  
**Heater Output:** 12A max for 1-zone consoles  
6A max per zone for 2-zone consoles  
4A max per zone for 3-zone consoles  
3A max per zone for 4-zone consoles  
**Output Device:** Solid State Relay  
**Main Power Switch:** Located on front panel  
**Fuse Main Power:** See replacement parts list (located on back panel)  
**Fuse Control Power:** See replacement parts list (located on back panel)

WARNINGS

1. Air vents located on top and bottom of console must not be blocked! To prevent an overheating condition the internal components must remain as close to room temperature (75°F / 24°C) as possible.

2. Dangerous voltage capable of causing injury or death is present within this console. Power to all equipment must be disconnected before installation or beginning any troubleshooting procedures. Heater output wiring and component replacement must be made by qualified personnel only.

3. To minimize the possibility of fire or shock, do not expose this console to rain or excessive moisture.

4. Do not use this console in areas where hazardous conditions exist such as excessive shock, vibration, dirt, corrosive gases, oil or where explosive gases or vapors are present.

WIRING (For safety, disconnect all power sources prior to wiring)

1. Attach the leads from your type thermocouple to the mini-plug provided. Take care to note the correct polarity. The red lead is (-) negative.

2. The heater output current is sourced directly through the line cord. The rear console output receptacle and mating Hubbell plug provides live controlled power for direct connection to your heater(s). Connect one lead from your heater to one prong of the Hubbell plug (not ground). Connect the other lead from your heater to the other prong. Connect heater ground (if applicable) to the ground connection (G) on the plug.
OPERATION

1. Verify the power switch is in the off position. Plug your heater & thermocouple into the rear connectors. Plug the provided line cord from the console into a standard outlet. Switch on the console.

2. Set your desired temperature setpoint by using the up and down arrow buttons on the TEC-9100 temperature controller.

3. Refer to the following pages for complete operation and auto-tuning of the TEC-9100 temperature controller.

SPARE/REPLACEMENT PARTS

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<td>Fuse, rated 15 Amps/ 250V, ¼&quot; x 1¼&quot;, fast acting, BUSS ABC-15-R. Used for main and heater power.</td>
<td>EHD-124-148</td>
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<td>(for 1, 2, and 3-zone units) Fuse (1), rated 1 Amp/ 250V, ¼&quot; x 1¼&quot;, fast acting, BUSS ABC-1-R. Used for TEC-9100 Controller.</td>
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<td>(for 120V units) Power output plug (1 per zone), Hubbell HBL4720C, 15A 125V Twist-Lock.</td>
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<td>(for 240V units) Power output plug (1 per zone), Hubbell HBL4570C, 15A 250V Twist-Lock.</td>
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(Type of plug dependent on console model ordered)

TCA-101-104 Type “K” thermocouple mini plug (1 per zone), yellow
TCA-101-105 Type “J” thermocouple mini plug (1 per zone), black
TCA-101-136 Type “CU” mini-plug, white (for 2-wire RTD)

NOTE: For all fuses, use listed BUSS part numbers or equivalent.
1–1 General
Tempco’s TEC-9100 Series Fuzzy Logic plus PID microprocessor-based controllers incorporate two bright easy to read 4-digit LED displays, indicating process value and set point value. The process value (PV) display is always the top digital display. The setpoint (SV) display is always the bottom display. Fuzzy Logic technology enables a process to reach a predetermined set point in the shortest time with a minimum of overshoot during power-up or external load disturbance.

TEC-9100 is a 1/16 DIN size panel mount controller. These units are powered by 90–250 VDC/VAC 50/60 Hz supply. The input signal is digitized by using an 18-bit A to D converter. Its fast sampling rate allows the unit to control fast processes.

By using proprietary Fuzzy modified PID technology, the control loop will minimize overshoot and undershoot in a short time. The following diagram is a comparison of results with and without Fuzzy technology.

![Figure 1.1 Fuzzy Control Advantage](image)

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**High accuracy**
This series is manufactured with custom designed ASIC (Application Specific Integrated Circuit) technology which contains an 18-bit A to D converter for high resolution measurement (true 0.1°F resolution for thermocouple and PT100) and a 15-bit D to A converter for linear current or voltage control output. The ASIC technology provides improved operating performance, low cost, enhanced reliability and higher density.

**Fast sampling rate**
The sampling rate of the input A to D converter is 5 times/second. The fast sampling rate allows this series to control fast processes.

**Fuzzy control**
The function of Fuzzy control is to adjust PID parameters from time to time in order to make manipulation of the output value more flexible and adaptive to various processes. The result is to enable a process to reach a predetermined set point in the shortest time, with the minimum of overshoot and undershoot during power-up or external load disturbance.

**Auto-tune**
The auto-tune function allows the user to simplify initial setup for a new system. An advanced algorithm is used to obtain an optimal set of control parameters for the process, and it can be applied either as the process is warming up (cold start) or when the process is in a steady state (warm start).

**Lockout protection**
Depending on security requirements, one of four lockout levels can be selected to prevent the unit from being changed without permission.

**Bumpless transfer**
Bumpless transfer allows the controller to continue to control if the sensor breaks by using its previous value. Hence, the process can be controlled temporarily as if the sensor is normal.

**Soft-start ramp**
The ramping function is performed during power up as well as any time the set point is changed. It can be ramping up or ramping down. The process value will reach the set point at a predetermined constant rate.

**Digital filter**
A first order low pass filter with a programmable time constant is used to improve the stability of the process value. This is particularly useful in certain applications where the process value is too unstable to be read.

**SEL function**
The units have the flexibility to allow the user to select those parameters which are most significant to him and put these parameters in the front of the display sequence. Up to eight parameters can be selected to allow the user to build his own display sequence.
KEYPAD OPERATION

SCROLL KEY:  
This key is used to select a parameter to be viewed or adjusted.

UP KEY:  
This key is used to increase the value of the selected parameter.

DOWN KEY:  
This key is used to decrease the value of the selected parameter.

RESET KEY:  
This key is used to:
1. Revert the display to show the process value.
2. Reset the latching alarm, once the alarm condition is removed.
3. Stop the manual control mode, auto-tuning mode, and calibration mode.
4. Clear the message of communication error and auto-tuning error.
5. Restart the dwell timer when the dwell timer has timed out.
6. Enter the manual control menu when in failure mode.

ENTER KEY: Press for 5 seconds or longer.
Press for 5 seconds to:
1. Enter setup menu. The display shows.
2. Enter manual control mode—when manual control mode is selected.
3. Enter auto-tuning mode—when auto-tuning mode is selected.
4. Perform calibration to a selected parameter during the calibration procedure.
   - Press for 6.2 seconds to select manual control mode.
   - Press for 7.4 seconds to select auto-tuning mode.
   - Press for 8.6 seconds to select calibration mode.

Table 1.1 Display Form of Characters

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Indicates Abstract Characters

Figure 1.3 Front Panel Description

Table 1.1 Display Form of Characters

Display program code of the product for 2.5 seconds.
The left diagram shows program number 6 for TEC-9100 with version 12.
Entering these modes will break the control loop and change some of the previously set data. Make sure that the system is able to accept these modes.

*1: This flow chart shows a complete listing of all parameters. For actual application the number of available parameters depends on setup conditions and could be less than that shown in the flow chart.

*2: You can select up to 8 parameters to be placed in the user menu by using SEL1-SEL8 located at the bottom of setup menu.

*3: Release , press  again for at least 2 but no more than 3 seconds, then release to access the calibration menu.

The user menu shown in the flow chart corresponds to the default setting for SELECT parameters SEL1 to SEL8. SP3 will be hidden if NONE is selected for ALFN. SP2 will be hidden if the alarm function is not selected for OUT2. An unused parameter will be hidden even if it selected by the SEL parameters.
## Parameter Descriptions (TEC-9100 Temperature Controller)

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<td>SPI</td>
<td>Set point for output 1</td>
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<td>Low: SPI1 High: SPI1H</td>
<td>Pb</td>
<td>Proportional band value (Page 9)</td>
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<td>Low: 0 High+ 500.0°C (900.0°F) 10.0°C (18.0°F)</td>
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<td>LoCE/LOCK</td>
<td>Select parameters to be locked out (Page 7)</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>L1/TD</td>
<td>Integral time value</td>
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<td>Low: 0 High: 1000 sec 100</td>
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<td>mPt/INPT</td>
<td>Input sensor selection</td>
<td>0 or 1</td>
<td>0 or 1 (See Note 1)</td>
<td>oLY/OITY</td>
<td>Output 1 signal type</td>
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<td>0 or 1 (See Note 1)</td>
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<td>unit/UNIT</td>
<td>Input unit selection</td>
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<td>oFF/OFF</td>
<td>Output 1 failure transfer mode (Page 8)</td>
<td>Select BPLS (umpless transfer) or 0.0 – 100.0% to continue output 1 control function as the unit fails, or select OFF (0) or ON (1) for ON-OFF control.</td>
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<td>dP/DP</td>
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<td>Offset value for P control</td>
<td>Low: 0 High: 100.0% 25.0</td>
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<td>Low limit of set point (Page 7)</td>
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<td>Low: -19999 High: 45536</td>
<td>-17.8°C (0°F)</td>
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<td>SP1H/SP1IH</td>
<td>High limit of set point value (Page 7)</td>
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<td>SHF/SHIF</td>
<td>PV shift (offset) value (Page 8)</td>
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<td>Low: -200.0°C (360.0°F) High: 200.0°C (360.0°F) 0.0, 2</td>
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<td>Flag/FILT</td>
<td>Filter damping time constant of PV (Page 8)</td>
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<td>0: 0 second time constant 1: 0.2 second time constant 2: 0.5 second time constant 3: 1 second time constant 4: 2 seconds time constant 5: 5 seconds time constant 6: 10 seconds time constant 7: 20 seconds time constant 8: 30 seconds time constant 9: 60 seconds time constant</td>
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**Note 1:** Dependent on model ordered.

**NOTE:**
It is strongly recommended that a process should incorporate a LIMIT CONTROL such as the TEC-9100 which will shut down the equipment at a preset process condition in order to preclude possible damage to products or system.

Information in this user's manual is subject to change without notice.
Chapter 3 Programming

Press $\text{[Menu]}$ for 5 seconds and release to enter the setup menu. Press $\text{[Menu]}$ to select the desired parameter. The upper display indicates the parameter symbol, and the lower display indicates the selected value of the parameter.

3–1 Lockout
There are four security levels that can be selected using the LOCK parameter.

If NONE is selected for LOCK, then no parameter is locked.

If SET is selected for LOCK, then all setup data are locked.

If USER is selected for LOCK, then all setup data as well as user data (refer to section 1-5) except the set point are locked to prevent them from being changed.

If ALL is selected for LOCK, then all parameters are locked to prevent them from being changed.

3–2 Signal Input

**INPT**: Selects the sensor type or signal type for signal input.

**Range**: (thermocouple) J-TC, K-TC, T-TC, E-TC, B-TC, R-TC, S-TC, N-TC, L-TC

(RTD) PT.DN, PT.JS

(Linear) 4–20mA, 0–20mA, 0–60mV, 0–1VDC, 0–5VDC, 1–5VDC, 0–10VDC

**UNIT**: Selects the process unit

**Range**: °C, °F, PU (process unit). If the unit is set for neither °C nor °F, then it defaults to PU.

**DP**: Selects the resolution of process value.

**Range**: (For T/C and RTD) NO.DP, 1-DP

SL = Setpoint Low Stop   SH = Setpoint High Stop

3–3 Manual Control

**Operation**
To enable manual control, the LOCK parameter should be set to NONE, then press $\text{[Menu]}$ for 6.2 seconds; $\text{[Hand]}$ --- (hand control) will appear on the display. Press $\text{[Menu]}$ for 5 seconds, then the MAN indicator will begin to flash and the lower display will show $\text{[Set]}$. The controller is now in manual control mode. $\text{[Set]}$ indicates output control variable for output 1, and $\text{[Set]}$ indicates control variable for output 2. Now you can use the up and down keys to adjust the percentage values for the heating or cooling output.

The controller performs open loop control as long as it stays in manual control mode.

**Exit Manual Control**
Pressing the $\text{[R]}$ key will cause the controller to revert to its normal display mode.
**PV Shift**

In certain applications it is desirable to shift the controller display value (PV) from its actual value. This can easily be accomplished by using the PV shift function.

The SHIF function will alter PV only.

Example: A process is equipped with a heater, a sensor, and a subject to be warmed up. Due to the design and position of the components in the system, the sensor could not be placed any closer to the part. Thermal gradient (differing temperatures) is common and necessary to an extent in any thermal system for heat to be transferred from one point to another. If the difference between the sensor and the subject is 35°C, and the desired temperature at the subject to be heated is 200°C, the temperature at the sensor should be 235°C. You should enter -35°C to subtract 35°C from the actual process display. This in turn will cause the controller to energize the load and bring the process display up to the set point value.

![Figure 3.7 PV Shift Application](image)

**3–9 Digital Filter**

In certain applications, the process value is too unstable to be read due possibly to electrical noise. A programmable low-pass filter incorporated in the controller is used to improve this. It is a first-order filter with the time constant specified by the FILT parameter. The default value of FILT is set at 0.5 seconds before shipping. Adjust FILT to change the time constant from 0 to 60 seconds. 0 seconds means no filter is applied to the input signal. The filter is characterized by the following diagram:

**Note**

The filter is available only for PV, and is performed for the displayed value only. The controller is designed to use unfiltered signal for control even if the filter is applied. A lagged (filtered) signal, if used for control, may produce an unstable process.

![Figure 3.8 Filter Characteristics](image)

**3–10 Failure Transfer**

The controller will enter failure mode if one of the following conditions occurs:

1. **SBER** occurs due to input sensor break or input current below 1mA if 4–20 mA is selected or input voltage below 0.25V if 1–5V is selected.
2. **ADER** occurs due to the A-D converter of the controller failing.

Output 1 and output 2 will perform the failure transfer function as the controller enters failure mode.

**Output 1 failure transfer**, if activated, will perform:

1. If output 1 is configured as proportional control (PB≠ 0), and BPLS is selected for O1FT, then output 1 will perform bumpless transfer. Thereafter, the previous averaging value of MV1 will be used for controlling output 1.
2. If output 1 is configured as proportional control (PB≠ 0), and a value of 0 to 100.0% is set for O1FT, then output 1 will perform failure transfer. Thereafter, the value of O1FT will be used for controlling output 1.
3. If output 1 is configured as ON-OFF control (PB=0), then output 1 will be driven OFF if OFF is set for O1FT and will be driven ON if ON is set for O1FT.

**Output 2 failure transfer**, if activated, will perform:

1. If OUT2 is configured as COOL, and BPLS is selected for O1FT, then output 2 will perform bumpless transfer. Thereafter, the previous averaging value of MV2 will be used for controlling output 2.
2. If OUT2 is configured as COOL, and a value of 0 to 100.0% is set for O2FT, then output 2 will perform failure transfer. Thereafter, the value of O1FT will be used for controlling output 2.
3. If OUT2 is configured as alarm function, and O2FT is set to OFF, then output 2 will go off. Otherwise, output 2 will go on if O2FT is set to ON.

**Alarm failure transfer** is activated as the controller enters failure mode. Thereafter, the alarm will transfer to the ON or OFF state preset by ALFT.
Auto-tuning

The auto-tuning process is performed near the set point. The process will oscillate around the set point during the tuning process. Set the set point at a lower value if overshooting beyond the normal process value is likely to cause damage.

Auto-tuning is applied in cases of:

- Initial setup for a new process
- The set point is changed substantially from the previous auto-tuning value
- The control result is unsatisfactory

Operation:

1. The system has been installed normally.
2. Set the correct values for the setup menu of the unit, but don’t set a zero value for PB and TI, or the auto-tuning program will be disabled. The LOCK parameter should be set at NONE.
3. Set the set point to a normal operating value, or a lower value if overshooting beyond the normal process value is likely to cause damage.
4. Press $\mathcal{A}$ and hold until $\mathcal{A} - \mathcal{A}$ appears on the display.
5. Then press $\mathcal{A}$ again for at least 5 seconds. The AT indicator will begin to flash and the auto-tuning procedure begins.

**NOTE:** The ramping function, if used, will be disabled when auto-tuning is taking place.

Auto-tuning mode is disabled as soon as either failure mode or manual control mode is entered.

**Procedures:**

Auto-tuning can be applied either as the process is warming up (cold start), or when the process has been in a steady state (warm start). After the auto-tuning procedures are completed, the AT indicator will cease to flash and the unit will revert to PID control using its new PID values. The PID values obtained are stored in the nonvolatile memory.

**Auto-Tuning Error**

If auto-tuning fails an ATER message will appear on the upper display in the following cases:

- If PB exceeds 9000 (9000 PU, 900.0°F or 500.0°C),
- if TI exceeds 1000 seconds,
- if the set point is changed during the auto-tuning procedure.

**Solutions to ATER**

1. Try auto-tuning once again.
2. Don’t change the set point value during the auto-tuning procedure.
3. Don’t set a zero value for PB and TI.
4. Use manual tuning instead of auto-tuning (see section 3-12).
5. Touch RESET key to reset ATER message.

**Manual Tuning**

In certain applications auto-tuning may be inadequate for the control requirements. You can try manual tuning for these applications.

If the control performance using auto-tuning is still unsatisfactory, the following rules can be applied for further adjustment of PID values:

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RETURNS
No product returns can be accepted without a completed Return Material Authorization (RMA) form.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT
Technical questions and troubleshooting help is available from Tempco. When calling or writing please give as much background information on the application or process as possible.

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