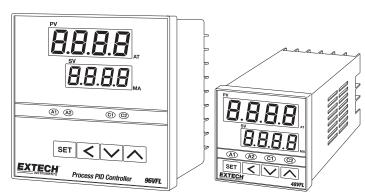


# **INSTRUCTION MANUAL**

## **VFL Series PID Controllers**

## FRONT PANEL DESCRIPTION:



- (1) PV-Process Value
- (2) SV-Setting Value
- (3) AT-Auto tuning LED
- (4) MA-Manual mode LED
- (5) A1 Alarm 1 LED
- (6) A2-Alarm 2 LED
- (7) C1-Control 1 LED
- (8) C2-Control 2 LED

- (1) **SET**
- -SET KEY. Press once to access the next programmable parameter.

Press and hold this key for 5 seconds to reset alarm timer.

- (2)
- -UP KEY. Press to increase the set point or parameter value.
- (3)
- -DOWN KEY. Press to decrease the set point or parameter value.
- (4)
- -SHIFT KEY. Press the shift key for 5 seconds to execute Auto Tune process (Yes. 1 mode)

To abort an Auto Tune process, press and hold the shift key for 5 seconds.

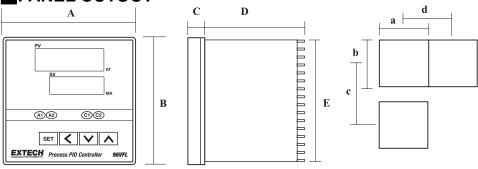
- (5) **SET**
- -Press the SET and UP keys once to return the normal operation.
- (6) SET **<**
- -LEVEL KEY. Press the SET & SHIFT keys simultaneously for 5 seconds to select programming

level, then press the SET key to enter this level.

(7)

--- Press the UP & DOWN keys simultaneously for 5 seconds to access "LnLo" & "LnHi" parameters.

# **■PANEL CUTOUT:**

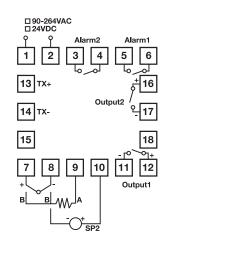


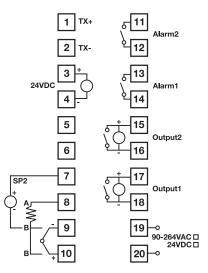
Model	Α	В	С	D	E	а	b	С	d
48VFL	48	48	6	100	45	45+0.5	45+0.5	60	48
96VFL	96	96	10	80	91	92+0.5	92+0.5	120	96

(Units: mm)

# WIRING DIAGRAM 48VFL

## 96VFL

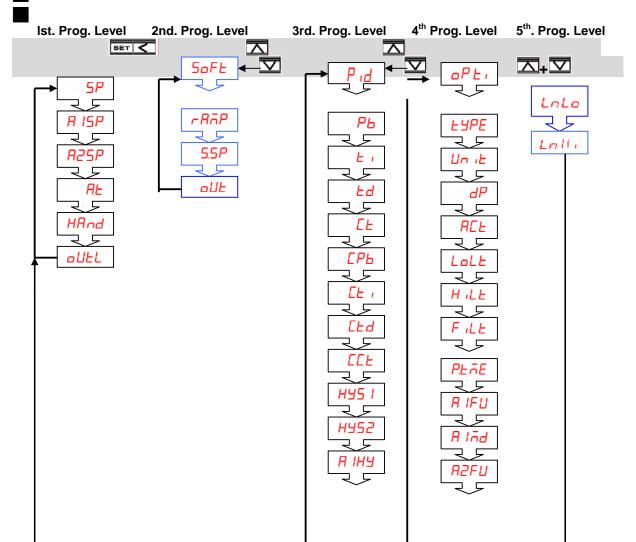


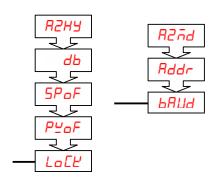


# **■**Wiring Precautions:

- 1. Before wiring, verify the controller label for correct model number and options.
- 2. For thermocouple input, use the appropriate compensation wire. And note the polarity of input signal.
- 3. To avoid noise induction, keep input signal wires away from instrument power lines, load lines and power lines of other electrical equipment.

# **■ PROGRAMMING LEVEL PARAMETERS**





- 1. When 2nd Output (Cooling) is not selected, CPb · Cti · Ctd · HYS2 and db parameters are not available.
- 2. When Pb $\neq$ 0.0 , HYS1 will be skipped.
- 3. When CPb≠0.0 , HYS2 will be skipped.
- 4. When Pb=0.0 , ti  $\cdot$  td will be skipped.
- 5. When CPb=0.0 , Cti  $\cdot$  Ctd will be skipped.

# PARAMETER DESCRIPTION:

	LEVE	L Selection			
	Press	SET	keys for at least 5 seconds to access Soft Level. Use or		
	key to select programming level. Then press SET key to enter this lev				
LEYL		LEVEL	Description		
		5 <sub>o</sub> FŁ	SoFt Level		
		Pid	PID Level		
		oP E i	Option Level		

## **USER LEVEL**

CODE	DESCRIPTION	RANGE	Default
5P	Set point value of control	LoLt — HiLt	500
A ISP	Alarm 1 set point value/Timer set value while A1FU is set to T.on or T. off, the unit can be HH.MM or MM.SS. It depends on the "P.tnE" parameter.	-1999 — 9999/	10
R25P	Alarm 2 set point value/ Timer set value while A2FU is set to T.on or T. off, the unit can be HH.MM or MM.SS. It depends on the "P.tnE" parameter.	-1999 — 9999/	10
	□□ : Auto-tuning is disable	no	
AL	JE 5. I : Standard type auto-tuning.         Autotune PV is compared wit SV during auto tuning.	YE5. I	no
	<b>JE5</b> .2 : Low PV type auto-tuning.	YE 5.2	

	PV is compared with SV-10%FS during Auto-tuning.		
HAnd	□□: Disable the manual mode Manual control	CO	20
HHNO	<b>≝</b> 5 : Enable the manual mode.	<i>9</i> E5	no
oUEL	Output percentage. Adjustable when "Hand" is set to "Yes"	-100.0 — 100.0	0.0

# **SOFT LEVEL**

Code	Description	Range	Default
rAñP	Ramp rate for the process value to limit an abrupt Change of process (°C/min)	0 - 9999 (0.0 - 999.9)	0.0
5.5P	Set point value of soft-start	LoLt - HiLt	0
oUE	Output percentage of soft-start	0.0 - 100.0	100.0

# **PID LEVEL**

CODE	DESCRIPTION	RANGE	Default
РЬ	Proportional band variable. Set to 0.0 for ON/OFF control mode	0.0-300.0%	10.0
_ E i	Integral time (Reset). This value is automatically calculated by activating the Autotune function. If desired, the user can later adjust this parameter to better suit the application. When PB=0.0, this parameter will be not available. When set to zero, Pb & td $\neq$ 0 for PD control	0-3600sec	240
Ed	Derivative (Rate). This value is automatically calculated by activating the Auto tune function. If desired, the user can later adjust this parameter to better suit the application. When PB=0.0, this parameter will be not available. When set to zero, Pb & td $\neq$ 0 for PI control	0-900sec	60
ĽΕ	Proportional cycle time of output 1	0-100sec	15
ЕРЬ	Proportional band variable for secondary control output (cooling). Set 0.0 for ON/OFF	0.0-300.0%	10.0
EE ,	Integral time for secondary control output. When PB=0.0, this parameter will be not available. When set to zero, Pb & td $\neq$ 0 for PD control		240
СЕН	Derivative time for secondary control output. When Pb=0.0, this parameter will be not available. When set to zero, Pb & ti $\neq$ 0 for PI control		60
EEE	Proportional cycle time of output 2	0-100sec	15
H95 I	Hysteresis for ON/OFF control on output 1	0-2000(0.0-200.0)	1
HY52	Hysteresis for ON/OFF control on output 2	0-2000(0.0-200.0)	1
A IHY	Hysteresis of alarm 1	0-2000	1
R2HY	Hysteresis of alarm 2	0-2000	1
dЬ	Dead band value. This defines the area in which output 1 and output 2 are both active (negative value) or the area in which output 1 and output 2 are both inactive (positive value)	-1000-1000 (-100.0-100.0)	0
5P <sub>o</sub> F	Set point offset. This value will be added to SV to perform control.	-1000-1000	0

	It mainly used to eliminate offset error during Pb control		(-100.0-100.0)	
PYoF	Process value offset. Permits the user to offset the PV indication from the actual PV		-1000-2000 (-100.0-200.0)	0
	single para	lock. This security feature locks out selected levels or meters prohibiting tampering and inadvertent ng changes		
	0000 0001	All parameters are locked out Only SP is adjustable		
LoCY	0010 0011	Only USER level is adjustable USER and PID levels are adjustable		0100
	0100	USER,PID,OPTI levels are adjustable		
	0101	USER, SOFT, PID, OPTI levels are adjustable		
	0101~0111	All parameters in all levels are unlocked		
	1000~1111	1000=0000,1001=0001,1010=0010,1011=0011,1100=0100 The only difference is that Output 2 is unlocked		

## **OPTION LEVEL**

CODE	DESCRIPTION			RANGE	Default
	Input type	selection.			
	tYPE	RANGE(°C)	RANGE(°F)		
	J	-50 ∼ 1000	-58 ∼ 1832		
	K	-50 ∼ 1370	-58 ∼ 2498		
	Т	<b>-270</b> ∼ 400	-454 ∼ 752		
	Е	-50 ∼ 750	-58 ∼ 1382		
<i>E SPE</i>	В	0 ~ 1800	32 ~ 3272	Refer to figure.	K
	R	0 ~ 1750	32 ~ 3182		
	S	0 ~ 1750	32 ~ 3182		
	N	-50 ∼ 1300	-58 ∼ 2372		
	С	-50 ∼ 1800	-58 ∼ 3272		
	D-PT	-200 ∼ 850	-328 ~ 1652		
	J-PT	-200 ∼ 650	-328 ~ 1202		
	LINE	-1999 ~	9999		
	_	cess value		οĽ	
Un iE	<b>□</b> [:	Degrees C		or C	င
טח וכ	oF:	Degrees F			C
	EnG :	Engineer units for linear	input	EnG	
	Decimal po	oint selection		0000	
	0000 : No	decimal point		0000	
dР	000.0 : 0.1	resolution	000.0	0000	
	00.00 : 0.01 resolution, used for linear input only			0.000	
	0.000 : 0.001 resolution, used for linear input only			0.000	
	Output 1 c	ontrol action.		- FII	
ACE	<i>-Е</i> <u>'</u> : R	everse action for heating	rE <u>u</u>	rEU	
	d ۱۲: Di	rect action for cooling		ا ا ا	

LoLE	Low limit of span or range. Set the low limit lower than the lowest expected SV and PV display	Full range	0
HiLE	High limit of span or range. Set the high limit higher than highest expected SV and PV display	Full range	1000
FILE	Software filter.	0.0-99.9	10.0
PĿñE	Time scale for timer alarm.  HHaa-Hours:Minutes;  aa55 Minutes:Seconds	00.00~99.59	00.00
A IFU	Alarm 1 function. Refer to alarm section for details  If A1FU=None, the alarm function is cancelled	None, Hi, Lo, dif.H, dif.L, bd.Hi, bd.Lo t.on, t.oFF	а "Е.Н
R Iñd	Alarm 1 mode. Refer to alarm mode section for detail	none, Stdy, Lath, St.La	nonE
R2FU	Alarm 2 function. Refer to alarm function section for detail  If A2FU=None, it means alarm fuction is cancelled.	none, Hi, Lo, dif.H, dif.L, bd.Hi, bd.Lo t.on, t.oFF	d ıF.L
R2ñd	Alarm 2 mode. Refer to alarm mode section for details	none, Stdy, Lath, St.La	nonE
Rddr	Controller address. For use with PC RS-485 interface	0 - 255	0
ьяиа	Baud rate. 2.4k=2400bps, 4.8k=4800 bps, 9.6k=9600 bps, 19.2k=19200 bps	2.4k, 4.8k 9.6k, 19.2k	9.6k

Code	Description	Range	Default
LnLa	Low Scale of Linear Input	-1999~9999(-199.9~999.9)	0.0
Latte	High Scale of Linear Input	-1999~9999(-199.9~999.9)	100.0

# **Scaling for Linear Input**

- 1. Press and hold the UP and DOWN keys simultaneously for 5 seconds to access the "LnLo" parameter.
- 2. Adjust "LnLo" setting to correspond to the low scale; after adjustment, press setting to correspond to the low scale; after adjustment, press
- 3. Adjust "LnHi" setting to correspond to the high scale; after adjustment press set key once to exit

## **ALARM FUNCTION**

A1FU/A2FU	ALARM TYPE	ALARM OUTPUT OPERATION
nonE	Alarm function OFF	Output OFF
Н	Process high alarm	A PV
Lo	Process low alarm	A PV
d iF.H	Deviation high alarm	SP+ALSP

d ıF.L	Deviation low alarm	A PV SP+ALSP
ЬДН т	Band high alarm	OFF  A A PV  SP-ALSP SP SP+ALSP
bd.L o	Band low alarm	OFF OFF PV SP-ALSP SP SP+ALSP
Ł.on	On-timer	ALSP PV SP
Ł.oFF	Off-timer	ALSP PV SP

#### **ALARM MODE**

A1MD/A2MD	DESCRIPTION	
nonE	Normal alarm mode/ When timer function is selected, with the PV <sv,< th=""></sv,<>	
	the timer function is disabled	
5E49	Standby mode When selected, in any alarm function, an alarm on	
	power-up is prevented. The alarm is enabled only when the process	
	value reaches the alarm set point. Also known as "Startup inhibit"	
	(useful for avoiding alarm trips during startup)	
LAFH	Latch mode. When selected, the alarm output and indicator "latch"	
	when the alarm occurs. The alarm output and indicator will remain	
	energized even if the alarm condition has been cleared (unless the	
	power to the meter is removed)	
5LLR	Standby and latch mode	

## **MAUTOMATIC AND MANUAL OUTPUT CONTROL**

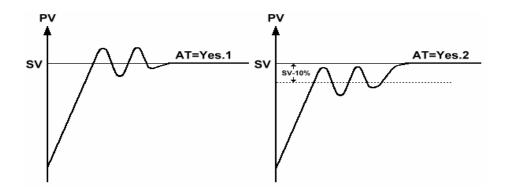
Automatic control is the normal mode of controller operation. In automatic control mode the controller automatically adjusts the control output percentage, using PID, to bring the PV equal to the SV. The PID parameters Pb, Ti and Td can be automatically determine using the Auto Tune procedure.

Manual control allows the user to manually drive the output percentage from 0.0 to 100.0%. To access the manual mode, set the "HRnd" parameter to " YE5", the right-most decimal (MA) on the SV display will flash. The "oULL" parameter will then alternately display oULL and the process value. The output percentage can then be adjusted using the UP or DOWN keys. To abort the manual control, simply set "HRnd" to " no".

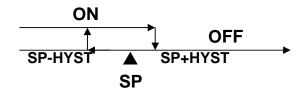
### **AUTO TUNE**

In order to automatically set the PID parameters in the PID level ("Pb" proportional band, "ti: integral time, also known as 'reset', and "td" derivative time, also known as 'rate'), first adjust the controller's set point to a value that closely approximates the application at hand. Set the "PE" parameter to "YES. I" for standard applications or "YES. " for minimizing SV overshoot (see diagram below). The right-most decimal point (AT) on the PV display will flash in Auto Tune mode. This procedure will run two cycle oscillations.

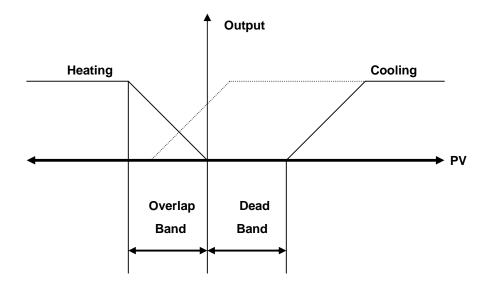
After that, the controller performs PID control with the "learned" PID value to verify the results. Finally the PID values will be entered into the nonvolatile memory and then starts the Fuzzy enhanced PID control. The auto tune process can last from several minutes up to two hours, depending on the process in question. A time out error will occur if the auto tune process can not be completed within two hours, in this case, try to set the PID parameters manually. To abort an auto tune process, simply set the " RE" parameter to " no".



The controller can also be set to ON/OFF, PI, PD and P control mode. Set Pb = 0 for ON/OFF control mode. Set ti = 0 for PD control mode. Set td = 0 fro PI control mode and ti, td = 0 fro P control mode. The Hysteresis (dead band) for ON/OFF control operates as follows:



When the second control output (output 2) is used, the proportional band of output 2 and the dead band interact as detailed below:



# **■**ERROR MESSAGE AND TROUBLESHOOTING

Symptom	Probable	Solution
aPEn	- Sensor break error	- Replace sensor
	- Sensor not connected	- Check that the sensor is connected correctly
AdEr	- A/D converter damage	<ul> <li>- Unit must be repaired or replaced</li> <li>- Check for outside source of damage such as transient voltage spikes</li> </ul>
REEr	- Auto tune time out error	Set Pb, ti, td manually
Keypad not	- Keypad is locked	- Set"Lo[Lutto an appropriate value
functioning	- Keypad is defective	- Have unit repaired
Process value unstable	- Improper setting of Pb, Ti, Td and	- Start AT process to set Pb, Ti, Td automatically - Set Pb, Ti, Td manually
No heat or output	- No heater power or fuse open - Output device defective or incorrect output used	- Check output wiring and fuse - Replace output device
LEDs and display not lighting up	- No power to controller - SMPS failure	- Check power lines connection - Replace or repair meter
Process Value changed abnormally	- Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) or Radio Frequency Interference (RFI)	- Suppress arcing contacts in system to eliminate high voltage spike sources. Separate the sensors and the controller wiring from "noisy" power lines. Ground heaters
Entered data lost	- EEPROM error	- Replace or repair meter

## **Controller Overview**

#### **Controller Wiring**

The controller must be wired before use. The controller's input, outputs, and AC power are connected via its rear terminals. Refer to the wiring diagram for details.

### **Programming Menus**

The controller uses a menu-based programming format. The menu levels are USER, PID, OPTION, and SOFT-START. Each menu includes a series of parameters that customize the controller. The menu structure and parameter descriptions are detailed in the instructions on reverse side of this sheet.

#### Inputs

The controller accepts an input from a Thermocouple, RTD, or Analog signal. Wire the input as shown in the wiring diagram. The measurement (PV for Process Variable) is displayed on the controller's top LED readout in red.

### Setpoint Value (SV)

The Setpoint Value (SV) is the process application target value. For example, in an oven application the desired oven temperature is the SV. This SV is changed adjusted as described in the operating instructions. The SV is shown on the controller's lower LED display digits in green.

### **Control Outputs**

The control outputs (C1 & C2) are to be wired to an external control device such as a heater, valve, switch, etc. The controller automatically adjusts external devices to bring the Process Variable (PV) in line with the Setpoint Variable (SV). Available outputs are Relay, Pulsed DC, and 4-20mA Analog Output.

## **Tuning**

The controller <u>must be tuned</u> for every new application. It is strongly recommended that user run the Auto Tune function (AT). Note that the controller must be wired and ready to go before Auto Tune is started. Auto Tune optimizes the controller's response to exactly match the characteristics and dynamics of the process at hand. Although auto tuning will be sufficient in most cases, there may be times when manual adjustments are required. Qualified personnel can Manually Tune the controller using the PID parameters in the PID Menu Level. Note that improper tuning can cause sever process disturbances; Use Auto Tuning when possible. Again, use Auto Tune whenever possible.

#### **Alarm Outputs**

The controller has alarm output relays (A1 & A2) that can be used to switch on/off a lamp, sound a buzzer, shut down a heater, etc. at a programmed alarm setpoint. Refer to the discussion of Alarms on the main instruction page.

### **System Reset**

To revert all of the parameters to their original factory default settings, press and hold the UP and DOWN arrow keys simultaneously while turning the controller ON. Release the keys after the display switches on.

### **Security LOCK**

To lock the controller, in order to avoid setpoint and program tampering, refer to the information provided in this manual for the 'LOCK' parameter.

## **Specifications**

#### **General Specifications**

Display Dual 7-segment 4-digit LED: Red digits for Process Variable (PV) and green digits for

Setpoint Variable (SV)

Display range -1999 to 9999

Indicating accuracy  $\pm$  (0.2% full scale + 1 digit)

Display update rate 4 readings per second

Output status indication Front panel Alarm (A1 and A2) and Control (C1 and C2) status LED's inform the user when

an output switches on or off.

Out-of-range indication PV display flashes.

'No input' indication PV displays 'OPEN' when input terminals are disconnected.

Auto Tune indication Right-most decimal on the PV display flashes while the controller is in the auto tune mode.

Calibration data Stored in non-volatile memory along with user parameter edits.

Meter construction Case is ABS plastic and the front panel is drip- and dust-proof Lexan material (NEMA and

IEC IP55 equivalent)

Power requirement 90 to 264VAC 50/60Hz (automatically accommodates any voltage between 90 to 264VAC)

Power consumption < 5VA

Insulation Resistance  $> 50M\Omega$ 

Noise rejection Common Mode: 120 dB; Normal Mode: 60 dB (typical)

Operating conditions 14 to 122°F (-10 to 50°C); 90% Relative Humidity max.

Storage temperature -4 to 140°F (-20 to 60°C)

Panel cut-out dimensions 1.77 x 1.77" ±0.02" (45.0 x 45.0mm ±0.5mm) for 48VFL

 $3.62 \times 3.62$ "  $\pm 0.02$ " (92.0 x 92.0mm  $\pm 0.5$ mm) for 96VFL

#### Thermocouple Input Specifications

Thermocouple (TC) types J, K, T, E, B, R, S, N, and C (user programmable)

TC Break protect Upscale and Downscale

Lead wire effect 0.015% / ohm

Input impedance  $> 10M\Omega$ Repeatability 0.83°C

Temperature stability 5uV/°C typical

TC Ranges Type K: -58 to 2498°F (-50 to 1370°C)

Type J: -58 to 1830°F (-50 to 1000°C)

Type B: 32 to 3272°F (0 to 1800°C)

Type T: -454 to 752°F (-270 to 400°C)

Type E: -58 to 1382°F (-50 to 750°C)

Type R: 32 to 3182°F (0 to 1750°C)

Type S: 32 to 3182°F (0 to 1750°C)

Type N: -58 to 2372°F (-50 to 1300°C)

Type C: -58 to 3272°F (-50 to 1800°C)

#### **RTD Input Specifications**

RTD type Platinum  $100\Omega$  (DIN or JIS)

RTD range -328 to 1202°F (-200 to 650°C)

Break protection Up- and down-scale

Lead wire effect 0.015° / Ohm

Repeatability 0.2°C

## **Analog (Linear) Input Specifications**

Current Input 4 to 20mA DC (2.7 $\Omega$  input impedance)

Voltage Input 1 to 5V DC (>10M $\Omega$  input impedance)

Display range -1999 to 9999 digits

Repeatability Within 1 digit

## **Relay and Pulse DC Output Specifications**

Relay outputs SPST (dry contact) relays can switch up to 5 Amps @ 110V AC or 24VDC (for resistive

loads only)

Pulsed DC outputs 0 to 24 VDC output (drives resistive loads to  $250\Omega$  max.)

Control actions Indirect or reverse acting (heating) and direct acting (cooling)

Control types ON/OFF control with Hysteresis (dead band)

Time proportioning control (for relay or pulsed DC output)

Standard proportional output (analog output)

Automatic tuning Push-button activation. Automatically tunes the proportional band and integral/derivative

times.

Manual Tuning Proportional Band (Pb): 0.0 to 300.0% of Full Scale

Integral time or 'Reset' (Ti): 0 to 3000 seconds (includes anti-reset wind-up)

Derivative time or 'Rate' (Td): 0 to 900 seconds

Cycle Time: 0 to 100 seconds (set to '0' for 4-20mA output)

Hysteresis: 0.0 to 25.5% of Full Scale

#### **ALARM Output Specifications**

Alarm relay outputs SPST, dry contact relay can switch up to 3 Amps @ 110VAC; (for Resistive Loads)

Alarm modes Deviation, Absolute, and Band Alarms with dead band (Hysteresis) adjustment.

### **ANALOG Output Specifications**

Analog output 4-20mA DC Load limits  $600\Omega$  max.

Programming Set Cycle Time (Ct) to '0' to enable the analog output

### Warranty

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Before contacting Extech, please have the following information handy:

- Detailed description of concern
- Current settings of all controller programming menu levels
- Controller wiring diagram or schematic
- Documentation for the process to which the controller is connected (description, schematic, wiring, block diagrams, etc.)
- Instruction manual for the controller
- Error messages from controller's display (if any)



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