



**SERIES  
32C**

**TEMPERATURE/PROCESS  
CONTROLLER**



*Instruction Manual*

## Introduction

Congratulations on your purchase of an Athena Series 32C Temperature/Process Controller. It is designed for ease of use and reliability wherever accurate control is required.

After following the instructions for installation, simply step through and set your operating parameters using the controller's easy menu system. The instrument may then be automatically or manually tuned to your process for optimum set-point control. A Quick-Start Reference Card is in the back of the instruction manual for experienced users of PID controllers.

As you look through this manual, you will notice italicized text appearing in the margins and adjacent to operating information. These notes impart important information about the controller and may answer questions you may have about its setup or operation. If you still have questions or require any assistance, please contact your Athena representative or call technical support at 1-800-782-6776. Outside the U.S., please call 610-828-2490.

## Precautions

After unpacking, inspect the instrument for any physical damage that may have occurred in shipping. Save all packing materials and report any damage to the carrier immediately.

## Features

Field-Selectable Thermocouple, RTD, or Voltage Input  
Current Input (with External 2.5 Ohm Resistor)  
On/Off Through Full PID Operation  
Autotuning - Heat or Cool  
Adjustable On/Off Output Hysteresis  
Dual Outputs  
Field-Configurable Process or Deviation Alarms  
Output % or Process Value Display  
Bumpless, Auto-Manual Transfer  
NEMA 4X Front Bezel  
4-Digit (0.40") Alphanumeric Display  
Approvals: UL, cUL, CE-compliant

## Safety Warning



In addition to presenting a potential fire hazard, high voltage and high temperature can damage equipment and cause severe injury or death. When installing or using this instrument, follow all instructions carefully and use approved

safety controls. Electrical connections and wiring should be performed only by suitably trained personnel.

Do not locate this instrument where it is subject to excessive shock, vibration, dirt, moisture, oil, or other liquids. The safe operating temperature range for this unit is 32°F to 140°F (0°C to 60°C).

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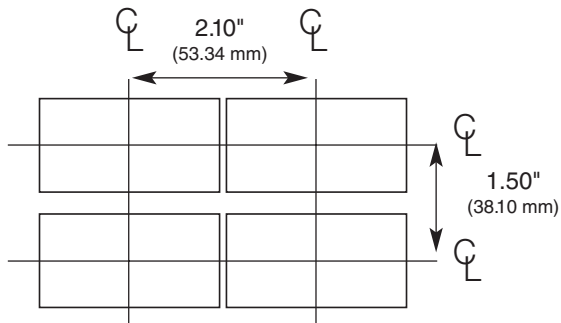
# Installation

Measurements between centerlines of panel cutouts are minimum recommended.

## Unpacking and Inspection

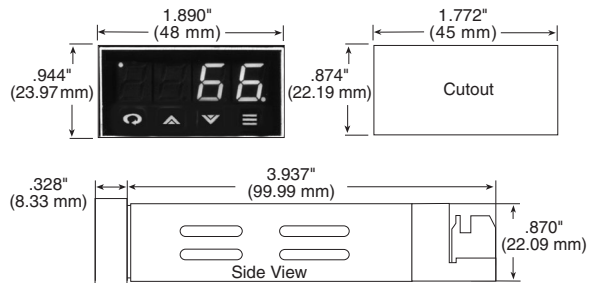
1. Inspect shipping carton for obvious signs of mishandling.
2. After removing the controller from the shipping carton, inspect it carefully for damage. Never attempt to install and use a damaged unit.
3. Verify that the ordering code number indicated on the side of the controller matches what was ordered.

Figure 1.  
Recommended Panel Layout for Multiple Controllers



# Dimensions

Figure 2. Case Dimensions

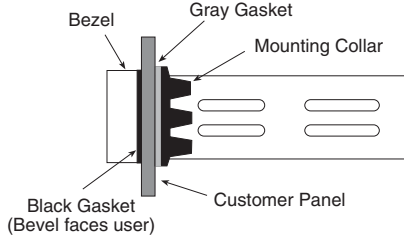


Prior to mounting the Series 32C in your panel, make sure that the cutout opening is of the right size, 0.874" x 1.772" (22.19 mm x 45.0 mm), and deburred to enable a smooth fit. A minimum of 4.5" (113 mm) of depth behind the panel is required.

## Mounting

**Figure 3. Mounting Diagram**

Insert the Series 32C through the front panel cutout and slide the mounting collar back onto the unit from behind the panel. Push the mounting collar up tight to the back of the mounting panel.



## Wiring

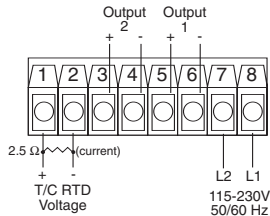


**IMPORTANT:** All electrical wiring connections should be made only by trained personnel, and in strict accordance with the National Electrical Code and local regulations.

The Series 32C controller has built-in circuitry to reduce the effects of electrical noise (RFI) from various sources. However, power and signal wires should always be kept separate. We recommend separating connecting wires into bundles: power; signal; alarms; and outputs. These bundles should then be routed through individual conduits. Shielded sensor cables should always be terminated at one end only.

If additional RFI attenuation is required, noise suppression devices such as an R.C. snubber at the external noise source may be used. If you wish, you may order this suppressor directly from Athena.

**Figure 4. Contact Identification**

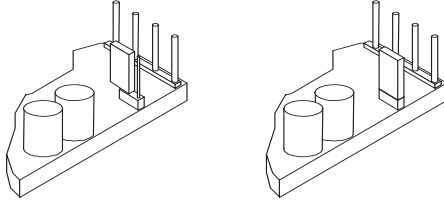


# Wiring

*Thermocouple circuit resistance should not exceed 100 ohms for rated accuracy; errors will occur at higher resistance values. If shielded thermocouple wire is used, terminate the shield only at one end.*

*When using an RTD sensor, an approximate error of 6 °F (3.3 °C) will result for each ohm of resistance encountered in the lead wires. If shielded RTD wire is used, terminate the shield only at one end.*

The Series 32C accepts Type J, K, or T thermocouples, 100 ohm RTDs and linear inputs (suppressed or unsuppressed). It is shipped from the factory set for thermocouple or linear input; however, a shunt jumper is located on the PC board near the rear of the unit. This jumper (JMP01) is accessible by removing the back portion of the case. It is not necessary to remove the PC board from the case. See table below.



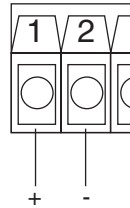
Input Sensor Type	Shunt Position
J,K or T Thermocouples	Shunt covers 1 post only
100 ohm RTD	Shunt covers both posts
Linear Process Inputs	Shunt covers 1 post only

### Thermocouple Input Wiring

Using the appropriate thermocouple and extension wire, connect the negative lead (generally colored red in ISA-type thermocouples) to contact 2; connect the positive lead to contact 1. Extension wires must be the same polarity as the thermocouple.

### RTD Wiring

Connect 2-wire, 100 ohm platinum RTD to contacts 1 and 2. Keep leads short and use copper extension wire.



**Figure 5.**  
**Thermocouple, RTD,**  
**and Voltage**  
**Connections**

# Wiring



## Process and Linear Input Wiring

**Voltage Inputs:** Connect the positive voltage input to contact 1 and the negative to contact 2 (Figure 5).

**Current Inputs:** (Figure 6) Connect the positive current input to contact 1 and the negative current input to contact 2.

Connect an external 2.5 ohm shunt resistor across the contacts.

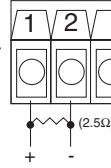


Figure 6. Current Input Wiring

The Series 32C accepts both 85 to 265 Vac and 120 to 375 Vdc line power without any switch settings or polarity considerations. All connections should be made in accordance with the National Electrical Code and local regulations, using only NEC Class 1 wiring for all power terminals.

Both of the incoming power lines should be fused with 2AG, 0.5 amp maximum rated fuses. Be sure that only instrument power input is fused — not power to the load.

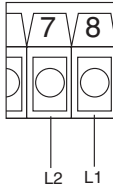


Figure 7. Power Wiring Connection



## Output Types

*The Type “R” output is a mechanical device and subject to wear. To extend the life of the relay, set the Cycle Time for the relay output to the longest duration that still affords good control.*

When you ordered your Series 32C controller, a specific output device combination was specified. See page 40 for the ordering code, and compare it to the part number on the controller label. Your controller was also configured at the factory with either one or two output actions. Generally, output 1 is used as a **reverse-acting** (heat) function and output 2 is a **direct-acting** (cool) function. However, the Series 32C provides the option of having either or both outputs configured as reverse or direct acting. For best results, follow the recommendations given below for setting cycle times. A brief description of output devices follows on the next page.

For Control Output Type —	Select Cycle Time (in seconds)
B (Output 1 Only)	15
S	0
T	15

### Output #1

B	Electromechanical relay, 5A @ 120/240 Vac, normally open, used for switching resistive loads.
S	DC logic output @ 5Vdc pulsed
T*	Solid-state relay, zero voltage-switched and optically isolated from drive signal. Resistive loads to 1A @ 120/240 Vac may be controlled using an external contactor. Larger loads may be controlled using an external contactor.

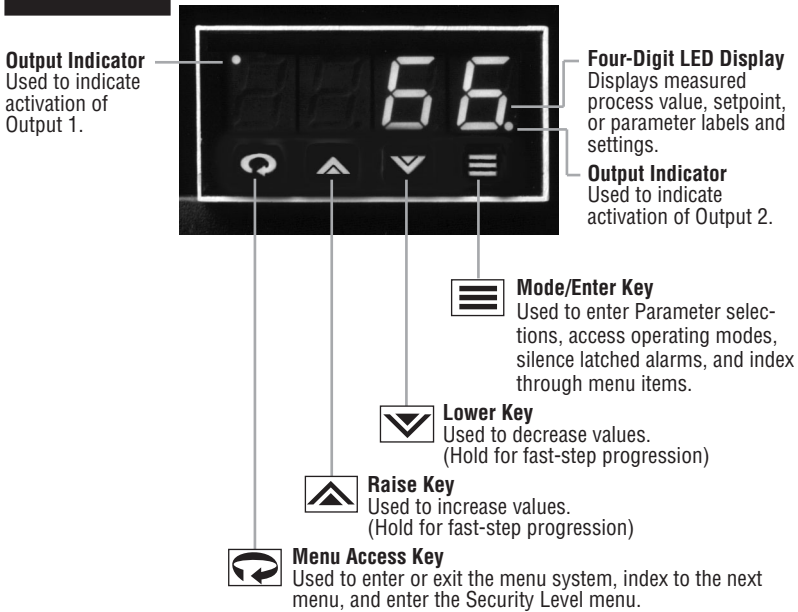
### Output #2

S*	DC logic output @ 5Vdc pulsed
T	Solid-state relay, zero voltage-switched and optically isolated from drive signal. Resistive loads to 1A @ 120/240 Vac may be controlled using an external contactor. Larger loads may be controlled using an external contactor.

\*Output combination “TS” is not available

## Operation

Figure 8. Front Panel Controls and Indicators






## Power On

The Series 32C controller's functional hierarchy is organized into three distinct user-programmable groupings: Security Level, Menu System, and Operating Mode.

Please provide the software version number, along with the controller's full model number, when contacting us regarding your controller.



When power is first applied to the Series 32C, all segments of the LED display will be momentarily illuminated while the instrument goes through a series of diagnostic checks to verify proper operation. A software version number will then be displayed, e.g., **51.00**, followed by the measured process value. **IMPORTANT:** On initial startup, there is a possibility that outputs may be activated. We recommend placing the unit in Standby mode until you have configured the controller according to your application requirements. To place the controller in Standby, follow this procedure:





- 1) Press Mode/Enter  key once.
- 2) Press Raise  key once.
- 3) Press Mode/Enter  key again. (The display will alternate between **5464** and process value.

## Operations Overview

The user interface of the Series 32C allows you to use menus to set up the instrument, set the desired security level, change the setpoint, and conveniently change operating modes. Figure 9 provides a functional representation of the user interface and the key presses necessary to perform the basic functions.

## Security Levels

*The controller's initial security level, set at the factory, is Configuration [CnF9]. When you have completed configuring the instrument, we recommend the security level be set to the most restrictive level suitable for your application.*

The security level feature allows you to limit access to the menus, setpoint, and operating mode selection according to the needs of your application. The five security levels provided are **Key Lockout**, **Setpoint**, **User**, **Configuration**, and **Factory**. To view or change security level, press and hold the Menu Access  key for approximately ten seconds. The controller will alternately display **RECL** (Access Level) and the current security level label, e.g., **USER**. Use the Raise  or Lower  keys to index through the security levels. Press the Mode/Enter  key to select the new security level desired and return to the Process Value display.

### Security Levels and Access Restrictions

<b>LOC0</b> Key Lockout	Highest security level. No access to any controller functions. To escape, follow instructions above for changing security levels.
<b>SP</b> Setpoint	No access to menus. Only allows setpoint value, output percentage (manual mode), or operating mode to be changed.
<b>USER</b> User	All "Setpoint" level privileges as well as access to Autotune and Control menus.
<b>CnF9</b> Configuration	All "User" level privileges as well as Input, Output, Display, and Supervisor menus.
<b>FACT</b> Factory	All "Configuration" level privileges as well as access to Calibration menu.

## Menu System

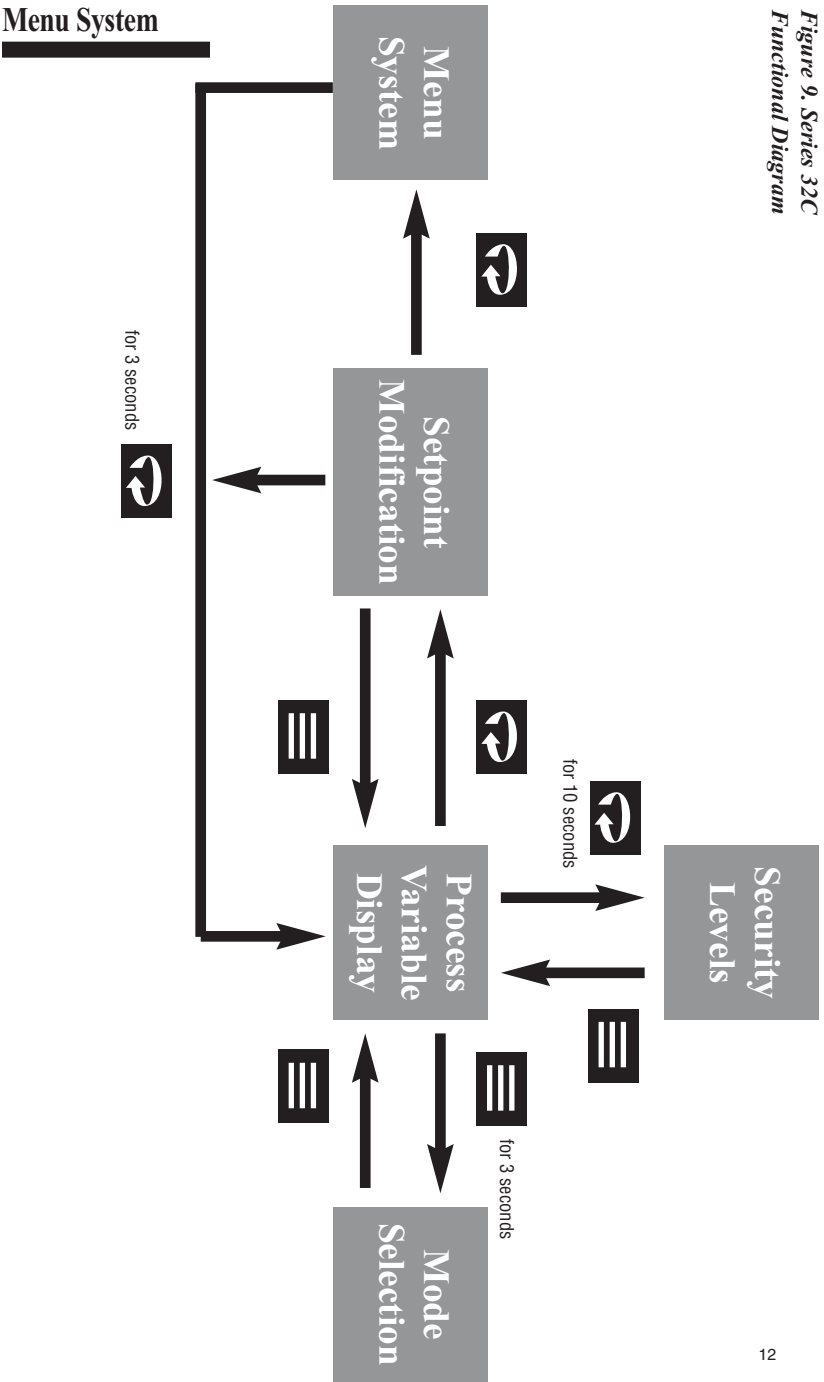
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*If a key press is not sensed within five minutes, the controller automatically exits the Menu System and reverts to the Process Value display.*

The Menu System is organized into seven menus: **Control**, **Autotune**, **Input**, **Output**, **Display**, **Supervisor**, and **Calibration**. Pressing the Menu Access key indexes from menu to menu. Pressing the Mode/Enter key indexes through the parameters in a particular menu. The Raise and Lower keys are used to modify the visible menu parameter.

Each menu contains a logical group of parameters related to one another. Furthermore, the sequence of the menus has been carefully chosen to put the most frequently used menus first. For example, provided access is permitted, the first menu presented upon entering the Menu System is the Setpoint Menu.

Figure 9. Series 32C  
Functional Diagram



# Menu System

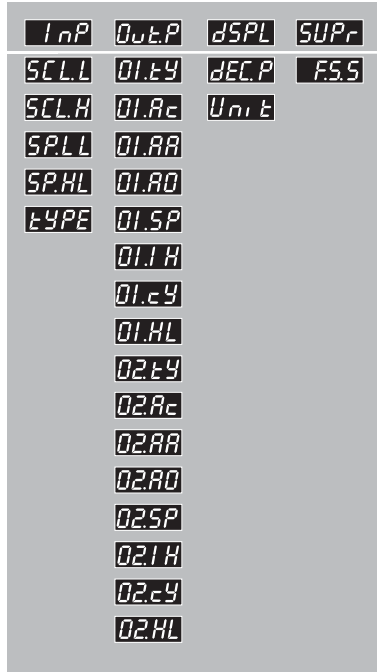
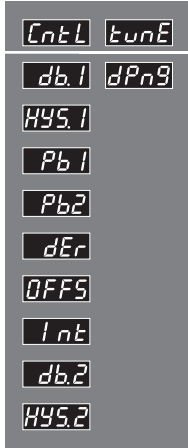
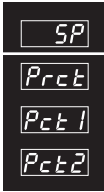
Figure 10. Overview of Series 32C Menu System, Operating Modes, and Security Levels

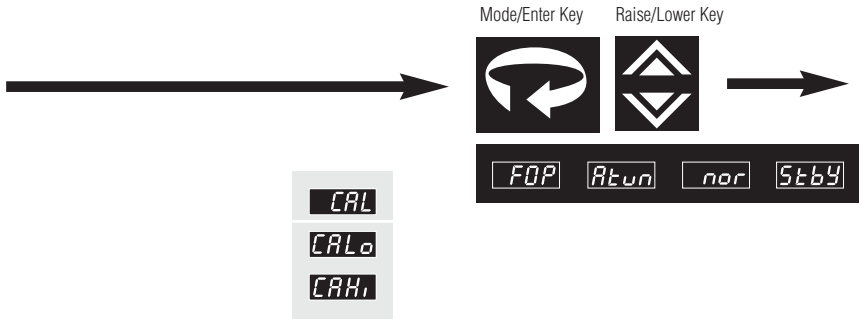


Menu Access Key



Mode/Enter Key





### Security Levels

- Loc.0** (Key Lockout) = No Access
- SP** (Setpoint) =
- USER** (User) = **SP** Plus
- CnFG** (Configuration) = **USER** Plus
- FACt** (Factory) = **CnFG** Plus

## Initial Setup Sequence

*If a key press is not sensed within five minutes, the Menu System is automatically exited and the controller reverts to the Operating Mode/Process Value display.*

*These setup instructions apply to PID-type control outputs. Alarm or on/off output settings and displays will be different. Refer to Output menu description on page 19.*

Many of the menu parameters you will need to set up the controller for your application are interdependent. We recommend following the steps below when configuring your Series 32C.

**1) Place the unit in Standby Mode** as follows. Press the Mode/Enter  $\equiv$  key for three seconds. Display will indicate **FOP**. Press the Raise  $\blacktriangle$  key to select Standby. Press Mode key again and the display will alternate between **STBY** and the process value.

**2) Input Type.** Press Menu Access  $\curvearrowright$  key repeatedly until **INP** is displayed. Then press Mode/Enter  $\equiv$  key until **TYPE** appears. Use Raise  $\blacktriangle$  or Lower  $\blacktriangledown$  key to select Input Type.

If Input Type is set to linear **USUP** or **SUP**, use the Mode/Enter  $\equiv$  key to scroll to scaling limits, **SCLL** and **SC LH**, before proceeding. Use the Raise  $\blacktriangle$  or Lower  $\blacktriangledown$  key to set low and high scaling limits.

**3) Output Type.** Press the Menu Access  $\curvearrowright$  key to display **OUT.P**. Use the Mode/Enter  $\equiv$  key to index to the Output Type parameter. Using the Raise  $\blacktriangle$  or Lower  $\blacktriangledown$  keys, select the correct Output Type for your application. Follow these steps (using the Mode/Enter and Raise or Lower keys) to set the Output Action, Cycle Time, and High Limit parameters for all control outputs.

**4) Set Control Menu parameters** by pressing the Menu Access  $\curvearrowright$  key to display **CTRL**. Then, use the Mode/Enter  $\equiv$  key to index through the available selections and the Raise  $\blacktriangle$  or Lower  $\blacktriangledown$  keys to select the appropriate setting.

**5) Return to Process Variable Display.** Press and hold the Menu Access  $\curvearrowright$  key for three seconds to return to PV display.

**6) Adjust setpoint.** Press the Menu Access  $\curvearrowright$  key once to display **SP** and use the Raise  $\blacktriangle$  or Lower  $\blacktriangledown$  key to enter the desired setpoint. Press the Mode/Enter  $\equiv$  key to return to the Standby/Process Value display. Wait for process to stabilize before proceeding, e.g., in the case of a heating process, return to ambient temperature. If autotuning the controller, make sure the Autotune Damping **EUNE** parameter is set to normal **nl** and proceed to Step 4 on page 33.

**7) Security Level.** Press and hold the Menu Access key for approximately ten seconds. Using the Raise or Lower keys, set the most restrictive level suited to your application.



## Menus and Parameters

*IMPORTANT: Upon entering a new value, you MUST either press the Mode/Enter key, the Menu Access key, or index to a different parameter in order for the new value to register. The Series 32C controller will NOT accept new values without a key press.*

### Menus and Parameters

<b>SP</b> Setpoint or <b>Prcnt</b> % Output	Used to change the setpoint or Fixed Output Percentage (Manual operating mode).
<b>Ctrl</b> Control	Used to select parameters associated with the control methods.
<b>AutnE</b> Autotune	Used to set the autotune damping parameter.
<b>InP</b> Input	Used to select sensor-related parameters, such as input type, limits, and scaling.
<b>OutP</b> Output	Used to specify output usage, control methods, and alarms.
<b>dSPL</b> Display	Used to set or change decimal position and display units.
<b>SUPr</b> Supervisor	Used to set the failsafe state of the controller.
<b>CAL</b> Calibration	Used to calibrate the controller.

## Setpoint Menu

In Manual mode, the setpoint display is replaced by the manually controlled output percentage display.

Display	Parameter	Selection	Default
<b>SP</b>	Setpoint	Setpoint limits	72° F

NOTE: In Manual operating mode, setpoint is not displayed.

<b>Prc1</b>	Manually controlled output percent when not configured for two same-acting outputs.	0...High limit	Bumpless
<b>Pct1</b>	Manually controlled output percent for output 1 when configured for two same-acting outputs.	0...High limit	Bumpless
<b>Pct2</b>	Manually controlled output percent for output 2 when configured for two same-acting outputs.	0...High limit	Bumpless

NOTE: Output percent parameters are not displayed unless the controller is in Manual operating mode.

## Control Menu

Setting Derivative (Rate) or Integral (Reset) to **0** disables that aspect of PID control.

If BOTH outputs are set to direct-acting or BOTH outputs are set to reverse-acting, then only one proportional band selection will be displayed. The second proportional band is not required.

Display	Parameter	Selection	Default
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The following parameters are only available if their related outputs are set for PID.

<b>Pb1</b>	Proportional Band 1	1...to span of sensor	Span
<b>Pb2</b>	Proportional Band 2	1...to span of sensor	Span
<b>dEr</b>	Derivative Action (Rate)	0 to 2400 seconds	0 seconds
<b>OFF5</b>	Manual Reset	-100% to 100%	Off

NOTE: Only available if Output 1 has been set for PID control.

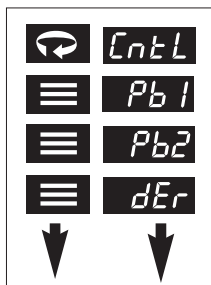
NOTE: Only available if Output 2 has been set for PID control.

NOTE: When OFF is selected for the Manual Reset parameter, the Integral Action (Int) parameter is active.

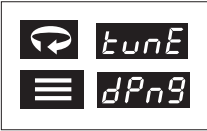
<b>Int</b>	Integral Action (Reset)	0 to 9600 seconds	0 seconds
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The following parameters are only available if their related outputs are set for ON/OFF.

<b>db1</b>	Deadband 1	1...to span of sensor	1° F
<b>HYS1</b>	Hysteresis Output 1	1...to span of sensor	1° F
<b>db2</b>	Deadband 2	1...to span of sensor	1° F
<b>HYS2</b>	Hysteresis Output 2	1...to span of sensor	1° F



# Autotune Damping Menu



## Display Parameter Selection Default

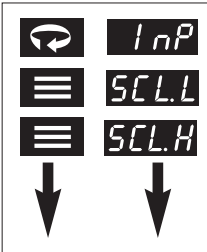
The following parameters are only available if their related outputs are set for PID.

**Pb1** Proportional Band 1 1...to span of sensor Span  
 NOTE: Only available if Output 1 has been set for PID control.

**Pb2** Proportional Band 2 1...to span of sensor Span  
 NOTE: Only available if Output 2 has been set for PID control.

Note: The damping parameter is an autotune feature that allows you to modify the calculated PID control method used to tune the controller to suit your specific application requirements. The low setting provides faster recovery, but with the possibility of overshoot; the high setting a slower recovery, but with no overshoot.

# Input Menu



Changing Low Scale or High Scale for linear inputs will reset the following parameters: Setpoint High Limit, Setpoint Low Limit, Output 1 Alarm Setpoint, Output 2 Alarm Setpoint, Proportional Bands.

High Scale and Low Scale cannot be adjusted to less than two display units from each other.

## Input Menu

### Display Parameter Selection Default

**SCLL** Low Scale -1999 to 9999 0

**SCLH** High Scale -1999 to 9999 9999

NOTE: Only available if one of the two linear input formats has been selected.

**SPLL** Lower Setpoint Limit Span of Sensor low scale

**SPHL** Upper Setpoint Limit\* Span of Sensor high scale

**TYPE** Input Type **J** Type J thermocouple (Default)

**K** Type K thermocouple

**T** Type T thermocouple

**rtd** 100 ohm platinum RTD

**rt.d** 100 ohm decimal RTD

**USUP** 0-50 mVdc or 0-20 mAdc

**SUP** 10-50 mVDC or 4-20 mAdc

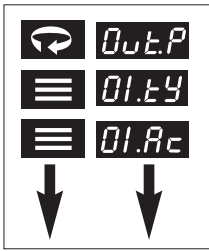
Changing Input Type will reset the following parameters to their default settings:

- Setpoint
- Proportional Band 1
- Proportional Band 2
- Output 1 Deadband
- Output 1 Hysteresis
- Output 2 Deadband
- Output 2 Hysteresis
- Output 1 Alarm Setpoint
- Output 2 Alarm Setpoint.

\*Note: The SP.HL parameter is the maximum setpoint that can be entered. This parameter is limited to 392° F when displaying process temperature with 0.1 degree accuracy (Available only with 100-ohm decimal RTD Input Type).

# Output Menu

Parameters not associated with Output 1 Type or Output 2 Type selection will not be displayed. Ex., Alarm parameters will not be displayed when PID control output is selected.



Display	Parameter	Selection	Default
<b>O1.TY</b>	Output 1 Type	<b>Pid</b> <b>onof</b> <b>OFF</b> <b>ALr</b>	<b>Pid</b>
<b>O1.AC</b>	Output 1 Action	<b>rE</b> (Reverse-acting) <b>dir</b> (Direct-acting)	<b>rE</b>
<b>O1.AA</b>	Output 1 Alarm Action	<b>OFF</b> <b>LRE</b> (Latching) <b>nor</b> (Normal)	<b>OFF</b>
<b>O1.AB</b>	Output 1 Process/ Deviation	<b>ProL</b> (Process Low) <b>ProH</b> (Process High) <b>inb</b> (Inverse Band) <b>nor.b</b> (Normal Band) <b>dEL</b> (Deviation Low) <b>dEH</b> (Deviation High)	<b>ProL</b>
<b>O1.SP</b>	Output 1 Alarm Setpoint	Span of Sensor	25° C
<b>O1.IH</b>	Output 1 Alarm Inhibit	<b>dIS</b> (Disabled) <b>En</b> (Enabled)	<b>dIS</b>
<b>O1.CY</b>	Output 1 Cycle Time	0 to 120 seconds	0=300 ms
<b>O1.HL</b>	Output 1 High Limit	1-100%	100%

NOTE: Only available if Output 1 has been set to PID.

# Output Menu

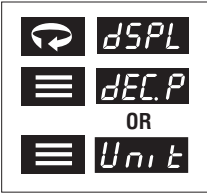
Setting output cycle time to **0** initiates a 300 ms cycle time. The proper cycle time setting is required for smooth proportional action. Too long a setting will cause proportional ripple; too short will decrease relay contactor life.

When changing thermocouple types, be sure to check/adjust upper and lower setpoint limit values.

If both outputs are set to **OFF**, the Series 32C will function as a non-controlling indicator. Control outputs will be disabled and the Operating Modes will not be displayed.

<b>02.tY</b>	Output 2 Type	<b>Pid</b>	<b>RLr</b>
		<b>OnoF</b>	
		<b>OFF</b>	
		<b>RLr</b>	<b>dIr</b>
<b>02.Rc</b>	Output 2 Action	<b>rE</b> (Reverse-acting)	
		<b>dIr</b> (Direct-acting)	
<b>02.RA</b>	Output 2 Alarm Action	<b>OFF</b>	<b>OFF</b>
		<b>LAt</b> (Latching)	
		<b>nor</b> (Normal)	<b>ProH</b>
<b>02.RD</b>	Output 2 Process/ Deviation	<b>ProL</b> (Process Low)	
		<b>ProH</b> (Process High)	
<b>in.b</b>	(Inverse Band)	<b>nor.b</b> (Normal Band)	
		<b>dEL</b> (Deviation Low)	
		<b>dEH</b> (Deviation High)	
<b>02.SP</b>	Output 2 Alarm Setpoint	Span of Sensor	25° C
<b>02.IH</b>	Output 2 Alarm Inhibit	<b>dIS</b> (Disabled)	<b>dIS</b>
		<b>En</b> (Enabled)	
<b>02.cY</b>	Output 2 Cycle Time	0 to 120 seconds	0=300 ms
	<i>NOTE: Only available if Output 2 has been set to PID.</i>		
<b>02.HL</b>	Output 2 High Limit	1-100%	100%

# Display and Supervisor Menu



The Failsafe State is only enforced when a problem is detected with the process input. It is not reliably enforceable in instances of internal circuitry failure such as EEPROM problems.

Output % High Limits are ignored when the unit enters a Failsafe State.

Display	Parameter	Selection	Default
dEC.P	Decimal Position	0 1 2	0

NOTE: This parameter selection is available only for the “100-ohm decimal RTD” Input Type. It does not appear for thermocouple or non-decimal 100-ohm platinum RTD inputs (see page 25). Changing Decimal Position will cause changes in the following parameters: Setpoint High Limit, Setpoint Low Limit, Low Scale, High Scale, Setpoint, Proportional Bands, Hysteresis.

Unit	Display Units	F C	F
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NOTE: Does not appear for linear inputs.

## Supervisor Menu

Display	Parameter	Selection	Default
F.S.S	Failsafe State	OFF rE (Reverse-acting) dIr (Direct-acting)	OFF

NOTE: The Failsafe State is used when an open-sensor, over range, or underrange condition exists. The “OFF” setting deactivates both outputs. The “rE” setting activates reverse-acting outputs and deactivates direct-acting outputs. The “dIr” setting activates direct-acting outputs and deactivates reverse-acting outputs.

## Note on Calibration Menu:

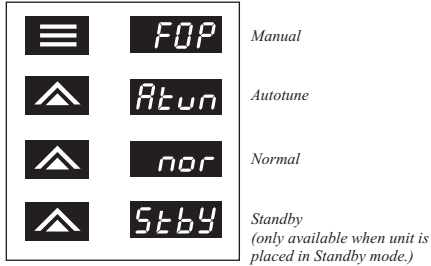
Your Series 32C was calibrated at the factory. If recalibration should become necessary, see page 41.

# Operating Modes

*Remember to press the Mode/Enter key after making your selection.*

*If both outputs are set to OFF or ALr, the Series 32C will function as a non-controlling indicator. Control outputs will be disabled and the Operating Modes will not be displayed.*

The Series 32C features four operating modes: **Manual**, **Standby**, **Normal**, and **Autotune**. To select a different operating mode, press the Mode/Enter key for three seconds. The first option displayed is Manual (Fixed Output Percentage) Mode **FOP**. To index through the available operating modes, press the Raise ▲ or Lower ▼ keys. When the desired mode is displayed, press the Mode/Enter ≡ key once to select the mode.



*A description of the available operating modes is provided on the next page.*


## Operating Modes

*Manual operating mode overrides automatic control, allowing you to control the outputs using a fixed percentage of output power, regardless of the process variable or setpoint.*

*An Output High Limit, which restricts the output percentage possible in Manual mode may be entered in the Output **OUTP** menu.*

*If current automatic control is PID, transfer to Manual mode is “bumpless.”*

**FOP** Manual

Used to set control output percentage (Fixed Output Percentage) independent of Process Value. To set percentage, use the Menu Access  key to select **Prc%** and the Raise or Lower keys to set the value. If BOTH outputs are direct-acting or BOTH outputs are reverse-acting, then two FOP percentages will be displayed. **Prc% 1** and **Prc% 2**.

**Stby** Standby

Used to disable control outputs.

**nor** Normal


Normal automatic control.

**Aut** Autotune

Used to initiate the autotuning sequence (from Standby only).

## Alarms

*Deviation, Inverse Band, and Normal Band Alarm track with setpoint.*

*When a latching alarm has been activated and the alarm condition has been removed, the Mode/Enter  key must be pressed to unlatch the alarm.*

Four types of alarms are available on both Output 1 and Output 2: Process, Deviation, Inverse Band, and Normal Band. Both output alarms may be configured to be inhibited on power-up (until the process reaches setpoint for the first time).

**Process Alarm:** Activates at preset value, **independent** of setpoint. “High” process alarm activates at and above alarm setting. “Low” process alarm activates at and below alarm setting.

**Deviation Alarm:** Activates at a preset **deviation** value from setpoint. “High” or “Low” deviation alarm activates above or below setpoint according to the preset deviation value.

**Inverse Band Alarm:** Activates when the process is **within** a specified band centered around the setpoint.

**Normal Band Alarm:** Activates when the process **exceeds** a specified band centered around the setpoint.

### Latching Alarms

The Series 32C’s alarms may also be configured as latching alarms by selecting **LAR** in the Output 1 or Output 2 Alarm Action **01.AA** or **02.AA** parameter selection.



## Available Control Methods

The user-selectable control method options provided by the Series 32C controller are On/Off, PID (including subsets P, PI, PD, P/Manual Reset, PD/Manual Reset), or Manual. Use the Output menu to select On/Off or PID output action and the Control menu to enable or disable the derivative, integral, and manual reset selections as desired. Use the **FOP** (Fixed Output Percentage) operating mode to enable Manual operation.

<i>Output Menu</i>	<b>Out.P</b>	<b>CntL</b>	<i>Control Menu (PID)</i>
<i>Select PID</i>	<b>Pid</b>	<b>Pb1</b>	<i>Proportional Band 1</i>
<i>or On/Off</i>	<b>on.of</b>	<b>Pb2</b>	<i>Proportional Band 2</i>
		<b>dEr</b>	<i>Derivative</i>
		<b>OFFS</b>	<i>Manual Reset</i>
		<b>Int</b>	<i>Integral</i>

# Autotuning

*In order for the controller to autotune properly, the setpoint value must be at least 1% of span above or below the initial process value.*

*Ex. sensor span = 1548 (Type J thermocouple); acceptable setpoint value =  $\pm 16$  (15.4) units from the initial process value.*

*Tuning accuracy increases as the spread between ambient and setpoint value increases.*

*While some processes other than heat or cool applications may respond successfully to autotuning procedures, the controller must be manually tuned for most non-temperature processes.*

To place the Series 32C in Autotune mode:

- 1) **Configure the controller** by following the directions for Initial Setup Sequence through Step 5 on page 15. Set damping to normal **nL**. (See page 18.)
- 2) **If the controller is not already in Standby mode, place it in Standby** now as follows. Press and hold the Mode/Enter **≡** key for 3 seconds. Display will indicate **FOP**. Press the Raise **▲** key to select Standby. Press Mode key again and the display will alternate between **StBY** and the process value.
- 3) **If Setpoint Value has not been entered, adjust setpoint** now by pressing the Menu Access **↻** key once. The Setpoint menu **SP**, alternating with the Setpoint Value, will flash. (If not, press the Menu Access key for three seconds to return to the Standby/Process Value display, then press it once again.) Use the Raise or Lower key to set the desired setpoint. Press the Mode/Enter key to return to the Standby/Process Value display. Wait for process to stabilize before proceeding, e.g., in the case of a heating process, return to ambient temperature.
- 4) **Initiate Autotuning.** Press and hold the Mode/Enter key for 3 seconds, then press the Lower key once **Retun**. Finally, press the Mode/Enter key again. The display will alternately indicate **Retun** and process value as the controller “learns” the proper gain, derivative, and integral values for the process.

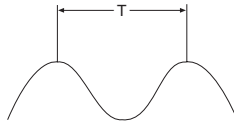
If unacceptable overshoot occurs on restart, shut down the process and re-tune at the high **Hi** damping setting. If sluggish response is observed, shut down the process and re-tune using low **Lo** damping.

## Manual Tuning

### Manual Tuning Procedure - Heating Process (Zeigler-Nichols PID Method)

This tuning method may be used if the spread between ambient and operating temperature is small, and the autotuner is, therefore, disabled. It may also be used on non-temperature reverse-acting processes.

- 1) Disable cooling device.
- 2) Turn off the Direct-Acting output.
- 3) Under the Control menu, set derivative  $dEr$  and integral  $I_{nt}$  to zero, and the proportional band  $Pb1$  or  $Pb2$  to its maximum setting.
- 4) Adjust the setpoint to the desired value.
- 5) While monitoring the recording device, decrease the proportional band value by repeatedly halving the value until a small, sustained temperature oscillation is observed. Measure the period of one cycle of oscillation ("T" on the diagram below).



- 6) Divide the period of oscillation (T) by eight. The resulting number is the correct Derivative  $dEr$  time in seconds. Multiply this number by four. This is the correct Integral time  $I_{nt}$  in seconds.
- 7) Multiply the bandwidth value obtained in Step 7 by 1.66 and enter this as the new proportional band value.

# Error Codes

If an error code **Er01** through **Er05** cannot be cleared by using the actions provided, contact factory.

Display	Problem	Actions
<b>Er01</b>	RAM Diagnostic Test Failure	Press any key to perform a soft reset and reinitialize controller.
<b>Er02</b>	ROM Diagnostic Test Failure	
<b>Er03</b>	EEPROM Range Test Failure or EEPROM Update Failure	
<b>Er04</b>	SPI/EEPROM Interface Failure	
<b>Er05</b>	Default EEPROM Load Warning	
<b>ErrH</b>	Open Sensor	Check sensor, wiring, and Input
<b>ErrL</b>	Reversed Sensor	Type selection in the Input menu.

# Technical Specifications

## Operating Limits

Ambient Temperature	32°F to 131°F (0°C to 55°C)
Relative Humidity Tolerance	90%, Non-Condensing
Power	85 to 250 Vac 50/60 Hz (Single-Phase)
Power Consumption	Less than 6 VA

## Performance

Accuracy	±0.20% of Full Scale (±0.10% Typical), ±1 Digit
Setpoint Resolution	1 Count / 0.1 Count
Repeatability	±1 Count
Temperature Stability	5 µV /°C (Maximum)
TC Cold-End Tracking	0.05°C /°C Ambient
Noise Rejection	>100 dB Common Mode, >70 dB Series Mode
Process Sampling	3.7 Hz (270ms)

## Control Characteristics

Setpoint Limits	Automatically Adjust to Selected TC / RTD
Alarms	Adjustable for High / Low; Selectable Process or Deviation
Proportional Band	1 to Span of Sensor
Integral	0 to 9600 Seconds
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Cycle Time	0 = 300 ms; 1 to 120 sec
Control Hysteresis	1 to Span of Sensor
Autotune	Operator Initiated from Front Panel
Manual Control	Operator Initiated from Front Panel

## Mechanical Characteristics

Display	7-segment LED, alphanumeric
Numeric Range	-1999 to 9999
Display Height	0.400"
Color	Green
Front-Panel Cutout	0.874" x 1.772" (22.19 mm x 45 mm)
Bezel Outside Dimensions	0.944" x 1.890" (24 mm x 48 mm)
Bezel Height	0.328" (8.33 mm)
Case Depth	3.937" (100 mm)
Weight	3.04 oz (86.18 g)
Connections	Input and output via removable barrier strip. 28

# Technical Specifications

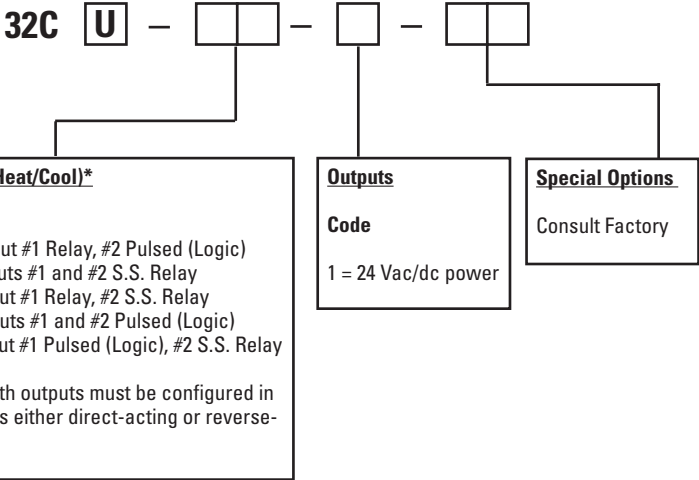
## Inputs

Thermocouple	J, K, T Maximum lead resistance 100 ohms for rated accuracy
RTD	Platinum 2-wire, 100 ohms at 0°C, DIN curve standard (0.00385)
Linear	0-50 mV/10-50 mV, 0-20 mA/4-20 mA with external 2.5 ohm shunt resistor
Input Impedances	0-50 mV/10-50 mV: 1 K ohm $\pm 1\%$ 0-20 mA/4-20 mA: 2.5 ohm $\pm 1\%$

## Outputs

Type R	Electromechanical relay, 5 A @ 120 Vac, 5 A @ 240 Vac
Type T	Solid-state relay, 120/250 Vac, zero voltage-switched, 1 A continuous / 10 A surge @ 25°C.
Type DC	5 Vdc pulsed (open collector)

# Ordering Information



**Input Ranges** (Inputs are field-configurable from the front-panel menu and calibrated at the factory for all input types. No recalibration is required when switching from one input type to another.)

	<b>Input</b>	<b>°F</b>	<b>°C</b>
T/C	K	-220 to 2462°	-140 to 1350°
	J	-398 to 1400°	-100 to 760°
	T	-202 to 752°	-130 to 400°
RTD	100 ohm RTD	-328 to 1562°	-200 to 850°
	100 ohm RTD (Decimal)	-199.0 to 392.0°	-128.8 to 200.0°
Linear	Scaleable		
	10 to 50 mV		
	4 to 20 mA		
	0 to 50 mV 0 to 20 mA		

# Recalibration Procedures

*The Series 32C controller is precalibrated at the factory. Under normal circumstances, the factory calibration should be valid for the life of the instrument. If recalibration should be required, allow the controller to warm up for 15 minutes and follow these steps carefully.*



- 1) Remove power from the controller, then all wires from terminals 1 through 6. Attach an appropriate sensor emulator to input terminals 1 and 2.
- 2) Power on the sensor emulator, making sure that the current emulated value is not outside the range of the Series 32C. Then, power on the Series 32C.
- 3) Index to the Calibration Low **CALo** menu item in the Calibration Menu. (You must have the Security Level set to "Factory" to access this menu.)
- 4) For thermocouples and RTDs, dial the low calibration values into the sensor emulator using the table below. For linear inputs, calibrate from low scale.

Sensor Type	Calibration Low	Calibration High
J	0° C/32° F	760° C/1400° F
K	0° C/32° F	1350° C/2462° F
T	0° C/32° F	400° C/ 752° F
RTD	0° C/32° F	850° C/1562° F
RT.D (decimal)	0° C/32° F	200.0° C/392.0° F

- 5) Use the Raise or Lower Keys to match the values shown on the display to the extracted table value.
- 6) Push the Mode/Enter Key to index to the Calibration High **CAHi** menu item.
- 7) Repeat Steps 4 and 5 for the Calibration High **CAHi** setting.
- 8) Press the Menu Access key for three seconds to return to the Process Value display.




# Quick-Helps

## 1. To return the unit to last operating mode (Normal, Standby, FOP, or Tune):

	<b>Action</b>	<b>Display</b>
From Menu System:	Press and hold  for 3 sec.	PV/Mode

From Security Level Menu:	Press 	PV/Mode
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## 2. To enter Standby operating mode:

	<b>Action</b>	<b>Display</b>
From Normal operating mode:	Press and hold  for 3 sec.	

	Press 	
	Press 	 + PV

From FOP (Manual) operating mode	Press and hold  for 3 sec.	
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	Press 	 + PV
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From Menu System:	Press and hold  for 3 sec.	
	Press and hold  for 3 sec.	

	Press 	
	Press 	 + PV

From Security Level Menu:	Press and hold  for 3 sec.	PV
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	Press 	
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	Press 	
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	Press 	 + PV
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# Quick-Helps

## 3. To escape from Standby operating mode:

Action	Display
Press and hold ≡ for 3 sec.	<b>FDP</b>
Press ▲	<b>Stby</b>
Press ▲	<b>nor</b>
Press ≡	PV

## 4. To initiate Autotuning:












Action	Display
Enter Standby operating mode (See Quick-Help #2)	
Press and hold ≡ for 3 sec.	<b>FDP</b>
Press ▼	<b>Return</b>
Press ≡	<b>Return</b> + PV

## 5. To abort Autotuning:






Action	Display
Press and hold ≡ for 3 sec.	<b>FDP</b>
Press ≡	<b>FDP</b> + PV
Press and hold ≡ for 3 sec.	<b>Stby</b>
Press ▲	<b>nor</b>
Press ≡	PV

# Quick-Helps

## 6. To enter FOP (Manual) operating mode:

Action	Display
Press and hold  for 3 sec.	
Press 	
Press 	
	
Press  	
to set new % of Power Value	
Press 	

## 7. To escape from FOP (Manual) operating mode:

Action	Display
Press and hold  for 3 sec.	
Press 	
Press 	PV

# Warranty/Repair Information

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## ***Unit Repairs***

It is recommended that units requiring service be returned to an authorized service center. Before a controller is returned for service, please consult the service center nearest you.

In many cases, the problem can be cleared up over the telephone. When the unit needs to be returned, the service center will ask for a detailed explanation of problems encountered and a Purchase Order to cover any charge. This information should also be put in the box with the unit. This should expedite return of the unit to you.

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# IEC Requirements



**USE OF THIS EQUIPMENT IN A MANNER NOT SPECIFIED BY THE MANUFACTURER MAY IMPAIR PROTECTION PROVIDED BY THE EQUIPMENT!**

The maximum supply current is line voltage dependent:

230 mA for a 24 Vac input      fuse rating=700 mA  
60 mA for an 85-265 Vac input      fuse rating=100 mA

### Output Specifications

Output Type	Max current	Voltage	Leakage
R	5 A	380 Vac	1000M Ohms
T	1 A	400 Vpk	1 mA
DC	20 mA	5 V	NA

### CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Remove power from the unit prior to any cleaning operation.
2. Use a cotton cloth to gently and sparingly apply isopropyl alcohol only. Do not use cleaners or other solvents as they may damage the unit.
3. Allow the unit to dry completely prior to reapplying power.

## Quick Setup Instructions - Series 32C Temperature Controller



Experienced users, already familiar with the Series 32C, and using the controller with PID outputs, may follow these condensed instructions to autotune the controller and get started quickly once the instrument is properly mounted and wired, and the Security Level is set to **LnP9**. Once setup is complete, we recommend changing the Security Level back to the most restrictive level suitable for your application.

These quick setup instructions are not meant as a substitute for reading the full instruction manual supplied with the controller. Please be sure to read through the manual for specific details of operation and, most importantly, for safety precautions. If you have any questions, or experience problems with setting up your controller, consult the full instruction manual first and, if you still need assistance, contact your Athena representative or call 610-828-2490.



Menu Access



Raise



Lower



Mode/Enter

1. Apply power. After self-check display stops, place controller in Standby mode by pressing and holding the **≡** key for 3 seconds, the **▲** key once, and then the **≡** key again. **5t5y** will flash, alternating with the Process Value.
2. Press **↻** repeatedly until **LnP** is displayed. Then press the **≡** key repeatedly until **TYPE** appears. Use **▲** or **▼** to select sensor input type.
3. Press **↻** to display **OUTP**. Then press **≡** once to display **01.54**. Use **▲** or **▼** to select **Pid**.
4. Press the **≡** key until Output 1 Action **01.RC** is displayed. Select the desired output action using the **▲** or **▼** keys. **RE** = Heating **dr** = Cooling

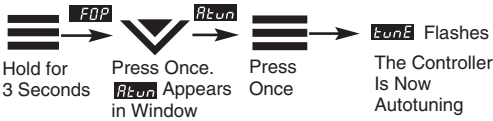
- Press **≡** again to display the Output 1 Cycle Time **01.c4** parameter. Select the desired cycle time according to the output device used. If unsure, refer to the ordering code on page 40 of the instruction manual and compare it to the number on the label.

Recommended cycle times are:

For Control Output Device —	Select Cycle Time (in seconds)
R (Output 1 only)	15
DC	0
T	15

**IMPORTANT: IF ONLY ONE OUTPUT IS PID, SET THE OTHER OUTPUT TO EITHER ON/OFF, ALARM, OR OFF.**

- Press the **≡** key to display the next output parameter, Output 1 High Limit **01.HL**, and select the desired value using the **▲** or **▼** keys.
- Repeat Steps 3 through 6 for Output 2 if required; otherwise, repeat Step 3 to select other Output Type.
- Press the **↻** repeatedly until **tunE** is displayed, then press **≡** and make sure autotune damping parameter is set to normal **nL**. If not, use **▲** or **▼** to change it to the normal setting.
- Press and hold the Menu Access key **↻** for 3 seconds until **Stby** flashes.
- Initiate autotuning per chart below.



- If unacceptable overshoot occurs, shut down the process and allow it to stabilize. Re-tune at the high damping setting. If response is sluggish, use the low damping setting.

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