Initial Setup

CLOCK

- Turn the MAIN DIAL to **CLOCK-CALENDAR**
- Use **▶** to scroll between minutes, hours and days
- Use **a** or **a** to adjust

Operation

Leave the MAIN DIAL on AUTO to run PROGRAMS as per setup

i. Turn the MAIN DIAL to SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

O BUDGET % will flash at 100, with the MONTH at 6

❷ BUDGET % is the factor which **RUN TIMES** are reduced during selected months Use **■** or **■** to scroll through each **MONTH**

iii. Use ■ or ■ to adjust the BUDGET % in increments of 10 for the selected MONTH

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

AUTO

В

CALENDAR

- Turn the MAIN DIAL to **CLOCK-CALENDAR**
- Use **I** to scroll between YEAR, MONTH and DATE
- Use **□** or **□** to adjust
- ✓ You must have the current time and date set to begin setting your watering, ensuring *AM/PM* is correct

Auto Watering Setup

START TIMES

Turn the MAIN DIAL

- to START TIME
- PROGRAM 1 will be showing by default with the START NO. flashing
- Press P to cycle through each PROGRÁM
- Use
 or
 to change the START NO.
- be assigned up to four **START** times
- Use **□** to scroll between **START NO.**, hours and minutes
- Use
 or
 to adjust hours and minutes of each start time

Turn the MAIN DIAL

WATERING DAYS

- to WATERING DAYS
- PROGRAM 1 will show by default with MON flashing
- ✓ Press to cycle through each PROGRAM
- Use **■** to toggle **MON** OFF, or ■ to toggle it ON as indicated by
- Press **t** to advance to **TUE** and repeat the previous steps, working through to **SUN**
- All days MON to SUN will be set to ON by default MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT SUN
- Keep pressing after **SUN** to access **EVEN**, ODD and ODD-31 day patterns, rather than weekly day selection
- Press
 again after ODD-31 to access
 INTERVAL day watering
- Use or to select how many days gap there will be between watering days
- available is 15 days

STATION RUN TIMES

- Turn the MAIN DIAL to STATION RUN TIMES
- showing by default with **STATION 1** flashing
- Press P to cycle through each PROGRÁM
- Use
 or
 to cycle through STATIONS 1 to 24
- Press **□** to access the **RUN TIME** minutes, wherein OFF will start flashing
- Use
 or
 to set the minutes
- Press

 □ again to access the
 RUN TIME hours, wherein O hours will start flashing
- Use or to set the hours
- O If no minutes were set, OFF will continue to flash before setting the hours
- To save the **RUN TIME**, press **□** again and **STATION 1** will resume flashing
- through additional
 STATIONS and RUN TIMES



ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

- Turn the MAIN DIAL back to **START TIME**
- PROGRAM 1 will be showing by default with START 1 flashing
- Press to cycle through PROGRAMS 2 to 5
- Use
 or
 to cycle through STARTS 1 to 4
- iii. Repeat Steps 3-5 above to set START TIMES, WATERING DAYS and RUN TIMES for each STATION and PROGRAM as desired
- iv. Turn the MAIN DIAL back to AUTO after completing the setup to allow the PROGRAMS to run as per their scheduled details

ALL OFF

To immediately stop any watering and hold all PROGRAMS, turn the MAIN DIAL to ALL OFF



RUN A PROGRAM

- turn the MAIN DIAL to the desired PROGRAM OFF will begin flashing once a PROGRAM is selected
- Press to activate the desired **PROGRAM**, or to deactivate
- ON will begin flashing once a PROGRAM is activated
- OFF will continue flashing if a PROGRAM has not been set
- iii. Press **▶** to run the **PROGRAM** instantly
- RUN TIME will show once the program has started running
- iv. To skip through **STATIONS** of the current **PROGRAM**, press **□**
- Once the **PROGRAM** has completed, the controller will revert back to AUTO, even if the MAIN DIAL has not been moved

STACKING START TIMES

- ∅ If the same START TIME is set across multiple PROGRAMS, they will run individually in sequential order, starting from PROGRAM 1 through to 5

∅ If a START TIME runs over another RUN TIME, it will be delayed accordingly

SYSTEM TEST

Turn the MAIN DIAL

- to **SYSTEM TEST** STATION 1 will begin watering by default with a **RUN TIME** of 2 minutes
- Once RUN TIME has lapsed. the controller will move on to STATIONS 2 through to 24 with a default RUN TIME of 2 minutes
- Press

 to skip STATIONS during the SYSTEM TEST

- 1 Use only 1 amp fuse M-205
- O If the fuse has blown, or there is none installed, the display

PUMP SETTINGS

- O PUMP A will be active on STATION 1 by default
- Use **■** or **■** to scroll **STATIONS**
- iii. Use to deactivate pump when running the selected **STATION**
- running the selected STATION
- PUMP A to PUMP B and follow the previous steps to set each STATION
- Press P again to switch to PUMP A on PROGRAM 1
- O This allows for pump activation to be assigned to **PROGRAMS** rather than **STATIONS**
- vii. Use **I** or **I** to scroll **PROGRAMS**
- viii. Press **P** to switch to

LOOPING SETUP

Turn the MAIN DIAL to STATION RUN TIMES

See Field Wiring

ППП

- Repeatedly press **P** to access **PROGRAM 5** settings
 - Set the RUN TIMES as desired for each STATION (see Step 5 above)

- After setting the RUN TIMES, press □ repeatedly until the display reads LOOP OFF
- v. Press T to enable looping
- settings, where NO LOOPS (number of loops) will be flashing

To choose which **STATIONS**

observe the rain sensor, turn
MAIN DIAL to RAIN SETTINGS

vi. Use ■ or ■ to adjust the number of loops

RAIN SETTINGS

STATION 1 will be ON

iii. Use ■ or 🖬 to turn

RAIN SENSOR DELAY

ii. Use

to scroll STATIONS

the rain sensor OFF or

ON for each STATION

To adjust the time (days)

Press T for RAIN DELAY

many days (maximum 9) before watering resumes

iii. Use ■ or ■ to set how

watering can resume after

MAIN DIAL to RAIN SETTINGS

- vii. Press **□** and **Hrs MIN** will flash viii. Use 🖬 or 🗖 to toggle between
- **Hrs MIN** or **MIN SECS**
 - ix. Press ☐ to advance to TIME BETWEEN LOOPS x. Use a or to adjust the MIN
 - or SECS between each loop xi. Press

 and use

 or

 to adjust the Hrs or MIN between each loop
 - xii. Press **□** again and use **□** or **□** to toggle between the **Hrs MIN** or MIN SECS time settings that were previously set
 - Hrs MIN or MIN SECS

RAIN SENSOR

- LOOP RUN at this stage
- xiii. Press

 to save your loop settings and return to PROGRAM 5 controls

RUNNING AUTOMATIC LOOPING

- Turn MAIN DIAL to WATERING DAYS and set desired active days for **PROGRAM 5** as per Step 4
- Turn MAIN DIAL to START TIMES and set the desired times for **PROGRAM 5** as per <u>Step 3</u>
- Turn the MAIN DIAL to AUTO to complete the process

Slide the RAIN SENSOR switch to OFF to ignore any Rain Sensor data

Slide the RAIN SENSOR switch to ON to resume

saving water as per RAIN SETTINGS

MANUAL STATION

- To manually water a station, turn the MAIN DIAL to MANUAL STATION
- STATION 1 will begin watering by default with a **RUN TIME** of 10 minutes
- Use or to select the desired STATION
- Press

 to access the RUN TIME minutes, using 🖬 or 🗖 to adjust accordingly
- Press **■** again to access the RUN TIME in hours, using ■ or ■ to adjust accordingly
- Once the manual RUN TIME has lapsed, the controller will revert back to AUTO, even if the MAIN DIAL has not been moved

SAVE MANUAL RUN TIMES

- Turn the $\mathbf{MAIN}\ \mathbf{DIAL}\ to$ **MANUAL STATION**
- Press **□** to access the **RUN TIME** minutes, using **■** or **■** to adjust accordingly
- Press P to save the set RUN TIME
- 1 This is will now be the default **RUN TIME** for all **STATIONS** in **MANUAL** watering

running during power loss

9V ALKALINE BATTERY

Permanent memory backs up

except for internal clock

will keep the internal clock

data in the absence of power,

1 A **PROGRAM** is a group of **STATIONS** with common WATERING DAYS

Handy Hints

When a PROGRAM runs, each of its assigned STATIONS will run sequentially

When the battery icon
 ■

as soon as possible

is low, replace the battery

We recommend replacing the

battery every 12 months

- 1 Each PROGRAM can have up to four START TIMES per day
- 1 The same STATION can be used across multiple PROGRAMS
 - There are two pump stations or master valves that can be assigned to a **STATION** or **PROGRAM**



FUSE

- will flash FUSE FAULT

- Turn the MAIN DIAL to **PUMP SETTINGS**
- Use to activate pump when
- Press P to switch from

- PUMP B on PROGRAM 1

Field Wiring

- of insulation and place this under the loosened screw, tighten gently and check the cable is firmly held
- A maximum of 2 solenoid valves can be run off each output
- terminals to each solenoid valve
- Complete the circuit by looping a common cable to all valves and connecting to the COMMON

Rain Sensor Connection

- and tells the controller to suspend watering, resuming after the sensor dries out
- This is wired between the SENSOR TERMINAL and the COMMON as shown below
- ② It achieves this by severing the connection between controller and the solenoid valves

Connect one cable from the

- ▲ Installation must be carried
- ▲ Disconnect all 240VAC power before commencing any wiring or valve connection
- Avoid connecting to a 240VAC supply also servicing motors (ie. pool pumps, refrigerators, etc.)

Electrical Connection

Power Supply

out in accordance with these

instructions and all Local,

- O This unit runs off a 240V 50Hz single phase outlet, drawing 30W at 240V AC
- **⊘** Internal transformer: voltage supply of 24V AC
- Fully compliant with AS/NZS 61558-2-6
- **⊘** *Input:* 24V AC 50/60Hz
- Output: Max 1 amp
- **To stations:** 24V AC 50/60Hz. 0.75 amp max (up to 2 valves per station)
- ✓ To master/pump: 24V AC 0.25, amp max
- Transformer and fuse capacity must be compatible with

24VAC COM COM PUMPI STI ST3 ST5 ST7 ST9 ST11 ST13 ST15 ST17 ST19 ST21 ST22 24VAC COM SENS PUMP2 ST2 ST4 ST6 ST8 ST10 ST12 ST14 ST16 ST18 ST20 ST22 ST24 **←⊗∞⊗M919888888888** \$\frac{1}{12} \omega \o Overload protection: Standard 20mm 1 amp fuse RAIN SENSOR (OPTIONAL) Output circuits should be installed and protected in accordance with wiring rules ▲ If water supply is from the mains, use **PUMP1** to connected the Master (M) Valve сом COMMON ST24 ST3 ST2 ST1 ST2 ST24

TERMINAL BLOCK

Troubleshooting

Symptom	Possible Cause	Suggestion
No display	Flat battery <i>or</i> no mains power <i>or</i> fuse blown	Install a charged battery. If the display still doesn't work, then check the transformer or the main power supply. If main power supply is working, check and replace the fuse if necessary
Station not working	Faulty solenoid coil <i>or</i> broken cable	Swap faulty station wire on controller terminal block with known working statior wire. If the faulty valve still does not work on the known working connection then the solenoid coil is faulty. The panel may neet to be repaired or the cable may be broken
Fuse blows	Incorrect wiring or bad wiring joint	Check wiring and joints for a short circuit
No automatic start	Incorrect programming <i>or</i> blown fuse	If unit works manually check settings. Check fuse and field wiring
System watering at random	Too many start times entered	Check number of start times entered and when they are scheduled to water. Reset the unit if necessary
Multiple stations running at once	Looping program active <i>or</i> faulty driver triac	Check if looping program is active and in multi-station mode. Check wiring and swa faulty wires on terminal block with known working stations. If same outputs are still locked on, contact <u>Customer Service</u>
Pump start chattering	Faulty relay or pump contactor	Electrician to check voltage on relay or contactor
Display cracked or missing segments	Display damaged during transportation	Contact <u>Customer Service</u> for support
Rain Sensor input not working	RAIN SENSOR switch is OFF or faulty wiring	Ensure RAIN SENSOR switch is ON Test all wiring and ensure Rain Sensor is a normally closed type Check programming to ensure Rain Sensor is enabled



Pump Connection

- 1 Do not attempt to drive a pump starter directly from the controller
- Pump start is provided by connecting one side of the coil from a suitable relay to the MASTER VALVE/PUMP START (PUMP1) output of the controller and the other side to the controller common
- For systems supplied with water from a pump, unused stations must be connected back to the last used station to prevent running against a closed head if run times are incorrectly set
- If your water is being supplied directly from the main water supply, it is recommended to install an approved MASTER VALVE. This is connected to the COMMON (C) and PUMP/MASTER VALVE (**PUMP1**) terminals
- On the terminal block, the two **PUMP** outputs can open a *MASTER VALVE* or a *PUMP START* relay
- **1** A **PUMP** output is active the entire time **STATIONS** are active
- PUMP STARTS can be allocated to an individual STATION or PROGRAM
- **1 PUMP1** is automatically **ON** for all STATIONS and PROGRAMS
- **11 PUMP2** is automatically OFF for all STATIONS and PROGRAMS

Mounting the Unit

- Position in a place convenient for valve wiring, near a 240V AC outlet
- Avoid areas in direct exposure to outdoor weather conditions
- Mount at eye level for ease of use
- Drive a #8 screw into the wall, leaving approx. 4mm exposed

Use a toggle bolt or masonry plug if necessary

- Hang the unit from the key at the back
- Optional: Remove terminal cover to add additional screws through the holes in the lower corners for stability

Other Features

CLOCK SPEED ADJUSTMENT

- Turn the MAIN DIAL to
- **CLOCK-CALENDAR**
- **DATE** is flashing
- Press P to enter CLOCK SPEED mode
- vi. Use # or # to adjust
- The default clock speed is 00

UPLOAD DATA TO

- Turn the MAIN DIAL to ALL OFF
- Press both **■** and **■** at the same time, and the display will read **LOAD UP** and **SAVE CONTRACTOR MEMORY**
- iii. Press **P** to confirm

DOWNLOAD DATA FROM

- i. Turn the MAIN DIAL to ALL OFF
- Press □ and the display will read LOAD and RECALL CONTRACTOR MEMORY
- iii. Press P to confirm

CLEAR ALL PROGRAM DATA

- Turn the MAIN DIAL to ALL OFF
- Press twice until the display reads CLR and CLEAR MEMORY
- Press P to clear all program data

ADJUST DISPLAY CONTRAST

- Turn the MAIN DIAL to PUMP SETTINGS
- Press P four times, or until the display reads CON 1
- Use **■** or **■** to adjust the display contrast
- iv. Press P to save your

User Guide 2020 **Professional Irrigation Controller**



Introduction

The RPS624 Professional Irrigation Controller covers a wide range of applications from residential and commercial turf, to light agriculture and professional nursery.

This controller is available in 6, 9, 12, and 24-station configurations with:

- Up to five watering programs to manage all stations
- Up to four start times per day for each program
- This also includes:

- Selectable interval watering schedules from every day to every 15th day
- Seasonal adjustment for saving water in wetter months
- Rain sensor compatibility for saving water in wet weather
- Individual stations can be allocated to one or all programs and can have a run time of one minute to 12 hours 59 minutes

