

# PYROBOX3-TRACE PYROBOX3C-TRACE PYROBOX5-TRACE Installation and Operating manual



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## Introduction

The PYROBOX3/3C/5-TRACE power boxes together with the PYROTRACE controller and interface panel, offer smart and easy control for HEAT TRACING SYSTEMS.

It can operate up to 4 heating zones and one auxiliary zone, with selectable sequencing method. Typical applications include pipes, valves and gutters.

The backlit LCD screen provides full interface and information to the system status.

The Use of several zones staggering allow covering longer pipes length with less available electrical power.

The PYROTRACE offers various operating and programming options such as:

- Switchable temperature scales (°F or °C)
- Both Automatic and Manual modes
- heaters (lockout)

- Adjustable Lower ambient temperature limit to stop

- Adjustable heaters cycle and splitting times
- Adjustable heaters hold on off delay
- Energy saving temperature limit
- Commissioning/Test environment



## **PYROBOX Series Installation**

#### PLEASE READ THIS MANUAL AND THE SAFETY WARNINGS CAREFULLY BEFORE INSTALLING AND USING THE CONTROLLER AND SAVE IT FOR FUTURE USE

#### Installation notes

- Familiarize yourself with the markings, warnings, components and terminology.
- The PYROBOX power boxes and its accessories must be installed by a qualified electrician in accordance with local regulations and the requirements of the NEC (NFPA 72) and the CEC part 1.
- WARNING: Ensure the power is disconnect from all circuits before mounting the power box and making any connections. Contact with components carrying hazardous voltage can cause electric shock and may result in severe personal injury or death.
- Installer must ensure the installation of approved disconnect means, for all power supply circuits feeding this unit.
- The power boxes are suitable for indoor wall mount installation only.
- Ensure wiring according to the provided schematics using copper conductors only.
- Make sure the wire gauge (AWG) is suitable for the circuit amperage draw, as specified in the NEC/CEC table 1.
- Ensure that the main breakers (fuses) are suitable for the heating systems rating (80% load).
- Grounding means must comply with local regulations and CEC/NEC.
- Ensure that the heating system/de-icing system connected to this unit complies with the UL 499 or UL 515 & CSA 22.2 # 130.3 standard and is certified / listed by an NRTL.
- Ensure that all wiring is rated for the application at 60°C (140°F as per UL 515 CSA 22.2 #130 clause 12 table 12.1.
- Ensure that any holes punched for conduit are to compromise the integrity of the enclosure ratings.

#### Ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI)

- The ground fault interrupter/residual current detector installed in this system is a Non class A GFCI, intended for equipment protection.
- Familiar yourself with its operation and required setting.
- At installation and commissioning stage use a calibrated milliamp meter to read and record the heating systems natural leakage.

Set the GFI/RCD to no more than 30 milliamps higher than that reading.

• This step might have to be repeated a few times, to avoid nuisance tripping.

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 The GFCI should be tested monthly. Please refer to the calibration and testing instructions in appendix 1 of this manual.

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# Wiring the PYROBOX5-TRACE

#### Heater load connection

Provide 3-Phase contactors C1, C2, C3 and C4 with up to 600 VAC, 50 AMP Maximum per pole. Provide contactor C5 with with up to 300 VAC, 30 AMP.

Make sure the wire gauge (AWG) is suitable for the circuit Amperage draw, as specified in the NEC/ CEC table 1.

#### Main supply for the power box

Provide terminals L1, N1 with 120 VAC supply.



# Wiring the PYROBOX3C-TRACE

#### Heater load connection

Provide 3-Phase contactors C1 and C2 with up to 600 VAC, 50 AMP Maximum per pole.

Provide contactor C5 with with up to 300 VAC, 30 AMP.

Make sure the wire Gauge (AWG) is suitable for the circuit Amperage draw, as specified in the NEC/ CEC table 1.

#### Main supply for the power box

Provide terminals L1, N1 with 120 VAC supply.



Caution: Incorrect voltage may cause fire or seriously damage the unit.

## Connection to 3<sup>rd</sup> party ice/snow sensor (GIT-1 / CIT-1 / SIT/6E) - option

3-wire shielded cable

Up to 2,000 ft (609 m) using 12 AWG 3-wire shielded cable.

Up to 500 ft (152 m) using 18 AWG 3-wire shielded cable.



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Provide terminals L1, N1 with 120 VAC supply.



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Operating in	structions		
Turning the syste	em ON and OFF		
<ul> <li>Press and hold</li> </ul>	the [ON] button for 0.5 secon	nds to turn the system ON or OFF.	
<ul> <li>The words "ON</li> </ul>	" or "OFF" will appear on dis	play.	OFF
Selecting temper	ature scale		
<ul> <li>Press the [+] but</li> </ul>	utton for Celsius.		°F
<ul> <li>Press the [-] bu</li> </ul>	tton for Fahrenheit.		<b>D</b> °C
Selecting Automa	atic or Manual mode		
<ul> <li>Press the [SEL</li> </ul>	ECT] button to switch betwee	en modes:	
"Automatic"	Heating will start and stop a	automatically depending on the set point	Auto
"Manual ON"	And amplent temperatures.	s of the set point and ambient	Auto
	temperatures and will stop	after a preset time (pls. refer to the	
	"Manual ON" section in the	tech. settings).	
Note: Mode will al	ways return to "Automatic" af	ter switching the unit OFF and ON.	Manual
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Heaters indicatio	n		
The number bene	ath the heater icon	Black icon – Heater ON	
indicate the heater	r stage (1 to 5).	White icon – Heater OFF	
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Heater ON	
	4 5		
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Snow flake icon a	and digital time indication		
A solid snow flake	icon will appear on display d	luring normal heaters operation.	*88:88
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A blinking snow fla	ake icon will appear on displa ital clock will count down the	ay during heaters off delay or when manual remaining time until the heaters are turned	al mode is d off
	will disappear from display	as long as the heaters are turned off.	
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# **Technician settings**

Use the technician settings mode to view and adjust the following parameters:

- P01 Temperature set point
- P02 Lower ambient temperature limit to stop heaters
- P03 Time delay before stopping the heaters
- P04 ON time for manual mode
- P05 Heaters cycle time / Splitting time
- P06 Enable/Disable 2<sup>nd</sup> temperature sensor logic (Aquastat)
- P07 Heaters outputs logic
- P08 MODBUS MAC Address for home automation system (option)
- P09 Commissioning / Test mode
- Restore defaults

## Enter technician settings mode

- Move DIP switch S1 located on the side of thermostat to ON position.
- Press the [SELECT] and [+] buttons simultaneously to move forward to the next technician parameter.
- Press the [SELECT] and [-] buttons simultaneously to return to the previous technician parameter.

## Save changes and exit technician settings mode

• Move DIP switch S1 located on the side of thermostat to OFF position.

Important: Changes made to technician parameters will not take effect as long as DIP switch S1 is in ON position.



Enter technician settings mode



and exit technician settings mode

## Parameters:

## P01 - Temperature set point

- Move DIP switch S1 located on the side of thermostat to ON position.
- "P01" and the temperature set point will appear on display.
- Use the [+] and [-] buttons to adjust the temperature set point.
   Range: 5...60°F / -15...+15°C, Default: 37°F / 3°C

As long as the ambient temperature is lower than the temperature set point P01, the PYROTRACE will turn ON.

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# P02 - Lower limit temperature for heating

- Press the [SELECT] and [+] buttons simultaneously.
- "P02" and the low limit temperature will appear on display.
   When the temperature on the temperature sensor drops below the low temperature limit, the heating system will stop.
- Use the [+] and [-] buttons to adjust the temperature set point.
   Range: -40...+23°F / -40...-5°C Default: -40°F / -40°C
- Press the [SELECT] and [+] buttons simultaneously again.
- The word "ON" or "OFF" will appear on display.
- Use the [+] and [-] buttons enable (ON) or disable (OFF) the P02 parameter.

If disabled, the heating system will operate without low temperature limitations.

# P03 -Time delay before stopping the heaters

- Press the [SELECT] and [+] buttons simultaneously.
- "P03", "dL" and the time delay before stopping the heaters (Hold ON) will appear on display.
- Use the [+] and [-] buttons to adjust the the time delay.
   Range: 0000...9999 minutes
   Default: 120 minutes

Note 1. The time delay countdown will start when the ambient temperatures rises above the set point temperature.

Note 2. The staggering sequence will continue during the time delay period.

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## P04 - Manual mode ON time

- Press the [SELECT] and [+] buttons simultaneously.
- "P04", "On" and the "Manual ON" mode time period will appear on display. The time frame in which the heaters remain ON after receiving an "Manual ON" command.
- Use the [+] and [-] buttons to adjust the "Manual ON" time.
   Range: 0000...9999 minutes
   Default: 180 minutes

## P05 – Heaters cycle and splitting time

- Press the [SELECT] and [+] buttons simultaneously.
- "P05", "SP" and the splitting time will appear on display.
  - The minutes will blink.

The heaters cycle / splitting time parameter defines the working time of the heaters when working in sequence.

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Example: the splitting time is set to 10 minutes and 4 heaters work in sequence, each heater will be ON for 2.5 minutes (10/4=2.5).

Use the [+] and [-] buttons to adjust the splitting time.
 Range: 10...1999 minutes
 Default: 60 minutes.

## P06 – Enable/Disable Temperature sensor / Aquastat logic

- Press the [SELECT] and [+] buttons simultaneously.
- "P06" and the number "0" or "1" will appear on display.
- Use the [+] and [-] buttons to select between:
  - "0" Logic set by both TEMPERATURE SENSOR and AQUASTAT (default).
  - "1" Logic set by TEMPERATURE sensor only.
  - "2" Logic set by AQUASTAT sensor only



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Splitting time

## P07 - Heaters outputs logic (by TEMPERATURE SENSOR or by AQUASTAT SENSOR)

- Press the [SELECT] and [+] buttons simultaneously.
- "P07" and the figures "0", "1", "2" or "3" will appear on display.
- Use the [+] and [-] buttons to define the logic of output 1-5 as follows:



Notes:

- 1. If option 2 is selected, the temperature display will remain blank.
- 2. If P06=1, only option "0" is available.
- 2. If P06=2, only option "2" is available.

# P08 – MODBUS MAC Address



## P09 - Test conditions mode / Technician commissioning mode

Turn ON test conditions to check the functionality of the system regardless of

temperature sensors parameters (i.e. during the summer).

In test conditions, the Ambient temperature is always -7°C/19°F.

- Press the [SELECT] and [+] buttons simultaneously.
- "P09" will appear on display.
- Use the [+] button to enter test/commissioning mode the word "Test" will appear on display.
- Use the [-] button to manually exit test/commissioning mode the word "Test" will disappear from display.

Note: If the technician did not manually exit test/commissioning mode, the unit will automatically return to normal mode after 5 hours.

# Save changes and return to normal display

In order to save changes and return to normal display, move DIP switch S1 back to OFF position.

Important: Changes made to technician parameters will not take effect as long as DIP switch S1 is in ON position.

## **Restore default values**

- Move DIP switch S1 to ON position.
- Press and hold the [ON] button for 10 seconds. The thermostat will beep.

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Move DIP switch S1 back to OFF position.





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### DIP switch S2 - Short measuring times (test only)

- Use DIP switch S2 to short the
  - "ON" Short measuring times for test/commissioning only (measuring times will be divided by 60).
  - "OFF" Normal operation.

Short measuring times: A real 1 hour will take 1 minute and a real 1 minute will take 1 second.

### DIP switches S3 and S4 – heaters sequencing logic

- Use DIP switches S3 and S4 to define the sequencing logic of the heater (zones) as follows:

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	$\Box$		
1	2	3	4

S3 OFF, S4 OFF

All 4 outputs work per request from the temperature sensor





#### S3 OFF, S4 ON

Outputs 1+3 and outputs 2+4 work together (according to splitting time)





## S3 ON, S4 OFF

Outputs 1,2 and 3 work in sequence (according to splitting time) and output 4 works continuously.





3 ON, S4 ON

All 4 outputs work in sequence (according to splitting time)



Note: if output 5 is set to work together with outputs 1-4, (see "Heater output no. 5 logic" in the technician settings), it will operate the same as output 4.



## **Enable/Disable zones**

Follow the steps below to enable or disable each of the 5 zones.

By default, all zones are enabled.

- 1. Turn the thermostat OFF.
- 2. Press and hold both the [+] and the [-] buttons simultaneously for 10 seconds.
- 3. Choose the required zone using the [Select] button. Selected zone number will appear on display and the heater icon will flash.
- 4. Use the [+] button to enable the selected zone (black heater icon).
- 5. Use the [-] button to disable the selected zone (white heater icon).
- 6. Repeat steps above 3 to 5 for any required zone.
- 7. Press and hold both the [+] and the [-] buttons simultaneously again for 5 seconds to return to normal display.



## **System Errors**

#### Error 1 – MODBUS Communication error

"Aux1" Will appear on display.



## Error 2 – Temperature sensor is not connected or short circuit

"SensErr 1" Will appear on display.



Temperature Sensor error

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# Appendix 1 Calibrating and testing the internal GFCI

The GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupter) is designed to provide protection for electrical equipment. The "ON" Time Delay and Current Trip should be configured to match application requirements.



Indicator $(0/)$	Current t	rip (Amps)
indicator (%)	PYROBOX5	PYROBOX3/3C
10	0.1	0.01
20	0.2	0.02
30	0.3	0.03
40	0.4	0.04
50	0.5	0.05
60	0.6	0.06
70	0.7	0.07
80	0.8	0.08
90	0.9	0.09
100	1.0	0.10

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