



RHCN-3
RH Set Point Controller



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# **RELATIVE HUMIDITY SETPOINT/CONTROLLER RHCN-3**

#### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The model RHCN-3 is an economical relative humidity probe and setpoint controller designed for the O.E.M. market. The stainless steel probe uses a thin film polymer capacitor to sense relative humidity. The probe may be mounted up to several thousands of feet from the setpoint controller. The controller includes a bandwidth control and a recorder output of 10 millivolts/%RH. A resistor may be removed to obtain 50 millivolts/%RH output. The controller output is a SPDT relay contact.

#### **OPERATION**

See Figure I for terminal connections. User can add wire to five foot cable if required, observing color code as shown. Removing resistor as shown results in 50MV/%RH output and does not affect accuracy. Adjust bandwith as required. Adjusting to "8" mark means the switching points will be 8%RH above, and 8%RH below the setpoint shown on the "T" box front panel. The bandwidth setting is independent of setpoint setting.

#### **MAINTENANCE**

If the probe filter is clogged, unscrew knurled end cap at probe end and carefully pull out the printed circuit board and sensor. Clean filter, reinsert board, and end cap. If necessary use a soft art-size brush to remove lint from sensor.

If sensor is subject to 100% RH condensation, it must be dried to obtain correct reading. No recalibration is required. The probe should not be exposed to high concentrations of ammonia, alcohol vapors, air pollutants, or contaminants.

#### **CALIBRATION**

- A. Single point field calibration:
  - If necessary, a single adjustment of the SPAN trimpot may be done at the highest available known RH value while monitoring the recorder output with a voltmeter.
- B. Regular calibration procedure:

Place probe in known low RH environment (example: 10%RH) adjust ZERO trimpot CCW so that the recorder output decreases to a minimum value (near zero volts) where further adjustment produces no change. Now care fully turn ZERO trimpot CW until voltmeter just starts to increase above the minimum value.

Place probe in known high RH environment and allow to stabilize (example: 75%RH). Adjust the SPAN trimpot so that the voltmeter reads the difference between the low and high RH values (in our example: 75-10 = 65%RH). Finally adjust the ZERO trimpot so that the voltmeter read the high RH value (example: 75%). Note that for the 10MV/%RH output 65%RH - .65 volts, 75%RH = .75 volts. For the 50MV/%RH output 65%RH = 3.25 volts, 75%RH = 3.75 volts.

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

ACCURACY: ±3%RH, from 3% to 95%RH

OPERATING TEMPERATURE RANGE: Probe -20°C to 85°C, Controller 0°C to 75°C.

RECORDER OUTPUT: 10MV/%RH (50MV/%RH with resistor removed, See Figure 1).

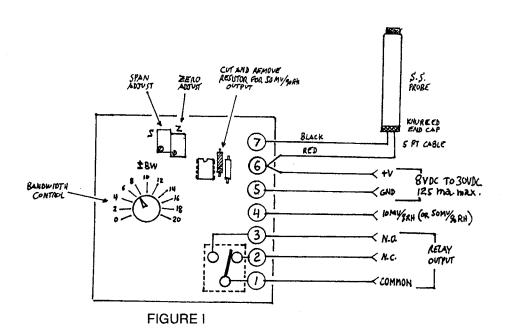
CONTROLLER OUTPUT: SPDT (Form "C") relay; 5AMPS, 250VAC or 30VDC.

BANDWITH CONTROL:  $\pm 0$  to  $\pm 20\% RH$ , independent of Setpoint setting.

POWER: 8VDC to 30VDC at 125 milliamps maximum.

PROBE: Stainless steel .75" diam., 4.7" long, 5 foot 2-wire cable with bracket for wall mounting.

ENCLOSURE: Controller mounted in standard metal "T" box (4 1/2" x 2 3/4" x 2" deep), screw terminal connections.



#### **ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS**

TEMPERATURE, OPERATING: PROBE; -20°C to 85°C (-4°F to 185°F)

CONTROLLER; 0°C to 75°C (32°F to 167°F)

TEMPERATURE, STORAGE: PROBE; -40°C to 85°C (-40°F to 185°F)

CONTROLLER; -10°C to 80°C (14°F to 176°F)

HUMIDITY, OPERATING: PROBE; 0 to 99%RH non-condensing

CONTROLLER; 10% to 90%RH non-condensing

HUMIDITY, STORAGE: PROBE; 0 to 100%RH

CONTROLLER; 0 to 90%RH non-condensing

PRESSURE, OPERATING AND STORAGE: PROBE; 30PSI

CONTROLLER; ambient pressure

The controller will be earth grounded using the grounding terminal inside the enclosure marked  $\oplus$ .

The 8-30VDC supply shall originate from a source complying with the Low Voltage Directive.

The controller conforms to the following directive under the above conditions.

Low Voltage Directive EN61010-1 (1993) 73/23/EEC



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