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# **OUTDOOR UNIT CONTROLLER (OUC) Release 2**

## **Operation and Fault Diagnosis**

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#### 4 Dip Switch Settings

- DP1** Factory set to **OFF** position to suit ducted units with reasonable and high airflows.  
Can be set to **ON** position if indoor units are ductless or have very low airflows.
- DP2** Factory set to **OFF** position to maintain a head pressure equivalent to 42°C.  
Can be set to **ON** position to maintain a head pressure equivalent to 50°C.
- DP3** Factory set to **OFF** position sets minimum time between de-ice cycles to 30 minutes.  
Can be set to **ON** position to set minimum time between de-ice cycles to 45 minutes.
- DP4** Factory set to **OFF** position allows outdoor fan to cut off at minimum speed setting.  
Can be set to **ON** position so outdoor fan continues running at minimum speed setting.

#### 5 Jumper

There is a jumper fitted across two pins located next to the Test button. This must remain fitted at all times for normal operation.

#### 6 Temperature Sensors Temperature vs Resistance Comparison

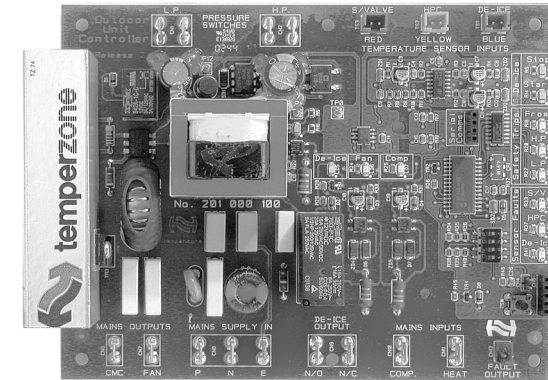
Temperature °C	Blue or Yellow Sensor	Red Sensor
- 10	58 kohm	56 kohm
- 5	44 kohm	43 kohm
0	34 kohm	33 kohm
10	20 kohm	20 kohm
20	12.6 kohm	12.5 kohm
30	8 kohm	8 kohm
40	5.2 kohm	5.3 kohm
50	3.5 kohm	3.6 kohm
60	2.3 kohm	2.5 kohm
80	1.15 kohm	1.25 kohm
100	n/a	0.67 kohm
110	n/a	0.50 kohm

Do not test sensors while they are still plugged on to the control board.

2. By pressing the Test button a second time and holding for two seconds, within 15 seconds of the first press should initiate an immediate de-ice cycle even if the 'Start' LED is not illuminated. This function is not available if the ambient temperature is too high. Normal time cycle operation will resume from that moment on. This should prove that the de-ice control is still functioning and that a de-ice cycle would occur if the sensor gets cold enough. Check that the sensor is located correctly in the coil (embedded in the fins). Consider possibility of sensor with incorrect calibration as a possible fault.

Should no de-icing cycle occur in either instance then the OUC board must be treated as faulty and replaced. However if the LEDs illuminate and the relays switch in the correct sequence but de-icing does not occur check the Neutral link at the indoor unit, or possibly a faulty reversing valve.

If an extra wire has been run and connected between the 'De-ice' terminal on the outdoor unit and terminal '1' of the indoor unit, then the link between terminals 'N' and '1' of the indoor unit must be removed.



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### 3.14 De-Ice Sensor Fault

A fault with the (blue lead) 'De-Ice' sensor, or the sensor not connected will illuminate/flash the red 'De-ice' sensor fault LED. In 'Fault' mode the compressor will not start in heating mode or will shutdown if running. The compressor will operate in cooling mode.

### 3.15 Remote Common Fault Output

Two pins are provided to allow for the connection of an optional relay sub board (**temperzone** item no 201 000 105) that will then in turn provide a 'no volt' set of contacts that can be utilised as a common fault indication circuit.

### 3.16 Repeat Fault Lockout Protection

Faults that are detected, if repeated a number of times, will eventually result in a 'Lockout' of the compressor from operation. Different faults have different fail sequences that will lead to lockout and these are detailed under their respective headings above. Repetitive sensor faults will also result in shutdown and 'Lockout'. Flashing LEDs indicating faults will remain flashing during a lockout of any device to aid in fault diagnosis.

### 3.17 Test Function

Once the initial power-up system check has been completed (refer 3.1) and if neither cooling nor heating modes are active (i.e. dead zone condition), the test button can be pressed and the controller will enter a test sequence of LEDs and operating functions. Condenser fans and the compressor should run for a few seconds and relays and contactors will be heard or seen switching. At the end of this sequence normal operation will be resumed. **Do not repeat this sequence frequently as it may cause damage to the compressor.**

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## 1 Introduction

The **temperzone** Outdoor Unit Controller (OUC) is a pre-programmed electronic controller of the outdoor unit's refrigeration system complete with system protection features.

It responds to a 230 volt thermostat or temperature controller signal for the compressor to run and a 230 volt 'Heat' signal that changes the operating mode from Cooling to Heating.

## 2 Features

The OUC provides the following features:

- Compressor cycling protection
- Minimum run time (3 mins)
- High pressure protection
- Low pressure protection (if LP switch fitted)
- Loss of refrigerant protection
- HP fan speed control
- Indoor coil icing protection
- Run and fault LED indication
- Remote common fault output (if extra relay board fitted)
- Repeat fault lockout protection.

## 3 Operation

### 3.1 Initial Power-Up & System Checks

On initial power-up, the LEDs on the right hand side of the board will flash in a pattern from the outside to the centre and back for 15 seconds. Nothing will operate until this system check is complete. This is then followed by the 3 minute anti-rapid cycle time out.

### 3.2 Power On LED

Indicates power is reaching the controller board. It does not necessarily indicate the board is functioning. If 230 volt is present at 'P' terminal and Power LED is not illuminated then board is faulty and needs replacement.

### 3.3 Compressor Cycling Protection

Prevents the compressor from restarting too quickly. Ensures a minimum of 3 minutes rest from the last stop, to allow the system to equalise. This is not adjustable.

Should a 230 volt signal be received at the COMP terminal during this period then the (fault and De-ice safety,) LEDs on the right hand side of the controller board will flash from **bottom to top** until the cycle has timed out.

### 3.13 Outdoor Coil De-Ice Control (Icing In Low Ambients during Heat Cycle)

Amber De-Ice 'Start' LED will illuminate as temperature of coil falls below the lower limit temperature. De-ice may start immediately or wait for the time cycle to be timed out.

Every 30 minutes (or 45 minutes – set by dip switch 3) from end of a previous de-ice cycle (also on initial start up), the de-ice cycle will be initiated if the coil temperature is below the lower limit.

Green 'De-Ice' LED will illuminate indicating de-ice cycle operating. The compressor pauses at the start of every de-ice cycle, the outdoor fan stops and during this pause the reversing valve changes over, the compressor then restarts and the de-icing commences. The indoor fan may also stop if the optional "de-ice" wire has been connected between the indoor and outdoor units or if a thermostat with indoor coil sensor is used.

Amber De-Ice 'Start' LED will go off as the temperature of the coil rises above the lower limit during the de-ice cycle.

Eventually the amber De-Ice 'Stop' LED should illuminate indicating coil temperature has reached the upper limit (unless time termination occurs after 10 minutes and before this temperature is reached).

Green 'De-Ice' LED will go off as de-ice terminates. Compressor pauses at the end of every de-ice cycle. During this pause the reversing valve changes back and then the compressor and fan(s) will restart.

Amber De-Ice 'Stop' LED will go off (if illuminated) as the coil temperature falls below the upper limit after the de-ice cycle has completed.

Normal heating operation is resumed, although amber De-Ice 'Start' LED may illuminate quite quickly after de-ice cycle is completed if conditions are cold enough and the lower limit temperature is reached.

Should an LP switch be fitted, and should an LP fault occur and the red 'LP' LED indicate/flash during de-ice, or within two minutes of restart on heating, the compressor will not shutdown. This is nothing to be concerned about, it simply avoids nuisance tripping.

Time between de-ice cycles repeats.

There are two de-ice test options available should the de-ice cycle not appear to operate correctly. These test options are only available when in the heat cycle.

1. By momentarily pressing the Test button if and when the amber De-Ice 'Start' LED is illuminated. A de-ice cycle should be initiated pre-empting the time cycle delay. Normal time cycle operation will resume from that moment on. This should prove the de-ice control is still functioning.

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### 3.8 **Low Pressure (Switch) Protection** (if fitted)

If an optional Low Pressure Switch is connected to the controller board, an LP fault is indicated by the red safety trip 'L.P.' LED illuminated/flashing and the compressor will be shut down for 3 minutes.

After 3 consecutive trips the compressor will be 'Locked Out' from running until power to the board (unit) is removed and restored (the 'LP' LED remains flashing during lockout).

### 3.9 **Service Valve Sensor Fault**

A fault with the (red lead) 'Service Valve' sensor or the sensor not connected will illuminate/flash the red 'S/V' sensor fault LED. In 'Fault' mode the compressor will not start or will shutdown if running.

### 3.10 **Indoor Coil Icing Protection**

The 'Service Valve' sensor (Suction service valve on cooling cycle) is also used as a protection for indoor coil ice up. At a pre-set low limit it shuts down the compressor for 15 minutes and the 'Frost' safety trip LED will illuminate/flash. After 4 consecutive trips the compressor will be 'Locked Out' from running until power to the board (unit) is removed and restored.

### 3.11 **Head Pressure Fan Speed Controller and Sensor**

#### **Cooling Mode**

Controls the outdoor fan speed in the cooling cycle to maintain a condensing temperature that can be set by Dip Switch 2 to either 42°C or 50°C.

The sensor is located in a return bend pocket on the outdoor coil.

The outdoor fan can be set to run continuously at minimum speed setting or set to cut off (via Dip Switch 4). Continuous will give a more settled operation but could in very cold outdoor ambient conditions lead to insufficient head pressure. The choice of setting is therefore at the installers discretion. The factory setting is for cut off.

#### **Heating Mode**

Reduces the outdoor fan speed when on the heating cycle in high ambients to limit the head pressure and avoid nuisance 'HP' trips.

The sensor utilised is the 'Service Valve' sensor.

### 3.12 **Head Pressure 'HPC' Sensor Fault**

A fault with the (yellow lead) 'HPC' sensor, or the sensor not connected will illuminate/flash the red 'HPC' sensor fault LED. In 'Fault' mode the compressor will not start or will shutdown if running.

### 3.4 **Minimum Run Time Protection**

Ensures the compressor runs for at least 3 minutes to ensure oil is returned to the compressor after start up. This is not adjustable.

If the 230 volt signal is removed from the COMP terminal during this period, the (fault and safety) LEDs on the right hand side of the controller board will flash from **top to bottom** until the cycle has timed out.

If however the 'Heat' signal is lost in 'Heat' mode or gained in 'Cool' mode during this minimum run time period the compressor will be stopped and the balance of the minimum run time added to the anti-rapid cycle time.

### 3.5 **Maximum Starts Per Hour Protection**

The Compressor Cycling Protection and Minimum Run Time functions combined will only allow a maximum of 10 starts per hour.

### 3.6 **High Pressure Protection**

A High Pressure switch is connected to the controller board from which an HP fault is indicated by the red safety trip 'H.P.' LED illuminated/flashing and the compressor will be shut down for at least 3 minutes.

After 3 consecutive trips the compressor will be prevented from running for 30 minutes. This will be repeated after a further 3 trips. After another 3 trips the compressor will be 'Locked Out' from running (the 'HP' LED remains flashing) until power to the board (unit) is removed and restored.

### 3.7 **Loss of Refrigerant Protection**

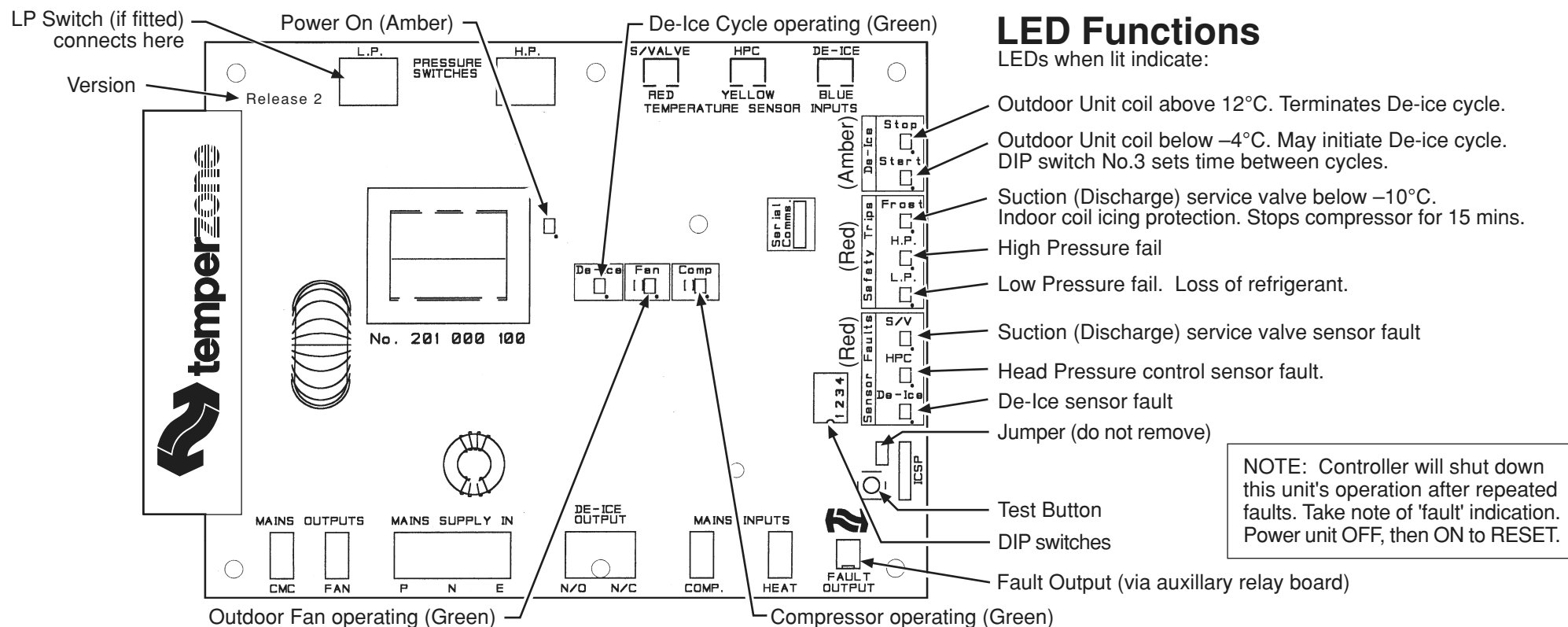
On the cooling cycle the temperature at the service valve (suction on cooling) is compared to the temperature of the HPC sensor and should there be insufficient temperature difference, indicating loss of refrigerant, then a fault is indicated by the red safety trip 'L.P.' LED illuminated/flashing and the compressor will be shut down temporarily.

On the heating cycle the temperature at the service valve (discharge on heating) is monitored and should this reach too high a temperature, indicating loss of refrigerant, then an LP fault is indicated by the red safety trip 'L.P.' LED illuminated/flashing and the compressor will be shut down temporarily.

After 3 consecutive trips the compressor will be 'Locked Out' from running until power to the board (unit) is removed and restored.

Note: Some units are fitted with manual reset thermal overloads on the compressor/s. Should an 'L.P.' LED be illuminated, first check that one of these overloads is not tripped as this could be the cause of the 'L.P.' fault signal.

The Service Valve sensor is located, either (i) in a pocket on the pipe between the reversing valve and the service valve on split system outdoor units, or (ii) on the indoor coil of packaged units.



## Features

- Compressor Cycling Protection (3 mins)
- Minimum Run Time (3 mins)
- High Pressure Protection
- Low Pressure Protection (if LP switch fitted)
- Loss of Refrigerant Protection
- Head Pressure Fan Speed Control
- Indoor Coil Icing Protection
- Outdoor Coil De-Icing (Heat Cycle)
- Run & Fault LED Indication
- Remote Common Fault Output
- Repeat Fault Lockout Protection

## DIP Switch Settings

(Factory standard settings are to OFF position)

1	OFF	<b>Ducted Indoor units</b>
	ON	Ductless Indoor units
2	OFF	<b>HP control to maintain 42°C</b>
	ON	HP control to maintain 50°C
3	OFF	<b>Min. time betw. De-Ice cycles: 30 min.</b>
	ON	Min. time betw. De-Ice cycles: 45 min.
4	OFF	<b>Outdoor fan low temp. cut off</b>
	ON	Outdoor fan low temp. continuous

## Other Functions / Indications

System Check	When power is switched on, LEDs on right side will flash in a pattern from outside to centre and back for 15 seconds.
Anti Rapid Cycle Timer Running	During this 3 min. cycle LEDs flash from bottom to top if signal received on COMP terminal. (Compressor not allowed to run)
Minimum Run Timer Running	During this cycle LEDs flash from top to bottom if signal is removed from COMP terminal. (Ensures compressor runs no less than 3 mins)
Test Button	In heat cycle, a momentary press initiates de-ice cycle if 'Start' LED lit.
	If pressed again for 2 secs (within 15 secs of first press), de-ice cycle starts – even if 'Start' LED not lit.