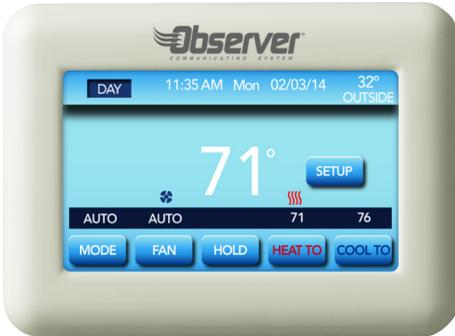




# Communicating Wall Control With Wi-Fi<sup>®</sup> Capability Installation Manual TSTAT0201CW



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# Safety Considerations

Improper installation, adjustment, alteration, service, maintenance, or use can cause explosion, fire, electrical shock, or other conditions which may cause death, personal injury or property damage. Consult a qualified installer, service agency or your distributor or branch for information or assistance. The qualified installer or agency must use factory-authorized kits or accessories when modifying this product. Refer to the individual instructions packaged with the kits or accessories when installing.

Follow all safety codes. Wear safety glasses, protective clothing, and work gloves. Have a fire extinguisher available. Read these instructions thoroughly and follow all warnings and cautions included in literature and attached to the unit. Consult local building codes and the current edition of the National Electrical Code (NEC) NFPA 70.

In Canada, refer to the current editions of the Canadian Electrical Code CSA C22.1.

Recognize safety information. ⚠ When you see this symbol on the unit and in instructions or manuals, be alert to the potential for personal injury. Understand these signal words: DANGER, WARNING, and CAUTION. These words are used with the safety-alert symbol. DANGER identifies the most serious hazards which **will** result in severe personal injury or death. WARNING signifies hazards which **could** result in personal injury or death. CAUTION is used to identify unsafe practices which **may** result in minor personal injury or product and property damage. NOTE is used to

highlight suggestions which **will** result in enhanced installation, reliability, or operation.

## Introduction

The Observer® communicating system consists of several intelligent communicating components which includes the Observer® Wall Control, and Observer System HVAC equipment such as, variable speed furnace or fan coil, 2-stage AC or HP, which continually communicate with each other via a four-wire communication bus. Commands, operating conditions, and other data are passed continually between components over the communication bus. The result is an enhanced level of comfort, versatility, and simplicity. All communicating furnaces or fan coils are variable-speed and multi-stage for maximum flexibility, efficiency, and comfort. They support controlled humidification, dehumidification, and air quality control. Either an Observer communicating, or a standard 24VAC controlled outdoor unit may be used. When using conventional, single-stage outdoor units, the communicating furnace (single-stage AC unit), or fan coil (single-stage HP) provides the 24 volt signals needed to control them. Add the accessory daughter board to the system to control other types of conventional outdoor units. All system components are controlled through the wall mounted Observer Control, which replaces the conventional thermostat and provides the homeowner with a single wall control for all features of the system.

The Observer Communicating Control with Wi-Fi® network compatibility allows connection of this system to the Internet via a home Wi-Fi® network. See the Owner's Manual for information on connecting the wall control to the home Wi-Fi

network, and the MyObserverComfort web server. See later in these Installation Instructions for information on applying the accessory NAXA00101WA wireless access point, if the existing home network is incompatible with this product.

***The ability to remotely access and adjust the settings of the Observer® wall control with the MyObserverComfort web and mobile applications is dependent on the compatibility of the user's computer/network or mobile device, the Observer wall control, and/or the MyObserverComfort web server with, and the availability of, the user's Internet service provider or mobile device carrier service. International Comfort Products makes no representations or warranties, express or implied, including, to the extent permitted by applicable law, any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose or use, about the compatibility of the user's computer/network, or mobile device, with the Observer wall control, and/or the MyObserverComfort web server, with, and the availability of, the user's Internet service provider or mobile device carrier service, or that the ability to remotely access and adjust the settings of the Observer wall control will not be negatively affected by the network-related modifications, upgrades, or similar activity of the user's Internet service provider or mobile device carrier service.***

# Quick Start

For first time installers, Quick Start will allow a quick start up of the Observer® Control before learning all the details of system operation. However, for the best possible comfort and operation refer to the Owner's Manual.

## Set Day and Time

**NOTE:** See the Owner's manual for instructions on utilizing Internet time for date and time synchronization.

To set the current time and date, press **SETUP**; then press **TIME/DATE**.





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Under date, you can select the month, day, or year buttons; then use the ▲ and ▼ to select the appropriate date. . Under time, you can select the hour, minute, and am/pm; then use the ▲ and ▼ to select the appropriate time. You also have the option of selecting between a **12 HR** or **24 HR** clock format. Finally, you can choose whether you observe day light savings time by pressing the **ON** or **OFF** button. Press

**DONE** to save and exit the information that you have entered.

## Set Schedule for All Days

The Observer® Control gives you flexibility in how to create a comfort schedule. You can choose one schedule for all days; create a schedule for your work week and the weekend; or you can make every day different.

You can create on schedule for all seven days in the week.

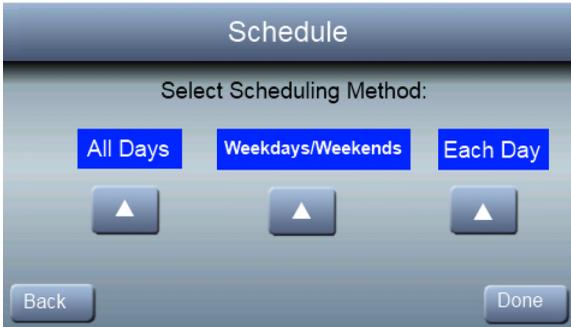
1. Press **SETUP**, then **SCHEDULE**

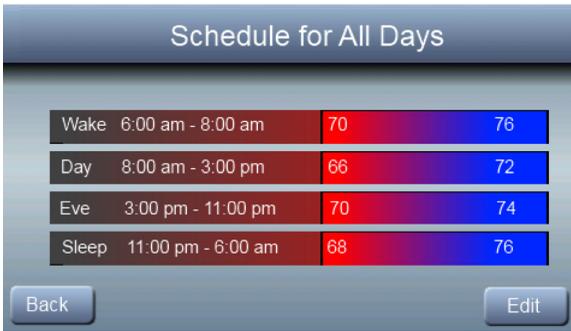




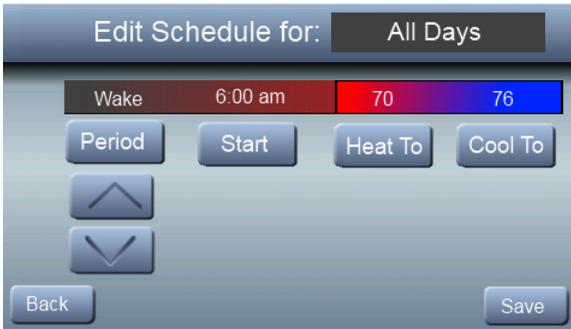
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2. Press ▲ under “All Days”, then press **EDIT**.





3. Press **PERIOD**; then use the ▲ or ▼ to select the period to change.



4. Press **START**; then use the ▲ or ▼ to change the time the corresponding period starts.

5. Press **HEAT TO**; then use the ▲ or ▼ to change the desired heating temperature for that period.

6. Press **COOL TO**; then use the ▲ or ▼ to change the desired heating temperature for that period.
7. Press **DONE** after you have completed your edits.
8. Press **SAVE** to save your new schedule and exit (or press **CANCEL** to exit without saving.)

NOTE: See Owners manual for further details of setting up schedules.

## Installation

### Overview

This instruction covers installation of the Observer® Control **only**. Physical installation instructions for the indoor and outdoor equipment and accessories are provided with each unit. Setup, commissioning, operation, and troubleshooting of the communicating system are covered only in this installation instruction. It is the guide to connecting the system components and commissioning the system once all physical components are installed. Special screen prompts and start-up capabilities are provided in the communicating system to simplify and automate the initial commissioning of the system.

- Install Observer Control according to this instruction.
- Install indoor unit, outdoor unit, and accessories according to their instructions.
- Wire complete system according to this instruction.
- Setup, commission, and operate system according to this instruction to assure a smooth and trouble free start-up.

## Check Equipment

Inspect equipment. File claim with shipping company prior to installation if shipment is damaged or incomplete.

## Location

All wiring must comply with national, local, and state codes.

## Wall Control

The Observer® Control is the command center for the communicating system. It should be located where it is easily accessible and visible to the adult homeowner or end user. For accurate temperature measurement, the following guidelines should be followed:

The Observer Control and Room Sensors **SHOULD** be mounted:

- Approximately 5-ft (1.5 m) from the floor.

- Close to or in a frequently used room, preferably on an inside partitioning wall.

- On a section of wall without pipes or ductwork.

The Observer Control and Room Sensors **SHOULD NOT** be mounted:

- Close to a window, on an outside wall, or next to a door leading to the outside.

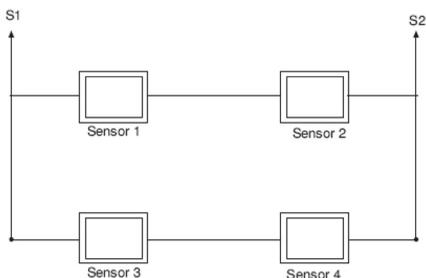
- Exposed to direct light or heat from a lamp, sun, fireplace, or other temperature-radiating objects which could cause a false reading.

- Close to or in direct airflow from supply registers.

- In areas with poor air circulation, such as behind a door or in an alcove.

## Remote Room Sensors (for non-zoned system)

A Remote Room Sensor (Part No. SYSTXIIRRS01) can be used with the Observer® Control to take the place of the control's internal temperature sensor (This sensor is NOT the same as the Zone Temperature Sensor, even though the part numbers are similar). This allows the Observer Control to be mounted in areas with less than optimal airflow (such as near an exterior door, window or in a closet). The remote sensor can be wired to the terminal block connectors labeled S1 and S2 at the control's back-plate. The Observer Control will automatically detect the Remote Room Sensor and ignore its internal temperature sensor. Typically, one remote sensor is used but, multiple sensors may be used and averaged in some applications. Averaging requires a special series-parallel wiring method with a specific number of sensors. See Fig. 1. It is also important to note the humidity sensor cannot be remotely located, so do not locate the Observer Control in an area where humidity sensing may not be accurate.



**Fig. 1 – Remote Room Sensor – Parallel Wiring**

## Wiring Considerations

**NOTE:** See the Observer® Zone Panel Installation Instructions for wiring of Observer Zoning systems.

Ordinary thermostat wire is recommended. Use 22 AWG or larger for normal wiring applications. Continuous wire lengths over 25 ft. should use 18 AWG. Wire lengths over 100 ft are **NOT** recommended.

**NOTE:** The communicating bus wiring only requires a four-wire connection; however, it is good practice to run thermostat cable having more than four wires in the event of a damaged or broken wire during installation.

Each communicating device in the system has a four-pin connector. It is recommended that the following color code be used when wiring each device:

DX+ — Green = Data A

DX- — Yellow = Data B

C — White = 24VAC (Com)

R — Red = 24VAC (Hot)

**NOTE:** TERMINAL MARKINGS FOR EACH COMMUNICATING SYSTEM COMPONENT MAY NOT BE IN THE SAME ORDER. IT IS NOT MANDATORY THAT THE ABOVE COLOR CODE BE USED, BUT EACH CONNECTOR IN THE SYSTEM **MUST** BE WIRED CONSISTENTLY.

A separate four-pin connector comes inside packaging and should be used when connecting to furnace (or fan coil). Ensure connector is inserted properly into circuit board.

1. Turn off all power to equipment.
2. If an existing thermostat or control is being replaced:
  - a. Remove existing thermostat from wall.

b. Disconnect wires from existing thermostat.

c. Discard or recycle old thermostat.

**NOTE:** Mercury is a hazardous waste, if existing control contains any mercury, it **MUST** be disposed of properly. The Observer® Control does not contain mercury.

3. Select Observer Control mounting plastic
4. Route wires through hole in mounting plastic. Level rear plastic against wall (for aesthetic value only - Observer Control need not be level to operate properly) and mark wall through two mounting holes.
5. Drill two 3/16-in (4.8 mm) mounting holes in wall where marked.
6. Secure mounting plastic to wall using two screws and anchors provided.
7. Adjust length and routing of each wire to reach each wire entry on the connector back-plate. Strip 1/4--in (6.4 mm) of insulation from each wire.
8. Match and connect thermostat wires to proper terminals on wall control back-plate. See Wiring Diagrams in Appendix.
9. Push any excess wire into the wall. Seal hole in wall to prevent any air leaks. Leaks can affect operation.
10. Attach Observer Control to the mounting plastic by lining up the plastic guides on the back of the control with the opening on the mounting plastic and push on.
11. Perform installation of all other system equipment (i.e. humidifier, UV lights, etc.).
12. Turn on power to equipment.

**NOTE:** In a dual fuel installation with a non-communicating heat pump, an OAT sensor must be installed, or the heat pump will not run.

### **Shielded Wire**

If the thermostat wiring will be located near or in parallel with high voltage wiring, cable TV or Ethernet wiring, then shielded thermostat wire can be used to reduce or eliminate potential interference. The shield wire should be connected to the C terminal, or ground, at the indoor unit. The shield wire should NOT be connected to any terminal at the wall control. Connecting the shield to ground at both ends can cause current loops in the shield, reducing shield effectiveness.

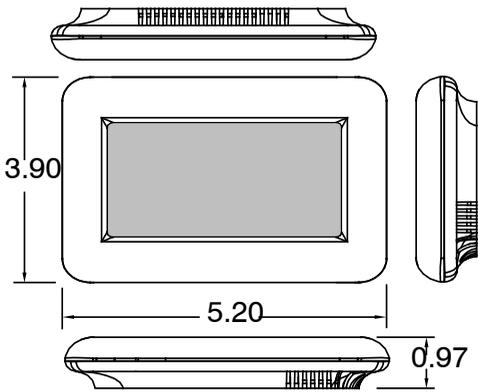
### **Non-communicating equipment**

The Observer® Control, when paired with the NAXA00101DB daughter board, will operate non-communicating equipment. When the system utilizes the NAXA00101DB daughter board, the Observer Control operates as a standard universal thermostat. See Appendix Wiring Diagrams

### **Mounting**

First become familiar with all plastic assembly pieces shown in Figure 2. The wall control will snap together with the back-plate. A back-plate is supplied Figure 2. Attach back-plate using only a small hole in the wall allowing a four wire connection to pass through. Mount the assembly to the back-plate.

**NOTE:** Once Observer Control is secured to wall with the back-plate assembly (snapped together), care must be taken not to bend or break the interlocking tabs when removing.



**Fig. 2 – Wall Control Assembly Pieces**

## Humidifier Connection

A 24VAC bypass or fan powered humidifier may be installed.

**NOTE: Do Not Use** a traditional humidistat to control humidifier operation. If a humidifier is installed, let the Observer® Control operate humidifier.

### Bypass Humidifiers

A bypass humidifier is normally wired directly to the furnace or fan coil HUM and 24VAC COM terminals. The Observer® Control will automatically energize the HUM output during a call for humidification. See the humidifier installation instructions for the proper wiring procedure for each particular humidifier.

### Fan Powered Humidifiers

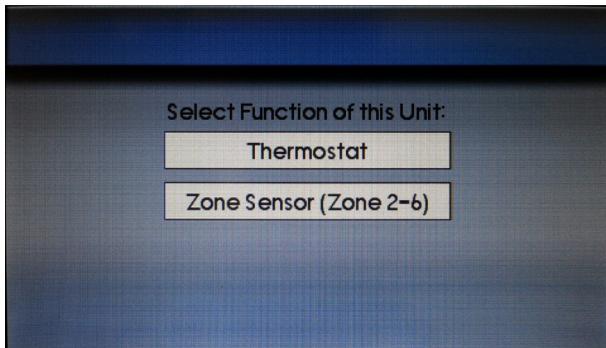
Most fan powered humidifiers produce internal 24VAC in order to energize upon a switch or contact closure. For this application, a 24VAC N.O. Isolation Relay (DPST) **MUST** be used to prevent mixing the internal humidifier power with the indoor equipment transformer. Applying 24VAC isolation relay coil to furnace or fan coil HUM and COM terminals will allow the Observer® Control to automatically energize the HUM output during a call for humidification. The N.O. relay contacts will be used to energize the humidifier. See fan powered humidifier installation instructions for more details.

# Commissioning

## Overview

This section addresses initial power up (or commissioning) of an Observer® Control. The wall control will communicate and identify all communicating components in the system.

When the Observer Wall Control is first powered up, it will display, Loading Graphics, then Select Function of this Unit. Next it will search for equipment, beginning with the indoor, then the outdoor, and remote room sensors.



When the control powers up, it will display loading graphics, and will ask the Installer to select the function of this control.. The wall control indicates that it is now “FINDING INDOOR EQUIPMENT”, followed by “FINDING OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT”



FINDING INDOOR EQUIPMENT...

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FINDING OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT...

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**NOTE:** Image is example only. Software Version may vary.

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Once the indoor equipment, outdoor equipment, and zone panel (if applicable) have been found, the Installer will be asked to select if a humidifier is installed.

**NOTE:** If the communicating indoor equipment (furnace or fan coil) cannot be found, the wall control will display the option to enter THERMOSTAT DEMO MODE or to retry the search for equipment. The system will only operate in THER-

MOSTAT DEMO MODE if no communicating equipment is found.

If a communicating indoor unit is found, but a communicating outdoor unit or relay board is not found, the installer will be prompted to select the outdoor type; either AC, Heat Pump, or NONE.

## Selecting Accessories

Once the indoor and outdoor equipment have been found or entered, the following screen will appear allowing the Installer to select "HUMIDIFIER INSTALLED". Press **YES** or **NO** to make the appropriate selection.



## Selecting Indoor Unit

If there is no communicating indoor unit, the screens below will appear. The installer should select the indoor unit type (furnace or fan coil), then select the indoor unit stages (single or two-stage).

**NOTE:** Two-stage outdoor selection is only available when a daughter-board is installed.

SELECT INDOOR UNIT:

FURNACE

FAN COIL / ELECTRIC FURNACE

INDOOR UNIT STAGES

SINGLE STAGE

TWO STAGE

## Equipment Summary

The “EQUIPMENT CONFIGURATION” screen will appear after the humidifier screen. This screen will give a summary of all equipment automatically found or manually selected. If a wrong selection was made, press **RELEARN** to go back. When all of the equipment is correct, press **SAVE**.



The screenshot shows a screen titled "Equipment Configuration". It is divided into two columns for equipment details. The left column lists "Indoor Equipment: Furnace" with model "\*9MAC" and serial "5211A12345". The right column lists "Outdoor Equipment: Heat Pump" with model "\*SH5" and serial "5211E12345". Below these columns, it lists "Accessories: Humidifier". At the bottom left is a "RELEARN" button and at the bottom right is a "SAVE" button.

Indoor Equipment:	Outdoor Equipment:
Furnace:	Heat Pump:
Model: *9MAC	Model: *SH5
Serial: 5211A12345	Serial: 5211E12345

Accessories: Humidifier

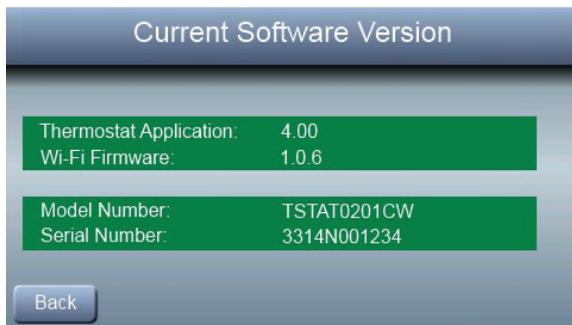
RELEARN      SAVE

## Brand Selection

After the commissioning of the Observer® Control, the installer will be prompted to select the appropriate brand. After the brand selection, or **NO LOGO** is made, the installer will have the opportunity to confirm the choice. If the brand selection is correct, press **DONE**, otherwise press **BACK** to select a different brand.

## Current Software Version

Selecting this menu option will display the Software Version, Wi-Fi® Firmware version, Model Number, and Serial Number, for the individual Master Wall Control or Zone Sensor.



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## Software Updates

Software updates will periodically be issued for the Observer® Communicating Wall Control. Updates are usually made to support new HVAC equipment that are added to our product line; install these updates as required for the equipment installed as part of the Observer® Communicating System. Software updates will be made available through International Comfort Products distributors, for use by dealers.

**NOTE:** A complete system setup will need to be performed when installing new software into this product.

## Setting Up Remote Access and Wi-Fi® Connection

The Observer® Communicating Wall Control can connect through an in-home Wi-Fi® network to connect to the Internet. If the in-home Wi-Fi network or router is found to be incompatible with the Observer wall control, an accessory Observer Wireless Access Point (NAXA00101WA) or any other compatible wireless router can be installed to establish Wi-Fi connectivity. Wi-Fi range extenders may also be used if the wall control is located a significant distance away from the Wi-Fi access point or router. More information may be found at the [www.MyObserverComfort.com](http://www.MyObserverComfort.com) website.

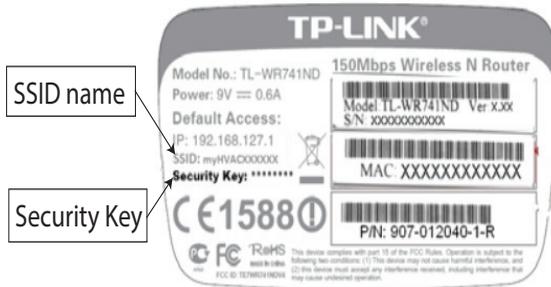
Please contact your distributor, or call the help desk (available 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM ET, M-F) at 877-591-8908, if you need help with Wi-Fi set-up and connection to the MyObserverComfort web server.

***See the Owner's Manual for complete instructions on commissioning the Wi-Fi® connection.***

Connect the blue WAN port of the optional NAXA00101WA accessory (TP-LINK®) Wireless Access Point to the homeowner's existing router LAN port using the provided Ethernet cable. The LAN ports on the back of the TP-LINK Wireless Access Point should not be used for other devices. The TP-LINK Wireless Access Point should only be used for connection of the Observer® wall control, and is not intended to be used wired or wirelessly with any other devices. Connect the provided antenna and apply power to the wireless access point using the provided power supply.

It is best to place the wireless access point within 75 feet of any devices to be connected to it. This distance will vary based upon the construction of the home, the number of walls and floors to be penetrated, and other devices using the 2.4GHz radio band (wireless telephones, speaker systems, baby monitors, etc., as well as interference from microwave ovens). Wi-Fi® range extenders may also be used if the wall control is located a significant distance away from the Wi-Fi access point or router. More information on Wi-Fi range extenders may be found at the [www.MyObserverComfort.com](http://www.MyObserverComfort.com) website.

To establish Wi-Fi connectivity to the Observer wall control using the accessory NAXA00101WA access point, the wireless access point SSID and Security Key for the NAXA00101WA must be known. See the label on the bottom of the NAXA00101WA for this information.



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When choosing the SSID to connect the Observer® wall control, select the myHVACxxxxxx SSID, as indicated on the NAXA00101wa label, from the list. (myHVAC is followed by the last 6 digits of your Wireless Access Point's MAC address; see the label

on the bottom of the TP-LINK® wireless access point). You may have to use the arrow at the bottom right of the SSID display screen to scroll to the next screen to find “myHVACxxxxxx”.



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## Install/Service Menus – Communicating and Non-Communicating Mode

The “**INSTALLER CONFIGURATION**” menus contain vital information. This information enables the Installer or Service person to view a summary of what has been installed, etc. This information is not covered in the Owner’s Manual.

To enter **INSTALLER CONFIGURATION** menus, press and hold the **FAN BUTTON** for at least ten seconds. The following menu will appear: (If an item is grayed out, that item is not applicable to the equipment configuration selected – for example, reversing valve will be grayed out if a standard AC system is selected).



**NOTE:** The **INSTALL / SERVICE** menu will automatically exit after 90 seconds of no activity.

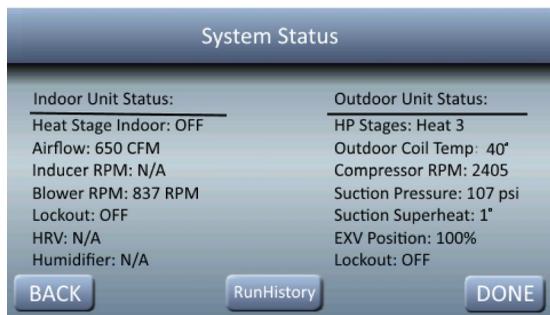
### Equipment Summary Menu

This screen shows indoor unit type and model number, outdoor unit type (and model number if a communicating outdoor unit), and any accessories that are installed are recognized.



# Service Menus

## Status



The Status screens will show all of the current operating parameters of each installed piece of equipment.

### **Heat Stage (Furnace):**

Displays stage of heat that the furnace is currently delivering.

OFF, LOW, HIGH

% capacity (modulating furnace only)

### **Electric Heat (Fan Coil):**

Displays stages of electric heat that the fan coil is currently delivering.

OFF, LOW, MED, HIGH

### **Airflow CFM (select equipment models, only):**

Cubic Feet per Minute of air the blower is currently delivering.

### **Inducer RPM (Modulating furnaces only):**

Inducer motor RPM value.

**Blower RPM (select equipment models, only):**

Actual RPM feedback from indoor blower motor.

**Lockout Timer:**

If a lockout timer is active, this will show the current time value. See equipment manual for details on lockout timers.

Seconds

**Single-Stage and Two-Stage Heat Pump/AC Status****Stage: (Heat/Cool):**

Displays stage of heating or cooling that the Heat Pump/AC is delivering.

OFF, HIGH, LOW

**Defrost:**

NO, YES

**Outdoor Coil Temp:**

Temperature of the outdoor unit coil (only available on 2-stage communicating outdoor units).

°F or °C (default = °F)

**Multistage (greater than 2) Heat Pump/AC Status****Stage: (Heat/Cool):**

Displays stage of heating or cooling that the Heat Pump/AC is delivering.

OFF, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, DEFROST

**Outdoor Coil Temp:**

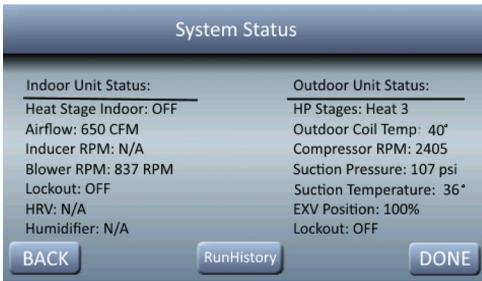
Temperature of the outdoor unit coil.

**Compressor RPM**

Speed of the compressor.

**Suction Pressure (see image above)**

Pressure in the suction line.



## Suction Temperature

Suction Temperature (toggles with Suction Superheat).

## EXV Position

Position of the EXV in percent.

## Lockout timer

If a lockout timer is active, this will show the current time value. See equipment manual for detail on lockout timers.

## Single-Stage and Two-Stage Heat Pump/AC Status

### Last 10 System Faults

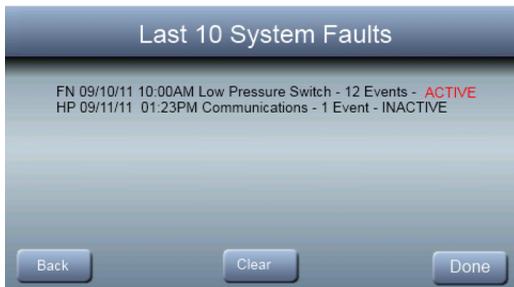
This screen will show last 10 events that occurred throughout the system. Each entry has the time and date incident recorded. Service technician should enter current date in the DATE menu section BEFORE checking and logging the last 10 system events. Each entry has a two-letter acronym preceding the event name to identify which piece of equipment generated the event. This event history can be cleared under Thermostat Setup, Reset Factory Defaults.

## Multistage Heat Pump/AC Status

### Last 10 System Faults

Multistage units have fault number codes shown after the date/time

HP = Heat Pump  
AC = Air Conditioner  
FN = Furnace  
FC = Fan Coil



### Lifetime Run History

The indoor unit and outdoor unit (if communicating) have the following histories:



### Cycle Counters

Number of heat/cool/power cycles the unit has performed.

## Run Timers

Lifetime hours of operation in heating, cooling, and how long the unit has been powered.

### Filter Reminder

Select the number of hours of fan operation after which the replace filter reminder shall appear.

Off – The Replace Filter Reminder function is disabled

800-7200 hours – in 800 hour increments after which the reminder shall appear

Default = 3200 hours



## Auto Mode Enable

When Auto Mode is enabled (factory default) a change from heat to cool (or vice versa) will not occur until the current cycle is satisfied and an opposite mode demand has existed for 30 minutes. If the set-point is changed, the 30 minute timer is deleted.

On – Auto mode is available

Off – Auto Mode is not available

Default = On.



## Remote Temperature Sensing

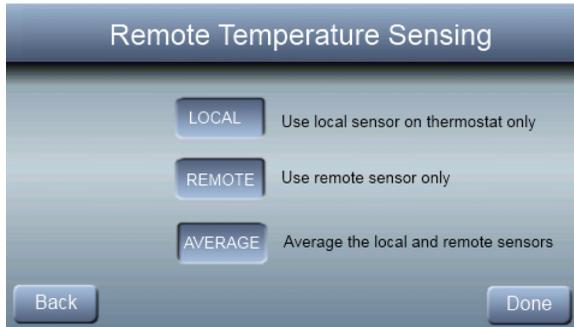
The room air temperature can come from one of three sources: the local sensor in the wall control, the remote room air thermistor, or the average of the local and remote sensors.

Local – use the local sensor in the wall control

Remote – use the remote room sensor (Part No. SYSTXI-IRRS01) and ignore the thermostats on board sensor

Average – average the temperature readings from the local and remote sensors

Default = Local

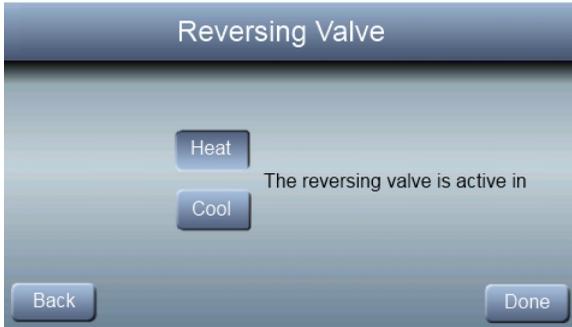


## Reversing Valve

For heat pump applications, the reversing valve will be active with heating or cooling operation.

Heat

Cool (default)



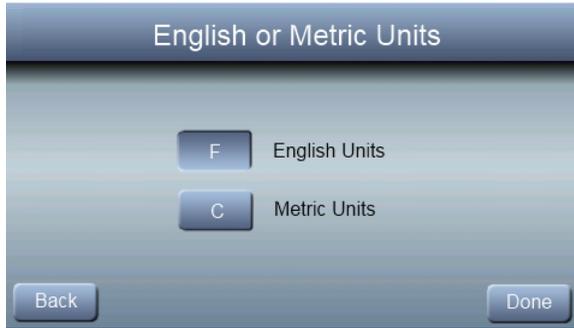
## English/Metric Display

Displaying temperature in English or Metric Values

F – all temperatures and setpoints shown in degrees Fahrenheit

C – all temperatures and setpoints shown in degrees Celsius

Default = degrees F

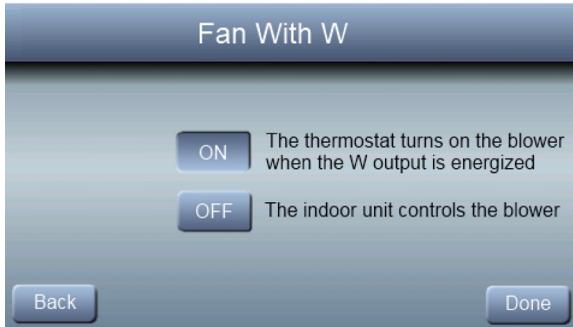


## Fan on with W

An option to turn the fan on with a call for heating

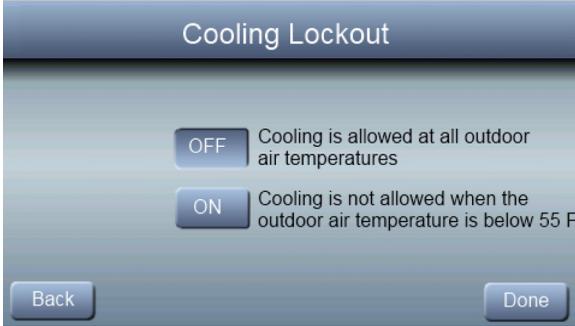
ON

OFF (default)



## Cooling Lockout

When enabled, cooling will not be provided when the outside temperature is below 55° F.



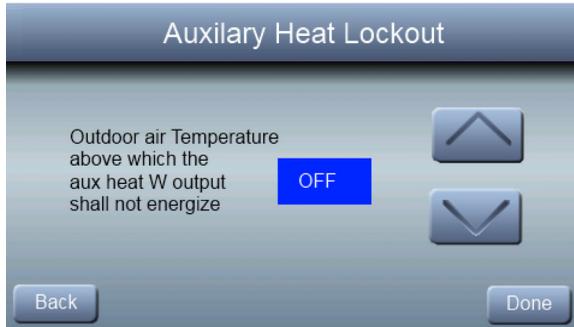
Off – Cooling is allowed at all outdoor air temperatures

On – Cooling not allowed when outdoor air temperature is below 55° F.

Default = Off

## Auxiliary Heat Lockout

With heat pump systems, the auxiliary heat will not be used when the outside temperature is above this setting.



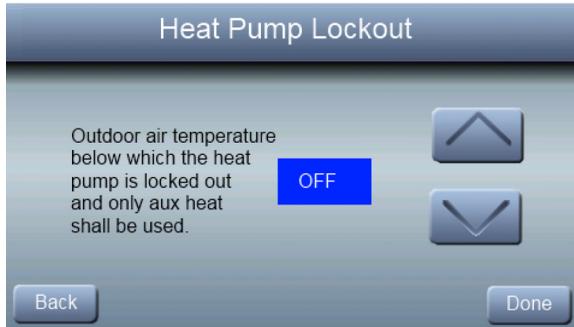
Off – The auxiliary heat can turn on whenever sufficient demand exists regardless of outside air temperature.

5°-55° F – Outside air temperature above which the auxiliary heat will be inactive

Default = Off

## Heat Pump Lockout

With heat pump systems, the outside air temperature below which the heat pump will be locked out and only auxiliary heat will be used.



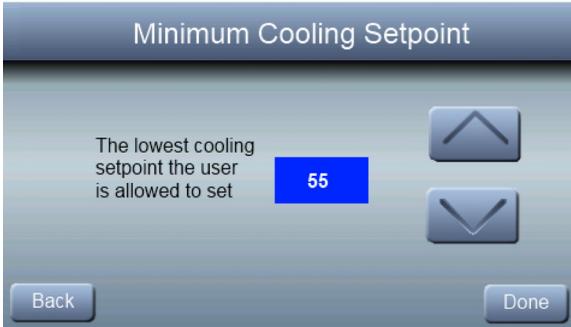
Off – The heating cycle will always start with the heat pump regardless of the outside air temperature

5°-55° F – Outside air temperature below which the heat pump will be locked out and only auxiliary heat will be used.

Default = Off

## Minimum Cooling Setpoint

The minimum cooling setpoint the user is allowed to set on the thermostat



52°F to 90°F (12°C to 32°C)

Default = 52°F (12°C)

## Maximum Heating Setpoint

The maximum heating setpoint the user is allowed to set on the thermostat

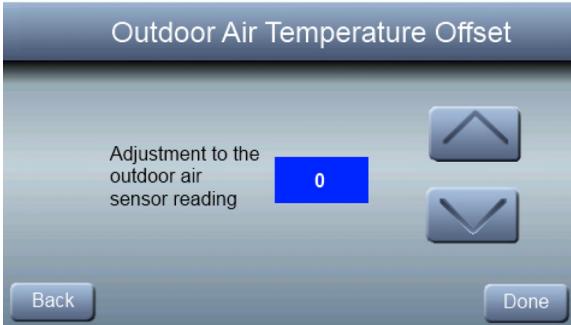


50°F to 88°F (10°C to 30°C)

Default = 88°F (30°C)

## Outdoor Air Temperature Offset

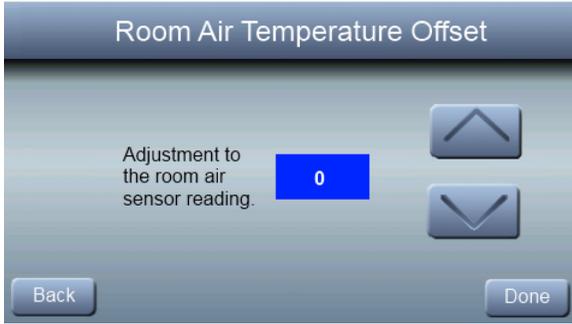
This option allows calibration (or deliberate mis-calibration) of the outdoor temperature. This offset is added to the actual temperature values.



-5°F to +5°F (-3°C to +3°C) – Number of degrees added to the actual temperature value

Default = 0

## Room Air Temperature Offset



-5°F to +5°F (-3°C to +3°C) – Number of degrees added to the actual temperature value

Default = 0

## Smart Recovery

This feature applies to programmable operation only. The control will start recovery the selected number of minutes prior to schedule change in both heating and cooling mode as energy efficiently as possible.



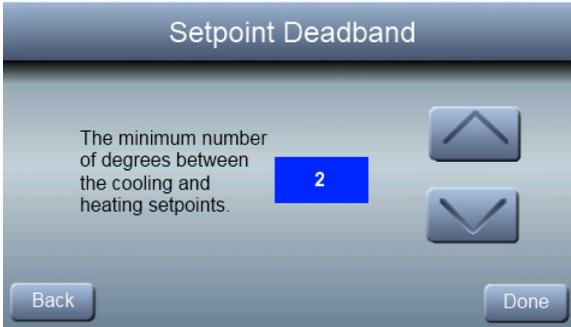
Off – at the programmed time, the setpoints shall be changed to the next programmed settings

30, 60 or 90 – the number of minutes prior to schedule change that the system will start to recover.

Default = 90 minutes

## Setpoint Deadband

The minimum difference enforced between heating and cooling desired temperatures. This can allow one setting to “push” the other to maintain this difference.

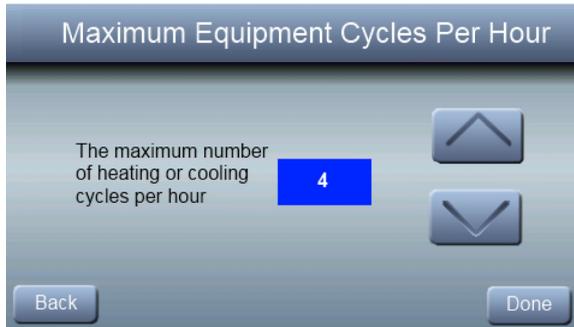


2° to 6° - minimum number of degrees between the heating and cooling setpoints

Default = 2°

## Cycles Per Hour

The maximum number of heating or cooling cycles per hour.



2 – The Y, Y2, W and W2 outputs shall be energized at most twice per hour

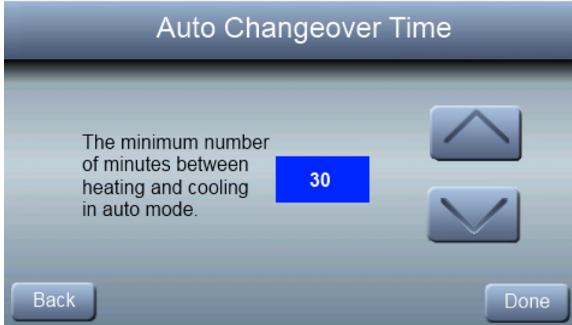
4 – The Y, Y2, W and W2 outputs shall be energized at most four times per hour

6 – The Y, Y2, W and W2 outputs shall be energized at most six times per hour

Default = 4

## Auto Changeover Timer

This feature designates the minimum number of minutes between heating and cooling operation when in auto mode.

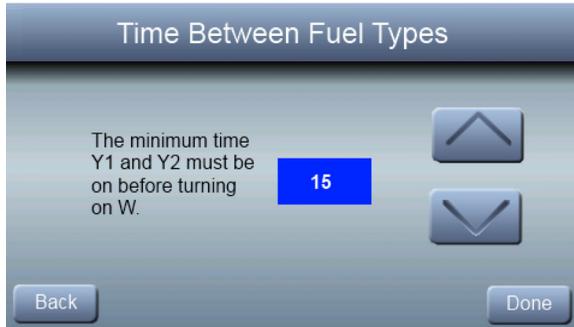


5 to 30 minutes (5 minute increments)

Default = 30 minutes

## Time Between Fuel Types

The minimum amount of time the Y1 and Y2 output must be energized in heating before turning on the W1 output.



The screenshot shows a control interface with a title bar at the top that reads "Time Between Fuel Types". Below the title bar, on the left, is the text: "The minimum time Y1 and Y2 must be on before turning on W." To the right of this text is a blue rectangular box containing the number "15". Further to the right are two square buttons with upward and downward arrows, respectively. At the bottom left is a "Back" button, and at the bottom right is a "Done" button.

10 to 25 minutes (5 minute increments)

Default = 15 minutes

## Humidity Offset

This option allows calibration (or deliberate mis-calibration) of the humidity sensor. This offset is added to the actual humidity value. The Test Humidifier option allows the Humidifier to be toggled on and off for testing.



-10 to +10%

Default = 0%

## Programming On/Off

This feature allows the thermostat to turn off the programming mode and operate as a non-programmable thermostat.



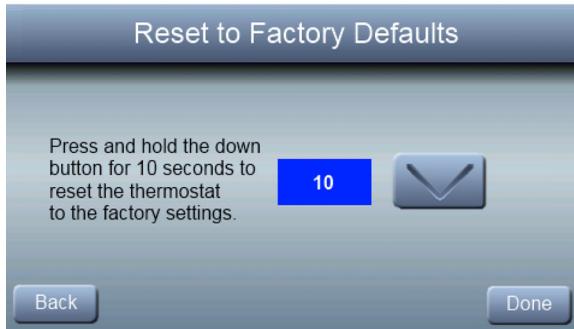
Off – operates as a non-programmable thermostat

On – allows program schedule to be set by user

Default = On

## Reset to Factory Defaults

This feature allows the installer to return the thermostat to its factory default settings. The installer will need to hold the ▼ button down for 10 seconds to reset settings.



## Dealer Info

These screens allow the dealer to input contact information. The dealer contact information will appear when the user selects dealer info after service or maintenance reminders are displayed on the screen.

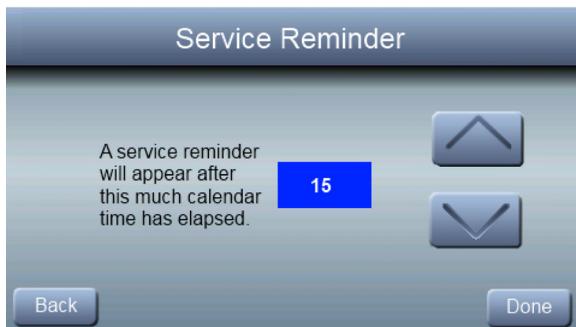


The image shows a screenshot of a mobile application screen titled "Dealer Info". The screen has a dark blue header with the title "Dealer Info" in white. Below the header, there are six input fields, each with a label to its left: "Dealer Name:", "Dealer Phone:", "Dealer Address 1:", "Dealer Address 2:", "Dealer Email:", and "Dealer Website:". Each label is followed by a white rectangular input field. At the bottom right of the screen, there is a blue button with the word "Done" in white text.

**NOTE:** If the dealer inserts their contact information, including email address, on this screen, the user has the option to automatically send email Notifications and Service Reminders to the dealer directly from the Observer® wall control.

## Service Reminder

This setup is used to adjust the timer interval in which the normal System Maintenance notification is turned on for the homeowner.



0 to 24 months (1 month increments)

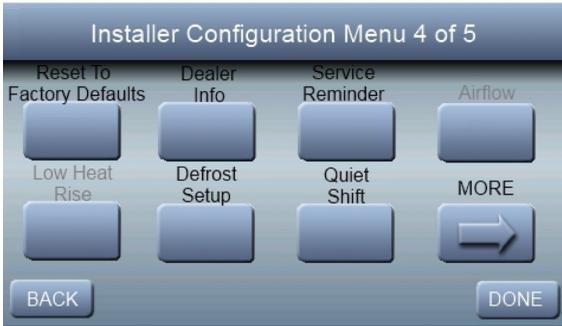
Default = 12 months

## Install/Service Menus – Communicating Equipment Only

### Setup Menu

This menu has several layers, allowing modification of equipment settings. No settings will need to be made at equipment (i.e. DIP switches on a furnace). All configuration settings made effective from this menu will override equipment configuration made by dip switches. Upon a initial startup discovery of the Observer® Control, DIP switch settings will be copied into the setup menu. Any changes can then be made from the Observer Control. The screen below shows a por-

tion of the information that can be found in the **INSTALLER SETUP** menu.



### English/Metric Display

°F or °C, (default = °F)

## Airflow

Upon a first time start-up of the Observer® Control, the furnace DIP switch settings will be copied to the furnace setup menu. Any changes can then be made from the Observer Control.

### Heating Airflow

#### Furnace / Fancoil Heating Airflow

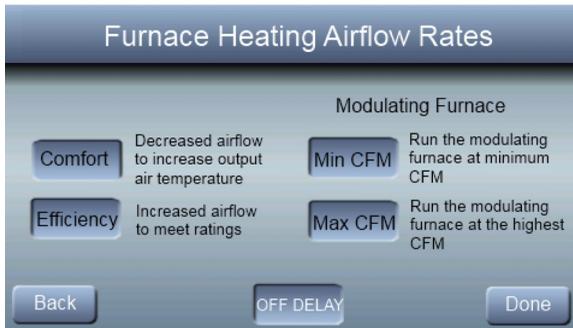
Selects the airflow of the indoor unit when heating. **EFFICIENCY** is the airflow used to meet specified ratings, **COMFORT** is a decreased airflow used to increase the output air temperature and provide increased comfort.

COMFORT (default)

EFFICIENCY

MIN CFM (modulating furnace only) – runs the modulating furnace at the minimum CFM

MAX CFM modulating furnace only) – runs the modulating furnace at the maximum CFM



## **Single-Stage and Two-Stage Heat Pump Heating Airflow**

COMFORT (default) -- Heat Pump airflow is varied depending on outdoor temperature to maximize comfort.

EFF 325 -- Fixed airflow used to achieve specified ratings. This is nominally 325 CFM/ton, but will vary if a 2--stage outdoor unit is used.

EFF 350 -- Fixed airflow used to achieve specified ratings. This is nominally 350 CFM/ton, but will vary if a 2--stage outdoor unit is used.

MAXIMUM -- 400 CFM/ton.

## **Multistage Heat Pumps Heat Pump Heating Airflow**

COMFORT (default) -- Heat Pump airflow is varied depending on outdoor temperature to maximize comfort.

EFFICIENCY -- Airflow to achieve specific ratings. At maximum stage, this is nominally 350 CFM/ton, but will vary with stage and outdoor temperature.

MAXIMUM -- 400 CFM/ton.

## **Single-Stage and Two-Stage Cooling Airflow**

COMFORT (default) -- cooling airflow is varied depending on humidity and temperature demands settings. This selection enables the full dehumidify and comfort capabilities of the system. When COMFORT is not selected, the unit will not run reduced airflows for dehumidification.

EFF 325 -- fixed airflow used to achieve specified ratings -- no dehumidification airflow reduction. This is nominally 325 CFM/ton, but will vary if a 2--stage outdoor unit is used.

EFF 350 -- fixed airflow used to achieve specified ratings – no dehumidification airflow reduction. This is nominally 350 CFM/ton, but will vary if a 2--stage outdoor unit is used.

MAXIMUM -- 400 CFM/ton. No dehumidification airflow reduction.

### **Multistage Heat Pumps Cooling Airflow**

COMFORT (default) -- cooling airflow is varied depending on humidity and temperature demands settings. This selection enables the full dehumidify and comfort capabilities of the system. When COMFORT is not selected, the unit will not run reduced airflows for dehumidification.

EFFICIENCY -- Airflow to achieve specific ratings. At maximum stage, this is nominally 350 CFM/ton, but will vary with stage and outdoor temperature.

MAXIMUM -- 400 CFM/ton.

### **Dehum Airflow**

NORMAL (default) -- When equipment is running to dehumidify, the airflow is allowed to adjust to a minimum to satisfy the dehumidification call.

HIGH -- Minimum airflow during the dehumidify mode is increased to reduce duct and register sweating.

### **Furnace Airflow (Capacity) Limiting**

The following settings allow the installer to restrict the furnace within certain minimum and maximum airflows. These airflows are converted to capacities. The Min and Max limits are determined by the equipment size.

Min CFM (only appears with modulating furnaces)

Minimum CFM to run a modulating furnace. This will increase the minimum operating capacity of the furnace. Default value is the furnace air flow for the lowest heat capacity.

Maximum CFM (only appears with modulating furnaces)

Maximum CFM to run a modulating furnace. This will reduce the operating capacity of the furnace. Default value is the furnace air flow for the highest heat capacity.

### **Dehum Drain**

Turns off the continuous fan at the end of cooling cycle for five minutes in order to drain the indoor coil of water. The fan will only be turned off if a dehumidify demand existed at the start of or during the cooling cycle. Default is enabled.

### **Off Delay**

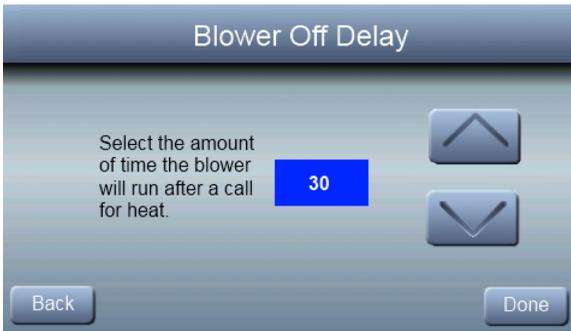
Amount of time the blower will continue to run after heating has shut off.

90 seconds

120 seconds (default)

150 seconds

180 seconds

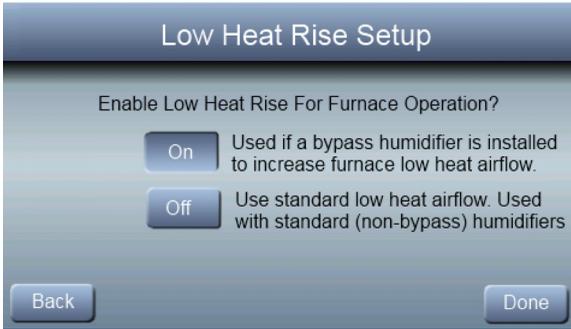


### Low Heat Rise

Set to **ON** if the system contains a bypass humidifier. The **ON** setting will increase the furnace low heat airflow.

On

Off (default)





## **Defrost Interval**

Time interval at which defrost cycles can occur on a heat pump.

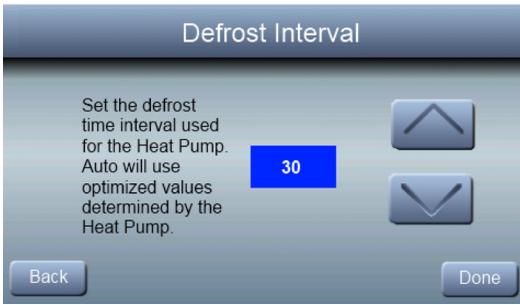
30 minutes

60 minutes

90 minutes

120 minutes (default)

Auto-Defrost interval optimized by outdoor control (default for communicating HP)

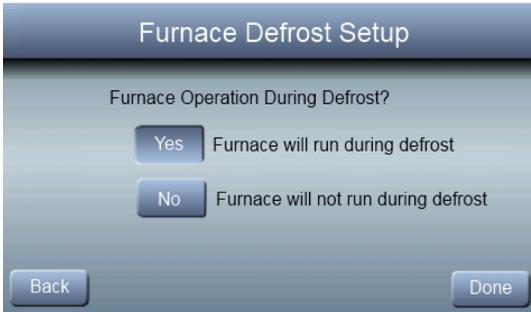


### Defrost With Furnace

Choose whether furnace operates during defrost cycle.

YES (default)

NO



### Quiet Shift

Turns on Quiet Shift function in 1-stage or 2-stage communicating heat pumps.

OFF (default)

ON

## Quiet Shift Setup

Enable Quiet Shift Operation on the outdoor unit?

On

Outdoor Unit will use Quiet Shift

Off

Outdoor Unit will not use Quiet Shift

Back

Done

## Zones

### Zones

Zone Weighting

Zone Names

Back

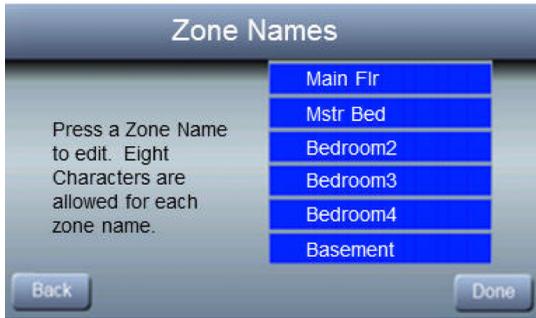
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## Zone Weighting

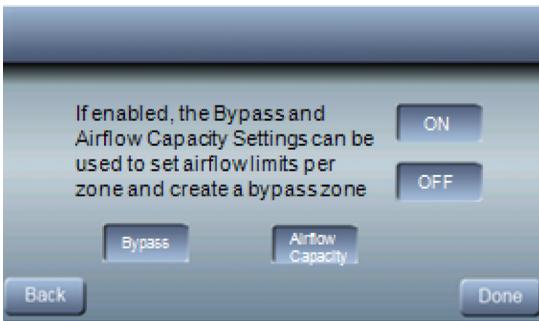
This configuration allows the installer to select the “size” of each zone. Typically, living areas are assigned a larger weight %, or importance factor, than bedrooms and smaller areas. The Zone weight affects what heating and cooling stages are used to condition the calling zones. If only one zone is calling for conditioning and that zone has a low weight, only low stage may be used. Example: if a zone weighted a 30% is calling for conditioning, the system may not run until more zones are calling.

## Zone Names



Allows the installer to assign a name to each zone.

## Zone Airflow Control

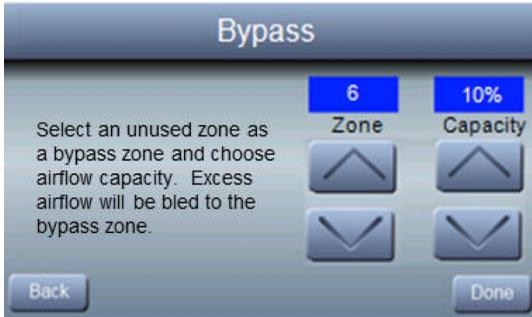


NOTE: A bypass duct, using a barometric relief damper, is recommended for equipment using a PSC, "X-13" or PWM non-communicating indoor air blower motor (even if the indoor section itself is a communicating unit), and not using the Airflow Capacity setting. Only equipment with full-fea-

ture, variable speed, CFM-control, communicating, indoor air blower motors, such as some modulating gas furnaces and FEM-style air handlers, should utilize the Airflow Capacity Setting feature. See the Observer Zone Panel Installation Instructions for more details.

### **Bypass**

Select bypass amount for “zone X”



### **Airflow Capacity**

This setting is used to limit the allowable zone airflow to prevent excessive air noise from being allowed into a zone. This setting is only available when a communicating indoor unit and modulating dampers are installed, using fully communicating ECM equipment.



## Damper Type



### Power Open/Closed (default)

Choose this selection for dampers that require power to open and power to close.

### Spring Return

This type of damper requires continuous power to remain open, or to remain closed, depending on the type of damper that is installed. A power open, spring closed damper should be wired to the Common and Open terminals on the damper control module. A power closed, spring open damper should be wired to the Common and Close terminals on the damper control module.

## Leaving Air Sensor



LAS Heating Lockout - 120° - 200° F (180°F default)

LAS Cooling Lockout – 40° – 60°F (45°F default)

### Disable Zoning

Zoning Enabled – Zoning system operates normally.

**NOTE:** Leaving air sensor must be installed for proper operation of zoning system.

Zoning Disabled – Zoning operation is disabled. All dampers are driven to the open position. Temperature is controlled by the main Observer® Wall Control. Zone sensors are not used to control temperature when zoning is disabled.

## Damper Timing



Selects the drive time for the dampers. Selections are 15, 30, 45, 60, 75, 105, and 120 seconds.

**NOTE:** Verify damper manufacturer opening/closing timing requirements.

DISABLED (Default)

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

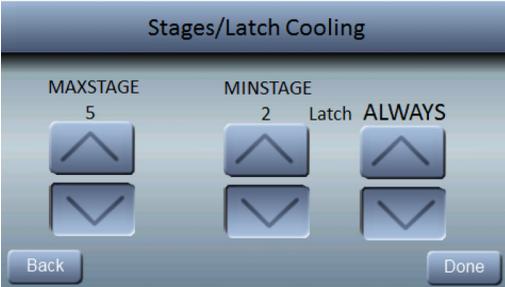
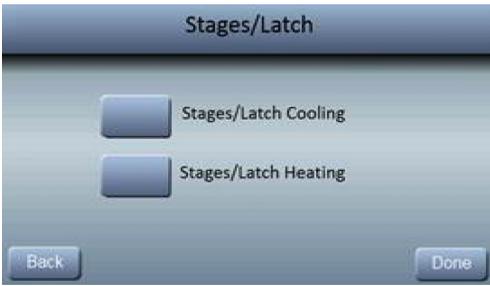
## Heat Recovery Maintenance

Energizes the fan output at the specified speed for HRV applications

## Stage Limiting for Multistage Units

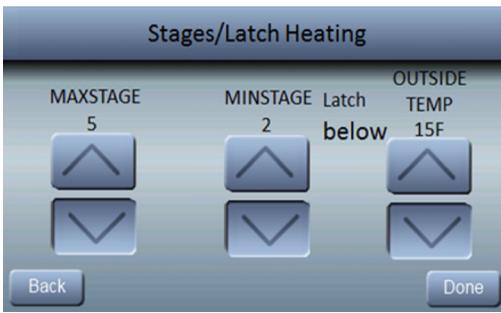
For Multistage units there are, dealer selectable minimum and maximum, stage limits for both heating and cooling.

Associated with the each minimum limit is a threshold outdoor air temperature beyond which the minimum stage limit is active.



On the cooling screen, there are three (3) selectable items.

- Maximum Cooling Stage
- Minimum Cooling Stage
- Threshold Outdoor Air Temperature above which the minimum cooling stage is applied.



On the heating screen, there are three (3) selectable items.

- Maximum Cooling Stage
- Minimum Cooling Stage
- Threshold Outdoor Air Temperature above which the minimum heating stage is applied.

**NOTE:** The available stages the equipment is able to run is dynamic with respect to outdoor air temperature. If range of available stages is outside of the dealer-selectable, minimum and maximum stage limits, the limits will be temporarily overridden. If the minimum available stage is above a corresponding maximum limit, then the minimum available stage will be allowed to run. Likewise if the maximum available stage is below a corresponding minimum limit, then the maximum available stage will be allowed to run.



## Daughter Board

When non-communicating equipment is used, the daughter board may be needed. The daughter board provides outputs for non-communicating indoor equipment and non-communicating outdoor equipment. The daughter board should be used in the following applications:

- Non-communicating indoor unit with non-communicating outdoor unit.
- Communicating furnace with any non-communicating heat pump.
- Communicating furnace with any non-communicating two-stage A/C or HP.
- Communicating fan coil with any non-communicating two-stage A/C or HP.
- Communicating outdoor unit with any non-communicating indoor furnace or fan coil.

## **Operational Information**

### **Auto Mode**

When Auto Mode is enabled (factory default) a change from heat to cool (or vice versa) will not occur until the current cycle is satisfied and an opposite mode demand has existed for 30 minutes. If the set-point is changed, the 30 minute timer is deleted.

Enable/Disable Auto Changeover mode (default = Enable).

Auto Changeover Time may be adjusted 5 to 120 minutes, (default = 30 minutes).

### **Setpoint Deadband**

The minimum difference enforced between heating and cooling desired temperatures. This can allow one setting to “push” the other to maintain this difference.

0 to 6°F (0 to 3°C), (default = 2°F)

### **Offsets**

This option allows calibration (or deliberate mis-calibration) of the temperature and humidity sensors. These offsets are added to the actual temperature/humidity values (default = 0).

Temperature Offset: -5°F to +5°F (-3°C to +3°C)

Outside Temp Offset: -5°F to +5°F (-3°C to +3°C)

Humidity Offset: -10 to +10%

### **Cycles Per Hour**

Maximum cycles per hour = 4 (default) or 6.

## **Programming**

ON (default) - allows program schedule to be set by user.

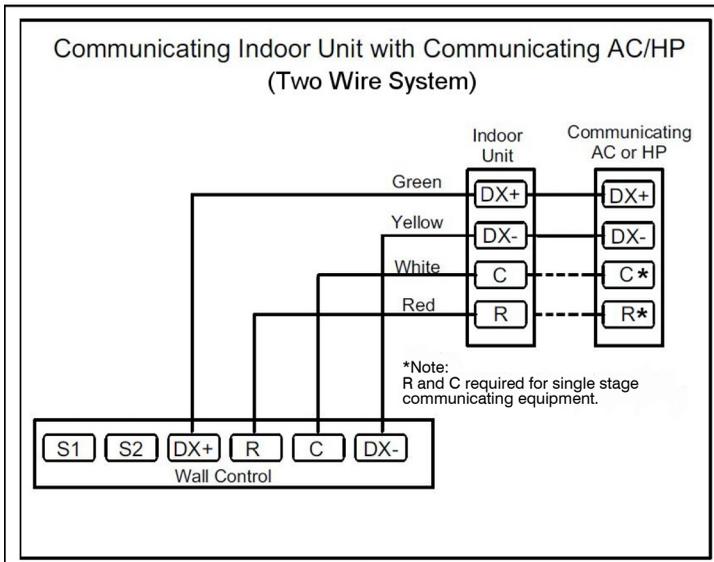
OFF - system becomes non-programmable

## **Smart Recovery**

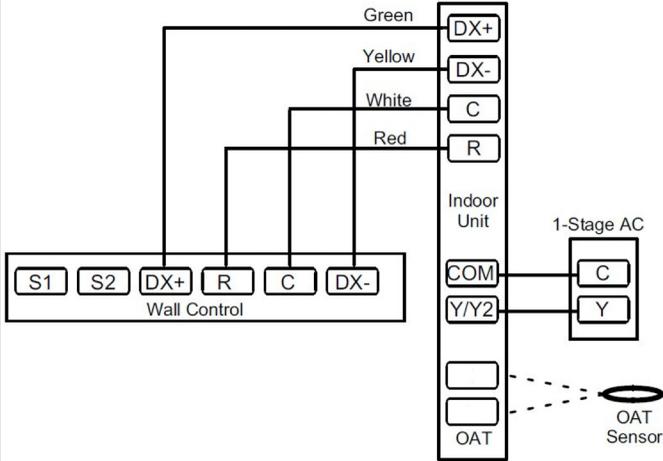
This feature applies to programmable operation only. The control will start recovery 90 minutes prior to schedule change in both heating and cooling mode. Refer to operational information for more detail.

On or Off (default = On)

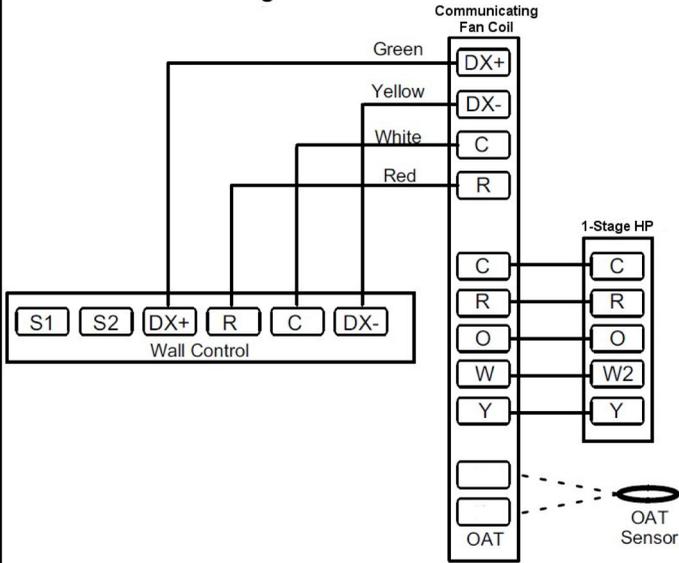
# Appendix - Wiring Diagrams



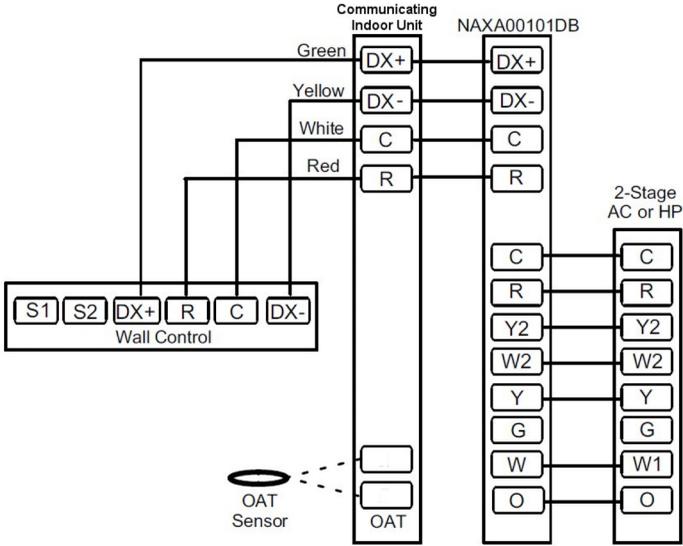
# Communicating Variable Speed Gas Furnace with Single Stage Non-Communicating AC



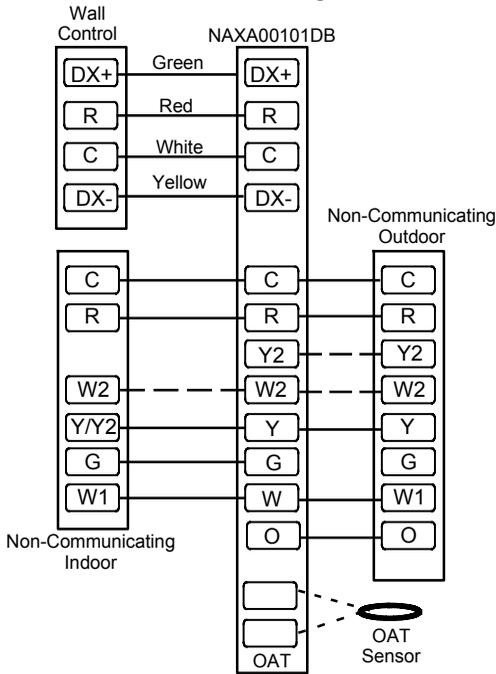
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