# A102

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# Digital temperature controller

# User guide



A102

# **Product description**

The A102 model is an automatic electrical temperature sensing controller that can be used for heating or cooling applications with a range from -50 to 100 °C. The A102 measures, indicates and controls the temperature by turning the relay on and off based on the setpoint chosen by the user. The refrigeration mode can also work with configurable periodic defrosts (defrost when the compressor is switched off).

Other functions present in the A102 are: Eco mode, thermometer mode, support for WEB communication via RS-485 for the Arcsys and Arcsys Cloud monitoring system, temperature records, alarm and standby mode.

The A102 has 6 keys with shortcuts to simplify the use of the temperature controller.

#### **Specifications** Power supply voltage 110 or 220 Vac ± 10% 50-60Hz 1,5 VA Rated power Heating/Cooling Relay output (17 A / 250 Vac) (-50 to + 100) °C Measurement range 0.1 °C within the range: -9.9 °C to +99.9 ºC Display resolution 1 °C within the range: -10 °C to -50 °C and +100 °C ±1 ºC of the span Accuracy (0 to 40) °C and (10 to 80) % RH **Operating conditions** (noncondensing) Panel cutout (70 x 29) mm (± 5%) **Protection index** IP 65 (front panel) **NTC Sensor** Ø6 mm / L=15 mm (sensor) (IP68) Standard length 1,5 m (wiring)

**WARNINGS:** The protection of the relay outputs must be carried out individually. The protection current must not exceed 17 A. To protect the controller

power supply, a 5 A circuit breaker can be used.

#### **Applications**

The A102 model can be used for both heating and refrigeration (with and without defrosting by compressor stop). It has a very wide range of applications, but among them the following stand out:

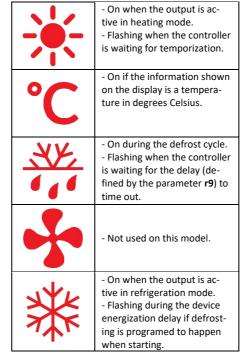
- Heaters:
- Refrigerators;
- Floor heating;
- Air conditioning systems;
- Greenhouses and their variations;
- Drinks and ice cream displays;
- Refrigerated and frozen counters, etc.

#### Display



A102 display

Display icons		
LED	Description	
5	<ul> <li>Off during normal operation.</li> <li>On if the controller is in thermometer or Standby modes.</li> </ul>	
K	- On when the device is in eco mode.	
<b>†</b> ‡	- On when the programming key is being used Flashing if communicating with ArcSys (remote monitoring system).	
4	- Not used on this model.	



# User interface



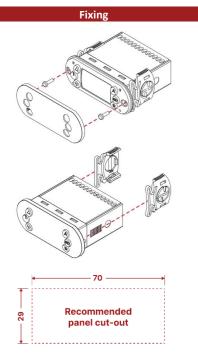
A102 interface

	Key functions		
Key	Description		
	- Used to increment values If pushed together with the down key for 4 seconds, the controller will enter or exit the parameters setting list.		

	- Used according to the value in the FP parameter: 0 - Key disabled 1 - Turn on/off Standby mode 2 - Turns on/off thermometer mode NOTE: Use this function responsibly. In certain applications, disconnecting loads may spoil/damage the products.
	- Used to decrement values If pushed together with the up key for 4 seconds, the controller will enter or exit the parameters setting list If pushed for more than 4 seconds, it will skip to the next refrigeration cycle (in case the parameter r3 = CL).
	- If pushed for 2 seconds, the controller will enter/exit eco mode (If parameter FE = YES) If pushed in the parameters setting list, with Cd = 97, it will reset the parameters to factory default.
SET	- Used to show the setpoint on the initial screen and the values in the parameters setting list Along with the <b>up</b> and <b>down</b> keys, adjust values of the setpoint and parameters.
B	- If pushed, the display will show the highest and lowest temperature values (tH and tL). If pushed again, it will redefine the temperature historical data If pushed in the parameters setting list, the firmware version will be displayed If on the test mode (test mode is when parameter Cd = 77), activates the compressor relay.

# Dimensions A 93mm 65mm 73mm

Controller dimensions



Fixing methods

NOTE: When making the cut, take into account the thickness of the paint/vamish that will be used.

#### **Recommendations and warnings**

If the controller has to be removed, detach the two side clips and pull the controller out. In case the fixing method chosen was by screws, remove the front display protection, remove the screws and pull the

controller out.

It is recommended to check the tightness of the terminal screws and condition of the wires every 6 months.

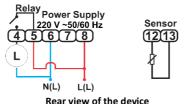
It is recommended that the handling and installation of the equipment are carried out by qualified personel.

Connections must be done with suitable connectors for better fixing to the terminals. Before energizing the device, make sure all the connections are correct, otherwise, irreparable damage may be inflicted.

Never subject the system elements to a temperature outside the operating range (0 to 40  $^{\circ}$ C for the controller and -50 to 100  $^{\circ}$ C for the NTC sensors), as this could also cause irreparable damage.

#### 220 V connection

220 V

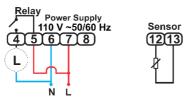


Step-by-step installation at 220 V:

- 1) Power supply: Terminals 6 and 8;
- 2) Jumper from terminal 8 to terminal 5;
- 3) Load: Terminals 4 and 6;
- 4) Sensor: Terminals 12 and 13.

#### 110 V connection

110 V



Rear view of the device

Step-by-step installation at 110 V:

- 1) Power supply: Terminals 6 and 7;
- 2) Jumper from terminal 7 to terminal 5;
- 3) Load: Terminals 4 and 6;
- 4) Sensor: Terminals 12 and 13.

	Parameters table		
	Parameter	Values	Default value
Cd	Access code	0 to 999	0
	Temperature control		
SP	Setpoint	(r1 to r2) °C	0
SE	Eco mode Setpoint	(r1 to r2) °C	2
r0	Differential (hysteresis)	(0.1 to +20.0) °C	3.0
r1	Setpoint lower limit	-50 °C to SP/SE	-50
r2	Setpoint upper limit	SP/SE to +100 °C	100
r3	Operation mode (CL = cooling e Ht = heating)	CL or Ht	CL
r9	Delay for device starting	(0 to 20) min	0
	Load		
C1	Delay after relay switching on	(0 to 20) min	0
C2	Delay after relay switching off	(0 to 20) min	0
С3	Percentage of relay operation in case of "E1" error (time base: 10 min)	(0 to 100) %	50
	Defrosting		
d1	Interval between defrost cycles 3	(1 to 999) hours	6
d2	Defrost duration time 3	(oFF, 1 to 999) min	20
d4	Defrosting at system start 3	YES or no	no
d6	Display locked during defrosting 3	YES or no	YES
	Full mode		
	The parameters below appear only if C	cd = 38	
	Key control		
FE	Enable eco mode function	YES or no	no
FP	Power key function	0,1 or 2	0
bt	Block of settings changes 10 s after the last use of the keyboard	oFF, 1 or 2	oFF
	Arcsys		
	Network address <sub>1</sub>	0 to 32	2
bU	Block settings changes via WEB (ArcSys and Cloud)	YES or no	no
	Temperature alarm		
A0	Temperature alarm differential (Hysteresis)	(0.1 to 20.0) °C	3.0
A1	Minimum temperature alarm	(-50 to A2) °C	-50
A2	Maximum temperature alarm	(A1 to 100) °C	100
А3	Start-up alarm delay (cooling/heating)	(0 to 999) min	99
Α4	WEB notification frequency (ArcSys and Cloud)	(0 to 240) min	0
	Other adjustments		
FL	Digital temperature filter	1 to 40	3
r4	Sensor calibration (offset)	(oFF, -15.0 to +15.00) °C	0.0
tL	Lowest temperature (historical minimum temperature) <sub>2</sub>	(-50 to 100) °C	-
tH	Highest temperature (historical maximum temperature) 2	(-50 to 100) °C	-
	Notes		

Visible and adjustable only on the controller and programming key, on Arcsys it will be only visible (not adjustable)
View only

the "Set" key.

- 3 I heating mode (r3 = Ht) this parameter is not applied

#### Parameters description

<u>Cd – Access code</u>: the parameters must be unlocked so that they can be adjusted. To unlock them, enter the value **28** in **Cd** for the simplified parameterization mode or **38** for the full mode. If it is not done, the parameter values can only be viewed, but not changed. This parameter prevents unauthorized people from changing the programmed values.

<u>SP - Setpoint</u>: temperature value that the user wants to obtain with the system. **NOTE: The Setpoint can be changed** 

either through this parameter or on the initial screen with

<u>SE – Eco mode Setpoint</u>: temperature value that the user wants to obtain with the system when the eco mode is on.

<u>rO – Differential (Hysteresis):</u> the value of this parameter controls the operation of the relay, that is, it defines the temperature difference at which the relay will turn on/off. For example, if the device is in refrigeration mode and it is configured with setpoint = 5 °C and rO = 2 °C, the relay remains activated until the temperature reaches 5 °C, then, it

turns off. It only turns on again when the temperature reaches 7  $^{\circ}$ C (5  $^{\circ}$ C + 2  $^{\circ}$ C).

- <u>r1 Setpoint lower limit</u>: defines the lowest temperature value that the user can assign to the Setpoint and Eco mode Setpoint. Prevents a value below the recommended temperature limit from being applied to the system.
- <u>r2 Setpoint upper limit</u>: defines the highest temperature value that the user can assign to the Setpoint and Eco mode Setpoint. Prevents a value above the recommended temperature limit from being applied to the system.
- <u>r3 Operation mode</u>: defines the controller operation mode, being the values **CL** for "Cooling" and **Ht** for "Heating".
- <u>r9 Delay for device starting:</u> defines a period after energizing the device in which all relays remain off. During this time, the device will only indicate the temperature value. This parameter protects the compressor from constant starts in case of power surges (consecutive power outages). It is also used in large refrigeration systems to prevent simultaneous activation of compressors when returning from a power failure.
- <u>C1 Delay after relay switching on:</u> after activating the relay, it will remain on regardless of the temperature, for the period defined in <u>C1</u>. This parameter prevents voltage spikes in the power line.
- <u>C2 Delay after relay switching off:</u> after turning off the relay, regardless of the temperature, it will remain off for the period defined in <u>C2</u>.
- C3 Percentage of relay operation in case of "E1" error: if a problem occurs with the sensor (error E1), the relay will be activated cyclically and this parameter defines the percentage of 10 minutes the relay will remain on. For example, 50% of 10 minutes is 5 minutes.
- <u>d1 Interval between defrost cycles</u>: determines the time interval between the end of one defrost cycle and the beginning of the next one.
- <u>d2 Defrost duration time</u>: determines the duration of defrosting, that is, how much time the compressor will be off during one defrosting cycle.
- <u>d4 Defrosting at system start:</u> allows you to defrost as soon as the device is turned on. This can be useful in applications with frequent power outages, as the controller resets time counts after shutdowns. It is often preferable to defrost at startup to prevent ice formation from happening due to a power outage.
- $\underline{\text{d6-Display locked during defrosting}}\text{: allows locking, on the display, the temperature indicated at the beginning of }$

defrosting to prevent any possible increase in temperature from being shown. After the end of defrosting, the temperature display is unlocked.

#### Parameters available in full mode (Cd = 38) -

- **FE Enable eco mode function**: this parameter is used to block or unblock the enablement of eco mode using the **A** key. This mode allows having a second setpoint to be defined during night periods, for example, when a different temperature can be met with less power consumption.
- **<u>FP Power key function</u>**: parameter to control the function of the power key. The values and descriptions are listed below:
- 0 key disabled;
- 1 key will turn off/on the system standby mode;
- 2 key activates/deactivates thermometer mode.
- <u>bt Block of settings changes 10 s after the last use of the keyboard</u>: in this parameter, the user can enable a lock for 10 seconds after the last use of keyboard, where:
- oFF function disabled:
- 1 Blocks all changes, except the setpoint;
- 2 Blocks all changes.
- <u>Ed Network address</u>: this parameter defines the device address in standard RS-485 communication with the ISX10 (Arcsys). If the system has two or more controllers, they must not have the same **Ed** value.
- <u>bU Block settings changes via WEB (ArcSys and Cloud)</u>: this parameter, when set to **YES**, prevents changes to controller parameters from being made via Arcys/Cloud.
- AO Temperature alarm differential (Hysteresis): this parameter defines the alarm temperature differential. In other words, how many degrees the temperature must be above the parameters A1 or below A2 so the alarm shuts off after activated.
- <u>A1 Minimum temperature alarm</u>: sets the lower alarm limit. If this limit is reached, the display will flash and the relay output will be switched off.
- <u>A2 Maximum temperature alarm:</u> sets the upper alarm limit. If this limit is reached, the display will flash and the relay output will be switched off.
- A3 Start-up alarm delay (cooling/heating): defines the time the alarm monitoring will be deactivated after system initialization, starting from the beginning of the cooling/heating mode.
- A4 WEB notification frequency (ArcSys and Cloud): this parameter defines the frequency at which Arcsys/Cloud should send alert emails to the user, as long as the recipient's email is determined.

- FL Digital temperature filter: this parameter applies a filter to the temperature variation. The higher the filter value, the slower the temperature variation and the lower the filter value, the faster the variation. If the filter is at the maximum value (40), the temperature varies 0.1 °C every 2 seconds and, if it is at the lowest value (1), the temperature varies 0.1 °C every 0.05 seconds.
- <u>r4 Sensor calibration (offset):</u> the value defined in this parameter applies an offset to the temperature reading (refrigeration), for possible deviations in the sensor's accuracy.
- tL Lowest temperature (historical minimum temperature): this parameter indicates the lowest temperature recorded throughout the system's operation. NOTE: This parameter is not adjustable, it is for viewing only (it can be redefined as wished).
- tH Highest temperature (historical maximum temperature): this parameter indicates the highest temperature recorded throughout the system's operation. NOTE: This parameter is not adjustable, it is for viewing only (it can be redefined as wished).

#### **Setting parameters**

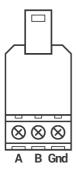
Follow the below steps to adjust the parameters, starting on the controller's initial screen (when the ambient temperature is indicated):

- a) Keep the **up** and **down** keys pushed simultaneously for 4 seconds. At the end of the 4 seconds, **Cd** will be shown on the display;
- b) With the display showing **Cd**, keep the **set** key pushed and, using the **up** and **down** keys, increase the parameter value to **28** to allow the settings in simplified mode or **38** to full mode. Then, release the **set** key and **Cd** will be displayed again;
- c) Using the **up** and **down** keys, navigate until you reach the parameter that needs to be modified. When the parameter to be changed is displayed, keep the **set** key pushed and, using the **up** and **down** keys, change the values as desired. Release the **set** key so the value will be defined and you will go back to the parameters listing. The same can be done for the rest of the parameters;
- d) After finishing all adjustments, keep the **up** and **down** keys pushed for 4 seconds to leave the parameters listing and return to the controller initial screen. **NOTE: Within 30 seconds, if no key is pushed, the controller will automatically leave the parameters listing.**

#### User access

- ✓ Setpoint To change the system setpoint, push and hold the set key and adjust the value using the up and down keys (while still holding the set key). As soon as you reach the target setpoint, you can release the set key and the new setpoint will be defined. If you just want to view the setpoint value, just push and hold the set key. NOTE: The eco mode setpoint will be displayed if the device is in eco mode; if the setpoint is changed on the initial screen, it will also be changed in the parameters listing.
- ✓ Keyboard blocking Using the bt parameter, it is possible to configure the blocking of keys behavior.
- ✓ Check controller status To check the operating state
  of the controller (whether it is refrigerating or defrosting),
  check which LED is on.
- ✓ **Standby mode** If the **FP** parameter is set to **1**, push the power key to activate or deactivate Standby mode. In this mode, the controller switches off all relays and turns off the display.
- ✓ Alarm The user can set a temperature alarm at which the display will flash to alert the user. The alarm is configurable by the parameters A0, A1, A2, A3 and A4.
- ✓ Thermometer mode If the FP parameter is set with the value 2, push the power key to activate or deactivate the thermometer mode. In this mode, the controller switches off all relays activation rules and just keeps the temperature indication on the display.
- ✓ Eco mode Push the A key for 2 seconds to activate or deactivate eco mode. In mode of functioning, the setpoint will be the value programmed in SE (Eco mode Setpoint).
- ✓ Reset parameters to default values To reset the controller to factory default settings, apply the value 97 to the Cd parameter and push the A key.
- → Historical highest and lowest temperatures To view the highest and lowest temperature recorded by the controller, on the controller initial screen (in which the temperature is shown) push the B key. The controller will alternate the values on the display. If it is necessary to reset the highest and lowest temperatures, push the B key again during the historical temperatures displaying for about 1 second.
- ✓ Firmware version To find out the firmware version of your controller, push the B key on the parameters listing screen.
- ✓ Relay testing If the user wants to ensure that the cooling/heating relay is working, it is possible to manually test it. To start the test mode, enter the parameters listing, adjust the Cd parameter to the value 77 and wait for the value tst to appear on the display. Push button B to test the relay.

✓ Communication with Arcsys – The controller has a USB input that can be connected to the ISX10, device for monitoring via the ArcSys interface. If you want to monitor and manage the controller via WEB, get in touch with a sales partner to purchase this device. Have in mind that you will also need a RS-485 adapter to the wiring connection between the controller and ISX10.



RS-485 adapter

Connect the adapter to the controller USB output and attach to the iSX10. It is important to notice that the connection must be A-A, B-B and Gnd-Gnd.

✓ **Programming key** – Another product that can be purchased separately is the programming key (FastKey). This device allows changing the controller parameters quickly and easily, as well as permit replicating the settings of a controller to other controllers.

#### **Error alerts**

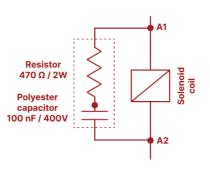
The **E1** error indication will appear on the device display whenever there is a problem with the temperature sensor. If this happens, check if:

- ✓ The sensor is well connected to the device;
- ▼ The sensor is within its temperature range (-50 to +100)

  °C:
- ✓ The sensor or its cable are damaged.

# **Noise filtering**

When using the controller to manage inductive loads such as solenoid coils, contactors, motors or relays, it is recommended to install a noise filter circuit in parallel with the load terminals (A1 and A2), as described in the illustration below.



Noise filtering diagram

#### Package content

- ✓ 1 x A102 Temperature controller;
- ✓ 1 x NTC temperature sensor, 1.5 m long (wiring);
- ✓ 1 x A102 user guide.

# Classification according to IEC 60730-2-9

Mounting surface temperature limit	Ts max 50°C
Storage conditions	(-20 to 70)°C; < 90% RH (noncondensing)
Operation frequency	Minimum T OFF between two starts must be greater than 1 min
Operation time limitation	@85°C – 2,000 h; @40°C – 100,000 h
Automatic action type	Type 1.C
Control pollution situation	2
Rated impulse voltage	2.5kV
Temperature for ball pressure test	(75 and 125)ºC

# Warranty

Warranty conditions are available on our website <a href="https://www.ageoncontrols.com/warranty/">https://www.ageoncontrols.com/warranty/</a>

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