# A108

### Digital temperature controller

## User guide



#### **Product description**

A108 is a differential temperature controller for standard solar thermal systems. The on/off control of the water pump is done by the temperature difference between the collector and the reservoir, and the maximum reservoir set temperature.

Technical characteristics			
Power supply voltage	110 or 220 Vac ± 10% 50-60Hz		
Rated power	2 VA		
Relay output	10 A / 250 Vac		
Measure range	-20 to + 100 °C		
Display resolution	0.1 °C within the range: -9.9 °C to +99.9 °C		
	1 °C within the range: -10 °C to -50		
Accuracy	±1 °C of the span		
Operating conditions	0 to 40 °C and 10 to 80 %RH (no condensation)		
Panel cutout	(70 x 29) mm (± 5 %)		
Protection index	IP 65 (front panel)		
NTC sensor (IP68)	Ø6 mm / L=15 mm (sensor) Standard length 1.5 m (wiring)		

**WARNINGS:** The protection of the relay output must be carried out individually. The protection currents must not exceed 10 A. To protect the controller power supply, a 5 A circuit breaker can be used.

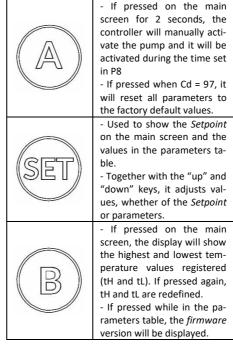
### **User interface**

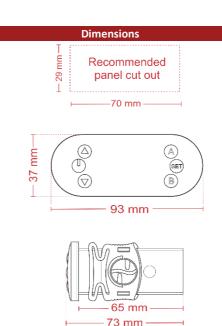


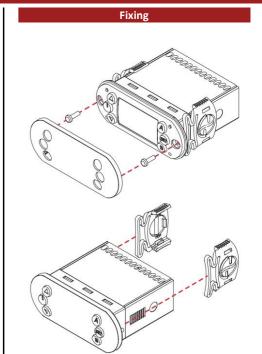
A106 interface

Display icons			
lcon	Description		
(h)	- Off during normal operation On if the controller is in thermometer or Standby mode.		
<b>†</b>	On when using the programming key;     Flashing while exchanging data with ArcSys.		
*	- On when the circulation pump is on.  - Off when the circulation pump is deactivated.  - Flashing during power-up delay or when the pump is started in manual mode.		
°C	- On if the information shown on the display is a temperature in degrees Celsius.		

Key functions				
Key	Description			
Up	- Used to increment values; - If pressed together with the "down" key for 4 seconds, the user will access or exit the parameters table; - If pressed on the main screen, the display will show which protection function is working on the pump.			
On/Off	- Function defined according to the value set in parameter FP:  0 – Key disabled  1 – Turn on/off the standby mode  2 – Turns on/off the display.			
Down	- Used to decrement values If pressed together with the "up" key for 4 seconds, the controller will enter or exit the parameters table If pressed on the main screen, displays the system temperatures, t1 (collector), t2 (reservoir), and dd (t1-t2)).			







#### **Recommendations and warnings**

These instructions are exclusively addressed to authorised skilled personnel.

Only qualified electricians are allowed to carry out electrical works.

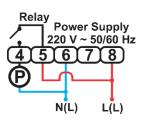
Initial commissioning must be effected by the system installer or qualified personnel named by the system installer.

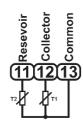
Before powering up the device make sure all connections are correct.

Never expose the product at temperature outside the operating range (0 to 40 °C for the controller and -50 to 105 °C for the NTC sensors), this could lead to irreversible damage.

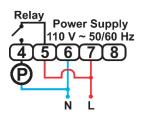
#### Connection diagram

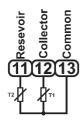
## 220 V





## 110 V



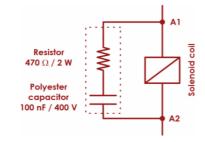


Note: Back view of the device

- 1) Step by step installation:
- Power supply: Terminals 6 and 7 (110V); Terminals 6 and 8 (220V);
- 3) Jumper from 7 to 5 (110V); Jumper from 8 to 5 (220V);
- 4) Pump: Terminals 4 and 6;
- 5) Collector sensor (T1): Terminals 12 and 13;
- Reservoir sensor (T2): Terminals 11 and 13.

#### **Noise supressor**

When using the controller to drive inductive loads such as solenoid coils, contactors, motors, and relays, among others, it is recommended to install a noise suppressor circuit in parallel with the coil terminals (A1 and A2). This minimize the electrical noise generated, when inductive loads (coils) are deactivated, which can interfere with the controller operation and cause operation malfunctions.



#### **Setting parameters**

To adjust the parameters, on the initial main screen of the controller (showing the temperature), follow these steps:

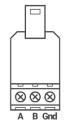
- Keep the "up" and "down" keys pressed simultaneously for 4 seconds until the symbol "Cd" appears on the display;
- b) With the display showing "Cd", keep the "set" key pressed and use the "up" and "down" keys to increase the parameter value up to 28 to adjust the settings in basic mode or up to 38 to set in full mode. Then, release the "set" key so that "Cd" appears again in the display.
- c) Using the "up" and "down" keys, navigate until you reach the parameter that needs to be configured. Keep the "set" key pressed and use the "up" and "down" keys to change the values as desired. By setting the desired value and releasing the "set" key, the same can be done for the rest of the parameters;
- d) After finishing all the adjustments, keep the "up" and "down" keys pressed for 4 seconds to exit the parameters table and start the controller operation. If no key is pressed for 30 seconds, the controller will automatically exit the parameters table.

#### User access

✓ Setpoint – To change the system Setpoint, hold the "set" key and adjust the value using the "up" and "down" keys. If you just want to view the Setpoint value, just press and hold the "set" key. NOTE: Remember that the setpoint is the maximum temperature that the user wants the reservoir to reach, therefore, if the temperature difference between the collector and the reservoir is greater than r0, the pump will remain running until reaching the Setpoint value.

- ✓ Manual pump drive If you want to start the pump manually, press and hold the "A" key for 2 seconds, the same process is used to turn off the pump. Parameter P7 controls the time the pump stays on if started manually. The circulation LED will flash during the manual operation of the pump.
- ✓ Standby Mode If the "PF" parameter is set to "1", press the *power* key to deactivate or deactivate Standby mode, in which mode the controller deactivates the control action, and consequently the relays, and turns-off the display.
- ✓ Thermometer mode If the "PF" parameter is set to "2", press the power key to activate or deactivate the thermometer mode, this mode deactivates the control action, and consequently the relays, but keeps the display on showing the temperature.
- → Resetting the parameters to default values –
  To reset the controller to factory default values, set
  the "Cd" parameter to 97 and press the "A" key.
- ✓ Minimum and maximum historical reservoir temperature To visualize the highest and lowest temperature registered in the reservoir, press the "B" key, the controller will alternate the Min. and Max. values on the display. If you need to reset the temperatures, just press the "B" key again for approximately 1 second during the display of the historical temperatures.
- ✓ *Firmware* version—To find out which firmware version your controller has, in the configuration screen (parameters table); press the "B" key.
- ✓ Relay test If the user wants to ensure that the pump relay is working, it is possible to carry out a manual test. To enter the test mode, enter the parameters table, enter the value 77 in the "Cd" parameter, and wait for "tst" to be displayed. Press the "Power" button to test the relay. Pump circulation LED will be on if the relay is active.
- ✔ Programming key Another product that can bepurchased separately is the programming key. With the programming key the user can change the parameters of the controllers quickly and easily, and can replicate the configuration of a controller to other controllers.

✓ Comunication to Arcsys – The controller has a USB port that can be connected to the ISX10, the device for monitoring through the ArcSys interface. If you want to monitor the controller online, a separate product must be purchased, the RS-485 adapter:



Connect the USB output adapter from the controller and make the connections to the iSX10, remembering that the co-connection must be A-A, B-B and GND-GND.

#### **Error indications**

The indication of error "E1" will appear on the display of the device whenever there is a problem with the sensor of the collector and the indication "E2" when there is a problem with the sensor of the reservoir. If this happens, check if:

- ✓ The sensor is properly connected to the device;
- √ The sensor is within its working temperature range (-50 to +100) °C;
- ✓ The sensor or its cable are damaged.

#### Classification according to IEC 60730-2-9

Ts max 50 ºC	
(-20 to 70) °C; < 90% RH (noncondensing)	
Minimum T OFF between two starts must be greater than 1 min	
@85 °C – 2,000 h; @40 °C – 100,000 h	
Type 1.C	
2	
2.5 kV	
(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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#### Parameters description

<u>Cd – Access code</u>: it is necessary to unlock the parameters so that they can be adjusted. To unlock them, enter the value 28 in "Cd" for basic parameterization mode or 38 for full mode. If this is not done, parameter values can only be viewed and not changed. This parameter prevents unauthorized persons from changing programmed values.

SP – Setpoint (reservoir overheating temperature): sets the maximum temperature allowed in the reservoir. NOTE: This parameter is adjusted from the main screen, by holding the "Set" key and using the "Up" or "Down" key.

td – Default displayed value: determines which temperature will have priority for visualization on the display main screen, "t1" temperature in the collector, "t2" temperature in the reservoir, and "dd" temperature difference between collector and reservoir (t1-t2).

<u>r0 – Turn-on temperature difference</u> (t1 - t2): determines the minimum temperature difference for turning on the relay. For example, if it is set to "6°C", the pump will turn on when the temperature in the reservoir is at least 6 degrees lower than the temperature in the collector.

<u>r1 – Turn-off temperature difference (t1 – t2):</u> determines the minimum temperature difference for turning off the relay. For example, if it is set to "2°C", the pump will turn off when the temperature between the reservoir and collector is 2 degrees or less.

<u>r9 – Pump relay minimum power-up delay:</u> defines a time period after powering up the device in which the pump relay remains off, during this period the device will only indicate the temperature value. This parameter also protects the pump from constant starts in case of consecutive power outages.

<u>PO - Collector's antifreeze temperature (Turn-on the pump)</u>: this parameter is used in very cold regions where the water in the collector may freeze. In this parameter, the user sets a minimum temperature in the collector to turn on

the pump, in order to circulate the water and try to prevent it from freezing.

P1 – Collector's superheat temperature (Turn-off the pump): in this parameter, the user will program a maximum temperature in the collector. When this value is exceeded, the controller will keep the pump turned off, to prevent this excessively hot water from going to the reservoir/pool.

<u>h2 – Superheat temperature hysteresis (P1):</u> in this parameter, the user will set a hysteresis for the overheating protection of the reservoir.

<u>P4 – Highest allowed setpoint</u>: this parameter will limit the highest setpoint/superheating temperature for the reservoir.

<u>P6 – Recirculation (Turn-on the pump for 25s every 25 min):</u> if the user sets "YES" in this parameter, the pump will turn on every 25 min to recirculate the water through the piping. NOTE: the water will only recirculate if no protection parameter is active and if the collector temperature is greater than 20 °C and greater than the reservoir temperature.

<u>P7 – Cooling:</u> this parameter is used to cool the water in the reservoir if it is warmer than the collector is. If set to "YES", the pump will turn on when the reservoir temperature is 3°C degrees higher than the collector temperature.

<u>P8 – Maximum time of the activated pump, if activated manually:</u> In this parameter, it is possible to set a maximum time in which the pump will remain on if it is activated manually using the "A" key. This parameter is used to prevent the pump from remaining on for a long time if the user does not manually turn it off.

P9 – Maximum time of the activated pump, if activated by the diference (t1-t2): in this parameter, it is possible to program a maximum time the pump will stay on if it is started by the temperature difference parameter (r0). NOTE: Upon reaching the end of the time set in parameter P9, the controller turns off the pump and the display will show "P9" until the temperature difference (t1 - t2) is smaller than the temperature difference set to turn off the pump (r1).

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

**FP – On/Off key function**: defines the function of the On/Off key, as follows:

- 0 - key disabled;

	Parameters table						
	Parameter	Range	Default value				
Cd	Access code	0 a 999	0				
	Temperature control						
SP	Setpoint (reservoir overheating temperature)	15 to P4 °C	40				
td	Default displayed value	t1, t2 or dd	t2				
r0	Turn-on temperature difference (t1 – t2)	(r1 + 0.1) to + 45.0 °C	4.0				
r1	Turn-off temperature difference (t1 – t2)	0.1 to (r0 - 0.1) °C	2.0				
r9	Pump relay minimum power-up delay	0 to 20 min	0				
	System protections						
P0	Collector's antifreeze temperature (Turn on the pump)	oFF or 0 to 10.0 °C	2.0				
P1	Collector's superheat temperature (Turn off the pump)	15 to 100 °C	90				
h2	Superheat temperature hysteresis (P1)	0.1 to 20.0 °C	2.0				
P4	Highest allowed setpoint	SP to 100 °C	100				
P6	Recirculation (Turn-on the pump for 25 s every 25 min)	Yes or no	no				
P7	Cooling	Yes or no	no				
P8	Max. time of the activated pump, if activated manually	1 to 999 min	300				
P9	Max. time of the activated pump, if activated by the difference (t1-t2)	1 to 999 min	300				
	Full mode						
	Parameters below only appear if Cd =	= 38					
	Key control						
FP	On/Off key function	0, 1 or 2	0				
bt	Lock changes 10s after last keystroke	oFF, 1 or 2	oFF				
	Arcsys						
Ed	Network address	0 to 32	8				
bU	Lock remote changes (Arcsys or ArcSys Cloud)	YES or no	no				
	Temperature alarm						
	Hysteresis of the reservoir temperature alarm	0.1 to 20.0 °C	3.0				
A1	Low-temperature reservoir alarm limit (t2)	-50 to A2 °C	-50				
	High-temperature reservoir alarm limit (t2)	A1 to 100 °C	100				
А3		0 to 999 min	99				
A4	Alarm sending frequency	0 to 240 min	0				
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	Temperature digital filter	1 to 40	3				
	Collector sensor calibration	oFF, -15.0 to +15.00 °C	0.0				
C2	Reservoir sensor calibration	oFF, -15.0 to +15.00 °C	0.0				
tL	Minimum historical reservoir temperature (t2)	-50 to 100 °C	-				
tH	Maximum historical reservoir temperature (t2)	-50 to 100 °C	-				
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- 1 – key activates/deactivates standby mode: the power key will turn-on/off the system's standby mode;

-  $2-\mbox{key}$  activates/deactivates the control action, but keeps the display on showing the temperature.

<u>bt – Lock changes 10s after the last keystroke</u>: in this parameter, the user can enable a block for 10 seconds, as follows:

- oFF function disabled;
- 1 Lock all changes, except the Setpoint;
- 2 Lock all changes.

**Ed – Network address:** 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 – Lock remote changes (Arcsys or ArcSys Cloud)</u>**: this parameter, when set to "YES", prevents changes to controller parameters via Arcsys or ArcsysCloud.

A0 – Hysteresis of the reservoir temperature alarm: this parameter defines the alarm temperature differential.

A1 – Low-temperature reservoir alarm limit (t2): defines		
the lower temperature alarm limit for the reservoir. If this limit is reached, the display will flash and the relay output		
will be turned off.		
A2 – High-temperature reservoir alarm limit (t2): defines the upper temperature alarm limit for the reservoir. If this		-
limit is reached, the display will flash and the relay output		
will be turned off.		
A3 – Start-up alarm delay: defines the time in which the		
alarm monitoring will be disabled after the cycle starts.		
A4 - Alarm sending frequency: defines how often		 -
Arcsys/ArcsysCloud should send alarm alert E-mails to the		 
user, as long as the recipient e-mail is configured.		
FL – Temperature digital filter: applies a filter to smooth		
the temperature variation shown on the display. The higher the filter value is, the smoother the variation shown is. If the		
filter is at the maximum value (40) the shown temperature		
varies at most 0.1 °C every 2 seconds, and if it is at the low-		
est value (1) the temperature shown varies up to most 0.1		
°C every 0.05 seconds.		
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<u>C1 – Collector sensor calibration:</u> the value configured in this parameter <i>offsets</i> the collector temperature, for any		
deviations in sensor accuracy.		
<u>C2 – Reservoir sensor calibration:</u> the value configured in		
this parameter <i>offsets</i> the temperature of the reservoir, for eventual deviations in the accuracy of the sensor.		
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tL - Minimum historical reservoir temperature (t2): this		 -
read only parameter indicates the lowest temperature rec-		
orded in the reservoir over the course of system operation.		
tH – Maximum historical reservoir temperature (t2): this read only parameter indicates the highest temperature rec-		-
orded in the reservoir throughout the system operation.		 
Notes		
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