

## **Hot Runner Temperature Controller**

## MC-550 Operation Manual

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To avoid injury or damage caused by improper operation, please follow The instruction and keep the instrument in a ventilated place to ensure its' stability.

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## **MC-550 Hot Runner Temperature Controller Module**

#### 1 Features

- Auto Error Display Function
- Auto / Manual / Standby Control Mode
- Auto Tuning / Self Tuning
- Thermocouple J or K Type Options
- Deviation High & Low Alarm
- Temperature Range : 100~400 °C / 212~752 °F
- Soft Start Function
- DPID Control

## 2 Specification

- Power Supply : AC 85V~250V, 50/60Hz
- Load Current Rating (A) : 15A, 1650W (110V), 3300W (220V)
- Output : Pulse Width Modulation (PWM)
- Main Input : Thermocouple K, J type
- Temperature Range : 100~400 °C / 212~752 °F
- Control Mode : DPID
- Accuracy :  $\leq \pm 0.5\%$ F.S.  $\pm 1$ dig.
- Work Temperature : -10°C ~50°C
- Work Humidity : 10%~80%RH (non-condensing)
- Size : 177 x 50 x 193 mm (L x W x H)
- Weight : about 470g

## 3 Panel

## 3-1 Panel Description



1. SOFT		<ul> <li>Soft Start Indicator (SOFT) :</li> <li>Continual "ON" is for performing soft function.</li> <li>Blinking per second is for performing DPID function.</li> <li>Blinking per 0.5 second is for performing auto tuning function.</li> </ul>	
2.	OUT	Output Indicator : "ON" is for performing output.	
3.	PV	Present Value	
4.	SV	Set Value	
5.	UP	Increase Key	
6.	SET	Set Key & Enter Key	
7.	DOWN	Decrease Key	
8.	MODE	Select Parameters	
9.	AUTO	Auto Indicator	
10.	SEL	SEL Key= Select Auto mode, Standby mode & Manual mode	
11.	STANDBY	Standby Indicator	
12.	MANUAL	Manual Indicator	
13.	Module Handle		
14.	Module Power Switch		
15.	Module Screw		



## 3-2 Panel Appearance & Dimension



## 4 Operating Description

## 4-1 Parameter flow chart





## 4-2 Level Parameter Description

#### A. Level1 (User level)

	Name	Range	Description	Ex-factory
AL-H	Deviation high alarm	0~50	When $PV \ge SV$ +(AL-H), SV display AL-H	50
AL-L	Deviation low alarm	-50~0	When PV $\leq$ SV-(AL-L), SV display AL-L	-50
Stby	Standby mode – time	1~999 min	Standby time setting	10
Stby	Standby mode – rate	0.00~0.99	The rate on the basis of SV can be set from 0.00~0.99 Ex. SV=200 , Stby=0.75 , Stby SV=150	0.75
LOCK	Function LOCK	ON / OFF	On : can't setting ; Off : can setting	Off
ld	ID Number	CH00~CH16	Communication address	CH00

#### B. Level2 (PID level)

	Name	Range	Description	Ex-factory
ST	Self tuning		Performing DPID tuning when power is " ON "	Off
01	och tuning		( Under the status of Soft function " OFF ")	Oli
At	Auto tuning	ON / OFF	On : Auto tuning function	On
Pb	PV offset	-100~100	When PV is not correct with SV, you can adjust this parameter with (+) or (-)	0
KP	Proportional band	0~400	-	30
tl	Integral time	0~9999	-	240
td	Derivative time	0~9999	-	60
Ar	Anti-reset windup	0~100	Setting range from 0~100 to limit integral	100
rAnP	Ramp	0~50	°C / min. for soft start	20
FILt	Digital filter	0~255	-	200
oP.oU	Output percentage	0~100	When the sensor is broken or a short circuit happens , this shows the manual output percentage	50
rL	Low range setting	0~400	-	0
rH	High range setting	0~400	-	400

#### C. Level3 (Input level)

	Name	Range	Description	Ex-factory
In	Input selection	K/J	Select the input range	J
CF	Unit selection	°C / °F	Range of setting : °C / °F	°C
Unlt	Decimal point	1.0/0.1	Decimal setting	1.0
SOFT	Soft start	ON / OFF	On : Soft start (ST function : off)	On
НС-Н	Load current high	0.0 16.0	When Load Current $\geq$ HC-H $^{,}$ SV Display=Ht.St and output off	16
	limit setting	0.0~10.0		
HC-n	Load current low	0.0.16.0	When Load Current $\leq$ HC-n $^{,}$ SV Display=Ht.oP	0.0
	limit setting	0.0~16.0	and output off	
ΗZ	Output Hz selection	50Hz / 60Hz	Power frequency selection	50Hz



### 4-3 Control Modes

#### Press the SEL key for 3 seconds, the controller can be switched to the AUTO / STANBY / MANUAL modes.

AUTO Mode	<ul> <li>% Perform DPID function</li> <li>% Press the SET key to select SV value / Output percentage / Ampere.</li> <li>% Press MODE + SET key for 3 sec to start Auto Tuning function.</li> </ul>
STANDBY Mode	<ul> <li>When the STANDBY mode is working, the standby value of SV is required to set with corresponding "STANDBY time (stby-t)" and "STANDBY % (stby-p)".</li> <li>After the given STANDBY time, STANDBY Mode will return to AUTO Mode automatically.</li> </ul>
MANUAL Mode	When MANUAL Mode is selected, it is able to change to MANUAL Mode automatically or by manual (When detecting a broken circuit of sensor)

※ Change the Output percentage by pressing () or () key.

#### 4-4 Self Tuning Function



For example: When one user starts operating a new MC-550 Hot Runner Temp. Controller, and does not know how to set up Kp, tL, Td parameters, meanwhile, the mold temperature is PV < 70% SV. The ST function will be activated to process the auto tuning on Kp, tl, Td parameters and to implement DPID controlling.

- Step 1: Press V + 🚥 key for 3 sec to enter Level 2. (PV=ST)
- Step 3: Press () + 5 key for 3 sec to enter Level 3. (PV=In)
- Step 4: Press we Key to find and set the parameter "SOFT = OFF"
- Step 5: Press we key for 3 sec to retune.
- Step 6: After the above 5 steps are done, please turn off the controllers and re-start the power. The controllers will automatically start "ST" function" in auto mode.
- Step 7: When ST is processing, the "SOFT" light will flash per sec. When the "SOFT" light is off, the ST process is done.



# 4-5 Auto Tuning Function Temp.



For Example: If one MC-550 is out of control while the injection machine is working, the user can replace a new MC-550 on the machine. If after the replacement the control status is not as good as the previous MC-550, it is recommended to activate the AT function. The controller will then practice auto tuning to set up Kp, tL, Td parameters and to implement DPID control.

Step 1: To make sure that in Auto Mode, there is no other function under working status.

Step 2: Press 🔽 + 🚥 key for 3 sec to enter Level 2 (PV=ST)

Step 3: Press me key to set the parameter "AT=ON"

Step 4: Press 🔤 key for 3 sec to return

Step 5: Press st + we key for 3 sec till the "SOFT" light flash per 0.5 sec. When the "SOFT " light is off, the AT process is done.

#### 4-6 Soft Start Function



For example: The Soft Start function is for setting the Ramp value to prevent the temperature from overshooting.

- Step 1: Press () + 💷 key for 3 sec to enter Level 3. (PV=In)
- Step 2: Press we key to select "Soft" mode and set it to "on"
- Step 3: Press 🔽 + 🚥 key for 3 sec to enter Level 2. (PV=ST)
- Step 4: Press 💷 key for setting ST=Off
- Step 5: Press we Key to set the parameter "rAnp"
- Step 6: After the above steps are done, please turn off the controllers and re-start the power. The controllers will automatically start the soft start function in auto mode.
- Step 7: When the soft start function is activated, the "Soft" light will be on continuously until the soft start process is done.

Remarks: To stop soft start function, please press () or () key for 3 sec.



#### 4-7 Manual Function



For example: While a Thermocouple is broken on the machine, the controller will be switched to the Manual mode automatically. Before replacing a new thermocouple, please set up an output percentage value at discretion (according to the user's experience) to stabilize the output voltage for heaters. It can keep the mold in a stable temperature condition until the replacement process is completed.

(a) Manual Switch:

Step 1: Check whether the Auto Mode is off (judged by SOFT or AUTO light)

Step 2: Press sukey for 3 sec to switch to the "Manual" mode. (PV=oP.oU)

Step 3: Please adjust the demanded output percentage value by pressing () or () key

- (b) Auto Switch:
  - Step 1: Set up your demanded output percentage. (oP.oU= 50 is pre-set ex-factory value.)
  - Step 2: When an input error happens, the controller will automatically be switched to the Manual model, and will control the output percentage according to the pre-set value.



## For example: When the user is replacing a new mode on the machine, the STANDBY mode can be activated to prevent products from a deformed condition caused by a rapidly rising temperature.

- Step 1: Press key for 3 sec to enter Level 1. (PV= AL-H)
- Step 2: Press we key to set the parameter Stby-t.
- Step 3: Press we key again to set the parameter Stby-P
- Step 4: After the above steps, please press we key for 3 sec to finalize the setting procedure.
- Step 5: Press set key for 3 sec to switch to STANDBY mode.



## 4-9 Error Indication

No.	Parameter Display Code	Description	Solvent
1	tC . oP	Sensor open	Check wiring, change sensor
2	tC . rE	Sensor wiring opposite	Check wiring
3	AL-H	High alarm	Check sensor and heater, external wiring
4	AL-L	Low alarm	Check sensor and heater, external wiring
5	Ht . oP	Heater open	Check wiring, change heater
6	Ht . St	Heater short	Check wiring, change heater
7	FU-1	Fuse 1 broken	Change fuse 1 (250V 15A)
8	FU-2	Fuse 2 broken	Change fuse 2 (250V 15A)
9	Tr . St	Output short	Check wiring, change TRIAC

## 4-10 Wiring Diagram



## 5 Order Information

Model No. : MC-550