For file reference, please record the following data:

Model No: ________________________________
Serial No: ________________________________
Installation Date: __________________________
Installation Location: _______________________

When ordering replacement parts for your LMI Controller or accessory, please include the complete Model Number and Serial Number of your unit.
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1.0 Introduction

The DC4000 is a microprocessor-based conductivity controller. It is designed for use in a variety of water treatment applications requiring precise control of total dissolved solids and chemical feed. Among its many uses, the DC4000 will control conductivity and chemical feed in cooling towers, closed loop systems, and boilers.

LMI’s DC4000 Series of conductivity controllers allows the greatest programming flexibility for cooling tower or boiler system applications. This is accomplished through the use of an options menu that is easy to use.

BLEED or BLOWDOWN of system water by valve control can be based on several setpoint options:

- Conductivity setpoint
- Hysteresis delay (lower than setpoint) to avoid valve operation chattering
- Rising or Falling conductivity trip points

FEED of chemical (inhibitor) can be based on four (4) different methods:

- FEED at the same time system BLEEDS (lockout timer limits maximum FEED time)
- FEED time calculated as a percentage of total BLEED time
- FEED based on a timed cycle (pump is on for a percentage of this timed cycle)
- FEED based on flow meter input

ALARM indicators and relay outputs are energized based on the following conditions:

- HIGH conductivity set point is reached
- LOW conductivity set point is reached
- NO FLOW condition exists (flow switch must be installed)

The display is a 16-character backlit LCD (liquid crystal display) which is visible in all light conditions. A three-key position membrane is used to enter data and settings (see Figure 1). The conductivity range is 0 - 20,000 µSiemens. The units can be either µSiemens or PPM/TDS (total dissolved solids). If the units displayed are PPM/TDS, the ratio of µS: to: TDS can be selectively programmed.

All setpoints and parameter settings are retained permanently in a special nonvolatile computer chip memory, preventing their loss due to a power outage. This nonvolatile memory chip allows the unit to be programmed before installation. No battery powered backup is required.

Built in test circuits are provided to test each individual relay output wiring and to allow for quick field service isolation of faulty probe, circuit cards, pumps, or solenoid valves for ease of troubleshooting.

A display for temperature is also provided. The range is 32° F to 212° F [0° C to 100° C]. The display can be either fahrenheit or centigrade. This reading also provides the basis for temperature compensation which is performed in all modes except the boiler mode.

A 4-20 mA analog data (or control) output is provided. The conductivity reading that corresponds to minimum and maximum analog signals is fully programmable. This signal can be used to power chart recorders or other pumps and devices.
The controller operates in two (2) distinct modes, ‘SYSTEM RUN’ and ‘SYSTEM START-UP’ or ‘PROGRAMMING MODE’. The unit will be in the ‘SYSTEM RUN’ mode when it is first turned on. The various program screen menus are used to calibrate the unit, set the control and alarm points, set the inhibitor feed operating parameters, and manually test the relays and wiring connections.

In the ‘SYSTEM RUN’ mode the DC4000 monitors the conductivity and activates the appropriate control or alarm relay as necessary based on the set points entered in the ‘SYSTEM START-UP’ mode.

The DC4000 is packaged in a NEMA 12X, flame-retardant, molded TPE enclosure. When ordered, 115 VAC units come fully wired to include input power cord and relay output pigtails to allow for simple installation. The unit can be hardwired through conduit to the lower junction box portion of the enclosure when required. Hard wiring makes the unit suitable for NEMA 4X applications.
2.0 Installation

2.1 Mounting the Controller Enclosure

The DC4000 conductivity controller is supplied with integral wall-mounting flanges. It should be mounted with the display at eye level on a vibration free surface. All accessible mounting holes should be utilized. The maximum allowable temperature is 122°F [50°C]. This should be considered if installation is in a high-temperature location. Once the DC4000 is wall mounted, the metering pumps may be located at any distance from the controller. The conductivity probe should be placed as close to the controller as possible. Consult factory for distance over 30 ft [9 m]. Under 25 ft [7.6 m] is recommended. Over 30 ft [7.6 m], the cable may need to be isolated or shielded.

2.2 Enclosure Mounting Dimensions

When using the prewired unit, the enclosure is configured as NEMA 12X. If the unit is connected through watertight conduit, the enclosure is configured as NEMA 4X.

The following clearances should be observed for proper mounting (see Figures 2 and 3).

![Figure 2]
2.3 Electrical Wiring Information

To reduce the risk of electrical shock, the controller must be plugged into a grounded outlet with ratings conforming to the specifications on the data nameplate. It must be connected to a viable ground circuit. DO NOT USE ADAPTERS (see Figure 4)! All wiring must conform to required electrical codes.

The DC4000 conductivity controller is available in either 115 or 230 VAC 50/60 Hz. The 115 VAC version is supplied with one (1) 6-foot grounded AC power cord and two (2) 12-inch output pigtails for plug-in connection of controlled devices.

A four-pin connector is provided for the conductivity probe and temperature compensation probe.

Note: The DC4000 controller is provided with a voltage selector switch to allow the unit to be used with a 115 VAC or 230 VAC power source. To change the voltage selection, disconnect the unit from the power source and remove the front keypad panel. The selector switch is located on the circuit board attached to the back panel. When switching voltages ensure that power cord and pigtails are appropriately changed.
2.4 Terminal Strip Layout

To access the wiring connections inside of the conductivity controller:

1. Disconnect the unit from electrical power.
2. Remove the four (4) screws and the junction box cover on the lower half of the unit.
3. Consult the specific instructions below for the connections required.

**AC Power Input**
- Hot: TB4-1
- Neutral: TB4-2
- Ground: TB4-3

**Bleed / Blowdown / Control Relay Output**
- Hot (N.O.): TB3-1
- Hot (N.C.): TB3-2
- Neutral: TB3-4
- Ground: To ground wire (twist connect) or GND post

**Feed Output**
- Hot: TB2-2
- Neutral: TB2-1
- Ground: To ground wire (twist connect) or GND post

**Alarm Output**
- Hot: TB2-4
- Neutral: TB2-3
- Ground: To ground wire (twist connect) or GND post

**4 - 20 mAmp Output**
- (+) TB6-1
- (-) TB6-2
Flowmeter Input
The inputs are reversible when the flowmeter connection is a relay and has no polarity. Only use flowmeters that do not send power to the controller.

TB9-1
TB9-2

Flow Switch Input
This input can be used to connect a flow switch or other device providing a switch closure output. If a device such as this is connected to the DC4000, it will serve to disable the controller outputs when this switch is in the “OPEN” position.

This function can be used as a safety override to prevent controller/pump operation during loss of flow. This can be programmed to operate in the [N.O.] or [N.C.] configuration.

The electrical wiring inputs are reversible since the flow switch connection has no polarity.

TB9-3
TB9-4

Thermistor Probe Input (If Hardwiring Cooling Tower Probe)
Run the thermistor probe wiring through the PG9 connector on the right side of the DC4000 controller junction box keeping the wires away from any 115/230 VAC cables that may cause electrical interference.

Signal Output: TB7-1
Signal Return: TB7-2

Conductivity Probe (If Hardwiring Cooling Tower or Boiler Probe)
Run the conductivity probe wiring through the PG9 connector on the right side of the DC4000 controller junction box keeping the wires away from any 115/230 VAC cables that may cause electrical interference.

Signal Output: TB7-3
Signal Return: TB7-4
Figure 5: Terminal Strip Layout
3.0 Operating the Controller

The Conductivity Read Screen or “System Run”:

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COND : (µS) 1470
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The normal operating display for the DC4000 Series Controller is the conductivity reading screen (as shown above). This screen is referred to as “System Run” throughout this manual. The controller relay outputs cannot be activated unless the unit is in the “System Run” or conductivity reading mode. The only exception is when the unit is in the test mode.

After reviewing or changing the conductivity controller programming setpoints, the unit must be returned to the “System Run” or conductivity reading screen to allow automatic control to proceed. There are three ways to return to the “System Run” screen and mode:

1. Use the or keys to move through the various menus, and back to the “System Run” screen.

2. Push ANY two (2) keys simultaneously. This will return the unit immediately to the “System Run” screen.

3. The unit will return to the “System Run” screen automatically after three (3) minutes if no keys are pressed.
3.1 Menu Overview

When the “System Run” screen is displayed in the window, the unit automatically switches to the run/operate mode of operation.

COND : ( µS) 1470

This “System Run” display line is the top menu page item. Pressing the up or down keys will move the display window to another line item. When not in the “System Run” mode the outputs to the control relays are disabled. The following is the order of items in the main menu:

- CONDUCTIVITY
- SET POINT
- DIFFERENTIAL
- LOW ALARM
- HIGH ALARM
- FEED
- MANUAL OUTPUT
- ADVANCED SETUP
- TEMPERATURE
- H₂O METER
- BOILER

Only if Controller is in Cooling Tower mode.

Only if selected in Advanced Setup Menu.
3.2 Conductivity

The “CONDUCTIVITY” screen displays the conductivity readings in either µSiemens or PPM/TDS (parts per million/total dissolved solids). When the controller is displaying this screen it is considered to be in the SYSTEM RUN mode. This means that the pumps, solenoids, and alarm outputs will be activated based on the controller’s programmed set points. When the controller is in any other display screen all the outputs are disabled and will not be energized.

Pressing the “ENTER” key when the “CONDUCTIVITY” screen is displayed accesses the calibration mode. From this “CALIBRATION” screen the “UP” or “DOWN” keys can be pressed to change the conductivity reading and adjust for inaccuracies. If calibration adjustment is attempted beyond 50% of the probe conductivity reading, the controller will flash a warning on the screen: “CALIBRATION LIMIT”. This alerts the operator that the probe needs to be serviced.

If Controller is set up in Boiler mode the calibration limits are: -10% and +300%.

If Calibration is attempted beyond limit..... .....a Calibration Limit screen will appear.
3.3 Set Point

The “SET POINT” screen allows access to the conductivity value that will energize the bleed output relay and allow for the opening of the bleed valve. The output trip setting may be changed in this screen. The relay can be programmed to respond to either rising or falling conductivity values (see “ADVANCED MENU” options under “TRIP”).

Pressing “ENTER” from the main menu “SET POINT” screen accesses the conductivity reading trip value and allows the value to be changed. The value will have a flashing cursor indicating that it can be changed. Press the “UP” or “DOWN” key to increase or decrease the value. Press “ENTER” to save the value.
The “DIFFERENTIAL” or dead band setting allows for a hysteresis to be programmed into the conductivity trip point. A programmed hysteresis value prevents the bleed relay and solenoid from cycling on and off repeatedly when the conductivity reading hovers around the trip set point. The value entered in the “DIFFERENTIAL” is the amount of conductivity, away from the trip “SET POINT”, that the bleed relay will shut off.

Press “ENTER” from this screen to change the value. The value will have a flashing cursor indicating that it can be changed. Press the “UP” or “DOWN” key to increase or decrease the value. Press “ENTER” to save the “DIFFERENTIAL” value.
3.5 Low Alarm

The “LOW ALARM” screen allows programming of the Low Conductivity reading that activates an alarm LED and output relay.

Press “ENTER” from “LOW ALARM” screen to change this value. The setting will have a flashing cursor indicating that the value can be changed. Press the “UP” or “DOWN” key to increase or decrease the setting. Press “ENTER” to save the value.
The “HIGH ALARM” screen allows programming of the High Conductivity reading that activates an alarm LED and output relay.

Press “ENTER” from “HIGH ALARM” screen to change this value. The setting will have a flashing cursor indicating that the value can be changed. Press the “UP” or “DOWN” key to increase or decrease the setting. Press “ENTER” to save the value.
The “FEED” screen displays the current Inhibitor Feed Pump mode selected. There are four different FEED modes that may be selected from. The current active mode is displayed in parenthesis. The four possible modes to select from are:

1.) **Water Meter Pulse**  Pump output based on flow meter input.

2.) **Feed as % of Time**  Continuous pump output based on a repeating cycle timer.

3.) **Feed as % of Bleed**  Feed after Bleed with a limit timer to control maximum pump run time. Pump output run time is based on a % of the total Bleed time.

4.) **Feed and Bleed**  Feed and Bleed simultaneously with limit timer to control maximum feed pump run time.

Pressing the “ENTER” key from the main menu screen “FEED” (*Mode*) accesses the FEED sub-menu selections. Use the “UP” or “DOWN” key to scroll through the four different modes.

When the mode desired is displayed on the screen press “ENTER” to access the particular settings for that mode. The variables and settings that are available for each option are shown above. Use the “UP” or “DOWN” key to change the settings and press “ENTER” to save that setting.
3.8 Manual Outputs

The “MANUAL OUTPUTS” mode is provided to allow for manual energizing of each relay output. Once the external devices have been connected, they may be individually or collectively energized and tested. Testing of all these components is recommended after system installation and prior to system start up. Press “ENTER” to access these sub-menu screens. Press the “UP” or “DOWN” key to move to each relay control screen. Press “ENTER” from each relay output screen to energize that output relay. Press “ENTER” a second time to de-energize that relay. One or all of the relays may be energized in this manner. The output relays will be de-energized if:

1. No keys are pressed for 3 minutes and the controller returns to the “SYSTEM RUN” screen.
2. The operator manually de-energizes each relay output.
3. The operator manually exits the “MANUAL OUTPUT” sub-menu screens.

Main Screen
3.9 Advanced Setup

The “ADVANCED SETUP” screens allow for the special configuring of the controller for advanced options. These options include:

- FLOW ALARM (energizing the alarm output relay on loss of flow);
- FLOW SENSE (under FLOW ALARM) the response of the flow switch may be changed from either normally open or normally closed logic;
- TRIP (bleed based on either rising or falling conductivity trip point);
- 4 - 20 mA recorder output programming;
- Conductivity units DISPLAY may be either µSiemens or PPM/TDS;
- BLEED control (Boiler or Cooling Tower); and
- LOAD DEFAULTS.
The “TEMPERATURE” screen displays the temperature sensed by the externally connected thermistor [10K Ohms at 77°F / 25°C] in the Cooling Tower probe. The screen may display temperature in either Degrees (F) or Degrees (C). Pressing “ENTER” from this screen accesses this option change. Pressing the “UP” or “DOWN” key toggles between displaying °F or °C. Pressing “ENTER” a second time saves the displayed Temperature selection.

*Note*  
Temperature will not be displayed in the Boiler mode.
The “WATER METER TOTAL” screen allows for the display of the total gallons accumulated through a flow meter. The submenu allows for the programming of the: 1) water meter pulses-to-gallons (liters) ratio; and 2) reset of the totalizer back to zero. The maximum accumulation is 65,000 gallons (liters).
3.12 Boiler

The DC4000 Controller is shipped from the factory set in the “COOLING TOWER” mode. Select “BOILER” mode in “ADVANCED” menu to change this.

Now the “BOILER” screen will appear in the “MAIN” menu. Navigate to this screen.

Use or to toggle from “CONTINUOUS” or “TIMED” conductivity sampling. Press to select that mode.

- If “CONTINUOUS” sampling is selected, proceed to Section 4 “Continuous Sampling Start-Up”.

- If “TIMED” sampling is selected, the operator will then have the following options:
If “TRAP SAMPLE” is selected for “TIMED SAMPLING”, the operator will be prompted to program the amount of trap time.

The “TRAP TIME” allows for a delay period before the controller reacts to the conductivity readings. At the beginning of the trap, the motorized blowdown valve is closed. The controller then counts down the programmed “TRAP TIME”. At the end of the “TRAP TIME” the control then reads the conductivity and reacts on it. This delay, or “TRAP TIME”, allows any ‘flashed’ boiler water or steam to be re-compressed. This eliminates any erroneous conductivity readings from flashed steam.
4.0 Start-Up

4.1 Cooling Tower Installation

The DC4000 Series of conductivity controller should be installed based upon the recommended system diagram below. A bypass loop for open recirculating water systems is the best method of conductivity monitoring and control.

The conductivity sensing electrode used with the conductivity controller must receive an active representative sample of system water. The electrode should be installed so that it is removed horizontally from its mounting tee. Water flow should enter from the bottom of the conductivity tee and exit out the top. This type of installation insures that the electrode tee is full of water whenever system flow is on and that the probe is fully emersed. This prevents the electrode from becoming air bound.

System shut off/isolation valves are recommended for installation on either side of the conductivity sensing electrode. This allows for ease of system isolation and electrode removal. A sample cock valve and a stainer are recommended to allow for periodic water sampling and water filtering.

Injection of required water treatment chemicals can be effected directly into the bypass line. When chemicals are injected into the bypass line, they should be downstream of the conductivity sensing electrode to avoid interference with readings.

An installed flow switch is recommended for the bypass line to allow for disabling of controller/pump operation during system maintenance or repair.

![Figure 6: Cooling Tower Installation Diagram]
The DC4000 can be programmed for a variety of different tasks. Before start-up can be completed, certain information must be decided regarding the controller programming.

The following work sheet should be filled out in advance to aid in the programming of the controller.

The single most important decision is whether the controller will be used for cooling tower, boiler, or closed loop control. If operation is not cooling tower or continuous sample boiler, the set-up menu will be used to select falling trip point for closed loop systems or to select the boiler mode.

### 4.2 Pre-Start-Up Work Sheet

**Pre-Start-Up Work Sheet**

1. Current system conductivity in µS________________________
2. Desired conductivity set point in µS________________________
3. Differential value (range) in µS________________________
4. Method of chemical feed to be used________________________
   a.) External (PULSE): 0-999 seconds run - time, 1-100 counter
   b.) % of TIME: 0-100 minute cycle, 1-100% of time
   c.) % of control (BLEED): 1-100% of control
   d.) Limit (FEED and BLEED): 1-999 minutes
5. Feed timer setting __________________________ min/sec/cycle
6. High alarm setting __________________________
7. Low alarm setting __________________________
8. If flow switch is used, does it activate the alarm when flow is lost? YES NO

Once the operating settings and parameters have been determined by the data entered above, the DC4000 Controller can then be programmed. Supply power to the controller. Read the conductivity and verify the accuracy using a calibrated meter and conductivity sample. Calibrate the controller as needed. See Calibration section.

In the Main Menu, enter the required values for Conductivity, Differential, Low Alarm and High Alarm.

Go to the FEED menu screen (see FEED programming sheet in manual) and enter the required mode and settings for the chemical inhibitor pump control.

Go to the SET UP menu screen (see SET UP programming sheet in manual) and enter the Flow Alarm Option, Trip Actuation, 4 - 20 mA settings, Display Mode, and Control Cooling Tower/Boiler Mode.

Use the MANUAL OUTPUTS menu (see MANUAL OUTPUTS programming sheet in manual) to check that all controlled devices are properly connected.
This completes the cooling tower start-up. Return the display to the ‘SYSTEM RUN’ or ‘CONDUCTIVITY Reading’ screen to begin operation.

![Note]

*The system will return to the ‘SYSTEM RUN’ mode automatically on its own after three (3) minutes if no keys are pressed.*

### 4.3 Boiler Installation

The DC4000 controller when used for boiler conductivity control can be set up in two different operating modes:

- Timed sampling
- Continuous sampling

The choice of which mode to use is important. As a rule of thumb, if the blowdown requirement of the boiler is greater than 5000 lbs/hr, the boiler may be continuously sampled. Since the boiler sample is sent to drain and not returned to the system, continuously sampling a smaller (less than 5000 lbs/hr blowdown requirement) boiler can result in excessive blowdown.

Timed sampling is the best mode to select when the blowdown requirement will be less than 5000 lbs/hr. The controller allows only periodic samples of boiler water to pass the electrode. If the sample is high in conductivity, the sampling period will extend until the conductivity falls below preset levels. Once the conductivity is below the set point, including differential, the periodic sampling will resume at the preset intervals.

### 4.4 Determining the Blowdown Requirement

If the blowdown requirement for your particular boiler is unknown, it can be approximated by knowing the following data and applying the formula below:

**Data Required**

- H.P. = Boiler Horsepower
- % Condensate = % of Condensate Return to Boiler
- Cycles = Cycles of Concentration

**Formula**

\[
a. \quad \text{H.P.} \times 34.5 = \text{Steam Output (lbs/hr)} \\
b. \quad \text{Steam Output (lbs/hr)} \times (1 - \frac{\text{Condensate}}{100\%}) = \text{Make-Up Req. (lbs/hr)} \\
c. \quad \text{Make-Up Req. (lbs/hr)} \times \left(\frac{1}{\text{Cycles} - 1}\right) = \text{Blowdown Req. (lbs/hr)}
\]

**Example**

A 200 horsepower boiler returning 50% condensate operating at 4 cycles of concentration.

\[
a. \quad 200 \times 34.5 = 6,900 \text{ lbs/hr Steam Output} \\
b. \quad 6,900 \text{ lbs/hr} \times (1 - \frac{50\%}{100\%}) = 3,450 \text{ lbs/hr Make-Up Req.} \\
c. \quad 3,450 \times \left(\frac{1}{4 - 1}\right) = 1,150 \text{ lbs/hr Blowdown Req.}
\]
4.5 Timed Sampling Mode

Used in small to medium sized boilers where the blowdown requirements are less than 5000 lbs/hr. A boiler this size or smaller cannot be sampled continuously because the volume of water (blowdown) lost to sampling would prevent the conductivity from rising above the set point.

The controller utilizes an internal timing circuit to open a blowdown valve at periodic intervals. When the valve opens, the unit reads the conductivity. The controller reacts to the conductivity reading only while this valve is open. If the conductivity is above the preset level, defined as set point including differential, the system will continue to blowdown until the conductivity drops below the preset level.

There is a ‘Trap Sample’ programming menu option provided for under the timed boiler sampling. This option allows a boiler water sample to be temporarily trapped near the probe so that any flashed steam can settle out and be recompressed. This prevents erratic conductivity readings from occurring.

If ‘Trap Sample’ is selected as ‘N’ or ‘no’ then this option is not enabled and conductivity will be read at the end of the sample duration time.

If ‘Y’ or ‘yes’ is selected, then this option is enabled and the blow down valve will be temporarily closed for the amount of programmed ‘Trap Time’. The boiler water sample will settle out during this time. At the end of the ‘Trap Time’ the conductivity will be read and reacted on. If the conductivity is below the set point, the controller will start another ‘Off Time’ cycle. If the conductivity is above the set point, the controller will conduct another blow down or ‘Duration’ cycle time.

4.6 Continuous Sampling

For large boilers with a blowdown requirement in excess of 5000 lbs/hr. The controller constantly monitors system conductivity with the sample going to drain.

When the conductivity exceeds preset limits, defined as set point including differential, the controller activates a motorized or solenoid valve on an auxiliary blowdown line. When the conductivity drops below the set point (including differential), the valve closes.

4.7 Boiler Installation Notes

LMI provides the controller, an optional sampling probe, and probe mounting cross. The conductivity electrode provided can be installed to temperatures of up to 400°F (205°C) and pressures of 250 psi (17.3 Bar). Temperatures and pressures exceeding these extremes will require the use of a sample cooler and/or other probes. Check that all other valves installed to complete this installation have a high enough pressure and temperature rating.

Additional equipment required to complete installation for a TIMED sample method of control:

1. **Fully ported shut off valve for blowdown line.** Allows the electrode to be removed from the system while the boiler is on.
2. **Adjustable flow control valve or orifice union and various sized plates.** Controls blowdown rate and insures back pressure at the electrode.
3. **Motorized or solenoid operated valve, normally closed.** Controls the opening and closing of the blowdown line.
4. **One quarter (1/4) turn mechanical ball valve.** For flushing the probe line.
**Additional equipment required to complete installation for a CONTINUOUS sample method of control:**

1. *Fully ported shut off valve for blowdown line.* Allows for the removal of the electrode while the boiler is on.
2. *Adjustable flow control valves or orifice unions with various sized plates.* Controls sampling rate, blowdown rate, and ensures back pressure at the electrode to prevent flashing.
3. *Motorized or solenoid operated valve, normally closed.* Controls the opening and closing of the auxiliary blowdown line.
4. *One quarter (1/4) turn mechanical ball valve.* For flushing the probe line.

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**4.8 Boiler Start-Up**

Determine if the application requires timed or continuous sampling as per the sizing information in this manual.

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**4.9 Timed Sample Start-Up**

1. Check that the unit is installed as shown in Figure 7 Timed Sample on page 30.
2. Complete the Pre-Start-Up Work Sheet on page 26.
3. Supply power to the DC4000 controller.
4. Place the unit in the Manual Output mode and activate the control relay. This will test the motorized blowdown valve.
5. Take a boiler water sample and calibrate as needed.

**Note**

*Wait until the reading stabilizes before adjusting the calibration.*

**Note**

*The interval should be frequent enough to ensure that conductivity levels don't rise too high between samples.*

The sample duration should be long enough to allow the reading on the display to stabilize before the sample period ends. A good starting point is a sample interval of 30 minutes and a duration of 60 seconds. Make any other needed changes in Set-Up.
Figure 7: Timed Sample

Figure 8: Continuous Sample
4.10 Continuous Sample Start-Up

1. Check that the unit is installed as shown in Figure 8 Continuous Sample on page 30.
2. Complete the Pre-Start-Up Work Sheet on page 26.
3. Supply power to the DC4000 controller, read the conductivity and verify accuracy using a calibrated meter and sample. Calibrate as needed.
4. Go to the Set-Point screen and enter the desired conductivity set point.
5. Go to the Differential screen and enter the desired deadband.
6. Go to the High and Low Alarm screens and enter the desired values.
7. Go to the Feed screen and press ENTER. Use the and keys to move to the type of feed desired. Press ENTER to select that mode. Use the and keys to set the correct feed times or percentages for your application. Press ENTER to save that setting. Now the feed screen will display with the feed mode you selected.
8. Use the Test menu to check all controlled devices (i.e. pumps, valves, alarm devices) are properly connected. See test section for directions.
9. Return the unit to the Conductivity “System Run” screen. This completes the start-up sequence for continuous sampling boiler operation.

4.11 Closed Loop Installation Theory of Operation

The DC4000 can be configured with a reverse or falling set point to allow for control of chemical levels in closed loop systems. Unlike cooling towers and boilers that respond to a rising conductivity set point to control bleed off, the closed loop mode enables the unit to respond to a falling set point to control chemical feed.

The DC4000 is installed to monitor the system conductivity. Whenever the conductivity drops due to the addition of make-up water, the DC4000 will turn on a chemical feed pump which will cause the conductivity to rise. When the conductivity returns to the proper level (set point plus differential) the chemical feed pump will shut down, and wait for the addition of more make-up water.

4.12 Closed Loop Start-Up

1. Check that the unit is installed as shown in Figure 9 on page 32.
2. Complete the Pre-Start-Up Work Sheet on page 26.
3. Supply power to the DC4000 controller. Read the conductivity and verify accuracy. Calibrate as needed.
4. The Bleed or Control Output is now used to power a pump.
5. Go to the Set Point screen and enter desired pump (bleed) energizing value.
6. Generally no differential or deadband is used: none is required for a pump. Program High / Low Alarm as desired.
7. The Manual Outputs menu screen should be used to test outputs.
8. Return the unit to the Conductivity screen or “System Run” . This completes the start-up sequence for closed loop operation.
4.13 Closed Loop Installation Notes

As in a cooling tower application, the probe should be installed in a bypass sample stream. The probe should be isolated by valves to allow for removal while the system is on. Any chemical injection must take place downstream of the probe.

Refer to Figure 9 below for location of components.

![Figure 9: Closed Loop Installation](image)

5.0 Functional Instructions

5.1 Calibration

Calibration will be required during Start Up or when a discrepancy exists between the displayed conductivity value and the conductivity value determined by a reliable alternative such as an accurate hand held tester.

1. Check that the conductivity probe is clean. See Section 7.1 for cleaning instructions.

2. From the “System Run” Conductivity screen, press **ENTER**. “CAL :” will be displayed along with the current conductivity.

3. Use the **↑** and **↓** keys to change the display to correspond with the conductivity reading from the hand held tester. Press **ENTER**.

This locks in the number entered on the display, and completes the conductivity calibration procedure.
If the probe reading is off by more than 50%, then the controller will indicate an error by displaying ‘CAL LIM µS’. This generally means that the probe has failed or needs cleaning.

Alternately, a sample of cooling tower water may be analyzed by a precalibrated conductivity monitor, and the DC4000 controller calibrated to match that reading using the sample as a standard solution.

**From Conductivity Screen....press Enter....to Calibrate**

![Conductivity Screen](image)

**1) press ⇧ or ⇩ to adjust conductivity reading value**

**2) press ENTER to save calibrated conductivity value**

The DC4000 Controller provides a circuit board test-switch to aid in troubleshooting the unit and system. The switch is located under the access cover on the lower section of the controller (see Figure 10).

The conductivity test-switch allows the user to determine if the conductivity circuit is operating correctly. When placed in the test position, this switch switches the conductivity probe and wiring out of the circuit and places an internal precision resistor. This resistor has a known conductivity reading of 3000 µS +/- 5%. If the unit has been calibrated then this reading could be displayed as + or - 50% of this 3000 µS value (+4500 µS, -1500 µS).

![Figure 10: Test Switch](image)
6.0 Maintenance

6.1 Controller

The DC4000 controller itself requires very little maintenance. Wiping the controller down with a damp cloth will clean it. Do not spray down the controller unless the enclosure door is closed and latched.

6.2 Probe

The controller must be recalibrated after cleaning the probe.

Cleaning Procedure

The probe can normally be cleaned using a cloth or paper towel and a mild cleaning solution such as 409 cleanser. Occasionally, a probe may become coated with various substances which require a more vigorous cleaning procedure. Usually the coating will be visible, but not always. To clean a coated probe, use a fine grit abrasive, such as emery paper. Lay the paper on a flat surface and move the probe in a back and forth motion as shown in Figure 11. The probe should be cleaned parallel to the carbon electrodes, NOT perpendicular.

![Figure 11](image)

Frequency

The probe should periodically be cleaned to maintain accurate measurements. The frequency of cleaning required will vary from application to application. In a new installation, it is recommended that the probe be cleaned after two (2) weeks of service. In order to determine the frequency of cleaning, use the following procedure.

1. Read and record the conductivity with probe in system.
2. Remove the probe, clean it, and place it back into the system.
3. Read the conductivity of the probe after it is cleaned and record it.

Compare the first conductivity with the second. If the variance in readings is greater than 5%, increase the frequency of probe cleaning. If there is less than a 5% change in the reading, the probe was not dirty and can be cleaned less often.
## 7.0 Troubleshooting

Disconnect power to the controller before opening the front panel! Troubleshooting and repair of a malfunctioning controller should only be attempted by qualified personnel using caution to insure safety and to limit unnecessary further damage. Contact your local LMI distributor or the factory for assistance.

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<td>Verify wiring connections</td>
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8.0 Factory Settings

Temperature ........................................ Fahrenheit % Time - ......................................... 10%
Conductivity Set point ...................... 2000 µS Feed after Bleed - Limit ...................... 10 minutes
Delta Differential .............................. 100 µS Limit (Feed & Bleed) .................. 10 min limit
Low Alarm ........................................... 100 µS
High Alarm ......................................... 4000 µS
Feed Mode ..................................... Pulse Timer Flow Alarm (On/Off) ................. Off
Pulse Timer ........................................ 10 seconds Trip (Rise/Fall) ......................... Rise
Pulse Count ....................................... 1 flow meter count 4 mAmp setting .................. 0 µS
% Time - Cycle Time ......................... 10 minutes 20 mAmp setting ....................... 20,000 µS

9.0 Product Specifications

Power Requirements 115 VAC +/-15%, 50/60 Hz
230 VAC +/-15%, 50/60 Hz
Voltage input selectable via a selector switch located on the I/O PCB
Fuse: 4A 250 VAC Time Delay

Inputs
Flow Switch
All low voltage inputs active low, i.e. the active state is when the switch is closed.
The switch must be capable of switching 2 mA at +/-15 VDC.

Outputs
Alarm
4-20 mA: 600 ohms maximum

Keypad
Three key membrane keypad with tactile response
Material: Polyester with a hard coat finish
Actuation Force: 2.6N to 3.3N

Temperature Input
Thermistor resistance 10 k Ohms at 77°F [25°C]
Temperature Display: 32°F to 212°F [0°C to 100°C]
Temperature resolution: +/- 1.8°F [+/- 1°C]

Probe Input
Cell constant of 1.5
ESD Protection: 700 Volts
Three (3) sample readings / second : display updated every second

Relays
Fuse protected electromechanical.
Bleed/Control Relay (1): 250 VAC, 10 amp contact relay
Feed Relay (1): 250 VAC, 10 amp contact relay
Alarm Relay (1): 250 VAC, 10 amp contact relay
Contact type: Normally open and normally closed contacts (FORM C) Change over

LCD Display
16-Digit Liquid Crystal Display [LCD] with green backlighting

Operating Temperature
32°F to 122°F [0°C to 50°C]

Memory Backup
EEPROM. Data retention of 10 years minimum

Environmental
Printed pc boards conformally coated.
Enclosure: IEC IP65, NEMA 4X - Door closed. IEC IP NEMA - 12 Door open.

Mechanical
Two (2) pc boards
Control CPU board: microcontroller and display - low voltage
Terminal power I/O board: transformer, fuses, terminal blocks, relays
## 11.0 Parts List

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12.0 Statement of Limited Warranty

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