WDB Series Dual Boiler Controller Instruction Manual

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The Walchem WDB300 Series controllers offer conductivity control of boiler water and control of chemical feed of two separate boilers. The chemical feed pump may be selected to operate in one of the following modes:

Feed and Blowdown Feed and Blowdown with Lockout Feed as a percent of Blowdown Feed as a percent of Time Feed based on a Water Contactor input

The WDB series boiler controller is supplied with temperature compensated stainless steel electrodes with a cell constant of 1.0. The controller is a microprocessor driven industrial type with on/off control outputs. Timed intermittent sample or continuous modes may be selected. One or two optional 4-20 mA outputs that are proportional to the conductivity reading are available for all models.

Any set point may be viewed without interrupting control. Each set point change will take effect as soon as it is entered. An access code is available to protect set point parameters, while still allowing settings to be viewed.

An alarm relay is provided that is triggered by:

Low conductivity reading High conductivity reading No flow situation Sensor error Temperature sensor error Blowdown timeout

2.0 SPECIFICATIONS -

2.1 Measurement Performance

0 - 10,000 μS/cm (microSiemens/centimeter)
$1 \mu\text{S/cm}$
10 - 10,000 μ S/cm ± 1% of reading
0 - 10 μ S/cm \pm 20% of reading
32 – 392°F (0-200°C)
0.1°C
\pm 1% of reading

2.2 Electrical: Input/Output

Input Power

110-120 VAC	or	220-240 VAC
50/60 Hz, 10A		50/60 Hz, 5A

Input Signals

Flow Meter (optional):	Isolated, dry contact closure required (i.e.,
	relay, reed switch)

Outputs

Mechanical Relays:	@ 120 VAC	@ 240 VAC
	10 A resistive	5 A resistive
	1/8 HP	1/8 HP

20 mA (optional):	Internally powered
	Fully isolated
	600 Ohm max resistive load
	Resolution .001% of span
	Accuracy $\pm 1\%$ of reading

Agency Approvals

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UL	ANSI/UL 61010-1:2004, 2 nd Edition*	
CAN/CSA	C22,2 No.61010-1:2004 2 nd Edition*	
CE Safety	EN 61010-1 2 nd Edition (2001)*	
CE EMC	EN 61326 :1998 Annex A*	
Note: For EN61000-4-6,-3 the controller met performance criteria B.		

*Class A equipment: Equipment suitable for use in establishments other than domestic, and those directly connected to a low voltage (100-240 VAC) power supply network which supplies buildings used for domestic purposes.

2.3 Mechanical

Enclosure Material:	Fiberglass
NEMA Rating:	NEMA 4X
Dimensions:	8.5" x 6.5" x 5.5"
Display:	2 x 16 character backlit liquid crystal
Operating Ambient Temp:	32 – 122°F (0 – 50°C)
Storage Temperature:	-20 – 180°F (-29 – 80°C)
Electrode Mounting:	³ / ₄ " NPTM
Electrode Rating:	250 PSI @ 392°F (17.2 bar @ 200°C)
Electrode Mounting:	316SS and PEEK

2.4 WDB Variables and their Limits

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	Low Limit	High Limit
Conductivity menu PPM Conversion Factor (ppm/mS/cm)	0.200	1.000
Interval Time (sampling) Duration Time (sampling) Hold Time Blowdown Time Max Proportional Time Proportional Band % Calibration range	5 minutes 10 seconds 1 second 1 minute 1 minute 0 -50	24:00 hours 59 min: 59 sec 499 min: 59 sec 8 hrs: 20 min 8 hrs: 20 min 10,000 µS/cm +50
Temperature Menu No variables		
Blowdown Menu		
Set Point Dead Band Blowdown Time Limit (set in hrs/minutes)	0 μS/cm 5 μS/cm 1 minute	10,000 μS/cm 500 μS/cm 8 hrs:20 min (enabled) unlimited (disabled)
Feed Menu		
Feed Lockout Timer (Mode A) Percent of Blowdown (Mode B) Feed Time Limit (Mode B) Percent of Time (Mode C) Feed Cycle Time (Mode C) Time per Contact (Mode D) Divider Count (Mode D) Feed Time Accumulate (Mode D)	1 second 5 % 1 minute 5 % 10 minutes 1 second 1 contact 1 minute	99 min: 59 sec 99 % 99 min: 59 sec 99 % 59 min: 59 sec 59 min: 59 sec 100 contacts 99 min: 59 sec
mA		
4 & 20 mA Settings	0 µS/cm	10,000 µS/cm
Access Code New Value	0	9999
Alarms		
High & Low (set to zero to disable)	1 % e)	50 %

3.0 UNPACKING & INSTALLATION —

3.1 Unpacking the unit

Inspect the contents of the carton. Please notify the carrier immediately if there are any signs of damage to the controller or its parts. Contact your distributor if any of the parts are missing. The carton should contain: a WDB series controller and instruction manual. Any options or accessories will be incorporated as ordered.

3.2 Mounting the electronic enclosure

The WDB series controller is supplied with mounting holes on the enclosure. It should be wall mounted with the display at eye level, on a vibration-free surface, utilizing all four mounting holes for maximum stability. Use M6 (1/4" diameter) fasteners that are appropriate for the substrate material of the wall. The enclosure is NEMA 4X rated. The maximum operating ambient temperature is 122°F (50°C); this should be considered if installation is in a high temperature location. The enclosure requires the following clearances:

Top:	2" (50 mm)
Left:	8" (203 mm)
Right:	4" (102 mm)
Bottom:	7" (178 mm)

3.3 Installation

Once the WDB series controller is mounted, the metering pumps may be located at any distance from the controller. The conductivity electrodes should be placed as close to the controller as possible, to a maximum distance of 250 ft. Under 25 ft is recommended. The cable *MUST* be shielded from background electrical noise. (The standard cable length is 10 feet. Should you require longer cable, consult factory.)

Important Installation Notes: (see figure 1)

- 1. Make sure the minimum water level in the boiler is at least 4-6 inches above the skimmer blowdown line. If the skimmer line is closer to the surface, it is likely that steam will be drawn into the line instead of boiler water. The skimmer line must also be installed above the highest tube.
- 2. Maintain a 3/4 inch minimum pipe ID with no flow restrictions from the tap for the boiler skimmer blowdown line to the electrode. If the ID is reduced below 3/4 inch, then flashing will occur beyond that point and the conductivity reading will be low and erratic. Minimize the usage of tees, valves, elbows or unions between the boiler and the electrode.

- **3.** A manual shut off valve should be installed so that the electrode can be removed and cleaned. This valve must be a full port valve in order to avoid a flow restriction.
- 4. Keep the distance between the tap for the boiler skimmer line to the electrode as short as possible, to a maximum of 10 feet.
- 5. Mount the electrode in the side branch of a cross in a horizontal run of pipe. This will minimize entrapment of steam around the electrode and will allow any solids to pass through.
- 6. There MUST be a flow restriction after the electrode and/or control valve in order to provide back pressure. This flow restriction will be either a flow control valve or an orifice union. The amount of the flow restriction will effect the blowdown rate as well, and should be sized accordingly.
- 7. Install the motorized ball valve or solenoid valve per the manufacturer's instructions.
- 8. For best results, align the hole in the conductivity electrode such that the direction of water flow is through the hole.

Guide to Sizing Blowdown Valves and Orifice Plates

1. Determine the Rate of Steam Production in Pounds per Hour

Either read off the boiler name plate (water-tube boilers) or Calculate from horsepower rating (fire-tube boilers):

HP x 34.5 = lbs/hr. Example: 100 HP = 3450 lbs/hr.

2. Determine the Concentration Ratio (BASED ON FEEDWATER)

A water treatment chemical specialist should determine the desired number of cycles of concentration. This is the ratio of TDS in the boiler water to TDS in the feedwater. Note that feedwater means the water that is fed to the boiler from the deaerator and includes makeup water plus condensate return.

Example: 10 cycles of concentration has been recommended

3. Determine the Required Blowdown Rate in Pounds Per Hour

Blowdown Rate = Steam Production / (Concentration Ratio -1)

Example: 3450/(10-1) = 383.33 lbs./hr

4. Determine if Continuous or Intermittent Sampling is Required

Use intermittent sampling when the boiler operation or loading is intermittent, or on boilers where the required blowdown rate is less than 25% of the smallest available flow control valve or less than the flow through the smallest orifice. See the charts below.

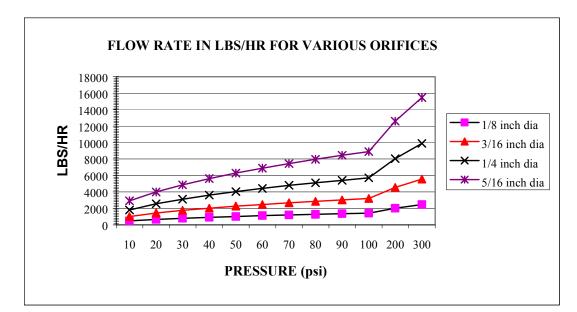
Use continuous sampling when the boiler is operating 24 hours per day and the required blowdown rate is more than 25% of the smallest applicable flow control valve or orifice. See the charts below.

Use of a flow control valve will give you the best control of the process, since the flow rate can be easily adjusted. The dial on the valve also gives you a visual indication if the flow rate has been changed. If the valve clogs, it can be opened to clear the obstruction, and closed to the previous position.

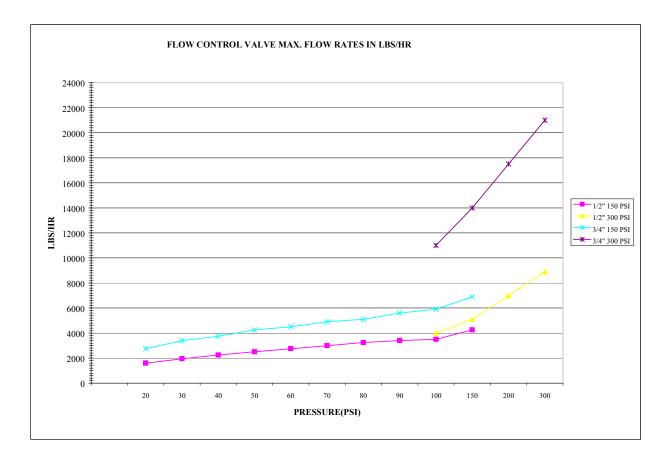
If an orifice plate is used, you must install a valve downstream from the orifice in order to fine tune the flow rate and provide additional back pressure in many applications.

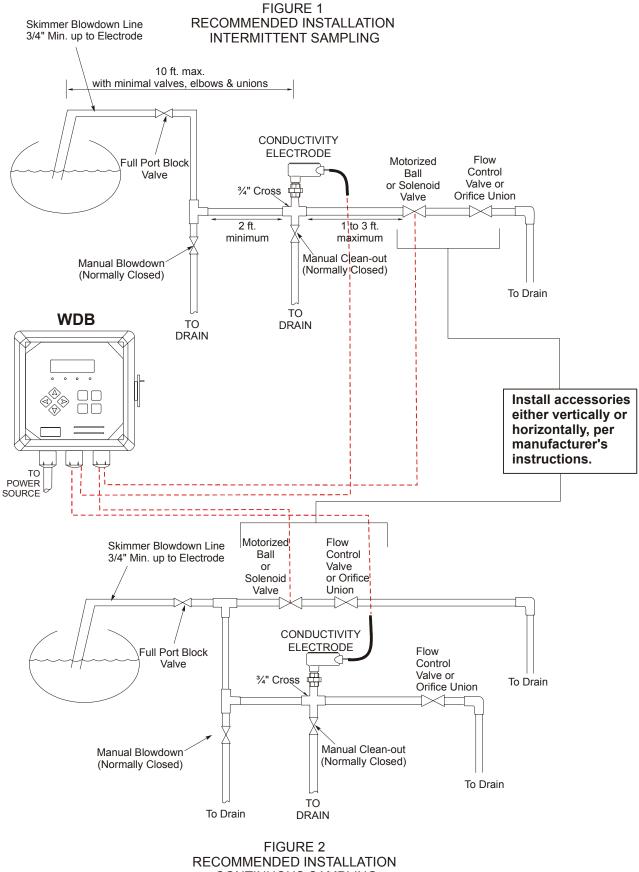
Example: An 80 psi boiler has a Required Blowdown Rate of 383.33 lbs./hr. The maximum flow rate of the smallest flow control valve is 3250 lbs./hr. $3250 \times 0.25 = 812.5$ which is too high for continuous sampling. Using an orifice, the flow rate through the smallest diameter plate is 1275 lbs./hr. This is too high for continuous sampling.

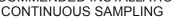
5. Determine the Orifice or Flow Control Valve Size for this Blowdown Rate



Use the following graphs to select a flow control device:







3.4 Icon Definitions

Symbol	Publication	Description
	IEC 417, No.5019	Protective Conductor Terminal
	IEC 417, No. 5007	On (Supply)
	IEC 417, No. 5008	Off (Supply)
4	ISO 3864, No. B.3.6	Caution, risk of electric shock
	ISO 3864, No. B.3.1	Caution

3.5 Electrical installation

Based on the model number, the following voltages are required:

WDB300-1xx	120 VAC, 50/60 Hz
WDB300-4xx	120 VAC, 50/60 Hz
WDB300-5xx	240 VAC, 50/60 Hz

The various standard wiring options are shown in figure 2, below. Your WDB series controller will arrive from the factory prewired or ready for hardwiring. Depending on your configuration of controller options, you may be required to hardwire some or all of the input/output devices. Refer to figures 4 and 5 for circuit board layout and wiring.

Notes:

- When wiring the conductivity electrode, it is critical to use shielded 24 AWG cable. *DO NOT* route the cable in the same conduit as any AC wiring. The shield must be terminated at the controller earth ground only. Make sure to cut off the shield wire at the electrode and to ensure that it does not touch the grounded junction box.
- 2. When wiring the optional flow meter contactor input, the 4-20 mA output or a remote flow switch, it is advisable to use stranded, shielded, twisted pair wire between 22-26 AWG. Shield should be terminated at the controller ground stud (see figures 4 and 5).
- **3.** Always route low voltage (sensor) signals with at least 6" separation from AC voltage wiring.



CAUTION! There are live circuits inside the controller even when the power switch on the front panel is in the OFF position! The front panel must never be opened before power to the controller is REMOVED!

If your controller is prewired, it is supplied with a 8 foot, 18 AWG power cord with USA style plug. A tool (#1 phillips driver) is required to open the front panel.



CAUTION! When mounting the controller, make sure there is clear access to the disconnecting device!



CAUTION! The electrical installation of the controller must be done by trained personnel only and conform to all applicable National, State and Local codes!



CAUTION! Proper grounding of this product is required. Any attempt to bypass the grounding will compromise the safety of persons and property.



CAUTION! Operating this product in a manner not specified by Walchem may impair the protection provided by the equipment.

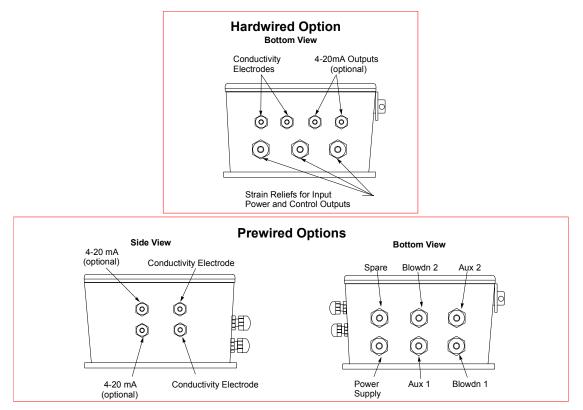


Figure 3 Conduit/Wiring Configuration

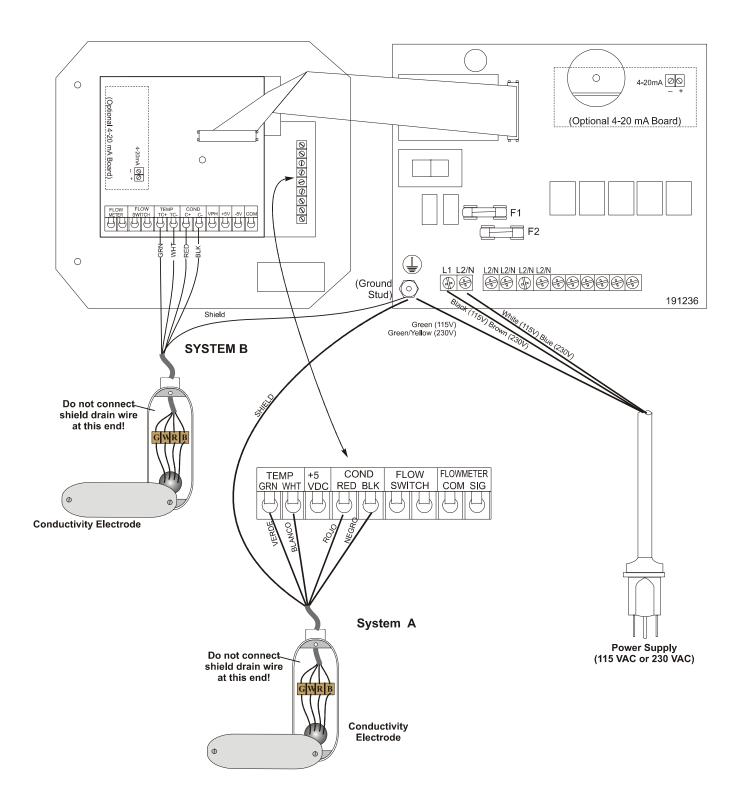


Figure 4 Inputs (for power relay board #191236)

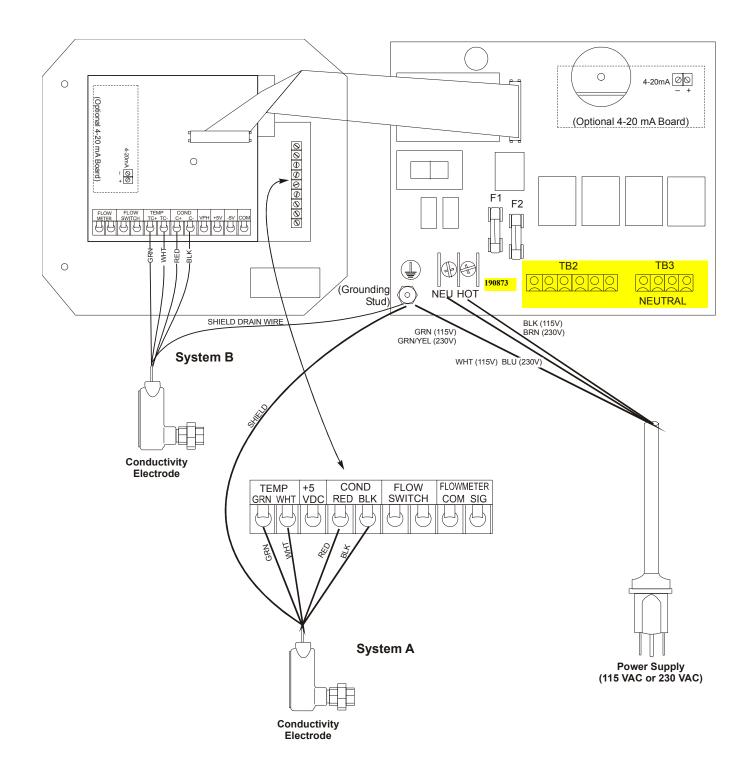
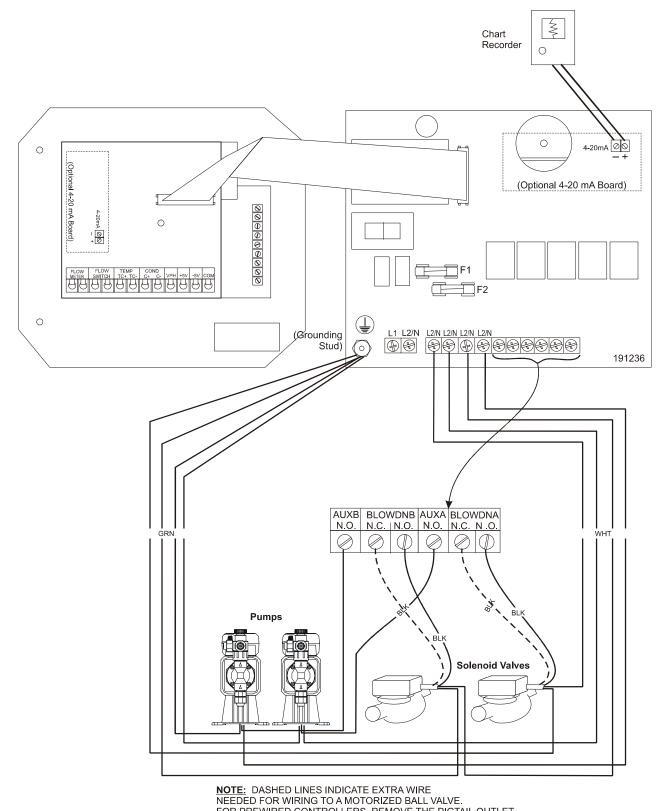


Figure 4a Inputs (for power relay board #190873)



FOR PREWIRED CONTROLLERS, REMOVE THE PIGTAIL OUTLET WHEN WIRING A MOTORIZED BALL VALVE.

Figure 5 Outputs (for power relay board #191236)

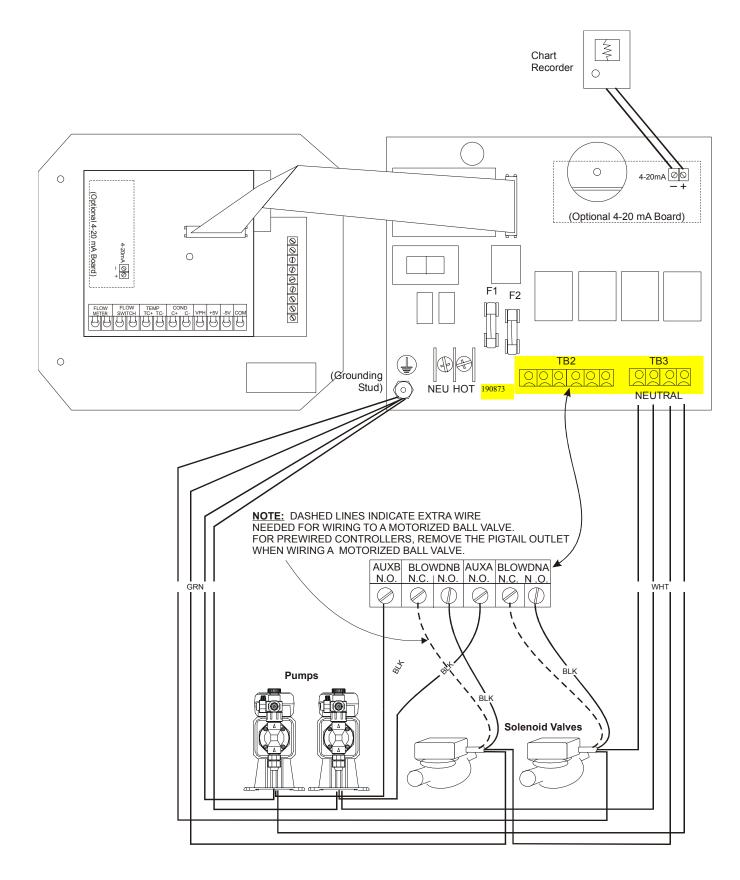


Figure 5a Outputs (for power relay board #190873)

4.0 FUNCTION OVERVIEW

4.1 Front Panel

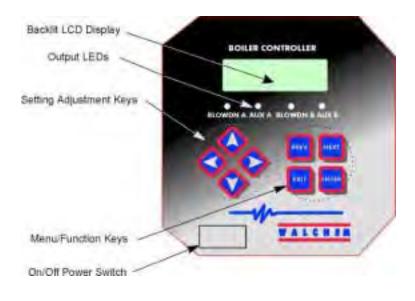


Figure 6 Front Panel

4.2 Display

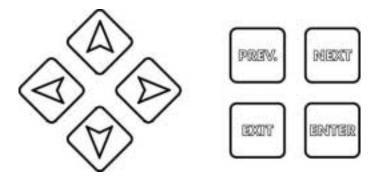
A summary screen is displayed while the WDB controller is on. The operating conditions that are displayed on the bottom line of this display are Hi Alarm A, Hi Alarm B, Low Alarm A, Low Alarm B, Temp Err A, Temp Err B, Cond Err A, Cond Err B, No Flow A, No Flow B, Blodown Timeout A, Blodown Timeout B, Blowdown A, Blowdown B, Feed A Timeout, Feed B Timeout, Feed A, Feed B, Waiting A/B, Sample A/B, Holding A/B, and Normal. Normal just means there is nothing unusual to report.



Figure 7 Summary Screen

4.3 Keypad

The keypad consists of 4 directional arrow keys and 4 function keys. The arrows are used to move the adjustment cursor and change settings, while the function keys are used to enter values, and navigate the various menu screens. The function keys are **ENTER**, **EXIT**, **NEXT**, and **PREV** (previous). **NEXT** and **PREV** scroll through the various menu choices. **ENTER** is used to enter a submenu and to enter a value. **EXIT** is used to back up one menu level. If you are at the main menu level, **EXIT** will return you to the Summary Display.



To change a value in a submenu, the left/right arrow keys move the cursor left and right to each digit or option that can be changed. The up/down arrows will change numeric values up or down, or scroll through option choices. Press **ENTER** only when you have finished making all of the changes for that menu screen.

4.4 Access Code

The WDB series controller is shipped with the access code disabled. If you wish to enable it, see Section 5.7 for operation. With the access code enabled, any user can view parameter settings, but not change them. Note that this provides protection only against casual tampering. Use a lock on the cover latch if you need more protection.

4.5 Startup

Initial Startup

After having mounted the enclosure and wired the unit, the controller is ready to be started.

Plug in the controller and turn on the power switch to supply power to the unit. The display will briefly show the WDB model number and then revert to the normal summary display. Scroll through the menus and calibrate the conductivity reading, temperature, and set the control parameters detailed in Section 5, Operation.

To return to the summary display, press the **EXIT** key until you return to this screen. The controller will automatically return to this screen after 10 minutes.

Normal Startup

Startup is a simple process once your set points are in memory. Simply check your supply of chemicals, turn on the controller, calibrate it if necessary and it will start controlling.

4.6 Shut Down

To shut the WDB controller down, simply turn off the power. Programming remains in memory.

These units control continuously while power is applied. Programming is accomplished via the local keypad and display.

To view the top level menu, press any key. The menu structure is grouped by inputs and outputs. Each input has its own menu for calibration and unit selection as needed. Each output has its own setup menu including set points, timer values and operating modes as needed. After ten minutes of inactivity in the menu, the display will return to the summary display. Keep in mind that even while browsing through menus, the unit is still controlling.

5.1 Main Menu

The exact configuration of your WDB controller determines which menus are available as you scroll through the settings. Certain menus are only available if you select certain options. All settings are grouped under the following main menu items: Boiler A, Boiler B and Access Code. Within the menu for each boiler, the following menus are found:

Conductivity A or B Temperature A or B Blowdown A or B Auxiliary A or B 4-20mA A or B Only if 4-20mA option installed

The **NEXT** key travels forward through this list while the **PREV** key travels backwards through the list. Pressing **ENTER** will Enter the lower level menu that is currently displayed.

Each of the following menu descriptions are used exactly the same way for either Boiler A or Boiler B.

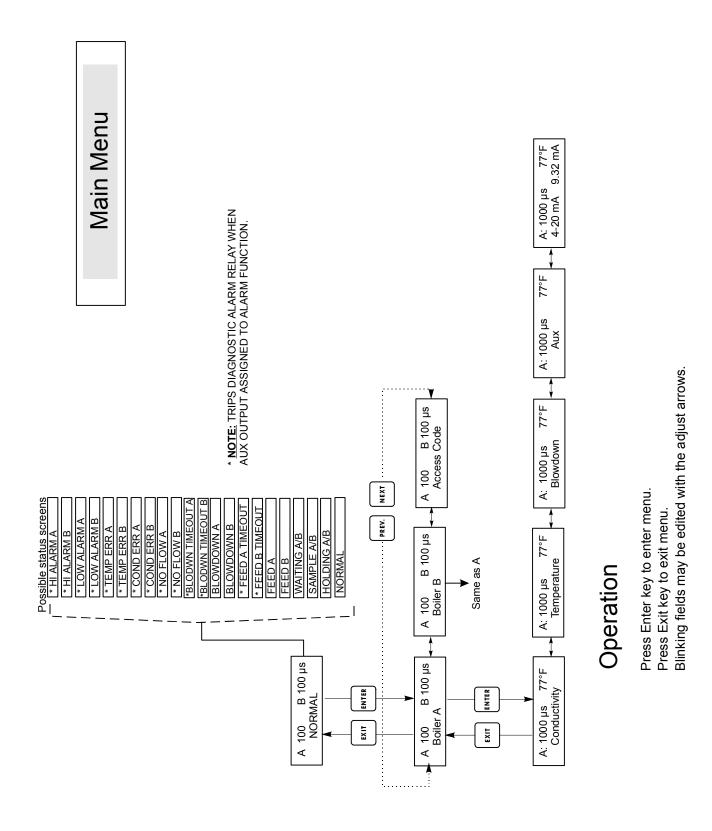


Figure 8 Main Menu

5.2 Conductivity (A or B) Menu

The conductivity menu provides the following settings: Calibration, Self Test, Unit Selection, and Sampling Mode Setup. Additional settings are also discussed below. Refer to figure 9, Conductivity Menu Chart.

Calibrate

To Calibrate the conductivity, use either a hand held meter, or a standard solution, and adjust the controller to match. Once Calibrate is entered, the unit continuously displays conductivity readings. Press an arrow key to change the value displayed to match the hand held meter or the buffer solution. You must press **ENTER** to activate the new calibration. You must press the **EXIT** key to exit calibration. The Blowdown output is unaffected until the calibration menu is exited, so if it was ON when you entered calibration it will stay on until you exit. If you are using intermittent sampling, the Blowdown valve will open automatically when you enter the calibrate menu.

Self Test

Press **ENTER** to begin self test. Press any key to stop. Self Test internally simulates a conductivity sensor and should always give the reading 980-1020 μ S/cm. If it does not, disconnect the sensor and repeat the self test. If the reading is still not in the 1000 ± 20 range, there is a problem with the electronics and the unit should be serviced. If the self-test is in the expected range, and there is a problem calibrating, then the sensor or its wiring is at fault.

Units

You may choose to display conductivity in μ S/cm or in ppm. Press **ENTER** and then use the Up and Down arrows to change the units. If you change the units, you will be warned to check your settings. This is important. Set points are not automatically translated from μ S/cm to ppm. If you change the units you will need to change your Blowdown settings.

ppm C.F.

This is the ppm Conversion Factor (or multiplier). This is typically 0.666 but can be changed to accommodate various requirements.

Sample Mode

Press enter to choose Continuous sampling or one of the types of Intermittent sampling. A 'C' at the end of the display means that sampling is continuous, an 'I' indicates Intermittent sampling, a "T" indicates Intermittent Sampling with Timed Blowdown, and a "P" indicated Intermittent Sampling with Time Proportional Blowdown.

Continuous sampling installations allow the conductivity to be monitored continuously. If the conductivity rises above the set point, a valve is opened to drop the conductivity. No additional menus related to this blowdown mode are found in the Conductivity menu.

Intermittent sampling installations read the conductivity at set intervals for a given sample duration. If the conductivity is above the set point, the valve that controls the sampling will stay open until the conductivity falls below the set point. If the time the valve stays open goes beyond the sample duration, the controller will display *Extend* on the top status line, as well as the amount of time extended. A limit on this amount of time may be imposed; see Figure11 Blowdown Menu.

In intermittent sampling mode, once the set point conductivity has been reached, and the valve is closed, the conductivity will be re-checked after a programmable Hold Time with the valve still closed. If it is still below set point, the interval between samples will begin. If the conductivity with the valve closed is greater than the set point, this indicates that flashing may have caused the blowdown to stop prematurely. In this case, the sampling duration will begin again. This cycle will repeat until the conductivity is below the set point when the valve is closed.

If any type of Intermittent sampling is chosen, the following settings will become available:

Interval

This sets the amount of time between samples. This is set in Hours: Minutes and can be set between 5 minutes and 24 hours.

Duration

This is the length of each sample. This is set in Minutes:Seconds and can be set from 10 seconds to 59 minutes: 59 seconds.

Hold Time

This is the amount of time that the sample will be trapped with the blowdown valve closed. The Hold Time should be set for the minimum amount of time required for the trapped sample to reach boiler pressure and rise to its maximum conductivity value. This is set in Minutes:Seconds and can be set from 1 second to 99 minutes: 59 seconds.

If the sample mode is **Intermittent with Timed Blowdown**, then the sampling sequence is a little different. The controller will open the blowdown valve at the programmed Interval, for the programmed sample Duration. At the end of the sample duration time, the blowdown valve will close, and the sample will be trapped for the Hold Time. If the conductivity of trapped sample is greater than the set point, then blowdown valve will open for the amount of time programmed below:

BlowTime (H)

This is the length of time of the blowdown used in Intermittent Sampling with Timed Blowdown sampling mode. This is set in Hours:Minutes and can be set from 1 minute to 8 hours 20 minutes.

At the end of the blowdown time, the controller will check the conductivity of a held sample once again. If the conductivity is still above the set point, another blowdown cycle will occur.

If the sampling mode is set to **Intermittent with Time Proportional Blowdown**, then the blowdown valve will open at the programmed Interval, for the programmed sample Duration. At the end of the sample duration time, the blowdown valve will close, and the sample will be trapped for the Hold Time. If the conductivity of trapped sample is greater than the set point, then

blowdown valve will open for a variable amount of time, depending upon how far above the set point it is. The controller uses the menus below to determine the blowdown time.

Prop Band

This is the conductivity value above the set point at which the maximum blowdown time will occur. This may be set for any value between 1 and 10,000 μ S/cm or ppm.

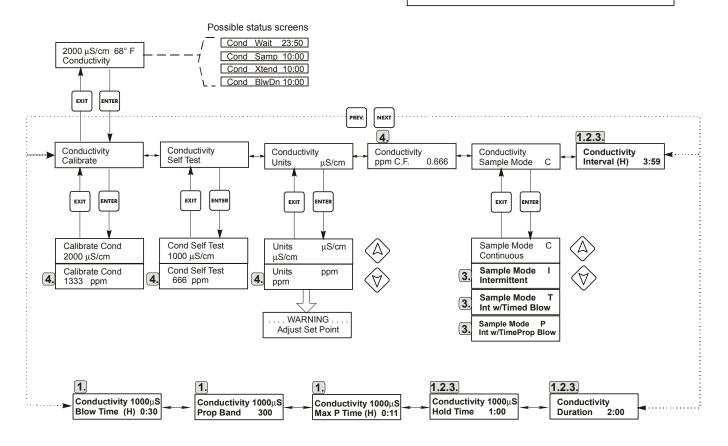
For example, if your set point will be 2000 μ S/cm, and the Prop Band is 200 μ S/cm, then if the conductivity is above 2200 μ S/cm the blowdown valve will open for the Max P Time described below. If the conductivity of the trapped sample is 2100 μ S/cm, the blowdown valve will open for half the Max P Time.

Max P Time

This is the maximum amount of blowdown time. This is set in Hours:Minutes and can be set from 1 minute to 8 hours 20 minutes. This should be set for the amount of time that it takes for the blowdown to drop the conductivity of the boiler water by the conductivity value of the Prop Band under normal loading conditions.

At the end of the blowdown time, the controller will check the conductivity of a held sample once again. If the conductivity is still above the set point, another blowdown cycle will occur, with a new blowdown time calculated.

Conductivity (A or B) Menu



Legend

- **1.** Menu choices that appear when Intermittent Sampling w/Time Proportional Blowdown is selected.
- 2. Menu choices that appear when Intermittent Sampling w/Timed Blowdown is selected.
- 3. Menu choices that appear when intermittent sampling is selected.
- **4.** Menu choices that appear when ppm units are selected.

Operation

Press Enter key to enter menu. Press Exit key to exit menu. Blinking fields may be edited with the adjust arrows. Press Enter when modification is complete to return to Conductivity Menu Level.

Figure 9 Conductivity (A or B Menu)

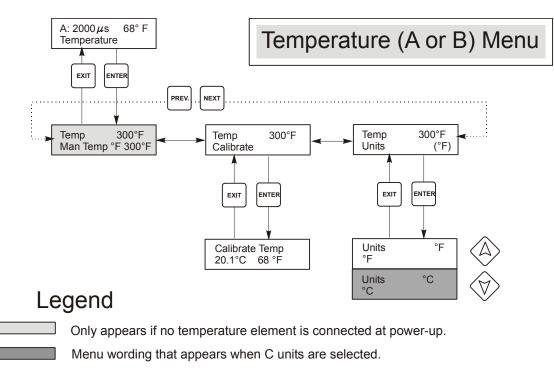


Figure 10 Temperature (A or B) Menu

5.3 Temperature (A or B) Menu

The Temperature menu provides the following settings: Calibration, Unit selection. The Temperature menu will be indicated on the display by one of the following:

Temperature Temp 270°F Temp Error

The first two displays are "normal" operation. The third display indicates that there is a problem with the temperature input. See figure 10.

Calibrate

This menu only appears if a temperature element is connected at power-up. To Calibrate the Temperature, use a thermometer to measure the fluid temperature and adjust the WDB controller to match. Once Calibrate is entered, the unit continuously displays temperature readings. Press the Up or Down arrow key to change the value displayed to match the thermometer. You must press **ENTER** to activate the new calibration. You must press the **EXIT** key to exit calibration.

Man Temp

This menu appears only if no temperature element is connected at power-up. Use the arrow keys to adjust the temperature displayed to match that of the boiler water.

Units

You may choose to display temperature in °C or °F. Press **ENTER** and the Up or Down Arrow keys to change the temperature units for display.

5.4 Blowdown (A or B) Menu

The Blowdown Menu provides the following settings: Set Point, Dead Band, Time Limit, Control Direction, HOA. The Blowdown menu will be indicated on the display by one of the following:



The first display indicates that the blowdown output is currently OFF. The second display indicates the length of time that the blowdown output has been ON. The 'A' indicates that the output is being controlled automatically.

Set Point

This is the conductivity value at which the Blowdown value is turned ON. The factory default setting for the WDB controller is for the Blowdown output to turn on when the conductivity is higher than the set point.

Dead Band

This is the conductivity value that when combined with the set point determines when the blowdown output turns OFF. The blowdown output will turn off when the conductivity drops below the set point minus the Dead Band. For example: The set point is 1500 mS/cm and the Dead Band is 200 mS/cm. The blowdown output turns ON when the conductivity reading is greater than 1500 but does not turn OFF until the conductivity drops below 1300. This setting is not used when intermittent Sampling has been selected.

Time Limit

This menu allows you to set a maximum amount of time for the blowdown. The limit time is programmed in hours and minutes and can be set between 1 minute and 8 hours 20 minutes. If the maximum time is exceeded, the Blowdown valve will close and will not re-open until the "Reset Timer" menu is reset by an operator. If the time limit is set to zero, then the valve may be open indefinitely.

Reset Timer

Only appears if the time limit above has been exceeded. Use the up or down arrow to change "N" to "Y", then press **ENTER** to reset the timer.

Control Dir H / L

This allows you to set the Normal (High Set Point) or Inverse (Low Set Point) operation of the Blowdown output. When set to High, the output turns on when the conductivity is higher than the set point. When set to Low, the output turns on when the conductivity is lower than the set point.

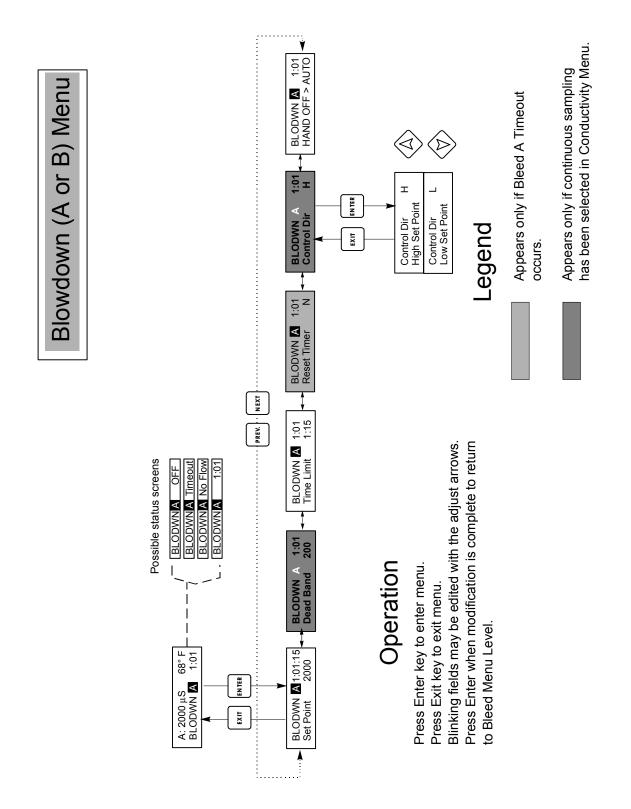


Figure 11 Blowdown (A or B) Menu

H O A

The "Hand Off Auto" screen allows you to select the operating mode of the blowdown output. In Hand (manual) mode, the output is turned on immediately for a maximum of 10 minutes. If you walk away, the output will return to Auto mode at the end of that time. In Off mode the output will stay Off indefinitely. In Auto mode the blowdown output will respond to changes in conductivity based on the set point. The HOA mode of the blowdown output is indicated on the blowdown status lines.

5.5 Auxiliary Menu

The Auxiliary output may be used either to control a chemical feed pump or as an alarm.

When setting up the controller for the first time, the Output Mode should be selected first. Press **ENTER** at the Aux menu, scroll to the Output Mode menu and press **ENTER** again . To change the output mode, press **ENTER** again and use the UP or DOWN arrow keys to toggle between "Feed" and "Alarm." Press **ENTER** when the correct choice is displayed.

5.5.1 Feed (A or B) Menu

This menu only appears if the Auxiliary output mode is set for "Feed."

NOTE: When programming the unit for the first time, it is recommended that the Chemical Feed Mode Menu be chosen first, then step through the rest of the Feed Menu indicated in figure 12.

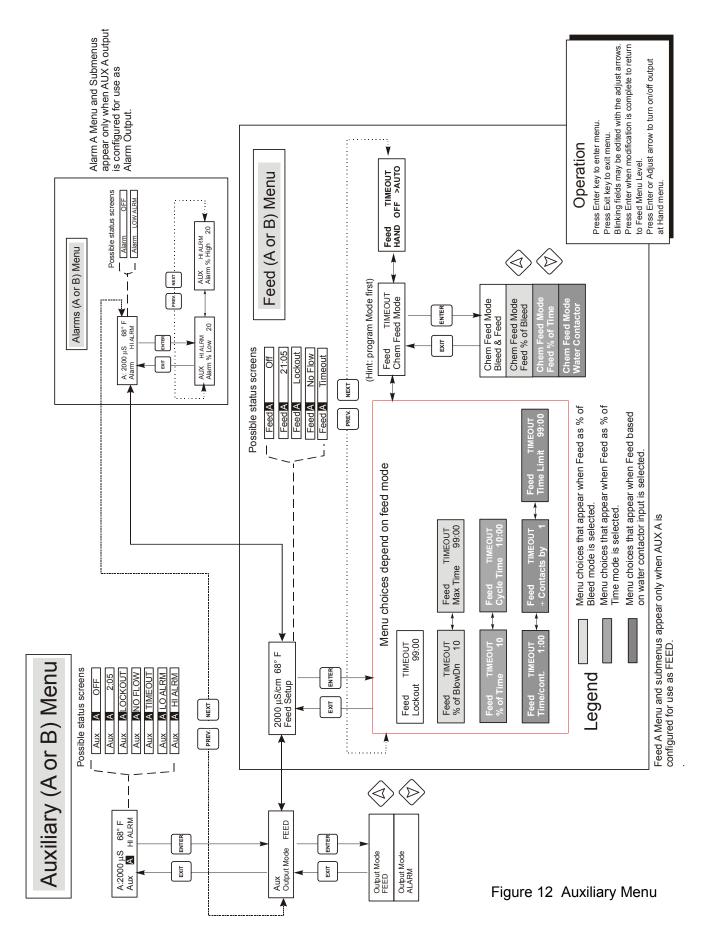
The Chemical Feed Menu adapts to the selected Feed output mode. The modes are defined as follows:

- A Blowdown and Feed with optional Lockout
- B Feed % of Blowdown
- C Feed % of Time
- D Feed based on Water Contactor input

Blowdown and Feed Mode turns the Feed output On and Off at the same time as the Blowdown output. The lockout setting determines the maximum allowable time for the Feed output. If this time is exceeded the Feed output is turned off and Locked out until the Blowdown output turns off.

Feed % of Blowdown Mode tracks the length of time that the Blowdown output is on. When the Blowdown turns off the feed output is energized for a user defined proportion of the Blowdown time.

Feed % of Time Mode turns on the Feed output for a user definable % of a timed cycle. The time cycle length is adjustable from 10 to 60 minutes.



Feed based on Water Contactor Input Mode turns on the Feed output for a user definable time each time a water contactor pulse is detected. This contactor input can be divided to accommodate a large variety of water meters. Contacts will accumulate feed time so that all contacts are accounted for.

The Feed menu will be indicated on the display by one of the following:



The first display indicates that the Feed output is currently OFF. The second display indicates the length of time that the Feed output has been ON, or the length of time that the Feed output will be ON. The third display indicates that the feed lockout timer in the Blowdown and Feed mode has expired. The 'A' indicates that the feed is being controlled automatically.

Blowdown and Feed Mode

Lockout

Set this for the Feed Lockout Time. The lockout time is the maximum length of time that the feed output can be on. If the lockout time is set to 0:00, the lockout timer is no longer used and the feed output will be on for as long as the Blowdown is on.

Feed % of Blowdown Mode

% of Blowdown

This is the % value that is multiplied times the accumulated Blowdown time to determine how long the feed will be. For example, if the Blowdown was on for 10 minutes and this setting was 50%, the feed output would be on for 5 minutes.

Max Time

This is similar to the lockout time above in that the feed output will not exceed this maximum length.

Feed % of Time Mode

% of Time

This is the % value that is multiplied times the cycle length to determine the length of time that the feed output is ON. If the cycle length were 10 minutes and this setting was 40%, the feed output would be on for 4 minutes, then off for 6 minutes and then repeat the cycle.

Cycle Time

This determines the length of the cycle to be used.

Feed Based on Water Contactor Mode

Time/Cont.

(Time per contact.) This determines the length of time that the feed pump should be on for each contact that is received.

÷ Contacts By

This setting allows a divider to be entered. The divider will count actual contacts from the meter until the setting is reached before a contact is considered to be received. For example, if the divider is set to 10 and the Time/Cont is set to 5:00, then the feed output would turn on for 5:00 minutes after 10 contacts were received.

Time Limit Hint: Program this first when initially setting up Feed and Blowdown additions.

This setting puts a limit on the amount of time that can be accumulated by the water contactor input. Once this setting has been reached, all contacts will be ignored until the accumulated feed time expires. By setting Time Limit = Time/Cont., the accumulation of contacts can be disabled.

The following settings are for all feed modes.

Chem Feed Mode A/B/C/D

This allows the user to select the chemical feed mode as described above.

H O A

This sets the Hand Off Auto for the feed output. This was explained in the Blowdown Menu section and functions similarly. In Off position, the output will not turn ON regardless of the feed mode selected.

5.5.2 Alarm (A or B) Menu

This menu only appears if theAuxiliary output mode is set for "Alarm" The settings here determine when the (L) and (H) indicators appear on the summary screen. The Alarm menu screen will appear as follows:

Alarm OFF Alarm LOW ALRM Alarm HI ALRM

Alarm % Low

This is the % below the Blowdown set point that the LOW ALARM will activate. If the set point is 1000 and the % Low setting is 20 then the Low alarm will activate at 800. Entering zero will disable the Low Alarm.

Alarm % High

This is the % above the Blowdown set point that the HIGH ALARM will activate. If the set point is 1000 and the % Low setting is 20 then the High alarm will activate at 1200. Entering zero will disable the High Alarm.

5.6 4-20mA (A or B) Menu

This menu is only available if the 4-20mA output board is installed in the controller. Installing this option board on the lower power supply board in the controller will assign it to Boiler A. Installing a 4-20mA option board on the top front panel assembly assigns the output to Boiler B. See Figure 4.

This menu provides for scaling and calibrating the output. The 4-20mA menu screen appears as follows:

4-20mA 9.20mA

This indicates that the current output of the 4-20mA card is 9.20 mA.

Set 4mA Pt

This conductivity setting will correspond to a 4 mA output from the controller.

Set 20mA Pt

This conductivity setting will correspond to a 20mA output from the controller.

Calibrate

This will provide fixed 4mA and fixed 20mA outputs to allow you to calibrate connected equipment.

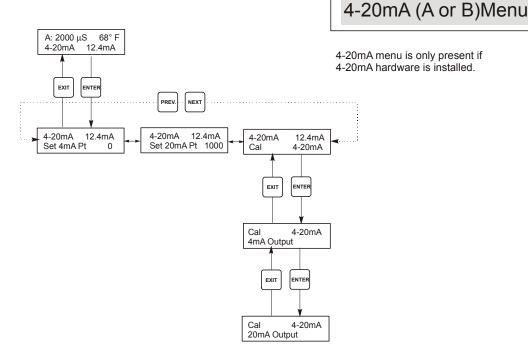


Figure 13 4-20mA (A or B) Menu

5.7 Access Code Menu

This menu determines whether the access code feature of the controller is enabled or disabled and allows you to customize the access code to your own value. The access code controls whether or not you are allowed to change the parameters in the controller. With the access code disabled, any user may change any parameter. With the access code enabled, any user can view any parameter, but cannot change them. Once an attempt is made to change a parameter, the display will prompt the user to enter the access code. If the correct access code is entered, the parameters can be changed. If the wrong access code is entered the parameters cannot be changed. Once the access code has been correctly entered, it will remain valid until there is a period of 10 minutes without a key being pressed. The access code menu will appear as shown below:

Access Code DIS Access Code REQ Access Code OK

The first display indicates that the access code is disabled. No access code is required to change any setting. The second display indicates that the access code is required to alter settings. The last display indicates that the access code is required and has been entered correctly.

Enable N / Y

Press the Up or Down arrow key to change the N to Y and press **ENTER** to enable the access code feature. If the access code is enabled you must first enter the access code to disable it.

New Value

Press **ENTER** to display the current access code value and use the arrow keys to change it to any value between 0 and 9999. If the access code has been enabled, you will be prompted to enter the current access code before being allowed to change it. You must remember the access code if you enable it.

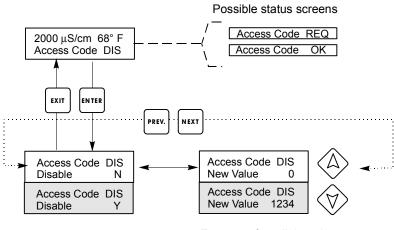
The Factory default Access code is 1995.

If you change the access code and can't remember it follow this procedure:

- 1. Turn off power to the controller.
- 2. Wait 10 seconds.
- 3. Press and Hold the UP and DOWN arrow keys while turning on the power.
- 4. Read the access code on the display.
- 5. Release the keys, and the access code will disappear.

Access Code Menu

Any Top Display Access Code 0000 The Access Code prompt may appear at any screen in the entire menu structure if the current access code has not been entered by the user. Access code entries will be valid for 10 minutes from the most recent key press.



Enter any four digit code

Figure 14 Access Code Menu

The WDB controller itself requires very little maintenance. Wipe with a damp cloth. Do not spray down the controller unless the enclosure door is closed and latched.

6.1 Electrode Cleaning

NOTE: The controller must be recalibrated after cleaning the electrodes.

Frequency

The electrodes should be cleaned periodically. The frequency required will vary by installation. In a new installation, it is recommended that the electrodes be cleaned after two weeks of service. To determine how often the electrodes must be cleaned, follow the procedure below.

- 1. Read and record the conductivity.
- 2. Remove, clean and replace the conductivity electrodes in the process.
- 3. Read conductivity and compare with the reading in step 1 above.

If the variance in readings is greater than 5%, increase the frequency of electrodes cleaning. If there is less than 5% change in the reading, the electrodes were not dirty and can be cleaned less often.

Cleaning Procedure

The electrodes can normally be cleaned using a cloth, toothbrush, cotton swab or paper towel and a mild cleaning solution such as 409[®] cleanser. Occasionally electrodes may become coated with various substances which require a more vigorous cleaning procedure, such as immersion in dilute muriatic acid. Usually the coating will be visible, but not always. If normal cleaning does not improve the performance, try a 1% muriatic (hydrochloric) acid rinse.

6.2 Replacing the Fuses

CAUTION: Disconnect power to the controller before opening front panel!

Locate the fuses on the circuit board at the back of the controller enclosure. (See figure 3) Gently remove the old fuse from its retaining clip and discard. Press the new fuse into the clip, secure the front panel of the controller and return power to the unit.

Warning: Use of non-approved fuses can affect product safety approvals. Fuse ratings depend on controller power rating. Specifications are shown below. To insure product safety certifications are maintained, it is recommended that a Walchem fuse is used.

Controller Rating	F1	Walchem PN	F2	Walchem PN
120 VAC	5 x 20 mm,0.125A,250V	102369	5 x 20 mm,10A,125V	102432
240 VAC	5 x 20 mm,0.063A,250V	103363	5 x 20 mm, 5A, 250V	102370

7.0 TROUBLESHOOTING

CAUTION: Disconnect power to the controller before opening front panel!

Troubleshooting and repair of a malfunctioning controller should only be attempted by qualified personnel using caution to ensure safety and limit unnecessary further damage. Contact the factory.

7.1 Error Messages

HIGH ALARM - (main summary screen only)

The summary screen will display an H at the right end of the bar graph if the conductivity rises above the high conductivity alarm set point. The controller will continue to check the conductivity, and the Blowdown and/or feed outputs will be allowed to be activated.

Possi	ble Cause	Corrective Action
1.	Dirty electrode	Clean electrode (see Sect. 6.1)
2.	Faulty solenoid valve	Repair or replace solenoid valve.
3.	Faulty electrode	Evaluate (see Sect. 7.3). Check Temp display.
4.	Improper wiring of valve or controller.	Correct wiring. (see Section 3.4)
5.	Faulty Blowdown relay	Replace relay. (Consult factory.)

LOW ALARM

The summary screen will display an L at the left end of the bar graph. The controller will continue to check the conductivity and feed inhibitor as programmed.

Possi	ble Cause	Corrective Action
1.	Sensor disconnected	Reconnect. Check cable for continuity.
2.	Sensor dry	Check tee for obstruction. Verify flow. Change location of electrode.
3.	Solenoid valve stuck open	Repair or replace solenoid valve. (Consult your distributor).
4.	Faulty electrode	Evaluate (see Section 7.3). Replace if necessary.
5.	Improper wiring of probe	Correct wiring. (see Section 3.4)
6.	Faulty Blowdown relay	Replace relay. (Consult factory.)

TEMP ERROR

This error condition will stop conductivity control. It indicates that the temperature signal from the conductivity electrode is no longer valid. This prevents controlling based upon a false pH or conductivity reading.

Possible Cause		Corrective Action
1.	Green or white electrode wire disconnected.	Reconnect.
2.	Faulty electrode	Evaluate (see Section 7.3). Replace if necessary. Revert to manual temperature compensation by cycling power off and on.

COND ERROR

This error condition will stop conductivity control. It indicates that the conductivity signal from the electrode is no longer valid. This prevents controlling based upon a false conductivity reading.

Possible Cause		Corrective Action
1.	Black or red electrode wire shorted.	Disconnect short.
2.	Faulty electrode	Evaluate (see Section 7.3). Replace if necessary.
3.	Faulty controller	Verify via failed self-test.

BLODOWN ERROR

This error condition will stop conductivity control. It is caused by the blowdown output being activated for longer than the programmed Blowdown Time Limit.

Possi	ble Cause	Corrective Action
1.	Programmed value too low for normal condiitions.	Increase Blowdown Time Limit.
2.	Blowdown flow rate too low.	Check for clogged strainer. Check for insufficient pressure differential.
3.	Blowdown valve not opening.	Check blowdown valve wiring. Check controller relay.

FEED TIMEOUT

This error condition will stop the feed pump for that particular feed cycle. If feed is initiated again, the feed pump will be allowed to activate. The error condition is caused by the feed output being activated for longer than the programmed limit.

Possible Cause		Corrective Action	
1.	Programmed value too low for normal conditions.	Increase Feed Time Limit. (May also be called Max Time or Lockout)	
2.	Blowdown took too long. (Blowdown & Feed or Feed as % of Blowdown only)	See Blowdown Timeout Troubleshooting.	

Possi	ble Cause	Corrective Action
3.	Pumping problem.	Check chemical supply. Check pump for prime. Check tubing for blockage or leaks.
4.	Controller problem.	Check output wiring. Check controller relay.

COND HIGH ALARM

This error message indicates that the conductivity is above the programmed percentage above set point. The conductivity will continue to be monitored, and the blowdown and feed outputs will be allowed to be activated.

Possible Cause		Corrective Action
1.	Fouled conductivity electrode.	See Conductivity Electrode Troubleshooting section.
2.	Blowdown flow rate too low.	Check for clogged strainer. Check for insufficient pressure differential.
3.	Blowdown valve not opening.	Check for faulty blowdown valve. Check blowdown valve wiring. Check controller relay.
4.	Conductivity rose over alarm limit while biocide lockout occurred.	Allow normal blowdown to occur.

COND LOW ALARM

This error message indicates that the conductivity is below the programmed percentage below set point. The conductivity will continue to be monitored, and the blowdown and feed outputs will be allowed to be activated.

Possible Cause		Corrective Action
1.	Fouled conductivity electrode.	See Conductivity Electrode Troubleshooting section. (sections 6.1 and 7.3)
2.	Electrode disconnected.	Reconnect.
3.	Electrode dry.	See "No Flow" Troubleshooting section.

Possible Cause		Corrective Action
4.	Blowdown valve stuck open.	Check for faulty blowdown valve. Check blowdown valve wiring. Check controller relay.
5.	Flashing.	Remove flow restriction upstream from electrode. Increase flow restriction downstream from electrode. Install sample cooler. Move skimmer line below water level or raise water level.

7.2 Conductivity Readout Does Not Change

If the readout is stuck at or near zero:

	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
1.	Dry electrode	Check for flow through system.
2.	Electrode is disconnected.	Evaulate electrode. (see section 7.3)

If the readout is stuck at another number:

	Possible Causes	Corrective Action
1.	Dirty or faulty electrode	Evaluate electrode (see Section 7.3).
2.	Stagnant sample	Check system for proper flow.

7.3 **Procedure for Evaluation of Conductivity Electrode**

Can be used for troubleshooting a sensor error message, low conductivity, high conductivity, conductivity stuck at 0, cal failure, and/or conductivity stuck at a number other than 0.

Try cleaning the electrode first (refer to Sect. 6.1).

To find out if the electrode or the controller is faulty, step through the Self-Test menu, as described in section 5.2. The display should read $1000 \pm 20\mu$ S/cm if the electrode cable is 10 feet long. If the cable has been extended, the self test value will drop by 1 for each additional foot of cable. For example, if the cable has been extended 100 feet, then the self test should read 900 ± 20. This indicates that the controller is OK and the problem is in the probe or its connections. If the conductivity reading is not within this range, remove the electrode wires and repeat the self test. If the self test reading is now 1000 ± 20 , replace the electrode. If it is still outside 1000 ± 20 , return the control module for repair.

To check the electrode, check the electrode connections to the terminal strip (refer to Figure 3). Make sure that the correct colors go to the correct terminals, and that the connections are tight. Restore power and see if the conductivity is back to normal. If not, replace the electrode.

7.4 Procedure for Checking Relay Outputs

If any pre-wired output is not activating the device (pump, valve, etc.) attached to it:

Verify that the pump or valve is not faulty by plugging it directly into a wall socket. In some controllers, certain relays are NOT internally powered. Check the instruction manual to determine if the relay is a dry contact type. If so, make sure that external power (115 VAC) has been connected to the relay. In most cases, this will be a jumper wire from the large screw labeled "HOT" to one of the relay terminals.

Manually activate the relay using the hand-off-auto menu. Verify that the LED on the front panel lights up. If the device turns on, there must be a problem with the set points if the device doesn't turn on when it should.

<u>With power removed</u>, check the wiring of the pigtail to the terminal strips. Make sure that they are not loose, that they are not connected by the wire's jacket, and that they are connected to the correct terminal. Also check the removable terminal block where the black (hot) wires attach (TB2) to see if it has pulled loose. Restore power and manually activate the relay.

<u>With power removed</u>, remove the terminal block that has the black (hot) wires from all of the pigtails (TB2). This simply pulls up off some metal pins. Check these pins for corrosion. If they seem coated with anything, scrape off the coating by replacing and removing the terminal block several times. Restore power and manually activate the relay.

<u>With power removed</u>, remove the TB2 terminal block again, and attach one lead of a multimeter to the pin that lines up with the wire for the relay in question, and the other lead on the other side

of the relay (this will be an adjacent pin for a dry contact relay, or neutral at TB3 for a powered relay). Set the meter to read resistance. Restore power and verify that the meter reads infinite ohms with the relay off (open) and very low ohms with the relay on (closed). If it always reads infinite ohms, the controller is faulty.

7.5 No Display

Verify that the controller has power. Check F1 fuse.

If a 4-20 mA output option board has been installed, make sure that it is not installed crooked (off by one pin on the connector).

Make sure that the ribbon cable has not been removed and re-installed backwards. See Figure 4.



The WDB series Boiler Conductivity Controller has a 2-year warranty on electronic components and a 1-year warranty on mechanical parts (keypad, terminal strip and relays).

We stock circuit boards for immediate exchange after we have isolated the cause of the problem.

Factory authorized repairs that are received by next-day-air will be returned within 24 hours. Normal priority for returns is two weeks.

Out of warranty repairs or circuit board exchanges are done on a flat fee basis after the warranty is expired.