OnGuard[™] B-Series

ABL400/410 Series Boiler Controllers Instruction Manual



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Onguard B ABL Series controllers offer conductivity control of boiler water and control of chemical feed. The ABL400 series controller has one feed/auxiliary relay available. The ABL410 series controller has four feed/auxiliary relays. 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 Feed based on a Paddlewheel Water meter input

The ABL series boiler controller is supplied with a temperature compensated stainless steel electrode with a cell constant of 1.0. The controller is a microprocessor driven industrial type with on/off control outputs. Timed sample or continuous modes may be selected. An optional isolated 4-20 mA output that is proportional to the conductivity reading is 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.

Our unique USB feature provides the ability to upgrade the software in the controller to the latest version.

An advanced USB capability option is available. The Config file feature allows you to save all the set points from a controller onto a USB flash disk, and then import them into another controller, making the programming of multiple controllers fast and easy. The data logging feature allows you to save the last months readings and events to a USB flash disk.

2.0 SPECIFICATIONS

2.1 Measurement Performance

Conductivity Range Conductivity Resolution Conductivity Accuracy	0 - 10,000 μS/cm (microSiemens/centimeter) 1 μS/cm 10 - 10,000 μS/cm ±1% of reading 0 - 10 μS/cm ±20% of reading
Temperature Range	32 - 392°F (0 - 200°C)
Temperature Resolution	0.1°C
Temperature Accuracy	± 1% of reading

2.2 Electrical: Input/Output

Input Power

100-240 VAC, 50/60 Hz, 8A Fuse: 1.0 ampere, 5 x 20 mm

Input Signals

Conductivity electrode	1.0 cell constant, Pt1000 RTD
Flow Meter (optional)	Isolated, dry contact closure required (i.e. relay, reed switch)
Flow Switch (optional)	Isolated, dry contact closure required (i.e. reed switch)

Outputs

Outputs		
	Mechanical Relays	Pre-powered on circuit board switching line voltage
		6 A (resistive), 1/8 HP
		All relays are fused together as one group, total current for this group must not exceed 6A.
		Two relays for ABL400 models, six relays for ABL410 models.
	4 - 20 mA (optional)	Internally powered
		Fully isolated
		600 Ohm max resistive load
		Resolution .001% of span
		Accuracy \pm 1% of reading
Agency Ap	provals	
	Safety	UL 61010-1:2012 3rd Ed.
		CSA C22.2 No. 61010-1:2012 3rd Ed.
		IEC 61010-1:2010 3rd Ed.
		EN 61010-1:2010 3rd Ed.
	EMC	IEC 61326-1:2005
		EN 61326-1:2006

Note: For EN61000-4-6, and EN 61000-4-3, the controller meets 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	Polycarbonate
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" NPTF
Electrode rating	250 psi at 392°F (17.2 bars at 200°C)
Electrode material	316 SS and PEEK

2.4 ABL Variables and their Limits

		Low Limit	High Limit
Conductivity men	u		
	PPM Conversion Factor	0.200 ppm/µS/cm	1.000 ppm/µS/cm
	Interval Time (sampling)	5 minutes	24:00 hours
	Duration Time (sampling)	1 minute	59 min: 59 sec
	% Calibration Range	-50	+50
	Hold Time	1 second	99 min:59 sec
Temperature Me	nu	No variables	
Blowdown Menu		0.51	10.000 5/
	Set Point Dead Band	0 μS/cm 5 μS/cm	10,000 μS/cm 500 μS/cm
Blo	wdown Limit Time (set in hours/minutes)	1 minute	8 hrs: 20 min (enabled) 0=unlimited (disabled)
Feed Menu			
	Feed Lockout Timer (Mode A) Percent of Blowdown (Mode B)	1 second 5 %	99 min: 59 sec 99 %
	Feed Time Limit (Mode B)	1 minute	99 % 99 min: 59 sec
	Percent of Time (Mode C)	0.1 %	99 %
	Feed Cycle Time (Mode C)	10 minutes	59 min: 59 sec
	Time per Contact (Mode D)	1 second	59 min: 59 sec
	\div Contacts by (Mode D)	1 contact	100 contacts
	Time Limit (Mode D & E) Time/Vol (Mode E)	1 minute 1 second	99 min: 59 sec 59 min: 59 sec
	Vol to Initiate Feed (Mode E)	1 second 1	9,999
WM1 and WM2	Menus		
	Gallons per Contact	1 gal/contact	500 gal/contact
	Liters per Contact	1 L/contact	500 L/contact
	K Factor (Paddlewheel)	0.01 pulse/vol	999.99 pulses/vol
4-20 mA Menu	4 & 20 mA Settings	0 μS/cm	10,000 µS/cm
Access Code Men	u New Value	0	9999
Alarm Menu*	High & Low (set to zero to disable)	1%	50%
Datalog Menu (O	ptional)	No variables	
Config Menu (Op	tional)	No variables	
Upgrade Menu		No variables	

*Note: The Alarm relay is non-programmable. Refer to the Main Menu diagram on page 16 for the list of error conditions that trigger the alarm relay.

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 ABL series controller and instruction manual. Any options or accessories will be incorporated as ordered.

3.2 Mounting the electronic enclosure

The ABL 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 ABL series controller is mounted, the metering pumps may be located at any distance from the controller. The conductivity electrode should be placed as close to the controller as possible, to a maximum distance of 250 ft. Less than 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 affect 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

<u>1. Determine the Rate of Steam Production in Pounds per Hour:</u>

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

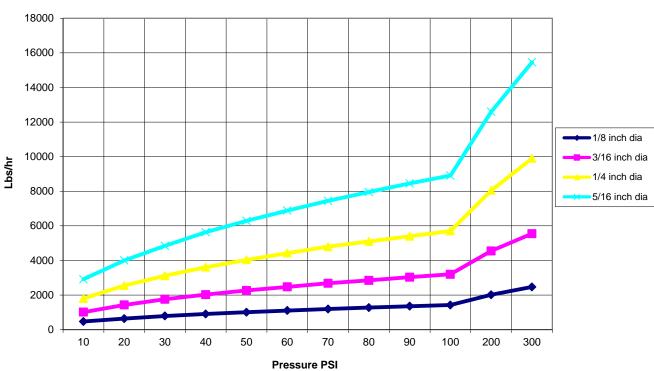
Use intermittent sampling when the boiler operation or loading is intermittent, or on boilers where the required blowdown rate is less than 25% of the smallest available flow control valve or less than the flow through the smallest orifice. See the graphs on the next page.

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 graphs on the next page.

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.

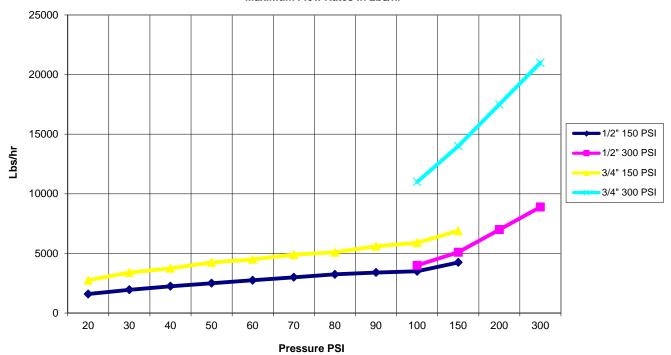
Example: An 80 psi boiler has a Required Blowdown Rate of 383.33 lbs./hr. The maximum flow rate of the smallest flow control valve is 3250 lbs./hr. $3250 \times 0.25 = 812.5$ which is too high for continuous sampling. Using an orifice, the flow rate through the smallest diameter plate is 1275 lbs./hr.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

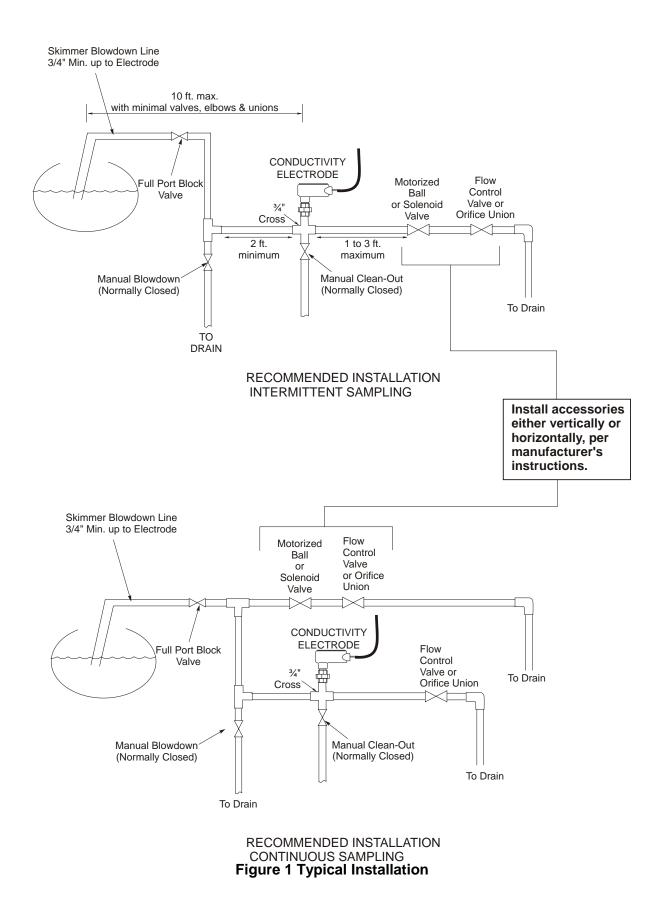


<u>5. Determine the Orifice or Flow Control Valve Size for this Blowdown Rate</u> Use the following graphs to select a flow control device:

Flow Rate in Lbs/hr for Various Orifices

Flow Control Valve Maximum Flow Rates in Lbs/hr





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

The various standard wiring options are shown in figure 2. Your ABL 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 3 and 4 for circuit board layout and wiring.

Notes:

- *1.* 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 3 and 4).
- 3. Always route low voltage (sensor) signals with at least 6" separation from AC voltage wiring.



1. 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.

- 2. When mounting the controller, make sure there is clear access to the disconnecting device!
- 3. The electrical installation of the controller must be done by trained personnel only and conform to all applicable National, State and Local codes!
- 4. Proper grounding of this product is required. Any attempt to bypass the grounding will compromise the safety of persons and property.
- 5. Operating this product in a manner not specified by Walchem may impair the protection provided by the equipment.

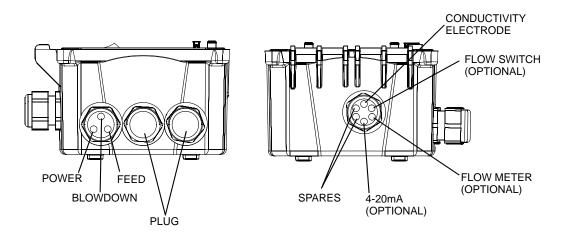


Figure 2a ABL400 Conduit Wiring

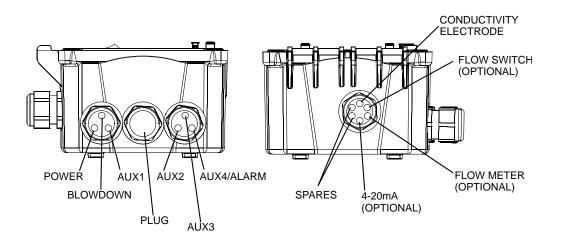


Figure 2b ABL410 Conduit Wiring

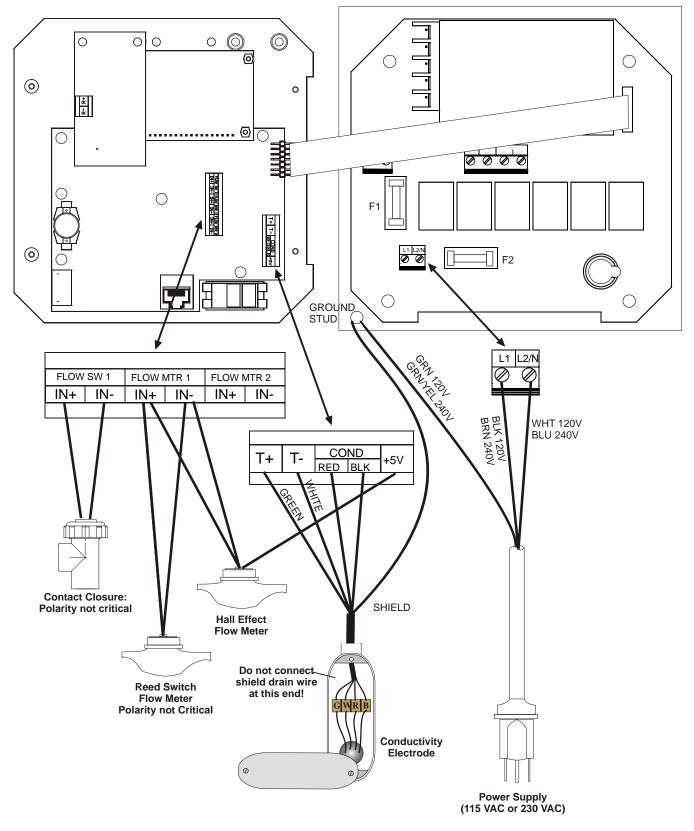


Figure 3 Inputs

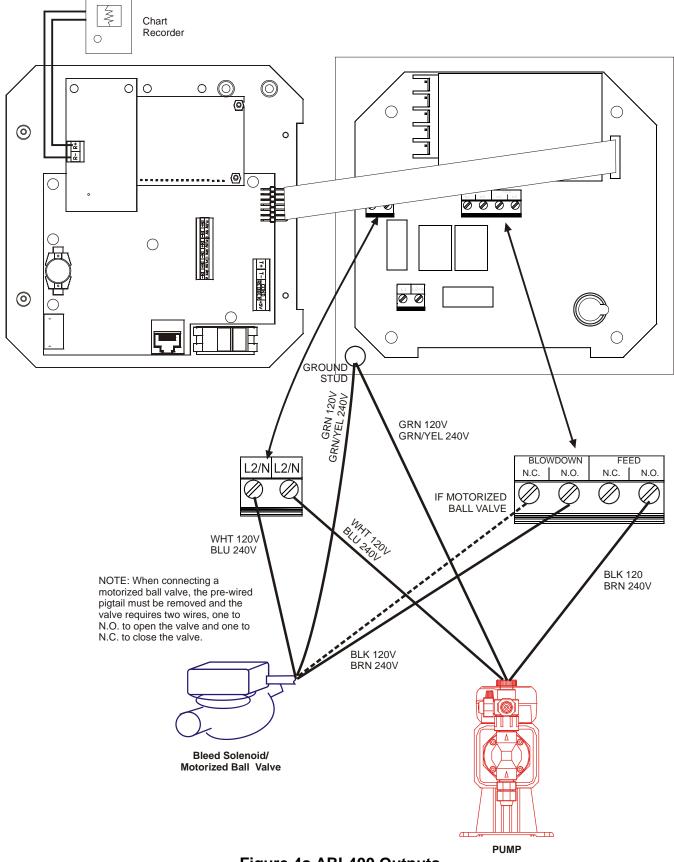
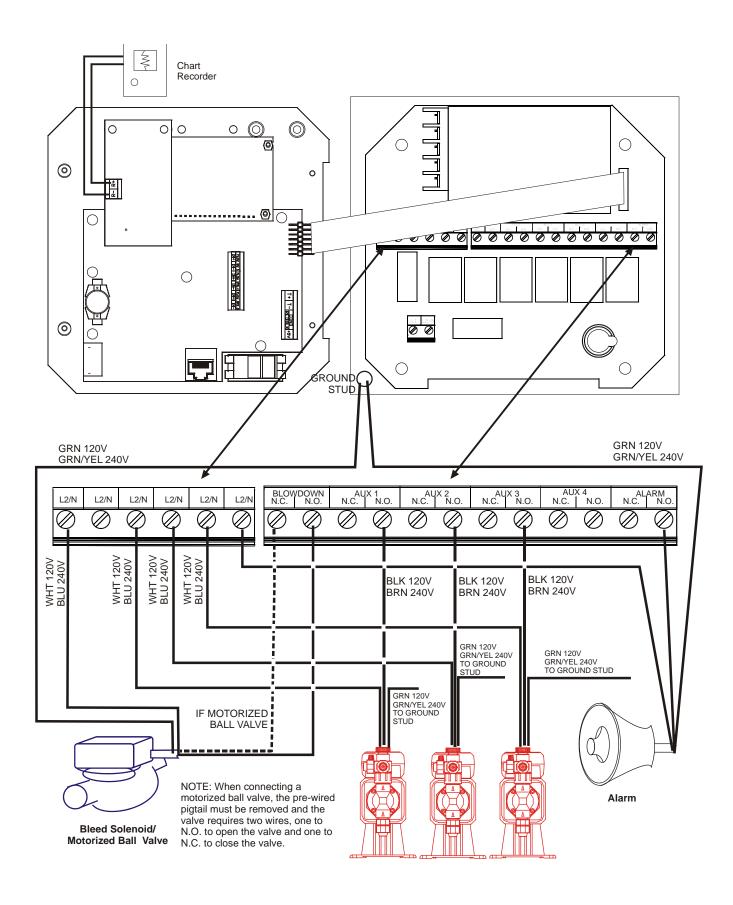


Figure 4a ABL400 Outputs



Pump(s) Figure 4b ABL410 Outputs

4.0 FUNCTION OVERVIEW

4.1 Front Panel

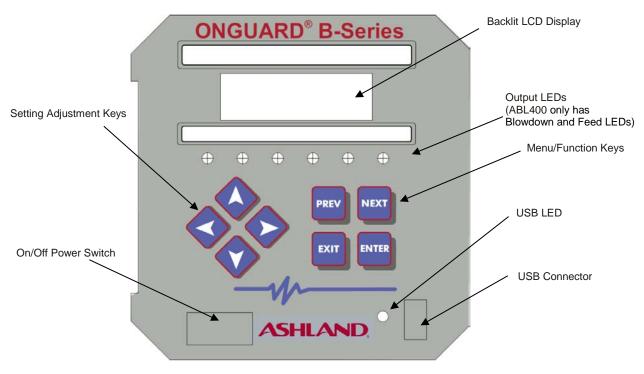


Figure 5 ABL410 Front Panel

4.2 Display

A summary screen is displayed while the ABL controller is on. This display shows a bar graph of the conductivity relative to the set point, the actual conductivity value, and current operating conditions. The center of the bar graph is at the (S), which represents the set point. For each 1% rise above the set point a vertical bar appears to the right of the (S). For each 1% drop below the set point a vertical bar appears to the left of the (S). There are small breaks in the bars at each 5%. The bar graph is limited to displaying 20% above or below the set point. When these limits are reached an (L) or (H) may appear at the end of the bar graph to indicate a low or high alarm. The operating conditions that are displayed on the bottom line of this display are Blowdown, Chem Feed, Sampling, Waiting, Sensor Error, Blowdown Timeout, Holding, and Normal. Normal just means there is nothing unusual to report.

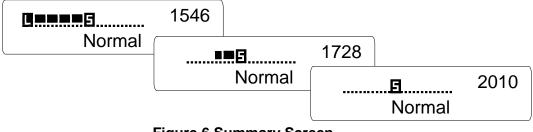


Figure 6 Summary Screen

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 ABL series controller is shipped with the access code disabled. If you wish to enable it, see Section 5.9 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 ABL 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 ABL controller down, simply turn off the power. Programming remains in memory.

5.0 OPERATION

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 ABL 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.

Conductivity Temperature Blowdown	
Feed	Only if model number is ABL400
Aux 1-4	Only if model number is ABL410
WM1	
WM2	
Time	
Alarm	
4-20mA	Only if 4-20mA option board installed
Access Code	
Datalog	Only if advanced USB feature is in model code
Config	Only if advanced USB feature is in model code
Upgrade	

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.

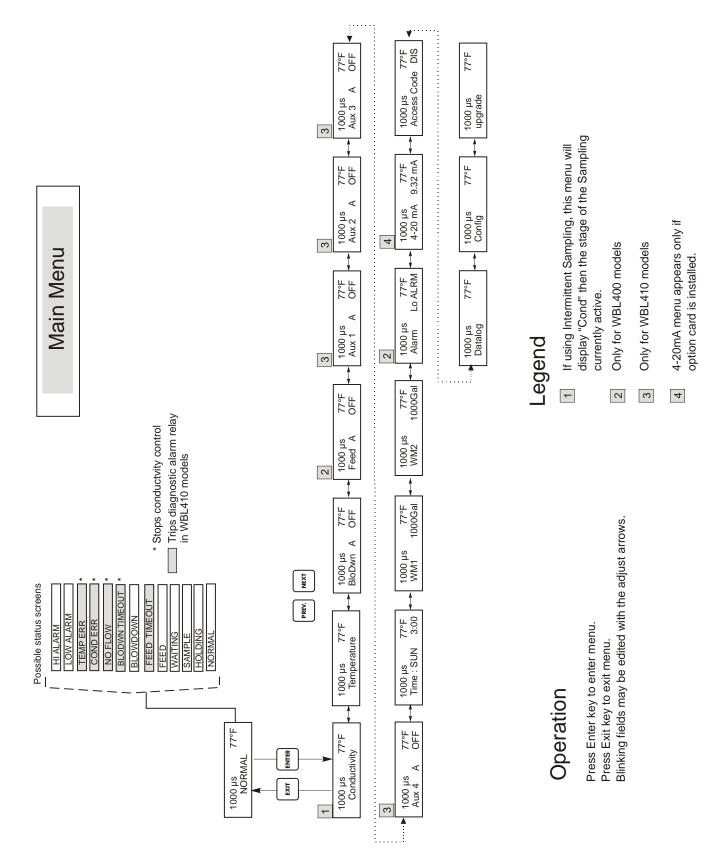


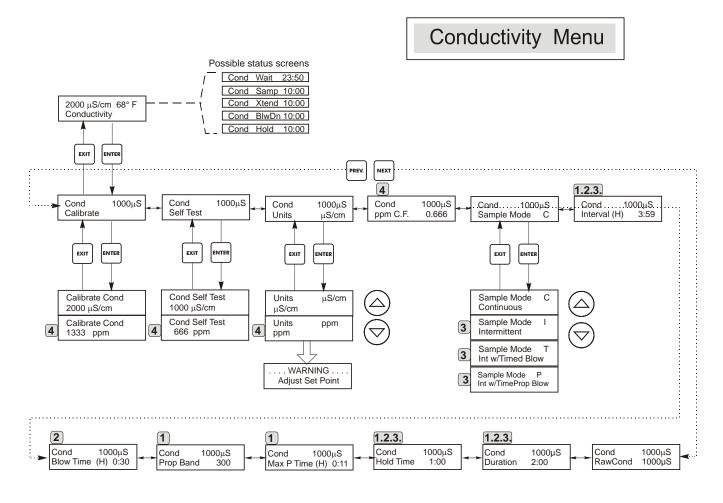
Figure 7 Main Menu

5.2 Conductivity 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 8, Conductivity Menu Chrt.

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 Bleed 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 bleed 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 1000 μ S/cm \pm 100 μ S/cm. If it does not, 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 'T indicates Intermittent sampling, a "T" indicates Intermittent Sampling with Timed Blowdown, and a "P" indicated Intermittent Sampling with Time Proportional Blowdown.
C/I/T/P	Continuous 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 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 <i>Extend</i> on the top status line, as well as the amount of time extended. A limit on this amount of time may be imposed; see Figure 10 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:

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.
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 µS/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.
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.
This menu is for information only and displays the temperature-compensated conductivity reading before the user's calibration has been applied.



Legend

- 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

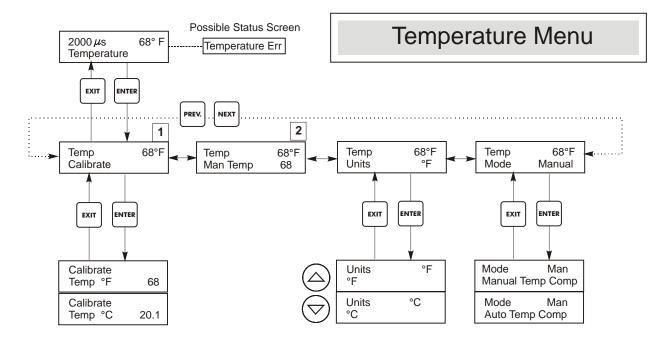
Press Enter key to enter menu. Press Exit key to exit menu. Blinking fields may be edited with the adjust arrows. Press Enter when modification is complete to return to Conductivity Menu Level.

Figure 8 Conductivity Menu

5.3 Temperature 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 Normal operation
	Temp 70°F Normal operation
	Temp Error Indicates that there is a problem with the temperature input. See figure 9.
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 ABL 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.
Mode	Press ENTER and use the UP or DOWN arrow keys to select between Manual Temperature Compensation (used with sensors that do not have a temperature measuring element in them) or Automatic Temperature Compensation. If Automatic is selected, and the temperature element is not detected, the controller will display a Temp Error and revert to Manual Temp Comp until the signal is restored.



Legend

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Menu wording that appears when Automatic Temperature Compensation is selected.

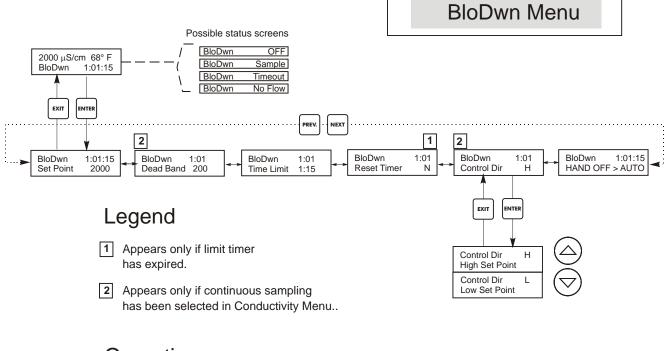
Menu wording that appears when Manual Temperature Compensation is selected.

Figure 9 Temperature Menu

5.4 Blowdown 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 'A' indicates that the output is being controlled automatically.)

Blowdn A	OFF Indicates that the blowdown output is currently OFF.		
Blowdn A	10:00	Indicates the length of time that the Blo	wdown output has been ON.
Blowdn A	TIMEOUT	Indicates that the output has been on lor	ger than the programming time limit.
Blowdn A	NO FLOW	Indicates that bleed control has been sus switch.	spended because there is presently no flow past the flow
Blowdn A	SAMPLE	Indicates the relay is in sampling stage of	of Intermittent Sampling
Set Point			d valve is turned ON. The factory default setting for the hen 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 1500μ S/cm and the Dead Band is 200μ S/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 8:59 hours. If the time limit is set to zero, then the valve may be open indefinitely. 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.		
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.		
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.		
	High Set Po	int	Low Set Point
НОА	mode, the outp Auto mode at output will res	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.	



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 Blodwn Menu Level.

Figure 10 BloDown Menu

5.5 Feed Menu

The Chemical Feed Menu adapts to the selected Feed output mode.

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 11.* The modes are defined as follows:

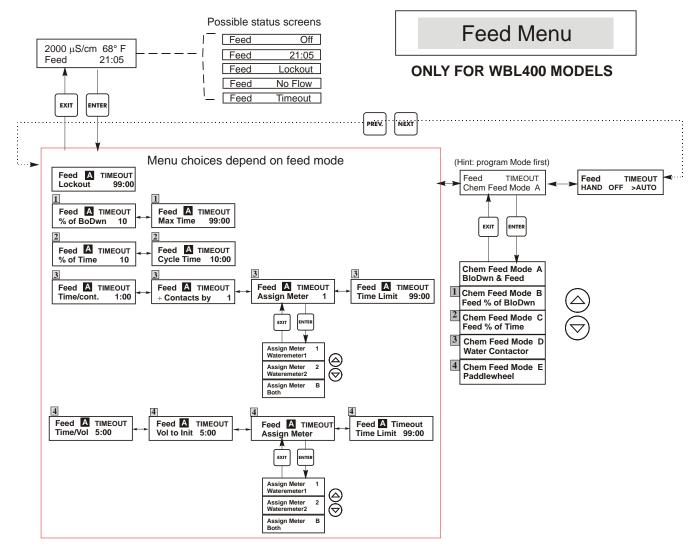
A	Blowdown and Feed with Optional Lockout	Blowdown and Feed Mode turns the Feed output On and Off at the same time as the Blowdown output. The lockout setting determines the maximum allowable time for the Feed output. If this time is exceeded the Feed output is turned off and Locked out until the Blowdown output turns off.
В	Feed % of Blowdown	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.
С	Feed % of 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.
D	Feed based on Water Contactor Input	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.
E	Feed based on Paddlewheel Input Mode	Turns on the Feed output for a user definable time each time a defined volume of flow is detected. This paddlewheel input has a programmable K Factor to work with a large variety of Hall Effect (square wave, not sine wave) flow meters.

The Feed menu will be indicated on the display by one of the following: (The 'A' indicates that the feed is being controlled automatically.)

Feed A	OFF	Indicates that the Feed output is currently OFF.	
Feed A	10:00 Indicates the length of time that the Feed output has been ON or the length of time that the Feed output will be ON.		
Feed A	TIMEOUT	Indicates that the feed relay has been on longer than the programmed maximum time.	
Feed A	NO FLOW	Indicates that Feed control has been suspended because there is presently no flow past the flow switch.	

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 bleed time to determine how be. For example, if the bleed was on for 10 minutes and this setting was 50%, the feed ou 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	Time/Cont. (Time per contact.) This determines the length of time that the feed pump should be on for each contact that is received.	
Mode	÷ 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.	
	Assign Meter Press ENTER and then use the Up or Down arrow keys to assign the water meter to be used for controlling this relay. Select between Watermeter 1, Watermeter 2, and Both.	
	Time Limit This setting puts a limit on the amount of time that can be accumulated by the water meter 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. <i>Hint: Program this first when initially setting up the Feed and Blowdown additions.</i>	
Feed Based on Paddlewheel Mode	Time/Vol This setting determines the pump on-time once a given volume of water has passed through the paddlewheel sensor. The volume required to initiate feed is set below.	
 Vol to Init. This setting determines the volume of makeup water that will initiate chemical feed. Assign Meter Press ENTER and then use the Up or Down arrow keys to assign the water meter to be us this relay. Select between Watermeter 1, Watermeter 2, and Both. 		
Chem Feed Mode A / B / C / D / E	This allows the user to select the chemical feed mode as described above.	
НОА	This sets the Hand Off Auto for the feed output. This was explained in the Bleed Menu section and functions similarly. In Off position, the output will not turn ON regardless of the feed mode selected.	



Legend

- Menu choices that appear when Feed as % of BloDwn mode is selected.
- 2 Menu choices that appear when Feed as % of Time mode is selected.
- 3 Menu choices that appear when Feed based on water contactor input is selected.
- 4 Menu choices that appear when Feed based on paddlewheel input is 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 Feed Menu Level.

Press Enter or Adjust arrow to turn on/off output at Hand menu.

Figure 11 Feed Menu

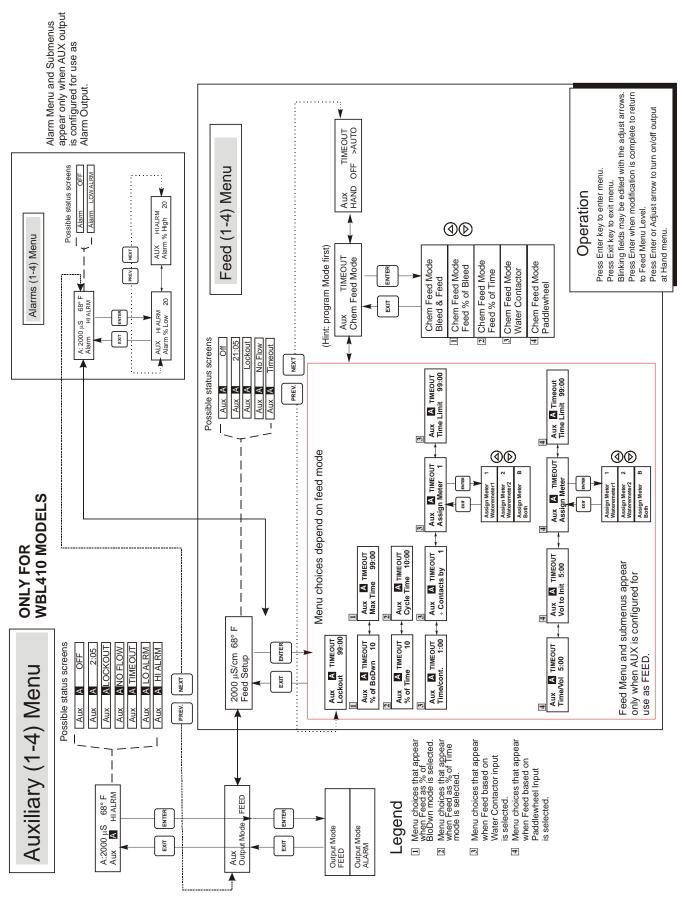


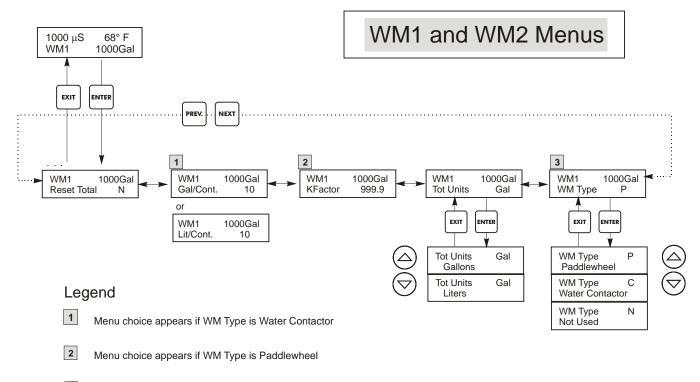
Figure 12 Auxiliary (1-4) Menu

5.6 WM1 and WM2 Menus

The Water Meter 1 and 2 menus are used to set up the type of meter and how to convert the water meter signal into volume. The Water Meter menus will be indicated on the display as follows:

Reset Total	This allows you to restart the totalizer display. Press the Up or Down arrow key to change the N to Y and press ENTER to reset the totalizer to 0 gal. The totalizer will count up to a maximum of 99,999,999. After that it will reset itself to zero.		
Vol/cont Only appears if the WM Type is Water contactor.	This allows you to set the volume of makeup per contact from the water meter.		
K Factor Only appears if the WM Type mode is Paddlewheel	Enter the number of pulses per unit volume that the paddlewheel sensor sends out. This value is usually printed on the sensor's flow cell or in its instructions.		
Tot Units	This is used to set the units of measure for the totalizer. Press ENTER, then use the up and down arrow keys to toggle between "Gallons" and "Liters." Press ENTER when the desired choice is displayed.		
WM Туре	Press ENTER and then use the Up or Down arrow keys to select between Water Contactor, Paddlewheel, or Not Used.		

WM1 100 Gal or Liters



3 This is the only menu shown if WM Type is Not Used.

Figure 13 WM1 and WM2 Menus

5.7 Time Menu

This menu has only one choice, to set the Time used for Datalogs. This menu will appear as follows:

Time: Mon 10:20

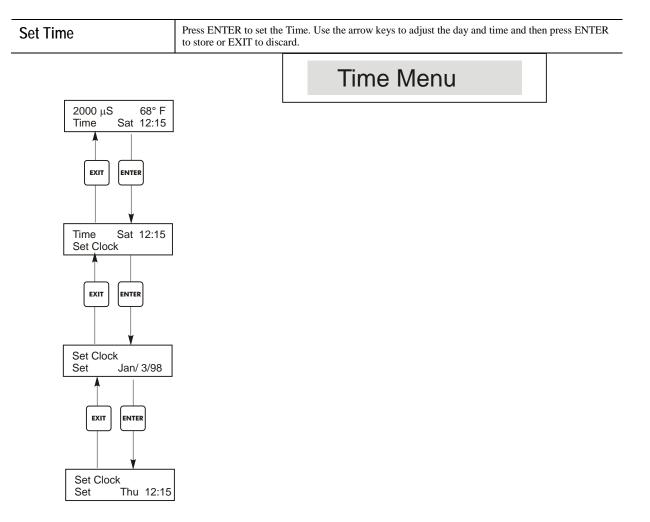


Figure 14 Time Menu

5.8 Alarm Menu (Only for ABL400 models)

The possible status screen for this menu are shown below. Note: Alarms produce a top level status message only. There is no alarm relay available.

Alarm OFF Alarm LOWALRM Alarm HIALRM

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.	
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.	

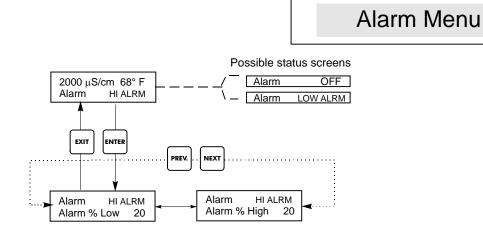


Figure 15 Alarm Menu

5.9 4-20mA Menu

This menu is only available if the 4-20mA output is installed in the controller. 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.	

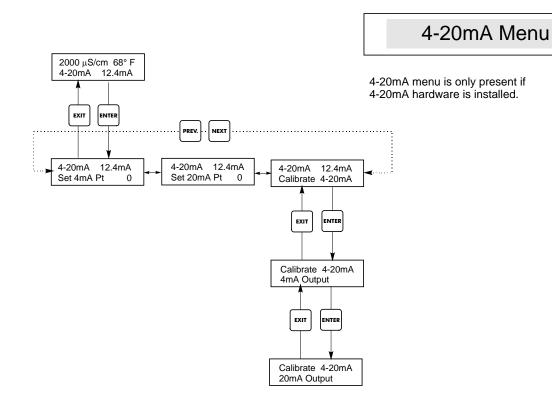


Figure 16 4-20 mA Menu

5.10 Access Code Menu

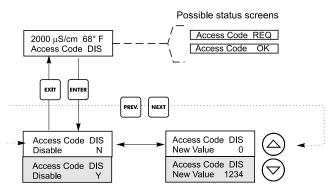
This menu determines whether the access code feature of the controller is enabled or disabled and allows you to customize the access code to your own value. The access code controls whether or not you are allowed to change the parameters in the controller. With the access code disabled, any user may 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:

The access code menu will appear as shown below:

	Access Code	DIS	Indicates that the access code is disabled. No access code is required to change any setting.	
	Access Code	REQ	Indicates that the access code is required to alter settings.	
	Access Code	ОК	Indicates that the access code is required and has been entered correctly.	
Enable	N / Y		the Up or Down arrow key to change the N to Y and press ENTER to enable the access code re. If the access code is enabled you must first enter the access code to disable it.	
New Value		betw	ess ENTER to display the current access code value and use the arrow keys to change it to any value ween 0 and 9999. If the access code has been enabled, you will be prompted to enter the current tess 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. 		u change the access code and can't remember it follow this procedure: in off power to the controller. ait 10 seconds. ess and Hold the UP and DOWN arrow keys while turning on the power. ad the access code on the display.		

Access Code Menu

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.



Any Top Display

Access Code 0000

Enter any four digit code

Figure 17 Access Code Menu

5.11 Datalog Menu

This menu is available if the data logging option has been purchased. This is indicated in the model code by the letter U at the end of the model code. This menu allows you to save data from the controller to a USB flash drive.

The controller has four logs, the Current Datalog, the Backup Datalog, the Event Log, and the Reset Log. All files are in a CSV format that may be opened in a spreadsheet such as Microsoft Excel.

Current Datalog	Contains the following data taken at 10 minute in Conductivity Temperature Water Meter 1Total Water Meter 2Total	Temperature Water Meter 1Total		
	When the current datalog is downloaded to a USI	en the current datalog is downloaded to a USB stick, it is erased and a new log file is started.		
	If the current datalog is not downloaded before it data) the oldest data is overwritten by the newest			
Backup Datalog		tains the same data as the current log but it is never erased. When the backup log reaches its imum size (at least 60 days of data), the oldest data is overwritten by the newest data.		
Event Log Contains columns for each relay and flow switch input, as well as the date and time. Each tim any of these change state, the date and time is updated and it will show a 1 if the relay is on ar if it is off, and a 1 if the flow switch indicates no flow, 0 if there is flow. Tens of thousands of events will be recorded before the oldest data is overwritten by the newest, the number varyin with the controller's configuration.				
Reset Log	Reset Log Consists of time stamps of when power was lost, when it was returned, and the cause of the reset.			
Current or Backup Datalog	Place a USB flash drive with at least 10 MB capacity into the USB port on the front panel of the controller. Press the Enter key to download the file from the controller to the disk. The file name for the Current Datalog will be Datalog <serial number=""><date><time>.csv using the date and time it was downloaded. The file name for the Backup Datalog will be Datalog<serial number=""><date><time>.csv using the date and time it was created. The controller will display the progress of the file download process. If the file was successfully copied to the USB disk the controller will display Transfer Success.</time></date></serial></time></date></serial>			
Copy Event Log	controller. Press the Enter key to download	Place a USB flash drive with at least 10 MB capacity into the USB port on the front panel of the controller. Press the Enter key to download the file from the controller to the stick. The file name will be Eventlog <serial number=""><date><time>.csv.</time></date></serial>		
	The controller will display the progress of the file download process. If the file was successfully copied to the USB disk the controller will display Transfer Success, otherwise Transfer Fail 1.			
	Transfer Success	Transfer Fail 1		
Copy Reset Log	controller. Press the Enter key to download	Place a USB flash drive with at least 10 MB capacity into the USB port on the front panel of the controller. Press the Enter key to download the file from the controller to the stick. The file name will be Resetlog <serial number=""><date><time>.csv.</time></date></serial>		
		The controller will display the progress of the file download process. If the file was successfully copied to the USB disk the controller will display Transfer Success.		
	Transfer Success	Transfer Fail 1		

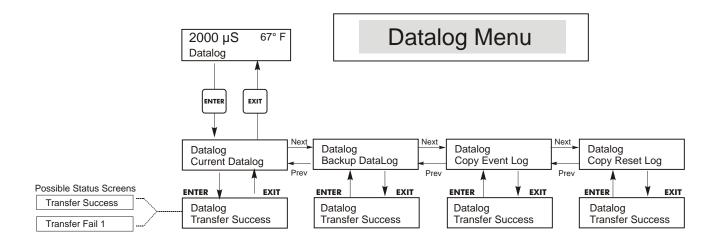
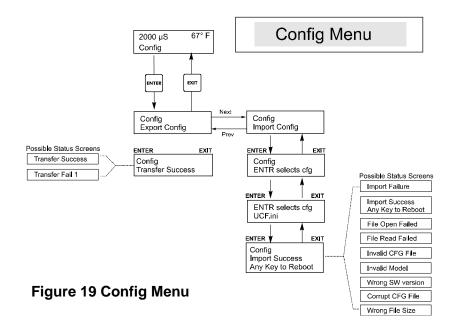


Figure 18 Datalog Menu

5.12 Config Menu

This menu allows you to export a file that contains all of the set points in the controller to a USB flash disk drive, and then later import the set points into another controller.

Export Config	 Place a USB flash drive with at least 10 MB capacity into the USB port on the front panel of the controller. Press the Enter key to export the configuration file from the controller to the stick. The file name will be UCF.ini. If you are exporting files with different set points you may rename the file to something that describes it, as long as it has an ini extension. The controller will display the progress of the file download process. If the file was successfully exported to the USB disk the controller will display Transfer Success, otherwise Transfer Fail 1. 			
	Transfer Success		Transfer Fail 1	
Import Config	stick into the USB port or configuration file from the name. The controller will display	 Place a USB flash drive that contains only one configuration file stored on the root directory of the stick into the USB port on the front panel of the controller. Press the Enter key to import the configuration file from the stick to the controller. The file name must have an ini extension in its name. The controller will display the progress of the file import process. If the file was successfully imported from the USB disk the controller will display one of the messages below: 		
	Import Failure	Indicates that there were problems connecting to or accessing the USB stick.		
	Import Success: Any key to reboot	The configuration file import succeeded and will be ready for use after reboot.		
File Open Failed A config file could not be found on the USI system could not be accessed.		be found on the USB stick or the USB stick file cessed.		
	File Read Failed	The config file is too sl	hort (incomplete) or empty.	
	Invalid CFG File	The imported file is no	t a valid config file.	
	Invalid Model	The imported config file is not for this controller model.		
	Wrong SW Version	The version of the imp controller software vers	orted config file is not compatible with this sion.	
	Corrupt CFG File	The imported config fit	le is corrupt. (The checksum failed.)	
	Wrong file Size	The size of the importe	ed config file is wrong.	



5.13 Upgrade Menu

This menu is used to upgrade the software to a newer version. If a new version of the software is available, an upgrade file will be posted on our web site. Save this file to a USB flash disk drive. It needs to be the only executable (.exe file extension) file stored on the root directory of the stick. Press the Enter key to import the software upgrade file from the stick to the controller.

The controller will display the progress of the file import process. If the file was successfully imported from the USB disk the controller will display Transfer Success. The controller will automatically reboot and come up with the new software installed.

Upgrade	The controller will display the progress of the file import process. If the file was successfully imported from the USB disk the controller will display Transfer Success. The controller will automatically reboot and come up with the new software installed. If the software upgrade fails, you will see one of the following messages:	
	UpgradFileInvald	The file found on the USB stick is for the wrong product, or is corrupt. Try getting the correct upgrade file and make sure it's the only upgrade file on the stick.
	No Upgrade File	There is no upgrade file stored on the stick, or the file is named incorrectly.
	CorrptUpgradFile	Try getting a new copy of the file.
	Flash Failure	The flash memory on the processor board has a problem. Repair or replace the front panel assembly.

To check that it was successful, turn off power to the controller, then press the Enter key while turning power on. The controller will show the software version, which should match the name of the upgrade file that you used.

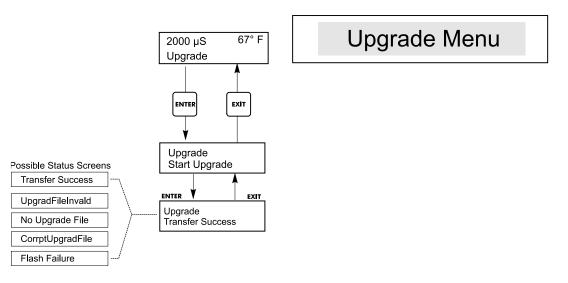


Figure 20 Upgrade Menu

6.0 MAINTENANCE

The ABL 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 electrode.

Frequency

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

- 1. Read and record the conductivity.
- 2. Remove, clean and replace the conductivity electrode 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 electrode cleaning. If there is less than 5% change in the reading, the electrode was not dirty and can be cleaned less often.

Cleaning Procedure

The electrode can normally be cleaned using a cloth, toothbrush, cotton swab or paper towel and a mild detergent. Occasionally an electrode may become coated with various substances that require a more vigorous cleaning procedure. Usually the coating will be visible, but not always. If the electrode is coated with scale, this can be chemically removed using a dilute acid solution.

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 be used.

F1 Fuse	Walchem P/N	F2 Fuse	Walchem P/N
5 x 20 mm, 1.0A, 250V	103163	5 x 20 mm, 6A, 250V	102834

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

Possible Cause	Correction Action
Dirty electrode	Clean electrode (see Sect. 6.1)
Faulty solenoid valve	Repair or replace solenoid valve.
Faulty electrode	Evaluate (see Sect. 7.3). Check Temp display.
Improper wiring of valve or controller	Correct wiring. (see Section 3.4)
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.

Possible Cause	Correction Action
Sensor disconnected	Reconnect. Check cable for continuity.
Sensor dry	Check tee for obstruction. Verify flow. Change location of electrode.
Solenoid valve stuck open	Repair or replace solenoid valve. (Consult your distributor).
Faulty electrode	Evaluate (see Section 7.3). Replace if necessary.
Improper wiring of electrode	Correct wiring. (see Section 3.4)
Faulty blowdown relay	Replace relay. (Consult factory.)

TEMP ERROR

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

Possible Cause	Correction Action
Green or white electrode wire disconnected.	Reconnect.
Faulty electrode.	Replace electrode. Revert to manual temperature compensation by cycling power off and on.

SENSOR 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	Correction Action
Back or red electrode wire shorted.	Disconnect short.
Faulty electrode.	Replace electrode.
Faulty controller.	Verify via failed self test.

BLOWDOWN TIMEOUT

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

Possible Cause	Corrective Action
Programmed value too low for normal conditions.	Increase Blowdown Time Limit.
Blowdown flow rate too low.	Check for clogged strainer. Check for insufficient pressure differential.
Blowdown valve not opening.	Check for faulty blowdown valve. Check blowdown valve wiring. Check controller relay.

NO FLOW

This error message will appear if the flow/no flow switch closure is opened. The error message will be displayed and the alarm relay will trip. The conductivity is updated but all outputs are deactivated.

Possible Cause	Corrective Action
No flow	Check recirculating pump, valves, etc.
Faulty flow switch/cable	Check for open circuit. Disconnect flow switch and short the input with a piece of wire. If "no flow" message disappears, then switch or cable may be faulty.
Insufficient pressure drop through sample stream	Check piping.

CAL FAIL

The controller allows a maximum of $\pm 50\%$ correction to the conductivity reading. This is a cumulative correction factor which means that if at one time the electrode is calibrated by 30%, the next time it is calibrated it will only accept an adjustment of +20% before reporting a Cal Fail.

The most likely problem is that the electrode needs to be cleaned. Refer to section 6.1.

7.2 Conductivity Readout Does Not Change

Possible Cause	Correction Action	
Dry electrode	Check for flow through system.	
Electrode is disconnected.	Check wiring to electrode. Go to self-test menu, as described in section 5.2 If readout changes to 900-1100,the problem is with electrode or connections. (see section 7.3) If still at zero, problem with controller. Consult the factory.	
If the readout is stuck at another number:		
Dirty or faulty electrode	Evaluate electrode (see Section 7.3).	
Stagnant sample	Check system for proper flow.	

7.3 **Procedure for Evaluation of Conductivity Electrode**

Can be used for troubleshooting low conductivity, high conductivity, conductivity stuck at 0, 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 $1000 \pm 100 \mu$ S/cm. This indicates that the controller is OK and the problem is in the electrode or its connections. If it does not read $1000 \pm 100 \mu$ S, 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.

8.0 SERVICE POLICY

The ABL 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.