System Controller SCU-301-12M



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Installation Manual

Potential dangers from accidents during installation and use are divided into the following two categories. Closely observe these warnings, they are critical to your safety.

WARNING indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
CAUTION indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.





Requests to Installers •

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In order to use this product safely, read this installation manual carefully and follow the installation instructions.

- Failures and damage caused by erroneous work or work not as instructed in this manual are not covered by the warranty.
- Refer to installation manual attached to the appliance as well.
- Check that installation was done in accordance with this Installation Manual upon completion.
- After completion of installation, be sure to hand this Installation Manual to the customer.
 - When you fasten the screws on the terminals (Warning lamp terminal and so on), do not use electric drivers,
 - impact drivers and so forth. Tightening with excessive force may cause the terminals to be damaged and lead to failures.

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1. Included Accessories

Check for any missing items before starting installation.

Part	Shape	Qty	Part	Shape	Qty
Tapping screw		5	*1 Assembly & Setup Instructions		1

*1 Attached in the system controller.

2. Required Accessories

Name	Usage	Qty
Remote controller RC-9018M	* Always necessary.	1
Remote controller Cord RC-CORD10 RC-CORD26	 The communication cord between the system controller and the remote controller can be lengthened up to a maximum total length of 450 feet. The communication cord between the system controller and each water heater can be lengthened up to a maximum total length of 45 feet. 	Total number of units in system + 1

CAUTION : Be sure to use the remote controller cord as listed above. If a different cord is used, the equipment may fail or not operate properly.

When two or more multi-unit systems are installed in parallel

One remote controller is necessary for each multi-unit system (i. e. 3 multi-unit systems will require 3 system controllers and 3 remote controllers). Each system will have separately wired remote controller cords.

For the combined use pattern

A. When there is no circulation pipe (standard type)

Number of units	System controller	Remote controller
7 to 12	SCU-301-12M	RC-9018M

B. When there is a circulation pipe

Condition	Number of units	System controller	Remote controller
Recirculation type (circulation heat-retention with external pump)	7 to 12	SCU-301-12M	RC-9018M
Storage Tank Recirculation type (circulation heat-retention with external pump)	7 to 12	SCU-301-12M	RC-9018M

3. Introduction (see list of points below)

Introduction to the "SCU-301-12M" System Controller

Overview

This manual is intended to provide instruction for the installation, operation, and features of the SCU-301-12M system controller. It is divided into 4 main sections:

- 1. Installation of the SCU-301-12M system controller
- 2. Initial programming of the RC-9018M remote controller
- 3. Additional features of the RC-9018M remote controller and the SCU-301-12M system controller
- 4. Plumbing diagrams and general information about water and gas piping

Please read this manual carefully and follow the instructions as written. If you have any questions, please contact Noritz Engineering & Service at 866-766-7489 or visit http://support.noritz.com/.



Basic Operation

The SCU-301-12M system controller is used to combine 7 to 12 Noritz heaters into a single "multi-unit system." The system controller stages units on and off based on hot water demand and rotates their operation to ensure even usage. It also has two additional modes which optimize the system for operation with a recirculation line or storage tank. (Note: for systems of 1 to 6 units please use the SC-301-6M system controller)

Unit Staging

Staging allows the multi-unit system to track hot water demand from the minimum flow rate of a single unit up to the maximum output of several units. When the primary firing heater reaches ~50% of its maximum output, the system controller activates the next unit in the system. When both these units reach ~50% of their maximum output, a third unit is activated and so on. The SCU-301-12M may also be configured to activate two heaters during primary firing to allow for rapid initial hot water demand.

Unit Rotation

The SCU-301-12M system controller rotates operation of the primary firing heater every 8 hours of combustion time or up to 24 hours of plug-in time. This helps to ensure even usage of all units.

• System Selection

The SCU-301-12M allows the user to select two additional system types: "Recirc" and "Tank recirc." These settings optimize performance with recirculation and storage tank systems, and allow the system controller to operate one or two pumps.



* These diagrams are for illustration purposes only.

	GROUP 1							GROUP 2					
	UNIT1	UNIT2	UNIT3	UNIT4	UNIT5	UNIT6		UNIT7	UNIT8	UNIT9	UNIT10	UNIT11	UNIT12
[1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th		7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
							_					₩ F	Rotation
	6th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th		12th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
							5					₩ F	Rotation
[3rd	4th	5th	6th	1st	2nd]	9th	10th	11th	12th	7th	8th
							_					₩ F	Rotation
[2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	1st		8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	7th
												₩ F	Rotation
	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
												F	Rotation
	12th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th		6th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
							\$					₩ F	Rotation
[9th	10th	11th	12th	7th	8th]	3rd	4th	5th	6th	1st	2nd
												F	Rotation
[8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	7th]	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	1st

4. Installing the System Controller

Securing to the wall



- The weight of the device will be applied to the wall. If the strength of the wall is not sufficient, reinforcement must be done to prevent the transfer of vibration.
- Do not drop or apply unnecessary force to the device when installing. Internal parts may be damaged and may become highly dangerous.
- Install the unit on a vertical wall and ensure that it is level.



Electrical Wiring

Consult a qualified electrician for the electrical work.



This appliance must be electrically grounded in accordance with local codes, or in the absence of local codes, with the National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA 70. In Canada, the latest CSA C22.1 Electrical Code.

Caution: Label all wires prior to disconnection when servicing controls. Wiring errors can cause improper and dangerous operation.

Verify proper operation after servicing.

Field wiring to be performed at time of appliance installation.



Electrical Shock Hazard

Do not turn power on until electrical wiring is finished. Disconnect power before servicing. Failure to do so may result in death or serious injury from electrical shock.

 The electrical supply required by the system controller is 120VAC at 60 Hz. Use an appropriate circuit. For instructions on connecting the power cord, refer to the "Procedure of connecting the power cord to system controller" sheet attached in the system controller. 	 Do not let the power cord contact the gas piping. Tie the redundant power cord outside the system controller. Putting the redundant length of cord inside the system controller may cause electrical interference and faulty operation.
Ground	
 To prevent electrical shock, provide a ground with resistand An electrician should do this work. 	nce less than 100Ω .

Do not connect the ground to the city water or gas piping. Do not tie the ground to a telephone line.

Breaker Installation

• Mount a device which shuts off the electrical path automatically (leakage breaker) when electrical leakage is detected.



Electrostatic discharge can affect electronic components. Take precautions to prevent electrostatic discharges from personnel or hand tools during the system controller installation and servicing to protect the product's electronic control.



Before making wiring connections from each unit to the system controller, make sure that the electrical power of each unit including the system controller has been disconnected.

- 1. Remove the front cover from the system controller and the cover of the external remote controller cord terminal block of each water heater.
- Connecting the communication cord to Unit 1
- 2. Using the remote controller cord supplied with the water heater, insert the end with Y terminals through one (need to be cut to make a hole) of the grommets in the base of the system controller. Connect the Y terminals to terminal block "01".
- 3. Cut off the connector on the other end of the remote controller cord. Attach the Y terminals in place of the connector.
- 4. Connect the free end of the remote controller cord to the external remote controller cord terminal block of Unit 1.
- Connecting the communication cord to Units 2-12
- 5. Connect Units 2-12 in the same way as Unit 1. Be sure to connect the units to the water heater terminals in the system controller, following the list of connections of water heaters.
- * For the terminal block that is not used, nothing should be done.
- * After all connections are made, replace the front cover of the system controller (taking special care to do not crush any wires) and the covers of the external remote controller cord terminal blocks of all connected water heaters.

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Remote controller cord terminal block of each water heater.

List of connections of water heaters *Connect water heaters at the gray points.

(Group No.			Gro	up 1			Group 2							
Si	ub power of each slave controller		0						0					connect	ed units
W Te	ater Heater erminal No.	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	Group 1	Group 2
Nur	7 units						\bigvee						\square	4 units	3 units
nber	8 units					\square	\bigvee					\square	\square	4 units	4 units
of V	9 units						\square					\square	\square	5 units	4 units
/ater	10 units						\square						\square	5 units	5 units
heat	11 units												\square	6 units	5 units
ers	12 units													6 units	6 units

5. Wiring Diagram, System Diagram

Wiring Diagram (Multi-unit System Wiring)

CAUTION

- The below diagram shows the connection of 3 units to the system controller.
- When connecting 4 or more units, follow the same procedure.
- . Connect the water heaters to the system controller following the detailed wiring instructions included with the system controller.
- Always connect a remote controller to the system controller.
- * The remote controller terminal location
- may differ depending on the unit.



6. Remote button and display overview



• The remote controller will emit a tone when a button is pressed.

* This Remote Controller is not resistant to water, steam, chemicals, or UV rays. Please install it in a location where it will not be exposed to these conditions. If it must be installed outdoors, please use a weatherproof enclosure. Consult the RC-9018M Installation Manual for details.



Screen Display

* The screen display shown below is for illustration purposes only. The actual display will vary depending on how the water heater is being used.
* After a button is pressed, the display will gradually become darker to prevent unnecessary power consumption by the remote controller.



Note: As shipped from the factory, the remote controller is set to display in °F and gallons. To adjust the display to °C and liters, refer to the page 13.

What is the home screen?	
The home screen is displayed when the ON/OFF button is "ON". Normally, the hot water temperature and the clock, etc. are displayed.	Temp 110 •F 10:15 <home example="" screen=""></home>

7. Remote initial setup

Initial Setting Procedure in the "System Setting Note: Wi controlle The follo for system settings Instruct Settings	Al Setting Procedure in the "System Settings" Screen Note: When power is first connected to the multi-unit system (system controller and units), the remote enters an initial setting mode. The following instructions explain how to perform an initial setting for system settings in the "Initial Settings" Screen (page 11 - 13).								
Operation	Screen Display	Description							
Preparation Connect power to all heater in multi-unit system. Press the ENTER button on the remote	rs and system controller								
 1) You will be prompted to choose a system type. 2) Use the buttons to navigate to the correct system type. (Standard, Recirc., or Tank Recirc.) 3) Press the button to select your system type. 3) If you chose the "Recirc." or "Tank Recirc." systems, you will be prompted to turn pump rotation on or off (this setting is set to "off" by default). 2) Use the buttons to select yes (on) or no (off). 3) Press the output button to set the pump rotation. 	System type ↓ Select & press ENTER.	* Note: only when you connect one/two pumps to the system controller, you need to select "Yes" or "No".							
 1) You will now be prompted to "complete system setting." 2) Press the button to complete the system setting. 3) Once you choose "Complete system settings?", the remote will display "System settings completed". 	Complete system settings? ↓[Yes] Select & press ENTER. System settings completed	 * Note: if you chose standard system in step 2 - 2), you will immediately go to this prompt. * You may use the https://www.example.com button to return to the previous menu at any time. 							

System Selection and Settings in the "Initial Settings" Screen





List of the Sys settings

Item in the Sys settings	system type			Yee	No
	Standard	Recirc	Tank recirc	fes	NO
Quick staging	Available	Available	Not Available	Units will stage more rapidly from heater to heater*	Units will stage more slowly
Pump error check	Not Available	Available	Available	System will check for flow when system controller pump terminals are energized. If no flow is present, it will display 63 error code	System will not check for pump operation*
Pump rotation	Not Available	Available	Available	System will rotate pump 1 and 2 operation	Pump 1 and 2 will operate simultaneously*

*Factory Default Settings

Operation	Screen Display	Description		
Change the way the units of temperature and flow rate are displayed on the screen (standard vs. metric).				
 In the initial settings menu select "[°F / gal] ⇔ [°C / L]". Press the ENTER button. 	Initial System type settings Sys settings [<mark>↓ [*F/gal]⇔[*C/L]</mark>			
 2 1) Use the buttons to select the unit "[°F / gal] "or "[°C / L]". 2) Press the ENTER button to set the units to be displayed. 3) The display will say "Set complete" once an option is chosen. 	[<mark>ू °F∕gal</mark> Selectunit °C/L	* You may use the BACK button to return to the previous menu at any time.		
After finishing the Initial Settings. 1) Disconnect Power to all heaters a multi-unit system. 2) Wait 10 seconds or more. 3) Reconnect power.	and system controller in			

8. Recirculation Pump Timer Setup





9. System Check Button

f you press the (st	button, you can c	heck the status of the system	
ON/OFP PROG ALARM OFF	System [Rcrc]) Active [06] Units [06] Pump1 [OFF] Online [06] Pump2 [ON] (Display Screen Example [System [Rcrc]])		
open position.	System Displayed on the Remote Controller	System Description	
	System[Std]	Water heater only operation.	
	System [Rorc]	 * Water heater and recirculation operation. * During recirculation operation, hot water is always circulated in the piping to provide instant hot water when a fixture is opened. [If you set the ON/OFF button to "ON", is displayed.] 	
	System [Tank]	 * Water heater combined with a storage tank operation. * If a recirculation system is also installed, hot water is always circulated in the piping to provide instant hot water when a fixture is opened. [If you set the ON/OFF button to "ON", * is displayed 1 	

10. Maintenance Monitors and Additional Settings



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Additional settings of system controller

Following setting can be changed in addition to the system settings. When determining whether or not to change a particular setting, please consult with the customer first.

- Item No. 19

When multiple units are connected to the system controller, two units fire upon startup as the factory default.

However, this setting can be changed so that only one unit fires upon startup. - Item No. 1A

By factory default, the remote controller alarm will sound when a failure of the system controller or any water heater in the system has occurred.

However, this setting can be changed so that the alarm sounds only when the entire system is down.

• Setting method (example to change Item No. 1A)

- (1) Turn the water heater off by pressing the Power ON/OFF Button on the remote controller.
- (2) Turn OFF the power supply (disconnect electrical power to all heaters and system controller), then turn ON the power supply (reconnect electrical power to all heaters and system controller) and wait 10 seconds before proceeding to step (3).
- (3) Within the first ten minutes of connecting electrical power, before turning on the Power ON/OFF Button, press the ▲/▼ Buttons on the remote controller and hold until the display blinks "99". If "99" does not blink on the remote controller, disconnect electrical power to all heaters and system controller and try again.
- (4) Use the ▲/▼ Buttons on the remote controller to scroll to the dipswitch number "1A" on the column of the item.
- (5) Press the ENTER Button, "Item number" stops blinking and "Data state (OFF or ON)" will start blink.

Use the \blacktriangle/∇ Buttons on the remote controller to change OFF $\leftarrow \rightarrow$ ON. (6) Change "1A" from OFF to ON.

* Do not adjust any other dipswitches!

Item	Data
‡ 1A	ON

(7) When the dipswitch has been set correctly, press the ENTER Button, "Data state (ON)" stops blinking and "Item number" will start blink. Confirm the setting by pressing and holding both the ▲/▼ Buttons on the remote controller until the controller emits a beeping noise. The new setting will be lost if this is not done.

The new setting will be lost if this is not done.

(8) Disconnect Power to all heaters and system controller in multi-unit system. Wait 10 seconds or more, and reconnect power.

List of settings

Item #	Data indication		
19	OFF (Two units fire at startup)*	ON (One unit fires at startup)	
1A	OFF (Alarm for any system error)*	ON (Alarm only for system down error)	

* Factory Default Settings

<Remote controller (RC-9018M)>



Enter Button

For All Systems Clock Adjustment



* In the event of a power outage or after disconnecting power to the water heater, when power is restored, the clock on the display screen will show " - : - - " and the clock will need to be reset.



12. Additional System Controller Features

System Controller Terminals (Optional Connections)



When you connect one circulation pump, set "No" for the question "Start pump rotation?" in the system settings. (refer to page 10.)

2) When operating with 2 circulation pumps

The system controller carries out the alternate operation of "pump 1" and "pump 2" at regular time intervals by connecting two circulation pumps.

For connection to



When you connect two circulation pumps, set "Yes" for the question "Start pump rotation?" in the system settings. (refer to page 10.)

* Piping diagram for parallel pipe installation



Adjust the pump flow with the flow control valves. If multiple pumps are used, control the flow of each pump with separate valves.



- These terminals will close when any of the units are firing or when the fan on any of the units is blowing. These terminals can be used to control an exhaust fan or damper in this way.
- Use a relay (electromagnetic contactor) to provide power to the fan or damper. Use an additional thermal relay if necessary.
- Use the electromagnetic contactor / thermal relay suitable for the load.



- A pressure switch or other item can be attached as a safety device when an external exhaust fan that is attached to the exhaust fan terminal above does not operate.
- If the status that a contact of the relay is opened continues, the system stops.
- Use the normally open relay with the contact for low voltage.
- This terminal is short-circuited when the product is shipped from factory. When you use this feature, connect relay, and then disconnect a short-circuit connector as shown below.

Pressure Switch

Please remove this connector when pressure switch is connected.

System controller External operation switch Terminal • This terminal is short-circuited when the ÐÐÐÐÐ product is shipped from factory. When you use this feature, disconnect a short-circuit connector as shown below. External Pressure External operation switch operation switch switch ċ 12V, 5.4mA Connect to terminals External operation switch Please remove this connector when external operation switch is connected. • Connect the external operation switch when you want to turn ON/OFF the water heater from external in addition to the Power ON/OFF Button of the remote controller. If the terminal of the external operation switch is switched from open to short, the Power ON/OFF Button of the water heater is turned "ON". - If the terminal of the external operation switch is switched from short to open, the Power ON/OFF Button is turned "OFF". • Use the normally open relay with the contact for low voltage. • For the external operation switch Whether the Power ON/OFF Button is synchronized or not to the cycle operation can be changed by switching the setting. (it can be changed only for recircuration system). If the external switch is switched from open to short, the setting is switched as shown below. Power ON/OFF Button is synchronized: Power ON/OFF Button is turned "ON", cycle operation is turned "ON" Power ON/OFF Button is not synchronized: only Power ON/OFF Button is turned "ON" Thermostat Terminal • Connect the thermostat of the hot water storage tank. - If the temperature of the hot water storage tank exceeds the temperature set with the thermostat, the contact in the thermostat is opened and the circulation pump stops. - A platinum resistance temperature detector cannot be connected directly. • This terminal is short-circuited when the product is shipped from factory. When you use this feature, disconnect a short-circuit connector as shown below. Thermostat Thermostat 12V, 5.4mA Connect to terminals ШΠ Please remove this connector when thermostat is connected.

Thermostat of the hot water storage tank



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Gas piping

* Follow the instructions from the gas supplier.

Gas connection

- Gas flex lines are not recommended unless they are sized for the maximum input kW (Btu/h • MJ) of each unit.
- Do not use piping with a diameter smaller than the size of the gas inlet to each unit.
- After installation, check the gas line for any leaks before using.

Water piping

- * Ask a qualified plumber to perform the installation.
- * Observe all applicable codes.
- The plumbing should be installed by a qualified plumbing contractor according to all applicable codes and regulations.
- Insulate or apply heating materials to the supply and hot water piping to prevent freezing during cold weather and to prevent heat loss through the piping.
- Use a union coupling or flexible pipe for connecting the units to ease service and maintenance.
- Refer to the system diagrams for supply and hot water pipe sizing. Do not install piping that is smaller than the inlet or outlet water connections on the units.
- If using an expansion tank, make sure it is correctly sized for the system.
- Use only copper or stainless steel pipe for all plumbing.
- Keep the plumbing as simple as possible.
- Avoid using pipes in which air can accumulate.
- * Use only approved materials, and have the installation inspected upon completion.

Gas Valve

Install a gas shutoff valve for every unit installed.

Gas Meter

Select a gas meter capable of supplying the entire kW (Btu/h \bullet MJ) demand of all gas appliances that the meter serves. Size the gas line for the entire kW (Btu/h \bullet MJ) demand also.

14. Follow-up Service

Checking for Error Conditions

When a failure occurs, information relating to the error blinks on the display. The error alarm may also continuously sound.

• Error Code Display Screen



• To Stop the Error Alarm

Press the $\left(\begin{array}{c} ALARM\\ OFF \end{array} \right)$ button (the indicator will turn off).

Requesting Service

- * Service and warranty periods are based on the type of product and the application type. Refer to the Limited Warranty provided with the water heater for complete details.
- * Refer to the "Troubleshooting" section in the Owner's Guide supplied with the water heater. If the problem is not corrected, contact Noritz America Technical Support at 866-766-7489 or visit http://support.noritz.com/.

• Press the (STATUS) button to check the status of the system

Operation	Screen Display	Description				
Press the STATUS button inside the cover.	System[Rcrc]Active [04] Units [06]Pump1[OFF] Online [04]Pump2[ON] <screendisplay(example)></screendisplay(example)>	 * Status can be checked regardless of whether the onvoer button is ON/OFF. * If the BACK button is pushed or it is left untouched for approximately 10 minutes, it will return to the previous screen. 				
 Identifying units that require service (system dependent). 						
Press the status button twice inside the cover.	Error unit 1 6 	* If you press the BACK button, the screen of step 1 is displayed. If you press the STATUS button, the screen returns to the previous screen.				

15. Dimensions



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