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1. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The Model MC Shot Flow Controller will control the rate of flow of steel shot passing through a special normally closed magnetic valve called a MagnaValve. A setpoint knob or an external 0-10 Volt dc command signal is used to set the shot flow rate.

2. THEORY OF OPERATION

The MagnaValve is a normally closed magnetically operated valve with no moving parts. An electromagnet coil inside of the valve is used to cancel the permanent magnet field and allow shot to flow. The MC controller supplies the voltage to the MagnaValve and provides 0-100% regulation of flow rate.

3. PRELIMINARY ADJUSTMENTS

(For location of adjustments see (Figure-Item) as noted.)

Maximum Output Limit:

On wheel type blast machines it is usually desirable to limit the maximum motor amps by restricting the maximum shot flow rate to the wheel. The maximum output signal from the MC controller may be restricted to prevent excessive flow rates that might overload the wheel motor. Remove the front panel lower cover plate for access to the adjustments. Turn the *maximum output trimpot* to the counter-clockwise position for minimum range. Turn the *setpoint* knob to full clockwise position. Enable the controller. Turn the *maximum output* trimpot until the desired maximum flow rate is achieved.

4. OPERATION

To energize the MagnaValve the MC controller must be enabled. This can be done with the mode switch (1-5) by placing it into the ON position or by placing the mode switch into the READY position and applying a 120 Vac to the ENABLE screw terminal #3. The LED labeled "Enable" will indicate that the enable signal is present (1-1).

The flow rate command can come from the front panel local setpoint knob or a remote 0-10 Vdc command. The LED's (1 - 3) and (1 - 4) indicates which command is active. Switch (2 - 1) is used to select local or remote command. The remote analog command is applied at screw terminal #10 with common at screw terminal #9.

A red LED (1 - 2) is provided to indicate status of the output signal to the MagnaValve. It will be off for no-flow, blinking for low flow rates and constantly on for maximum flow rate. The signal is a fixed frequency variable duty cycle (PWM) type of output. Longer "on" times provide larger flow rates.

5. SPARE PARTS LIST

For each machine, at least one of each of the following is recommended:

- a. Spare MC Control
- c. Spare MagnaValve

6. WARRANTY

Electronics Incorporated warrants this product to be free from defect in material and workmanship for a period of two years from date of shipment. Defective units must be returned to Electronics Incorporated with shipping costs prepaid. Call for a Return Authorization Number and shipping instructions. Electronics Incorporated will repair or replace defective unit at its option. No consequential liability is assumed. No other warranty, including merchantability or fitness for purpose, applies or is expressed or implied.

Warranty work is only available at the factory. On-site service or start-up assistance is available at extra cost to customer. See Section VII.

Caution: Any customer attempts to modify or repair the product during the warranty period will terminate the warranty. Standard technician labor rates will be quoted prior to repair work.

7. SERVICE/START-UP ASSISTANCE

Service is an option available at the time of original purchase or as required by customer. A purchase order is required prior to making a service call.

8. UPGRADES - REVISIONS

Design improvements are constantly being made to our products. Please contact Electronics Incorporated for details. When ordering spare units, please refer to model number and serial number of each unit.

9. TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE (WHEEL TYPE BLAST MACHINES)

1. SYMPTOM: Problems with stability

If the machine uses a variable speed drive, check it for stability or bypass it with a conventional motor starter.

The instability may be caused by flooding/choking the wheel or trying to flow more shot than the capability of the wheel. Check for obstructions or restrictions or unnecessary bends in the flow path. Worn blades or damaged control cages will not pass as much shot as new blades, therefore as blades wear the maximum shot flow rate is reduced.

Use a clamp-on type ammeter to verify panel meter ammeter reading. Occasionally, the number of wraps of wire around the panel meter current transformer is incorrect, or the current transformer ratio is not correct for the load amperage and meter range. Also, have someone verify that the amperage target is correct. Usually, the Almen strip is used as primary process verification and ammeter readings are subordinate. If Almen strip arc height, percentage of piece part coverage, and process time are acceptable, what should the wheel amperage be?

Shot condition is very important. Unclean shot, due to oil, water or dust, can cause erratic flow performance. The dust can be generated by shot deterioration, or by abrasion of the parts being peened or the cabinet or tooling. The dust will tend to cake and clog the flow. Under severe conditions, the MagnaValve may become completely blocked.

2. SYMPTOM: Setpoint does not control flow rate.

a. Green LED (1 - 3) "Local" or Yellow LED (1 - 4) "Remote" should be on for local *setpoint* knob operation.

b. *Enable* signal must be present (Screw Terminal #3). Also, the "*Enable*" LED must be lighted (1 - 1).

c. MagnaValves operate using a magnetic field and have no moving parts. High differential air pressure caused by wheel rotation causes suction, which may suck shot through the valve. This symptom is characterized by having shot flowing when valve is off (red valve LED = off). It may be necessary to provide an aspiration air inlet below the MagnaValve. Contact factory for advice.

d. MagnaValve valve driver module may be defective. The valve driver module is factory set and is used to regulate the precise amount of current necessary to cancel the permanent magnet field in the MagnaValve. If this module fails there may be no current or excessive current. The correct output current setting is listed on the valve driver module. Check the valve current with an ammeter in series with wire lead from the controller (screw terminal #7) to the valve driver module (screw terminal #1). The dc current should be within 10% of the listed value. If it is not, try to adjust it using the trimpot located on the valve driver module. If this does not change the MagnaValve current then replace the valve driver module. The new valve driver module must be set to the value listed on the old valve driver module to properly operate. Contact factory for assistance.

3. SYMPTOM: Cannot achieve any flow, or flow rate is very low.

a. *Enable* light must be on (1 - 2).

b. Green LED for "Local" or Yellow LED for "Remote" setpoint must be on.

c. Red LED "*Valve*" should be bright and blinking or constantly on. An internal circuit breaker has tripped. If it is dim, check for short circuit valve wiring at Terminals #7 and #8. To reset the circuit breaker, remove and re-apply the *Enable* signal.

d. Check red LED at MagnaValve junction box. If it is not "on" check for a wiring problem. If it is "on" check the current going to the valve driver module and see that it matches the label on the valve driver module.

e. Check for contamination in or above MagnaValve, especially check for water, oil, or dust mixture in the shot.

f. MagnaValve or valve driver module may be defective. To check, remove valve from machine (keep wires attached). Enable the output and get red LED valve "on" at 100% duty cycle. When

Valve LED is on, the magnetic field should be perfectly canceled. No shot should stick inside the MagnaValve. If any shot sticks to the valve, then either the valve driver module or the MagnaValve is defective. Measure the dc current going to the valve driver module in the red wire. This should be approximately 0.5 to 0.7 Amps dc. Compare your measurement to the value written on the label of the valve driver module. If your reading is not within 10%, then the valve driver is defective or not adjusted properly. Try adjusting the drive current to the listed value. If the current does not change with adjustment then the valve driver module is defective and must be replaced. Be sure the replacement valve driver is pre-calibrated to the same value as the original module. If your reading is within 10% of the original valve driver calibration, the valve driver module is OK but the valve is defective.

4. SYMPTOM: Often have high flow or flow continues when *setpoint* is reduced or enable is turned off.

Valve is leaking shot.

a. This is usually caused by pressure difference across the valve. Some wheels at some speeds and flow rates tend to provide a large vacuum and this may suck shot through the MagnaValve. Relieve this negative pressure by providing a hole (1/2" diameter) in the hose immediately below the MagnaValve. This allows aspiration air to help convey the shot to the wheel inlet.

- 5. SYMPTOM: Shot flow rate is erratic or unstable.
 - a. Check shot for cleanliness.
 - b. Check shot for cleanliness.
 - c. Check shot for cleanliness.
 - d. Check valve driver module and MagnaValve.
 - e. Call the factory for advice.

NOTE: This category is the most challenging to trouble shoot. We have found that shot cleanliness and foreign objects are usually responsible. Items, such as: wire (from identification tags), welding rod, nuts-bolts from machine or screen separator, masking tape, razor blades, milk cartons, cigarette butts, etc. seem to find their way into the MagnaValve.

FIGURE 1. FRONT PANEL - Operator Controls

ITEM DESCRIPTION

- 1. **ENABLE** This LED indicator will be on if the mode switch is "On" or in the "Ready" position and customer applies 120 Vac to control enable screw terminal #3.
- 2. **VALVE** This LED indicator shows power output to the MagnaValve at variable duty cycle. (When this LED is off, the permanent magnet in the MagnaValve holds the shot and there is no flow. When this LED is on, the MagnaValve solenoid cancels the permanent magnet and you have maximum shot flow. When this LED is blinking, the shot flow rate is being regulated.)
- 3. **LOCAL** This LED indicator shows that the control is in the "Local Mode" and the setpoint knob below it will command the shot flow rate.

- 4. **REMOTE** This LED indicator shows that the control is in the "Remote Mode" and a remote analog 0-10 Vdc command is expected at screw terminal #10.
- 5. **SETPOINT KNOB** This knob will set the desired shot flow rate when the control is in the "Local Mode".
- MODE SWITCH This switch determines the controller mode of operation.
 Right = Forced On
 Middle = Forced Off
 Left = Ready (waiting for "Enable" signal from machine at terminal #3)
- 7. **DECAL** Space is provided for the customer to make additional notations.



FIGURE 1. FRONT PANEL - Operator Controls

FIGURE 2. FRONT PANEL - Technician Adjustments

Item Description

1. SETPOINT LOCAL/REMOTE - This switch will select whether the setpoint command comes from the front panel knob or from an external remote analog 0-10 Vdc command.

2. **MAXIMUM OUTPUT LIMIT** - This adjustment sets the maximum output level to the MagnaValve to prevent the operator from overloading the wheel motor. This limit applies to both the setpoint knob and the external remote command, if used.



FIGURE 2. FRONT PANEL - Technician Adjustments

FIGURE 3. FRONT PANEL - Factory Settings

Item Description

- 1. **FACTORY FREQUENCY** Factory setting of output signal frequency to 8 Hertz. DO NOT RE-ADJUST.
- 2. **FACTORY BIAS** Factory setting of internal triangle generator signal (calibrates the low output level). DO NOT RE-ADJUST.
- 3. **FACTORY AMPLITUDE** Factory setting of internal triangle generator signal (calibrates high duty cycle output level for 10 Vdc command). DO NOT RE-ADJUST.



FIGURE 3. FRONT PANEL - Factory Settings

FIGURE 4. TEST SOCKET PIN ASSIGNMENT

Test Point Socket Number

TP-8

TP-5

1. (-) 5 Volt de reference voltage
2. (+) 5 Volt de reference voltage
3. (+) 5 Volt dc for digital display
4.
5.
6.
7.
8. "ON" logic signal from enable circuit
9.
10. Logic (PWM) pulse width modulation (after circuit breaker)
11.
12. +10 Vdc reference excitation voltage
13. Output of triangle generator
14. Common 0 Vdc
15. (-) 12 Vdc excitation output
16. (+) 12 Vdc excitation output

FIGURE 5. WIRING CONNECTIONS

- 1. Power Neutral (120 Vac)
- 2. Power Hot (120 Vac)
- 3. Enable Input (120 Vac)
- 4. (+) 10 Vdc Reference Output
- 5. (+) 12 Vdc Excitation Output
- 6. (-) 12 Vdc Excitation Output
- 7. (+) MagnaValve Output
- 8. (-) MagnaValve Output
- 9. Common Shield
- 10. Remote Set Point Input (0-10 Vdc)

Green screw on back panel is for earth - chassis grounding.



TABLE 6.SPECIFICATIONS

Power: 120 Vac, 50/60 Hertz, 50VA

Inputs: Remote Command Set Point (0-10 Vdc) Enable (92 - 120 Vac)

Outputs: Valve Power 50 Vdc PWM at 10 Hertz

Excitation Voltage +/- 12 Vdc @ 100 mAmp Reference Voltage + 10.00 Vdc @ 10 mAmp

Weight: *4 Lbs.* (*1.8 Kg*)

Modify Input Range

The standard input range for remote command is 0 - 10 Vdc. Some applications have only a 0 - 5 Vdc signal available from the PLC. The MC controller can accommodate this range of signal by making the following adjustments.

1. This procedure requires the controller valve output to be exercised. If valve operation would cause a problem flooding the wheel then either remove the wires to the MagnaValve or close the service slide gate above the MagnaValve. The wheel does not need to be rotating for this conversion procedure.

2. Use a "battery box" or other suitable source of 5 Vdc applied to the remote command input terminal (#10) and apply 5.0 Vdc to the controller (terminal #9 is circuit common).

3. Place the mode switch in the "on" position. The red LED for "valve" should be blinking.

4. Adjust the "Amplitude" control until the LED is constantly "on" for 100% duty cycle.

5. Apply 0 Vdc to the input and verify that the red LED stays off. If necessary, adjust the "Bias" control.

6. The red LED should now operate as follows:

a. 0.0 Vdc input = red LED off

b. 0.1 Vdc = red LED blinking at low duty cycle

c. 4.9 Vdc = red LED blinking at high duty cycle

d. 5.0 Vdc = red LED constantly on

7. CAUTION: The front panel set pot on the MC controller will now only function over half of its range. The full output will be achieved at 5-turns instead of the full range 10-turns of the set pot.

How To Return Controllers For Repair



******END OF MANUAL*******