

TH146-N-DE

Installation Guide

Non-programmable Heat Pump Controller



1. Introduction

1.1 Applications

The TH146-N-DE electronic controller can be used to control a heat pump system. The following devices can be connected to the controller:

- heat pump
- auxiliary heating (furnace)
- air recirculation fan
- humidifier
- dual-register meter (dual energy)
- remote control device (for the unoccupied mode)

1.2 Supplied Parts

- CT280-HP-2H1C control module
- · TH146 console with two wall anchors and mounting screws
- AC144-03 outdoor temperature sensor (3 m or 10 ft) with mounting clip (see section 2.7)

1.3 Accessories

- RC845 relay (see section 2.5)
- AC146-410 plenum temperature sensor (see section 2.8)
- CT241 telephone controller (see section 2.10)

2. Installation

2.1 Control Module (CT280-HP-2H1C)

Install the control module on the furnace's electrical panel, away from the heat source.

2.2 User Console (TH146)

Install the console in the area where you wish to measure the temperature and humidity. Avoid locations where there are air drafts (e.g., top of staircase or air outlet) or stagnant air (behind a door). Do not install the console on a wall hiding air ducts nor expose it to direct sunlight.

NOTE: If this controller replaces an existing thermostat, the wires that were connected to the thermostat can be used to connect the console. The maximum wire length is 30 m (100 feet).

- 1) Choose a location about 5 ft. (1.5 m) above the floor on an inside wall.
- 2) Loosen the captive screw under the console.
- 3) Detach the console from its base by pulling the bottom section.
- 4) Secure the base using the wall anchors and screws.
- Connect the console to controller terminals TH and TH (no polarity).

2.3 Heat Pump

Connect the heat pump to the controller as follows:

- Controller terminals R and C to heat pump terminals R and C (see section 2.4)
- Controller terminal Y to heat pump terminal Y
- Controller terminal O/B to heat pump terminal O
- · Controller terminal WW to heat pump terminal WW

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- Controller terminal L to heat pump terminal L
- Controller terminal W to heat pump terminal W (see section 2.5)
- Controller terminal G to heat pump terminal G (see section 2.5)

2.4 Z4 V Transformer

You might need a 24 V transformer if you have an add-on installation. Connect the transformer to the controller terminals R and C (24 Vac In).

2.5 RC845 Relay

If you have an add-on installation, you might need a relay such as Aube's RC845 to connect the furnace (auxiliary heating) and its fan to the controller. Install the relay near the control module. Connect the wires of the RC845 relay as follows:

- relay terminals W, G and C to controller terminals W, G and C.
- relay terminals T and T to the appropriate furnace terminals: T and T (oil); TH and TH (gas); R and W (electric).

NOTE: Refer to the relay's installation instructions for more details.

2.6 Humidifier

Connect the humidifier to controller terminals C and H (no polarity).

2.7 Outdoor Sensor (AC144-03)

The outdoor sensor is required for the following:

- · balance points
- · automatic humidity control
- outdoor temperature display
- defrost point
- When installing the sensor, observe the following guidelines:
 - Avoid locations where the sensor can be covered with snow or exposed to direct sunlight.
 - · Avoid air outlets and concealed chimneys or stove pipes.

Install the sensor using its mounting clip and connect it to controller terminals OS and CS (no polarity).

NOTE: The maximum wire length is 30 m (100 feet).

2.8 Plenum Sensor (AC146-410)

The plenum sensor measures the temperature inside the plenum. This data is required for high pressure protection during the defrost cycle (see section 4.3).

NOTE: The plenum sensor is generally needed for add-on installations only. It is not needed if the heat pump is not connected to the controller terminal WW.

Install the sensor on the side of the plenum and position it such that its aperture faces the air flow.

Connect the sensor to controller terminals PS and CS (no polarity). For more information, refer to the instructions provided with the sensor.

NOTE: The maximum wire length is 30 m (100 feet).

2.9 Dual-energy Input

The dual-energy input can be connected to the dual-register meter equipped with a normally open (NO) dry contact. Connect the terminals DE and CC of the controller to the terminals (yellow and red wires) of the dual-register meter.

When the contact is open, the heat pump and auxiliary heating operate as usual. The contact closes when the outdoor temperature drops below the set threshold. When the contact is closed, the heat pump is disabled and only the auxiliary heat can be used.

2.10 Unoccupied Mode Input

To use the unoccupied mode, the controller requires a remote control device such as Aube's telephone controller CT241 equipped with a dry-contact output (normally open). The unoccupied mode is activated when the contact closes. (See section 5.6.)

2.11 Wiring Table

24 Vac In	R	Power; 24 Vac	
	С		
Thermostat	TH	Console connection	
	тн		
Plenum	PS	Plenum temperature sensor connection	
Sensor	CS		
Outdoor	OS	Outdoor temperature sensor connection	
Sensor	CS		
Dual Energy	DE	Dual energy connection	
	СС	(requires a normally open contact)	
Unoccupied	UN	Unoccupied mode connection	
	сс	(requires a normally open contact)	
Heat Pump	R	Power; 24 Vac / 3 A	
	С		
	Y	Output; 24 Vac / 1 A (compressor)	
	O/B	Output; 24 Vac / 1 A	
		(reversing valve; energized on cool)	
	ww	Input; 24 Vac / 2 mA (defrost)	
	L	Input; 24 Vac / 2 mA (fault)	
Aux. Heat	W	Output; 24 Vac / 1 A (auxiliary heat and fan)	
	G		
Humidifier	С	Output; 24 Vac / 1 A	
	н		

3. Configuration

3.1 Switch Configuration

To access the 3 configuration switches, loosen the captive screw under the console and separate the console from its base by pulling it from the bottom part.

3.1.1 Backlight (SW1)

BL ON: The screen is always backlit.

AUTO: The screen is backlit only when a button is pressed. The backlight remains on for 12 seconds.

3.1.2 Access Mode (SW2)

INST: Installer mode. Gives access to all configuration parameters. **NOTE:** In this mode, the short-cycle protection is disabled and the interstage delay is reduced to 1 minute.

USER: User mode. Gives access to configuration parameter 12 (humidity setpoint or humidity offset) only.

3.1.3 Keypad Lock (SW3)

I: The keypad is locked. Settings cannot be changed.

O: The keypad is unlocked.

3.2 Software Configuration

- Place the controller in Installer mode (INST) using the SW2 selector switch on the back of the console.
- Press the Mode button for 3 seconds to access the configuration menu (see page 4). The first menu item (parameter) is displayed.
- **1** To view another menu item, briefly press the **Mode** button.
- The following table shows the order in which the parameters appear as well as a description of each parameter.
- ④ To modify a parameter, press either ⊙⊗ button.
- To exit the configuration menu, press (a).
- Return the controller to User mode (USER) using the SW2 selector switch.

4. Principles of Operation

4.1 Automatic Heating/Cooling Changeover

With automatic heating/cooling mode changeover, there's no need to adjust the controller at every change of season or weather condition. The controller switches automatically between heating mode and cooling mode to maintain the desired temperature. The mode changeover occurs as follows:

- The controller switches to cooling mode when the indoor temperature is higher than the setpoint by more than 1.5°C (2.5°F) for 15 minutes.
- The controller switches to heating mode when the indoor temperature is lower than the setpoint by more than 1.5°C (2.5°F) for 15 minutes.

4.2 Balance Points

Balance points are used to disable the heat pump operation or auxiliary heating below or above a certain temperature.

- When the outdoor temperature is below the balance point low (bP L), the heat pump is disabled and only auxiliary heating can be used (see page 4, item 2).
- When the outdoor temperature is above the balance point high (bP H), the auxiliary heat is disabled (see page 4, item 3) and only the heat pump can be used.

NOTE: Balance points will not work if the AC144-03 outdoor temperature sensor is not connected to the controller.

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4.3 Heating During Defrost

The auxiliary heat is activated during defrost except under the following conditions:

- When the outdoor temperature is above the defrost point (see page 4, item 4). **NOTE**: This condition will not apply if the AC144-03 outdoor sensor is not connected to the controller.
- When the plenum temperature is above 40°C (104°F). The auxiliary heat is re-activated when the plenum temperature drops below 32°C (90°F). **NOTE**: This condition will not apply if the AC146-410 plenum sensor is not connected to the control-ler.

NOTE: The auxiliary heat's short-cycle protection is disabled during defrost.

4.4 Types of Heat Pump Installations

The controller can be configured for either of the following types of heat pump installations (see page 4, item 5).

- Add-on Installation: This type of installation is performed when adding a heat pump to an existing furnace. When the heat pump is installed, the furnace becomes the auxiliary heat source. In this type of installation, the indoor coils are usually installed downstream of the auxiliary heat source. When the controller is configured for an add-on installation, the heat pump is disabled during auxiliary heating to prevent overpressure.
- New Installation: In this type of installation, as there is not already a furnace, the auxiliary heat source is installed at the same time as the heat pump. In this type of installation, the indoor coils are located upstream of the auxiliary heat. When the controller is configured for a new installation, the heat pump and the auxiliary heat can operate simultaneously.

4.5 "Smart Fan"

When "smart fan" is enabled (see page 4, item 7), the fan operates as follows:

- During the unoccupied mode (i.e., when you are away from home), the fan operates only when heating or cooling is activated.
- The fan operates continuously the rest of the time.

NOTE: "Smart fan" is useful only when the fan is set to On (see section 5.2).

4.6 Interstage Delay

The interstage delay is the time that the temperature has to return to an acceptable value when it deviates too much from the setpoint. After this delay, auxiliary heating is activated. Auxiliary heating will be deactivated once the temperature returns to an acceptable value (see page 4, item 8).

Configuration Menu

ltem	Parameters	Display	Options	Default	Description		
1	Temperature scale	d ISP	°C / °F	°C	Select the temperature display format.		
2	Balance point low	6P L	-30°C to 10°C (-22°F to 50°F)	-10°C (14°F)	Set the bP L value (see section 4.2).		
3	Balance point high	ЬР Н	-5°C to 30°C (23°F to 86°F)	5°C (41°F)	Set the bP H value (see section 4.2).		
4	Defrost point	dEFr	-10°C to 15°C (14°F to 59°F)	10°C (50°F)	During defrost, auxiliary heating is activated when the outside temperature is below the defrost point (see section 4.3).		
5	Installation type	INST	Ad / nr	Ad	Set according to the type of heat pump installation (see section 4.4). Ad (add-on): Use this setting when the indoor coils are located downstream of the auxiliary heat source. This is generally the case for add-on installations. nr (normal): Select this setting when the indoor coils are located upstream of the auxiliary heat source. This is generally the case for new installations.		
6	Cycles per hour	[P H	2 to 6	4	Allows you to select the number of cycles per hour. It is recom- mended to use the default setting except in exceptional cases.		
7	"Smart fan"	SFAN	On / OF	OF	On: "smart fan" is On (see section 4.5). OF: "smart fan" is Off.		
8	Interstage delay	2nd T	5 to 90 min.	10 min.	Set the interstage delay (see section 4.6).		
9	Outdoor temperature display	OdT	On / OF	On	Select between displaying the outdoor temperature or display- ing the indoor humidity level. On: Displays the outdoor temperature. OF (Off): Displays the indoor humidity level. NOTE : To display the outdoor temperature, the outdoor sensor must be connected.		
10	Humidifier operating mode	нит	HE / Fn	HE	HE (Heat): The humidifier can operate only when heating is activated. Fn (Fan): The humidifier can operate as long as the fan is run- ning. NOTE : The humidifier is disabled when cooling is activated.		
11	Automatic humidity adjustment	H AUTO	On / OF	OF	Allows you to place the humidity adjustment to automatic mode. On (automatic): The humidity level is automatically regulated by the controller according to the outdoor temperature to avoid condensation or ice formation on windows (see item 12). OF (manual): The user manually sets the humidity level (see item 12).		
	Humidity setpoint		5% to 60%	5%	Set the desired humidity level. This parameter is available only when the humidity control is placed in manual mode (see item 11).		
12	Humidity offset	SP H	-9% to 9%	0%	Allows the user to apply an offset to the automatic humidity con- trol. For example, the user can enter a negative offset if there is still ice formation or condensation on the windows. This param- eter is available only when the humidity control is placed in automatic mode (see item 11).		
NOTE	NOTE : Only the number of humidity offset (item 12) is available when the controller is placed in user mode (SW2 switch).						

Connection Diagram — New Installation





Connection Diagram — Add-on Installation





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5. Operation

5.1 System Operating Mode (Heating/Cooling)

 $\label{eq:press} \textbf{MODE} \text{ to place the controller in one of the following modes}.$

Heat	The system is in heating mode.
COOL	The system is in cooling mode.
RUTO	The system is in automatic changeover. (The system switches between heating mode and cooling mode to main- tain the desired temperature.)
OFF	Both heating or cooling are off.
ehert	The system is in emergency heat mode. Only auxiliary heat- ing is used when there is a call for heat.

5.2 Fan Operating Mode (On/Auto)

Press the
button to select the fan operating mode.

- In automatic mode, the fan runs only when heating or cooling is activated.
- In continuous mode, the fan runs continuously and the & symbol is displayed. NOTE: If the "smart fan" feature is enabled, the fan will run only when heating or cooling will be activated during unoccupied mode.

5.3 Indoor Humidity / Outdoor Temperature Display

Depending on how the controller has been configured (see page 4, item 9), it displays either the measured indoor humidity level or the measured outdoor temperature.



5.4 Temperature Adjustment

The actual (measured) temperature is normally displayed. To view the temperature setpoint, press one of the \odot buttons once. The setpoint is displayed for 5 seconds and is indicated by the \bullet symbol.

To modify the temperature setpoint, press one of the \bigotimes buttons until the desired temperature is displayed.

NOTE: If the controller is in automatic heat/cool changeover, the setpoint is automatically reduced or raised by $1^{\circ}C$ ($2^{\circ}F$) when the controller switches to heating mode or to cooling mode respectively. For example, if you place the setpoint at $24^{\circ}C$ ($75^{\circ}F$) while in heating mode, the setpoint will become $25^{\circ}C$ ($77^{\circ}F$) in cooling mode and will return to $24^{\circ}C$ ($75^{\circ}F$) when the controller switches back to heating mode.

5.5 Humidity Adjustment

The humidity adjustment can be placed in manual mode or in automatic mode (see page 4, item 11).

Manual Adjustment

In manual mode, the user sets the humidity level (5% to 60%).

Automatic Adjustment

In automatic mode, the controller sets the humidity level based on the outdoor temperature to prevent ice formation or condensation on windows. However, the user can apply an offset (-9% to 9%). For example, the user can enter a negative offset if there is too much condensation on the windows.

Procedure

The procedure to set the humidity level (in manual mode) or the offset (in automatic mode) is as follows:

1) Press the Mode button for 3 seconds.

One of the following displays appears:



- 2) Set the humidity level or offset using the \odot buttons.
 - humidity level: 5% to 60%
 - offset: -9% to 9%
- 3) Press the
 button to exit.

The 🔥 symbol is displayed when the humidifier is On.

5.6 Unoccupied Mode

The controller can be placed in unoccupied mode via a remote control device such as Aube's CT241 telephone controller (see section 2.10). In this mode, the setpoint is set back by 4.5°C (8°F); it is lowered in heating mode or raised in cooling mode. The C icon appears during the unoccupied mode.

NOTE: Automatic changeover is disabled during the unoccupied mode.

5.7 Temporary Bypass

If you change the temperature setpoint (using the \bigotimes buttons) in unoccupied mode, the controller temporarily bypasses the current setpoint. The new setpoint will be maintained for 2 hours, after which the controller will return to the previous setpoint. The \square icon flashes during the bypass.

6. Technical Specifications

CT280-HP-2H1C Control Module

Power supply: 24 VAC Current consumption: 150 mA Maximum load per output: 1 A @ 24 VAC Short cycle protection: 2 minutes Control cycles: 2 to 6 per hour Operating temperature: 0°C to 50°C (32°F to 122°F) Storage temperature: -20°C to 50°C (-4°F to 122°F) Humidity conditions: 0% to 95%, non-condensing Dimensions: 76 mm x 109 mm x 25 mm (3 in. x 4.3 in. x 1 in.)

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Temperature setpoint range: 5°C to 30°C (40°F to 86°F) Humidity setpoint range: 5% to 60% Indoor temperature display range: 0°C to 70°C (32°F to 158°F) Outdoor temp. display range: -50°C to 70°C (-58°F to 158°F) Temperature display resolution: 0.5°C (1°F) Program protection: non-volatile memory Operating temperature: 0°C to 50°C (32°F to 122°F) Storage temperature: -20°C to 50°C (-4°F to 122°F) Humidity conditions: 0% to 95%, non-condensing Dimensions: 79 mm x 79 mm x 24 mm (3.1 in. x 3.1 in. x 1 in.)

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