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# SolaStat

## AlphaStat-Plus



## Installation Guide.

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# AlphaStat-Plus. HWC Element Controller.



## Features.

- Automatic HWC Electric Element Control.
  - Saves Power; Saves Money.
- Large 20mm Soft Green Digital LED Display c/w 8 Status Lights.
- User Adjustable Water Temperature Settings.
- Biosafe Function for Legionella Protection.
- High Quality, Efficiency, Reliability and +/-1C Accuracy.
- Stainless Steel, Water Resistant Temperature Sensor.
- Pre-Programmed to Customer's Specification at No Extra Cost.
- Sensor Diagnostics and Smart Shutdown.
- Easy to Install with External Mounting Holes.
- Complies with Safety & EMC standards.
- Enclosure and cables UV resistant.
- Water Resistant and Rear Cable Entry Options.
- 16Amp Relay Std with Permanent Wiring.



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AlphaStat Models Include:  
AlphaStat-Plus: Controller c/w Display.  
SolaStat-Rly: Slave Relay for HWC Control.  
SolaData: PC Datalogging & Comms.

## Introduction.

The AlphaStat-Plus is an advanced HWC electric element controller that automatically saves electricity while maintaining a sufficient and safe supply of hot water. It also constantly keeps track of the hot water temperature over a 24-hour period and switches the HWC electric element on and off at exactly the right time.

The AlphaStat-Plus enhances the hot water system by an easy to read temperature display and settings, with the options of extra hot water at a one off key press, and an 'AWAY' key for holiday mode to ensure that no electricity is used.

The AlphaStat-Plus is easy to install, easy to use, easy to programme and visually appealing.

ICM (Instrumentation Control Manufacturing Ltd) has experience in designing and manufacturing Hot Water Controllers to Industrial Electronic Standards for over 15 years. This has earned ICM a reputation for Quality, Accuracy, Efficiency and Reliability.

## Ordering Information.

**AlphaStat-Plus-1** Standard; 1 x 16A Relay, Digital Display, 8 Status Lights, 10m Tank Sensor, 2m Mains Cable and Outlet.

**AlphaStat-Plus-** ☐ - ☐ - ☐ - Adjustable Value Specify adjustable values as required.  
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AlphaStat-Plus Ranging Options.									
Relay Options	Rly	Power Supply	PS	Adjustable Value	Specify Within	Std. Model	Adjustable Value	Specify Within	Std. Model
1 x 16A	1	85~264Vac/dc	H	Set Off	21~75C	50C	Demand	20~100C	60C
		22~90Vdc	M	Set On	20~74C	35C	BioSafe	50~70C/OFF	60C
		10~28Vac/dc	L						

High temperature silicon sensor cable, water resistant enclosure, and rear cable entry options are available.  
Note: When used with the mains cable supplied the total current must not exceed 10A maximum.

## Quality Assurance Programme.

The modern technology and strict procedures of the ISO9001 Quality Assurance Programme applied during design, development, production and final inspection grant the long term reliability of the instrument.

## **AlphaStat-Plus Users Guide.**

Your AlphaStat-Plus has a microcomputer at its core that intelligently and automatically controls your hot water system at greater efficiency. The AlphaStat-Plus measures the cylinder water temperature and turns on the element at the optimum time.

The AlphaStat-Plus allows intelligent control of the electric element used in the hot water tank. The AlphaStat-Plus can prevent the electric element coming on while you are on holiday ('Away' mode), maintain an efficient temperature in your hot water cylinder using two user-configurable reference points (Reheat) and ensure that safe water conditions are maintained (BioSafe) and a one off heat up (Demand). These controls will save a considerable amount of electricity.

The AlphaStat-Plus has advanced features that protect the system from damage, run self diagnostics, self correct some problems and will keep you informed as to what the AlphaStat-Plus is measuring and what decisions it is making.

### **Principle of operation.**

The hot water tank sensor is called:	'TANK'
The upper temperature threshold is called:	'SET OFF'
The lower temperature threshold is called:	'SET ON'

The AlphaStat-Plus is a HWC electric element controller. The controller measures the temperature at the 'TANK' sensor and compares this to the 'SET ON' threshold. If the tank is below this threshold, then the element is turned on and heats the water in the cylinder. Once the tank has reached the 'SET OFF' threshold, the element is turned off to save power.

### **The AlphaStat-Plus has other special features to those mentioned above.**

- **The Demand mode** is where the user can initiate an immediate reheat of the cylinder for times when there will shortly be a heavy draw off of. This will heat the cylinder to a factory- or installer- defined 'Demand' value (60C standard) which will normally be higher than the regular 'SET OFF' target temperature.
- **The BioSafe mode** is to prevent the growth of dangerous organisms within the hot water cylinder. The cylinder must reach a preset temperature (60C standard) at least once every 24 hours. If this does not happen, the element is turned on and held on until a safe temperature is reached.
- **The 'AWAY' function** is to allow for long periods where electric boosting of the hot water is not required. Pressing the 'AWAY' button prevents the cylinder from turning the element on. This takes precedence over all other functions. To leave 'AWAY' mode, simply press the 'AWAY' button again.

NOTE: ICM Ltd recommends that when the 'AWAY' button has been turned on and then off sometime later, no hot water be drawn off until the Biosafe light goes off. This is to ensure that the water has been heated up to safe level.

- **Sensor diagnostics:** The AlphaStat-Plus constantly checks the sensor. If the sensor is below -20C the display reads 'Lo'. If the sensor is above 140C the display reads 'Hi'. If the sensor is outside the specified temperature range of -40C to 150C then the Display reads 'SSd' and the controller enters Smart Shutdown mode. When the display reads 'SSd' the sensor has either a steady light for a temperature above 150C (possibly shorted sensor or wire) or a flashing light for a temperature below -40C (possibly open sensor or broken wire). For example if the sensor wire is cut during some building work then the AlphaStat-Plus display reads 'SSd', the 'Tank' light flashes and the controller enters Smart Shutdown mode until the wire is repaired.
- **Smart Shutdown (SSd):** In Smart Shutdown mode, the Display reads 'SSd' and the element is held on to ensure hot water. The Hot Water Tank Temperature will be controlled by the Hot Water Tank Thermostat for the electric element.
- **Test:** Briefly pressing this button will cause all the lights to flash on for 3 seconds then display for 3 seconds the number of times the element has been on. This count will reset and start again after '999'.

## AlphaStat-Plus Display Panel Description.



- The 'PWR' light on indicates that power is being applied to the unit.
- 'TANK', 'SET OFF' and 'SET ON' lights will be on to indicate which temperature is being displayed. Only 1 of the 3 can ever be on.
- The 'HWC' light will be on when the HWC element is on.
- The 'REHEAT' light on indicates that the cylinder has dropped below the 'SET ON' point and the element has turned on. The controller will remain in this mode until the 'SET OFF' point is reached.
- The 'BIOSAFE' light comes on, along with the HWC element, when 24 hours have passed without the cylinder reaching a safe temperature. The light and element will turn off once a safe temperature has been reached.
- The 'AWAY' light flashes to indicate that the user has placed the controller in a suspended state. No power will be applied to the HWC until the 'AWAY' button is pressed again to cancel it. The AlphaStat will remember the 'AWAY' mode even if the power goes off and comes on again.
- The 'HWC' button puts the controller into 'Demand' mode, initiating a manual reheat of the hot water cylinder to a preset demand temperature. Only the HWC light will come on in this mode. To cancel 'Demand mode early, press the HWC button again.
- The 'AWAY' button puts the controller into 'AWAY' mode; to cancel press the 'AWAY' button again.
- The 'NEXT' button will step from Tank to Set Off to Set On and the display will show the relevant temperature in C. If the Tank sensor is below -20C the display reads 'Lo'. If the Tank sensor is above 140C the display reads 'Hi'. If the sensor is outside the specified temperature range of -40C to 150C then the Display will read 'SSd' and the 'NEXT' button is disabled.
- 'SET OFF' and 'SET ON' temperatures may be changed while they are displayed, by pressing the buttons marked with '+' and '-' in yellow ('HWC' and 'AWAY'). The limits are 20C and 75C, but note that the 'SET OFF' temperature will always be higher than the 'SET ON' temperature. If sixty seconds pass and no buttons have been pressed, the display reverts to 'TANK'.
- The 'TEST' button will check the system (all lights flash) then display the number of times the element has been on. This count will reset and start again after '999'.

### Optional System Enhancements.

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|--------------|---|
| SolaStat-Rly | An external Slave Relay Module for HWC control.   |
| SolaData     | A data comms option that will send what the AlphaStat-Plus is doing to your PC and visually present the information with graphs, logic states and status information. |

### ***AlphaStat-Plus System Adjustable Values.***

Installer to fill in at installation time or after any change in program Adjustable Values.

System Adjustable Values		
Function	AlphaStat-Plus-1 Factory Values	Installation Values
Set Off	50C	____C
Set On	35C	____C
Demand	60C	____C
Biosafe	60C	____C

#### **Notes.**

1. Set Off must always be higher than Set On.
2. Demand should generally be higher than Set Off.
3. Biosafe disabled is indicated by 'OFF'

#### ***Installer Details.***

Contact: .....

Phone: .....

Address: .....

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## **AlphaStat-Plus Safety Instructions and Limit of Liability.**

**Read safety instructions and limit of liability before proceeding with the installation.**

### **General Safety Instructions.**

1. This installation guide is for the installation of AlphaStat-Plus hot water controllers only and is not an installation guide for any other part.
2. The complete installation should be checked at least annually for damage or malfunction.
3. All servicing to be carried out by an authorised service agent only.
4. All aspects of the installation must comply with local electrical and plumbing regulations (and any special hot water regulations).
5. The installation must have a Tempering Valve Installed as temperatures higher than 60C can be set.
6. Adjustable values must not be set higher than 70C for Glass Lined Hot Water Cylinders.

### **Installation Precautions.**

1. Must be installed away from water sources such as rain, leaking pipes, or wet floors and must not be installed in damp areas like bathrooms.
2. Must be installed away from direct sunlight, flammable liquids or radiant heat sources.
3. Power leads must be facing directly down, not sideways or upwards.
4. Must be in a safe environment for users to inspect display panel.
5. Failure to mount sensor correctly can lead to a poorly controlled hot water system with safety issues like overheating and over pressure damage to the plumbing and hot water tank.
6. Alteration of installer level program values outside those recommended values by ICM and other parts suppliers (especially hot water tank manufacturer's maximum recommended temperature) can lead to dangerous conditions and/ or damage to parts of the hot water system.

### **Electrical Precautions.**



**CAUTION: Dangerous Voltages may be present. The AlphaStat has no user serviceable parts. Protective enclosure only to be opened by qualified personnel. Remove ALL power sources before removing protective cover.**



1. All mains voltage electrical work to be carried out by a qualified electrician, especially external power outlet socket installation.
2. It is recommended that sensor leads be kept 300mm away from mains and comms cables.
3. Do not use mains power extension cords unless approved by the manufacturer. Water resistant plugs and sockets should be used.
4. The AlphaStat-Plus controlled output (HWC) is connected to the input power supply wiring and is not isolated from it. Supply voltages will be output through that outlet during activation. (The HWC outlet is labelled 'PUMP OUT' on the printed circuit board.)
5. Always use within specified voltage and load ranges. Never use with damaged leads, plugs or sockets.
6. Do not allow the sensor cable to come within 10mm of the high voltage connectors or components inside the enclosure.
7. The HWC output is normally used in conjunction with a SolaStat-Rly. This is due to the high power levels used by hot water electric elements, and completely isolates the AlphaStat-Plus from the HWC circuit. This will also ensure any remote hot water electric element control (eg Ripple Control) will not remove power to the AlphaStat. When used with the mains cable supplied the total current must not exceed 10A maximum.

### **Notes on Permanent Wiring.**

Permanent wiring of the AlphaStat-Plus directly to the HWC electric element is possible (no SolaStat-Rly). However Electricity Suppliers may remotely turn off the HWC element using controlled wiring. Do not power the AlphaStat-Plus from the controlled wiring and do not bypass the controlled wiring. The recommended method is to use the SolaStat-Rly. This is a high power relay and connects between the controlled wiring and the HWC element. NO liability will be accepted by ICM or any of its authorised agents for permanent wiring installations. For permanent wiring the maximum load of the element must be less than 16Amps @ 25C (Typ 3kW Max Element).

## **AlphaStat-Plus Mounting.**

### **Where to mount the AlphaStat-Plus.**

1. Against a flat vertical surface with sufficient strength to hold the enclosure and any additional weight from the plugs, sockets and cables.
2. Power leads must be facing directly down, not sideways or up.
3. Safe for users to inspect.
4. The display can be easily read and buttons accessed.
5. Allow for cable runs, location of power outlets and lengths of wires.
6. Allow space for SolaStat-Rly if used to control the hot water tank electric element.

### **Mounting the AlphaStat-Plus.**

1. There is no need to open the enclosure during a standard installation.
2. Allow for the enclosure dropping 5mm from screw centres once mounted (keyhole mounting system).
3. Place drill guide template against wall, checking for level alignment. 4 screws are supplied, 2 are chip board screws and 2 are combination Gib/ wood screws. It is recommended that all 4 mounting holes are used with at least 2 firmly secured into wood. The outer plastic Gib anchors will self tap into Gib board and their inner metal screws fix into the centre of the plastic anchors.
4. Mark and drill/ screw as appropriate leaving the heads of the screws above the surface by approximately 3mm.
5. Place unit over the 4 screw heads, unit should slide down 5mm into the 'key' slots and become secured to the wall. You will need to adjust screw height to obtain a secure fit.

### **Mounting the Sensor.**

#### **This is Critical to the Success of the Installation.**

The sensor is the only way the AlphaStat-Plus can efficiently control and protect the system.

The 'TANK' Sensor should always be installed above the HWC electric element for the controller to work efficiently.

The 'TANK' sensor is best fitted into a metal immersion 'pocket' in the upper region of the HWC. The position of the Tank sensor will vary the amount of water in the HWC that will be controlled at the required temperature. As an example for a 300l vertical tank mounting the sensor 1/3 of the way down from the top of the HWC will give about 100l of water that is heated within the control parameters. This increases efficiency as only the amount of water required in normal household use is controlled rather than all the water in the HWC. The sensor must be mounted above the electric element. Liberally apply heat transfer compound between the sensor and the lining of the 'pocket'. If a 'pocket' is not available then bond the sensor against the metal wall of the tank (not the outside cladding or insulation) using thermal transfer compound between the tank and sensor.

### **Warning.**

1. Removing or cutting the cladding may void hot water tank warranty.
2. Sensor must not be immersed in water.
3. It is recommended that sensor leads be kept 300mm away from mains and comms cables.
4. Failure to properly mount the 'Tank' sensor as prescribed above can result in;
  - a. The system may not operate at greatest efficiency.
  - b. There may be inaccurate 'BioSafe' sensing. For dangers refer to BioSafe Adjustment Value.
  - c. Hot water readings on the display may be misleading.
  - d. HWC Control may not work and HWC light may never operate or operate continually.

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### **Warning:**

These products are not designed for use in, and should not be used for patient connected applications. In any critical installation an independent fail-safe back-up system must always be implemented.

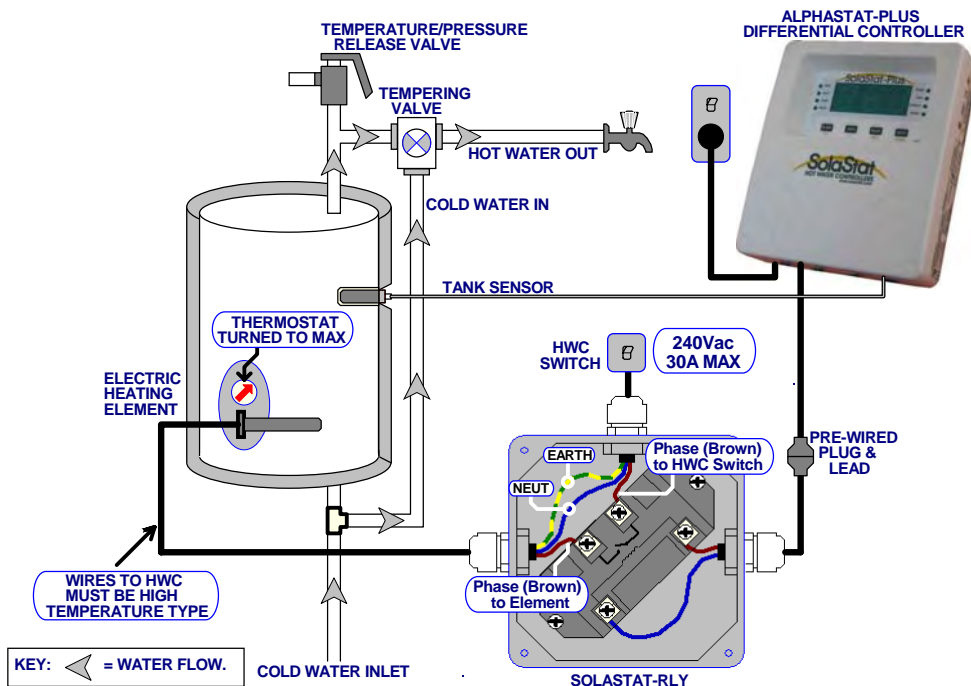
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## AlphaStat-Plus Operation.

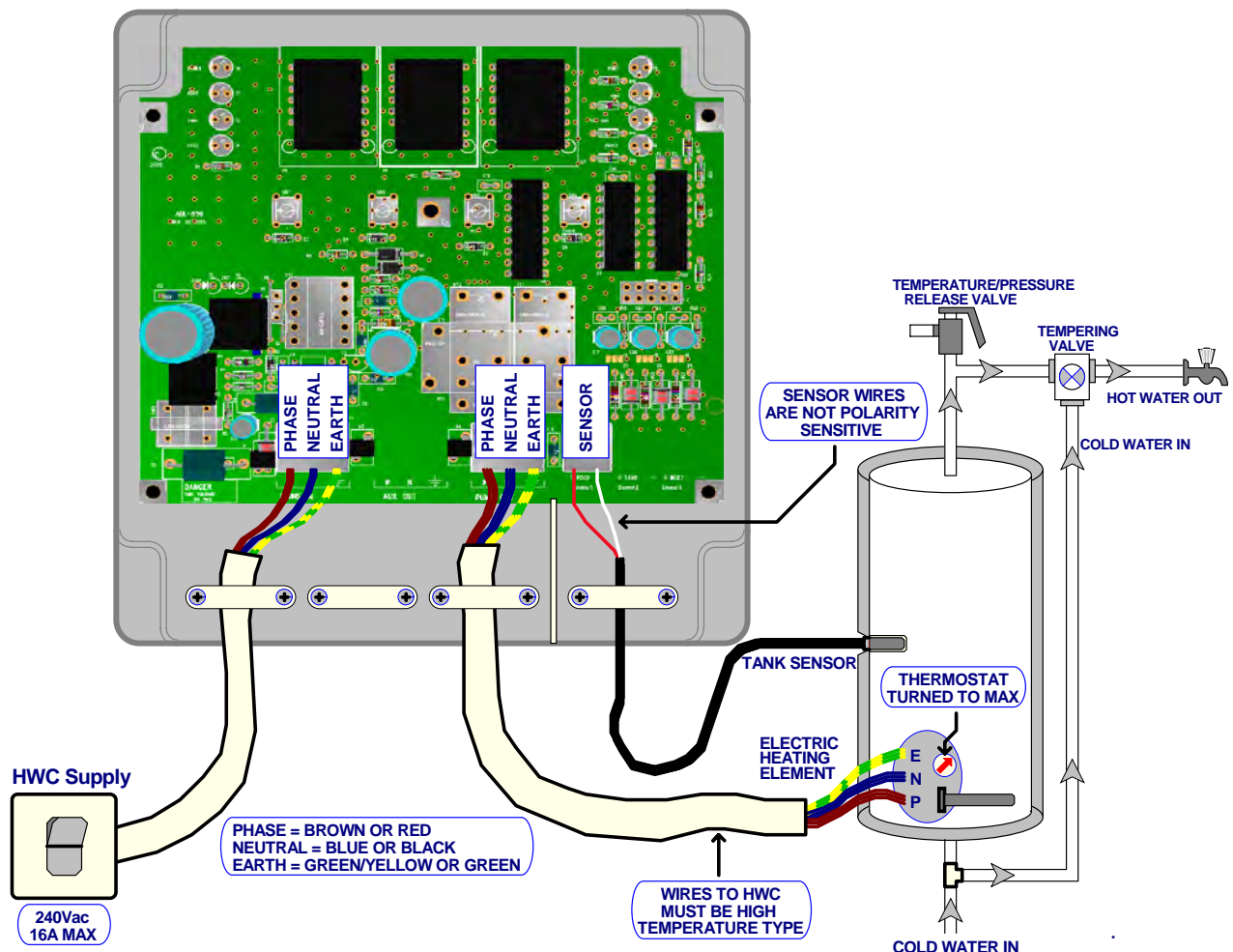
### Basic AlphaStat-Plus-1 Installation.

The AlphaStat-Plus-1 controlling the HWC element via the SolaStat-Rly Relay Module. Plug in the SolaStat-Rly to the 'HWC' socket on the AlphaStat-Plus. Set the HWC Thermostat to the Maximum Temperature.



### AlphaStat-Plus-1 Fixed Wiring Installation.

Set the HWC Thermostat to the Maximum Temperature.



Note. These diagrams are only to be used as a general guide and not all the required components are shown. Each installation needs to be customised to suit its situation. Always use best plumbing and electrical practices, and comply to any regulatory requirements.

## ***AlphaStat-Plus Power Up.***

Before you connect the power;

1. Read safety instructions, warnings and limit of liability before proceeding.
2. Complete all the installation and securely mount the AlphaStat-Plus.
3. Power outlet socket to be installed by a qualified electrician.
4. SolaStat-Rly to be installed by qualified person.
5. Ensure suitable over-current protection and RCD Protection for the AlphaStat-Plus is in place.
6. There is no water, metal shavings or other electrical hazards to contaminate the plug, socket and surrounding environment.
7. The mechanical Hot Water Thermostat for the Electric Element **MUST** be installed in series with the element and **MUST** be set higher than the temperature of all the adjustable values for the HWC Control Modes to operate correctly. The Hot Water Thermostat for the Electric Element is only used as a fail safe feature and in normal operation will never operate. We recommend setting the Hot Water Thermostat to the Maximum Temperature. Refer to the Trouble Shooting Guide for errors that can be caused by incorrect Hot Water Thermostat settings.

**Only then;**

*Plug it in and turn it on.*

### ***What You Should See.***

The first thing you should see after power up is;

1. A digital readout of the 'TANK' temperature in degrees Celsius.
2. On the left the 'PWR' light and the 'TANK' light should be on.
3. On the right the lights will be on depending on how the hot water system is operating.

The AlphaStat-Plus is now installed and should be working. It would be best to observe some hot water heating cycles but this will depend on the temperatures in the system. Check all functions are working correctly before leaving the installation.

Note 1. See User Guide for explanation of display and status lights.

Note 2. See "Trouble shooting" section if the system is not working correctly.

### ***Note on BioSafe After Power-up.***

When the AlphaStat-Plus is turned on either for the first time or after a power failure the BioSafe 24 hour timer starts from power up (unless the temperature in the tank is greater than the BioSafe Temperature). All timers are approximate only.

## AlphaStat-Plus Programming

If the Adjustable Values from the factory are inappropriate for the installation (see included document stating programmed values) then the unit needs to be programmed.

The programming access code is for distributor or installer use only, as using incorrect Adjustable Values can cause inefficiencies in the system or cause damage to the system voiding the warranty.

Once new values are 'stored' they are permanently written into memory and will be retained when power is removed.



Note: Immediately after reprogramming please fill out the 'Installation Adjustable Values' in the 'System Adjustable Values' table in the user guide. (Page 6.)

These instructions refer to the small yellow letters/words under the buttons on the AlphaStat-Plus.

1. Enter the installer programming access code. Available from distributors.
2. Every 10 seconds the characters 'PRG' will flash on the display indicating programming mode.
3. The 'HWC' light will be on to indicate the number being displayed is the 'Demand' value.
4. The 'Demand' can be adjusted using the '+' and '-'.
- \* Press 'NEXT' to move on to the next value.
5. Now the 'BioSafe' light will be on to indicate the number being displayed is the 'BioSafe' value.
6. The 'BioSafe' can be adjusted using the '+' and '-'.
7. All the values are now entered. The values can be checked by simply pressing 'NEXT' to cycle through all the values noting which light is on and what value is displayed (as per AlphaStat-Plus Programming Table).
8. To store all the values in permanent memory press 'STORE' at any stage. The values will be written to memory and the unit will exit programming mode and return to automatic operation. The unit will also store the values and exit if no key is pressed for a minute while in the programming mode.
9. Fill out the 'System Adjustable Values' in the user guide. (Page 6.)

## AlphaStat-Plus Programming Table for Adjustable Values.

Programming Table for Adjustable Values				
Adjustable Values	Light indication	Typical	Range	Disable / Function
Demand	HWC steady	60C	20-100C	n/a
Biosafe	Biosafe steady	60C	50-70C	<50C = Disable. Display = 'OFF'.

**Notes on AlphaStat-Plus Programming.** Also refer principle of operation.

1. Set On must always be higher than Set Off.
2. Demand should generally be higher than Set Off.
3. A disabled value is indicated by 'OFF'.
4. Fill out programming record in User Guide.

## ***Explanation of BioSafe mode***

This is a safeguard against tepid water creating a health hazard\*.

The AlphaStat-Plus monitors the water temperature at the upper part of the hot water tank. BioSafe must always be enabled for Potable water installations.

If the water does not reach a preset temperature called 'BioSafe' (Adjustable from 50~70C) every 24 hours all other functions (except Away) are overridden, the HWC light will flash fast and the electric element turns ON and heats the water to a safe level. 24 hour timer is approximate only. Biosafe is OFF below 50C.

### **BioSafe Disclaimer**

ICM Ltd makes the following observations about the BioSafe mode and bacteria in tepid water based on published scientific articles and laws passed in some countries. ICM Ltd in no way claims this information is a guarantee for safe practices or that the recommendations will prevent any or all forms of tepid water infection. Neither do these recommendations extend to other parts of the plumbing other than the hot water tank.

\* Dangerous organisms can multiply in tepid water (especially 30 to 45°C) and when aerosoled (e.g. in a shower) can cause pneumonia type symptoms.

If the water is raised to 50°C all growth stops, when the water is above 55°C the organisms start dying and at 60°C they die very quickly. Other factors will influence the level of growth or decimation. Copper pipes and tanks help kill these organisms, as will stainless steel (to a lesser extent) and water flow will keep the numbers down but sludge and rust deposits will enhance growth.

It is therefore prudent to ensure that any domestic hot water system storage tank is hotter than 60°C top to bottom at least once a day. To achieve this may require a tank destratification pump or other similar mechanism as only the Tank sensor is monitoring the cylinder temperature. This is in line with regulations in some countries and the strong recommendation of ICM Ltd. The BioSafe function ensures the tank sensor reaches the BioSafe Value (ICM recommends 60C) once a day . This BioSafe temperature is adjustable only to allow for sensor interface errors or an even hotter target temperature for greater caution.

## AlphaStat-Plus Sensor Maintenance.

### Lengthening AlphaStat-Plus Sensor Wire.

The sensor wire can be lengthened within certain guidelines. Poor connections or induced interference can cause false temperature readings.

1. The sensor is not polarized- it can be connected either way around.
2. The wire normally used for sensor lengthening is twin 0.5mm<sup>2</sup> stranded speaker wire.
3. Firmly attach wires to each other by either soldering (heatshrink over each joint) or by quality screw terminals. Joins must be kept dry.
4. It is recommended that sensor leads be kept 300mm away from mains and comms cables.
5. Over 20 metres; extra care must be taken to avoid electrical interference being picked up.
6. In 'noisier' electrical environments screened cable may be required.
7. The absolute maximum cable length is 100 metres.

### Replacing an AlphaStat-Plus Sensor.



**CAUTION: Dangerous Voltages may be present. The AlphaStat has no user serviceable parts. Protective enclosure only to be opened by qualified personnel. Remove ALL power sources before removing protective cover.**



If a damaged sensor needs to be replaced then the cover of the enclosure will need to be opened unless the choice is made to join the wires externally (see "Sensor Wire Lengthening" section).

1. Remove the mains power supply, preferably remove the plug from the wall socket. Make sure no other power source is feeding back through other connections.
2. Remove the 4 screw covers on each corner of the lid of the enclosure. This will require a fine tipped tool such as a screw driver. Be careful not to damage the lid. Always press the tool away from you to avoid injury if you slip.
3. Remove the 4 screws that hold the lid on.
4. Unscrew the damaged sensor from the terminal block.
5. Loosen the cable clamp for the sensor leads.
6. Carefully pull the wire back through the opening in the bottom case.
7. Thread the new sensor wire back through where the old one came from.
8. Place the wires of the new sensor into the terminal block where the old sensor came from and retighten the screws.
9. Do not allow the sensor cable to come within 10mm of the high voltage connectors or components inside the enclosure. Tighten the screws on the cable clamp.
10. Replace the lid, replace the 4 screws and tighten.
11. Push in 4 new screw covers available from your distributor or ICM Ltd. Note: there are locating lugs to ensure correct orientation.
12. Reconnect the AlphaStat-Plus and turn on the power.
13. Check sensor is reading correctly and check AlphaStat-Plus operation as per "What You Should See" section of this manual.

The table below has the correct resistance values of the sensor at different temperatures. The sensor must be removed from the AlphaStat-Plus to measure these values correctly. Follow the above procedure for removal of the sensor.

Sensor Resistances	
Temperature	Resistance in kw
0°C	27.25
25°C	10.00
50°C	4.162
75°C	1.925
100°C	0.973
Above 150C or 'short'. 'SSd' on Display Sensor Light On	<0.300
Below -40C or 'open'. 'SSd' on Display Sensor Light Flashing	>200

A 'short' circuit can be caused by the sensor wires being connected together. Check the wires are not partially cut. and that moisture is not getting into the sensor causing corrosion.

An 'open' circuit can be caused by the sensor wires being broken. Check the wires are not broken and that moisture is not getting into the sensor causing corrosion.

## **AlphaStat-Plus Specifications.**

### **Power Supply.**

Supply Voltage.	-H	85~264Vac/dc (standard model)
	-M	22~85Vdc. (Must be specified at time of ordering.)
	-L	10~28Vac/dc. (Must be specified at time of ordering.)
Max power usage.		5VA + external loads.

### **Relay Outputs.**

16A (240Vac) Resistive with permanent wiring.
10A (240Vac) Resistive with standard mains cable supplied.

### **Sensors.**

Display range	-20 ~ +140C
Control Range	-40 ~ +150C
Stainless steel tip	-40 ~ +150C; 6mm diameter x 30mm
PVC Sensor cable	-40 ~ +105C; 4mm diameter, UV resistant. (Standard Models)
Silicon Sensor Cable	-40 ~ +150C; 4mm diameter, UV resistant. (Special Order)
Accuracy	+/-1C @ 25C

### **Adjustable Values Range.**

Set-Off	21~75C
Set-On	20~74C
Demand:	20~100C
Biosafe:	50~70C or OFF.

### **EMC and Safety Compliances.**

Emissions:	EN 55022-A, CTick.
Immunity:	EN 50082-1.
Safety Compliance:	EN 60950, CTick.

### **General Specifications.** (Unless otherwise stated in other input specifications.)

Operating Temperature:	0~60C
Operating Humidity:	90% RH Max. Non-Condensing
Enclosure Construction	Polycarbonate - Impact Resistant
	UL94 V-2 Non Burning, UV Stabilized
	Water resistant or rear entry option available.
Dimensions	L=167, W=142, H=40mm, excluding glands and cables
Weight.	Standard model + sensors + packaging = 1200grams

**Product Liability.** This information describes our products. It does not constitute guaranteed properties and is not intended to affirm the suitability of a product for a particular application. Due to ongoing research and development, designs, specifications, and documentation are subject to change without notification. Regrettably, omissions and exceptions cannot be completely ruled out. No liability will be accepted for errors, omissions or amendments to this specification. Technical data are always specified by their average values and are based on Standard Calibration Units at 25C, unless otherwise specified. Each product is subject to the 'Conditions of Sale'.

## **AlphaStat-Plus Trouble-shooting Guide.**

This is intended as an initial guide to minimise service calls.

<b>Trouble Shooting</b>		
<b>Symptom</b>	<b>Cause</b>	<b>Solution</b>
No operation, no display and no lights	a. No power.	a. Check mains outlet. b. Check fuses.
POWER light ON but no display or corrupted display.	a. Power brown out. b. Unit faulty	a. Remove power while brownout condition is present. b. Remove power for 10 minutes, repower and see if unit is operating. If not unit needs repair.
Display on, water is cold. HWC light is ON.	a. Element damaged or disconnected. b. Ripple Control is active. c. Tank Thermostat set incorrectly.	a. See if element has become unplugged. b. Normal operation. Consult your power supplier. c. Check Tank Thermostat temperature
Display on, water is cold. HWC light is OFF. AWAY light is Flashing.	a. Unit is in AWAY mode	a. Normal Operation, element is disabled. Press the AWAY button to exit AWAY mode.
Element is on continuously or never comes on.	a. Settings incorrect. b. Sensor incorrectly mounted	a. Check Set Off and Set On temperatures. b. Check reported tank temperature vs. hot water temperature.
Hot Water temperature drops significantly overnight.	a. Tank losing heat.	a. Install better insulation on hot water tank or on the pipes exiting the hot water tank.
'Lo' on Display	a. Sensor below -20C.	a. Check Tank Temperature.
'Hi' on Display	a. Sensor above 140C.	a. Check Tank Temperature.
'SSd' on Display. TANK Light Flashing.	a. Wire to Tank sensor broken. b. Tank Sensor Damaged.	a. Repair wire. b. Replace Tank Sensor.
'SSd' on Display. TANK Light ON.	a. Wire to Tank Sensor shorted b. Tank Sensor Damaged.	a. Repair Wire. b. Replace Tank Sensor.

## **AlphaStat-Plus Plumbing Issues.**

### **Disclaimer.**

For full information on compliance and safety standards for hot water systems the appropriate local standards must be referred to. All plumbing to be carried out by qualified plumbers only.

We provide the following information as a guideline only to help obtain the greatest efficiency from the system. Any information supplied here is based on feedback to us by experienced hot water professionals and in no way represents a complete guide to plumbing such a system, as we are not plumbers and do not represent ourselves as such. Best plumbing practices must be used in all instances.

### **Introduction.**

Any hot water system involves professional level plumbing. For this reason Instrumentation Control Manufacturing Ltd recommends any installation is carried out by a registered and qualified plumber. All parts must be rated for the elevated temperatures found in hot water systems.

### **Solar Hot Water Specifics.**

#### **1. Tempering valve.**

It is vital a tempering or 'mixing' valve is fitted so the domestic supply from the tank does not burn the end users. The tempering valve must be installed to best plumbing practices. The tempering valve must be rated to handle elevated temperatures.

#### **2. Pressure relief valves.**

Hotter water expands more and needs high quality pressure relief valves to avoid possible catastrophic rupturing somewhere in the system, probably the tank. Qualified plumbers using best industry practice must decide on adequate pressure relief valves, the number and placement of them.

## **AlphaStat Distributor.**

