

iSolar™ 3

Mounting

Connection

Handling

Fault localization

Examples



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manual

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Safety regulations:

Please read the following information carefully before installing and operating the controller. In this way damage to the solar system by wrong installation will be avoided. Please observe that the mounting is adapted to the characteristics of the building, that the local regulations are respected and is conform with the technical rules.

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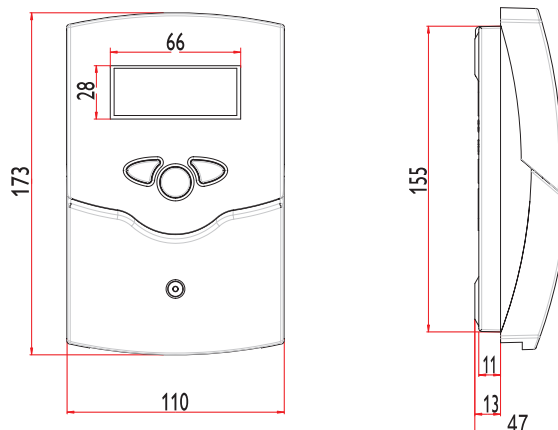
- system-monitoring-display
- up to 4 temperature sensors Pt1000
- heat balancing
- function control
- user-friendly operation by simple handling
- solar operating hours counter and thermostat function optionally



Scope of delivery:

- 1 x ISOLAR 3
- 1 x accessory bag
 - 1 x spare fuse T4A
 - 2 x screws and dowels
 - 4 x strain relief and screws

- Additionally enclosed in the full kit:
- 1 x sensor FKP6
 - 2 x sensor FRP6



Technical data

Housing:

plastic, PC-ABS and PMMA

Protection type: IP 20 / DIN 40050

Environmental temp.: 32 ... 104 °F

Size: 172 x 110 x 46 mm

Mounting: wall mounting, mounting into patch-panels is possible

Display: System screen for systems visualisation, 16-segment display, 7-segment display, 8 symbols for system status and operating control lamp

Operation: by 3 pushbuttons in the front of the housing

Functions: Temperature differential controller with optional add-on system functions. Function control according, operating hours counter for solar pump, tube collector special function, as well as heat quantity balancing.

Inputs: for 4 temperature sensors Pt1000

Outputs: 2 electromechanical relay

Bus: VBus®

Power supply:

115 V~

Total power supply:

2 (1) A 115V~

Mode of operation:

Typ 1.b

Breaking capacity per relay:

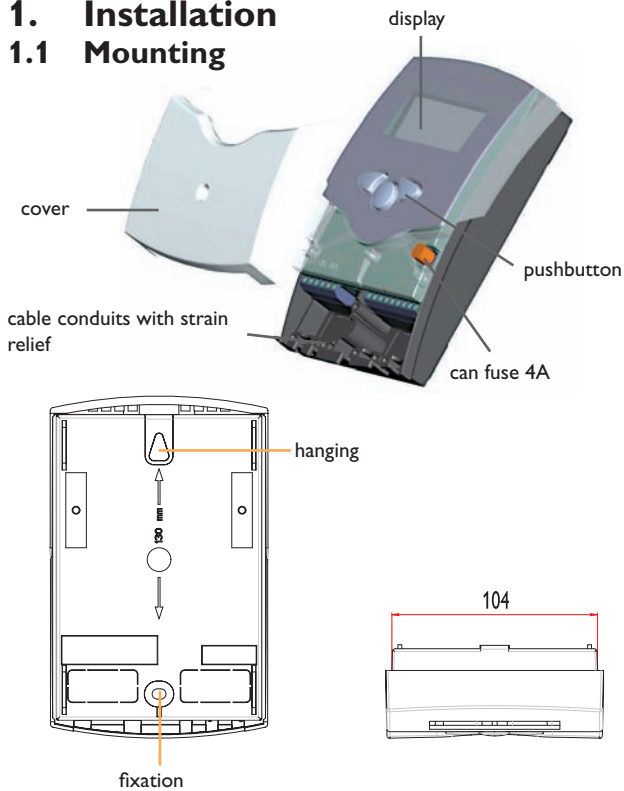
electromechanical relay:

2 (1) A 115V~



1. Installation

1.1 Mounting

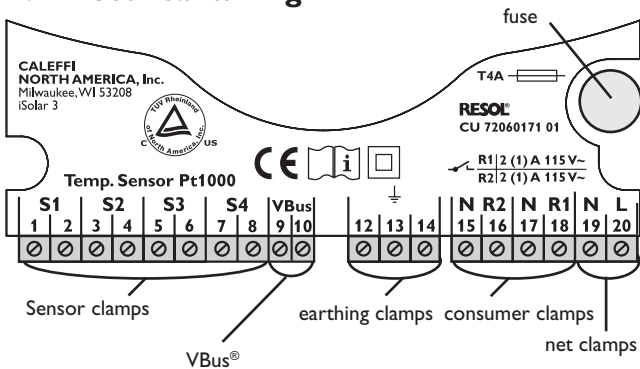


Warning!
Switch-off power supply before opening the housing.

The unit must only be located internally. It is not suitable for installation in hazardous locations and should not be sited near to any electromagnetic field. The controller must additionally be equipped with an all-polar gap of at least 3 mm or with a gap according to the valid installation regulations, e.g. LS-switches or fuses. Please pay attention to a separate laying of the cable lines and installation of ac power supply.

1. Unscrew the cross-recessed screw of the cover and remove it from the housing.
2. Mark the upper fastening point on the wall and pre-mount the enclosed dowel and screw.
3. Hang up the housing at the upper fastening point and mark the lower fastening point on the underground (hole pitch 130 mm), afterwards put the lower dowel.
4. Fasten the housing at the underground.

1.2 Electrical wiring



The power supply to the controller must only be made by an external power supply switch (last step of installation!) and the line voltage must be 115 Volt (50..60 Hz). Flexible lines are to be fixed at the housing by enclosed strain relief supports and screws.

Depending on the version the controller is equipped with 2 relays to which the **consumers** e.g. pumps, valves etc. can be connected:

- Relay 1
 - 18 = conductor R1
 - 17 = neutral conductor N
 - 13 = ground clamp ⊕
- Relay 2
 - 16 = conductor R2
 - 15 = neutral conductor N
 - 14 = ground clamp ⊕

The **temperature sensors** (S1 up to S4) will be connected to the following terminals independently of the polarity:

- 1 / 2 = Sensor 1 (e.g. Sensor collector 1)
- 3 / 4 = Sensor 2 (e.g. Sensor tank 1)
- 5 / 6 = Sensor 3 (e.g. Sensor TSPO)
- 7 / 8 = Sensor 4 (e.g. Sensor TRL)

The **power supply** is effected to the clamps:

- 19 = neutral conductor N
- 20 = conductor L
- 12 = ground clamp ⊕

The controller comes with a VBus® for data communication and energy supply of external modules. The connection is effected with optional polarity at the clamps marked with „VBus“. Via this data Bus you can install one or more VBus® modules, e.g.:

- heat quant. measurement module WMZ-M1
- large display GA3
- Data logger, DL1
- Data teleindication, DFA2

Additionally, the controller can be connected to the PC with the help of a RS-COM adapter. With the ServiceCenter Software (RCS) the controller parameters can be changed, measurements can be read out, processed and visualised. The software enables an easy function control and adjustment of the system.



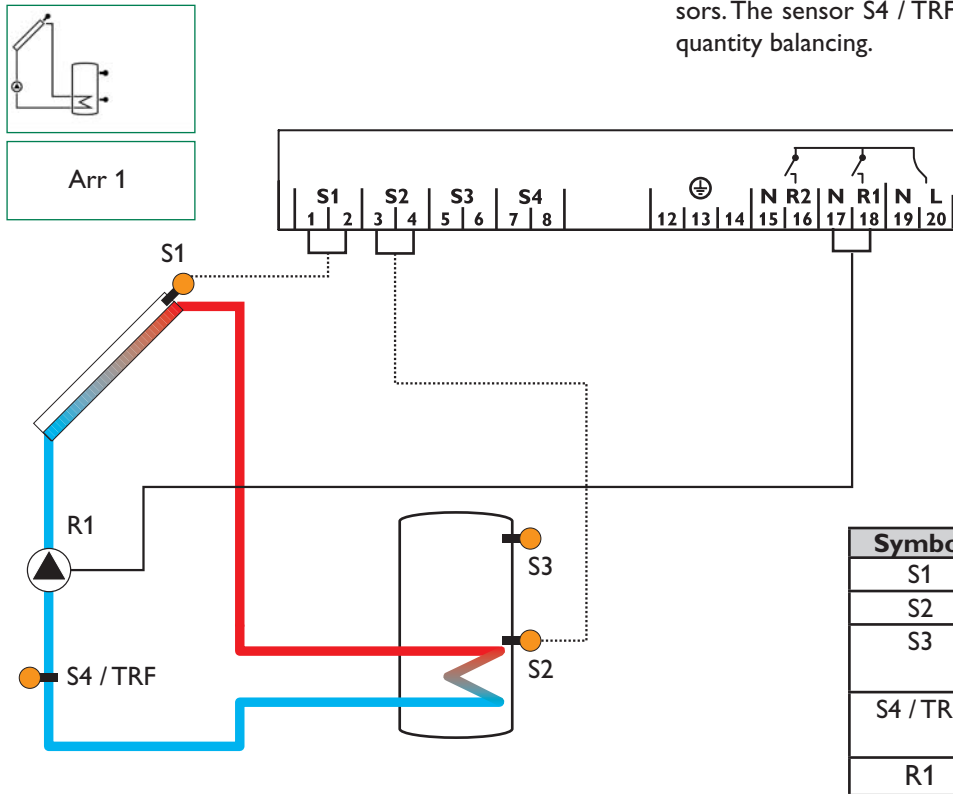
Electrostatic discharge can lead to damages of electronic components!



Dangerous voltage on contact!

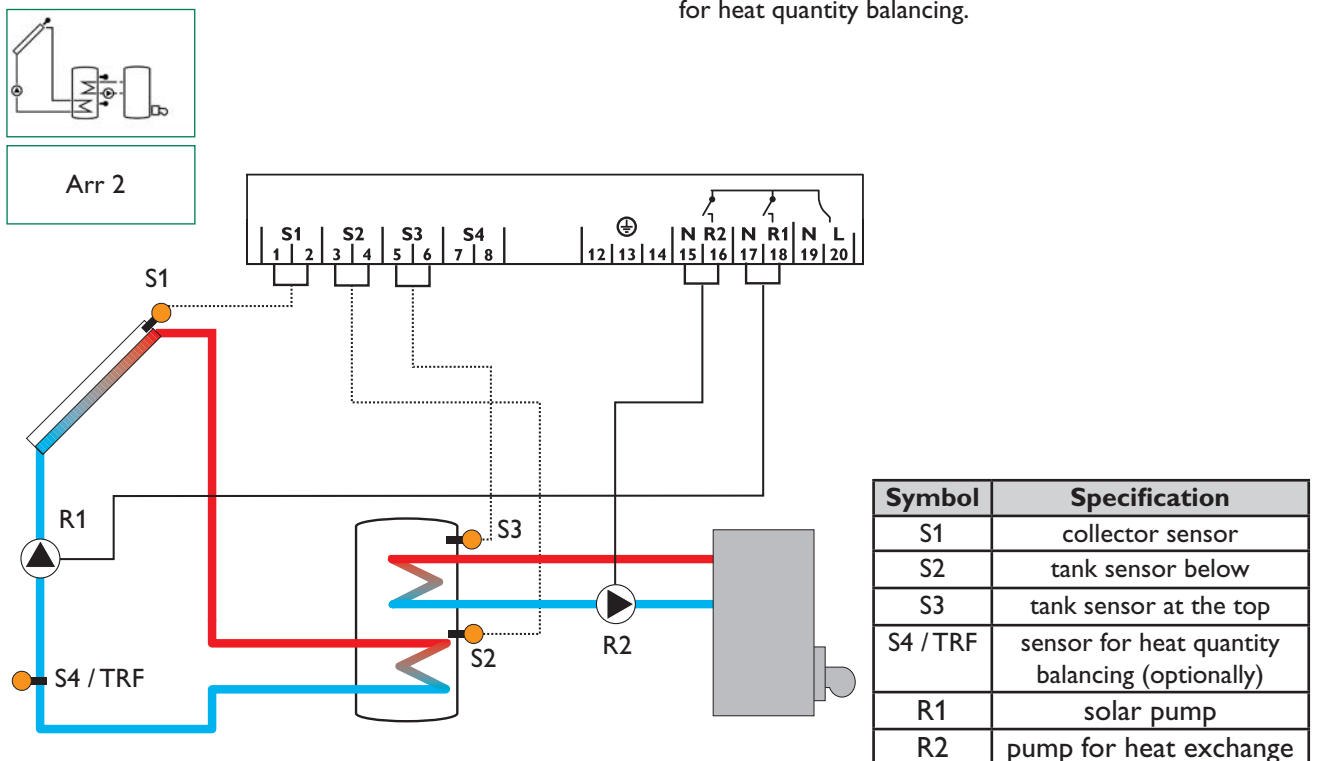
1.2.1 Allocation of clamps for system 1

Standard solar system with 1 tank, 1 pump and 3 sensors. The sensor S4 / TRF can optionally be used for heat quantity balancing.



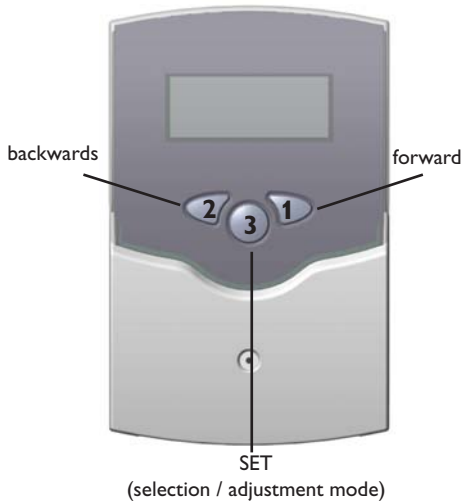
1.2.2 Allocation of clamps for system 2

Solars system and after-heating with 1 tank, 3 sensors and after-heating. The sensor S4 / TRF can optionally be used for heat quantity balancing.



2. Operation and function

2.1 Pushbuttons for adjustment

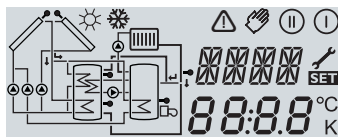


The controller is operated by 3 pushbuttons below the display. The forward-key (1) is used for scrolling forward through the indication menu or to increase the adjustment values. The backwards-key (2) is accordingly used for the reverse function.

For adjustment of last indication channel, keep button 1 pressed for 2 seconds. If an **adjustment value** is shown on the display, **SEt** is indicated. In this case you can press the key „Set“ (3) in order to change into input mode.

- Select a channel by keys 1 and 2
- Shortly press key 3, so that „SEt“ flashes
- Adjust the value by keys 1 and 2
- Shortly press key 3, so that „SEt“ permanently appears, the adjusted value is now saved.

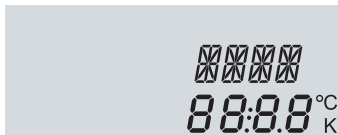
2.2 System monitoring display



Complete Monitoring-Display

The system monitoring display consists of 3 blocks: **indication of the channel, tool bar and system screen** (active system scheme).

2.2.1 Channel indication

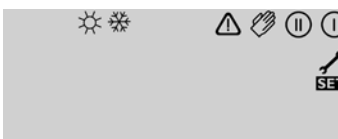


only channel indication

The **indication channel** consists of two lines. The upper line is an alphanumeric 16-segment indication in which mainly the channel names / menu items are shown. In the lower 7-segment indication, the channel values and the adjustment parameters are indicated.

Temperatures and temperature differences are indicated in °F / °C or Ra / K.

2.2.2 Tool bar

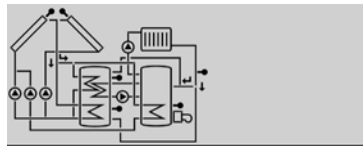


only tool bar

The additional symbols of the **tool bar** indicate the current system status.

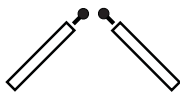
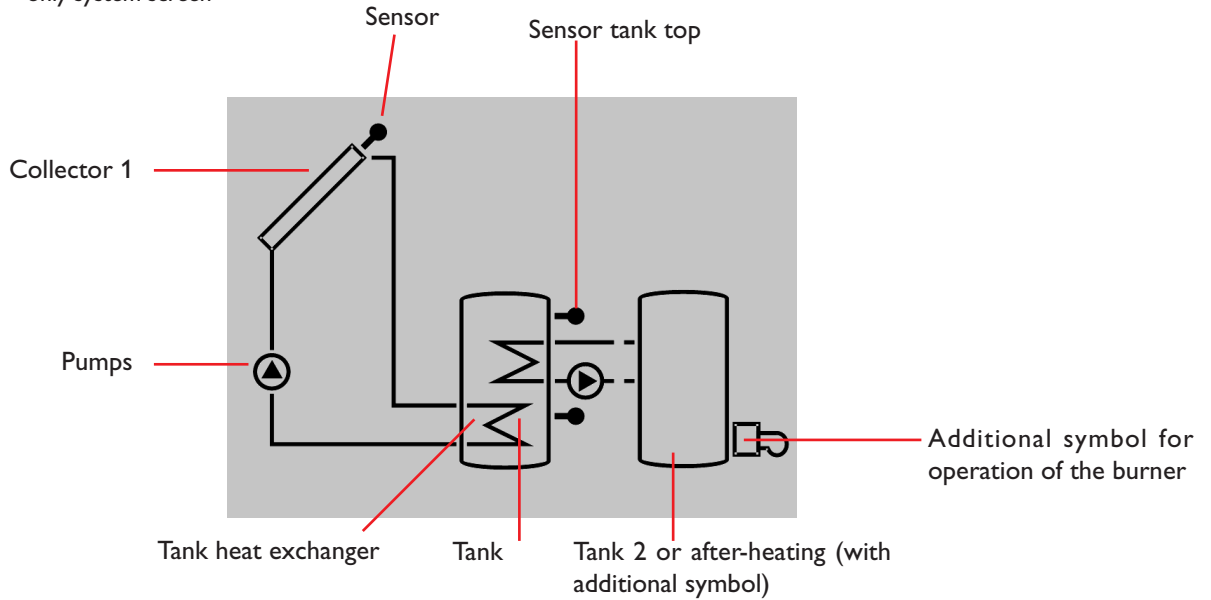
Symbol	standard	flashing
ⓘ	relay 1 active	
Ⓜ	relay 2 active	
☀	maximum tank limitation active / maximum tank temperature exceeded	collector cooling function or recolling function active
❄	antifreeze- function activated	collector minimum limitation or antifreeze function active
⚠		collector security shutdown or tank securtiy shutdown active
⚠ + 🔧		sensor defect
⚠ + 🖐		manual operation active
SEt		an adjustment channel is changed SET-mode

2.2.3 System screen

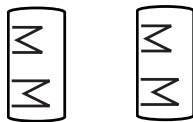


only system screen

The system screen (active system scheme) shows the schemes selected on the controller. It consists of several system component symbols, which are - depending on the current status of the system - either flashing, permanently shown or hidden.



Collectors
with collector sensor



Tank 1 and 2
with heat exchanger



3-way-valves
The flow direction or the current breaking capacity are always shown.



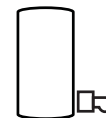
Temperature sensor



Heating circuit



Pump



After-heating
with burner symbol

2.3 Blinking codes

2.3.1 System screen blinking codes

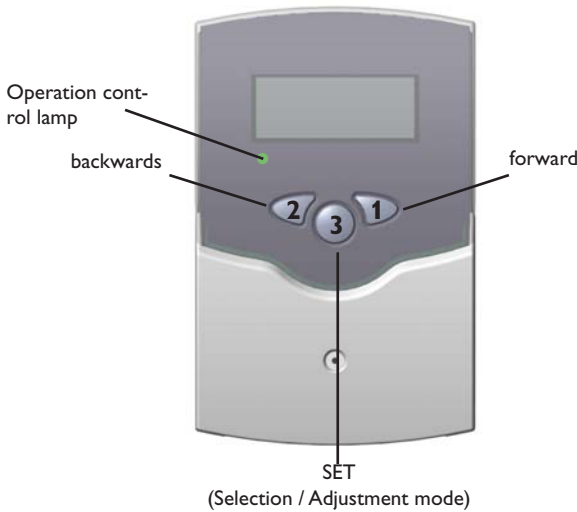
- Pumps are blinking during starting phase
- Sensors are blinking if the respective sensor-indication channel is selected.
- Sensors are quickly blinking in case of sensor defect.
- Burner symbol is blinking if after-heating is activated.

2.3.2 LED blinking codes

- Constantly green: everything all right
 Red/green blinking: initialisation phase
 manual operation
 Red blinking: sensor defect
 (sensor symbol is quickly blinking)

3. Commissioning

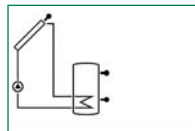
On commissioning you have to adjust primarily the matching system



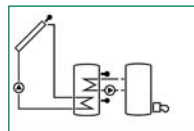
1. Ac power supply must be activated. The controller passes an initialisation phase in which the operating control lamp flashes red and green. After having finished the initialisation, the controller is in automatic operation with factory settings. The preadjusted system scheme is Arr 1.

- 2. - select Arr
 - change into **SET**-mode (see 2.1)
 - select the system scheme by Arr-characteristics
 - adjustment is saved by pressing button **SET**

Now the controller is ready for operation and should enable an optimum operation of the solar system by the factory settings made.



Arr 1



Arr 2

System survey:

- Arr 1 : standard solar system
- Arr 2 : solar system with after-heating

4. Controller parameter and indication channels

4.1 Channel-overview

Legend:

x

Corresponding channel is available.

x*

Corresponding channel is available if the appropriate option is activated.

①

Corresponding channel is only available if the option heat quantity measurement is **activated** (OWMZ).

②

Corresponding channel is only available if the option heat quantity measurement is **deactivated** (OWMZ).

MEDT

The channel antifreeze content (MED%) is only shown if a medium other than **water or Tyfocor LS / G-LS (MEDT 0 or 3)** is used. The adjustment is only appropriate when using other types of antifreeze.

Please note:

S3 and S4 are only indicated if sensors are connected.

channel	Arr		specification	page
	1	2*		
COL	x	x	Temperature collector 1	9
TST	x		Temperature tank 1	9
TSTL		x	Temperature tank 1 below	9
TSTU		x	Temperature tank 1 above	9
S3	x		Temperature sensor 3	9
TRF	①	①	Temperature return sensor	9
S4	②	②	Temperature sensor 4	9
h P1		x	Operating hours relay 1	9
h P2		x	Operating hours relay 2	9
kWh	①	①	Heat quantity kWh	10
MWh	①	①	Heat quantity MWh	10
Arr	1-2		System	8
DT O	x	x	Switch-on temperature difference	10
DT F	x	x	Switch-off temperature difference	10
S MX	x	x	Maximum temperature tank 1	10
EM	x	x	emergency temperature collector 1	10

channel	Arr		specification	page
	1	2*		
OCX	x	x	Option collector cooling collector 1	11
CMX	x*	x*	Maximum temperature collector 1	11
OCN	x	x	Option minimum limitation collector 1	11
CMN	x*	x*	Minimum temperature collector 1	11
OCF	x	x	Option antifreeze collector 1	11
CFR	x*	x*	Antifreeze temperature collector 1	11
OREC	x	x	Option recolling	11
OTC	x	x	Option tube collector	12
AH O		x	Switch-on temp. for thermostat 1	12
AH F		x	Switch-off temp. for thermostat 1	12
OHQM	x	x	Option WMZ	12
FMAX	①	①	Maximum flow	12
MEDT	①	①	Antifreeze type	10
MED%	MEDT	MEDT	Antifreeze content	10
HND1	x	x	Manual operation relay 1	12
HND2	x	x	Manual operation relay 2	12
LANG	x	x	Language	12
UNIT	x	x	Change over °FAH / °CEL	12
PROG	XX.XX		Program number	
VERS	X.XX		Version number	

4.1.1 Indication of collector temperatures

COL:

Collector temperature
display range: -40...+482 °F



Shows the current collector temperature.

- COL : collector temperature (1-collector-system)

4.1.2 Indication of tank temperatures

TST:

Tank temperatures
Display range: -40...+482 °F



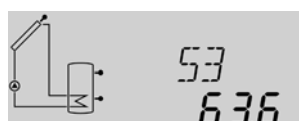
Shows the current tank temperature.

- TST : tank temperature (1-tank-system)

4.1.3 Indication of sensor 3 and sensor 4

S3, S4:

Sensor temperatures
Display range: -40...+482 °F



Shows the current temperature of the corresponding additional sensor (without control function).

- S3 : temperature sensor 3
- S4 : temperature sensor 4

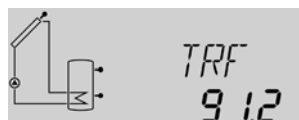
Please note:

S3 and S4 are only indicated if the temperature sensors are connected (shown).

4.1.4 Indication of other temperatures

TRF:

other measured
temperatures
Display range: -40...+482 °F



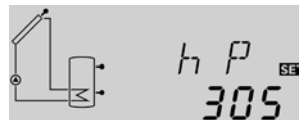
Shows the current temperature of the sensor.

- TRF : temperature return flow

4.1.5 Operating hours counter

h P1, h P2:

Operating hours counter
Display channel



The operating hours counter adds up the solar operating hours of the respective relay (**h P**). Full hours are shown on the display.

The operating hours added up can be reset. As soon as one operating hours channel is selected, the symbol **SET** is permanently shown on the display. The button SET (3) must be pressed for approx. 2 seconds in order to get back into the RESET-mode of the counter. The display-symbol **SET** is flashing and the operating hours will be set to 0. In order to finish the RESET-procedure, the button **SET** must be pressed in order to confirm.

In order to interrupt the RESET-procedure, no button should be pressed for about 5 seconds. The controller returns automatically into the indication mode.

4.1.6 Heat quantity balancing

OHQM: Heat quantity balancing

Adjustment range: OFF...ON
Factory setting: OFF



FMAX:

Volume flow in l/min
Adjustment range 0 ... 20
in steps of 0,1
Factory setting 6,0



A heat quantity balancing is possible for all systems in conjunction with a flowmeter. You just have to activate the option heat quantity balancing in the channel **OHQM**.

The volume flow readable at the flowmeter (l/min) must be adjusted in the channel **FMAX**. Antifreeze type and concentration of the heat transfer medium are indicated on the channels **MEDT** and **MED%**.

MEDT: Type of antifreeze
Adjustment range 0 ... 3
Factory setting 1



MED%: Concentration of antifreeze in (Vol-) %
MED% is blinded out by MEDT 0 and 3.
Adjustment range 20 ... 70
Factory setting 45



kWh/MWh: Heat quantity in kWh / MWh
Display channel



Type of antifreeze:

- 0 : water
- 1 : propylene glycol
- 2 : ethylene glycol
- 3 : Tyfocor® LS / G-LS

The heat quantity transported is measured by the indication of the volume flow and the reference sensor of feed flow S1 and return flow S4. It is shown in kWh-parts in the indication channel **kWh** and in MWh-parts in the indication channel **MWh**. The sum of both channels form the total heat output.

The heat quantity added up can be reset. As soon as one of the display channels of the heat quantity is selected, the symbol **SET** is permanently shown on the display. The button SET (3) must be pressed for approx. 2 seconds in order to get back into the RESET-mode of the counter. The display-symbol **SET** is flashing and the value for heat quantity will be set to 0. In order to finish the RESET-procedure, the button **SET** must be pressed for confirmation.

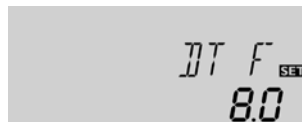
In order to interrupt the RESET-procedure, no button should be pressed for about 5 seconds. The controller returns automatically into indication mode.

4.1.7 ΔT-regulation

DT O:
Switch-on temperature
Adjustment range
2,0 ... 40,0 °Ra
Factory setting 12.0



DT F:
Switch-off temperature diff.
Adjustment range
1,0 ... 38 °Ra
Factory setting 8.0 °Ra

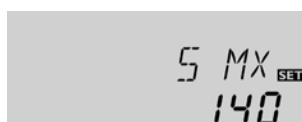


Please note: Switch-on temperature difference DO must be at least 2 °Ra higher than the switch-off temperature-difference DF.

Primarily the controller works in the same way as a standard differential controller. If the switch-on difference (**DT O**) is reached, the pump is activated. If the adjusted switch-off temperature is underrun (**DT F**), the controller switches-off.

4.1.8 Maximum tank temperature

S MX:
Maximum tank temp.
Adjustment range
40 ... 205 °F
Factory setting 140 °F



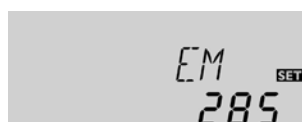
If the adjusted maximum temperature is exceeded, a further loading of the tank is stopped so that a damaging overheating can be avoided. If the maximum tank temperature is exceeded, on the display is shown and ☀.

Please note: The controller is equipped with a security-switch-off of the tank, which avoids a further loading of the tank if 203 °F are reached at the tank.

4.1.9 Limit collector temperature

Collector emergency shutdown

EM:
Limit collector temperature
Adjustment range
230 ... 400 °F,
Factory setting 285 °F



If the adjusted collector limit temperature (**EM**) is exceeded, the solar pump (R1/R2) is deactivated in order to avoid a damaging overheating of the solar components (collector emergency shutdown). The limit temperature is set to 285 °F but it can be changed within the adjustment range of 230 ... 400 °F. In the display is shown △ (flashing).

4.1.10 System cooling

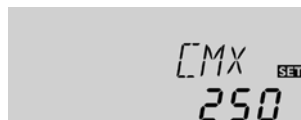
OCX:

Option system cooling
Adjustment OFF ... ON
Factory setting ON



CMX:

Maximum collector temp.
Adjustment range
210 ... 380 °F
Factory setting 250 °F



If the adjusted maximum tank temperature is reached, the solar system switches-off. If now the collector temperature raises to the adjusted maximum collector temperature (**CMX**), the solar pump remains activated until this limit temperature value is again underrun. The tank temperature might continue to raise (subordinated active maximum tank temperature), but only until 203 °F (emergency shut-down of the tank). If the tank temperature is higher than the maximum tank temperature (**SMX**) and the collector temperature is lower by at least 5 K than the tank temperature, the solar system remains activated until the tank is again cooled down by the collector and the tubes under the adjusted maximum temperature (**S MX**).

In case of active system cooling on the display is shown ☼ (flashing). Due to the cooling function the solar system can be kept operable for a longer period on hot summer days and a thermal release of the collector and the heat transfer medium is ensured as well.

4.1.11 Option minimum collector limitation

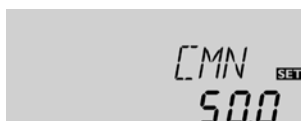
OCN:

Minimum collector limitation
Adjustment range OFF / ON
Factory setting OFF



CMN:

Minimum collector temperature
Adjustment range
14 ... 32 °F
Factory setting 50 °F



The minimum collector temperature is a minimum switching temperature, which must be exceeded so that the solar pump (R1/R2) is switched-on. The minimum temperature shall avoid a steady starting-up of the solar pump (or solid fuel boiler charging pumps) for low collector temperatures. If the minimum temperature is underrun, in the display is shown ☼ (flashing).

4.1.12 Option antifreeze function

OCF:

Antifreeze function
Adjustment range
OFF / ON
Factory setting OFF



CFR:

Antifreeze temperature
Adjustment range
14 ... 50 °F
Factory setting 40 °F



The antifreeze function activates the loading circuit between collector and tank if the adjusted antifreeze function is underrun in order to protect the medium that it will not freeze or „get thick“. If the adjusted antifreeze temperature is exceeded by 2 °F, the loading circuit will be deactivated.

Please note:

As there is only a limited heat quantity of the tank available for this function, the antifreeze function should only be used in regions with few days of temperatures around freezing point.

4.1.13 Recooling function

OREC:

option recooling
adjustment range
OFF...ON
Factory setting: OFF



If the adjusted maximum tank temperature (**S MX**) is reached, the solar pump remains activated in order to avoid an overheating of the collector. The tank temperature might continue to increase but only up to 203 °F (emergency shutdown of the tank).

In the evening the solar system continues running until the tank is cooled down to the adjusted maximum tank temperature via collector and pipes.

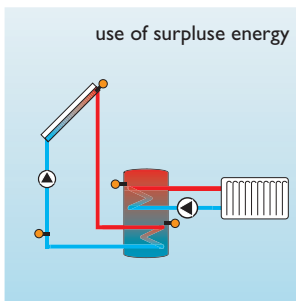
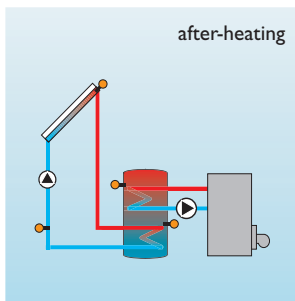
4.1.14 Tube collector special function

OTC:
 Tube collector special function
 Adjustment range:
 OFF...ON
 Factory setting: OFF



If the controller measures an increase of 4 °Ra compared to the collector temperature tankd at last, the solar pump is switched-on to 100 % for about 30 seconds. After expiration of the solar pump runtime the current collector temperature is tankd as new reference value. If the measured temperature (new reference value) is again exceeded by 4 °Ra, the solar pump again switches-on for 30 seconds. If the switch-on difference between collector and tank is again exceeded during runtime of the solar pump or the standstil of the system, the controller automatically switches over to solar charging. If the collector temperature drops by 4 °Ra during standstill, the switch-on value for the special tube collector function will be recalculated.

4.1.15 Thermostat function (Arr = 2)



The thermostat function works independently from the solar operation and can e.g. be used for use of surplus energy or an after-heating.

- **AH O < AH F**
 the thermostat function is used for after-heating
- **AH O > AH F**
 the thermostat function is used for use of surplus energy



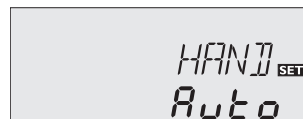
On the display is shown if the second relay output is activated.

AH O:
 Thermostat-switch-on temperature
 Adjustment range:
 32...203 °F
 Factory setting: 104 °F

AH F:
 Thermostat-switch-off temperature
 Adjustment range:
 32...203 °F
 Factory setting: 113 °F

4.1.16 Operating mode

HAND1,HAND2:
 Operating mode
 Adjustment range:
 OFF,AUTO, ON
 Factory setting:AUTO



For control and service work the operating mode of the controller can be manually adjusted by selecting the adjustment value HAND, in which the following adjustments can be made:

- **HAND**
 Operating mode
 OFF : relay off (flashing) +
 AUTO : relay in automatic operation
 ON : relay on (flashing) +

4.1.17 Language

LANG:
 Adjustment of language
 Adjustment range: dE, En, It
 Factory setting: En

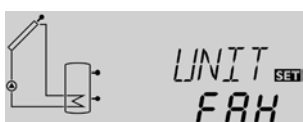


The menu language can be adjusted in this channel.

- dE : German
- En : English
- It : Italiano
- Fr : French

4.1.18 Unit

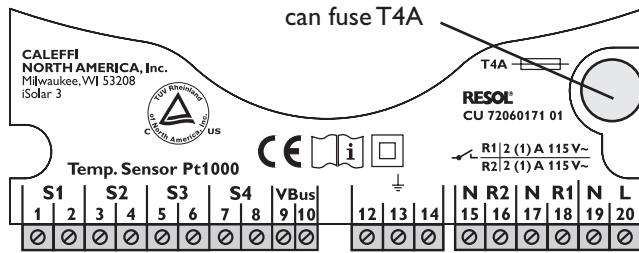
UNIT:
 Adjustment of unit
 Adjustment range: FAH, °C
 Factory setting: FAH



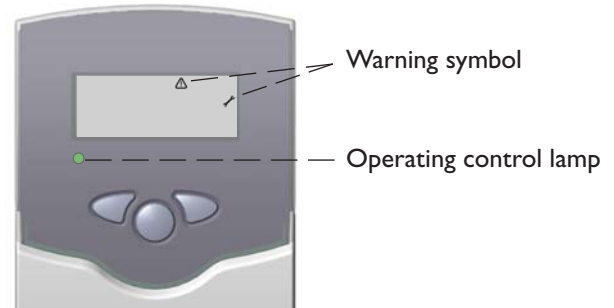
The menu unit can be adjusted:

- °FAH
- °CEL

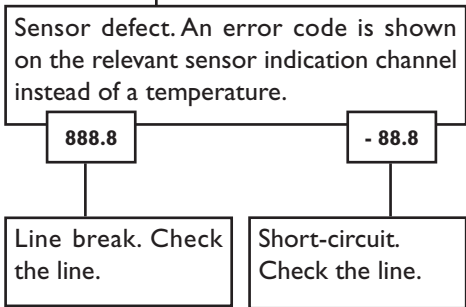
5. Tips for fault localization



If a malfunction occurs, a notification is given on the display of the controller:



Operating control lamp flashes red. On the display the symbols and appear.

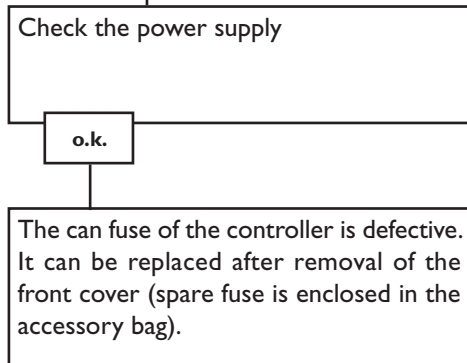


Pt1000-temperature sensors pinched off can be checked with an ohmmeter. In the following the resistance values corresponding to different temperatures are listed.

°F	Ω	°F	Ω
14	961	131	1213
23	980	140	1232
32	1000	149	1252
41	1019	158	1271
50	1039	167	1290
59	1058	176	1309
68	1078	185	1328
77	1097	194	1347
86	1117	203	1366
95	1136	212	1385
104	1155	221	1404
113	1175	230	1423
122	1194	239	1442

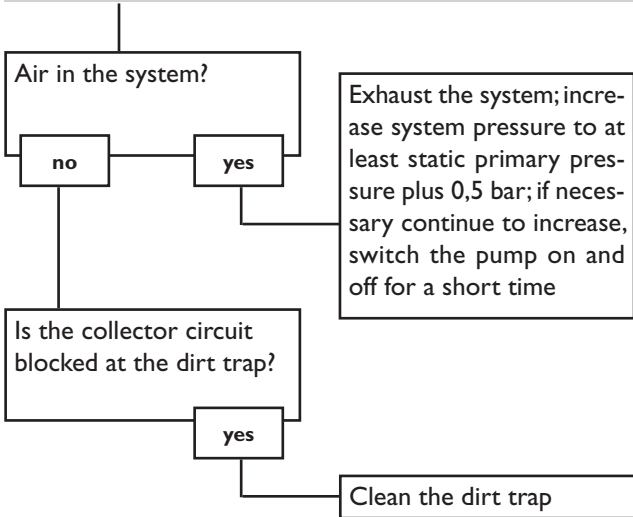
Resistance values of the Pt1000-sensors

Operating control lamp off

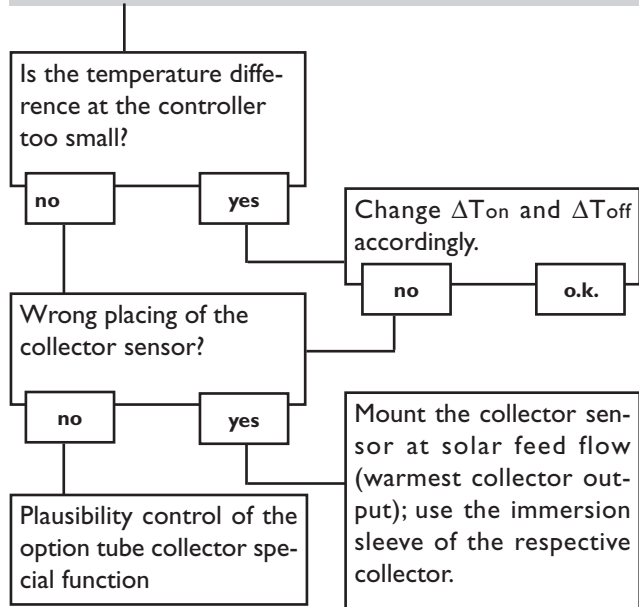


5.1 Various:

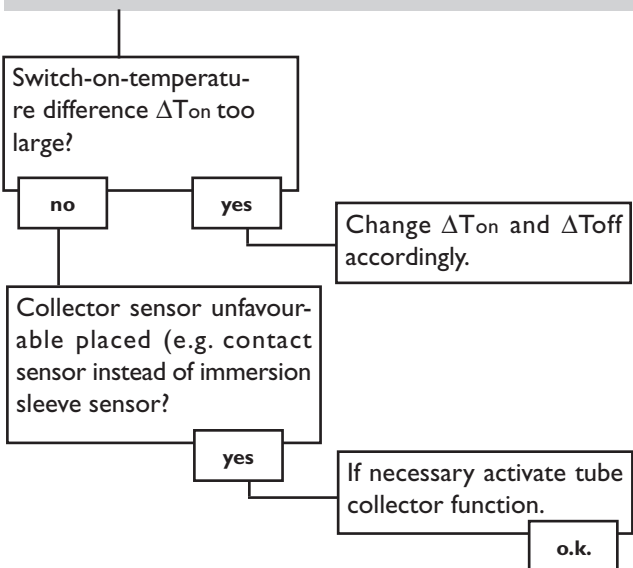
Pump is overheated, but no heat transfer from collector to the tank, feed flow and return flow are equally warm, possibly also bubble in the tubes



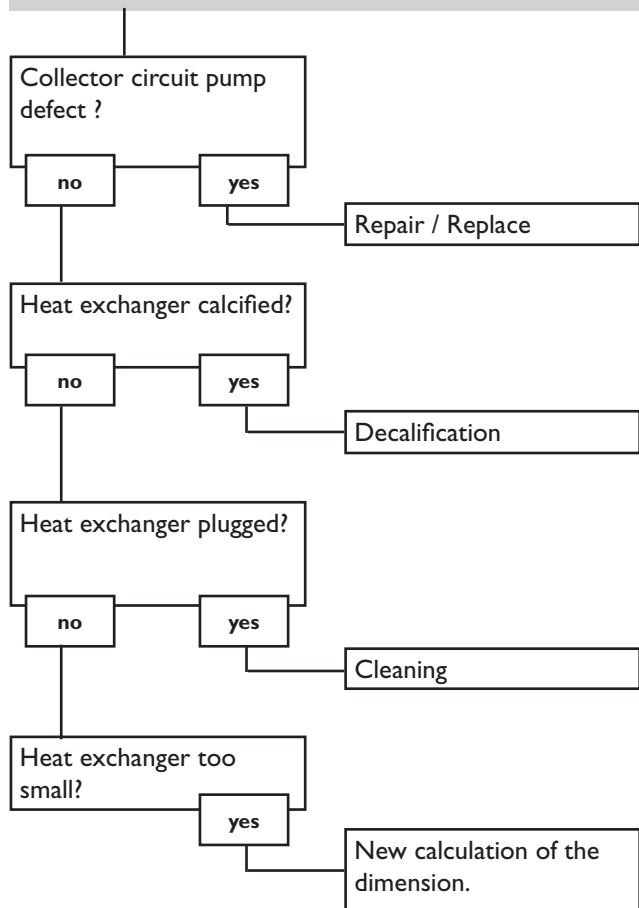
Pump starts for a short moment, switches-on/off repeatedly

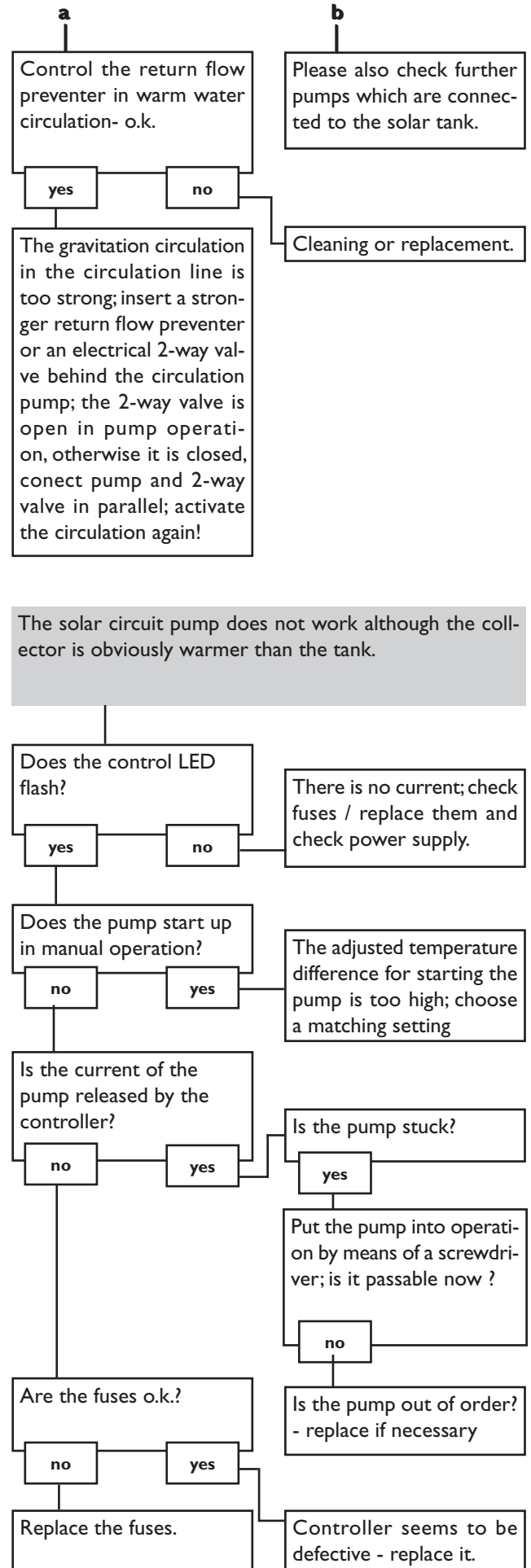
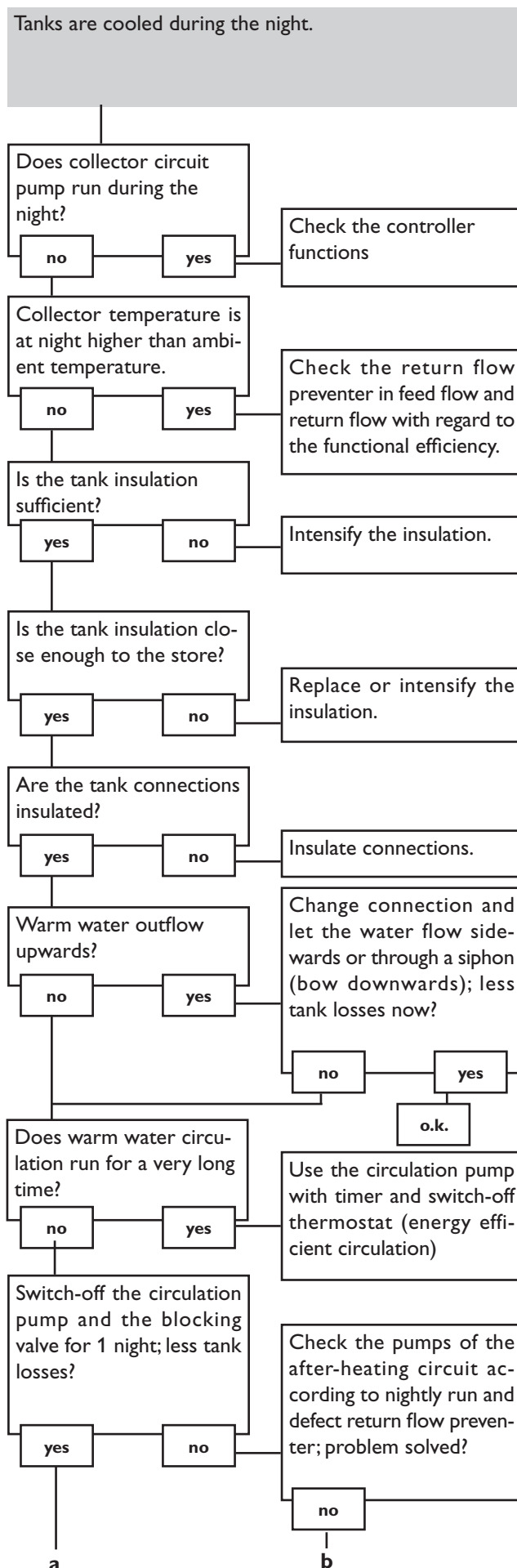


Pump starts up very late and stops working soon.



The temperature difference between tank and collector increases enormously during operation; the collector circuit cannot dissipate the heat.





6. Accessory

Sensors

Our product range includes high-precision platinum temperature sensors, flatscrew sensors, ambient temperature sensors, indoor temperature sensors, cylindrical clip-on sensors and irradiation sensors, also to be used as full sensors with sensor pocket.



Overvoltage protection

We highly recommend to install the overvoltage protection in order to avoid overvoltage damages at the collector (e.g. by lightning).



Flowmeter

If you are interested in realising a heat quantity balancing, you need a flowmeter for measuring the volume flow in your system.

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