



SubDrive Solar

Installation Manual

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ATTENTION

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR INSTALLERS OF THIS EQUIPMENT!

THIS EQUIPMENT IS INTENDED FOR INSTALLATION BY TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL. FAILURE TO INSTALL IT IN COMPLIANCE WITH NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTRICAL CODES, AND WITHIN FRANKLIN ELECTRIC RECOMMENDATIONS, MAY RESULT IN ELECTRICAL SHOCK OR FIRE HAZARD, UNSATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE, AND EQUIPMENT FAILURE. FRANKLIN INSTALLATION INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE FROM PUMP MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTORS, AND DIRECTLY FROM FRANKLIN ELECTRIC.

⚠ WARNING

SERIOUS OR FATAL ELECTRICAL SHOCK MAY RESULT FROM FAILURE TO CONNECT THE MOTOR, CONTROL ENCLOSURES, METAL PLUMBING, AND ALL OTHER METAL NEAR THE MOTOR OR CABLE TO A PROPER EARTH GROUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL CODES, USING WIRE NO SMALLER THAN MOTOR CABLE WIRES. TO REDUCE RISK OF ELECTRICAL SHOCK, DISCONNECT POWER BEFORE WORKING ON OR AROUND THE WATER SYSTEM. DO NOT USE MOTOR IN SWIMMING AREAS.

⚠ CAUTION

Use the SubDrive Solar controller only with Franklin Electric 4-inch submersible motors as specified in this manual (see Table 6, pg. 26). Use of this unit with any other Franklin Electric motor or with motors from other manufacturers may result in damage to both motor and electronics.

⚠ WARNING

High voltages (both AC and DC) capable of causing severe injury or death by electrical shock are present in this unit. More than one disconnect switch may be required to de-energize the equipment before servicing. This unit should only be installed or serviced by technically qualified professionals.

Anytime working on or near the SubDrive Solar controller, or system:

- Securely cover the solar array with an opaque tarp.
- Turn OFF the external DC rated disconnect from the solar array to the SubDrive Solar controller.
- Ensure AC power has been disconnected from the SubDrive Solar controller (if used).
- Wait a minimum of 5 minutes after removing power from the SubDrive Solar controller before servicing.

⚠ WARNING

Solar panels that have been exposed to full solar insolation for an extended period of time can achieve high temperatures and could be a potential source of burns to exposed skin if contacted. Use caution when working around solar arrays.

Overview

The SubDrive Solar controller is a variable speed motor drive designed to run a Franklin Electric three-phase submersible induction motor. The SubDrive Solar provides water to remote locations by converting high voltage, direct current from a solar array into alternating current to run a standard AC submersible motor. When solar power is not available, the controller can automatically switch to an alternate single-phase AC input such as a generator or inverter from battery, if available. The controller provides fault detection, motor soft start, and speed control. The SubDrive Solar is designed to provide these features with the plug and play ease of installation similar to a single-phase control box.

The SubDrive Solar is designed with the high standard of reliability expected of Franklin Electric products. The controller attempts to drive the pump and motor to deliver water even under adverse conditions, reducing output as necessary to protect the system components from damage, and only shutting down in extreme cases. Full operation is restored automatically whenever abnormal conditions subside.

Inspection

Before you begin, receive and inspect the SubDrive Solar unit. Verify that the part number is correct and that no damage has occurred during transit.

Descriptions and Features

The SubDrive Solar system controller is based on a standard SubDrive platform controlling a Franklin Electric 4-inch three-phase motor driving a 4-inch submersible centrifugal pump powered by a DC solar array or an optional AC generator backup.

The SubDrive Solar controller continuously monitors system performance and incorporates a number of features for pump system protection. In the event of a fault, the SubDrive Solar will indicate the type of fault through the three seven segment displays.

The SubDrive Solar system is optimized for pumping under adverse input power conditions unique to solar arrays.

- Internal diagnostics will tolerate a lower input voltage.
- Whenever possible, the controller attempts to regulate the pump load in a manner that optimizes for maximum power transfer from the solar array.
- The drive automatically switches to AC backup power (when available) if the DC primary source is unable to support pump operation.

The controller construction is ruggedized for hostile environmental conditions.

- The case is constructed of heavy-gauge zinc plated steel to resist rain, animal intrusion and prolonged direct exposure to sunlight.
- The seals are designed for NEMA 3 (IEC rating IP55), (dust tight, withstands directed jets of water).
- For maximum protection against dust, there is no external cooling fan or other external moving parts.

An easy to use interface is provided to enhance configurability and enable remote system monitoring.

- A three-digit seven-segment display provides a detailed indication of system status.
- A small keypad offers flexibility for selection of user options.
- A continuous data connection for remote telemetry is made available via an RS-485 port.
- If using remote telemetry, follow the register information found in the RS-485 addendum.

Protection Features

Electronic monitoring gives the controller the capability to monitor the system and automatically shut down in the event of:

- Dry well conditions – with smart pump monitoring
- Bound pump – with auto-reversing torque
- High Voltage Surge
- Low Input Voltage
- Open motor circuit
- Short circuit
- Over heat
- Dead-head/no flow conditions

NOTE: This drive provides motor overload protection by preventing motor current from exceeding SFA and by limiting the duty cycle in the event of no water flow. This drive does not provide over temperature sensing of the motor.

How it Works

The SubDrive Solar system serves to provide water in remote applications where electrical grid power is either unreliable or unavailable. The system pumps water using a high-voltage DC power source such as an array of solar panels. Since the sun is only available during certain hours of the day and only in good weather conditions, the water is generally pumped into a storage tank. Two level switches can be installed inside the tank to regulate the water level. A flow switch detects if flow is below critical levels while the pump is still running. This serves as an indication that the well has run dry, or that insufficient power is available to continue pumping. The system will shut down to protect the pump and motor until the well, or adequate electric power, has recovered.

The SubDrive Solar controller runs at variable speed to match the changing power available from the PV solar array. Variable speed operation means there is no in-rush or surge of energy during the pump/motor start-up, helping to eliminate wear on the motor and pumping system. A leading cause of pump motor failure is the stress applied to the motor during a full voltage start-up. The SubDrive Solar variable speed operation ramps up the speed smoothly, which eliminates starting stress. This feature enhances long-term motor reliability.

The Franklin Electric SubDrive Solar is designed to be part of a system that consists of:

- A. Solar Pump and Motor
- B. SubDrive Solar Controller
- C. Solar Array (not included)
- D. Flow Switch (with sensor cable)
- E. Control Switches (optional, not included)
- F. AC Generator (optional, not included)
- G. DC Rated Disconnect -Per applicable codes

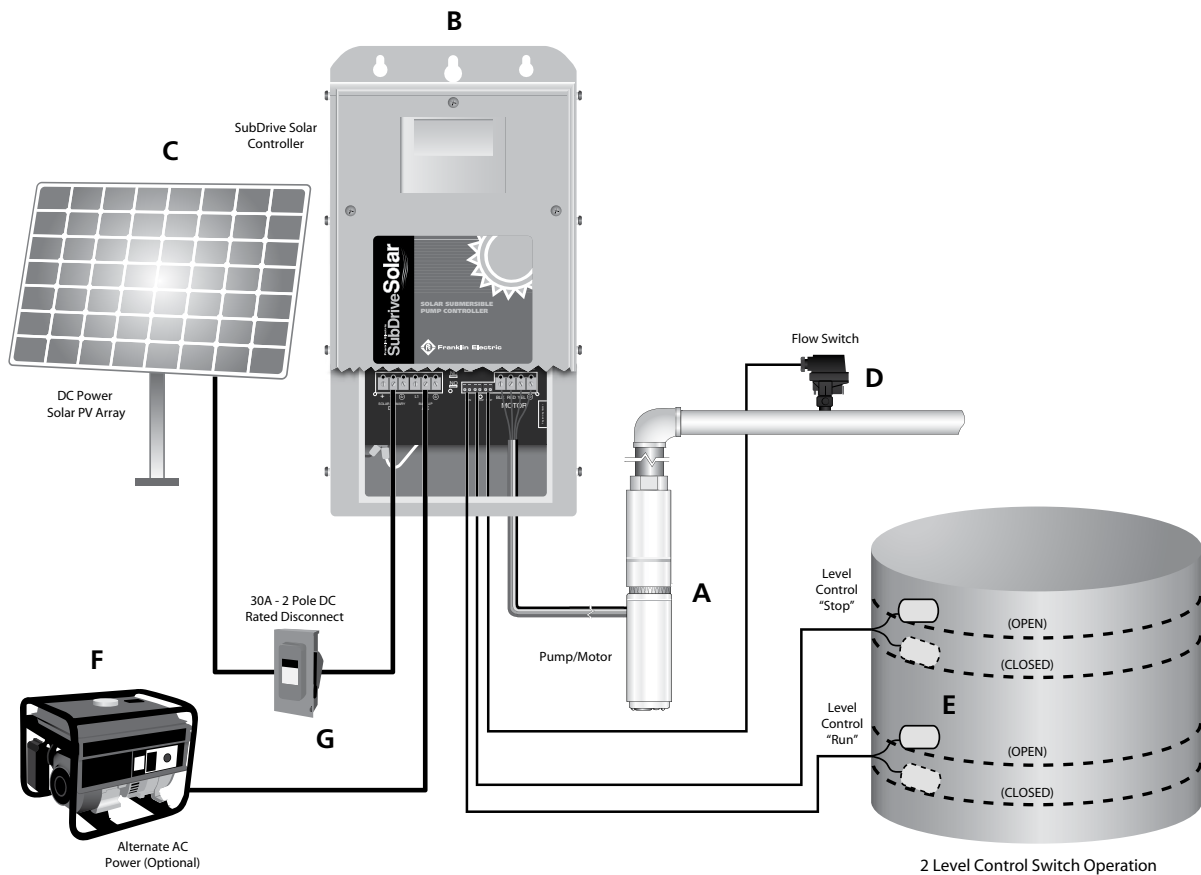


Figure 1: SubDrive Solar System

Pump Check Valve Requirements

NOTICE

In order to ensure maximum system reliability and water delivery, check valves must be installed in the drop pipe. The first check valve must be installed at the pump (the 18-70 LPM [5-25 USGPM] pumps have a built in check valve in the pump discharge) and additional check valves should be installed every 30m (100 ft) of vertical pipe after the pump. See the pump owner's manual for additional information.

Features

System Diagnostics

The SubDrive Solar controller continuously monitors system performance and can detect a variety of abnormal conditions. In many cases, the controller will compensate as needed to maintain continuous system operation; however, if there is high risk of equipment damage, the controller will protect the system and display the fault condition. If possible, the controller will try to restart itself when the fault condition subsides. See Troubleshooting section for a list of Fault Codes and corrective actions.

Motor Soft-Start

Normally, when there is a demand for water and power is available, the SubDrive Solar will be operating. Whenever the SubDrive Solar detects a need for water, the controller always “ramps up” the motor speed while gradually increasing motor voltage, resulting in a cooler motor and lower start-up current compared to conventional water systems. In cases where the demand for water is low, the system may cycle on and off. Due to the controller’s soft-start feature this will not harm the motor.

Over Temperature Foldback

The SubDrive Solar controller is designed for full power operation from a DC solar array in ambient temperatures up to 122 °F (50 °C). Under extreme thermal conditions, the controller will reduce output power in an attempt to avoid shutdown. Full pump output is restored when the controller temperature cools to a safe level.

Pressure or Level Control Switch

A pressure or level control switch can be wired into the SubDrive Solar controller for water level or pressure control. This is optional and is not required to run the SubDrive Solar controller. The controller can be used with one or two control switches, or none at all. This provides the user maximum adjustability when using the SubDrive Solar controller. See INSTALLATION section for more information on installing and using control switches.

Automatically Switching to Backup AC Power

The SubDrive Solar controller includes a secondary input power terminal that may be used with a backup AC power source. If there is sufficient voltage measured from the primary source (Solar Array), the drive will attempt to draw from it to run the pump. The controller will automatically switch to the alternate backup supply input if:

1. The PV (Photovoltaic) Solar Array input cannot provide at least 150 Vdc after a number of attempts to successfully start the motor; AND
2. Generator backup power is available at the AC backup terminals.

When the system is running on back-up AC power, the drive will shut down every 30 minutes to check for sufficient DC primary source power. If the primary DC power is available, it will switch sources and attempt to run on DC. If the primary power is still insufficient during this check, it will resume running on back-up AC power.

Call For Generator Dry Contacts

The SubDrive Solar controller has a set of dry contacts that can be used to call for a generator function. There are 3 flag terminals inside the controller, two of which must be used. NO – normally open; NC – normally closed (choose NO or NC based upon switch being used or common state desired) and COM which is the common. These flag terminals are located in between the AC terminal connections and the RUN/STOP/TRIP terminal connections.

When the drive no longer has adequate DC power it will then look for power at the AC terminal block. At the same time, the state of those contacts changes (one will open, the other will close based upon which contact terminal is used). This can then be read by an external switch. This is not a powered contact, it only either opens or closes a circuit. In order to recognize this change a switch controller with an independent power source must be utilized (for example an external battery that can be charged once a generator is turned on).

Shown below is the state of each of the dry contacts (NO, NC) in the two operating modes.

Adequate DC Power

NO = Closed

NC = Open

Inadequate DC power

NO = Open

NC = Closed

In order to close a circuit path when there is not adequate DC power available in order to activate the generator from an alternate power supply, the NC (normally closed) dry contact and COM would be used.

Underload Smart Reset Dynamic (Factory Setting)

If a motor underload fault condition occurs, the most likely cause is an over pumped or dry well. The underload trip level is defined as a percentage of rated load at rated speed, the default being 50%, which can be adjusted via the COMM Board user interface. Once tripped, the timeout applied before a restart attempt varies according to the Dynamic Smart Reset schedule. The intent is to adjust the “Off Time” as a function of the level of water in the well using the formula: Off Time = Rule Time – Run Time. (Figure 2)

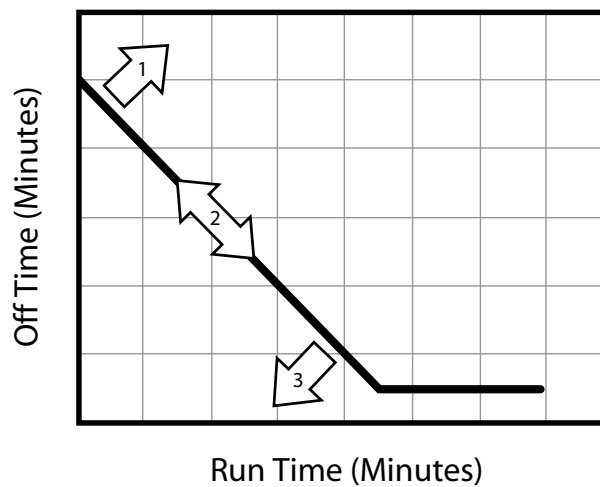


Figure 2: Dynamic Reset Model

For wells having a slower recovery rate, an extendable Rule Time that adjusts automatically is used. The Rule Time is initially set to 5 minutes when the drive is first activated. However, if after restarting from an underload, the drive quickly trips again (arrow 1), the Rule Time is extended. This process continues until the Rule Time grows long enough to keep the Off Time near the center range (arrow 2), up to a maximum of 80 minutes. If later on the well begins to recover more quickly, the system runs longer between trips and the Rule Time is gradually reduced in 5 minute increments (arrow 3). This adaptive process allows for seasonal changes in well behavior.

Fixed

The SubDrive Solar controller can be set to a fixed “Off Time” rule via the COMM Board user interface. It is factory preset to a fixed time of 5 minutes. In this mode, the controller will wait 30 seconds to 5 minutes, determined by duration of the previous run time, before restarting the motor. For example, the first time the fault occurs, the controller will wait 30 seconds before attempting to restart the pump. If the system would then run for 1 minute and an underload fault recurs, the controller will wait 4 minutes before attempting to restart the pump. This schedule allows for the minimum off-time possible based on the recovery time of the well. The fixed “Off Time” can be set from 5 to 80 minutes in 5 minute increments. NOTE: The fixed “Off Time” will only take effect if Parameter 3 is set to 1 = Fixed. (Figure 3)

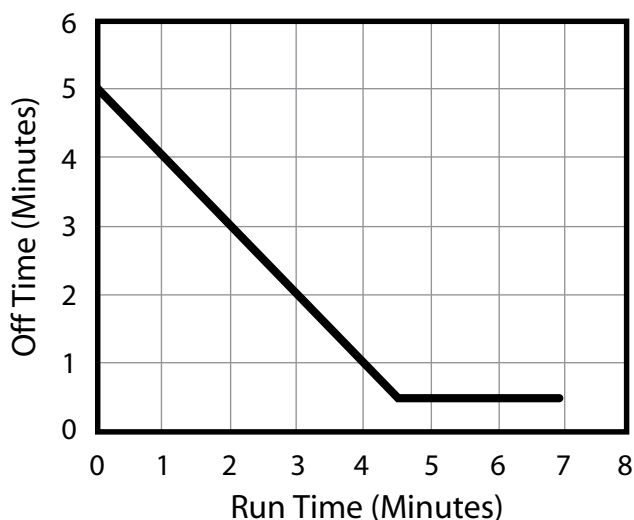


Figure 3: Fixed Reset Model

Flow Switch

A flow switch comes with the SubDrive Solar package to detect low flow or no flow conditions and prevent damage to the pump, motor, and plumbing. At times of limited sunlight, a point will be reached where there is not enough solar power available to provide adequate flow. The pump will reach a deadhead condition in which the pump is spinning, but no water is moving. Continuous operation in a deadhead condition may overheat the pump, motor, and subsequently the plumbing, since no moving water carries away the heat. This switch overrides the “RUN” command from any other control switches.

The flow switch detects adequate flow, permitting continuous operation; or detects zero or low flow, enabling a “deadhead” operation mode which alternates a run-time interval and a cool-down interval, to avoid overheating the motor and pump. After a certain run time duration, if the flow switch does not detect flow it will present an E4 fault code. The durations of the run-time and cool-down intervals depend on the power being supplied by the controller: the more power going to the motor, the shorter the on-time and longer the cool-down. The controller will operate indefinitely in deadhead mode, until available power either increases sufficiently to move adequate water or it decreases sufficiently that the controller is no longer able to spin the motor. The SubDrive Solar controller will not operate with the flow switch bypassed or jumpered. The controller is required to see “no flow” before attempting to start the motor or a fault will occur.

Installation

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- Securely cover the solar array with an opaque tarp.
- Turn OFF the external DC rated disconnect from the solar array to the SubDrive Solar controller.
- Ensure AC power has been disconnected from the SubDrive Solar controller (if used).
- Wait a minimum of 5 minutes after removing power from the SubDrive Solar controller before servicing.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS COMPLETELY BEFORE INSTALLATION.

Note: During installation, if a conflict arises between this manual and local or national electrical codes, the applicable local or national electrical codes should prevail.

- The longevity and performance of the SubDrive Solar package may be adversely affected by improper installation
- The solar PV array structure, modules, and wiring harness must be properly assembled according to the manufacturer's installation instructions before installing the SubDrive Solar controller.
- Wiring Requirements: Use 75 °C rated wire sized for a maximum voltage drop of 3% per local electric codes.

Installation Preparation & Requirements

When installing the SubDrive Solar controller, be aware that:

- High voltage is present in the SubDrive when powered on; use caution when live DC power is on.
- Do not allow any unauthorized persons near the solar array and connection sites while power is applied.
- It is strongly recommended that a DC rated disconnect box be used to disconnect the incoming DC power from the SubDrive Solar controller during installation and maintenance. Use a Volt Meter to confirm the absence of voltage in the line before proceeding with installation or maintenance.
- The DC disconnect should be sized to be capable of adequately disconnecting the output open circuit voltage (Voc) and short circuit current (Isc) of the solar array.
- Keep all flammable materials away from the assembly site, including dry brush and vegetation.
- For optimal performance, avoid placing the PV solar array around any objects that can cast shadows or reduce sunlight to the array.
- Install the SubDrive Solar controller out of direct sunlight to prevent overheating and reduced performance. The optimum location is on the mounting pole for the PV Solar Array underneath the array for protection from the sun, heat, and weather elements.
- Keep the surrounding area clear of vegetation.
- Do not block airflow around the SubDrive Solar controller heat sink.
- Limit access of animals to the system.
- Protect wires from damage from wildlife and weathering by using conduit. For additional protection, bury the conduit in the ground.

Controller Location Selection

The SubDrive Solar controller is intended for operation in ambient temperatures up to 122 °F (50 °C). The following recommendations will help in the selection of the proper location for the SubDrive Solar controller (Figure 4):

CAUTION: When using an alternate AC power source, the ambient temperature is limited to 104 °F (40 °C) for full power delivery.

1. The unit should be mounted on a sturdy supporting structure such as a wall or supporting post. Please take into account the weight of the unit.
2. The electronics inside the SubDrive Solar are air-cooled. As a result, there should be at least 45.7 cm (18 inches) both above and below to allow for air flow and proper cooling. If the SubDrive Solar is mounted under the PV solar array, make sure that it is at least 45.7 cm (18 inches) beneath the array.
3. The SubDrive Solar should be mounted with the wiring end oriented downward. The controller should not be placed in direct sunlight or other locations subject to extreme temperatures or humidity (mounting location should not be subjected to freezing conditions). Placing the controller in direct sunlight or high ambient temperatures will result in reduced performance due to temperature foldback protection. For optimum performance, maximize the shading of the controller.

Additional Considerations for NEMA 3 (IP55) Enclosures

To ensure maximum weather protection, the unit must be mounted vertically with the cover properly aligned and secured with all lid screws. Strain relief fittings, or IP55 rated liquid tight conduit fittings, should be used to bring the wires inside the enclosure.

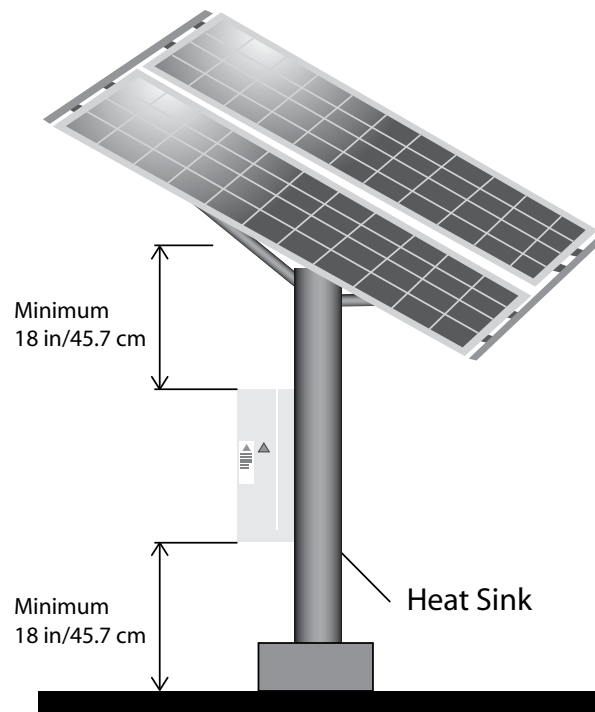


Figure 4. Controller Location

Mounting Procedure

1. Disconnect all electrical power supply.
2. Install the unit to a secure post using 1/4" (6 mm or M6) mounting screws (not included). The top mounting holes are slotted in order to hang the drive in place, while the bottom fasteners are inserted to secure the unit from ever sliding up.
3. If the mounting surface is narrower than the outer mounting slots, use the top center and bottom center mounting holes and secure using 3/8" (8 mm or M8) mounting screws (not included).

Wiring Connections

WARNING

Serious or fatal electrical shock may result from failure to connect the ground terminal to the motor, the SubDrive Solar controller, metal plumbing and all other metal near the motor, or cable to a proper earth ground in accordance with local codes, using wire no smaller than motor cable wires. To minimize risk of electrical shock, disconnect power before working on or around the SubDrive Solar system. Do not use motor in swimming areas.

CAPACITORS INSIDE THE SUBDRIVE SOLAR CONTROLLER CAN STILL HOLD LETHAL VOLTAGE EVEN AFTER POWER HAS BEEN DISCONNECTED. ALLOW 5 MINUTES FOR DANGEROUS INTERNAL VOLTAGE TO DISCHARGE BEFORE REMOVING SUBDRIVE SOLAR COVER.

The SubDrive Solar controller is not protected against a "bolted" short to ground at the motor cable terminals. Ensure that the motor leads have been checked for a possible short to ground BEFORE operating the drive.

1. Verify that the power has been shut off.
2. Remove the SubDrive Solar lid.
3. Remove the bottom gland plate from the SubDrive Solar enclosure and drill or punch the necessary sized holes for the appropriate cord grips or conduit fittings to feed through. (Do not attempt to drill holes with the gland plate on the enclosure. Damage could occur to internal electronics, or metal shavings could short out electronics inside the drive).
4. Use appropriate strain relief or conduit connectors. For NEMA 3 (IP 55), Type B liquid-tight fittings are recommended for maximum weather protection.
5. Make the appropriate wiring connections in the following instructions and install per all applicable local and national codes.
 - a. Select wire gauge based on code recommendations for the maximum operating currents listed in Table 6, page 26. Verify that any protection devices, such as fuses or circuit breakers, are appropriately sized and installed per local and national code.
6. Replace the gland plate on the bottom of the enclosure. Do not over-tighten the screws.
 - a. Torque screws to 1.7 N-m (15 in.-lbs.)
7. Replace the cover. Do not over-tighten the screws.
 - a. Torque screws to 1.7 N-m (15 in.-lbs.)
 - b. NOTE: DO NOT SHIFT, CUT, OR DAMAGE THE SEALS WHEN REPLACING THE GLAND PLATE AND COVER. DOING SO WILL RESULT IN LACK OF WEATHER PROTECTION AND LOSS OF NEMA AND IP RATINGS.

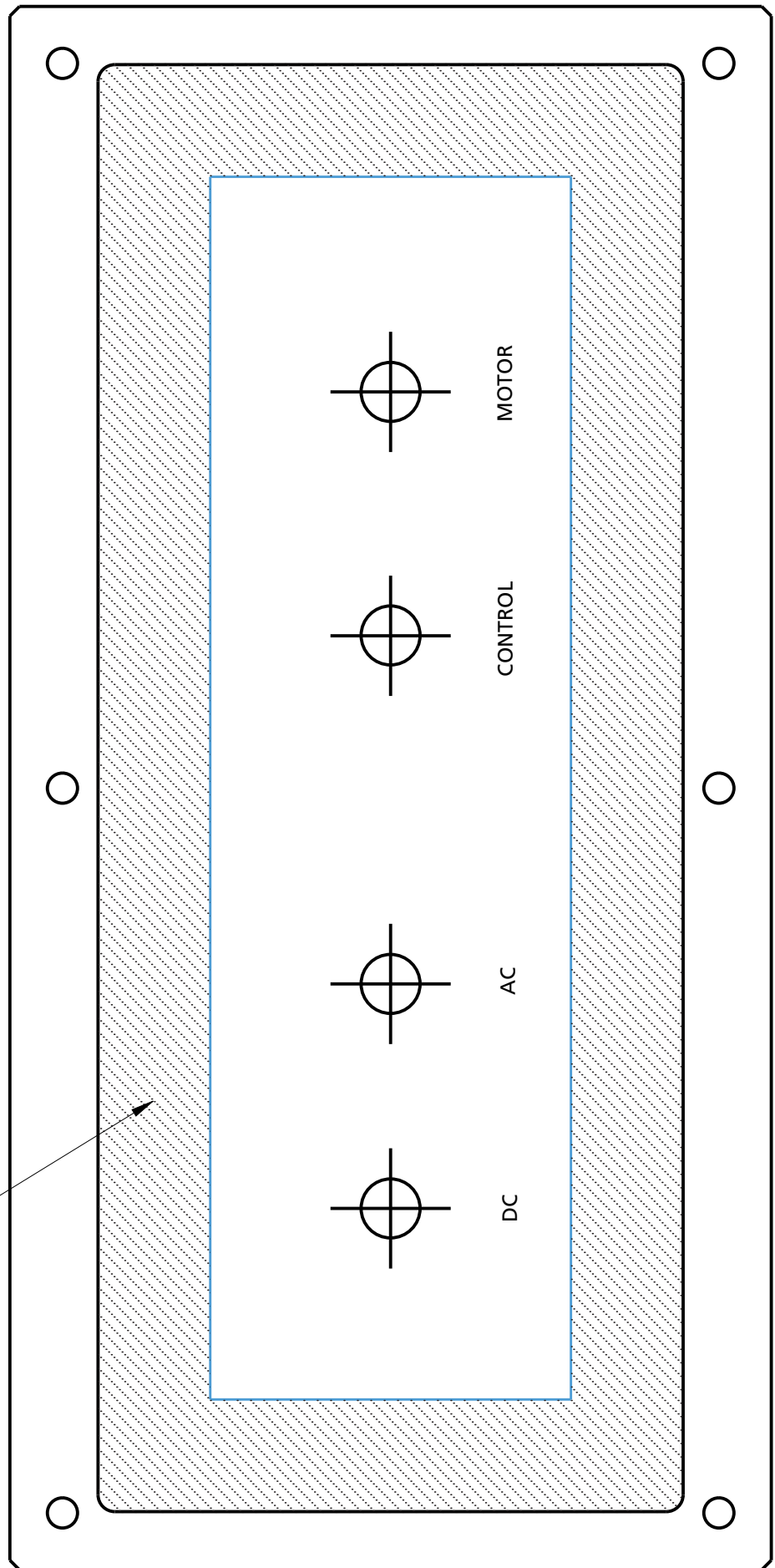
NOTE: Ensure that the system is properly grounded. Improper grounding may result in the loss of voltage surge protection and interference filtering.

Gland Plate Terminal Location Template

Use the template as a guide for locating where to drill holes in the gland plate.

WARNING: Do not drill holes that extend into the shaded area. This will diminish the seal integrity of the enclosure.

Gland plate seal



DC Wiring Connections

1. Make sure that the external disconnect switch is off.
2. Make sure that AC power is disconnected (if installed)
3. Make sure that all wires are properly identified and marked:
 - the cable from the PV to the external DC disconnect switch
 - the cable from the external DC disconnect to the SubDrive Solar controller
4. Connect the cables from the external DC disconnect to terminal block labeled "Solar Primary DC" to terminals marked +, - and GND. (Figure 5) (Torque specification: 15 in-lbs/ 1.7 N-m).

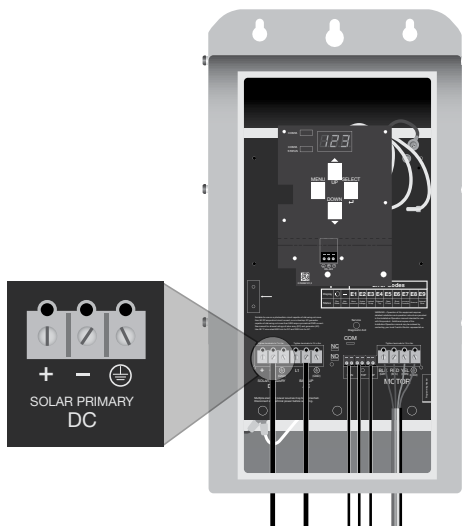


Figure 5. DC Wiring Connection

CAUTION

Only connect a photovoltaic solar array to the DC input of the SubDrive Solar controller. This controller is suitable for use on a PV circuit capable of delivering not more than 50 DC amps short circuit current.

In this drive, the integral solid state short circuit protection of motor wiring does not provide circuit protection of wiring for input power. Input wiring protection must be provided in accordance with all applicable national and local electrical codes. In addition, follow any manufacturer's recommendations for protection of a photovoltaic (PV) array and protection of a generator, if used.

AC Wiring Connections (Optional)

The SubDrive Solar Controller has AC wiring connections for use with a generator when Solar DC power is not available.

1. Make sure the generator is powered off.
2. Make sure the external DC disconnect switch is off.
3. Connect the cables from the generator to the Terminal Block labeled "Backup AC" to terminals L1, L2, and GND. (Figure 6) (Torque specification: 15 in-lbs/ 1.7 N-m).

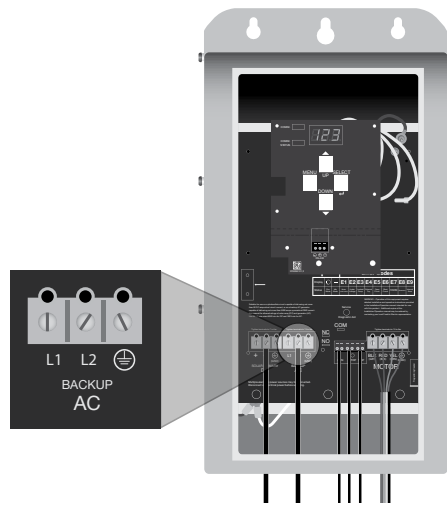


Figure 6. AC Wiring Connection

Flow Switch Wiring Connections

The SubDrive Solar Controller makes use of a flow switch to protect the controller and motor when there is not enough power to generate proper flow. The flow switch and sensor cable is included with the SubDrive Solar QuickPAK and is required on all installations.

1. Connect the cables from the Flow Switch terminals NO and COM to the Terminal Block labeled "TRIP" (Figure 7).

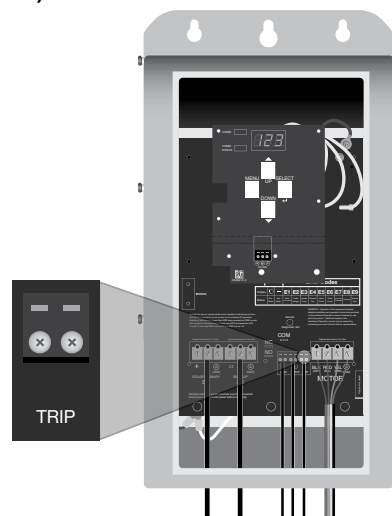


Figure 7. Flow Switch Wiring Connection

CAUTION

Failure to properly install the included flow switch will result in reduced system performance and may result in system damage.

Flow Switch Plumbing Installation

WARNING

Hazardous Pressure Present: Pressure at the flow switch must be limited according to the water temperature that the flow switch will see in service. Note that this includes the temperature that the water could reach due to heating by the surrounding environment. Pressure at the flow switch must be limited according to the following table.

Flow Switch Pressure Rating vs. Water Temperature		
Maximum Water Temperature (°C)	Gauge Pressure (bar)	Gauge Pressure (psi)
20	18	261
25	15.75	228
30	13.5	196
35	11.25	163
40	9	131
45	6.75	98
50	4.5	65
55	2.25	33
60	0	0

Table 1. Flow Switch Pressure

NOTE: Pressure at the flow switch can be reduced by eliminating plumbing restrictions including reduction in pipe diameter downstream of the flow switch.

On the F21 paddle style flow switch, the paddle must be trimmed to allow it to fit into the plumbing. The paddle should be trimmed so that it is as long as possible, but not closer than 4 mm (.160"), to the pipe walls when installed. A longer paddle length will increase flow switch sensitivity and therefore water delivery at low power conditions. Additional installation instructions including mounting orientation, paddle trimming, other plumbing requirements, etc. are included with the flow switch. Follow the installation instructions included with the packaging of the flow switch for installation and maintenance information.

Flow Switch Operation

At start-up, the flow switch naturally detects no flow. If the flow switch detects flow before the controller starts the motor, then the flow switch wiring is faulty or the paddle is stuck and the controller stops, displaying an E4 error. The state of the switch must show no flow in order for the drive to attempt to start. After the controller starts the motor, it expects the flow switch to detect flow within an interval that depends on power being delivered. If the flow switch detects flow within that interval, then the controller operates normally. If the flow switch does not detect flow, the controller enters a deadhead mode, displaying E4, and alternately runs the motor and pump, then allows them to cool.

The time intervals during deadhead mode depend on the power being provided by the controller. For power less than 1200 watts, the overall repeat time interval is approximately 11 minutes. For power greater than 1200 watts, the repeat time interval is approximately 14 minutes. The run-time and cool-down portions within each repeat time interval are controlled to limit the total energy supplied to the motor/pump within each interval, and are thus dependent on the controller output power.

Pump/Motor Wiring Connections

1. Connect the cables from the Pump/Motor Assembly to the Terminal Block labeled "MOTOR" to terminals BLK, RED, YEL, and GND (Figure 8). (Torque specification: 15 in-lbs/ 1.7 N-m).
2. Motors with international leads use Table 2 for motor lead color information to ensure correct installation.

US	Black (BLK)	Red (RED)	Yellow (YEL)	Ground (GND)
International	Gray (GRY)	Black (BLK)	Brown (BRN)	Ground (GND)

Table 2. US and International Wire Color Chart

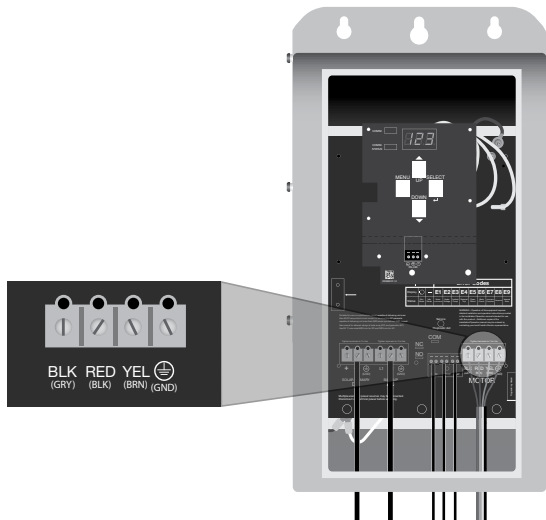


Figure 8. Motor Wiring Connection

CAUTION

For retrofit application, make sure to check integrity of power and motor leads. This requires measuring the insulation resistance with the suitable megohmmeter. Reference the Franklin Electric AIM for correct measures. (See Table 4. Motor Specifications, pg. 22)

Control Switch Wiring Connections (Optional)

The SubDrive Solar Controller can be operated with control switches to control the ON/OFF pumping range. Use a normally closed low-voltage control switch with a contact rating suitable for instrumentation use (i.e. Max: 24 V 15mA)

1. Connect the cables from the "STOP" control switch to the Terminal Block labeled "STOP".
2. Connect the cables from the "RUN" control switch to the Terminal Block labeled "RUN" (Figure 9).

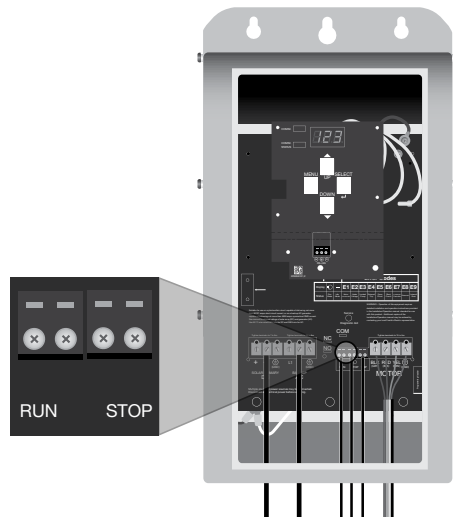


Figure 9. Control Switch Wiring Connection

2 Control Switch Operation

The SubDrive Solar is designed to utilize up to 2 control switches for operation. When both switches are installed, the controller starts to pump and waits to shut off until both switches read "OPEN". Once it shuts off, the controller then waits to run again until both switches read "CLOSED". An example application (Figure 10) is to use separate level switches to indicate high and low water levels. Two pressure switches, one with a high pressure cut-out in the "STOP" input terminal, and a second low pressure cut-in switch in the "RUN" input terminal can also be used to manage the system in a applications that do not have an open discharge. Parameter 1 should be changed to "2" in the menu controls. SEE USER DEFINABLE PARAMETERS in operation section of manual for instructions.

1 Control Switch Operation

Alternatively, the SubDrive Solar controller may be configured to control water level by using a single input switch. Once properly configured for a single active input with a control switch installed, the controller starts to pump and waits to shut off until the active switch reads "OPEN". Once it shuts off, the controller then waits to run again until the switch reads "CLOSED". An example application (Figure 10) would be to use a single-contact level switch that keeps the storage tank as full as possible without overflowing. A single pump control pressure switch can be used to control the pressure range between an adjustable range (i.e. 30/50 psi pressure switch). For single level switch control, use only the "RUN" terminal connections. Parameter 1 should be changed to "1" in the menu controls. SEE USER DEFINABLE PARAMETERS in operation section of manual for instructions.

0 Control Switch Operation

Lastly, the SubDrive Solar controller may be configured to not use a control switch. **The SubDrive Solar controller is default to parameter 1 setting of 0 control switch inputs.** In this configuration the SubDrive Solar will always try to run the motor and pump water as long as there is sufficient power from the solar array or alternate AC power source.

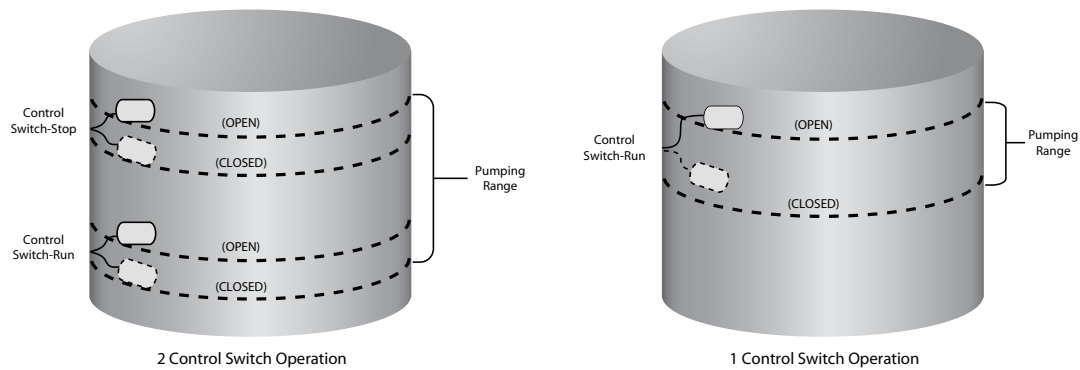


Figure 10. Control Switch Operations

NOTE: All control switch configurations are superseded by the "Flow Switch". If the flow switch detects low flow it will "OPEN" and override the run signals sent by the control switches to protect the motor and drive.

Start-Up and Operation

After all appropriate connections have been made, apply power to the controller. A steady green light in the "Power/DC Polarity" location indicates that the SubDrive Solar controller has either AC or DC power connected. A red light in the "Power/DC Polarity" location indicates that the positive and negative connections have been reversed. The seven segment display will power on shortly after power is applied to the controller. It will flash the current software revision of the main controller, then the software version of the COMM board processor, and finally to the normal operating display. The display will show an E2 fault on the display if the polarity is reversed.

The standard display for the seven segment display during operation is motor frequency. The display can also show the system power in kW, or a rotating segment display signifying the pump/motor is running. These different display modes can be cycled through using the up and down soft buttons. While running on DC power, approximately every 8 minutes the system will briefly shut down and start again. This is normal operation and is used to look at the system open circuit voltage and derive a max power point.

While running on AC generator power, the drive will shut down approximately every 30 minutes and restart. This is normal operation; the drive is just attempting to find adequate DC power input. As soon as DC power becomes available, the system will then change over to the array power. If DC power is not available or is not adequate, the system will continue to run on AC power.

CAUTION

The SubDrive Solar controller's display is protected by a sliding metal shield. After reading the display, ensure that the shield covers the display. Failure to do so could result in damage and will result in yellowing of the view pane and can eventually render the display unreadable.

NOTE: For optimal operation results, it is recommended to flush the bore well system until the water being discharged is clear and free of debris. This will reduce the chances of the flow switch being clogged by sediment and debris during initial start-up.

User Definable Parameters

The following explains the menu structure and User Definable Parameters that is effective on SubDrive Solar controllers with software versions 1.4.4 (COMM Board), 2.11 and 2.12 (main controller) and later versions.

Pressing the "Menu" button from the normal operating display enters the User Definable Parameters menu. Pressing the up and down arrows will cycle through the parameter list.

To enter a parameter, press the "Select" button on the desired parameter. The display shows the last saved value. Use the "Up/Down" arrows to change the parameter to the desired value. Confirm the selection by pressing the "Select" button.

The display will then alternately flash between the new selected value and the parameter number 3 times and ultimately return to the normal operating display.

Factory default settings are shown as **BOLD**.

Description	Parameter	Values	
Factory Reset	rSt	yes	Restores User Defineable Parameters to factory default settings
		no	Flashes "no" after "yes" is selected.
			Indicates this value, as well as others, has been reset to factory default.
# of Control Switch Inputs	P1	2	Sets number of control switches if used.
		1	If only one switch is required it must go in the "Run" terminal
		0	Count should include only run/stop control switches, but not the flow switch
Underload Trip Sensitivity (%)	P2	100	Sets the underload trip sensitivity (%)
		50	Up/Down 30-100% by 1
		30	
Select Reset Rule Type	P3	on	= Fixed Reset Rule ON
		off	= Dynamic Reset Rule ON Turns on/off fixed reset rule
Select Fixed Reset Rule Time	P4	Only effects operation if P3 = ON	
		Up/Down 5-80 by 5 minutes	
Enable Minimum Off Time	P5	"on" selection enables user to select a minimum "off" time of the system	
Select Minimum Off Time Interval	P6	1	Only effects operation if P5 = ON
		10	1, 10-60 by 10 minutes
		60	

Figure 11 shows the layout of the user interface on the COMM Board. Using the soft buttons and the seven segment display, the user defined parameters can be changed.

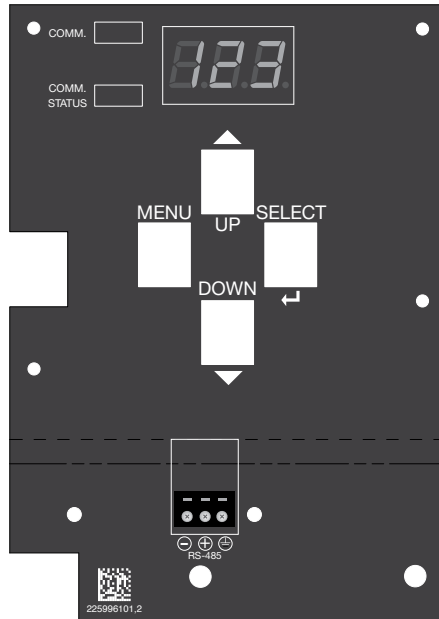


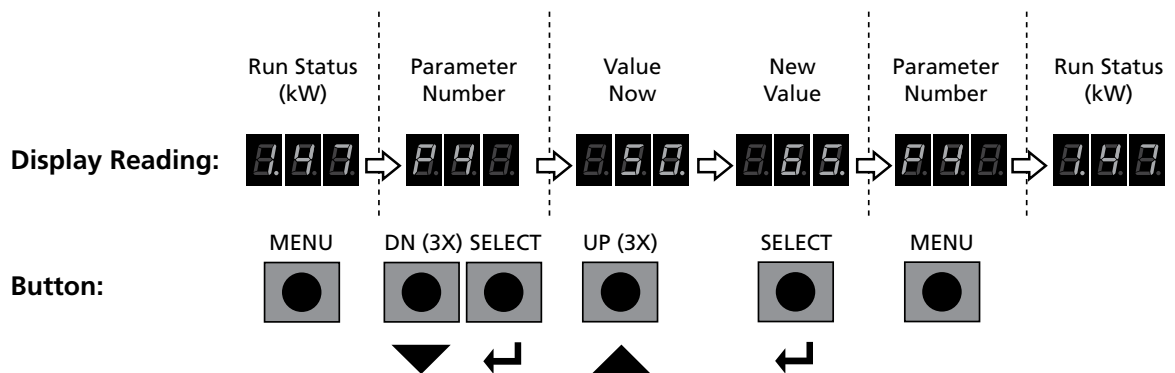
Figure 11. COMM Board User Interface

NOTE: The COMM Board User Interface is the only piece in the SubDrive Solar controller that can be touched while power is applied to the drive. The COMM board is low voltage and electrically isolated from the high voltage portions of the drive.

⚠ WARNING

Do NOT touch any other piece inside the SubDrive Solar controller while power is applied. To service any other areas of the drive, disconnect ALL power sources and wait 5 minutes before continuing.

Example process for changing Software Parameters:



The previous example changes the fixed underload time-out setting from 50 minutes to 65 minutes and demonstrates how to change any of the listed parameters.

Generator Sizing for SubDrive Solar

Table 3 lists minimum generator sizes based on typical 80 °C rise continuous duty generators, for Franklin’s three-wire, single- or three-phase motors. This is a general chart. The generator manufacturer should be consulted whenever possible, especially on larger sizes.

There are two types of generators available: externally and internally regulated. Most are externally regulated. They use an external voltage regulator that senses the output voltage. As the voltage dips at motor start-up, the regulator increases the output voltage of the generator. Internally regulated (self-excited) generators have an extra winding in the generator stator. The extra winding senses the output current to automatically adjust the output voltage.

Follow generator manufacturer’s recommendations for de-rating at higher elevations or using natural gas.

MOTOR RATING		MINIMUM RATING OF GENERATOR			
HP	KW	EXTERNALLY REGULATED		INTERNALLY REGULATED	
		KW	KVA	KW	KVA
1.5	1.1	5	6.25	3	3.8
3	2.2	10	12.5	5	6.25

Table 3. Generator Sizing

Generator Selection Information

Not all AC generators will perform sufficiently with the SubDrive Solar product. Always consult the generator manufacturer for application specific information.

In a SubDrive Solar controller, AC input current flows directly through an input rectifier into a storage capacitor, with no active power-factor-correction (PFC) circuitry. Because of variation of generator performance when connected to an input circuit like this, it is recommended that a suggested minimum kVA rating be obtained from the generator supplier for this type of application (input rectifier to capacitor, no PFC).

The AC input of a SubDrive Solar controller draws current only near the peaks of the sine-wave generator voltage. This pattern of current peaks may distort an input sine-wave voltage, limiting the generator’s ability to maintain a voltage level required by the drive. This behavior is typical for equipment without dedicated power-factor-correction circuits. A generator’s ability to provide low-distortion voltage during such operation is limited by a generator parameter called “sub-transient output reactance”. The lower the sub-transient output reactance, the better the generator can maintain a low-distortion sine wave output voltage.

Generators with the following ratings are expected to be capable of providing adequate voltage to SUBDRIVE Solar drives at rated power of the drives.

For Model 5870301113: 5.5 kVA, less than 25% sub-transient reactance

For Model 5870301223: 9 kVA, less than 20% sub-transient reactance

The above information is a guideline for selecting a generator based on best known practice. Not all AC generators will perform satisfactorily with the SubDrive Solar product and can result in, but not limited to, nuisance tripping, unsatisfactory performance, or drive damage. Always consult the generator manufacturer for best use practices.

Generator Line Reactor Specifications

A single-phase line reactor is required when using a back-up generator source, located between a generator and the controller for both 1.1 kW and 2.2 kW units. Without a line reactor, the drive will experience excessive heating and will reduce performance or stop to protect itself.

- Minimum 0.4 mH inductance, rating of 25 ampere rms current, continuous, for 2.2 kW
- Minimum 0.4 mH inductance, rating of 15 ampere rms current, continuous, for 1.1 kW

Line reactors are typically available as three-phase line reactors. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for use in single-phase application. The reactors can be mounted at the generator, using the proper enclosure rating determined to be adequate for the generator.

Three-Phase Motor Specifications

MOTOR MODEL	RATING					FULL LOAD		MAXIMUM LOAD		LINE TO LINE RESISTANCE OHMS	KVA CODE
	HP	KW	VOLTS	HZ	S.F.	AMPS	WATTS	AMPS	WATTS		
2345049203	1.5	1.1	200	60	1.3	5.8	1460	6.8	1890	2.5 – 3.0	K
2343062604	3	2.2	200	60	1.15	10.9	2920	12.5	3360	1.3 – 1.7	K

Table 4. Motor Specification Data

Maximum Motor Cable Length (in feet)							
		AWG Copper Wire Size, (75 °C Insulation)					
Drive Model	Motor HP	14	12	10	8	6	4
SD Solar 1.1KW N3	1.5	310	500	790	1000		
SD Solar 2.2KW N3	3.0	180	290	470	740	1000	
Maximum Motor Cable Length (in meters)							
		Square Millimeter Copper Wire Size, (75 °C Insulation)					
Drive Model	Motor KW	1.5	2.5	4	6	10	16
SD Solar 1.1KW N3	1.1	70	120	190	290	305	
SD Solar 2.2KW N3	2.2	30	60	100	160	260	305

Table 5. Wire Sizing Charts

* Maximum cable length from the drive to the motor is 1000 ft (305 m). External filtering is required for motor cable lengths exceeding this maximum distance or nuisance tripping might occur.

Motor Lead Installation

NOTE: The included motor in the SubDrive SolarPAK does come with a factory installed individual conductor lead. To replace or install a new lead, please follow these steps:

1. Remove the plastic bag from the lead connector and spread the lubricant evenly around the lead prong.
2. Align the orientation key on the lead connector with the slot in the motor end bell, and press the lead connector firmly into the socket.
3. Start the jam nut into the connector threads, ensuring that the threads are properly engaged.
4. Using a 19 mm (3/4") open ended wrench, tighten the jam nut until it is snug. Recommended torque 20-27 N-m (15-20 lb-ft). DO NOT OVER TORQUE.

Fault Codes and Troubleshooting

The SubDrive Solar controller will attempt to drive the pump to deliver water even under adverse conditions. To ensure years of reliable service, it must also protect the system components from conditions that might result in equipment damage. When adverse conditions arise, the controller will continue to deliver as much water as possible at reduced output if necessary, and will shut down only in extreme cases. Full operation will resume automatically whenever abnormal conditions subside.

Error conditions may suspend certain features, reduce output, or shut down operation of the drive for varying amounts of time depending on the nature and severity of the error. Problems that merely reduce features or performance generally restore full operation when the trouble condition subsides without stopping the pump or flashing an error code. If an error requires stopping the motor, a stop delay of at least 30 seconds will accompany the fault. The error code is shown on the seven-segment display.

If the drive has stopped to indicate a fault code on the display, the associated time-out delay will vary depending on the nature of the fault. The number following the "E" symbol corresponds to the error code for the offending condition.

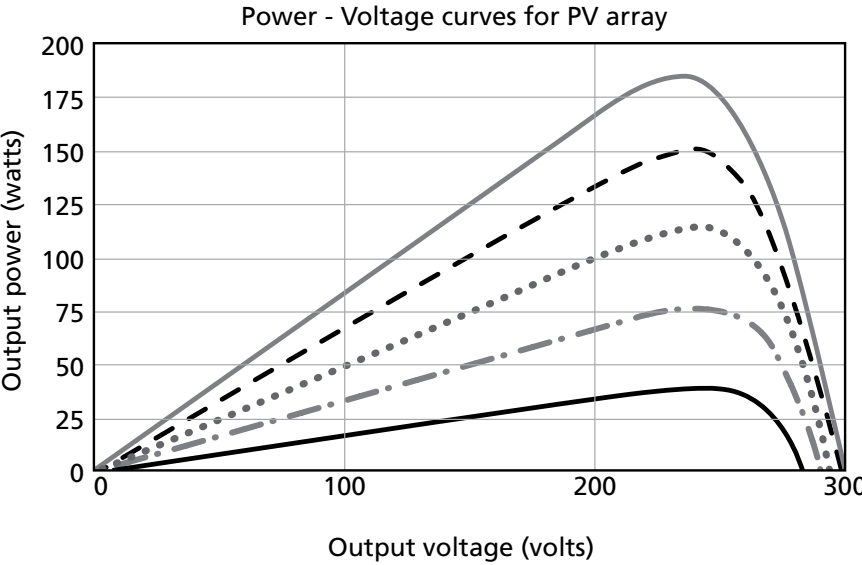
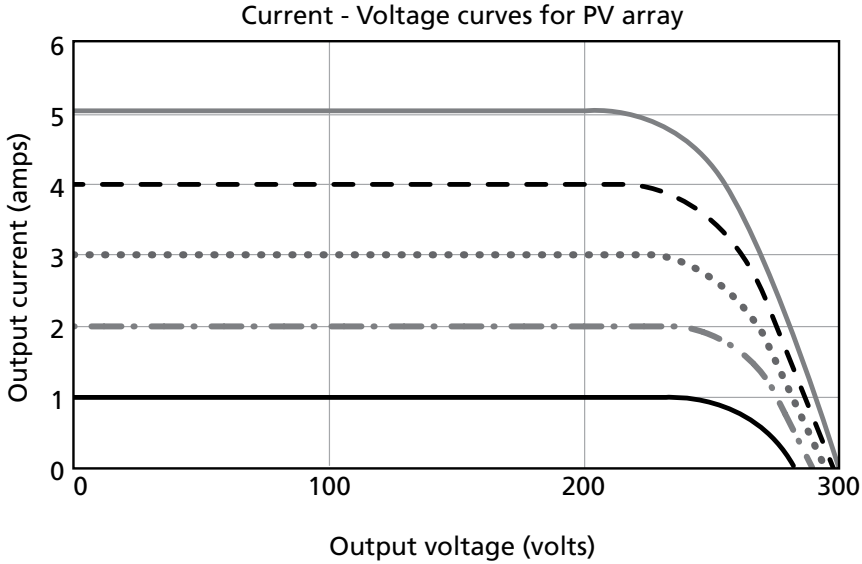
Undervoltage (E2)

The SubDrive Solar controller displays an E2 fault when the input voltage is at an unacceptable level. However, measuring the input voltage may reveal a voltage well within the normal operating range, yet the drive still displays the E2 fault. This is commonly due to the characteristics of the solar PV array. Virtually any illumination intensity will result in the array producing full or near full open circuit voltage with no load. However, with low illumination when the drive begins to apply power to run the motor, the voltage on the array will fall quickly due to the available current from the PV array. The current capacity of the PV solar array is affected much more by solar intensity. Once the current demand exceeds or nears the current available, the voltage drops quickly along the flat portion of the IV curve (see example array curves on the following page). This drop in voltage then causes an E2 fault condition and will stop the motor. After approximately 1 minute, the drive will power up again and check if illumination is sufficient enough to run the motor.

This cycling of E2 fault conditions is normal during the morning and evening hours and other times of non-peak illumination. Measuring the open circuit voltage alone is not always a good indication of the suitability of sufficient solar power since the voltage will change when the motor begins to run. The SubDrive Solar controller will operate the motor in the widest possible range of power from the PV array.

Example Solar PV Array Curves

Displaying Diminishing Solar Light Intensity



Current-Voltage and Power-Voltage curves for a PV array containing six generic 180 watt PV panels in series.

Each panel having the following values at standard test conditions (STC of 1000 W/m², 25 deg C panel temp): I_{sc} = 5.0 A, V_{oc} = 50 Vdc, I_{mp} = 4.6 A, V_{mp} = 40 Vdc

Curves calculated for five different light levels: 200 to 1000 W/m² in 200 W/m² steps, at constant 25 deg. C panel temperature

Display	Fault	Possible Causes	Corrective Action
E1	Motor Underload	Air-locked pump. Overpumped or dry well. Worn pump, damaged shaft or coupling, blocked pump or pump screen.	Wait for well to recover and auto restart to occur. (See description of Underload Smart Reset). If the problem persists, check pump and motor.
E2	Undervoltage	Misconnected or loose input leads. Low sunlight to PV array. Generator voltage too low.	Tighten any loose input connections. Wait for more intense sunlight. Follow generator troubleshooting guide.
E3	Locked Pump	Motor/pump misaligned. Pump bound up with sand or abrasive. Dragging motor or pump.	Unit will attempt to free a locked pump. If it is unsuccessful, check the motor and pump.
E4	External Trip	Water flow too low to adequately cool pump and motor. Flow switch miswired.	Check that "trip" terminal is correctly wired to flow switch. Check that flow switch is properly installed in pipe discharge. Check that pipe discharge is not blocked. Wait for sufficient solar power to pump adequate water.
E5	Open Circuit	Loose or open connection to motor. Defective motor or cable	Check motor cable connections. Cycle input power* to reset. If problem persists, check cable and motor.
E6	(a) At power-up: Short Circuit (b) While running: Over Current	(a) short in motor connections at terminal or within motor cable. (b) debris in pump.	(a) check motor connections at terminal. (b) Check pump. Cycle input power* to reset. If problem persists, check motor cable and pump.
E7	Overheated Controller	Unit in direct sunlight. High ambient temperature. Obstruction of air flow.	Shade unit. Clean any debris from heat sink fins on rear of enclosure. This fault automatically resets when temperature returns to safe level.
E9	Internal Error	Controller internal processing has encountered an incorrect value.	Cycle input power.*

Table 6. Fault Code / Troubleshooting

* "Cycle input power" means disconnecting PV and generator power (if used) for at least five minutes, then re-connecting power.

SubDrive Solar Specifications

Absolute maximum input voltages

PV, DC	410 V, open circuit
Backup generator	260 VAC, rms

NOTE: Suitable for use on a photovoltaic circuit capable of delivering not more than 50 DC amps short circuit current, or on a backup AC generator capable of delivering not more than 5000 amps symmetrical rms current.

	1.1 kW model	2.2 kW model
Controller Model No.	5870301113	5870301223
Output		
Output voltage, max	200 V AC, 3-phase	200 V AC, 3-phase
Max Amps (RMS)	6.8 A, each phase	12.5 A, each phase
Output Frequency	30-58 Hz	30-68 Hz
Efficiency at Max Power	96%	96%
PV source		
Input Voltage, at mpp	190* – 330 V DC	190* – 330 V DC
Max Amps Input	7 A DC, continuous	12 A DC, continuous
Power at mpp	Up to 2000 watts	2000 – 3500 watts
Alternate AC Generator		
Input voltage	230 V AC, single-phase	230 V AC, single-phase
Max Amps (RMS)	16 A	25 A
Power and VA capability	Follow Instruction Manual for proper Generator Sizing Data	Follow Instruction Manual for proper Generator Sizing Data
Controller Size	L X W X D	L X W X D
Centimeters	(53.34 X 25.87 X 21.87 cm)	(53.34 X 25.87 X 26.31 cm)
Inches	(21.00" X 10.19" X 8.61")	(21.00" X 10.19" X 10.36")
Operating Conditions		
Temperature Range	-25 °C to 50 °C (40 °C max when using AC generator)	-25 °C to 50 °C (40 °C max when using AC generator)
Relative Humidity Range	0 to 100% Condensing	0 to 100% Condensing

*Drive will attempt to start the pump/motor at 190 V DC, and attempt to continue operation down to 150 V DC. The recommended Vmpp minimum for the system's solar PV array is 225 Vmpp. Maximum open circuit voltage input to the controller = 410 Voc.

Table 7. SubDrive Solar Drive Specifications

*Either drive will attempt to start the pump/motor with input voltage as low as 190V, and attempt to continue to run the pump/motor as low as 150V input voltage. However, 150 Vdc should not be interpreted as an adequate rated PV array output voltage for any installation. See the PV Solar Array Specifications and System Sizing program for indication of adequate array voltage to provide useful pumping capability.

PV Solar Array Specifications

Absolute maximum array voltages

V_{mpp} = 330 Vdc maximum operating voltage at max power point of PV source
 V_{oc} = 410 Vdc maximum open-circuit voltage

Minimum array voltage at minimum array peak power

(provides max of 25% of rated system pumping power at STC)

System size	Minimum PV array voltage	Minimum PV array power at STC
1.1 kW	190 Vdc	500 Wp
2.2 kW	190 Vdc	875 Wp

Array voltage and power for full system capability

(provides 100% of rated system pumping power at STC)

System size	Target PV array voltage	PV array power at STC*
1.1 kW	300 Vdc	2000 Wp
2.2 kW	300 Vdc	3500 Wp

*See Solar Array Specification Software for target PV array power for specific design requirements

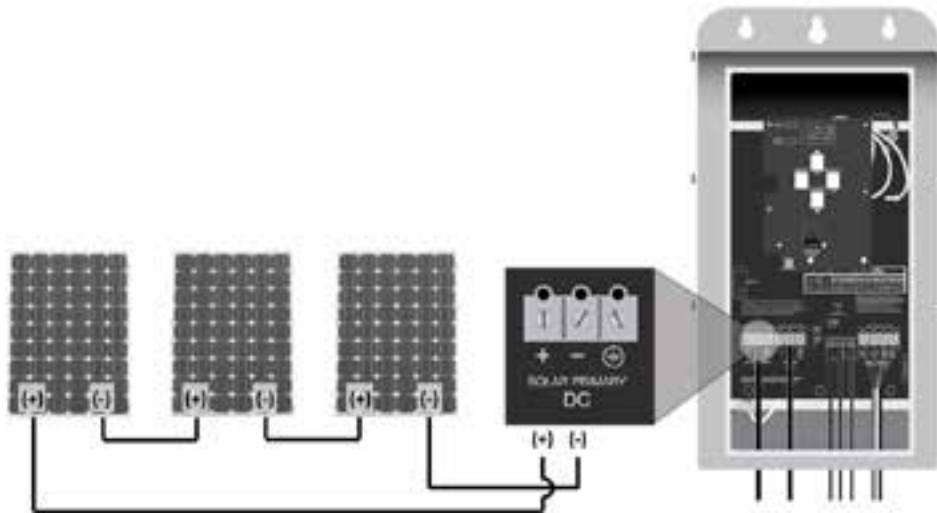
STC – Standard Test Conditions

Solar Panel Wiring Configurations

Solar Panels Wired in Series

When solar panels are wired in series, the positive terminal of one solar panel is wired in to the negative terminal of the next solar panel. When panels are connected in series:

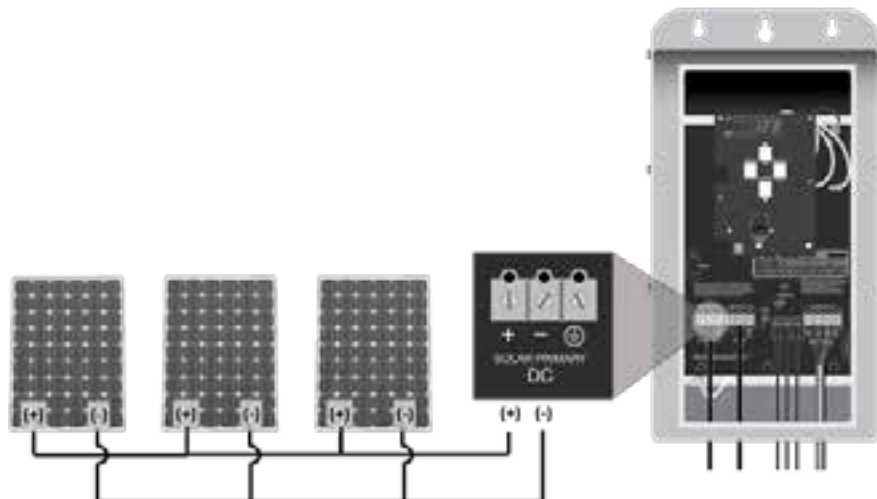
- Voltage accumulates (adds) for each panel in series
- Wattage accumulates (adds) for each panel in series
- Current (Amps) remains the same as a single panel in the series



Solar Panels Wired in Parallel

When solar panels are wired in parallel, the positive terminal of one solar panel is wired in to the positive terminal of the next solar panels. Likewise, the negative terminals are connected together to the negative terminals of the next solar panels. When panels are connected in parallel:

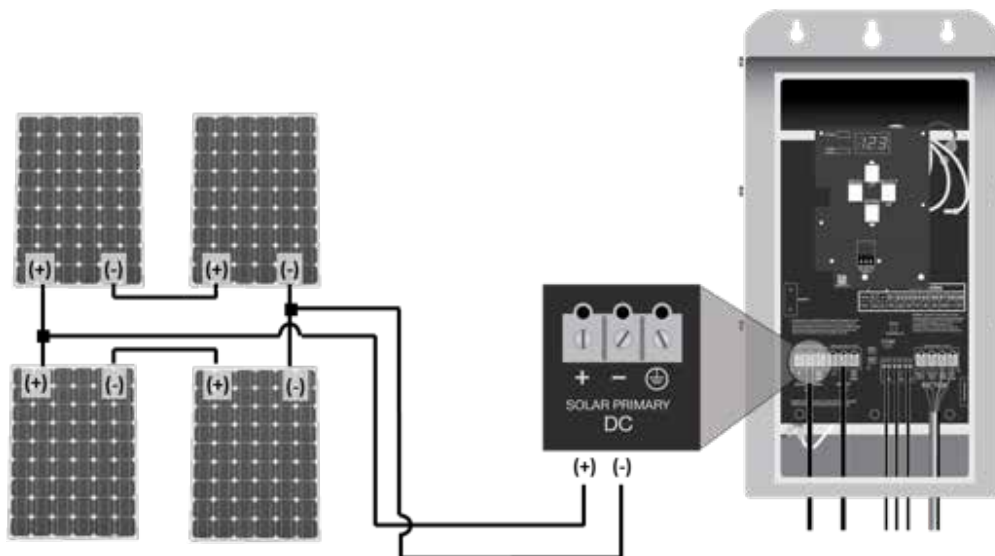
- Voltage remains the same as a single panel in the parallel connection
- Wattage accumulates (adds) for each panel added
- Current (Amps) accumulates (adds) for each panel wired in parallel



Solar Panels Wired in Combination

Series/parallel combination wiring requires that at least two sets (or strings) or panels wired in series are connected in parallel. When panels are connection in combination:

- Voltage accumulates (adds) for each panel in a single series circuit, but does not accumulate for additional strings wired in parallel
- Wattage accumulates (adds) for each panel in a single series string AND each string in parallel circuit (all panels in the array contribute additively to the total Wattage)
- Current (Amps) remains the same for single panels in a series, but accumulates (adds) for additional strings connected in parallel



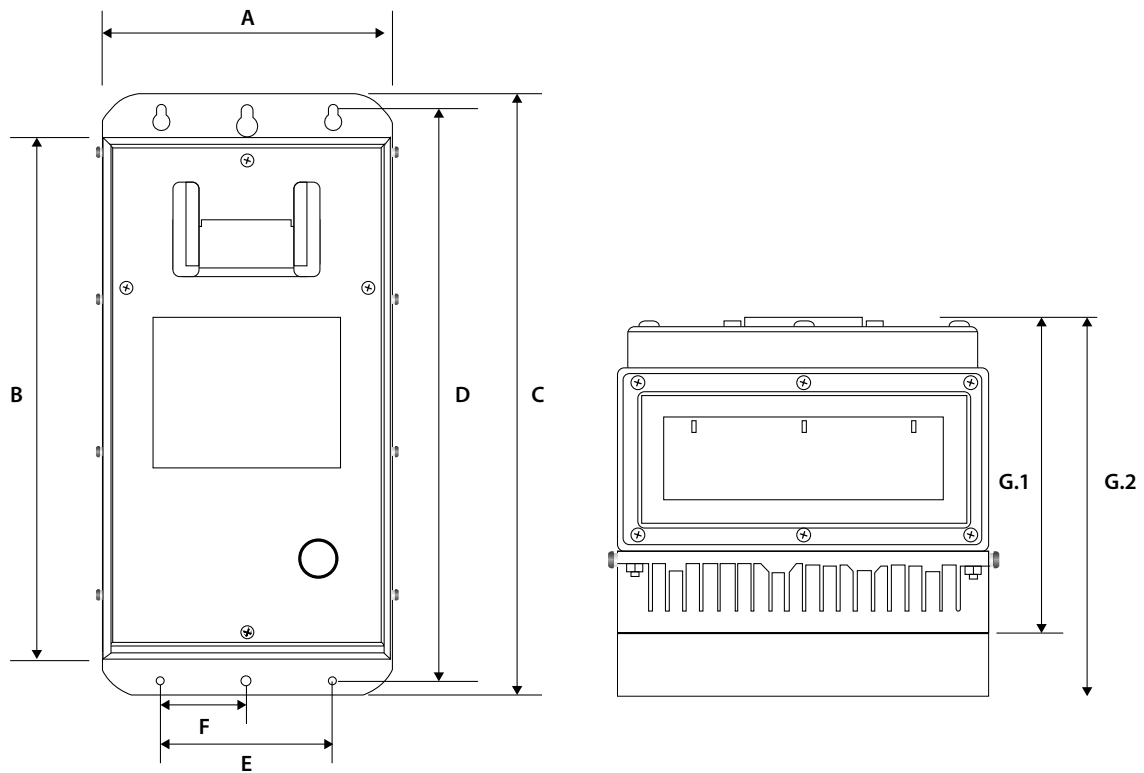


Figure 12. SubDrive Solar Controller Line Drawing

SubDrive Solar Dimension	A	B	C	D	E	F	G.1*	G.2*
Inches	10.16	18.28	21.00	20.00	6.00	3.00	8.68	10.43
Centimeters	25.81	46.43	53.34	50.80	15.24	7.62	22.05	26.49

*G.1 = 1.1 kW SubDrive Solar; G.2 = 2.2 kW SubDrive Solar

NOTE: All dimensions are approximate

Table 7. SubDrive Solar Controller Dimensions

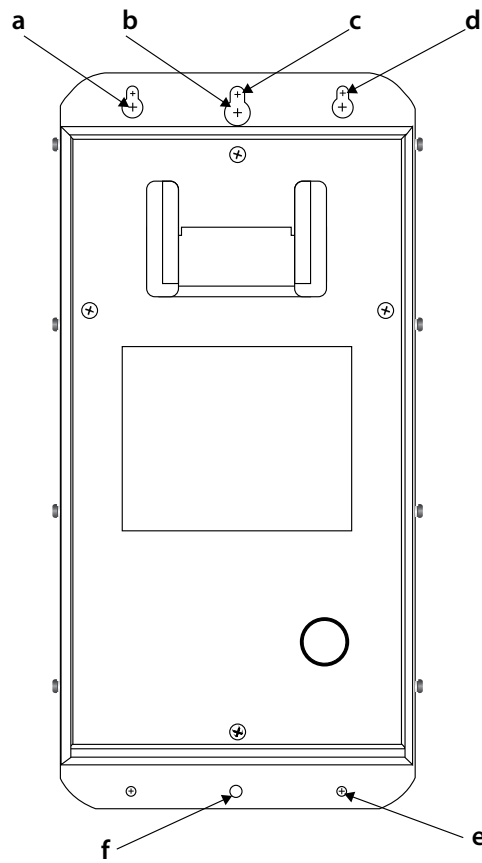


Figure 13. SubDrive Solar Controller Mounting Hole Drawing

SubDrive Solar Dimension	a	b	c,f	d,e
Inches	0.625	0.750	0.406	0.281
Centimeters	15.9	19.1	10.3	7.1

NOTE: All Dimensions are approximate

Table 8. SubDrive Mounting Hole Dimensions (Diameter)

FE Australia Submersible Service Hotline

1.300.FRANKLIN
1.300.372.655

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