

iSolar 2

Mounting Connection Operation Troubleshooting Examples





Thank your for buying this product. Read this manual carefully to get the best perfomance from this unit.



Safety advice

Please pay attention to the following safety advice in order to avoid danger and damage to people and property.

Appropriate usage

This product is to be used in solar thermal systems in compliance with the technical data specified in these instructions (see p. 3).

Improper use excludes all liability claims

Instructions:

Attention should be paid to

- valid local regulations
- the statutory provisions for prevention of industrial accidents,
- the statutory provisions for environmental protection,
- the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974
- Part P of the Building Regulations 2005
- BS7671 Requirements for electrical installations and relevant safety regulations of DIN, EN, DVGW, TRGI, TRF and VDE.

These instructions are exclusively addressed to authorised skilled personnel.

- Only qualified electricians should carry out installation and maintenance work.
- Initial installation should be carried out by named qualified personnel

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Declaration of conformity

We, CALEFFI NORTH AMERICA, Inc., declare under our sole responsibility that our product iSolar 2 complies with the following standards: EN 55 014-1

EN 60 730-1

According to the regulations of the above directives, the product is labelled with **CE**:

89/336/EWG 73/ 23/EWG

- system-monitoring display
- up to 4 temperature sensors Pt1000
- heat quantity measurement
- function control
- VBus[®]
- user-friendly operation through simple handling
- pump speed control, solar operating hours counter



Scope of delivery:

1 x iSolar 2

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

Additionally enclosed in the full kit:

1 x sensor FKP6

1 x sensor FRP6



The iSolar 2 is a controller for standard solar thermal systems. It provides a clear operating concept and is equipped with a system-monitoring display. Flashing symbols for sensors, pumps and valves show temperatures, temperature differences and active actuators.

Technical data

Housing: plastic, PC-ABS and PMMA

Protection type: IP 20 / DIN 40050

Ambient temp.: 32 ... 104 °F

Dimensions: 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: 3 push buttons at the front of the housing

Functions: Differential temperature controller with optional system functions. Function control according to BAW-guidelines, operating hours counter for solar pump, tube collector function, pump speed control as well as heat quantity measurement.

Inputs: for 4 temperature sensors Pt1000 Outputs: 1 Semiconductor relay Bus: VBus® **Power supply:** 115 V~

Mode of operation: Type 1.y

Switching capacity: semiconductor relay: 1 (1) A (115) V~



Examples iSolar 2



For detailed connection diagrams see chapter 1.





1.2 Electrical connection





WARNING!

Always switch-off power supply and disconnect the controller from the mains before opening the housing!

The unit must only be located in dry interior locations. It is not suitable for installation in hazardous locations and should not be placed close to any electromagnetic fields. The controller must additionally be supplied from a double-pole switch with contact gap of at least 3 mm. Please pay attention to separate routing of sensor cables and mains cables.

- 1. Unscrew the cross-head screw from the cover and remove it along with the cover from the housing.
- Mark the upper fastening point on the wall and drill and fasten the enclosed wall plug and screw leaving the head protruding.
- 3. Hang the housing from the upper fastening point and mark the lower fastening point through the hole in the terminal box (centres 130 mm). Drill and insert the lower wall plug.
- 4. Fasten the housing to the wall with lower fastening screw and tighten.

The power supply to the controller must be carried out via an external power switch (last step!) and the supply voltage must be $115 V \sim (50 \dots 60 \text{ Hz})$. Flexible cables must be attached to the housing with the enclosed strain relief and the corresponding screws.

The controller is equipped with either 1 relay to which **loads** such as pumps, valves, etc. can be connected:

- Relay 1
 - 18 = conductor R1
 - 17 = neutral conductor N
 - 13 = ground clamp =

Temperature sensors (S1 to S4) have to be connected to the following terminals (either 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. tank top sensor)
- 7 / 8 = sensor 4 (e.g. return temperature sensor)

The **power supply connection** has to be carried out via the following terminals:

- 19 = neutral conductor N
- 20 = conductor L
- 12 = ground clamp (±



Electrostatic discharge can lead to damage to electronic components!

Dangerous voltage!



1.2.1 Data communication / Bus



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
- Smart Display SD3

Additionaly, the controller can be connected to the PC with the help of a RS-COM adapter. With the Service Center 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.

Standard solar system with 1 tank, 1 pump and 3 sensors.



1.2.2 Allocation of terminals for system 1



2. Operation and function

2.1 Buttons for adjustment



(selection / adjustment mode)

2.2 System monitoring display



Complete Monitoring-Display

2.2.1 Channel display





2.2.2 Tool bar



tool bar

The controller is operated via the 3 push buttons below the display. The forward-button (1) is used for scrolling forward through the display menu or to increase the adjustment values. The backward-button (2) is similarly used for scrolling backwards and reducing values.

In order to access the adjustment mode, scroll down in the diplay menu and press the forward button (1) for approx. 2 seconds after you have reached the last diplay item. If an **adjustment value** is shown on the display, the "**SEt**" icon is displayed. Now, you can access the adjustment mode by using button 3.

- Press buttons 1 and 2 in order to select a channel
- Briefly press button 3, "SEt" will flash
- Adjust the value by pressing buttons 1 and 2
- Briefly press buttons 3, so that "SEt" permanently appears, the adjusted value will be saved.

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

The **channel display** consists of two lines. The upper line is an alpha-numeric 16-segment display (text display) for displaying channel names and menu items. In the lower 7-segment display, the channel values and the adjustment parameters are displayed.

Temperatures and temperature differences are indicated in $^\circ\text{C}$ or K respectively.

The additional symbols in the **tool bar** indicate the actual system status.

Symbol	standard	flashing
	relay 1 active	
*	tank maximum limitation active / maximum tank temperature exceeded	collector cooling function or recooling function active
₩	antifreeze- function activated	collector minimum limitation or antifreeze function active
\triangle		collector emergency shutdown or tank emergency shutdown active
_+≁		sensor defect
+ ⊘		manual operation active
SET		SET-mode, change of adjust- ment value is possible



2.2.3 System screen



2.3 Flashing codes

2.3.2 LED flashing codes

2.3.1 System screen codes

- Pump symbols are flashing during initialisation phase
- Sensor symbols are flashing if the corresponding sensor display channel is selected.
- Sensor symbols are flashing in the case of a sensor fault.
- Burner symbol is flashing if the after-heating is active

green:	everything OK
red/green flashing:	initialisation phase
	manual operation
red flashing:	sensor fault
-	(sensor symbol is flashing quickly)



3. Commissioning

When the controller is commissionend for the first time, the arrangement has to be selected first



- 1.Switch on power supply. During the initialisation phase, the operating control lamp flashes red and green. After initialisation, the controller is in the automatic mode with typical settings. The pre-programmed system scheme is Arr 1.
- 2. select adjustment channel Arr
 - change to the **SET**-mode (see 2.1)
 - select the arrangement via the Arr-index number
 - save the adjustment by pressing the SSI button

Now the controller is ready for operation with typical settings to suit that system and normally the factory settings will give close to optimum operation.



Arr 1

Overview of arrangements:

Arr 1 : standard solar system



4. Control parameters and display channels

4.1 Overview of channels

Legend:

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Corresponding channel is available.

x* Corresponding channel is available when the corresponding option is enabled



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Only if the option heat quantity measurement is **activated** (OHQM), will the corresponding channel be available.

Only if the option heat quantity measurement is **deactivated** (OHQM), will the corresponding channel be available.

MEDT

Only if an antifreeze (MEDT) other than **water or Tyfocor** LS / G-LS (MEDT 0 or 3) is used, will the channel antifreeze concentration (MED%) be displayed.

Please note:

Only if temperature sensors are connected, will S3 and S4 be displayed.

channel		description	page
COL	х	Temperature collector 1	11
TST	х	Temperature tank 1	11
TSTL	х	Temperature tank 1 base	11
TSTU	х	Temperature tank 1 top	11
S3	х	Temperature sensor 3	11
TRF	1	Temperature return sensor	11
S4	2	Temperature sensor 4	11
n %	х	Pump speed relay 1	11
h P	х	Operating hours relay 1	11
kWh	1	Heat quantity kWh	12
MWh	1	Heat quantity MWh	12
Arr	1	Arrangement	9
DT O	х	Switch-on temperature difference	13
DT F	х	Switch-off temperature difference	13
DT S	х	Set temperature difference	13
RIS	х	Rise	13
S MX	x	Maximum temperature tank 1	13
EM	x	Emergency temperature collector 1	14

channel		description	page
OCX	×	Option collector cooling collector 1	14
CMX	x*	Maximum temperature collector 1	14
OCN	x	Option minimum limitation collector 1	14
CMN	x*	Minimun temperature collector 1	14
OCF	x	Option antifreeze collector 1	14
CFR	x*	Antifreeze temperature collector 1	14
OREC	x	Option recooling	15
отс	x	Option tube collector	15
OHQM	x	Option heat quentity measurement	12
FMAX	1	Maximum flowrate	12
MEDT	0	Antifreeze type	12
MED%	MEDT	Antifreeze concentration	12
nMN	x	Minimum pump speed relay 1	16
HND1	x	Manual operation relay 1	16
HND2	x	Manual operation relay 2	16
LANG	x	Language	16
UNIT	x	Change over °FAH / °CEL	16
PROG	XX.XX	Program number	
VERS	X.XX	Version number	





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will be set to 0. Confirm the reset with the SET button in

In order to interrupt the RESET-process, do not press a button for about 5 seconds. The display returns to the

order to finish the reset.

display mode.



4.1.7 Heat quantity measurement option

OHQM:Heat quantity	
measurement	
Adjustment range: OFFON	
Factory setting: OFF	
FMAX:	
Flow rate in I/min	
Adjustment range 0 20	
in 0,1-steps	
Factory setting: 6,0	
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FMAX 📾 **6.0**

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Heat quantity measurement is possible if a flowmeter is used. For this purpose, the heat quantity measurement option (**OHQM**) has to be enabled.

The flow rate should be read from the flowmeter (I/min) and has to be adjusted in the channel **FMAX**. Antifreeze type and concentration of the heat transfer medium have to be adjusted in the channels **MEDT** and **MED%**.

Antifreeze type:

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

MEDT: Antifreeze type Adjustment range: 0...3 Factory setting: 1

MED%: Antifreeze concentration (Vol-) % When MEDT 0 or 3 is used, the parameter MED% is ,hidden'. Adjustment range: 20...70 Factory setting: 45

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



KWh

SET

The flow rate as well as the reference sensors S1 (flow) and S4 (return) are used for calculating the heat quantity supplied. It is shown in kWh in the channel **kWh** and in MWh in the channel **MWh**. The overall heat quantity results from the sum of both values.

The accumulated heat quantity can be reset. As soon as one of the display channels of the heat quantity is selected, the symbol SI is permanently shown on the display. Press button SET (3) for about 2 seconds in order to access the RESET mode of the counter. The display symbol SI will flash and the heat quantity value will be set to 0. In order to finish this process, press the SI button to confirm.

In order to interrupt the RESET process, no button should be pressed for about 5 seconds. The controller automatically returns to the display mode.



4.1.8 △T-regulation DT O:

Switch-on temperature diff. 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.

DT S:

Set temperature difference Adjustment range: 3,0..60,0 °Ra Factory setting: 20.0 °Ra

RIS:

Rise Adjustment range: 2 ... 40 °Ra Factory setting: 4 °Ra

4.1.9 Maximum tank temperature

S MX:

Maximum tank temp. Adjustment range: -40 ... +480 °F Factory setting: 140 °F



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DT 5 🚥

20.0

RIS

8.0

This function is a standard differential control. If the switchon differential is reached (**DTO**), the pump is operated. The pump runs at 100% speed for 10 seconds. After this period, the pump runs at minimum pump speed (nMN = 30 %). If the temperature difference reaches the adjusted set value (**DTS**), pump speed will increase by one step (10%). If the difference increases by 2 K (**RIS**), pump speed will increase by 10 % respectively until the maximum pump speed of 100 % is reached. The response of the controller can be adapted via the parameter ,,Rise". If the temperature difference falls below the adjusted switch-off temperature difference (**DTF**), the controller switches off.

If the adjusted maximum temperature is exceeded, the tank will no longer be loaded in order to avoid damage caused by overheating. If the maximum tank temperature is exceeded, #will be shown.

Please note: The controller is equipped with a tank emergency shutdown function, which prevents the tank from being loaded when the tank temperature exceeds 295°F.



4.1.10 Collector emergency shutdown temperature

EM:

Collector emergency shutdown temperature Adjustment range: 230 ... 400 °F Factory setting: 285 °C



DEX 555

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If the adjusted collector emergency shutdown temperature (**EM**) is exceeded, the controller will switch off the solar pump (R1) in order to protect the system against overheating (collector emergency shutdown). The factoring setting is 285 °F but it can be changed within the adjustment range of 230...400 °F. \triangle (flashing) is displayed.

4.1.11 System cooling

OCX:

System cooling option Adjustment range: OFF ... ON Factory setting: ON

CMX:

Collector maximum temp. Adjustment range: 210...380 °F Factory setting: 250 °F

If OREC is additionally enabled:

When the adjusted maximum tank temperature is reached, the system stagnates. If the collector temperature increases to the adjusted maximum collector temperature (**CMX**), the solar pump is activated until the collector temperature falls below the maximum collector temperature. The tank temperature may increase (subordinate active maximum tank temperature), but only up to 203 °F (emergency shutdown of the tank).

If the tank temperature is higher than the maximum tank temperature (**SMX**) and if the collector temperature is at least 10 °Ra below the tank temperature, the solar system remains activated until the tank is cooled down below the adjusted maximum temperature (**SMX**) via the collector and the pipework.

If the system cooling function is enabled, \neq (flashing) is shown on the display. Due to the cooling function, the system will have a longer operation time on hot summer days and guarantees thermal relief of the collector field and the heat transfer fluid.

The minimum collector temperature is the minimum

temperature which must be exceeded for the solar pump

(R1) to switch on. The minimum temperature prevents the

pump from being switched on too often at low collector

temperatures. If the temperature falls below the minimum

temperature, 🔆 (flashing) is shown on the display.

4.1.12 Minimum collector function

OCN:

Mimimum collector function Adjustment range: OFF / ON Factory setting: OFF

CMN:

Minimum collector temperature Adjustment range: 14 ... 195 °F Factory setting: 50 °F



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4.1.13 Antifreeze function

OCF:

Antifreeze function Adjustment range: OFF / ON Factory setting: OFF

CFR:

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



DEF

The antifreeze function activates the loading circuit between the collector and the tank when the temperature falls below the adjusted antifreeze temperature. This will protect the fluid against freezing or coagulating. If the adjusted antifreeze temperature is exceeded by 2 $^{\circ}$ F, the loading circuit will be deactivated.

Please note:

Since this function uses the limited heat quantity of the tank, the antifreeze function should be used in regions with few days of temperatures around the freezing point.

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4.1.14 Recooling function

OREC:

recooling function option Adjustment range: OFF...ON Factory setting: OFF



If the adjusted maximum tank temperature (**S MX**) is reached, the controller keeps the solar pump running in order to prevent the collector from being overheated. The tank temperature may increase but only up to 203 °F (emergency shutdown of the tank).

The solar pump is switched on once the collector temperature is lower than the tank temperature. It is switched off when the tank is cooled down to the adjusted maximum temperature via the collector and the pipework.

4.1.15 Tube collector function

OTC:

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



If the controller detects an increase in collector temperature by 4 °Ra compared to the previously stored collector temperature, the solar pump will be switched-on at 100 % for about 30 seconds in order to detect the fluid temperature. The current collector temperature will be saved as a new reference value. If the measured temperature (new reference value) is exceeded by 4 °Ra, the solar pump will run for 30 seconds. If the switch-on difference between the collector and the tank is exceeded during the runtime of the solar pump or the standstill of the system, the controller will automatically switch to solar loading.

If the collector temperature deacreases by 4 °Ra during standstill, the switch-on value for the tube collector function will be recalculated.



4.1.16 Pump speed control

nMN:

Pump speed control Adjustment range: 30...100 Factory setting: 40



A relative minimum pump speed is allocated to the output R1 via the adjustment channel **nMN**.

Attention:

When loads which are not speed controlled (e.g. valves) are used, the value must be changed to 100% in order to deactivate pump speed control.

4.1.17 Operating mode

HND1 / HND2:

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

HN]]1== 8uto



For control and service work, the operating mode of the controller can be manually adjusted. For this purpose, select the adjustment value HND1 / HND2. The following adjustments can be carried out:

• HND1 / HND2

Operat	ing	mode
OFF	:	relay off \land (flashing) + 🧭
AUTO	:	relay in automatic operation
ON	:	relay on \land (flashing) + 🧭

4.1.18 Language

LANG:

Language choice Adjustment range: dE, En, It, Fr Factory setting: En



In this channel, different languages are available.

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

4.1.19 Unit UNIT:

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



The menu unit can be adjusted:

- °FAH
- °CEL



5. Troubleshooting



If a malfunction occurs, a message is displayed in the display of the controller:



Operating control lamp flashes red. The symbol \checkmark and the \triangle are shown.

Operating control lamp off



Pt1000-sensors





5.1Various:







6.Accessory

Sensors

Our product range includes high-precision platin temperature sensors, flatscrew sensors, outdoor temperature sensors, indoor temperature sensors, cylindrical clip-on sensors and irradiation sensors, also as complete sensors with immersion sleeve.

Overvoltage protection device

In order to avoid overvoltage damage at collector sensors (e.g. caused by local lightning storms), we recommend installing the overvoltage protection SP1.





Flowmeter

If you wish to carry out a heat quantity measurement, you need a flowmeter for measuring the flow rate in your system.

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