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# **CONTROL UNIT** FOR UNDERFLOOR HEATING SYSTEMS







Low+high temperature control unit

# 1. CONTROL UNIT APPLICATION

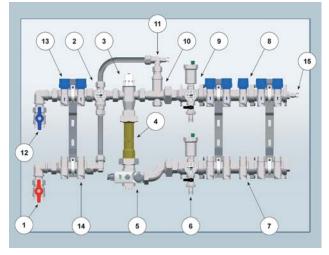
The FAR control unit is suitable for systems combining both high and low temperature circuits e.g. projects with underfloor heating in some areas and radiators in, say, the bathrooms. It is designed for connection to both flow and return with provision for an integral pump.

The painted metal inspection box is designed for wall mounting prior to the laying of the thermoinsulation

panels. It will house a range of control options and permits easy operation of the distribution system. Temperature is controlled by means of the thermostatic mixer, which depending on the preset valve blends water from the return circuit with hot water coming direct from the boiler. A safety thermostat on the flow ensures that very high temperature water cannot enter the heating loops.

# 2. DESCRIPTION

- 1. 3/4" ball valve for connection to the flow.
- 2. Diverter connection complete with fixed by-pass for the return of hot temperature water to the boiler and the return water from the heating loops; complete with thermometer for reading the temperature of water entering the mixer.
- 3. Thermostatic mixer for regulation of the temperature of the water circulating in the UFH system; adjustable to a range of temperature levels from 20°C to 55°C.
- 4. Template with set distance of 130mm between the connections - must always be replaced with a pump.
- 5. Safety thermostat with immersion probe with adjustable temperature setting from 0 to 90°C (preset at 55°C). This limits the flow temperature, shutting down the circulator when the pre-set temperature is reached.
- 6. Intermediate connection complete with automatic air vent valve, bimetallic thermometer with scale from 0 to 80°C for reading temperature of premixed water flow to the UFH loops and drain cock.
- 7. Pre-assembled, chrome-plated, flanged 1" brass manifolds with built-in micrometric lockshield valves for system set-up, with interchangeable sizes for copper, plastic and 10. Return connection with built-in non-return valve for multilayer pipe, or with a 3/4" eurokonus connection. These are distribution manifolds for supply of water flow to the heating loops.
- 8. Pre-assembled, chrome-plated, flanged 1" brass manifolds with built-in valves available in interchangeable sizes for copper, plastic and multilayer pipe, or with a 3/4" eurokonus loops.
- 9. Intermediate connection complete with automatic air vent valve, bimetallic thermometer with scale from 0 to 80°C for 15. Manual air vent valve for system filling.



reading temperature of water returning from the heating loops and drain cock.

- distribution to the mixer and the return line to the boiler.
- 11. Elbow with manual air vent valve.
- 12. 3/4" ball valve for the return pipeline connection into the boiler.
- 13. Thermoelectric manifolds for return from the high temperature operating system (radiators).
- connection. These are return manifolds from the heating 14. Thermoelectric manifolds with built-in micrometric lockshield valves for supply to the high temperature operating system (radiators).

# THERMOSTATIC MIXER

thermostatic mixer, which is designed to ensure a constant supply of water for the low temperature system. The supply temperature setup must be carried out when starting up the system, making reference to the design temperature.

An initial set-up can be achieved based on the relationship between the setting on the mixer and the flow water temperature.

POSITION	MIN	1	2	3	4	5	MAX
T(°C)	18±2	20±2	22±2	30±2	40±2	50±2	56±2

Supply temperature regulation is carried out by means of a The temperature value can be read on the unit's thermometers. Once the control knob of the mixer is set, the system is regulated. The temperature values at the different positions will not correspond exactly to the values in the table. Tolerance is built in to match the features of the individual system served by the unit. Temperature regulation must be carried out with reference to the value on the thermometer located on the delivery manifolds.

#### **IMMERSION SAFETY THERMOSTAT**

The immersion thermostat located on the regulating unit, is designed to shut down the pump, or the boiler when required. It is a liquid-filled type thermostat. The graduated knob allows the operator to set the maximum temperature value for the system.

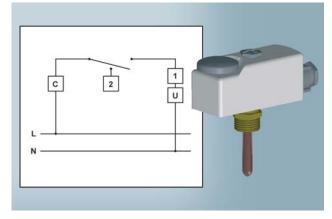
Temperature setting range: 0-90°C

Level of protection: IP40

TERMINAL 1: Opens the circuit when temperature rises and shuts down the connected device (for example the pump). This is the terminal to which the phase of pump should be connected

**TERMINAL 2:** Shuts down the circuit when temperature rises (by using a pump, this terminal must not be used)

**TERMINAL C:** Common contact TERMINAL U: Connected device



#### 2.3 FUNCTION

Circulation is as follows: the high temperature water supplied from the boiler reaches the mixer unit through a ball valve (1) and a by-pass diverter connection (2). The connection (2) permits the high temperature water refused by the thermostatic mixer to divert back to the boiler, while at the same time directing the water coming from the manifolds via the return connection back to the boiler (10).

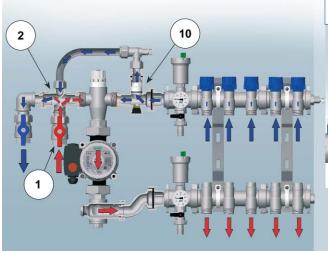
The mixer unit is designed to ensure a constant supply water to the underfloor heating loops at the required temperature blending in supplies of high temperature water from the boiler as necessary. Water leaves the mixer unit and is pumped to the flow side of the manifolds from whence it is distributed to the individual underfloor heating loops. Water coming

back from the loops enters the return side of the manifolds and through the return connection (10) a proportion of the water re-enters the mixing unit starting up circulation once again, while the remainder is diverted back to the boiler.



The special design of FAR manifolds makes for easier flow through by reducing flow resistance.

This feature permits optimal choice of manifold diameter in relation to number of circuits to be connected.



Blue-red double sided disc Double sided disc with descriptions Manual control Adapter for thermo-electric actuators installation A practical sealing system makes it possible to replace the two 0-rings on the body without draining the system.

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#### SYSTEM FILLING

To speed up system filling, we suggest setting the regulating knob of the thermostatic mixer to the MAX position, in order to achieve the maximum inlet opening. We also recommend opening the drain cock on the return manifold. Once filled, the system will discharge any air in the return pipe via the manual air vent valves (11 and 15 on the drawing on page 2). When the system comes into operation, the air vent valves

will automatically discharge air as the temperature rises. To completely fill the heating circuits it is necessary to close each valve on the return manifold and then open them one by one. We recommend cleaning the system to prevent any impurities obstructing the waterways, or even causing a malfunction of the regulating controls.

#### 2.5 CIRCUIT BALANCING

Balancing the circuits can be achieved by regulating the micrometric lockshield valves through a 5 mm wrench, taking away the protective cap. The following pages show the flow resistances on the single connection as a function of the gear setting of the lockshield valve.

It is also possible to install flowmeters or temperature gauges on the manifold connection to give visual indication of the return water temperature of each individual loop.



# 2.6 COMPONENTS FOR INSTALLATION

# Flowmeter and temperature gauge

To balance the circuit it will be necessary adjust the lockshield valve and set up the flow rate. To do this flowmeters are available with two measuring scales: from 1 to 3,5 l/min or from 2 to 8 l/min, depending on system requirerent.

Moreover, the flowmeters make it possible to use a thermometer Art.3434 to reveal the temperature of the return water on every single circuit and balance the system on temperature rather than on flow.



#### Thermo-electric actuators

To control the opening of a single circuit, it's possible to use the thermoelectric actuators with microswitch. In this case you can switch off the pump when all the valves are closed.



## By-pass kit

During operation it is possible to verify that one or more outlets are closed, or rather that there are zones in which flow is not required. In this event there will be an increasing resistance in the circuits. At this time the pump is working at high pressure. To avoid this drawback a bypass connection with an integral differential pressure control valve is available for fitting to the manifolds.

When a set level of pressure is reached, this valve ensures that the excess flow is drained onto the return manifold. In this way the pump can work at a constant head.



# 2.7 MANIFOLDS WITH FLOWMETERS

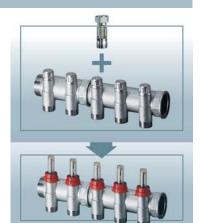
FAR offers a range of manifolds complete with flowmeters which can monitor, regulate and check the flow to each connection. Compared to traditional systems with a flowmeter located on the primary, this new version is more compact – making for easier system installation and regulation.

This is possible because the flow meter is a combination between a lockshield valve – which regulates flow of fluid in the circuit - and a flowmeter which measures the volume of fluid circulating in the system (I/minute).

The flow measurement principle is based on the movement of a baffle disc located in a measuring pipe. Position is replicated on the indicator by means of a longitudinal stem which connects the baffle disc to the indicator body.

Fluid enters the flowmeter in a radial direction in relation to the axis of movement and exits with an axial direction investing the baffle disc.







#### MODULATING CONTROL UNITS

#### **MODULATING UNIT FOR LOW TEMPERATURE SYSTEMS, ART. 3490**

The control unit with modulating actuator, Art. 3490, is suitable for use in systems requiring distribution of low temperature water to panel radiators. The unit is designed for connection of supply and return pipelines to boilers with built-in circulators.

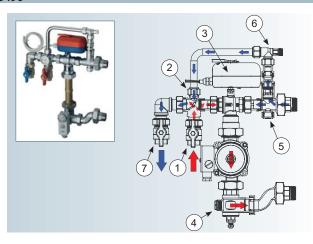
Regulation of supply water temperature is controlled by a 3 point actuator, which, depending on the value set on the control unit, mixes water returning from the radiator system with high temperature water coming from the boiler. A safety thermostat guards against water at too high temperature circulating in the radiator circuit – even in the event of an actuator malfunctioning.

The modulating unit for underfloor heating systems is available in ONLY HOT or HOT-COLD versions. These units – together with an electronic control unit – can manage system supply temperature to the loops in relation to weather conditions.

The MODULATING version is suitable for both heating and cooling systems and is characterized by the ability to manage the system by modulating supply temperature via a control unit equipped with an external temperature probe. It is still possible to manage supply temperature around a fixed value. A circulator must be installed at the outlet of the mixing valve in place of the brass template.

The unit is equipped with a by-pass between supply and return connections of the heat emitter and a safety thermostat.

It is also available with preassembled thermo-electric manifolds for flow distribution for "low temperature only", "high temperature only" or both.



#### The unit comprises:

- 1. 3/4" ball valve for connection to the flow
- diverter connection complete with fixed by-pass for the return of hot temperature water to the boiler and return water from the heating loops; complete with temperature gauge for reading the temperature of water entering the mixer
- 3. mixing valve with 3-point actuator
- 4. Safety thermostat with immersion probe with adjustable temperature range from 0°C to 90°C (pre-set at 60°C). ). This limits the flow temperature, shutting down the circulator when the pre-set temperature is reached.
- Return connection with built-in non-return valve for distribution to the mixer and the return line to the boiler.
- 6. Elbow with manual air vent valve
- 7. 3/4" ball valve for connection to the return pipeline.

# **OPERATION**

The mixing valve is designed to ensure a constant supply of water blended to the required temperature to the underfloor heating loops. Circulation is as follows: water leaves the mixing valve (3), passes through the pump (installed in place of the template) and is pumped to the flow side of the manifold(s) from whence it is distributed to the individual underfloor heating loops. Water coming back from the loops enters the return connection (5) and

re-enters the mixing valve. High temperature water is supplied from the boiler to the mixing valve via a ball valve (1) and diverter connection (2). As it enters the mixing valve an equal quantity of lower temperature return water coming out from the upper part of connection 5 and through the connection 2, is diverted back to the boiler, thus automatically keeping the system in balance.

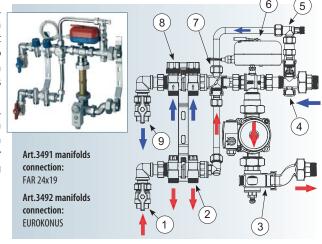
#### MODULATING UNIT FOR HIGH AND LOW TEMPERATURE SYSTEMS, ART. 3491 - 3492

The control unit with modulating actuator, Arts. 3491 - 3492, is suitable for use in systems requiring distribution of both high to radiators and low floor temperature water. The unit is designed for connection of supply and return pipeline to boilers with built-in circulators. The unit is provided with manifolds with from 2 to 5 ports for connection of circuits operating with high temperature water (radiators).

Supply flow temperature is regulated by a 3-point actuator, which blends low temperature return water with the high temperature water coming from the boiler in accordance with the pre-set value on the electronic controller. In case the mixer malfunctions, a safety thermostat prevents water flowing within the system at too high a temperature.

# The unit comprises:

- 1. 3/4" ball valve for connection to the flow
- 2. High temperature supply manifold
- 3. Safety thermostat with immersion probe with adjustable temperature setting from 0 to 90°C (preset at 55°C). This limits the flow temperature, shutting down the circulator when the pre-set temperature is reached.
- 4. Return connection with built-in non-return valve for distribution to the mixer and the return line to the boiler.
- 5. Elbow with manual air vent valve.



- 6. Mixing valve with 3-point actuator
- 7. Diverter connection complete with fixed by-pass for the return of hot temperature water to the boiler and the return water from the heating loops; complete with temperature gauge for reading the temperature of water entering the mixer
  8. High temperature return manifolds
- 9. 3/4" ball valve for the return pipelines connection to the boiler.

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#### **OPERATION**

The mixing valve is designed to ensure a constant supply of water blended to the required temperature to the underfloor heating loops. Circulation is as follows: water leaves the mixing valve (6), passes through the pump (installed in place of the template) and is pumped to the flow side of the manifold(s) from whence it is distributed to the individual underfloor heating loops. Water coming back from the loops enters the return connection (4) and

re-enters the mixing valve. High temperature water is supplied from the boiler to the mixing valve via a ball valve (1) and diverter connection (7). As it enters the mixing valve an equal quantity of lower temperature return water, coming out from the upper part of connection 4 and through the connection 7 is diverted back to the boiler, thus automatically keeping the system in balance.

#### 3.1 ELECTRONIC CONTROLLER FOR "HOT ONLY" SYSTEMS (HEATING)

If you wish to set up a "hot only" system, you will require both the regulating unit and AC electronic controller, Art. 9611, comprising:

- · HOT ONLY electronic controller
- · Supply temperature probe
- External temperature probe
- Seat for supply probe

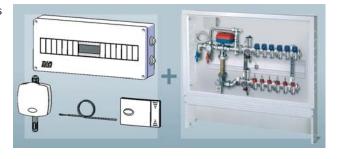


# 3.2 ELECTRONIC CONTROLLER FOR "HOT-COLD" SYSTEMS (HEATING and COOLING)

However, if you need to use a climatic control which operates the circuits in winter and summer,

you will also require a control unit, Art. 9610. It comprises:

- HOT ONLY electronic controller
- Supply temperature probe
- External temperature probe
- Internal temperature + humidity probe
- Seat for supply probe
- · Box for controller



## 3.3 ACTUATOR

The actuator incorporates an appropriate servomotor to permit automatic operation of a mixing valve in response to a signal from an electronic controller.



#### **Manual Release**

In order to manually open or close the actuator, push the red key and simultaneously turn the position indicator counter-clockwise through 90°C. Normal functioning will return automatically.

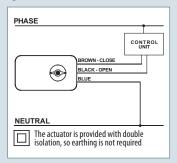
# **Electrical connections**

Before connecting the actuator make sure that the selected model is fully compatible with the available network voltage. All connections must to be made by qualified personnel and with respect for the overall electrical system - also indicated on the actuator itself - taking care that the electricity supply is switched off. Incorrect connection may endanger both persons and equipment.

All actuator versions are provided with an auxiliary micro-switch, i.e without voltage, suitable for low voltage signals (max 230 V) and/or for use of low supply (max 2A).

# 3 wiring connections: control through the electronic controller

To control opening and closing of a zone valve via an actuator, connect the blue wire to the neutral, the brown and the black wire to the electronic controller. The valve opens in the presence of phase on the black wire, while the actuator closes in the presence of phase on the brown wire.



#### 3.4 PUMP FOR UNDERFLOOR HEATING SYSTEMS

In order to operate correctly, the brass template on the unit must ALWAYS be replaced with an appropriately sized pump in order to avoid flow resistance in the low temperature circuit.

# FAR offers 3 kinds of pumps to complement these units:

- Art. 2185 130: 3-speed pump with 130mm centre line. Max. head: 6 m.
- Art. 2185 130EB: electronic pump, energy class B,



with 130 mm centre line. Variable head: from 1 to 5 m.

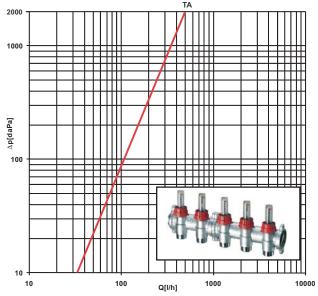
 - Art. 2185 130EA: electronic pump, energy class A, with 130 mm centre line.
 Variable head: from 1 to 7 m.

All pumps have a 130mm centre line, 1"1/2 male connections and 230 V supply.

The pumps are only sold in combination with pre-assembled units.

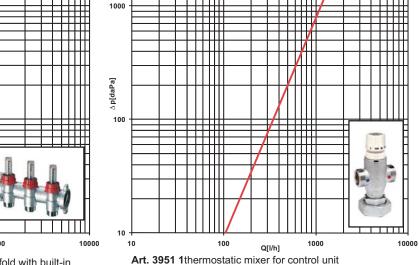


# 4. TECHNICAL AND FLUID-DYNAMIC FEATURES

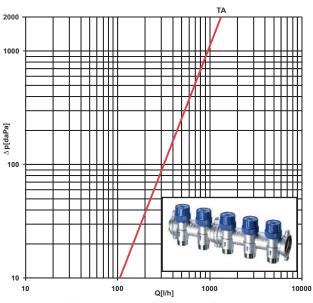


Art. 3972 1 thermoelectric flanged manifold with built-in lockshield valves

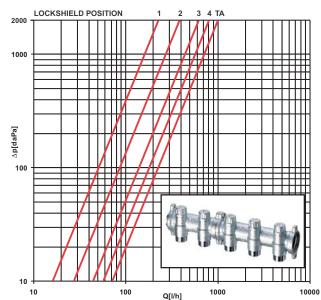
Kv = 1,13 m³/h



Art. 3951 1thermostatic mixer for control unit  $\mathbf{K}\mathbf{v}$  = 3  $\mathbf{m}^3/\mathbf{h}$ 



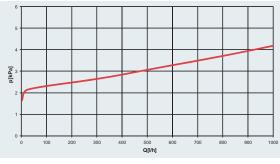
Art. 3914 1 thermoelectric flanged manifold with built-in valves  $\mathbf{K}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{2.74} \ \mathbf{m}^{3}/\mathbf{h}$ 



Art. 3915 1 thermoelectric flanged manifold with built-in lockshield valves

TURNS	1	2	3	4	TA
Kv [m³/h]	0,5	0,92	1,36	1,82	2,16

# By-pass kit



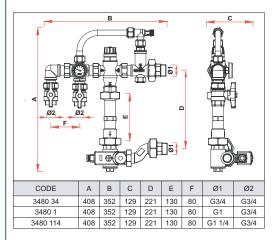
The diagram shows the curve of fluid flowing from the by-pass differential valve as a function of the upstream pressure. The valve opens at 0,2 bar, and the excess flow is diverted back to the boiler.

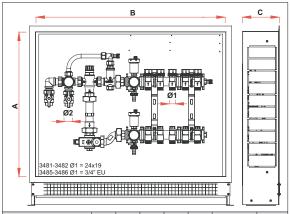
#### **Technical features**

Nominal pressure:	10 bar
Max.working pressure:	4 bar
Mixer temperature range:	18°C - 55°C
Max.mixer inlet temperature:	95℃
Pump centre line::	130 mm

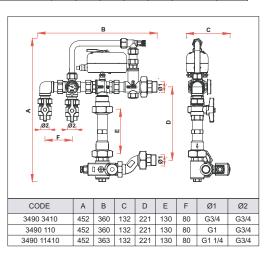


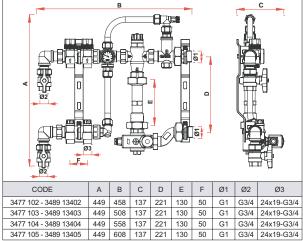
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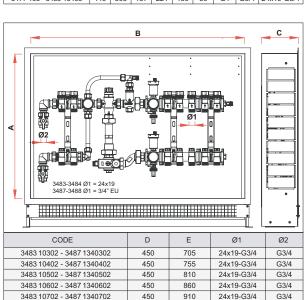




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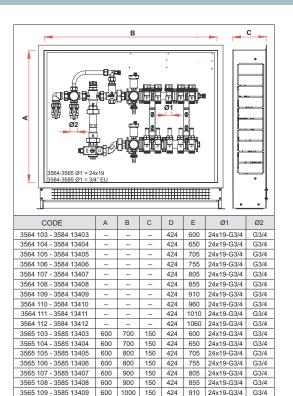
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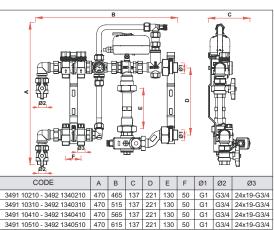
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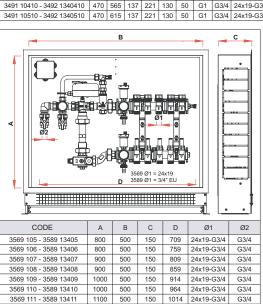
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