

# MPX

# **Mini pH Dosing System**



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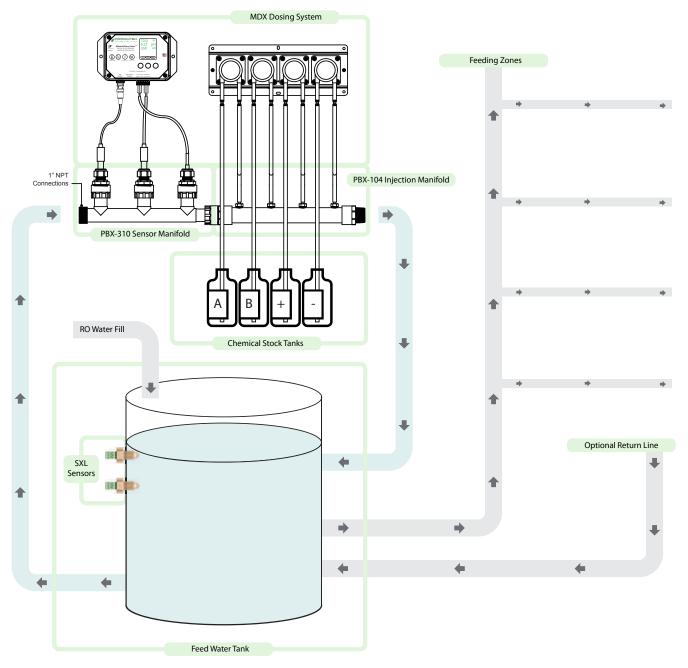
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### **Overview**

The MPX dosing system is designed to automatically dose pH buffers into stock feed tanks to maintain target pH and conductivity levels. The mixed solution is then drawn off of the tank to feed plants in a recirculating or drain-to-waste system. The MPX system operates independently of other systems and doses on demand automatically.

SXL liquid level sensors are an ideal addition to automatically maintain the feed tank water level with fresh water from an RO or filter water supply. SXL sensors are available in auto-fill kits and do not require any controller to operate.

### **Fertigation Layout**

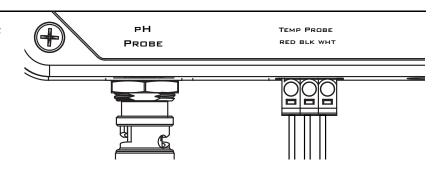


# **Quick-Start Guide**

#### 1. Connect Sensor Probes

pH sensors are equipped with "BNC" style connectors; push on and then turn to lock in place.

Temperature probes have a screw terminal block. Make the connections according to the label on the transmitter. The terminal block may be removed for easier wire installation or for service.

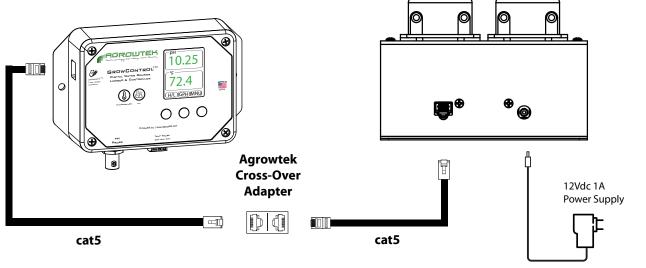


### 2. Connect Dosing Pump

A direct-link connection between a SXH sensor and ADi pump requires Agrowtek's cross-over adapter.



IMPORTANT! ONLY use cross-over adapters provided by Agrowtek.
Incorrect cross-over adapters or cables can cause damage to the equipment.



### 3. Connect Tubing & Configure Pumps

Normal pump rotation is CW. The left tube is inlet (suction) and the right tube is outlet (pressure.)

Connect tubing with barbed fittings as shown. Tubing lenths may be as long as 50ft. Check for proper flow with the prime function.

Use the LCD menus to configure each pump and the the system parameters and then put the pumps into RUN mode to begin auto dosing.

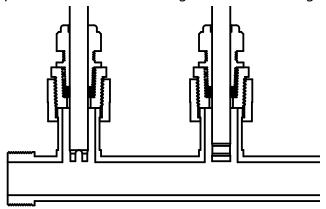
## **Installation Instructions**

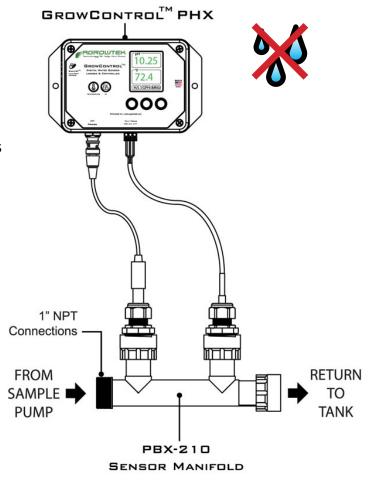
Install with the connections facing down to reduce the risk of water permeating the enclosure.

Avoid locations with dripping water or heavy splash risk; the transmitter is best kept dry for longest life and highest accuracy.

A probe manifold with recirulating pump (3-30gpm) is recommended for best sensor accuracy.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** For flow rates above 5 gpm, ensure probe tips are raised out of the flow path to prevent turbulence altering the sensor readings.





### Mounting the Transmitter

Wall mounting tabs are provided for installing against a vertical wall surface.

- 1. Measure out the hole locations per the dimensions, or mark the holes using the transmitter as a template.
- 2. Drill holes and install anchors (if required, not included.) Keep the transmitter away from dust during work.
- 3. Install the transmitter to the wall surface using appropriate screws.

### **DIN Rail Mounting Kit**

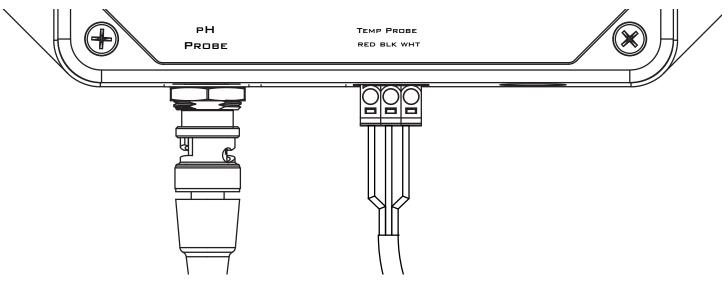
A DIN rail mounting kit installs onto the mounting flanges with the provided hardware for mounting the device on a standard DIN rail.

- 1. Screw the DIN rail brackets onto the flanges using the provided screws.
- 2. Snap the transmitter into place on a DIN rail.
- 3. Use the latches on the DIN brackets to release the transmitter from the DIN rail.



## **Connecting Sensor Probes**

pH and ORP or DO sensors are equipped with "BNC" style connectors which push on and then turn 1/4 rotation CW to lock them in place. Temperature and EC probes have a screw terminal block; make the connections according to the label on the transmitter. The terminal block may be removed for easier wire installation or for service.



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pH & ORP probes must remain wet to avoid damage. Do not allow probe tips to dry.

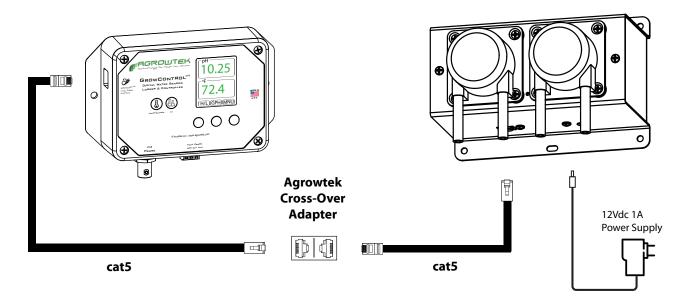
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# **Operation Instructions**

The SXH/M hydro sensor continuously monitors the sensor probes and compares the readings to "target" set points for pH and conductivity (EC). If the readings are outside of the allowed range, the pumps will sequentially dose according to the configured recipe, then wait a set delay time before repeating until the targets are achieved.

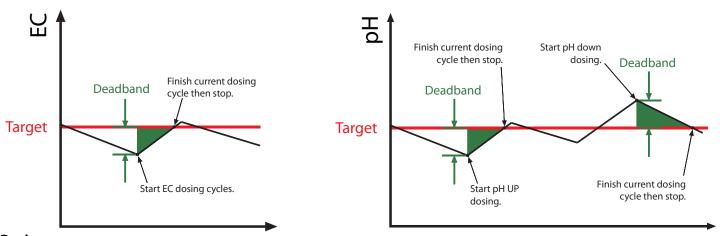
### **Definitions**

#### **Target**

A "target" is a set-point that the system is looking to achieve such as maintaining 1000uS or 6.00pH.

#### **Dead Band**

A "dead band" is the amount of drift allowed from the target before starting dosing. To allow a drift of 100uS below the target, set the EC deadband value to "100uS". Similartly, to allow a drift of 0.20 pH above or below the target, enter a pH deadband of "0.20."



#### Recipe

Each pump is assigned a mode (EC/pH Up/pH Down) and a dose size.

EC Mode: Pump will dose in sequence with other EC mode pumps according to EC targets.

pH Up Mode: Pump will dose when pH is below taget.

pH Down Mode: Pump will dose when pH is above taget.

#### **EC LOCK**

EC LOCK is a menu option that appears on pumps assigned to pH control. EC LOCK prevents pH dosing while EC targets are not satisfied and nutrient dosing is on-going.

#### EC/pH Delay

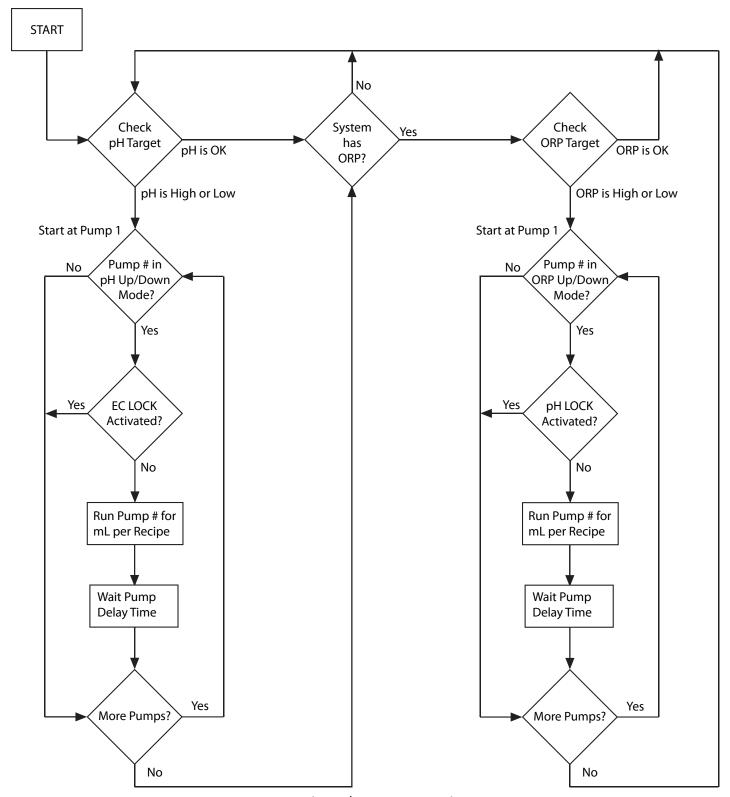
Both EC and pH dosing loops contain a "delay" time setting. If a dosing cycle is required, the delay time begins after the cosing cycle has completed, preventing the system from beginning another dosing cycle before the previous cycle has had time to mix into the system.

If you are unsure of what time delay to use, begin with something large such as 600 seconds (10 minutes.) Observe the graphical history on the screen to determine if the reading has leveled off before the dosing pump begins another cycle. Adjust the delay time to ensure the sensor reading has leveled off sufficiently before another dosing cycle begins to prevent over-dosing of the tank.

# **Dosing Cycles**

#### pH & ORP Dosing

The system checks the pH value to see if it is with the target range. If the pH requires adjustment, each pump is checked for the appropriate pH up or down assignment and the recipie dose is administered. ORP dosing (if equipped) is completed next. A delay time follows each pump as set.



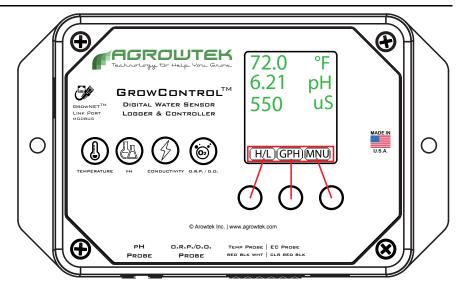
# **Controller Operation, Sensors**

3-button/LCD display interface allows easy monitoring of sensor values.

Simple menu driven setup for configuring pump recipes, system settings, sensor calibration and more.

The main screen displays the realtime sensor readings from the attached sensors.

Each button is labeled at the bottom of the display to describe it's function on the current screen or menu.



### **High / Low History**

(H/L)

Simple minimum and maximum recorded values are stored until the user resets the values to the current readings. To view the minimum and maximum values since the last reset, press the button labeled **H/L**.

To clear the min/max history, press the **RST** button to reset. The min and max values will all be set to the current readings and will update with higher or lower readings as they occur.

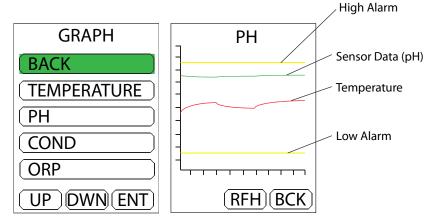
LOW	HIGH	
68.4	72.0	°F
4.21	4.85	рН
551	657	uS
404	480	mV
EXIT		RST

### **Graphing**

(GPH)

The display can graph the most recent 120 data points from the sensor's internal data point memory. With the default logging interval of 60 seconds, the graph displays the last two hours of data.

The sensor value is plotted in green. Temperature, if overlaid on the plot, is red. Alarm levels as set by the user are plotted in yellow. Pressing the **RFH** button refreshes the data and replots the graph.



### **Main Menu**

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The main menu is how the alarms are set, sensors are calibrated and general settings such as time, date and units are configured.

If a dosing pump is directly connected to the SXHM GrowNET port, the pump settings are also accessed by the main menu.

Use the **UP** or **DWN** buttons to navigate the menu.

Use the **ENT** button to enter a selection.



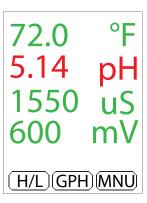
### **Alarms Menu**

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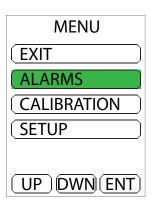
High and low alarm set points may be configured for each sensor value to activate an internal buzzer or send alerts with the optional wifi module.

The out-of-range value will be displayed in red to indicate the cause for the alarm.

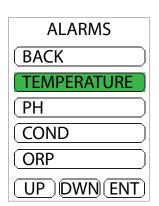
Additionally, alarm limits are plotted on the graphs to indicate values are within the desired range.



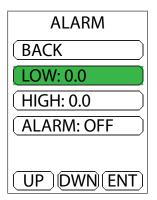
## **Alarms Configuration**



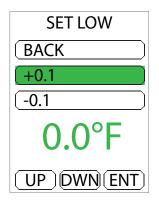
1. Select **ALARMS** from the main menu.



2. Select a sensor to configure set points.

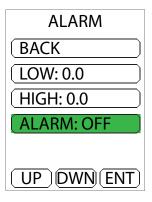


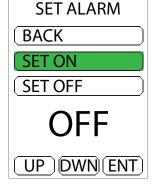
3. Select the setting to adjust.



4. Adjust to the desired value. Hold **UP** or **DWN** to jog the value.

### **Alarm Buzzer**





To disable the alarm buzzer, set the alarm to OFF.

1. Select ALARM: OFF

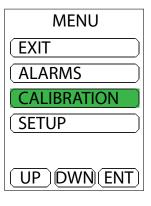
2. Select **SET ON** then press **BACK** to exit.

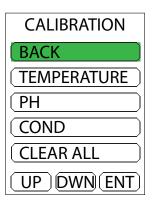
### **Calibration Menu**

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Calibration can be performed for each sensor with the LCD interface using either standard calibration wizards, or advanced manual calibration methods for non-standard calibration solutions.

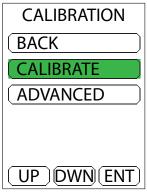
The date of the last calibration for each sensor is stored in memory and displayed at the start of each calibration wizard.





### **Temperature Calibration**





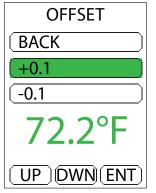
1. Select **CALIBRATE** from the temperature calibration menu.

TEMPERATURE LAST CALIBRATION 10/19/2017

PRESS NEXT TO ADJUST TEMPERATURE READING.

(EXIT) (NEXT)

2. Press **NEXT** to continue.



3. Adjust to the desired value. Hold **ENT** to jog the value by 10x.

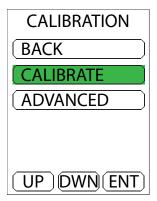


4. Confirm the new reading or press **NO** to cancel.

### **pH Calibration**

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pH calibration is a two-point process requiring both pH 7 and pH 4.01 calibration solutions. The temperature probe must be inserted into the calibration solution at the same time as the pH probe.



1. Select **CALIBRATE** from the pH calibration menu.



2. Follow the instructions then press **NEXT** to continue.



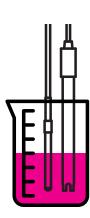
pH 7 Calibration Solution



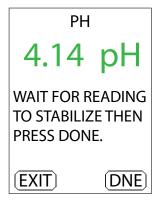
3. When the reading is stable, press **NEXT** to calibrate pH 7.



4. Clean the probes with DI/RO and change calibration solution.



pH 4.01 Calibration Solution

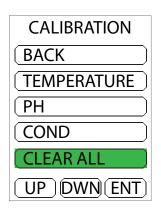


5. When the reading is stable, press **DONE** to calibrate pH 4.01 and finish calibration.

### **Clear Calibration**

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Calibration can be restored to factory defaults by selecting CLEAR ALL.



RESTORE TO
FACTORY
CALIBRATION?

YES NO

1. Select **CLEAR ALL** from the calibration menu.

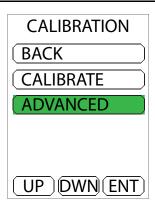
2. Press **YES** to restore factory calibration.

### **Advanced Calibration**

Sensors values may be manually calibrated to alternate standards using the advance calibration features.

OFFSET calibration applies a linear offset adjustment to the value. SPAN calibration applies an adjustment to the slope of the sensor value.

Note: pH is a temperature compensated (ATC) sensor. For accurate calibration, the temperature probe must be in the pH calibration standard. Allow all readings to stabilize before performing an offset or span calibration operation.

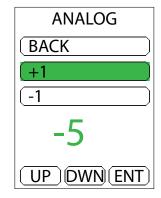


### **Analog Output Calibration**

4-20mA analog outputs may also be calibrated with a positive or negative offset to compensate for variation in DAC's/ADC's. The sensors' current output may be incrementally increased or decreased in steps of 0.005mA over a range of +/-2mA.

1 Offset bit = 0.005mA, Range = +/-400 bits (+/-2mA)

This calibration procedure is optional and only for use with custom PLC applications.

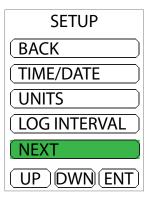


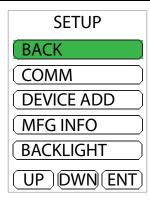
- 1. Observe the PLC's input or data readings.
- 2. Increase or decrease the offset value to incremenetally adjust the current output until the values match.

## **Setup Menu**



The setup menu is where the time and date are set, the units are configured, logging interval is adjusted and advanced communications settings are available.

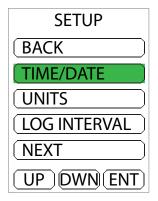




### Time / Date



Sensors include a precision real-time clock with battery back-up for time-stamping the data log information with the time and date. The last calibration for each sensor is also time stamped.



1. Select **TIME/DATE** from the setup menu.



2. Select **TIME** or **DATE** to adjust.

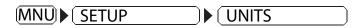


3. Use **NXT** to select the value to adjust. Use + to increment the value.



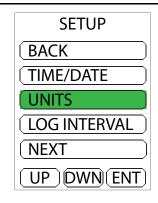
4. Use EXT to exit the menu.

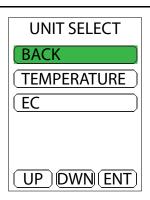
### **Units**



Temperature and Conductivity may be displayed in alternate units.

Select a sensor value to change the default display and working units.

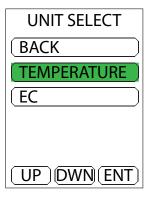




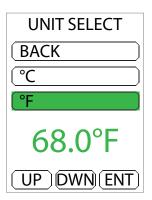
#### Configure temperature units:

Temperature may be displayed in °F or °C.

Note: Check alarm settings when converting temperature units.



1. Select **TEMPERATURE** from the units menu.



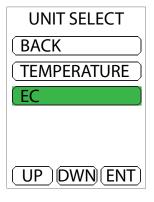
2. Select the desired units and press **ENT**.

#### Configure conductivity units:

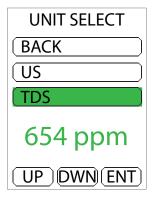
Conductivity may be displayed in default units of microSiemens (uS) or total dissolved solids in parts per million (ppm.)

The TDS conversion factor used by this meter is 500.

 $TDSppm = uS \times 0.5$ 



1. Select **EC** from the units menu.



2. Select the desired units and press **ENT**.

### **Logging Interval**

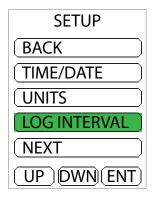


Adjust the interval for recording data points in the on-board memort. Acceptable values are from 1 - 65535 seconds.

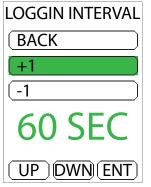
21,600 data points can be stored for each sensor value. The most recent 120 data points are shown on the graphical history.

The entire data history may be downloaded from the sensor to a .csv file with the LX1 USB AgrowLINK and free software.

Note: 60 second intervals = 15 days of data storage.



1. Select **LOG INTERVAL** from the setup menu.



2. Adjust the value then select **BACK**.

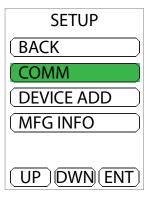
### **COMM Mode**



COMM mode specifies whether the sensor is a normal passive device or "mini-master" device.

**NORMAL** Use with GrowControl master controller systems or stand-alone and data logging applications.

**MINI-MASTER** Use with MDX mini-dosing system. (GrowNET cross-over adapter required.)





### **Device Address**

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Sensors are digitally addressable from 1-249 and will be assigned an address automatically by Agrowtek's control systems, or can be configured manually for MODBUS applications via the menu.

NOTE: All of Agrowtek's devices use address 254 as a broadcast address.



1. Select **DEVICE ADD** from the setup menu.



2. Adjust the value then select **BACK**.



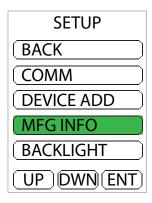
NOTE: Address must be set to 0 for Dosing Pump control.

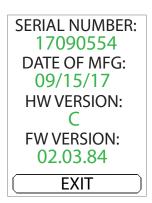
The "PUMPS" menu item will not appear unless the device address is set to 0.

### **Manufacturing Info**



Manufacturer information such as serial number, date of manufacture, hardware and firmware versions can be read from the MFG INFO page.



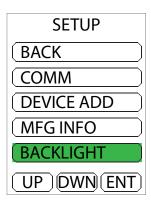


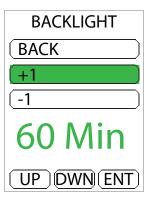
# **Display Back Light Timer**

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The display back light can be programmed to turn off after a specified time of inactivity from the last time a button is pressed.

The delay can be set from 1-255 minutes, or set to 0 to disable the back light timer and keep the display on continuously.

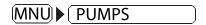




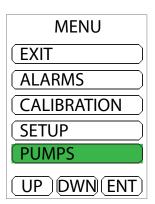
# **Controller Operation, Pumps**

MDX dosing systems have a "PUMPS" menu for configuring the control settings for peristaltic pumps.

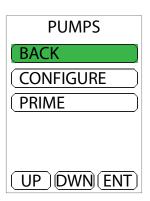
### **Dosing Pump Control Menu**



The PUMPS menu is displayed when the hydro sensor is connected to a dosing pump and contains all of the configuration, target and recipe settings pages for controlling the pumps.









The "Pumps" menu item will not appear unless the communication mode is set to "MINI-MASTER" and the device address is set to "0" (see COMM MODE and DEVICE ADDRESS.)

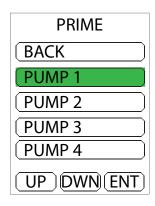
# **Priming**



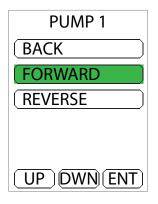
Pumps may be manually operated to prime the lines or for other maintenance reasons. From the Prime menu, select a pump to prime. Pumps may be operated in the forward or reverse direction.



1. Select **NEXT** from the PUMPS menu.



2. Choose a pump to operate.



3. Select a direction and HOLD the **ENT** button. Release the button to stop.

### **Run/Stop**



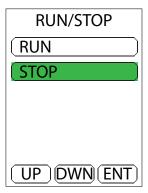
The dosing pumps must be placed into RUN mode for autonomous dosing to take place. The dosing pumps may be immediately disabled to stop a dosing operation due to an error, nutrient outage, or maintenance requirement. To stop all dosing pumps and prevent autonomous operation, place the pump into STOP mode.



The RUN/STOP menu enables or disables the pumps

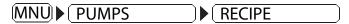


Select **RUN** to allow the pumps to operate based on your settings.



Select **STOP** to disable the pumps from running automatically and to abort any current operation.

### **Recipe Menu**

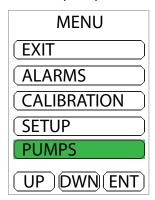


Each pump is configured with a "recipe" containing the pump mode (EC or pH) and dose volume (mL.)

MDX systems are available with 1, 2 or 4 dosing pump heads and each may be configured for EC or pH control in any order or combination.

**NOTE:** Dosing will occur from the lowest to the highest numbered pump when more than one pump is in the same mode.

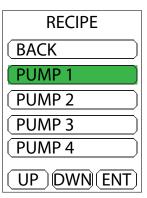
Select a pump number to configure the recipe settings as described below.



1. Select **PUMPS** to configure the pumps.



2. Select **RECIPE** to configure the pump parts.



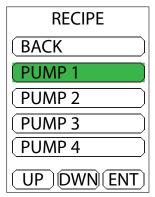
3. Select a pump to configure the its mode and dose size.

# **Pump Mode**

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Pumps may be configured for pH or ORP, up or down.

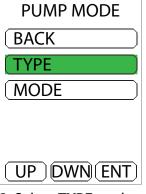
If the pump is not in use, select OFF mode to disable it from autonomous control.



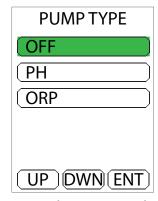
1. Select a pump.



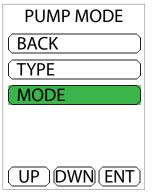
2. Select PUMP MODE.



3. Select **TYPE** to choose the sensor type.



4. Set the pump to the desired sensor type.



3. Select **MODE** to choose the dose mode.

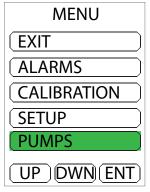


4. Select **UP** or **DOWN** dosing mode.

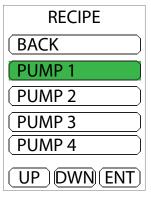
### **Dose Size**



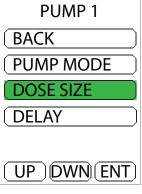
Each pump can be assigned a unique dose volume in mL to be injected in sequence. It is recommended to set the volumes to amounts that will cause a change of 20-30% of the deadband range. This would mean that 3-5 dosing cycles would be required to reach the target value. Some experimentation with dose sizes may be required to determine the best settings for your process. Select a dose size that will not cause overdosing of the reservoir if one extra cycle is performed.



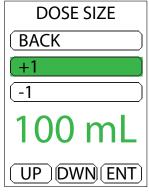
1. Select **PUMPS** to configure the pumps.



2. Select a pump.



3. Select DOSE SIZE.



4. Set the pump to the desired mode.

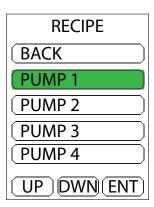
### **Delay Time**



Each pump may have a delay time set after it to separate parts and to pause between cycles to allow a sensor reading to take place. It is recommended to set at least 5 minutes after the last pump of each sensor type to allow mixing time of the previous dose. Adjust the delays according to your system size and water usage.



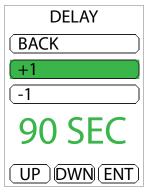
1. Select **RECIPE** from the **PUMPS** menu.



2. Select a pump.



3. Select **DELAY.** 



4. Set the delay time after the pump doses.

### **Target Value**

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The target pH, ORP or EC set point is what the system will attempt to maintain by following the dosing "receipe" settings. Set the desired ideal target values for EC and pH.

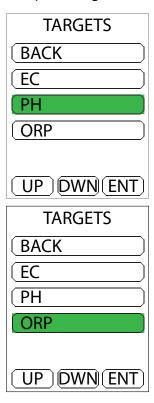
1. Select **TARGETS** in the **PUMPS** menu.

2. Select a sensor to setup the target value.

3. Select **TARGET.** 

4. Set the target value for the sensor.









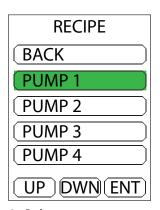
### pH Lock-Out

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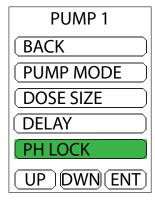
If PUMP TYPE is set to ORP, the PH LOCK option will appear in the recipe menu for that pump. If the lock is set to "ON" the system will lock-out this pump until pH dosing has completed.



1. Select **PUMPS** to configure the pumps.



2. Select a pump.



3. Select EC LOCK.

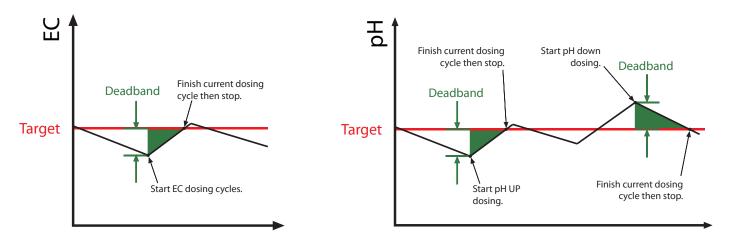


4. Set the pump to the desired mode.

### **Deadband**

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Deadband is the amount of change or drift from the target before the system takes action. Set the dead band for EC and pH with the amount of drift that is allowed by your process requirements.



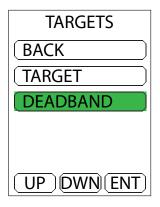
TARGETS

BACK
PH

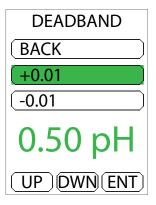
ORP

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1. Select a sensor to set the deadband value.



2. SelectDEADBAND



3. Set the deadband value for the sensor.

### **Maintenance**

#### **Exterior Cleaning**

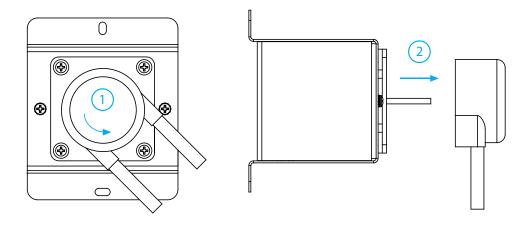
Exterior may be wiped with a damp cloth wish mild dish detergent, then wiped dry.

#### **Probes**

Probes must be calibrated periodically according to use. pH probes should be calibrated every two to four weeks. pH, EC and ORP probes may be cleaned in HCL. pH probes should be replaced every 12-24 months.

#### **Pumps**

Pump heads are replaceable when the tubing wears out from extended use. Pump heads typically last 12-24 months depending on the volumes being dispensed. Replacement is a simple process of rotating the pump head counter-clockwise 1/8 turn and sliding the head off of the motor shaft. Replace in reverse order.



### **Technical Information**

## **Specifications**

### **Sensor**

Power	12-24Vdc, ~2W (5W w/LCD)
Max Cable Distance	1000ft
Optional Interface	LCD w/3 Buttons
Temperature Range	-20 - 60°C
Temperature Accuracy	±2°C, 0.01° resolution
pH Range	0-14pH
pH Accuracy	±0.02pH, 0.01pH resolution
4-20mA Output Resolution	12 bit , 0.005mA

### **Pump**

Power	12Vdc, 1Amp
Pump Heads	Single/Dual/Quad
Flow Rate	Variable, 15-50mL/min
Tubing Material	FDA Approved Norprene
Tubing Size	1/4" O.D. x 3/16" I.D.
Max Outlet Pressure	20psi
Minimum Dose Size	1mL

### **Storage and Disposal**

#### Storage

Store equipment in a clean, dry environment with ambient temperature between 10-50°C.

#### Disposal

This indsutrial control equipment may contain traces of lead or other metals and environmental contaminants and must not be discarded as unsorted municipal waste, but must be collected separately for the purpose of treatment, recovery and environmentally sound disposal. Wash hands after handling internal components or PCB's.

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