

MODEL DRP-13 TEMPERATURE PROGRAMMER  
INSTRUCTION MANUAL

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SETPOINT PROGRAMMER  
OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

INTRODUCTION

The DESPATCHDRP-13 Setpoint Programmer is a microcomputer based instrument for use with DESPATCH RDC Temperature Controllers. The Setpoint Programmer has been specifically designed for ease of programming and use. The Operator is sequentially led through the programming steps in a non-confusing manner.

The programmer allows automatic sequencing of temperature/events versus time such as is required in temperature cycling or time dependent temperature processing.

Temperature program parameters controlled are rate of temperature change, soak time (time at a specific temperature), setpoint temperature and deviation limits. In addition, three relays are provided for turning external devices on and off (Events).

In most temperature testing and temperature dependent processes, temperature is adjusted manually or with a set of cams that must be specifically designed and controlled for the operation. The Programmer performs temperature change functions automatically by carrying out the stored instructions in its non-volatile memory.

By executing temperature cycles automatically, a high degree of temperature reliability and precision is assured. Other safeguards include a keylock which permits program changes only when the key is in the "Reprogram" position.

FUNCTION

The Programmer determines the temperature controller setpoint through the "rate, temperature, soak-time, deviation, and events" programs stored in its memory. A program may have up to 30 segments and may be repeated up to 9999 times before the associated temperature controller is automatically shut down. Multiple programs may be stored in memory, provided that the total number of segments plus program separators does not exceed 30.

A program review function allows the operator to sequentially step through all program parameters and observe them on the

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six-digit numeric display.

The first two digits of the display are the program segment number; the last four represent the program function. A red LED corresponding to rate, setpoint, soak time, process deviation or event status will also be ON indicating which function is being displayed.

### EXTERNAL EVENTS

Isolated relay closures are provided so that up to three external events may be activated by wiring to the terminal strip on the back of the Programmer. When the event is turned ON, the relay contacts are closed.

### SPECIFICATIONS

Setpoint: -99.9 to +799.9 (0 to 7999 on 1° resolution controllers)

Temperature resolution: 0.1° (1° for a 1° Resolution Controller)

Soak time resolution: 1 min.

Soak time duration: 1-9999 min. (only starts when process Temperature is within 0.4° (4° for 1° resolution controller) of desired setpoint.)

Process deviation limits: ±0.1 to ±799.9°

Program segments: 30

NOTE: One segment contains

- (a) RATE OF TEMPERATURE CHANGE
- (b) NEW TEMPERATURE SETPOINT
- (c) SOAK TIME AT NEW TEMPERATURE
- (d) ALLOWABLE PROCESS DEVIATION
- (e) ON/OFF DETERMINATION OF THE THREE EXTERNAL EVENTS (ISOLATED RELAY CONTACTS)

Program repeats: 0-9999

Program input: 16 key numeric pad

Indicators: Power ON, Rate, Setpoint, Soak Time, Process Deviation Limits, Events, Review, "End of Program"/Cycles, and Run.

External Events: three, controlled by relay closures.

Rate: 99.9°/minute max (Clear causes execution of a "step" function and is displayed as "----".)

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### OTHER FEATURES

**Automatic repeat cycle:** allows selection of the number of times the preprogrammed temperature sequence is to be executed (up to 9999).

**Keypad:** a keypad is provided for easy data entry, advance, backup, turning on events, and clear functions.

**Display:** a six-digit LED display with the first two digits representing the segment number and the last four digits representing program functions.

**Process Deviation Limits Alarm:** flashing LED on the front panel of the programmer indicates temperature deviation limit has been exceeded. An alarm output is provided on the terminal strip on the back panel. (See separate writeup on "Dev. Limits Alarm".)

**Power On:** (on bench top unit only) located on the back panel to prevent accidental turn OFF of the Programmer.

**Keylock:** allows reprogramming only when in the "Reprogram" position. In the "Program Lock" position, no program changes are possible.

**Hold Function:** allows the operator to stop a program and hold, to examine parameters, etc. without interrupting the sequence of program execution. Program execution resumes upon pressing the START button.

### DEFINITIONS

**Temperature Program:** a set of instructions stored in the memory of the programmer. It includes a series of temperature setpoints, rates of temperature change, time at which the temperature stays at a particular setting, process deviation limits, external event enable instructions, number of cycles, and an E.O.P. (end of program) separator segment.

**Program Segment:** one of a possible 30 segments of the complete temperature program. It includes rate, setpoint, soaktime, process deviation limits and events.

**Rate:** the rate of temperature change expressed in degrees per minute.

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**Setpoint:** the temperature at which the program will stay during the soaktime.

**Soak Time:** a period of time during which the program stays at a pre-selected Setpoint Temperature (expressed in minutes.)

**Process Deviation:** the amount by which the process temperature may deviate from the setpoint. The deviation is expressed in degrees and must be the same for positive and negative deviations.

**Events 1-3:** three separate isolated relay closures brought out to the rear of the unit - their status is determined by the program for each segment of the program.

### SWITCH FUNCTIONS

**Front Panel:** (Refer to Figure 14)

**Keypad:**

**0-9:** for entry of numeric values into the program.

**\***: used as a decimal point.

**#**: used to enter a minus sign.

**Advance:** ("A" on keypad) used to advance program parameters displayed during program review.

**Backup:** ("B" on keypad) used to examine the previous parameter when reviewing the program.

**NOTE:** The "A" and "B" keys have slewing capability, i.e. if held down, they will continuously scan through memory.

**Clear:** ("C" on keypad) used to clear displayed data or turn off all three events if displaying event status.

**Data Entry:** ("D" on keypad) must be pushed whenever data is to be stored in the memory.

**NOTE:** NO INFORMATION IS STORED UNLESS THE "DATA ENTRY" (D) KEY IS PUSHED AND THE KEYLOCK IS IN THE REPROGRAM POSITION. THE DISPLAYED PARAMETER IS THEN STORED IN PROGRAM MEMORY.



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**Start:** push to start the temperature program.

**Hold:** push to stop the program's execution. (Does not turn off heat/cool.) - Program can be resumed by pushing START button.

**End Program/Cycles:** used to set the number of times the temperature program is to be executed and to define the end of the program.

**Review:** push to review the stored Rate, Setpoint, Soak Time, Deviation, and Event functions.

**Reset:** push to return to the first segment of the displayed program while in REVIEW or HOLD mode.

**Keylock:** disables the "DATA ENTRY (D)" key to prevent program changes when in the "Program Lock" position.

**Back Panel:** (Refer to Fig. 15)

**Power:** turns on AC power to the programmer. This switch must be on at all times for the programmer to be operative.

### INDICATORS

**Power:** LED to indicate that power is ON.

**Start:** LED to indicate that the program is running.

**Cycles:** LED to indicate that the number of program executions is displayed.

**Review:** LED to indicate that the REVIEW mode is selected.

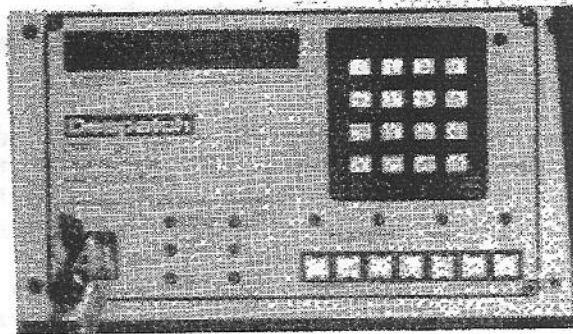
**Program Function LEDs:** There is a separate LED for rate, setpoint, soak time, process deviation limits and events. Each LED is turned ON when the parameter corresponding to it appears on the display. The setpoint LED is turned ON while the process temperature approaches the setpoint. The soaktime LED turns ON while the program is in the soak function.

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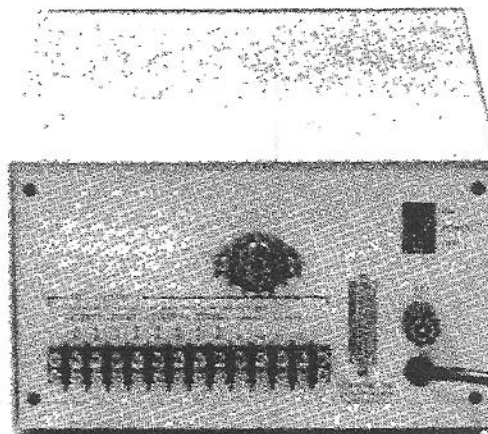
The programmer has the following modes:

- (a) Start/Run





DRP-13 TEMPERATURE PROGRAMMER FRONT PANEL  
FIGURE 14



DRP-13 TEMPERATURE PROGRAMMER REAR PANEL  
FIGURE 15

- (b) Hold
- (c) Review and Reprogram
- (d) End Program/Cycles

### REPROGRAM

The Reprogram mode is the most important because it is in this mode that the data for the temperature program is stored into the Setpoint Programmer's memory.

To write the temperature program, determine the desired setpoint temperatures, soak times, and rates of temperature change, allowable process deviations, and any external events required and write them down on a PROGRAMMER WORKSHEET.

It is helpful to plot the temperature program on a chart as shown in Figure 3 and list the program parameters on the programming worksheet shown in Figure 4.

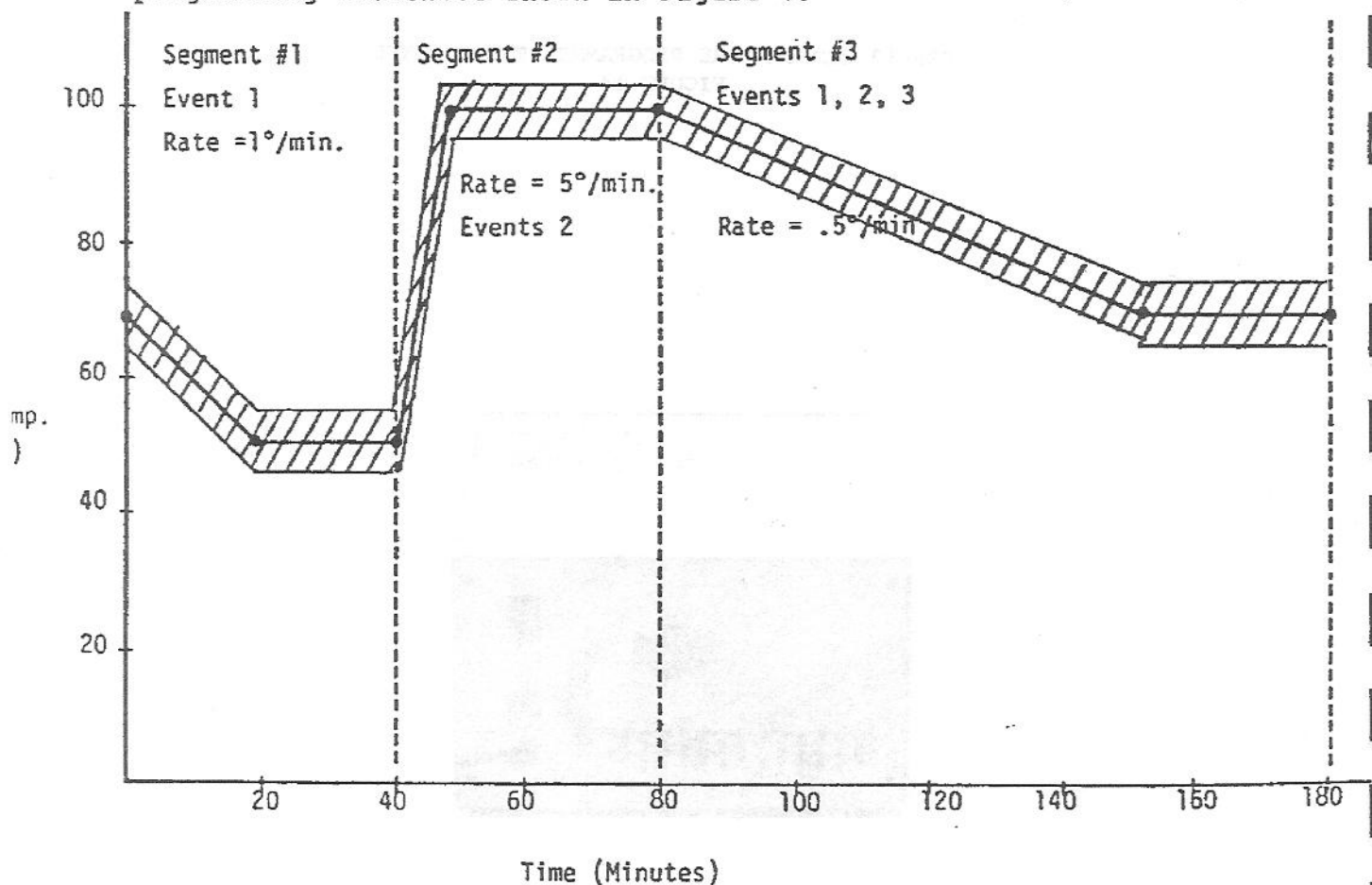


Figure 16

SEGMENT	RATE	SETPOINT	SOAK TIME	PROCESS DEV.	EVENTS		
	°/min.		(min.)	+° LIMITS	3	2	1
1	1.0	50	20	5			1
2	5.0	100	30	5		2	
3	.5	70	40	5	3	2	1
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Total program cycles LP = 4 (End of Program set by pushing End Program/  
Cycles button.)

- NOTE: 1. Press DATA ENTRY after each item has been keyed in.  
2. Program Segment Display should show the first program segment number before START is pressed.

SAMPLE WORKSHEET OF MULTIPLE PROGRAMS  
DRP-13 PROGRAMMER WORKSHEET

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_

SEGMENT	RATE	SETPOINT	SOAK TIME	PROCESS DEV.	EVENTS		
	°/min.	°C	(min.)	±° LIMITS	3	2	1
#1 DUMMY E.O.P.	1	----	-55	10	4	3	
	2	----	+25	5	4	3	
	3	----	+85	10	4	3	
	4	----	+25	5	4	3	
	5	----	+25	0	4	-	
#2 DUMMY E.O.P.	6	*25	CYCLES				
	7	----	-55	10	4	3	
	8	----	+25	5	4	3	
	9	----	+125	10	4	3	
	10	----	+25	5	4	3	
#3 DUMMY E.O.P.	11	----	+25	0	4	-	
	12	*10	CYCLES				
	13	----	-65	10	4	3	
	14	----	+25	5	4	3	
	15	----	+150	10	4	3	
#4 DUMMY E.O.P.	16	----	+25	5	4	3	
	17	----	+25	0	4	3	
	18	*15	CYCLES				
	19	----	-65	10	4	3	
	20	----	+25	5	4	3	
#5 DUMMY E.O.P.	21	----	+200	10	4	3	
	22	----	+25	5	4	3	
	23	----	+25	0	4	-	
	24	*20	CYCLES				
	25	----	-65	10	4	3	
#5 E.O.P.	26	----	+25	5	4	3	
	27	----	+300	10	4	3	
	28	----	+25	5	4	3	
	29	----	+25	0	4	3	
	30	*20	CYCLES				

Total program cycles LP = \* (End of Program set by pushing End Program/Cycles button.)

- NOTE: 1. Press DATA ENTRY after each item has been keyed in.  
2. Program Segment Display should show the first program segment number before START is pressed.

Figure 18

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### Reprogram (continued)

Having listed the functions for each program segment (up to 30, including the E.O.P. separator, are permitted), determine the number of times the temperature program is to be repeated. It is important to keep a written record of the temperature program. This will facilitate data entry into the Programmer and be a useful reference.

### ENTERING PROGRAM DATA

The rate of temperature change selected should be one that the system can follow. If the change rate selected is not possible, the Programmer will wait until the environment reaches within  $0.4^{\circ}$  ( $4^{\circ}$  for hi temp unit) of the desired temperature before proceeding with the program.

### PROGRAMMING EXAMPLES

The "Rate" function in the first segment of the temperature program will start from ambient temperature. In the example in Figure 16, segment 1 begins with a room ambient temperature of  $75^{\circ}$ .

The program parameters include a process deviation of  $5^{\circ}$  for all segments of the program. Soak times and temperature change rates vary and various events are turned on for each program segment.

The program is to be executed four times before the programmer shuts the temperature controller down automatically.

The program for this is as follows:

#### Segment 1:

Rate:  $1^{\circ}/\text{min.}$   
Setpoint:  $50^{\circ}$   
Soak time: 20 min.  
Process deviation:  $\pm 5^{\circ}$   
Events: 1

#### Segment 2:

Rate:  $5^{\circ}/\text{min.}$   
Setpoint:  $100^{\circ}$   
Soak time: 30 min.  
Process deviation:  $\pm 5^{\circ}$

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Events: 2

### Segment 3:

Rate: .5°/min.

Setpoint: 70°

Soak time: 40 min.

Process deviation:  $\pm 5^\circ$

Events: 1,2,3

### Segment 4

E.O.P. - LP = 4

### DATA ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

(If a program has been running, press HOLD.)

1. Put the keylock in the "Reprogram" position.
2. Make sure that power is ON.
3. Press the REVIEW button.

4. The first segment of the program to be overwritten (replaced) and the RATE LED should be ON. If not, press the RESET button.

Multiple Programs: To enter a new program without overwriting an existing one, advance the display to the next segment past the E.O.P. separator of the existing program.

Observe that the RATE LED is ON. Enter the rate parameter for segment 1 on the keypad. A "1.0" will be displayed in the four-digit section of the display corresponding to a one degree per minute rate of change of temperature.

If an entry error is made, press the CLEAR button and re-enter the proper data.

6. When the display indicates the rate parameter desired, press the DATA ENTRY button ("D" on the keypad), causing the displayed value to be stored in memory and automatically advancing to the next parameter to be entered.

7. The Setpoint LED will come ON, indicating that the setpoint parameter is to be entered.

8. Enter 50 on the keypad and push the DATA ENTRY button.



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9. The Soak time LED will come ON. Enter 5 on the keypad and press the DATA ENTRY button.

10. The deviation LED will come ON. Enter 5 on the keypad and press the DATA ENTRY button.

NOTE: If no process deviation limit is desired for the segment, press the CLEAR button (C) on the keypad, then push DATA ENTRY (Dashes will be displayed).

11. To enter EVENTS, press CLEAR to reset any previously entered events, and enter "1". The display will show "1...E". Push the DATA ENTRY button.

12. The Segment Number section of the display will now advance to the next program segment. Proceed, entering all functions for segments 2 and 3.

13. After all data for all segments have been entered, and the segment display is indicating the next (unused) segment, push the End Program/Cycles button. The segment number is now replaced by "LP" (for loops i.e. cycles). Note: do not reset before pressing End Program/Cycles Button. The segment number displayed prior to entering the End Program Mode will be defined as the End Of Program (E.O.P.) separator.

14. Enter 4 on the keypad for 4 cycles of the program. Push the DATA ENTRY button and the Programmer will display the segment number of the first segment in the program, as it is automatically positioned at the start of the program. Turn the Keyswitch to the Program Lock Position.

### PROGRAM REVIEW

After the program has been entered, it is a good idea to review it to assure that all data has been correctly entered.

To review, press the REVIEW button and be sure that the key switch is in the LOCKED position. The display will indicate the program segment and the numbers shown in the Program Function portion of the display will correspond to the function indicated by the ON LED. To step through all parameters, push the ADVANCE button ("A" on keypad). This will advance the display successively through all parameters. Holding the "A" or "B" button down slews the program through the segments.



## RUNNING THE PROGRAM

To run the program, push the START button.

The key can only be removed in the PROGRAM LOCK position.

When the START button is pushed, the program will start at the beginning of the segment displayed when the key switch was turned to the PROGRAM LOCK position. This feature allows the program to be started at any segment by entering the REPROGRAM MODE and advancing the segment number to the desired starting point. This feature also allows multiple programs to be stored in memory and selectively executed by calling up the starting segment number in the REPROGRAM MODE then turning the keyswitch to the PROGRAM LOCK position.

## PROGRAM EXECUTION

While the program is running, the display will indicate the segment number and the LED above the START button will be ON. The program function LEDS will indicate what is shown in the Program Function section of the display.

While the temperature is changing to reach the soak temperature, the Setpoint LED will be ON and the display will indicate the actual setpoint transmitted to the controller. Process deviation is monitored at all times except during a step function if a deviation limit is programmed.

Soak time begins when the temperature is within  $\pm 0.4^{\circ}$  of the setpoint. At this time, the SETPOINT LED will go OFF and the SOAK LED will come ON. The display will show the soak time remaining in the segment. During the soak time, process deviation is monitored. If the deviation limit is exceeded, the PROCESS DEVIATION LED will flash and a steady state contact closure will be present on pins 7 and 8 of the terminal strip on the rear panel and the program will stop. The program can be restarted by pushing the START button.

When the program has been completed, the programmer will automatically shut off the temperature controller and E.O.P. will appear on the display. The programmer will then stay in the HOLD mode until restarted.

The remaining sections will describe the programmer functions.

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### ENTERING A NEW PROGRAM

Before entering a new program turn the keyswitch to REPROGRAM, and advance or backup to the desired location of the first segment of the new program.

### TO CHANGE EXISTING PROGRAM DATA

Put the keyswitch into the REPROGRAM position. If running, press HOLD then REVIEW. Advance or backup to the desired segment and change the data by pressing the appropriate keys and the DATA ENTRY button.

### RESET

To stop a program and restart it at the beginning of the program, push the HOLD and then the RESET buttons. This returns the program to its first segment. Push the START button to begin program execution.

### REVIEW

Program functions may be reviewed by pressing the REVIEW button. The advance and backup buttons can be used to step or scan through the program. Program execution must have been halted previously by pressing HOLD. The REVIEW LED will be ON.

When START is pressed and the keyswitch has remained in the PROGRAM LOCK position, the program will continue from the segment where it was halted. If the keyswitch is in the REPROGRAM position during review, the program will restart from the segment shown on the display at the time it is returned to PROGRAM LOCK position.

### CYCLES

Cycles is the number of times a program is executed and is the last step in program entry. Up to 9999 are possible.

If less than 30 program segments are used, the end of the sequence is defined by the entry of the Cycles function. If all 30 are used (no cycles entry) the program will cycle endlessly.

A built-in counter decrements each time the program is repeated. When the HOLD and then the CYCLES button is pressed, the number of remaining CYCLES, including the one currently being executed, is displayed.

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### HOLD

The HOLD mode can be used to temporarily stop the program. During this mode, the setpoint, soak timer, and cycles counter are maintained at the point where the HOLD button was pushed.

To resume the program, push the START button and the program will continue at the segment where it was stopped.

### PROCESS DEVIATION

The Process Deviation Limit function in the programmer monitors the actual process temperature during temperature ramp and soak time. In the case of a "Step Change of Setpoint" i.e. "----" Rate function, Deviation limits are only monitored after the process temperature has approached to within  $0.4^{\circ}$  ( $4^{\circ}$ ) of the new Setpoint.

The magnitude of the deviation limit is programmable for each of the program segments; the positive and negative deviation limits must be the same.

When the deviation limit is exceeded, the PROCESS DEVIATION LED flashes. In addition, a steady contact closure is provided between pins 7 and 8 on the rear panel terminal strip.

The minimum deviation limit is  $0.1^{\circ}$  ( $1^{\circ}$  on high temp units); however, it is advisable to use  $2.0^{\circ}$  as a minimum to prevent false alarms. Maximum deviation is  $799.9^{\circ}$  ( $7999^{\circ}$  on high temp units).

If Process Deviation monitoring is not required for the program segment, it must be "cleared" by the "Clear Key" ("C" key on the keypad) followed by the "Enter key".

When no Process Deviation function has been selected, the display will show four dashes (----) when the Process Deviation LED is ON.

### EXTERNAL EVENTS

Three relays in the programmer allow control of external events. Any combination of the three relays may be used in each program segment. The events to be turned ON must be entered for each program segment.

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When the segment is running, the selected events will be ON, i.e. the relays will be closed. The selected events will remain ON (even in HOLD mode) until the next segment is executed.

A terminal strip on the back panel provides connections.

### PROGRAMMING EVENTS

The keyswitch must be in the REPROGRAM position.

The Events are programmed as a function in each segment when the EVENT LED is ON. Enter the number of each "ON" event via the keypad, and then press the the DATA ENTRY button.

The right-hand position of the display will contain an "E" and the remaining segments will show which events are ON.

Pushing the CLEAR button turns OFF the events displayed, but does not alter the memory until the DATA ENTER button is finally pushed.~

All events remain in this last state at the end of the program.

### END OF PROGRAM

The Programmer automatically shuts off the Heat & Coolant at the end of the program sequence. Power remains on to protect the memory and E.O.P. appears on the display.

E.O.P. is determined when the last segment of the sequence is completed and the cycles counter has reached zero. To restart, press the START button. The previously programmed number of cycles will again be executed.

### BATTERY BACKUP

Battery Backup is not required as the program information is stored in the Non Volatile Memory. A power fail detection circuit in the system senses loss of AC power and allows the microcomputer to store the pertinent information before the power is lost completely.

After a power failure, during program run, operation will continue from where it left off. If not "running" at the time of power failure, the programmer operation will be identical to an initial power-up situation, but the program memory will be preserved. The programmer will come up in a REVIEW mode,

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displaying the first function of the program sequence.

If power is returned and, for any reason, the memory has not been preserved, the display will read HELP. Program data must then be reentered.

### AUTO CHECK

In the event of a "brown out" or momentary decrease of power to the programmer or line transient, the memory will be preserved and the temperature program will automatically be continued from the point at which it was interrupted.

### MAJFUNCTION

If the temperature controller malfunctions for any reason, such as an open probe, exceeded temperature limits, or if it is not in the remote mode, program execution will not start, and the display on the programmer will show four dashes (----) until the malfunction or error condition is corrected.