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eController Product Guide

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OVERVIEW

eCONTROLLER 1V

The eController 1V is designed to be used with a brew-in-a-bag system (BIAB), but can also be useful for someone who prefers modularity within their system. It can easily replace an existing gas-fired HLT or boil kettle in an existing 3 vessel brewing system. The 1V controller is designed to operate one element, and is compatible with our line of 10 and 20 gallon eKettles. A 13A 230VAC dedicated GFCI protected circuit is required.





INTRODUCTION

Designing every piece of our electric brewing equipment from scratch has enabled us to introduce a new level of process control, flexibility, and performance. Every detail has been carefully thought through and refined.

Every component of our new eControllers was designed to enhance the eBrewing experience. The custom extruded 6061 aircraft-grade aluminum housing is CNC machined, then coated in a durable black anodized finish. This approach allowed us to keep the system compact, portable and functional. The housing includes an integrated carry handle for easy setup and take down, a T-slot for alternative mounting options along with a heatsink to keep the internal electrical components cool.

The eController is driven by a PID controller, which doesn't rely on high speed switching to module heat. Voltage is modulated through an internal SSVR, which means element wattage will be directly proportional to the set point on the eController. A rocker switch located just above the PID controller allows the user to operate the controller in manual or automatic modes.

In manual mode, the proportional output can be fine-tuned on a scale of 0-100% of total element output, which is ideal for dialing in a perfect rolling boil. Alternatively, in automatic mode, the PID algorithm manages the proportional output relative to process temperature. To hold a steady HLT or mash temp for instance. The eController quickly finds equilibrium with environmental heat loss characteristics, and can maintain a high degree of accuracy during each brewing process.

The heater button allows the user to turn the element on or off without having to shut off the main power or adjust the PID output setting. This is especially helpful if a boil-over occurs. This feature also allows the eController to be used to monitor a process temperature, such as during runoff or in the latter stages of the sparge process without the risk of dry firing the element.

Connectivity was an important consideration for our eControllers, we wanted the flexibility and familiarity of a plug that could be adapted to an existing customer supplied kettle or element, and the reliability of a UL approved connector type. For 230VAC main power and element connectors, we chose an IEC C19/C20. For the accessory connections, we settled on using an IEC C13. Finally, for the PT100 temperature probes we opted for the 3.5mm mini jack connector standard, commonly used for headphones, which is both durable and easy to use.

ASSEMBLY

POWER SPECIFICATIONS

- 230VAC 50Hz operation only
- 13A maximum total connected load
- Dedicated GFCI protected circuit required



WARNING

Before plugging in the controller, ensure that both the heater activation button as well as the side mounted on/off switch are not currently engaged. This will prevent accidental dry firing.



ACTIVATION BUTTON

Off Position - Button is not recessed - No indicator light



On Position - Button is recessed - Red indicator light

Side Mounted "ON/OFF" Switch in "OFF" Position

Always verify the element is fully submerged in water before activating the heater element. Dry firing the element will cause irreversible damage to the element coil and void the element's warranty. Prolonged dry firing can cause damage to the vessel and other components, and can result in personal injury or property damage.

Make sure that the unit is connected to a dedicated GFCI circuit.

Wear proper PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) when using the equipment. This would include protective eyewear, gloves and apparel that would aid in prevention of scalding from boiling water.

IMPORTANT

It is recommended to perform a "water brew" on the system before using real ingredients. This will allow you to familiarize yourself with the controller's operation, processes, temperature ramp rates, and temperature losses during transfers. Record data and observations carefully so that you can calculate or adjust water volumes and temperatures based on recipe profile, ambient grain temperatures and any other outside variables.

eCONTROLLER ACTIVATION



Side Mounted "ON/OFF" Switch

ACTIVATION BUTTONS



- Off Position
- Button is not recessed
- No indicator light



Heater On Position - Button is recessed

- Red indicator light

Heater and Accessory Activation Buttons

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Accessory On Position

- Button is recessed

- Blue indicator light

After ensuring all the rear electrical connections have be made, the unit can be powered on via the side mounted "ON/OFF" switch. Make sure that both the heater activation button as well as the accessory buttons are in the "OFF" position as shown in the graphic above.



Once the side mounted "ON/OFF" switch is turned to the "ON" position, both controller adjustments and heater activation can begin.

At the top of the controller near the PID read out, there is a rocker switch for going in between "MAN" (Manual) or "AUTO" mode changes.

MANUAL MODE

The eKettle elements have been designed to support voltage modulation to fine tune the element wattage output. The benefit of this design is that it allows the user to dial in a perfect rolling boil by reducing element output instead of a more traditional on/off modulation. When the eController is in "MAN" mode, the set value on the temperature controller is indicative of the percentage of total wattage output for the element. For example, if the set value is at 100, that is 100% of element output, and if the set value is at 50, that means the power level is reduced to 50% of element output. Adjustment can be made from 0-100%.

Once you have the percentage dialed in, you can now activate the heater by depressing the heater activation button. The button will glow red to let you know the button has been depressed. Press down on the button again to deactivate power.

"MAN" mode is recommended for boil kettle operation.

Always verify the element is fully submerged in water before activating the heater element. Dry firing the element will cause irreversible damage to the element coil and void the element's warranty.



AUTO MODE

When the eKettle is in "AUTO" mode, the temperature controller is set up to modulate element output based on a set temperature. This is used to maintain a specific temperature such as during a kettle souring process or for use as a HLT. For example, if 78.3 is entered into the set value, the controller will maintain the temperature of the liquid inside the kettle at 78.3 degrees Celsius.

Once you have the temperature dialed in, you can now activate the heater by depressing the heater activation button. The button will glow red to let you know the button has been depressed. Press down on the button again to deactivate power. The element can also be shut down by adjusting the temperature below its setpoint in "AUTO" Mode.

Always verify the element is fully submerged in water before activating the heater element. Dry firing the element will cause irreversible damage to the element coil and void the element's warranty.

CONTROLLER ADJUSTMENT

Temperature or percentage can easily be adjusted via the up and down arrows located on the controller.

You can also use the "<<PF" button to move over decimal places to make this process go a little quicker vs holding the up or down arrows.



Decimal Location

230-240VAC ACCESSORY OUTLET ACTIVATION



230-240VAC Accessory Power Output

The 230-240VAC plug coming from the rear of the eController must be connected to an accessory in order for the "Accessory" button to function. Activation is simply made by depressing the button. A blue glow will appear around the button to let you know that the accessory outlet is currently activated. Press and release the button once more to deactivate power.

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WARRANTY

Ss Brewtech provides a one year limited warranty to the original purchaser that our product(s) will be free from manufacturing defects in material and workmanship. The limited warranty covers only those defects and/or product failures that arise as a result of normal use, and does not cover any problems that originate from:

- Improper cleaning, care and maintenance
- Modifications made to a product
- Operation outside the product's published specifications
- Damage caused by incorrect assembly
- Exceeding recommended operational limits

Ss Brewtech reserves the right to request the original purchaser to return the defective item, at the purchaser's expense, before processing the warranty claim and issuing a replacement. If a direct replacement is no longer available, a product that serves the same purpose with equal or greater value shall be awarded. Ss Brewtech, at its discretion may also opt to simply refund the full purchase price in lieu of replacing the product.

The Ss Brewtech limited warranty is only applicable to customer-direct sales of home brewing equipment.

LIMITATIONS

Ss Brewtech makes no warranty of any nature beyond what is contained in this limited warranty. Ss Brewtech is not responsible for representations made about a product by another retailer.



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