

AUTOMATIC VENT CONTROLLER  
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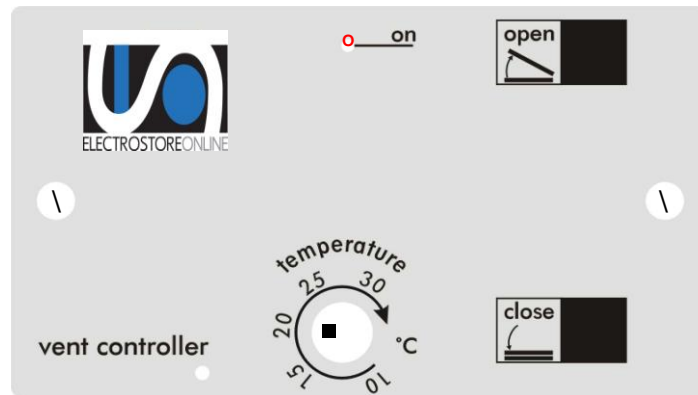
Operation Manual



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### Introduction

The Automatic Vent Controller is designed for automatic and manual operation of motorised roof vents. It is an integrated electronic thermostat and controller with rain sensor.

The roof vents open automatically at high temperatures and close again when the temperature drops, or rain is detected.

Up to eight average actuators can be controlled with type AVC002.

Note: This product will work usefully to prevent energy wastage when used in combination with an active heating system, just set the vent control temperature setting a few degrees higher than the heating system to ensure that the vents close before the heating system switches on. It would be advisable to position the 2 thermostat controls near to each other so they “see” the same air temperature. This can be fine tuned by trial and error for best results.

Note: If used in combination with a cooling/air conditioning system, it must be appreciated that the vent controller will want to open the vents when it is too hot, whereas the cooler may prefer them closed. In general the user must decide which system to use to cool the air.

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#### MANUAL CONTROL

At any time, the controller can be overridden using the tactile switches. The vents can be set to any position of your choice by selecting “open” or “close”. Please note that automatic operation resumes according to climatic conditions.

#### THERMOSTAT ADJUSTMENT

The thermostat range is 10° to 30°. Select the desired temperature, which will automatically operate the vents. These will open when the temperature exceeds your settings and then close when it falls below.

#### RAIN SENSOR

If the rain sensor (which is mounted on the roof) detects rain, it will automatically close the vents if they were left open.

#### NOTES:

1. To leave the vents in any fixed position:-
  - a) use the open/close tactile switch
  - b) switch off the electric supply at the isolator.
2. After periods of rain, the sensor will take a little time to dry. Whilst it remains wet it will keep the vents closed. If the vents are opened manually by the tactile switch, it will immediately re-close them.
3. If the rain sensor seems to lose sensitivity, it may need cleaning. Avoid chemicals or abrasives.

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### Controller Installation Instructions

**IMPORTANT:**  
**THIS UNIT MUST BE INSTALLED BY A QUALIFIED ELECTRICIAN TO THE 16<sup>th</sup> EDITION OF THE "SEE WIRING REGULATIONS"**

1. Remove the front panel.
2. Bolt the back-box to the masonry wall inside the conservatory, at the usual height of a wall switch.
3. To prevent damage to the cable insulation, choose the appropriate knock-out for cable entry, then smooth the edges.
4. If the mains cable is not plastered into the wall, the cable should be adequately secured as close to the control box as possible to prevent undue stress to the cable.
5. In accordance with the Wiring Diagram, bring the sheath as close as is possible to the terminal blocks to prevent contact of the inner insulation with the pcb. (A junction box is required in the ridge to bring all the actuator cables together). Feed a single four-core cable through to the control box. Note: a fused isolator must be installed providing a contact separation of at least 3mm in all poles.
6. Replace the front panel.

**THIS UNIT TO BE INSTALLED USING BASEC OR HAR APPROVED CABLE AND MUST BE SUITABLY EARTHED**

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### Rain Sensor Installation Instructions

1. Pass the cable through the cable gland. Strip cable ends then crimp on the terminals that are supplied.
2. Push the terminals onto blades. Do not over tighten nuts and screws or the conductive pattern could be damaged by indentation.

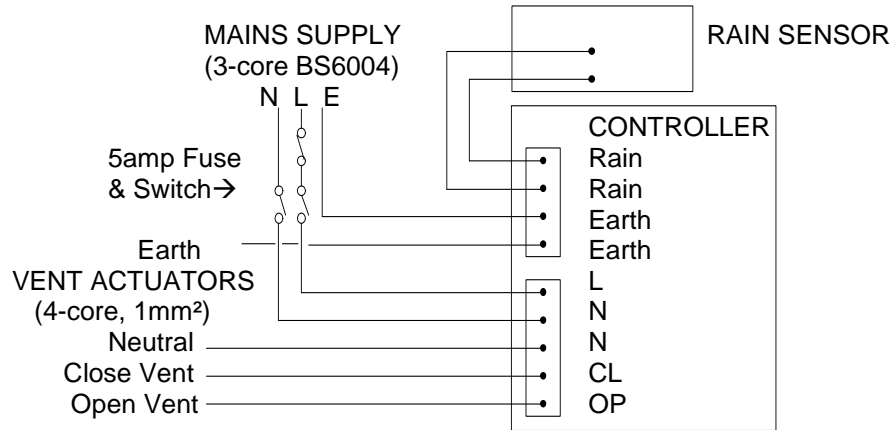
**Note: It is important to use a round 3A mains cable so that the cable gland grips the cable to form a waterproof seal. The cable carries only 9V AC).**

3. Fit the bottom cover without sealing the joint.
4. Place the unit with the self-adhesive pad supplied to an exposed part of roof with the black sensing pattern facing up. The cable can point towards the gutter, ridge or to either side of the conservatory. The unit must slope at a gradient of at least 15° to enable excess water to run off (if the roof is a lean-to style packing may be required). If the conservatory is situated on the side of a taller building, shelter from over hanging eaves is best avoided.

**Note: In the UK the prevailing wind and most rainfall comes from the South West. This is the preferred side of the roof for the rain sensor. It is best to check local conditions, especially on the East Coast or on Mainland Europe.**

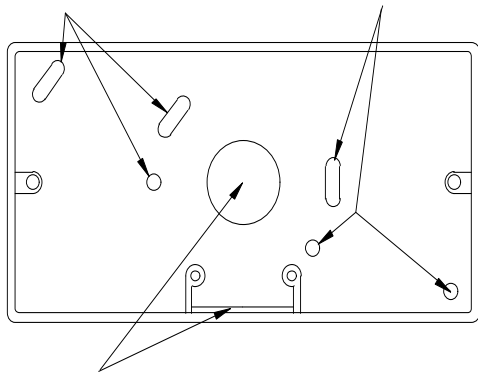
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### Controller Wiring Diagram



### Mounting of Controller

Back-box fixing holes (fix firmly to wall with 2 or more countersunk screws)

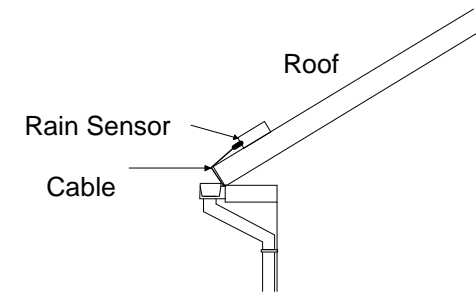


Cable entry/exit points (punch holes through box only where required).  
Use cable-clamping bar in best position and tighten the 2 clamp screws.

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### Positioning of Rain Sensor

If the roof slopes less than 15° from horizontal, add packing to increase the slope.



### Vent User Guide

#### OPENING DISTANCE

The automatic opening distance range of the vent is 100-300mm which can be adjusted by turning the control as required. Please note this is not a "customer control" but should be pre-set by the qualified installer if requested by the customer. The opening distance will be reduced by turning the control clockwise.

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### Testing Procedures

1. When installation is completed, insert the supply fuse then switch the isolator on. Note that the vents are likely to open or close on power-up.

2. First check for correct operation of the vents by use of the tactile open/close switches.

**Please ensure that the vents are not too tightly closed.**

3. The automatic operation can be tested by turning the thermostat up and down. The vent should open when selecting a low temperature and close when turned high.

**Note: It is best to do this test in warmer weather.**

4. When testing the rain sensor, the vents must be opened first then clean water sprayed onto the rain sensor. The vents should close within a few seconds.

**Note:** If testing in actual rain, the surface of the sensor can be dried with a clean, soft tissue. Take care not to scratch the surface. It should also be kept free from grease and sealant.

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<b>Output current to actuators:</b>	5.2A max at 20% duty cycle
<b>Rain sensor cable:</b>	0.5mm <sup>2</sup> 2-core round flexible cable. dia 5 to 7mm
<b>Rain sensor Mounting angle:</b>	15° to 45°
<b>Rain sensor Operating Voltage:</b>	1V to 6V wet 7.5V to 10V dry (AC)
<b>Rain sensor Equivalent resistance:</b>	Less than 80k ohms wet. Greater than 300k ohms dry
<b>Rain sensor dimensions:</b>	75 x 51 x 28mm excluding cable gland
<b>Thermostat differential temp:</b>	2°C
<b>Opening impulse:</b>	Variable 3 to 9 sec approx (set when installed)
<b>Closing impulse:</b>	11 sec approx
<b>Controller dimensions:</b>	148 x 88 x 52mm excluding thermostat setting knob
<b>Finish:</b>	White
<b>Total weight:</b>	450g
<b>Mains Supply:</b>	230V 5A 50Hz