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OPERATORS MANUAL

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1. About this document

General purpose

This document is the Operator's Manual for THOMSON TECHNOLOGY's generator controller MEC 310. The document includes information about push-buttons, LEDs, display readings, icon list and basic operational theory.

The general purpose is to give the operator important information to be used in the daily operation of the unit.



Please make sure to read this manual before working with the MEC 310 controller and the gen-set to be controlled. Failure to do this could result in damage to the equipment or human injury.

Intended users

This Operator's Manual is mainly intended for the daily user. On the basis of this document the operator will be able to carry out simple day-to-day procedures.

Contents/overall structure

The document is divided into chapters, and in order to make the structure simple and easy to use, each chapter will begin from the top of a new page.

2. Warnings and legal information

Legal information and responsibility

THOMSON TECHNOLOGY takes no responsibility for installation or operation of the engine/generator set. If there is any uncertainty regarding how to install or operate the engine controlled by the MEC 310, the company responsible for the installation or the operation of the engine/generator set should be contacted.

**The controllers are not to be opened by unauthorized personnel.
If opened / warranty seals broken, the warranty will be void.**

Electrostatic discharge awareness

Sufficient care must be taken to protect the terminals against static discharges during the installation. Once the unit is installed and connected, these precautions are no longer necessary.

Safety issues

Installing the MEC 310 controller implies work with dangerous currents and voltages. Therefore, authorized personnel, who understand the risks involved in working with live electrical equipment, should only undertake the installation.



Be aware of the hazardous live currents and voltages. Do not touch any AC measurement inputs as this could lead to injury or death.

Factory settings

The unit is delivered with certain factory settings. Given the fact that these settings are based on generic values, they are not necessarily the correct settings for matching the individual engine. Therefore precautions must be taken to ensure the suitability of the settings before running the engine. In some cases protection settings may be disabled in an effort to allow the commissioning agent ease of initial startup. As such all alarm/shutdown protection settings must be reviewed to ensure the engine generator set is adequately protected against catastrophic failure.

Definitions

Throughout this document a number of notes and warnings will be presented. To ensure that these are noticed, they will be highlighted in order to separate them from the general text.

Notes



The notes provide general information, which will be helpful for the reader to bear in mind.

Warnings



The warnings indicate a potentially dangerous situation, which could result in death, personal injury or damaged equipment, if certain guidelines are not followed.

3. Push-buttons, LEDs and Display

Unit

Front dimensions H x W	160 x 220 mm (6.30" x 8.66")
Unit depth	54 mm (2.13 ")

Push-Button Functions

The push-buttons on the unit have the following functions:

RUN:

Permits local engine Start/Run.

Operation Mode must be in MAN to enable this Push-button.



Normal Display: Scrolls the display up once.

Program Menu: Increases set point value.



Silences Local Horn and resets horn relay output.

Hold for 2 seconds to display alarm list.



Normal display: Scrolls the display down once.

Program Menu: Decreases set point value.

ENTER:

Enters value or acknowledges alarm.

ESC:

Escape\Exit from Parameter Menu, Alarm Lists or Event Logs to the Normal Display.

TEST:

Activates the programmed timed test (i.e. timed based off load test).

LAMP TEST:

Activates all LEDs for 3 seconds.



OFF:

Stops the engine immediately.

If the unit is running in AUTO, the operation mode will change to MAN and the engine will immediately stop.

AUTO:

Automatic Operation Mode selector.

Requires a Remote Start Input to Initiate Start/Run Sequence.

MAN:

Manual Operation Mode selector.

Requires RUN Push-button be depressed to initiate Start/Run Sequence

RUN: Permits local engine start and run. Mode Selection must be in MAN to enable this push-button.

OFF: Stops the engine instantaneously. If the unit is in AUTO mode, the mode will change to MAN and the engine will immediately stop.



Note: For Shutdown fault clearing the OFF button **must** 1st be depressed before pressing the ENTER button. If the condition is still present the shutdown is acknowledged and will self-clear when the field device or programming logic permits a return to the none-fail state.

AUTO: AUTO running mode selector.

MAN: Manual Operation Mode selector. Requires RUN Push-button be depressed to initiate Start/Run Sequence

TEST: Initiates the test sequence selected for the push-button. Test type only programmable using TPS300 utility software.

LAMP TEST: Lamp test. One push will illuminate all LEDs for 3 seconds.

ESC: Escape\Exit from Parameter Menu, Alarm Lists, Event Logs or Fault Banner to the Normal Display. Hides pop-up messages.



Resets horn relay. Extra function: Press and hold button 2 sec. to see alarm list.

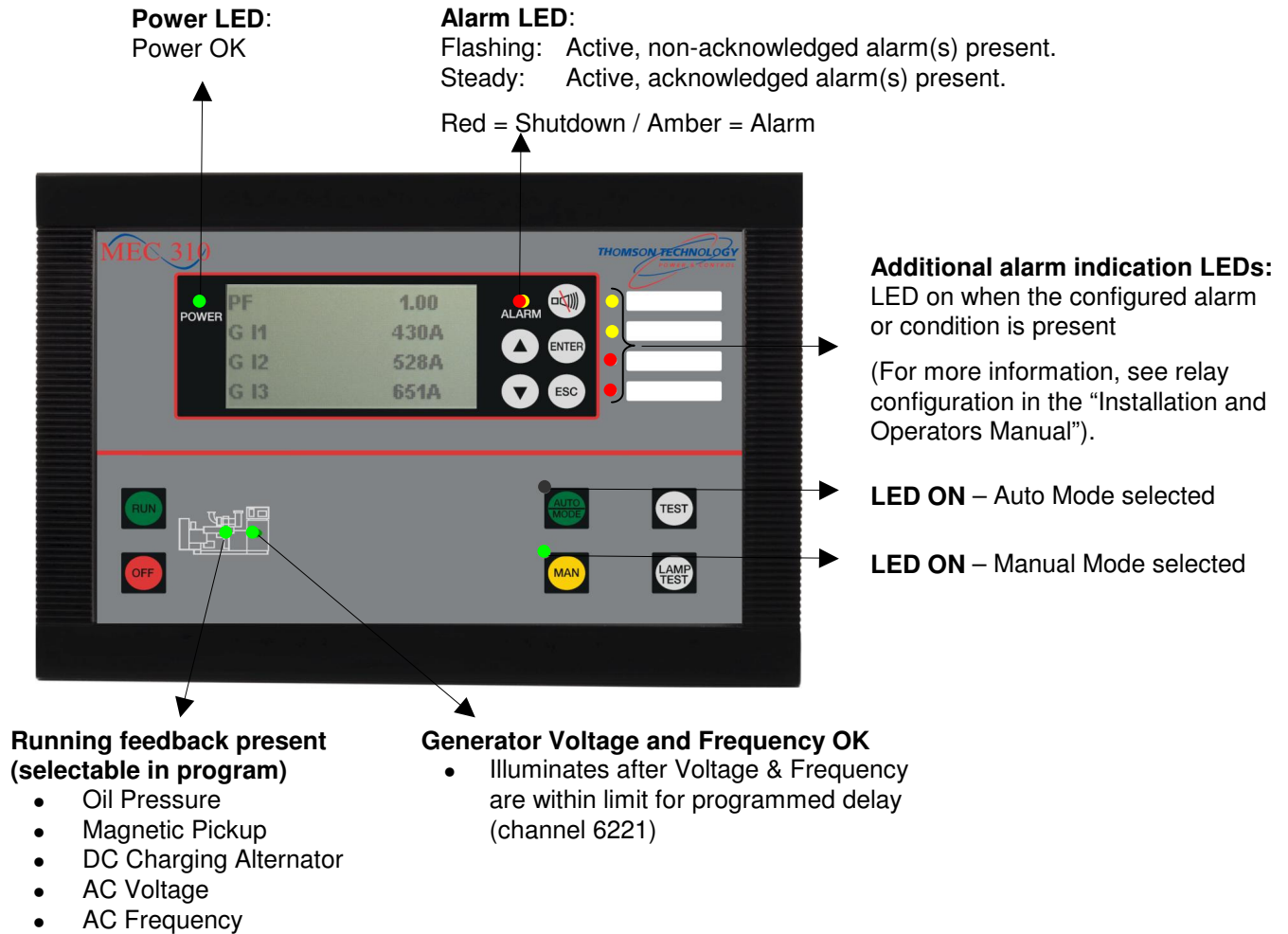
▲: Normal display: Scrolls the display up once. Programming: Increases set point value.

▼: Normal display: Scrolls the display down once. Programming: Decreases set point value.

ENTER: Enters value/acknowledges alarm.

LED Functions

The LEDs provide the following status:



Power: Power OK indicator.

Alarm LED: Flashing: Active, non-acknowledged alarm(s) present.
Steady: Active, acknowledged alarm(s) present.
Amber: Alarm only condition
Red: Shutdown condition present, alarm condition may be present but shutdowns have higher precedent.

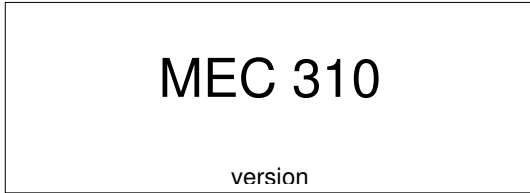
Additional alarm Indication LEDs: Flashing: Active, non-acknowledged alarm(s) where output A or B is configured to LED 1, 2, 3 or 4.
Steady: Active, acknowledged alarm(s) where output A or B is configured to LED 1, 2, 3 or 4.

Running Feedback: Provides crank disconnect or backup means and visual indication of engine running. More than type one can be used at the same time.

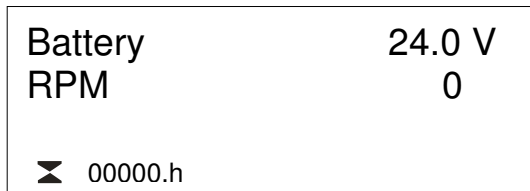
Generator Volts/Hz Ok: Illuminates once generator voltage & frequency have been within acceptable limits for a programmed period of time.

Display functions

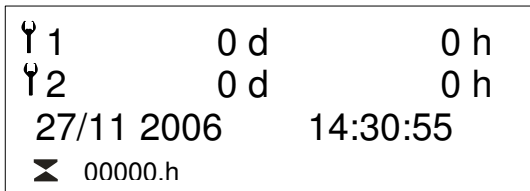
The display indicates both readings and alarms. Illustrated below are examples with icons and English language.



Type and software version.

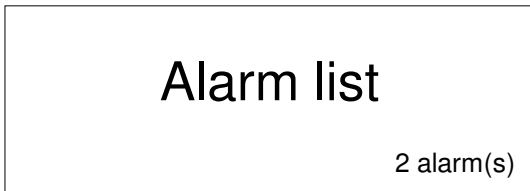


Battery voltage, RPM and running hours counter.

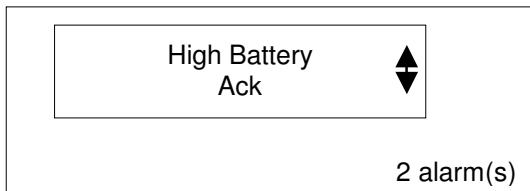


Service timer 1 and 2.

Date and time.



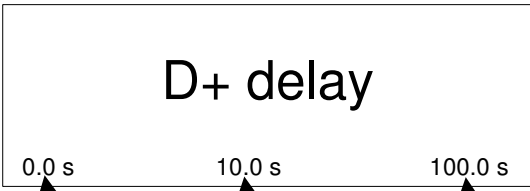
Press to enter the list of active alarms.



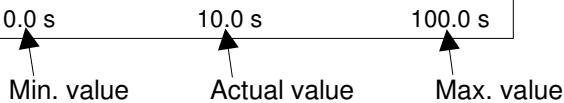
Active alarm list. The alarm list pops up automatically, when an alarm appears. When the arrow is present, more alarms are active. Press to scroll through the list. Exit the list by pressing ESC.



Press to enter the parameter setting.



Parameter example: D+ delay setting. Use or to scroll through the settings list. If change of settings is necessary, press and enter the password. Then use or to change values. Use ESC to leave settings.



The available parameters depend on the set options. Some parameters can only be changed using the TPS 300 software. The parameter list will automatically be abandoned, if no button is pressed during a 30 sec. period.

Disclaimer

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The Product is delivered with certain factory setting. The factory settings are based on typical values and not to be considered acceptable for the piece of equipment it is intended to operate and protect. Thus precautions must be taken to confirm all settings to ensure these meet the requirements of the equipment being put into service.

Thomson Technology takes no responsibility for the installation or operation of the engine-generator set controls. If there is any doubt about how to install or operate the engine-generator set controlled by this unit, the company responsible for the installation or the operation of the equipment must be contacted.

To better understand the programming and methods of programming please refer to the Installation and Operation manual.

4. Basic Operation

Basic Operational Theory



These operation instructions are based on the assumption the controller has been previously determined that the programming has been reviewed, modified and the controls and engine generator set commissioned as acceptable for its intended use. It is also assumed the engine generator set is ready to operate and all necessary house keeping has been completed such as, checking oil and coolant levels, all mechanical and electrical fundamentals proven to be in good working order.

Initial Power up and Fault Clearing

On initial power up of the controller it is probable that various alarms or shutdowns may be presented. These will need to be cleared prior to placing the equipment into service or operation.

Fault alarms can **only** be cleared if the alarm message appears on the display, the field device causing the fault has returned to the non-fail state or the associated alarm is programmed to be ignored during initial start up (bypassed on start) and the ENTER push-button depressed. If the field device remains in its fault state during the reset process and its fault condition is not programmed to be ignored during initial start up pressing the ENTER push-button will only result in acknowledging the alarm.



Shutdown states require the OFF push-button be depressed prior to the ENTER push-button to allow fault clearing. This ensures the engine generator set cannot unintentionally restart after the fault is cleared if an automatic start is being requested.





Previously acknowledged alarms or shutdowns will clear automatically when its associate field device returns to its non-fail state.

Shutdown conditions differ from Alarm conditions in that only one shutdown can exist at a time, 1st shutdown in locks out subsequent shutdowns. If multiple shutdowns were permitted it would be impossible to determine which state was the actual cause making troubleshooting a nearly impossible task.

The controller provides a quick reference as to the alarm state level. The alarm LED on the controller can change between an amber or red state. If both alarms and a shutdown are present the LED will be red indicating the highest level of alarm, this being a shutdown condition. When there are only alarms present, the alarm LED will be amber. Multiple alarms are permitted and will be displayed on the alarm list with an up/down arrow advising to scroll through the list to view all. Only the displayed alarm can be cleared, unviewed alarms cannot be cleared unless displayed or previously acknowledged.

A flashing alarm LED is an indication of a new alarm/shutdown, which is unacknowledged. Pressing the ENTER push-button will acknowledge and/or clear the alarm if the associated field device or program permits. If not permitted the alarm LED will change to a solid state, if multiple new alarms are present the LED will continue to flash until all new alarms are acknowledged or cleared.


 The Horn Silence push-button only silences the local controller horn and reset the horn relay output, it will not acknowledge or clear alarm states. The MEC310 internal alarm horn must be enabled using M-Logic if desired.

 The Horn Silence push-button provides a secondary function, by holding this push-button for greater than 2 seconds the alarm list is displayed.

Manual Operation Mode

Pressing either the **MAN** or **OFF** push-buttons selects Manual Operation Mode.

In the Manual Operation Mode the remote start input is ignored, starting and stopping of the engine generator can only be achieved with the RUN and OFF push-buttons on the left side of the controller.

 Once a manual RUN is initiated the engine generator set will continue to operate until manually requested to stop by pressing the OFF push-button (immediately stops without cooldown) or by pressing the AUTO push-button (the cooldown sequence will be initiated prior to the engine stopping), the fuel supply blocked/exhausted or a shutdown action resulting from a protection setting.

With the Manual Operation mode selected, pressing the **RUN** push-button initiates the start sequence.

The **start sequence** is as follows:

1. Preheat delay is posted if programmed (also pre-start delay for preheat, prelube, etc...)
2. Initiate starter engagement and cranking of engine
3. Disengages engine automatically once the speed of the engine exceeds preprogrammed rises above the crank disconnect setpoint in program. Additional crank and rest cycles are added if the engine fails to start in its first attempt. Fail to Start shutdown protection is activated should the engine not start after the programmed number of attempts has been exceeded.
4. All protection and alarm functions, which are bypassed when not running, are enabled after the engine starts (generally within 10 – 20 seconds of the starter being disengaged).
5. Engine generator set continues to operate until requested to stop.

The **stop sequence** is as follows:

1. Press the **OFF** push-button. The engine generator stops immediately without a cooldown sequence.
2. Press the **AUTO** push-button. The engine generator continues to operate and will initiate a cooldown before stopping the engine generator set. The stop sequence is not initiated until the remote start input is removed.

Automatic Operation Mode

Pressing the **AUTO** push-button selects Automatic Operation Mode.

The **start sequence** is as follows:

1. When a remote start contact is closed to a binary input configured for remote start the Preheat delay is posted if programmed.

2. Initiate starter engagement and cranking of engine
3. Disengages engine automatically once the speed of the engine exceeds preprogrammed rises above the crank disconnect setpoint in program. Additional crank and rest cycles are added if the engine fails to start in its first attempt. Fail to Start shutdown protection is activated should the engine not start after the programmed number of attempts has been exceeded.
4. All protection and alarm functions, which were bypassed when not running, are enabled after the engine starts (generally within 10 – 20 seconds of the starter being disengaged).
5. The engine generator set will continue to operate until requested to stop.

The **stop sequence** is as follows:

1. When the remote start contact opens the engine generator set will continue to operate for it's programmed cooldown period and then stop.



The available parameters depend on the set options. Some parameters can only be changed using the PC utility software (USW) for MEC 310. The parameter list will automatically be abandoned, if no button is pressed during a 30 sec. period.



For detailed information about changing parameters and setup, please see the Installation Instructions in Reference Handbook on CD.

THOMSON TECHNOLOGY reserves the right to change any of the above.