

RDC123T1R3C RDC123T1R3J

We thank you for choosing an LAE controller. Before proceeding to the installation of the RDC 12, please read this instructions sheet carefully; only in this way you will obtain maximum performances and safety.

1. INSTALLATION

1.1 The instrument has got a size of 77x35x97 mm (WxHxD). It's inserted into the panel through a 71x29 mm hole and secured via the suitable brackets exerting correct strength. The rubber gasket must be placed between the panel and the instrument front, so please make sure that there are no gaps allowing liquid infiltrations.

1.2 The unit works with an ambient temperature between -10°...+50°C and 15%...80% relative Humidity. To reduce the effects of electro-magnetic interference, place the cables carrying signals (probes and serial connections) and the controller as far as possible from power lines.

1.3 Probes, power supply and outputs/inputs must be wired strictly following the diagram indicated on the enclosure, where the maximum loads also appear. For supply voltage, the suitable transformer (mod. TRxxx) must be used.

1.4 Probe T1 measures air temperature and is used for the thermostat function; probe T2 measures the evaporator temperature and must be secured to it in the place where the maximum frost growth occurs. Probe T3 is for measuring and displaying product temperature and is used for the night thermostat. It must therefore be located in the position indicated by the manufacturer of the refrigerator - typically in the return air.

1.5 The RS485 serial communication or TTL output for the remote display is available on the DATA connector. PIN 1 is identified by a dot.

Caution: • If the relays switch a large load frequently, we suggest you contact us to obtain information about the relay contact life.

• Where delicate or valuable products have to be maintained under strict conditions, please use a different controller for limit and alarm functions.

2. CONTROL PARAMETERS

The adaptation of the RDC 12 to the system that it controls is achieved through the parameters in the SETUP. Access to the parameters is obtained by pressing $\square + \square + \square$ for 4 seconds. Scroll through the parameters by pressing $\square$ or $\square$ until you select the desired one. Check its value by means of $\square$ and change it via $\square + \square$ or $\square$. Exit from the SETUP occurs after 10 sec. of no key activation. To help yourself during programming, refer to the table annexed.

SPL	minimum programmable temperature	[-50 ... +150°]
SPh	maximum programmable temperature	[SPL ... +150°]
hyS	thermostat on switching hysteresis	[+01 ... +20°K]
coF	cooler minimum off time	[00 ... 10 minutes]
con	cooler minimum on time	[00 ... 10 minutes]
cdc	cooler safety run in case of probe failure	[00=off ... 10(0)=always on]
crS	cooler re-start delay after power failure	[00 ... 120 seconds]
dLi	defrost limit temperature	[+01 ... +70°]
dto	defrost time out	[01 ... 120 minutes]
drP	drain time	[00 ... 10 minutes]
diS	display control during defrost	[-01="dEF"; 00="T3"; 1... 30 minutes=timed "dEF"]
dty	defrost type	[Fan=off cycle; ELE=electrical; GAS=hot gas]
Fct	evaporator fan control	[-01=always on; 00=on/off with cooler; 1... 10 minutes=delayed off]
FrS	fan re-start after defrost	[-50 ... +150°]
Fid	ventilation during defrost	[00=off; 01=T2<FrS; 02=always on]
AlO	low alarm threshold	[-50 ... +150°]
Ahi	high alarm threshold	[AlO ... +150°]
AdL	temperature alarm delay	[-01=excluded; 00... 120 minutes]
Ain	alarm input selection	[probe 1, 2, 3]
oS1	thermostat probe offset	[-20 ... +20°K]
oS2	evaporator probe offset	[-20 ... +20°K]
oS3	displayed probe offset	[-20 ... +20°K]
SiM	slowdown of displayed temperature	[00 ... 200]
Adr	peripheral number	[00 ... 255]

3. DISPLAYS

3.1 DURING ORDINARY CONTROL. At the power up, the display shows "-" for 5 sec. during which the unit carries out a self-check; then the temperature T3 appears. In some cases, owing to the structure of the cabinet or air stratification, the probes can not measure the desired temperature. If necessary, through the parameters **oS1**, **oS2** and **oS3** the temperatures **t1**, **t2** and **t3** measured by the probes can be adjusted in order to obtain the desired values for computing: thermostat **T1=t1+oS1**; defrost **T2=t2+oS2**; display **T3=t3+oS3**.

Through the **SiM** parameter it's possible to reduce the fluctuations of the displayed temperature by simulating the behaviour of product core

temperature. The slowdown is proportionated to the value programmed to **SiM** (ex.: 100 simulates approx. a 0.5 l bottle of water). To display the instantaneous temperatures T1, T2 or T3 press ,  or  respectively.

3.2 DURING DEFROST. The display is controlled according to the parameter **dis**, if **00** temperature T3 continues to be displayed. If **dis= -01**, then the display shows "dEF" since defrost start as long as the temperature T1 is higher than setpoint+hysteresis **hyS**. By programming a value between **1** and **30** min., after the defrost "dEF" is still displayed until the time programmed has elapsed unless the above condition is reached before.

3.3 OTHER DISPLAY STATUS. During an alarm condition, "ALM" blinks on display. The stand-by status, in which all outputs are off, is signalled with permanent "-". If the keypad has been locked through the serial communication, when attempting to perform any changes, the display shows "inh". The optional remote display (CDCREMOTO) repeats the indications of the RDC12 to which it's connected, except during the alarms which are indicated with "-". When a fault in communication occurs, the remote unit shows "... " (only the line in the centre).

4. THERMOSTAT FUNCTION

At power-up the cooler start is delayed by the sum of **coF** and **crS**; this latter is used in those applications where it is necessary, after a line dropout, to avoid simultaneous starts of many compressors at the power-up. For ex.: **coF= 03**, **crS= 05**; after power-up, at least 03 minutes and 05 seconds must elapse before the cooler starts. **coF** and **con** are, respectively, the cooler minimum off and on time. The relay which controls the cooler, after switching off/on or on/off, will remain in that status for at least the pre-programmed time. When you have to maintain a very small hysteresis **hyS**, we recommend to program a suitable value for **coF** and **con** to ensure a long life to relay/contact and compressor.

4.1 MAIN THERMOSTAT: this control is based on the comparison between temperature T1, the main setpoint and the hysteresis **hyS** programmed. The setpoint is displayed by pressing . To change it, keep  pressed and by pushing key  or , select the desired value within the limits **SPL** and **SPh**. The cooler on switching temperature is achieved by adding **hyS** to the setpoint.

Ex.: setpoint=03°; **hyS**=04°K, the relay is off with T1=03°C and on with T1=+01°C.

When a failure or overrange of probe T1 occurs, the cooler run isn't controlled according to setpoint but determined by **cdc** which represents the cooler duty cycle, i.e. (on time)/(10 minute cycle). For ex.: 04= 4 minutes on time, 6 minutes off time. The **cdc** value has to be set taking into consideration the normal cooler duty cycle.

4.2 NIGHT THERMOSTAT: temperature control with alternative parameters aims at avoiding an excessive temperature decrease in positive refrigerated counters in the event that, during the night, a thermal load reduction takes place (counter closing).

You have access to the night parameters by keeping + pressed for 4 sec. The parameter is selected by pressing  or ; the current value is displayed by pressing , change it via + or +. Exit from the alternative setting occurs after 10 sec. of no key activation. The alternative parameters are:

AEn	alternate night thermostat control	[01=enabled; 00=inhibited]
ASP	alternate setpoint	[-50 ... +150°]
Ahy	night thermostat on switching hysteresis	[+01 ... +20°K]

If enabled, the night thermostat starts to work by stopping the cooler when temperature T3 goes down to the **ASP** value, regardless of temperature T1. Cooler restart takes place when T3 equals **ASP+Ahy**; if temperature goes over this threshold, the MAIN THERMOSTAT control is resumed.

Ex.: **AEn= 01**; **ASP= 05°**; **Ahy= 02°K**; the relay is off with T3=+05° and on at +07°, when T3=+08° the main setpoint has priority again on temperature control.

During the night function **coF** and **con** are however active.

If you wish to switch off the outputs, you can put the RDC12 on a standby via the serial communication or manually, by pressing ++ during self-check following the power-up. During the standby temperature measurement and serial communication however remain active. If the RDC12 is on a standby, you can get it to go out of this status and resume its ordinary operation by following the same procedure as described above.

5. DEFROST SETTINGS

Defrost is started when the real time, kept by the internal clock, matches one of the 6 scheduled times.

You have got access to clock and defrost times by keeping + pressed for 4 seconds. To move from one value to the next/previous, press /. To display it press , change it by pressing + or +.

5.1 CLOCK PROGRAMMING. To set the minutes of the real time, select **Min** and press + or . As to the hours, select **hrS** and proceed as above. The clock programming range is from 00:00 to 23:59. Be careful if clock programming takes place at the end of an hour (10:59:59 - 11:00:00), if necessary check the clock again before you go further.

The real time is kept even in case of a power failure for a minimum of 5 days, typically 20 days.

5.2 DEFROST PROGRAMMING. The six defrost start times are identified by the mnemonic **dh1... dh6**. The time is adjustable in hours and tens of minutes i.e. 072 and 130 correspond to 7:20 and 13:00. The times assigned to **dh1... dh6** do not need to be sequential.

If you want to **eliminate** one or more **defrosts**, simply **program 240**.

Two or more defrosts with time difference smaller or equal to 10 minutes are considered as one defrost. Ex.: **dh1=073**, **dh2=073**, **dh3=074** there will be one defrost only at 7:30.

The defrost start times are stored in a non-volatile memory and therefore they are not lost in case of a black-out.

5.3 MANUAL DEFROST. It is possible to manually start or abort defrost by pushing +.

6. DEFROST FUNCTION

6.1 EVAPORATOR HEATING. During defrost the status of the outputs is determined by parameter **dty**. If **dty=Fan**, then the evaporator fans are kept

on, while cooler and defrost outputs are off. If **dtY=ELE**, during defrost the cooler is switched off and the defrost output on. If **dtY=GAS**, cooler and defrost outputs are on all through defrost.

6.2 TERMINATION. When defrost is on, it can be terminated on either temperature, when T2 matches the **dLi** value, or when the maximum time **dto** has elapsed.

6.3 DRIPPING. After the heating phase, the dripping time **drP**, by delaying the cooler re-start, allows a homogeneous heat spread all over the evaporator and the drain of the drops of water.

The defrost LED is lit when the corresponding output is On; it blinks during defrost through "air blowing" and dripping time.

When probe T2 is faulty, any new defrost is inhibited.

7. EVAPORATOR FAN CONTROL

7.1 RUN WITH THERMOSTAT. During temperature control, the fans can work in three different ways. If **Fct=-01**, the fans work continuously. If **Fct=00**, the fans are stopped simultaneously with the cooler. If **Fct** is set between **1** and **10** minutes, after the cooler has stopped, the fans continue to run for the programmed amount of minutes. In both latter two cases, the fans are switched on simultaneously with the cooler.

7.2 RUN DURING AND AFTER DEFROST. During and immediately after defrost, the fans are controlled by parameters **Fid** and **FrS**. If **Fid=00**, at the start and all through defrost the fans are off; they are switched on again, after compressor re-start, when the evaporator probe T2 matches the **FrS** temperature. If **Fid=01**; in this case the fans are active as long as the evaporator has a temperature lower than **FrS**. If **Fid=02**; all through defrost the fans are on (even with **dtY=ELE** or **GAS**).

8. ALARM FUNCTION AND PROBE FAILURE

A check on the correct refrigeration plant function is performed by monitoring temperature T1, T2 or T3, selectable via **Ain** parameter. **ALo** and **Ahi** determine, respectively, the lower and higher temperature alarm threshold.

AdL allows the control of the alarm function: with **-01** the temperature alarm is excluded, while, if this parameter is **00**, the alarm output is on immediately when the condition is detected. If **AdL** is programmed between **01** and **120** minutes, the temperature must constantly remain over the alarm threshold for the chosen time before the signalings take place.

When the alarm starts, "ALM" blinks on the display, alarm relay and buzzer are switched on. The signalings remain, **even when the alarm condition is over**, until the alarm is "acknowledged" by pressing any key. Now, if the temperature is within the alarm limits, any alarm indication disappears. Otherwise the current temperature is displayed alternating with "ALM", the relay is always on and, for 1 min. every 30, the buzzer beeps; all this happens as long as the alarm condition persists.

As a result of failure or overrange of one of the probes, the display shows either "PF1", "PF2" or "PF3", the alarm output is switched on immediately. Also in this case the condition must be acknowledged by pressing any key.

The alarm output contact is also closed when the instrument is powerless.

During defrost and dripping, the high alarm monitoring is inhibited.

9. PROBE RE-CALIBRATION

Should it be necessary to recalibrate the unit, for instance in consequence of probe replacement, then act in the following way: get an accurate reference thermometer or calibrator; **make sure** that the **offset oSx** of the **probe** to be **re-calibrated is 00**; switch off then on the unit. During the self check (5 seconds from power-up), press **⏏+⏏+⏏**. When the re-calibration function is active choose the desired section by means of **⏏** or **⏏**: **0A1**, **0A2** and **oS3** allow 0°C calibration of the respective probe. **SA1**, **SA2** and **SA3** allow high temperature calibration to rectify a gain error. After selecting the desired parameter, press **⏏+⏏** or **⏏** to match the read-out value with the one of the reference instrument (make sure the temperature is stable).

Exit from the recalibration occurs after 10 seconds of no key activation. Therefore, to avoid exit, keep **⏏** pressed for as long as you need.

10. SERIAL COMMUNICATION

If fitted, the RS485 serial port allows the RDC12 to take part as a peripheral in a data communication network managed by a master PC supervisor. The data base puts all measurement and control data on line as well as the output status. **Adr** is the unit identification number within the network. Through the serial communication it's possible to change all control parameters (setpoint and SETUP), start defrost cycles, put the controller on a standby or inhibit the controller keypad in order to avoid unauthorised access to programming function.

WARRANTY

LAE electronic Srl warrant that their products are free of any defects in workmanship and materials for a period of 1 (one) year from date of production shown on the enclosure. LAE electronic Srl shall only repair or replace those products of which defects are due to LAE electronic Srl and recognised by their technicians. LAE electronic Srl are not liable for damages resulting from malfunctions of the products.

Defects due to exceptional operating conditions, misapplication and/or tampering will void the warranty.

All transport charges for returning the product to the manufacturer, after prior authorisation by LAE electronic Srl, and for the return to the purchaser are always for the account of the purchaser.

SETUP

1	SPL	-50 ... 150	-30	
2	SPh	SPL ... 150	20	
3	hyS	01 ... 20	02	
4	coF	00 ... 10	00	
5	con	00 ... 10	00	
6	cdc	00 ... 10	05	
7	crS	00 ... 120	00	
8	dLi	01 ... 70	10	
9	dto	01 ... 120	30	
10	drP	00 ... 10	03	
11	diS	-01 ... 30	10	
12	dty	FAn; ELE; GAS	ELE	
13	Fct	-01; 00... 10	01	
14	FrS	-50 ... 150	-10	
15	Fid	00; 01; 02	00	
16	Alo	-50 ... 150	-32	
17	Ahi	Alo ... 150	22	
18	AdL	-01; 00... 120	10	
19	Ain	1; 2; 3	01	
20	Ado	-----	01	Don't change
21	oS1	-20 ... 20	00	
22	oS2	-20 ... 20	00	
23	oS3	-20 ... 20	00	
24	SiM	00 ... 200	00	
25	Adr	00 ... 255	01	

NIGHT THERMOSTAT

1	AEn	01;00	00	
2	ASP	-50 ... 150	05	
3	Ahy	01 ... 20	02	

WIRING DIAGRAM

