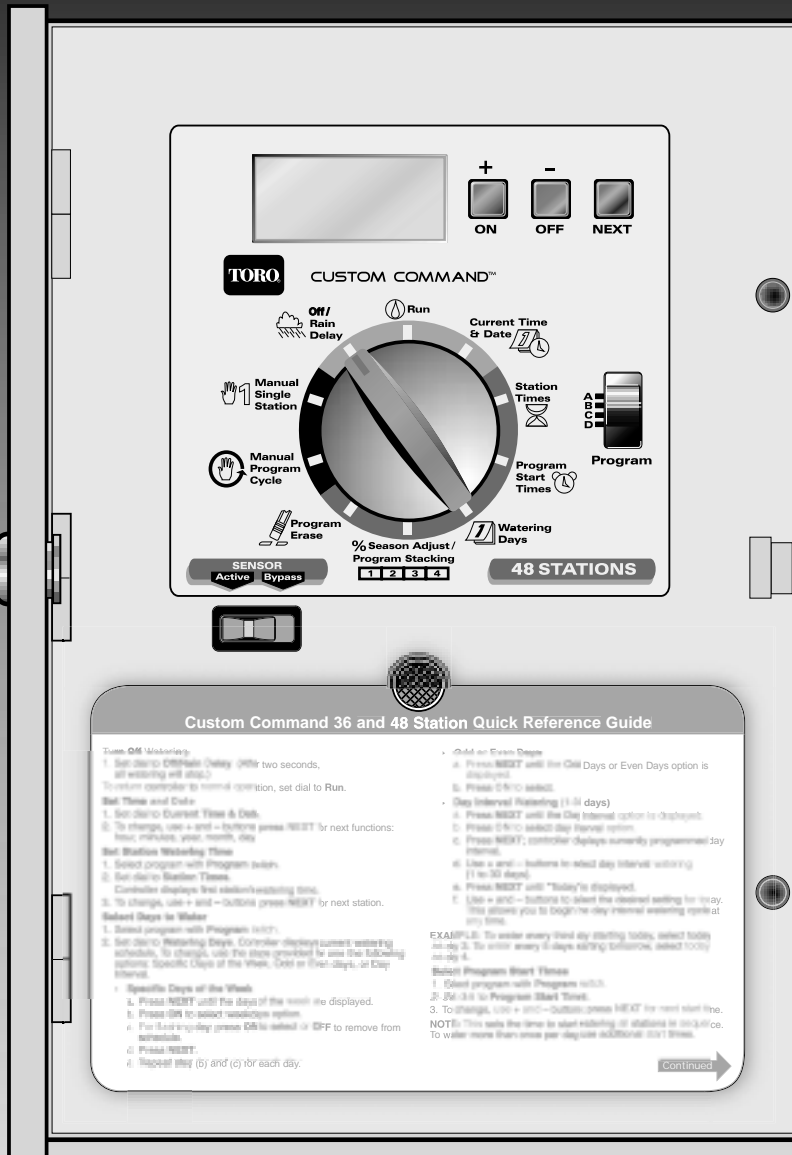**TORO** Count on it.

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FEATURES

Thank you for purchasing a Custom Command controller. Listed below are some important features you should be aware of before you begin programming. Details on how to implement these features are described on the following pages.

- Four fully-independent programs which can be set to run concurrently or to be stacked for delayed operation
- Watering programmable for days of the week, odd days, even days or intervals from 1 to 30 days. Selective removal of days from the Odd/Even schedule
- 365-day calendar, with automatic compensation for leap year
- Sixteen total start times to use in any program
- Station watering time from 0 minutes to 10 hours in 1-minute increments
- Program erase independent for each program
- Non-volatile memory that retains programmed information for up to 30 years in the event of a power failure
- Accurate time and date retention during power failures for up to 90 days continuous via a 9-volt alkaline battery (included)
- % Season Adjust from 0 to 200% in 10% increments
- Rain delay programmable to 7 days
- Self-diagnostic electronic circuit breaker that identifies and over-rides faulty stations
- Master valve/pump start operation selectable per program
- Complete manual operations available by station and program
- Sensor switch-ready for operation with any normally-closed rain switch device
- Slide switch control provided for rain switch sensor override
- Unique modular design for ease of installation and service
- Wire connection terminal blocks can accommodate two 12 AWG stranded or solid copper wires per station. Color-coded quick connect terminals for ease of installation and service.

To take full advantage of all Custom Command features, please review the User's Guide completely before installing or programming your new controller.

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5   **Current Time & Date:** For setting the current time and date.

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12 **Sensor Control Switch:** To override rain switch sensor input.

13 **Program Erase:** For erasing information within a selected program.

14 **Manual Program Cycle:** For manual operation start of a selected program watering cycle.

15 **Manual Single Station:** For timed or untimed operation of a single station.

16 **Off / Rain Delay:** For immediate shut down of all controller output. Programmable output delay for 1–7 days (Rain Delay).

17 **Run:** For automatic operation.

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19 **Spare Fuse Holder:** Holds a 2.0A slow-blow spare fuse.

20 **Valve Common Terminals:** For the connection of up to four field (24V) common wires.

21 **Valve Wire Terminals:** For the connection of valve control wires.

22 **Earth Ground Lugs:** For connection of a 6 gauge copper ground wire(s).

23 **Terminal Strip:** For the connection of 120 V a.c. power wiring.

24 **Master Valve Terminal:** For the connection of a master valve or pump start relay control wire.

25 **Sensor Connection Terminals:** For the connection an optional normally-closed Toro rain switch device.

26 **Hot Post: 24 V a.c. output for valve zone identification**.

27 **Battery Compartment:** 9-volt alkaline battery access compartment.

28 **Safety Fuse:** Replaceable 2.0A slow-blow fuse provides protection from an internal short-circuit condition.

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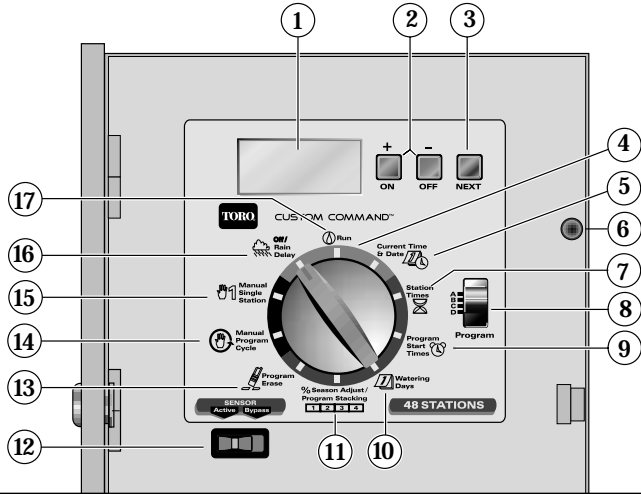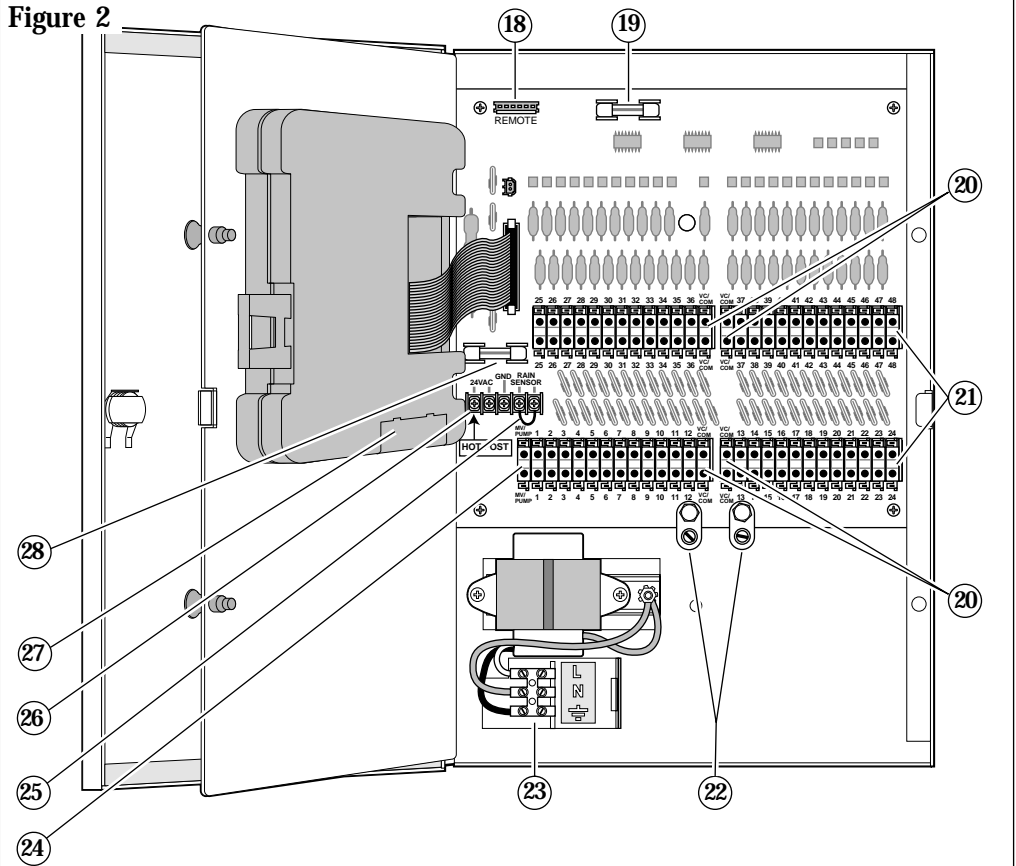
Figure 2

Controller Components

GENERAL INFORMATION

This section contains general information on:

- How the backup system works
- How the electronic circuit breaker works
- How the sensor feature works

HOW THE BACKUP SYSTEM WORKS

The Custom Command uses non-volatile memory to store watering programs. This type of memory prevents the watering program information from becoming lost in the event of a power failure. An additional benefit of non-volatile memory is that a factory-installed backup program is not necessary, thereby avoiding the potential for dead-heading a pump.

Because the current time and date are always changing, only the most recent date can be saved in non-volatile memory. Therefore, a battery is required to maintain the correct time and date in the event of a power failure. A 9-volt alkaline battery (provided) will maintain the correct time and date during power failures up to 90 days. In a typical installation, the battery should last from two to four years before replacement is necessary. Once the battery or AC power is connected, the controller can be fully programmed for operation.

Note: For operation of the valves, AC power must be applied.

To install the battery:

1. Pull the two latch on the hinged control module assembly and carefully swing it outward to open.

2. Locate and remove the battery compartment cover from the lower back side of the module.

3. Connect the 9-volt alkaline battery supplied to the battery clip terminals.

Figure 3

9-Volt Alkaline Battery

4. Insert the battery into the compartment and reinstall the battery compartment cover.
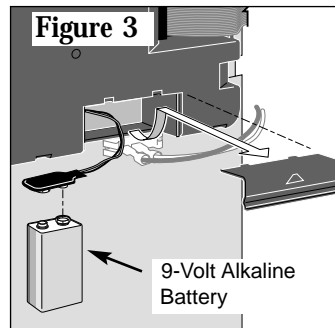
⚠ **Caution: Batteries contain hazardous material. Always handle and discard batteries properly in accordance with the battery manufacturer's recommendations.**

Note: In the event of power failure and the 9-volt battery is missing or drained, only the time and date will be lost. Controller watering program information will be retained in the non-volatile memory.

HOW THE ELECTRONIC CIRCUIT BREAKER WORKS

The controller is equipped with an electronic circuit breaker. If the controller detects a short circuit, the shorted station (valve) will be turned off automatically. The display will then flash "SHORT" and the shorted station number or "MASTER VALVE." The controller continues to automatically water the other stations and the following watering programs until the shorted station is repaired. The program will be cancelled if the master valve circuit is shorted. Each automatic start will attempt another cycle and retest the short-circuited valve.

Listed below are the most common conditions which will activate the electronic circuit breaker. After correcting the problem, return the controller to normal operation as follows:

1. Set the dial to one of the following positions: **Run**, **Manual-Single Station** or **Manual-Program Cycle**.

2. Press the **OFF** button to return the controller to the normal operating mode.

Condition: **The word "SHORT" displays with one or more station numbers.**

Diagnosis: One or more stations are shorted.

Solution: Check the wiring of the displayed stations for the cause of the shorted condition. Repair valve(s) and/or wiring as needed.

Diagnosis: Too many valves operating at the same time causing an overload condition.

Solution: Check watering programs for concurrent station operation. Include master valve/pump start relay if used. Maximum total output is 24 V a.c. at 1.25 amps. Reduce the number of stations running at the same time.

Condition: **The word "SHORT" displays without any station numbers.**

Diagnosis: A short circuit has occurred with a time duration too short for the controller to determine the station.

Solution: Check all valve wiring for breaks in the insulation which may cause a station output to short to common.

Diagnosis: A transient power surge spike has occurred.

Solution: Reset the controller.

Diagnosis: A short or overload occurred on one watering cycle but was no longer there on a subsequent cycle.

Solution: Check for loose and/or exposed valve wiring.

HOW THE RAIN SENSOR
FEATURE WORKS

The Custom Command is equipped to operate with an optional rain sensing device, commonly called a "Rain Switch," to prevent automatic watering during rain.

The rain switch is a simple device, typically installed on a roof overhang or stationary structure exposed to rainfall and full sun, and shielded from irrigation spray.

A two-position Sensor switch (see item 12 on page 3) is provided to enable you to easily bypass operation of the rain switch at any time. If you choose to disregard rain switch input, place the **SENSOR** switch in the **Bypass** position. To enable rain switch operation, place the Sensor switch in the **Active** position. When the dial is in the **Run** ⏿ position, **SEN** will be flashing if the sensor switch is open.

Note: A jumper wire is installed across the sensor terminals. The jumper must be removed when the rain switch wires are connected.. See page 23 for sensor installation procedure.

REMOTE RADIO
COMMUNICATION FEATURE

The Custom Command controller is equipped with a remote port to operate an optional radio receiver, CC-Remote kit or Uni-Remote Kit, to enable remote radio communication.

To enable or disable remote radio communication:
1. Turn the dial to % **Season Adjust/Program Stacking** position.
2. Press the **Next** button until **R-ON** or **R-OFF** option is displayed.
3. Press either the + /**On** or the − /**Off** button to toggle from **R-ON** (enable) or **R-OFF** (disable).
4. Turn the dial to **Run**.

General Information

PROGRAMMING THE CONTROLLER

This section covers the following topics:
- Getting started
- Setting the current time and date
- Erasing any prior programs
- Setting the station run time
- Selecting Master Valve/Pump Start on/off
- Setting the program start times
- Selecting the days to water

GETTING STARTED

The unique modular design of the Custom Command enables you to easily remove the timing module (TM) from the cabinet and take it anywhere for handy programming– even to your favorite easy chair! Just release the faceplate pull latches, unplug the TM ribbon cable, then remove the TM by releasing the plastic catch. Now, by installing a 9-volt alkaline battery you can program and review your watering schedules and have it ready to operate upon completion of the installation. (See battery installation instructions on page 4.)

Note: To extend battery life, the display will automatically turn off after two minutes of inactivity. To restore the display, simply turn the function dial to any position.

WHAT IS A WATERING PROGRAM?

In basic terms, a watering program is a set of instructions which tells the controller when to start a watering cycle, which stations to operate during the cycle, which days the cycle will be active and how long each station will operate during the cycle. The Custom Command has four independent watering programs for your use. Separate programs are usually used to group stations with similar watering requirements. For example, one program to water lawns in full sun every day and another program to water lawns in partial shade only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Trees and shrubs using drip irrigation could run on a separate program for example once every two weeks. The garden area requirements might include watering every other day. As you can see, the availability of four programs allows you to have unique watering programs for your varied landscape needs. Since water pressure and delivery rate is variable, the controller program stacking feature enables you to limit the number of programs which can operate simultaneously; controlling low pressure watering situations.

WHAT IS A PROGRAM WATERING CYCLE?

When a watering start time is selected, that time becomes the beginning of an automatic watering cycle. A watering cycle operates each station assigned to the program, one by one, in numerical order. When setting up watering schedules, it is important to remember that start times are assigned to programs, not individual stations.

In the following example, (also shown on the sample watering plan on page 9) we have set up Program A to start at 2: 00 a.m. and again at 3:00 a.m. on a 1-day interval (every day). Stations 1, 2, 4 and 5 are front and back yard lawn areas which get full sun throughout the day. These stations will run for 10 minutes each for a total of 20 minutes run time per day. Stations 3, 6 and 7 are lawn areas which are shaded during the afternoon hours. These areas require less water, so we have assigned them to Program B and set them to run for 20 minutes on a 2-day interval (every other day).

At 2:00 a.m., Program A watering cycle starts. Station 1 turns on, runs for 10 minutes, and shuts off. Station 2 turns on, runs for 10 minutes, and shuts off. Stations 4 and 5 operate sequentially in the same manner, each running for their set run time. When Station 5 shuts off, the watering cycle is completed for the first start time. At 3:00 a.m., the watering cycle starts again and repeats the same station-by-station watering sequence.

Note that we have 40 minutes total watering time per cycle in Program A. If we had set the next start time at 2:30 a.m., the start time would have been delayed until 2:40 a.m., enabling the first cycle to finish as programmed. This function is called "start time stacking", and can occur within each program.

Watering programs, however, operate independently, which means that two or more programs can run simultaneously. In our example, Program B will also start at 2:00 a.m. Therefore, Stations 1 and 3 will turn on at the same time, and Station 2 will turn on while Station 3 is running. This feature enables more watering to be completed within the prime "watering window", which is generally between Midnight and 6:00 a.m.

Note: When scheduling watering programs to run simultaneously, it is important to ensure the water supply has sufficient pressure and volume to maintain optimum sprinkler performance.

WATERING SCHEDULE FORM (SAMPLE)

For your convenience, a Watering Schedule Form/Quick Reference Card is provided. Use the form to plan and record your automatic watering activities. Use the quick reference instructions when minor programming changes are required. Keep the card with the controller by attaching it to the inside front cover

(Example)

Watering Schedule Form		Program A	Program B	Program C	Program D
Watering Day Schedule	Week Days				
	Odd/Even				
	Interval	1	2		
Watering CycleStart Times		2 am, 3 am	2 am		
Station	Station Description	Station Run Time			
1	Front Lawn (sun)	10 min			
2	Front Lawn (sun)	10 min			
3	Side Lawn (shade)		20 min		
4	Back Lawn (sun)	10 min			
5	Back Lawn (sun)	10 min			
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Programming the Controller

SETTING THE CURRENT TIME AND DATE

Before you can program the controller for automatic watering, you must set the controller clock to the current time and date. This controller features a 365-day calendar with automatic leap year compensation. Once the date is set, the controller keeps track of the date and enables trouble-free, odd-even day of the month watering required in some locations. The time and date apply to all programs. To set the time and date, follow the steps below.

1. Turn the Function Dial to the **Current Time & Date** ⟨Z⟩ position. The Hour digits and AM/PM will flash.

2. Press the + button to increase or — button to decrease the hour digit.

   Note: Continuous pressure on the + or — buttons, causes the display to change rapidly.

3. Press the **NEXT** button to select the minutes digits. Use the + and/or — buttons to set the current minute.

4. Press the **NEXT** button to select the year digits. Use the + and/or — buttons to set the current year.

5. Press the **NEXT** button to select the month. Use the + and/or — buttons to set the current month.

6. Press the **NEXT** button to select the day digit(s). Use the + and/or — buttons to set the current calendar day.

7. Return the Function Dial to the **Run** ⟨◊⟩ position when the current time and date have been set.

ERASING ANY PRIOR PROGRAMS

This process enables you to easily clear the controller memory of all user-defined watering program information within an individual program. This is an optional procedure and can be skipped if you wish to retain previous program operating information or the controller has not yet been programmed.

Erasing a program resets the memory to factory conditions: No station run time, program start time or active watering days. Season Adjust is set to 100% and Master Valve/Pump Start is set to be "On."

Note: This process is program independent and resets only the information for the selected program.

To erase program information for a selected program:

1. Select Program **A**, **B**, **C** or **D** with the Program switch.

2. Turn the function dial to the **Program Erase** 🖊 position. The display will show "ERASE".

3. Press and hold the **OFF** button until "DONE" is displayed.

4. Repeat this procedure for each program you wish to erase.

SETTING THE STATION RUN TIME

A station is assigned to a program when it is given a station run time (from 1 minute to 10 hours) in that program. The station can have only one run time per program. Additionally, the station can be assigned to any number of programs and have a different run time assigned in each.

To set the run time for each station:

1. Turn the function dial to the **Station Times** ⊠ position. The controller displays STATION NUMBER **1** and OFF (or the current station run time).

2. Select Program **A**, **B**, **C** or **D** with the Program switch.

3. Press the **NEXT** button to select the station number you wish to set (if other than the one displayed).

4. Use the + and/or − buttons to display the desired station run time.

   Note: OFF is the factory setting for each station. If the station has a run time and you wish to remove it from this program, use the + and/or − buttons to select OFF, (displayed between **10:00** [ten hours] and **00:01** [one minute]). (CONTINUED)

5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 to set a run time for each station you wish to assign to the selected program.

6. Repeat steps 2 through 5 for each program as necessary.

MASTER VALVE/PUMP START ON/OFF

The Custom Command enables automatic operation of the Master Valve/Pump Start output circuit to be controlled independently for each watering program. For example, if a program is used for drip irrigation and the system pump is not required, the Master Valve/Pump Start output circuit can be shut off whenever that program begins operation.

The factory setting is ON for each program. Use the steps below to select the operation of this feature for each program as necessary.

1. Turn the function dial to the **Station Times** ⊠ position.

2. Select Program **A**, **B**, **C** or **D** with the **Program** switch.

3. Press the **NEXT** button repeatedly until MASTER VALVE is displayed.

4. Press the **OFF** or **ON** button to display the operation of the master valve/pump start output for the selected program.

5. Repeat steps 2 through 4 for each program as necessary.

SETTING PROGRAM START TIME(S)

This procedure is used to set the watering cycle start time(s) for each program. A maximum of 16 start times can be allocated to the four programs in any manner. Each start time will initiate a sequential watering cycle of all stations with an assigned run time in the program.

Note: When 16 start times have been allocated, the display will show NONE REMAINING when attempting to assign additional start times.

To set program cycle start time(s):

1. Turn the function dial to the **Program Start Times** ⌚ position.

2. Select Program **A**, **B**, **C** or **D** with the **Program** switch.

3. Use the + and/or − buttons to display the start time.

    Note: To remove a start time, adjust the time to display OFF (located between 11:59 p.m. and 12:00 a.m.).

4. Press the **NEXT** button to assign another start time to the program.

5. Repeat steps 2 through 4 for each program as necessary.

Note: The Custom Command will operate one watering cycle in a program at a time. If a start time occurs while a watering cycle is in progress, the start time will be delayed until the previous cycle is finished (this is called "start time stacking"). If the watering cycle extends past midnight into the next day, the cycle will continue operating until finished. However, if a watering cycle has been delayed until after midnight into a non-watering day, the watering cycle will not occur.

SELECTING THE DAYS TO WATER

Several watering day scheduling options are available. Each watering program can utilize any ONE of the following schedules:

• Days of the week

Use this type of schedule to water on specific days of the week. The days are displayed as three-letter abbreviations. For example, Sunday is SUN, Monday is MON, etc. Only the days you select to water will remain on the display.

• Odd Days or Even Days

To select every odd or even number calendar day, use this option. Because the 31st and the 1st are both odd number days, the 31st is automatically removed from the schedule. This watering day option also enables selected days of the week to be removed from the schedule.

• Day Interval

Selecting watering days by Day Interval enables a specific number of days between watering to be selected. For example, selecting a 1-day Interval schedules watering for every day. A 2-day interval schedules watering for every other day. A 30-day interval is the maximum interval frequency, which provides watering once every 30 days.

Another setting within the Day Interval is the current day of the schedule. The current day (displayed as TODAY) can be set for any day within the interval. This number automatically increases by one every day. When the TODAY number equals the Day Interval number, a watering day will occur. For example, to water every third day starting today, a 3-day interval would be set with TODAY as day 3. Or, to water every 5 days starting tomorrow, a 5-day interval would be selected with TODAY as day 4.

To set a watering day schedule for each program:

1. Turn the function dial to the **Watering Days** 🔢 position. The display will show the current watering day schedule for the selected program.

2. Select Program **A**, **B**, **C** or **D** with the **Program** switch.

3. Set the watering day(s) for the program using one of the three following procedures: Days of the Week, Odd Days/Even Days or Day Interval scheduling procedure.

4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 as necessary to set a watering day schedule for each program.

Days of the Week

A. Press the **NEXT** button until the weekday abbreviations are shown at the top of the display.

B. Press the **ON** button. SUN (Sunday) will begin flashing.

C. To select the day, press the **ON** button. To remove the day from the schedule, press the **OFF** button.

D. Press the **NEXT** button to select the next day.

E. Repeat steps C and D to set the remaining days of the week.

Odd Days or Even Days

A. Press the **NEXT** button until ODD DAYS or EVEN DAYS is displayed.

B. Press the **ON** button to select the schedule.

   Optional: To remove selected days of the week from the Odd/Even watering schedule:

   1. Press the **NEXT** button until the selected day begins flashing.

   2. Press the **OFF** button to exclude the day from the schedule. (Press the **ON** button to restore the day to the schedule.)

Day Interval

A. Press the **NEXT** button until the DAY INTERVAL option is displayed.

B. Press the **ON** button to select this option.

C. Press the **NEXT** button. The display shows the current Day Interval number (1–30).

D. Use the + or − button to select the Day Interval (1–30 days).

E. Press the **NEXT** button. The controller displays TODAY and its current setting.

F. Use the + or − button to select the desired setting for today.

OPERATING THE CONTROLLER

This section includes instructions for the following controller operations:

- % Season Adjust
- Program Stacking
- Manual Operations
- Off and Rain Delay Modes

% SEASON ADJUST

The % Season Adjust feature enables you to easily increase or decrease the station run time (by percentage) of <u>all</u> stations assigned to a selected program. This is handy for making temporary, overall station run time adjustments without changing the original run time settings. % Season Adjust values range from 0 to 200% in 10% increments, with 100% being the normal setting.

For example, as the fall season approaches and the temperature decreases, you may want to reduce the station time for the stations in program A by 30%. Later you can return station times to their original values by setting the % Season Adjust value back to 100%.

Note: It is possible to inadvertently cause start time stacking when increasing station run time. Careful planning and use of % Season Adjust will prevent this from happening.

To change the % Season Adjust percentage value of a selected program:

1. Turn the function dial to the **% Season Adjust** position.

2. Select Program **A**, **B**, **C** or **D** with the **Program** switch.

3. Use the + and/or **−** buttons to increase or decrease the percentage value (0–200%).

4. Turn the function dial to the **Run** ⟨⟩ position.

   Note: The controller displays the % symbol in the **Run** ⟨⟩ position when % Season Adjust is in use for any program. During operation, the adjusted run time will be displayed.

PROGRAM STACKING

The Program Stacking feature enables you to select the number of programs which can operate simultaneously. This allows you to match your water pressure and delivery rate to your irrigation programs. By default, the four independent watering programs will operate simultaneously if programmed to do so. This number is selectable from one to four programs.

For example: The number of stacked programs is set to three. This limits operation to three independent programs running simultaneously, whether the three the start times are overlapping or the same. If the fourth program is set to start while three programs are running, the fourth program will be delayed (stacked) until one of the currently running programs has finished.

1. Turn the function dial to the **% Season Adjust/Program Stacking** position.

2. Press the **NEXT** button to select Program Stacking. The number 4 (or previously set number) will begin blinking to indicate the number of programs which can operate simultaneously.

3. Use the + and/or − buttons to change the number form 1 to 4.

4. Press the **NEXT** button to select the number.

5. Turn the function dial to the **Run** ⟲ position.

MANUAL OPERATIONS

Manual operation allows you to run individual stations or start automatic watering programs as needed. The Custom Command provides separate dial positions for each type of operation: Single Station and Program Cycle.

SINGLE STATION

This option enables individual stations to be operated for an untimed duration (turned On/Off) or operated for a selectable duration from one minute to 10 hours.

1. Turn the function dial to the **Manual Single Station** 🖐 position.

2. Select Program **A**, **B**, **C** or **D** with the **Program** switch.

   Note: The programmed status of the master valve/pump start in the selected program determines whether the master valve/pump start will be activated with the manual operation.

3. Use one of the following options to operate the station.

For untimed operation:

A. Press the **NEXT** button as necessary to display the station you wish to operate.

B. Press the **ON** button. The station will turn on and remain on until one of the following occurs:
- The **OFF** button is pressed
- The controller clock passes midnight
- The function dial is moved to another position

For timed operation:

A. Press the **NEXT** button as necessary to display a station you wish to operate.

B. Use the + and/or − buttons to set the desired amount of station run time (for this operation only), from one minute to 10 hours.

C. To select additional stations to operate <u>in sequence</u>, repeat steps A and B as desired. Each station will operate one-by-one in the order they were selected.

D. Leave the function dial in the **Manual Single Station** 🖐1 position until the manual operation is complete, then return the dial to the **Run** ◊ position.

PROGRAM CYCLE

Use this feature to manually operate watering programs. You can run the entire program or start anywhere within the station sequence of the program.

Note: Only the stations with an assigned run time in the program will operate during the program watering cycle.

1. Turn the function dial to the **Manual Program Cycle** 🖐 position.

2. Select Program **A**, **B**, **C** or **D** with the **Program** switch.

3. Press the **NEXT** button to select the first station of the watering sequence (if other than the station number displayed).

4. Press the **ON** button to start the watering cycle. Watering will start with the selected station and will be followed by all subsequent stations. The display will show the run time remaining for the operating station.

   Note: You may advance through the stations by pressing the **NEXT** key for the next station. To terminate operation at any time, press the **OFF** button.

5. Leave the function dial in the **Manual Program Cycle** 🖐 position until the manual operation is complete, then return the dial to the **Run** ◊ position.

OFF AND RAIN DELAY

Use this feature to turn off controller operation for indefinite periods of time (Off mode) or for a selected number of days (Rain Delay mode).

Turning Off the Controller

Turning the function dial to the **Off / Rain Delay** ⛆ position places the controller in the Off mode. After a 2-second delay, any current watering activity will shut off and all subsequent watering program activity will be suspended. As long as the function dial is in the **Off / Rain Delay** ⛆ position, the controller will remain in the Off mode. The controller clock continues to update current time and date, and all watering program information is retained while in the Off mode. Normal controller operation is resumed by simply placing the function dial in any other position.

Using the Rain Delay Mode

The Rain Delay mode enables automatic watering to be delayed from 1 to 7 days. At the end of the selected delay period, the controller resumes automatic operation. (CONTINUED)

To set a Rain Delay period

1. Turn the function dial to the **Off / Rain Delay** ⛆ position.

2. Use the + and/or **–** buttons to select the number of days (1–7) to delay operation.

3. Turn the function dial to the **Run** ⟨⟩ position.

    The display will show the number of days remaining in the delay period. The day number will automatically decrease by one digit each time the clock passes midnight. Automatic operation resumes when the display shows no delay days remaining.

    Note: The controller can be operated manually while in the Rain Delay mode.

To cancel the Rain Delay mode:

1. Turn the function dial to the **Off / Rain Delay** ⛆ position.

2. Press the **–** button until the display shows no delay days remaining.

3. Turn the function dial to the **Run** ⟨⟩ position.

INSTALLATION PROCEDURES

This section includes instructions for mounting the controller cabinet and making the necessary wiring connections. To ensure safe operation, it is important to follow the instructions carefully. The following procedures include:

- Selecting an Installation Site
- Mounting the Controller
- Installing Electrical Conduit
- Connecting the Valve Wiring
- Connecting an Optional Pump Start Relay
- Connecting an Optional Rain Switch Sensor
- Connecting an Earth Ground
- Connecting the Power Wires

SELECTING AN INSTALLATION SITE

Selecting the proper installation site for the controller is essential to safe and reliable operation. The Custom Command features a weather resistant cabinet designed for indoor or outdoor installation.

For easy operation and better view of the display, install the controller so that the display is at, or slightly below eye level.

The controller should be installed on a vertical wall or other sturdy structure near a grounded power source. Select a location that shades the controller during the hottest hours of the day and provides as much protection from direct sunlight, rain, wind and snow as possible. DO NOT mount the controller where it will be exposed to direct spray from the irrigation system.

1 – 3/4" knockout hole for Rain Switch and/or Pump Start.

2 – 1/2" hole for power wires with knockout for 3/4" hole.

3 – 2" hole for field wires with knockout for 3" hole.

4 – 3/4" knockout for earth ground wire.

5 – 1/2" knockout for remote Hand-Held Antenna.
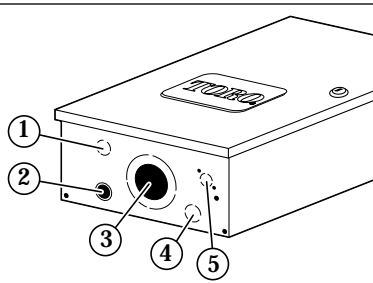
MOUNTING THE CONTROLLER

1. Open the cabinet door and TM mounting plate. Position the controller on the wall and mark the top mounting hole location.

2. Install the top mounting screw leaving the screw head about 1/8" out from the wall.

   Note: Use the correct type of screws for the wall construction material. For masonry or dry wall, install screw anchors to enable screws to be tightened securely.

4. Hang the controller on the screw. Install the lower mounting screw and tighten both screws to ensure the controller is securely fastened.

INSTALLING CONDUIT

Note: Electrical conduit and adapters are not supplied with the controller but may be required for installation in your area. Check local electrical codes and install conduit according to requirements.

1. For power wires, remove the terminal strip cover located below the transformer. Install a conduit from the circuit breaker panel to the controller cabinet using the 1/2" thru-hole or 3/4" conduit knockout.

2. For field wiring, either 2" or 3" conduit can be installed. If 3" is required, remove the knockout ring provided to increase the hole size. Sufficient space is provided to enable either a hex nut or star nut to be installed on the conduit fitting.

CONNECTING THE POWER WIRES

> ⚠ **WARNING: All electrical components must meet applicable national and local electrical codes including installation by qualified personnel. These codes may require a means in the fixed wiring of disconnecting AC power having a contact separation of at least 0.120" (1/8" or 3mm) in the line and neutral poles. Ensure the AC power source is OFF prior to connecting to the controller. The wire used for connection to the controller must have insulation rated at 105°C minimum.**

⚠ **Caution: Do not connect the controller to one phase of a three-phase power supply used by a pump or other electrical equipment.**

1. Ensure the power is disconnected at the source.See Warning above.

2. Route the AC power and equipment ground wires through electrical conduit to the controller.

> ⚠**Caution: Do not connect the controller to one phase of a three-phase power supply used by a pump or other electrical equipment.**
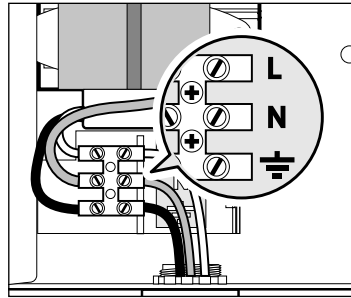
3. Remove the cover plate installed directly below the transformer. Using a small flat blade screwdriver, secure wires as follows: Line (black wire) to "L", Neutral (white wire) to "N" and Equipment Ground (green) to "G". See **Figure 7**. Reinstall the cover plate.

4. Apply power to the controller.

CONNECTING THE VALVE WIRING

1. To provide a field common wire, attach one wire to either solenoid lead of all sprinkler valves and master valve (optional).

2. Attach a separate control wire to the remaining solenoid lead of each valve. Label the control wires with the intended station number for identification at the controller.

> ⚠**Caution: All wiring splices must be waterproofed to prevent short circuits and corrosion.**

Figure 4

Pump Start Relay or Master Valve

Valve Station 3

Valve Station 2

Valve Station 1

Valve Common
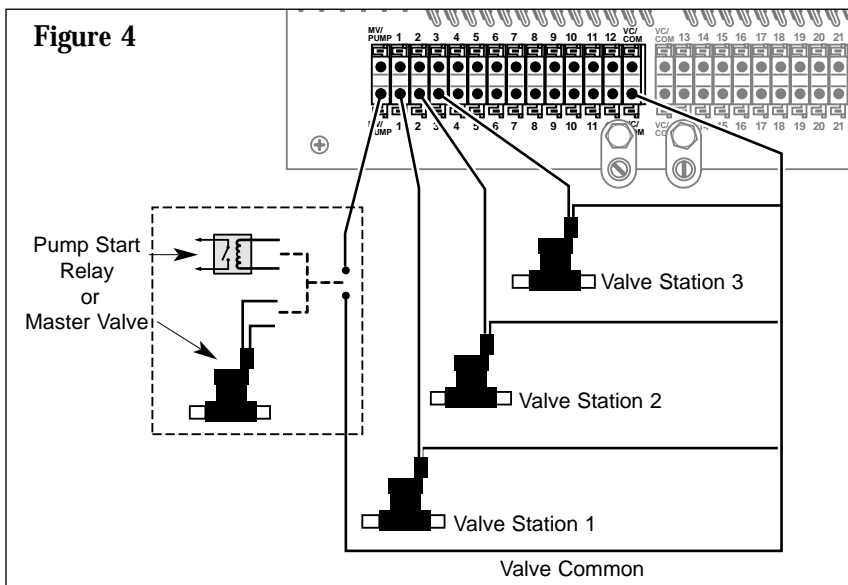
⚠ Caution: A maximum load of 12 VA (0.5 amps) may be connected to each station. A maximum load (including master pump relay or master valve) of 50 VA (2 amps) may be programmed to operate simultaneously. Exceeding these limits can damage the controller.

3. Route the control and common wires into the controller cabinet. Remove approximately 1/2" insulation from the ends of each wire. Shorter lengths of the exposed wire will be inadequate for contact.

    Note: The quick-connect terminal blocks will accept one 12 AWG or two 14 AWG solid copper wires in each position. Insert the wire into either opening provided. Pull lightly after insertion to ensure positive retention. To release the wire, press either tab located directly above and below the terminal.

3. Two field common terminals are provided for each 12-station terminal block. Attach the field common wire(s) to the terminal(s) labeled VC/COM.

5. Referring to **Figure 4**, connect each valve control wire to the appropriate station number terminal.

    Note: The Hot Post (see item 25 on page 3) provides 24 V a.c. to enable valve identification at the controller. With the valve common connected, simply touch the station wire to the Hot Post to energize valve.

CONNECTING A PUMP START RELAY

When a pump is to be operated by the controller, a compatible relay must be used. The relay coil will be connected to the master valve (MV) terminal and must be rated for 24 V a.c. at 0.5A maximum. The relay contacts will be connected to the pump start terminals and must be rated for use with the particular pump. **Note:** Transient suppressors may be needed across the relay contacts in installations using large pumps.

Figure 5

Master Valve (MV) Terminal

Valve Common (VC) Terminal
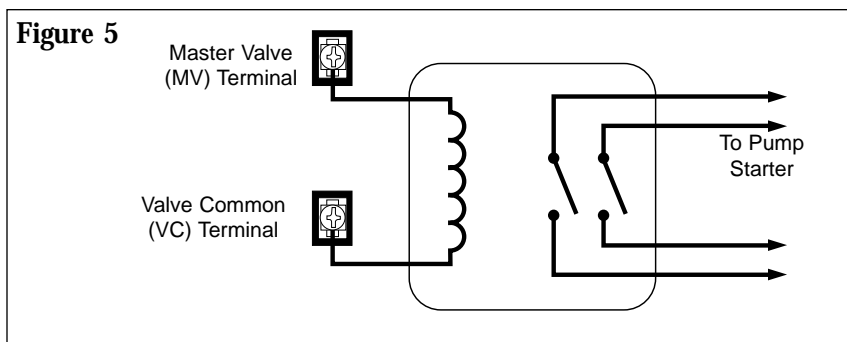
To Pump Starter

⚠ **Caution: Do not connect the master valve output terminal directly to the pump start terminals. This will damage the controller.**

To connect the pump start relay:

1. Locate the blue terminal block labeled MV/PUMP.

2. Connect the master valve output terminal (MV) to one side of the relay coil.

3. Connect the other side of the relay coil to the valve common (VC) terminal. See **Figures 4** and **5**.

4. Insert the control wire into the terminal labeled MV/PUMP.

CONNECTING A RAIN SWITCH SENSOR

The Custom Command is designed for use with a normally closed rain sensor or "Rain Switch." (Refer to page 6 for additional important rain switch information.)

To connect the rain switch sensor:

1. Remove the 1/2" knockout provided in front of the power wire access opening. Install conduit as required at this time.

2. Route the sensor wires into the cabinet

3. Remove the jumper wire from the RAIN SENSOR terminals. Connect the sensor wires to the terminals in either order. See **Figure 6**.

   Note: Refer to the installation instructions provided with the rain sensor for additional information.

Figure 6
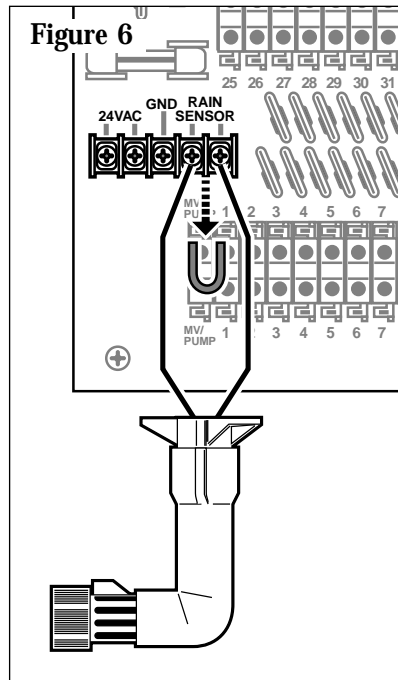
CONNECTING AN EARTH GROUND

The surge protection components provided in the Custom Command reduce the potential for surge damage by shunting induced high voltage spikes to earth ground. Therefore, an important step in the installation process is to properly connect the controller to an earth ground source, especially if the controller is located in a lightning-prone area.

⚠ **Caution: The built-in surge protection components cannot effectively protect the controller circuitry from power surge unless properly connected to an earth ground source. The 5-year lightning warranty will be void if proper earth grounding measures are not completed as specified in the following procedure.**
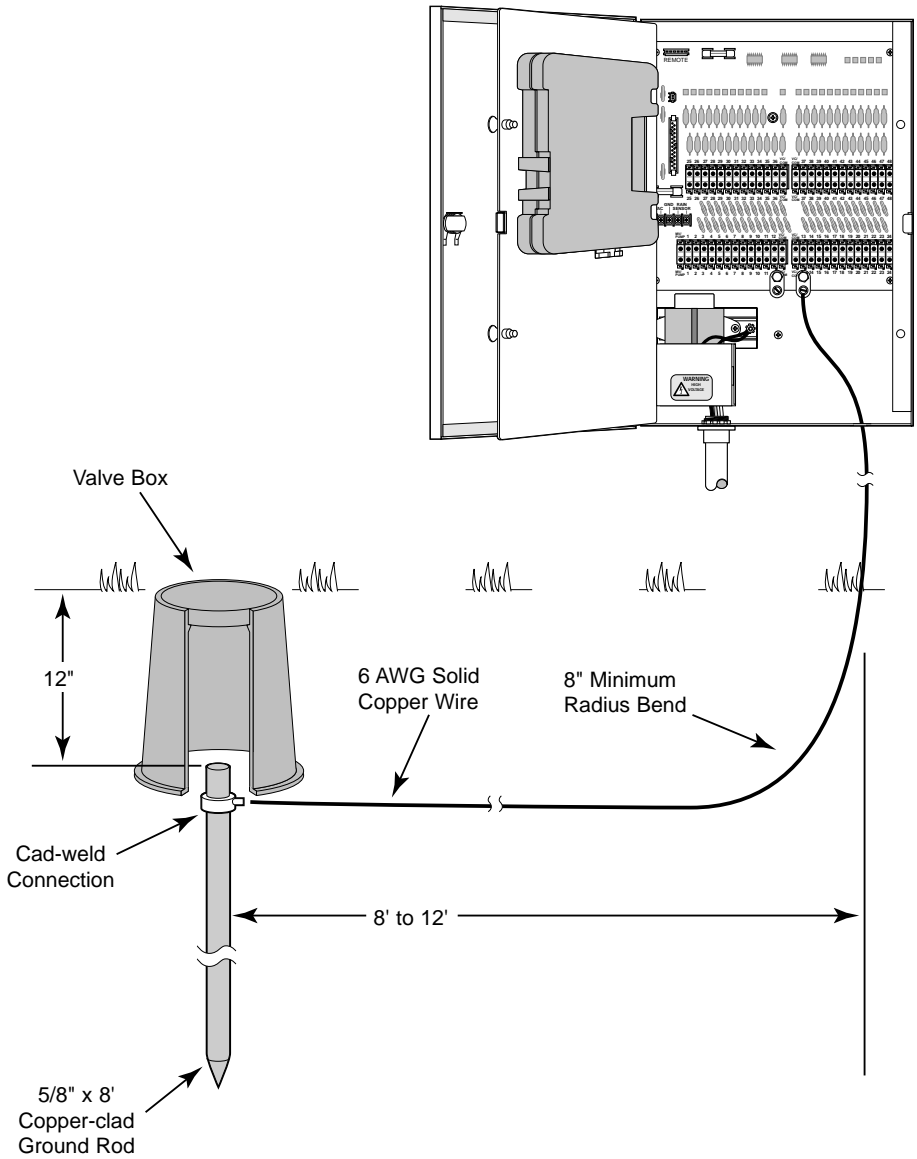
To connect an earth ground:

1. Remove one of the 3/4" knockouts provided in the bottom of the cabinet for the ground wire connection.

2. Route a 6 AWG solid copper wire (avoiding wire bends less than 8" radius) from the earth ground device (copper-clad rod or plate) to one of the controller ground lugs provided. Refer to **Figure 7** for additional installation recommendations.

3. Attach the wire to the ground device using a Cad-weld™ connector (double or single lug ground clamps are not acceptable).

4. Measure the total resistance from the ground device to the controller ground lug using a Megger™ resistance measuring instrument.

    ⚠ **Important: Obtaining a Megger resistance reading of 10 ohms or less is required.**

    Note: Installation of additional grounding devices may be required to obtain 10 ohms or less resistance. An additional ground lug is provided for this circumstance. NEC code prohibits connection of two ground wires to the same terminal.

    If additional assistance is required to obtain proper grounding, contact your Toro distributor or field service representative.

Figure 7

Valve Box

12"

6 AWG Solid
Copper Wire

8" Minimum
Radius Bend

Cad-weld
Connection

8' to 12'

5/8" x 8'
Copper-clad
Ground Rod

Appendix A
TROUBLESHOOTING

| ❖ **Error** | Solution |

❖ **All valves will not turn on automatically**

1. Verify program: station time, watering start times, watering days schedule, current time, current day, water budget and rain delay.
2. Check valve common wire for proper connection.
3. Check for a shorted station; refer to "How the electronic circuit breaker works" on page 5.
5. Ensure rain sensor (if installed) is properly connected and functioning properly. **If rain sensor is not installed, ensure the SENSOR SWITCH is in BYPASS position.**
6. Check fuse, replace if necessary. See p. 28

❖ **Cannot program**

1. Disconnect power to controller for 1 minute. Reconnect power and reprogram.
2. Install fresh 9-volt alkaline battery.
3. Verify that all 16 start times are not in use by other programs.

❖ **Controller skips a cycle**

1. Verify watering start times, current time and watering days schedule.

❖ **No display**

1. Check power source for tripped circuit breaker.
2. If control module has been removed, this is a normal battery-saving feature. Turn dial to any position to reactivate display.
3. Disconnect power to controller for 1 minute. Reconnect power and reprogram.
4. Replace battery
5. Check fuse, replace if necessary. See p. 28.

❖ **Error**	Solution
❖ **Valve stays on**	1. Check station times and water budget.
	2. Check for Manual mode; place dial in the **Run** position.
	3. Disconnect valve wire. If still on, valve malfunction is indicated.
	4. Check for manual bleed closure at valve.
❖ **Valve will not turn on**	1. Ensure dial is not in **Off / Rain Delay** position or Rain Delay mode active.
	2. Verify program: station time, watering start times, watering days schedule, current time, current day and water budget.
	3. Make sure common wire and valve wire are correctly connected.
	4. Check for a shorted station, refer to page 5.
	5. If using sensor, check sensor.
	6. Check for blown fuse. Replace if necessary. See page 28 for fuse replacement information.
❖ **"Short" or "Master Valve" is displayed**	1. See "How the Electronic Circuit Breaker Works" on page 5 for troubleshooting information.
❖ **Waters too often**	1. Too many program start times set. Check each program to determine the number of start times assigned and remove as necessary.

Appendix B
FUSE REPLACEMENT

> ⚠️ **WARNING**
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> **If fuse replacement is required, replace only with the same type and rating. Installing a higher amperage fuse can result in serious injury and or equipment damage due to fire hazard. Ensure power to controller is off prior to removing or installing fuse.**

1. Disconnect power to the controller.
2. Locate fuse (see page 3, item 27) and carefully remove it from the retaining clips.
3. Locate the replacement fuse supplied in the spare fuse holder (see page 3, item 19). Install the new 2.0A slow-blow fuse, ensuring it is securely seated in the retaining clips.
4. Restore power to the controller.

Appendix C
SPECIFICATIONS

Cabinet:

Metal, weather-resistant, indoor/outdoor, wall mount with key-actuated locking cover

Dimensions:

10.5" W x 15.5" H x 5.5" D

Wiring Access Provision (conduit size):

Power Wiring - 1/2"

Field Wiring - 2"or 3"

Ground Wiring - 3/4"

Accessory Wiring - 3/4"

Power Specifications:

Input – 120 V a.c., 60 Hz, 0.5A

Output – 24 V a.c., 60 Hz, 50 VA (max. total), 0.5A (max. per station)

Output – 24 V a.c., 50 Hz, 50 VA (max. total), 0.5A (max. per station)

Sensor Input: Normally-closed rain switch (override switch provided)

Master Valve/Pump Start Relay Output: 24 V a.c., 0.5A (maximum)

Battery: 9-volt, Alkaline

Fuse: 250V, 2.0A, Slow-Blow (extra fuse provided)

Temperature Limit Specifications:

Operating – 32°F to 140°F (0°C to 60°C)

Storage – -22°F to 149°F (-30°C to 65°C)

The Toro Promise — Limited Five-Year Warranty

The Toro Company and its affiliate, Toro Warranty Company, pursuant to an agreement between them, jointly warrants, to the owner, each new piece of equipment (featured in the current catalog at date of installation) against defects in material and workmanship for for a period described below, provided they are used for irrigation purposes under manufacturer's recommended specifications. Product failures due to acts of God (i.e., lightning, flooding, etc.) are not covered by this warranty.

Neither Toro nor Toro Warranty Company is liable for failure of products not manufactured by them even though such products may be sold or used in conjunction with Toro products.

During such warranty period, we will repair or replace, at our option, any part found to be defective. Your remedy is limited solely to the replacement or repair of defective parts.

Return the defective part to your local Toro distributor, who may be listed in your telephone directory Yellow Pages under "Irrigation Supplies" or "Sprinkler Systems," or contact The Toro Warranty Company P.O. Box 489, Riverside, California, 92502. Phone (800) 664-4740 for the location of your nearest Toro distributor or outside the U.S., call (909) 688-9221.

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Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you.

All implied warranties, including those of merchantability and fitness for use, are limited to the duration of this express warranty.

Some states do not allow limitations of how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitation may not apply to you.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may have other rights which vary from state to state.

The Custom Command series controllers are covered by this warranty for a period of five years from the date of installation.

Electromagnetic Compatibility

This equipment generates and uses radio frequency energy and if not installed and used properly, that is, in strict accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, may cause interference to radio and television reception. It has been type tested and found to comply with the limits for a FCC Class B computing device in accordance with the specifications in Subpart J of Part 15 of FCC Rules, which are designed to provide reasonable protection against such interference in a residential installation. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

 • Reorient the receiving antenna.
 • Relocate the irrigation controller with respect to the receiver.
 • Move the irrigation controller away from the receiver.
 • Plug the irrigation controller into a different outlet so that the irrigation controller and receiver are on different branch circuits.

If necessary, the user should consult the dealer or an experienced radio/television technician for additional suggestions. The user may find the following booklet prepared by the Federal Communications Commission helpful: "How to Identify and Resolve Radio-TV Interference Problems". This booklet is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. Stock No. 004-000-00345-4.