



# SELMECH SUPPLIES OSD DIGITAL CONTROL BOX

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The control box monitors and adjusts the pump to keep it's output constant, to maintain a precise delivery of the preservative being applied depending on the settings entered by the user.

#### The control box has: -

Digital display with back light, ON/OFF switch, info button to display and zero total counts, Control knob that has a push function to display and enable adjustments.

3 way male fixed connector for the 12 volt DC supply (12V/DC)

3 way female fixed connector for the control output to the applicator (PUMP).

The control box is fitted with an internal 10 amp fuse.



The 12-volt input connector (3 pin socket) has a 3-core cable. The connection are: -

For a harvester with a table sensor connect: -



#### For a harvester without a table sensor Connect :-

BROWN and GREEN/YELLOW to +12V/DC (Connect to a fused supply) BLUE to -Ve



-VF

#### Operation

Get to know the operation of the applicator by running it with water before using additive. These instructions assume that, if applicable, the table sensor is not connected or has been disabled, there is liquid in the tank and any in-line tap is set to the run position. The control box is preset for the applicator supplied. These settings can be changed to suit your operating preferences.

#### Turn on the control box. it will display the following in succession: -

#### Model type

The control box will be delivered set to the correct model for your applicator. This should not be changed!

**Currently selected operation Mode** 

There are 3 operating modes that the control box can set to run in . Refer to - Setting the control box operation mode

Harvesting rate (t/h).

This will depend on the operating mode that has been selected.



NOTE (In normal operation if wired to use the harvesters table sensor Pause will now be displayed. In this situation the pump will not run but the harvesting rate can be set by turning the adjustment knob.) -Pause-

#### Setting the control box operating mode

The Selmech OSD controller is programmed with a number of operational modes to suit our range of product. This control box is set for the correct model of applicator supplied to you and should not be changed without prior consultation with Selmech. The operation mode can be changed to suit your preferences.





#### Entering the set-up routine

To enter the set-up routine press and hold the "PRESS TO SELECT" Knob when at the same time switching the control box on.

The control box will display a set of dashes (-----) for a short period before displaying "Set-up" now release the "PRESS TO SELECT" Knob

#### Selecting the model

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The control box will now display the current model selected. At this point by turning the PRESS TO SELECT knob, clockwise and anti clockwise, you can change model. It is strongly recommended not to change the model as this would change the current calibration that is used for this applicator. *The model options are:* - NFS - Direct percentage drive to pump Ultralow - ultra low applicator 0.020 - 0.250 l/m

| Dflow UV - Digital SDP 0.100 - 11/m | Dflow HV - Digital SDP 1.0 - 9.0 l/m | Dflow LV - Digital SDP 0.5 - 5 l/m |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Dflow PM - Digital Powder applic    | cator F-Master - Digital Flowmaster  | Crimping - Digital Crimpmaster     |

#### Setting the operating mode

Press the "PRESS TO SELECT" knob once -Set- will be displayed and then the mode previously set. By turning the "PRESS TO SELECT" knob you can scroll through the available mode options shown below. When the preferred option is displayed press the "PRESS TO SELECT" knob and -Set- will be displayed.













Baling speed and Litres per/Tonne

#### Applying a calibration factor

The display will now show "**Def-Cal**". This applies the default calibration value for the current model selected. By turning the "PRESS TO SELECT" knob you can you can also display "**Man-Cal**" to manually enter a calibration factor (*This is for special applications and should not be done unless specifically instructed*.)

IF you suspect the control box has become corrupted and your out-put does not seem to be correct for the values entered, Def-Cal should be selected to re-enter the correct calibration value. Press the "PRESS TO SELECT" knob and -Set- will be displayed.

#### Exit the set-up routine

The display will now show "Exit Yes". Turning the "PRESS TO SELECT" knob will allow you to chose No.

Pressing the "PRESS TO SELECT" knob with No displayed will take you back through the set-up routine again.

Pressing the "PRESS TO SELECT" knob with Yes displayed will exit the set-up routine.

#### Run mode

The display will now show "-SAVE-". and the control box will beep twice before going into the run mode display.

Refer to the "set control box for harvesting" section for instructions on operating the control box in run mode.



#### Setting and using the control box

#### Auto mode



Press the "PUSH TO SELECT" knob to display the application rate in litres per tonne (l/t).

Rotate the knob to set your application rate.

Always consult your additive supplier for the application rate that best suits your foraging conditions.

## Set your harvesting pick-up rate in tonnes per hour

Press the "PUSH TO SELECT" knob again to display t/hr. Rotate the knob to select the rate your forage will be picked up. This can be adjusted at any time to suit changes in crop density.

#### Manual mode



Set the output in

In Manual Mode the output is set in litres per minute. (l)

#### **Baler mode**





Press the "PUSH TO SELECT" knob to display the bale weight in Kg. Rotating the knob allows to enter your bale weight between 0100 Kg and 2000 Kg.

#### Other features

In Auto, Manual and Baler Mode pressing and holding down the "PUSH TO SELECT" knob will display the calculated amount being dispensed in millitres per minute (mĺ)

#### Displaying and clearing total counts

Press and release the info button to display the total dispensed counter. After a few seconds the display will always revert to showing t/h



To clear the counter to zero. with the total litres displayed, press and hold the info button. After a few seconds the display will always revert to showing t/h

In all Modes the scrolling

bars at the end of the display should be going from top to

bottom showing that the pump

is achieving its target rate.



#### Set how many bales made in bale an hour



Press the "PUSH TO SELECT" knob again to display b/hr. Rotate the knob and enter the number of bales per hour you will be making. between 0.00 and 200 b/hr

Enter the application rate in litres per tonne.



Press the "PUSH TO SELECT" knob again to display the application rate in l/t. Rotate the knob to set your application rate. You should always consult your additive supplier for the application rate that best suits your bales.



#### Warning messages

#### Warning message - Limit

The application rate combined with the forage pick-up rate entered sets the pump to dispense the correct amount of additive

The combination of values entered by the user must fall within the perimeters of the pump. A warning message "Limit" will be displayed if they are outside of these parameters.





If the calculated target flow rate exceeds the specified maximum flow for the selected model the display shows - > Limit

If the target flow is less than the specified minimum flow for the selected model the display shows - Limit <

#### Warning message - Check Flow

A warning message CHECK FLOW can be displayed until the set flow rate is achieved. An audible alarm will also sound.

If CHECK FLOW is displayed frequently it could mean there is a blockage in the system (Refer to Fault finding section).

#### Warning message - Pause

If using your harvester table sensor to turn the applicator pump on and off a "Pause Mode" message is shown on the display when the header is up. An audible alarm will also sound. When lowered, operation will resume at the same setting as before and your selected harvesting rate will be displayed.

#### Warning message - No Crop

If using the Crop detection System when there is no crop being detected the control box display will say NO CROP. An audible alarm will also sound.

Unplugging the crop detector will disable this function and the control box will work normally.

#### Warning message - Low Volts

If the voltage to the control box drops below 10 volts data will be saved, the back light on the display will go out and the display will show "LOW VOLTS". If this happens check your supply to the controller.

#### Warning message - Fluid Low

If you have a low level switch fitted when the level of the fluid falls below the switch a warning message is displayed saying FLUID LOW. An audible alarm will also sound. Unplugging the low level switch will disable this function and the control box will work normally.













#### NFS mode

If there is a problem with the flow sensor the applicator can be run in NFS mode. In this mode the control box ignores the flow sensor and just operates the pump directly. The output to the pump is displayed in % drive to the motor, 000 to 100. In this mode it will be up to the operator to carry out their own calibration check.

If operating the pump like this it is recommended to by-pass the flow sensor and connect the pump directly to the application point.

#### How to select NFS Mode

To enter the set-up routine press and hold down the "PUSH TO SELECT" Knob when at the same time turning

the control box on.



Keep holding down the "PUSH TO SELECT" Knob. The display will show "------" then after about 10 seconds it will display "Set-up". Release the "PUSH TO SELECT" Knob.

The control box will now display "NFS"



#### Selecting NFS mode

The control box will now display the current model "Crimping". At this point by turning the PRESS TO SELECT knob, clockwise and anti clockwise, you can change model. Turn the knob until "NFS" (NO FLOW SENSOR) is displayed. NO OTHER MODEL SHOULD BE SELECTED !

With "NFS" displayed on the display press the "PUSH TO SELECT" knob once.



The control box will now display "Exit Yes" or by turning the "PUSH TO SELECT" knob anti clockwise "Exit No" Turning back will display "Exit Yes" again.

The display will now show "-SAVE-". before going into the run mode display.

#### Operating the control box in NFS mode

Set output rate of the pump in % drive to motor



Rotating the "PUSH TO SELECT" knob will increase and decrease the percentage drive to the motor (000 to 100) this in turn increases and decreases the output of the pump.

Total counts and calculated flow rate are not available in NFS mode

#### The thru beam crop detector

#### Overview

The trhu beam detector kit is designed to be used in conjunction with Selmech Supplies in cab digital controller that is fitted with a 4 pin connector between the supply and pump connector

When connected it will automatically, when the beam is broken, turn the applicator on when crop is detected at the point of pick-up. When there is no crop the pump will be turned off.

When there is no crop being detected the control box display will say NO CROP as below.

Unplugging the the crop detector will disable this function and the control box will work normally



#### Installation

The photoelectric sensors should be mounted so that they look across the point where you want the swath to be detected. For example at the point of the pick-up where the swath is transferred into the baler/forage wagon. There are two mounting brackets supplied. The sensor has a visible red LED to help alignment.



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#### **Extended operation**

#### Displaying the current software version

To show the control box software version hold down the info button and switch on. After a couple of seconds the display will show the current version. The control box will start when the info button is released

#### Entering the set-up routine

To enter the set-up routine press and hold the "PRESS TO SELECT" knob when at the same time switching the control box on.

The control box will display a set of dashes (-----) for a short period before displaying "Set-up". Now release the "PRESS TO SELECT" Knob.

Refer to "Setting the control box operating mode" section

#### **Displaying Diagnostic Mode**

The control box has a Diagnostic Mode that can be useful for fault finding in the event of a problem with the applicator. This should only be used with the consultation of one of Selmech's engineers. *In Diag Mode the message DIAG appears ocasionally.* 

#### To enter the diagnostic mode do the following: -

With the control box switched on and in run mode press and hold down the "PRESS TO SELECT" knob. The calculated amount being dispensed will be displayed first. (Releasing the knob now will revert back to run mode)

Continue to hold the knob down and after a short time a series of dashes will be displayed

After approximately 5 seconds DiagMode will be displayed

Release the knob and an incremental count of pulses from the flow sensor will be dispalyed. It can count from 0 up to 600000

#### What does this mean: -

Firstly if it is counting up it shows that the flow sensor is registering pulses which means that fluid is flowing and being recorded. If the display is a seres of zeros then it shows that the flow sensor is not registering any pulses which could mean there is no fluid flowing because the pump is not running or there is a blockage. It could also mean that the flow sensor is not working this could be because a wire has broken or that it has developed a fault.

Secondly it can be used to generate a calibration factor to enter in as a Manual Calibration as opposed to the Default Calibration. *Refer to the section "Generating and entering a custom calibration factor"* 

Press and release the "PRESS TO SELECT" knob and next the current drive to the pump will be displayed as a percentage.

#### What does this mean: -

The percentage drive to the pump shows how hard the pump is being asked to work. This depends on the setting you have entered into the control box. If the percentage drive is 100% but your application rate is well within the maximum range of the pump it could mean that there is a blockage or the flow sensor is not sending a signal back to the control box. This would have showed up in the previous section with a zero count of pulses.

Press and release the "PRESS TO SELECT" knob and next the current supply voltage level will be displayed.

#### What does this mean: -

To get an accurate reading of voltage it should be done when the pump is pumping and with the harvester/tractor running!

The voltage displayed should be between 12.00 volts and 14.00 volts it would normally be 13.80 volts. If the voltage is low or erratic it could mean a bad connection anywhere from the battery to the pump. If the voltage is high there could be a problem with charging system of the machine.













## The following diagnostics are only relevant if you have a thru beam crop detector connected





00 Fluid level signal (Lower case font) - fluid = Bad (Upper case font) FLUID = Good

Release the "PRESS TO SELECT" knob and 016 CROP will be displayed .



020 Crop sensor signal

#### Generating and entering a custom calibration factor.

If you find the application rate of the applicator not as accurate as you would expect there is a function in the control box to enter a custom calibration.

Each applicator is assigned, within the control box, a calibration factor to suit the flow sensor and pump combination. This is done in the set up routine by selecting the applicator model and choosing Def Cal (Default Calibration).

If your additive has a significantly different viscosity to water or your application rate is at the extremes of the flow sensor range you may want to enter your own calibration. This can be done by following these simple steps: -

#### Note: -

This procedure will be made a lot easier if carried out by two people as the pump lead will need to be removed at the appropriate time. This is necessary to stop the count without turning the control box off.

(limits still apply i.e. The combination of values entered by the user must fall within the perameters of the pump)

You will need a container that will accurately measure 1 litre. A good way to check the accuracy of your container is to use a balance to weigh 1 kilogram of water and mark the level on the container. (*1 kilogram weight of water equals 1 litre volume of water*)

#### Before you start.

Have your container ready to dispense into and a hose from the pump to dispense from.

Set the applicator running with the additive you are going to use at your target application rate.

Follow the instructions in the **"Extended operation"** Section to enter the Diagnostic Mode to the point where the incremental count of pulses from the flow sensor is displayed.



If at any time you want to revert back to the default calibration go through the set-up routine and select Def-Cal. Note! this will overwrite the manual calibration number which will need to be re-entered if you want to use it again.