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Notes, cautions and warnings appear throughout this book to draw your attention to important operational and safety information.

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A “CAUTION” safety alert appears with information that is important for protecting your equipment and performance.

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• All Configuration Information
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1 What is nCompass?

The nCompass system combines all of the features of a loop controller, video/chart recorder and data logging system into a single/intuitive device. Email, SMS (text messaging), FTP (file transfer protocol for automated data backup) and remote view/control (Web server/VNC server) are standard with nCompass and can be accessed via LAN/WAN using a PC, tablet or smart phone device.

Future Designs “nCompass” provides a 4.3”color touch screen interface with standard “Smart Device” user interface features for single and dual loop OEM control applications. All loop configuration and runtime user access is configurable at the device with no PC software required. OEM’s have the ability to configure runtime features (screen availability, menus, language, etc…) to easily customize the system for their requirements. These configurations can be imported/exported to any other nCompass single/dual loop device for setup (from scratch) within minutes.

Individual high performance board level PID loop control boards (one for each loop) offer up to four control outputs each, powerful profiling capabilities with up to three events and full auto tune functionality with high resolution process inputs.

1.1 Features

Each of the nCompass loop control boards provide a single digital input that can be programmed as a automatic program control input for run, hold or abort, a manual mode or failure transfer control input or a program advance to next segment control input.

Each of the loop control boards also provide up to four control outputs which can be used as PID control outputs for heat/cool, direct outputs for controlling external equipment related to the application through software switches called events, or be programmed to act as system alarm outputs.

nCompass can be operated in single set point or automatic program control mode. Program entry is made easy through the use of copy, paste and delete menu selections. Programs can be copied to the external USB memory stick and then imported to another nCompass controller which eliminates the need to enter duplicate programs into multiple systems.

Data file analysis tools make looking at historical data a simple task. Any control variable saved to the data file can be plotted on the historical data chart for any time frame within the data file’s total time range.

The built in Ethernet functionality includes a ‘Web Server’ to provides access to all nCompass data (view only), a VNC interface for remote control and monitoring and an NTS clock, all available via a local Intranet connection (wired or wireless), or the World Wide Web using standard software like Microsoft’s Internet Explorer.

nCompass provides a rich set of tools for control interaction and process monitoring. Views include single and dual loop views, charts, alarm, automated program status as well as historical data, alarm log and audit trail views. The menu driven interface eliminates screen “clutter” by providing an easy to use “Smart Device” interface for interaction between the user and nCompass.

nCompass can store more than one year of data on its SD memory card. Data logging can be enabled manually or automatically during program operation. Data backup is provided with a USB memory stick for plug and play transfer of files to any PC running Microsoft Windows XP operating systems and via the FTP back-up utility.

nCompass protects system access with 4 level security (user rights based), audit trails that document all user activity and ensures data integrity by digitally signing all data files and audit trails to meet regulatory requirements.
The nCompass controller includes the following features:

- Single/Dual loop controller models (automatic program operation included).
- Touch screen, “Smart Device” user interface (UI).
- Video recorder mode for view only applications.
- Email, SMS, FTP, VNC and Web functionality standard.
- Remote View/Control using PC, Tablet or Smartphone.
- Detailed maintenance, alarm monitoring and alarm history.
- User configurable data logging and historical data viewer.
- 4 level security with digitally signed audit trails and data files.
- National time server connectivity with daylight savings.
- Multi-lingual user interface supports over 25 languages.
- 30,000 hour LED display
# 2 Installation

The following two sections will explain how to install the nCompass control system. nCompass controllers are pre-loaded with all operating software and firmware before leaving the factory, so it is ready to install when you receive it. Refer to Section 2 for mounting information and Section 3 for power, signal and control wiring.

Before beginning installation, read through these sections to gain an understanding of the entire installation. Consider the installation carefully. Plan the power, signal and control wiring before installing nCompass. Also consider the cabinet space, hardware dimensions and environmental conditions. Use good wiring practices to minimize problems that may occur due to electrical interference.

### 2.1 Enclosure Guidelines

nCompass must be installed correctly for reliable operation. The nCompass controller is designed for installation within a suitable enclosure. Do not install nCompass outside of an enclosure. Care must be taken when locating components to ensure that AC power wiring, contactors, starters, relays and other sources of electrical interference are properly located to minimize their impact on the nCompass control system.

Particular note should be taken to the position of variable speed drives and switching power supplies. Their input and load cables should be screened and properly grounded to a central equipment grounding point to prevent radiated emissions from affecting nCompass operation.

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<td>To avoid potential electric shock and other hazards, all mounting and wiring for nCompass must conform to the National Electric Code (NEC) and other locally applicable codes.</td>
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<td>Prevent metal fragments and pieces of wire from dropping inside the housing of any nCompass component. If necessary, place a cover over the components during installation and wiring. Ingress of such fragments and chips may cause a fire hazard, damage or malfunction of the device.</td>
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<td>When handling the nCompass B42 series loop control boards, use proper ESD (electro-static discharge) handling procedures to prevent damage to board components.</td>
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<td>Locate nCompass and all related control components away from AC power/motor wiring and sources of direct heat output such as transformers, heaters or large capacity resistors.</td>
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2.1.1 Locating the nCompass Touch Screen Interface

It is recommended that the unit be mounted to the front panel of a steel enclosure, through an appropriately sized opening. Proper enclosure depth is required to insure that there is adequate spacing between the rear of the interface and the front of any high voltage devices mounted in the enclosure when the enclosure door is closed. It is required that a minimum separation of 2" be maintained, so plan a depth to accommodate at least 4" (102mm) behind the panel.

Proper clearance must also be maintained above, below and on both sides of the interface to allow for heat dissipation and to facilitate mounting. A minimum of 2" is recommended. Note that additional space may be required below and to the right of the interface (looking from rear of unit) to accommodate the communications wiring depending upon the type of communication cables used.

2.2 Environmental Considerations

Do not subject the nCompass touch screen interface to operating temperatures below 0°C (32°F) or above 50°C (122°F). The operating temperature for the P41/B42 loop controls is limited from -10°C (14°F) to 50°C (122°F). Minimum and maximum relative humidity levels are limited between 10% and 90% (non-condensing) for the touch screen and 0 to 90% for the loop controllers. The nCompass touch screen interface is to be used indoors only. The unit should not be installed where fast temperature variations may occur as this can cause condensation of water vapor on the device.

nCompass should not be exposed to excessive dust, dirt, salt, direct sunlight or shock and vibration. Do not operate the nCompass controller in an area where chemicals or flammable gases are present. Permitted storage temperature extremes for the nCompass control system are limited to -10°C (14°F) and 60°C (140°F) for the touch screen and -40°C (-40°F) and 60°C (140°F) for the loop controllers.

2.3 Mounting Dimensions

This section provides mounting details and dimensional information for the various components that make up the nCompass control system. Note that your system may not include some of these components, and that quantities of certain components vary depending upon the application and options ordered. Make sure that you have all components required for your application prior to installation.

2.3.1 nCompass Touch Screen Interface

The nCompass i4.3 interface is supplied with four mounting clips. All clips must be installed and properly tightened to insure the IP65 protective rating from the front of the interface. Failure to install all mounting clips may also affect touch screen operation. Be sure to tighten each one evenly so as not to flex the case of the unit.
NOTE: nCompass will not operate properly without the SD card installed into the SD card slot on the back of the unit. The SD card has all software required, loaded onto the card for ‘Auto-Boot’ operation. The slot on the back of the interface is ‘keyed’ so the card can only be installed in one direction. The card is pre-installed for your convenience. If the card is removed, take care when inserting the SD card and do not force it into the slot. The card MUST be installed before powering on the unit.

All dimensions are in mm. Tolerance +/- 1 mm.
Panel cutout: 123\text{\textprime\textprime} x 99\text{\textprime\textprime}
2.3.2 nCompass Process Loop Controllers

One PID loop controller is required for each process control loop in the system. nCompass is compatible with both the P41, 1/4 DIN controller and the B41 board level controller. Refer to the FDC controller manual for the model of loop control being used for dimensions, appropriate mounting and installation instructions.

For applications requiring frequent access to the process controllers, the panel mounted P41 series provides direct access to the controllers. For applications where operator access to the controllers is not required, or is desired to be kept at a minimum, the B42 loop controllers can be mounted directly inside of an enclosure. This also reduces wiring concerns by eliminating the need to run the sensor, communication and control wiring for each controller to and from an enclosure door.

**NOTE:** nCompass requires firmware version V.22 or later in the P41/B42 loop control for proper manual event operation. Early model controls can be used, but the manual event control will not function. Only automatic ramp/soak program event control will be available.
3 Wiring

This section describes the methods and precautions for wiring the nCompass system components. Before beginning wiring, be sure to read “Safety Precautions” in the beginning of this manual.

**WARNING:**
- Turn off power to nCompass before starting installation, removal, wiring, maintenance and inspection of the nCompass controller. Failure to turn off power may cause electric shock, create a fire hazard or cause damage to nCompass.
- Emergency stop and interlocking circuits **MUST** be configured outside of the nCompass control system. If such circuits are made through nCompass, failure of the nCompass control system may cause uncontrollable operation, damage to equipment or accidents.

**CAUTION:**
- This section presents recommended installation practices and procedures. Since no two applications are identical, these recommendations should be considered as guidelines. The system designer should be aware that devices in control systems could fail and thereby create an unsafe condition.
- Electrical interference in an operator interface can lead to equipment start-up, which could result in property damage and/or physical injury to the equipment operator.

If the application requires an operator or attendant, you should be aware that this potential safety hazard exists and take appropriate precautions. Consult NEMA ICS 3-304 for more information regarding safety for the installation of solid-state programmable control devices.

### 3.1 Power Requirements

The nCompass control system touch screen operates on a nominal 24Vdc supply voltage with an allowable range of 11 to 36Vdc. The P41/B42 loop controls can be ordered to operate from either a DC (11-26Vdc) or an AC (90-250Vac) supply. Do not power the nCompass controller components and highly inductive DC loads or input circuitry to other equipment, with the same DC power supply used for nCompass.

If nCompass is installed in an area with poor power quality or frequent power interruptions, it is recommended that a time delay-on relay be installed in the power supply wiring to all components of nCompass. This will prevent rapid on-off cycling of nCompass during brown-out or momentary power interruptions. Rapid power cycling to nCompass can cause damage to the electronics and/or loss of data.
3.1.1 Installing the Power-On Delay Relay

Due to the rate at which AC/DC power supplies reach their nominal supply voltage after application of power, the relay contact of the timer should be installed between the output of the power supply and the power input of the nCompass control system components. This allows the power supply output voltage to reach its nominal value prior to connecting nCompass to its output terminals.

In order to properly sense the loss of power, due to the hold-up times associated with AC/DC power supplies, the time delay relay coil should be wired to the AC power source for the DC power supply of nCompass. This will insure that nCompass is turned off/on at the proper times and prevent malfunction that can be caused by rising or falling voltage at the power supply output during power interruption.

**NOTE:** It is recommended that the time delay-on relay be set for a minimum period of 2-5 seconds.
3.2 Connecting to the nCompass Interface

Power wiring lengths should be kept to a minimum, and it is preferable to have the power wiring run using a minimum of 18/2 twisted shielded cable. This keeps the 'hot' and common wires paired to minimize the affects of external noise.

To make a connection, strip about ¼” of insulation off the end of the wire, turn the connector screw counterclockwise until the gap is wide open, insert the wire all the way in, and turn the screw clockwise until it’s tight. Connect positive DC line to the '+' terminal and the negative DC line (common) to the '-' terminal. The other end of the cable should be properly terminated at the 24Vdc power source, and the shield connected to the main earth ground.

**NOTE:** Upon application of power, if the display does not come on within 2 seconds, remove power. The interface is reverse polarity protected. Check wiring to insure proper connections and try to power up again. An internal fuse will prevent damage for over voltage conditions; however, it isn’t guaranteed. DC voltage sources should provide proper isolation from main AC power and similar hazards.
3.2.1 Process Loop Controller Communications

The loop controllers communicate with the nCompass touch screen using the RS485 communications port. This allows one or two controllers to be connected using one 2-wire link. The controllers are wired in parallel with each one having their own communications address of 1 and 2 (corresponding to loops 1 and 2).

Communications wiring should be run using a minimum of 24 AWG twisted-pair, copper conductors. For short runs (< 50 feet total), non-shielded wiring can be used as long as proper separation from power/control conductors is maintained. For communications wiring where the total length will exceed 50 feet, shielded twisted-pair should be used.

NOTE: It is important to keep the power/control and sensor/communications wiring separated from one another. Relay and/or high voltage outputs can interfere with the sensor and communication wiring as they cycle on and off, which can cause erroneous sensor readings or communications errors.

FDC recommends the use of shielded wire for all installations in order to maintain optimum performance and minimize the possibility of communications errors.

When using shielded twisted-pair, be sure to ground only one end of the cable, preferably at the loop controller. Allowing any other portion of the cable shield to come in contact with ground, or grounding both ends, will cause ground loop currents to flow in that section of the cable shield which can disrupt communications.
3.2.2 User Serial Communications

The nCompass touch screen provides an RS232C user communications port for connecting nCompass to a PC running software such as FDC’s Envision. In order to connect nCompass to a PC, a cable must be made according to the diagram below.

**NOTE:** DO NOT use a standard null-modem cable to connect nCompass to a PC. Most computers do not provide a standard serial port and a USB to serial converter must be used. Incompatibilities may exist between nCompass and certain USB to serial adapters which will cause nCompass to malfunction when connected using a standard null-modem cable.

If more than one nCompass controller is to be placed on the communication link with a PC, an RS232/485 converter will be required for each nCompass in order to convert the RS232 communications port to RS485 multi-drop communications for connecting multiple nCompass controllers on the PC communications link.
NOTE: The connection requires a single twisted-pair cable that is daisy-chained from one nCompass to the next. When using shielded twisted-pair cable, be sure to ground only one end of the cable, preferably at the RS232 to RS485 network adapter. Allowing any other portion of the cable shield to come in contact with ground, or grounding both ends, will cause ground loop currents to flow in that section of the cable which can cause communication errors.
4 Basic Operation

This section is designed to help guide you through the nCompass touch screen interface and menu structure, so that you can navigate through the various operation, monitor and setup screens and learn how to use them. Subsequent sections of this manual are tailored to the special features and functions of nCompass. Consult those sections of the manual for further information and specifics on how to set up and operate them.

4.1 OEM Configuration Options

The availability of certain menu items, screens and the functionality of nCompass are determined by the configuration of the loop controller(s). This manual covers all available options, some of which may not be available on your system.

If there are questions or concerns about the operation and available options on your nCompass controller, contact your OEM for further information. Only your OEM can address equipment related issues.

4.1.1 Loop 1/2 Monitor Mode

The loop ½ monitor and loop 2 monitor configuration modes of nCompass provides an OEM with a low cost video recorder option to use in place of a standard one or two pen circular chart recorder. When the loop ½ monitor function is enabled in the Configurator, nCompass automatically configures itself to remove all set point fields, automatic ramp/soak program control options, loop tuning and set point limit access so that only the loop process value (PV) is available.

Unlike your basic chart recorder; however, the loop controls are still functional. They can be used to control a process if there is the need for fixed, single set point control. A loop can be programmed with a fixed set point by the OEM, and it will then control the process in the background without the need for any user access.

The OEM can also provide events for the user to turn equipment on or off, and alarms can be configured to alert the user to process changes. With all of the enhanced configuration options, data logging, graphing and security features of nCompass, there is no other device that can match its flexibility, cost or ease of use.

If one control loop is required while another point is for recording only, selecting the loop 2 monitor function in the Configurator will remove the set point fields, loop tuning and set point limit access for loop 2 only. Loop 1 will maintain all control functions including the automatic ramp/soak program operation, while loop 2 will be shown as a monitor only point for recording purposes.
4.1.2 Timer Operation

The timer function option in the nCompass configuration provides the OEM with a countdown timer connected to event output 1. This provides simple, timed operation of the system for a preset period when more complex automatic program operation is not required. When the option is enabled, a “Start (Stop)” and “Timer” button are available on the single view screen.

The **Start** (Stop) button provides quick on/off operation for the first event. The event status (on/off) is displayed under the loop percent output field. By using event 1 as the on/off switch for the process, the operator can control and view operation of the system all from a single screen.

The **Timer** button allows the operator to enter a preset period of time in hours, minutes and seconds for the system to operate from 1 second to 999 hours, 59 minutes and 59 seconds, and then start the timer. When the timer is started, the event 1 output will automatically turn on and remain on until the timer reaches zero. Once the time is up, the event 1 output will automatically turn off.

When the timer is in operation, pressing the “Stop” (Start) button, event output 1 will be turned off and the timer will be stopped. Pressing the “Timer” button during timer operation will stop the timer only, but leave the event output on. This allows the operator to continue running the system if more time is required, and then manually stop the system or restart the timer for another length of time.

**NOTE:** Timer operation and automatic program operation can not be performed at the same time. If the timer is active, an automatic ramp/soak program can not be started. Likewise, if an automatic ramp/soak program is in operation, the timer can not be activated.

When the timer option is enabled, the autotune function is no longer available on the Single view screen. To perform an autotune of the control loop, the operator must access the Tuning screen under Device Settings. See section 8.1 Tuning.

**IMPORTANT:** The timer function requires the use of the safety communication mode in the loop control boards. This mode of operation in the loop control board disables all outputs regardless of their function when no communications are active between the nCompass HMI and the loop control board.

However, if communications are not active when the timer completes, or power is cycled to nCompass while the timer is active, the event 1 output will not be turned off. When communications are restored or power is reapplied, the event 1 output will turn back on and remain on until manually turned off by the operator. External means of protection must be implemented by the user if this could cause an unsafe condition.
4.1.2.1 **Entering the Time and Starting the Timer**

Upon pressing the “Timer” button when the timer is not in operation, the numeric entry keypad will be shown. The run time is entered as a period of time in hours, minutes and seconds. To make time entry easy, the entry will automatically be formatted into time as the number keys are pressed.

For example, if the run time is to be thirty seconds long, just enter a value of 30. If the run time is one minute and thirty seconds, enter a value of 130 for 1 minute, 30 seconds. If the run time is one hour and thirty minutes, enter a value of 13000 for 1 hour, 30 minutes and 00 seconds.

Since one hour and thirty minutes is also a time of 90 minutes, you can also enter a value of 9000 for 90 minutes, 00 seconds. Upon pressing the ‘Start’ button, the timer will begin operation and the countdown will be displayed and begin as 1:30:00.

After the time is entered, pressing the “Start” button on the keypad will activate the timer. The operator can also exit by pressing the “Cancel” button without starting the timer. Once the timer is started, the current time value will be saved. This allows the timer to be used repeatedly without having to enter the desired time. Each subsequent time the “Timer” button is pressed to activate the timer, the previous time value will be automatically entered on the keypad. The timer can then be activated by simply pressing the “Start” button on the keypad. The operator can also clear and enter a new time if desired.
4.2 Touch Screen Interface

The nCompass display is split into two sections; the icon bar and main display area.

![Single Loop View Screen](image)

- **Icon Bar**
  - Menu Icon: Opens the main menu for navigating to different control and monitoring screens. Menu items will dynamically appear based on the system area the user is in, i.e., security, data logging, setup, etc.
  - Information (Help) Icon: Displays text-based help associated with the current screen. Help is available in 28 languages based on the user selection in the offline setup of section of nCompass.
  - Home Icon: Returns the user to the main view from anywhere in the nCompass application. The main view is set by the OEM in the nCompass configuration and can be the single or dual loop, chart, alarm, alarm history, event or digital IO view.
  - Alarm Icon: Appears and flashes when a new system alarm occurs. Pressing the alarm icon will take the user directly to the alarm monitor screen to view and / or reset the active alarm condition.
  - Navigation Arrows: Appear on screens that provide additional information that the user can scroll to such as the loop view screens, charts or program entry screen in order to cycle through each step of a ramp/soak program.

**NOTE:** A single press of the left or right arrows will scroll program steps to the next step or screens to the next available loop or chart. Pressing and holding the arrow keys will continue the item scrolling until the last step of the program is reached or the button is released.

**IMPORTANT:** Do not use any sharp or metal objects on the touch screen as they may damage the surface. Also be sure that hands and fingers are free from oils or chemicals which may mar the surface of the touch screen.
4.3 Menu Navigation

nCompass provides the user with the ability to select text based menu navigation, much like the typical file menu system of a PC, as well as an icon based navigation system like that of a “smart” device. The user can switch back and forth between the two from the Setup menu.

The available menu items are dependant upon the OEM configuration of nCompass. Not all of the menu items shown may be available on your system. The following information is provided as an overview of the full navigational menus for nCompass.
4.3.1 Home Menu

The home menu is the top level, default menu provided when nCompass first powers on. Pressing the menu (monitor) icon will display the main menu offering the selections shown below.

4.3.1.1 Text Based Home Menu

The View menu provides navigation to all standard view screens. These include the Single and Dual loops views, real time Charts, Alarm monitor, Alarm File and Events control screens.

The Program menu provides access to the automatic ramp/soak program actions, Entry and Status views. The program Start, Hold and Halt menu items allow quick access to these functions if a program is already downloaded to the nCompass loop controls.

The Device menu provides access to the nCompass controller settings. These include, loop set point entry limits, alarm set points, communication settings, email setup as well as access to offline settings for date/time, etc.

The Security menu provides access for user login, security settings and audit trail viewing if the security system is enabled.

The Data menu provides access to data log functions, file utilities, FTP/WAN back-up settings as well as the historical data viewer.
4.3.1.2 Icon/Slide Page Based Home Menu

Slide page 1 provides navigation to all standard view screens. These include the Single and Dual loop views, Event control, trend Charts, Alarm monitor, and Alarm File.

It also provides quick access to the nCompass Settings and Data file functions which include file utilities, FTP/WAN back-up settings as well as the historical data viewer.

Slide page 2 provides access to automatic ramp/soak program actions, Entry and Status views.

Start, Hold and Halt program menu items allow quick access to these functions if a program is already downloaded to the nCompass loop controls.

Slide page 3 provides access to security settings, Audit trail viewing, current User information, user Password editing and user Login and Log Off functions.
### 4.3.2 Automatic Ramp/Soak Program Menu

The automatic ramp/soak program menu is provided when the user selects either “Entry” or “Status” from the Program menu. The menu provides all functions related to the creation, editing and operation of programs. See section 5 on Automatic Ramp/Soak Program Operation for detailed information on how to create and run programs.

#### 4.3.2.1 Text Based Program Menu

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The **View** menu provides navigation to the program view screens. These include the Status and Entry screens.

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The **File** menu provides functions needed to create, open, save and delete automatic ramp/soak programs.

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The **Step** menu provides all of the functions needed to edit programs. These include Insert, Remove, Copy and Paste step functions as well as the Clone event function which allows the user to transfer the current step event selections to all following program steps with a single click to simplify and speed program entry.

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The **Program** menu provides the program control selections for Start, Hold and Stop.
4.3.2.2 Icon/Slide Page Based Program Menu

Slide page 1 provides navigation to the program Status and Entry screens and also provides access to the functions needed to create, open, save and delete automatic ramp/soak programs.

Slide page 2 provides all of the functions needed to edit programs. These include Copy, Paste, Insert and Remove step as well as the Clone event function which allows the user to transfer the current step event selections to all following program steps to simplify and speed program entry.

Slide page 3 provides the program control selections for Start, Hold and Halt.
4.3.3 Device Settings Menu

The device settings menu is provided when the user selects “Settings” from the main “Device” menu. See section 8 on Device Settings for detailed information on these settings and their use.

4.3.3.1 Text Based System Setup Menu

The View menu provides navigation to the manual loop Tuning screen.

The Set menu provides access to settings Alarm set points, control loop set point Limits, Event tagnames, Navigation type selection and Communications options.

The Email menu provides settings for the email server to send SMS text messages and/or emails on alarm and allows the user to compose and send a Message to any user configured in the system.

The Offline menu provides access to the nCompass offline setup which provides the user with the ability to adjust the date/time, calibrate the touch screen, configure profile power recovery options, etc.
4.3.3.2 Icon/Slide Page Based Device Settings Menu

The Setup slide page provides access to the nCompass controller settings. These include options for Navigation type, control loop set point Limits, Alarm set points, loop Tuning, Event tagname entry and Email server settings and Messaging.

It also includes access to the communications settings for the web page, VNC server and Modbus user communications.
4.3.4 Offline Menu

The offline menu is provided when the user selects “Offline” from the device settings “Offline” menu. See section 9 on Offline Settings for information on these settings and their use.

**NOTE:** Offline settings can only be accessed when an automated ramp/soak program is not running and data logging is turned off.

### 4.3.4.1 Text Based Offline Setup Menu

The **View** menu provides navigation back to the nCompass device settings menu.

The **Set** menu provides access to the profile power Recovery options, temperature Units selection, NTS Clock, and Language settings.

The **Calibrate** menu provides access to the user input Offset calibration for the control loop inputs.

The **System** menu provides access to the nCompass Display settings, import/export Configuration utility, About screen and Exit application screen.
4.3.4.2 Icon/Slide Page Based Offline Menu

Slide page 1 provides navigation back to the device Settings menu, Clock, Display settings, About nCompass and Exit application screens, temperature Units selection, Language, import/export Configuration utility and input Offset calibration.

Slide page 2 provides access to the automated program power Recovery options.
4.3.5 Data Menu

The data log menu is provided when the user selects “Data” from the main “Data” menu. See section 7 on Data Logging for information on these settings and their use.

4.3.5.1 Text Based Data Logging Menu

The View menu provides access to the data file Annotation and digital Signature screens.

The File menu provides functions for opening and deleting historical data log files.

The Data menu provides access to the main Data screen for starting and stopping data logging and to the log point Assignment screen where the user can select which items are to be logged to the history file.

The Chart menu provides functions for viewing historical data files in graphical format.

The Utilities menu provides access to the nCompass file management utilities including USB file transfer and FTP/WAN back-up.
4.3.5.2 Icon/Slide Page Based Log Menu

Slide page 1 provides access to the main Data log screen and to the log point Assignment screen where the user can select which items are to be logged.

Historical data file functions are provided for Opening and Deleting historical files and viewing/setting data file Annotations and digital Signatures.

The plot Set and Chart icons provide access to the historical data viewer options.

Slide page 2 provides access to the FTP/WAN back-up settings and the memory check utility for viewing available system/storage memory space.
4.4 Notifications

The notification window is a feature that can be accessed by pressing the date/time field in the icon bar. This window provides a snapshot of current nCompass activity. The notification window can be closed by pressing the date/time field again, or is automatically closed if the Menu, Home or an arrow icon is pressed.

A user can view all notifications by touching the screen and dragging their finger up or down on the list to scroll through all items like other lists in nCompass. The notifications include the following:

- Loop PV and SP for each loop configured.
- Automatic program status including name of running profile.
- Active alarm status including the most recent alarm.
- Data logging status including active file name and the length and logging rate set.
- Security status including the current user.
- Audit trail active/inactive status.
- Web server active/inactive status.
- VNC server active/inactive status.
- nCompass IP address.
- Available SD storage memory remaining.

The appearance of the items is based on the configuration of nCompass. If data logging or security functions are disabled in the configurator for example, their status items will be removed from the list as well.

**NOTE:** The notification items do not update while the list is shown. The information shown in the list is a snapshot of the data at the time the window was shown. Therefore, the PV or SP shown for a loop may not be the actual values for the loop if the notification window is left open for extended periods of time. The notification window is not available in the offline setup.
4.5  Control Loops (Single Set point Operation)

The loop view screens provide direct viewing options for the control and monitoring of the nCompass control loops. The loop screens allow the user to adjust the current loop set point (SP) and view the process variables (PV) and percentages of output (%) for each loop.

4.5.1  Single Loop View

The Single loop view display shows one control loop at a time. It is accessed from the home “View” menu. The screen provides special loop control functions not available on the Dual loop view screen. These special functions are accessed by the Manual and Automatic Tune control buttons.

The **left** and **right arrow buttons** allow you to switch between each loop in the system on a dual loop system. If nCompass is configured as a single loop system, the left and right arrow buttons will not be shown.

The **loop name**, shown at the top right of the loop view, will update as each loop is shown. The unit display field will update as well, in order to provide the user with the units of measurement for the selected loop.

The **set point entry field** is the area where the screen can be touched in order to bring up the keypad entry window. Using the numeric entry keypad, a new set point can be entered. Once entered, the new set point will be shown in the set point entry field. Adjustment of the set point is locked out if an automated ramp/soak program is running.

**IMPORTANT:** When operating in single set point mode, the set point is saved in the loop control board’s memory once every 5 minutes. If the set point is changed and power is removed prior to the 5 minute time period, when power is re-applied, the loop set point will return to the previous value.

Make sure that power remains on the unit for 5 minutes after a set point change in order to have it power-up with the desired set point the next time power is applied.
The special loop control function buttons, Manual and Automatic Tune are used to define the mode of operation of the loop. These functions will not be available during automatic ramp/soak program operation.

**Manual Control** - This button switches the loop mode between automatic and manual operation. When the loop is in automatic mode, the loop will automatically adjust its output based on its PID settings. When the loop is in manual operation, the percentage of output for the loop can then be set manually, to a fixed output percentage.

To switch the loop between auto and manual operation, press the button to place the loop in auto or manual mode. When in manual mode, the button’s indicator will be on. To adjust the loop output percentage when in manual operation, touch the percent output display field and enter the desired percentage of output. If the loop is configured for heat/cool operation, enter a positive value for heating and negative value for cooling.

**Automatic Tune** - This button initiates the loop controller’s auto tune function. During the auto tune procedure, the Automatic Tune button indicator will be on to show the tune is in progress. When the tune is complete, the button’s indicator will automatically turn off to indicate the tune is complete. If at any time during the tune process, you want to cancel the auto tune, press the button to cancel the tune.

### 4.5.2 Dual Loop View

The Dual loop view shows both control loops on a single screen. It is accessed from the home “View” menu. If nCompass is configured as a single loop system only loop one will be shown. The screen allows manual set point entry for each loop by touching the respective set point entry field.
4.6 Event Control

Events are the “switches” used to turn the digital outputs of the nCompass loop controls on and off. These events can be manually turned on and off as well as programmed into automatic ramp/soak programs so that they can be turned on and off at set time intervals.

**NOTE:** The nCompass loop controls can provide up to 3 event outputs each (for a total of 6 events). Depending upon the configuration of nCompass, some outputs may perform specific control or alarm functions. The use of each output, and what it controls, is determined by the system designer. If there are questions or concerns about the configuration and operation of your nCompass controller, contact your OEM for further information. Only your OEM can address equipment related issues.

The names of events are also determined by the system designer. The screen shot below is an example showing factory default event names. Consult section 8.3 on Event Names in order to see how to change the names of events.

![Event Screen Shot](image)

To turn the events on and off, select “Events” from the home “View” menu. Press the switch for each event that you want to turn on or off to toggle the on/off state of the event.
4.7 Process Monitoring

The loop view screens provide the current process values of nCompass. In order to view the process inputs over time, nCompass provides real-time charts. Four user configurable charts are provided with up to six plot points per chart.

4.7.1 Charts

The Chart screen is accessed from the home “View” menu. The real-time charts can be configured to display the process variable (PV), set point (SP) and percentage of output (%) of each control loop over a selectable period of time. The vertical axis determines the range of displayed data while the horizontal axis determines the history period. The maximum time period that can be shown in a chart is 24 hours.

The rate at which the chart plots a new point is based on the time period to be shown. Each buffer can hold a total of 720 readings for each of the selected channels to plot. The update rate can be calculated by the formula: time period (in minutes) * 60 / 720. Note that for time periods less than 72 minutes, the update rate will be held to a minimum of 6 seconds. Thus, the update rate will vary from a minimum of 6 seconds (for time periods of 72 minutes or less) up to a maximum of 120 seconds for 1440 minutes (24 hours).

The Labels button allows the user to cycle through each of the configured plot channels to determine what each colored plot represents as well as view the current value without having to return to the Single or Dual view screens. The left and right scroll buttons at the upper right of the screen allow the user to cycle through each of the four available charts.

The charts also allow you to “zoom in” on a particular area to have a more detailed look at current data. By using your finger to select an area on the screen, the chart will zoom in on that area. To select a portion of the plot, touch and hold the screen with your finger. Drag your finger across the graph and a box will be drawn around the selected area. Removing your finger from the screen will cause the chart to redraw with only the selected plot area. To return to the normal view, touch the ‘X’ or ‘Y’ axis and select zoom out to return to the previous zoom setting or zoom normal to return to the full display.

NOTE: When a chart is zoomed in, it will not update with new information. The chart must be in normal view mode in order to update at each time interval. The chart will return to normal automatically when selecting a different screen to view.
4.7.1.1  **Chart Setup**

To configure a chart, press the “Set” button in the upper right corner of the display. The setup screen will be shown. To assign channels to the chart, simply touch the on/off button for the desired items in the list to select them. Select the left or right vertical axis for each item by selecting the item in the list and press the button for the desired "Left" or "Right" axis. The left axis is the default axis selection. If none of the channels are assigned to the right axis, the axis will not be shown on the chart.

Once the channel selections have been made, press the “Axis” button to adjust the time period and vertical axis ranges of the graph.

**Select a button on the screen.**

**Axis 1**

- **Time Period (minutes)**: 60
- **Left Maximum**: 100
- **Left Minimum**: 0
- **Right Maximum**: 100
- **Right Minimum**: -100
- **Automatic Scale**: OFF

**Time Period** - Adjusts the displayed time period for the graph. The allowable range is from 4 to 1440 minutes (24 hours).

**Maximum** - The maximum value sets the maximum range of the vertical access with a minimum value of -32,760 and a maximum of 32,760.

**Minimum** - The minimum value sets the minimum range of the vertical access with a minimum value of -32,760 and a maximum of 32,760.

**Automatic Scale** - When on, the vertical axis will automatically adjust its zero and span as needed to display the selected plot channels.
4.8 System Alarms

When an alarm condition occurs, the alarm icon flashes in the nCompass icon bar, to provide a visual indication of an alarm condition. An audible alarm will also sound if the alarm requires immediate operator attention such as a loop communications failure or a process alarm set point has been exceeded. For more information on adjusting the audible alarm volume, see Section 9.12.3, Alarm Volume.

NOTE: The nCompass loop controls can provide up to 3 alarm outputs each (for a total of 6 alarms). Depending upon the configuration of nCompass, some outputs may perform specific control or event functions. The use of each output, and what it controls, is determined by the system designer. If there are questions or concerns about the configuration and operation of your nCompass controller, contact your OEM for further information. Only your OEM can address equipment related issues.

For information on alarm operation, see Section 8.4, Alarm Settings.

4.8.1 Alarm Monitor

The Alarm screen is accessed from the home “View” menu. It can also be displayed by pressing the alarm icon whenever a new alarm occurs. It displays all current and/or previously acknowledged alarms according to time and date of occurrence. Once the alarm is reset, the alarm icon will be hidden; however, the alarm condition may still be present.

The alarm will be removed from the list when cleared by the operator by pressing the “Clear” button. Only alarms that are not currently active in the system can be cleared from the alarm list.

IMPORTANT: If a control loop is in manual mode or in automatic tune and the reset button is preset, the alarm reset will terminate automatic tune or manual mode and place the loop back into normal operation.

Upon alarm reset, if the process no longer exceeds the alarm set point, but the alarm output has not yet reset due to the alarm hysteresis, the alarm reset will ignore the alarm hysteresis and the alarm output will immediately go to the non-alarm output state.
4.8.2 Alarm File

The Alarm File screen is accessed from the home “View” menu. It displays all alarms for any given day. nCompass can store daily alarm files for a period of a year or longer (time based on storage usage for data history). Each time an alarm occurs on nCompass, the alarm is written to a file. Alarm file names are listed as month_day_year. The “Open” file button will display a dialog box where the user can select any alarm file to view.

**NOTE:** If no alarms occurred on a given day, an alarm file will not be created for that day.

The send email icon 💌 allows the user to send a copy of the currently opened alarm file to any user configured in nCompass. When the email icon is pressed, an “Add Recipients” window will be displayed where the user can select recipients for the file from any of the email addresses configured under the nCompass email settings. For information on how to add email recipients to nCompass, see the section 8.9, Email.
5 Automatic Ramp/Soak Program Operation

A ramp/soak program is a set of instructions (set points and events) programmed as a timed sequence of steps. When a program is run, nCompass executes each step of the program automatically, in sequence, based on the time duration and settings for each step. nCompass can store hundreds of automatic ramp/soak programs (depending on storage usage for data history) with up to 64 steps in each program.

The menu provides navigation to the following functions:

**View menu**
- Status: View program operation; step #, time remaining, etc.
- Entry: Functions for creating/editing programs.

**File menu**
- New: Clears all current program entries.
- Open: Provides file open dialog to select a program from memory.
- Save: Saves the current program being edited.
- Save As: Saves the program being edited under a new name.
- Delete: Deletes the current program from internal memory.

**Step menu**
- Insert: Inserts a step into the program at the current step number.
- Delete: Deletes the current step.
- Copy: Copies current step data including events.
- Paste: Pastes previously copied step data to the current step.
- Clone: Copies and pastes current step events to all following steps.

**Program menu**
- Start: Transfers current program to loop control(s) and starts it.
- Hold: Places a running program in hold.
- Halt: Stops a running program and returns the loop controls to single set point (static) operation.
5.1 Entering a Ramp/Soak Program

Ramp/Soak programs are created and edited from the program Entry screen. The program Entry screen can also be accessed directly from the “Program” menu. To create an automatic ramp/soak program:

1.) From the File menu, select “New” to create a new program.

2.) Enter the number of steps that will be in the program you want to create. The default setting, and minimum number of steps is two. You can only adjust settings for step numbers within the range of 2 to the Max Steps entered (maximum of 64). Thus, to adjust settings for step 5, you must have the Max Steps set to a value of at least 5.

   NOTE: The number of steps can be changed at any time during the program entry to shorten or lengthen the program as required without affecting steps already programmed.

3.) For each step, enter the step events, set point(s) and time duration or ramp rate (depending upon the ramp units selection). Example shown below with step time (HH:MM).

4.) From the File menu, select “Save” to save the program.

   NOTE: Programs can be saved with names of up to 16 characters long. However, nCompass only uses the first 14 characters of the program name for display updates and record keeping. When naming programs, try to keep the name limited to 14 characters in order to have the full program name shown, or use the first 14 characters as a means of more clearly identifying the program when more than 14 characters are used in the name.

The Ramp units selection is a global selection that applies to all steps of the program. It allows the user to select the method of ramp step entry. Selections include ramp entry in units of time as either hours and minutes (hh.mm) or minutes and seconds (mm.ss). Single loop nCompass systems also provide ramp entry selections in units/hour or units/minute. This allows the user to enter a ramp rate rather than time.

The Soak units selection is a global selection that applies to all steps of the program. It allows the user to select the method of soak step entry. Selections include units of time as either hours and minutes (hh.mm) or minutes and seconds (mm.ss).

The Hold Band entries are global settings that apply to all soak steps of the program. Their availability is dependent upon the configuration of nCompass. See section 5.1.6, Hold Back Operation, for more information on the use of hold back.
5.1.1 Setting Step Set Points and Time

Programs are entered as a sequence of ramp and soak steps which define the set point and length of time that a loop should remain. The ramp and soak units can both be set for hours and minutes, minutes and seconds or one can be set for hours and minutes while the other is set for minutes and seconds.

Set point entry is only provided when entering a ramp step. If "soak" is selected for the step type, the loop(s) will remain at the previous set point for the amount of time entered for the step. The set point entered for each control loop is used as the target set point for the step, i.e., the set point the control loop will arrive at by the end of the step. Each set point will change independently of the other in order to arrive at the target set point when the time left in the step reaches zero.

To enter the set point(s) and/or time for a step, touch the time/set point list view at the bottom of the Entry screen. This will display the “Step Data” screen. Begin by selecting the desired ramp or soak step type (available selections are ramp, soak, jump and end). The jump and end step types are discussed in the following sections.

To enter the set point for a loop, touch the set point field for the loop and enter the desired set point. To enter the step time, touch the time field to enter in the desired time duration. Time is entered as HH.MM or MM.SS depending upon the selection chosen on the entry screen. Thus, to enter a time of 1 hour for example, you would enter a value of 1.00 for one hour and zero minutes. To enter a step time of 30 minutes, the time entry would be made as 0.30 for 30 minutes. If the time selection was in minutes and seconds, an entry of 1 minute and 30 seconds would be made as 1.30.

If one loop is to remain at the same set point for the step while the other is required to ramp to a different set point, select "ramp" for the step type. Since the set point entry defines the target set point for the step, if the set point entered matches the set point for the control loop from the previous step, the loop will soak, i.e., soak at that set point, for the entire step. Thus, one loop set point can be changed allowing it to ramp during the step while the other soaks.

NOTE: A step time of zero can be entered for a step to implement an immediate set point change. When coupled with a hold back condition on the following step, there is no need to know the time it takes for the process to reach set point. The hold back condition can be used to trigger the next step, typically a soak, so that the desired soak time is achieved without having to determine what additional time may be needed in order to make sure that the process reaches set point before starting the soak time.

The Hold selection is only available for soak steps on single loop nCompass systems or dual loop systems that are configured to use external hold control. See section 5.1.6, Hold Back Operation, for more information on the use of hold back.
IMPORTANT: If the first step of a program is programmed as a soak step, the target set point shown on the status view screen during the first step will not indicate the correct set point. It is recommended that all programs be entered with the first step as a ramp step so that the target set point will be indicated correctly to avoid operator confusion.

5.1.2 Setting Step Set Point and Ramp Rate (single loop only)

If the ramp units are set for units/hour or units/minute, ramp steps are entered in process units/time period. If the user enters a set point that matches the set point of the previous step, the step will be skipped since the loop is already at set point.

NOTE: A ramp rate entry is only available for single loop nCompass systems because the length of time for the step to complete is based upon the change in set point and the rate at which the set point is to ramp. Ramp units of time are still available for selection on single loop systems if time entry is preferred over rate.

5.1.3 Setting Step Events

For each step of the program, the user can select which events are to be on during the step. To edit step events, press the “Events” button on the program Entry screen. This will display the step Events screen.
You can then select which events are to be on during the step by touching each event toggle switch to turn the events on or off. The light on the event buttons will illuminate bright yellow to indicate that an event is on. Pressing the left or right arrow button will allow you to scroll through each step of the program and not have to leave the step Events screen. To return to the Entry screen, press the “Return” button or select “Entry” from the View menu.

Events can not be set for the End step. During program operation, when the End step is reached, the event outputs will return to their previous static setting (prior to starting program operation). If the loop controls are configured for “Final SetPoint” at end of program operation, the program will remain in the end step state and all event outputs will turn off and remain off until the user halts program operation. Upon stopping the program, the event outputs will then return to their static settings.

NOTE: The step events must be set individually for each step. Even though a ramp-soak program may be in operation, if the events are not set, the associated loop control output will not turn on. To make setting step events quick and easy, nCompass provides the “Clone” function from the “Step” menu. When selected, all event selections of the current step will be copied to all following steps.

This requires the user to only enter event selections for one step (step 1 for example), and if all following steps use the same event selections, selecting “Clone” from the “Step” menu will then copy the selections to all other steps of the program. This feature can be used on any step of the program, so if event selections then change on step 5, the function can be used again and all steps after step 5 will then have event selections of step 5 copied to them leaving steps 1-4 with the previous selections.

5.1.4 Setting Jump Steps

This feature allows the program to jump back to a previous step in order to repeat certain sections of a program. When a jump step is entered, the program will jump to the specified “jump step” rather than continuing on to the next step in the program. After all of the programmed jump cycles have been completed, the program will then continue to the next sequential step without making any further jumps.

To program a jump step, select jump for the step type and enter the step number that you want the program to jump back to along with the total number of times the jump is to be made. A cycle count of one indicates that no jump will be made since one cycle is completed upon reaching the jump step.
**NOTE:** nCompass has the ability to do nested looping by allowing multiple jump steps to be programmed throughout a program. The Status screen will provide the current cycle count; however, this is the cycle count of the current jump loop that the program is in. If nested jump loops are programmed, this can cause operator confusion if they do not know which jump loop the program is currently in based on the current step number.

### 5.1.5 Setting the End Step

All programs require that the last step is entered as an “End” step type regardless of the length (2 to 64 steps) of the program. The end step type provides a cycle count entry which makes it easy for the operator to repeat an entire program without having to enter a jump step. The end step cycle count can be set from 1 to 9999 cycles. An entry of 10,000 can also be made which signifies infinite looping. If the user enters 10,000 for the cycle count, the program will repeat indefinitely until stopped by the user.

If nCompass is configured for automatic program final set point entry, the loop set point of one or both loops will be present. When the program ends, the set point entered on the end step will be used as the loop set point. The loop control will then remain at that set point until the user halts the program. The loop control will then return to the previous static set point (prior to the start of the program) once the program is stopped.

The nCompass configuration also provides the option for having the loop controls return to the static mode of operation when the program is completed. When configured to use the last control set point, the loop controls will automatically return to the previous static set point (prior to the start of the program) when the program ends. If there are questions or concerns about the configuration and operation of your nCompass controller, contact your OEM for further information. Only your OEM can address equipment related issues.

**NOTE:** When configured for automatic program final set point entry, nCompass will remain in the end step until the user manually stops the program. If any loop control outputs are configured as events, they will remain in the off state and can not be turned back on until the program is stopped.

### 5.1.6 Hold Back Operation

The hold back band settings on the Entry screen are used to set the control tolerance for each loop during soak steps that have hold back enabled. When the loop process variable deviates from its set point by more than the band value, the program timer will stop until the process variable re-enters the hold back band. These entries apply to every step in the program and only need to be set once.
To enable hold back for a loop, select the hold back type to use for the corresponding loop during the step. When the step executes, the program will automatically enter a hold condition if the loop’s PV deviates from its set point by more than the hold back band setting. There are four available hold back modes to choose from:

- **Off**: Disables hold back so no action is taken.
- **Dev Lo**: Deviation low hold back places the program in hold when the process value deviates below the set point by more than the hold back band.
- **Dev Hi**: Deviation high hold back places the program in hold when the process value deviates above the set point by more than the hold back band.
- **Band**: Deviation band hold back is a combination of both the deviation low and high hold back types. It places the program in hold when the process value deviates above or below the set point by more than the hold back band.

### 5.2 Starting an Automatic Ramp/Soak Program

In order to start an automatic ramp/soak program, it must first be loaded into the nCompass control loops. In order to do this, you must select “Start” from the Program menu.

![Program Start Screen](image)

The screen will automatically change to the Start screen. By default, a program will always start on step 1. If you wish to start the program on a different step, press the start step field and enter the desired start step or use the left and right scroll buttons to adjust the step number.
Once the desired start step number is entered, press the “Start” button. The program will then be transferred to the loop control(s) and started once the transfer is complete. The Status screen will then be displayed.

To stop a program, select “Stop” from the Program menu. When a program is stopped, the loop set points and events will revert back to the single set point (static mode) values that were entered prior to the program being started.

5.2.1 Hold/Resume Ramp/Soak Program Operation

At any time during the operation of a program, it can be manually placed into hold. This stops the program timer; however, nCompass continues operation under the current step settings at the time the program was put into hold. To pause a program, select “Hold” from the Program menu. To resume the program from the point in which it was paused, select “Start” from the Program menu.
5.3 Monitoring Automated Ramp/Soak Program Operation

The program Status view provides all information regarding the operation of the current program. When a program is first started, nCompass automatically directs the user to this screen to observe program operation.

The **Status** field indicates the current operating mode of the program, i.e., On, In Hold and Off.

The **Cycles** field indicates the number of cycles left to be completed for the current jump loop.

The **Steps** field indicates the total number of steps in the current program.

The **Step** field indicates the step number currently being executed.

The **Time** field indicates the total length of time programmed for the current step.

The **Time Remaining** is the time remaining in the current step.

The **set point** for each loop indicates the programmed set point for the loop that will be achieved by the end of the step. The fields will indicate the current ramp or soak status for the loop based on the set point of the step. If the target set point of the step is greater than the loop set point, “ramp up to” will be displayed. If the set point is lower than the current loop set point, “ramping down to” will be displayed. If the step is a soak step or the target set point is the same as the current loop set point, “soak at” will be displayed.

The name of the running program, or current program loaded to the nCompass loop controls, will be shown at the bottom center of the screen. If no program has been loaded, the field will be empty.

**NOTE:** If the first step of the running program was programmed as a soak step, the target set point shown during the first step will not indicate the correct set point. It is recommended that all programs be entered with the first step as a ramp step so that the target set point will be indicated correctly to avoid operator confusion.

**IMPORTANT:** If the set point does not match the set point programmed for the step, check the lower and upper set point limits (see Section 8.3 Setpoint Limits). The lower and upper limits define the allowed operating range. If a step set point exceeds a limit, it will be coerced to the lower or upper limit that it exceeds. This is done automatically without altering the original program.
5.4 Common Questions About Ramp/Soak Program Operation

1. How do I start or run a ramp/soak program?

To select and start a program, you must be on the ‘Entry’ or ‘Status’ screen. Using the File menu, choose the ‘Open’ menu item to select from a list of all available programs stored on nCompass. Open the desired program from the list, and then select ‘Start’ from the Program menu. Enter the desired start step and press the ‘Start button.

2. How do I know which program is running?

When a program is running, the name is displayed on Status view screen as well as the Single, Dual and Overview screens. nCompass will indicate that the program is running when it is in operation. If a program is not running, nCompass will display the name of the currently loaded program, i.e., present in memory and ready to be run.

3 Why is the program not running to the set point entered for the step?

Automatic ramp/soak program operation is limited by the lower and upper set point limits (see section 8.3 Setpoint Limits). If a program step has a set point that exceeds the lower or upper limit, the set point will be automatically coerced to the limit it exceeds. This prevents damage to equipment or product by insuring that the system only operates to the range entered by the user. If a program step has a set point of 100 for example, but the upper limit is 90, when the program is run the set point will be coerced to the maximum allowed upper limit of 90 during operation of the step.

The original program remains unaltered, so if the user then changes the lower and upper limits to match the range of set points within the program, the program will then operate to the programmed set points. This insures that the operating range of the system can not be exceeded even if a user accidentally copies a program from another system with a greater operating range.
The nCompass security model provides an administrator with the tools to add up to 30 users to the system. Each user must have a unique ID, full name and password. Four user levels are provided which include system, user, supervisor and administrator levels. Specific access rights can be assigned to each user level and password aging can be implemented. Verification is provided (if enabled) for any parameters that will change a control parameter, which could upset the process (i.e. loop set point, start/stop automated ramp/soak programs, etc).

Verification requires that the logged in user must log in again before the process value (at the controller) will actually be changed. This feature is provided for extra security. The following example will make re-authentication clearer:

A supervisor logs on the system. The supervisor then steps away from the system to take a phone call but does not log out before leaving. If another user tries to change the control set point on any loop, the system will require another login (by an authorized user for that level) before the control set point is actually changed. This provides an extra level of protection to make the system more “tamper proof”.

The ‘Security’ menu, accessed from the home menu, provides access to the security section of nCompass.

The ‘Security’ menu provides the following functions:

- **Configure**: Provides access to security setup to add users, set rights and options.
- **Login**: Log on a user if security is enabled.
- **Log Off**: Log off a user if security is enabled.
- **Audit**: Allows the user to view any of the saved audit trail files.
- **User**: Shows the current user logged into the system.
- **Password**: Allows the current user to change their password.
6.1 Adding Users

The “New” user tab provides the ability to add up to 30 users to the system. Select the type of user from the drop down list (System, User, Supervisor or Administrator). Press each field to add the user ID, full name and password (no spaces allowed, 5 character minimum and 16 characters maximum). Press the “Create” button to add the user to the system. If the passwords do not match or the user ID is already used, nCompass will alert the user and not accept the entry.

6.2 Viewing Users

The “Users” tab provides the administrator with the ability to view information on each user entered into the system. Password information is not available. The user can be deleted from this tab and a new password for each user can also be entered from this area.

To delete a user, select the user from the list and press the “Delete” button. Likewise, to change the password for a user, select the user from the list and press the “Password” button.
6.2.1 New Password Entry
To change a password, select the desired user by touching the User ID in the list box and press the ‘New Password’ button. Enter the new password and confirm the password. Press the ‘Accept’ button to change the password (no spaces allowed, 4 character minimum and 16 characters maximum).

6.3 Setting User Access
The “Access” tab provides the administrator the ability to assign rights to each user level (System, User, Supervisor and Administrator). To enable or disable specific program functions (user rights) for each user level, select the user right from the list and press the corresponding on/off button for the user level you want to change access rights for. If the button is set to on, user access will be enabled for the user group.

User access for “Security” can not be disabled for the administrator group. This is a safety feature to make sure that any administrator with the proper user ID and password can access security. If the administrator loses his/her ID or password, there is no “back door” to the system and it will have to be reset and reprogrammed in order to return to normal operation.
### 6.3.1 Security System User Access

Shown below is a list of the available user rights, where to find the menu item(s) applicable to the user right and a description of what it applies to. Note that the OEM configuration allows many menu items to be disabled; in which case the menu for a specific user right may not be shown.

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<td>View/Single, Dual loop views</td>
<td>applies to loop controls when not running an automatic ramp/soak program (does not apply to loop alarms)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Events</td>
<td>View/Events</td>
<td>applies to enable or disable manual events</td>
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<tr>
<td>Manual Mode</td>
<td>View/Single</td>
<td>enable or disable loop control Manual mode button</td>
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<tr>
<td>Automatic Tune</td>
<td>View/Single</td>
<td>enable or disable loop control Automatic Tune button</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Program Operate</td>
<td>Program/Run, Hold, Stop actions</td>
<td>applies to all program control menu selections; does not affect digital Inputs configured for same action</td>
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<tr>
<td>Recovery</td>
<td>Device/Settings/Offline/Set/Recovery</td>
<td>logic when running an automated ramp/soak program when power lost &amp; recovery:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reset Alarms</td>
<td>View/Alarm</td>
<td>alarm Reset button</td>
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<tr>
<td>Clear Alarms</td>
<td>View/Alarm; Clear button</td>
<td>prevents alarm list view from being cleared</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chart Settings</td>
<td>View/Chart</td>
<td>configure plot channels, scale &amp; time for charts</td>
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<tr>
<td>Data</td>
<td>Data/Data</td>
<td>applies to all data logging actions &amp; settings</td>
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<td>Annotation</td>
<td>Data/View/Annotation</td>
<td>access to add operator messages to active log file</td>
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<tr>
<td>Signature</td>
<td>Data/View/Signature</td>
<td>access to add digital signature to active historical data file</td>
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<tr>
<td>Open</td>
<td>see description</td>
<td>program “save” and “save as”; note files may be copied from system with USB file transfer utilities</td>
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<tr>
<td>Delete</td>
<td>see description</td>
<td>data files &amp; automatic programs; note files may be deleted with File Utilities</td>
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<td>Program Edit</td>
<td>Program/Entry</td>
<td>no data entry or access to Events or Step SP/Time fields; can't insert/delete/copy/paste step.</td>
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<td>Data/Utilities/USB</td>
<td>allows USB memory stick to copy/delete data, alarm, program &amp; audit trail files &amp; to import programs</td>
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<td>FTP/WAN</td>
<td>Data/Utilities/FTP/WAN</td>
<td>configure FTP client settings</td>
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<td>Communications</td>
<td>Device/Settings/Set/Comms</td>
<td>configure web page, Modbus address &amp; VNC settings</td>
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<td>Device/Settings/View/Tuning</td>
<td>manual adjustment of loop tuning parameters</td>
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<td>Setpoint Limits</td>
<td>Device/Settings/Set/Limit</td>
<td>applies to loop controls (does not apply to loop/monitor alarms)</td>
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<td>Adjust Alarms</td>
<td>Device/Settings/Set/Alarm</td>
<td>applies to all loop and monitor point alarms</td>
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<td>Event Names</td>
<td>Device/Settings/Set/Event</td>
<td>configure event tagnames (seen in manual Events &amp; program step Events)</td>
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<td>Email Settings</td>
<td>Device/Settings/Email/Settings</td>
<td>configure email settings and addresses</td>
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<td>access to compose &amp; send email message</td>
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<td>Offline</td>
<td>Device/Settings/Offline</td>
<td>access to Off-Line menu system: Units, set Clock, Calibrate Touch, Language, Exit To Application, input Offset, Configuration</td>
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<td>Calibrate Touch</td>
<td>Device/Settings/Offline/System/Display</td>
<td>access to the touch screen calibration utility</td>
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<td>Backlight</td>
<td>Device/Settings/Offline/System/Display</td>
<td>access to edit backlight settings for brightness and off delay time</td>
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<td>Alarm Volume</td>
<td>Device/Settings/Offline/System/Display</td>
<td>allows edit of nCompass alarm beeper volume</td>
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<td>Units</td>
<td>Device/Settings/Offline/Set/Units</td>
<td>loop/monitor point temperature units configuration - C°F</td>
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<td>Clock</td>
<td>Device/Settings/Offline/Set/Clock</td>
<td>Set Date/Time, Time Zone, DST and NTS connection</td>
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<td>NTP</td>
<td>Device/Settings/Offline/Set/Clock</td>
<td>enable &amp; choose National Time Server location</td>
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<tr>
<td>Daylight Savings</td>
<td>Device/Settings/Offline/Set/Clock</td>
<td>enable Daylight Savings Time (DST)</td>
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<td>Language</td>
<td>Device/Settings/Offline/Set/Language</td>
<td>Select help language</td>
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<td>Security</td>
<td>View/Security/Configure</td>
<td>applies to Security Setup</td>
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<td>Configuration</td>
<td>Device/Settings/Offline/System/Configuration</td>
<td>access to import/export setup files of nCompass</td>
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### 6.4 Setting Security Options

The security “Options” tab provides the administrator the ability to set the global security options.

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<td>Device/Settings/Offline/System/Configuration; Reset Default Configuration button</td>
<td>function to clear system configuration and reset all to blank (default) state for reconfiguring</td>
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<tr>
<td>Exit (run mode)</td>
<td>Device/Settings /Offline/System/Exit; “Exit application. (automatic mode startup),” button</td>
<td>prevents nCompass application from being stopped</td>
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<tr>
<td>Exit to Configurator</td>
<td>Device/Settings /Offline/System/Exit; “Exit Application. (configuration mode startup),” button</td>
<td>prevents nCompass application from being stopped and access to the nCompass configurator application</td>
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The **Password Aging Days** field is a global for all users. Password aging starts from the day the user is entered into the system. The value can be set from 0 to 365 days. A value of zero disables password aging.

**NOTE:** When using password aging and the password expires for a user, the user will be required to change their password before access to the system is permitted. A user can change their password at any time (even if aging is not used) by selecting “Password” from the main security menu.

When enabled, **Verification** requires that the logged in user must log in again before the process value will actually be changed.

**Audit** is a global setting that turns the audit trail on or off. When the audit trail is turned on, all user actions are written to a daily log.

**Security** is the global setting that turns the nCompass security system on or off. The security system must be enabled for the audit trail to be enabled.
6.5 Audit Trail

The audit trail viewer is accessed by selecting “Audit” from the Security menu. It displays all user actions that affected the system for any given day. nCompass can store daily audit files for a period of a year or longer (time based on storage usage for data history). Each time a user takes an action that affects the operation of the system (changing a set point, start/stop data logging, changes an alarm set point, etc.), the action is written to a file. Audit trail file names are listed as month\_day\_year. The “Open” file button will display a dialog box where the user can select any audit file to view.

**NOTE:** If no actions occurred on a given day, an audit file will not be created for that day.

Each action recorded to the file includes the date/time it occurred as well as the user (if logged in) that made the change. If no user is logged in, the user will be listed as “Device Manager”, which is the default user account for the nCompass system.

The send email icon allows the user to send a copy of the currently opened audit trail file to any user configured in nCompass. When the email icon is pressed, an “Add Recipients” window will be displayed where the user can select recipients for the file from any of the email addresses configured under the nCompass email settings. For information on how to add email recipients to nCompass, see the section 8.9, Email.
## 7 Data Logging

The nCompass data logging features are accessed via the home ‘Data” menu item. The system data logging provides the ability to select individual points for logging, view data log files and start/stop logging operations. The logging ability of nCompass provides an easy-to-use, convenient method to obtain electronic data without the need for additional data acquisition equipment.

The Data Log menu provides navigation to the following functions:

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**View menu**
- **Annotation**: Allows the user to insert a notification into the currently running log file or view all annotations associated with the currently loaded historical data file.
- **Signature**: Allows the user to digitally sign a file to prevent data tampering and view all digital signatures associated with the currently loaded historical data file.

**File menu**
- **Open**: Opens a history file for review.
- **Delete**: Allows the user to delete the currently loaded history file.

**NOTE:** The “Delete” log file function does not affect data from a file that is running, only the current data log file loaded for review.

**Data menu**
- **Data**: Displays main data log screen with status of logger.
- **Assign**: Allows the user to select what variables are to be logged.

**Chart menu**
- **Set**: Selection of data file points and time period for history review.
- **Chart**: Plots historical data after time and points are selected.

**Utilities menu**
- **USB**: Allows the user to access file utility functions.
- **FTP/WAN**: Provides access to the automatic file back-up settings.
- **Memory**: Displays memory capacity remaining on nCompass.
7.1 Selecting Points for Logging

In order for the data logging function of nCompass to operate, you must first select what variables are to be logged to the data file. To choose which points are to be logged, select “Assign” from the Data menu. This screen allows the user to select any point(s) from the system for data logging.

Select the desired items from the list by turning each one on or off. When selections are completed, press the “Save” button to save the point selection to memory. New selections will not take effect until the Save button is pressed.

7.2 Starting/Stopping Data Logging

nCompass logs data to its SD card. Current data for each variable is written to the log at a fixed interval based on the settings entered in the "Length" and "Interval" fields. File names are automatically generated using mm_dd_yyyy_hh_mm_ss format. To enter a new alphanumeric file name, touch the “File Name” field and enter the desired value (up to 16 characters each). When a file name is specified, the file will be saved as FileName_mm_dd_yyyy_hh_mm_ss.

The data logger also provides two entry fields, ID#1 and ID#2, which allow the user to enter in information specific to the file such as a batch and/or lot number to identify product that may be associated with the new data file. These entries will be saved with the data log file for later identification.
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The **Length (days)** field sets the length of a data file in number of days. It can be set for 1 to 31 days. Once the selected number of days has elapsed, a new data file will be created and logging will continue in the new file.

The **Interval (secs)** field is used to set the rate at which points are written to the log file which equates to the sample rate in seconds. When the "Fixed Interval" option is turned on, the logging interval will be automatically set to record at minute intervals based on the number of days set for the file. If the file is set for 1 day in length, the logging rate will be at 1 minute intervals. If the file is set for 7 days, then the logging rate will be every 7 minutes. This keeps the data file size manageable and able to be viewed by the nCompass data viewer.

The log interval can be manually set to any rate between 2 and 1860 seconds in any combination with the number of days before a new file is started. To do this, turn off the "Fixed Interval" option and enter in the desired logging rate in seconds.

**NOTE:** Logging at shorter intervals allows nCompass to capture fast changing processes, but the data files can become extremely large. Files that exceed the capability of the nCompass data viewer (>520KB in size) will have to be extracted from nCompass using a USB memory stick or FTP file transfer in order to be viewed remotely on a PC.

Files larger than the 520KB limit will not be automatically, digitally signed by nCompass. If the files are to be digitally signed, this must be done manually by extracting the files and using the FDC data viewer program running on a remote PC.

To manually start data logging, press the “Data” button. Any time logging is enabled, the indicator on the Data button will be illuminated. To stop data logging, press the Data button again. Data logging can also be started automatically by turning on the “Start” or “Program” option.

The **Start** option automatically turns data logging on whenever nCompass is first powered on. This action simulates that of a standard chart recorder.

The **Program** option is a convenient method for gathering information that pertains only to the operation of an automated ramp/soak program. When selected, nCompass will turn the data logger on at the beginning of a program and off once the program is completed. This eliminates the need to scan through extensive data records to find the specific information you are looking for from a particular time period.

**NOTE:** nCompass will automatically use the program name as the filename for the log file. This provides a simple identifier for log files that pertain only to a automatic program operation. Any entry made in the File Name field will be ignored.

### 7.2.1 Calculating Log File Size

nCompass saves the log file in a text based format (.csv), so the amount of memory consumed for each reading is dependant upon the number of digits required to accurately display the value. This optimizes memory usage but also makes calculating an exact file size difficult. To obtain a worst case approximation of the resultant file size, use the following formula:

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\text{File Size (KB)} = 1 + [0.023 + (0.006 \times \text{number of log points})] \times \text{number of readings}
\]
7.3 Reviewing Historical Data

Historical files can be opened and viewed using the historical viewer. In order to view a historical data file, it must first be opened by selecting "Open" from the File menu. Once the file has been opened, nCompass will automatically plot the first eight channels of the historical data file or the user can choose to cancel the plot select which channels should be plotted as well as adjust the specific time period to plot.

7.3.1 History Plot Setup

The history plot setup allows the user to select any time frame (zoom in/out) from the historical data file as well as select up to six channels of data to plot. To edit the settings for the historical plot, select “Set” from the Chart menu.

Any point from the data file can be selected along with the vertical axis to be used for each channel to be plotted. Select channels from the list by turning them on or off, and use the “Left” and “Right” axis buttons to assign the selected item to the left or right axis for the plot range. To adjust the period of time to plot from the data file, press the “Time” button.

The start and end dates for the currently loaded file will be shown with time in hours, minutes and seconds. The “File Date Start” and “File Date End” sliders are used to select a time span for historical viewing. Once the desired start and end times have been set, press the “Return” button to return to the Chart Settings screen.
7.3.2 Plotting Historical Data

The history Chart plots the data from the currently opened history file according to the selections made under chart setup. If a file has not been opened or data points have not been assigned to a plot, nCompass will alert the user to correct the problem. The ‘X’ and ‘Y’ axis scales are set to auto scale based on current values for each plot channel so no user action is required.

The historical graph provides the same zoom feature as the real-time charts so the user can zoom in on a particular area of the historical plot by dragging their finger across the screen to draw a rectangle around the desired plot area.

NOTE: When pressing the Legend button to toggle between the historical chart and the legend screen, it may take several seconds for the chart to become visible depending on the size of the data file and number of channels selected to plot.

When finished viewing the historical chart, you must press the “Return” button to exit the historical data viewer and return to the main data log screen.
7.4 USB File Transfer

A quick note about file storage; data and setup files (programs, alarm log and audit trail files) need some maintenance every now and then. After a period of time, storage devices fill up and files require backup or file deletion when no longer needed. The “Utilities” section of the nCompass interface provides all the functionality required for maintaining the internal SD memory card. The internal SD card should not be removed from the nCompass interface. Any change to SD directory structure (moving or deleting files with a PC) may cause the nCompass interface to stop operating and a new SD card will need to be ordered. Never move or delete the directories unless using the provided nCompass file utilities functions.

**NOTE:** The data log files, programs, alarm log and audit trail directories are saved to the internal SD card (not the USB memory stick device) plugged into the nCompass interface. Never unplug the SD card when nCompass is powered up or loss of data may result.

The USB file transfer screen allows the user to copy or erase files from the internal SD card. Complete file directories for all nCompass file types can be copied to the USB memory stick and erased from the internal SD card. The current status for file functions is displayed for the operator during copy/delete operations. nCompass also allows automatic programs to be imported from the USB memory stick. Programs must be exported from another nCompass device to the memory stick first, before this function can be used. nCompass will look for “Program” directories on the memory stick for import and alert the user if none exist.

**NOTE:** All file transfer functions can be used while data logging is running. If the operator needs to back up or delete files from the system, a large number of files could take considerable time to backup and delete from memory. The file transfer screen will be locked during file transfer so plan the timing appropriately when access to other screen functions is not required. When data logging is running, the current data log file will not be copied or deleted while using the file transfer functions. This protects the current file and makes sure that the data file is complete before being copied and cannot be deleted from memory while it is still in operation.

To **Copy** files, insert the USB memory stick into the USB port. Select the file type you wish to copy from the “Export Type” drop down menu. Available file selections are Program, Alarm, Audit and Data files. Once the selection is made, press the “Copy” button. All related files will be copied to the USB memory stick with progress status displayed to user.
To **Copy/Delete** files from internal memory, insert the USB memory stick into the USB port. Select the file type you wish to copy and erase from nCompass’ internal memory, by selecting it from the “Export Type” drop down menu. Available file selections are Program files, Alarm files, Audit trail files and Data files. Once the selection is made, press the “Copy/Delete” button. All related files will be copied to the USB memory stick and then deleted from nCompass with progress status displayed to user.

The **Import** file function allows automatic ramp/soak program files to be copied from the USB memory device to nCompass. A dialog box will appear listing the available program directories on the USB memory stick. Program directory names exported from nCompass are in the format ‘Programs_mm_dd_yyyy-hh_mm_ss’.

**NOTE:** The USB memory stick must be inserted into the USB port for any of the file utility operations to function. It is recommended to only use memory sticks certified by Future Design Controls for use with nCompass. Future Design Controls has tested and validated these memory devices for proper operation and performance.

Due to manufacturing variations in the USB memory sticks, it may take from a few seconds up to 30 seconds for nCompass to recognize the device when it is plugged in. Allow sufficient time for the device to be recognized before attempting any file utility operations or nCompass will indicate a file transfer/memory stick error.

When files are being copied to the USB storage device, a directory for each file type will be created to store the copied files. The directory structure is as follows:

- Program files directory: Programs_mm_dd_yyyy-hh_mm_ss
- Alarm files directory: Alarm Files_mm_dd_yyyy-hh_mm_ss
- Audit files directory: Audit Files_mm_dd_yyyy-hh_mm_ss
- Data files directory: Data Files_mm_dd_yyyy-hh_mm_ss

The purpose for using the date and time as part of the directory name, is to make sure the user can track the date and time of the file transfer. If a user transfers a file type more than once in a single day, the files will be grouped logically by time.

When accessing the data files saved to the USB memory stick, the data files will be in “.csv” format. These files can be opened directly with Microsoft Excel or any program that opens a comma separated file format. You can copy or empty the “Data Files” directory by simply plugging the USB device into a PC’s USB port. The device then becomes like any removable disk attached to the computer and can be manipulated once plugged into the PC.

The FDC Data Viewer program is a free Windows accessory program that allows users to view, plot and print data files and is available from Future Design Controls or any manufacturer that markets the nCompass product. It is required when using the digital signature feature of nCompass.

**IMPORTANT:** Once files are deleted from nCompass storage devices, they are gone and cannot be retrieved. Once again, do not edit, move or delete any other files from the internal SD memory card unless using the nCompass file utilities. nCompass may not operate properly if you do so.
### 7.5 FTP Data Backup

The FTP/WAN screen allows the user to configure automatic back-up of all data files contained in nCompass’ memory to a user designated FTP site. When enabled, nCompass will automatically back up all data log files, alarm files and audit trail files at 2:00AM each day. With the optional delete files selection, nCompass will then automatically delete the files from its internal memory after back up. This will maintain nCompass’ memory automatically, so that continuous data logging can be performed without filling up the available memory space.

**NOTE:** Setting up an FTP site on your network may require authorization and/or assistance from your network administrator. Contact your network administrator for proper settings and authorization from your network server (if required) to allow nCompass to connect to the designated FTP site.

![FTP/WAN Screen](image)

The **IP Add** field is used to enter the IP address of the FTP site that nCompass is to send the files to.

The **Port** field is used to enter the network port that is to be used by the server to access the FTP site. The default port is 21. The port number can be set from 0 to 65535.

The **User** field allows you to enter a user name for FTP site access. When nCompass connects to the FTP site to transfer files, the user name will be used to identify the connection. If a security login is required, the proper user name will have to be entered in this field. If security is not used, this field can be left blank.

The **PSWRD** (password) field is used in conjunction with the user name field and is for entering a password, if required by your FTP site, so that nCompass can access the site. If security is not used, this field can be left blank.

The **Server** field is used to enter the server directory where the files are to be backed up. When the automatic back-up occurs, nCompass will place the historical data files in this directory on the FTP site. nCompass will automatically create an ‘Alarms’ directory and an ‘Audit’ directory within the specified server directory for backup of the alarm files and audit trail files.

When the **Automatic Transfer (2:00AM)** option is turned on, nCompass will perform an automatic backup of all historical data files, alarm files and audit trail files contained in its internal memory to the designated FTP site. Note that if data logging is currently active, the active file will not be copied.
When the **Delete internal files when done** option is turned on, nCompass will delete all data log files, alarm files and audit trail files within its memory after completing the backup to the FTP site. Note that if data logging is currently active, the active file will not be deleted.

Once all settings have been made, press the “Save” button to save the settings so that on the next power-up, the entries will be maintained. The “Start” button can be used at any time to perform a manual data backup. If the files already exist on the FTP site, they will be overwritten on each subsequent backup. If the FTP site is down, or nCompass is not connected to the network, a local alarm message on the Alarm screen will indicate a transmission failure.

**NOTE:** Typically FTP Server software uses case sensitive alpha-numeric characters for the User name, Password and Server directory. Contact your network administrator for proper settings.

### 7.6 Annotation

The Annotation screen allows the user to add a messages to the running data file and view any messages currently associated with a loaded historical data file.

When a historical data file is loaded, the Annotation screen will display any messages that were written to the file. The date, time, user name and description of the data file annotation is shown. Note that the currently running data log file can be opened as a historical data file, and the current annotations for the running file will be shown.

To add an annotation to the running log file, touch the “Entry” field at the bottom of the screen and enter the message (up to 16 characters maximum). Press the “Add” button and the message will be added to the current log file. If the running log file was opened as the historical log file, the annotation will be shown immediately on the screen as it is added. If logging is not currently running, the entry field will be disabled.
7.7 Add\View Digital Signatures

The Signature screen allows the user to add digital signatures to historical data log files and view any digital signatures currently associated with the loaded historical log file.

When a historical data file is loaded, the Signature screen will display any signatures currently associated with the file. To verify a digital signature and insure that the data file has not been altered, touch the signature in the list box and press the “Verify” button. nCompass will compare the signature to the log file to see if any alterations to the data have been made. nCompass will then indicate if the signature is valid or not.

If the signature is valid, the historical data file is intact and has not been altered. If the signature is invalid, the data has been altered at some time after the signature was assigned to the file. For data integrity, nCompass automatically signs a data file when logging is stopped; however, this only occurs if the “Auto Interval” is selected on the Log screen. If a different logging interval is used, nCompass will not automatically sign the file, and it must be signed by a user.

To add a digital signature to the historical log file, touch the “Entry” field at the bottom of the screen and enter in the comment line for the signature (up to 16 characters maximum). Press the “Add” button and the signature will be added to the log file. The signature includes the date and time of the signature, the user name and comment line. If a user is not logged into the system, the default user name “Device Manager” will be used as the user.

**NOTE:** The Signature screen is not available if security is disabled. The nCompass security module must be enabled in order to digitally sign data log files. See Section 6, Security.
8 Device Settings

This section covers the use of extended controller features that enhance the functionality of your system. To gain access to the nCompass setup options, select ‘System Setup’ from the home Setup menu.

The System Setup menu provides navigation to the following functions:

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8.1 Tuning

The loop Tuning screen allows for manual tuning of the nCompass control loops. Tuning parameters should only be adjusted by skilled users familiar with proportional control. Improper settings can result in control loop instability and equipment damage. The loop automatic tune function is the recommended method of loop tuning. If the control response achieved after performing an auto tune does not provide the desired control response, then minor adjustment of the tuning parameters may be done to obtain the desired response.

The available tuning parameters are dependant upon the loop configuration. If programmed for heat or cool only control, then the available parameters will be PB (proportional band), TI (integral time period) and TD (derivative time period). If the loop is configured for heat/cool operation then two additional parameters for Cooling PB (cooling proportional band) and Dead Band (heat/cool dead band) will be provided.

The tune screen also provides a live real time chart for monitoring the control response of the control loop while adjusting tuning parameters. The chart is fixed at a 10 minute time period and updates once per second. Pressing the Set button allows the user to adjust the loop set point without having to leave the tuning screen in order to observe the control response.

The AT button is available to activate the automatic tune function of the control loop if the timer option of nCompass is enabled. To activate the automatic tune when the timer option is not installed, the operator must access the Single view screen. See section 4.5.1 Single Loop View.

Heat or Cool only P (or PD) Control
When a loop is programmed for heat or cool only control, it is possible to set the integral time to zero in order to eliminate reset action. A “PB Offset” field will then be shown for entering a manual reset value to correct for the control offset that will occur once the loop has stabilized. The offset entry is measured in percent with a range of 0-100%.

Once the process has stabilized, if the process value is lower than the set point by 5° for example, and 20.0 is used for the proportional band, that is equal to an offset of 25%. Thus, the PB offset would be increased by 25% to compensate for the set point offset in the process. Note that automatic tune is disabled for P or PD control. In order to perform an auto tune, the integral time would have to be set to a value grater than 0. P or PD control is not precise for processes with changing load conditions and will require frequent adjustments of the offset. The PID control mode should be used because it automatically does this for you.

Heat/Cool (Bimodal) Control
When a loop is programmed for heat/cool operation, the values of the Cooling PB and Dead Band affect the way the heat and cool outputs work together to control the process.
The Cooling PB is measured in % of the proportional band with a range 50-300. Set cooling PB to 100% to begin and examine the cooling effect. If cooling action should be enhanced then decrease the band. If cooling action is too strong then increase the cooling band. The value of the cooling proportional band is related to the heating PB and its value remains unchanged throughout any auto tuning procedures.

**NOTE:** The adjustment of CPB is also related to the cooling media used. When air is used as the cooling media, it is recommended that the Cooling PB be set to 100%. For oil, a typical setting to use for the Cooling PB is 125%. If water is used as the cooling media then adjust the Cooling PB to 250%.

The adjustment of Dead Band is more dependent upon system requirements. If more positive values of dead band (greater dead band) are used, an unwanted cooling action can be avoided but an excessive overshoot may occur. If more negative values of dead band (greater overlap) are used, an excessive overshoot can be minimized but an unwanted cooling action may occur.

Dead band is adjustable in the range of -36.0% to 36.0% of the heating PB. A negative dead band value provides an overlap between heating and cooling in which both outputs are active. A positive dead band value provides a dead band area in which neither output is active around set point.

### 8.2 Alarms

The alarm screen allows the user to edit the alarm set points and alarm messages that will be displayed on the alarm screen should the alarm be activated.

**NOTE:** The nCompass loop controls can provide up to 3 alarm outputs each (for a total of 6 alarms). Depending upon the configuration of nCompass, some outputs may perform specific control or event functions. The use of each output, and what it controls, is determined by the system designer. If there are questions or concerns about the configuration and operation of your nCompass controller, contact your OEM for further information. Only your OEM can address equipment related issues.

The alarm numbers, Alarm #, identify the alarms currently shown on the screen. The left and right scroll buttons at the upper right of the screen will be shown if more than two alarms are available so that the user can access each alarm by pressing left or right to go to the previous or next alarm.

The alarm SP (set point) description displays the loop name that the alarm is assigned to as well as the alarm type. The alarm type and alarm hysteresis is defined by the OEM in the nCompass configuration and cannot be changed. Only the alarm set point can be changed by the user.
The **Alarm Message** is the text notification that appears on the Alarm screen when the alarm activates. This message can be edited (up to 25 characters maximum) so that the alarm message more accurately describes what the alarm means.

**NOTE:** If the alarm type of “End of automated program”, only the alarm message can be changed. There is no set point associated with the end of automated program alarm. When a program ends, the alarm message will be displayed on the alarm screen and the audible alarm will sound to notify the user that the program has completed.

### 8.3 Setpoint Limits

The set point Limits screen allows for the adjustment of the minimum and maximum operating set points allowed to be entered for the control loops. These limits can be used to prevent operators from entering a value that exceeds the survivability limits of equipment or product being manufactured, reducing the risk of property damage.

![Setpoint Limits](image)

Enter the desired set point limits by touching the “Lower Limit” and “Upper Limit” entry fields and enter the desired values using the numeric keypad.

**IMPORTANT:** The operation of automatic ramp/soak programs is limited by the lower and upper limits. If a program was created or imported from another nCompass system with set points that exceed the current lower and/or upper limits, when the program is run, the program step set points will be coerced to the lower or upper limit that it exceeds. This protects the equipment or product being manufactured from being subjected to values that exceed current set point limits.

The minimum and maximum values for the lower and upper limits are defined by the OEM limits set in the nCompass configuration. nCompass prevents the user from entering set point limits outside of these configuration values. Consult your OEM or equipment installer regarding the maximum set point limits permitted for your system.
8.4 Event Names

The Event Names screen allows the user to change the names of the system events in order to describe what function they perform. The event names are limited to nine alphanumeric characters.

To change the name of the event, select the event by touching its current tag name in the list. Press the “Edit” button and enter the new tag name using the alpha-numeric keypad and press “Done” when finished. The new name will then appear in the event name list box and will be used throughout all nCompass screens wherever the event is shown.

8.5 Navigation

nCompass provides both text based PC style menus and icon based/slide page navigation menus similar to today’s “smart” devices. The user can select either type at any time from the Navigation screen.

Press the button for the desired menu type to make the selection. The choices are mutually exclusive, so when one selection is made, the other will be de-selected. The button indicator for the active selection will illuminate to show the current selection.
8.6 Communication Settings

The “Comms” screen provides settings for the Modbus serial interface, web server and VNC interfaces. It also provides the nCompass IP address, which is required for using the VNC or web server interfaces.

The **Modbus Address and Parity** settings are used to configure the serial interface for user communications. Valid addresses are 1 to 31. The parity setting is only available for the standard nCompass LC interface and allows the serial port to be set for Even, Odd or no parity (None). If nCompass is configured to provide the simulated Watlow F4S/D communications interface, the parity selection will not be shown.

The **VNC Address and Password** set access rights to the nCompass VNC server. Valid addresses are from 0 to 255. The VNC password selection defines the connection mode for the server. The selections are “None” and “VncAuth” which requires users to enter the password when connecting to nCompass over the VNC interface.

**IMPORTANT:** When multiple nCompass controllers are connected to a single router (DHCP server), it is imperative that each nCompass have a different VNC address. If multiple nCompass controllers have the same VNC address, network errors may result causing the VNC server to shut down or cause nCompass to “lock-up” and become non-responsive requiring the unit to be power cycled in order to return to normal operation.

The **VNC Device Name** field is used to enter a name (up to 35 characters) that can better identify nCompass to users logged into the VNC interface. The name entered here will be used on the VNC header window on a PC, so that if multiple VNC clients are open to different systems, each one can be identified.

The **VNC Password** field is used to enter the password (up to 20 characters) that a user must enter for the VNC interface to connect to nCompass if the VNC password is enabled.

The **Www. (web server)** pushbutton is used to enable or disable the web server interface.

The **VNC** server pushbutton is used to enable or disable the VNC server interface.

The **IP Address** field is a static field that provides the IP address of nCompass which is required for connecting over the VNC and web server interfaces. For more information on Device IP and other LAN information refer to Section 10, Communications.

**NOTE:** Any changes made to the above settings must be saved in order for them to take affect. When changes are completed, press the ‘Save’ button, and then cycle power to nCompass. The new settings will only take affect when nCompass first boots up.
8.7 Email

The nCompass email server has the ability to send alarm messages to email and SMS addresses. Up to 30 addresses can be programmed into the system. Each one can be configured to receive emails, SMS text messages or both. When an alarm occurs, nCompass will send an alert to the specified address for each user in the list. The email settings are accessed by selecting “Email” from the setup “Email” menu.

8.7.1 Email Address Entry

Select the “New” tab to add new email addresses to the system. For each entry, enter the recipient’s Name, Email Address and/or SMS Number (up to 50 characters each). Turn on the Email Alarm and/or SMS Alarm options to specify which addresses the alarm messages are to be sent to. Press the “Create” button to add the user to the list.

**NOTE:** The SMS address is specific to the service provider. Each service provider has their own unique address; however, the phone number is always the “name” for the address entry. Below are common examples for some of the more common cell phone providers. There are internet sites with this information that cover most of the providers, or when in doubt, contact your service provider for the proper address format.

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8.7.2 Email Addresses

Selecting the “Addresses” tab allows the user to view the list of email addresses entered in nCompass. Each entry will be shown with the notification method and address associated with it (email/SMS). To delete a user, touch the name of the user in the list box and press the “Delete” button. This will permanently remove the user from the list.

8.7.3 Email Settings

The “Settings” tab provides access to the email server configuration, which is how nCompass is able to connect and send email messages over its Ethernet connection. Each field may have up to 50 characters.

The Login field is used to enter the login name required by nCompass to log in to your company’s mail server. You can use your login if one is not set up specifically for the nCompass on your network. Contact your network administrator for assistance.

The Return Address is the address given for nCompass on your company’s mail server. nCompass does not accept email messages; however, this field is required for proper email delivery for security/anti-spam purposes. If using your personal login name, you can also use your personal email address if one is not set up specifically for nCompass on your network. Contact your network administrator for assistance.
The **Password** field is used for entering a password, if required by your network server, to send email. Contact your system administrator for assistance.

This **SMTP Address** field is for entering the address of the email server used for sending emails. This must be a valid mail server for which the above settings allow nCompass access. Contact your system administrator for assistance.

This **Port** field is for entering the network port that the email client is to use when accessing the email server in order to send emails. The default port number is 25. The port can be set to a value between 0 and 65535. Contact your system administrator for assistance.

This **Subject** field is used to enter a subject line for emails and/or SMS text messages. It can be used to provide an identifier to the recipients of the alarm message to know which chamber it is coming from.

**NOTE:** *It is recommended to put some form of entry in this field. It can be left blank; however, many firewalls and spam filters will filter out messages without subject lines. That may prevent recipients from receiving the email. It can also be useful for identifying a particular unit on the factory floor.*

Once all settings have been made, be sure to press the “Save” button to begin using the new values and store them, so that on the next power up, the settings will be retained. The body of the email/SMS text message will contain the description of the alarm condition as it would appear on the alarm screen. If the mail server is down, or nCompass is not connected to the network, the message will not be sent and a local alarm message on the alarm screen will indicate a transmission failure.

### 8.7.4 Email Message

nCompass provides the user with the ability to send short email messages to users configured in the nCompass email server. To send a message, select “Message” from the device settings, Email menu.

Press the “Compose” button to create a brief message using the keypad (up to 100 characters). When you are finished entering the message, press the “Done” button. The completed message will then be shown in the message window. Press the “Send” button to select the email recipients you wish to receive the message and send the message.
9 Offline

The Offline settings do not include the OEM setup of nCompass. Refer to the documentation provided by your OEM regarding loop control setup. Note that prior to entering offline setup, automated ramp/soak program operation and data logging must be manually stopped.

The offline menu provides navigation to the following functions:

### View menu
- **Settings**: Navigation back to the device settings menu.

### Set menu
- **Recovery**: Settings for profile power recovery action.
- **Units**: Setting for temperature units.
- **Clock**: Settings for system date and time
- **Language**: Settings for menu and help language text.

### Calibrate menu
- **Offset**: Settings for loop input offset calibration.

### System menu
- **Display**: Access to display calibration and backlight settings.
- **Configuration**: Access to nCompass import/export utility.
- **About**: View current firmware/software version numbers.
- **Exit**: Exit nCompass application and access to the nCompass configurator.
9.1 Power Recovery

The Power Recovery setting allows the user to select how the system should restart in the event of a power failure while an automatic ramp/soak program was running. When power is restored, nCompass will perform the selected recovery action. To set the power recovery action, push the recovery mode button for the desired setting to select it as the power-up state. The selections are exclusive to one another, i.e., only one can be selected at a time. As a new selection is made, the previous setting will be automatically turned off.

Select **Continue from SP** to have nCompass resume the program from where it left off on loss of power. The set point ramp will continue from the set point value at the time of power interruption.

Select **Continue from PV** to have nCompass resume the program from where it left off on loss of power. The set point ramp will continue from the current process value of the loop and not the last set point value.

Select **Static Mode** to have nCompass default to single set point operation on power-up. The program will be stopped and the loops will control to the last static set point entry.

**NOTE:** When a program is NOT running and a power down/up sequence occurs, nCompass will return with the same set points and system events active as when the power was lost.
9.2 Degrees C/F Units Selection

nCompass can display temperatures in either degrees Centigrade or Fahrenheit. To change the temperature display units, select “Units” from the offline Set menu.

Press the button for the desired temperature units to make the selection. The choices are mutually exclusive so when one selection is made, the other will be de-selected.

**NOTE:** When changing display units, ramp/soak program set points will not be converted between units. Separate programs are required for each temperature range. Operating nCompass with programs that have been written using alternate units could cause property damage or personal injury.

The temperature units selection only affects control loops configured with temperature input devices, i.e., thermocouple or RTD. The units display for loop controls with linear inputs (mA or Vdc) will not be effected by this selection.
9.3 Clock Settings

The system date and time is adjusted from the “Adjust Time” tab under the Set/Clock menu. The current date
and time will be displayed in the thumb wheels as shown below.

To make adjustments, scroll each time wheel to adjust the month, day, year, hour, minutes, seconds and
AM/PM selection. Once all adjustments have been made, press the “Save” button to set the system clock to
the date and time entered.

9.3.1 Time Options

Select the “Time Options” tab to configure the time zone and national time server clock settings. If nCompass
is connected to the internet, these settings can be used to have nCompass automatically synchronize its time
with one of the nationally provided time servers.

To enable the national time server, select your time zone and which time server you wish to use from the drop
down menu selections. Turn on the “NTP Service Enabled” option and press the “Save” button. nCompass
will then synchronize its time with the selected national time server at 2:00AM each day.

If nCompass is not connected to the internet, a local alarm message will be shown on the alarm screen; “NTP
Failure. Check cable and server”, to indicate that the time server could not be located.
9.3.1.1 **Local Time Server Settings**

If an active internet connection is not available, or company policy prohibits internet access, nCompass can be configured to use a local time server instead of one of the national time servers. To configure the use of a local time server, select “local” from the NTP server list. When selected, the “Name/IP” entry field will be shown. The computer name or IP address of the computer running the local timer server on the LAN can then be entered. nCompass will then contact the local computer in order to synchronize time.

**NOTE:** The steps required to configure and provide NTP service from a computer on the LAN is outside the scope of this manual. Contact your network administrator for assistance.

9.3.2 **Daylight Savings**

Select the “Daylight” tab to configure daylight saving time options. The daylight savings time options allow the user to set the start date and end date for daylight savings time.

If your locale utilizes daylight savings time, set the start and stop dates for daylight savings and turn on the “Daylight Savings Enable” option. Press the “Save” button to store the settings. nCompass will then automatically update its clock for daylight savings time.

**NOTE:** If the NTS time server setting is enabled, and the selected time zone uses daylight savings time, daylight savings must be properly configured and enabled or the clock will not show the correct time.
9.4 Language

The Language screen is used to select the language for all of the online help, menus and most static display fields. Note that the keypad will remain in English, so all user text entry will still be in the English language.

Available language selections include:

Afrikaans
Albanian
Arabic
Basque
Belarusian
Simplified Chinese
Traditional Chinese
Czech
Danish
Dutch
English
Finnish
French
German
Greek
Hebrew
Hungarian
Icelandic
Italian
Japanese
Korean
Norwegian
Polish
Portuguese
Russian
Spanish
Swedish
Turkish

DISCLAIMER: English is the default language for the nCompass control system. All other language selections provided through internet translation of the English language. FDC does not guarantee the accuracy or validity of alternative language selections and shall not be liable for any damages or losses, whether direct, indirect, incidental, special, consequential or any other damages for misinterpretation of other languages. FDC offers a free, PC based application which allows the end user or OEM to create the translation files for the desired language selection. The translation files can then be copied to the nCompass control system in order to provide a more accurate or desired translation.
9.5 Offset Calibration

Each nCompass loop control is calibrated at the factory before shipment; however, they can be recalibrated in the field with the use of proper calibration equipment. While the basic calibration of the unit is highly stable and set for life, the input offset calibration provides the means for the end user or OEM to offset the permanent factory calibration. Typically reasons for applying this offset may include the need to match a particular reference standard, to match the calibration to a particular transducer or sensor or to remove long term drift in the factory set calibration.

The input offset calibration provides a two point offset; a low point offset and a high point offset. The two point offset constructs a straight line (linear calibration) between the two points. To insure greatest accuracy, it is best to calibrate with the two points at the minimum and maximum operating ranges of the system.

To begin calibration, send the low signal input to the loop input. If the process value does not match the reference signal, adjust the low point offset so that the process value matches the reference input signal. Press the button to switch to the high point offset and then apply the high signal input to the loop control. Adjust the high point offset if necessary in order to make the process value match the reference signal.
9.6 Display Settings

The Display screen provides access to the touch screen calibration utility, back light settings and alarm volume.

The **Alarm Volume** adjusts how loud the internal alarm buzzer of nCompass will be when activated under an alarm condition. The volume can be set from 0 (off) to 100. To edit the alarm volume, touch the entry field and enter the desired volume level. To test the buzzer, press the “Alarm Test” button.

9.6.1 Calibrate Touch

After extended use and many hours of operation, it may be necessary to recalibrate the touch screen of nCompass. A typical sign that the screen may be out of adjustment, is inaccurate responses when attempting to press buttons, check boxes or adjust fields on the display. The calibration utility is provided in order to readjust the screen when this happens.

To begin the calibration process, press the “Calibrate Touch” button. An alert message will appear stating that the application will be disabled to perform the calibration procedure. Press “Yes” to continue.

The calibration utility will start and crosshairs will appear on the screen. At each crosshair position, touch the screen at the center of the crosshairs. Repeat this for each position in order to set the calibration. The calibration requires five points, the center and four corners.
NOTE: It is recommended that you use your finger rather than a stylus when calibrating the screen. The touch response will be more fluid after calibrating it with your finger.

Once complete, the calibration utility will provide a notification message that the new calibration settings have been measured and to touch the screen to register the new calibration data; just touch anywhere on the screen to close the window and return to the nCompass application to resume normal operation.

9.6.2 Backlight Settings

The backlight settings allow the user to adjust the screen brightness as well as set a time period for dimming the backlight after a period of inactivity which can extend the life of the display. To adjust the backlight settings press the “Back Light” button. An alert message will appear stating that the application will be disabled to enter the backlight settings, press “Yes” to continue.

Select the “Backlight” tab from on the Display Properties window. Press the “Advanced…” button to access the settings for the backlight.

NOTE: The checkboxes on the Backlight tab for “Automatically turn off backlight while on battery power” and “Automatically turn off backlight while on external power” have no affect on backlight operation and should be left unchecked.
The brightness of the display during operation is set by adjusting the “ON” slider. The default setting is 100. The “OFF” slider is used to adjust the brightness of the display during periods of inactivity. The default setting is 10. Note that a setting of zero (0) does not completely turn off the backlight.

To enable the backlight dimming function, place a check in the “Automatically turn off backlight.” checkbox and set the delay time using the drop down selection box. The delay time can be set at fixed intervals from as little as 15 seconds to as long as 30 minutes.

Once all settings are complete, press the “OK” button and then press the “OK” button at the top right of the “Display Properties” window to return to the nCompass application and begin normal operation.
9.7 Configuration

The Configuration utility allows the user to back up the entire configuration of nCompass and save it to a file for "safe keeping" in case of system damage due to a lightning strike, etc. The utility also allows nCompass to be configured with a push of a button by selecting from a list of preconfigured setups that could be created and saved on a USB memory device, for loading a configuration to a new nCompass system.

**IMPORTANT: Do not import configuration files that are not intended for use with the current hardware configuration of nCompass as unexpected operation may result.**

When the **Export** button is pressed, the nCompass configuration data will be written to the USB memory device. The export file function will use the name entered in the text field to the right of the export button and create a directory on the memory stick with that name, to contain the configuration data. The filename can be entered with up to 10 characters which permits multiple configurations to be identified and saved for later retrieval. The export file will be saved with a name format of "cfg_filename_mm_dd_yy_hh_mm_ss" to identify the configuration according to the date and time it was created. This prevents multiple configuration files with the same name from overwriting previous files. It also allows the user to identify a backup of nCompass so that it could be reconfigured to a previous date if multiple back-ups are created.

The **Import** button is used to write the configuration data to nCompass from the currently loaded file. To load a configuration file, the USB memory device must first be inserted into the USB port. When the **Load Configuration** button is pressed, a list of available configuration files from the memory stick will be shown. Select the desired file from the list and press "Open" to load the file. Once the file is loaded, the import process can begin. Pressing the "Import" button will begin the process. When the import is complete, you must cycle power to nCompass in order for the new configuration data to be loaded into runtime memory for proper operation.

The **Reset default configuration** button can be used to clear the current nCompass configuration and reset the system back to default values. This function clears all user and/or OEM configuration values and returns the system to an "as new" factory state allowing the system to be configured from scratch. This function is provided as a means to start over in the event that the system configuration has been altered to an unknown state and is not operating properly, and a known good configuration is not available to import. Rather than go through every setting of every feature to try and determine where the configuration error exists, this allows the system to be cleared so that it can be reconfigured from a clean slate.

**NOTE:** The configuration functions do not affect the VNC server configuration. The enable state, VNC address, device name and password fields must be manually changed as these settings are specific to each device and must be set independently for proper VNC server operation over a network.
9.8 About nCompass

The “About” nCompass screen provides operating system version numbers for the currently installed firmware and program of both the nCompass HMI and loop controls. This information should be recorded prior to any service request so that proper assistance can be provided for your control model.

9.9 Exit Application

The “Exit” Application screen allows the user to quit the nCompass runtime software and return to the CE.Net operating system. This operation is NOT recommended with the exception of users who are in charge of system configuration due to the danger of editing or removing files by accident.

The automatic mode startup option will return nCompass to normal operation on the next power up.

The configuration mode startup option will start the nCompass configurator program on the next power up so that the user can access control loop and nCompass runtime settings.
10 Communications

This section provides instructions on how to use the nCompass communication interfaces. As a standard, nCompass is equipped with both an Ethernet interface and an RS232 serial interface for user communications.

10.1 Ethernet Communications

nCompass provides two forms of Ethernet communication interfaces for monitoring and controlling the system across a network. The web server interface provides a monitor only connection, while the VNC server interface allows a user to manipulate and control the nCompass remotely by viewing the nCompass display directly on their PC screen.

NOTE: In order to use Ethernet communications, nCompass must be properly connected to a network. To connect nCompass to a network, connect the touch screen's Ethernet port to your network using a standard CAT5 cable connection. Note that after connecting the network cable, it may be necessary to cycle power to nCompass in order for it to obtain a valid IP address.

10.1.1 Guide to Smart Networking Practices

The expansion of Ethernet onto the industrial floor has brought forth a new realm of possibilities from the gathering of information to the inherent control of equipment from anywhere around the world. The flexibility and convenience that this provides makes it a very desirable feature for new equipment. nCompass provides this ability, but there are considerations that must be taken by the end user to protect their equipment and investment.

Just like placing a personal computer on the internet opens it up to outside attack, placing your nCompass on a network poses the same risk. The first thing to remember is this: The most likely cause of problems is not a hacker trying to sabotage your equipment, but more often to be related to the ubiquity of PCs with Ethernet cards, the ease with which your own co-workers can 'hang stuff on the network,’ and careless or nonexistent internal security measures. Accidental problems are more common than deliberate ones.

Allowing anyone access to nCompass by placing it on the office LAN, also opens the door for accidental shutdown, damage to equipment, loss of data, lost time, etc. This is possible even by the most well-intentioned co-workers. Thus, there are several steps that should be taken to minimize this risk.

The first is to never mix your office LAN with your control LAN. The control LAN should be a separate network that consists of your nCompass controller(s) and possibly any other equipment that you may have that is related to the operation of the system. It should be separated from your office LAN by a firewall, or at minimum, a bridge or router. A control network and a business network have two entirely different purposes and their interaction should be closely controlled.

It is also unwise to assume that any Ethernet capable devices themselves have any security features at all. The nCompass VNC server only provides minimal single-password based security access. Separating the control LAN from the office LAN using a firewall would increase security and only allow control access that is based on a combination of IP source address, destination address, and port number. This is by no means completely 'hacker-proof,’ but it should keep the well-meaning co-workers out.

Another hazard is connecting consumer ‘plug and play’ devices to your control LAN. A printer for example, might flood the network with traffic in a ‘broadcast storm’ as it tries to self-configure or advertise its presence to all nodes on the network. Faulty devices, for example defective NIC cards, can transmit large amounts of bad packets (i.e., runs, which are abnormally short Ethernet frames) into your network. Using switches instead of hubs will limit the effect of such problems.
The most commonly overlooked source of problems is cabling. Not all cables are created equal. Electrical noise generated by factory equipment or other electrical equipment in the area, could easily corrupt transmitted data over the network and cause devices to ‘lock up’ or shut down the VNC server, both of which then require nCompass to be shut down and restarted to clear the problem.

Select the right cable for the environment. Shielded twisted pair (STP) cable is naturally more noise immune and is preferable to unshielded twisted pair or UTP in noisy situations. STP should have at least 40dB CMRR and less than 0.1pF capacitance unbalance per foot. Ground STP cable, making sure the ground is connected only at one end. CAT5 STP patch panels normally provide a grounding strip or bar. Hubs and switches don’t provide grounding, use cables.

It’s wise to be pessimistic about a cable’s ability to reject noise from 230 VAC and 460 VAC power lines and electrically ‘noisy’ equipment in the area. Capacitance imbalance in cables greater than 70pF per 100m can introduce harmonic distortion, resulting in bit errors. The cost of cable is quite small compared to total equipment cost, so if you’re looking to save money, this is not a place to do it. Choose a well designed cable to minimize bit-error rate after installation, and that will give faster throughput with fewer glitches.

10.1.2 Configuring the nCompass Network

In order to connect to the VNC server or web server of nCompass, you will need to know the IP address of nCompass on the network. It is important to note that if using DHCP in your network router, the nCompass address may change on re-power requiring you to access the nCompass controller directly in order to obtain the new IP address. This could result in VNC/web server connection issues if the address regularly changes.

Therefore, it is recommended that the IP address for nCompass be assigned as a fixed (static) address. This insures that the address will not change once it has been set. This can be done in one of two ways. The first is by setting up the control LAN router to assign the same IP address whenever it detects the nCompass device on the network via its own identifier; it’s MAC address.

The other option is to configure nCompass to use a fixed IP address and disable the DHCP addressing function of its network interface. When using this method, it is important to make sure that the address being assigned to nCompass is not used by any other device on the network. If another device is using the same address, the VNC and web server interfaces will not function correctly. It is recommended that this method of static IP assignment be used as it removes the IP address lease renewal process that would be performed by the control LAN router if DHCP was used.

The lease renewal process performed by the control LAN router can cause the VNC server in nCompass to shut down due to an issue in the renewal process. It could be caused by something in the router firmware or configuration of the router itself. Due to the numerous brands and models of routers available, and the dynamic nature of their use, attempting to resolve the issue is beyond the scope of this manual. Therefore, the use of static IP addressing removes this from the equation, providing the most robust network solution.

10.1.2.1 Obtaining the nCompass MAC Address

The MAC address can be obtained from the network connections screen. In order to access the screen, you must exit the nCompass application. To do so, proceed to the ‘Exit Application’ screen under the offline setup menu. Press the ‘Exit and start runtime on next power up’ button to exit the nCompass runtime application. Follow the on screen prompts to stop the application and exit to the Windows CE desktop.

NOTE: The text, “System Startup Please Wait...” on the desktop is static and does not indicate that any application is going to start at this time. It is used as a “placeholder” prior to the nCompass runtime or configuration application starting during normal power-up sequences so that the user is informed that an action is taking place.
From the desktop, double-tap the hidden icon at the top left of the screen to provide access to the taskbar application.

Press the ‘Show Taskbar’ button in order to show the taskbar and then press the ‘Quit’ button to exit the taskbar application.
Next, double-tap on the network connections icon to open the network connection information window. Two tabs will be provided; one for IP Information and the other for IPv6 Information. To obtain the MAC address, press the ‘Details…’ button on the IP information tab.

The MAC address is displayed as the first item (Physical Address). Once the address has been recorded, close the network information windows and cycle power to nCompass in order to restart the system and return to normal operation.

10.1.2.2 Setting a Static IP Address

In order to set a static IP address for nCompass on a network, it requires you to exit the nCompass application and enter the ‘Network and Dial-up Connections’ settings of the CE operating system.

**IMPORTANT:** It is recommended that only personnel charged with configuring and maintaining nCompass perform this procedure. Do not alter, change or delete any other files or settings of the system. Doing so may render nCompass inoperable.

To begin, you must exit the nCompass application. To do so, proceed to the ‘Exit Application’ screen under the offline setup menu. Press the ‘Exit and start runtime on next power up’ button to exit the nCompass runtime application. Follow the on screen prompts to stop the application and exit to the Windows CE desktop.
NOTE: The text, “System Startup Please Wait…” on the desktop is static and does not indicate that any application is going to start at this time. It is used as a “placeholder” prior to the nCompass runtime or configuration application starting during normal power-up sequences so that the user is informed that an action is taking place.

From the desktop, double-tap the hidden icon at the top left of the screen to provide access to the taskbar application.

Press the ‘Show Taskbar’ button in order to show the taskbar and then press the ‘Quit’ button to exit the taskbar application. Before proceeding any further, enable the CE keyboard so that it will be available to enter in the IP address. If you do not enable it now, you will not be able to access the taskbar later once in the Ethernet Drivers screen.

To enable the keyboard, touch the keyboard icon at the lower right of the taskbar and select 'Keyboard' from the menu. This will make the keypad visible. Next, press the Windows Start button and select ‘Settings’ and then ‘Network and Dial-up Connections’ to show the connections window.
From the ‘Connection’ window, select the current network connection by ‘double-tapping’ the connection icon to enter its property window. DO NOT create a new connection. The ‘Ethernet Drivers’ property window will allow you to set the IP address as well as name primary and secondary DNS and WINS servers from the ‘Name Servers’ tab if necessary. Select ‘Specify an IP address’ and enter in the desired IP address, subnet mask and default gateway.

You can move the keyboard around on the screen to position it as necessary to access the different fields. Once complete, close the ‘Ethernet Drivers’ window by pressing the ‘OK’ button located at the top right of the window. Next, close the Connection window by pressing the ‘X’ button at the top right of the window.

Access the taskbar and hide the keyboard by pressing the keyboard button at the bottom right of the taskbar and select ‘Hide Input Panel’. DO NOT cycle power to nCompass at this time. Wait approximately 2 minutes before removing power. This provides time to allow the Windows CE operating system to save the new network settings to the registry so that it uses the settings on the next reboot.

If power is cycled too soon, the network settings will revert back to the previous settings on the next power up. Once the 2 minute time period has elapsed since updating the network settings, cycle power to nCompass in order to restart the system and return to normal operation with the new network settings.
10.1.3 Using the Web Server

The nCompass web server allows a user to remotely monitor operations anywhere via a PC’s standard web browser. When enabled, the web server provides a detailed status page of the current operating conditions. The web server can be enabled and disabled by pressing the ‘Web Server’ button on the communications screen under the ‘Comms’ setup menu.

You must use the assigned IP address to access nCompass. The IP address is shown on the communications screen and is also included in the notifications list. Write down the IP address so you will have it later to enter into your web browser.

NOTE: Contact your network administrator prior to enabling the web server of nCompass. Company policy may prohibit the use of web servers for security reasons. Future Design is not responsible for the use of, nor makes any claims as to the security of the web server interface over your network. The use of the web server is the responsibility of the end user.

To access and view the nCompass web page, enter the following link in your PC’s browser address window: http://"IPaddress"/orion.html From the example address shown on the screen above, then entry would be: http://192.168.0.6/orion.html. The following example is typical of the nCompass web page appearance. The web page updates automatically every 30 seconds and provides information on each individual control loop, ramp/soak program status, alarm status and system event status.
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### SYSTEM EVENTS

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10.1.4 Using the VNC Server

The nCompass VNC server allows a user to remotely monitor and control nCompass by directly viewing and manipulating the touch screen over the network. You must use the assigned IP address and VNC port number to access nCompass. The IP address is shown on the communications screen and is also included in the notifications list. Write down the IP address and port number so you will have it to enter into your VNC viewer.

There are many VNC viewers available for both PC and tablet use. Due to the ever changing market and availability of such applications, it is not possible to test them all for compatibility or provide assistance for their use with nCompass. It is the responsibility of the end user to test the chosen VNC client for compatibility with nCompass prior to putting the unit into service. If the VNC client viewer has compatibility issues with nCompass, it can cause the VNC server to stop responding and/or shut down requiring power to be cycled to nCompass in order to reboot the system and restart the server.

Future Design Controls has tested and recommends the use of RealVNC’s viewer. It has been tested for compatibility with nCompass and a free version can be obtained from http://www.realvnc.com/ for PC/MAC use. RealVNC does offer a version for the iPad that can be obtained through the App Store for a small fee. The App Store also offers a free VNC client called Remotix for the iPad. It has also been tested for compatibility with nCompass.

**NOTE:** Contact your network administrator prior to enabling the VNC server of nCompass. Company policy may prohibit the use of VNC servers and/or viewers for security reasons. Future Design is not responsible for the use of, nor makes any claims as to the security of the VNC server interface over your network. The use of the VNC server is the responsibility of the end user.

10.1.4.1 Recommended VNC Viewer Settings (PC/MAC)

This section applies to setup of the recommended RealVNC viewer for PC/MAC. These settings have been tested and evaluated in order to provide the best performance and quickest response to user input when using the VNC viewer with nCompass. After installing the VNC viewer software, it is recommended that the following changes be made to the default viewer settings.

To begin, start the VNC viewer. Click on the ‘Options’ button in order to open the ‘VNC Viewer - Options’ window.

Click on the ‘Advanced’ button at the bottom left of the window in order to show the advanced setup options. On the ‘Display’ tab, make sure the scaling is set to ‘No scaling’ and the checkbox for ‘Adapt to network speed (recommended)’ is checked.
Next, select the ‘Inputs’ tab and deselect all entries except for ‘Enable mouse input’ and ‘Rate-limit mouse move events’. The ‘Inputs:’ drop down selection box will automatically change to ‘Custom’ when the settings are made.
Proceed to the ‘Expert’ tab. Scroll down the list of settings until you find the ‘PreferredEncoding’ and ‘Protocol3.3’ options. Set the preferred encoding to Hextile and the Protocol 3.3 option to true. Verify that the ‘Use these settings for all new connections’ checkbox at the bottom of the window is checked and click the OK button. This will set the selections to the default start settings for the VNC viewer.

10.1.4.2 Recommended VNC Viewer Settings for Tablets

The VNC clients for tablets have been found to offer limited flexibility for use with nCompass. Most clients have default settings requiring security to be enabled on the server in order to connect. If you have trouble connecting with a VNC viewer through an iPad, iPhone or even an Android based phone, start by enabling the security on the nCompass VNC server and be sure to enter those settings in the client viewer.

Color and encoding options can also affect the connectivity. If the client offers the option, leave color and encoding options to ‘automatically detect’ or ‘server decides’. If the client is still unable to connect, try default encoding of Hextile and set the color option to limited colors such as 256 bit color. Future Design Controls does not write or create VNC clients (3rd party software), so final selection of client and testing is the end user responsibility. The following settings are provided as an example for the Remotix client for the iPad. When adding an nCompass server to the Remotix client, use the following settings. Note that the VNC server in nCompass must have security enabled in order for this client to connect.

Connection Type: VNC
Host/IP: IP address of nCompass
Port: VNC address of nCompass (5900 = 0, 5901 = 1, etc…)
Use SSH Tunnel: Off
VNC Authentication: VNC Password
VNC Password: VNC password of nCompass
VNC Server Type: AutoDetect
Operating System: Windows
Preferred Encodings: Hextile
Color Depth: 16 bits
10.1.4.3 Accessing nCompass through a VNC Viewer

The following examples are based on the use of the RealVNC viewer for PC/MAC. Once the default settings have been entered, just enter the IP address and port number for nCompass, and click the ‘Connect’ button to access nCompass over the network.

**Intranet Example:** If the IP address assigned is 192.168.3.5 and the configured VNC Address is 1, from the PC’s VNC Viewer address field, enter ‘192.168.3.5:1’ to access the device (address 1 relates to port 5901, address 2 to port 5902, etc., which is the port opened by the VNC interface in order to allow communications with nCompass over the network).

![VNC Viewer Screenshot]

**Internet Example:** Internet connection typically requires a qualified network System Administrator. Typically a permanent IP address and specific port address are assigned to nCompass; support on this action is beyond the scope of this guide. *Consult your network system administrator for assistance in setting up an Internet connection.*

If the IP address of the LAN is 69.216.64.69 and the configured VNC Address is 1 (port 5901 has been opened and assigned to this specific nCompass controller), from the remote PC (outside of the site Servers LAN), in the VNC Viewer address field enter ‘69.216.64.69:5901’ to access the device (5901 relates to address 1, 5902 to address 2, 5903 to address 3, etc., note the double colon).

![VNC Viewer Screenshot]

**NOTE:** The IP address shown on the communications screen of nCompass is the LAN address and would not typically be used for an Internet connection.

*Security Example:* If the VNC server password is enabled on nCompass, for either example above, upon pressing the ‘Connect’ button to make the connection, the VNC viewer will prompt for the proper password. The connection will only be established once the valid password is entered.
Once the connection is established, the current nCompass display will be shown on your desktop. The image will be a duplicate of what is on the nCompass. As you manipulate the screen, the display of nCompass will also be manipulated so that any local operator will be able to see what is happening and vice versa.

Multiple instances of the VNC viewer can be started on your PC. By running multiple viewers, you can have access to multiple nCompass controllers right from your desktop. The heading of each VNC viewer window will use the ‘VNC Device Name’ entry for the header. By entering a unique name for each nCompass, you can identify each VNC connection and know which system you are accessing.

The VNC viewer is meant to be used for short term control access to nCompass. It is not meant for long term monitoring of system operation. If long term monitoring access is desired, use the built-in web server of nCompass or a PC with FDC software to monitor and control nCompass over its serial communications port. The web server interface and PC software is designed for long term monitoring and status updates.

Due to the nature of VNC operation, and for security reasons, the VNC viewer connection should not be left open on your desktop. The viewer connection should be opened in order to perform the necessary control and/or status check of system operation, and then closed once the task is complete. Accidental manipulation of the control or erroneous network activity could cause connection problems over the VNC interface and result in the VNC server shutting down and requiring nCompass to be restarted in order to regain access.

**NOTE:** Some viewers may also contain additional features for file transfer and other high level functions. These functions are NOT compatible with nCompass. Any attempt to use them may cause the nCompass VNC server to malfunction and require power to be cycled in order to reboot the system. All viewers should be used ONLY to monitor and manipulate nCompass as if you were standing directly in front of it.
10.2 Serial Communications Option

The nCompass serial interface uses Modbus RTU protocol. Any device used to communicate with nCompass over the serial interface must use this protocol. The interface can be configured to operate in either standard nCompass LC mode or a simulated Watlow F4S/D mode.

When configured for the standard nCompass LC interface, the communication address and parity can be set on the Web/Modbus/VNC. All other communication settings are fixed. The port settings of the device used to communicate with nCompass must be set to match in order for the communications to take place.

Address: 1-31 (user selectable)
Baud Rate: 9600
Data Bits: 8
Stop Bits: 1
Parity: None, Odd, Even (user selectable)

When configured for the simulated Watlow F4S/D interface, only the communications address can be set. The parity setting is hidden and defaulted to “None” in order to be compatible with WatView software or other devices used to communicate with a Watlow F4S/D controller. The port settings of the device used to communicate with nCompass must be set to match the standard F4 settings as follows:

Address: 1-31 (user selectable)
Baud Rate: 19200
Data Bits: 8
Stop Bits: 1
Parity: None

**IMPORTANT:** See the nCompass LC 4.3 User Communications Reference Manual for details on using the simulated Watlow F4S/D interface as functionality is limited to features compatible with the FDC nCompass i4.3 controller.

The Modbus address is used to identify nCompass on the serial link. When a multi-drop connection is used, each controller on the link must have a different address so that each one can be identified separately. If two or more nCompass controllers have duplicate addresses, communications with those controllers will fail because they will each try to respond to the same message. For single nCompass connections, the address only needs to match that of the commands being sent from the host device.

*The F4S/D controller and WatView are registered trademarks of the Watlow Electric Manufacturing Company.*
11 Alarm Codes and Troubleshooting

This section provides explanations of standard nCompass alarms to help in diagnosing and resolving the alarm conditions. Note that the information provided here covers standard alarms only, and not alarms configured by the OEM for system. If you are unable to diagnose a problem through the use of this guide, contact your OEM for further assistance.

Some of the troubleshooting procedures may require access to live circuitry. Dangerous accidental contact with line voltage may be possible. Only qualified service personnel should be allowed to perform these procedures.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Alarm Monitor Description</th>
<th>Explanation/Corrective Action</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>&quot;tagname&quot; A to D converter failure</td>
<td>(error code 40) Indicates that the analog to digital converter in the loop controller indicated by &quot;tagname&quot; has failed. Return to factory for repair or replace.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Auto tune failed for &quot;tagname&quot;.</td>
<td>(error code 26) Indicates that auto tune was unable to execute properly for the loop controller indicated by &quot;tagname&quot;. Verify that PB &gt;0 and TI&gt;0 before starting auto tune. Try manual tuning instead of auto tuning if the process has a very slow response.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&quot;tagname&quot; cold junction failure</td>
<td>(error code 30) Indicates that the cold junction compensation in the loop controller indicated by &quot;tagname&quot; has failed. Return to factory for repair or replace.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Communications error with &quot;tagname&quot;.</td>
<td>Check communication wiring between COM2 of the nCompass touch screen and the loop controller indicated by &quot;tagname&quot;. Verify that the loop control has the proper communications address and communications settings.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&quot;tagname&quot; EEPROM failure</td>
<td>(error code 29) Indicates that the memory in the loop controller indicated by &quot;tagname&quot; has failed. Return to factory for repair or replace.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Email Error! Check cable or server down.</td>
<td>Indicates that nCompass was unable to send an alarm message through the mail server. Verify that nCompass is properly connected to the network and that the email settings and addresses are valid.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FTP! Check cable or server down.</td>
<td>Indicates that the FTP back-up attempt of the data files failed. Verify that nCompass is properly connected to the network and that the FTP settings are valid.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NTP Ping Failed. Check Cable.</td>
<td>Indicates that nCompass was unable to synchronize its clock with the selected national time server. Verify that nCompass is properly connected to the network and the selected time server is accessible.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

If nCompass is not connected to a network, disable the FTP data back-up to prevent seeing this alarm.

If nCompass is not connected to a network, disable the NTS clock to prevent seeing this alarm.
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<tr>
<td>&quot;tagname&quot; outputs 1 and 2 incorrectly configured.</td>
<td>(error code 4) Indicates that the control loop configuration for the loop controller indicated by “tagname” is not valid and must be corrected to clear the alarm. Check and correct setup values of output 2, PB, TI and output 1. If output 2 is required for cooling control, the control should use PID mode (PB &gt; 0, TI &gt; 0 ) and output 1 should use reverse mode (heat action), otherwise, don’t use output 2 for cooling control.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
| Program run error. “Loop 1” and “Loop 2” are not synchronized. | Alarm applies to dual loop nCompass systems only and indicates that the running program (in each loop control) is operating with a difference of more than 1 minute between the steps programmed for each loop.  

**NOTE:** This alarm does not affect program operation. In order to clear the alarm, the program will have to be stopped. If the alarm will not clear, but the program indicates it is off, select “Stop” from the Program menu and then try to clear the alarm again.  

The timing accuracy of the nCompass loop controls is +30 seconds per month. This may cause one loop control to execute the program slightly faster than the other. For programs with long term operation, weeks or months, one loop may get significantly ahead of the other causing it to begin its next ramp or soak step ahead of the other affecting product or test results.  

Verify that the program end set point configuration for each loop is set to the same function. Verify that the event input functions (if used) are configured for the same function. |
| “tagname” sensor break | Check sensor wiring for the loop controller indicated by “tagname”. Verify lead connections. If sensor requires power, verify power to sensor. |
Appendix
### Technical Specifications

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<tr>
<td>Size</td>
<td>4.3”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution (W X H in pixels)</td>
<td>480 x 272</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Display type</td>
<td>TFT, Wide touch Screen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Colors</td>
<td>65,536</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Touch screen Type</td>
<td>Resistive analog</td>
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<tr>
<td>Active display area (W X H mm)</td>
<td>95 X 54</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MTBF back light at 25 0C</td>
<td>30,000 hrs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Backlight</td>
<td>LED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brightness Adjustment</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Screen Saver</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Language Fonts</td>
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### Main Hardware

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<td>Processor, CPU speed</td>
<td>ARM11, 533Mhz</td>
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<td>Flash Memory (ROM)</td>
<td>128 MB</td>
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<tr>
<td>SDRAM (RAM)</td>
<td>128 MB</td>
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<td>Operating system</td>
<td>WinCE 6.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Real Time Clock</td>
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<td>Buzzer</td>
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<td>Sound Output</td>
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<td>SD card slot</td>
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### Communication Ports/Interfaces

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<td>RS232C, DB9 Male</td>
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<td>RS232C/ RS422/ RS485, DB25 Female</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Ethernet 10/100 Mbps, RJ45</td>
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<td>USB Host</td>
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### General Specifications

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<td>Rated Voltage</td>
<td>24 V DC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Power supply</td>
<td>11-36V DC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rated Current</td>
<td>0.91A (DC)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Power Consumption (with out sound output)</td>
<td>10 W</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Power on LED indicator</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Outer dimensions (W X H X D mm)</td>
<td>140 X 116 X 57</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mounting depth (mm)</td>
<td>51</td>
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<td>Panel cut (W X H mm)</td>
<td>123° X 99°</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Protection</td>
<td>IP65 front, IP20 rear</td>
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<tr>
<td>Front bezel, housing</td>
<td>Plastic, plastic</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stainless Steel front bezel (Option)</td>
<td>N.A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Installation</td>
<td>Panel Mount</td>
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<td>Net Weight (Kg)</td>
<td>0.5</td>
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Standards, Certificates and Approvals

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<td>EMC Directive</td>
<td>2004/108/EC</td>
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<td>Requirements for Emission</td>
<td>EN 61000-6-4 :2007</td>
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<td>Requirements for Interference Immunity</td>
<td>EN 61000-6-2 :2005</td>
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<td>Tick mark for Australia</td>
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Base Standards for EMC & Safety

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<td>Electrostatic discharge</td>
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<td>Electrical fast transient/burst</td>
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<td>Surge</td>
<td>IEC 61000-4-5: 2005</td>
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<td>Conducted disturbances induced by radio-frequency fields</td>
<td>IEC 61000-4-6: 2008</td>
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<td>Power frequency magnetic field</td>
<td>IEC 61000-4-8: 2009</td>
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<td>Voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage variations</td>
<td>IEC 61000-4-11: 2004</td>
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<td>Emission from Electromagnetic fields</td>
<td>CISPR 11:2009 + A1:2010 Class A</td>
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<td>Voltage Fluctuation and Flicks</td>
<td>IEC61000-3-3:2008</td>
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Protective class

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<td>Standard enclosures</td>
<td>IP 65 (Front), IP20 housing and terminals</td>
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<tr>
<td>Stainless steel front – Option</td>
<td>IP 66K (Front), IP20 housing and terminals</td>
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Transport & Storage conditions

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<td>Temperature</td>
<td>-20C to + 60C</td>
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<tr>
<td>Relative Humidity</td>
<td>10% to 90%, no condensation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Altitude</td>
<td>2000 meters maximum</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sinusoidal vibration conforming to IEC 60068-2-6</td>
<td>5 to 10 Hz: 3.5 mm amplitude</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>10 to 150 Hz: 2g 1oct/min, 40 sweeps</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shock conforming to IEC 60068-2-29</td>
<td>3 shocks per direction 11ms 15g</td>
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</table>

Best conditions for storage of LCD display modules:
- Room ambient temperature 15°C to 35°C and 65% RH or less.
- Do not store in surroundings containing organic solvent or corrosive gas.
- Store HMI in anti-electrostatic container or bag.
### Operating conditions

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<td>Relative Humidity</td>
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<tr>
<td>Altitude</td>
<td>2000 meters maximum</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pollution</td>
<td>Degree 2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sinusoidal vibration conforming to IEC 60068-2-6</td>
<td>10 to 58Hz: 0.75mm amplitude</td>
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<td>58 to 150Hz: 1g 1oct/min. 1 sweep</td>
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<tr>
<td>Shock conforming to IEC 60068-2-29</td>
<td>3 shocks per direction 11ms 10g</td>
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**NOTE:** In temperatures below 0°C, the response time of liquid crystal display becomes slower and color of the display will be darker than normal. Do not operate HMI in ambient temperature less than 0°C.

### LCD specifications

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<td>Touch operations</td>
<td>1,000,000 times using R 0.8 Polyacetal stylus with force 250g</td>
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<tr>
<td>Vibration test</td>
<td>10-55 Hz, Stroke: 1.5mm, 2 hrs. for each direction of X, Y, Z</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shock test</td>
<td>100 G, 6 ms, +/- X, +/- Y, +/- Z, 3 times for each direction</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Package vibration test</td>
<td>0.015G*G/Hz from 5-200 Hz, -6dB /Octave from 200-500 Hz, 2 hrs for each direction of X, Y, Z</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Package drop test</td>
<td>10 drops from 60 cm on 1 corner, 3 edges, 6 surfaces</td>
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### Typical Viewing Angle

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<tr>
<td>Vertical (Up/Down)</td>
<td>50° / 70°</td>
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<td>Horizontal (Left/Right)</td>
<td>70° / 70°</td>
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# DIN Rail Mount Power Supply Specifications

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<th>24V DC output</th>
<th>PSSR-SB24</th>
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<td>Numbers</td>
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<tr>
<td>Output Capacity</td>
<td>15W</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Input Voltage</td>
<td>85 to 264 VAC, 100 to 370 VDC</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Input Current (maximum)</td>
<td>0.45A</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Internal Fuse Rating</td>
<td>2A</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Input Inrush Current (cold start)</td>
<td>50A maximum (at 200V AC)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Leakage Current (at no load)</td>
<td>132V AC: 0.36 mA maximum, 264V AC: 0.75 mA maximum</td>
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<tr>
<td>Typical Efficiency</td>
<td>79%</td>
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<td>Output Current Ratings</td>
<td>24V DC</td>
<td>0.85A</td>
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<td>Voltage Adjustment</td>
<td>±10% (V. ADJ control on front)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Output Holding Time</td>
<td>20ms minimum (at rated input and output)</td>
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<td>Starting Time</td>
<td>200ms maximum</td>
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<td>Rise Time</td>
<td>100ms maximum (at rated input and output)</td>
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<td>Line Regulation</td>
<td>0.4% maximum</td>
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<td>Load Regulation</td>
<td>1.5% maximum</td>
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<td>Temperature Regulation</td>
<td>0.05% degree C maximum</td>
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<td>Ripple Voltage</td>
<td>2% peak to peak maximum (including noise)</td>
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<td>Overcurrent Protection</td>
<td>105% or more, auto reset</td>
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<td>Overvoltage Protection</td>
<td>120% min. SHUTDOWN</td>
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<td>Operation Indicator</td>
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<tr>
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<td>Parallel Operation</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dielectric Strength</td>
<td>Between input and ground: 2000 VAC, 1 minute*</td>
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<td>Insulation Resistance</td>
<td>Between input &amp; output terminals: 100 MΩ Min</td>
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<td>−10 to +65°C (14 to 149°F)</td>
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<td>Storage Temperature</td>
<td>−25 to 75°C (-13 to +167°F)</td>
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<td>Operating Humidity</td>
<td>20 to 90% relative humidity (no condensation)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Vibration Resistance</td>
<td>Frequency 10 to 55Hz, Amplitude 0.375mm</td>
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<tr>
<td>Shock Resistance</td>
<td>300m/s² (30G) 3 times each in 6 axes</td>
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<td>Approvals</td>
<td>EMC: EN61204-3 (EMI: Class B, EMS: Industrial), c-UL (CSA 22.2 No. 14), UL 1604, UL 508, LVD: EN60950, EN50178, UL1310 Class 2, c-UL (CSA 22.2 No. 213 and 223)</td>
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<td>Harmonic Directive</td>
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<td>IP protection</td>
<td>IP20 fingersafe</td>
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<td>Dimensions (mm)</td>
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<td>Dimensions (inches)</td>
<td>3.54 x 0.89 x 3.74</td>
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* Between input and output: 3000VAC, 1 minute; Between output and ground: 500VAC, 1 minute
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<td>120 to 330V DC</td>
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<td>Frequency</td>
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<td>Inrush Current (to = −25°C, ACV cold start)</td>
<td>40A max.</td>
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<td>Leakage Current</td>
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<td>Efficiency (Typ.)</td>
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<td>(230V AC at input/rated output)</td>
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<td>Start Time</td>
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<td>Output Holding Time</td>
<td>13 ms typ. (100V AC)</td>
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<td>60 ms minimum (230V AC)</td>
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<td>Adjustable Voltage Range</td>
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<td>Regulation</td>
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<td>Power Voltage Fluctuation</td>
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<td>Regulated bias including usual</td>
<td>5V: 100mV max.</td>
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<td>12V/24V: 150mV max.</td>
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<td>Overvoltage Protection</td>
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<td>Operation Indicator</td>
<td>green LED</td>
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<td>Between input and output terminals</td>
<td>3000V AC, 1 minute</td>
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<td>Between input and ground terminals</td>
<td>2000V AC, 1 minute</td>
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<td>Between output and ground terminals</td>
<td>500V DC, 1 minute</td>
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<td>Insulation Resistance</td>
<td>100MO minimum, 500V DC megger (between input and output terminals, between input and ground terminals)</td>
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<td>Operating Temperature</td>
<td>−20 to +70°C</td>
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<td>Operating Humidity</td>
<td>20 to 85% RH (no condensation)</td>
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<td>Storage Temperature</td>
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<td>Storage Humidity</td>
<td>10 to 95% RH (no condensation)</td>
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<td>Shock Resistance</td>
<td>200m/s², 1 shock each in 3 axes</td>
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<td>EN55022 Class B</td>
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<td>EMI</td>
<td>EN55024</td>
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<td>Safety Standards</td>
<td>IEC/EN60665-1, UL60950-1, CSA C22.2 No. 60950-1</td>
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<td>Dimensions (H × W × D) (mm)</td>
<td>50.5H × 22W × 62D</td>
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<td>Weight (approx.)</td>
<td>130g</td>
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<td>Terminal Screw</td>
<td>M3</td>
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**Note 1:** See “Output Current vs. Input Voltage” characteristics next page. Not subject to safety standards. When using DC input, connect a fuse to the input terminal for DC input protection.

**Note 2:** Overload for 30 seconds or longer may damage the internal elements.

**Note 3:** One minute after the output has been turned off, turn on the AC input again.
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Operating Temperature vs. Output Current (Derating Curves)
Conditions: Natural air cooling (operating temperature is the temperature around the power supply)

Output Current vs. Input Voltage (TA = 25°C)

Overcurrent Protection Characteristics

Operating Temperature by Safety Standards

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50°C
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**[GE1A-C10MA110]**

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<td>24V AC/DC 100 to 120V AC, 220 to 240V AC</td>
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<td>Voltage Tolerance</td>
<td>AC: 85 to 110%, DC: 90 to 110%</td>
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<td>Contact Rating</td>
<td>240V AC/SA 24V DC/SA</td>
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<td>Contact Form</td>
<td>DPDT or SPDT+ instantaneous SPDT</td>
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<td>Repeat Error</td>
<td>±0.2% ±10μsec maximum</td>
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<td>Voltage Error</td>
<td>±0.5% ±10μsec maximum</td>
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<td>Temperature Error</td>
<td>±3% maximum</td>
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<tr>
<td>Setting Error</td>
<td>±10% maximum</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reset Time</td>
<td>0.1 sec maximum</td>
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<td>Insulation Resistance</td>
<td>1000 MΩ minimum (5000V DC megger)</td>
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<td>Dielectric Strength</td>
<td>Between power and output terminals: 1500V AC, 1 minute</td>
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<td>Between contact circuits: 750V AC, 1 minute</td>
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<td>Vibration Resistance</td>
<td>Damage limits: Amplitude 0.75mm, 10 to 55 Hz</td>
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<td>Operating extremes: Amplitude 0.5mm, 10 to 55 Hz</td>
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<td>Shock Resistance</td>
<td>Damage limits: 500m/s² (Approx. 50G)</td>
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<td>Power Consumption</td>
<td><strong>GE1A-B</strong> 24V AC type: 1.6 VA 24V DC type: 1.0W</td>
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<td>110V AC type: 2.6VA</td>
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<td>220V AC type: 7.7 VA</td>
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<td><strong>GE1A-C</strong> 24V AC type: 2.0 VA 24V DC type: 0.8W</td>
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<td>110V AC type: 3.5 VA</td>
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<td>220V AC type: 8.0VA</td>
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<td>Electrical Life</td>
<td>100,000 operations minimum (at full rated load)</td>
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<td>Mechanical Life</td>
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<td>Operating Temperature</td>
<td>-10 to +65°C (without freezing)</td>
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<td>Operating Humidity</td>
<td>35 to 85% RH (without freezing)</td>
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### Power-On Delay Relay Specifications (page 2 of 2)

#### 8-Pin Screw Terminal (SR2P-06)

**Terminal Arrangement (TOP VIEW):**
- **Terminal Numbers:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
- **DIN Rail (BAA):** 2∅ 4.2 Mounting Hole (M4 screw hole)
- **Mounting Hole:** 4.9 max.
- **∅ 3.6 min.
- **5 min.
- **∅ 25**

**DIN Rail:**
- 2∅ 4.2 Mounting Hole (M4 screw hole)
- 4.9 max.
- 5 min.
- ∅ 3.6 min.

**Terminal Numbers:**
- **1:** ∅ 4.2 Mounting Hole
- **2:** ∅ 4.2 Mounting Hole
- **3:** ∅ 25 when using BAA
- **4:** ∅ 4.2 Mounting Hole
- **5:** ∅ 4.2 Mounting Hole
- **6:** ∅ 4.2 Mounting Hole
- **7:** ∅ 4.2 Mounting Hole
- **8:** ∅ 4.2 Mounting Hole

**Dimensions:**
- **Height:** 43
- **Width:** 33
- **Depth:** 18
- **∅ 22**
How to Order

nCompass LC is ordered as 3 or 4 components dependant upon the number of control loops, one or two.

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<td>1</td>
<td>Display</td>
<td>FDC-0450-1011-000BN</td>
<td>4.3” display, LC software, 11-36 VDC power input, SD slot, Ethernet, standard enclosure</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>LC Firmware</td>
<td>SD-LC</td>
<td>LC Loop Control Firmware (inserted into display SD slot)</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Loop #1</td>
<td>B42-4166-11D0</td>
<td>90-250VAC power input, T/C or RTD input, output #1 1A Triac, output #2 1A Triac, output #3 relay, output #4 relay, comms, no display</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Loop #2</td>
<td>B42-4366-11D0</td>
<td>90-250VAC power input, mA input, output #1 1A Triac, output #2 1A Triac, output #3 relay, output #4 relay, comms, no display</td>
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**Options**

- Power Supply: PSSR-SD24 85-264VAC power input, Output 24VDC 15W (0.6A)
- Cable: CA2011-3D Cable from display to B42 (DB25 connector (display), twisted pair leads (B42), shielded (10ft))

### Control System Options

(ordered separately as appropriate)

- **Cable:** Display to B42 Control Board
  - CA2011-2D: Cable (10ft) from Display to B42 controller.
  - Note: Consult factory for other lengths & options
- **Display Power Supply (input 100-240VAC / Output 24VDC)**
  - DIN Rail Mount: PS3R-SB24: 15W power supply (0.6A)
  - Open Frame: PS3X-B24AFC: 15W power supply (0.6A)
  - Note: Either of the above will power the FDC-0450 touch screen display
- **USB Memory Stick**
  - UDF115-2GB: (2GB High Capacity USB Memory Stick (3VDC))
- **System Reset Timer**
  - GE1A-C10MA110/SR2P-06: Reset Timer and socket (DIN Rail)
  - Note: Timer is recommended for proper system restart due to momentary power interruptions (<500ms) which can erroneous operation.
- **B42 Programming Display Board**
  - B42 Display Board 300 mm cable: 3020B42-00300A-00/300
  - B42 Display Board 1000mm cable: 3020B42-00300A-00/1K
- **Printed Operators Manual**
  - Part Number: (Orion-nCompass_LC_i4.3_User_Manual.pdf)
  - FDC-Orion nCompass LC i4.3 User Manual
- **Printed Configuration Manual**
  - Part Number: (Orion-nCompass_LC_i4.3_Config_Manual.pdf)
  - FDC-Orion nCompass LC i4.3 Configuration Manual
- **Printed Communication Reference Manual**
  - Part Number: (Orion-nCompass_LC_i4.3_Comm_Reference.pdf)
  - FDC-Orion nCompass LC i4.3 Communication Reference Manual
- **USB Cables & Accessories**
  - IStick-Panel USB Panel Mount Adapter
  - IStick-4X-CVR USB Panel Mount Adapter-Nema4x
### Item #3: B42 Loop Control Board - Loop 1

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1. **Power Input**
   - 4: 90-250 VAC, 47-63 Hz
   - 5: 11-26 VAC or VDC (consult factory for availability)

2. **Signal Input (18-bit A/D)**
   - 1: Standard Input
     - RTD: PT100 DI, PT100 JIS
     - Voltage: 0-60mV
     - 5: 0-10V, 0-5V, 1-5V
     - 6: 0-10mA
     - 7: 0-2mA
     - 8: 0-5mA
     - 9: Special Order

3. **Output 1**
   - 0: None
   - 1: Relay rated 2A/240VAC (SPST)
   - 2: SSR Driver 5 VDC @ 30 mA
   - 3: 0-10mA / 0-20mA Isolated
   - 4: 1-5V / 0-5V / 0-10V Isolated
   - 5: Triac output 1A / 240VAC, SSR
   - 6: SSR Driver 14 VDC @ 40 mA

4. **Output 2**
   - 0: None
   - 1: Relay rated 2A/240VAC (SPST)
   - 2: SSR Driver 5 VDC @ 30 mA
   - 3: 0-10mA / 0-20mA Isolated
   - 4: 1-5V / 0-5V / 0-10V Isolated
   - 5: Triac output 1A / 240VAC, SSR
   - 6: SSR Driver 14 VDC @ 40 mA

5. **Output 3**
   - 0: None
   - 1: Relay rated 2A/240VAC (SPST)
   - 2: SSR Driver 5 VDC @ 30 mA
   - 3: 0-10mA / 0-20mA Isolated
   - 4: 1-5V / 0-5V / 0-10V Isolated
   - 5: Triac output 1A / 240VAC, SSR
   - 6: SSR Driver 14 VDC @ 40 mA

6. **Output 4**
   - 0: None
   - 1: Relay rated 2A/240VAC (SPST)
   - 2: SSR Driver 5 VDC @ 30 mA
   - 3: Retransmission 4-20 / 0-20mA Isolated
   - 4: Retransmission 4-20 / 0-20mA Isolated
   - 5: Triac output 1A / 240VAC, SSR
   - 6: SSR Driver 14 VDC @ 40 mA

7. **Output 5**
   - 0: None
   - 1: Relay rated 2A/240VAC (SPST)
   - 2: SSR Driver 5 VDC @ 30 mA
   - 3: Retransmission 4-20 / 0-20mA Isolated
   - 4: Retransmission 4-20 / 0-20mA Isolated
   - 5: Triac output 1A / 240VAC, SSR
   - 6: SSR Driver 14 VDC @ 40 mA

8. **Display Board and cable**
   - 0: None
   - 1: Display Board with 300mm connection cable
   - 2: Display Board with 1000mm connection cable

9. **Modbus Addressing**
   - If blank factory default is Modbus address #1
   - CA: Modbus Comm Address #1
   - CB: Modbus Comm Address #2
   - CC: Modbus Comm Address #3

   Note that field configuration of Comm address requires the optional display.

### Item #4: B42 Loop Control Board - Loop 2

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     - Voltage: 0-60mV
     - 5: 0-10V, 0-5V, 1-5V
     - 6: 0-20mA
     - 7: Special Order

3. **Output 1**
   - 0: None
   - 1: Relay rated 2A/240VAC (SPST)
   - 2: SSR Driver 5 VDC @ 30 mA
   - 3: 0-10mA / 0-20mA Isolated
   - 4: 1-5V / 0-5V / 0-10V Isolated
   - 5: Triac output 1A / 240VAC, SSR
   - 6: SSR Driver 14 VDC @ 40 mA

4. **Output 2**
   - 0: None
   - 1: Relay rated 2A/240VAC (SPST)
   - 2: SSR Driver 5 VDC @ 30 mA
   - 3: 0-10mA / 0-20mA Isolated
   - 4: 1-5V / 0-5V / 0-10V Isolated
   - 5: Triac output 1A / 240VAC, SSR
   - 6: SSR Driver 14 VDC @ 40 mA

5. **Output 3**
   - 0: None
   - 1: Relay rated 2A/240VAC (SPST)
   - 2: SSR Driver 5 VDC @ 30 mA
   - 3: 0-10mA / 0-20mA Isolated
   - 4: 1-5V / 0-5V / 0-10V Isolated
   - 5: Triac output 1A / 240VAC, SSR
   - 6: SSR Driver 14 VDC @ 40 mA

6. **Output 4**
   - 0: None
   - 1: Relay rated 2A/240VAC (SPST)
   - 2: SSR Driver 5 VDC @ 30 mA
   - 3: 0-10mA / 0-20mA Isolated
   - 4: 1-5V / 0-5V / 0-10V Isolated
   - 5: Triac output 1A / 240VAC, SSR
   - 6: SSR Driver 14 VDC @ 40 mA

7. **Output 5**
   - 0: None
   - 1: Relay rated 2A/240VAC (SPST)
   - 2: SSR Driver 5 VDC @ 30 mA
   - 3: 0-10mA / 0-20mA Isolated
   - 4: 1-5V / 0-5V / 0-10V Isolated
   - 5: Triac output 1A / 240VAC, SSR
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**NOTES: SCADA (Supervisory Control & Data Acquisition)**

FDC-nCompass Series Graphic User Interface (GUI) touch screen provides a full SCADA feature set providing ease of use with either an icon menu system with finger navigation or traditional Menu bar, data acquisition, alarm manager, operator audit trail, multi-level security with user rights, LAN connections and more.

The GUI provides ease of configuration, use & support.

- System Configuration for loop, alarm, input & outputs assignment.
- Help language selection and more, all without an external device or PC.
- Loop Views: view 1 or 2 controls in single or dual view as well as in a Trend format (trend up to loop controls PV, SP & Percent Out).
- Profile: Virtually unlimited number of profiles with each profile having up to 64 steps with up to 6 events (3 per loop).
- File Management: View, print, copy/move Profile, Alarm, Historical Data (data log files) and operator audit trial files. File transfer via LAN features or USB flash memory.
- LAN: Remote Access & touch screen operation (VNC), email/SMS on alarm, email historical, alarm & audit trail files on-demand, Web Page (view only) and FTP of alarm, audit and historical data files automatically or on-demand.

**NOTES: B42 Control Board (1 or 2 may be used)**

**B42 Loop Control:** [http://www.futuredesigncontrols.com/B42.HTM](http://www.futuredesigncontrols.com/B42.HTM)

- Analog Input: 200ms scan rate with 18-bit A/D resolution providing high accuracy and PID control performance
- Outputs: Maximum of 4 control or auxiliary outputs
- PID Control Outputs: up to 2 with Auto Tune capability (heat-cool)
  - Relay, SSR driver 5V, SSR driver 14V, 1A SSR, mA* or VDC*
  - Alarm or Event: up to 3 outputs (outputs #2, #3 & #4)
  - Relay, SSR driver 5V, SSR driver 14V or 1A SSR
- Auxiliary Outputs: up to 2 outputs, one or two Transmitter power supplies and/or one Retransmission* output
  *Note: Analog mA and VDC PID and retransmit outputs are 15-bit, contributing to high performance PID control and highly accurate retransmitted PV or SP values.
- Alarm Types: Process, Deviation and Deviation Band, all High or Low
- PID Parameters: Two sets of PID values may be configured and selected by Profile Step and/or by digital event input. (see next)
- Event Inputs: Configurable for one of the following functions.
  - Profile Run (momentary)
  - Profile Hold (closed profile hold, open profile run)
  - Profile Run/Hold (closed profile run, open profile hold)
  - Profile Abort (momentary)
  - Segment Advance (momentary)
  - PID: change from PID#1 to PID#2 (open PID#1, closed PID#2)
  - Manual Mode (closed manual mode, open normal control)
  - Manual Mode (closed manual mode, open normal control)
  - Failure Transfer: (closed failure transfer, open normal control)
  (transfer active % Out is a pre-configured value for each output)

**NOTES: Record of Security Configuration**

- Power Capacity Required (Watts) – A base system requires ~10 watts of 24Vdc power for the nCompass user interface. The 15W power supplies offered are sufficient to power display only.

**NOTES: Profile Ramp / Soak Specifications**

**Profile Ramp/Soak:**

- Profiles: Virtually an unlimited number of profiles in system memory
- Profile Type: System configurable for separate profiles per loop or common profile time base for two loop controls.
- Profile Start: via touch screen or via Event Input (see above).
- Global Profile Configuration
  - Profile Time Base: Time Ramp (hh:mm or mm:ss)
  - Ramp Rate (degrees/minute or hour)
  - Starting and Ending SP values (may be individually active or not).
  - Guaranteed Soak & Ramp (GS):
    - Range 1 to 999F (555C), configurable per step as low, high, band or inactive (disable).
    - Dual Loop: For both loops to enter GS hold as a result of one entering an active GS band, one or both loops must configure an output as “Holdback Mode Alarm” which will activate when the initiating loop enters GS as configured. This output must be wired to the other loop’s DI w/the target DI configured as profile hold.
  - Power Fail / Recovery when Profile is active:
    - Continue from last SP value.
    - Continue from last PV value.
    - Static mode (abort profile) with last static SP entered.
- Profile Segments: (maximum of 64)
  - Jump To Segment: configurable by segment (also nested looping)
  - Events: up to 3 events* per segment.
  - Guaranteed Soak & Ramp: Configurable active or not by segment.
  *Note: The number of events available is predicated on the control board hardware, number of control boards and configuration.
  - Event Input: (profile specific; refer to B42 Control Board for all options)
    - Configurable functions below (mutually exclusive to each other)
      - Profile Run (momentary)
      - Profile Hold (closed profile hold, open profile run)
      - Profile Run/ Hold (closed profile run, open profile hold)
      - Step Advance (momentary)
      - Profile Abort (momentary)
      - PID Selection: select PID #1 or PID#2

Although the Event Input provides a manner to control Profile functions remotely, typically Profile actions would have the Operator using the intuitive easy to use 4.3” color touch screen (operator interface).

**NOTES: Power Supply – Optional**

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