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Nortec **GS**

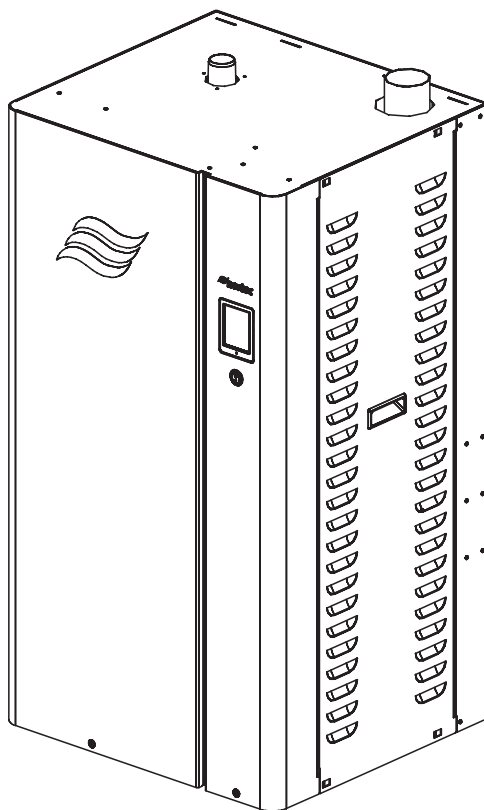
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- DO NOT try to light any appliance.
- DO NOT touch any electrical switch.
- DO NOT use any phone in the building.
- Immediately call your gas supplier from a neighbor's phone. Follow the gas supplier's instructions.
- If you cannot reach your gas supplier, call the fire department.



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1 Introduction

1.1 Before You Start!

Thank you for purchasing the Nortec GS humidifier.

The Nortec GS humidifier incorporates the latest technical advances and meets all recognized safety standards. Never-the-less, improper use of the Nortec GS humidifier may result in danger to the user or third parties, and/or damage to property.

To ensure safe, proper and economical operation of the Nortec GS humidifier, observe and comply with all information and safety instructions contained in this manual, as well as all relevant documentation of components of the installed humidification system. Comply with all local and regional regulations dealing with gas, combustion air, flue gases, water, steam and electrical systems.

If you have additional questions, contact your Nortec representative. They will be glad to assist you.

1.2 General

Limitations

The subject of this manual is the Nortec GS humidifier. The various options and accessories may only be described in-so-far as is necessary for proper installation and operation of the equipment. Additional information on available options and accessories can be obtained in the instructions that are supplied with them.

This manual is restricted to the operation and maintenance of the Nortec GS humidifier, and is intended for well trained personnel who are suitably qualified for their respective tasks.

Symbols Used in This Manual



CAUTION!

The catchword "CAUTION" in conjunction with the general caution symbol is used to provide safety instructions that, if neglected, may cause damage and/or malfunction of the unit or damage to property.



WARNING!

The catchword "WARNING" in conjunction with the general warning symbol is used to provide safety instructions that, if neglected, may cause injury to personnel. Other specific warning symbols may also be used in place of the general symbol.



DANGER!

The catchword "DANGER" in conjunction with the general danger symbol is used to provide safety instructions that, if neglected, may cause severe injury to personnel or even death. Other specific danger symbols may also be used in place of the general symbol.

Other Related Publications

This Operation and Maintenance Manual is supplemented by other publications such as the Installation Manual, Spare Parts List, etc., which are included in the delivery of the equipment. Where necessary, appropriate cross-references to these publications have been added in this manual.

Storage of Manual

Keep this manual in a place where it is safe and readily accessible. If the equipment is moved to another location, make sure that the manual is passed on to the new user.

If the manual is lost or misplaced, contact your Nortec representative for a replacement copy.

Language Versions

This manual is also available in other languages. Contact your Nortec representative.

2 For Your Safety

General

Every person who is tasked with the operation and maintenance of the Nortec GS humidifier must read and understand this manual before performing any work. Knowing and understanding the contents of the Installation Manual, and the Operation and Maintenance Manual is a basic requirement for protecting personnel against any kind of danger, preventing faulty operation, and operating the unit safely and correctly.

All labels, signs and markings applied to the Nortec GS humidifier must be observed and kept in a readable state.

Personnel Qualifications

All procedures described in this manual must only be performed by personnel who are adequately qualified, well trained and are authorized by the customer.

For safety and warranty reasons, any activity beyond the scope of this manual must only be performed by qualified personnel authorized by Nortec.

All personnel working with the Nortec GS humidifier must be familiar with, and comply with the appropriate regulations on workplace safety and prevention of accidents.

Intended Use

The Nortec GS humidifier is intended exclusively for air humidification using a Nortec-approved steam distributor within specified operating conditions (refer to ["Operating Data" on page 87](#) for details). Any other type of application, without the express written consent of Nortec, is considered to be NOT conforming to its intended purpose, and may lead to dangerous operation and will void the warranty.

In order to operate the equipment in the intended manner all information contained in this manual, in particular the safety instructions, must be observed closely.

Safety Precautions that Must be Observed



DANGER!
Risk of electric shock!

The Nortec GS humidifier is mains powered. Live parts may be exposed when the access panels are removed. Touching live parts may cause severe injury or even death.

Prevention: Before performing any work inside the Nortec GS humidifier shut down the humidifier properly and secure it against accidental power-up as described in ["Shutting Down" on page 49](#).



DANGER!
Risk of fire or explosion!

The Nortec GS is a gas-fired humidifier. Improper installation, adjustment, alteration, service, maintenance or use can cause carbon monoxide poisoning, explosion, fire or other hazards that can cause serious injury, death or property damage.

If over-heating occurs or if the gas fails to shut off: Shut off the gas supply at the manual gas shutoff valve before shutting off the electrical power supply.

DO NOT use this appliance if any part has been under water. Call a qualified service technician immediately to inspect and replace any part of the control system or gas control that has been under water.

Any work on the gas system must only be performed by a qualified installer, service agency or your local gas supplier. Use only factory-authorized and listed kits or accessories when installing or modifying this appliance.

DO NOT store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids in the vicinity of the humidifier or any other appliance.

What to do if You Smell Gas:

DO NOT try to light any appliance.

DO NOT touch any electrical switch.

DO NOT use any phone in the building.

Leave the building immediately.

Call your gas supplier immediately from a location far away from the building with the gas leak.

Follow the gas supplier's instructions.

If you cannot reach your gas supplier, call the fire department.



WARNING!
Risk of severe burns from contact with hot steam vapors!

The Nortec GS humidifier produces hot steam vapors for humidification. Bare skin in contact with hot steam vapors can result in severe burns.

Prevention: Never perform any work on the steam system (including the steam lines, steam distributors, etc.) while the humidifier is operating. Shut down the Nortec GS steam humidifier, as described in ["Shutting Down" on page 49](#) before fixing any leaks in the steam system.



WARNING!
Risk of severe burns from contact with hot surfaces!

The water tank, steam line and exhaust system in the Nortec GS humidifier get very hot during operation. Bare skin in contact with hot surfaces can result in severe burns.

Prevention: Shut down the Nortec GS steam humidifier as described in ["Shutting Down" on page 49](#) and wait for the components to cool down before working on the steam system.



CAUTION!
Electrostatic discharge (ESD)!

The electronic components inside the control cabinet in the humidifier are sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD).

Prevention: Take appropriate measures to protect the electronic components inside the unit against damage caused by electrostatic discharge (ESD). Refer to ANSI/ESD-S20.20.

Preventing Unsafe Operation

If it is suspected that the Nortec GS steam humidifier cannot be operated safely for any of the reasons listed below, shut it down immediately as described in *"Shutting Down" on page 49* and secure it against accidental power-up.

- Humidifier is damaged
- Electrical connections are loose or damaged
- Humidifier is not operating properly
- Leaks in the steam system or gas supply

All personnel working with the Nortec GS humidifier must immediately report to the customer any alternations to the humidifier that may affect safety.

Modifications to the Unit Prohibited

Modifications are NOT permitted on the Nortec GS humidifier without the express written consent of Nortec.

Always use original Nortec replacement parts and accessories available through your Nortec representative.

The location of the various safety labels on the Nortec GS humidifier is shown in *Figure 1*.

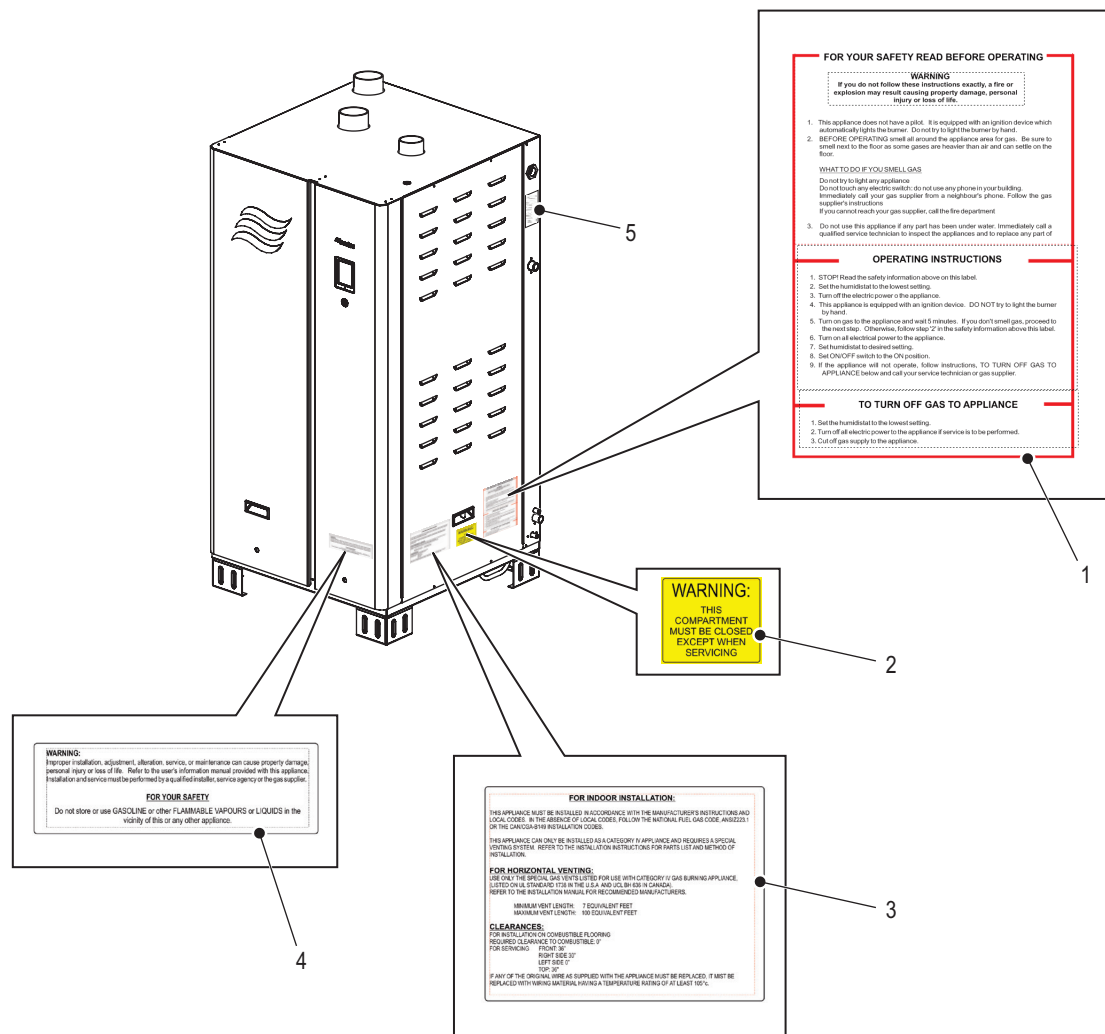


Figure 1: Safety Labels

- 1 Label, gas safety warning
- 2 Label, keep cabinet closed warning
- 3 Label, installation guidelines

- 4 Label, general safety warning
- 5 Label, specification

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3 Product Overview

3.1 General Description

The Nortec GS humidifier provides clean steam humidification at an economical operating cost. It is available in condensing high-efficiency (CS) and ultra-low NOx condensing (NX) models, in capacities ranging from 50 lb/h (23 kg/h) to 600 lb/h (260 kg/h). It is designed for humidification through the ducts in an air handling unit using a steam distributor. The CS and NX models are classified as Category IV appliances.

The Nortec GS humidifier has an integrated control board which not only controls the humidifier, but also allows the humidifier to be connected to a building automation system (BACnet, Lonworks, Modbus) or the internet so it can be controlled and monitored remotely. In addition, up to four humidifiers can be set up in a "Main-Extension" configuration using Nortec's Linkup system to satisfy large humidification needs.

The Nortec GS humidifier comes in two different housing styles – compact and full-size. The compact units are available in capacities of 50 lb/h (23 kg/h) and 100 lb/h (45 kg/h). The full-size units range in capacities from 150 lb/h (65 kg/h) to 600 lb/h (260 kg/h).

[Figure 2](#) shows the various Nortec GS series humidifier models.

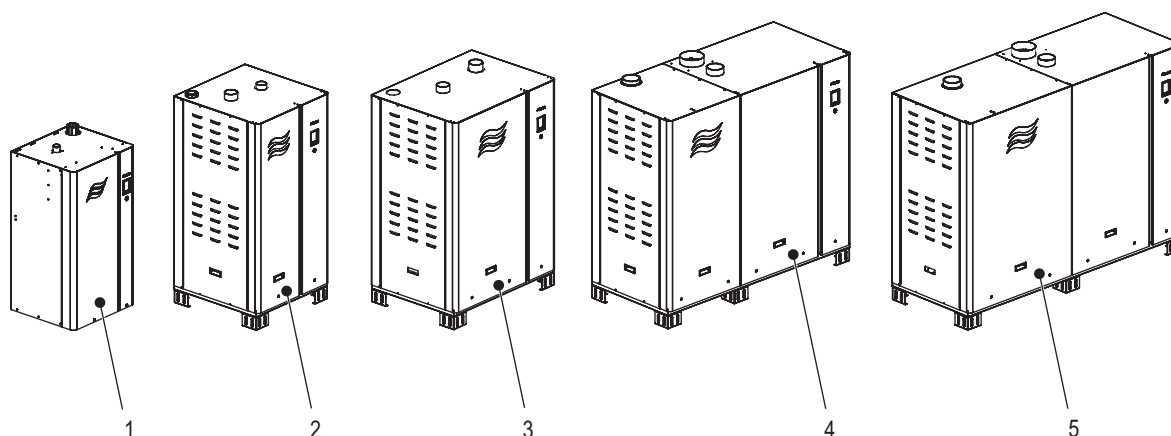


Figure 2: Nortec GS Series Humidifier Models

- 1 GS 50/100 (compact housing)
- 2 GS 150 (full-size housing)
- 3 GS 200/300 (full-size housing)
- 4 GS 450 (full-size housing)
- 5 GS 600 (full-size housing)

[Table 1](#) lists the summary of major components in each Nortec GS model. Refer to [Figure 3 on page 8](#).

Table 1: Nortec GS Components by Model

Component	Quantity				
	GS 50/100	GS 150	GS 200/300	GS 450	GS 600
Primary heat-exchanger	1	1	2	3	4
Secondary heat-exchanger	1*	1*	2*	3*	4*
Water tank	1	1	1	1	1
Burner	1	2	2	3	4
Blower	1	2	2	3	4
Gas valve	1	2	2	3	4
Ignition control module	1	2	2	3	4

Component	Quantity				
	GS 50/100	GS 150	GS 200/300	GS 450	GS 600
Spark-igniter and flame sensor	1	1	2	3	4
Fill box	1	1	1	2	2
Dual fill valve	1	1	1	2	2

* Secondary heat-exchanger on CS and NX models only.

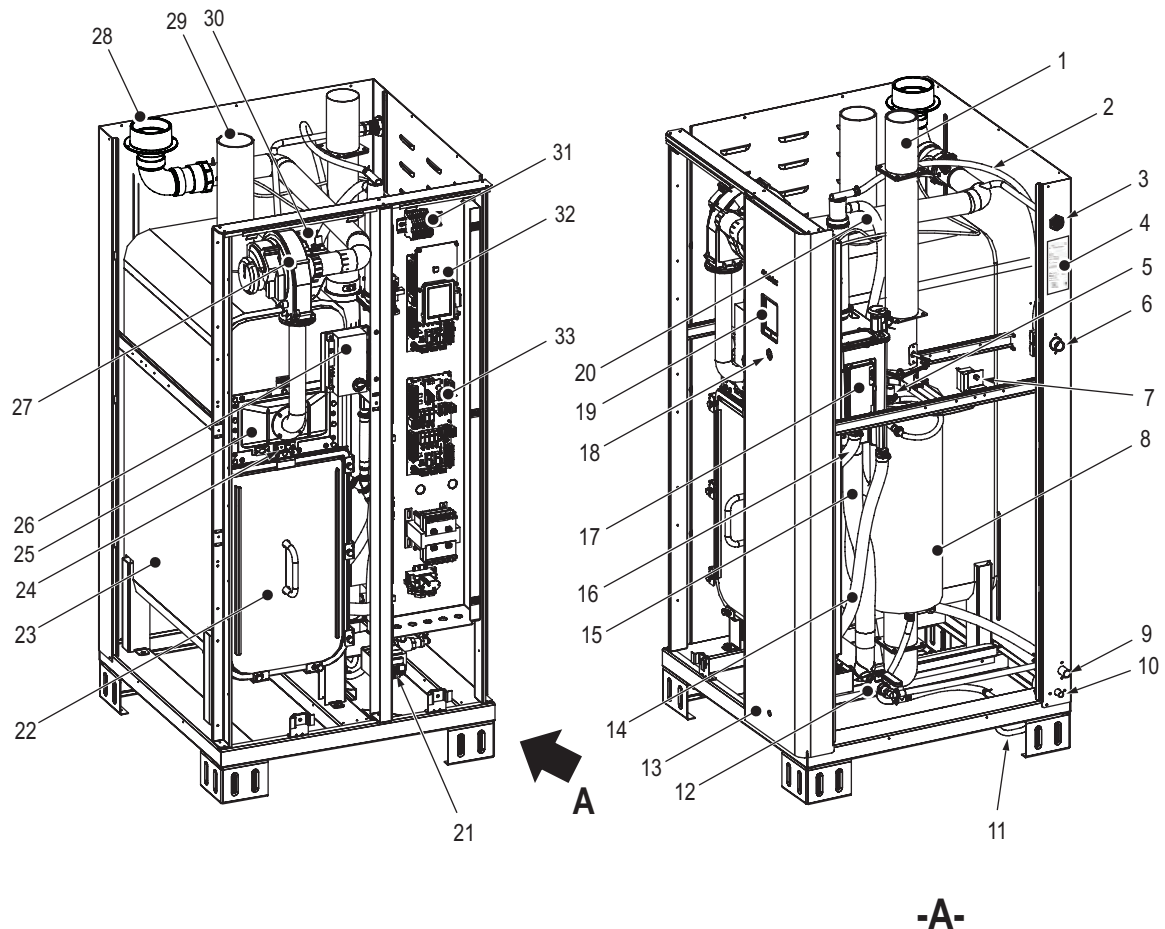


Figure 3: Nortec GS Humidifier Components (GS 150 shown)

Note: Door, side and top panels removed for clarity.

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|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Vent, exhaust | 18 Switch, On/Off |
| 2 Hose, dual fill valve to fill box | 19 Display, touchscreen |
| 3 Inlet, gas | 20 Hose, fill box overflow |
| 4 Label, specification | 21 Pump, drain |
| 5 Micro-pump (CS/NX models only) | 22 Cover, water tank |
| 6 Inlet, dual fill valve | 23 Tank, water |
| 7 Switch, over-temperature | 24 Spark-igniter and flame sensor |
| 8 Heat-exchanger, secondary (CS/NX models only) | 25 Combustion chamber and primary heat-exchanger |
| 9 Port, drain | 26 Module, ignition control |
| 10 Port, condensate (CS/NX models only) | 27 Assembly, blower |
| 11 Trap, condensate (CS/NX models only) | 28 Inlet, air intake |
| 12 Valve, manual drain | 29 Outlet, steam |
| 13 Panel, front | 30 Valve, gas |
| 14 Hose, fill box to drain pump | 31 Terminal strip, low voltage |
| 15 Hose, fill box to water tank | 32 Board, integrated control |
| 16 Hose, float chamber to water tank | 33 Board, driver |
| 17 Fill box and float chamber | |

3.2 Functional Description

Refer to [Figure 3 on page 8](#). [Figure 4 on page 10](#) shows the general system overview.

Combustion

The combustion system consists of a fully modulating forced-draft combustion air blower(s), a negative pressure regulated gas valve(s), and a premix burner(s). On a call for humidity, the blower is energized to purge the system. During this time the control software performs diagnostic checks of the safety systems – the air proving switch (not shown) and the over-temperature switch, as well as the blowers. If the air proving switch is open, the warning message "[AP Open Warn](#)" appears, and escalates to the fault message "[AP Open Fault](#)" if three consecutive warnings occur. At the same time, if the over-temperature switch is open, the fault message "[Over-Temperature Fault](#)" appears. In addition, if any of the blowers fail to operate during this time, the fault message "[Blower Not Operational](#)" appears. When the functions of the safety systems have been verified successfully, the gas valve(s) opens and the gas-air mixture is pushed through the burner ports into the combustion chamber(s). The spark-igniter(s) is simultaneously activated to ignite the gas-air mixture.

If a flame is not sensed by the flame sensor(s), the above sequence is repeated after 15 seconds. The sequence is repeated up to a maximum of three times, after which the ignition control module(s) locks out and the fault message "[Ignition Fail](#)" appears. If a flame is sensed by the flame sensor(s), the gas valve(s) remains open and combustion continues. The gas valve(s) continues to maintain a constant air-to-gas ratio independent of the blower speed or external conditions.

On the CS and NX models, the hot flue gases pass through the primary heat-exchanger then the secondary heat-exchanger, where it is cooled further before it exits through the exhaust vent. The heat recovered by the secondary heat-exchanger is used to warm up the feed water. On the standard-efficiency model, the hot flue gases pass through the primary heat-exchanger and exit through the exhaust vent.

Water Management

The Nortec GS humidifier is equipped with a combination fill box and unique float chamber water level monitoring device. Two magnetic floats (one is a backup) measure five different water levels in the humidifier for proper operation. The float chamber and its control board are located away from the boiling action to increase reading accuracy and reduce mineral build-up. The fill box is connected to the tank through four hoses. One hose connects to the bottom of the tank, and is used as the primary means to fill the tank. A second hose routes water through the secondary heat-exchanger into the tank (on CS and NX models only). The third hose from the float chamber to the tank is used to monitor the water level in the tank. The fourth connection is above water level to ensure equalization of air pressure between the tank and float chamber. The fill box also includes an internal 1 in (25 mm) air gap to isolate the water in the tank from the water supply, as well as a vacuum breaker to prevent siphoning. The float chamber has five distinct levels which are monitored by the control software – high water level L5 (yellow LED), middle level L3 (green LED), low water level L1 (red LED) and two intermediate levels L4 (green and yellow LEDs) and L2 (green and red LEDs).

On initial start-up, the dual fill valves fill the tank as well as the float chamber. The water level reaches the backup float first, then the main float. During start-up, if the backup and main floats do not read the same water level within 10 seconds of each other, the fault message "[Float Level](#)" appears, and the humidifier shuts down. As water fills the float chamber and reaches the L1 level, the control software performs a series of tests to verify the dual fill valves and drain pump function properly. During the tests, the dual fill valves continue to fill the tank until the water level reaches the L5 level, then the drain pump energizes to lower the water level to just below the L1 level. As the water level in the tank rises, if the float readings are inconsistent, the warning message "[Float Inconsistent](#)" appears and escalates to the fault message "[Float Inconsistent Fault](#)" if three consecutive inconsistencies occur. As the tests continue, if the water level does not rise to the L5 level, the fault message "[Fill Check Fault](#)" appears. Likewise, if the level does not drop just below the L1 level, the fault message "[Drain Check](#)" appears. When the tests are completed successfully, the dual fill valves energize again to fill the float chamber to the L3 level or L4 level.

If a demand signal is present, the humidifier then begins the combustion sequence. The drain pump and dual fill valves maintain the water level between the L2 and L5 levels. On the CS and NX models, the micro-pump(s) runs periodically to cycle water through the secondary heat-exchanger(s) into the tank. During steam production, the control software activates a drain sequence every 24 hours (adjustable to time of day) to verify that the floats and drain pump function properly.

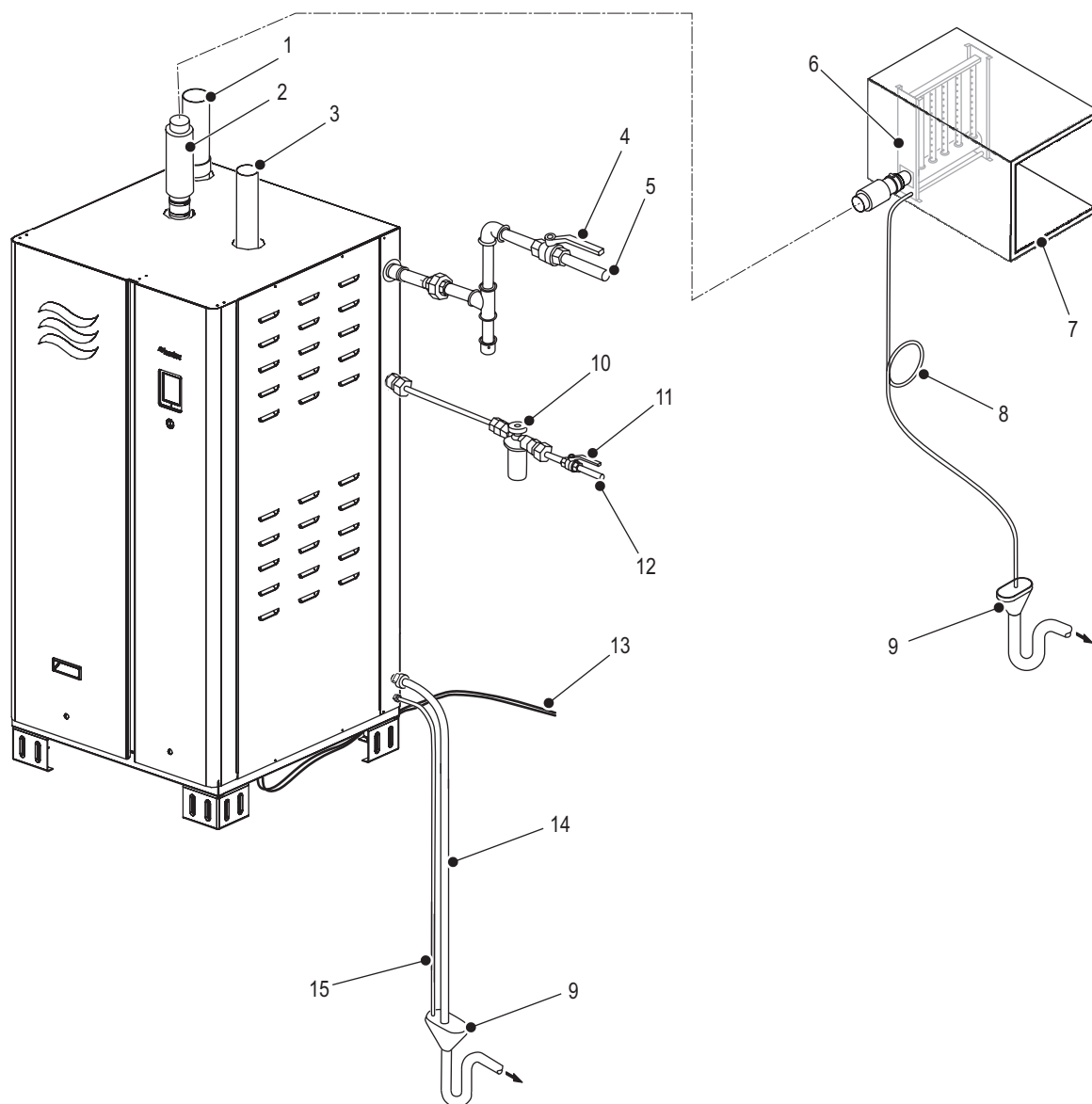


Figure 4: Nortec GS General System Overview

- 1 Vent, air intake – connected to exterior (optional connection)
- 2 Steam line (rigid pipe)
- 3 Vent, exhaust
- 4 Valve, manual gas shutoff
- 5 Supply line, gas
- 6 Distributor, steam (SAM-e)
- 7 Duct
- 8 Drain line, condensate (with trap)
- 9 Funnel (with trap)
- 10 Filter, Water (optional, but recommended)
- 11 Valve, water shutoff
- 12 Supply line, water
- 13 Cables, power and control signal
- 14 Drain line
- 15 Drain line, condensate (CS and NX models only)

4 Commissioning

4.1 General

The Nortec GS humidifier must be commissioned and operated only by personnel who are well qualified and properly trained to commission the Nortec humidifier. It is the customer's responsibility to verify the qualifications of personnel.

4.2 Commissioning

The unit must always be commissioned for the first time by a service technician from your Nortec representative, or by personnel who are well trained and authorized by the customer.

The steps are in the following order:

1. Verify the site requirements have been satisfied.
2. Inspect the humidifier mounting.
3. Inspect the gas supply connection.
4. Inspect the electrical connections, and check for correct voltage.
5. Inspect the water and drain connections.
6. Inspect the steam and condensate line installations.
7. Inspect the combustion air installation.
8. Inspect the exhaust vent installation.
9. Flush the water supply and drain lines.
10. Configure the controls and the Nortec GS humidifier.
11. Conduct performance tests, including control and monitoring devices.
12. Fill out the commissioning protocol documents.

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5 Operator Interface

5.1 Controls

The operator interface in the Nortec GS humidifier is located on the front of the unit – refer to [Figure 5](#). It consists of a touchscreen display with a LED status indicator, and an On/Off switch. Refer to [Table 2](#) for a description of each of these elements.

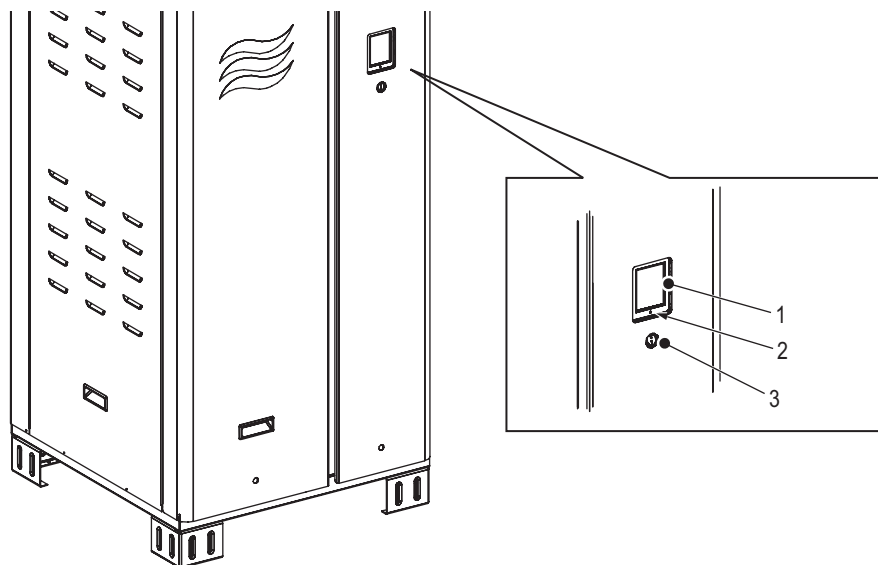


Figure 5: Nortec GS Operator Interface

- 1 Display, touchscreen
- 2 Status indicator, LED
- 3 Switch, On/Off



DANGER!
Risk of electric shock!

The control cabinet in the Nortec GS humidifier has live voltage. Turning off the unit at the On/Off switch does not shut off power to the control cabinet, which still has live voltage. Touching live parts may cause severe injury or even death.

Prevention: Shut down the humidifier properly as described in ["Shutting Down" on page 49](#) before accessing the control cabinet in the humidifier.

Table 2: Operator Interface Element Functions

Element	Description
Touchscreen display	Allows the user to monitor or control the Nortec GS humidifier. Refer to "Control Software" on page 14 for details of the software interface.
LED status indicator	The status LED is a multi-function LED, which lights up in different colors depending on the operating status of the humidifier. Green: indicates that the Nortec GS humidifier is operating normally and humidifying. Flashing Green: indicates that the Nortec GS humidifier is in standby mode. Yellow: indicates that a warning condition is present, or the humidifier is due for maintenance. Red: indicates that a fault condition is present, and humidification is stopped.
On/Off switch	Allows the user to turn the Nortec GS humidifier on or off.

5.2 Control Software

The control software runs in the background and controls all the functions of the Nortec GS humidifier. The user interacts with the control software through the screens on the touchscreen display. Details of the screens are described in the following sections.

Note: The screens shown in this chapter are for representation purposes only, and may differ from what is displayed on your humidifier.

5.2.1 Home Screen

When the Nortec GS humidifier is turned on, it starts initializing and performs system checks. When initialization and system checks are completed successfully, it goes into the normal operating mode. The Home screen then appears on the touchscreen display.

The major elements of the Home screen are shown in [Figure 6](#).

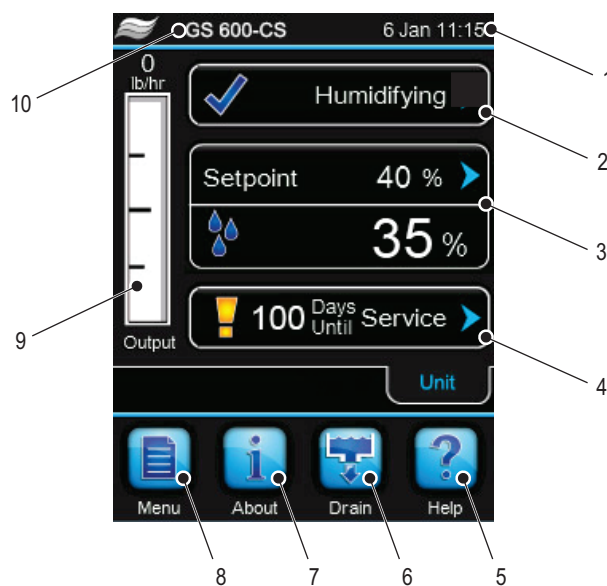


Figure 6: Home Screen Elements

- 1 Date and time, current
- 2 Operating status message – refer to ["Operating Status" on page 16](#) for details.
- 3 Humidity control information – shows the type of control signal and the steam output requested.
- 4 Service/Warning/Fault status message – refer to ["Maintenance and Fault Status" on page 17](#) for details.
- 5 Button, **<Help>** – access technical support help information. Refer to ["Help" on page 17](#) for details.
- 6 Button, **<Drain>** – manually initiate the drain function. Refer to ["Manually Initiate Tank Draining" on page 48](#) for details.
- 7 Button, **<About>** – access the system information. Refer to ["System Information" on page 18](#) for details.
- 8 Button, **<Main Menu>** – access the Main menu. Refer to ["Main Menu" on page 22](#) for details.
- 9 Visual indication, current steam output level
- 10 Model number, Nortec humidifier

5.2.2 General Navigational Elements

Figure 7 show the general navigational elements/features of the screens on the touchscreen display.

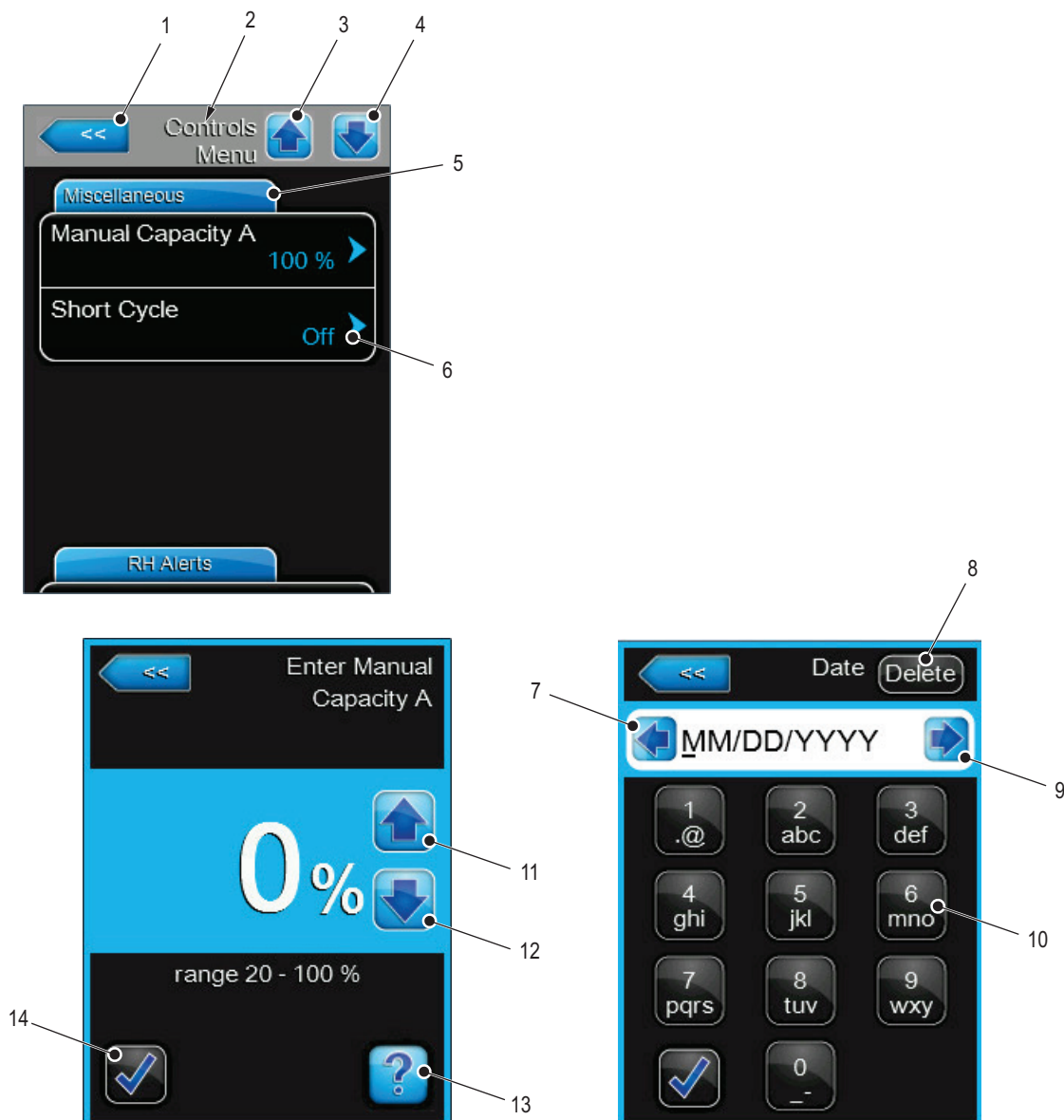


Figure 7: General Navigational Elements and Features

- 1 Button, **<Return>** – cancel and return to previous menu level.
- 2 Current menu/sub-menu selection
- 3 Button, **<Previous Tab>** – return to the previous tab in the current menu/sub-menu selection.
- 4 Button, **<Next Tab>** – continue/go to the current/next tab in the menu/sub-menu selection.
- 5 Tab, current
- 6 Icon, additional information – access additional information.
- 7 Button, **<Move Cursor Left>** – move the cursor to the left on the display.
- 8 Button, **<Delete>** – delete the entry.
- 9 Button, **<Move Cursor Right>** – move the cursor to the right on the display.
- 10 Keypad, alpha-numeric
- 11 Button, **<Increase>** – increase the setpoint value.
- 12 Button, **<Decrease>** – decrease the setpoint value.
- 13 Button, **<Help>** – access context-sensitive help.
- 14 Button, **<Confirm>** – confirm the change/selection. Changes will not be stored if this button is not pressed.




5.2.3 Operating Status

The operating status area of the Home screen (refer to [Figure 6 on page 14](#)) shows the current operating status message and an associated status icon. The messages are described in [Table 3](#), and the status icons are described in [Table 4](#).

Table 3: Operating Status Descriptions

Message	Description
Idle	The humidifier is in standby mode (no humidity demand).
Standby Drain	The humidifier has been in standby mode for a number of hours. The Idle Drain Time has elapsed and the Idle Drain function is active – the humidifier is being drained. The humidifier will automatically refill when it receives a valid humidity demand signal.
Humidifying	The humidifier is generating steam.
Keep Warm	The humidifier is in standby mode, and the Keep Warm function is activated.
Disabled	The Nortec GS humidifier is disabled by the BMS (building management system).
Stopped	The humidifier is stopped because a condition with a "Fault" status is active.
Safety Chain Open	One or more contacts in the external security loop is open, so the humidifier has stopped producing steam.
Warning	A condition with a "Warning" status is active. In addition, the message "Warning" is shown in the maintenance/fault status area of the Home screen. The humidifier will continue to produce steam when there is a demand (unless the warning relates to a control signal).
Fault	A condition with a "Fault" status is active. The humidifier is stopped. In addition, the message "Fault" is shown in the maintenance/fault status area of the Home screen.

Table 4: Status Icon Descriptions

Icon	Description
	The icon appears to the left of the operating status message or the maintenance/fault message when the system is working normally.
	The icon appears to the left of the maintenance/fault status message when a maintenance reminder or a condition with a "Warning" status is active. The humidifier will continue to produce steam when there is a demand (unless the warning relates to a control signal).
	The icon shown appears to the left of the maintenance/fault status message when a condition with a "Fault" status is active. The humidifier stops producing steam.

5.2.4 Maintenance and Fault Status

The Service/Warning/Fault status area of the Home screen (refer to [Figure 6 on page 14](#)) shows maintenance reminders, warning and fault status messages along with associated status icons. This field also allows access to the ["Service Menu"](#). When a maintenance reminder, warning or fault status message is active, the Fault History list can be accessed directly from this field to view additional details.

The general maintenance reminders and alarm messages displayed in this area are described in [Table 5](#), and the status icons are described in [Table 4](#). Refer to ["Nortec GS Warning and Fault List" on page 72](#) for a detailed list of warning and fault messages.

Table 5: Maintenance/Fault Status Descriptions

Message	Description
Service info	No faults conditions present.
Maint. Warning	This maintenance reminder appears when the Service Interval time set in the control software has elapsed. The unit can continue to operate for another 200 hours, after which a corresponding fault message appears and the unit stops operating. Perform the required scheduled maintenance, then reset the service reminder in the Service menu. Refer to "Maintenance Procedures" on page 55 .
Warning	A condition with a "Warning" status is active. Depending on the warning condition, the Nortec GS humidifier will continue to produce steam when there is a demand (unless the warning relates to a control signal). In addition, the status LED turns yellow in color.
Fault	A condition with a "Fault" status is active. Depending on the fault condition, the Nortec GS humidifier will not produce steam until the fault condition is cleared. In addition, the status LED turns red in color.

5.2.5 Help

Touch the **<Help>** button on the Home screen (refer to [Figure 6 on page 14](#)) to view your local technical support help details.

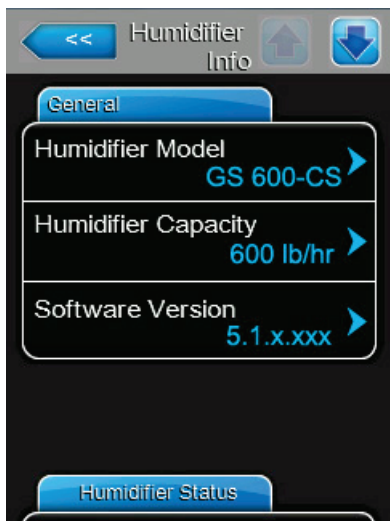


5.2.6 System Information

Select the **<About>** button on the Home screen (refer to [Figure 6 on page 14](#)) to view the system information for your Nortec GS. The tab structure for this selection is shown below.

- About > ["General Tab" on page 18](#)
- ["Humidifier Status Tab" on page 18](#)
- ["Operational Status Tab" on page 19](#)
- ["Control Status Tab" on page 19](#)
- ["Optional Settings Tab" on page 20](#)
- ["Networking Settings Tab" on page 21](#)

General Tab



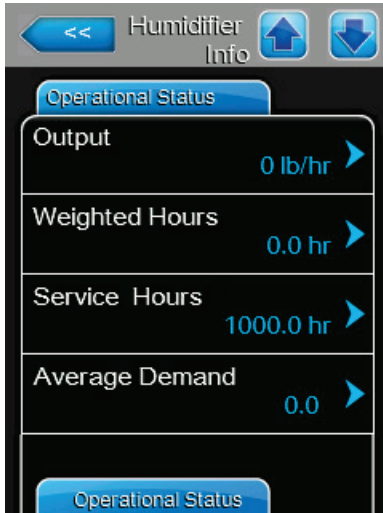
- **Humidifier Model:** shows the model number, which is also shown on the specification label (on the right side of the humidifier).
- **Humidifier Capacity:** shows the current setting of the humidifier's steam output capacity. Select the field to modify the setting, Refer to ["Miscellaneous Tab" on page 28](#) for other details.
- **Software Version:** shows the current version of the control software. Select the field to update the control software – refer to ["Software Settings Tab" on page 42](#) for details.

Humidifier Status Tab

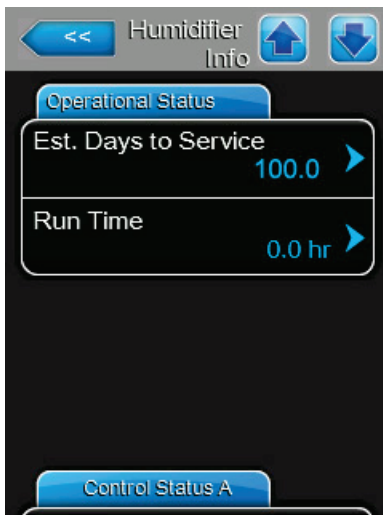


- **Serial Number:** shows the serial number, which is also shown on the specification label.
- **Linkup Type:** shows the current operating mode of the humidifier in the Linkup chain. Select the field to choose a different mode – "Series", "Parallel" or "Independent". Refer to [Linkup Type](#) for more details.

Operational Status Tab

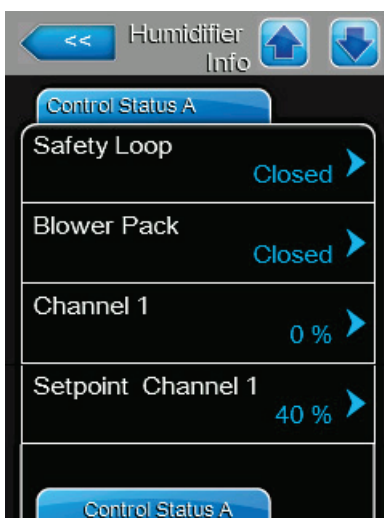


- **Output:** shows the current actual steam output level of the humidifier.
- **Weighted Hours:** shows the number of operating hours on the unit weighted at 100% output.
- **Service Hours:** shows the service interval.
- **Average Demand:** shows the time-averaged demand on the system.



- **Est(imated) Days to Service:** shows the number of days before the unit is due for service.
- **Run Time:** shows the current accumulated number of hours the humidifier has been producing steam since startup.

Control Status Tab



- **Safety Loop:** shows the current status of the On/Off devices in the safety loop. If the loop is open, the unit will not produce steam.
- **Blower Pack:** shows the current status of the remote-mounted blower pack(s) connected to the unit. If the input signal is open, the unit will not generate steam.
- **Channel 1:** shows the input signal for Channel 1. If configured for demand control, it represents the demand. If configured for RH(P/PI), it represents sensed humidity. Refer to [Control Mode CH 1](#).
- **Setpoint Channel 1:** shows the current fixed humidity setpoint value for the unit. Select the field to adjust the setpoint value. Refer to ["PI Control Parameters Tab" on page 28](#) for more details.

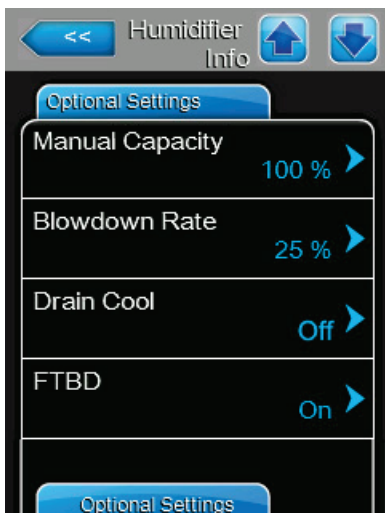
Note: This field appears only if [Control Mode](#) is set to "RH P" or "RH PI".

Control Status Tab, continued...



- **Channel 2:** shows the input signal for Channel 2. If configured for demand control, it represents the demand. If configured for RH(P/PI), it represents sensed humidity.
Note: This field appears only if the [Control Channels](#) is set to "Dual".
- **Setpoint Channel 2:** shows the high limit setpoint value for the unit. Select the field to adjust the value.
Note: This field appears only if [Control Mode](#) is set to "RH P" or "RH PI", and [Control Channels](#) is set to "Dual".
- **Demand:** shows the calculated demand for the unit as a percentage of its maximum capacity.

Optional Settings Tab



- **Manual Capacity:** shows the capacity limitation value as a percentage of the maximum capacity of the unit. Select the field to set a fixed maximum output capacity. Refer to ["Miscellaneous Tab" on page 28](#) for more details.
- **Blowdown Rate:** shows the rate at which the tank is partially drained, as a percentage of actual steam production. Refer to the ["Water Management Tab" on page 23](#) for more details.
- **Drain Cool:** shows the configuration setting of the drain cool function. Select the field to choose a different mode – "Off", "On" or "Smart". Refer to the ["Water Management Tab" on page 23](#) for more details.
- **FTBD (Full Tank Blowdown):** shows the configuration setting of the full tank blowdown function. Select the field to enable or disable the function. Refer to the ["Water Management Tab" on page 23](#) for more details.

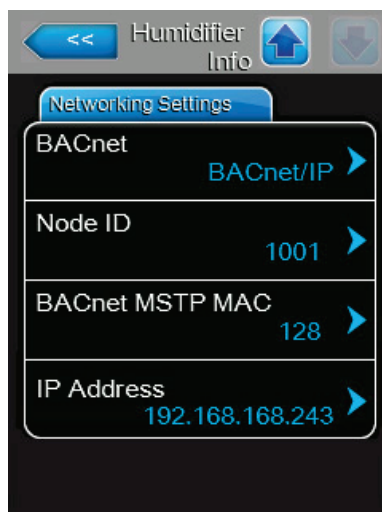
Optional Settings Tab, continued...



- **FTBD Time:** shows the time of day when a full tank blowdown will occur. Refer to the ["Water Management Tab" on page 23](#) for more details.
- **FTBD Interval:** shows how often a full tank blowdown will occur. Refer to the ["Water Management Tab" on page 23](#) for more details.
- **Time Proportioning:** shows the configuration setting of the time proportioning function. Select the field to enable or disable the function. Refer to the ["Operation Tab" on page 24](#) for more details.
- **Float Check:** shows the configuration setting of the float check function. Select the field to enable or disable the function. Refer to the ["Operation Tab" on page 24](#) for more details.

Networking Settings Tab

Note: The BACnet parameters shown below appear only if [BACnet](#) is enabled.



- **BACnet:** shows the BACnet communications protocol running on the humidifier – BACnet/IP or BACnet MSTP.
- **Node ID:** shows the node ID assigned to the humidifier over the BACnet/IP protocol.
- **BACnet MSTP MAC:** shows the MAC address assigned to the humidifier.
- **IP Address:** shows the IP address assigned to the humidifier.

5.2.7 Main Menu

Select the **<Main Menu>** button on the Home screen to view the Main menu. The Main menu and its contents are password-protected. Refer to [Figure 8](#). Enter the password **"0335"** to access the Main menu.

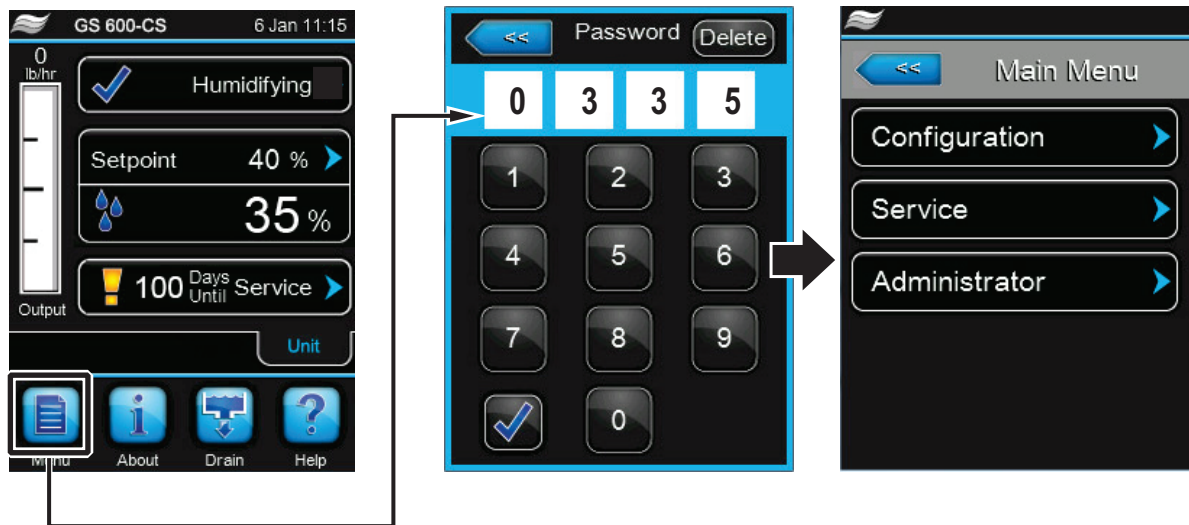


Figure 8: Main Menu Access

To access the Configuration menu and its features, refer to ["Configuration Menu" on page 23](#).

To access the Service menu and its features, refer to ["Service Menu" on page 37](#).

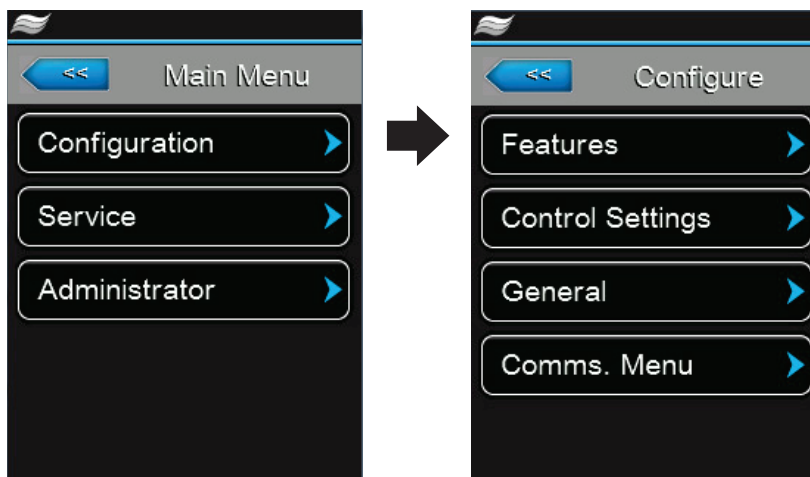
To access the Administrator menu and its features, refer to ["Administrator Menu" on page 42](#).

The structure of the Main menu and its sub-menus is shown in [Table 6](#).

Table 6: Main Menu Structure

"Main Menu" on page 22 >	"Configuration Menu" on page 23 >	"Features Menu" on page 23 >	"Water Management Tab" on page 23	
			"Operation Tab" on page 24	
		"Control Settings Menu" on page 26 >	"Basic Tab" on page 26	
			"Miscellaneous Tab" on page 28	
			"PI Control Parameters Tab" on page 28	
			"RH Alerts Tab" on page 29	
			"Communication Tab" on page 30	
			"Multi-Unit Operation Tab" on page 30	
		"General Menu" on page 32 >	"Basic Tab" on page 32	
			"Time Date Tab" on page 32	
		"Communications Menu" on page 33 >	"Remote Enable Tab" on page 33	
			"IP Parameters Tab" on page 33	
			"BMS Timeout Tab" on page 34	
			"Modbus Parameters Tab" on page 35	
			"BACnet Parameters Tab" on page 35	
	"Service Menu" on page 37 >	"Startup Code Tab" on page 37		
		"Humidifier Service Tab" on page 37		
		"General Service Tab" on page 38		
		"Fault/Service History Tab" on page 38		
		"Diagnostics Tab" on page 39 >	Input Diagnostics	
			Output Diagnostics	
	"Administrator Menu" on page 42 >	"Password Setting Tab" on page 42		
		"Software Settings Tab" on page 42		

5.2.7.1 Configuration Menu

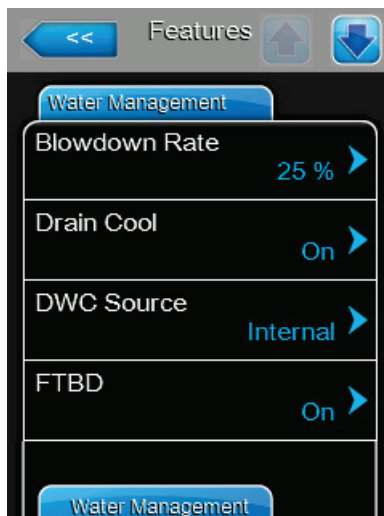


The Configuration menu lets you configure the operation of the Nortec GS humidifier. The menu and sub-menu items are discussed below. Refer to [Table 6 on page 22](#) for the menu structure.

Features Menu

Each tab under the Features menu is discussed below.

Water Management Tab



- **Blowdown Rate:** allows you to set the rate (as a percentage of actual steam production) at which the tank is drained. Refer to ["Adjusting Blowdown Settings" on page 54](#) for additional details.
Setting range: 1-100%
Factory setting: 25%
- **Drain Cool:** allows you to enable or disable the drain water cooling function that is used to cool down the drain water before it is discharged.
Options: On – enable the function.
Off – disable the function.
Smart – drain water cooling happens only if the tank is hot.
Factory setting: Off
- **DWC (Drain Water Cooling) Source:** allows you to select the water source used in drain water cooling.
Options: Internal – use the fill valve in the unit to supply water for drain water cooling.
Factory setting: Internal

Water Management Tab, continued...



- **FTBD (Full Tank Blowdown):** allows you to enable or disable the full tank blowdown function. Depending on the water quality, this function can be used to extend operational life and service intervals by reducing mineral build-up in the tank. When enabled, the FTBD function performs a full drain of the tank when the weighted runtime hours exceed the [FTBD Interval](#). When blowdown is completed, the tank is refilled and the unit resumes normal operation.

Options: *On or Off*

Factory setting: *On*

- **FTBD Time:** allows you to set the time of day when a full tank blowdown will occur.
- **FTBD Interval:** allows you to set the frequency of full tank blowdowns in weighted hours (equivalent to a unit operating at 100% output). Refer to ["Adjusting Blowdown Settings" on page 54](#) for additional details.

Setting range: *1-100 hr*

Factory setting: *72 hr*

Operation Tab



- **Idle Mode:** allows you to set the idle function of the humidifier when it is in standby mode.

Options: *Idle Only* – the humidifier waits indefinitely for a demand signal.

Idle Drain – the tank is drained after [Idle Drain Time](#) elapses without demand.

Keep Warm – the water in the tank is kept warm while in standby mode.

Factory setting: *Idle Only*

- **Idle Drain Time:** allows you to set the time duration the humidifier stays in standby mode without a demand, after which the humidifier carries out the function specified in [Idle Mode](#).

Setting range: *1-100 hours*

Factory setting: *72 hours*



- **Time Proportioning:** allows you to enable or disable the time proportioning function, which allows the controller to operate the burners on a time-proportional sequence when the system demand is below the minimum output of a single burner.

Options: *On or Off*

Factory setting: *Off*

- **Float Check:** allows you to enable or disable the float check function. When enabled, the humidifier performs a float check at start-up and every 24 hours (without interrupting steam production if humidifier is operating, or in standby mode), to verify that the float system is working properly. Refer to the description of the float check function in ["Water Management" on page 9](#).

Options: *On or Off*

Factory setting: *Off*

- **Float Check Time:** allows you to set the time of day when the float check function will occur.

- **Fill Correction 1:** allows you to adjust all the parameters for the high volume fill valve(s) to compensate for valve tolerances, as well as site-specific conditions.

CAUTION! Do not adjust this value unless instructed to do so by a Nortec representative.

Setting range: *0.1-10.0*

Factory setting: *1.0*

- **Fill Correction 2:** allows you to adjust all the parameters for the low volume fill valve(s) to compensate for valve tolerances, as well as site-specific conditions.

CAUTION! Do not adjust this value unless instructed to do so by a Nortec representative.

Setting range: *0.1-10.0*

Factory setting: *1.0*

- **Drain Correction:** allows you to adjust all the parameters used for draining the tank and blowdowns to compensate for drain pump flow rates and site-specific conditions.

CAUTION! Do not adjust this value unless instructed to do so by a Nortec representative.

Setting range: *0.5-1.5*

Factory setting: *1.0*

Operation Tab, continued...



- **Short Cycle:** allows you to enable or disable a timer function that delays steam production until the already delivered humidity can stabilize in the conditioned environment. This feature prevents the humidifier from flooding the environment with excess humidity from false humidity readings.

Options: *On* – the humidifier remains in standby mode until the timer elapses even if there is a new demand signal.
Off – disables the timer function.

Factory setting: *Off*

- **Short Cycle Time:** allows you to set the time duration that the unit waits in standby mode before responding to a new demand signal.

Setting range: *0-300 s*

Factory setting: *60 s*

Control Settings Menu

Each tab under the Control Settings menu is discussed below. Refer to the structure of the tabs in [Table 6 on page 22](#).

Basic Tab



- **Source:** allows you to select the source of incoming control/humidity signal to the humidifier.

Options: *Analog* – the control/humidity signals are from analog sensors or humidistats connected to the humidifier's low voltage terminal block.

Modbus – the control signal is from the BMS via the Modbus communication protocol.

BACnet/IP – the control signal is from the BMS via the BACnet/IP communication protocol.

BACnet/MSTP – the control signal is from the BMS via the BACnet/MSTP communication protocol.

LonWorks – the control signal is from the BMS via the LonWorks communication protocol.

Factory setting: *Analog*

- **Control Mode CH 1:** allows you to select the general control mode for the incoming control signal.

Options: *Demand* – control signal is from an external controller.
RH P – uses the internal P (proportional) controller to interpret the sensed humidity into a demand.
RH PI – uses the internal PI (proportional-integral) controller to interpret the sensed humidity into a demand.
On/Off – control signal is from an external On/Off humidistat.

Factory setting: *Demand*

- **Control Channels:** allows you to select one or two control signals to control the humidifier.

Options: *Single* – single control signal.
Dual – two control signals (typically a control, plus a high limit signal).

Factory setting: *Dual*



- **Signal Type Channel 1:** allows you to select the signal type of the incoming control signal. **Note:** This setting is ignored if signal *Source* is not set to "Analog".

Options: *0-5 V, 1-5 V, 0-10 V, 2-10 V, 0-20 V, 0-16 V, 3.2-16 V, 0-20 mA, 4-20 mA*

Factory setting: *0-20 V*

- **Signal Type Channel 2:** allows you to select the signal type for the high limit signal. **Note:** This setting is ignored if signal *Source* is not set to "Analog". Channel 2 applies only when *Control Channels* is set to "Dual".

Options: *0-5 V, 1-5 V, 0-10 V, 2-10 V, 0-20 V, 0-16 V, 3.2-16 V, 0-20 mA, 4-20 mA*

Factory setting: *0-20 V*

Miscellaneous Tab



- **Manual Capacity:** allows you to set the capacity limitation value as a percentage of the maximum capacity of the unit.

Setting range: 20-100 %

Factory setting: 100 %

- **Short Cycle:** allows you to enable or disable a timer function that delays steam production until the already delivered humidity can stabilize in the conditioned environment. This feature prevents the humidifier from flooding the environment with excess humidity from false humidity readings.

Options: On – the humidifier remains in stand-by mode until the timer elapses even if there is a new demand signal.

Off – disables the timer function.

Factory setting: Off

PI Control Parameters Tab

Note: This tab appears only if *Control Mode* is set to "RH P" or "RH PI".



- **Setpoint Channel 1:** allows you to set the humidifier to operate at a fixed humidity setpoint value.

Setting range: 0-95% RH

Factory setting: 40%

- **Band Channel 1:** allows you to set the proportional range for the internal P/PI controller as a percentage of relative humidity (% RH) within which the humidifier will modulate between 0 and 100% output.

CAUTION! Do not adjust this value unless instructed to do so by a Nortec representative.

Setting range: 6-65%

Factory setting: 15%

- **ITime Channel 1:** allows you to set the integral time for error corrections by the internal P/PI controller.

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Setting range: 1-60 minutes

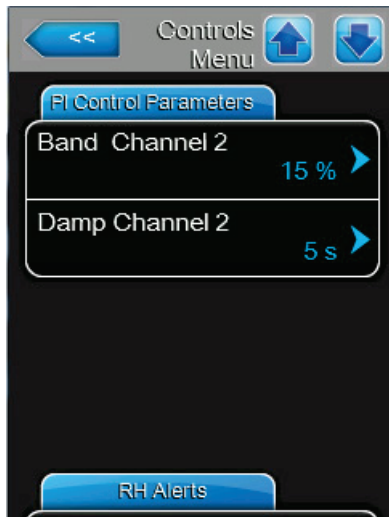
Factory setting: 5 minutes

- **Setpoint Channel 2:** allows you to set the high limit setpoint value. **Note:** This setting appears only if *Control Channels* is set to "Dual".

Setting range: 0-95% RH

Factory setting: 80%

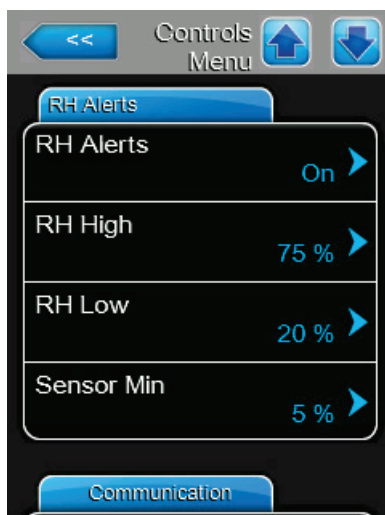
PI Control Parameters Tab, continued...



- **Band Channel 2:** allows you to set the proportional range for the internal P/PI controller as a percentage of relative humidity (% RH) within which the humidifier will modulate between 0 and 100% output. **Note:** This setting appears only if *Control Channels* is set to "Dual".
Setting range: 6-65%
Factory setting: 15%
- **Damp Channel 2:** allows you to set the time duration after which the high limit setpoint value takes control of the demand signal. **Note:** This setting appears only if *Control Channels* is set to "Dual".
Setting range: 1-60 seconds
Factory setting: 5 seconds

RH Alerts Tab

Note: This tab appears only if *Control Mode* is set to "RH P" or "RH PI".

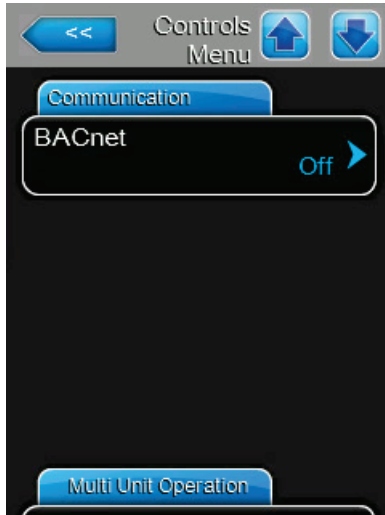


- **RH Alerts:** allows you to enable or disable the alert function that warns if sensed humidity is too high or too low.
Options: On – enables the function.
Off – disables the function.
Factory setting: Off

Note: The following settings are only available if the RH Alerts function is enabled.

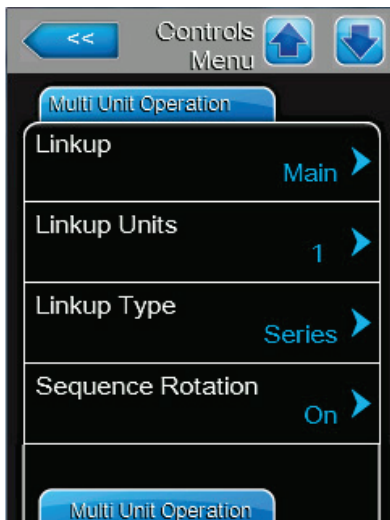
- **RH High:** allows you to set the upper limit value of the humidity sensor signal. The RH High warning message is triggered when the signal value exceeds this limit.
Setting range: 20-95%
Factory setting: 75%
- **RH Low:** allows you to set the lower limit value of the humidity sensor signal. The RH Low warning message is triggered when the signal value drops below this limit.
Setting range: 20-95%
Factory setting: 20%
- **Sensor Min:** allows you to set the minimum signal value of the humidity sensor. If the signal value drops below this setting, the sensor is assumed to be damaged or disconnected. The RH Signal warning message is triggered when the signal value drops below this limit, and humidification stops.
Setting range: 1-10%
Factory setting: 5%

Communication Tab



- **BACnet:** allows you to enable or disable the BACnet communications protocol used by the BMS. Enabling or disabling BACnet always requires a power cycle of the unit. Refer to "[BACnet Parameters Tab](#)" on page 35 for more details.

Multi-Unit Operation Tab



- **Linkup:** allows you to enable or disable the Linkup function, which allows up to four humidifier to connect and operate together from a single set of control signals. It also allows you to designate the humidifier to operate as a "Main" or "Extension" unit.

Options:

Main – designated as the main (master) unit.

Ext 1 – designated as the first extension unit.

Ext 2 – designated as the second extension unit.

Ext 3 – designated as the third extension unit.

Off – disables Linkup. The humidifier performs as a single unit.

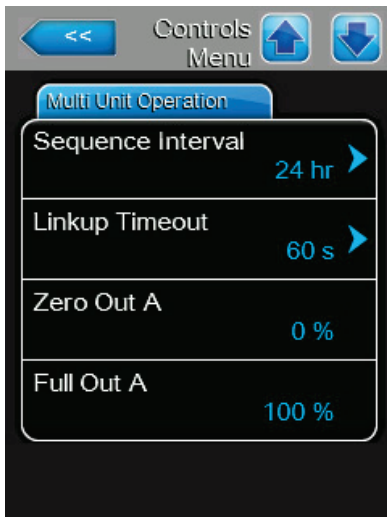
Factory setting: *Off*

Note: The remaining settings in this tab and the next are only available on the main unit when the Linkup function is enabled.

- **Linkup Units:** allows you to set the number of humidifiers in the Linkup chain.

Setting range: *1-4*

Factory setting: *1*



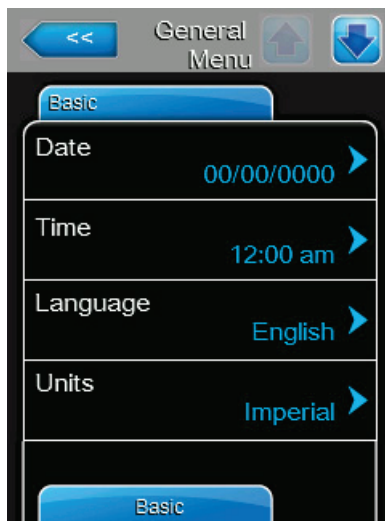
- **Linkup Type:** allows you to select the mode of operation of the humidifier in the Linkup chain.
Options: *Parallel* – the humidity demand (from a single zone) is distributed evenly on all humidifiers in the Linkup chain.
Series – the main unit operates to its maximum capacity, and as demand increases the extension units generate steam in sequential order. Each unit scales steam production in small increments. Series setting maximizes turndown.
Independent – should not be used for Linkup.
Factory setting: *Series*
- **Sequence Rotation:** allows you to enable or disable the function that manages the starting order to balance operating hours of all linked humidifiers. **Note:** This setting is available only if *Linkup Type* is set to "Series".
Options: *On* or *Off*.
Factory setting: *On*
- **Sequence Interval:** allows you to set the time interval used by the control software to establish a new operating sequence to balance operating hours of linked humidifiers. **Note:** This setting is available only if *Sequence Rotation* is enabled.
Setting range: *24-1000 hours*
Factory setting: *24 hours*
- **Linkup Timeout:** allows you to set the maximum time limit that the units in the Linkup chain can operate without communication to each other before a timeout warning message is generated.
Setting range: *60-120 seconds*
Factory setting: *60 seconds*
- **Zero Out:** shows the percentage value of the system demand signal at which the unit is switched on.
Setting range: *0-100%*
Factory setting: *0%*
Note: This setting can only be modified if more than one unit is physically connected to the Linkup chain.
- **Full Out:** shows the percentage value of the system demand signal at which the unit achieves 100% demand.
Setting range: *0-100%*
Factory setting: *100%*
Note: This setting can only be modified if more than one unit is physically connected to the Linkup chain.

Refer to "[Configuring for Multi-Unit Operation](#)" on page 44 for setup procedure.

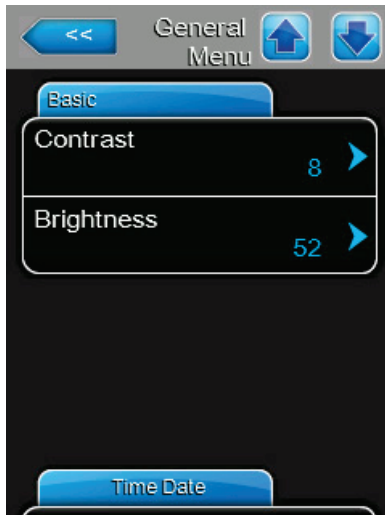
General Menu

Each tab under the General menu is discussed below. Refer to [Table 6 on page 22](#) for the menu structure.

Basic Tab

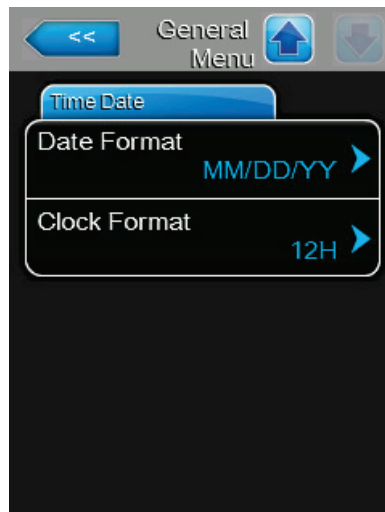


- **Date:** allows you to set the current date in MM/DD/YYYY or DD/MM/YYYY format depending on the [Date Format](#) setting.
- **Time:** allows you to set the current time in 12-hour or 24-hour format depending on the [Clock Format](#) setting.
- **Language:** allows you to select the language displayed on the touchscreen display.
Options: *English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Dutch, Danish, Finnish, Swedish, Polish, Czech, Hungarian, Russian, Japanese or Chinese*
- **Units:** allows you to select the units of measurement.
Options: *Imperial or Metric*



- **Contrast:** allows you to set the contrast level of the touchscreen display.
Setting range: *1 (low) - 31 (high)*
Factory setting: *8*
- **Brightness:** allows you to set the brightness level of the touchscreen display.
Setting range: *1 (black) - 100 (white)*
Factory setting: *52*

Time Date Tab

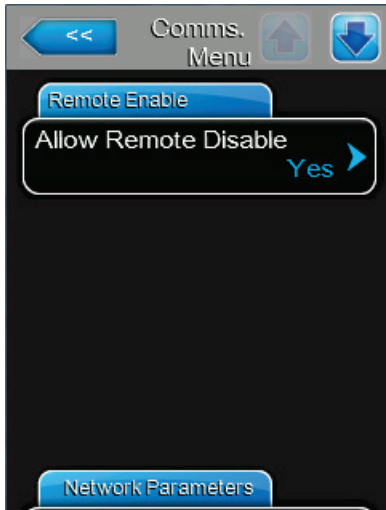


- **Date Format:** allows you to select the date format.
Options: *MM/DD/YY or DD/MM/YY*
Factory setting: *MM/DD/YY*
- **Clock Format:** allows you to select the time format.
Options: *12 hour or 24 hour*
Factory setting: *12 hour*

Communications Menu

Each tab under the Communications menu is discussed below. Refer to [Table 6 on page 22](#) for the menu structure.

Remote Enable Tab



- **Allow Remote Disable:** allows you select whether steam production by the humidifier can be remotely disabled via the BMS.

Options: Yes – remote disable permitted.
 No – remote disable not permitted.

Factory setting: Yes

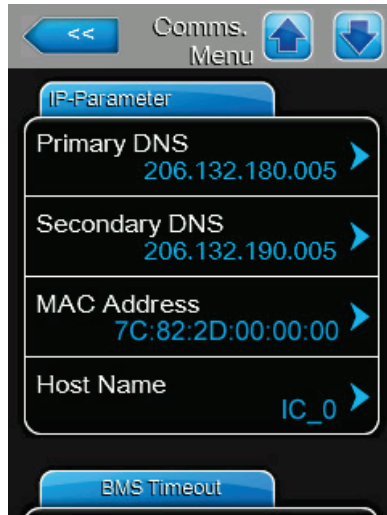
IP Parameters Tab



The following settings are used only for communications via the integrated BACnet IP protocol.

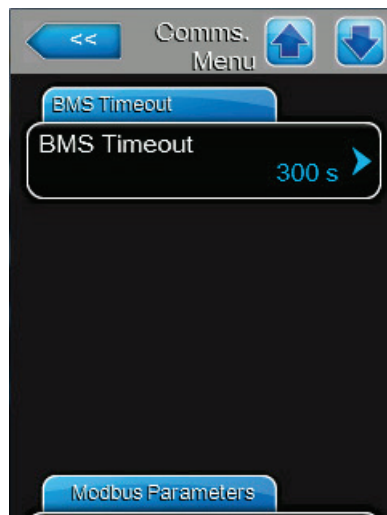
- **IP Type:** allows you to select how the IP address settings are assigned.
Options: *DHCP* – automatically acquire network address settings. **Note:** After five unsuccessful attempts to acquire the address, the system will revert to Fixed assignment.
 Fixed – manually configure the network address and settings.
Factory setting: *Fixed*
- **IP Address:** allows you to manually set the IP address. Set the IP address only if *IP Type* is set to "Fixed".
- **Subnet Mask:** allows you to manually set the IP subnet mask for the IP network. **Note:** Set the subnet mask only if *IP Type* is set to "Fixed".
- **Default Gateway:** allows you to manually set the default gateway for the IP network. **Note:** Set the default gateway only if *IP Type* is set to "Fixed".

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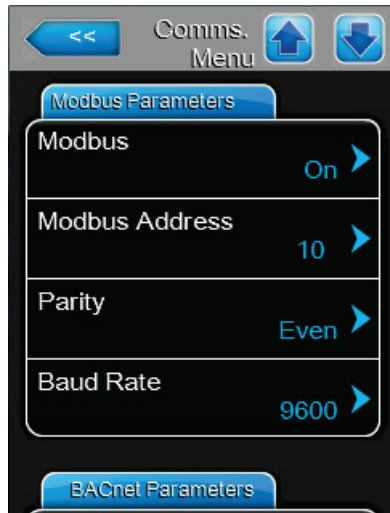
- **Primary DNS:** allows you to manually set the primary DNS (domain name server) for the IP address. **Note:** Set the primary DNS only if *IP Type* is set to "Fixed".
- **Secondary DNS:** allows you to manually set the secondary DNS (domain name server) for the IP address. **Note:** Set the secondary DNS only if *IP Type* is set to "Fixed"
- **MAC Address:** displays the MAC (media access control) address for the Nortec GS humidifier.
- **Host Name:** displays the host name for the Nortec GS humidifier.

BMS Timeout Tab



- **BMS Timeout:** allows you to set the maximum time the humidifier will wait without any communications from the BMS network before a timeout warning is generated.
Setting range: 1-300 seconds
Factory setting: 300 seconds

Modbus Parameters Tab



- **Modbus:** allows you to enable or disable the Modbus communications protocol. Enabling or disabling Modbus always requires a power cycle of the unit.

Options: *On or Off*

Factory setting: *On*

The following settings appear only if *Modbus* is enabled.

- **Modbus Address:** allows you to set the Modbus address of the humidifier on the network.

Setting range: *1-247*

Factory setting: *10*

- **Parity:** allows you to set the parity bit for the data transfer.

Options: *None, Even or Odd*

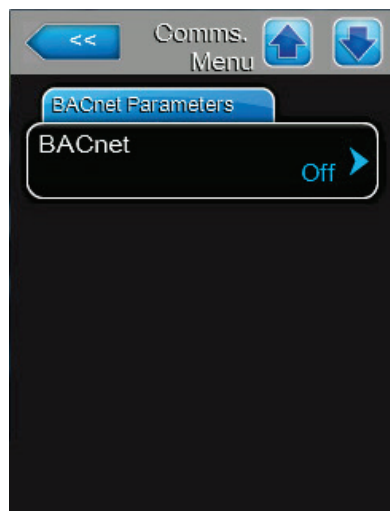
Factory setting: *Even*

- **Baudrate:** allows you to set the baudrate for the data transfer.

Options: *110, 300, 600, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, 76800 or 115200*

Factory setting: *9600*

BACnet Parameters Tab



- **BACnet:** allows you to enable or disable the BACnet communications protocol. Enabling or disabling BACnet always requires a power cycle of the unit.

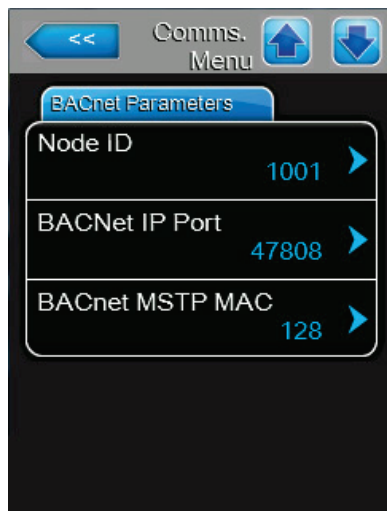
Options: *BACnet/IP* – enables BACnet/IP over the RJ45 (Ethernet) interface.

MSTP – enables BACnet MSTP over the RS485 interface. **Note:** The Nortec GS humidifier is a slave-only BACnet MSTP device.

Off – disables BACnet communications protocol.

Factory setting: *Off*

BACnet Parameters Tab, continued...



The following settings appear only if **BACnet** is set to "BACnet/IP" or "MSTP". **Note:** When set to BACnet MSTP the Nortec GS humidifier communicates as a BACnet slave only. BACnet master functionality requires installation of optional hardware.

- **Device Name:** allows you to assign a name to the humidifier for communications over the BACnet/IP protocol.
- **Device Description:** allows you to enter a description for the humidifier.
- **Device Location:** allows you to enter the location of the humidifier.
- **Node ID:** allows you to assign a node ID to the humidifier for communications over the BACnet/IP protocol.
Setting range: 1-9999999
Factory setting: 1001
- **BACnet IP Port:** allows you to assign a IP port number for the humidifier.
Setting range: 1-65535
Factory setting: 47808
- **BACnet MSTP MAC:** allows you to assign a MSTP MAC address for the humidifier.
Setting range: 128-254
Factory setting: 128

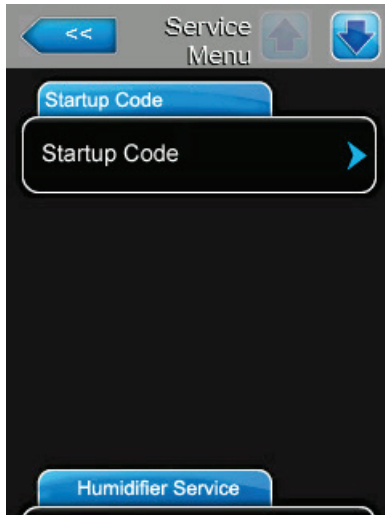
5.2.7.2 Service Menu

The Service menu lets you enter the startup code, reset the service reminder after performing scheduled maintenance, access the fault and maintenance history lists and perform diagnostics. Refer to [Figure 8 on page 22](#). Refer to [Table 6 on page 22](#) for the menu structure.

Each tab under the Service menu is discussed below. The Service menu can also be accessed from the maintenance and fault status area on the Home screen – refer to [Figure 6 on page 14](#).

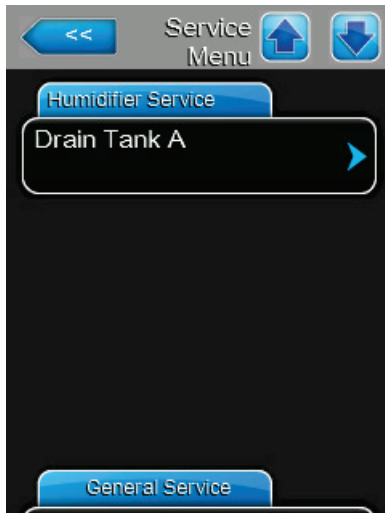
Startup Code Tab

Note: This tab only appears if the humidifier is being operated for the very first time, or the startup code has been enabled. Contact Nortec to request a startup code, then enter it in the field described below.



- **Startup Code:** allows you to enter the startup code required to operate the humidifier.

Humidifier Service Tab



- **Drain Tank:** allows you to drain the tank. It can take up to 1 hour to drain the tank using this function. A warning message is displayed asking you to confirm if you want to proceed with draining the tank. Refer to ["Manually Initiate Tank Draining" on page 48](#) for detailed instructions.

General Service Tab



- **Reset Service Reminder:** allows you to reset the service reminder message after performing scheduled maintenance on the unit. A warning message is displayed asking you to confirm the reset.

CAUTION! Risk of damage to the unit. DO NOT re-set the service reminder message unless the required scheduled maintenance has been performed on the unit.

- **Service Interval:** allows you to set the time interval between scheduled maintenance on the unit.

Setting range: 0-3999 h

Factory setting: 1000 h

- **Clean Tank:** allows you to flush the tank in preparation for maintenance. It can take up to 2 hours to flush and drain the tank using this function. A warning message is displayed asking you to confirm if you want to proceed.



WARNING!

Risk of severe burns from contact with hot steam vapors or hot water!

DO NOT remove the tank cover until the unit has cooled down to a safe temperature and the tank is fully empty.

- **Disable Burners:** allows you to view the Burners tab (not shown) so you can enable or disable individual burners in the unit.
 - **Burner "n":** allows you to enable or disable the individual burner; where "n" represents the burner number (1 to 4, depending on the number of blowers in the unit).

Options: On or Off

Factory setting: On

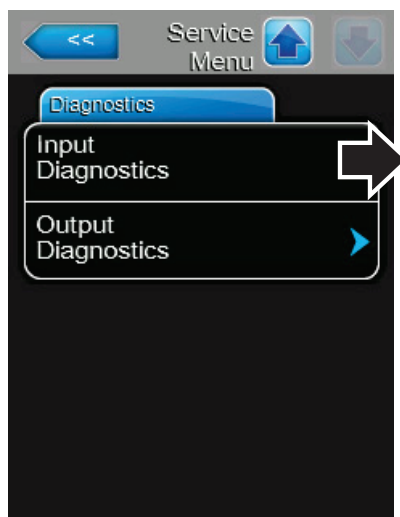
Fault/Service History Tab

Note: Make sure that *date* and *time* are set correctly so that fault and maintenance history events can be correctly analyzed.



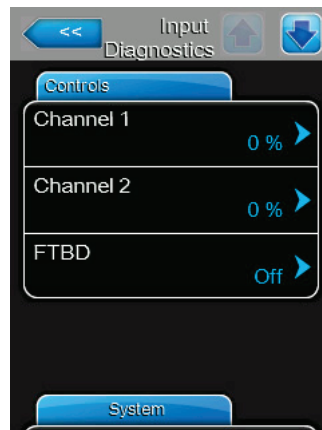
- **Fault History:** allows you to view the fault history list.
- **Service History:** allows you to view the service history list.
- **Reset Fault History:** allows you to reset the fault history. A warning message is displayed asking you to confirm the reset. All previously recorded fault history is erased.
- **Reset Service History:** allows you to reset the service history. A warning message is displayed asking you to confirm the reset. All previously recorded service history is erased.

Diagnostics Tab

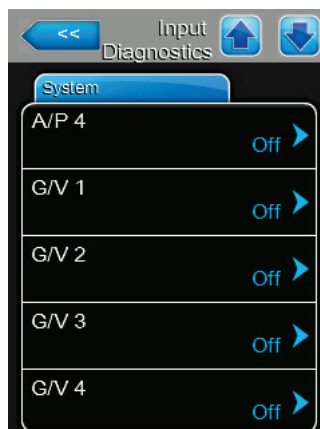
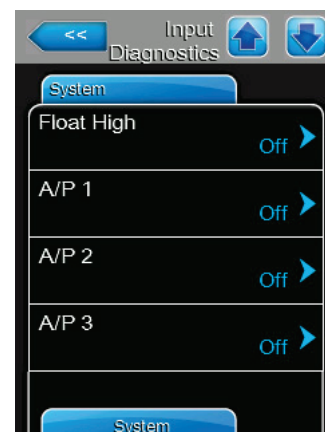


- **Input Diagnostics:** allows you to access the Input Diagnostics menu and view the following tabs which show the current status of all inputs to the integrated controller, as well as calculated parameters.

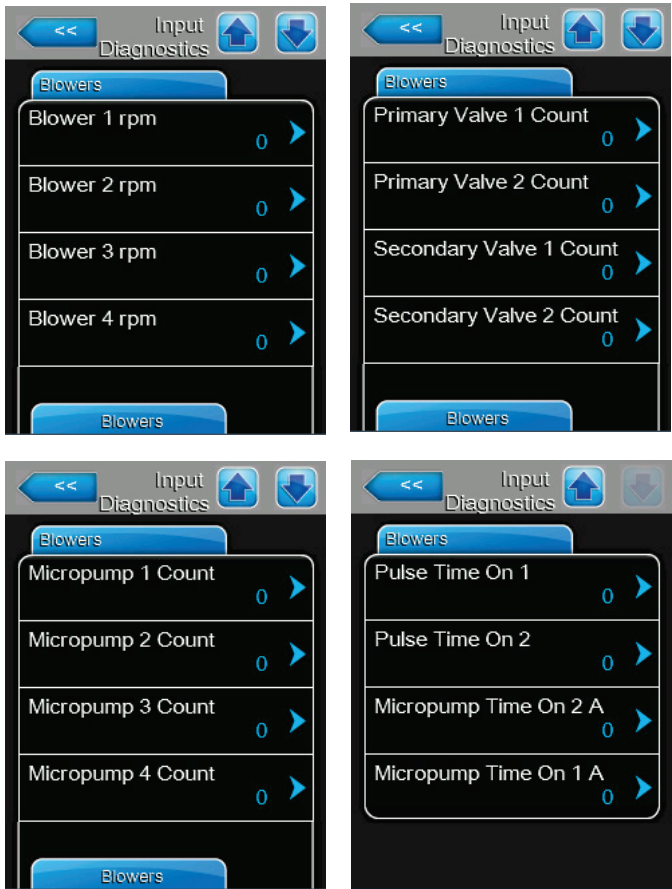
Controls Tab



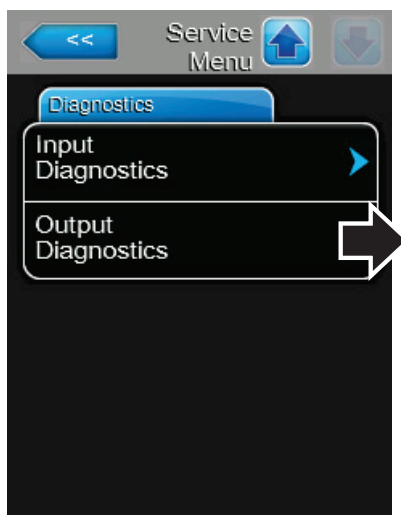
System Tab



Blowers Tab

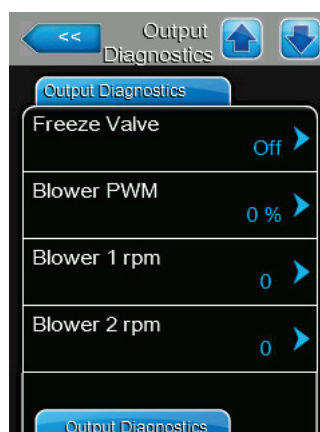
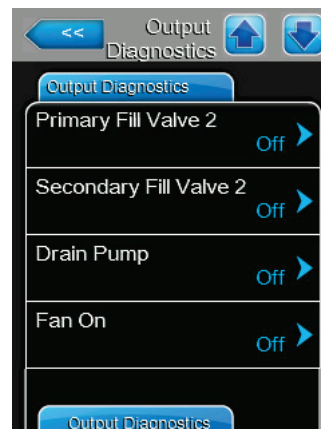


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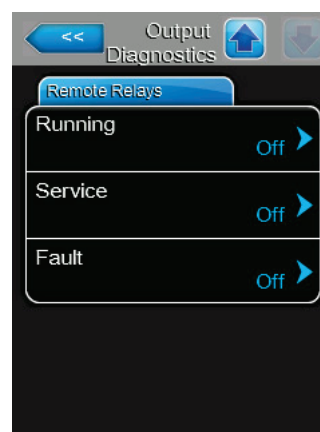


- **Output Diagnostics:** allows you to access the Output Diagnostics menu to enable or disable various system components, as well as the relays on the remote fault board. **Note:** The diagnostic menu will only be displayed after you acknowledge the warning message that the humidifier will be placed in standby mode.

Output Diagnostics Tab



Remote Relays Tab

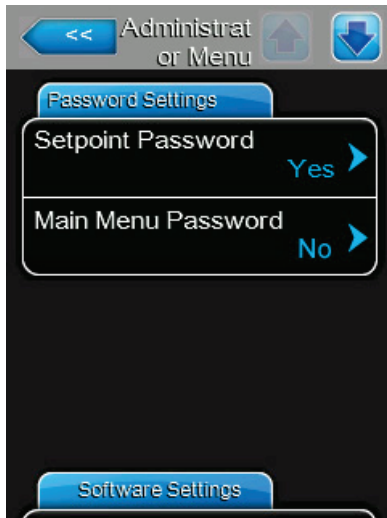


5.2.7.3 Administrator Menu

The Administrator menu lets you enable and disable password control, or install updates for the control software. Refer to [Figure 8 on page 22](#). Refer to [Table 6 on page 22](#) for the menu structure.

Each tab under the Administrator menu is discussed below.

Password Setting Tab



- **Setpoint Password:** allows you to enable or disable password control to modify setpoint values when the humidifier is configured to operate on internal RH(P) or RH(PI) control.
Options: Yes – requires password to modify setpoint values.
 No – requires no password to modify setpoint values.
Factory setting: Yes
- **Main Menu Password:** allows you to enable or disable password control to access the Main menu.
Options: Yes – requires password to access the Main menu.
 No – requires no password to access the Main menu.
Factory setting: No

Software Settings Tab



- **Software Update:** allows you to update the control software. A warning message is displayed asking you to confirm the software updating.

CAUTION! The control software will be corrupted if updating is interrupted, which may render the humidifier unusable.

Refer to ["Installing Software Updates" on page 68](#) for detailed instructions.
- **Restore Factory Defaults:** allows you to restore all settings on the unit to factory settings. A warning message is displayed asking you to confirm if you want to proceed with restoring the settings.

CAUTION! All current configurations of the unit will be permanently lost, and replaced with factory settings.

5.3 Software Configuration

The Nortec GS humidifier is shipped fully configured from the factory to suit your site-specific requirements, but this can be modified as needed. This section provides the necessary instructions to reconfigure the control software.

5.3.1 Configuring the Control Software

Perform the basic setup of the control software as follows, if necessary:

1. Make sure that all control wiring and jumpers are installed as described in "External Connections" in the Installation Manual.
2. Set up the following parameters:
 - **Source**—select the type of control signals to the humidifier ("Analog", "Modbus", "BACnet/IP", etc.). Select "Analog" if a sensor/transducer signal or a demand signal from an external P/PI (proportional)/(proportional-integral) controller is wired directly to the humidifier. Otherwise, select an applicable digital communication protocol from the list. If your humidifier has the optional Lonworks or BACnet (BTL) module installed, select "Modbus".
 - **Control Channels** — select the number of control channels. Select "Dual" if controlling the humidifier with a high limit and a control signal; otherwise set to "Single".
 - **Control Mode CH1** — select the general control mode for the incoming control and high limit signal ("Demand", "RH P", "RH PI", or "On/Off"). Select "Demand" if the control signal is a demand signal from an external controller. Select "RH P" or "RH PI", as appropriate, if the control signal is from a sensor/transducer. Or select "On/Off" if the control signal is from an external On/Off humidistat.
 - **Signal Type Channel 1** — select the signal type of the incoming control signal if **Control Mode** is set to "Demand", "RH P" or "RH PI", and signal **Source** is set to "Analog". Select from "0-5 V", "1-5 V", "0-10 V", "2-10 V", "0-20 V", "0-16 V", "3.2-16 V", "0-20 mA", or "4-20 mA", as appropriate for the external control device connected to Channel 1.

This concludes the basic setup of the control software.

5.3.2 Configuring for Multi-Unit Operation

Set up the control software for multi-unit operation as described below. A maximum of four humidifiers can be set up in a "Main-Extension" configuration using Nortec's Linkup system to satisfy large humidification needs.

IMPORTANT! This procedure should only be used to control multiple humidifiers that are using the same control signal inputs from the same conditioned environment.

1. Make sure that all wiring and jumpers are installed, as described in "Connecting Multiple Units Using Linkup" in the Installation Manual.
2. Configure the main humidifier as described above in *"Configuring the Control Software"*.
3. Set *Linkup* to "Main" on the humidifier that will be designated as Main in the Linkup chain, and set up the following parameters on it:
 - *Linkup Units* – select the total number of humidifiers in the Linkup chain. For example, if there is one main unit and two extension units, then the total number of humidifier in the chain is 3.
 - *Linkup Type* – select the mode of operation of the humidifiers in the Linkup chain ("Series" or "Parallel").
 - *Sequence Rotation* – enable or disable the function that manages the starting order to balance the operating hours on each steam cylinder. **Note:** This setting is available only if *Linkup Type* is set to "Series".
 - *Sequence Interval* – set the time interval used by the control software to establish a new operating sequence to balance the operating hours on the steam cylinders in the Linkup chain.
 - *Linkup Timeout* – if required, change the maximum time limit that the units in the Linkup chain can operate without a connection to each other before they generate a Linkup Timeout warning message.
 - *Zero Out* – if required, set the percentage value of the system demand signal at which the unit is switched on.
 - *Full Out* – if required, set the the percentage value of the system demand signal at which the unit achieves 100% demand.
4. Set *Linkup* in each extension humidifier as Ext1, Ext2, ...
Note: Each extension unit must be a unique extension number.

The humidifiers in the Linkup chain are now set up to generate steam upon humidity demand.

6 Operation

6.1 General

Personnel Qualifications

The Nortec GS humidifier must only be operated by personnel who are adequately qualified, well trained and are authorized by the customer.

Safety

Observe all safety precautions described in ["For Your Safety"](#).

6.2 Operating Procedures

The procedures described in this section assume that the Nortec GS humidifier has been set up properly and commissioned by a Nortec technician or Nortec-approved technician.

Before the Nortec GS humidifier can initiate combustion, it must be filled with water and the control software must perform a series of functional and safety tests.

6.2.1 Filling the System

Fill the Nortec GS humidifier as follows. The control software also performs the float test to ensure that the fill system, the water level controls and the drain pump(s) are functioning properly.

1. Close the manual gas shutoff valve in the supply line.
2. Open the shutoff valve in the water supply line.
3. Set the On/Off button on the humidifier to the On position.

The control software then energizes the dual fill valves and starts to fill the tank. When the water in the float chamber(s) reaches the L1 level (red LED), the control software runs a series of tests on the fill and drain system as described in ["Water Management" on page 9](#). On successful completion of the tests, the float chamber is filled to the L3 level (green LED) or L4 level (yellow and green LEDs), and the humidifier goes into standby mode. This process can take approximately 10-30 minutes depending on the size of the unit.

4. Set the On/Off button to the Off position, and perform the ["Ignition Safety Shutoff Test"](#) described below.

6.2.2 Ignition Safety Shutoff Test

Perform the ignition safety shutoff test as described below:

1. Check that the manual gas shutoff valve in the supply line is still closed.
2. Make sure that the contacts of all devices connected to the external security loop are closed.
3. Set the On/Off button to the On position. The control software runs a series of tests on the fill and drain system, and on successful completion the humidifier goes into standby mode.
4. Set the demand signal to the humidifier from the building management system (BMS) or humidistat at 100%.

The control software energizes the blower(s) to initiate the combustion sequence. The blower(s) run at full capacity for the pre-purge duration to pre-purge the system. The control software then verifies the proper functioning of the safety systems and the blowers as described in ["Combustion" on page 9](#).

After the safety systems check is completed successfully, the ignition control module(s) is energized. The spark-igniter(s) attempts to fire up three times to ignite the gas-air mixture. Since the gas supply is shut off, no flame is detected by the flame sensor(s) and the gas valve(s) is de-energized. The red LED in the ignition control module(s) flashes to indicate a safety lockout. The fault message "[Ignition Fail](#)" also appears on the touchscreen display after a short delay.

Note: On units with multiple burners, each burner attempts to ignite in sequence. Hence, it is important to wait for all burners to complete its cycle.

The ignition safety shutoff test is successful when no gas flows to the burner(s) when the manual gas shutoff valve is closed.

5. Power cycle the humidifier to reset the fault condition.
6. Open the manual gas shutoff valve.

6.2.3 Starting the Humidifier

Start the humidifier as follows:

1. Make sure that the tank in the humidifier is filled with water – refer to "[Filling the System](#)" on page 45.
2. Make sure that the ignition safety shutdown test is completed – refer to "[Ignition Safety Shutoff Test](#)" on page 45.
3. Check that the shutoff valve in the water supply line is open.
4. Check that the manual gas shutoff valve in the supply line is open
5. On the CS/NX models, make sure that the condensate trap inside the unit is primed properly.
6. Check that the contacts of all devices connected to the external security loop are closed.
7. Make sure that all access panels on the humidifier are installed and fastened securely.
8. Set the On/Off button on the humidifier to the On position.

The control software then energizes the dual fill valve(s) and starts to fill the tank. It then performs a series of tests to verify the function of the floats, the dual fill valves and the drain pump – refer to "[Water Management](#)" on page 9. Upon successful completion of the tests, the combustion sequence starts – refer to "[Combustion](#)" on page 9.

Depending on the system demand, the blower(s) runs faster or slower to control the input of the burner(s). The generated heat turns the water in the tank to steam, which is then delivered to the distribution system.

As the water level in the tank is reduced due to evaporation, the dual fill valves pulse to maintain water at the proper level. On the CS/NX model only, the micro-pump(s) activates periodically to pump water through the secondary heat-exchanger(s). The water is then preheated in the secondary heat-exchanger(s) before it flows into the tank.

When the humidity demand has been satisfied (demand drops below the minimum %), the gas valve(s) is de-energized. The blower(s) then performs a post-purge of the combustion chamber(s), and then shuts off.

If there is no humidity demand, the humidifier goes into standby mode to await the next humidity demand signal.

6.2.4 Remote Monitoring

The Nortec GS humidifier can be monitored remotely through the remote fault board wired to a remote monitoring system. [Table 7](#) describes the function of each relay when triggered.

Table 7: Remote Relay Function

Remote Relay	Description
Error	The humidifier is stopped due to a fault condition, or may be operable only for a limited period of time.
Service/Warning	Depending on the software configuration, indicates that a service warning or a system warning/notification is active.
Unit On	The humidifier has power, and the On/Off switch is in the On position.

The Nortec GS humidifier can also be monitored remotely from a laptop or desktop computer using the ethernet port on the integrated control board. Contact your Nortec representative for assistance.

6.2.5 Inspections During Operation

Perform regular inspection of the Nortec GS humidifier and the humidification system when it is in operation. Inspect the following:

- ☐ Check the gas connection for any leaks.
- ☐ Check the water, drain and steam connections for any leakages.
- ☐ If applicable, check the humidifier and other system components have not shifted from their mountings, and are fastened securely.
- ☐ Check for leaks in the exhaust vent. Check that there are no obstructions anywhere in the exhaust vent, including the exhaust terminal.
- ☐ Keep the area around the air intake in the unit clear of all obstructions. If an air intake vent is used, check for leaks and obstructions in the vent, including the intake terminal.
- ☐ Check the area around the unit is clear of all insulating and combustible materials.
- ☐ Visually check the electrical wiring for any damage.
- ☐ Check the Home screen on the humidifier for service or system warning messages.

If any irregularities (leakages, fault messages or damaged components) are found, shut down the Nortec GS humidifier before performing service – refer to ["Shutting Down" on page 49](#). Contact your Nortec representative if assistance is required.

6.2.6 Manually Initiate Tank Draining

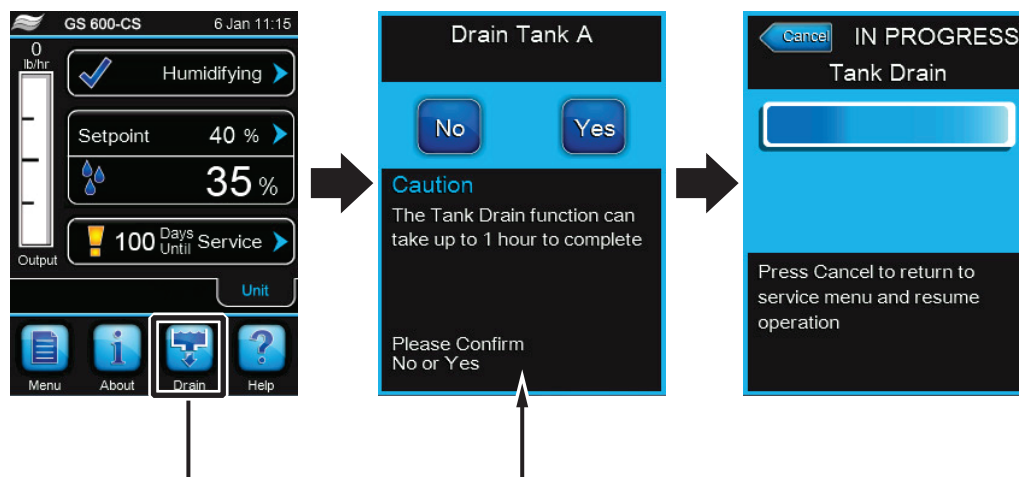





Figure 9: Drain Screens

During periods of inactivity, such as off-season or periods of low demand, drain the water from the tank. To drain the tank in the Nortec GS humidifier, manually initiate draining as follows. Refer to [Figure 9](#).

1. Select the **<Drain>** button on the Home screen. If more than one humidifier is connected in a Linkup chain, select the appropriate tank, then press the check mark.
2. Select the **<Yes>** button on the confirmation screen. If humidification is in progress, it is interrupted and the drain pump(s) empties the tank. A progress bar shows the status of the drain cycle.

Select the **<Cancel>** button at any time to interrupt the drain cycle. If the drain cycle is interrupted before it is completed, open the manual drain valve and verify that there is still water in the tank. Close the manual drain valve, then select the **<No>** button on the next screen to confirm that the tank has not been emptied fully.

Note: If necessary, set the On/Off switch to the Off position at the end of the drain cycle to prevent the humidifier from filling the tank again.



WARNING!
Risk of severe burns from contact with hot surfaces, steam or hot water!

The tank may contain steam or hot water at up to 212 °F (100 °C). Contact with the hot surfaces, steam vapors or hot water can result in severe burns.

Prevention: Never open the tank until it has been fully drained, and the unit has cooled down to a safe temperature. Never use the manual drain valve until the unit has cooled down. Use the manual drain valve to verify that the tank is empty before removing the tank cover.

Note: If the control software/drain valve(s) does not function properly, wait for the unit to cool down then open the manual drain valve and empty the tank. Close the drain valve after emptying the tank.

6.2.7 Full Tank Blowdown

The control software in the Nortec GS humidifier performs a full tank blowdown to reduce the amount of dissolved minerals accumulated inside the tank. The [Drain Cool](#) function in the control software permits drain water cooling whenever the drain pump runs. Make sure that the function is enabled if drain cooling is required. The frequency of the blowdown can be set in the control software.

In addition to the software-controlled full tank blowdown, a separate 24 VAC signal connected to pins "1" and "8" in the low voltage terminal strip can also initiate a full tank blowdown. When a full tank blowdown is initiated, the tank is drained fully then refilled. Make sure the [Drain Cool](#) function is enabled if drain cooling is required.

6.2.8 Shutting Down



DANGER!
Risk of electric shock!

The control cabinet in the Nortec GS has live voltage. Turning off the unit at the On/Off switch does not shut off power to the control cabinet. Touching live parts may cause severe injury or even death.

Prevention: Before performing any work inside the humidifier or with the humidification system, shut down the humidifier properly as described below.

Shut down the Nortec GS humidifier as follows for maintenance, or at the end of the season:

1. Set the demand signal to the humidifier from the BMS or the humidistat at 0%. Then allow the burner(s) to shut off and the blower(s) to perform a post-purge of the combustion chamber(s).
2. Manually initiate draining of the tank. Refer to ["Manually Initiate Tank Draining" on page 48](#).
3. Make a note of any fault code displayed on the Home screen.
Note: At the end of the season, report the fault history to a Nortec-certified technician. Select **Service > Fault/Service History** tab to access the fault history.
4. Set the On/Off button to the Off position.
5. Close the manual gas shutoff valve in the supply line.
6. Close the shutoff valve in the water supply line.
7. Disconnect the power supply to the humidifier at the external disconnect switch. To prevent accidental power-up, lockout and tag out according to the established safety practices at your facility.



WARNING!
Risk of severe burns from contact with hot surfaces!

Components of the steam system may reach 212°F (100°C) during operation. Contact with the hot surfaces can result in severe burns.

Prevention: Avoid touching any components in the plumbing cabinet until the unit has cooled down to a safe temperature.

8. Wait for the unit to cool down to a safe temperature before performing any maintenance inside the plumbing cabinet.

6.2.9 Restarting After Shutdown

Restart the Nortec GS humidifier as follows after it has been shut down for maintenance or at the start of the season:



DANGER!
Risk of harm to personnel or damage to property.

Operating a damaged or improperly secured humidifier presents a risk of danger to personnel or damage to property.

Prevention: Do not restart a damaged or improperly secured humidifier.

1. Examine the humidifier and other system components for damage. Do not use the appliance if any part of the humidifier has been under water. Call a qualified service technician to inspect and replace any part of the control system or gas control that has been under water.
2. Check for loose or damaged electrical connections, and repair if necessary.

3. If applicable, make sure that the humidifier and its components have not shifted from their mountings, and are fastened securely.
4. Make sure that all condensate traps in the exhaust and steam lines are primed properly.
5. Clean any build-up of dirt around the control cabinet, the area around the burner(s). Clean the area around the air intake inlet to prevent contaminants from being drawn into the combustion chamber.
6. Clean the air intake terminal, if the humidifier is connected to the exterior.
7. Make sure that all access panels on the humidifier are installed and fastened securely. Refer to ["Removal and Installation of Access Panels" on page 55](#).
8. Remove the lock and tag from the external disconnect switch, and restore power to the humidifier.
9. Open the water and gas supply to the unit.
10. Start up the humidifier as described in ["Starting the Humidifier" on page 46](#).

7 Maintenance

7.1 General

To ensure proper performance and long operating life of the Nortec GS humidifier, Nortec recommends inspection of the appliance and installation at least once a year by a qualified service person. The amount and type of maintenance required is generally dependent on how much the humidifier operates. The Nortec GS humidifier monitors the amount of steam produced over time and will indicate when service is required. All units come with a default service interval of 1000 hours, which can be adjusted in the control software.

The combustion air blower motors are permanently lubricated and do not require lubrication.

The gas valves in the Nortec GS humidifier are negative-pressure-regulated valves. The valves are factory-set for the correct gas type. The valve setting listed on the product rating plate is shown relative to atmosphere – this setting will always remain constant. Contact the factory if adjustment is needed.

IMPORTANT! Tampering with the gas valve, without the express consent of Nortec, will void the warranty.

In general, the burners do not require adjustment or servicing. The combustion chamber and heat-exchanger tubes are all fabricated from stainless steel, and do not require internal cleaning.

The exhaust vent connected to the Nortec GS humidifier does not require cleaning, but needs to be inspected regularly for leaks, blockages, sagging and proper condensate removal.

For proper and safe operation of the unit, the area around the air intake in the unit must be kept clear of all obstructions. If an air intake vent is used, it must be inspected for leaks and obstructions (including the intake terminal).

Refer to ["Mandatory Maintenance Schedule" on page 52](#) for other maintenance requirements. Also perform regular inspections when the unit is operating – refer to ["Inspections During Operation" on page 47](#).

IMPORTANT! Damage caused by use of non-approved parts is not covered by warranty. Use only original Nortec replacement parts.

Personnel Qualifications

Maintenance on the Nortec GS humidifier must only be performed by well qualified and properly trained personnel authorized by the customer. It is the customer's responsibility to verify qualifications of the personnel.

Safety

Make sure that the Nortec GS humidifier is shut down properly as described in ["Shutting Down" on page 49](#), and observe all safety precautions described in ["For Your Safety"](#) before performing any maintenance on the humidifier.



WARNING!

Wiring errors can cause improper and dangerous operation of the humidifier!

Prevention: Tag all wires before disconnecting them. Reconnect all wires correctly after servicing, and check the unit functions properly.

7.2 Mandatory Maintenance Schedule

Table 8 lists the mandatory maintenance schedule for the Nortec GS humidifier.

Table 8: Mandatory Maintenance Schedule

Task	30 Days After Initial Start-up	Mid-Season	End of Season (2000 hrs)	Maintenance
Inspect drainage.	X	X	X	Perform a visual check of the drainage system, including the air gap funnel and drainage into the building drain. Initiate a manual drain (refer to "Manually Initiate Tank Draining" on page 48), and visually check that water flows freely through the drain.
Perform water analysis.	–	X	X	Perform a water analysis on a semi-annual basis to ensure optimal performance. Refer to "Management of Scale and Chloride Levels" on page 53 .
Inspect tank, primary heat-exchanger coils and drain fitting for scale build-up.	X	X	X	Adjust Blowdown Rate and FTBD Interval , as necessary, to reduce scale build-up. Inspect the inside of the tank, and make sure that scale build-up does not exceed 2 in (50 mm). De-scale as required. Refer to "Cleaning the Tank" on page 57 .
Inspect secondary heat-exchanger (CS/NX model only) for blockage.	–	X	X	Inspect water flow through the secondary heat-exchanger and make sure there is not blockage. Clean, if necessary – refer to "Cleaning the Secondary Heat-exchanger" on page 59 . Inspect the condensate trap connected to the secondary heat-exchanger for blockage. Flush and prime the condensate trap, if necessary – refer to "Cleaning the Secondary Heat-exchanger" on page 59 .
Inspect sacrificial anode in the tank.	–	–	X	Inspect the anode for severe corrosion or scale build-up. Scrape off excess scale – refer to "Cleaning the Tank" on page 57 . Replace the anode, if necessary.
Clean the float chamber.	X	X	X	Make sure that the floats move freely. Clean the float chamber – refer to "Cleaning the Float Chamber" on page 60 .
Inspect the hoses, fill valve and drain pump for blockage.	–	X	X	Check the fill and drain hoses for blockage. Clean the inside of the hoses – refer to "Cleaning Hoses, Dual Fill Valves and Drain Pump" on page 61 . Clean the strainer in the dual fill valves – refer to "Cleaning Hoses, Dual Fill Valves and Drain Pump" on page 61 . Clean the drain pump – refer to "Cleaning Hoses, Dual Fill Valves and Drain Pump" on page 61 .
Remove dust build-up on the blower housing.	–	X	X	Use an air gun to remove dust accumulation on the blower housing.
Inspect the spark-igniter for oxidation.	–	–	X	Clean the spark-igniter – refer to "Cleaning the Burner Assembly" on page 63 for details.
Inspect the exhaust vent and terminal.	X	X	X	Check that there are no leaks in the exhaust vent, and it is not damaged or corroded excessively. Check the vent is secured properly and has the proper slope. Make sure there is no blockage in the exhaust vent including the exhaust terminal. When operating in a stable state, make sure that flue temperature is 275-300 °F (135-149 °C) for the standard-efficiency model. Flue temperature should be 120-140 °F (49-60 °C) for CS/NX model.
Inspect air intake vent and terminal.	–	X	X	Check the air intake vent for leaks, if used. Make sure there is no blockage in the air intake terminal, if used. Clean the screen on the elbow at the intake air inlet.
Inspect high limit switch and sensor.	X	X	X	Visually check that the thermocouple is attached to the exhaust vent, and the thermocouple wires are connected properly to the switch.

Task	30 Days After Initial Start-up	Mid-Season	End of Season (2000 hrs)	Maintenance
Inspect condensate collection system.	X	X	X	Check for leaks or blockages in the condensate lines throughout the steam line and exhaust vent (if applicable). Make sure that the condensate traps are primed. If a condensate neutralizer is installed, follow recommendations of the device manufacturer.
Inspect the mounting of the unit.	–	–	X	Check the mounting surface on which the unit is installed is stable, and the unit is secured properly to the mounting surface.
Inspect overall condition of the unit.	–	–	X	Check the unit for obvious signs of deterioration.

Also perform regular inspections when the unit is operating – refer to ["Inspections During Operation" on page 47](#).

7.3 List of Consumables

[Table 9](#) shows the list of consumable items for the Nortec GS humidifier.

Table 9: Consumables

Consumable Item	Replace	Part Number
Spark igniter	After 3 seasons (600 hours)	Refer to the Spare Parts List for kit part numbers.
Tank door gasket	After each cleaning	
Sacrificial anode	When needed	
All other gaskets	When removed	

7.4 Management of Scale and Chloride Levels

As the humidifier produces steam, minerals dissolved in the water begin to concentrate in the tank over time. The amount of dissolved minerals and the chloride levels need to be carefully controlled so they do not affect the efficiency and service life of components. Hardness of water may cause foaming and contribute to scale build-up in the humidifier tank and float chamber, and chlorides increase the risk of stress corrosion cracking in stainless steel components of the humidifier. All of these contribute to reduced efficiency, and increased amount of service and related maintenance costs.

IMPORTANT! Component failures due to water quality outside the recommended ranges (refer to [Table 10](#)) are not covered by warranty.

The Nortec GS humidifier periodically drains water from the tank to reduce the concentration of dissolved minerals that accumulate during long-term operation. This is achieved in two ways – through a partial blowdown and a full tank blowdown (FTBD).

In a partial blowdown, a certain amount of water (determined by the [Blowdown Rate](#) setting) is drained from the tank and replaced with fresh water, thus lowering the concentration levels. In a FTBD, the entire tank is drained when a certain number of weighted hours (determined by the [FTBD Interval](#) setting) have elapsed, then refilled with fresh water. Weighted hours is defined as the hours equivalent to a unit operating at 100% output.

The humidifier is shipped with a default [Blowdown Rate](#) of 25% for the partial blowdown, and [FTBD Interval](#) of 72 hours for FTBD. These settings ensure that concentration of dissolved minerals is minimized for all water conditions. However, they can be adjusted in the control software once water conditions are known for your site – refer to ["Adjusting Blowdown Settings" on page 54](#).

In addition to the software-controlled FTBD, a separate 24 VAC signal connected to pins "1" and "8" in the low voltage terminal strip can also be used to initiate a full tank blowdown at any time.

Water Quality

The water quality requirements for the Nortec GS humidifier are shown in [Table 10](#). Do-it-yourself kits are available to test hardness in the feed water. You can also contact your local municipality for a water quality report, or order a Nortec water test kit.

Table 10: Water Quality Requirements

Water Type	Hardness gpg (PPM)	Alkalinity (pH)	Chloride (PPM)
Potable	0-15 (0-256)	5-8	0-50
Treated	0-0.99 (0-17)	5-8	0-50

7.4.1 Adjusting Blowdown Settings

Due to the wide range of water quality in different locations, it is important to adjust blowdown to suit the local water conditions. Use the following procedure to adjust the blowdown rate and FTBD interval for the water conditions at your site.

1. Test the quality of the feed water to determine the hardness and the chloride levels.
2. Then set the blowdown rate as follows:
 - a. Refer to [Table 11 on page 54](#), and make a note of the recommended minimum blowdown rate for the hardness level of the feed water.
 - b. Then refer to [Table 12 on page 55](#), and make a note of the recommended minimum blowdown rate for the chloride level in the feed water.
 - c. Set the [Blowdown Rate](#) on the Nortec GS humidifier to the **higher** of the two noted values.
3. Set the FTBD interval as follows:
 - a. Refer to [Table 11](#), and make a note of the recommended maximum FTBD interval value for the hardness level of the feed water.
 - b. Refer to [Table 12](#), and make a note of the recommended maximum FTBD interval value for the chloride level in the feed water.
 - c. Set the [FTBD Interval](#) on the humidifier to the **lesser** of the two noted values.
4. Once the base settings are set, monitor the water quality and maintenance history periodically, and adjust the settings accordingly.

Note: Factory tests have shown that increasing the blowdown rate reduces scale build-up, while reducing the FTBD interval reduces the chloride concentration levels in the tank. The adjusted settings should reflect a balance between reducing concentration levels and minimizing water usage.

Table 11: Blowdown and FTBD Settings Related to Hardness of Water

Feed Water Hardness gpg (PPM)	Recommended Minimum Blowdown Rate (%)	Recommended Maximum FTBD Interval (h)*
0-3.5 (0-60)	12	72
3.5-7 (60-120)	25	72
7-10.5 (120-180)	40	72
10.5-20.5 (180-350)	60	48
> 20.5 (> 350)	Not recommended for the Nortec GS humidifier without treatment of the water. Contact your local Nortec representative.	

* Weighted hours

Table 12: Blowdown and FTBD Settings Related to Chloride Levels

Feed Water Chloride Levels (PPM)	Recommended Minimum Blowdown Rate (%)	Recommended Maximum FTBD Interval (h)*
5	12	72
5-15	25	72
15-25	45	48
25-40	80	24
40-50	100	12
> 50	Not recommended for the Nortec GS humidifier without treatment of the water. Contact your local Nortec representative.	

* Weighted hours

7.5 Maintenance Procedures

7.5.1 Removal and Installation of Access Panels

Removal

Remove the door and side panels in the humidifier as follows. Refer to [Figure 10 on page 56](#).

1. Turn the captive screw at the bottom of the door panel (control cabinet/plumbing cabinet) counter-clockwise with a screwdriver.
2. Lift up the door panel slightly so that the top tabs clear the notches in the cabinet, then carefully swing the bottom of the panel up, as shown, and remove the panel.
3. To remove the left/right side panel, remove the screws and slide the panel towards the front of the unit, so the tabs in the side of the panel clear the notches in the fixed rear panel.

Note: The Nortec GS 50/100 does not have a removable left side panel. To remove the right side panel, slide the panel towards the front of the humidifier until the tabs at the top rear and bottom rear of the panel clear the notches in the cabinet, then remove the panel.

Installation

Install the door and side panels in the humidifier as follows. Refer to [Figure 10 on page 56](#).

1. Align and slide the side panel (left/right) towards the rear of the unit, so the tabs in the side of the panel engage with the notches in the fixed rear panel. Install the screws and fasten the panel securely.
Note: To install the right side panel in the Nortec GS 50/100, align the tabs at the top rear and bottom rear of the panel with the notches in the cabinet, then slide the panel towards the rear of the unit until it is seated properly.
2. Position the door panel (control cabinet/plumbing cabinet) so that the two tabs in the top rear of the panel align with the notches in the cabinet.
3. Lower the door panel to seat the tabs in the notches, while ensuring that the tabs in the (left/right) side panel engage with the notches in the side of the door panel. Refer to the detail in the figure.
4. Make sure that the door panel fits flush on the front and the side. Turn the captive screw in the door panel clockwise to secure the door panel. Check that it is fastened securely.

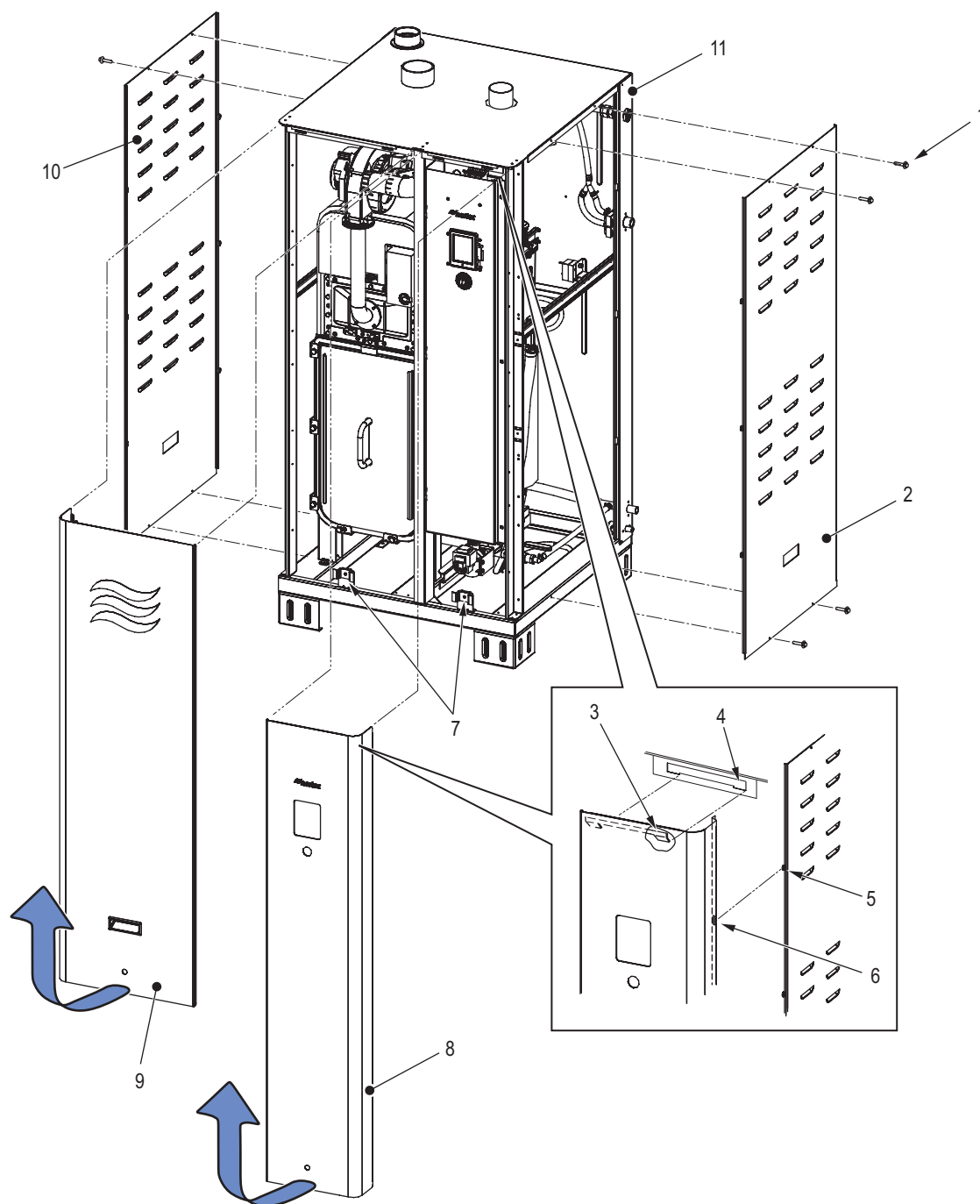


Figure 10: Access Panels Removal and Installation (GS 150 Shown)

- 1 Screw, (×4) typical
- 2 Panel, right side
- 3 Top tab, door panel
- 4 Notch, cabinet
- 5 Tab, side panel
- 6 Notch, door panel
- 7 Screw, captive
- 8 Door panel, control cabinet
- 9 Door panel, plumbing cabinet
- 10 Panel, left side
- 11 Panel, fixed rear

7.5.2 Cleaning the Tank

Clean the inside of the tank, the outside of the primary heat-exchanger coils and the drain fitting as follows. Refer to [Figure 11 on page 58](#).



WARNING!

Risk of severe burns from contact with hot surfaces, steam or hot water!

The tank may contain steam or hot water at up to 212 °F (100 °C). Contact with the hot surfaces, steam vapors or hot water can result in severe burns.

Prevention: Always drain the tank, and allow the unit to cool down to a safe temperature before cleaning the tank.



CAUTION!

Risk of damage to the humidifier components!

Do not use solvents, aromatized or halogenized hydrocarbons, or other harsh chemicals for cleaning. Disinfectants may only be used if they do not leave behind toxic residue. Rinse all parts thoroughly with clean tap water after cleaning.

Note: It is not necessary to remove the tank from the unit in order to clean it.

1. Use the [Clean Tank](#) function in the control software to flush and drain the tank.
2. Shut down the humidifier as described in ["Shutting Down" on page 49](#).
3. Remove the door panels – refer to ["Removal and Installation of Access Panels" on page 55](#).
4. Disconnect the fill hose from the drain fitting.
5. Remove the four clamps and the tank cover.
6. Remove and discard the tank gasket.
7. Use a soft-bristled brush (not wire brush) or plastic (not metal) scraper to remove all scale build-up on the inside surfaces of the tank, as well as the outside of the primary heat-exchanger coils and the inside of the drain fitting. Carefully remove any scale build-up on the surface of the temperature sensor. Vacuum out the tank. Flush water through the drain fitting to remove any remaining sediment.
8. Rinse the inside of the tank thoroughly with clean tap water.



WARNING!

Risk of fire!

DO NOT clean the sacrificial anode with any chemicals. The anode can react with acids to create flammable hydrogen gas.

9. Inspect the sacrificial anode on the inside of the tank cover for excessive corrosion or scale build-up. Use a soft-bristled brush (not wire brush) to remove scale build-up. Replace the anode, if necessary.
10. Install a new tank gasket (Nortec does not recommend reusing the tank gasket), and secure the tank cover to the tank with the four clamps as follows:
 - a. Install the left side clamp, using just one M8×18 bolt. Torque the bolt to 35 in·lb (4.0 N·m).

Note: The order of installation/torquing of the bolts for the tank cover are shown in the hexagonal symbols in [Figure 11 on page 58](#).
 - b. Install the right side clamp, using just one M8×18 bolt. Torque the bolt to 35 in·lb (4.0 N·m).
 - c. Torque the remaining bolts in the left and right side clamps to 35 in·lb (4.0 N·m), in the order shown.
 - d. Install the bottom clamp, and torque the two bolts to 35 in·lb (4.0 N·m).
 - e. Install the top clamp, and torque the M6×16 bolt to 45 in·lb (5.1 N·m).
 - f. Torque the M8×18 bolt in the top clamp to 20 in·lb (2.3 N·m).
11. Connect the fill hose to the drain fitting and secure it with a clamp.

12. Re-start the humidifier – refer to ["Restarting After Shutdown" on page 49](#). The humidifier then fills the tank and goes through the start-up sequence.
13. Check for any leaks in the tank cover.

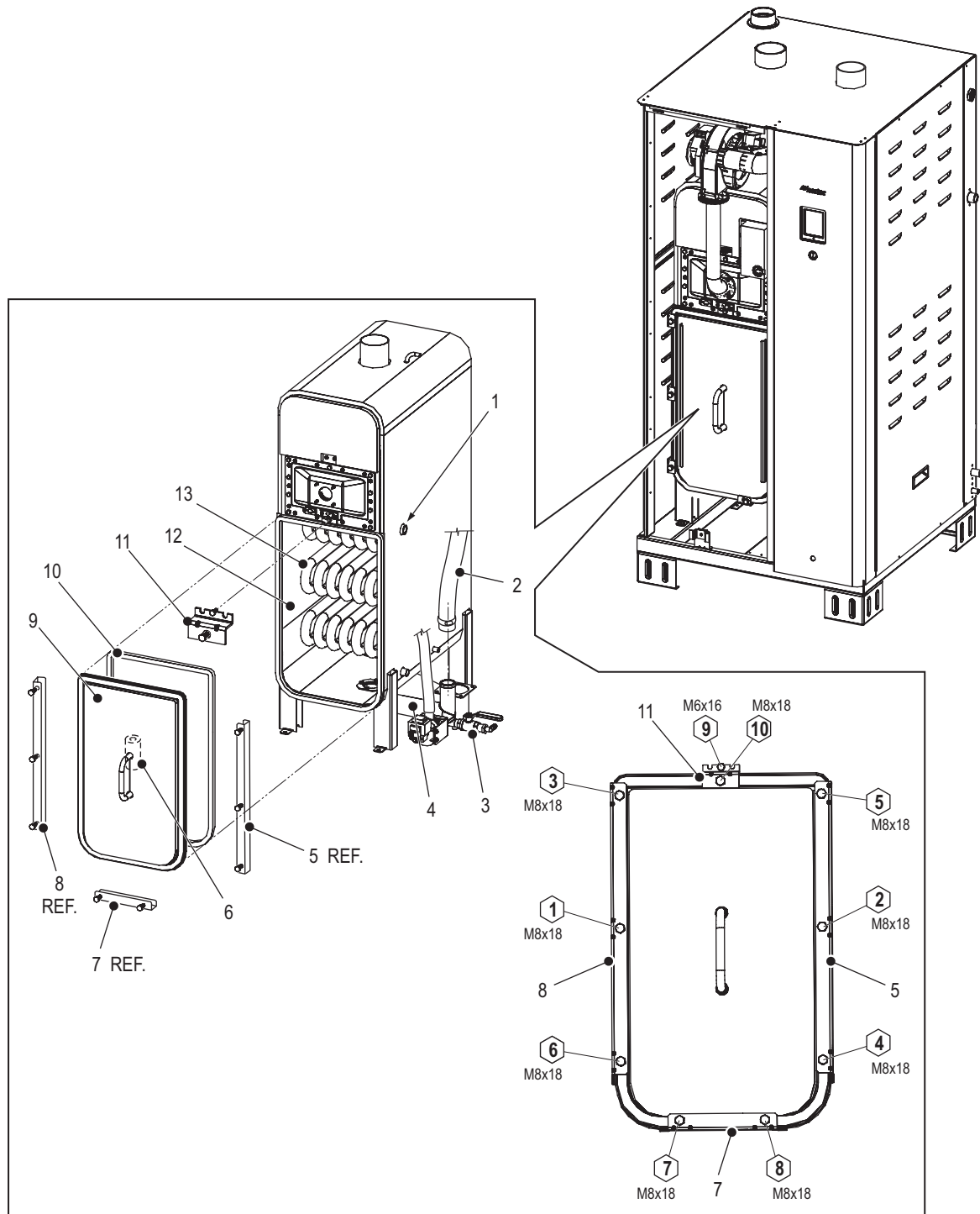


Figure 11: Cleaning the Tank

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| 1 | Sensor, temperature | 8 | Clamp, left side |
| 2 | Hose, fill box to tank (main) | 9 | Cover, tank |
| 3 | Valve, manual shutoff | 10 | Gasket, tank |
| 4 | Fitting, drain | 11 | Clamp, top |
| 5 | Clamp, right side | 12 | Tank |
| 6 | Anode, sacrificial | 13 | Coils, primary heat-exchanger |
| 7 | Clamp, bottom | | |

7.5.3 Cleaning the Secondary Heat-exchanger

Clean the secondary heat-exchanger and the condensate trap (CS/NX model only) as follows. Refer to [Figure 12](#).



WARNING!

Risk of severe burns from contact with hot surfaces!

Components of the unit can be hot to the touch. Contact with the hot surfaces can result in severe burns.

Prevention: Allow the unit to cool down to a safe temperature before cleaning the components.



CAUTION!

Risk of damage to the humidifier components!

Do not use solvents, aromatized or halogenized hydrocarbons, or other harsh chemicals for cleaning. Disinfectants may only be used if they do not leave behind toxic residue. Rinse all parts thoroughly with clean tap water after cleaning.

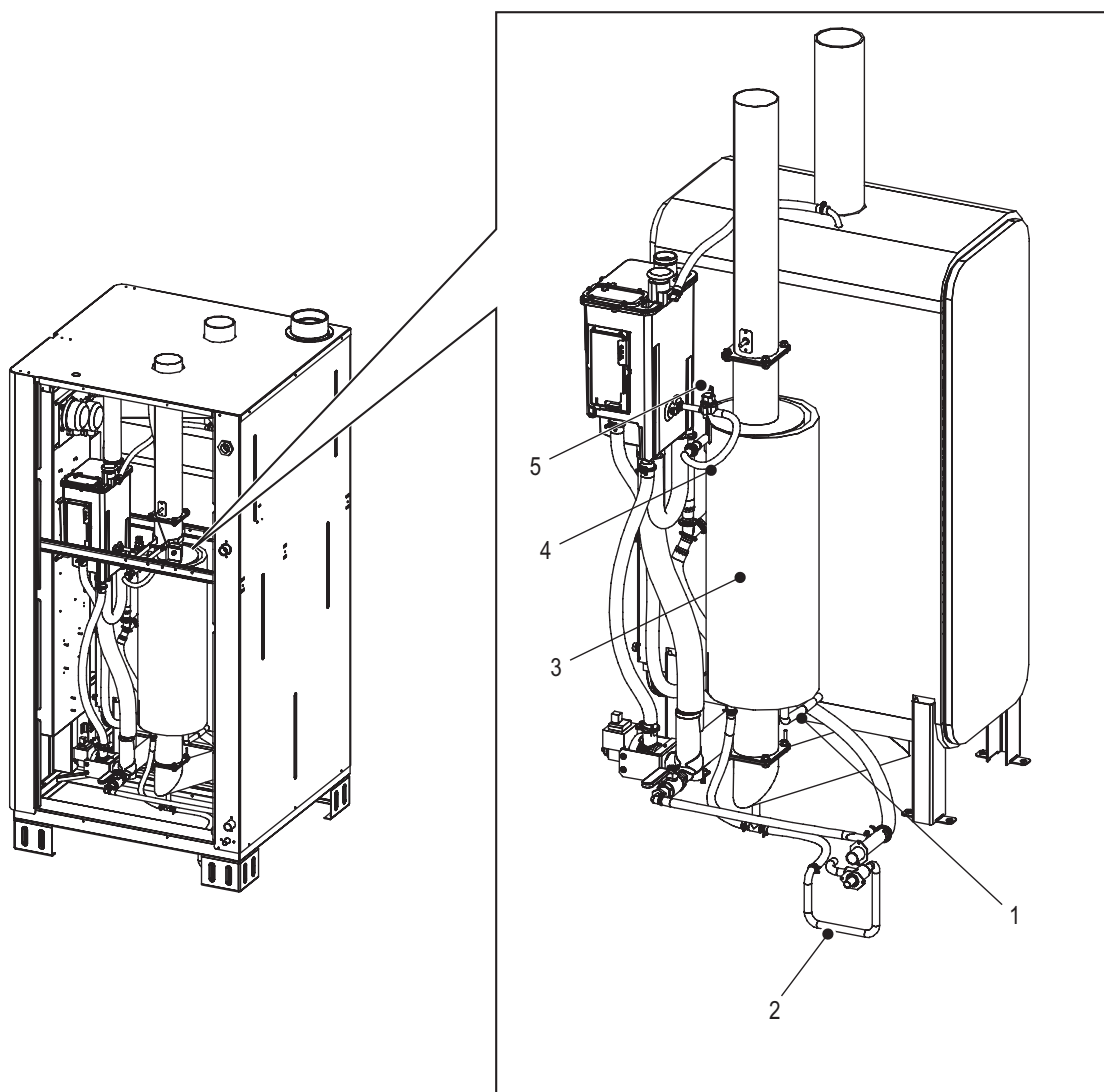


Figure 12: Cleaning Secondary Heat-exchanger (CS/NX Model Only)

- 1 Hose, secondary heat-exchanger to tank
- 2 Trap, condensate
- 3 Heat-exchanger, secondary

- 4 Hose, micro-pump to secondary heat-exchanger
- 5 Micro-pump

1. Drain the tank, and shut down the humidifier as described in ["Shutting Down" on page 49](#).
2. Remove the side panel – refer to ["Removal and Installation of Access Panels" on page 55](#).
3. Disconnect the two water hoses from the secondary heat-exchanger.
4. Flush the inside of the secondary heat-exchanger with clean tap water.
5. Reconnect the water hoses.
6. Disconnect the condensate trap from the secondary heat-exchanger and flush out any scale build-up.
7. Reconnect the condensate trap, and prime the trap with water.
8. Re-start the humidifier – refer to ["Restarting After Shutdown" on page 49](#).
9. Check for leaks.

7.5.4 Cleaning the Float Chamber

Clean the float chamber in the fill box as follows. Refer to [Figure 13](#).

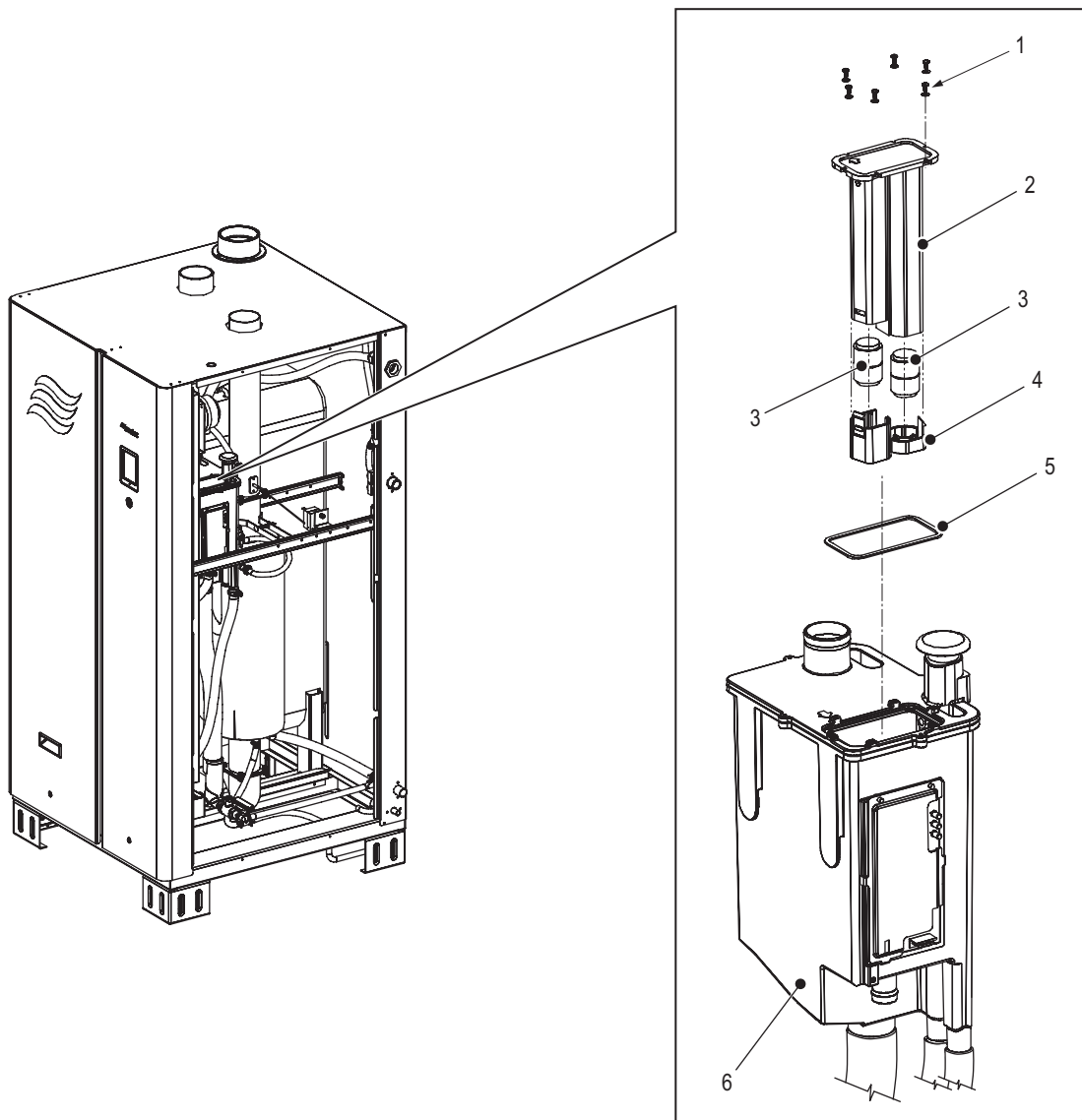


Figure 13: Cleaning Float Chamber

- 1 Screw (×6)
- 2 Sleeve, float
- 3 Float (×2)
- 4 Cap, end

- 5 Gasket
- 6 Fill box

**CAUTION!****Risk of damage to the humidifier components!**

Do not use solvents, aromatized or halogenized hydrocarbons, or other harsh chemicals for cleaning. Disinfectants may only be used if they do not leave behind toxic residue. Rinse all parts thoroughly with clean tap water after cleaning.

1. Shut down the humidifier as described in ["Shutting Down" on page 49](#).
2. Remove the side panel – refer to ["Removal and Installation of Access Panels" on page 55](#).
3. Remove the six screws and the float sleeve.
4. Carefully remove the end cap, and the two floats. Make a note of the orientation of the floats.
5. Use a soft-bristled brush (not wire brush) to remove all scale build-up on the floats, the end cap, the inside of the float sleeve and the float chamber. Rinse with clean tap water.
6. Visually check each float for cracks or other damage. Place the two floats in a container filled with clean water, and check that they both have equal buoyancy. If necessary, replace the floats.

IMPORTANT! When assembling the float sleeve, make sure that the floats are in the same orientation as when they were disassembled – opposing poles of the magnet within the floats must face up.

7. Assemble the float sleeve making sure that the floats are installed correctly. Install the gasket and the float sleeve and secure it to the fill box with the six screws.
8. Re-start the humidifier – refer to ["Restarting After Shutdown" on page 49](#).
9. Check for leaks.

7.5.5 Cleaning Hoses, Dual Fill Valves and Drain Pump

Clean the fill and drain hoses, the dual fill valves and the drain pump as follows. Refer to [Figure 14 on page 62](#).

**CAUTION!****Risk of damage to the humidifier components!**

Do not use solvents, aromatized or halogenized hydrocarbons, or other harsh chemicals for cleaning. Disinfectants may only be used if they do not leave behind toxic residue.

1. Shut down the humidifier as described in ["Shutting Down" on page 49](#).
2. Remove the side panel – refer to ["Removal and Installation of Access Panels" on page 55](#).
3. Loosen the hose clamps and remove the fill and drain hoses from the humidifier.
4. Carefully remove the strainer in the dual fill valves. Use a soft-bristled brush (not wire brush) and carefully remove any scale build-up on the strainer in the dual fill valve. Assemble the dual fill valves after cleaning, taking care not to damage the strainer.
5. Remove the setscrew, and rotate the drain pump assembly to disengage it from the drain fitting. Rotate and separate the pump cover from the pump housing. Use a soft-bristled brush (not wire brush) to remove any scale build-up on the inside of the pump cover, impeller, large O-ring and pump housing. Assemble all drain pump components in reverse order after cleaning. Install the pump assembly in the drain fitting, making sure that the small O-ring is installed in the drain fitting. Secure the drain pump in place with the setscrew.
6. Use a rubber mallet to knock out any scale build-up in the fill and drain hoses. Rinse the hoses thoroughly with hot tap water before installing the hoses. Secure the hoses with clamps.
7. Re-start the humidifier – refer to ["Restarting After Shutdown" on page 49](#).
8. Check for leaks.

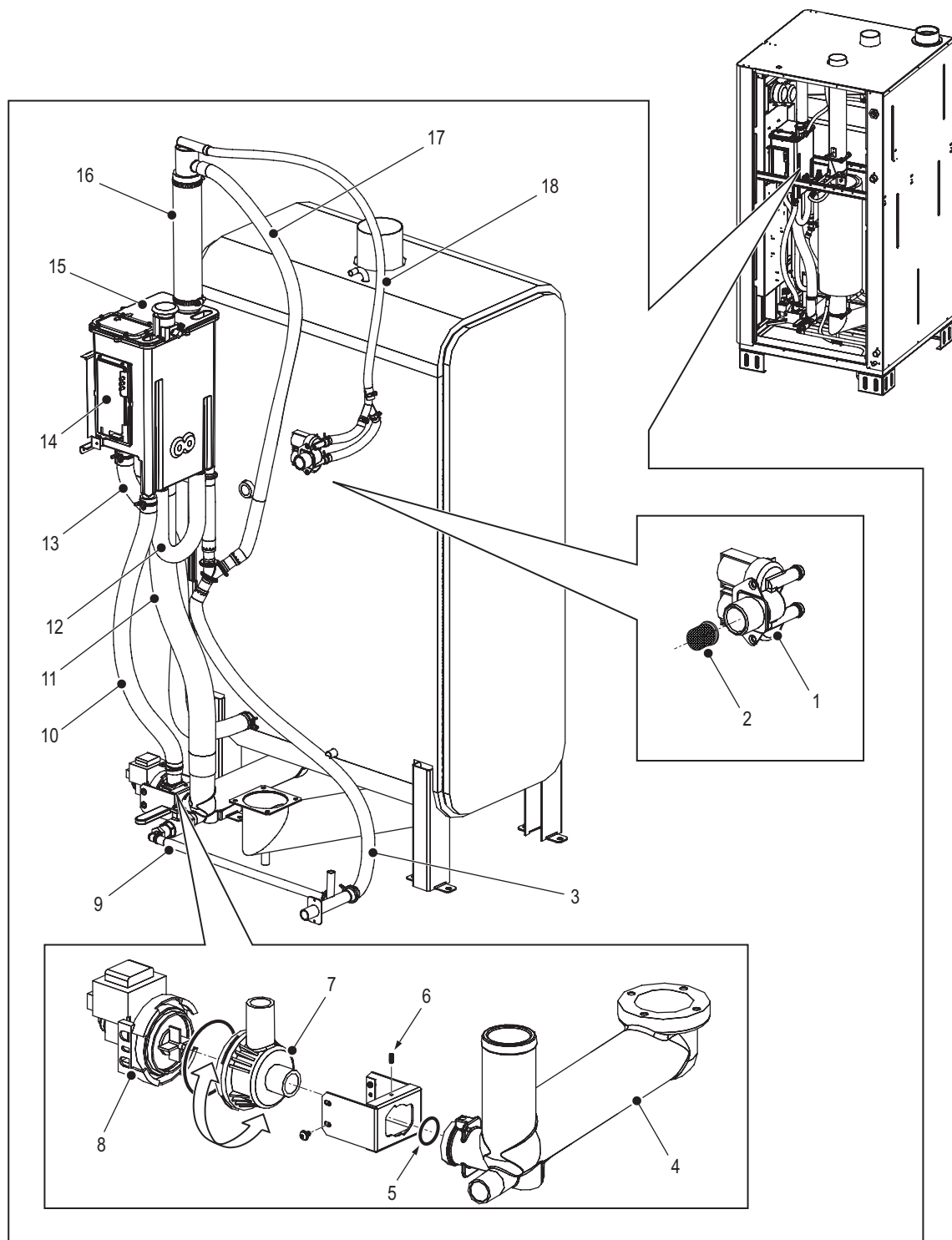


Figure 14: Cleaning Hoses, Fill Valve and Drain Pump

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| 1 | Valves, dual fill | 11 | Hose, fill box to tank (main) |
| 2 | Strainer | 12 | Hose, trap |
| 3 | Hose, drain | 13 | Hose, fill box to tank |
| 4 | Fitting, drain | 14 | Board, float |
| 5 | O-ring | 15 | Fill box |
| 6 | Setscrew | 16 | Adaptor, Fill |
| 7 | Cover, pump | 17 | Hose, overflow |
| 8 | Housing, pump | 18 | Hose, inlet |
| 9 | Hose, manual drain | | |
| 10 | Hose, fill box to drain pump | | |

7.5.6 Cleaning the Burner Assembly

The burner(s) in the Nortec GS humidifier does not require maintenance. However, if the burner(s) is not operating properly, clean the burner(s) and spark-igniter as described below. Refer to [Figure 15](#).



WARNING!

Risk of severe injury to personnel, or property damage!

Prevention: Follow proper shutdown procedure before cleaning the burner(s).

1. Shut down the humidifier as described in ["Shutting Down" on page 49](#). Make sure that the tank has been emptied.
2. Remove the plumbing cabinet door panel.
3. Remove the four M5 nuts that secure the blower tube to the burner assembly.

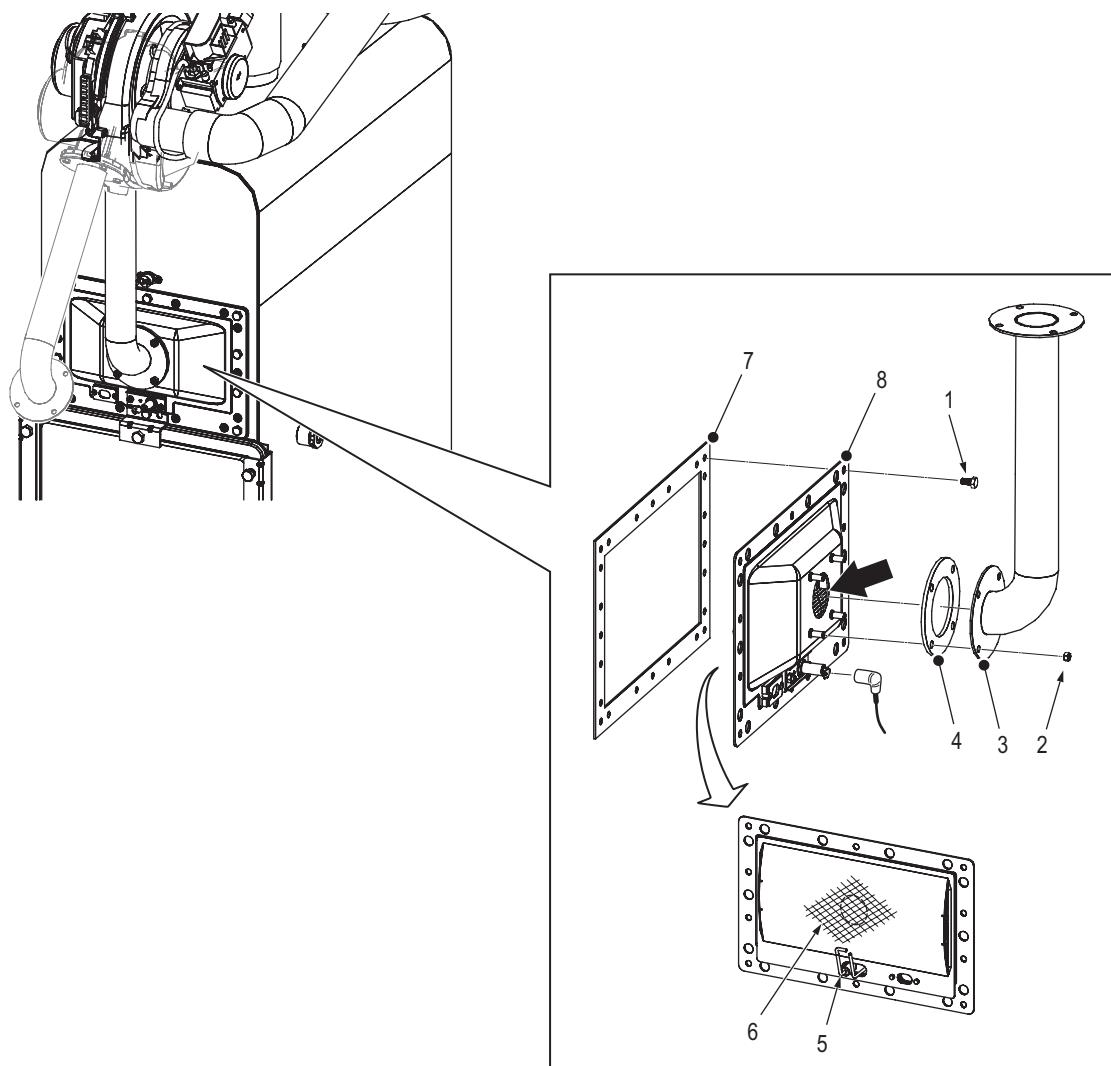


Figure 15: Cleaning the Burner Assembly

- 1 Bolt, M6×12, hex-head (qty. 10)
- 2 Nut, M5
- 3 Tube, blower
- 4 Gasket, blower
- 5 Spark-igniter
- 6 Matting, burner assembly
- 7 Gasket, burner – use a new gasket every time the burner assembly is reassembled
- 8 Assembly, burner

4. Carefully swing the blower assembly and attached blower tube up to disengage it from the burner assembly.
5. Disconnect the ignition wire from the spark-igniter.
6. Remove the ten M6×12 hex-head bolts and the burner assembly. Discard the burner gasket.
7. Visually inspect the mating on the inside surface of the burner assembly for hot spots, tears, or any clogging. If the matting has hot spots or tears, replace the burner assembly.



WARNING!
Risk of personal injury!

Prevention: Wear a safety mask and clean the burner assembly in a well ventilated area.

If the matting is clogged, DO NOT use a scraper to remove the blockage. Use low pressure air at maximum 5 psi (35 Pa) to clear all blockages without damaging the matting. Blow air in the direction of the arrow.

8. Visually inspect the spark-igniter for any oxidation. Carefully remove any build-up with emery cloth. Check the electrode gap is $1/8 \pm 1/16$ in (3 ± 1.5 mm). DO NOT adjust the gap – replace the spark-igniter, if necessary.
9. Assemble the burner assembly in reverse order. Always use a burner gasket.
10. Apply nickel anti-seize lubricant (Loctite® LB 771™ or equivalent) to the ten M6×12 hex-head bolts before assembly. Wipe off excess lubricant. Torque the bolts to 45 in·lb (5.1 N·m).
11. Torque the four M5 nuts to 30 in·lb (3.5 N·m).
12. Restart the unit and check that the burner(s) operates properly.

7.5.7 Replacing Backup Battery



DANGER!
Risk of electric shock!

The Nortec GS humidifier is mains powered. Live parts may be exposed when the door panel on the control cabinet is removed. Touching live parts may cause severe injury or even death.

Prevention: Shut down the unit as described in *"Shutting Down" on page 49* before replacing the backup battery.



CAUTION!
Electrostatic discharge (ESD)!

The electronic components inside the control cabinet in the humidifier are sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD).

Prevention: Take appropriate measures to protect the electronic components inside the unit against damage caused by electrostatic discharge (ESD). Refer to ANSI/ESD-S20.20.

Only a qualified service technician authorized by the customer should replace the backup battery on the integrated control board.

Replace the backup battery on the integrated control board as follows. Refer to *Figure 16 on page 65*.

1. Remove the door panel on the control cabinet. Swing the front panel open.
2. Replace the backup battery on the integrated control board with a new 3V battery (CR 2032).
3. Close the front panel, and install the door panel, making sure that it is fastened securely.
4. Remove the lock and tag from the external disconnect switch, and restore power to the humidifier.

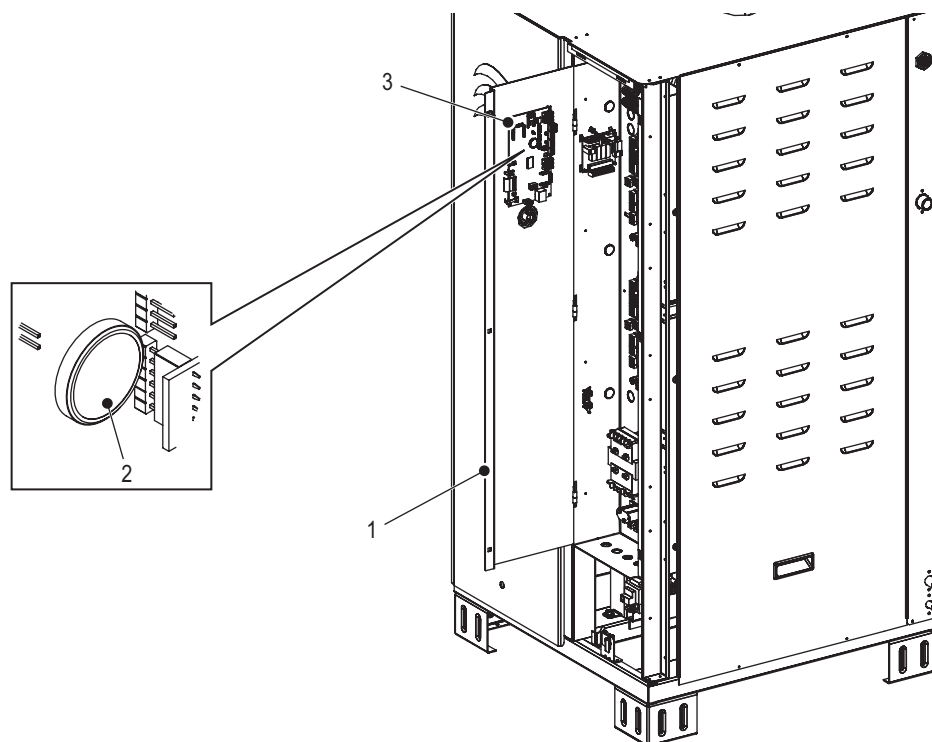


Figure 16: Backup Battery Replacement

- 1 Panel, front
- 2 Battery – 3V (CR 2032)
- 3 Board, integrated control

7.5.8 Replacing Internal Fuse



DANGER!
Risk of electric shock!

The Nortec GS humidifier is mains powered. Live parts may be exposed when the door panel on the control cabinet is removed. Touching live parts may cause severe injury or even death.

Prevention: Shut down the unit as described in *"Shutting Down" on page 49* before replacing the internal fuse.



CAUTION!
Electrostatic discharge (ESD)!

The electronic components inside the control cabinet in the humidifier are sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD).

Prevention: Take appropriate measures to protect the electronic components inside the unit against damage caused by electrostatic discharge (ESD). Refer to ANSI/ESD-S20.20.

Only a qualified service technician authorized by the customer should replace the internal fuse.

Replace the internal fuse in the control cabinet as follows. Refer to *Figure 17 on page 66*.

1. Remove the door panel on the control cabinet. Swing the front panel open.
2. Replace the fuse with a fast-acting 6 A fuse.
3. Close the front panel, and install the door panel, making sure that it is fastened securely.
4. Remove the lock and tag from the external disconnect switch, and restore power to the humidifier.

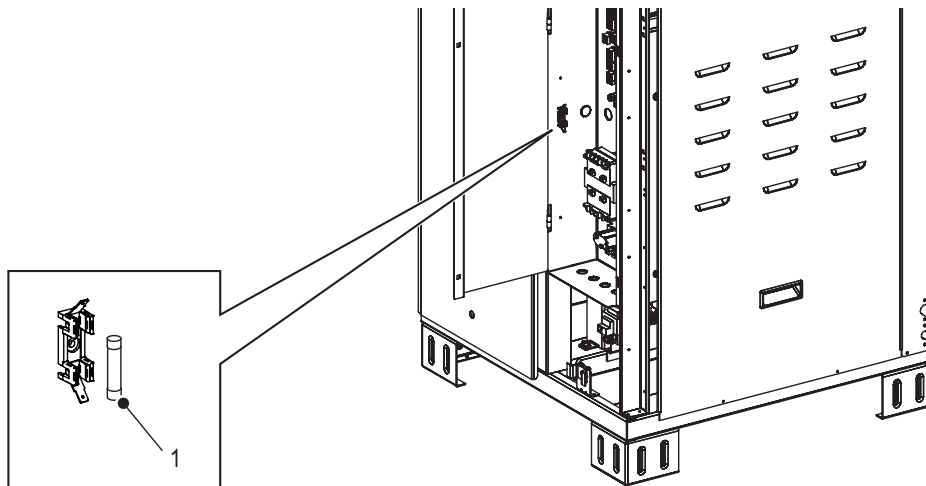


Figure 17: Internal Fuse Replacement

- 1 Fuse, fast-acting, 6 A

7.5.9 Resetting Service Reminder



CAUTION!
Risk of damage to equipment!

DO NOT reset the service reminder unless the scheduled maintenance has been performed.

Reset the service reminder in the control software as follows after performing the required scheduled maintenance:

1. Select the **<Main Menu>** button on the Home screen, then enter the password to login. Refer to ["Main Menu" on page 22](#).
2. Select **Service > General Service** tab > **Reset Service Reminder**. A reset dialog appears and prompts you to confirm the reset.
3. Select the **<Yes>** button on the confirmation screen. The maintenance warning and the service reminder messages are reset.

Select the **<No>** button at any time to abort the reset.

7.6 Installing Software Updates

All software updates can be downloaded from the Downloads link on www.humidity.com. Download the file and extract it to a USB memory stick that has been formatted to 32-bit FAT system. The software update file (ending with .bin) should be located at the root level on the USB stick.

Note: If software updating is accidentally interrupted, the humidifier will not operate. However, updating can be resumed by leaving the USB key inserted in the board and power cycling the unit. The integrated control board will detect that the software was not installed properly, and restart the updating.

Install the updates for the control software as follows:



DANGER!
Risk of electric shock!

The Nortec GS is mains powered. Live parts may be exposed when the door panel is removed. Touching live parts may cause severe injury or even death.

Prevention: Shut down the humidifier properly at the external disconnect switch before accessing the integrated control board in the humidifier.

1. Set the On/Off button to the Off position.
2. Disconnect the power supply to the humidifier at the external disconnect switch. To prevent accidental power-up, lockout and tag out according to the established safety practices at your facility.
3. Remove the door panel on the control cabinet – refer to *"Removal and Installation of Access Panels" on page 55*.
4. Swing the front panel open.
5. Carefully insert the USB memory stick into the USB port. Make sure that the maximum length of the memory stick does not exceed 3 in (75 mm).
6. Close the front panel, and install the door panel.
7. Remove the lock and tag from the external disconnect switch, and restore power to the humidifier.
8. Set the On/Off button to the On position.
9. When the Home screen appears, select the **<MAIN Menu>** button, then enter the password to login.



CAUTION!
Risk of file corruption!

DO NOT interrupt software updating once it starts. Wait until updating is completed. Corrupted control software can render the humidifier unusable.

Note: If software updating is accidentally interrupted, the humidifier will not operate. However, updating can be resumed by leaving the USB key inserted in the board and power cycling the unit. The integrated control board will detect that the software was not installed properly, and restart the updating.

10. Select **Administrator > Software Settings tab > Software Update** to update the control software. A progress bar shows the status of the updating process. When updating is completed, the Home screen is displayed.
11. Repeat *Step 1* to *Step 4*, and carefully remove the USB memory stick.
12. Close the front panel. Install the door panel, making sure that it is fastened securely – refer to *"Removal and Installation of Access Panels" on page 55*.
13. Repeat *Step 7* and *Step 8* to power up the humidifier.

8 Fault Isolation

8.1 General

Troubleshooting of the Nortec GS humidifier must only be performed by well qualified and well trained personnel. Electrical repairs must only be performed by a licensed electrician authorized by the customer or by Nortec service technicians.

Troubleshooting the Nortec GS humidifier may require personnel to access the inside of the control cabinet in the humidifier which may expose personnel and equipment to the hazards described below.



DANGER!
Risk of electric shock!

The Nortec GS humidifier is mains powered. Live parts may be exposed when the access panels are removed. Touching live parts may cause severe injury or even death.



CAUTION!
Electrostatic discharge (ESD)!



The electronic components inside the control cabinet in the humidifier are sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD).

Prevention: Take appropriate measures to protect the electronic components inside the unit against damage caused by electrostatic discharge (ESD). Refer to ANSI/ESD-S20.20.

8.2 Fault Indication

When a condition that is not normally expected occurs, it is detected by the control software and a warning or fault message is displayed in the Service/Warning/Fault status area of the Home screen (refer to [Figure 6 on page 14](#)). The warning and fault message types are described in [Table 13](#).

Table 13: Maintenance/Fault Status Descriptions

Message Type	Descriptions
 Warning	<p>A condition with a "Warning" status is active. Typically, these conditions are of a temporary nature, or conditions that cannot cause damage to the system. Depending on the condition, the Nortec GS humidifier may be stopped or remains operable (unless the warning relates to a control signal). If the cause of the condition clears on its own accord, the warning message is automatically reset. If the condition becomes worse, a fault message may be triggered.</p> <p>When a warning message is active, the status LED turns yellow in color.</p>
 Fault	<p>A condition with a "Fault" status is active. Typically, these are conditions which prevent further operation of the humidifier, or conditions that can cause damage to the system. When a fault condition occurs, the Nortec GS humidifier stops steam production immediately.</p> <p>When a fault message is active, the status LED turns red in color.</p>

When a warning/fault condition occurs, select the warning or fault message to view the "Fault/Service History Tab" on page 38 and additional details. Refer to [Figure 18](#).

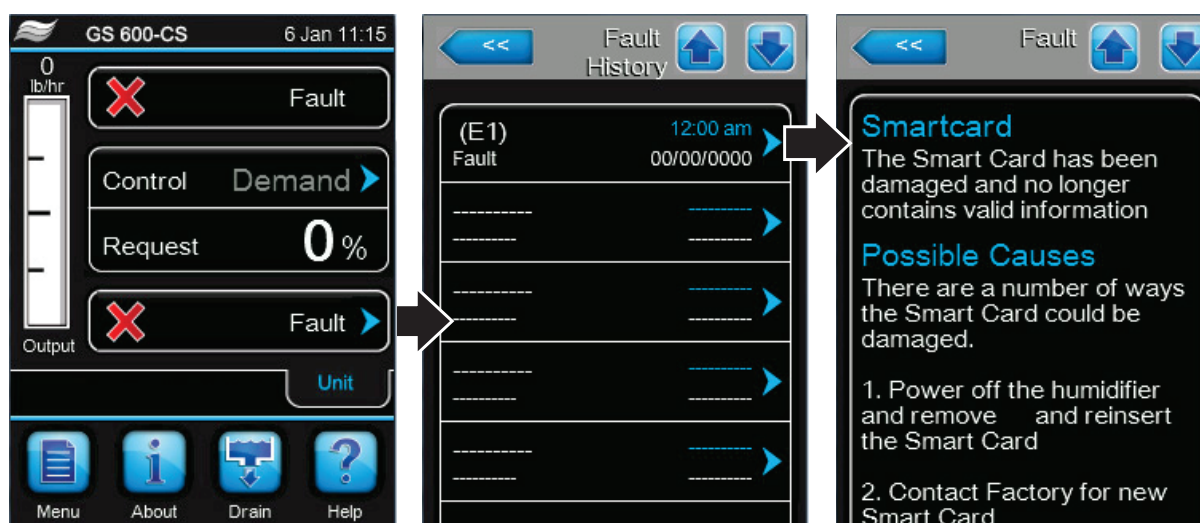


Figure 18: Fault History Screens

In addition, the Service relay in the remote fault board can also be set up to indicate that a service warning or a system warning/notification is active.

8.3 General Troubleshooting

Most operational warning/fault conditions are caused by improper installation, or by not adhering to the suggested best practices for installation of the humidifier and system components. Hence, a full fault diagnosis always requires a thorough examination of the entire system (hose connections, control systems, etc.).

[Table 14](#) provides general guidelines for troubleshooting the Nortec GS humidifier. For detailed troubleshooting information of the auxiliary system components, refer to their product manuals.

The list of Nortec GS warning and fault messages, and corrective actions are shown in [Table 15 on page 72](#).

Humidifier

Table 14: General Troubleshooting – Nortec GS Humidifier

Problem	Probable Cause	Corrective Action(s)
Nothing happens when the On/Off switch is turned On.	Incorrect voltage, or no voltage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Check the disconnect switch in the supply line. – Check the fuse between the transformer and the On/Off switch.
	Step-down transformer not outputting 24 VAC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Check the fuse. – Measure and confirm 24 VAC on the transformer primary connections. Replace the transformer, if necessary.
Humidifier will not produce steam, or does not reach RH setpoint value.	Safety loop is open.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Check if the message "Safety Loop" is displayed in the operating status area of the Home screen. – Check if there is 24 VAC supply at low voltage terminal strip pin "2". – Check that all On/Off devices connected to low voltage terminal strip pins "1" and "2" are wired properly, and their contacts are closed when they should be.
	Output is limited by the high limit humidistat signal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Check if the high limit humidistat is installed too close to the steam distributor. The recommendation is five times the absorption distance or minimum 10 ft (3 m). Check the setpoint value for the high limit – typically set at 80% RH.
	No signal on Channel 1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Check voltage between low voltage terminal strip pins "3" and "4". For a demand signal configuration, the signal must be 27% of full scale signal for the humidifier to start. For a transducer signal configuration, the signal must be lower than the setpoint value for the humidifier to start.
	No signal on Channel 2 (on units with Control Channels set to "Dual").	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Check voltage between low voltage terminal strip pins "3" and "5". For a demand signal configuration, the signal must be 27% of full scale signal for the humidifier to start. For a transducer signal configuration, the signal must be lower than the setpoint value for the humidifier to start.
	Capacity has been manually limited.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Check/adjust Manual Capacity, if necessary.
Humidifier displays warning or fault message.	The control software has detected an abnormal condition.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Refer to "Nortec GS Warning and Fault List" on page 72.

8.4 Nortec GS Warning and Fault List

Table 15 shows the list of warning and fault messages triggered by the control software in the Nortec GS humidifier, and the corrective actions. The warning code escalates to a fault code if the alarm condition is not resolved within a certain period of time. After fixing a fault condition, reset the fault status as described in *"Resetting Fault Status" on page 81*.

The components of the driver board and the integrated control board referenced in this section are shown in *Figure 19 on page 82* and *Figure 20 on page 82*.

Table 15: Nortec GS Warning and Fault List

Code		Message	Probable Cause	Corrective Action(s)
Warning	Fault			
W01	E01	Smartcard missing	No communication with the SIM card.	
			The SIM card may not be seated properly on the integrated control board.	Check that the SIM card is seated properly.
			Defective SIM card.	Contact your Nortec representative.
W06	–	Main Unit Missing (or) Extension Missing (No Signal Warning)	No communication between the Extension unit and the Main unit in the Linkup chain. Operation is interrupted until a signal is received.	
			The Linkup configuration between the Main and Extension unit is not set correctly.	– Check the Linkup configuration.
			The Main unit or Extension unit may be switched off.	– Switch on the Main and/or Extension unit.
			Loose connection.	– Check the connection between the Main and Extension units.
W07	–	Ext Fault	An Extension unit has a fault condition which was communicated to the Main unit.	
			Alarm condition in the Extension unit(s).	– Check the Extension unit(s).
–	E10	CTRLR Fault (or) Memory (or) CTRLR Reset	Flash memory read/write fault.	– Contact your Nortec representative.

Code		Message	Probable Cause	Corrective Action(s)
Warning	Fault			
W22	–	Fill Warning	The dual fill valves have been active for an extended length of time and the water level is still zero. The dual fill valves remain activated.	
			Water supply problems.	– Make sure that the water supply line is open, and there is adequate flow and pressure.
			Loose wiring, or clogged strainer in dual fill valves.	– Check the wiring to the float board and the dual fill valves. – Check the strainer in the dual fill valves is not clogged – refer to <i>"Cleaning Hoses, Dual Fill Valves and Drain Pump" on page 61.</i>
			Drain pump running, or manual drain valve open.	– Check that the manual drain valve is closed, and the drain pump is not running.
			Floats may be stuck.	– Visually check that the different LEDs on the float board light up as the water level in the float chamber changes. If necessary, clean the float chamber – refer to <i>"Cleaning the Float Chamber" on page 60.</i>
			Fill valve relay on the driver board not seated properly, or defective.	CAUTION! Electro-static discharge damage to board. – Check that LED3 (corresponding to REL4 for the high volume fill valve) and LED4 (corresponding to REL5 for the low volume fill valve) on the driver board light up when the fill valves are supposed to be energized. If not, check the relay(s) is seated properly on the driver board. – Swap the relay(s) with another relay on the board to verify that it is working. If necessary, replace the relay.
			Defective dual fill valves.	– Check for 24 VAC on the pins of the dual fill valves. If necessary, replace the dual fill valves. Reconnect the wires correctly.
			Scale build-up in the drain fitting.	– Clean the drain fitting, as described in <i>"Cleaning the Tank" on page 57.</i>
W28	E28	Maintenance Due Warning	The preset service interval time has elapsed. The unit will continue to run for 200 hours before a fault message is generated. The unit will not operate if the warning message escalates to a fault message. IMPORTANT! Perform the required scheduled maintenance, then reset the service reminder before restarting the unit.	
		Maintenance Due Fault (on fault)	Unit needs to be serviced.	– Refer to <i>"Maintenance" on page 51</i> for maintenance procedures. – Reset the service reminder after performing the required scheduled maintenance – refer to <i>"Resetting Service Reminder" on page 67.</i>

Code		Message	Probable Cause	Corrective Action(s)
Warning	Fault			
W32	–	RH Signal	The RH input is less than 3%. Operation is interrupted until an input higher than 3% is received.	
			Loose wiring, faulty sensor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Check the connection between the sensor and the unit. – Swap the sensor with another sensor and verify that it is working. If necessary, replace the sensor.
			Layout of the humidifier control system may be causing signal interference.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Check that the controls layout permits accurate readings.
W34	–	Remote Disabled	The unit has been disabled remotely by the building management system (BMS) through Modbus communication. Operation is interrupted until the unit is enabled again through Modbus or the control software.	
			Unit disabled through the BMS.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Enable the unit through the BMS. – If unit cannot be enabled remotely, try enabling the unit through the Modbus setting in the control software.
W35	–	BMS T/O (timeout)	The maximum wait time without any communications from the BMS has been exceeded. If the signal Source is set to "Analog", the humidifier will continue operating; otherwise it stops producing steam until communications with the BMS is re-established.	
W42	–	RH High Warning	Sensed humidity is above the RH High value configured in the control software. The unit will remain idle until the sensed RH value drops below the setpoint value.	
			Incorrect layout of the humidifier control system (sensor location too close to steam distributor or other sources that affect measurement), or defective components.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Check the humidifier control system.
			Humidifier capacity too large for the space being humidified.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Limit the output capacity of the humidifier – refer to Manual Capacity. – Adjust the proportional and/or integral value of the controller.
			The RH High value for the sensor signal may be set too low.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Adjust the RH High value for the sensor signal.
W43	–	RH Low Warning	Sensed humidity is below the minimum value configured in the control software. The unit should continue operating unless it is in standby mode.	
			Incorrect layout of the humidifier control system (sensor location too close to steam distributor or other sources that affect measurement), or defective components.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Check the humidifier control system.
			The RH Low value for the sensor signal may be set too high.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Adjust the RH Low value for the sensor signal.
			Unit may be in standby mode.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Check the safety loop is closed, and that all burners are operational.

Code		Message	Probable Cause	Corrective Action(s)
Warning	Fault			
–	E46	Drain Check	The drain pump has been active for an extended period of time without the water level changing in the float chamber. The unit needs to drain for optimal performance. Fix the problem before restarting the unit.	
			Backpressure in the drain line may be causing slow drain.	– Remove any blockages in the drainage system.
			Loose connection.	– Check the connections between the float board and the driver board, as well as the drain pump.
			Floats may be stuck.	– Visually check that the different LEDs on the float board light up as the water level in the float chamber changes. If necessary, clean the float chamber – refer to "Cleaning the Float Chamber" on page 60 .
			Drain pump may be clogged.	– Clean the drain pump – refer to "Cleaning Hoses, Dual Fill Valves and Drain Pump" on page 61 .
W52	–	Float Inconsistent	On unit startup the float levels do not rise logically from low water level L1 (red LED) to high water level L5 (yellow LED).	
			Excess backpressure in the steam line.	– Check the steam line.
			Float level sensor may be malfunctioning.	– Inspect all hoses and connections. – Clean the float chamber – refer to "Cleaning the Float Chamber" on page 60 .
W57	–	Startup Code	Activation code required to use the humidifier.	
			Activation code missing.	– Contact your Nortec representative.
–	E84	Driver Board Fault	No communication between the integrated control board and the driver board.	
			Communication cable between the driver board and the integrated control board not connected properly.	– Make sure the RS485 cable is connected to J15 (RS4851) on the driver board, and J12 on the integrated control board. – With the unit powered up, check that LED1 and LED10 on the driver board are flashing. Otherwise, contact your Nortec representative.
			Unspecified driver board fault.	– Check that the heartbeat LED10 on the driver board is blinking. Otherwise, contact your Nortec representative.

Code		Message	Probable Cause	Corrective Action(s)
Warning	Fault			
–	E138	Over-Temperature Fault	The exhaust or tank safety sensor has exceeded the safety limit. The unit will not operate when this fault condition is active. Fix the problem first, then reset the over-temperature switch as described in "Resetting Fault Status" on page 81 .	
			Unit may be operating with incorrect water level.	– Check that the float chamber is operating properly.
			Exhaust vent may be blocked.	– Make sure that the exhaust vent is free of obstructions.
			Dual fill valves may not be working properly.	– Refer to the troubleshooting procedure for fault code E145 .
			Thermocouple wire may be damaged.	– Visually inspect the thermocouple wire for kinks or other damage.
			Excess scale build-up on the coils of the primary heat-exchanger.	– Remove scale build-up – refer to "Cleaning the Tank" on page 57 .
			Micro-pump (on CS/NX model) may not be working.	– Check the electrical connections, and check for voltage at the micro-pump when it is expected to be energized. Replace the micro-pump if defective. – If minimum 3 VDC is not detected when the micro-pump is expected to be energized, the pump module on the driver board may be defective. Contact your Nortec representative for further assistance.
			Temperature of the water supply may be too high.	– Check that the temperature of the water supply. For optimal performance, temperature must not exceed 70 °F (21 °C).
			Exhaust condensate removal (on CS/NX model) may be blocked.	– Check for blockages in the exhaust drain line in the unit.
W139	–	No Burners Available	All burners have been disabled through the control software. No burners are available for operation of the unit. The unit will not respond to a demand until one or more burners is enabled.	
			Burners disabled.	– Enable the burners in the control software.
–	E140	Keep Warm Fault	The Keep Warm function is activated, but the tank temperature has not increased in the allotted time.	
			Loose connection.	– Check the tank temperature sensor connection.
			Burners may be disabled.	– Check that no more than one burner is disabled in the control software.
			Scale build-up on the temperature sensor.	CAUTION! The tank may be hot to the touch. – Carefully remove scale build-up on the sensor as described in "Cleaning the Tank" on page 57 .
			Defective temperature sensor.	CAUTION! The tank may be hot to the touch. – Check the tank to see if it is hot. Then check the electrical signal to the sensor. Replace the sensor, if defective.

Code		Message	Probable Cause	Corrective Action(s)
Warning	Fault			
W141		Ignition Fail	The ignition module identified has failed to ignite within the allotted time (4 minutes). The unit will index to next available burner in the sequence.	
			Loose wiring, or defective spark-igniter.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Visually check the sight port of problematic burner – check for a glowing red spark-igniter followed by a flame. – Check the spark-igniter connection. If necessary, replace the spark-igniter.
			Gas supply problem.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Check the gas supply is open. – Check for 24 VAC at the gas valve. – Check the status LED on the ignition control module – three flashes of the red LED indicate problem with the supply, or gas valve, or a loose connection. Contact your Nortec representative if further assistance is required.
			Faulty ignition control module.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Check the status LED on the ignition control module – a solid red LED indicates an ignition control module failure. Replace the ignition control module, if necessary.
–	E142	No Burners Available	All burners have experienced an ignition control module failure, and no burners are available to produce steam. The unit is unsafe to operate with this fault condition. Fix the problem before restarting the unit.	
			Gas supply problem.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Check the gas supply is open. – Check for 24 VAC at the gas valve. – Check the status LED on the ignition control module – three flashes of the red LED indicate problem with the supply, or gas valve, or a loose connection. Contact your Nortec representative if further assistance is required.
			Loose wiring, or defective spark-igniter.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Visually check the sight port of problematic burner – check for a glowing red spark-igniter followed by a flame. – Check the spark-igniter connection. If necessary, replace the spark-igniter.
			Faulty ignition control module.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Check the status LED on the ignition control module – a solid red LED indicates an ignition control module failure. Replace the ignition control module, if necessary.

Code		Message	Probable Cause	Corrective Action(s)
Warning	Fault			
–	E143	Gas Valve Fail	The identified gas valve was energized out of sequence, or when it was not expected to be energized. The unit is unsafe to operate with this fault condition. Fix the problem before restarting the unit.	
			Loose connections.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Make sure that all onboard electronics are connected according to the wiring diagram. – Check the status LED on the ignition control module – three flashes of the red LED indicate problem with the supply, or gas valve, or a loose connection. – Check connections to all ignition control modules and gas valves. Check for 24 VAC at location labelled "TH" on the ignition control module.
			Faulty gas valve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Check for voltage at locations labelled "TH" and "V2" on the ignition control module after the blower has completed pre-purging the system. If 24 VAC voltage is detected at "V2" but not at "TH", replace the gas valve. Contact Nortec to order a replacement gas valve.
–	E144	Float Level	On three consecutive occasions, more than one float level was registering at the same time. The unit cannot operate without accurate float level reading. Fix the problem before restarting the unit.	
			Floats may not be working properly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Check the float chamber for scale build-up, and clean if necessary – refer to "Cleaning the Float Chamber" on page 60. – Check that both floats have equal bouyancy, as described in "Cleaning the Float Chamber" on page 60. Replace the floats, if necessary.
			Faulty float board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Examine the float board for signs of corrosion, splashed water on it, or other damage. Replace the float board, if necessary.
			Obstructions in hoses, or hoses plumbed incorrectly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Check for obstructions in the hoses. – Check that all hoses are plumbed correctly.

Code		Message	Probable Cause	Corrective Action(s)
Warning	Fault			
–	E145	Fill Check Fault	The dual fill valves have been active for an extended period of time without the water level rising in the float chamber. The unit will not operate without an accurate water level reading. Fix the problem before restarting the unit.	
			Water supply problems.	– Make sure that the water supply line is open, and there is adequate flow and pressure.
			Loose wiring, or clogged strainer in dual fill valves.	– Check the wiring to the float board and the dual fill valves. – Check the strainer in the dual fill valves is not clogged – refer to "Cleaning Hoses, Dual Fill Valves and Drain Pump" on page 61.
			Drain pump running, or manual drain valve open.	– Visually check that the manual drain valve is closed, and the drain pump is not running.
			Floats may be stuck.	– Visually check that the different LEDs on the float board light up as the water level in the float chamber changes. If necessary, clean the float chamber – refer to "Cleaning the Float Chamber" on page 60.
			Fill valve relay on the driver board not seated properly, or defective.	CAUTION! Electro-static discharge damage to board. – Check that LED3 (corresponding to REL4 for the high volume fill valve) and LED4 (corresponding to REL5 for the low volume fill valve) on the driver board light up when the fill valves are supposed to be energized. If not, check the relay(s) is seated properly on the driver board. – Swap the relay(s) with another relay on the board to verify that it is working. If necessary, replace the relay.
			Defective dual fill valves.	– Check for 24 VAC on the pins of the dual fill valves. If necessary, replace the dual fill valves. Reconnect the wires correctly.
			Scale build-up in the drain fitting.	– Clean the drain fitting, as described in "Cleaning the Tank" on page 57.

Code		Message	Probable Cause	Corrective Action(s)
Warning	Fault			
–	E146	Blower Not Operating	The identified blower is not operating, or registered a value below 500 rpm while being energized. The unit is unsafe to operate with this fault condition. Fix the problem before restarting the unit.	
			Loose connections.	– Check the PWM (pulse width modulation) and power connection to the blower.
			Blower relay on driver board may not seated properly, or defective.	CAUTION! Electro-static discharge damage to board. – Visually check that LED7 (corresponding to relay REL8 for the blower) on the driver board lights up when the blower is supposed to be energized. If not, check the relay is seated properly on the driver board. – Swap the relay with another relay on the board to verify that it is working. If necessary, replace the relay.
			Blower feedback signal may be missing.	– Restart the unit, and check the blower rpm in Input Diagnostics in the control software. If the rpm is low, contact your Nortec representative.
			Restrictions at blower, or damaged blower.	– Visually inspect the blower and blower inlet for restrictions. – Visually inspect the blower impeller for damage. Order a replacement blower, if necessary.
			Worn out blower.	– The blower speed may decrease due to wear. The blower is safe to operate, but the output may be reduced. Order a replacement blower.
W147	–	Blower rpm Low	The blower identified is running at a lower rpm than the lead blower by more than the allowable tolerance. The unit will continue monitoring the blower rpm and display this warning if the rpm remains low.	
			Loose connections.	– Check the PWM and power connection to the blower.
			Low voltage.	– Visually check that LED7 (corresponding to relay REL8 for the blower) on the driver board lights up when the blower is supposed to be energized. – Check for 120 VAC on the output side of the blower relay.
			Restrictions at blower, or damaged blower.	– Visually inspect the blower and blower inlet for restrictions.
			Worn out blower.	– The blower speed may decrease due to wear. The blower is safe to operate, but the output may be reduced. Order a replacement blower.
W148	–	Blower rpm High	The blower identified is running at a higher rpm than the lead blower by more than the allowable tolerance. The unit will continue monitoring the blower rpm and display this warning if the rpm remains high.	
			Loose connection.	– Check the PWM connection to the blower.

Code		Message	Probable Cause	Corrective Action(s)
Warning	Fault			
W149	E149	AP Open Warn	The air proving switch identified has opened while the unit was operating or during blower start-up. The unit will interrupt operation and retry three times. After a third attempt a fault message is generated. The unit is unsafe to operate with this fault condition. Fix the problem before restarting the unit.	
			Pressure tubes not connected, or loose wiring.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Check the pressure tube connections are attached securely. – Check the wiring between the air proving switch(es) and connector J2 on the driver board. With demand off and the blower not operating, check for 12 VAC at pins 1 and 2 on connector J2.
			Defective air proving switch.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Check that the air proving switch remains closed during operation of the blower. Check for suction in the pressure tubes. If the air proving switch does not close, it may be defective and must be replaced.
			Blockage in the air intake vent or air intake terminal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Visually inspect the air intake vent and air intake terminal for blockages.
			Exhaust condensate removal (on CS/NX model) may be blocked.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Check for blockages in the exhaust drain line in the unit.

8.5 Resetting Fault Status

With the exception of the over-temperature fault (see below), the following procedure should be used to reset all other fault conditions including the ignition control module safety lockout.

Reset the "Fault" status as follows:

1. Correct the cause of the problem.
2. Set the On/Off button to the Off position.
3. Wait approximately for 5 seconds, then set the On/Off button to the On position.

If the alarm condition has been eliminated, the fault message is automatically reset; otherwise the fault message reappears after a short while.

Resetting Over-Temperature Fault

Reset the over-temperature "Fault" status as follows:

1. Correct the cause of the problem.
2. Wait for the unit to cool down.
3. Press the reset button on the over-temperature switch.

8.6 Driver Board Layout

Figure 19 shows the components of the driver board that are referenced in [Section 8.4, "Nortec GS Warning and Fault List"](#) of this manual.

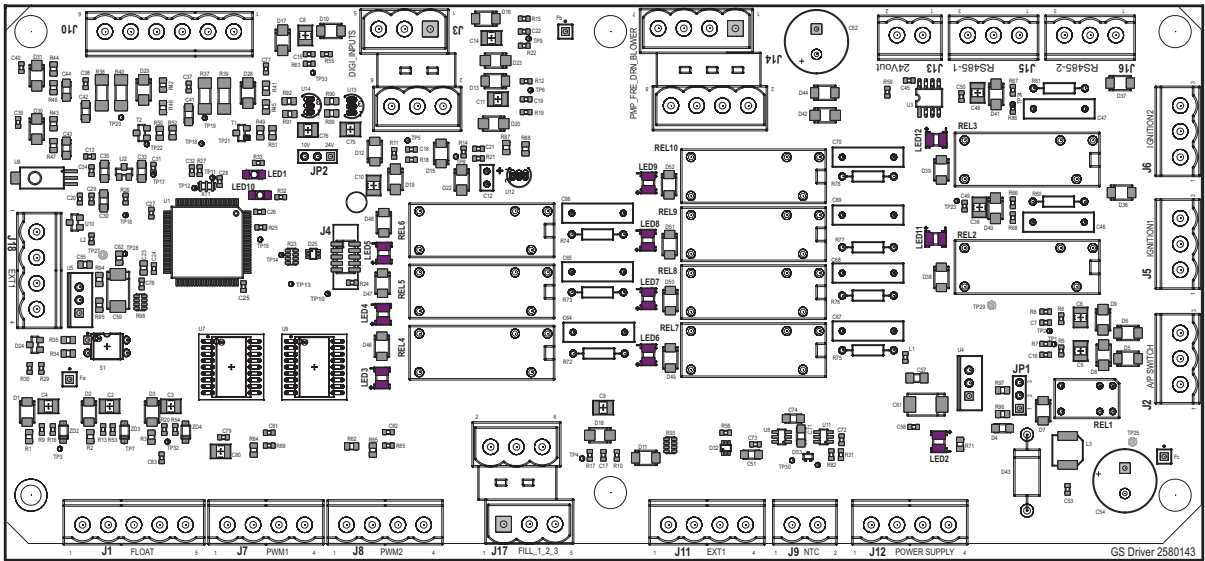


Figure 19: Nortec GS Driver Board Layout

8.7 Integrated Control Board Layout

Figure 20 shows the components of the integrated control board that are referenced in [Section 8.4, "Nortec GS Warning and Fault List"](#) of this manual.

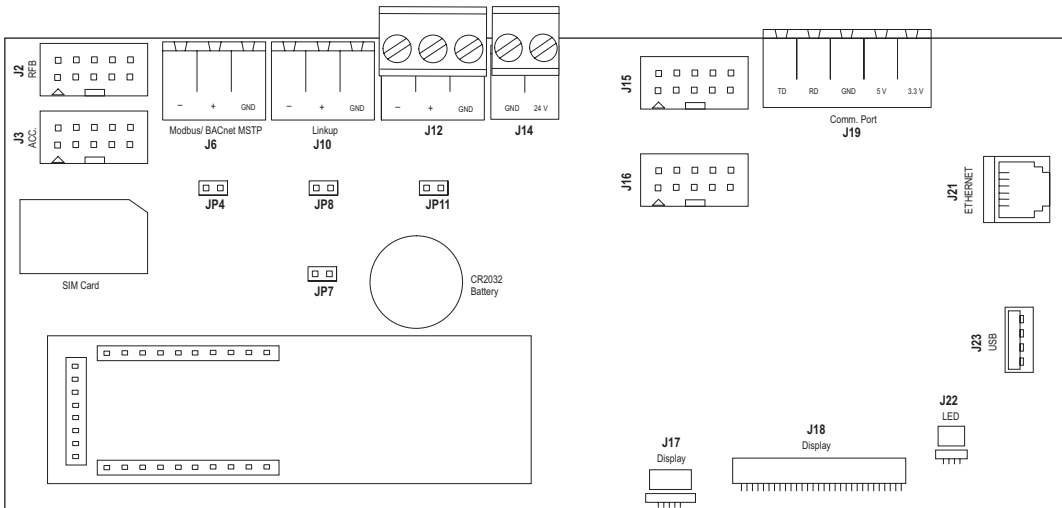


Figure 20: Nortec Integrated Control Board Layout

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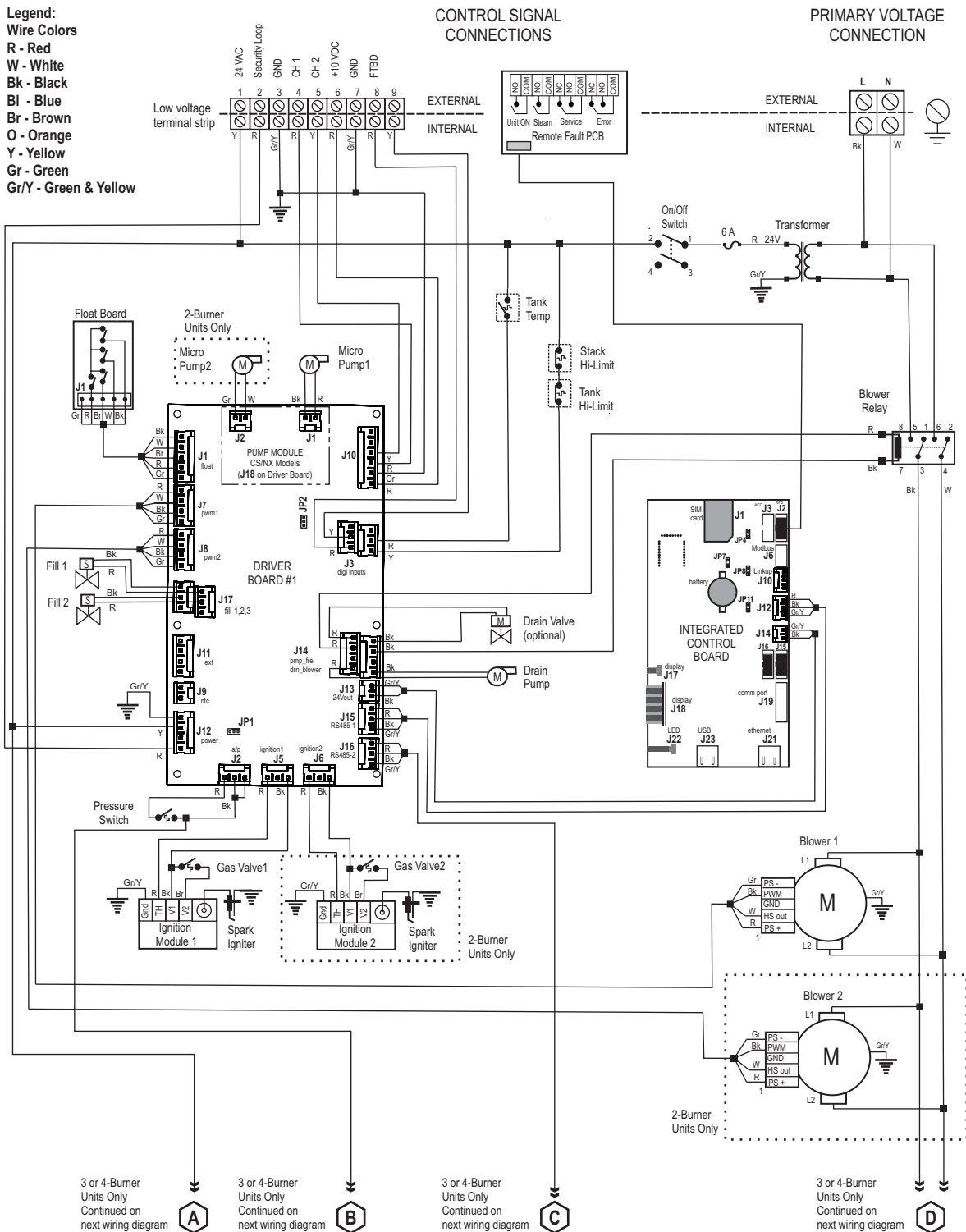


Figure 21: Wiring Diagram - Nortec GS 50/100/150/200/300

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| JP4 | Jumper, for activating the termination resistor for Modbus or BACnet MSTP network. |
| J6 | Connector, Modbus (RS485 interface) |
| JP7 | Jumper, for activating Modbus or BACnet MSTP communication via connector J6. |
| JP8 | Termination, Linkup system |
| J10 | Connector, Linkup |

Figure 22 shows the supplementary wiring diagram for the Nortec GS 450/600. Connections are carried over from Figure 21 on page 83.

Legend:
Wire Colors
 R - Red
 W - White
 Bk - Black
 Bl - Blue
 Br - Brown
 O - Orange
 Y - Yellow
 Gr - Green
 Gr/Y - Green & Yellow

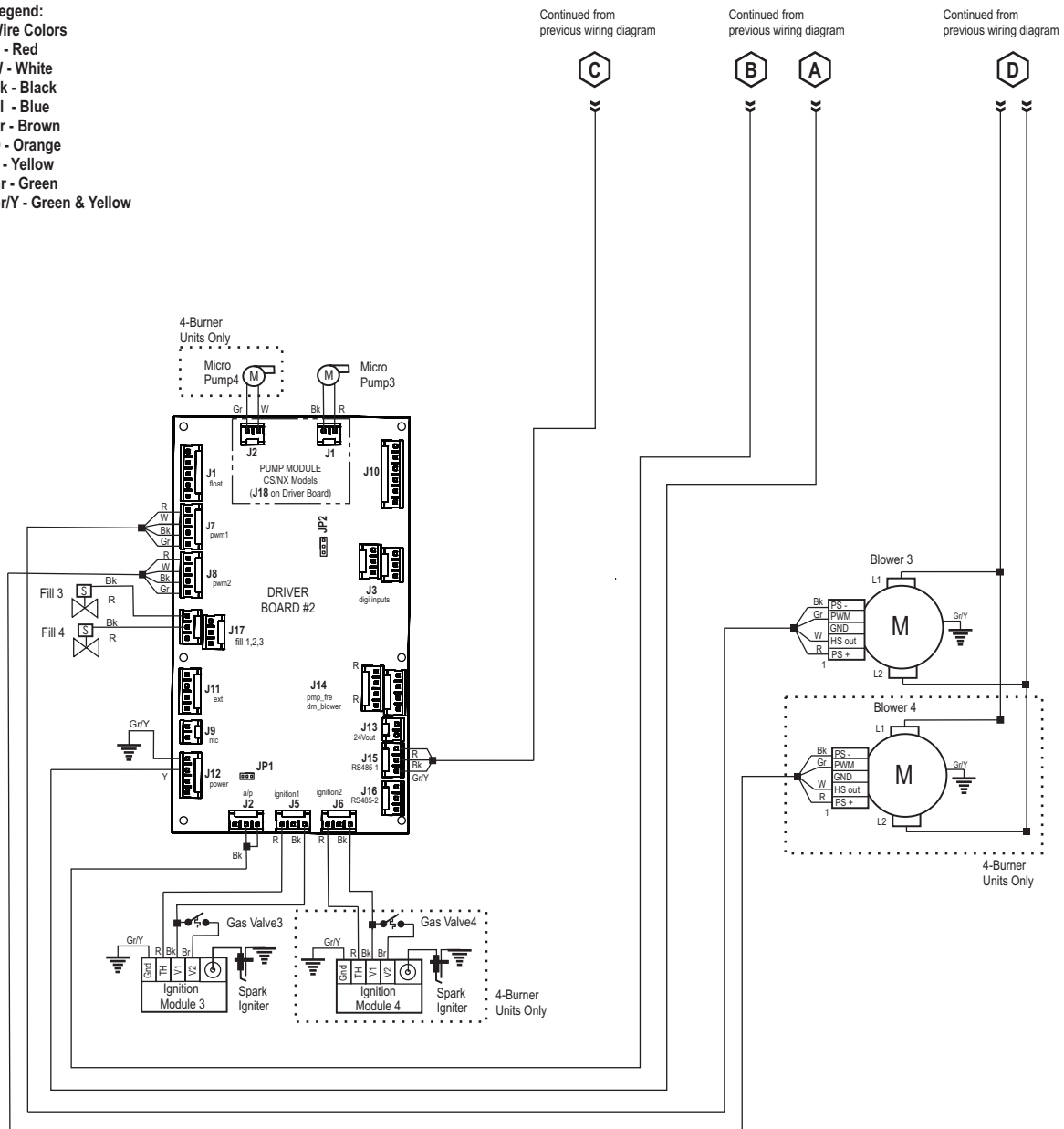


Figure 22: Wiring Diagram - Nortec GS 450/600

10 Decommissioning

10.1 General

If the Nortec GS humidifier needs to be removed from service (for disposal or long-term storage), strictly follow all instructions in this chapter.

Personnel Qualifications

Decommissioning of the Nortec GS humidifier must only be performed by a qualified service technician authorized by the customer. It is the customer's responsibility to verify qualifications of the personnel.

Safety

Decommissioning of the Nortec GS humidifier will require personnel to access the inside of the control and plumbing cabinets in the humidifier, which may expose personnel and equipment to the hazards described below.



DANGER!
Risk of fire or explosion!

The Nortec GS is a gas-fired humidifier. Improper decommissioning can cause an explosion, fire or other hazards that can cause serious injury, death or property damage.

Any work on the gas system must only be performed by a qualified installer, service agency or your local gas supplier.

What to do if You Smell Gas:

DO NOT try to light any appliance.

DO NOT touch any electrical switch.

DO NOT use any phone in the building.

Leave the building immediately.

Call your gas supplier immediately from a location far away from the building with the gas leak.

Follow the gas supplier's instructions.

If you cannot reach your gas supplier, call the fire department.



DANGER!
Risk of electric shock!

The Nortec GS humidifier is mains powered. Live parts may be exposed when the access panels are removed. Touching live parts may cause severe injury or even death.

Prevention: Shut down the unit as described in ["Shutting Down" on page 49](#) before proceeding.



WARNING!
Risk of severe burns from contact with hot water or hot steam vapors!

The water in the tank in the humidifier can be up to 212 °F (100 °C). Contact with the hot water or hot steam vapors can result in severe burns.

Prevention: Shut down the unit as described in ["Shutting Down" on page 49](#) and wait for the unit to cool down before proceeding.

**WARNING!****Risk of severe burns from contact with hot surfaces!**

Components of the steam system may reach 212 °F (100 °C) during operation. Contact with the hot surfaces can result in severe burns.

Prevention: Avoid touching any components in the plumbing cabinet until the unit has cooled down to room temperature.

**CAUTION!****Electrostatic discharge (ESD)!**

The electronic components inside the control cabinet in the humidifier are sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD).

Prevention: Take appropriate measures to protect the electronic components inside the unit against damage caused by electrostatic discharge (ESD). Refer to ANSI/ESD-S20.20.

10.2 Removal from Service for Disposal or Long-term Storage

Remove the Nortec GS humidifier from service (for disposal or long-term storage) as follows:

1. Drain the tank, and shut down the humidifier as described in ["Shutting Down" on page 49](#). Follow all safety precautions.
2. Disconnect the gas connection to the humidifier.
3. Disconnect and remove the power supply to the Nortec GS humidifier. Refer to ["Wiring Diagrams" on page 83](#).
4. Disconnect and remove the control signal inputs to the humidifier.
5. Disconnect the steam and condensate lines, and empty out all fluids.
6. Disconnect the water and drain connections to the humidifier.
7. Disconnect and remove the intake and exhaust vents.
8. Remove the humidifier from its mounting surface.
9. If the Nortec GS humidifier is to be put into long-term storage, store the humidifier in its original packaging inside a protected area that meets the following requirements:
 - Room temperature: 41 to 104 °F (5 to 40 °C)
 - Room humidity: 10 to 75% RH
10. If the Nortec GS humidifier is to be disposed off, refer to ["Disposal/Recycling"](#).

10.3 Disposal/Recycling

The Nortec GS humidifier should not be disposed off in domestic waste, and should only be disposed off in accordance with local regulations at authorized collection facilities.

If you have any questions, contact the appropriate local authorities or your local Nortec representative.

11 Product Specifications

11.1 Performance Data

Model	Minimum Input		Maximum Input		Min./Max. Steam Capacity lb/h (kg/h)
	Natural Gas BTUh (kW)	Propane BTUh (kW)	Natural Gas BTUh (kW)	Propane BTUh (kW)	
GS 50-CS	12,400 (3.6)	13,000 (3.8)	62,000 (18.2)	62,000 (18.2)	10-50 (4.5-23)
GS 50-NX	13,000 (3.8)	–	65,000 (19.0)	–	10-50 (4.6-23)
GS 100-CS	24,800 (7.3)	24,800 (7.3)	124,000 (36.3)	124,000 (36.3)	20-100 (9-45)
GS 100-NX	26,000 (7.6)	–	130,000 (38.1)	–	20-100 (9-45)
GS 150-CS	37,200 (10.9)	37,200 (10.9)	186,000 (54.5)	186,000 (54.5)	30-150 (13.6-68)
GS 150-NX	39,000 (11.4)	–	195,000 (57.1)	–	30-150 (13.6-68)
GS 200-CS	24,800 (7.3)	24,800 (7.3)	248,000 (72.7)	248,000 (72.7)	20-200 (9-91)
GS 200-NX	26,000 (7.6)	–	260,000 (76.2)	–	20-200 (9-91)
GS 300-CS	37,200 (10.9)	37,200 (10.9)	372,000 (109.0)	372,000 (109.0)	30-300 (13.6-136)
GS 300-NX	39,000 (11.4)	–	390,000 (114.3)	–	30-300 (13.6-136)
GS 450-CS	37,200 (10.9)	37,200 (10.9)	558,000 (163.5)	558,000 (163.5)	30-450 (13.6-204)
GS 450-NX	39,000 (11.4)	–	585,000 (171.4)	–	30-450 (13.6-204)
GS 600-CS	37,200 (10.9)	37,200 (10.9)	744,000 (218.0)	744,000 (218.0)	30-600 (13.6-272)
GS 600-NX	39,000 (11.4)	–	780,000 (228.6)	–	30-600 (13.6-272)

11.2 Operating Data

Control Signal Input Type:	
Active	0-5 VDC, 1-5 VDC, 0-10 VDC, 2-10 VDC, 0-20 VDC, 0-16 VDC, 3.2-16 VDC, 0-20 mADC, 4-20 mADC
Passive	135-10 kΩ ohmic humidity sensor
On/Off control	<2.5 VDC Off 2.5-20 VDC On
Digital inputs (via Modbus, BACnet IP/ MSTP slave)	BACnet IP, BACnet MSTP Slave, Modbus, LonWorks (Option), BACnet MSTP BTL-Certified (Option), BACnet IP BTL-Certified (Option)

Ambient Conditions:	
Ambient temperature	41-104 °F (5-40 °C)
Relative humidity	5-80% (non-condensing)

Combustion Air:	
Combustion air maximum temperature	86 °F (30 °C)

Backpressure:	
Maximum permissible backpressure (duct static pressure and line backpressure)	6 in H ₂ O (1.49 kPa) compact unit 10 in H ₂ O (2.49 kPa) full-size unit

Gas Operating Pressure:	
Natural gas	4.5-10.0 in H ₂ O (1.1-2.4 kPa)
Propane	9.0-13.0 in H ₂ O (2.2-3.2 kPa)

Water Supply:	
Water pressure (regulated)	30-80 psig (207-550 kPa)
Flow rate	2.6 gpm (10 L/min) for GS 50-300, 5.3 gpm (20 L/min) for GS 450/600
Water temperature	34-59 °F (1-15 °C) recommended; maximum 77 °F (25 °C)
Water quality	Cold potable water filtered to 5 µm (optional), hardness of 0-256 ppm, pH level between 5-8 and chloride content 0-50 ppm.

Drain Water:	
Drain water temperature	140 °F (60 °C) maximum
Drainage capacity	5.3 gpm (20 L/min)

Power:	
Maximum current draw	15 A

11.3 Size and Weight

Model	Weight		Size – H × W × D in (mm)
	Net lb (kg)	Operating lb (kg)	
GS 50-CS	190 (86.2)	340 (154.2)	43.4 × 23.5 × 21.2 (1102 × 598 × 539)
GS 50-NX			
GS 100-CS	210 (95.3)	365 (165.6)	
GS 100-NX			
GS 150-CS	320 (145.1)	500 (226.8)	55.5 × 27 × 27.7 (1410 × 684 × 705)
GS 150-NX			
GS 200-CS	480 (217.7)	775 (351.5)	55.5 × 37.8 × 27.7 (1410 × 960 × 705)
GS 200-NX			
GS 300-CS	480 (217.7)	800 (362.8)	
GS 300-NX			
GS 450-CS	800 (362.9)	1200 (544.3)	55.5 × 62.2 × 27.7 (1410 × 1580 × 705)
GS 450-NX			
GS 600-CS	910 (412.8)	1550 (703.1)	55.5 × 73.2 × 27.7 (1410 × 1859 × 705)
GS 600-NX			

A Appendix

A.1 Torque Values

Figure A1 shows the hardware in the Nortec GS humidifier that **MUST** be torqued to the values shown in *Table A1* on page A-ii.

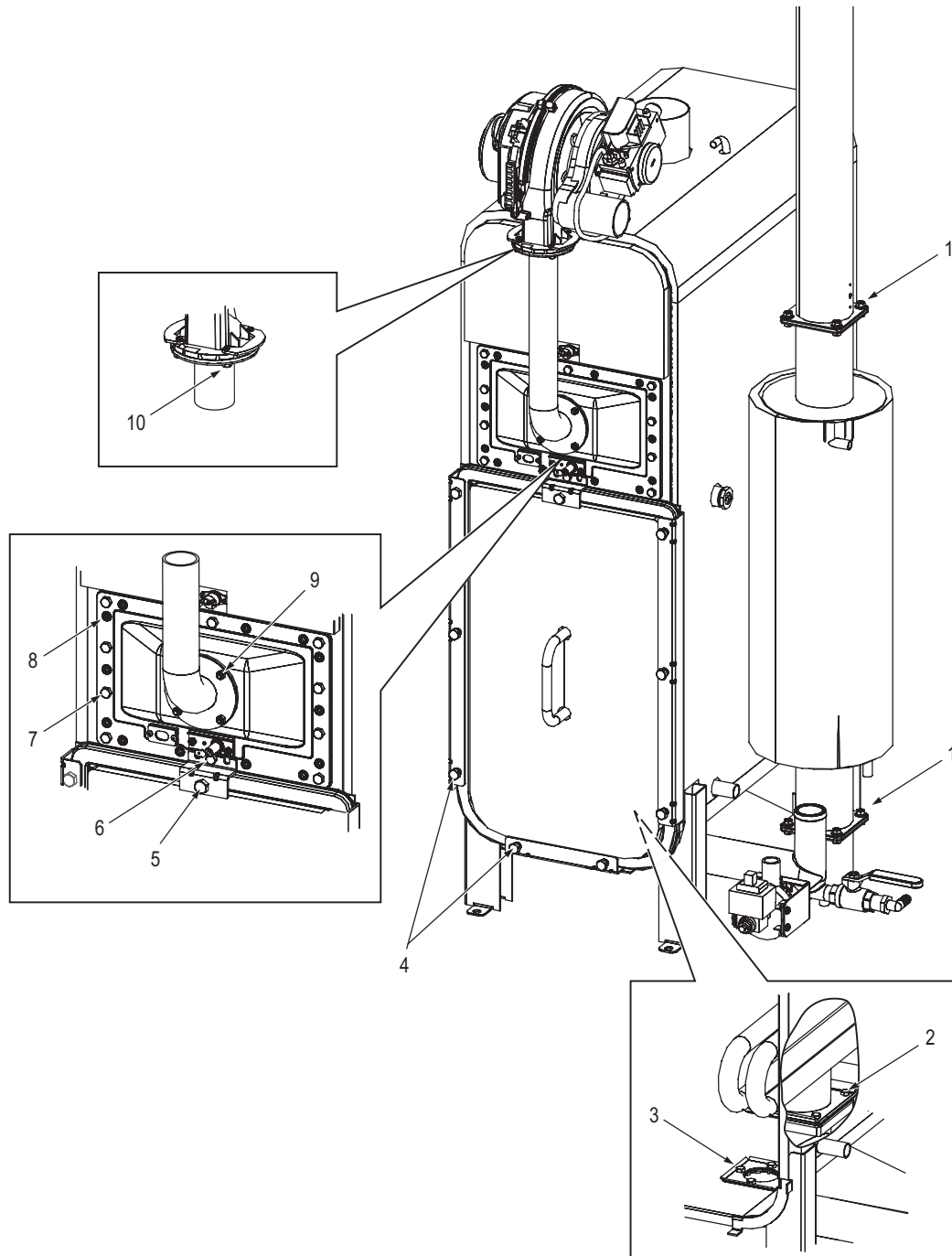


Figure A1: Nortec GS Hardware to be Torqued

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| 1 Bolt, M6×12, flange-head (qty. 4) | 7 Bolt, M6×12, hex-head (qty. 10) |
| 2 Bolt, M6×14, hex-head (qty. 4) | 8 Bolt, M6×10, socket-head (qty. 14) |
| 3 Bolt, M6×12, hex-head (qty. 4) | 9 Nut, M5, hex-head (qty. 4) |
| 4 Bolt, M8×18, hex-head (qty. 8) | 10 Bolt, M5×16, hex-head (qty. 4) |
| 5 Bolt, M8×18, hex-head (qty. 1) | |
| 6 Bolt, M6×16, hex-head (qty. 1) | |

Table A1: Nortec GS Standard Torque Values

Figure A1 Item Number	Fastener and Location	Quantity	Anti-Seize Lubricant*	Torque
1	Bolt, M6×12, flange-head, stainless steel – secondary heat-exchanger/exhaust flange bolts	4	–	30 in·lb (3.5 N·m)
2	Bolt, M6×14, hex-head, stainless steel – primary heat-exchanger bottom flange bolts	4	✓	45 in·lb (5.1 N·m)
3	Bolt, M6×12, hex-head, stainless steel – drain fitting flange bolts	4	✓	30 in·lb (3.5 N·m)
4	Bolt, M8×18, hex-head, stainless steel – tank cover side and bottom bolts	8	–	35 in·lb (4.0 N·m)
5	Bolt, M8×18, hex-head, stainless steel – tank cover top bolt	1	–	20 in·lb (2.3 N·m)
6	Bolt, M6×16, hex-head, stainless steel – tank cover top bracket bolt	1	✓	45 in·lb (5.1 N·m)
7	Bolt, M6×12, hex-head, stainless steel – burner flange bolts	10	✓	45 in·lb (5.1 N·m)
8	Bolt, M6×10, socket-head, stainless steel – primary heat-exchanger top flange bolts	14	✓	45 in·lb (5.1 N·m)
9	Nut, M5, hex-head, galvanized steel – blower tube	4	–	30 in·lb (3.5 N·m)
10	Bolt, M5×16, hex-head, galvanized steel – blower tube	4	–	30 in·lb (3.5 N·m)

* Apply nickel anti-seize lubricant (Loctite® LB 771™ or equivalent) to fastener.

Warranty

Nortec Humidity Inc. and/or Nortec Humidity Ltd. (hereinafter collectively referred to as THE COMPANY), warrant for a period of two years after installation or 30 months from manufacturer's ship date, whichever date is earlier, that THE COMPANY's manufactured and assembled products, not otherwise expressly warranted, are free from defects in material and workmanship. The heat exchanger(s) will have an additional warranty that ensures the heat exchanger will be free from defects in materials and workmanship for an additional year, for a total period of 3 years from installation or 40 months from the manufacturer's ship date, whichever is earlier. No warranty is made against corrosion, deterioration, or suitability of substituted materials used as a result of compliance with government regulations.

THE COMPANY's obligations and liabilities under this warranty are limited to furnishing replacement parts to the customer, F.O.B. THE COMPANY's factory, provided that the defective part(s) is returned freight prepaid by the customer. The replacement parts are warranted for the balance of the term of the warranty on the original humidifier or 90 days, whichever is longer.

The warranties set forth herein are in lieu of all other warranties expressed or implied by law. No liability whatsoever shall be attached to THE COMPANY until said products have been paid for in full and then said liability shall be limited to the original purchase price for the product. Any further warranty must be in writing, signed by an officer of THE COMPANY.

THE COMPANY's limited warranty on accessories, not manufactured by the COMPANY, such as controls, humidistats, pumps, etc., is limited to the warranty of the original equipment manufacturer from date of original shipment of humidifier.

THE COMPANY makes no warranty and assumes no liability unless the equipment is installed in strict accordance with a copy of the catalog and installation manual in effect at the date of purchase, and by a contractor approved by THE COMPANY to install such equipment.

THE COMPANY makes no warranty and assumes no liability whatsoever for consequential damage or damage resulting directly from misapplication, incorrect sizing or lack of proper maintenance of the equipment.

THE COMPANY makes no warranty and assumes no liability whatsoever for damage to the humidifier, supply lines, drain lines, or steam distribution systems caused by freezing.

THE COMPANY reserves the right to change the design, specifications and performance criteria of its products without notice or obligation.



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