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# SENTINEL FIELD CONTROLLER

## Programming Guide



**TORO SENTINEL®**      A ■      B ■      Alarm Hold Irrigation

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Option    Start    Help    Stop    Satellite Settings

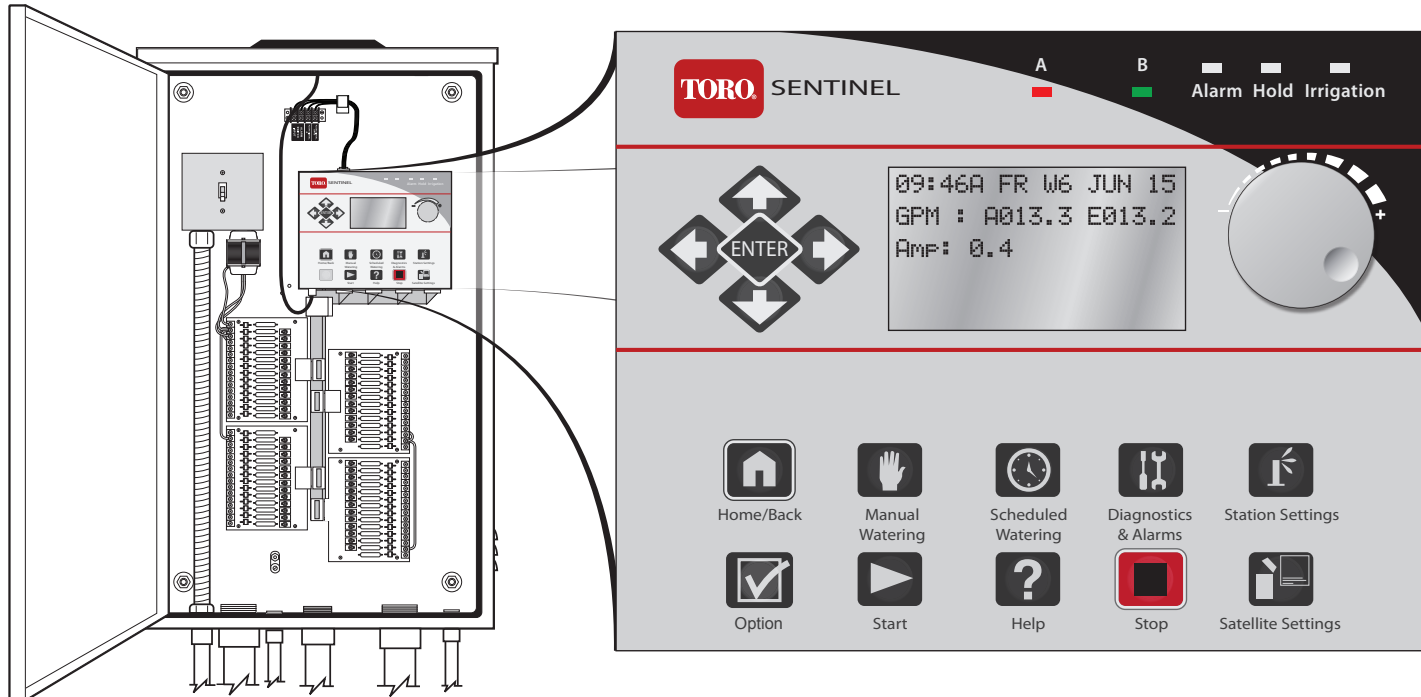
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# Chapter 1: Sentinel Control Module

## I. Overview

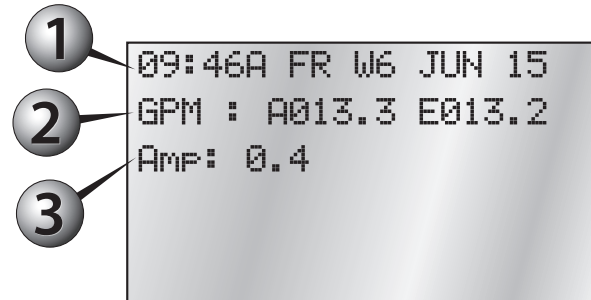
The Sentinel Control Module is the heart and brains of the Sentinel system. This overview will discuss the LCD screen, the Control Knob, and the buttons.



## Control Module Display

The Sentinel Controller has a six-line LCD screen. When first powered on, the display will be in its standard mode.

1. Current time (HH:MM), day, week number of schedule (up to six weeks), and date.
2. If running, Actual flow (A#####) and Expected flow (E#####).
  - **Actual Flow:** 5-digit numeric indicator of current flow through connected flow sensor.
  - **Expected Flow:** 5-digit numeric indicator of expected flow based on current stations operating and their expected flows.
3. Current amperage draw



The Sentinel system takes roughly fifteen (15) seconds to display information up once plugged in. Please be patient.

## Front LEDs

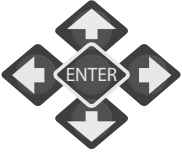
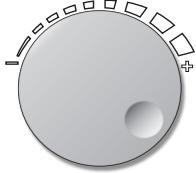
The front of the Sentinel Control Module has five LEDs to alert the user to particular conditions.













LED	Purpose
A	Flow 1 activity. Light turns off within a couple minutes of no flow input.
B	Flow 2 activity. Light turns off within a couple minutes of no flow input.
Alarm (Red)	Flashing light if any alarm; steady light if any warnings.
Hold (Amber)	A steady light indicates program or station days off.
Irrigation (Green)	Steady light on if an irrigation program is currently running.

## Controls

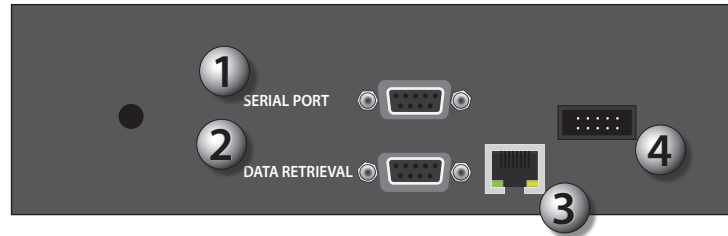
There is one Control Knob and fifteen (15) buttons to operate the Sentinel Controller.

Control	Function
 <p data-bbox="361 369 583 392"><b>Arrows and ENTER</b></p>	<p data-bbox="604 238 864 262"><b>LEFT / RIGHT Arrows:</b></p> <ol data-bbox="656 271 1269 326" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="656 271 1216 295">1) Move through the different menus on the controller</li><li data-bbox="656 301 1269 326">2) Within a menu line, move through the changeable fields.</li></ol> <p data-bbox="604 336 838 359"><b>UP / DOWN Arrows:</b></p> <ol data-bbox="656 369 1142 424" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="656 369 991 392">1) Navigate through menu items</li><li data-bbox="656 398 1142 424">2) Navigate from one submenu line to another.</li></ol> <p data-bbox="656 430 1159 453"><i>Note: Holding down an arrow button auto-repeats.</i></p> <p data-bbox="604 463 699 486"><b>ENTER:</b></p> <p data-bbox="656 496 1164 519">Press to enter a selected menu or to save a setting.</p>
 <p data-bbox="378 630 534 653"><b>Control Knob</b></p>	<p data-bbox="604 600 1555 659">Rotate the Knob to change the value of the field the cursor is on. Pressing the knob in is the same functionality as the ENTER key.</p>

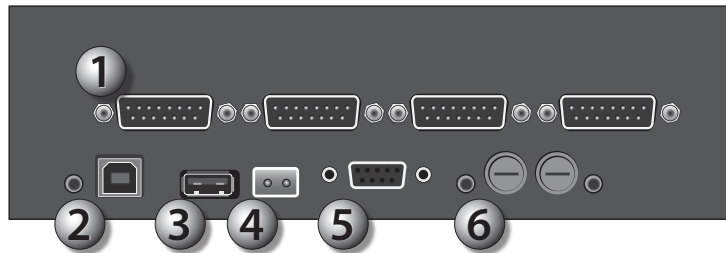
Button	Function
 <b>Home/Back</b>	Returns the user to the previous screen (a “back” button) or to the Home screen.
 <b>Manual Watering</b>	Enter manual irrigation mode and manually start and stop programs.
 <b>Scheduled Watering</b>	Allows the user to program scheduled irrigation programs.
 <b>Diagnostics &amp; Alarms</b>	Access the Diagnostics and Alarms menu system to identify and clear alarms.
 <b>Station Settings</b>	Access the Station Settings menu system.
 <b>Option</b>	For future functionality.
 <b>Start</b>	Start station or program.
 <b>Help</b>	Accesses the Sentinel Help system (future feature).
 <b>Stop</b>	Enters the Stop menu, allowing full shutdowns and more.
 <b>Satellite Settings</b>	Accesses settings for the satellite, such as time, day, language, and much more.

## Ports

Top Ports	Purpose
1. Serial Port (9-pin connector)	Both top and bottom serial ports support communications devices, standard off-the-shelf serial cables, and are optically isolated.
2. Data Retrieval port (9-pin connector)	Works with existing Sentinel data retrieval cables and flow/ET/Rain pulse simulator devices. New cables will allow access to 1 additional flow and 1 additional alarm input. Both flow inputs support mixed mode use with flow, ET or Rain pulse devices.
3. Network RJ-45 port (option)	To connect to a network.
4. (10-pin connector)	UHF radio connection



Bottom Ports	Purpose
1. Station output ports (15-pin connectors) (up to four)	These connect to the circuit boards in the Sentinel satellite, controlling up to 12-stations each for a maximum of 48 stations.
2. AC adapter and the red “power on” light	LED flashes if a program is running. The slower the flash, the slower the code is running
3. USB port	Allows connecting a thumb drive for “flashing” of the firmware.
4. 2-prong port	24 VAC connection
5. Serial Port (9-pin connector)	Both top and bottom serial ports support communications devices, standard off the shelf serial cables, and are optically isolated.
6. Two fuse sockets with a red LED light next to each fuse socket	When the red LED is lit, indicates a blown fuse.





## II. Programming Overview & Navigation


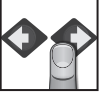

The Sentinel Controller is programmed by navigating through a Main Menu which includes seven submenus: **Manual Watering**, **Scheduled Watering**, **Diagnostics & Alarms**, **Station Settings**, **Help**, **Stop**, and **Satellite Settings**. Each of these submenu options has system configuration options. The menu structure is detailed below.

Menu	Setting	Function
<b>Manual Watering</b>	• Manual	• Turn individual stations ON or OFF for a specific time.
	• Start/Stop Program	• Start and stop programs.
<b>Scheduled Watering</b>	• Start Times	• Schedule the time for individual stations to activate, by program.
	• Prog ET Toggle	• Program individual programs (up to 16) to use ET data or not.
	• Clear Schedule	• Clear schedules of programs, one at a time.
	• Schedule Length	• Set the length of a schedule to run per schedule: six weeks or one year.
	• Run Days	• Specify which days per week a schedule should irrigate, by week, by schedule.
	• Program Clear	• Clear a particular program. <i>Note:</i> There is no confirmation before clearing.
	• Rain Off Days	• Enter “Rain Off” days by program, up to 255 days. <u>What is this for?</u>
	• Assigned Sched	• Assign schedules to programs or vica-versa.
	• Water Window	• Define “water windows” by program--watering only occurs between specified times.
	• Continuous Run	• Activate a program to run continuously.
	• Repeat Dly (Delay) Time	• Places a delay period, ranging from 0 to 255 minutes, between program repeats.
	• Repeats	• Enables the watering cycle to be repeated from 1 to 250 times per start time.
	• Percent Scale	• Adjust watering time by % of programmed time. Useful for seasonal adjustments.
• Slot-Stn-Time	• For a complete description of this command, see page 23.	
<b>Diagnostics &amp; Alarms</b>	• Show Alarms & Warnings	• Show the cause of an “Alarm” flashing light.
	• Clear Sat. Alarms	• Clear any and all Satellite alarms.
	• Clear Comm. Alarms	• Clear any and all Communication alarms.
	• Clear Elec. Alarms	• Clear any and all Electronic alarms.
	• Clear Flow Alarms	• Clear any and all Flow alarms.
	• Show Moisture Data	• A moisture sensor must be installed for this command to work.

Menu	Setting	Function
<b>Station Settings</b>	• Plant Factor	• Assign a percentage factor to any zone for the type of plant material.
	• Stn Days Off	• Turn off individual stations for a specified number of days (up to 255).
	• Maximum Flows	• Set the maximum gallons per minute (GPM) for individual stations.
	• Expected Flows	• Program the expected flow (GPM) for individual stations.
	• Map Stations	• Each station can be mapped, or associated with hardware other than the Sentinel controller output board. This setting relates to “Station Type” .
	• Station Type	• Select the station type per station: LOCAL, UNIVERSAL, WIRELESS, TORO-2WD, BASELINE, or MC-48E.
	• Precip Rate	• Set the precipitation rate (inches / hr) for each station.
<b>Stop Menu</b>	• Full Shutdown	• Shut down all stations immediately.
	• All Manuals Off	• Turn off all manually running stations.
	• All Autos Off	• Turn off all programmed stations.
<b>Satellite Settings</b>	• Time and Day	• Set the time and day of the satellite.
	• ET	• Set the maximum and default ET (evapotranspiration) levels.
	• Language	• Specify the language the satellite uses: English, Spanish, or French.
	• Flow Processing	• Set Flow Processing ON or OFF. Aids in resolving Flow issues.
	• Flow Factors Meter 2	• See Chapter 2 explanation for this command.
	• Flow Factors Meter 1	• See Chapter 2 explanation for this command.
	• N/O Master	• Set the Master Circuit as normally closed or normally open.
	• Station Count	• Specify the station count on the satellite, up to 204, in increments of 12.
	• Unit Code	• See Chapter 2 explanation for this command.
• Day Change Hour	• See Chapter 2 explanation for this command.	
<b>Help</b>	• To be determined	

## Icons Explained

There are several icons used throughout the manual to portray certain functions.

Icon	Meaning
	Turn the Control Knob to change values in the currently highlighted field.
	Press the button / knob pictured under the finger.
	A line under characters on the LCD screen indicates a field that can be adjusted with the Control Knob.

## Chapter 2: Basic Controller Programming

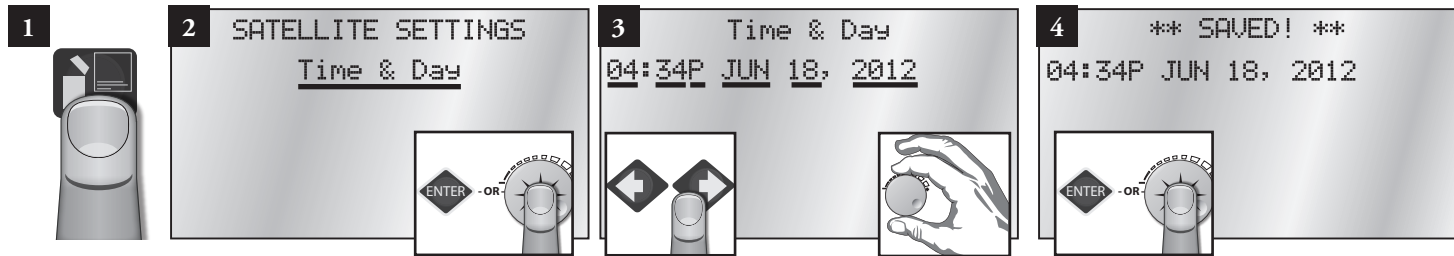
This section will provide the information on how to program the basic elements for automatic irrigation to occur. Remember to press ENTER or the Control Knob after making changes or changes will not be saved.

### I. Satellite Settings

- Time and Day
- ET
- Language
- Flow Processing
- Flow Factors Meter 2
- Flow Factors Meter 1
- N/O Master
- Station Count
- Unit Code
- Day Change Hour

#### **Time & Day** (6 Fields to set: Hour, Minute, AM/PM, Month, Date, and Year)

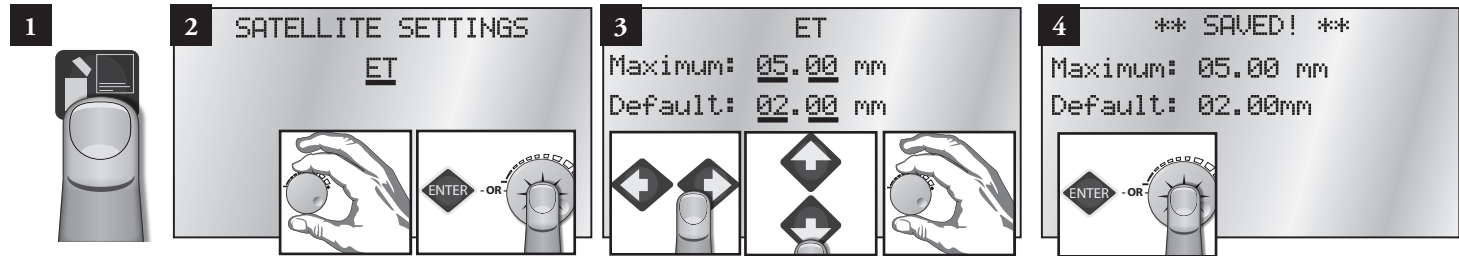
When powering on the Sentinel system for the first time, it is necessary to set the time and day. Follow the steps below:



### ET (4 Fields to set: Maximum and Default X whole and decimal values)

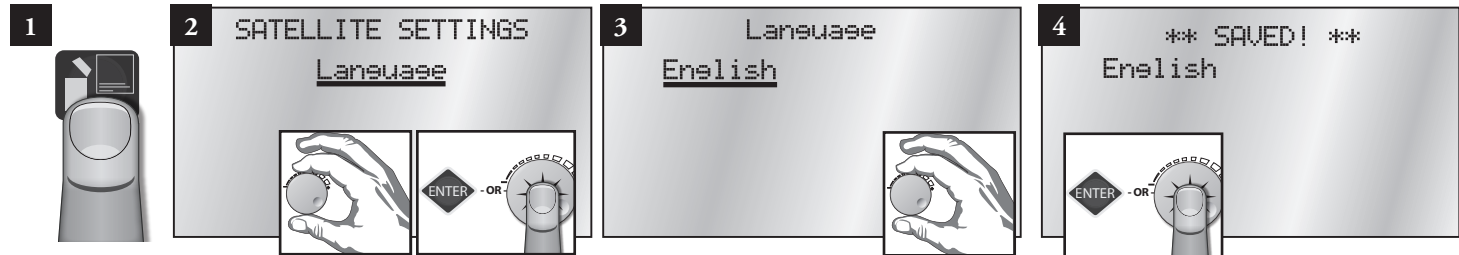
**Default ET** (evapotranspiration) is the minimum ET figure (in millimeters) that is used as the default ET regardless of the weather conditions or if data is missing from the ET gauge or weather station. ET can vary depending on the time of the season and weather. Generally, daily ET can be from 0mm to 13mm.

**Maximum ET** is the maximum ET value that can be accumulated between watering days. This value is the maximum value that a program will ever replace in a single day. Typically choose a value that is your maximum daily ET multiplied by the number of days between watering.



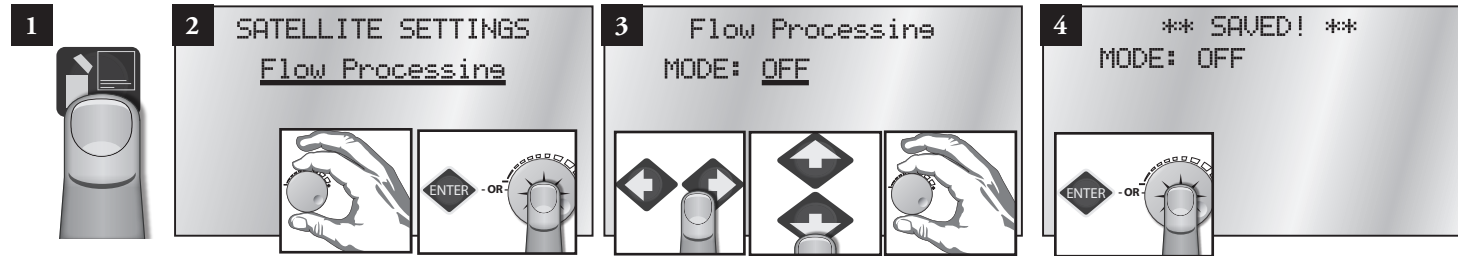
### Language (1 Field to set)

Specify the language the Controller should use. English is the default language.



## Flow Processing (1 Field to set)

Turn Flow Processing ON to monitor the flow of water to make sure flow is within limits determined by the irrigation zones running. If the flow is not within the limits, Sentinel will take user-defined action to identify and label problems.

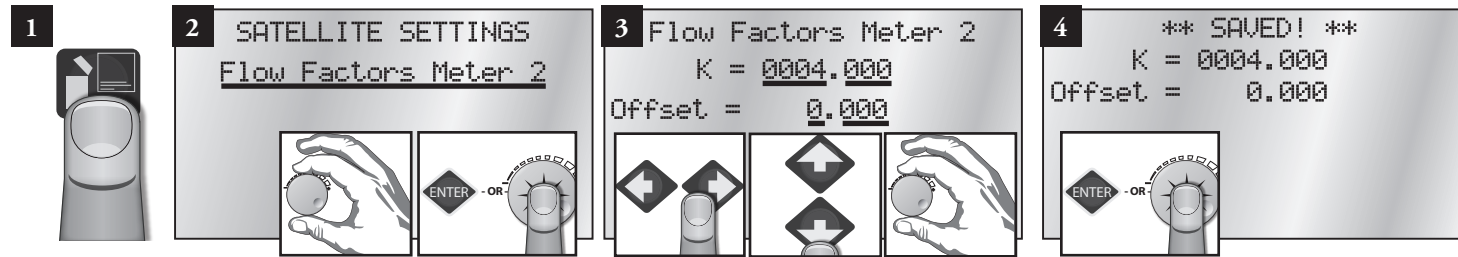


**Note:** For the controller to read and react to flow, a flow meter must be connected to the satellite sensor terminals. Do not turn on flow processing if it is not properly set up.

## Flow Factors Meter 2 (4 Fields to set: K and Offset X whole and decimal values)

Flow factors are the K and offset for each meter, used to determine the flow rate in gallons per minute or liters per minute from the raw pulse rate of the meter. Flow factors are determined by the pipe size and type.

Enter/edit the K factor associated with the flow metering device being used. The K factor and Offset factor may be found in the Specification sheet for the flow meter.



### Flow Factors Meter 1 (4 Fields to set: K and Offset X whole and decimal values)

Flow factors are the K and offset for each meter, used to determine the flow rate in gallons per minute or liters per minute from the raw pulse rate of the meter. Flow factors are determined by the pipe size and type.

Enter/edit the K factor associated with the flow metering device being used. The K factor may be found in the specification sheet for the flow meter. The Offset factor may be found in the specification sheet for the flow meter.

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2 SATELLITE SETTINGS  
Flow Factors Meter 1

3 Flow Factors Meter 1  
K = 0003.000  
Offset = 1.000

4 \*\* SAVED! \*\*  
K = 0004.000  
Offset = 0.000

### N/O Master (1 Field to set)

Configure the master valve/pump start output for either normally OPEN or normally CLOSED operation.

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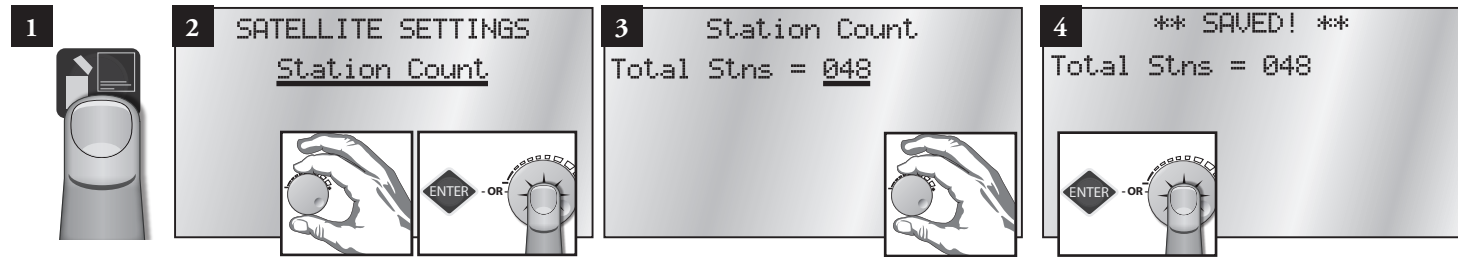
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N/O Master

3 N/O Master  
Normally: CLOSED

4 \*\* SAVED! \*\*  
Normally: CLOSED

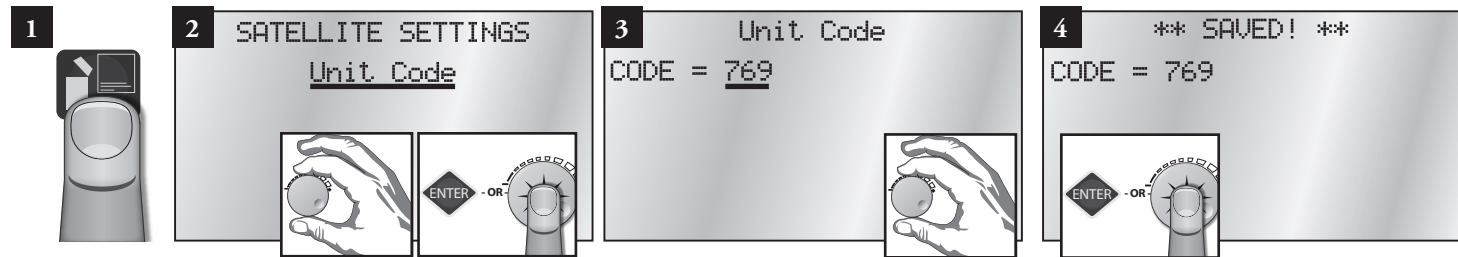
### Station Count (1 Field to set)

Use this menu to inform the controller the number of stations it has. The Sentinel controllers typically have station counts in 12-station increments (12, 24, 36, or 48).



### Unit Code (1 Field to set)

Every controller must have a three digit code assigned to it. This is known as the controller's address. It is possible to select any three digit code from 000 to 999. This is the identifier that is used when selecting an individual field controller with the hand held radio or from the central controller. If connecting via ethernet (and connecting more than one satellite), set unit codes between 1 and 255. Otherwise it is possible to set unit codes up to 999.

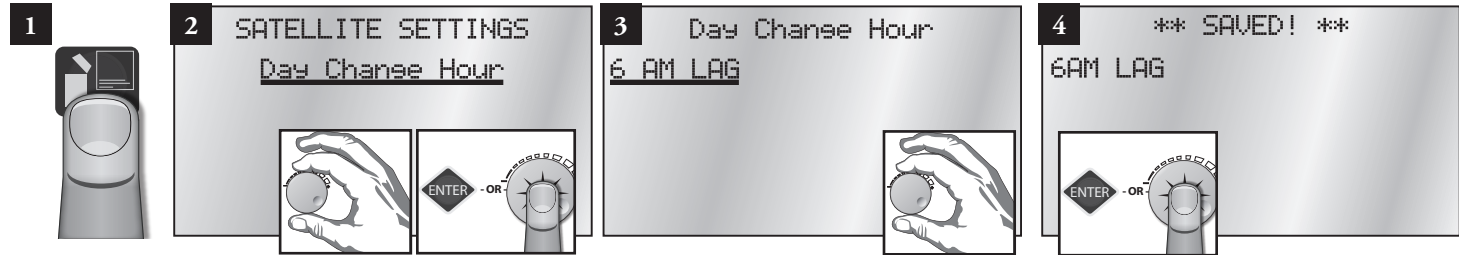


**IMPORTANT:** The unit code is required for Central Control operations. Even if most of the satellite programming will be from the central software, the Unit Code must be set.



## Day Change Hour (1 Field to set)

It is possible to set the hour the controller advances to the next day. As an example, the day changes from Monday to Tuesday at midnight. It is possible to have the controller wait until 8 AM Tuesday before the controller changes the day label to Tuesday. This way, the controller will have until 8 AM Tuesday to finish all watering cycles from the Monday schedule.



When you choose a day change hour it could lag (be after) or lead (be before) a normal midnight day change. For example, a day change hour of 11PM indicates the day changes at 11PM, but not what day.

An 11PM LEAD Day Change Hour means the current day changes one hour early.

An 11PM LAG Day Change Hour means the current day changes 23 hours late.

By indicating lead or lag along with the day change hour, Sentinel is able to determine the current irrigation day from the actual day and time.

The day of week displayed on the home screen with the time and month and date, is the *irrigation* day, not the actual day. They are only always the same if the Day Change Hour is set to midnight.

## II. Scheduled Watering



- Start Times
- Prog ET Toggle
- Clear Schedule
- Schedule Length
- Run Days
- Program Clear
- Rain Off Days
- Assigned Sched
- Water Window
- Continuous Run
- Repeat Dly (Delay) Time
- Repeats
- Percent Scale
- Slot-Stn-Time

Schedule refers to the days of the week a program is set to run. Up to 16 unique watering day schedules can be defined in the Sentinel Controller. Each schedule has a number assignment from 1 to 16. In the controller display, schedules are indicated by “S” and its two-digit schedule number (01, 02,... 16). For example, Schedule 12 is shown as “S12.”

Each schedule can be programmed as either a six week schedule or a 365-day calendar. Toro recommends that all schedule programming through the faceplate be accomplished using 6-week schedules. Using a 365-day Calendar schedule requires the user to select the irrigation status for every day of the year. (All days are default OFF.)

A schedule may have any combination of watering days and may be assigned to any of the sixteen programs (covered in the next section, **Program Setup**). *You must assign a schedule to a program to activate it.* If using a 6 Week Schedule, the current Schedule Week was set in Time & Day as part of controller setup (example was set to W1). When the controller reaches the end of a six-week schedule (W6), the program loops back and starts again with Week 1 (W1).

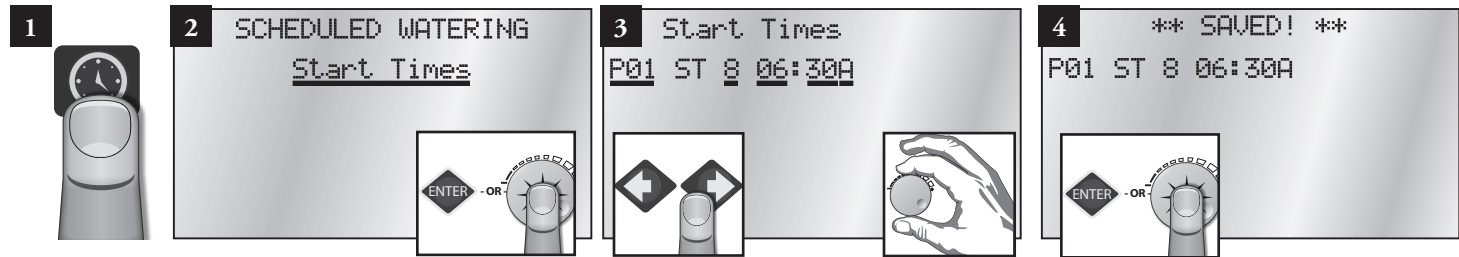
### Start Times (5 Fields to set: Program number, Station number, hour, minute, and AM/PM)

A Start Time initiates the automatic watering cycle. Each program can be assigned to start up eight times within a 24-hour period.

**Note:** All start times must occur within the defined Water Window time frame. (See **Water Window**, below.)

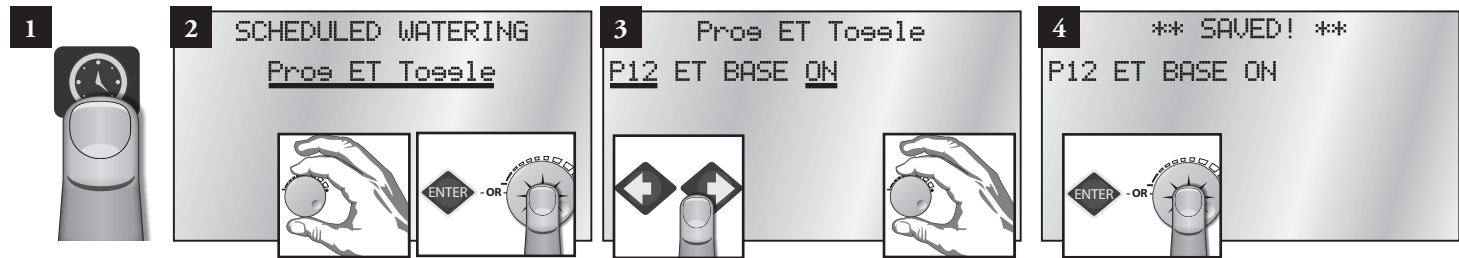
When multiple start times are used, they must be spaced far enough apart to enable the program irrigation cycle to be completed.

The controller offers eight start times per program. If more than eight start times are needed, see **Repeats** and **Continuous Run** below. Use this submenu item to display/edit any one of the eight start times.



### Prog ET Toggle (2 Fields to set: Program number, ET ON or OFF)

The controller is capable of running irrigation programs based on ET. When the ET functions are activated, the controller automatically adjusts program run times according to the ET data. A weather station or ET gauge needs to be connected to the sensor input terminals of the controller or at the central to provide ET data. Set to ON for any programs you wish to run based on ET values. For time-based watering, set to OFF. (Default is OFF.)



## Clear Schedule (2 Fields to set: Schedule number, Clear Schedule ON or OFF)

Clear any one schedule of all programming information.

The diagram illustrates the steps to clear a schedule:

- 1** A hand holds the device, which shows a clock face on its screen.
- 2** The screen displays "SCHEDULED WATERING" and "Clear Schedule" (underlined). A hand presses the "ENTER" button.
- 3** The screen displays "Clear Schedule" and "S01 SET TO: ON". A hand presses the left arrow button.
- 4** The screen displays "\*\* PLEASE WAIT \*\*" and "S01 SET TO: ON". A hand presses the "ENTER" button.

## Schedule Length (2 Fields to set: Schedule number, Schedule length)

Select whether a Schedule (01... 16) is based on a 6-week calendar or a 365-day calendar.

The diagram illustrates the steps to set the schedule length:

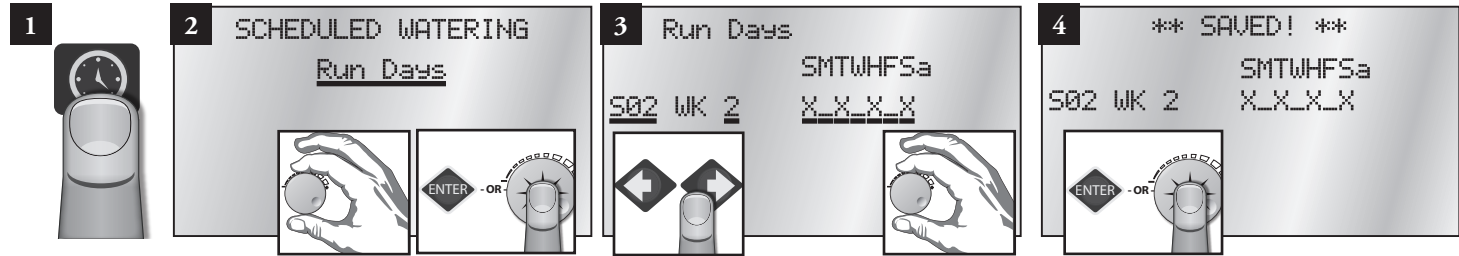
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- 2** The screen displays "SCHEDULED WATERING" and "Schedule Length" (underlined). A hand presses the "ENTER" button.
- 3** The screen displays "Schedule Length" and "S02 6 WEEKS". A hand presses the left arrow button.
- 4** The screen displays "\*\* SAVED! \*\*" and "S02 6 WEEKS". A hand presses the "ENTER" button.

**IMPORTANT:** Changing the schedule length in either direction will clear the selected schedule.

### Run Days (9 Fields to set: Schedule number, week number, 7 Day-of-week toggles)

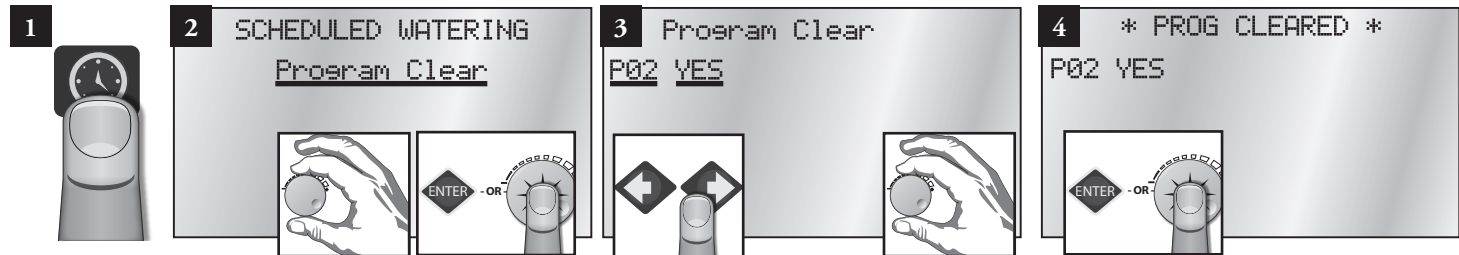
Configure the sixteen independent schedules, dictating what days will be water days or not.

Control Knob to toggle a non-watering day to a watering day. An “X” symbolizes a water day.



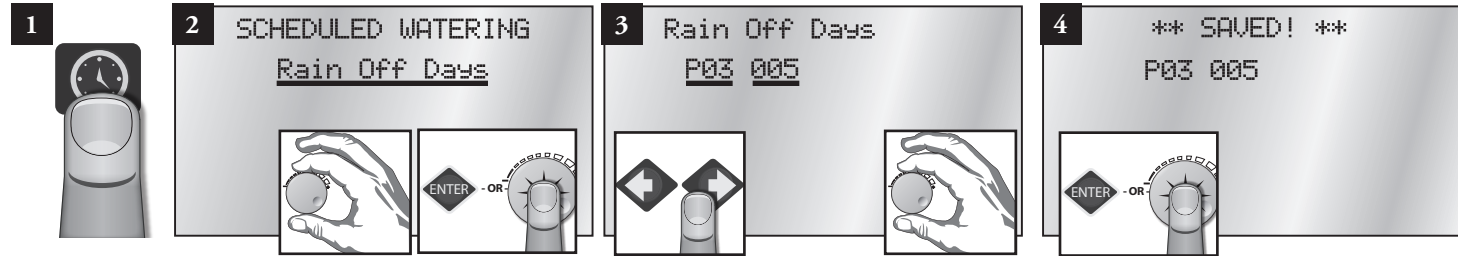
### Program Clear (2 Fields to set: Program number, Program Clear YES or NO)

Set all of the slot/station times within a selected program to zero. This function is helpful when clearing all 16 programs. Manually clearing station times in all 16 programs would otherwise be very time consuming.



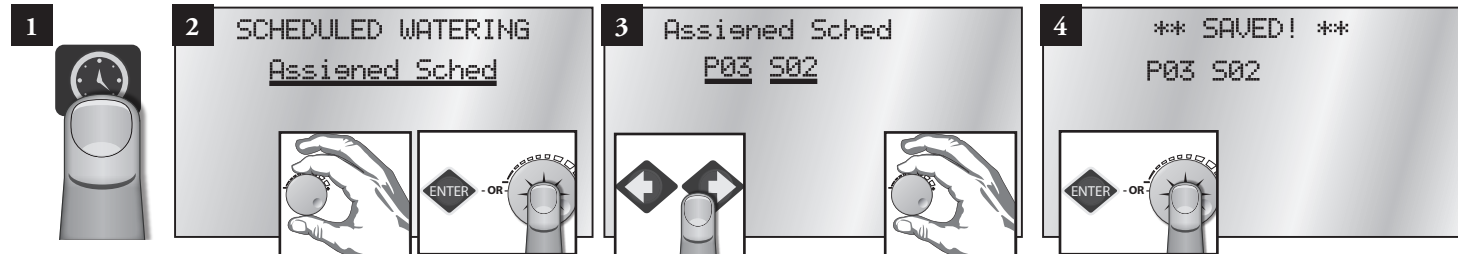
### Rain Off Days (2 Fields to set: Program number, number of "off" days)

Disable programs for the number of days specified (typically in the event of rain). The Hold LED will be on during Rain Off Days. The days will automatically decrement each day at the Day Change Hour until Rain Off Days is zero. The station will then resume normal operation.



### Assigned Schedule (2 Fields to set: Schedule number, Schedule length)

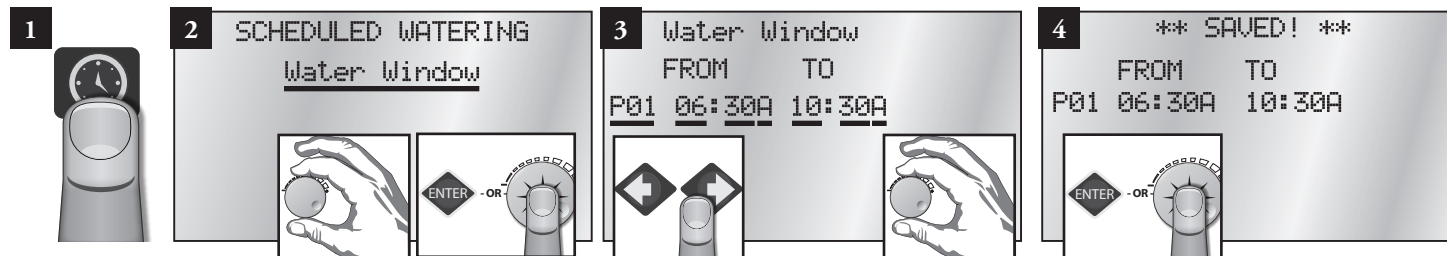
Up to 16 unique watering day schedules can be defined in the controller. For identification, each schedule has a number assignment ranging from 1–16. Each program must be assigned a schedule in order to run.



In Step 3 above, program 3 is being assigned to schedule 2.

## Water Window (7 Fields to set: Program number, "FROM" hour, minute, AM/PM, "TO" hour, minute, AM/PM)

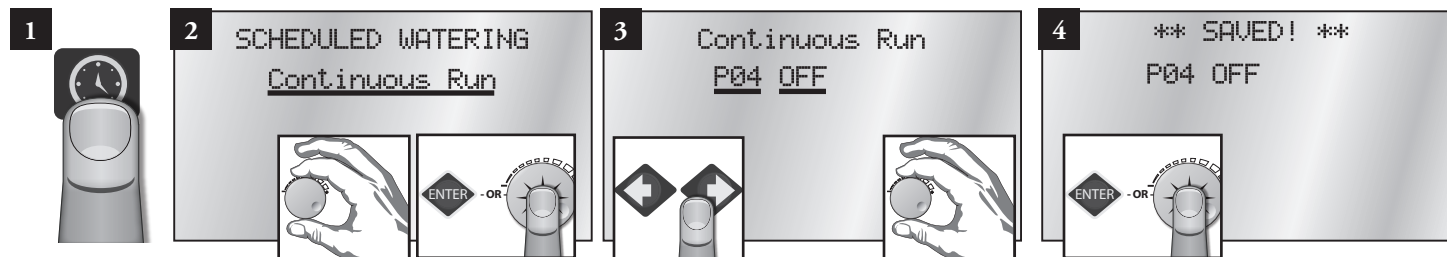
The Water Window is the period of time in a 24-hour day that automatic watering can occur. Selecting a FROM and TO time defines the Water Window start time and end time. A program that is running at the end of the Water Window is terminated immediately. Use Water Windows to set up continuous run start and stops automatically.



## Continuous Run (2 Fields to set: Program number, Continuous Run OFF or ON)

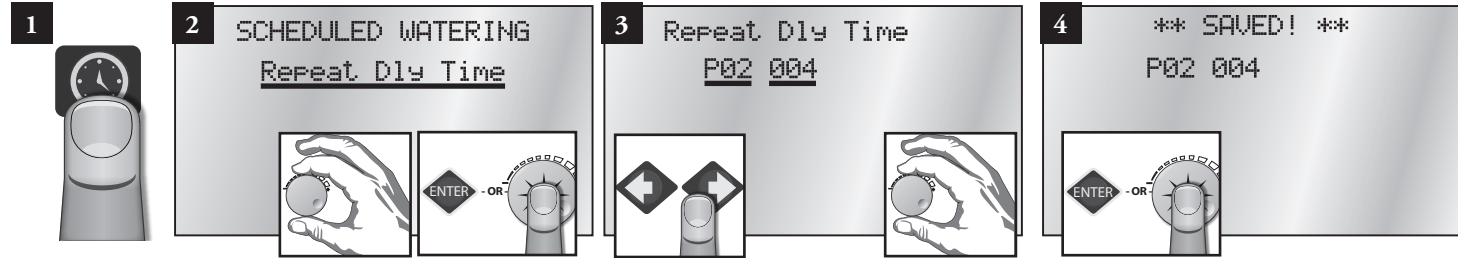
Selecting Continuous Run will automatically repeat the program cycle continuously for the defined Water Window duration.

The controller is capable of running any one or combination of programs continuously. To manually start the desired program, use the same procedure as in Auto Slot/Stn. Use the CLUSTER SELECT and the PROGRAM SELECT keys to select the desired cluster program. Use the ON and OFF keys to turn continuous run on and off. Press ENTER to save. Use Water Windows below to set up continuous run start and stops automatically.



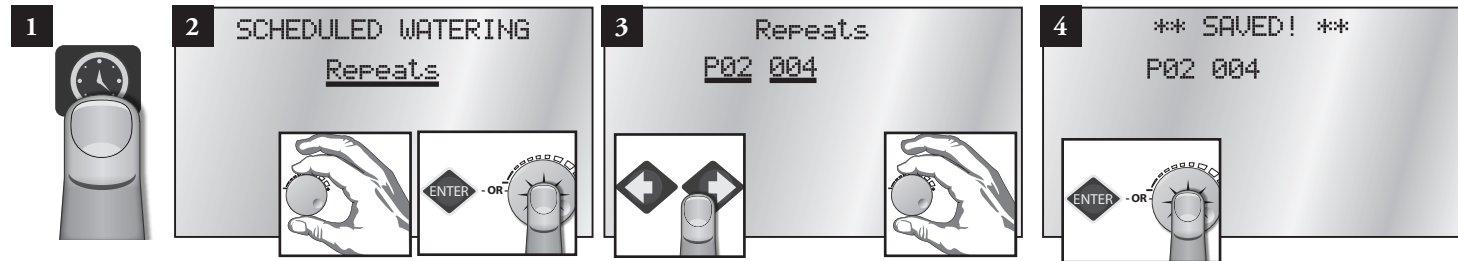
### Repeat Delay Time (2 Fields to set: Program number, minute delay)

Places a delay period, ranging from 0 to 255 minutes, between program repeats. (See **Repeats**, below.) Use this menu item to display/edit the repeat delay time for any one of the 16 programs.



### Repeats (2 Fields to set: Program number, repeat value)

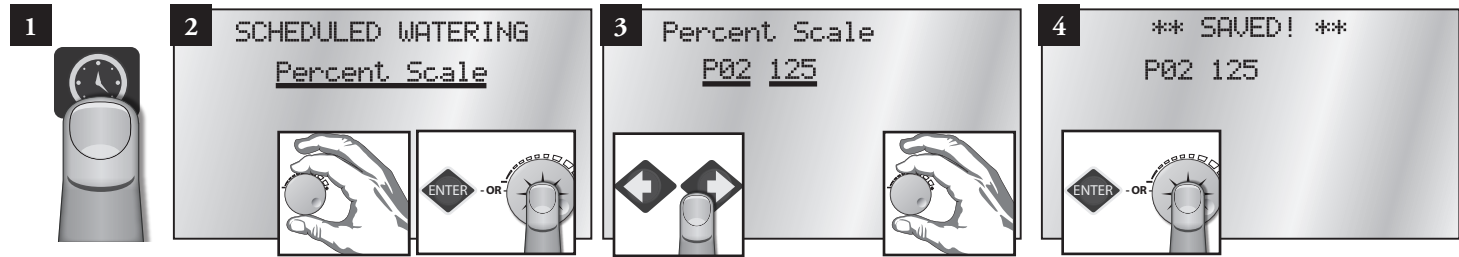
Enables the watering cycle to be repeated from 1 to 250 times per start time.





### Percent Scale (2 Fields to set: Program number, percent value)

Adjusts the run time of stations assigned to the program by percentage ranging from 0 to 255% (100% = no change).



### Slot-Station-Time (5 Fields to set: Program number, slot, station, run time duration hour and minute)

One of the most powerful programming features of the Sentinel Controller is the method used to organize and control satellite station outputs, referred to as “Program Slots”, within each irrigation program. “Program Slots” are organized in a sequential matrix from Slot 1 to Slot 48, for a total of 48 slot positions. From the factory, the Slot and Station numbers are set to be the same; i.e., Station 1 is assigned to Slot 1 and will run first. Station 2 will run next in Slot 2, etc.

The program operating sequence runs from Slot 1 to 48. Stations are assigned to a slot and given a run time duration ranging from 0 to 4 Hour and 15 Minutes. Station numbers range from 0 (inactive) to 48. Stations can be assigned to slots in any order and as many times as desired (that is, one station can appear multiple times in the 48 Slots of one program).

When an irrigation program is running, any slot with 0 (or blank) run time is ignored. A slot with an assigned run time duration  $\geq 1$  minute, but without a station assignment, will create a pause in the watering cycle for the assigned duration.

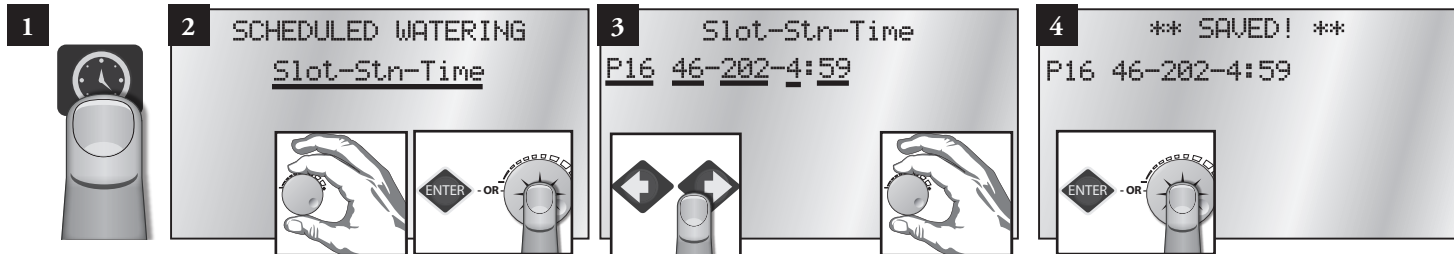
Sentinel programming allows reconfiguring the operating order of the stations by enabling any station to be assigned to any slot.

**Note:** *This feature (The Slots in a Program) allows the user to run any station in any order desired and even repeat the desired station within the same program. Keep in mind that the controller will run the slots sequentially. Stations can be assigned to slots allowing any order of programming.*

Visually, the Slots can be represented in a matrix as follows:

Slot	Stn	Time	Slot	Stn	Time	Slot	Stn	Time	Slot	Stn	Time	Slot	Stn	Time
1			2			3			4			5		
6			7			8			9			10		
11			12			13			14			15		
16			17			18			19			20		
21			22			23			24			25		
26			27			28			29			30		
31			32			33			34			35		
36			37			38			39			40		
41			42			43			44			45		
46			47			48								

To program Slot Station Times:



## Chapter 3: Advanced Programming

This section covers Menus and Submenus not covered as part of Basic Programming: Manual Watering, Stop Menu, and Diagnostics and Alarms.

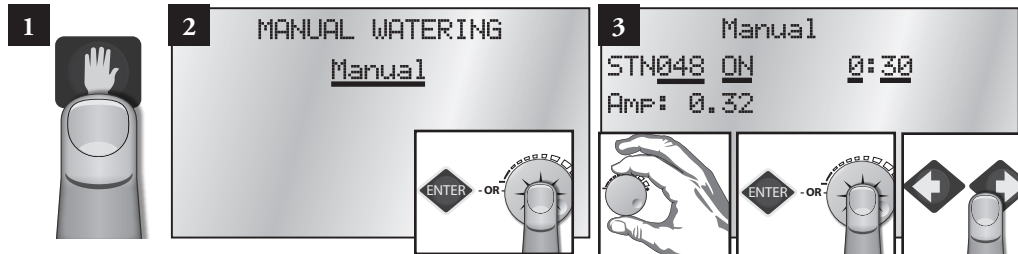
### I. Manual Watering

- Manual
- Start / Stop Program

#### **Manual** (2 Fields to set: Station number and duration of manual run)

It is possible to manually operate up to six stations at one time. As shown in Step 3, use the Control Knob to select the station to run. Then press ENTER or the Control Knob. The default run time is 30 minutes. It is possible to adjust the run time manually at any time during the run time.

Activating a station requires power. Exceeding the maximum allowable output current when turning on multiple stations will one, cause the controller to automatically turn off the station that caused the condition, and two, flag the station so that it will not run again. This is a safety feature that prevents an over-current condition from exceeding the output capacity of the satellite. If the station is checked and found to be electrically safe, remove the disable flag through the Over Currents (Alarms) menu item.



## Start / Stop Program (3 Fields to set: Program number, ON or OFF, and station number)



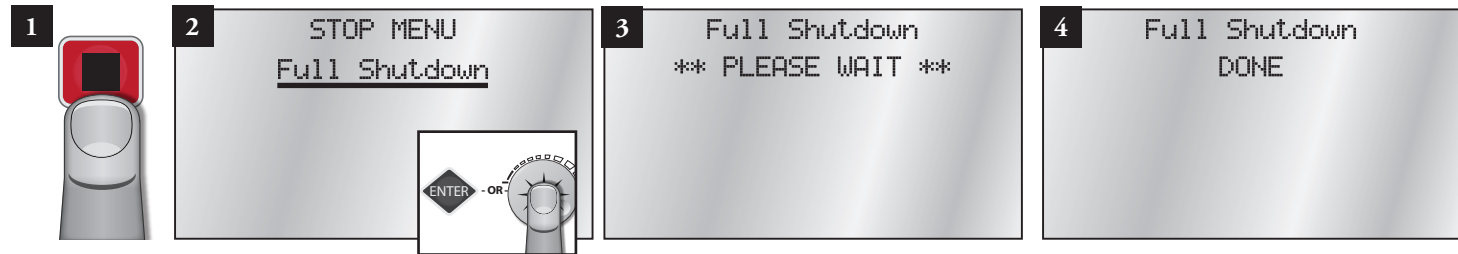
## II. Stop Menu



- Full Shutdown
- All Manuals Off
- All Autos Off

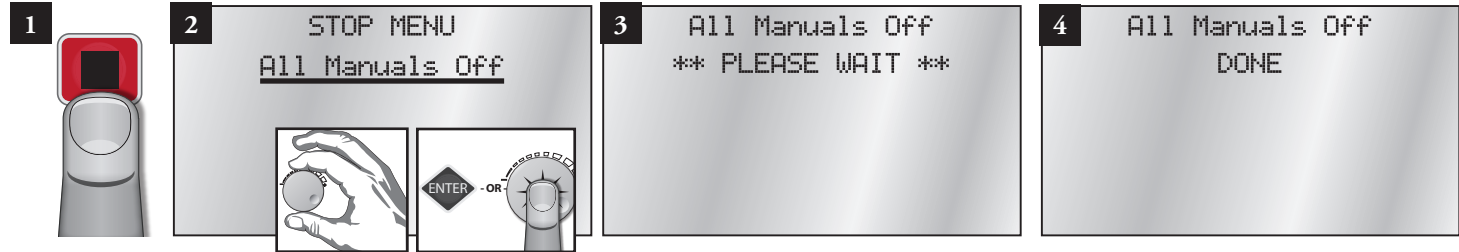
### Full Shutdown

Shuts down all currently active stations.



### All Manuals Off (Manual Stations Off)

Turn off any and all stations that have been turned on manually without having to select each station individually. If more than one manual station is on, the controller will turn off one station at a time every five seconds to prevent the possibility of water hammer.



### All Autos Off (Manual / Auto Programs Off)

Turn off any automatic programs (or manually started programs) that may be running.



### III. Alarms Menu



- Show Alarms & Warnings
- Clear Sat. Alarms
- Clear Comm. Alarms
- Clear Elec. Alarms
- Clear Flow Alarms

*Note: The controller is capable of posting alarms when it detects excessive water flow or excessive current.*

#### Show Alarms & Warnings

Show any current alarms on the first line and the last time and date there was an alarm.

1. Press the wrench and screwdriver icon on the controller.

2. The screen displays: **DIAGNOSTICS & ALARMS**  
Show Alarms&Warnings

3. Press the **ENTER** or **OK** button. The screen displays: **Show Alarms&Warnings**  
**Found Alerts**  
since 01/00/99 00:00

4. The screen displays: **Show Alarms&Warnings**  
Stn: 005  
W: Max Stns limit

#### Clear Sat. Alarms

Clear all Satellite alarms on all stations. Normal program operation will then resume.

1. Press the wrench and screwdriver icon on the controller.


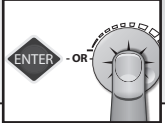
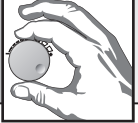
2. The screen displays: **DIAGNOSTICS & ALARMS**  
Clear Sat. Alarms

3. Press the **ENTER** or **OK** button. The screen displays: **Clear Sat. Alarms**  
**\*\* PLEASE WAIT \*\***

4. The screen displays: **Clear Sat. Alarms**  
**DONE**

## Clear Comm. Alarms


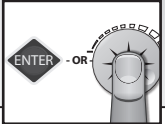
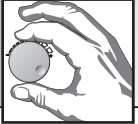
Clear all communication alarms on all stations. Normal program operation will then resume.

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2 DIAGNOSTICS & ALARMS  
Clear Comm. Alarms
- 3 Clear Comm. Alarms  
\*\* PLEASE WAIT \*\*
- 4 Clear Comm. Alarms  
DONE

## Clear Elec. Alarms


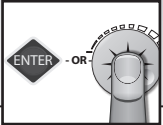
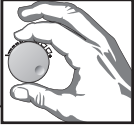
Clear all electrical alarms on all stations. Normal program operation will then resume.

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2 DIAGNOSTICS & ALARMS  
Clear Elec. Alarms
- 3 Clear Elec. Alarms  
\*\* PLEASE WAIT \*\*
- 4 Clear Elec. Alarms  
DONE

## Clear Flow Alarms


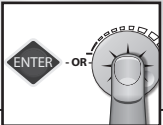
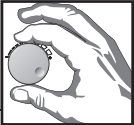
Clear all flow alarms on all stations. Normal program operation will then resume.

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2 DIAGNOSTICS & ALARMS  
Clear Flow Alarms
- 3 Clear Flow Alarms  
\*\* PLEASE WAIT \*\*
- 4 Clear Flow Alarms  
DONE

## Show Moisture Data

When equipped with an optional Turf Guard receiver module, incoming moisture packets are displayed on screen and recorded to a log file. When connected to the Internet via the Ethernet connection, moisture data is sent to the Turf Guard servers.

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2 DIAGNOSTICS & ALARMS  
Show Moisture Data
- 3 Show Moisture Data  
No Data Found

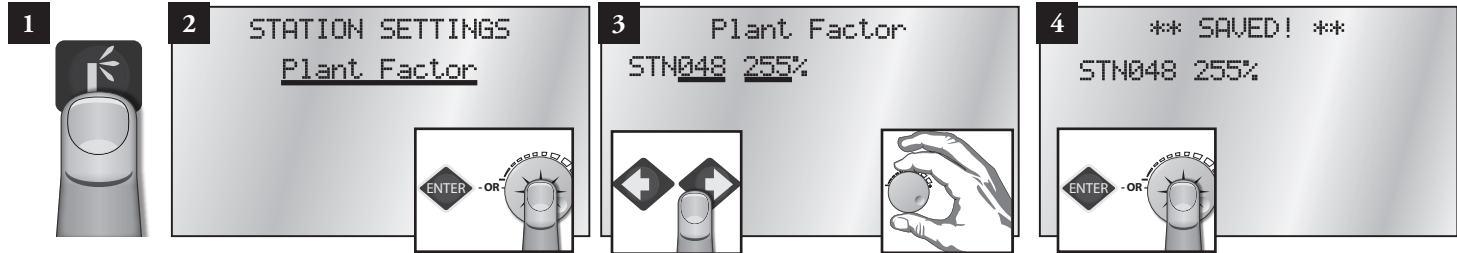


## IV. Station Settings

- Plant Factor
- Stn Days Off
- Maximum Flows
- Expected Flows
- Map Stations
- Station Type
- Precip Rate

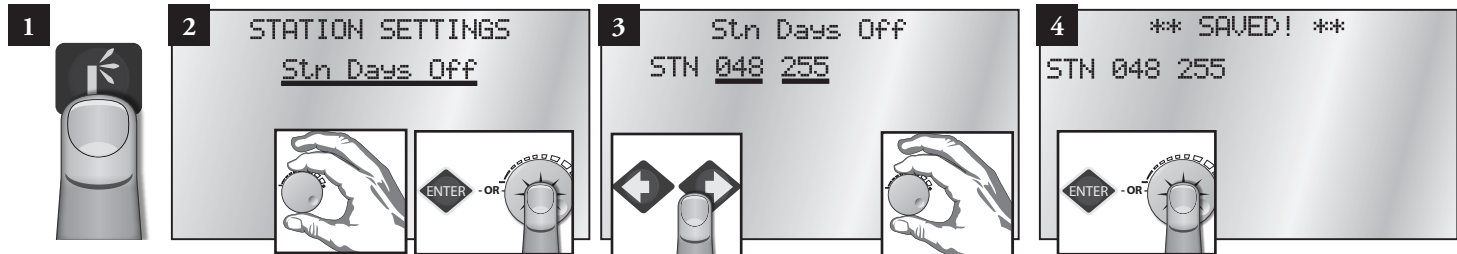
### Plant Factor (2 Fields to set: Station number and percentage)

Assign a percentage factor (0 - 255%) to any zone for the type of plant material that the zone is irrigating. For instance, it is possible to assign a bluegrass turf zone a factor of 100% and a ground cover zone that needs less water a 50% factor.



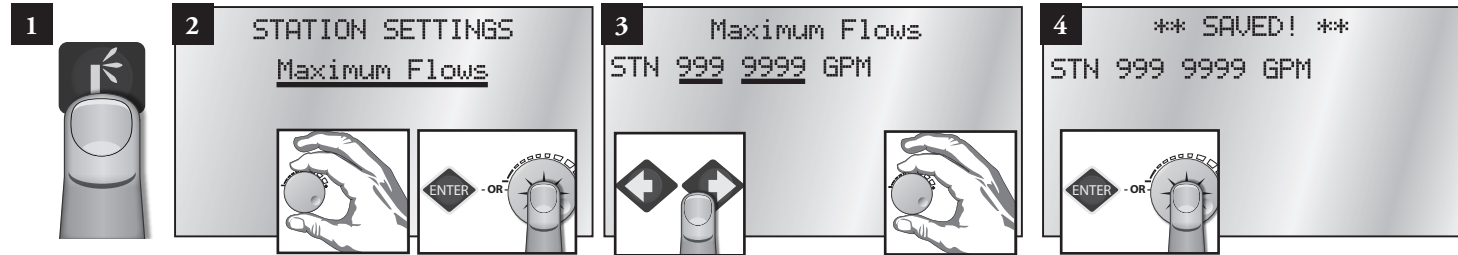
### Station Days Off (2 Fields to set: Station number and number of days off)

Disable individual stations for the number of days specified. The Hold LED will be on during Station Days Off. The days will automatically decrement each day at the Day Change Hour until Days Off is zero. The station will then resume normal operation.



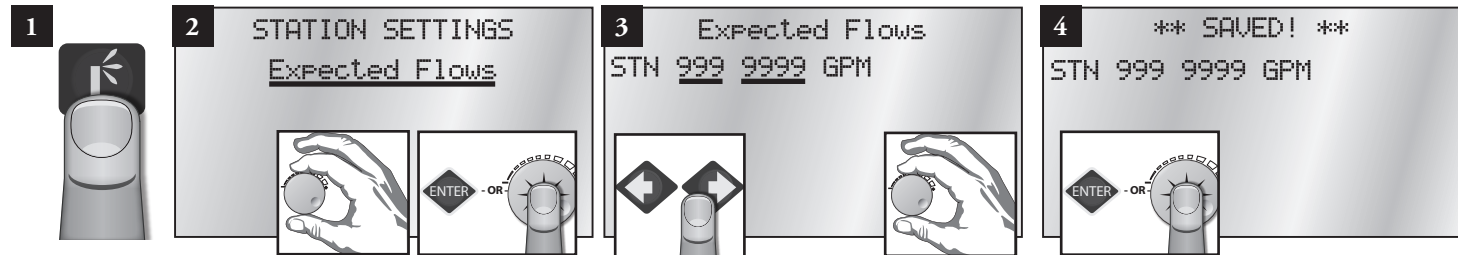
### Maximum Flows (2 Fields to set: Station number and max flow in GPM)

Specify/enter the maximum flow values in gallons per minute for each individual station.



### Expected Flows (2 Fields to set: Station number and expected flow in GPM)

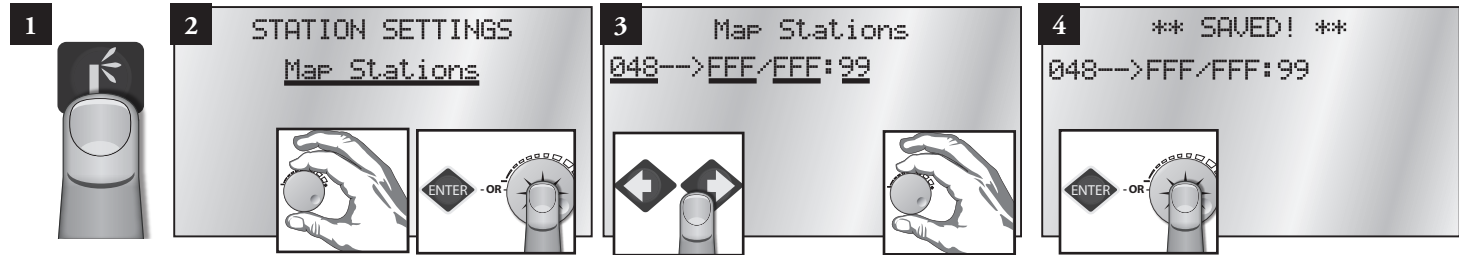
Enter/edit the Expected Flow values (in gallons per minute) for individual stations. Expected flow values will be displayed even if there is no flow meter to collect and read actual flow values.



## Map Stations (4 Fields to set: Station number, station type codes and parameters)

Each station can be mapped to, or associated with, hardware other than the Sentinel controller output board. This setting relates to “Station Type” as set below.

The 2.42 Firmware Map Stations menu item is in the form of: SS -> AAA/BBB:CC (See programming chart below.)



Each station can be mapped to, or associated with, other hardware by way of the 8 numbers to the right of the arrow. The field labeled SS is the Sentinel station to be mapped (01-48). The rest of the fields depend on the station type programming.

Station Type	Programming
LOCAL	No mapping necessary, any values entered are ignored.
UNIVERSAL	Set AAA = 000 Set BBB = unit code of map to universal field unit Set CC = map to universal output number
TORO-2WD (Toro Two-Wire):	Set AAA/BBB = 0xx/xxx where x is the 5 digit decoder address Set CC = decoder output number 01-04
WIRELESS and WIRELESS-LR	Set AAA = board group Set BBB = 00x where x is the switch position (board number) Set CC = output number (1 - 12).

BASELINE

Set AAA/BBB:CC = 000/001:xx where xx is decoder address.

We set BBB = 001 (address of Baseline gateway connected to Sentinel serial port). CC decoder address maps to a specific physical decoder (serial number) in the Baseline Setup Software.

### Station Type (2 Fields to set: Station number and station type)

The following station types are available:

**UNIVRSAL** – Use this option to turn on outputs locally and on a universal map to (when mapped). (This is the default option.)

**LOCAL** – Use this option to turn outputs on locally (out the front of the satellite).

**TMC-424** – Not currently utilized. Toro TMC-424 Controller.

**BL-FL/PR** – Not currently utilized. Baseline Flow & Pressure.

**BL-SENS2** – Not currently utilized. Baseline Sensor.

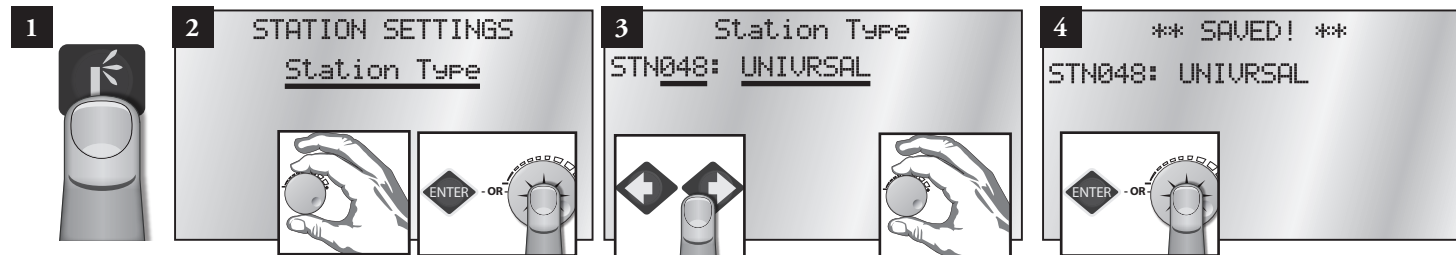
**BL-SENS2** – Not currently utilized. Baseline Sensor.

**BASELINE** – Use this option to turn output on locally and on Baseline two-wire system.

**WIRELESS** – Choose this option to run outputs on a wireless output board.

**TORO-2WD** - Use this option to turn output on locally and on Toro two-wire system.

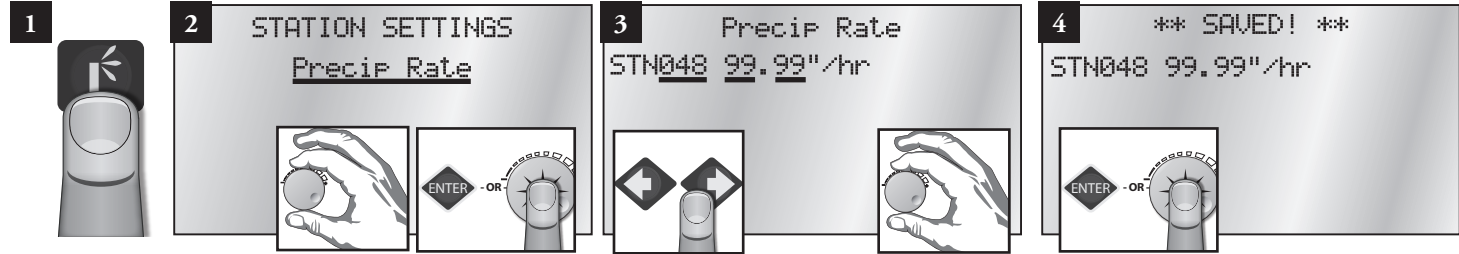
**WIRELESS-LR** (long range) - Allows operation of wireless output boards via a long range radio connected to one of the Sentinel satellite's external serial ports.



## Precipitation Rate (2 Fields to set: Station number and precipitation rate)

This is the amount of water a zone applies in inches per hour. For example, a zone of fixed spray heads may apply the water at the rate of 2" per hour while a rotary sprinkler zone may apply water at the rate of 0.50" per hour.

It is possible to determine a zone's application rate by multiplying its gallons per minute by 96.3 and dividing that figure by the square feet covered by the zone.



## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. How do I update the firmware and language programming?

For complete instructions on how to update the firmware programming and languages for the Sentinel system, go to the Sentinel support website at:

<http://www.toro.com/en-us/professional-contractor/irrigation/central-control-systems/Pages/Model.aspx?pid=Sentinel>.

### 2. I have cleared all alarms, but the alarm indicator is still blinking.

There are three possibilities: One, there may be an external alarm; the date and time might still have to be set; or three, so many stations are running a volumetric shutdown has been triggered.

### 3. What happened to 2Wire/Irritrol Mode?

2Wire/Irritrol Mode has been removed from the keypad menu and is no longer being used. We do not send anything on any port that has not been requested, so it is no longer possible to connect a 2-wire gateway. The only commands sent to that port were for the 2-wire gateway. As a result, this flag is no longer needed.

### 4. Why does the time/day screen fail to synchronize?

Unlike old Sentinel systems, the new satellite stores the Schedule Reference Date. This requires the central to send the SRD. An update to the central to send the SRD will be available soon. To avoid the issue for now, set the SRD in the central software to Dec 7, 2009.

*Note: Once the central sends the SRD, be sure to choose a SRD in the central software that is in the past.*

## Troubleshooting Guide

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No display.	AC power not reaching controller. Blown fuse. 14-pin ribbon-cable connector is not fully connected.	Check and fix AC power supply to controller. Check fuses. Determine why blown and replace if necessary. Check ribbon cable connections on bottom of unit.
Controller does not irrigate as scheduled.	Programming error. Time and date error. Sensor is shutting down system. Station Alarms set.	Verify programming information with Central or In Display. Verify time and date. Remove sensor, clear, and retest. Look for alarms. Correct issue if set, and clear alarms.
Water does not turn ON.	Programming error. Faulty valve wire connections. Bad / defective solenoid or valve.  Flow control or water shut off.	Verify programming information with Central or In Display. Look for alarms. Correct issue if set, and clear alarms. Test for 24 VAC from Station Post to Common or Ground with Manual switch on. Check flow control valve and water supply line.
Water does not turn OFF.	Programming error--too many start times. Bad / defective solenoid. Valve blockage.	Verify programming information with Central or In Display. Test for 24 VAC from Station Post to Common or Ground with Controller running and/or Manual switch on. Check for cross connections between stations. Shut off power at controller. If station stays on, isolate and troubleshoot valve.
Rain sensor does not shut down system.	Programming error. Faulty sensor or faulty sensor connection.	Verify programming information with Central or In Display. Verify and reset.

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- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

If necessary, the user should consult the dealer or an experienced radio/television technician for additional suggestions. The user may find the following booklet prepared by the Federal Communications Commission helpful: "How to Identify and Resolve Radio-TV Interference Problems." This booklet is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., Stock No. 004-000-00345-4 (price – \$2.00 postpaid).



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