



# RCSTHC

## Thermostatic Hi/Lo Remote Control

### INSTALLATION AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

This Hi/Lo remote control system provides a safe, reliable, and user-friendly remote control to power up to a 6 VDC servo motor or solenoid gas valve system (Maxitrol Gas Valve). Always check the appliance home owner's manual for additional information, or warnings regarding accessory installation before connecting this remote control system.

Carefully inspect the contents for shipping damage. If any parts are missing or damaged, immediately contact the dealer from whom you purchased the kit. Do not attempt to install any part of the kit unless all parts are in good condition. Please keep this booklet for future reference.

#### CONTENTS OF KIT

Description	Qty
Transmitter	1
Battery Alkaline AAA (for Transmitter)	3
Battery Alkaline AA (for receiver)	4
Receiver (Assembly) consists of :	1
Receiver Box	
Slide Button-Black (On/RS/Off)	
Wall Cover Plate-Black	1
Plug-In Wiring Assembly – 22 Inches	1
Velcro (Loop and Hook)	1
Installation Instructions	1
#6 3/4" Screw, Zinc	2

#### FEATURES/SPECIFICATIONS

- Thermostatic Transmitter with LCD Display
- Backlit LCD Display
- Battery Powered Transmitter and Receiver
- Easy Access Front Battery Door
- Low Battery Indication
- Child Proof Lockout
- Thermal Shutdown
- Quick Disconnect Wiring Assembly
- Reset Button
- Optional 6 hour Shut Down on receiver

#### WARNING

### Important Safety Information

- Read this manual thoroughly prior to installing, programming or operating this remote control.
- This remote control system is designed for use with a 6 VDC servo motor or solenoid gas valve system (Maxitrol Gas Valve).
- This remote control system requires three (3) “AAA” and four (4) “AA” alkaline batteries to power the transmitter and receiver. Wiring must conform to appliance requirements and building codes/ordinances as required by local and national code authorities having jurisdiction.
- Do not short (or jumper) across the gas valve terminals to test the remote control installation. This could damage the unit and void the warranty.
- This remote control system should only be used as described in this manual. Any other use is not recommended and will void the warranty.

#### NOTE

Due to the sensitive temperature monitoring components in the transmitter, it is necessary to allow the transmitter to stabilize to room temperature before accurate room temperatures are displayed. If the transmitter is activated from a severe cold condition, allow 15 minutes for accurate temperature readings to appear on the LCD.

#### WARNING

Turn appliance OFF and allow to cool before installing or servicing. **DO NOT** connect 110-120 VAC wiring to the milli-volt gas control valve. The remote operator must be installed exactly as outlined in these instructions. Read all instructions completely before attempting installation. Follow instructions carefully during installation. Any modification of components will void the warranty and may cause a fire hazard.

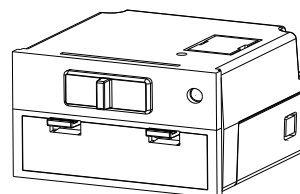
#### WARNING

Turn appliance OFF (at the appliance or remote receiver) if you are away from your house for a long period of time.

## INSTALLATIONS

### Remote Receiver

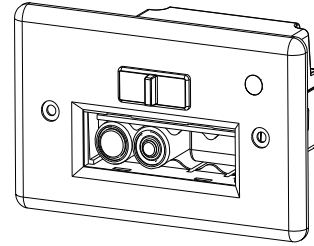
The remote receiver may be wall mounted or installed in the appliance per the appliance homeowner’s manual. **Refer to the Homeowner’s Manual for special installation instructions.** If wall mounted, the remote receiver must be installed in a junction box with cover plate provided. Failure to follow the installation instructions found in the appropriate Homeowner’s Manual will void the warranty and may cause a fire hazard.



### Installing Batteries

The remote receiver uses four (4) “AA” batteries. To install batteries,

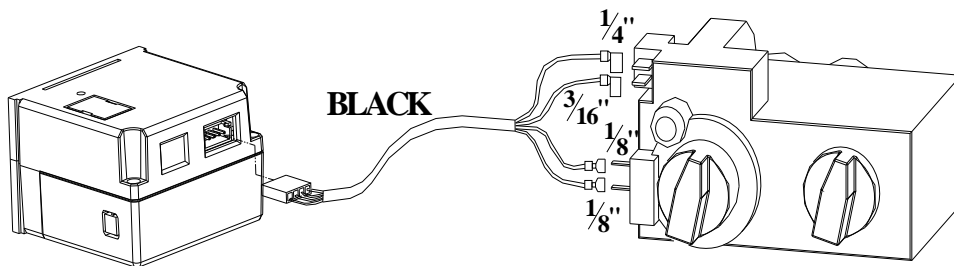
1. Open the battery door by pressing the two tabs located on the door.
2. Install the batteries as indicated in the receiver cover.
3. Close the battery door until the door tab snaps in place.
4. To install the receiver into a wall junction box, snap wall cover plate to the receiver and install the receiver with the screws provided to the junction box.
5. The batteries should be replaced at least once every 6 months or when the battery indicator flashes.



### Connecting the Receiver to your appliance

This system comes with an 22 inch wire assembly. Insert the white terminal to the back of the receiver. The terminal wire block can only be installed one way. Do not force the terminal plug onto the receiver.

Follow the homeowner’s manual for connecting the 1/4”, 3/16”, and two (2) 1/8” female spade terminals to the valve. Wire can be no longer than 20 feet.



### Optional 6 hour Shutdown

1. The receiver comes preset from the factory with a 6 hour shutdown from its last ON operation. This is done to prevent the appliance from continuing to run if unattended.
2. You may disable this feature if you wish. To disable, change the receiver privacy (DIP) switch #1 **ONLY** to the OFF position. Make sure the transmitter privacy (DIP) switches are set the same to the receiver. Follow the instructions on how to set the privacy (DIP) switch setting.
3. **By disabling this feature, your appliance may continue to run unattended.**

**WARNING**

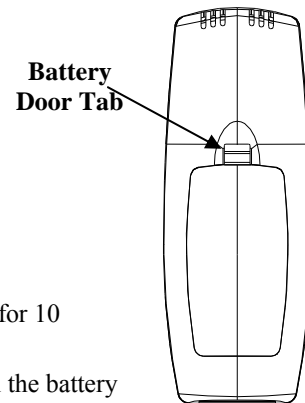
**Make sure that the wires do not contact the appliances any place other than at the terminals. Exposure to temperatures higher than 105C (250°F) may cause the receiver to malfunction or fire hazard.**

## Remote Transmitter

### Installing Batteries

The remote transmitter uses three (3) “AAA” batteries. To install batteries,

1. Press down the battery door tab and lift up and remove the battery door.
2. Install the batteries as indicated on transmitter.
3. Close the battery door by snapping in place.
4. When three AAA batteries are installed, the transmitter will initialize for 10 seconds and then is ready for use.
5. The batteries should be replaced at least once every 6 months or when the battery icon indicator flashes.

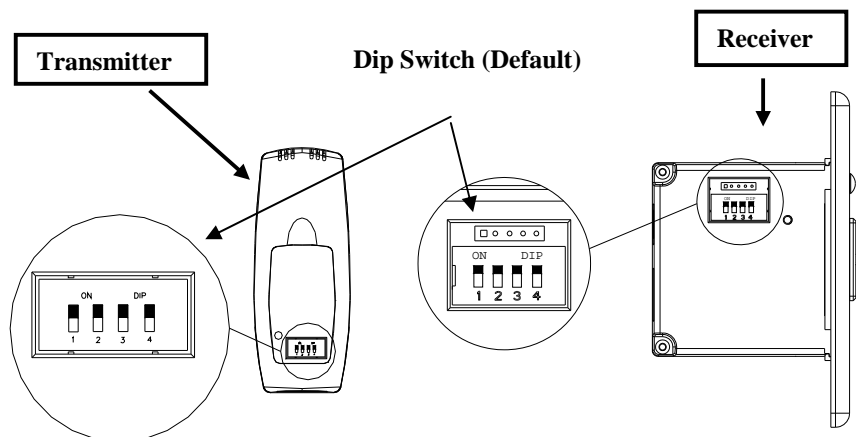


**Back of the Transmitter**

### Setting Privacy (DIP) Switch on Receiver and Transmitter

The remote receiver and transmitter privacy (DIP) switches are preset at the factory. In the event of activation or interference from other nearby transmissions, reset the code using the following procedure:

1. Slide the code switches on the transmitter or receiver to your choice of ON or OFF position. Switches #1, #2, #3 and #4 are preset to “ON” for both the transmitter and receiver.
2. The switches on the transmitter and receiver must match in order for the system to work.
3. To check, touch either the On or Off button on the transmitter and the receiver indicator light will blink. If not repeat step 2.
4. The system is now ready to operate. See optional 6 hour shutdown on receiver section.
5. Remember that dip switch position #1 is used to enable/disable 6 hour shutdown. Set it on On position to enable it, as shown in the following diagram.



**WARNING**

**Do not use two (2) or more remote control systems in the same area with the same dip switch settings, as they will communicate with each other. This may cause the appliances to malfunction.**

Reset Button

The reset button can be used to reset the transmitter if transmitter is not working properly. The reset button is located behind the battery door cover. Using a paper clip, press the reset button and the transmitter will reset and initialize for 10 seconds before it can be used.

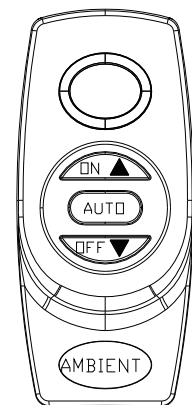
**OPERATIONS:**

**Transmitter**

General

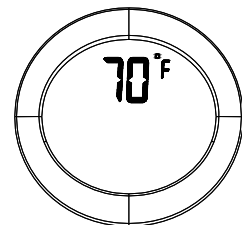
The RCSTHC Remote Control has two (2) operating modes: Manual and Thermostatic. The control system can be set to temperature ranges between 45°F and 90°F.

The transmitter will operate the remote receiver from 1 foot to a maximum of 30 feet. The distance is reduced when batteries are low or when the receiver is inside a metal enclosure.



Initial Start-up

1. After initial power up or when RESET button is pressed, the transmitter is reset. The reset button is located inside the battery door.
2. During system reset, all features of the LCD display will be visible. After one second, the LCD displays will be initialized. A typical reset display is shown beside. Note that the temperature scale is degree F.
3. Press On button to select between °C and °F display. It will exit setting mode automatically after 10 seconds if no key is pressed. The transmitter will send an Off signal after reset.
4. After reset the transmitter is operating in manual mode. The room temperature is shown as above.

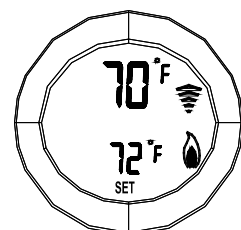


Manual Mode

1. Press the ON button to turn on and increase flame height.
2. Press the OFF button to decrease flame height and turn off.

Thermostatic Mode

1. Press the AUTO button to enter the thermostatic mode. "SET" temp icon will appear on the lower LCD screen
2. In thermostatic mode, press the ON/▲ button or OFF/▼ button to set the desired set temperature.
3. Once the setting is completed, the transmitter will automatically turn on the fireplace to full height when

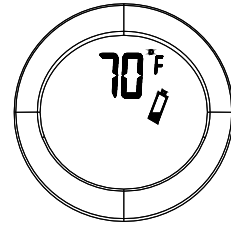


the room temperature is below the set temperature and turn off the appliance when the room temperature is above the set temperature within 1 degree.

4. There will be a slight delay in the response of the unit (on/off) to a temperature. Room temperature is monitored every 3 minutes.
5. Press the Auto button to exit the thermostatic mode (Return to Manual Mode). The "SET" temp icon will disappear on the lower LCD display. The transmitter will be in the manual on/off mode

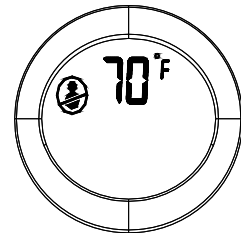
#### Low Battery Detection

1. Battery voltage is checked once a minute. When the battery voltage drops to a certain level, the low-battery warning will come on, and the transmitter will turn off the appliance. The transmitter will not function anymore until fresh batteries are installed.
2. When the batteries are low, the LCD shows a low battery indicator. The low battery warning will be displayed in any mode.
3. The transmitter will not operate with low batteries. Change the battery before the battery is too weak for normal operation. **TURN THE UNIT OFF BEFORE REPLACING BATTERIES.**



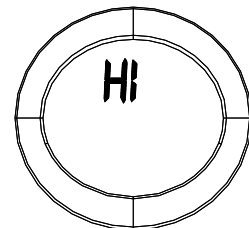
#### Child-Proof Protection

1. Press and hold ON and OFF buttons simultaneously for 3 seconds to enter child-proof mode.
2. The transmitter will not work until child-proof mode is deactivated by pressing the ON and OFF buttons simultaneously for 3 seconds again to exit child-proof mode.



#### Transmitter Thermal Shutdown

1. If transmitter measures a room temperature exceeding 99 degrees Fahrenheit, the LCD will display "HI" and the transmitter will turn off the appliance.
2. Transmitter will not function until the room temperature has dropped below 99 degree Fahrenheit.
3. If transmitter measures a room temperature less than 40 degrees Fahrenheit, the LCD will display "LO" and **NO SIGNAL will be sent to turn on the appliance.**



## Receiver

### Slide Switch

1. ON position: the system will remain on until the slide switch is placed in the OFF or RS position.
2. RS position: the system will only operate if the remote receiver receives a signal from the transmitter.
3. OFF position, the system is off. **The slide switch should be placed in the OFF position if you will be away for an extended period of time.** If the remote receiver is mounted out of children's reach, the OFF position also functions as a safety device by both turning the system off and rendering the receiver inoperable.

### TESTING YOUR NEW REMOTE CONTROL SYSTEM

1. Light your gas appliance following the appliance lighting instructions that come with the appliance. Confirm that the pilot light is on; it must be in operation for the remote control to operate the main gas valve. Appliance pilot control knob must be in the ON position. Appliance ON/OFF switch must be in OFF position.
2. Slide the 3 position button on the remote receiver to the ON position. The main gas flame should ignite.
3. Slide the button to OFF. The flame should extinguish (the pilot light will remain on).
4. Slide the button to RS (the center position), then press the transmitter to turn the system to ON. The main gas flame should ignite.
5. Press the transmitter to turn the system to OFF. The flame should extinguish (the pilot light will remain on).

### TROUBLESHOOTING

Symptom	Causes	Action
1. LED light on receiver blinking or battery icon on display on transmitter. 2. Display is blank 3. Display shows "funny" display	1. Low Battery	1. Replace batteries. Change batteries every 6 months. 2. Check battery installation and replace batteries. 3. Press Reset button at the back of the transmitter.
4. Appliance does not come on.	1. Wiring / Electrical Connections	1. Slide the switch to ON, if appliance comes ON, wiring is not the cause. 2. If appliance does not come on, check wiring connections.
	2. Privacy (DIP) switch setting on transmitter does not match receiver	1. Make sure the transmitter and receiver have the same DIP switch settings.
	3. Transmitter measures temperature exceeding 99 degrees Fahrenheit and shows "HI" on LCD display	1. Move transmitter to a cooler place and wait until temperature drops below 99 degree.
	4. Distance between the transmitter and receiver is more than 20 feet	1. Make sure the operating distance is less than 20 feet
5. Receiver cannot detect signal.	1. Receiver is installed in an enclosure	1. Make sure the receiver is not located inside to the tight of an enclosure.

**WARNING:** Changes or modifications to this unit not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

**NOTE:** This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient 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.

## **WARRANTY**

This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights that vary from state to state or province to province. Answers to any questions regarding our limited warranty may be obtained by writing our corporate offices.

Ambient Technologies warrants each new Ambient Technologies remote control against any defects that are due to faulty material or workmanship to the original owner, for a period of five years after the original date of purchase. This warranty and our liability does not apply to batteries, nor does it include damage to merchandise or the remote control resulting from accident, alteration, neglect, misuse, improper installation or any other failure to follow Ambient Technologies installation and operating instructions.

Ambient Technologies agrees to repair or replace at its option any Ambient Technologies remote control under warranty provided it is returned postage prepaid to our warranty facility in a padded carton within the warranty period, with proof of the original date of purchase and a brief description of the malfunction. This limited warranty does not include the cost of removal or re-installation. **All Ambient returns must have a return authorization number from Ambient Technical Support.**

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