



#### KNOWLEDGE BASE

Article Type: **Instructions** 

# Remote Temperature Controller for Heated Mold Shoes, using a Timer, #601126.B (version pre-2009).

#### Description:

Instructions on "How to" properly set-up and operate Remote Temperature Controller using a Timer; part # 601126.B.

Three (3) control circuits -230 volt/each up to 20 amps (4KW), Total (12KW), single phase.

Typically used on Models 22HF, and 16HF machines, and (2 and 3) block Pit Model machines.

This controller version pre-February 2009.

#### **WARNING**

Never work on, clean or service this unit, control panel or any machine or open or remove any protective cover, guard, grate, door, or maintenance panel until the power or energy sources has been turned off, locked out / tagged out, and all moving parts have come to a complete stop and or blocked to prevent movement. Machinery is dangerous – avoid personal injury and or death by following manufacture, Local, and OHSA safety procedures. Contact Columbia Machine for safety decals, guards, horns and beacons.



# Remote Temperature Controller for Heated Mold Shoes

Columbia Machine, Inc. Vancouver, Washington 601126.B

#### **Remote Temperature Controller**

This manual provides installation and operation information applicable to the Columbia Remote Temperature Controller for Heated Mold Shoes.

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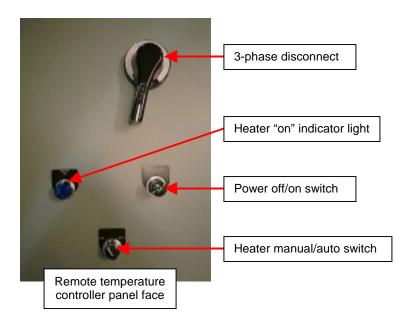
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#### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

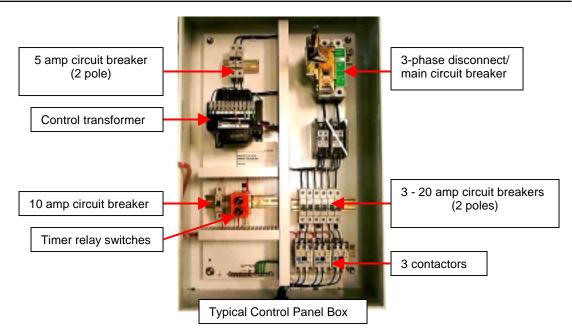


The Columbia remote temperature controller part #601126.B is designed to heat the mold shoes. Heating the mold assembly shoes prevents block material from adhering to mold shoe surfaces as block is formed in the production process. The remote temperature controller is an economical alternative that regulates the temperature of the mold shoes using a timer delay switch, without a thermostatic controller or temperature feedback.



A cable that connects the heated mold shoes to the control panel supplies the necessary power to heat the mold shoes. The heater control panel face consists of a 3-phase disconnect switch, power on/off switch, manual/automatic switch, and a "heater on" indicator light. The inside of the control panel box contains the circuit breakers, contactors, and timing relays necessary to operate the remote temperature controller.

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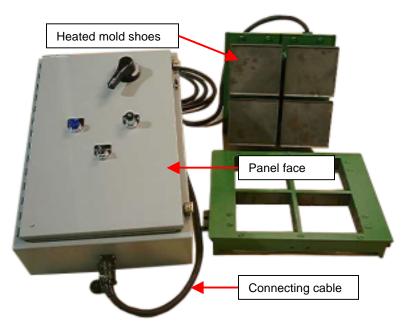


The 601126.B heater control unit controls up to (12KW) 60 amps, divided into three (3), (4KW) circuits, at 230 volts, single (1) phase.

As areas of high temperature on the mold shoes come into contact with areas of low temperature in the mix material, temperature differences between the concrete mix and heated mold assembly shoes can approach  $100\,^\circ$  F. This is a normal occurrence, and the temperature will continue to rise and fall during operation as new material enters the mold, makes contact with the mold shoes, and then exits the mold.



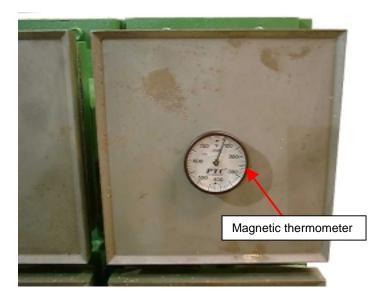
Temperatures will exceed recommended operating levels as the block machine idles while not in production. Avoid damaging the heated mold by turning the remote temperature controller off when the block machine is idling or not in production.



# **Installing the Heated Mold Assembly and Mold Shoe Heater Control Panel**

To install the Heated Mold Assembly and Mold Shoe Heater Control Panel, perform the following steps:

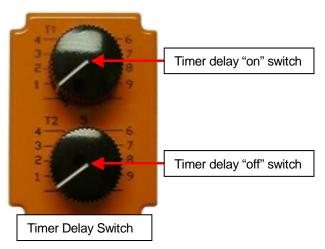
- 1. Remove the components from the crates
- 2. Inspect for damage
- 3. Ensure that all of the following items are included in shipment:
  - a. Heated mold shoe control panel & box
  - b. One magnetic thermometer
  - c. One set of electrical drawings



- 4. Mount the control panel box on a wall:
  - a. In an area free from high vibration
  - b. At a distance where the cables can reach the mold assembly
- 5. Install and connect the control power
  - a. Install a conduit for control power
  - b. Connect 240 vac/ 60 amp single phase control circuit to the panel
- 6. Connect the control power cable from the heated mold to the panel:
  - a. Locate the cable away from any moving parts
  - b. Ensure that the cable has a flexible range of motion
- 7. Switch on power for operation

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#### Operation



Block machine operators may operate the temperature controller in manual or automatic mode. To operate in the manual mode, operators:

- 1. Turn the 3-phase disconnect and the power on/off switch to the "on" position
- 2. Turn the heater manual/auto switch to the manual position
- 3. The heater "on" indicator light should illuminate

In the manual mode, the remote temperature controller will continue to supply power to heat the mold shoes, until the operator turns the power on/off switch to the "off" position.

To operate in the automatic mode, block machine operators must determine the controller temperature by setting the timer delay. The timer delay regulates the length of time that power to the heater coils is turned on and off per cycle. To set the correct temperature for the heater shoes:

- 1. Set the timer delay "on" switch to zero (0) minutes and the timer delay "off" switch to one (1) minute.
- 2. Continue to adjust the timer delay "on" switch to higher settings (for example, 3, 4, 5, etc.) until the block mix no longer adheres to the heated shoes.



Operate the heated mold within the recommended operating temperature of 150°- 200°. Never exceed a temperature of 350°.

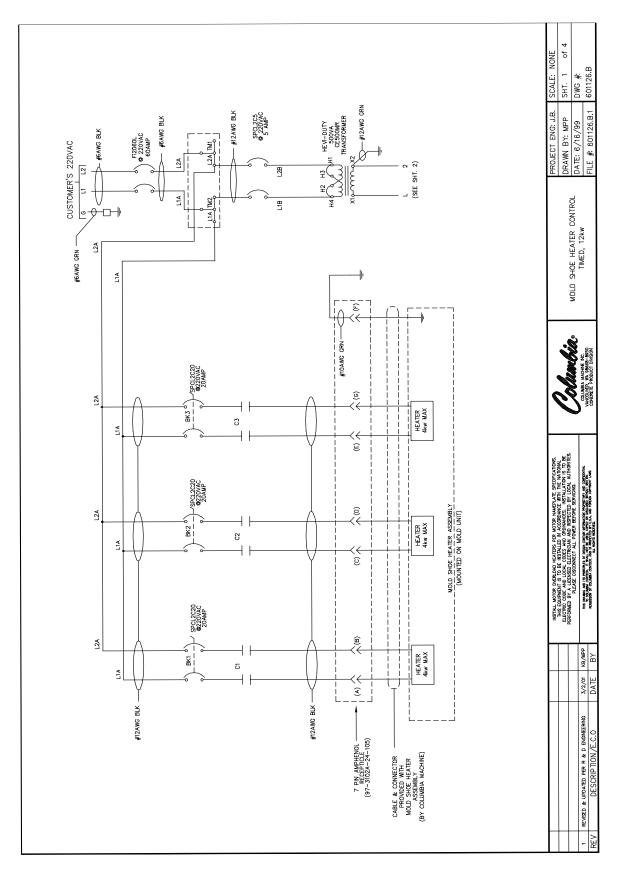
3. Other "on" and "off" switch combinations are possible that will suit your plant needs. Use trial and error to achieve alternate setting combinations, if desired.

In the automatic mode, the remote temperature controller will continue to power on and off, as designated by the timer delay settings, until the operator turns the power on/off switch to the "off" position.

Component	Specifications
Panel box	20" wide x 30" high x 8" deep
Input voltage	220 AC – single phase
Output circuit current	3 – 20 amp circuits, 4 kw/circuit
Main breaker	60 amp, 12 kw total

Symptom	Probable Cause	Check	Corrective Action
Mold shoes not	No line voltage	Verify 240 VAC	Restore power
heating		voltage	
	Open main breaker	Check main breaker	Close main breaker
	Open main circuit	Check heater for	Close circuit
		shorting	breaker
	Power cable	Check cable for	Replace cable;
		cuts, damage, or	tighten or replace
		tears;	connector & plug
		Check connector &	
		plug	
	Terminal	Check terminal	Tighten terminals
	connections	connections inside	
		mold head	
	Failed heater	Check heater for	Replace heater
		open circuit	
	Contactor not	Check 120 VAC	Close 120 VAC
	energized	voltage	circuit breaker
		Check timer relay	Adjust T1 & T2
		settings	

#### **Appendix: Electrical Drawings**



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#### REMOTE TEMPERATURE CONTROLLER (Heated Mold Shoes) No. 601126.B

No.	<u>Description</u>	Columbia <u>Part Number</u>	No. <u>Req'd.</u>
1	Enclosure, N12302008	201486	1
2	Wc9 Back Panel,27X17In,Np3020	201562	1
3	Terminal Ground Lam2A2/0-14-6	2010185	1
4	Dist Block Power 335A Ld3555-2	2010549	1
5	Breaker Frame F 6648C23G11	2014332	1
6	Breaker Shaft 12 4217B37G01	2014329	1
7	Breaker F Frame Han	2014103	1
8	Breaker 2Pole 60A Ce Fi2060L	2014470	1
9	Breaker 1Pole 10A Ce Spcl1C10	2014281	1
10	Breaker,2 Pole,5A,Sphm2Rm0005	239768	1
11	Breaker 2Pole 20A Ce Spcl2C20	2014469	3
12	Transformer 1Phase 500 Ce500Mr	2012776	1
13	Contactor lec 2P 25 Ce15Ens2Ab	2012698	3
14	Relay Time Del Tdf-120-Aka-200	2012108	1
15	Relay Base 8 Pin,Sr2P-05C	236979	1
16	Thermometer 314F	234325	1
17	Unit, Basic Light 10250T201N	200071	1
18	Lens, 10250Tc4N	201914	1
19	Operator Selector 10250T5971	201841	1
20	Operator Knob Green,10250Teg	200121	1
21	Operator Selector 1,10250T1311	200005	1
22	Contact Block 1No/1Nc,10250T1	200190	1
23	Contact Block 1No,10250T53	200197	1
24	Receptacle, Socket, 7 Pin	232809	1
25	Cap For Receptacles,9760-924	232811	1
26	Grounding Kit, Tgl-2	231110	1
27	Contact Blk,10250Ta101	201949	8