

# INSTALLATION AND OPERATION MANUAL



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## **SOLAR PUMP CONTROLLER APC-30-250**



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# Introduction

The Aquatec APC-30-250 is designed specifically to be an interface between a photovoltaic array, and the Aquatec SWP series submersible pumps. It is a solid-state power converter that optimizes and protects the solar well pump. The controller automatically extends pump run time by the use of current boosting, and provides protection from excessive Voltage and Current, as well as dry-running.

## Precautions

- Read Documentation thoroughly
- Hire a qualified installer if not familiar with safe practices
- Disengage power while working. Handling live wires could result in personal injury and/or product damage
- Don't exceed voltage limit of the pump controller
- Ensure that polarity of electrical connections is not reversed  
(Red +, Black -)
- Mount the pump controller vertically, in a well ventilated location
- Shield from direct sunlight exposure
- Keep electronics dry

# Features

- Weather resistant housing
- Can be powered directly from either a solar panel or battery
- Low water cut-out via switchless sensing
- Over Voltage Protection (manually adjustable)
- Over Current Protection
- Maximum power point tracking  
(Regulation of array voltage to match pump load)
- Linear Current Boosting to match pump load requirements
- Power output adjustability for pump flow control
- System power switch
- LED status indicators for system power, pump running, low water, and over current
- Grounding terminal block
- Terminal for remote tank switch
- Terminal for optional remote status LED

# Installation & Operation

- See pump manual for additional system requirements and recommendations
- Controller Location: The solar pump controller can be mounted indoors or outdoors. It should be placed in a protected location, mounted vertically close to the well, and oriented to limit direct sunlight exposure.
- Wiring: Be sure that wires are not “live” when being connected. A power disconnect switch is recommended. In the absence of a switch, the panels should be blocked from sunlight when making electrical connections. A grounding block terminal is located in the lower left portion of the controller. This can be used to for grounding connections per local codes.
- Use proper cable glands to ensure that the controller housing remains sealed
- All equipment should be installed prior to making electrical connections to the solar controller.
- All materials and work must comply with national and local regulations
- Please refer to the following illustrations for proper electrical connections

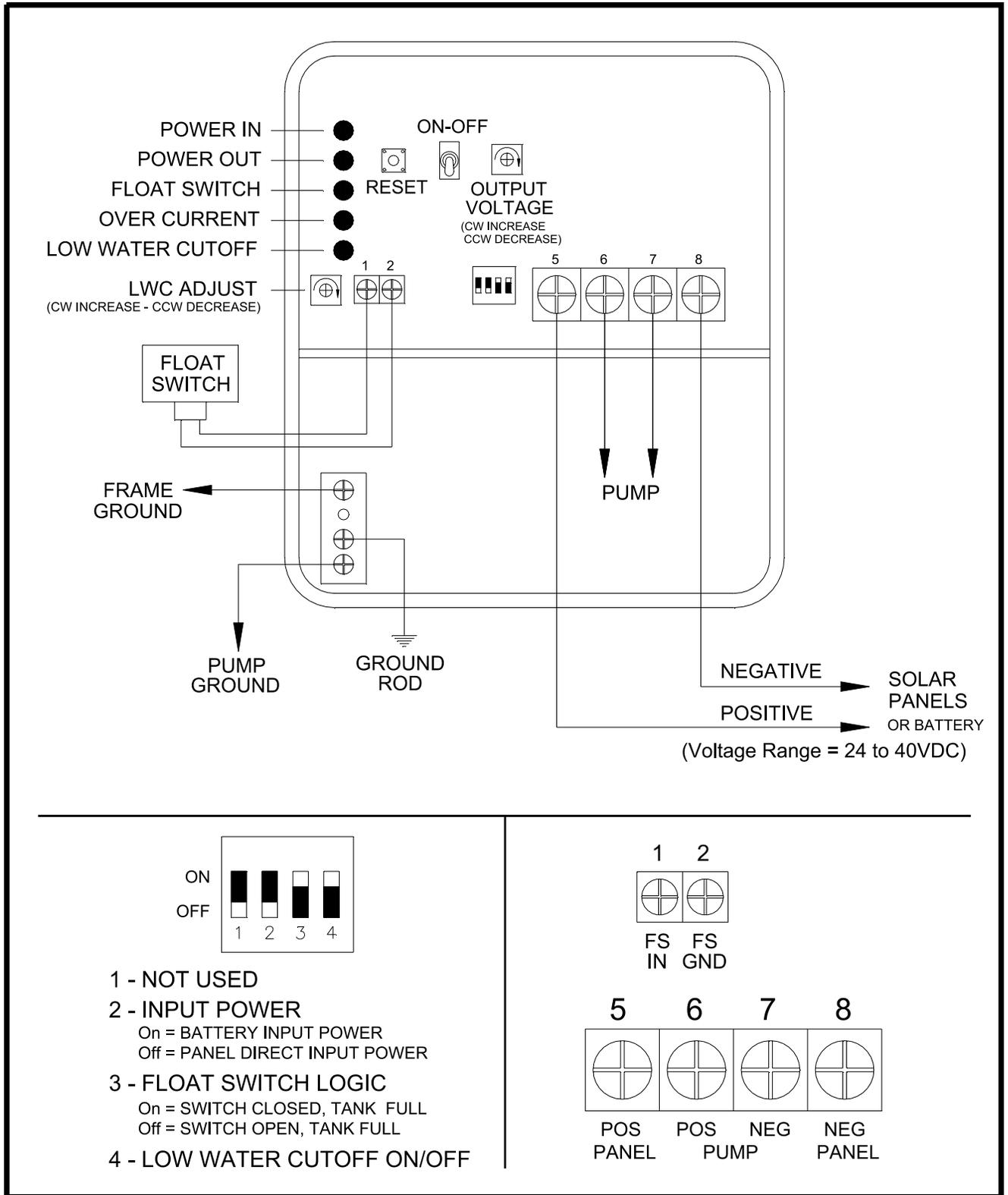
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1. Connect solar panel and pump leads to the controller terminals per the wiring diagram. Ensure matching positive and negative lead connections. Reverse polarity may cause damage to electrical components.
  2. Output Voltage (Motor Speed Control): This function is used to regulate output voltage to protect the pump, and to regulate flow rate of the pump to match the well draw-down. Using a multimeter, verify incoming power is present. If power is not present, re-check electrical connections. With incoming power verified, turn controller main power switch to the "ON" position (up). Using multimeter, verify power output at pump terminals. Ensure maximum voltage output from pump terminals is 30 VDC. Use the trimpot labelled "Output Voltage" to decrease (CCW) or increase (CW) the maximum output voltage as required. If the pump is drawing the well water level down too fast, the trimpot can be adjusted counter-clockwise to reduce the flow of the pump.
  3. Low Water Cut-off (LWC): The controller features a low water cut-off that will automatically cut power to the pump when well water has been drawn down below the inlet. A timer is then started for re-starting the pump after well

water recovery. The feature is enabled by setting dip switch 4 to the on position. The calibration of this feature is performed as follows:

- a. Place dip switch 4 to the on position
  - b. With the pump running, raise it above the water line
  - c. Turn trimpot labelled "LWC" to full counter-clockwise position
  - d. Slowly turn trimpot clockwise until "Low Water Cut-Off" indicator LED (red) turns on. After a 10 second delay the pump will stop
  - e. Lower pump below the water line. The pump will start after approximately one minute
  - f. Raise pump above water line. If calibration was successful, the pump will shut off after a 10 second time delay. If not, repeat the calibration process
4. Battery Power Mode: The controller will allow operation of the pump as long as incoming battery power is at least 24.7 VDC, thus protecting the battery from excessive draw down. Place the dip switch 2 to the "on" position to activate this mode.
5. Tank Float Switch: The pump controller can accommodate an optional tank float switch. The switch can be set to either a normally closed or normally open function. Use dip switch 3 to select the applicable function. When set

to the “On” position, a closed switch indicates a full tank. When set to the “Off” position, an open switch indicates a full tank. In the absence of a float switch, the dip switch should be in the “On” position or the pump will not run.

6. Automatic Over-Current Protection: The controller will stop pump operation when the current draw reaches approximately 5 amps. The over-current red LED will light up and the pump will stop within 5 seconds of an over-current condition. After approximately 1 minute, the pump will restart automatically. This cycle will repeat itself until the over-current condition is cleared.



Note: Factory default dip switch settings are as shown above

## Troubleshooting Guide

Fault	Possible Cause	How to Correct
Controller not powering up	1) Wire connection fault	1) Inspect wire connections and fuses
	2) Low voltage	2) Check array for proper voltage
Pump operates but there is no flow or reduced flow	1) Low voltage	1) Check power supply for proper voltage
	2) Supply out	2) Ensure pump is installed below the water level (maximum submergence 100 ft / 30 meters)
	3) Clogged filter screen	3) clean debris from pump suction screen
	4) fluid path in plumbing is restricted or damaged/leaking	4) Check for pinched hose or clogged tubing. Check for tubing/clamp leaks or tears
	5) Pump is worn	5) Inspect components
Pump will not operate	1) Faulty power supply	1) Ensure adequate power supply
	2) Wire connection fault	2) Inspect wire connections and fuses
	3) Float switch dip switch is in wrong setting	3) Refer to page 8 for setting instructions
	4) Voltage control trimpot is not properly adjusted	4) See page 7 for calibration instructions
	5) Low water cutout (LWC) is active (red light on)	5) Ensure pump is submerged and drawing 0.5 amps minimum
Current draw high	1) Improper electrical connection	1) Refer to diagram
	2) Faulty insulation or splice	2) Replace faulty materials
	3) Pump rotor locked	3) Contact Aquatec
	4) Fluid path in plumbing is restricted	4) Check for pinched hose or clogged or frozen tubing

# Technical Specifications

- Model: .....APC-30-250
- Max Load Power: .....250 Watts
- Max Load Current: .....5 Amps
- Max Input Open Circuit Voltage: ....48 Volts
- Max Regulated Output Voltage: .....30 Volts
- Enclosure Dimensions: .....6.55" x 6.13" x 3.75"
- Shipping Weight: .....2.0 lbs.

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