DESCRIPTION

The 50A55-843 is an automatic gas interrupted ignition control that employs a microprocessor to continually monitor, analyze, and control the proper operation of the gas burner, inducer, and fan.

Signals interpreted during continual surveillance of the thermostat and flame sensing element initiate automatic ignition of the burner, sensing of the flame, and system shut-off during normal operation.

These controls incorporate system fault analysis for quick gas flow shut-off, coupled with automatic ignition retry upon sensing a fault correction.

PRECAUTIONS

WARNING

Failure to comply with the following warnings could result in personal injury or property damage.

FIRE HAZARD

- Do not exceed the specified voltage.
- Protect the control from direct contact with water (dripping, spraying, rain, etc.).
- If the control has been in direct contact with water, replace the control.
- Label all wires before disconnection when servicing controls. Wiring errors can cause improper and dangerous operation.
- Route and secure wiring away from flame.

SHOCK HAZARD

- Disconnect electric power before servicing.
- Ensure proper earth grounding of appliance.
- Ensure proper connection of line neutral and line hot wires.

EXPLOSION HAZARD

- Shut off main gas to appliance until installation is complete.

CAUTION

Do not short out terminals on gas valve or primary control. Short or incorrect wiring may damage the thermostat.

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SPECIFICATIONS

ELECTRICAL RATINGS [@ 77°F (25°C)]:

Input Voltage: 25 VAC 50/60 Hz
Max. Input Current @ 25 VAC: 0.45 amp

Relay Load Ratings:
- Valve Relay: 1.5 amp @ 25 VAC 50/60 Hz 0.6 pf
- Ignitor Relay: 6.0 amp @ 120 VAC 50/60 Hz
  (resistive)
- Inducer Relay: 2.2 FLA–3.5 LRA @ 120 VAC
- Circulator Relay: 14.5 FLA–25.0 LRA @ 120 VAC

Flame Current Requirements:
- Minimum current to insure flame detection: 1 µa DC*
- Maximum current for non-detection: 0.1 µa DC*
- Maximum allowable leakage resistance: 100 M ohms

*Measured with a DC microammeter in the flame probe lead

OPERATING TEMPERATURE RANGE:
-40° to 175°F (-40° to 80°C)

HUMIDITY RANGE:
5% to 93% relative humidity (non-condensing)

MOUNTING:
Surface mount multipoise

Timing Specs: (@ 60 Hz**)

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<td>Flame Establishing Time</td>
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<td>Flame Failure Response Time</td>
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** At 50 Hz, all timing specifications should be increased by 20%

Gases Approved: Natural, Manufactured, Mixed, Liquified Petroleum, and LP Gas Air Mixtures are all approved for use.

TIMING SPECIFICATIONS
(All times are in seconds, unless noted otherwise)

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<td>INITIAL IGNITOR WARM-UP (1st 64 attempts)</td>
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<td>MAXIMUM IGNITOR WARM-UP</td>
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* These times will vary depending on option switch position. The control is factory-set at 30 seconds heat delay-to-fan-on, 180 seconds heat delay-to-fan-off and 45 seconds cool delay-to-fan-off. See OPERATION section for further information.
**WARNING**

**FIRE HAZARD**
- Do not exceed the specified voltage.
- Replace existing control with exact model and dash number.
- Protect the control from direct contact with water (dripping, spraying, rain, etc.).
- Label all wires before disconnection when servicing controls. Wiring errors can cause improper and dangerous operation.
- Route and secure wiring away from flame.

**SHOCK HAZARD**
- Disconnect electric power before servicing.
- Ensure proper earth grounding of appliance.
- Ensure proper connection of line neutral and line hot wires.

**EXPLOSION HAZARD**
- Shut off main gas to appliance until installation is complete.

**CAUTION**

Do not short out terminals on gas valve or primary control. Short or incorrect wiring may damage the thermostat.

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**INSTALLATION**

**MOUNTING AND WIRING**

All wiring should be installed according to local and national electrical codes and ordinances.

The control must be secured to an area that will experience a minimum of vibration and remain below the maximum ambient temperature rating of 175°F. The control is approved for minimum ambient temperatures of -40°F.

When mounting the control, any orientation is acceptable. Choose a location that will not damage, obstruct or place stress on the control’s terminations, system wiring harness or system components. After finding a suitable location, drill four (4) \( \frac{1}{8} \)" holes for mounting control. To ensure proper mounting hole locations, there is a mounting hole template on page 8 of this instruction sheet. Detach the page with the template from the instruction sheet and apply it to the mounting location. When drilling the holes, take care so that the transformer, wiring harness or other system components are not damaged. Four (4) #8 sheet metal screws are provided to complete the installation.

Refer to the wiring diagram and wiring table when connecting the 50A55 control to other components of the system.

UL approved, 105°C rated 18 gauge, stranded, \( \frac{2}{64} \)" thick insulation wire is recommended for all low voltage safety circuit connections. Refer to 50A55 specification sheet for recommended terminals to mate with those on the control.

UL approved 105°C rated 16 gauge min., stranded, \( \frac{4}{64} \)" thick insulation wire is recommended for all line voltage connections. Refer to 50A55 specification sheet for recommended terminals to mate with those on the control.

After installation or replacement, follow appliance manufacturer’s recommended installation or service instructions to ensure proper operation.

The 50A55 has only one serviceable part—an automotive type fuse, which protects the low voltage transformer from damage if its output is short-circuited. If the fuse has opened up, remove whatever caused the short circuit and replace the fuse with only a 3 Amp automotive type fuse. If the fuse is not the cause of the control’s problem, replace the entire 50A55 control. There are no other user serviceable parts.

Additional jumper wires are included in this package and should be used if the original wiring does not reach the control after mounting. Refer to the furnace wiring diagram for proper connection of the wires.

**Amana/Goodman application** - An additional wiring harness (WR 115-0223) is included in this package. If the control being replaced has a 2-pin (inducer/ignitor) connector, this wiring harness will adapt the furnace wiring to the 4-pin connector of the replacement control.

**Trane application** - Jumper wire 151-2906 (provided with control) must be installed on the furnace from R01 to R02 of the 12-pin connector.
TYPICAL SYSTEM WIRING DIAGRAM

LEGEND
- Low Voltage (24 VAC)
- Line Voltage (120 VAC)
- N. C. = Normally closed switch
- N. O. = Normally open switch

50A55-843 in other furnace(s) TWINNING APPLICATIONS ONLY

TWIN* FLAME SENSOR PROBE

HOT (LINE) 24 VAC CLASS II TRANSFORMER 24 VAC TR NEUTRAL (LINE)

120 VAC

50A55

COOL HEAT PARK PARK LINE XFMR EAC HUM

IND IGN IND N IGN N

THERMOSTAT

PRESSURE SWITCH (N. O.)

HIGH LIMIT (N. C.)

AUX. HIGH LIMIT (N. C.)

ROLLOUT (N. C.)

GAS VALVE

COMPRESSOR CONTACTOR

TWIN* TWIN*

Y Y

W W

G G

R R

C

HUMIDIFIER

ELECTRONIC AIR CLEANER

INDUCER

IGNITOR

GAS VALVE

High Voltage (24 VAC)

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24 VAC CLASS II TRANSFORMER

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<td>low voltage thermostat W terminal (or equivalent)</td>
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<td>Terminal block with captive screws</td>
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<td>R</td>
<td>Terminal block with captive screws</td>
<td>low voltage thermostat R terminal (or equivalent)</td>
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<td>Y</td>
<td>Terminal block with captive screws</td>
<td>low voltage thermostat Y terminal (or equivalent)</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>Terminal block with captive screws</td>
<td>(2nd wire from Y terminal goes to 24 VAC HOT side of compressor contactor coil)</td>
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<tr>
<td>TWIN*</td>
<td>Terminal block with captive screws</td>
<td>24 VAC COMMON side of compressor contactor coil one wire twinning terminal</td>
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<td>MV (2 terminals)</td>
<td>12-pin connector &amp; harness</td>
<td>gas valve (both gas solenoids are connected in parallel)</td>
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<td>TR</td>
<td>4-pin connector &amp; harness</td>
<td>24 VAC transformer (low voltage COMMON side)</td>
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<td>TH</td>
<td>4-pin connector &amp; harness</td>
<td>24 VAC transformer (low voltage HIGH side)</td>
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<td>4-pin connector &amp; harness</td>
<td>rollout switch OUTPUT</td>
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<td>4-pin connector &amp; harness</td>
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<td>FP</td>
<td>4-pin connector &amp; harness</td>
<td>flame sensor probe*</td>
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<td>PS</td>
<td>4-pin connector &amp; harness</td>
<td>pressure switch INPUT</td>
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<td>HLI</td>
<td>4-pin connector &amp; harness</td>
<td>high limit INPUT</td>
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<td>circulator blower COOL SPEED terminal</td>
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<td>input voltage (120 VAC) HOT side</td>
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<td>24 VAC transformer line voltage HOT side</td>
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<td>humidifier HOT side</td>
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* The twinning feature is available only on models with six screw terminals; one of these terminals will be designated “TWIN”. All 50A55-843 controls used in twinning applications must have the “TWIN” terminal.

† Maximum recommended flame probe wire length is 36 inches.
OPERATION

OPTION SWITCHES

The option switches on the 50A55-843 control are used to determine the length of the cool delay-to-fan-off, heat delay-to-fan-on and heat delay-to-fan-off periods. The following table shows the time periods that will result from the various switch positions.

### OPTION SWITCH POSITIONS

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<th>COOL delay-to-fan-off:</th>
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<td>45 sec.</td>
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<td>HEAT delay-to-fan-off:</td>
<td>Set switch #3</td>
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<td>60 sec.</td>
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<td>90 sec.</td>
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<td>120 sec.</td>
<td>On</td>
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<td>180 sec.*</td>
<td>Off</td>
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* Factory setting

HEAT MODE

In a typical system, a call for heat is initiated by closing the thermostat contacts. This starts the 50A55 control’s heating sequence. The inducer blower and optional humidifier are energized and the igniter is powered within one second. This controller has an adaptive algorithm that adjusts the duration of the ignitor warm-up, to extend ignitor life. Upon initial application of power, the warm-up time is 17 seconds. The ignitor on-time will then be increased or decreased depending on whether or not flame is achieved. The warm-up time is limited to a maximum of 21 seconds. During the first 64 warm-up periods following power-up, the warm-up time may not be less than 17 seconds.

Upon a call for heat, if the warm-up time has not been locked, it will be decreased by one second. This reduction of the ignitor on-time will continue until flame fails to be achieved (resulting in a retry). If flame is not detected, both valves are de-energized, the ignitor is turned off, and the 50A55 control goes into the “retry” sequence. The “retry” sequence provides a 60-second wait following an unsuccessful ignition attempt (flame not detected). After this wait, the ignition sequence is restarted with an additional 2 seconds of ignitor warm-up time. If this ignition attempt is unsuccessful, one more retry will be made before the control goes into system lockout.

If flame is detected, then lost, the 50A55 control will repeat the initial ignition sequence for a total of four “recycles”. After four unsuccessful “recycle” attempts, the control will go into system lockout.

If flame is established for more than 10 seconds after ignition, the 50A55 controller will clear the ignition attempt (or retry) counter. If flame is lost after 10 seconds, it will restart the ignition sequence. This can occur a maximum of five times before system lockout.

During burner operation, a momentary loss of power of 50 milliseconds or longer will de-energize the main gas valve. When power is restored, the gas valve will remain de-energized and a restart of the ignition sequence will begin immediately.

A momentary loss of gas supply, flame blowout, or a shorted or open condition in the flame probe circuit will be sensed within 2.0 seconds. The gas valve will de-energize and the control will restart the ignition sequence. Recycles will begin and the burner will operate normally if the gas supply returns, or the fault condition is corrected, before the last ignition attempt. Otherwise, the control will go into system lockout.

If the control has gone into system lockout, it may be possible to reset the control by a momentary power interruption of one second or longer. Refer to SYSTEM LOCKOUT FEATURES.

COOL MODE

In a typical system, a call for cool is initiated by closing the thermostat contacts. This energizes the 50A55 control and the compressor. The cool delay-to-fan-on period begins. After the delay period ends, the optional electronic air cleaner is energized, and the circulator fan is energized at cool speed. After the thermostat is satisfied, the compressor is de-energized and the cool mode delay-to-fan-off period begins. After the delay-to-fan-off period ends, the circulator fan and optional electronic air cleaner are de-energized.

MANUAL FAN ON MODE

If the thermostat fan switch is moved to the ON position, the circulator fan (cool speed) and optional electronic air cleaner are energized. When the fan switch is returned to the AUTO position, the circulator fan and electronic air cleaner (optional) are de-energized.
TWINNING INTERFACE

If the control has six screw terminals, one of which is designated TWIN, the control is equipped with a single wire twinning interface. If twinning is used, either control will process a call for heat, cool or fan as described above. However, after the heat-, cool-, or fan-on delay time expires, both units will energize the circulator blowers at the same time. Likewise, after the heat-, cool-, or fan-off delay time expires, both units will de-energize the circulator blowers at the same time. This allows for proper air flow to be obtained.

To assure proper control operation, both controls must share a common transformer ground (TR).

To enable twinning, do the following.
1. Power supplied to both furnaces must be from the same phase of the incoming 120 VAC power.
2. Connect the TWIN screw terminals on the 50A55-843 of the furnaces to be twinned to each other using a single wire (14-22 AWG.).

SYSTEM LOCKOUT AND DIAGNOSTIC FEATURES

SYSTEM LOCKOUT FEATURES

When system lockout occurs, the gas valve is de-energized, the circulator blower is energized at heat speed, and, if flame is sensed, the inducer blower is energized. The diagnostic indicator light will flash or glow continuously to indicate system status. (System lockout will never override the precautionary features.)

To reset the control after system lockout, do one of the following:
1. Interrupt the call for heat or cool at the thermostat for at least one second but less than 20 seconds (if flame is sensed with the gas valve de-energized, interrupting the call for heat at the thermostat will not reset the control).
2. Interrupt the 24 VAC power at the control for at least one second. You may also need to reset the flame rollout sensor switch.
3. After one hour in lockout, the control will automatically reset itself.

DIAGNOSTIC FEATURES

The 50A55-843 control continuously monitors its own operation and the operation of the system. If a failure occurs, the LED will indicate a failure code as shown below. If the failure is internal to the control, the light will stay on continuously. In this case, the entire control should be replaced, as the control is not field-repairable.

If the sensed failure is in the system (external to the control), the LED will flash in the following flash-pause sequences to indicate failure status (each flash will last approximately 0.25 seconds, and each pause will last approximately 2 seconds).

- 1 flash, then pause: System lockout
- 2 flashes, then pause: Pressure switch stuck closed
- 3 flashes, then pause: Pressure switch stuck open
- 4 flashes, then pause: Open limit switch
- 5 flashes, then pause: Open rollout switch
- 6 flashes, then pause: 115 Volt AC power reversed/Improper ground
- 7 flashes, then pause: Low flame sense signal
- Continuous flashing (no pause): Flame has been sensed when no flame should be present (no call for heat)

The LED will also flash once at power-up.
 Refer to page 3 of the installation instructions for proper installation.