

The EC3-33x Series form a new generation of electronic controllers for refrigeration and air conditioning. The controllers feature a DIN rail mounted housing and a separate optional display unit in the small industry standard housing form factor. They offer maximum functionality such as **superheat**, temperature and defrost controller with built-in **TCP/IP Ethernet** communications and **WebServer** functionality. Any standard **WebBrowser** (e.g. Internet Explorer® or Mozilla Firefox) can be used for monitoring or parameter setting.

The version with **Echelon LON®** network interface is for use in more complex systems, where different controllers must communicate with each other.

Features EC3-33x Series Controllers

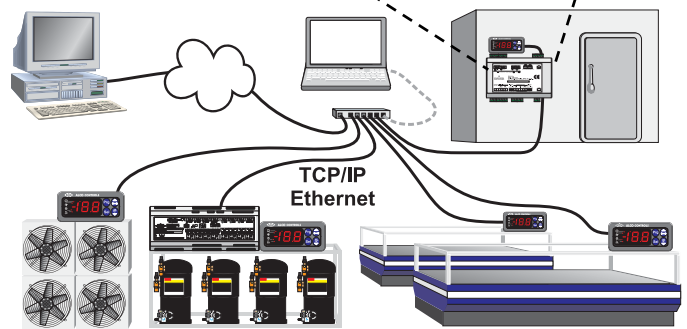
- Superheat control with self-adapting algorithm and driver circuit for stepper motor driven Electrical Control Valves (EX5 ... EX8)
- Air temperature control
- Defrost and fan management
- Limitation of evaporating pressure (MOP)
- Feed-through of 4 ... 20mA signal of evaporating pressure transmitter to analogue output to operate multiple controllers with a common pressure transmitter
- 2 digital inputs for compressor safety loop and coldroom door contact
- 4 relay outputs for compressor, fan, defrost and alarm
- Support of two network technologies:
TCP/IP Ethernet with **WebServer** functionality allows monitoring and configuration of controllers through a standard **WebBrowser** (e.g. Internet Explorer® or Mozilla Firefox)
or **Echelon FTT10 LON® technology** for monitoring and configuration through a supervisory system such as the ALCO Monitoring Server AMS
- Alarm messaging by email (EC3-332)
- Integral backup battery to close Electrical Control Valve in case of power loss
- Electrical connection via plug-in type screw terminals
- Aluminum housing for DIN rail mounting

Features ECD-001 Display Unit

- Front panel mounted human interface for parameter and status read-out and controller setup via keypad
- 2½ digit LED display with automatic decimal point
- Indicator LEDs for compressor, fan, heater and alarm
- Connection to EC3 Series via ECC-017 or standard CAT5 patch cord with RJ45 connectors.
- Standard 71 x 29 mm cut-out dimensions
- IP65 protection class when mounted in front panel



EC3 Series Coldroom Controller with ECD-001 Display Unit



Typical ordering package:

- EC3-332 Coldroom Controller with K03-330 Terminal Kit
- EX5-U21 Electrical Control Valve with EX5-L30 Cable
- ECD-001 Display Unit with ECC-017 Cable
- ECT-623 Transformer
- PT4-07S Pressure Transmitter with PT4-L30 Cable
- ECN-N30 Air Temperature Sensor
- ECN-P30 Pipe Temperature Sensor
- ECN-F60 Fin Temperature Sensor

Selection Table

Description	TCP/IP Ethernet		LON® FTT-10	
	Type	Order Nr.	Type	Order Nr.
Coldroom Controller Superheat control for EX5 ... EX8 Electrical Control Valves *	EC3-332	807 632	EC3-331	807 631

*For further details refer to: EX5, EX6, EX7, EX8 Electrical Control Valves datasheet EX58e35008.pdf

Introduction

The EC3-33x series Controllers are for use in commercial refrigeration systems, primarily to control the refrigeration circuit of coldrooms. This includes the control of the refrigerant flow to optimize superheat, maintain air temperature and the defrost management. Alco Controls EX5... EX8 Electrical Control Valves must be used in conjunction with the EC3-33x units to modulate refrigerant flow.

Two separate control loops are coordinated in the device: One senses evaporating pressure and temperature to maintain optimum superheat, while the other loop controls air temperature.

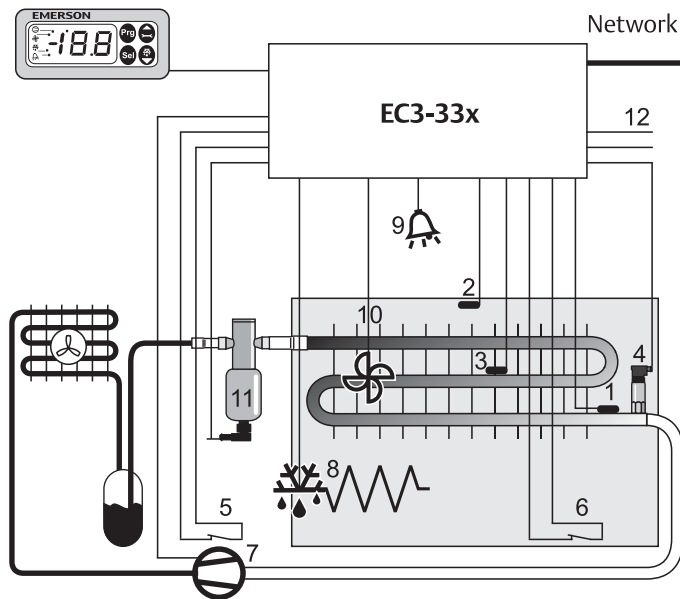
Other functions include the management of defrost schedules and sequences, data monitoring and alarm handling. Though EC3 Controllers can operate as stand alone devices, they are best suited to networked solutions, which take advantage of the monitoring capabilities.

The EC3-33x Controllers are members of the range of EC2 and EC3 devices, which can be easily assembled into complete control systems for commercial refrigeration. They all share the benefits of remote access and data communication. Please refer to specific datasheets for details.

Application

The functions of the EC3-33x Controllers are described in the functional diagram below:

EC3-33x



With coil out temperature (1) and evaporating pressure (4) the superheat is calculated to define the opening of the Electrical Control Valve (11). Superheat can be set to a fixed value or an adaptive mode may be used. Temperature sensor (2) is part of the temperature control loop. The defrost heater (8) can be activated locally by fixed timing intervals or remotely through the communications port. For defrost end termination the temperature sensor (3) can be used. Fan (10) and compressor (7) are controlled as well. One digital input is allocated to the compressor safety loop (5). Another digital input monitors the door switch (6), which will activate an alarm if the door is not closed within a specified time. The analog output (12) feeds the evaporating pressure transmitter signal to a 2nd EC3-33x or other Controller on the same suction line thus eliminating the need for a second pressure transmitter.

In case of power loss a battery built in the EC3-33x will close the Electrical Control Valve (11) and avoid flooding of the

compressor. Due to the positive shut-off capabilities of the EX5 ... 8 valves a separate liquid line solenoid valve is not required.

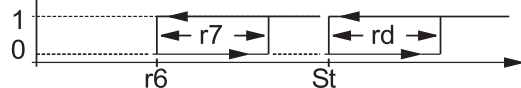
Superheat Control

The EC3 Series controls evaporator superheat by varying the mass flow through the Electrical Control Valve (ECV). The controller automatically calculates the number of steps required for the correct valve opening by measuring pressure and temperature at the evaporator output. PT4-07S pressure transmitters and ECN-Pxx pipe type temperature sensors from ALCO Controls must be used.

The controller works in two operating modes: **fixed superheat** and **adaptive superheat**. In the "fixed" mode, the superheat set-point is fixed to a user-defined value. In the "adaptive" mode the controller varies superheat set-points in the range between 3K and 15 K depending on system conditions to maintain stable operation. The pressure drop through a distributor or the glide associated with certain refrigerants (e.g. R407C) can be compensated in the controller.

Temperature Control

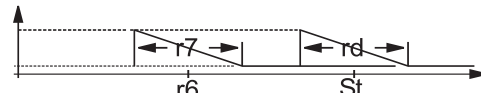
The ECN-Sxx air sensor is used for temperature control of the coldroom. The **dead band** control function is described in the diagram below:



The horizontal axis represents the temperature, with St the set-point for day operation and rd the difference at day, while r6 is the set-point for night operation and r7 the difference at night. The vertical axis represents cooling operation (1 = cooling, 0 = no cooling).

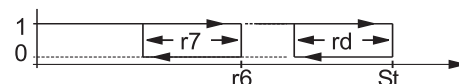
A control parameter allows to switch off the evaporator fan during "no cooling".

A more precise temperature control can be achieved by using the **modulating** temperature mode as shown below:



The horizontal axis represents the temperature, the vertical axis the superheat setting. At high temperatures, the controller works with minimum superheat. St is the set-point for day operation, at which the superheat is already increased. rd specifies the proportional band in which the superheat is modulated. Equivalent is r6, the set-point for the night operation and r7 the width of the proportional band at night. At a temperature of St minus 1/2*rd (day) or r6 minus 1/2*r7 (night) the valve is closed.

In case the controller should be used in a heat pump for **heating**, the function of the temperature controller can be inverted:



When used with a standard condensing unit, the compressor relay can be used to switch the coil of power contactor. The compressor relay is not used in a refrigeration system with a rack controller. In this application, the electrical control valve closes when the thermostat set-point has been reached and the rack will automatically pump down if there is insufficient demand from the rest of the refrigeration system.

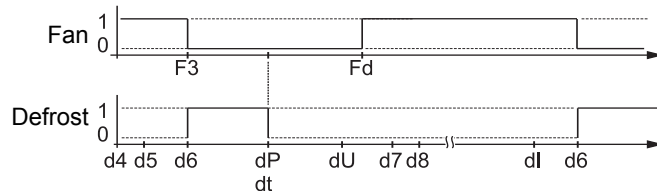
Defrost

EC3-33x Series controllers allow local defrost management through the built-in defrost timer but also permit remote defrost scheduling through the networking connection. For remote defrost details please consult the operating instructions.

Two basic defrost modes are possible:

Electrical / hot gas defrost

All timing parameters can be selected to cover specific defrost modes, see the diagrams below for the function of defrost output and fan output at defrost:



Defrost can be activated after power up (d4 flag) and the delay (d5). Delay (d6) allows for pump down. The defrost will end either when the defrost termination temperature (dt) has been exceeded or after the maximum defrost duration (dP). Other delays take care for synchronization of multiple evaporators in the same system (dU), for drain (d7) and for injection (d8). The next defrost will occur after the specified defrost interval (dI).

Fans can be switched off at defrost (F3 flag) and switched on after defrost and drip time delay (Fd).

End of defrost is detected by the dedicated defrost temperature sensor ECN-F60.

Natural Defrost

Though natural defrost is possible with the EC3-33x Series, it is unlikely that such a defrost method is used in a coldroom. Since the EC3-33x Series is also applicable for other refrigeration applications, natural defrost may well be applicable there.

Sensors

Low cost NTC sensors are available with different cable lengths to meet specific customer's requirements for optimal positioning of the sensors. All sensors are hermetically sealed for high reliability and long life. Air sensors have a plastic housing, pipe and fin sensors have metal housings for optimal thermal conductivity and the fin sensor has an additional mounting clip.

Operation and Commissioning

Operating and commissioning of an EC3-33x Controller may be performed by using one of the following options:

- Locally or remote with a PC connected to the TCP/IP Ethernet port of the EC3-332.
- Remotely via the AMS Server connected to the LON[®] port of an EC3-331.
- Locally through the 4-button keypad of an optional ECD-001.
- Locally with the infrared remote control and the optional ECD-001 display attached.

For initial commissioning of a new installation depending on the networking technology of the EC3-33x the first two options are the most appropriate. Commissioning is done via dedicated menus with meaningful default values, which make commissioning an EC3-33x a plug-and-play type of job. Anybody who is familiar with Microsoft Windows[®] based programs and WebBrowsers should find it very intuitive without the need for special training.

Optional ECD-001 Display Unit

The ECD-001 may be attached to the EC3 Series Controller to provide a local display of system parameters, most commonly temperatures. With the 2½ digit display temperatures within ±199°C can be shown with a resolution of 1°C. The resolution improves to 0,1°C within a range of ±19.9°C. The display unit can be switched from °C to °F. When displaying °F the same resolution as above applies.

Indicator LEDs show the status of compressor, fan, defrost and alarm. A blinking LED indicates that the EC3 Controller is trying to fulfill a task but is prevented from doing so by another restraint in the system. An example of this would be the minimum compressor run time.

WebServer function of the EC3-332 with TCP/IP Ethernet networking capabilities

Though the actual status of the controllers can be viewed on the optional ECD-001 Display Unit, it is much more convenient to do the viewing on a PC. All relevant parameters and modes are visible on a single WebPage simultaneously. For even more details and for setup and maintenance a click on one of the screen tabs calls up a WebPage dedicated to specific task. All of this can be done with a standard WebBrowser like the Internet Explorer[®], the Mozilla Firefox or others. The picture on page 4 shows the homepage of an EC3-332 with the monitoring WebPage of the controller.

Echelon LON[®] Networking Capabilities of the EC3-331

The remote access, viewing and monitoring features of the LON[®] version EC3 Series Controllers match and exceed the capabilities of their TCP/IP counterparts. Though remote access requires the use of the Alco Controls AMS Monitoring Server or special third party LON[®] compliant hardware and software, many more additional functions and features are available.

The EC3-331 Controllers are equipped with LON-FTT10 (free topology) transceiver types. This offers the installer greatest flexibility in the way the controllers are connected to the LON[®] network in addition to offering higher communication transmission rates.

When connected to the LON[®] network, the individual EC3 Series controllers may be bound together through peer-to-peer communication to form self-contained control loops for applications such as synchronised defrosting.

Retrieval and download of setups and data is very comfortable and easily achievable in LON[®] systems.

Refer to the "Alco Networking Application" sheets for further details.

Where to apply TCP/IP Ethernet vs. LON[®] Controllers

In general TCP/IP Ethernet controllers are more applicable for smaller refrigeration systems with only a few pieces of refrigeration equipment. No special hardware or special software is needed and whoever can set up a small PC network has all the necessary know-how to set up and operate EC2 and EC3 TCP/IP Ethernet controllers.

In larger installations LON[®] has its merits. Network wiring is easier and less costly. Peer-to-peer communication is another benefit of LON[®] and data retrieval and storage are very easily achievable. These advantages come at a price however: a monitoring and server device like the Alco Controls AMS[®] is needed along with some special know-how in LON[®] technology. The associated cost therefore makes LON[®] technology primarily applicable in large refrigeration plants with many pieces of refrigeration equipment like Supermarkets or large cold storage facilities.

Monitor
Alarms
Service
Analog sensor configuration
Compressor configuration
Defrost configuration
Fan configuration
Thermostat configuration
Evaporator configuration
Display configuration
TCP/IP Configuration

Monitor

Output states

Compressor ■ Alarm ■

Heater ■ Fan ■

Input states

Compressor Failure ■

Door ■

General Alarm

■

Thermostat controller

Air Temperature 8.37 °C

Cut In Temperature 4.00 °C

Cut Out Temperature 2.00 °C

Cycle Rate 0 1/h

Thermostat state

Thermostat on Cooling

Modulating

Night operation

Alarm inhibit

Cleaning

Door open

Continuous operation

Defrost controller

Defrost Temperature -16.57 °C

Defrost Duration 0:0:0 h:m:s

Defrost status

Stand by

Pump down

Defrost

Drain down

Injection delay

Defrost

Pulsed defrost

Superheat controller

Coil In Temperature -17.77 °C

Pressure 2.26 barg

Coil Out Temperature -11.62 °C

Superheat 6.15 K

Superheat Setpoint 6.00 K

Valve Opening 31.6 %

Evaporator status

Controller on Cooling

Modulating

Adaptive operation

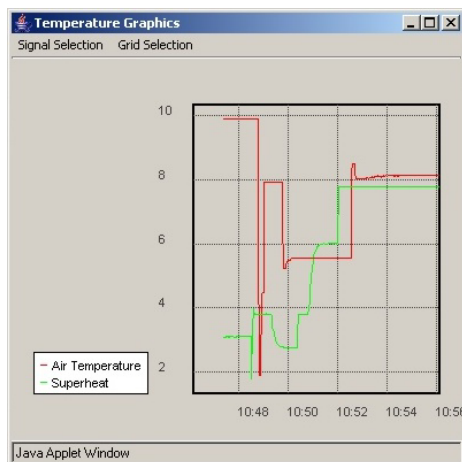
Manual mode

MOT

System failure

Emergency operation

The top fields indicate the status of compressor, defrost heater, fan and alarm output relay (left) and the status of compressor alarm loop and door switch inputs (right). The fields below show temperatures and pressure of all sensors attached to the controller as well as the setpoints for air temperature and superheat. The coil-in temperature is calculated from the saturation pressure of the used refrigerant. All status messages (thermostat, defrost and evaporator) are displayed in the lower section with normal font, all active messages are in bold letters. A rolling graph with air temperature and superheat data over a period of approximately 10 minutes can be displayed:



A logfile can be stored on the PC. The file format of the datalog is text with semicolon (;) separated fields. On the picture below is a sample log file from an EC3-332 imported in Microsoft Excel®:

1	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Time	Air Temperature	Cut In Temperature	Cut Out Temperature	Coil In Temperature	Coil Out Temperature	Superheat	Superheat Setpoint	Valve Opening	
2	11:13:01	3,13	4	2	-4,88	2,22	7,1	6	100
3	11:13:02	3,13	4	2	-4,88	2,21	7,09	6	100
4	11:13:03	3,13	4	2	-4,88	2,21	7,09	6	100

All WebPages, which allow the change of controller parameters are password protected. Below is the example for the thermostat configuration WebPage of an EC3-332 Controller. The setpoints of day and night operation, as well as the settings which will initiate an alarm can be easily reviewed and modified if needed:

Thermostat Configuration

Mode [r4] Cooling, DB

Allow night operation switching [r3]

After defrost or cleaning alarm delay [A3] 10 min

Alarm temperature

low limit [AL] -50 °C

low limit delay [A1] 5 min

high limit [AH] 40 °C

high limit delay [A2] 5 min

limit type [At] Absolute

Night operation setpoint [r6] 4.0 °C

difference [r7] 2.0 K

Day operation setpoint [St] 2.0 °C

difference [rd] 2.0 K

Minimum setpoint value [r1] -50 °C

Maximum setpoint value [r2] 40 °C

Alarm and Maintenance Functions

EC3-33x provides many alarm codes to facilitate diagnosis. Limit violation alarms are associated with temperature and pressure set point (high alarm, low alarm, sensor failure). The serial alarm loop of the compressor can be connected to a digital input. It will monitor compressor operation and signal shutdown in case the serial alarm loop is open due to high motor temperature or excessive pressure etc.

Alarm management includes the issuing of an alarm message through the network and to show the alarm code on the controllers display. The priorities and subsequent actions can be individually defined for each alarm when connected to a PC or an AMS monitoring server.

The EC3-332 has the capability to send alarm messages directly by email.

While the attached Display Unit ECD-001 indicates alarms as blinking symbols only, the monitoring WebPage shows all alarms in text form. All possible alarm messages are visible, active alarms are highlighted bold, see below:

Alarms	
Sensor status Coil out sensor open Coil out sensor short circuit Air sensor open Air sensor short circuit Defrost sensor open Defrost sensor short circuit Press. sensor open Press. sensor short circuit	Thermostat controller High temperature alarm Low temperature alarm Door open alarm Emergency cooling
Fan controller Termination error	Compressor controller External failure
Defrost controller Termination alarm	Superheat controller External system failure Emergency operation No refrigerant flow Evap. in sensor failure Evap. out sensor failure 100% Valve opening

Safety Functions

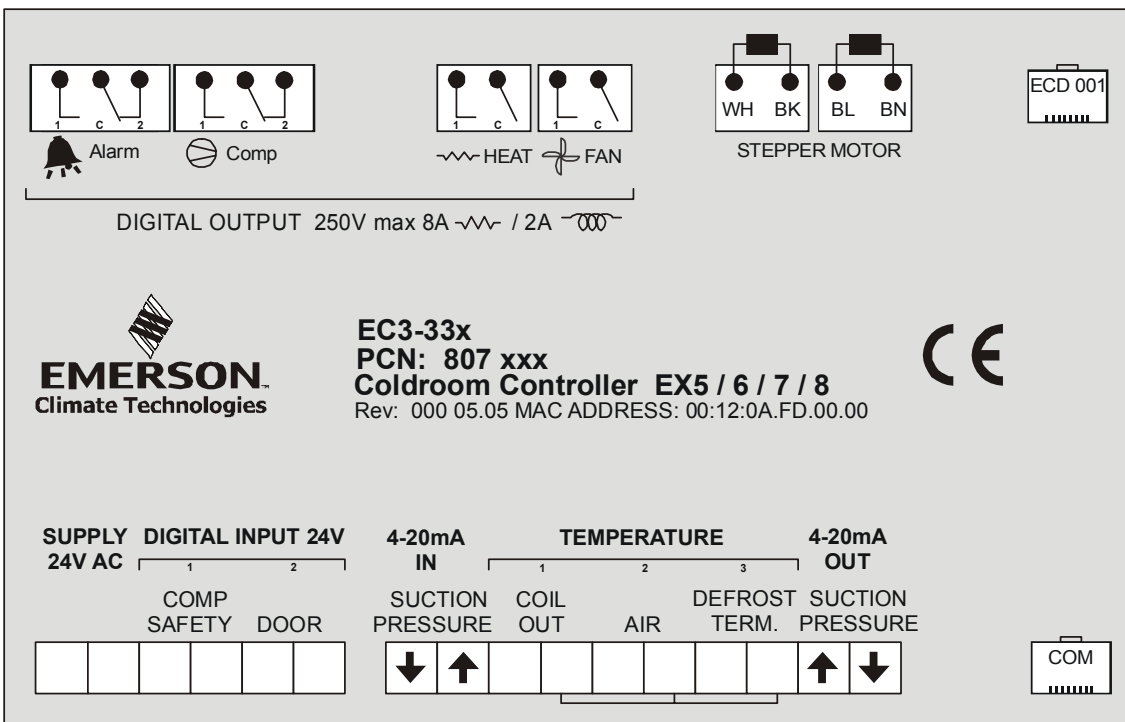
Various safety functions are available for use particularly when the EC3-33x is controlling the compressor directly. These safety features are used to prevent compressor damage and include: Limitation of maximum evaporating pressure (MOP), delay of compressor start after control reset, minimum time between two starts, minimum compressor off time, minimum compressor run time.

Safe operating modes allow the system to continue to operate safely even when the signal is lost from a defective or disconnected sensor.

Particularly useful facilities are the service functions, which enable the engineer to manually control the system during commissioning. They include manual operation of compressor, fan and Electrical Control Valve, or special operating modes of system for cleaning, permanent night operation, manual defrost or others, see below:



Wiring Diagram



EC3-33x Coldroom Controller for Electrical Control Valves EX5 ... EX8

Accessories

Terminal Kits for EC3 Series:

	Type	Order Nr.
Terminal Kit for EC3-33x series	K03-331	807 648

ECD Series Display Unit:

Display for EC3-200 to 500	ECD-001	807 641
Connection cable EC3 to ECD	1.5 m ECC-017	804 380

Electrical Control Valves with Stepper Motor Drive*

Nominal capacity R404A *) see datasheet EX58e35008.pdf for details	3 to 35kW	EX5-U21	800 600
	8 to 84kW	EX6-I21	800 610
	8 to 84kW	EX6-M21	800 611
	22 to 230kW	EX7-U21	801 686
	60 to 613kW	EX8-M21	801 964
Cable and connector assembly for EX5/EX6	60 to 613kW	EX8-U21	801 970
	1.5m length	EX5-C15	804656
	3.0m length	EX5-C30	804657
	6.0m length	EX5-C60	804658

NTC Sensors (Air type) (10 kΩ at 25°C)	1,5m cable length	ECN-S15	804 304
	3m cable length	ECN-S30	804 305
	6m cable length	ECN-S60	804 284
NTC Sensors (Pipe type) (10 kΩ at 25°C)	3m cable length	ECN-P30	804 280
	6m cable length	ECN-P60	804 281
	8m cable length	ECN-P80	804 282
NTC Sensors (Fin type) (10 kΩ at 25°C)	6m cable length	ECN-F60	804 283

Pressure Transmitter	-0.8...7bar	PT4-07S	802 320
	0...18bar	PT4-18S	802 322
Cable Assembly for PT4	1.5m cable length	PT4-L15	804 593
	3.0m cable length	PT4-L30	804 594
	6.0m cable length	PT4-L60	804 595

Transformer Din rail mounting, Class II	230VAC Input, 24V output, 50VA	ECT-623	804 421
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Infrared Remote Control			
Language:	English	EC2-IRE	804 345
	German	EC2-IRD	804 346
	French	EC2-IRF	804 347
	Spanish	EC2-IRS	804 348
	Italian	EC2-IRI	804 349



ECN-Sxx



ECN-Pxx



ECN-Fxx



**PT4-07S with
Plug / Cable Assembly PT4-Lxx**



ECT-623



EC2-IRE Remote Control

Technical Data

EC3 Series Controller

Supply voltage	24VAC ±10%, 50/60Hz Class II only 6.3mm spade earth connector
Power consumption	28VA max. (EC3-33x)
Plug-in connector size	Removable screw version wire size 0.14 ... 1.5mm ²
Communication	TCP/IP Ethernet (EC3-332) LON [®] FTT-10 (EC3-331)
Temperature storage operating	-20 ... +65°C 0 ... +60°C
Humidity	0 ... 80% r.h. non condensing
Protection class	IP20
Weight	~ 800g
Mounting	DIN rail mounted

ECD-001 Display Unit

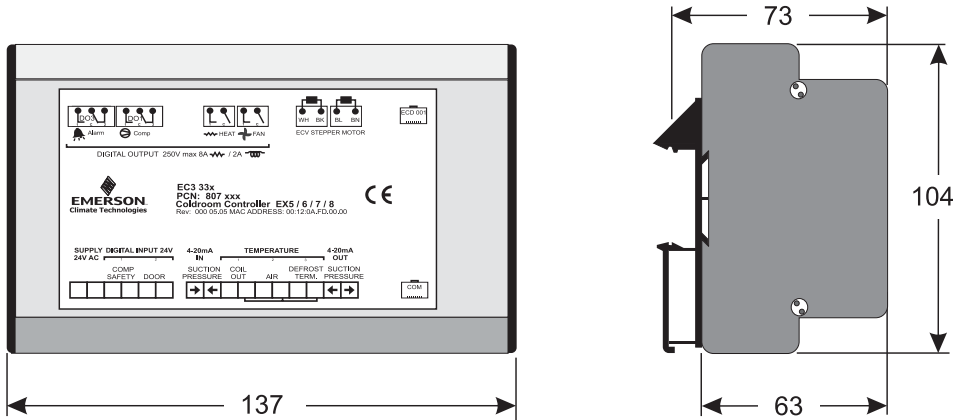
Supply	From EC3 Series Controller via connecting cable
LED indicators	Compressor, Fan, Defrost, Alarm, LON-Service pin, IR status
Display LED	Numeric segmental display, 2½-digits, red, with automatic decimal point betw. ±19.9, switchable between °C and °F
Connecting cable	1,5m (ECC-017) or standard CAT5 patch cord with RJ45 connectors
Temperature storage operating	-20 ... +65°C 0 ... +60°C
Humidity	0 ... 80% r.h. non condensing
Protection class	IP 65 (front protection with gasket)
Weight	~ 52g
Mounting	Panel mount (71 x 29 mm cutout)

Input and Output Configuration EC3-33x Controller

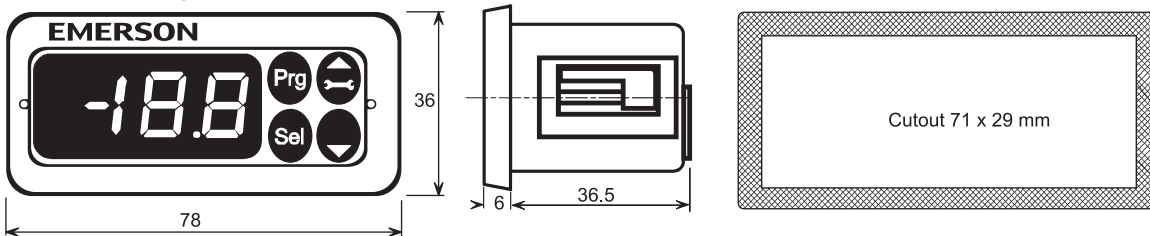
Description	I/O Specification	
Temperature inputs (3)	10kΩ @ 25 °C, -50 ... 50 °C	Coil out temperature Air temperature Defrost termination
Pressure transmitter input	24VDC, 4 ... 20mA	Evaporating pressure
Analog output (evaporating pressure feed-through signal)	24VDC, 4 ... 20mA	Evaporating pressure
Digital inputs (2)	24VAC/DC	Compressor Safety Door contact
Output relays (4)	SPDT contacts, AgCdO Inductive (AC15) 250V / 2A, Resistive (AC1) 250V / 8A	Compressor Alarm
	SPST contacts, AgCdO Inductive (AC15) 250V / 2A, Resistive (AC1) 250V / 8A	Heater Fan
Stepper motor output	For EX5 ... EX8 Electrical Control Valves	
Communications	RJ45 10MBit/sec. Ethernet or LON [®] FTT10	

Physical Dimensions Drawings (mm)

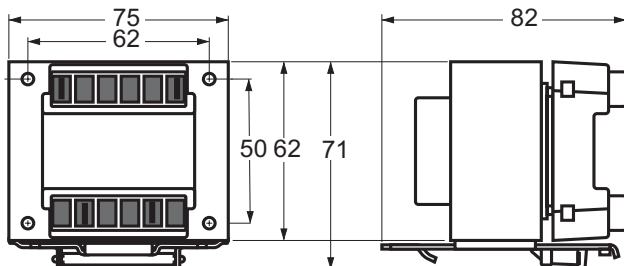
EC3-Series Controller



ECD-001 Display Unit



ECT-623 Transformer



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