

DCM3 Series Controller

Quick Start Guide



ProMinent

CAUTION

Before attempting calibration or commissioning of the DCM3 control system, water chemistry must be **stable** and within normal operating ranges of 7.2-7.8 pH, Free Chlorine at 1-5 ppm, and Total Alkalinity level at 80-120 ppm.

Calibrations


pH Single Point Calibration Example

```
2.04ppm 2.33ppm ↑
7.44pH 783mV
84.5F 256gpm
STATUS ALARMS SETPNT
```

F1 F2 F3

Press the **CAL** button, then use the arrow buttons to scroll to pH sensor E, then press **OK**.

Login with your password, if requested.

Next, take a water test and using the  buttons,

```
E:pH Sensor
Enter value
7.66pH
SAVE MORE
```

F1 F2 F3

enter the results, one decimal place at a time, followed by the **SAVE** **F1** key. The LED screen will indicate **Sensor**

Calibrated. Press **NEXT** **F1** to continue to the next sensor to be calibrated, or press **ESC** twice to return to the Home screen.

ORP input is factory calibrated and cannot be re-calibrated in the field.

Free Chlorine Single Point Calibration Example


NOTE: The Free Chlorine calibration routine is designed to optimize a DPD calibration by remembering the ppm value at the moment the DPD

F1 button is pressed.

```
C:Free Chlorine
Sample & press DPD
2.2ppm
DPD MORE
```

F1 F2 F3

Press the **CAL** button, then use

the  buttons to scroll to C: Free Chlorine, then press **OK**.

Login with your password, if requested.

When ready, remember to press the **DPD** **F1** button

first, to instruct the calibration to save the sensor reading. A timer is then started on the display for your use. Once the Free Chlorine value is measured,

enter the results using the arrow buttons, followed by the **SAVE** **F1** key.

```
C:Free Chlorine
DPD wait: 25sec
2.2ppm
SAVE MORE
```

F1 F2 F3

If the calibration is accepted, the LED screen will then indicate **Sensor Calibrated**. Press **NEXT** **F1** to

continue to the next sensor to be calibrated, or **ESC** twice to return to the Home screen.

```
C:Free Chlorine
Sensor Calibrated
NEXT
```

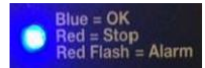
F1 F2 F3

Status LED

Steady **Blue** = Normal

Flashing Red = Alarm

Steady Red = An output relay is Forced OFF



Adjusting Setpoints

pH Setpoint Example:

Set points menu is located in the outputs that control the feeders.

By default, and in our example, the pH feeder is assigned to Relay 1: Acid Feed.

To change the pH set point, press the **SETPNT** **F3**



button. Use the  buttons to point to the **1:Acid Feed** relay, then press **OK**.

```
1:Acid Feed
Adjust Setpoint
7.4pH
DEDBND
```

F1 F2 F3

Login with your password if requested, then press **OK**.

Use the  buttons to

change the pH Setpoint, then press **OK** to save the new setting.

Deadband:

Deadband is the control overlap necessary to keep a feeder from turning on and off too rapidly, sometimes called "chattering".

By default, the pH feeder is assigned a deadband of 0.10 pH. This means the pH must deviate 0.10 pH above the setpoint before the acid feeder will turn on. The default deadband for ORP is 5mV and the Free Chlorine deadband is 0.5 ppm.

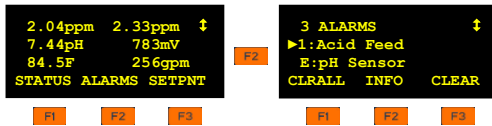
The control deadbands do not normally need to be changed after being set by your ProMinent technician during startup.

Refer to the Operation and Installation manual for more information on the Deadband and its function.

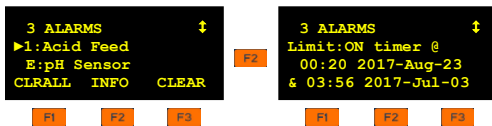
Alarms

Alarm Info and Alarm Clear Example:

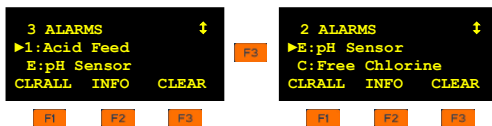
NOTE: All alarms in the DCM3 series controllers are latching alarms by default. Once an alarm is triggered, it must be acknowledged or cleared. Alarm latching can be turned off in the DCM3 I/O Setup menus.



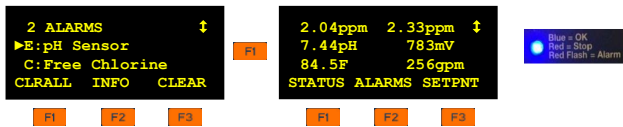
If an alarm is active with the red LED flashing, pressing ALARMS **F2** will show how many alarms there are on the top line, and specific alarms on the 2nd and 3rd lines.



Select the individual alarm using the **▶**, then press and **hold** INFO button **F2**, and LED screen will show detailed information on each alarm.



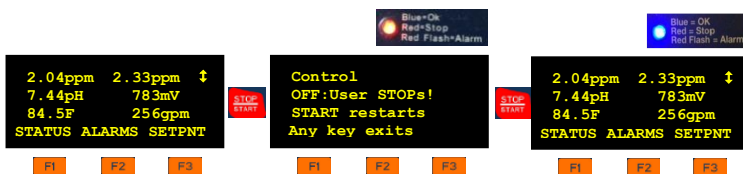
Pressing CLEAR **F3** will clear the selected alarm



CLRALL **F1** will clear all alarms, extinguish the flashing red ALARM LED, light the blue OK LED, and return to the Home screen.

START / STOP key

A quick way to force all chemical feed relays to the OFF position is to press the **STOP** button. The status LED will change to a steady **RED** as will all the active control output LEDs. To resume normal control on all outputs, press **START** again. A steady **BLUE** status LED indicates normal operation with no alarms, and a flashing **RED** LED indicates normal operation with an active alarm.



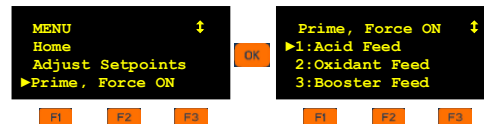
Feeder Prime/Force OFF

Temporarily forcing a feeder ON, we call "Priming" because that is the most frequent use of this function—to prime a chemical feeder. The relays can also be forced to STOP (i.e., during troubleshooting) or then be "UNSTOPPED" to be returned to normal operation from this menu.



To Prime or "Force ON" a relay:

From the Home screen, press **MENU** then **↓** to select Prime, Force ON then press **OK**.



Enter an operator level password or higher if required, then press **OK**.

NOTE: For safety, if the feeder selected is in a timeout alarm, or the flow switch or START/STOP button has stopped chemical feed, you will not be able to force the feeder ON (Prime) until these conditions are changed.

Select the feeder to Prime or STOP, then press **OK**.



CAUTION: Forcing a feeder on for an extended period can be hazardous.

The default time on the Prime duration is 5 minutes. Change the Prime timer duration, if desired, using the arrow keys, then press START **F3** to begin priming the pump.

Pressing **F3** CANCEL again, cancels the Prime and returns the relay to normal control by the sensor.

Pressing STOP **F1** not only STOPS the Prime, but also forces the feeder OFF, until you UNSTOP the feeder.

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