

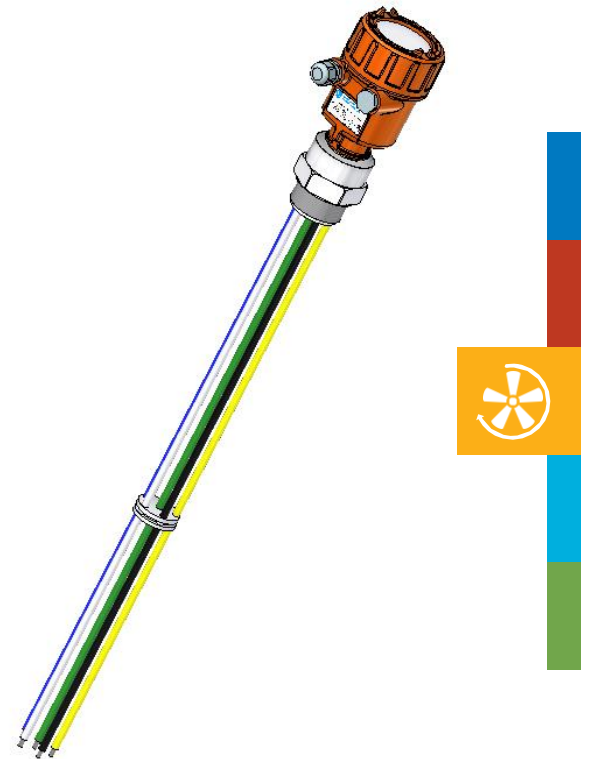


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# **Universal Electric Water Level Control**

INSTALLATION, OPERATION & MAINTENANCE MANUAL

**FOR PART NUMBER 313555**





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# 1. Introduction

BAC-EWLC-6P (BAC Part Number 313555) is a 6-probe electronic water level controller (EWLC). This EWLC is a conductivity actuated, probe type liquid level controller that is used for:

- Maintaining proper operation water level when connected to a normally closed solenoid valve in evaporative heat rejection equipment
- Outputting alarm and shutdown signal for present water levels

This EWLC provides vital water level sensing and control functions as per BAC control parameters. It provides 4 status LEDs along with 3 error LEDs to provide clear indications of operational status and level related errors, along with quality of water for proper operation of entire system. See **Figure 1** & **Figure 2** for an overview of the main EWLC components.

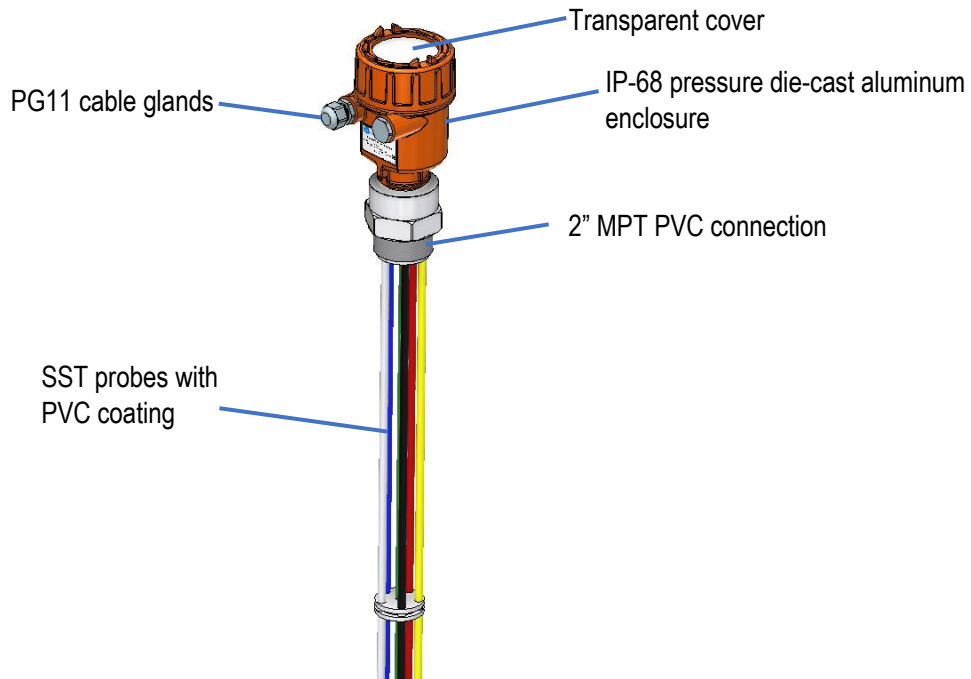


Figure 1. EWLC Overview



**NOTE:** For the previous version EWLC please refer to the [Installation, Operation & Maintenance Manual on BaltimoreAircoil.com](#)

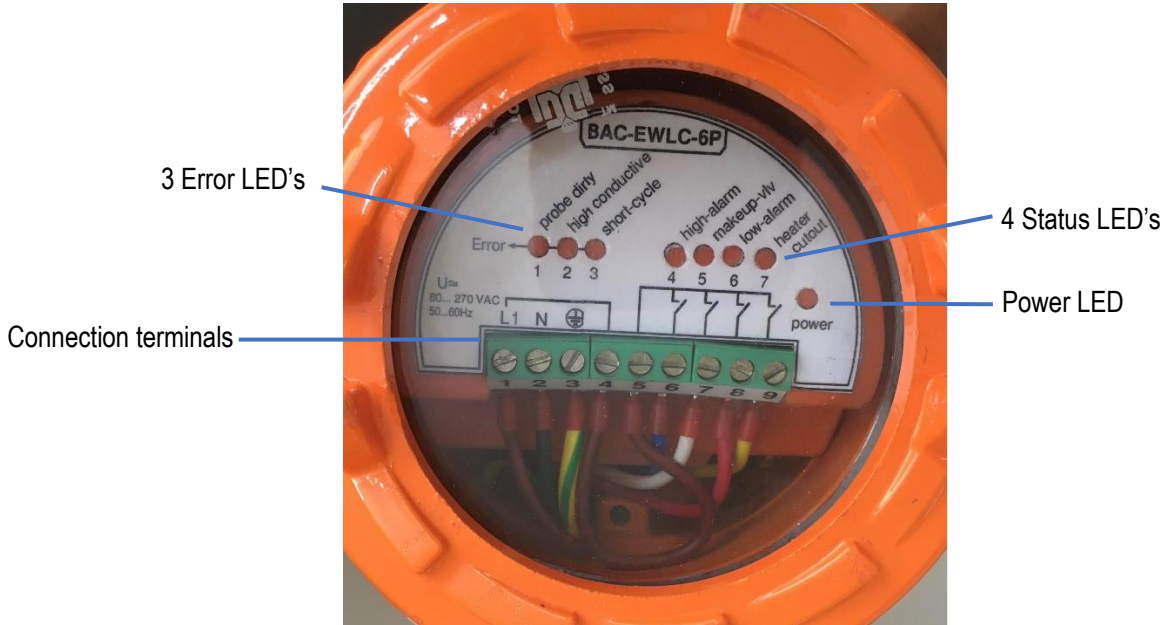


Figure 2. Top View of EWLC

# 2. Installation

## Installation-New Unit

On new equipment the EWLC will ship installed with a 6' long UV resistant wiring cable factory installed Refer to the unit submittal package for the correct EWLC wiring diagram. Diagram provided on **Page 10** is superseded by any drawing supplied in the unit submittal package.

## Installation-Replacement EWLC

When replacing existing EWLC assemblies with new assemblies purchased through BAC Aftermarket (RK3645) follow the procedure below.

1. Remove the existing EWLC, leave all brackets and hardware in place as they will be re-used.
2. Cut probes on the new EWLC assembly to correct lengths and set operating level, reference RKM106 as needed. Probes can be cut with a hack saw or cut-off wheel that is designed for cutting stainless steel. Special care must be taken to ensure the probes are cut to the correct length as they cannot be repaired or replaced if cut too short. Remove probe sheath 1" on each probe end to expose bare metal.
3. Install the new EWLC assembly using the bracket, hardware, and stilling chamber from the original assembly. For P-Series models and VCA models, an additional stilling chamber cover will be required as the existing cover will interfere with the new EWLC assembly. Please contact BAC Aftermarket for details on this. Power wiring, disconnects, fusing, and auxiliary control wiring are by others and must comply with all applicable codes and ordinances.
4. Wire the control per the diagram on **Page 10**.
5. Check periodically during the first few hours of operation to ensure the control is working properly and the water level is set properly.

## Installation-Retrofitting an EWLC

For retrofit EWLC assemblies purchased through BAC Aftermarket (RK3644M5/M3) follow the procedure below.

- Verify the parts listed in **Table 1** are present. Note parts are provided for universal installation. Not all parts will be required for installation. Power wiring, disconnects, fusing, and auxiliary control wiring are by others and must comply with all applicable codes and ordinances

Quantity	Description
1	Stilling Chamber, 2" PVC Pipe
1	2" S x F PVC Coupling
2	Universal Mounting Bracket & Bolts
2	2" U-Bolt
4	Plastic Wing Nut
1	Tank Fitting for Wiring Cable
8	Self Tapper, 5/16" x 3/4"
8	Seal Washer, 5/16"
8	Bolt 5/16" x 1"
8	Nut, 5/16" – UNC
8	Flat Washer, 5/16"
8	Lock Washer, 5/16"
1	Roll Sealer Tape

Table 1. Parts List

- Select a suitable mounting location in the tower. Mount near a door or access way for easy adjustment or cleaning.
- Use mounting brackets and hardware as needed for installation.
- Cut probes on the new EWLC assembly to correct lengths and set operating level, reference RKM106 as needed. Probes can be cut with a hack saw or cut-off wheel that is designed for cutting stainless steel. Special care must be taken to ensure the probes are cut to the correct length as they cannot be repaired or replaced if cut too short. Remove probe sheath 1" on each probe end to expose bare metal.
- Attach the stilling chamber, 2" S x F PVC Coupling, and probe assembly to the mounting bracket with 2 U-bolts and plastic wing nuts (see **Figure 3**). **Do not glue** any of these parts together. They are designed to be taken apart for easy, routine maintenance.
- Drill a 7/8" hole in the tower casing (side configuration) or install a standpipe (bottom configuration) to pass the wiring cable to the outside of the unit. Attach the watertight, "through-the-wall", tank fitting. Leave adequate slack in the wiring inside the tower to allow the control assembly to be removed from the stilling chamber for cleaning.
- Wire the control per the diagram on **Page 10**.

13. A normally closed (NC), 120 VAC slow closing, solenoid valve is required on the make-up line. Refer to the **Table 2** for suggested valve sizing. These valves are available as an accessory from your [local BAC Representative](#). The valve size is the minimum recommended size for a single cell cooling tower of the rated tonnage. Multiple cell cooling towers may require a larger size valve or multiple valves piped in parallel due to greater basin volumes.

Tower Size Nominal Tons	Valve Size NPT	BAC Part Number
0-150	1/2"	310782
150-250	3/4"	310783
250-650	1"	310784
650-1301	1 1/2"	310785

*Table 2. Make-up Solenoid Valve Selection*

14. Hand fill the cooling tower until the water level is 1/2" below the overflow connection.
15. Energize the system.
16. Check the tower periodically during the first few hours of operation to ensure the control is working properly and the water level is set properly.
17. The water level may be adjusted by simply loosening the U-bolts and repositioning the control assembly.

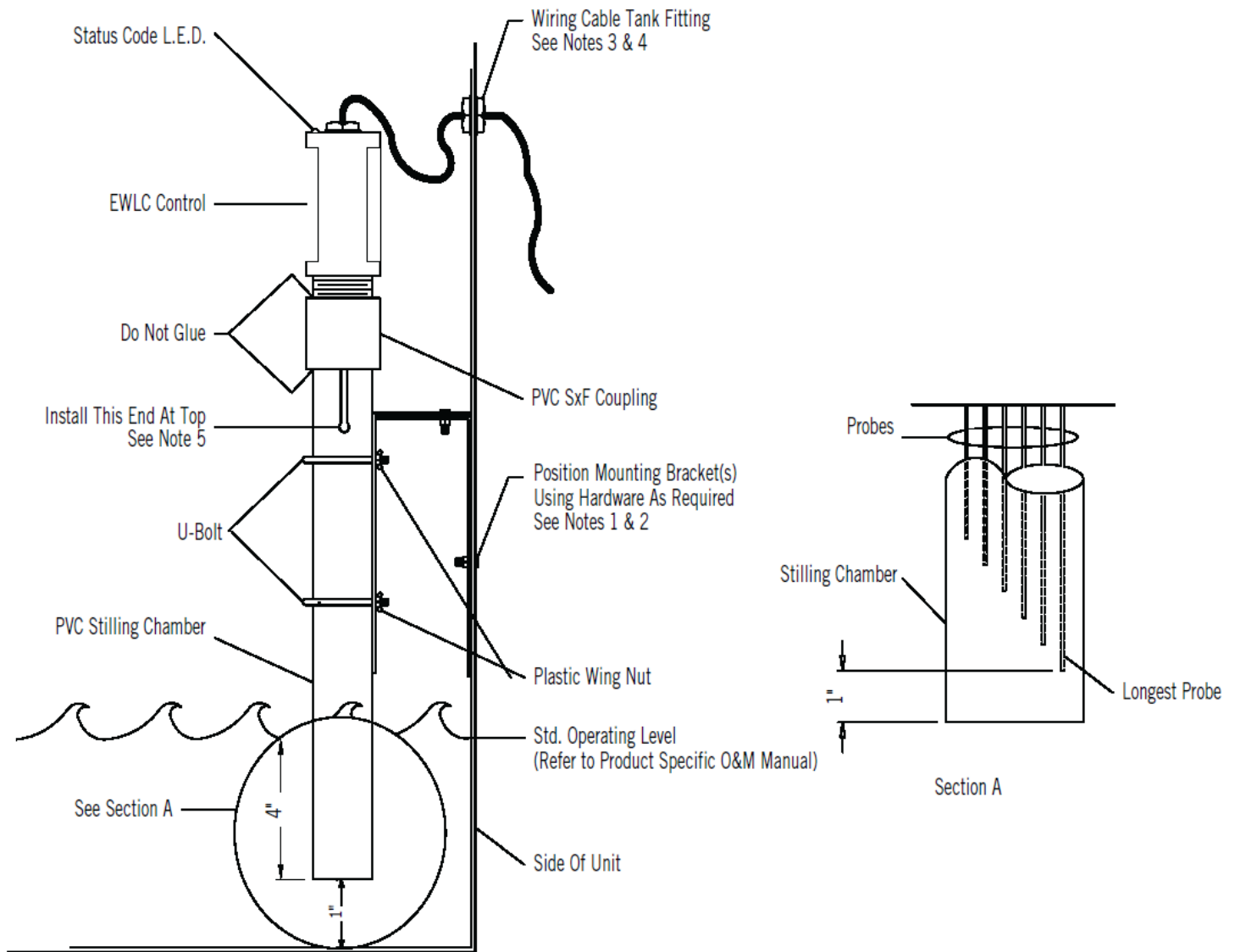


Figure 3. Typical Installation

Notes:

1. Drill 1/4" hole for tappers.
2. Drill 11/32" pilot for bolts.
3. Drill 7/8" hole for cable tank fitting.
4. Leave adequate slack in wiring cable to allow the control head to be lifted from the stilling chamber for inspection and cleaning.
5. Do not cut this end. The purpose of the slot at this end is to vent air.



## Wire Colors

Wire Color	Description
Brown	Power supply hot
Black	Power supply neutral
Green/Yellow	Ground
Blue	High alarm
White	Makeup valve
Red	Low alarm
Yellow	Heater cutout

Table 3. Wire Color & Description

## Building Management System (BMS)

A control relay is required if EWLC outputs are used as input to a building management system. EWLC output voltage is dependent on input voltage as illustrated in **Figure 4**.

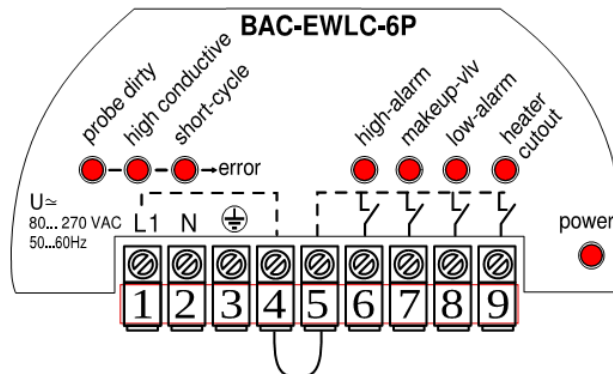


Figure 4. EWLC Wiring Diagram

## Wiring

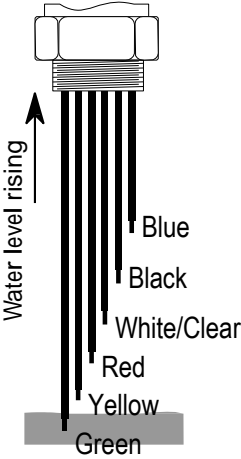
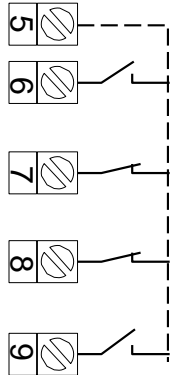
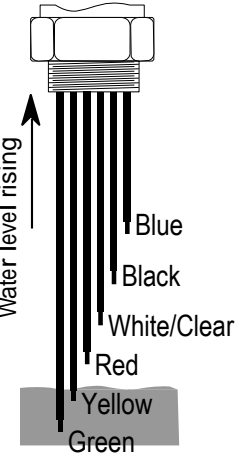
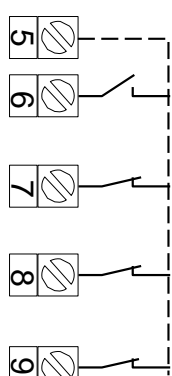
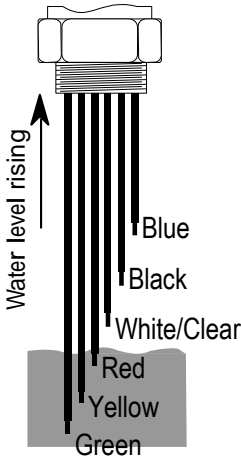
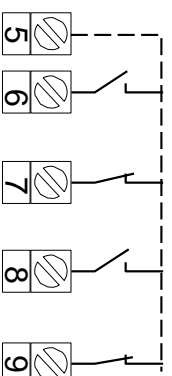
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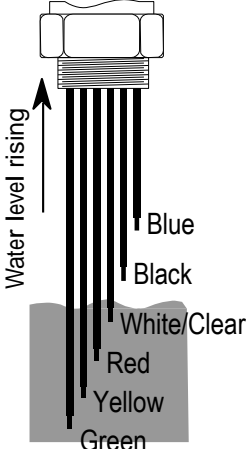
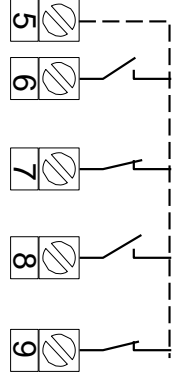

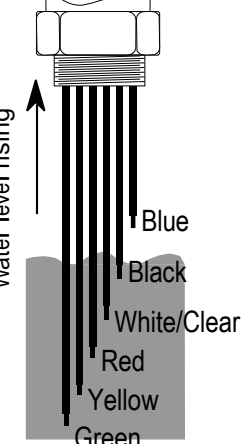
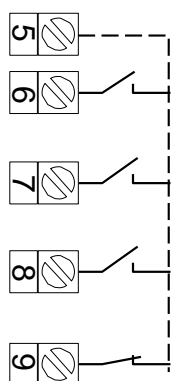

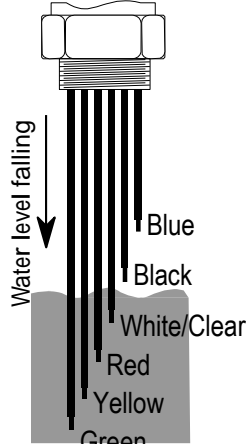
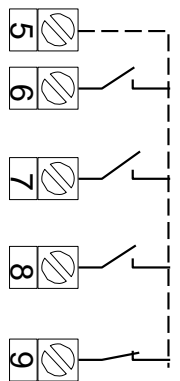



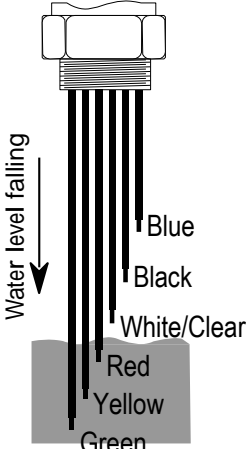
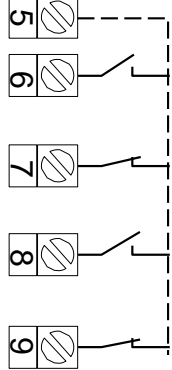
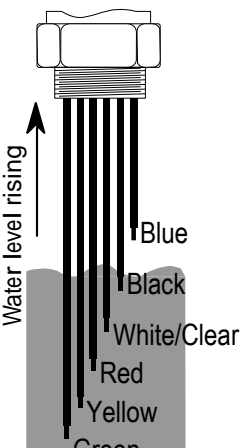
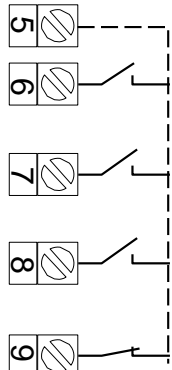
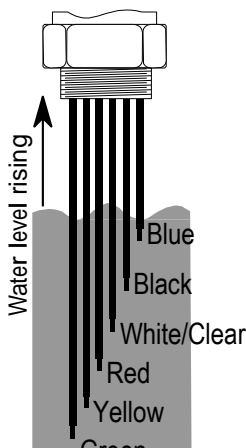
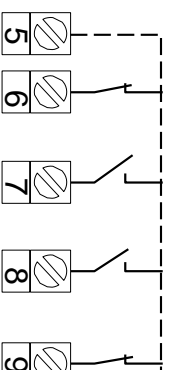
# 2. Operation

## Sequence of Operation

The following information explains EWLC operation with respect to water level.

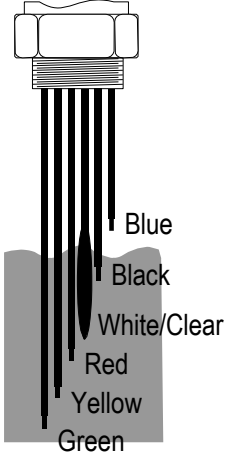

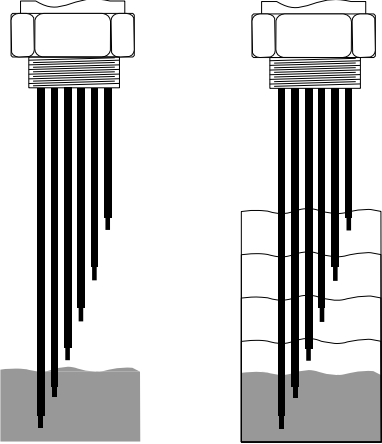

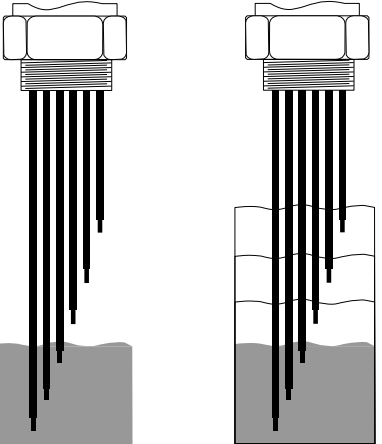

Water Level at Probe	Terminals	LED	LED / Alarm Name	Explanation
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> <li>☀</li> <li>☀</li> <li>☀</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High Alarm OFF</li> <li>Makeup-Valve ON</li> <li>Low Alarm ON</li> <li>Heater Cutout ON</li> </ul>	<p>When water level is lower than yellow probe. Heater is cutout due to low level of water.</p>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> <li>☀</li> <li>☀</li> <li>●</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High Alarm OFF</li> <li>Makeup-Valve ON</li> <li>Low Alarm ON</li> <li>Heater Cutout OFF</li> </ul>	<p>When water fills up to yellow probe, terminal 9 shorts from terminal 5.</p> <p>Heater can now be turned ON as water level is sufficient for the heater to operate.</p>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> <li>☀</li> <li>●</li> <li>●</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High Alarm OFF</li> <li>Makeup-Valve ON</li> <li>Low Alarm OFF</li> <li>Heater Cutout OFF</li> </ul>	<p>When water fills up to red probe, terminal 8 open from terminal 5.</p>

Water Level at Probe	Terminals	LED	LED / Alarm Name	Explanation
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● High Alarm OFF</li> <li>● Makeup-Valve ON</li> <li>● Low Alarm OFF</li> <li>● Heater Cutout OFF</li> </ul>	<p>When water fills up to white/clear probe, no change is made as this level is lower level for make-up valve ON/OFF operation.</p>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● High Alarm OFF</li> <li>● Makeup-Valve OFF</li> <li>● Low Alarm OFF</li> <li>● Heater Cutout OFF</li> </ul>	<p>When water fills up to black probe, terminal 7 opens from terminal 5.</p>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● High Alarm OFF</li> <li>● Makeup-Valve OFF</li> <li>● Low Alarm OFF</li> <li>● Heater Cutout OFF</li> </ul>	<p>If water falls lower than black probe, but not below white/clear probe, terminal 7 stays open from terminal 5.</p>

Water Level at Probe	Terminals	LED	LED / Alarm Name	Explanation
 <p>Water level falling</p> <p>Blue Black White/Clear Red Yellow Green</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> <li>☀</li> <li>●</li> <li>●</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High Alarm OFF</li> <li>Makeup-Valve ON</li> <li>Low Alarm OFF</li> <li>Heater Cutout OFF</li> </ul>	<p>If water level falls lower than white/clear probe, terminal 7 shorts to terminal 5 to turn make-up valve ON.</p>
 <p>Water level rising</p> <p>Blue Black White/Clear Red Yellow Green</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> <li>●</li> <li>●</li> <li>●</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High Alarm OFF</li> <li>Makeup-Valve OFF</li> <li>Low Alarm OFF</li> <li>Heater Cutout OFF</li> </ul>	<p>When water fills up to black probe, terminal 7 opens from terminal 5, turning make-up valve OFF.</p>
 <p>Water level rising</p> <p>Blue Black White/Clear Red Yellow Green</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☀</li> <li>●</li> <li>●</li> <li>●</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High Alarm ON</li> <li>Makeup-Valve OFF</li> <li>Low Alarm OFF</li> <li>Heater Cutout OFF</li> </ul>	<p>When water fills up to blue probe, terminal 6 shorts to terminal 5, to give high alarm.</p>

## LED Error Indicator Lights

There are three error indicating LEDs for the following conditions of water quality and level.

Probe Condition	Description	LED
	<p>Water level is sensed at black probe but not at white/clear probe. White/clear probe should be dipped when level is up to black probe.</p>	<p> short-cycle</p> <p>Short-cycle LED will stay OFF other wise</p>
	<p>Sensing probe dipped in high conductivity water, indicating presence of minerals that may lead to rusting</p>	<p> High conductive</p> <p>High conductive LED will stay OFF other wise</p>
	<p>At least two level probes dipped in water having low conductivity, indicating presence of organic growth around probes or dirty probes.</p>	<p> Probe dirty</p> <p>Probe dirty LED will stay OFF other wise</p>

## LED Indicator Lights

Light Mark	Function if light on
Power	Power supplied
Probe Dirty	Notify probe needs to be cleaned
High Conductive	Water conductivity is too high, notify high saline water
Short-Cycle	Short circuit between probes
High-Alarm	Water level is too high
Makeup-Vlv	Makeup valve is on
Low-Alarm	Water level is too low
Heater-Cutout	Water level is higher than heater

Table 4. LED Indicator Light Function

## Operation and Maintenance

The control/probe head is fully potted and sealed so there are no user serviceable electronic components. The only services that are required are:

1. Clean the stainless-steel electrodes periodically to prevent accumulations of scale, corrosion, sludge or biological growth, which could interfere with the electrical circuit.
2. The water level is maintained at the recommended operating level regardless of the system thermal load. Therefore, it is not recommended that the operating level be adjusted.
3. During the start-up of units equipped with the electric water level control package, by-pass the control unit in order to fill the unit to the overflow connection.

## EWLC Specifications

<b>BAC part number</b>	<b>313555</b>
<b>Input power</b>	80 – 270VAC, 50/60Hz
<b>Enclosure type</b>	IP68
<b>Operational ambient temperature range</b>	-20°F - 104°F
<b>Time Delay</b>	6 seconds

Table 5. EWLC Specifications



**NOTE:** Recommended valve type is a slow closing 120 VAC, normally closed solenoid valve, designed to reduce water hammer.

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