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2 GETTING STARTED

This section will provide the user with information about the Model 2900 humidity generator, where to obtain technical support, software license agreement, specifications, uncertainty, facility requirements and installation. Following sections will provide further details on how to use and operate the Model 2900 generator using the ControLog software.

Note - All pressures are absolute unless noted otherwise.

2.1 ABOUT

The Thunder Scientific Model 2900 Humidity Generator is capable of producing known humidity values using the fundamental, NIST proven, "two-pressure" principle. The Model 2900 uses this fundamental "two-pressure" principle to continuously supply a known relative humidity, dew point, frost point, parts per million, or other calculated value for instrument calibration and evaluation as well as precision environmental testing.

The Model 2900 humidity generator encompasses a high-performance stand-alone Data Acquisition Computer that performs all functions required for humidity generation and control and a second dedicated Human Machine Interface (HMI) computer that runs ControLog. ControLog is a software application that fully automates the operation of the Model 2900 humidity generator and allows various device connections through a number of different interfaces. Data from the generator and connected device or devices is automatically retrieved and stored for viewing in either numerical or graphical format in real time or post process. Data can be transferred off the system via a USB drive for further viewing, post processing and printing. The ControLog software also provides the primary interface to the operator via the multi-point touch LCD and keyboard.

Key features of the of the Controlog software are:

- ControLog stores data into individual data sheets (tab). Each data sheet contains a spreadsheet
 type view that consists of a date/time stamp and the measured data items corresponding to that
 date/time stamp. Data sheets consist of three similar but different types: Device Data, File Data
 and Data Summary. Each type has the same spreadsheet type view and operation, but all three
 have different data sources.
- Graphing is a powerful tool used to view previously recorded data or to monitor the current data
 in real-time. The graph works hand in hand with the data sheets. While the generator is in
 operation, data sheets store the most recent data points from the generator and or connected
 devices at the desired interval. A graph can be used to create a visual picture of this stored data.
- The Auto Profiling feature is very similar to the Generate mode with the main exception that
 profiling relies on a predefined list of setpoints referred to as a profile. The user configurable
 profile is used as ControLog's road map during Auto Profile operation. It defines which setpoint
 values to go to, at what rate to go from one setpoint to another, and how long to stay at a specific
 setpoint before moving to the next setpoint.
- Controlog supports a customizable interface that works with most devices. Controlog will allow
 the user to create a new device connection using the "Connection Wizard" or open previously
 saved connections. The wizard will open a separate dialog window containing various steps that
 will guide the user in defining the communication required to receive the desired data items from

the device. The user can create as many (up to 60) or as few data items as they see fit for any one device. Each data item can be uniquely named and once connected will be recorded in its own data sheet. ControLog also allows the user to save these interfaces for future use. The "Connection Wizard" allows the user to step through the connection configuration. Using the "Next" and "Back" buttons the user is allowed to progress through the connection configuration steps. At any time, the user may cancel the new connection or opening of a connection by selecting the "Cancel" button. Once the last step has been completed the "Finish" button will be available to complete the new connection.

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2.3 SAFETY INFORMATION

Important safety guidelines need to be observed when operating this equipment. Precautions are highly advisable so that no personal injury will occur during the operation and maintenance of the system. Observation of local and national regulations must be adhered to regarding safety standards.

2.3.1 Live Power Source

Warning! Make sure all power sources are turned off before making internal adjustments or replacing any components. Only authorized technicians should perform any maintenance or repairs to equipment.

2.3.2 Electrostatic Discharge

Caution! Electrostatic discharge (ESD) could possibly damage or destroy solid-stat parts when exposed to static electric discharges. Be aware because electrostatic discharges may not be seen, felt or heard at levels less than 4,000 volts.

2.3.3 Compressed Gas

Compressed gas is used on this system and if not properly vented may create an environment where the state of foreign matter may be propelled. Proper safety precautions must be fallowed when applying any pressure to the system. Before applying any pressure to the system, ensure that all pneumatic connections are properly secured and tightened. Make sure all pressure settings are set to the proper specifications before operation, testing, calibration or maintenance is performed.

2.3.4 Personal Protective Equipment

Safety glasses must be worn when preforming any maintenance, repairs or calibration when system panels have been removed. Gloves may be needed on some maintenance or repairs.

2.3.5 Safety Symbols

Symbols used in this manual for safety and other disciplines can be found in table 1-1.

Safety terminology used for identification of any safety conditions are as follows:

Warning indicates a potential hazard may exist and the user should be extremely careful.

Caution! identifies a condition or action that may cause damage to the system or the user.

Symbol	Description
	The equipment has this symbol displayed
ϵ	and indicates that the equipment meets
	the requirements of the European safety
	directives.
	This symbol is shown from the WEEE
	directive and indicates do not dispose of
	this product in any municipal waste area.
^	This symbol means Caution should be
<u> </u>	observed or important information.
٨	This symbol indicates a potential shock
4	hazard may exist.
	This symbol means Earth Ground.

Table 1-1

2.4 TECHNICAL SUPPORT

If the user requires assistance with any aspect of the 2900 Humidity Generating System or the ControLog application, technical support can be obtained by contacting Thunder Scientific Corporation by any of the following means:

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2.9 SPECIFICATIONS

Relative Humidity Range:	10 to 95 %RH, 10 to 40 L/min
Relative Humidity Range:1	95 to 98 %RH, 10 to 20 L/min
Frost Point Temperature Range:	-33.60 to 0 °C
Dew Point Temperature Range:	-36.94 to 70 °C
Chamber Temperature Range: 2	-10 to 72 °C
Chamber Temperature Control Stability: 3	
Chamber Temperature Uniformity: 4	<0.04 °C
Chamber Temperature Heating Rate: from -1	0 to 72 °C 0.5 °C per Minute (average)
Chamber Temperature Cooling Rate: from 72	to 0 °C
Chamber Temperature Cooling Rate: from 0 to	to -10 °C 0.2 °C per Minute (average)
Temperature Specification:	
Gas Type:	Air or Nitrogen
Gas Pressure Rating: (MAWP)	175 psiG
Gas Flow Rate Range:	
Gas Flow Rate Specification:	5% of full scale
Saturation Pressure Range:	Ambient to 160 psiA
Saturation Pressure Specification:	0.02% of full scale
Test Chamber Pressure Range:	Ambient
Test Chamber Pressure Specification:	0.02% of reading
Supply Pressure Range:	Ambient to 150 psiG
Supply Pressure Specification:	±1 psiG
Display Resolution:	0.001
Test Chamber Dimensions:	12" x 12" x 10" (304.8 mm x 304.8 mm x 254 mm)
Physical Dimensions:	22" H x 36" W x 23" D (558.8 mm x 432 mm x 584.2 mm)

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ The system will limit mass flow rate to 20 L/min for %RH greater than 95.

 $^{^2}$ Using glycol/water as the temperature heat transfer fluid from -10 to 72 °C. Note: the 2900 can only operate for a finite amount of time at or below 0 °C

³ Temperature Control Stability is defined as the standard deviation over a 10-minute period, as measured by the saturation temperature control sensor after being at point for 60 minutes.

⁴ Chamber Temperature Uniformity is defined as the maximum temperature difference between any two locations at a single point in time. Locations are within one inch of the chamber wall and within 2.5 inches of the chamber door. Using a minimum chamber fan speed of 25% for a temperature range of -10 °C to 72 ° when using fluid jacket door option and ±10 °C from ambient when not.

2.10 UNCERTAINTY 5

RH Uncertainty: 10 to 95 %RH, 0 to 70 °C, 10 to 40 L/min	0.5% of reading
RH Uncertainty: 95 to 98 %RH, 0 to 70 °C, 10 to 20 L/min	0.5% of reading
Dew/Frost Point Uncertainty: < 0.01 °C, 10 to 40 L/min	0.05 °C
Dew Point Uncertainty: 0.01 to 70 °C, 10 to 40 L/min	0.08 °C
Temperature Uncertainty: -10 to 72 °C	0.031 °C

⁵ Chamber pressure at 1 atmosphere, Uncertainty values represent an expanded uncertainty using a coverage factor, k=2, at an approximate level of confidence of 95%. Uncertainty is not specified at saturation temperatures below 0 °C or at flow rates below 10 L/min. Uncertainty is based on the worst-case value from the 2900 uncertainty analysis.

2.11 FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

2.11.1 Environment

Operating Temperature:	15 to 30 °C
Storage Temperature:	0 to 50 °C
Humidity:	5 to 95% RH Non-condensing

2.11.2 Floor Space

A bench and/or floor, capable of supporting approximately 300 pounds, with a minimum space of 27" (0.686m) deep x 43" (1.09m) wide.

Allow an additional 20" (0.508m) in width for clearance, if possible, to allow complete opening of the chamber door and access to the test ports.

Refer to drawings: 18D29901-2, 18D29910-1

2.11.3 Power

Electrical Power:	200-230/210-240 V~, 10 A, 1 Ø, 50/60 Hz
Gas Supply Maximum Inlet Pressure:	175 psiG @ 50 L/min

2.11.4 Air Supply

When not using the pneumatic cart, a clean, oil free instrument air supply operating at a @ 165 psiG and 50 L/m is required. The air supply should be filtered to a particle size of 0.5 microns or less, a hydrocarbon content of 1 PPM or less, with a pressure dewpoint of 15 °C or less. Regulated supply pressure other than recommended (175 psiG maximum) is acceptable but may limit the lowest humidity obtainable from the generator and will require an internal pressure regulator (REG) adjustment.

Refer to section <u>2.12.5 Setting Supply Pressure Regulator</u> for more information on adjusting the internal pressure regulator (REG).

2.11.5 Distilled Water Supply

One gallon (3.8 liters) of double distilled water per fill. The one-gallon supply can last from 8 hours to more than 500 hours of use depending upon the temperature and humidity at which the generator is operated (reference section 13.3.4). During operation near ambient temperature and 50% RH, one gallon should last for approximately 200 hours.

2.12 INSTALLATION

2.12.1 Uncrating

Before uncrating, carefully inspect the crate and skid to be certain the unit was not subjected to damage. If there is damage, proceed no further and notify your inspection department and the shipping agent.

If the crate appears satisfactory:

- 1. Remove steel strapping.
- 2. Using "Clip Removal Tool" or thin pry-bar, remove top cover clips then remove top panel.
- 3. One panel at a time, remove the panel clips then remove panel.
- 4. Remove polyethylene covering from unit.
- 5. Inspect for any visible damage.
- 6. Remove any/all accessory boxes.
- 7. Using forklift or another suitable lifting device, lift unit from skid and place on the 2900 cart or instrument bench.

CAUTION!

BEFORE APPROACHING THE EQUIPMENT WITH THE FORKLIFT, VISUALLY LOCATE ANY HARDWARE WHICH MIGHT PROJECT INTO THE PATH OF THE FORKS. PLACE FORKS AS WIDE AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID DAMAGE TO THE FRAME.

8. The unit may now be rolled to its point of installation.

2.12.2 Positioning

Position the system to have access to all sides of the console. Remove cover panels and inspect for any visible damage that might have occurred during shipment.

CAUTION!

ALWAYS USE THE FILE>TURN OFF COMMAND TO PROPERLY EXIT THE SOFTWARE AND SHUTDOWN THE COMPUTERS SO THAT THE MAIN POWER SWITCH CAN BE SWITCHED OFF.

2.12.3 Chamber Fluid

Temperature conditioning of the Model 2900 test chamber utilizes a mixture of propylene glycol and water as a heat transfer fluid. This fluid is circulated by a magnetically coupled centrifugal pump through the refrigeration and heating system and the fluid shell surrounding the test chamber.

2.12.3.1 Chamber Fluid Filling Procedure

- 1. Ensure main power switch is OFF.
- 2. Remove top console panel.
- 3. Locate fluid fill port (under insulation and labeled "Fluid Fill Port").
- 4. Remove "Red" cap and insert funnel into fluid fill port.
- 5. Add 2 gallons of 70% propylene glycol. Fill with water until level is approximately 1" (25.4 mm) below the bottom of the fill port or until level touches funnel nozzle tip.

- 6. Remove funnel and replace fluid fill port cap and insulation.
- 7. Replace top console panel.

Refer to drawings: 18D29901-1, 18D29901-4, 18D29909-1

2.12.3.2 Chamber Fluid Draining Procedure

- 1. Ensure main power switch is OFF.
- 2. Remove rear console panel.
- 3. Locate drain hose in the lower left rear corner of the generator (when looking at the back of the generator).
- 4. Extend hose, remove drain hose cap and empty the chamber fluid into a clean container with a minimum size of 4 gallons. Save the chamber fluid for refilling.
- 5. To restore hose: grasp hose and rotate counterclockwise ½ turn while pushing hose into left side storage cavity.
- 6. Replace rear console panel

Refer to drawings: 18D29901-1, 18D29901-3, 18D29909-2

2.12.4 Reservoir Initial Filling Procedure

The reservoir requires an initial filling prior to first use, then periodic filling thereafter.

Refer to section <u>5.1 Water Reservoir Level</u> for detailed instruction on how to fill the reservoir.

2.12.5 Setting Supply Pressure Regulator

The supply pressure must be regulated to assure proper control and operation. The goal of the regulation is to remove the spikes that occur during air supply generation.

Note – It is always recommended to double regulate the air supply; once at the supply and again at the 2900.

Adjust the 2900's internal pressure regulator (REG) to 10 psiG below the supply pressure, but never above 150 psiG. For example, if the supply pressure indicates 165 psiG then adjust the internal pressure regulator to 150 psiG. If the supply pressure indicates 155 psiG then adjust the internal pressure regulator to 145 psiG (10 psiG below). For the best results operate the generator in run mode at the default flow rate to assure the regulator adjustment corrects for any pressure drop caused by the flow rate.

- 1. Open the Supply Pressure Dialog by selecting "Supply Pressure" from the Utilities Menu Tab
- 2. Using a #6 or #8 straight blade screwdriver, rotate stem clockwise to increase pressure and counterclockwise to decrease pressure while monitoring the supply pressure dialog window.

Refer to drawings: 18D29901-1, 18D29901-3, 18D29901-8

2.13 QUICK START

This section will provide the user a quick start on operating the generator. For detailed information on operating the generator please refer to section 4 Controlog Interface.

CAUTION!

DO NOT OPERATE THE GENERATOR WITHOUT CHAMBER FLUID.

2.13.1 Power-Up

To Power-Up the generator perform the following steps:

- Verify that the air supply connection has been made.
 - o If using the Series ACS2520 Air Compressor System (ACS)⁶ verify the following:
 - The On/Off valve is open (handle inline).
 - The AC power cable is connected to the ACS box.
 - The remote air compressor control cable is connected from ACS box to generator.
 - The Remote/Manual switch on the left side of the ACS box is in the Remote position.
 - Toggle the power switch located on the left side of the ACS box to ON.

Note – When the Remote/Manual switch is in the Remote position the ACS compressor will not run when first switched to ON. The compressor is remotely controlled by the 2900 and will not start until the user requests an operation that requires supply pressure.

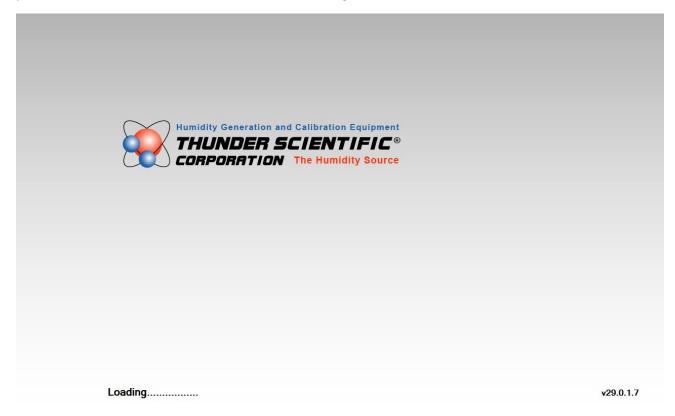
- o If using another air source, verify the following:
 - Supply is on and properly regulated.
- Verify that AC power cable is connected to the generator.
- Toggle the power switch located at the lower right rear of generator to ON. The generator will begin to boot up.

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⁶ Refer to Thunder Scientific's website <u>www.thunderscientific.com</u> for the ACS2520 manual and more information on the ACS2520.

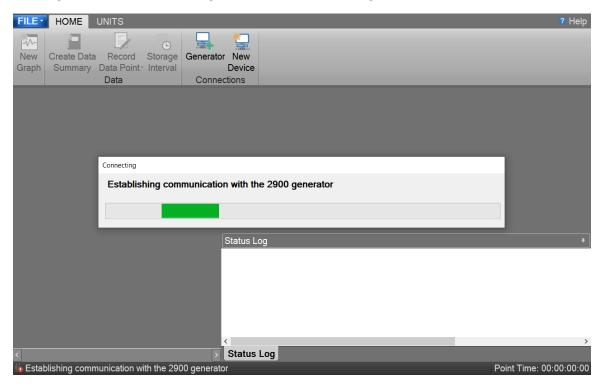
2.13.2 Loading Screen

After the system boots the generator will show a loading screen which will indicate the status of the loading process and will also show the software version of the generator.

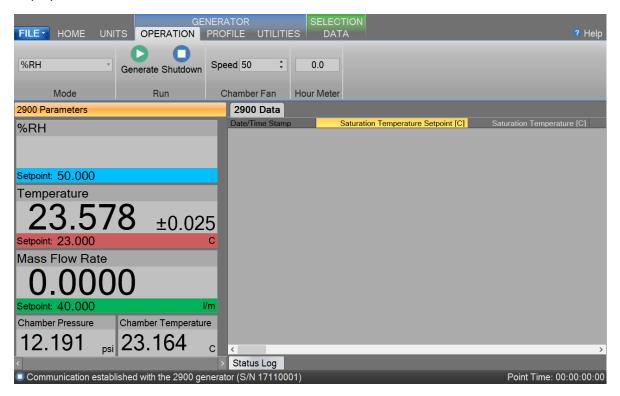


2.13.3 ControLog Screen

Upon completion of the loading process the generator will show the main ControLog page and a dialog showing the status of establishing communication with the generator.

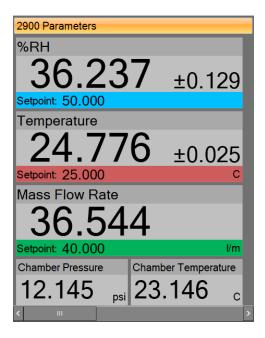


Once communication with the generator is established the generator's parameter and data tabs will be displayed.



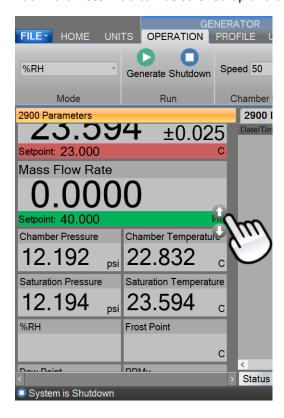
2.13.4 Control Parameters

The Parameter Tab Group is located on the left side of the application and contains a parameter tab for each connected device. The 2900 Parameters contain all the control and measurement parameters critical to the operation of the humidity generator.



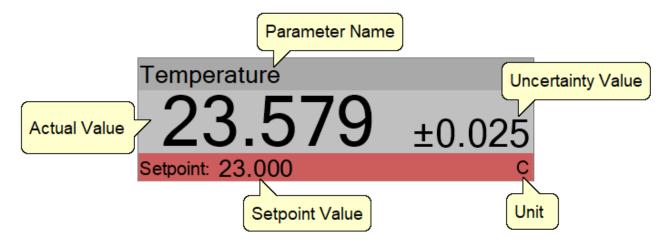
Scrolling the Parameters

Each Parameter Tab can be scrolled up and down to show additional parameters.



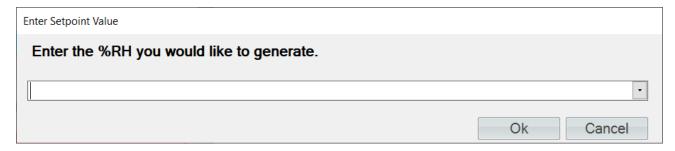
2.13.4.1 Setpoint Tile

The Setpoint Tiles allow the user to control the operation of the humidity generator by changing the desired setpoint that the generator will control to. The Tiles contain 5 key parts; a header with the Parameter Name, the Actual Value, the real-time Uncertainty Value, the Setpoint Value and the Unit the values are displayed in. Each setpoint tile has a colored bar to allow quick indication of the what the tile is displaying and in turn what the system is controlling. Blue is for the humidity that is being generated, red is for the temperature that the system is controlling to and green is for the flow rate the system is generating at.



2.13.4.1.1 Changing Setpoints

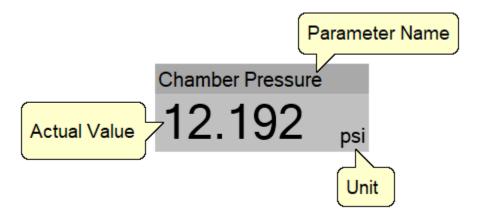
To change a setpoint, click on the setpoint tile that you would like to change. A setpoint entry box will appear. For example, to change the Percent Relative Humidity setpoint click on the %RH setpoint tile.



Enter the new value into the Setpoint Entry box and select Ok. Notice that the Percent Relative Humidity setpoint value updates to the new value and the actual values begin moving toward the new setpoint.

2.13.4.2 Value Tile

The Value Tiles display an actual value of a given parameter to the user. The Tiles contain 3 key parts; a header with the Parameter Name, the Actual Value and the Unit the value is displayed in.

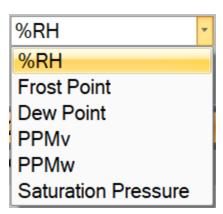


2.13.5 Control Modes

The user can change the operating mode of the 2900 by selecting from the drop-down menu within the Mode group on the Generator's Operation menu tab.



The drop-down allows the user to select between %RH, Frost Point, Dew Point, PPMv, PPMw, and Saturation Pressure.



2.13.6 Generating and Shutting down

The Run Menu allows the user to run the 2900 manually.



The user can select to Generate or Shutdown.



2.13.6.1 Generate Mode

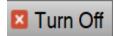
Selecting Generate from the run menu commands the 2900 into generate mode. When in the Generate mode of operation, the system will control at the currently entered setpoints. Anytime a setpoint is changed, the system immediately begins adjusting to that new value, and will control at the new point. The Generate mode also allows you to change the humidity control mode at any time. For instance, the system may be controlling %RH, then you may immediately switch to Dew Point control mode.

2.13.6.2 Shutdown

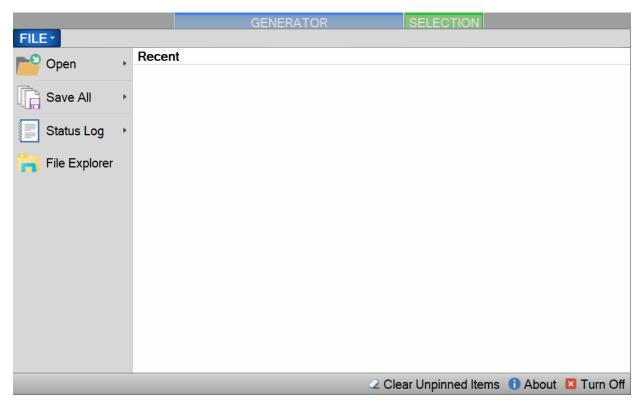
Selecting Shutdown from the run menu commands the 2900 to shutdown. The 2900 may be shutdown whenever it is generating. When stopped, all system functions shutdown, pressure is vented, and the idle Control/Display screen is shown. During this idle time, when the 2900 is stopped, gas is not flowing through the generator.

2.13.7 Power-Off

To turn the system off select the "Turn Off" command.



The "Turn Off" command is located under the "File" menu.



The Turn Off command will properly exit the software and shutdown the computers so that the main power switch can be switched off.

Note – Always perform a <u>Shutdown</u> from the Operation Menu Tab before turning off the System.

If there is current data that has yet to be saved the user will be asked to save the data before the system shuts down. Selecting this command when the generator is generating will result in the automatic shutdown of the generator.

The user is safe to switch the power switch to OFF once the PC has shut down completely (display goes blank).

CAUTION!

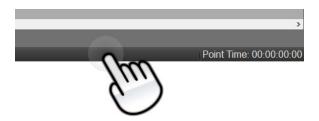
TURNING OFF POWER WITHOUT SHUTTING DOWN THE SYSTEM FIRST CAN CORRUPT THE EMBEDDED WINDOW SYSTEM DRIVE.

2.13.8 Set Date and Time

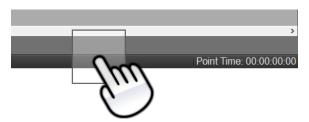
The user can change the current system date and time through the status bar context menu.

Note – To avoid time stamp confusion only change the system date and time when the generator is shutdown and not recording data.

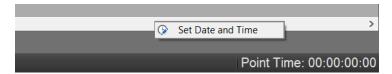
Start by long pressing or right clicking anywhere within the status bar. A long press is when you touch and hold the screen.



Long enough for a square selection box to appear.



Releasing will open the status bar context menu.



Select "Set Date and Time" from the context menu to open the system Date and Time dialog.



2.13.9 Help

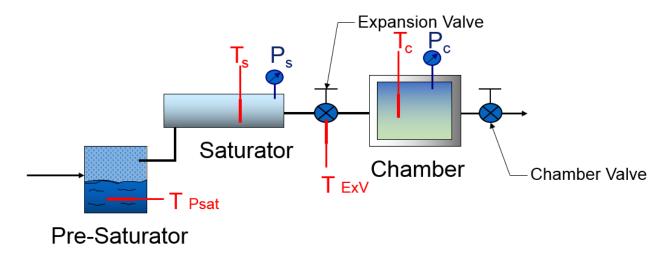
The Help Menu located on the upper right side of the screen, allows the user to open the 2900 System Manual.



Note – Refer to the Thunder Scientific website (<u>www.thunderscientific.com</u>) for the latest manual edition and other information on your Model 2900 Humidity System.

3 Principle of Operation

The Model 2900 humidity generation system is based on the two-pressure principle. This process (shown below in elemental schematic form) involves saturating air or nitrogen, with water vapor at a given temperature and pressure. The saturated high-pressure gas flows through an expansion valve where it is isothermally reduced to test pressure. The indications of saturation temperature, saturation pressure, chamber temperature, and chamber pressure are then used in the determination of all hygrometric parameters such as %RH, Dew Point, PPM, etc. Humidity generation by this system does not depend upon measuring the amount of water vapor, but rather is dependent on the measurements of temperature and pressure alone. The precision of the system is determined by the accuracy of the temperature and pressure measurements, and on the constancy of them throughout.



3.1 PRE-SATURATION (T_{PSAT})

The air stream of a two-pressure generator must be 100% saturated with water vapor at saturation temperature on the high-pressure (saturator) side of the expansion valve. This is accomplished by first passing the air stream through a "Pre-Saturator". The Pre-Saturator is a vertical pressure vessel presenting a water surface to the incoming air stream and is maintained at a temperature warmer than saturation temperature conditions. The Pre-Saturator temperature probe is used in the control of the Pre-Saturator heaters, which when activated, are used to control this temperature offset.

3.2 EXPANSION VALVE (T_{EXV})

The expansion valve temperature probe is used in the control of the expansion valve heater, which when activated, is used to warm the expansion valve body, offsetting the cooling effects due to gas expansion. This expansion valve temperature is always maintained above the saturation temperature.

3.3 SATURATION TEMPERATURE (T_S)

The saturation temperature probe is used to measure the fluid temperature at which the airstream is fully saturated with water vapor. This is a fundamental measurement for a Two-Pressure humidity generator. Saturation temperature is controlled directly through the Temperature setpoint.

Refer to section 2.9 Specifications for range.

Note - The 2900 can only operate for a finite amount of time at or below 0 $^{\circ}$

3.4 CHAMBER TEMPERATURE (T_C)

The chamber temperature probe is used to measure the temperature within the test chamber. This is a fundamental measurement for a Two-Pressure humidity generator. Chamber temperature is controlled indirectly through the temperature setpoint.

Refer to section <u>2.9 Specifications</u> for range.

3.5 SATURATION PRESSURE (Ps)

The Saturation Pressure transducer measures and controls the absolute pressure at which airstream is fully saturated with water vapor at saturation temperature conditions. This is a fundamental measurement for a Two-Pressure humidity generator. Saturation pressure can be controlled directly using the Saturation Pressure setpoint or indirectly through the humidity mode setpoint.

Refer to section <u>2.9 Specifications</u> for range.

3.6 CHAMBER PRESSURE (Pc)

The chamber pressure transducer is used to measure the pressure within the test chamber. This is a fundamental measurement for a Two-Pressure humidity generator. Chamber pressure is ambient pressure and is not controlled.

Refer to section 2.9 Specifications for range.

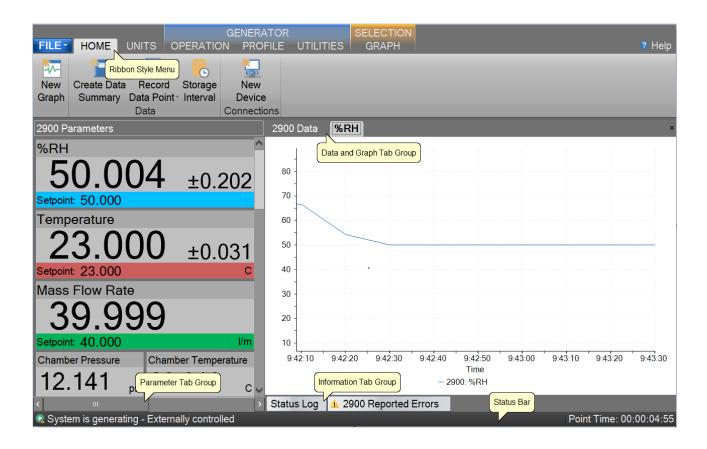
3.7 Humidity Formulas

The humidity (or water vapor content) of a gas may be expressed in a variety of ways. While some basic understanding of humidity is helpful, thorough knowledge of the formulas and their relationships to the 2900 is not a requirement for successful operation of the generator. Refer to the HumiCalc with Uncertainty Reference Manual for a full description of the equations used by the 2900 to generate a known humidity and corresponding uncertainty value.

4 CONTROLOG INTERFACE

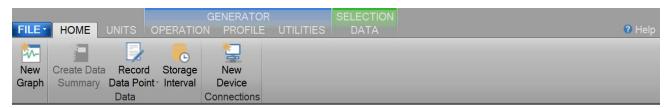
This section will provide the user with a detailed overview of ControLog's layout and design. It is intended to allow the user to gain familiarity with ControLog's user interface. The sections following will provide a deeper operational view of the functionality that ControLog offers.

The ControLog application is composed of five basic features: Ribbon Style Menu Bar, Parameter Tab Group, Data and Graph Tab Group, Information Tab Group and the Status Bar. Each feature is designed to be intuitive to use and to provide the user with detailed information on the operation of the generator and/or connected device(s).



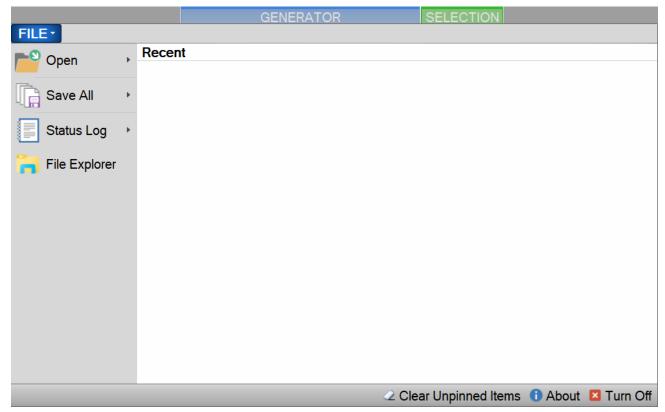
4.1 MENU BAR

The Ribbon Style Menu Bar is located at the top of the application and contains various selectable menu groups, which provide access to the different ControLog functions and controls. The Generator group provides commands that are directly related to the operation of the generator such as Operation, Profile, and Utilities. The Selection group is dynamic and provides commands based on the Data and Graph Tab Group tab that is currently selected. For example, if a data tab is selected, commands related to data will be available. If a graph tab is selected, then commands related to the graph will be available.



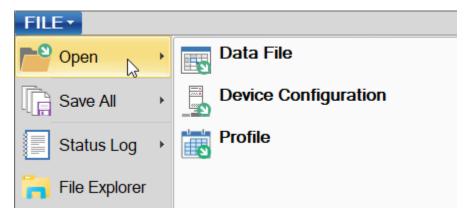
4.1.1 File Menu Tab

The File Menu allows the user to perform file specific commands to open previous data files, profiles and device configurations. It also allows the user to save all open data or graphs, clear the status log, save the status log, restore the tab layout, about the application and shutdown system.



4.1.1.1 Open Data File

The Open file menu command allows the user to open previous data files for further review and analysis, device configurations for device data logging and profiles for generator automation.

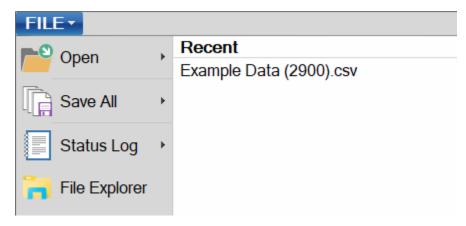


Selecting one of these commands will open a file dialog that will allow the user to browse to the desired location for the file to open.

ControLog can open data saved in the follow type and format:

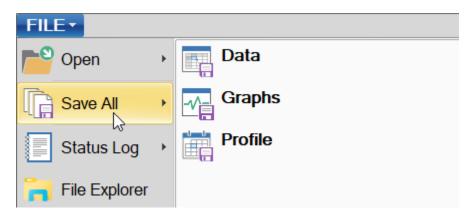
- Text File (Comma Delimited) (*.csv;*.txt)
- Text File (Tab Delimited) (*.dat;*.txt)
- Excel Workbook (*.xlsx;*.xls)
- Backup ControLog File (*.backup)

The user can also view and select to open recent files and has the option to "Pin" the file for quicker access later on. This can be very useful if you have a device configuration that is often used or a commonly used profile as it removes the process of navigating and selecting the file each time.



4.1.1.2 Save All Data

The Save All file menu command allows the user to save all current open data tabs to individual files using a common name. This feature allows the user to quickly save multiple data tabs in a single operation. Selecting this command will open a save file dialog that will allow the user to specify the name and browse to the desired location to save the file.



ControLog can save data in the following type and format:

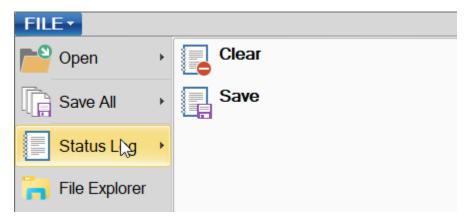
- Comma-Separated Values (*.csv)
- Text File (Comma Delimited) (*.txt)
- Text File (Tab Delimited) (*.txt)
- Excel Workbook (*.xlsx)
- Excel 97-2003 Workbook (*.xls)

Example: If the user had two data tabs open, one called "2900 Data" and the other called "Agilent 34970A Data" and the user wanted to save the files as Excel Workbooks using the name "Test Data 10Dec15". ControLog would save two files to the user specified location with the follow names:

- Test Data 15Oct17 (2900).xls
- Test Data 15Oct17 (Agilent 34970A).xls

4.1.1.3 Status Log

The Status Log file menu command allows the user to Clear or Save the status log.

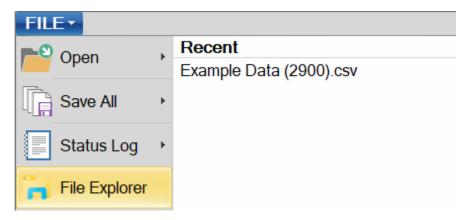


The Clear command allows the user to clear all current entries in the status log. The user will be asked to save the status log data before the log is cleared.

The Save command allows the user to save the current entries in the status log. Selecting this command will open a save file dialog that will allow the user to specify the name and browse to the desired location to save the file. All status log files are saved in HTML format (*.html).

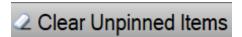
4.1.1.4 File Explorer

Opens a Windows file explore to allow the user to manage files. This can be used to easily copy data and report files from the 2900 to an extern USB drive.



4.1.1.5 Clear Unpinned Items

Clears all unpinned items in the list of recent files.



4.1.1.6 About ControLog

The About Controlog help menu command opens a dialog giving information on the Controlog application including software version numbers and build dates.



4.1.1.7 Turn Off

The Turn Off command allows the user to properly exit the software and shutdown the computers so that the main power switch can be switched off. If there is current data that has yet to be saved the user will be asked to save the data before the system shuts down. Selecting this command when the generator is generating will result in the automatic shutdown of the generator.

Note – Always perform a <u>Shutdown</u> from the Operation Menu Tab before commanding a Shutdown System.

The user is safe to switch the power switch to OFF once the PC has shut down completely (display goes blank).

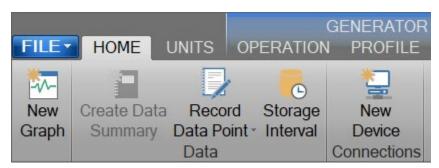


CAUTION!

TURNING OFF POWER WITHOUT SHUTTING DOWN THE SYSTEM FIRST CAN CORRUPT THE EMBEDDED OPERATING SYSTEM.

4.1.2 Home Menu Tab

The home menu tab allows the user to create new graphs and data summaries, record data points, connect to the generator and create new device connections. It also allows the user to change ControLog's displayed units. The Temperature, Pressure, Flow Rate, Density and Enthalpy units can be changed.



4.1.2.1 New Graph

The New graph menu command allows the user to create a new graph. Selecting this command will open a New Graph Wizard dialog that will step the user through the selection process of what data the user would like to include in the new graph. This operation is always available.

4.1.2.2 Create Data Summary

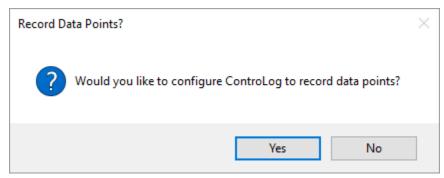
The Create Data Summary data command allows the user to create a summary of any currently opened data. The feature lets the user specify what items, from which device, and at what intervals to include in the data summary. The data summary can also calculate error between the specified standard and the device under test. This operation is available whenever there is an open Data tab that contains data.

For more information, refer to section <u>8 Data and Data Summary</u>

4.1.2.3 Record Data Point

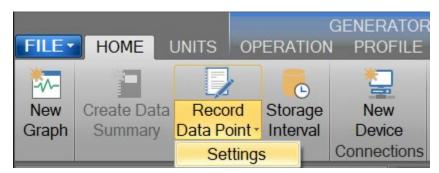
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If the user has not configured the system to record data points, then ControLog will ask the user if they would like to define the settings before taking a point.



4.1.2.3.1 Settings

The Settings submenu allows the user to define which data items and from which connected device they would like to record when a point is taken. They can also define the number of points prior to include and whether to calculate average and or standard deviation. The user can also configure when to take points, either manually, at the end of a profile soak phase or when a manual device entry is taken.



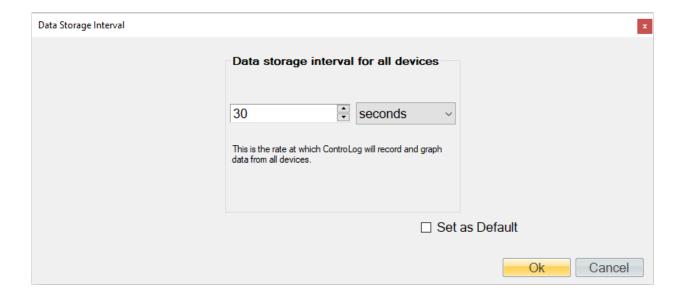
For more information, refer to section <u>8 Data and Data Summary</u>

4.1.2.4 Data Storage Interval

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Note - Data is only recorded while the 2900 is in generate mode.

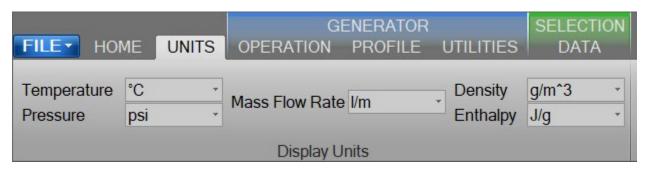
4.1.2.5 New Device

The New Device connection command allows the user to create a new device connection. Selecting this command will open a Connection Wizard dialog that will step the user through the process of creating a new connection to a device.

For more information, refer to section <u>10 Connections</u>

4.1.3 Units Menu Tab

The Units Menu Tab allows the user to change ControLog's displayed units. The Temperature, Pressure, Flow Rate, Density and Enthalpy units can be changed.



Note - All parameter tabs and graph tabs will be updated with the selected unit, but the data tabs will not change. All data tab values remain in SI units which provide a consistent unit base for saved data.

4.1.3.1.1 Temperature Unit

The Temperature Unit allows the user to change the displayed units for temperatures.

Available temperature units:

- °F
- °C
- K

4.1.3.1.2 Pressure Unit

The Pressure Unit allows the user to change the displayed units for pressure.

Available pressure units:

- psi
- atm
- Pa
- hPa
- kPa
- MPa
- bar
- millibar

4.1.3.1.3 Flow Unit

The Flow Unit allows the user to change the displayed units for flow.

Available flow units:

- I/m
- I/h
- cfm
- cfh

4.1.3.1.4 Density Unit

The Density Unit allows the user to change the displayed units for density.

Available density units:

- g/L
- g/m^3
- lb/ft^3

4.1.3.1.5 Enthalpy Unit

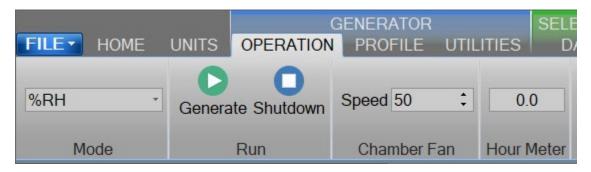
The Enthalpy Unit allows the user to change the displayed units for enthalpy.

Available enthalpy units:

- btu/lb
- J/g

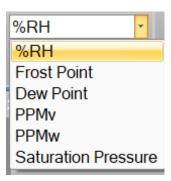
4.1.4 Operation Menu Tab

The Operation Menu Tab gives the user the ability to control the operation of the generator, from what humidity operating mode to the startup and shutdown of the generator.



4.1.4.1 Mode

The Mode Menu allows the user to change the operating mode of the 2900. It allows the user to select between %RH, Frost Point, Dew Point, PPMv, PPMw, and Saturation Pressure.



4.1.4.1.1 %RH Control Mode

The %RH Control Mode, %RH, is controlled at a constant value by varying saturation pressure, Ps, to compensate for any changes in saturation temperature, Ts, chamber temperature, Tc, or chamber pressure, Pc. While %RH is held constant, all other humidity parameters may vary.

4.1.4.1.2 Frost Point Control Mode

The Frost Point Control Mode, Tf, is controlled at a constant value by varying the saturation pressure, Ps, to compensate for changes in either saturation temperature, Ts, or chamber pressure, Pc. While Frost Point is held constant other humidity parameters may vary. Frost Point is independent of chamber temperature.

4.1.4.1.3 Dew Point Control Mode

The Dew Point Control Mode, Td, is controlled at a constant value by varying saturation pressure, Ps, to compensate for any changes in either saturation temperature, Ts, or chamber pressure, Pc. While Dew Point is held constant, other humidity parameters may vary. Dew Point control mode is valid both above and below 0 °C, and Dew Point is independent of chamber temperature.

4.1.4.1.4 PPMv Control Mode

The PPMv Control Mode is controlled at a constant value by varying saturation pressure, Ps, to compensate for any changes in saturation temperature, Ts. While PPMv is held constant, other humidity parameters may vary. PPMv is independent of chamber pressure and chamber temperature.

4.1.4.1.5 PPMw Control Mode

The PPMw Control Mode is controlled at a constant value by varying saturation pressure, Ps, to compensate for any changes in saturation temperature, Ts. While PPMw is held constant, other humidity parameters may vary. PPMw is independent of chamber pressure and chamber temperature.

4.1.4.1.6 Saturation Pressure Control Mode

The Saturation Pressure Control Mode, Ps, is controlled at a constant value independent of any other pressure, temperature, or humidity value. While saturation pressure is held constant, all humidity parameters may vary.

4.1.4.2 Run Menu

The Run Menu allows the user to run the 2900 manually in generate mode. The Run menu also allows the user to manually shutdown the 2900.



4.1.4.2.1 Generate Mode

Selecting Generate from the run menu commands the 2900 into generate mode. Generate mode is used to operate the system when exact humidity points or associated time intervals have not been determined, when data must be viewed and/or verified manually before proceeding to the next humidity point, or when more immediate control over the generated humidity is required. When in the Generate mode of operation, the system will control at the currently entered setpoint indefinitely. Anytime a setpoint is changed, the system immediately begins adjusting to that new value, and will control at the new point indefinitely. Generate mode offers the flexibility to change the setpoint at any time and does not force you into any set sequence or for any prescribed amount of time. The Generate mode also allows you to change the humidity control mode at any time. For instance, the system may be controlling Frost Point, then you may immediately switch to PPMv control mode.

4.1.4.2.2 Shutdown

Selecting Shutdown from the run menu commands the 2900 to shutdown. The 2900 may be shutdown while generating. When stopped, all system functions shutdown, pressure is vented, and the idle Control/Display screen is shown. During this idle time, when the 2900 is stopped, gas is not flowing through the saturator.

4.1.4.3 Chamber Fan Menu

The Chamber Fan Menu allows the user to control the 2900 chamber fan speed. The chamber fan speed can be controlled from 0 (off) to 100 (max speed). The user can specify a speed by entering a value directly or by using the up/down arrows to increment the speed by 10.



Note – The chamber fan will only operate when the system is generating.

Refer to drawing: 18D29908

4.1.4.4 Hour Meter

The Hour Meter allows the user to see the number of operational hours the generator has on it. The hour meter indicates the number of hours the generator has been operated in the generate mode.

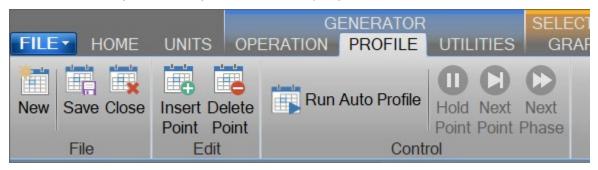


4.1.5 Profile Menu Tab

The Profile Menu Tab allows the user to manage Auto Profiles. Auto Profiles give the user the ability to program a set of humidity and temperature test points and dwell times that will automate the 2900 generation process. The profile menu is dynamic and has operations that are specific to the profile tab. Specific operations will be hidden when another non-profile tab is selected.

The Auto Profiling feature is very similar to the Generate mode with the main exception that profiling relies on a predefined list of setpoints referred to as a profile. The user configurable profile is used as ControLog's road map during Auto Profile operation. It defines which setpoint values to go to, at what rate to go from one setpoint to another, and how long to stay at a specific setpoint before moving to the next one.

For more information, refer to section <u>9 Profiling</u>.



4.1.5.1 New Profile

The New profile command allows the user to create a new Auto Profile.

4.1.5.2 Save Profile

The Save profile command allows the user to save the currently opened Profile. Selecting this command will open a save file dialog that will allow the user to specify the name and browse to the desired location to save the file. ControLog Auto Profiles are saved in XML format with a *.profile extension.

4.1.5.3 Close Profile

The Close profile command allows the user to close the Profile tab. Selecting this command will close the Profile tab, but if the profile has not been saved, ControLog will ask the user to save the profile before closing the Profile tab.

4.1.5.4 Insert Point

The Insert Point command allows the user to insert new profile points between existing points. ControLog will insert a new point at the selected location and will automatically predict the values.

4.1.5.5 Delete Point

The Delete Point command allows the user to delete the selected profile point.

4.1.5.6 Run Auto Profile

The Run Auto Profile command allows the user to start an Auto Profile. Selecting this command will open the Profile Starting Point dialog which allows the user to select which point in the profile they would like to start the profile on.

4.1.5.7 Hold Point

The Hold Point profile command allows the user to hold or pause the current Auto Profile point. Selecting Hold Point pauses the current point, allowing the system to remain indefinitely at the current point. While in a hold mode, the system is prevented from completing the ramp, assurance, or soak phases for a point. To resume the profile point, select the menu item again. This re-enables the point and allows the profile to resume normal operation.

4.1.5.8 Next Point

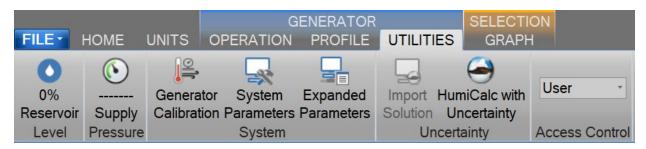
The Next Point profile command allows the user to skip to the next point in the Auto Profile. Selecting Next Point manually advances to the next point, skipping any remaining ramp, assurance, or soak phase.

4.1.5.9 Next Phase

The Next Phase profile command allows the user to skip to the next phase in the Auto Profile. Selecting Next Phase manually advances to the next phase. It causes Ramp Phase to proceed to the Assurance or Soak Phase, Assurance to proceed to Soak, or Soak to proceed to Ramp of the next profile point. This allows for early manual termination of any phase within a profile point.

4.1.6 Utilities Menu Tab

The Utilities Menu Tab gives the user access to various utilities functions such as Fluid Levels, Supply Pressure, generator Calibration, System Parameters, Expanded Parameters, generator Uncertainty and Access Control.



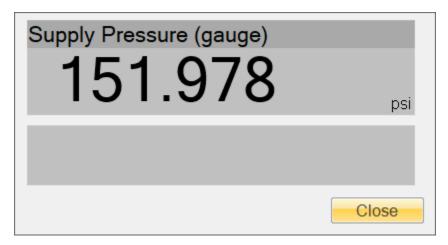
4.1.6.1 Reservoir Level

The Reservoir Level indicates the current level of the water reservoir and when pressed, opens up the 2900 fluid level interaction dialog that allows the user to view the state of the various fluid levels and liquid level states.

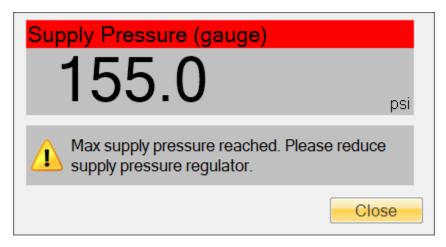
For more information, refer to section <u>5 Fluid Levels</u>.

4.1.6.2 Supply Pressure

The Supply Pressure indicates the current supply pressure and when pressed opens a dialog box for the user to view the current supply pressure (in gauge). If the generator is shutdown, this command will also open the supply pressure solenoid (and start the airbox is equipped). The exact pressure value will vary based on the air supply connected to the generator.



If the supply pressure is set too high a warning message will be displayed. The user will need to reduce the pressure regulator until the message disappears.



Refer to section <u>2.12.5 Setting Supply Pressure Regulator</u> for detailed instruction on how to set the supply pressure regulator.

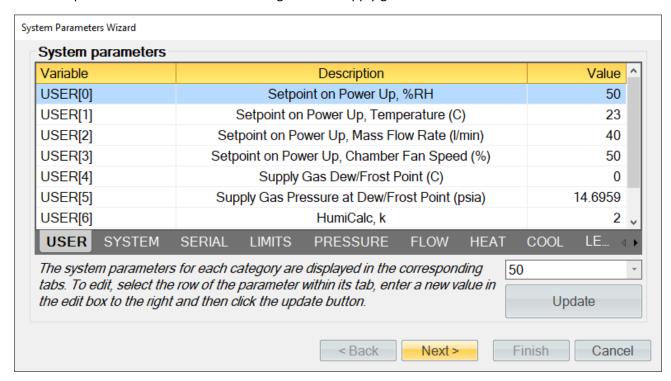
4.1.6.3 Generator Calibration

The Generator Calibration command opens the Calibration Wizard dialog for calibration of the Model 2900 Humidity generator's temperature probes, pressure transducers and mass flow meter. ControLog will request a password to access the calibration functionality since it will affect the accuracy and possibly the operation of the generator if incorrectly performed. The passwords are located on the yellow product key flyer delivered with the generator.

For more information, refer to section <u>6 Calibration</u>

4.1.6.4 System Parameters

The System Parameter command opens the System Parameter Wizard dialog to allow adjustment of the generator's system parameters that pertain to operation, control, limits and etc. The User tab is accessible with User Access Level and lets the user change things like power up setpoints, supply gas dryness and HumiCalc parameters such as molecular weight of the supply gas.



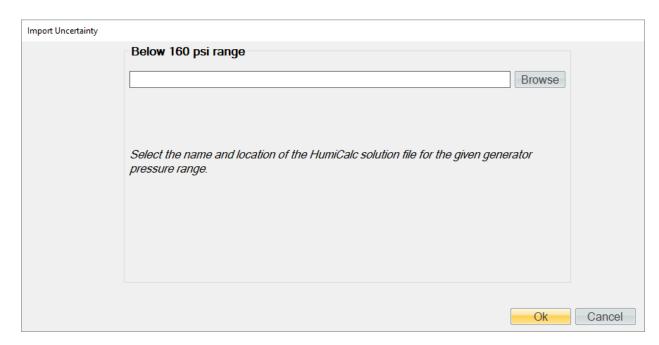
All the other tabs require Admin Access Level and changes should only be made upon request by Thunder Scientific Technical Support.

4.1.6.5 Expanded Parameters

The Expanded Parameters command opens a second tab in the Parameter Tab Group with additional generator parameters used for technical support. This tab does not need to be opened during normal operation but can be used to help diagnose problems when requesting technical support. This tab will automatically be displayed when operating the generator under the "Admin" access level.

4.1.6.6 Import Uncertainty Solution (Requires Manager Access Level or above)

The Import Uncertainty Solution file command allows a manager to import a HumiCalc with Uncertainty solution into ControLog to define the uncertainty for the Model 2900 humidity generator. Selecting this command will open an "Import Uncertainty" dialog that will step the user through the import process. Refer to your HumiCalc with Uncertainty Reference Manual for more information on creating uncertainty solutions.



Clicking the "Browse" button will open a file dialog that will allow the user to browse to the desired location for the solution file to open. Once a file has been selected, clicking the "Ok" button will complete the import process and may display a status dialog as the solution is imported into ControLog.

4.1.6.7 HumiCalc with Uncertainty

The HumiCalc with Uncertainty command opens the standalone HumiCalc with Uncertainty application. It is recommended to use the USB keyboard when working with the HumiCalc with Uncertainty application.

4.1.6.8 Access Control

The Access Control Menu allows the user to change the access level. The user can select between User, Manager, and Admin



4.1.6.8.1 User Access Level

The User Access Level is default level and allows the user to run the generator, calibrate the generator, but does not give access to change system parameters, edit calibration coefficients or open interface console. No password is required for this level

4.1.6.8.2 Manager Access Level

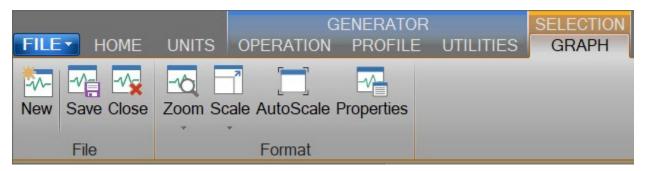
The Manager Access Level is one level above the user level and allows the user to run the generator, calibrate the generator, edit calibration coefficients but does not give access to change system parameters or open interface console. A password is required for this level.

4.1.6.8.3 Admin Access Level

The Admin Access Level gives the user full access to run the generator, calibrate the generator, edit calibration coefficients, change system parameters and open interface console. This level is intended for factory support and should not be used regularly by the user of the 2900. A password is required for this level.

4.1.7 Graph Menu Tab

The Graph Menu Tab allows the user to create a New graph, Save, Close, Zoom, Scale, Auto Scale and set the Properties for the selected graph. The graph menu tab is part of the selection group which changes based on what data, graph or parameter tab is selected. The Graph Menu Tab will only operate on the currently selected graph tab.



For more information, refer to section 7 Graphing.

4.1.7.1 New Graph

The New graph command allows the user to create a new graph. Selecting this command will open a New Graph Wizard dialog that will step the user through the selection process of what data the user would like to include in the new graph. This operation is always available.

4.1.7.2 Save Graph

The Save graph command allows the user to save the selected graph. Selecting this command will open a save file dialog that will allow the user to specify the name and browse to the desired location to save the file. ControLog graphs can be saved in following graphic file types:

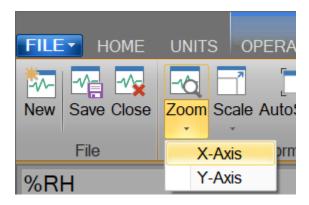
- Bitmap (*.bmp)
- Graphics Interchange Format (*.gif)
- Joint Photographic Experts Group (*.jpg)
- W3C Portable Network Graphics (*.png)
- EMF Enhanced Metafile Format (*.emf)

4.1.7.3 Close Graph

The Close graph command allows the user to close the selected graph. Selection will result in a confirmation message to assure the user wants to close the graph.

4.1.7.4 Zoom Graph

The Zoom graph command allows the user to zoom a rectangular area of the graph. Selecting this command allows the user to create a rectangular area on the graph that will be zoomed.



4.1.7.4.1 Zoom Graph's X Axis

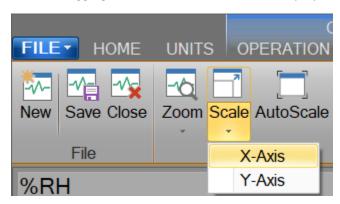
The Zoom X Axis graph command allows the user to zoom along the X Axis of the graph. Selecting this command allows the user to create a sectioned area on the graph that will be zoomed along the X Axis.

4.1.7.4.2 Zoom Graph's Y Axis

The Zoom Y Axis graph command allows the user to zoom along the Y Axis of the graph. Selecting this command allows the user to create a sectioned area on the graph that will be zoomed along the Y Axis.

4.1.7.5 Scale Graph

The Scale graph command allows the user to scale both the X and Y axis. Selecting this command allows the user to use the scale using a touch or mouse gesture. Dragging the cursor up, scales the display in (zooms in) and dragging the cursor down, scales the display out (zoom out).



4.1.7.5.1 Scale Graph X-Axis

The Scale X-Axis graph command allows the user to scale the X axis. Selecting this command allows the user to use the scale using a touch or mouse gesture. Dragging the cursor up scales the X-Axis in (zooms X-Axis in) and dragging the cursor down scales the X Axis out (zooms X-Axis out).

4.1.7.5.2 Scale Graph Y-Axis

The Scale Y-Axis graph command allows the user to scale the Y axis. Selecting this command allows the user to use the scale using a touch or mouse gesture. Dragging the cursor up scales the Y-Axis in (zooms Y-Axis in) and dragging the cursor down scales the Y Axis out (zooms Y-Axis out).

4.1.7.6 Auto Scale

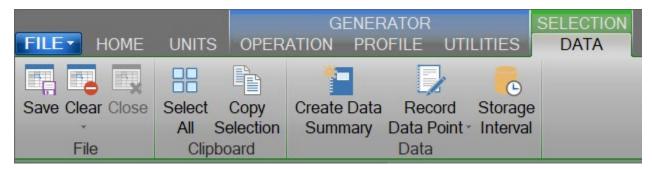
The Auto Scale graph command allows the user to reset the graph view to encompass all data. Selecting this command will automatically reset both axis of the graph so that the entire data set of each item is contained within the boundaries of the graph.

4.1.7.7 Graph Properties

The Graph Properties graph menu command allows the user to modify the properties of the selected graph. Selecting this command opens the Graph Properties dialog that allows the user to make changes to what data is graphed, the display properties for each line and the axis values.

4.1.8 Data Menu Tab

The Data Menu Tab allows the user to Save, Clear, Close, Select, Copy, Create and change the Storage Interval. The data menu tab is part of the selection group which changes based on what data, graph or parameter tab is selected. The Data Menu Tab will only operate on the currently selected data tab.



For more information, refer to section <u>8 Data and Data Summary</u>

4.1.8.1 Save Data

The Save data command allows the user to save the selected data tab. Selecting this command will open a save file dialog that will allow the user to specify the name and browse to the desired location to save the file. ControLog can save data in the following type and format:

- Comma-Separated Values (*.csv)
- Text File (Comma Delimited) (*.txt)
- Text File (Tab Delimited) (*.txt)
- Excel Workbook (*.xlsx)
- Excel 97-2003 Workbook (*.xls)

4.1.8.2 Clear Data

The Clear data command allows the user to clear the selected data tab. ControLog will ask the user to save any unsaved data tab before the tab is cleared. This operation is available only when at least one data point has been recorded in the selected data tab.

4.1.8.3 Close Data

The Close data command allows the user to close the selected data tab. ControLog will ask the user to confirm before closing the tab and any unsaved data tab will also prompt the user to save the data before the tab is closed. This operation is available only when the device for the selected data tab is disconnected.

4.1.8.4 Select All Data

The Select All data command allows the user to select all the data within a data tab.

4.1.8.5 Copy Selection

The Copy Selection command allows the user to copy the selected data within a data tab to the clipboard. Selecting this command will copy the selected data within a data tab to the clipboard in a tab delimited format. This data may then be pasted into another program.

4.1.8.6 Create Data Summary

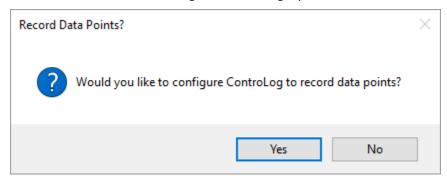
The Create Data Summary data command allows the user to create a summary of any currently opened data. The feature lets the user specify what items from which device and at what intervals to include in the data summary. The data summary can also calculate error between the specified standard and the device under test. This operation is available whenever there is an open Data tab that contains data.

For more information, refer to section 8 Data and Data Summary

4.1.8.7 Record Data Point

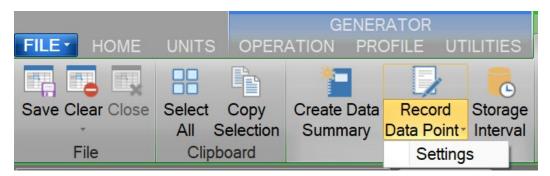
The Record Data Point data command is the same as the one on the Home tab. It allows the user to record certain data items from any currently connected device either manually, with each manual device entry or at the completion of each soak phase in an auto profile. The user can specify the number of prior data points to include and has the option to automatically calculate average and or standard deviation of the prior data points. There are two submenus for this menu command; Settings and Take Point. This operation is available whenever device or generator data is being logged. The user can manually take a point using the button or by using the keyboard shortcut "Ctrl-P".

If the user has not configured the system to record data points, then ControLog will ask the user if they would like to define the settings before taking a point.



4.1.8.7.1 Settings

The Settings submenu allows the user to define which data items and from which connected device they would like to record when a point is taken. They can also define the number of points prior to include and whether to calculate average and or standard deviation. The user can also configure when to take points, either manually, at the end of a profile soak phase or when a manual device entry is taken.



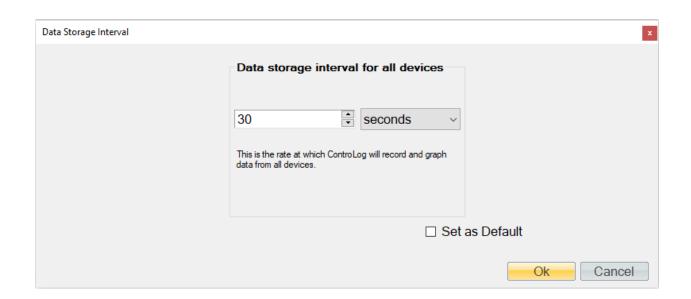
For more information, refer to section <u>8 Data and Data Summary</u>

4.1.8.8 Data Storage Interval

The Data Storage Interval data command allows the user to change the storage interval that data is recorded. This is the rate at which data is recorded to the data tabs for all connected devices. Selecting this command will open the "Data Storage Interval" dialog that will allow the user to change the data storage interval during the generate operation. If the "Set as Default" is checked, the new value will become the default start up interval. If not checked, the new value will only affect the current session.

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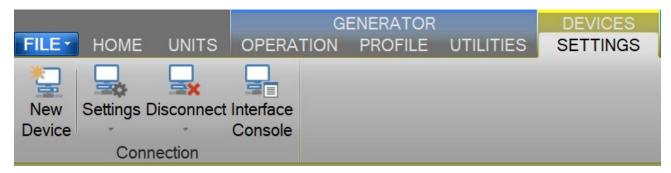
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Note - Data is only recorded while the 2900 is in generate mode. Data is also stored at the generate rate whenever a device is connected and the 2900 is not connected. This gives the user the ability to use ControLog as a logging application for any device they can connect without the need of a Model 2900 Humidity generator.

4.1.9 Device Settings Menu Tab

The Settings Menu Tab allows the user to change the settings of a device connection, disconnect a device connection and open an interface console to view communication with a device.



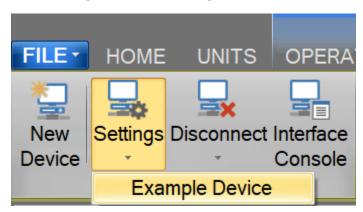
4.1.9.1 New Device

The New Device connection command allows the user to create a new device connection. Selecting this command will open a Connection Wizard dialog that will step the user through the process of creating a new connection to a device.

For more information, refer to section <u>10 Connections</u>

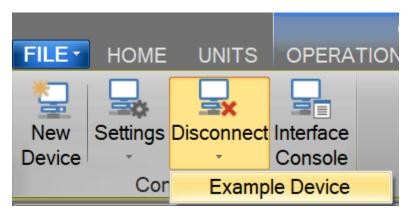
4.1.9.2 Settings

The Settings connection menu command allows the user to change the settings for a specific connection. Selecting this command will open the Connection Wizard dialog for the selected connection, allowing the user to change connection settings as desired.



4.1.9.3 Disconnect

The Close connection menu command allows the user to close a specific connection. ControLog will ask the user to confirm before closing the connection.



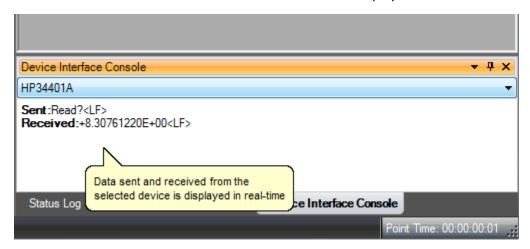
4.1.9.4 Interface Console

The Open Device Interface Console connection menu command under Settings allows the user to open a device console tab. The device console tab allows the user to view the commands being sent to and received from any given connected device.

The user can select which connected device to view using the drop-down selection at the top of the tab.



The data sent to and received from the selected device is displayed in the lower text area of the console tab.



4.1.10 Help

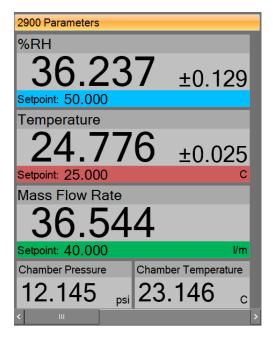
The Help Menu located on the right side of the ribbon menu, allows the user to open the 2900 System Manual (this document).



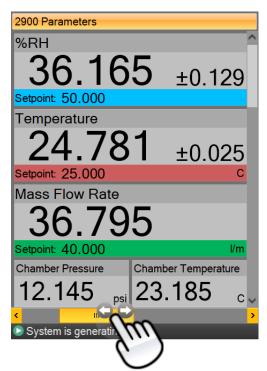
Note – Refer to the Thunder Scientific website (<u>www.thunderscientific.com</u>) for the latest manual edition and other information on your Model 2900 Humidity System.

4.2 PARAMETERS TAB GROUP

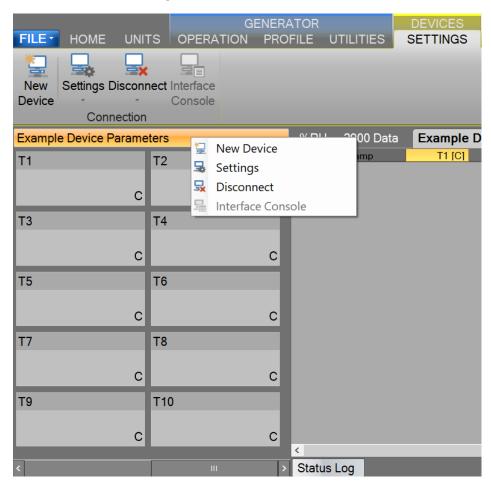
The Parameter Tab Group is located on the left side of the application and contains a parameter tab for each connected device. Each parameter tab displays the current data for its device and a parameter tab can be selected using the scroll bar at the bottom of the group.



If multiple parameter tabs are open the user can accessed other tabs using the scroll bar at the bottom of the group.

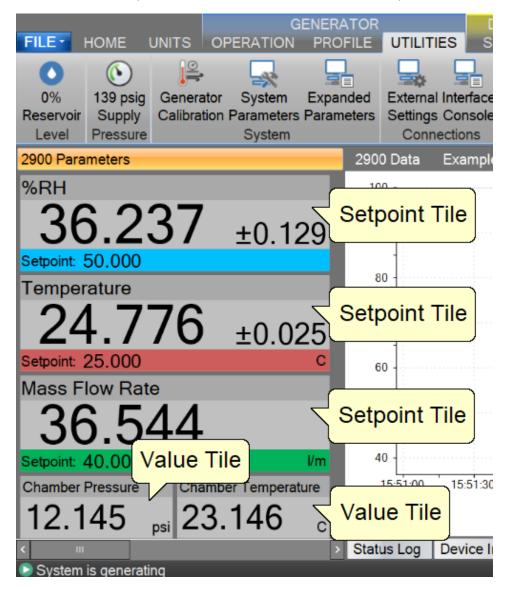


All Device Parameter Tabs have a context menu that can be displayed by long pressing the tab title area or by right clicking in the tab area. The context menu allows quick access to the device related functions that are available in the Settings Menu Tab.



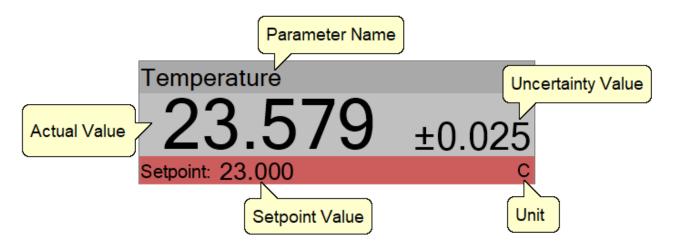
4.2.1 Tiles

Within each parameter tab area are tiles that allow the user to set setpoints, view actual values, and view real-time uncertainty values. There are two different tiles; a Setpoint Tile and a Value Tile.



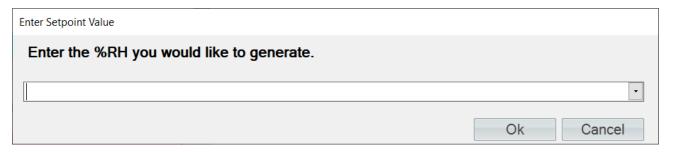
4.2.1.1.1 Setpoint Tile

The Setpoint Tiles allow the user to control the operation of the humidity generator by changing the desired setpoint that the generator will control to. The Tiles contain 5 key parts; a header with the Parameter Name, the Actual Value, the real-time Uncertainty Value, the Setpoint Value and the Unit the values are displayed in. Each setpoint tile has a colored bar to allow quick indication of the what the tile is displaying and in turn what the system is controlling. Blue is for the humidity that is being generated, red is for the temperature that the system is controlling to and green is for the flow rate the system is generating at.



4.2.1.1.1.1 Changing Setpoints

To change a setpoint, click on the setpoint tile that you would like to change. A setpoint entry box will appear. For example, to change the Percent Relative Humidity setpoint click on the %RH setpoint tile.



Enter the new value into the Setpoint Entry box and select Ok. Notice that the Percent Relative Humidity setpoint value updates to the new value and the actual values begin moving toward the new setpoint.

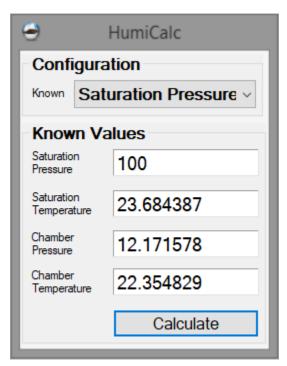
The user can also pop-up a mini version of HumiCalc to help calculate the desired setpoint by clicking the drop-down arrow on the setpoint entry box.

For example, let's say the user wants to calculate the lowest %RH achievable given a limited supply pressure of only 100 psi.

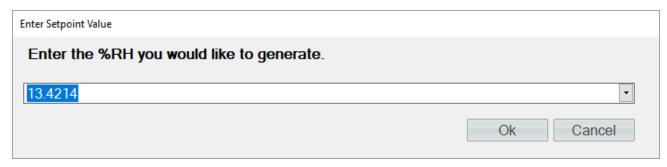
Start by opening the HumiCalc pop-up using the drop-down arrow at the right of the setpoint entry box.



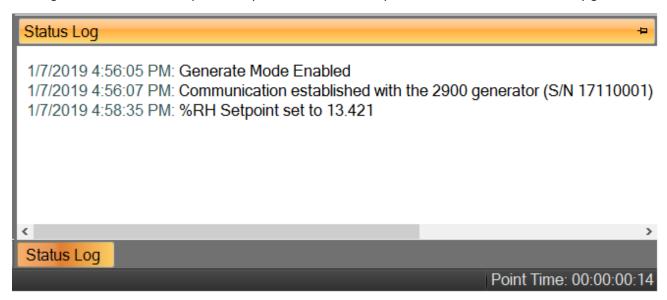
Next, select the known to be Saturation Pressure and enter the 100-psi supply pressure max.



Clicking the "Calculate" button will result in the calculated %RH based on the 100 psi limit being placed in the Setpoint Entry Box and will close the HumiCalc pop-up.

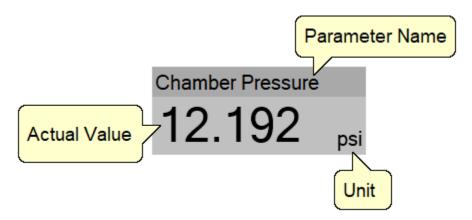


Clicking "Ok" will close the setpoint entry and will send the setpoint to the Model 2900 Humidity generator.



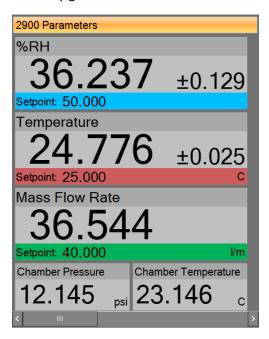
4.2.1.1.2 Value Tile

The Value Tiles display an actual value of a given parameter to the user. The Tiles contain 3 key parts; a header with the Parameter Name, the Actual Value and the Unit the value is displayed in.

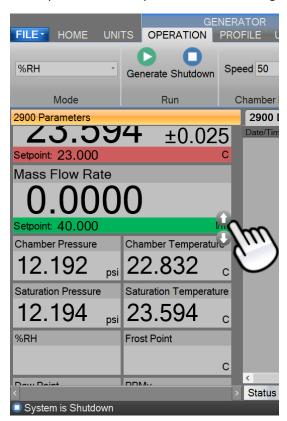


4.2.2 2900 Parameter Tab

The 2900 Parameters contain all the control and measurement parameters critical to the operation of the humidity generator.



The 2900 Parameters can be scrolled up and down to show the currently generated humidity in different humidity terms that are calculated using the HumiCalc with Uncertainty engine, along with other values that are important to the operation of the 2900 generator.



4.2.2.1 Actively Controlled Humidity

The first tile on the Control Parameters is the actively controlled humidity parameter. For instance, if ControLog were set to control the generator on dew point, then Dew Point would be listed as the first parameter rather than %RH.

This setpoint controls the humidity being generated.

4.2.2.2 Saturation Pressure

The Saturation Pressure is the pressure reading of the saturator pressure transducer (T2).

For more information, refer to section 3 Principle of Operation

4.2.2.3 Chamber Pressure

Chamber Pressure is the pressure reading of the chamber pressure transducer (T3).

For more information, refer to section <u>3 Principle of Operation</u>

4.2.2.4 Temperature

Temperature is the temperature reading of the saturator temperature probe (RTD1) which is a direct indication of the fluid system temperature.

This setpoint controls the fluid system temperature within the system while generating.

4.2.2.5 Saturation Temperature

Saturation Temperature is the temperature reading of the saturator temperature probe (RTD1).

For more information, refer to section 3 Principle of Operation

Note - The 2900 can only operate for a finite amount of time at or below 0°

4.2.2.6 Chamber Temperature

Chamber Temperature is the temperature reading of the chamber temperature probe (RTD4).

For more information, refer to section <u>3 Principle of Operation</u>

4.2.2.7 Mass Flow Rate

Mass Flow Rate is the mass flow reading of the flow meter (T4). This is the actual flow of the air supply entering the Pre-Saturator and is an indication of the total flow through the system once the saturation and chamber pressure have stabilized.

The Mass Flow Rate setpoint controls the mass flow rate of the system.

4.2.2.8 %RH

Percent Relative Humidity (%RH) is the ratio of the amount of water vapor in a given sample to the maximum amount possible at the same temperature and pressure. %RH is calculated at the chamber pressure and chamber temperature relative to the saturation pressure and saturation temperature. This is the most accurate calculation of %RH at the point in the immediate vicinity of the chamber temperature probe. Placing the chamber temperature probe at the humidity sensing point of the devices under test gives the actual value of the relative humidity being imposed on the devices, as it is dependent on both pressure and temperature.

4.2.2.9 Frost Point

Frost Point Temperature is the temperature to which a gas must be cooled in order to just begin condensing water vapor in the form of frost or ice, and therefore only exists at values below 0.01 °C. When operating the system with indicated Frost Points above 0.01 °C, the values indicated are to be interpreted as Dew Points. However, Frost Point is not the same as Dew Point for values below freezing. Frost Point is independent of test chamber temperature.

4.2.2.10 Dew Point

Dew Point Temperature is the temperature to which a gas must be cooled in order to just begin condensing water vapor in the form of dew. Generally, Dew Point exists at temperatures above freezing. In many instances, Dew Point may actually exist at indicated values below freezing (super-cooled dew). However, it is important to note that Dew Point is not the same as Frost Point. Dew Point is independent of test chamber temperature.

4.2.2.11 PPMv

Parts per Million by Volume is a ratio of the number of molecules of water vapor to the number of molecules of the other constituents in the gas. Once established, PPMv is pressure and temperature insensitive, and is therefore independent of test chamber temperature and test chamber pressure.

4.2.2.12 PPMw

Parts per Million by Weight is a ratio of the weight of the water vapor in a sample to the weight of the remaining constituents in the gas. Once established, PPMw is pressure and temperature insensitive, and is therefore independent of test chamber temperature and test chamber pressure.

4.2.2.13 Grains/lb

Grains per pound is a ratio of the weight, in grains, of water vapor to the weight, in pounds, of the other constituents in the gas. (7000 grains = 1 pound). Once established, Grains/lb is pressure and temperature insensitive, and is therefore independent of test chamber temperature and test chamber pressure.

4.2.2.14 Enthalpy

Enthalpy is a measure of the amount of energy required to change a gas from one temperature/humidity value to another. In application, enthalpy is not used as an absolute value, but rather it is the difference in enthalpy between two distinct points which are of interest. The datum point which results in zero enthalpy was therefore arbitrarily chosen at a test temperature of 0 °C and 0 %RH. Applying enthalpy is a matter of computing the difference in enthalpy between two or more distinct data points.

4.2.2.15 SVP@Tt

Saturation Vapor Pressure (SVP) computed at the Test Temperature.

4.2.2.16 SVP@Td

Saturation Vapor Pressure (SVP) computed at the Dew/Frost Point Temperature.

4.2.2.17 SVP@Ts

Saturation Vapor Pressure (SVP) computed at the Saturation Temperature.

4.2.2.18 F@Tt.Pt

Enhancement Factor at Test Temperature and Pressure.

4.2.2.19 F@Td.Pt

Enhancement Factor at Dew/Frost Point Temperature and Test Pressure.

4.2.2.20 F@Ts.Ps

Enhancement Factor at Saturation Temperature and Pressure.

4.2.2.21 Specific Humidity

Specific Humidity is a ratio of the weight of the water vapor to the total weight of the humidified gas. Specific Humidity is independent of test chamber temperature.

4.2.2.22 Absolute Humidity

Absolute Humidity is the weight of the water vapor per unit volume of humidified gas.

4.2.2.23 Dry Air Density

Dry Air Density is the *partial* density in weight per unit volume of only the dry air portion of a moist air sample. In other words, if the water vapor were removed from a fixed volume of air, the remaining dry air would exhibit this density.

4.2.2.24 Moist Air Density

Moist Air Density is the total weight per unit volume of a moist air sample. This density includes both the weight of the air and the weight of the water vapor.

4.2.2.25 Wet Bulb Temperature

Wet Bulb temperature is used in wet bulb/dry bulb aspirated Psychrometry, and is the temperature measured by a temperature probe whose tip is coated with water (typically by being covered with a wet sock). When aspirated at a constant air velocity, the wet bulb will cool due to evaporation of the water from the probe. The cool temperature, to which it equilibrates, is used in the calculation of humidity parameters.

4.2.2.26 Mixing Ratio by Volume

Mixing Ratio by Volume is a ratio of the partial pressure of the water vapor to the partial pressure of the remaining constituents in the sample. Mixing Ratio by Volume is independent of test chamber temperature.

4.2.2.27 Mixing Ratio by Weight

Mixing Ratio by Weight is a ratio of the weight of the water vapor to the weight of the remaining constituents in the sample. Mixing Ratio by Weight is independent of test chamber temperature.

4.2.2.28 Percent by Volume

Percent by Volume is a ratio (expressed as a percentage) of the partial pressure of the water vapor to the total pressure of the sample. Percent by Volume is independent of test chamber temperature.

4.2.2.29 Percent by Weight

Percent by Weight is a ratio (expressed as a percentage) of the weight of the water vapor to the total weight of the sample. Percent by Weight is independent of test chamber temperature.

4.2.2.30 Vapor Mole Fraction

Vapor Mole Fraction is the mole fraction of water vapor in a sample.

4.2.2.31 Dry Air Mole Fraction

Dry Air Mole Fraction is the mole fraction of the dry air portion of a sample. The dry air portion is considered to be all constituents in a gas exclusive of the water vapor.

4.2.2.32 Cabinet Temperature

Cabinet Temperature is the temperature reading of the cabinet temperature probe (RTD5).

4.2.2.33 Exp-Valve Temperature

The Exp-Valve Temperature is the temperature reading of the expansion valve probe (RTD3)

For more information, refer to section <u>3 Principle of Operation</u>

4.2.2.34 Pre-Saturator Temperature

The Pre-Saturator temperature is the temperature reading of the Pre-Saturator probe (RTD2).

For more information, refer to section 3 Principle of Operation

4.2.2.35 Supply Pressure

Supply pressure is the pressure reading of the gas supply pressure transducer (T1). The supply pressure value is gauge pressure.

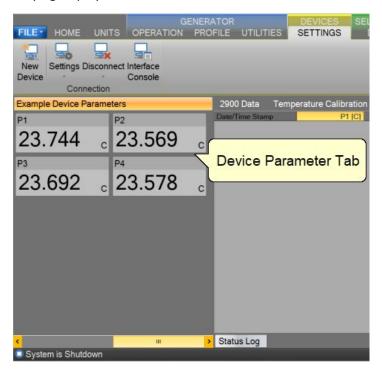
4.2.2.36 Water Reservoir Level

Water reservoir level (LL1, LL1P) is the liquid level reading of the water within the reservoir.

Refer to section 5.1.1 Fill Water Reservoir for detailed instruction on how to fill the reservoir.

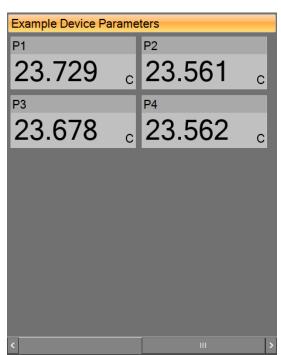
4.2.3 Device Parameter Tabs

The Device Parameter Tabs show the current actual values for the given device. The tabs are visible whenever the device is connected. The Device Parameters will display a scrollbar as needed to allow for varying display sizes without loss of data.



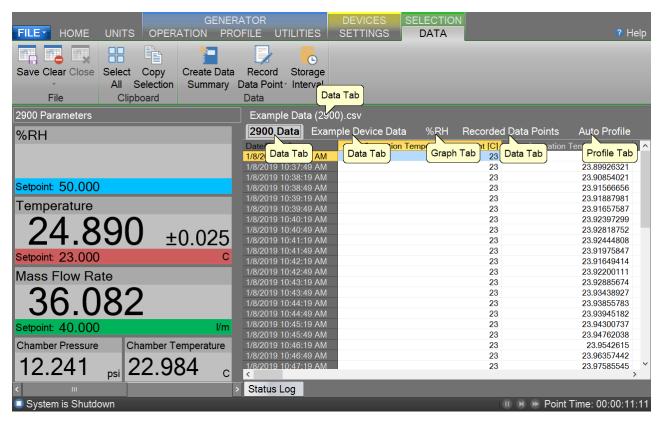
4.2.3.1 Device Parameters

Device Parameters contain all the most recent actual measurement parameters received from the device. Each parameter is displayed in a separate Value Tile.

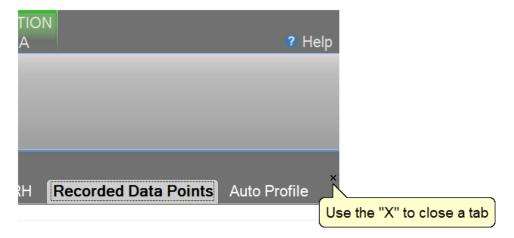


4.3 Data and Graph Tab Group

The Data and Graph Tab Group is located in the middle right of the application and can contain data, graph, and profile tabs. Data and Graph tabs are fixed tab style windows that can be selected by clicking the desired tab labels at the top.



In addition to using the "Close Data" command from the ribbon menu a Data and Graph Tab can be closed depending on the state of the device or generator using the "X" in the upper right-hand corner.



4.3.1 Data Tabs

Data Tabs contain a spreadsheet type view of the logged data.

For more information, refer to section <u>8 Data and Data Summary</u>

4.3.2 Graph Tabs

Graph Tabs contain a pictorial view of the logged data.

For more information, refer to section 7 Graphing

4.3.3 Profile Tab

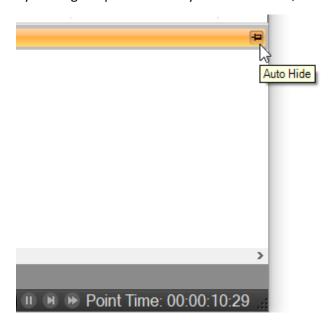
The Profile Tab contains the profile point definitions for an auto profile.

For more information, refer to section <u>9 Profiling</u>

4.4 INFORMATION TAB GROUP

The Information Tab Group is located on the bottom right hand side of the application. This is a docking style window that can be "pinned" open or allowed to close when not active. An information tab is selected by clicking its tab label at the bottom of the group. The Information Tab Group contains status information about the operation of the generator and its connected devices. The group can consist of a Status Log tab, 2900 Reported Errors tab and a 2900 Interface Console tab.

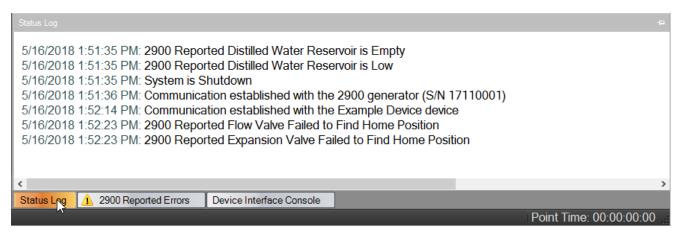
By clicking the pin icon on any information tab, the user can pin or unpin the Information tabs.



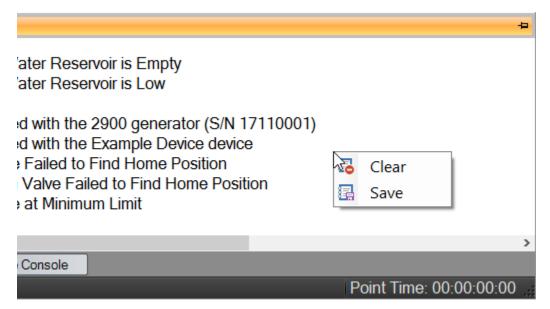
By default, the information tabs are unpinned, and they will automatically hide.



The user can access the hidden tabs by clicking the desired information tab label at the bottom.



All Information Tabs have a context menu that is displayed by long pressing or right clicking in the tab. The context menu allows quick access to functions that can clear and save the information.



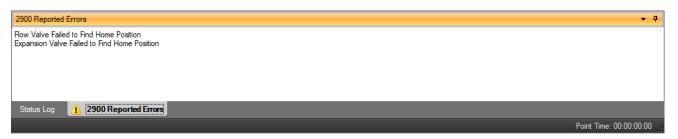
4.4.1 Status Log

The Status Log tab contains chronological information about the system status, changes in operational modes, changes in setpoints, and runtime errors due to communication or mechanical difficulties encountered by the generator.



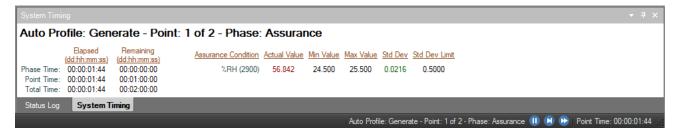
4.4.2 2900 Reported Errors

The 2900 Reported Errors tab only appears when the 2900 reports an error. This is a very important information tab because it reports 2900 system errors to the user. These types of errors can cause the 2900 to shutdown and require immediate attention by the operator. The icon will be displayed to help draw the attention of the user to the reported 2900 errors.



4.4.3 System timing

The System Timing tab shows information about the current timing associated with the current operation such as elapsed run time at current conditions. This window may be shown at any time by clicking the "Point Time" in the status bar and is automatically shown when an Auto Profile is started. The tab gives detailed information on the Auto Profile as it runs. Elapsed and remaining Phase, Point and Total time are listed along with the detailed assurance conditions values and tolerances.



4.4.4 2900 Interface Console

The 2900 Interface Console tab allows the user to send and receive commands to and from the 2900. The console tab is opened by selecting "Interface Console" from the Utilities Menu Tab. This feature is intended for factory support and should not be used regularly by the user of the 2900.

4.4.5 Device Interface Console

The Device Interface Console tab allows the user to view the commands being sent to and received from any given connected device. The device console tab is opened by selecting "Interface Console" from the Settings Menu Tab whenever a device is connected.

The user can select which connected device to view using the drop-down selection at the top of the tab.



The data sent to the device is indicated by a bold "Sent:" label in the lower text area of the console tab.



The data received from the device is indicated by a bold "Received:" label in the lower text area of the console tab.



4.5 STATUS BAR

The Status Bar is located on the bottom of the application window. The Status Bar displays the current Connection and Run Status of the generator, Auto Profile Controls and Status, and current Point Time.



4.5.1 Connection and Run Status

The Connection and Run Status is shown on the left-hand side of the status bar and gives the user a quick visual and textual reference to the current state of the Model 2900 Humidity generator. As new events are recorded into the Status Log, the event will be displayed for a short period of time in the status bar to inform the user of the new event.

4.5.1.1 Disconnected

The status bar will show an "unplugged" icon and "Disconnected" when the 2900 is not connected to Controlog.

🖔 Disconnected

4.5.1.2 Generating

The status bar will show a green forward arrow icon and "System is generating" when the 2900 is generating.

System is generating

If the 2900 is reporting an error, the green forward arrow icon will also appear with a small yellow warning.

🔽 System is generating

4.5.1.3 Shutdown

The status bar will show a blue stop icon and "System is shutdown" when the 2900 is shutdown.

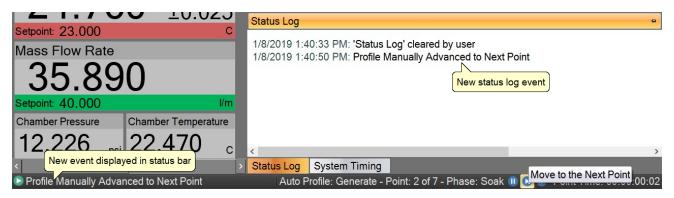
System is Shutdown

If the 2900 is reporting an error, the blue stop icon will also appear with a small yellow warning.

🖳 System is Shutdown

4.5.1.4 New Event

During any state, the most recent status log event will be shown briefly in the status bar.



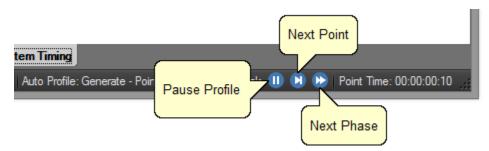
4.5.2 Auto Profile Controls and Status

The Auto Profile Controls and Status are shown on the right-hand side of the status bar and give the user quick control and status over a running profile. The Auto Profile consists of three status parts and three control parts.

For more information, refer to section 9 Auto Profiling

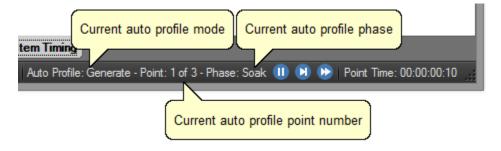
4.5.2.1 Auto Profile Controls

The Auto Profile controls consist of a "Pause" button, "Next Point" button and a "Next Phase" button.



4.5.2.2 Auto Profile Status

The Auto Profile status consists of the generator "Run Mode" for the current profile point, the "Profile Point" the system is currently running and the "Phase" of the current point.



4.5.3 Current Point Time

The Current Point Time is shown on the right-hand side of the status bar and gives the user a quick display to the amount of time the system has been at point. Point Time is not the amount of time at setpoint but simply the amount of time since the last setpoint or mode change.



The user can click the point time to open the system timing tab.

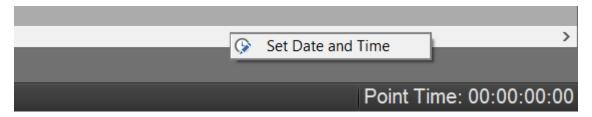


4.5.4 Set Date and Time

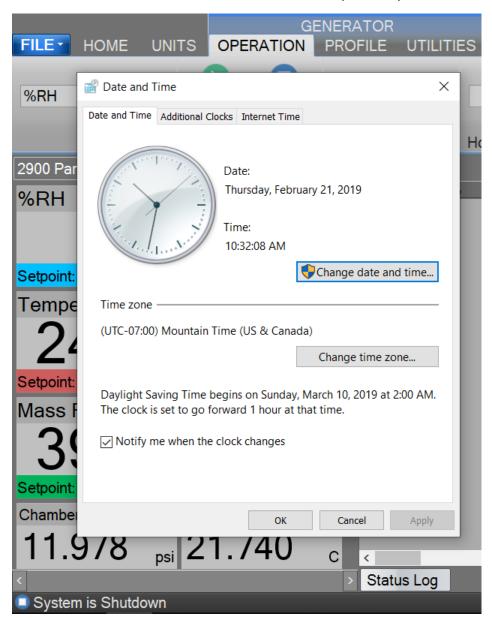
The user can change the current system date and time through the status bar context menu.

Note – To avoid time stamp confusion only change the system date and time when the generator is shutdown and not recording data.

Start by long pressing or right clicking anywhere within the status bar to open the status bar context menu.



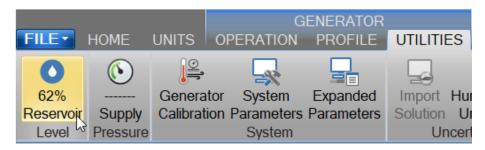
Select "Set Date and Time" from the context menu to open the system Date and Time dialog.



5 FLUID LEVELS

The Fluid Levels dialog allows the user to view the current level of the Water Reservoir along with the states of the liquid level sensors.

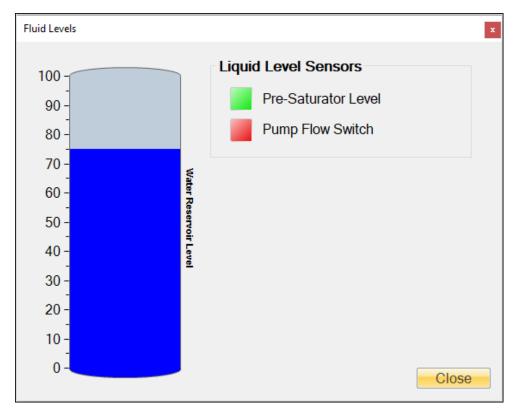
To access the Fluid Level dialog, select Reservoir Level from the Generator Utilities menu.



For more information, refer to section <u>12.4 Fluid System</u>

5.1 WATER RESERVOIR LEVEL

The Water Reservoir Level is the measured distilled water level in the water reservoir and is an indication of the amount of distilled water available to fill the Pre-Saturator during operation. This is the distilled water supply used by the generator to generate a humidified gas output.



5.1.1 Fill Water Reservoir

a) Remove the reservoir fill port cap located on the top panel of the system. Attach the provided funnel to fill port.

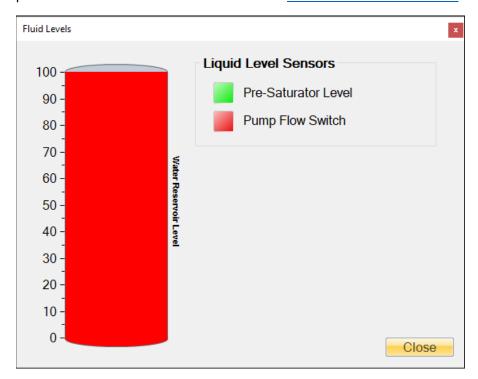
CAUTION!

THE SYSTEM MUST BE SHUT DOWN AND VENTED OF PRESSURE BEFORE THE WATER RESERVOIR CAN BE FILLED

- b) Add up to 1 gallon (3.8 liters) of double distilled (or better) water until the Water Reservoir Level indicates full. A small funnel may be useful. Add the water slowly so as not to overfill the reservoir.
- c) Remove funnel and replace fill port cap, finger tighten, and proceed with operation.

Note - If the water reservoir is out of water and the system shuts down with the "Unable to Fill Pre-Saturator Reservoir" error you must refill the water reservoir to a minimum of 75% full before trying to generate again. It is recommended to always fill the reservoir to 100% whenever filling is required.

It is possible to overfill the reservoir depending on the rate the reservoir is filled. The system will indicate an over filled condition by displaying the tank level in red. In most cases this is not an issue but if the system is filled over 110% there is a possibility that the pre-saturator will become over filled. It is best to drain the pre-saturator and let it refill. Refer to section 13.1 DRAIN PRE-SATURATOR.

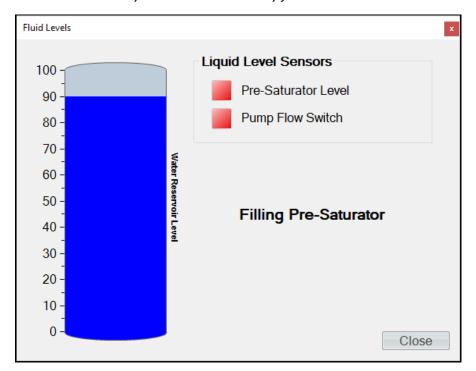


5.2 LIQUID LEVEL SENSORS

Liquid Level Sensors indicate a discrete state of the given sensor. Red indicates no water sensed and green indicates water is sensed. The exception is the pump water circulation Flow Switch (FS1) where red indicates no fluid flow and green indicates the presence of fluid flow.

5.2.1 Pre-Saturator Level

The Pre-Saturator Level is a discrete indication of the Pre-Saturator water level. When the system is shutdown, a click of the label or indicator will start a manual filling process for the Pre-Saturator. This feature is mainly used after the water reservoir tank is filled or when the Pre-Saturator has been drained.

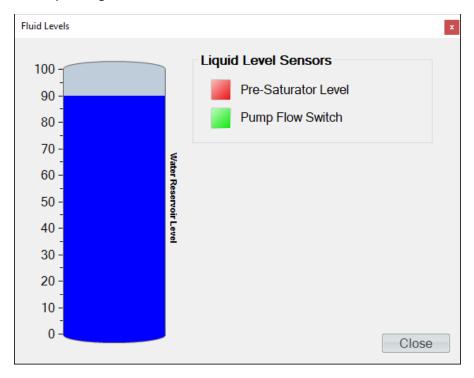


Note - The system will automatically fill the Pre-Saturator as needed while generating.

Click the "Pre-Saturator Level" label and the system will open the pre-saturator fill solenoid to allow distilled water to flow from the reservoir to the Pre-Saturator. The system will indicate that it is filling with the message "Filling Pre-Saturator" and will continue the fill process until the Pre-Saturator is full as indicated by the Pre-Saturator Level indication turning green. Once filled the system will automatically stop and close the pre-saturator fill solenoid. The user has the option to cancel the filling operation at any time by clicking the label or indicator again.

5.2.2 Flow Switch

The Flow Switch (FS1) is a discrete indication of the water circulation pump operating correctly. When the flow switch indication is red, water is not being circulated within the system. Water will only be circulated when operating in the Generate mode.



Refer to section <u>2.12.3.1 Chamber Fluid Filling Procedure</u> for information on adding fluid to the chamber jacket

Refer to section 12.4 Fluid System for information on the system's fluid system.

6 CALIBRATION

Proper calibration of the temperature and pressure transducers is critical to the accuracy of the generated humidity. Each time a probe or transducer is calibrated its current calibration coefficients and calibration data are stored to disk. Calibration of the system requires the following support equipment:

Note - The following information is provided as a recommendation for the calibration of the Thunder Scientific 2900 Humidity Generator. It is the user's responsibility to ensure the standards used meet/exceed their organization's specific test limit/guard banding requirements.

- 1) **Temperature**, range 0 to +72 °C (standard range) or -10 to +72 °C (low temp range):
 - Precision temperature bath of specified range with a liquid medium (recommend FC-77 Fluorinert, a 3M product).
 - **Note -** Less stable baths may require the use of a thermal block.
 - Standard or reference thermometer (PRT) of specified range with an accuracy low enough to assure ±0.027 °C test limit or guard band.
- 2) **Chamber Pressure**, range ambient to 17 psi absolute:
 - Stable static gas pressure source.
 - Standard or reference pressure gauge with an accuracy low enough to assure ±0.020 % of reading test limit or guard band.
- 3) **Saturation Pressure**, range ambient to 160 psi absolute:
 - Stable static gas pressure source.
 - Standard or reference pressure gauge with an accuracy low enough to assure $\pm 0.020\%$ of full-scale $(160 *\pm 0.020\% = \pm 0.032)$ psi absolute) test limit or guard band.
- 5) **Flow**, range 0 to 50 standard liters/min:
 - Reference flow meter with an accuracy low enough to assure ±5.0 % of full-scale (50.0 *± 5.0% = ±2.5 liter/min) test limit or guard band.

Note – Flow is standardized with a reference temperature of 70.0 °F at 760 torr

6.1 TEMPERATURE CALIBRATION

The temperature calibration procedure is used in conjunction with a precision temperature bath for calibration of the temperature probes. By using the temperature bath to generate up to five known temperatures, all coefficients will be calculated automatically by the computer and used to update the system calibration. Calibration reports will be generated and can be saved for each of the temperature probes at the conclusion of each calibration sequence.

Refer to drawings: 18D29901-1, 18D29901-3, 18D29901-4

6.1.1 Equipment Required

- 1. Precision Temperature Bath.
- 2. Standard or Reference thermometer.
- 3. #10 Torx Driver
- 4. Temp Probe Tool #20M00305
- 5. Long nose pliers
- 6. 1/2" & 9/16" wrenches

6.1.2 Calibration Procedure

For safety purposes, perform a <u>shutdown</u>, perform a <u>shutdown system</u>, switch system "POWER" to OFF and remove power cord before removing any panel or air supply line.

- 1. Disconnect the air supply line to generator and remove air supply inlet fitting.
- 2. Remove the top, left and rear panels.
- 3. Remove temperature probes to be calibrated:

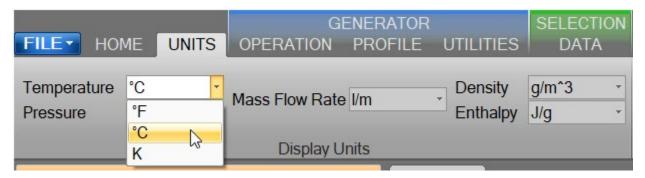
Note - The Cabinet Temp (RTD5) does not require calibration and can't be removed.

- Chamber Temperature Probe (RTD4): Remove the access port insulation. Using the Long Nose Pliers, grasp the rubber cork and pull straight up. Remove the probe by feeding the cable and probe up and through the chamber access port.
- Saturation Temperature Probe (RTD1): Remove the access port insulation. Using the "Temp Probe Tool", loosen the captive nut ½ turn counterclockwise (do not remove captive nut) and remove the probe by pulling straight up from the access port fitting.
- Expansion Valve Temperature Probe (RTD3): To access to the Expansion Valve Temperature Probe, remove the expansion valve access cover. Remove the expansion valve insulation. Using the "Temp Probe Tool", loosen the knurled compression nut ½ turn counterclockwise (do not remove captive nut). Gently pull the probe straight up to remove probe.
- Presaturator Temperature Probe (RTD2): Remove the Presaturator Temperature Probe by pulling the "Probe Captive Stay" straight down then pull the Presaturator Temperature Probe straight down from the thermal well. Pull the cable and probe up and through the 2900 frame corner
- 4. Bring a precision temperature bath with reference thermometer to the system. Pull the split tube temperature probe covering from the frame corners to allow the temperature probes to reach the temperature bath. Install the temperature probes into temperature bath.
- 5. Switch main console power ON. Wait a few moments for the system to initialize and for the Control/Display screen to appear.

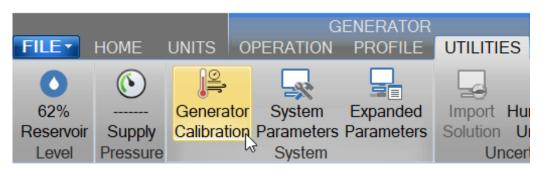
CAUTION!

DO NOT ENABLE CONTROL BY SELECTING GENERATE WITH ANY TEMPERATURE PROBE REMOVED FROM THE SYSTEM.

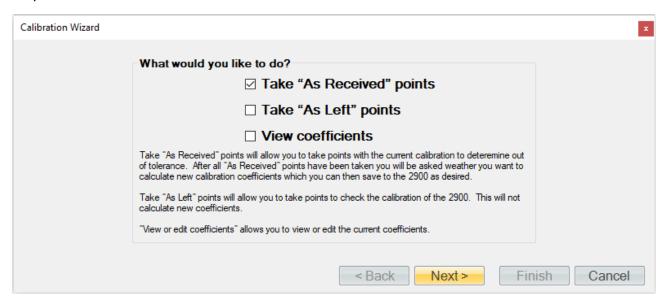
From the Units menu tab select the desired temperature units for calibration. Once calibration has begun, the units should not be changed again until the calibration is complete.



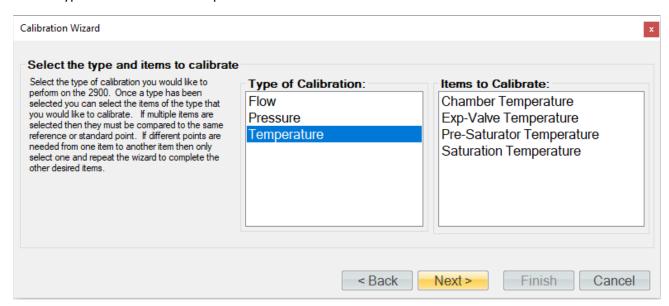
Select Generator Calibration from the Utilities menu tab to open the Calibration Wizard.



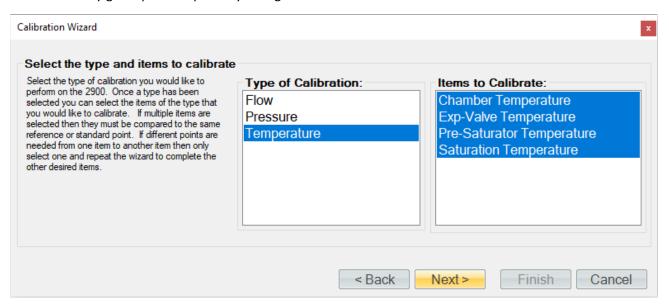
Select, "Take "As Received" points". This will allow the user to take points with the current calibration to determine out of tolerance. After all "As Received" points have been taken the user will be asked whether they want to calculate new calibration coefficients.



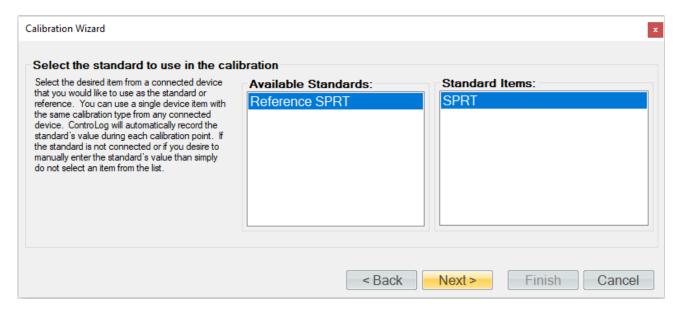
Set the type of calibration to Temperature.



Select the temperature probes to be calibrated. In most case this will be all four probes, but the user is able to calibrate any given probe separately or together.



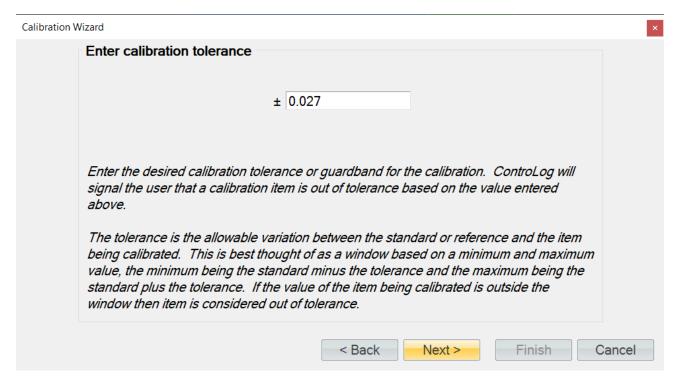
If the temperature standard is a connected device (refer to section <u>9 Connections</u>), you may select it for the calibration. You can use a single device item with the same calibration type from any connected device. ControLog will automatically record the standard's value during each calibration point. If the standard is not connected or if you desire to manually enter the standard's value, then simply do not select an item from the list.



Enter the Name and ID of the standard being used. This information will be populated on the calibration report. Selecting "Next" without entering a Name will result in ControLog giving the standard a generic name.

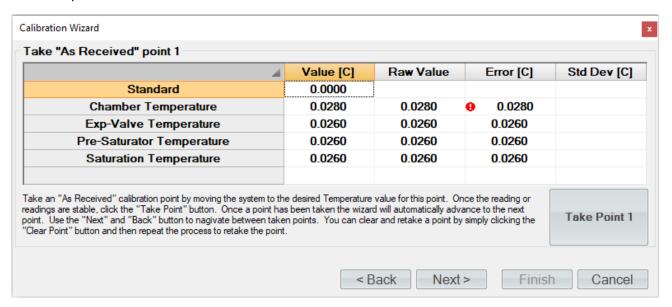


Enter the desired calibration tolerance or guard band for the calibration. ControLog will signal the user that a calibration item is out of tolerance based on the value entered above.



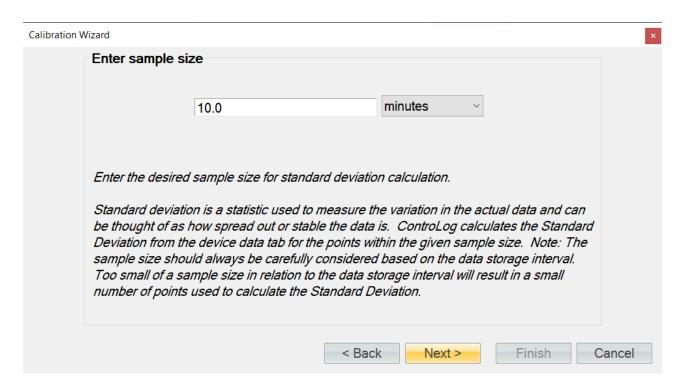
The tolerance is the allowable variation between the standard or reference and the item being calibrated. This is best thought of as a window based on a minimum and maximum value, the minimum being the standard minus the tolerance and the maximum being the standard plus the tolerance. If the value of the item being calibrated is outside the window, then the item is considered out of tolerance.

An out of tolerance condition will be indicated by a red circle with an explanation point of tolerance probe in the Error column.

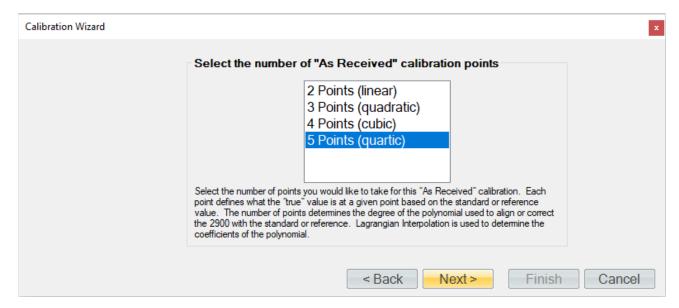


Enter the sample size used to perform the standard deviation calculation. The sample size is the given time that ControLog will use to determine which data points to use to determine the standard deviation of each probe.

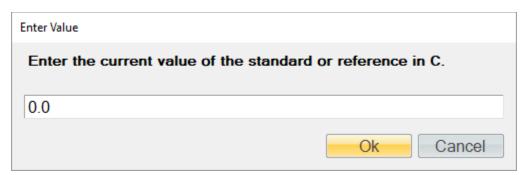
Note - The number of points used will be based on the data storage rate you have selected along with the desired sample size. For example, if the data storage rate is every 30 seconds then a sample size of 10 minutes will result in 20 points being used to calculate the standard deviation.



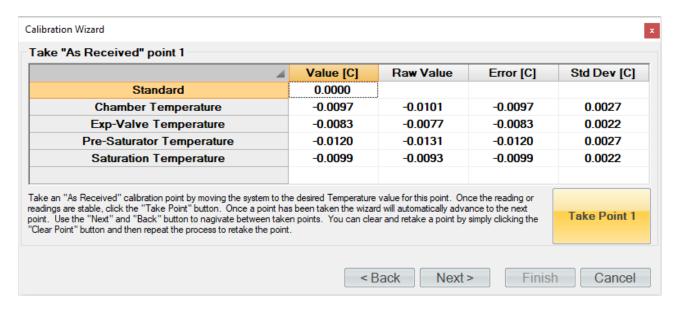
Select the number of points you would like to take for this "As Received" calibration. Each point defines what the "true" value is at a given point based on the standard or reference value. The number of points determines the degree of the polynomial used to align or correct the generator with the standard or reference.



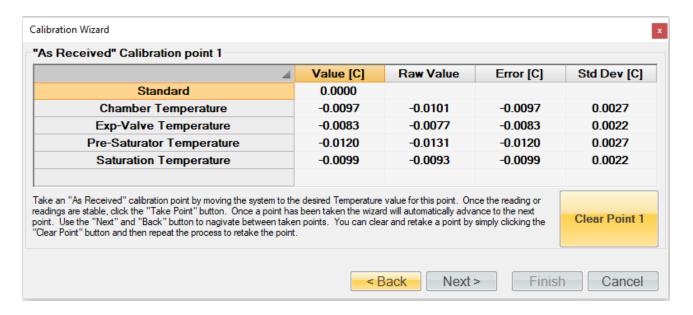
Using the temperature bath, generate the first temperature point (0 °C). If the standard is not a connected device, then ControLog will ask for the value before taking the point. You can also enter a standard or reference value before taking a point by clicking the cell in the "Standard" row and "Value" column. This is useful for seeing error values before a point is taken.



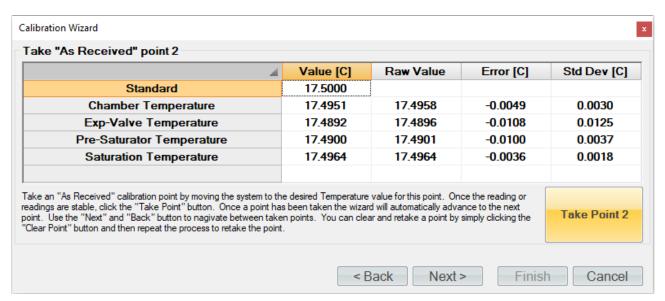
Once the readings are stable, click the "Take Point" button. Then once a point has been taken the wizard will automatically advance to the next point.



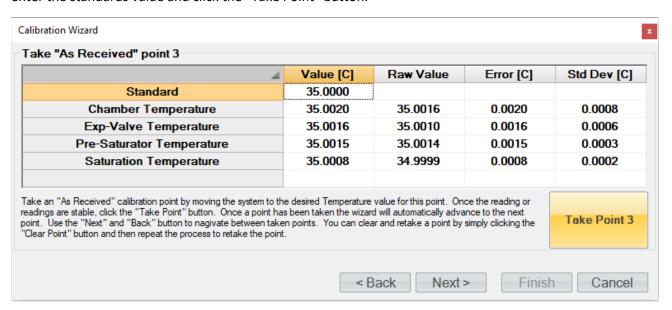
Tip - Use the "Next" and "Back" button to navigate between taken points. You can clear and retake a point by simply clicking the "Clear Point" button and then repeat the process to retake the point.



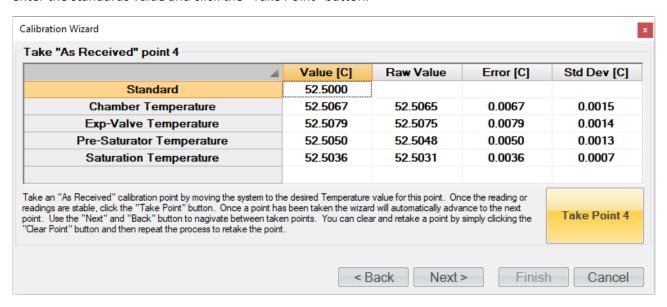
Using the temperature bath, generate the second temperature point (17.5 °C). Once the readings are stable enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button.



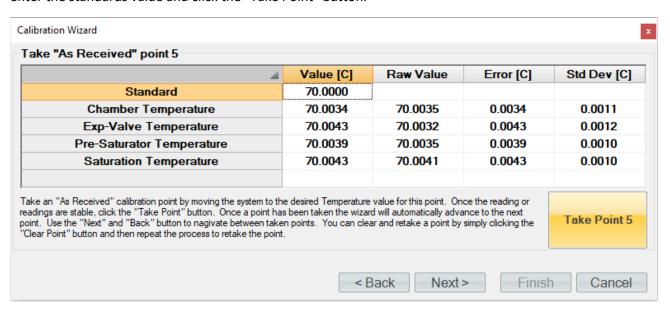
Using the temperature bath, generate the third temperature point (35 °C). Once the readings are stable enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button.



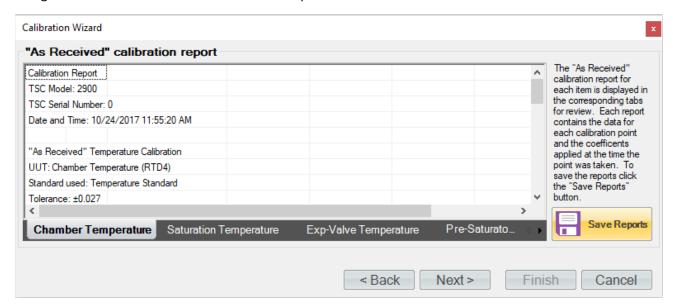
Using the temperature bath, generate the fourth temperature point (52.5 °C). Once the readings are stable enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button.



Using the temperature bath, generate the last temperature point (70 °C). Once the readings are stable enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button.

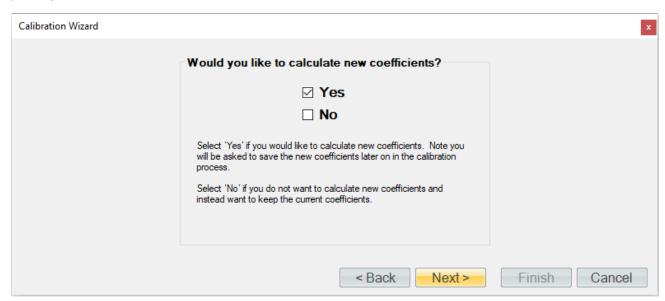


When all temperature points have been entered, ControLog will advance to the "As Received" calibration report. Each temperature probe will appear in its own tab and contains the data for each calibration point along with the coefficients used at the time the points were taken.

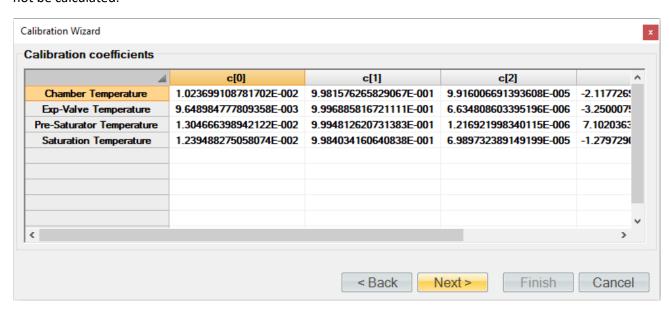


Clicking the "Save Reports" button will open a file dialog to save the report. The default file location is ...Documents\Thunder Scientific\2900 ControLog\Reports\. If the report is saved in an Excel format, then each probe will appear in its own tab within the workbook. The user needs to save in a text-based format then a file for each probe calibrated will be created.

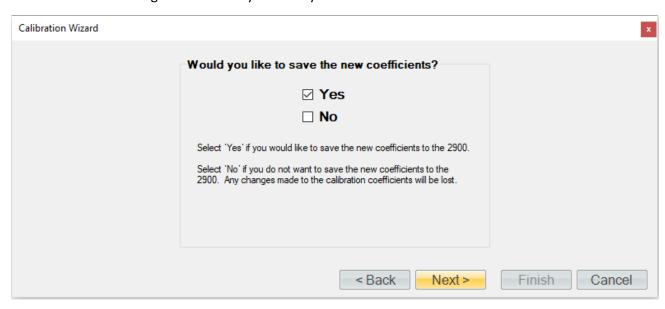
Clicking "Next" will ask the user if they want to calculate new coefficients using the "As Received" data points just taken.



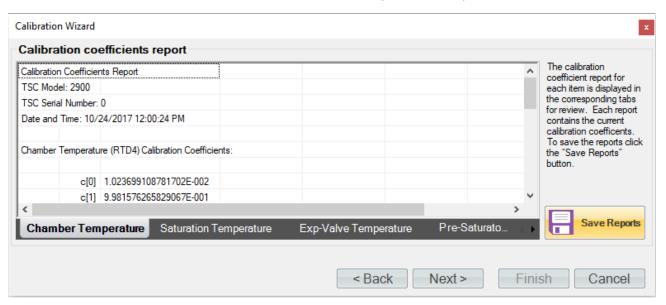
If the user selected to calculate new coefficients, they will be calculated and displayed. If any problem calculating the coefficient occurs, ControLog will issue a message telling the user that the coefficients could not be calculated.



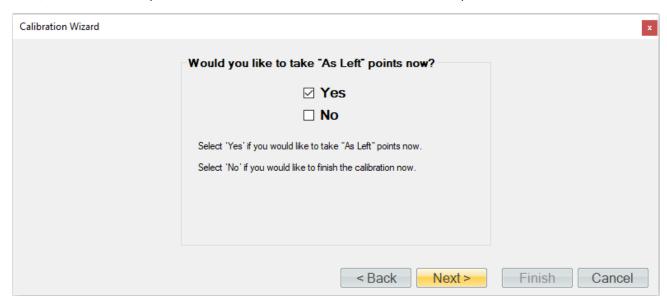
Next, the user will be asked to save the new coefficients to the system. Selecting "Yes" will result in the current coefficient being over-written by the newly calculated coefficients.



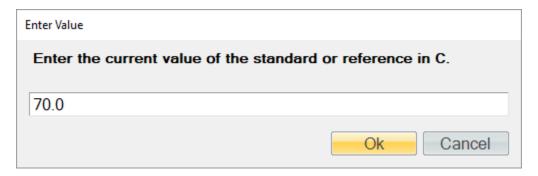
Next, the user can view and save the calibration coefficients report for each probe.



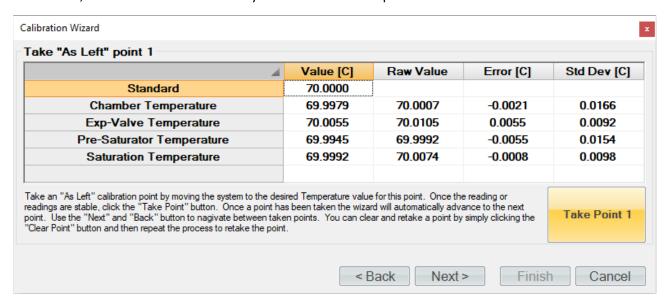
Next, the user can complete the calibration or can choose to take "As Left" points.



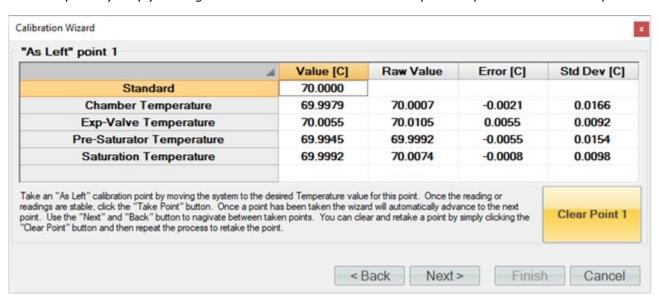
ControLog allows the user to take as many "As Left" points as they would like. In this example we will check every 10°C points starting at 70 °C and ending at 0 °C. If the standard is not a connected device then ControLog will ask for the value before taking the point. You can also enter a standard or reference value before taking a point by clicking the cell in the "Standard" row and "Value" column. This is useful for seeing error values before a point is taken.



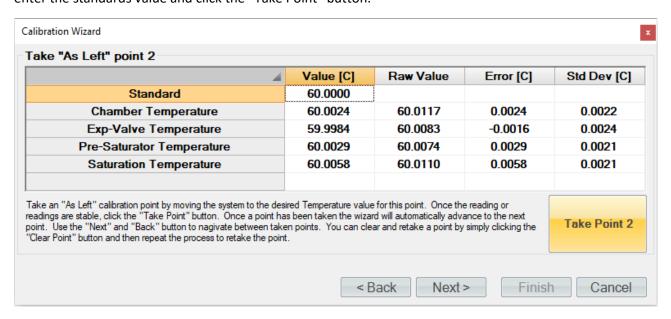
Once the readings are stable, enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button. Once a point has been taken, the wizard will automatically advance to the next point.



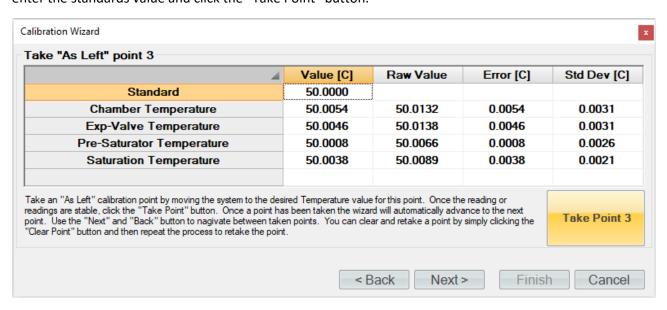
Tip - Use the "Next" and "Back" button to navigate between taken points. You can clear and retake a point by simply clicking the "Clear Point" button and then repeat the process to retake the point.



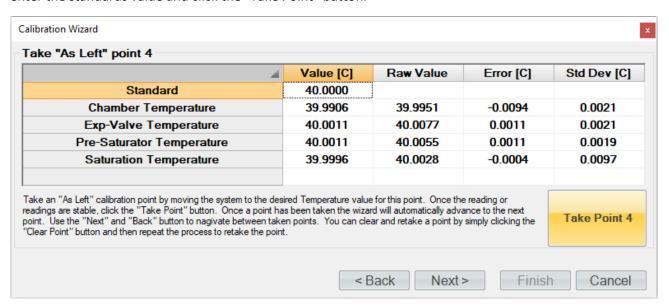
Using the temperature bath, generate the next temperature point (60 °C). Once the readings are stable, enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button.



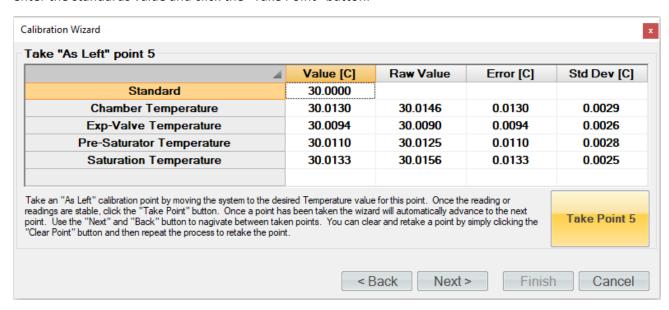
Using the temperature bath, generate the next temperature point (50 °C). Once the readings are stable, enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button.



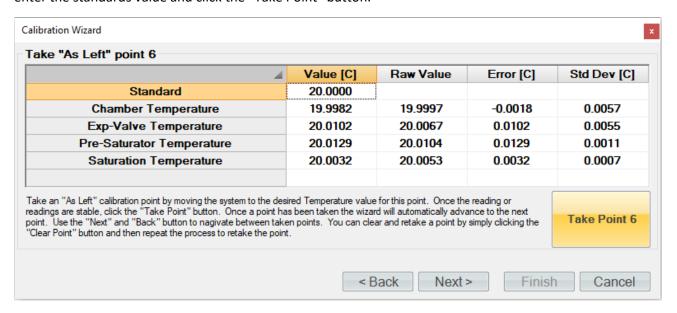
Using the temperature bath, generate the next temperature point (40 °C). Once the readings are stable, enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button.



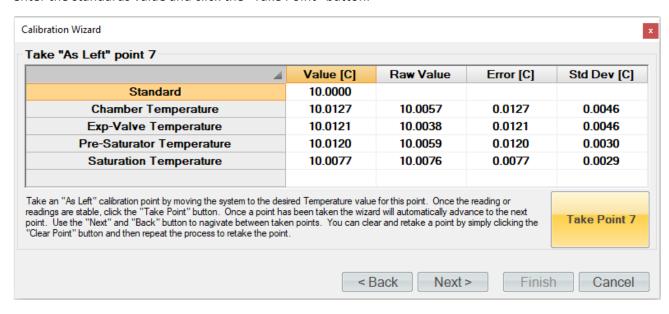
Using the temperature bath, generate the next temperature point (30 °C). Once the readings are stable, enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button.



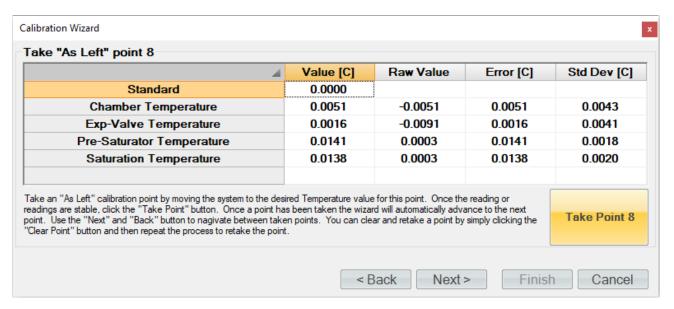
Using the temperature bath, generate the next temperature point (20 °C). Once the readings are stable, enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button.



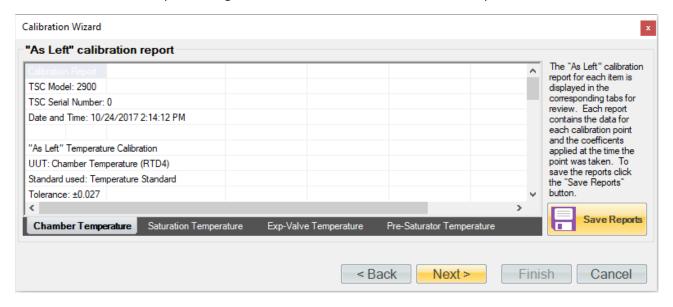
Using the temperature bath, generate the next temperature point (10 °C). Once the readings are stable, enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button.



Using the temperature bath, generate the next temperature point (0 °C). Once the readings are stable, enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button.

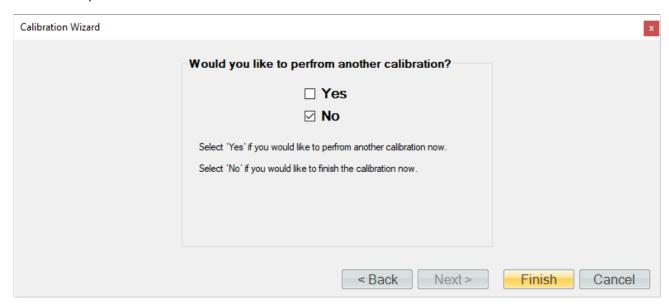


When you have taken the desired amount of "As Left" temperature points click the "Next" button to view the "As Received" calibration report. Each temperature probe will appear in its own tab and contains the data for each calibration point along with the coefficients used at the time the points were taken.



Clicking the "Save Reports" button will open a file dialog to save the report. The default file location is ...Documents\Thunder Scientific\2900 ControLog\Reports\. If the report is saved in an Excel format, then each probe will appear in its own tab within the workbook. The user wishes to save in a text-based format then a file for each probe calibrated will be created.

When finished, close the Temperature Calibration window, quit ControLog, and then switch the power OFF. Remove the power cord.



Place the split RTD cover into the frame corners between the chamber foam and frame.

Reinstall all temperature probes making sure they are in the correct positions:

- 1. Chamber Temperature Probe (RTD4): Feed the probe and cable down through the chamber access port. Using the Long Nose Pliers, grasp the rubber cork and press it into the access port. Replace the access port insulation.
- 2. Saturation Temperature Probe (RTD1): Insert the Saturation Temperature Probe into the access port fitting until it stops. Using the "Temp Probe Tool", tighten the captive nut clockwise <u>finger tight</u> only. Replace the access port insulation.
- 3. Expansion Valve Temperature Probe (RTD3): Insert the Expansion Valve Temperature Probe through the expansion valve insulation and insert the probe into the temp probe fitting. Using the "Temp Probe Tool", tighten the knurled compression nut clockwise <u>finger tight</u> only. Replace the expansion valve insulation. Replace the expansion valve access cover.
- 4. Presaturator Temperature Probe (RTD2): Insert the Presaturator Temperature Probe and cable down through the 2900 frame corner. Pull approximately six inches of extra cable then insert the Presaturator Temperature Probe into the thermal well until it bottoms. Insert the cable stay into thermo well to hold probe in place.
- 5. Replace all console panels.
- 6. Replace air supply fitting and reconnect air supply.
- 7. Reconnect power.

6.2 Pressure Transducer Calibration

The pressure calibration procedure is used in conjunction with a precision pressure standard to calibrate the pressure transducers. The calibration calibrates the transducer as part of the system, much in the same way the temperature probes are calibrated. It uses up to five known pressures and all coefficients are calculated automatically by the computer and used to update the system calibration. Calibration reports will be generated for calibrations and can be saved for each of the pressure transducer at the conclusion of each calibration sequence.

Refer to drawings: <u>18D29901-1</u>, <u>18D29901-3</u>, <u>18D29901-5</u>, <u>18D29901-8</u>

6.2.1 Equipment Required

- 1. Standard or Reference pressure gauge and or source.
- 2. #10 Torx
- 3. 9/16" wrench
- 4. 3/4" wrench

6.2.2 Calibration Procedure

For safety purposes, perform a <u>shutdown</u>, perform a <u>shutdown system</u>, switch system "POWER" to OFF and remove power cord.

CAUTION!

ALL SYSTEM PRESSURE MUST BE VENTED BEFORE PROCEEDING.

- 1. Disconnect the air supply line.
- 2. Using the appropriate tool, remove the left and rear panels from the generator
- 3. Using the appropriate tools, remove the pressure transducer to be calibrated, leaving it electrically connected to the system.
- 4. Connect transducer to be calibrated to the reference pressure gauge.

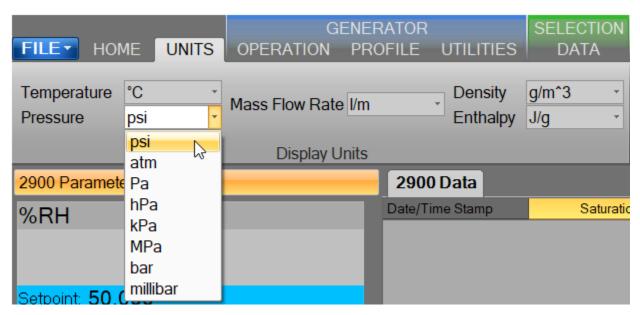
Note: Only one pressure transducer can be calibrated at any given time. Each transducer is operated over a limited range and requires calibration within this range only.

- Saturator Transducer Calibrate from ambient to 160 PSIA.
- Chamber Transducer Calibrate from 10 to 17 PSIA.
- Supply Transducer Calibrate from ambient to 150 PSIG.

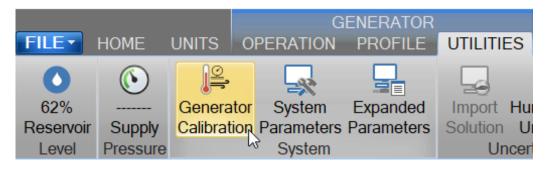
CAUTION!

DO NOT ENABLE PRESSURE CONTROL WITH PRESSURE TRANSDUCERS DISCONNECTED FROM SYSTEM.

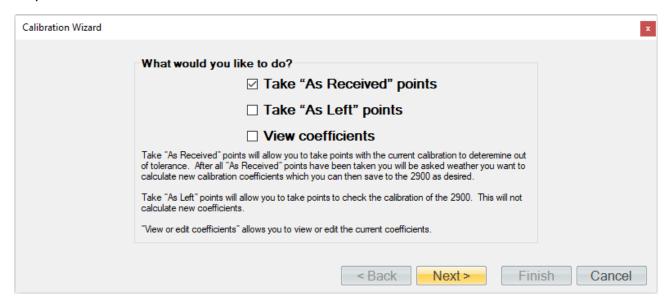
From the Units menu tab select the desired pressure units for calibration. Once calibration has begun, the units should not be changed again until the calibration is complete.



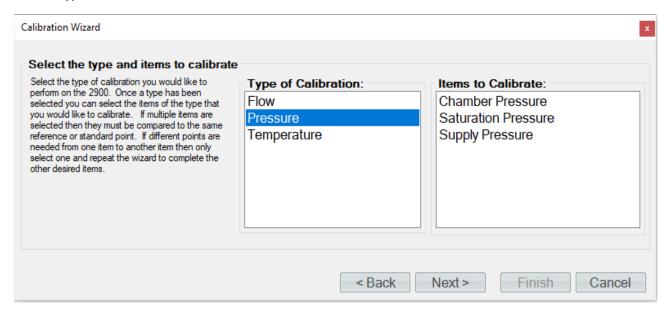
Select Generator Calibration from the Utilities menu tab to open the Calibration Wizard.



Select, "Take "As Received" points". This will allow the user to take points with the current calibration to determine out of tolerance. After all "As Received" points have been taken the user will be asked whether they want to calculate new calibration coefficients.

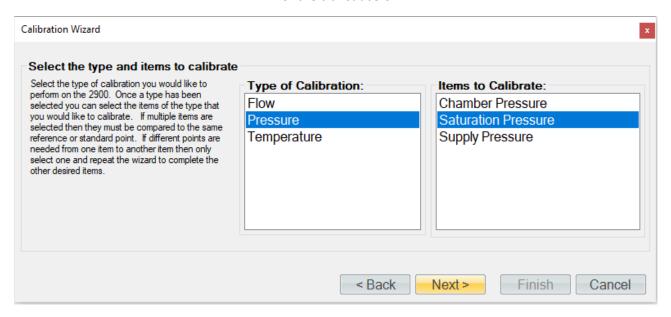


Set the type of calibration to Pressure.

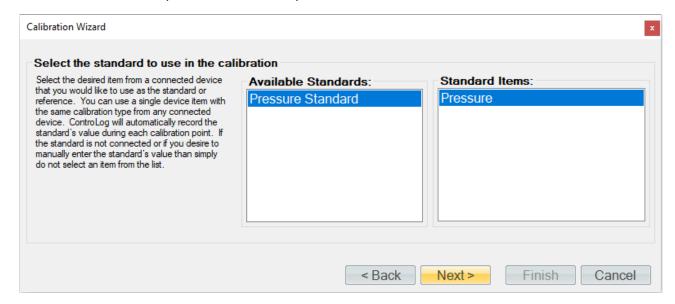


Select the pressure transducer to be calibrated.

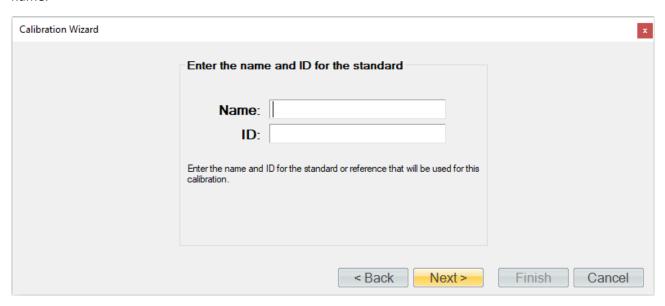
Note – Only one pressure transducer can be calibrated at any given time due to the different scaling of the transducers.



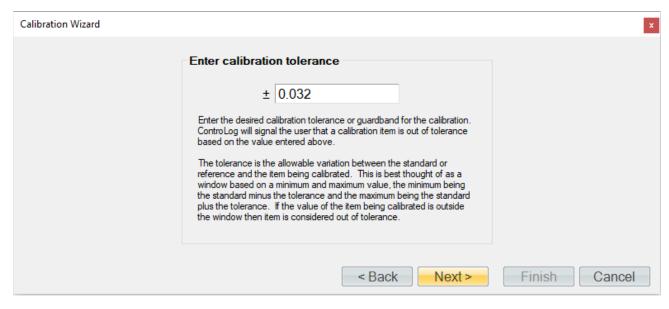
If the pressure standard is a connected device (refer to section <u>9 Connections</u>), you may select it for the calibration. You can use a single device item with the same calibration type from any connected device. ControLog will automatically record the standard's value during each calibration point. If the standard is not a connected device or if you desire to manually enter the standard's value do not select an item from the list.



Enter the Name and ID of the standard being used. This information will be populated on the calibration report. Selecting "Next" without entering a Name will result in ControLog giving the standard a generic name.

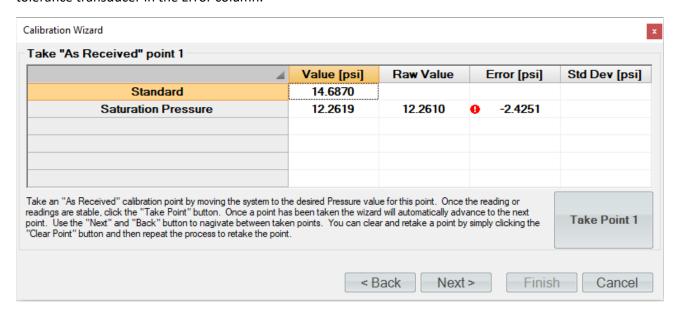


Enter the desired calibration tolerance or guard band for the calibration. ControLog will signal the user that a calibration item is out of tolerance based on the value entered below.



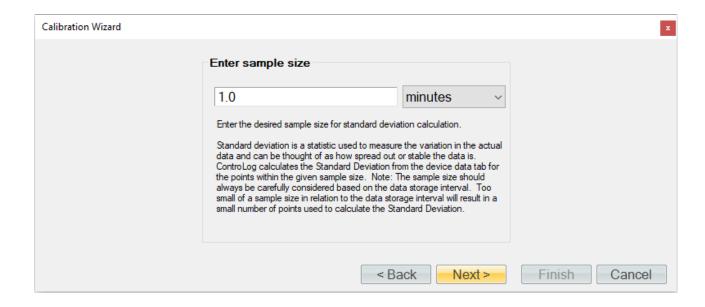
The tolerance is the allowable variation between the standard or reference and the item being calibrated. This is best thought of as a window based on a minimum and maximum value, the minimum being the standard minus the tolerance and the maximum being the standard plus the tolerance. If the value of the item being calibrated is outside the window, then item is considered out of tolerance.

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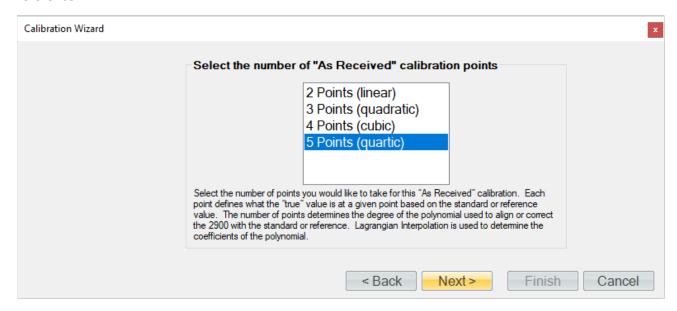


Enter the sample size used to perform the standard deviation calculation. The sample size is the given time that ControLog will use to determine which data points to use to determine the standard deviation of each probe.

Note - The number of points used will be based on the data storage rate you have selected along with the desired sample size. For example, if the data storage rate is every 10 seconds then a sample size of 1 minute will result in 10 points being used to calculate the standard deviation.



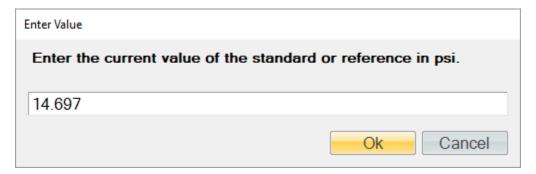
Select the number of points you would like to take for this "As Received" calibration. Each point defines what the "true" value is at a given point based on the standard or reference value. The number of points determines the degree of the polynomial used to align or correct the generator with the standard or reference.



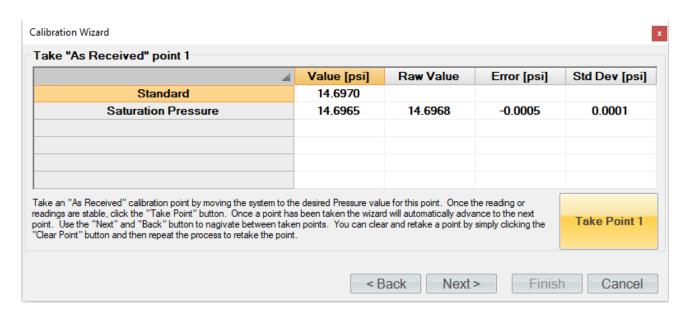
Note - Each transducer is operated at or above ambient pressure, requiring calibration between ambient and full scale only. There is no need for below ambient testing or calibration.

Note – The specific points can be different than those used in the example. For this example, the points, Ambient, 40, 80, 120. 160 were used, but it could have also been Ambient, 25, 50, 100, 160. Just use best metrology practices when determining which the points to take.

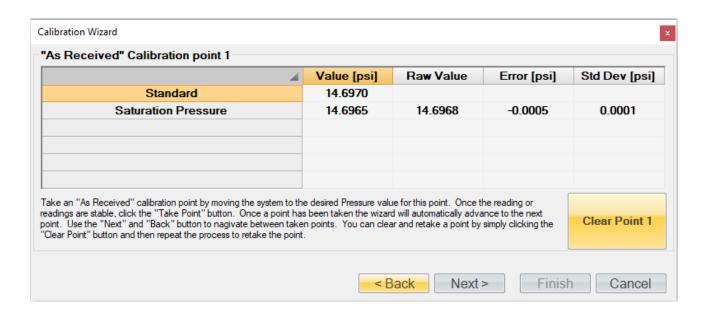
Using the pressure standard, generate and measure an ambient pressure. If the standard is not a connected device, then ControLog will ask for the value before taking the point. You can also enter a standard or reference value before taking a point by clicking the cell in the "Standard" row and "Value" column. This is useful for seeing error values before a point is taken.



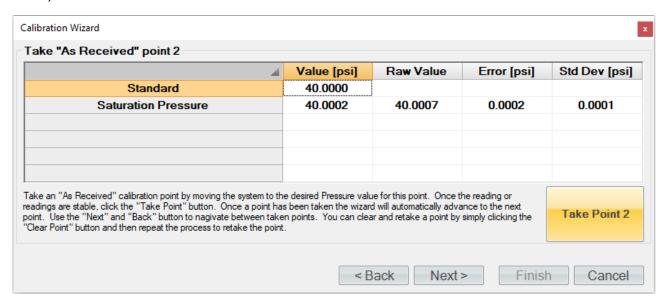
Once the reading is stable, click the "Take Point" button. Once a point has been taken, the wizard will automatically advance to the next point.



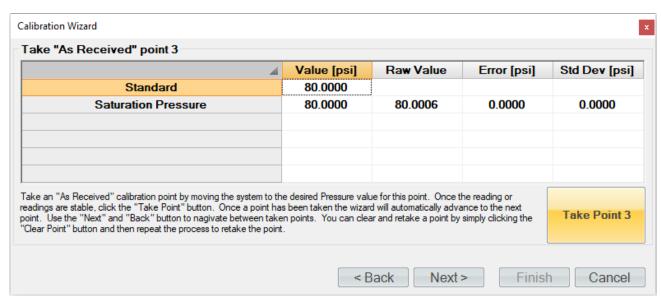
Tip - Use the "Next" and "Back" button to navigate between taken points. You can clear and retake a point by simply clicking the "Clear Point" button and then repeat the process to retake the point.



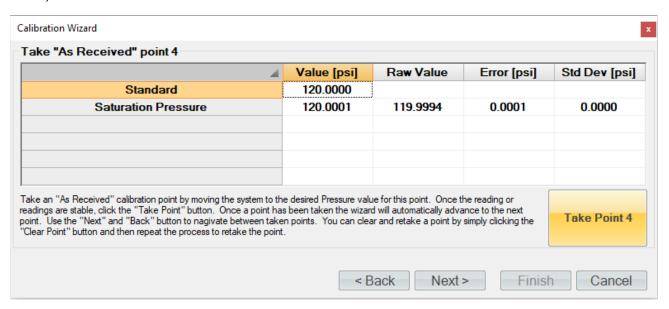
Using the pressure standard, generate and measure the next pressure point (40 psi). Once the readings are stable, enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button.



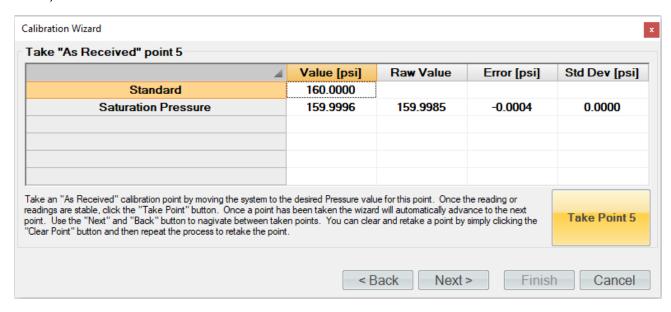
Using the pressure standard, generate and measure the next pressure point (80 psi). Once the readings are stable, enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button.



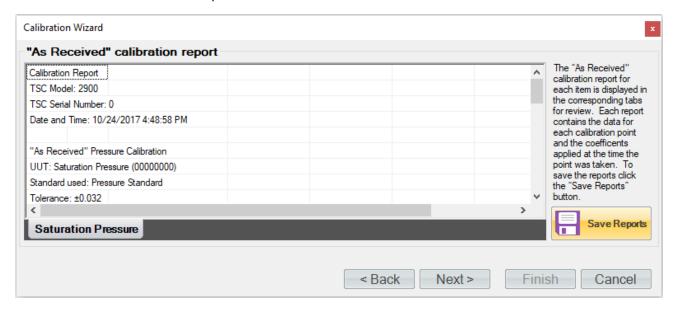
Using the pressure standard, generate and measure the next pressure point (120 psi). Once the readings are stable, enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button.



Using the pressure standard, generate and measure the last pressure point (160 psi). Once the readings are stable, enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button.

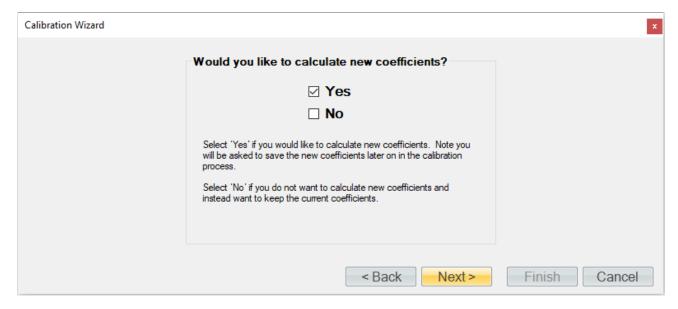


When all pressure points have been entered, ControLog will advance to the "As Received" calibration report. The transducer will appear in its own tab and contains the data for each calibration point along with the coefficients used at the time the points were taken.

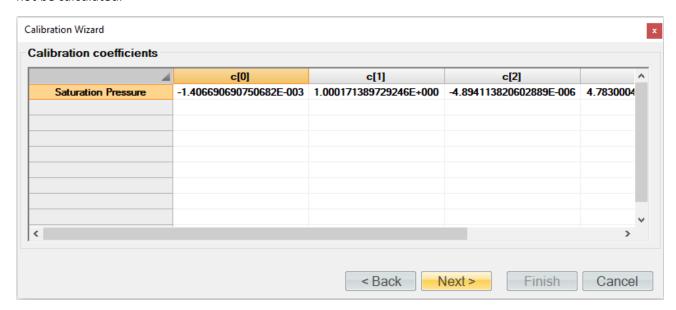


Clicking the "Save Reports" button will open a file dialog to save the report. The default file location is ...Documents\Thunder Scientific\2900 ControLog\Reports\.

Clicking "Next" will ask the user if they want to calculate new coefficients using the as received data points just taken.



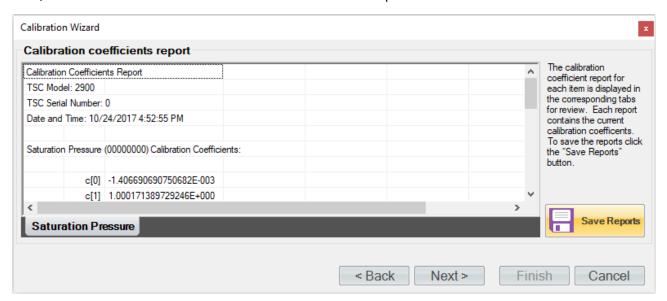
If the user selected to calculate new coefficients, they will be calculated and displayed. If any problem calculating the coefficient occurs, ControLog will issue a message telling the user that the coefficients could not be calculated.



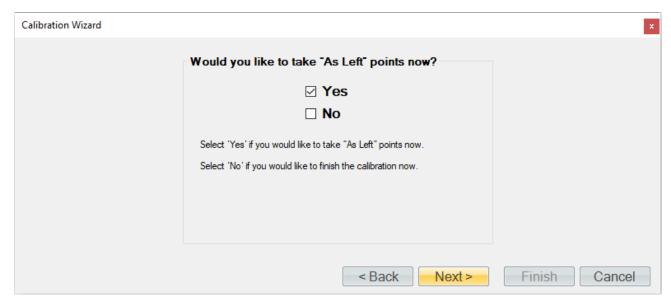
Next, the user will be asked to save the new coefficients to the system. Selecting "Yes" will result in the current coefficient being over-written by the newly calculated coefficients.



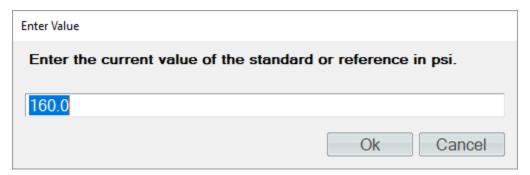
Next, the user can view and save the calibration coefficients report for the transducer.



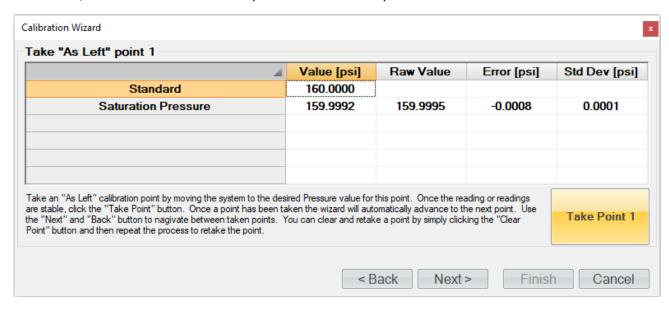
Next, the user can complete the calibration or can choose to take "As Left" points.



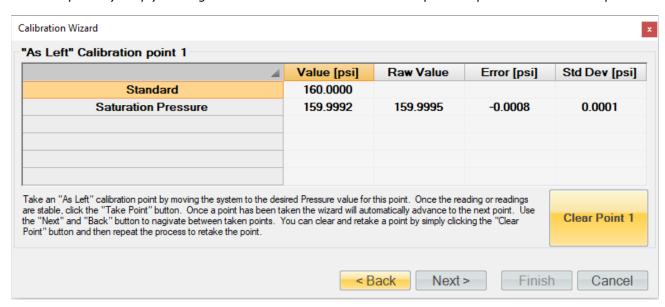
ControLog allows the user to take as many "As Left" points as they would like. In this example we will check every 25 psi starting at 160 psi and ending at atmospheric pressure. If the standard is not a connected device, then ControLog will ask for the value before taking the point. You can also enter a standard or reference value before taking a point by clicking the cell in the "Standard" row and "Value" column. This is useful for seeing error values before a point is taken.



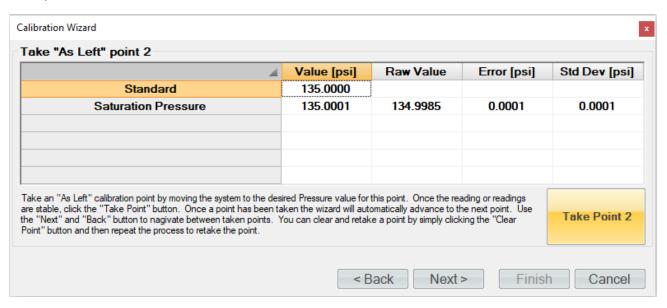
Once the readings are stable, enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button. Once a point has been taken, the wizard will automatically advance to the next point.



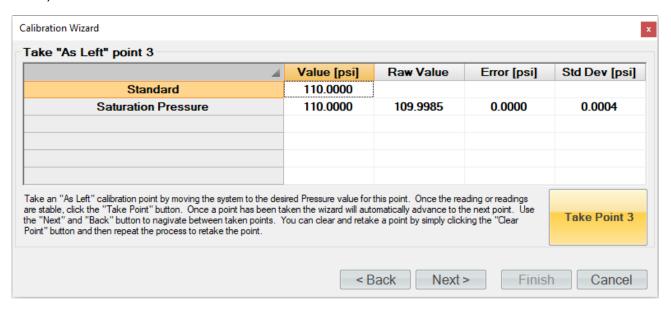
Tip - Use the "Next" and "Back" button to navigate between taken points. You can clear and retake a point by simply clicking the "Clear Point" button and then repeat the process to retake the point.



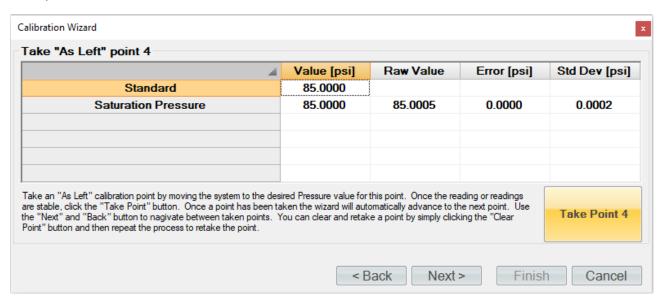
Using the pressure standard, generate and measure the next pressure point (135 psi). Once the readings are stable, enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button.



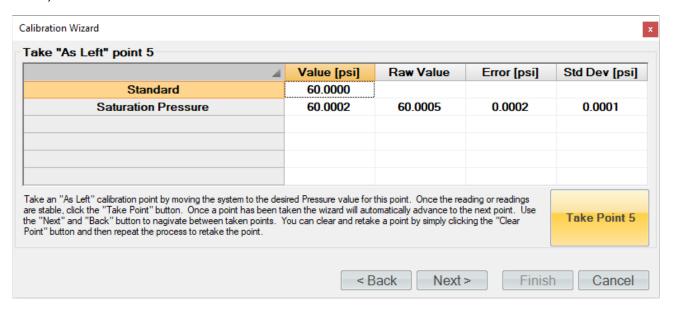
Using the pressure standard, generate and measure the next pressure point (110 psi). Once the readings are stable, enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button.



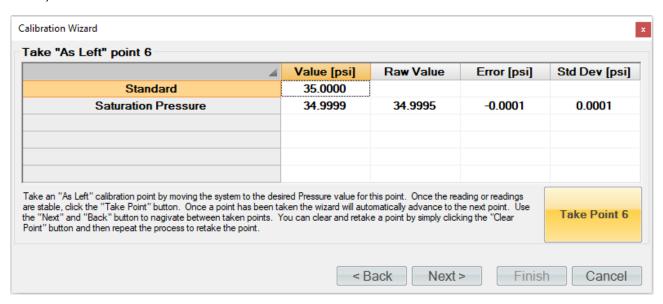
Using the pressure standard, generate and measure the next pressure point (85 psi). Once the readings are stable, enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button.



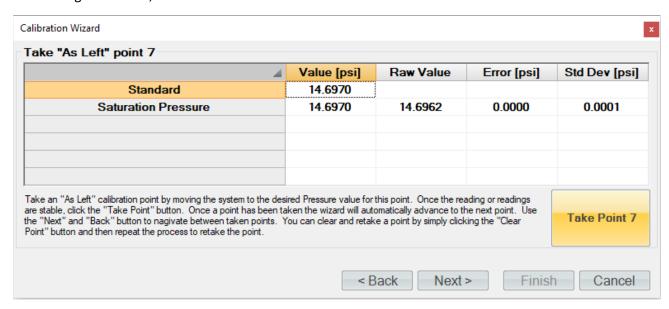
Using the pressure standard, generate and measure the next pressure point (60 psi). Once the readings are stable, enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button.



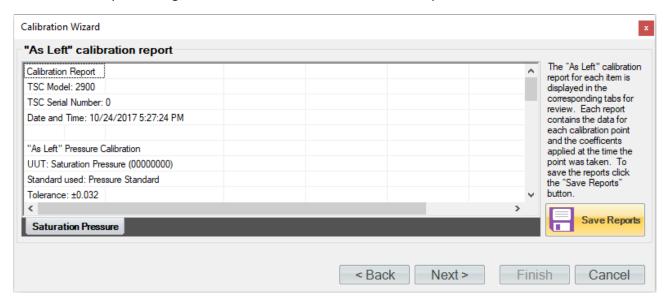
Using the pressure standard, generate and measure the next pressure point (35 psi). Once the readings are stable, enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button.



Using the pressure standard, generate and measure the last pressure point (atmospheric pressure). Once the readings are stable, enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button.

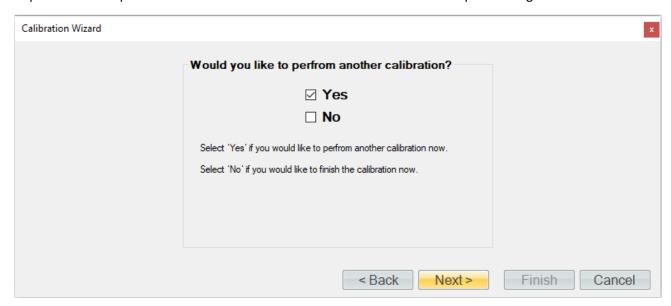


When you have taken the desired amount of "As Left" temperature points, click the "Next" button to view the "As Received" calibration report. Each transducer will appear in its own tab and contains the data for each calibration point along with the coefficients used at the time the points were taken.



Clicking the "Save Reports" button will open a file dialog to save the report. The default file location is ...Documents\Thunder Scientific\2900 ControLog\Reports\.

Repeat this same procedure for each transducer to calibrate them to their specific range.



Reinstall the pressure transducer in the system:

- After the pressure transducer has been calibrated, close the Pressure Calibration window and reinstall the pressure transducer, tightening nut 1/8 turn past finger tight.
- Repeat 6.2.2 "Calibration Procedure" for the next transducer.
- Replace console panels when all pressure transducer calibrations have been performed and the transducers have been reinstalled.

6.2.3 Supply Pressure

The supply pressure, while indicated on the screen, is not critical to the accuracy of the generated humidity and is not used in the humidity calculations. Therefore, supply pressure calibration requirements depend upon the needs of the user. The procedure to calibrate the supply pressure is the same as the previous pressure calibration procedure. For more details refer to section <u>6.2.2 Calibration Procedure</u>.

Note – The supply pressure transducer must be calibrated in gauge pressure.

6.3 Mass Flow Meter Calibration

The mass flow rate measurement, while indicated on the screen, is not critical to the accuracy of the generated humidity and is not used in the humidity calculations. Therefore, flow calibration requirements depend upon the needs of the user.

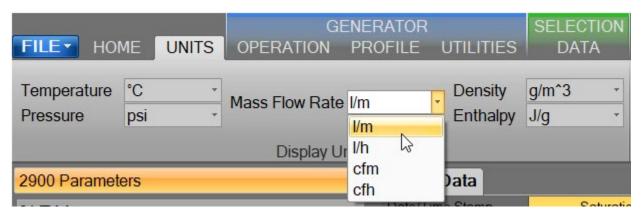
6.3.1 Equipment Required

1. Standard or Reference flow meter.

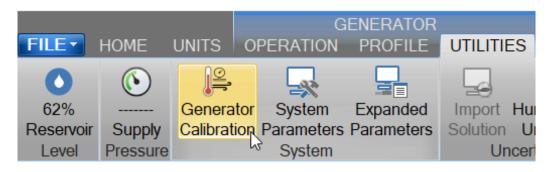
6.3.2 Calibration Procedure

Connect the reference flow meter to the gas supply inlet inside the test chamber.

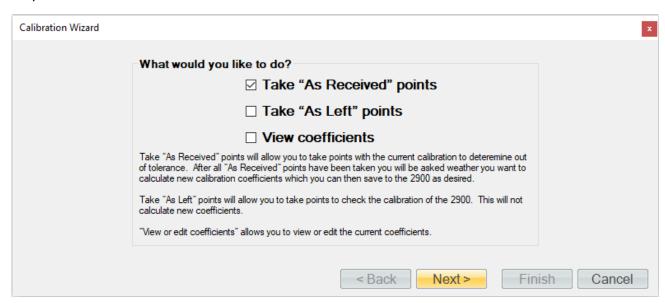
From the Units menu tab select the desired mass flow rate units for calibration. Once calibration has begun, the units should not be changed again until the calibration is complete.



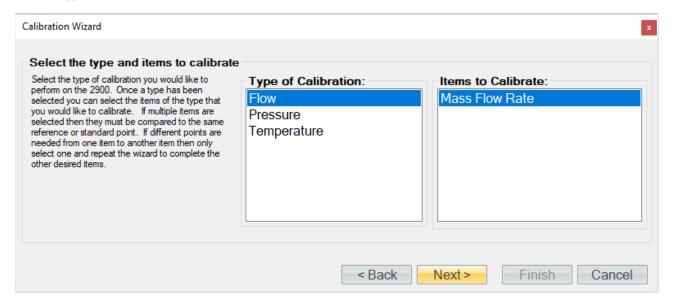
Select Generator Calibration from the Utilities menu tab to open the Calibration Wizard.



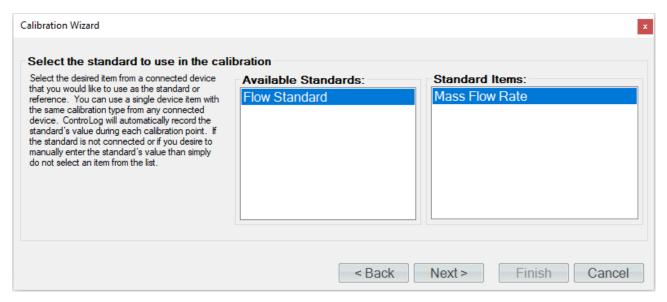
Select, "Take "As Received" points". This will allow the user to take points with the current calibration to determine out of tolerance. After all "As Received" points have been taken the user will be asked whether they want to calculate new calibration coefficients.



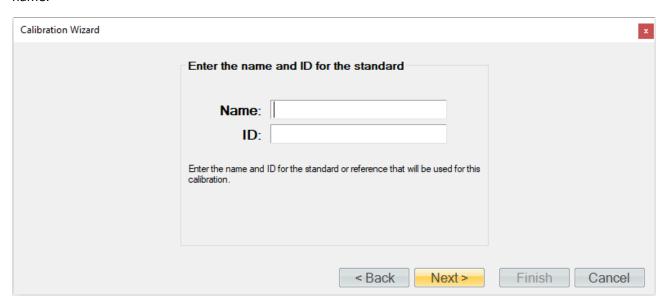
Set the type of calibration to Flow and select the Mass Flow Rate as the item to calibrate.



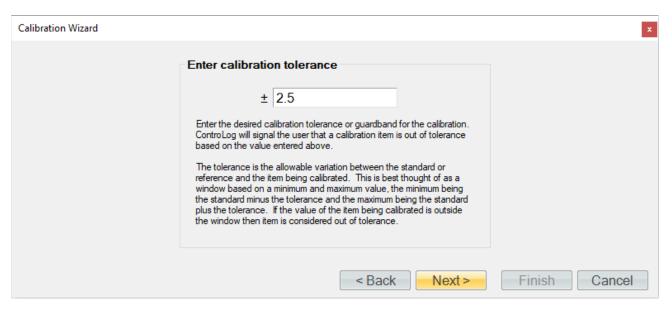
If the mass flow rate standard is a connected device (refer to section <u>9 Connections</u>), you may select it for the calibration. You can use a single device item with the same calibration type from any connected device. ControLog will automatically record the standard's value during each calibration point. If the standard is not a connected device or if you desire to manually enter the standard's value do not select an item from the list.



Enter the Name and ID of the standard being used. This information will be populated on the calibration report. Selecting "Next" without entering a Name will result in ControLog giving the standard a generic name.

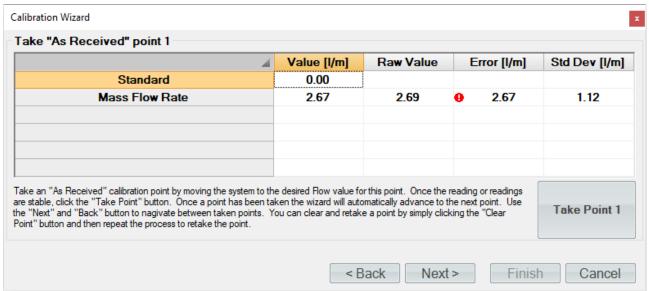


Enter the desired calibration tolerance or guard band for the calibration. ControLog will signal the user that a calibration item is out of tolerance based on the value entered above.



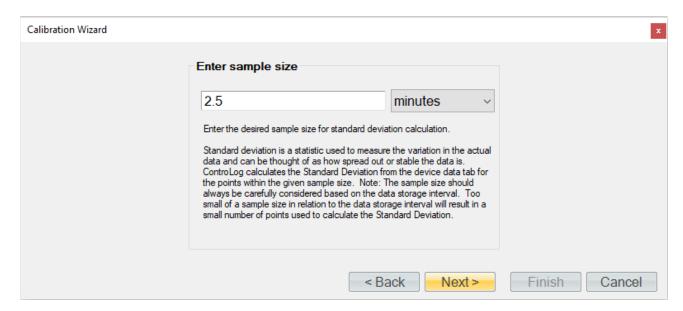
The tolerance is the allowable variation between the standard or reference and the item being calibrated. This is best thought of as a window based on a minimum and maximum value, the minimum being the standard minus the tolerance and the maximum being the standard plus the tolerance. If the value of the item being calibrated is outside the window, then item is considered out of tolerance.

An out of tolerance condition will be indicated by a red circle with an explanation point [●] for the out of tolerance transducer in the Error column.

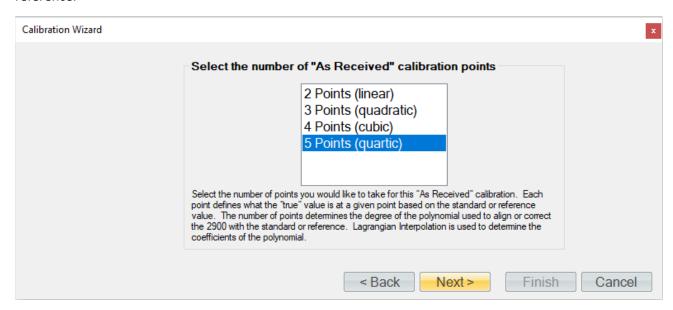


Enter the sample size used to perform the standard deviation calculation. The sample size is the given time that ControLog will use to determine which data points to use to determine the standard deviation of each probe.

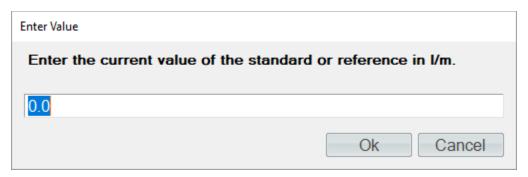
Note - The number of points used will be based on the data storage rate you have selected along with the desired sample size. For example, if the data storage rate is every 15 seconds then a sample size of 2.5 minute will result in 10 points being used to calculate the standard deviation.



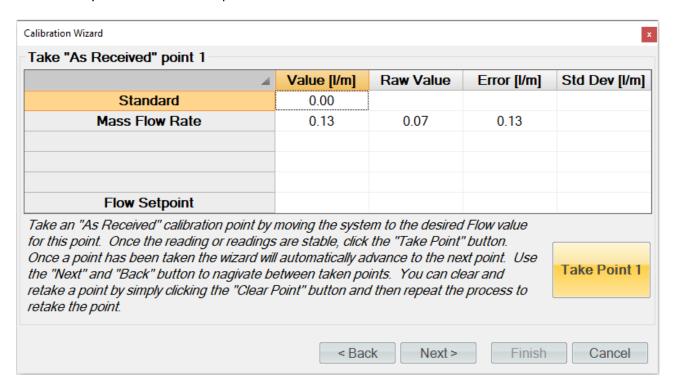
Select the number of points you would like to take for this "As Received" calibration. Each point defines what the "true" value is at a given point based on the standard or reference value. The number of points determines the degree of the polynomial used to align or correct the generator with the standard or reference.

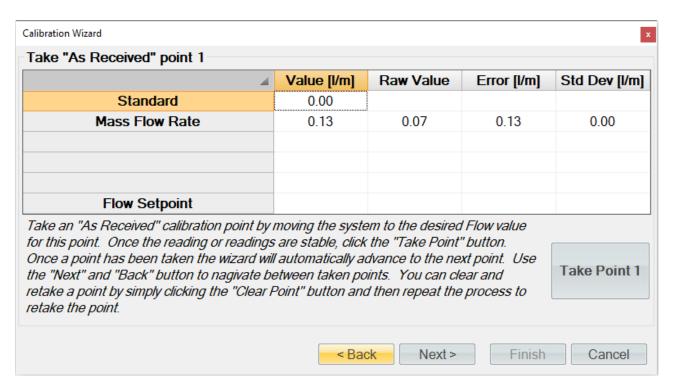


<u>With the generator shutdown</u>, take a zero flow point. If the standard is not a connected device, then ControLog will ask for the value before taking the point. You can also enter a standard or reference value before taking a point by clicking the cell in the "Standard" row and "Value" column. This is useful for seeing error values before a point is taken.

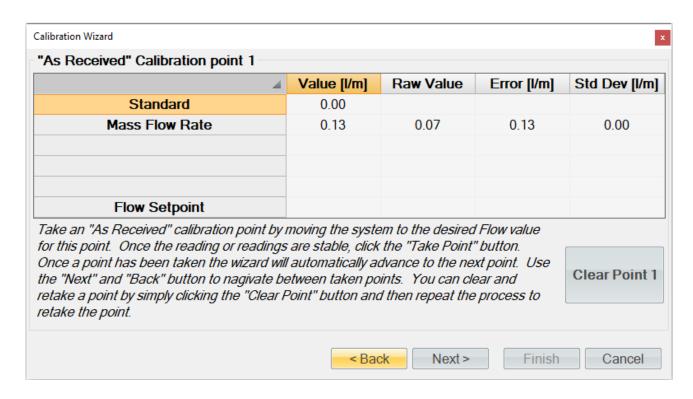


Once the reading is stable, click the "Take Point" button. Once a point has been taken, the wizard will automatically advance to the next point.

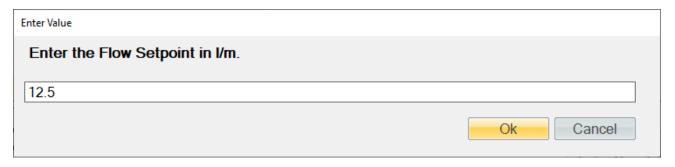




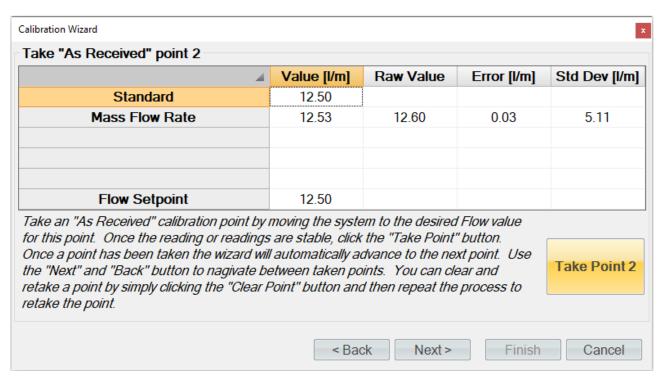
Tip - Use the "Next" and "Back" button to navigate between taken points. You can clear and retake a point by simply clicking the "Clear Point" button and then repeat the process to retake the point.



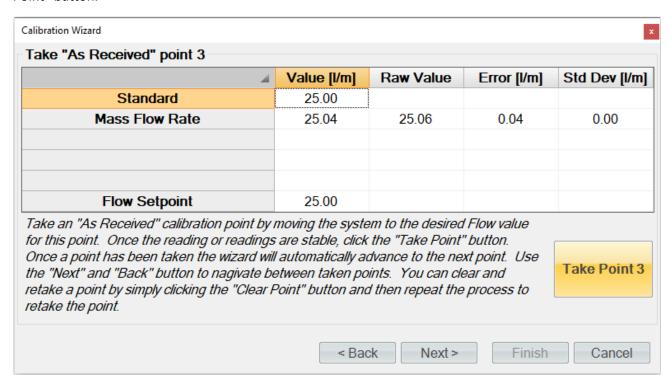
Enter the next flow rate (12.5 l/m) in the Flow Setpoint "Value" cell. This will start the 2900 generating a 0 °C dew at the current temperature setpoint. Wait for the system to become stable at the 0 °C dew point.



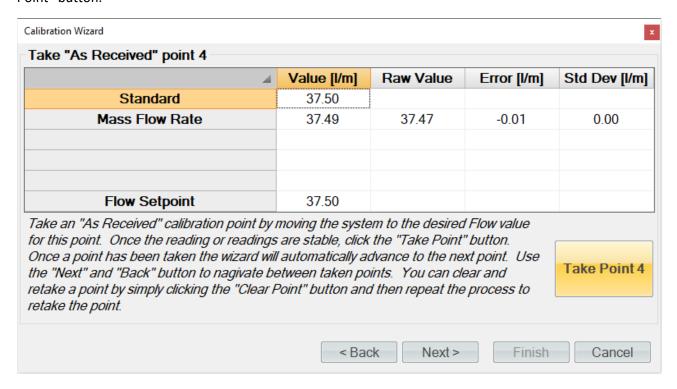
Using the flow standard, measure the next point. Once the readings are stable enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button.



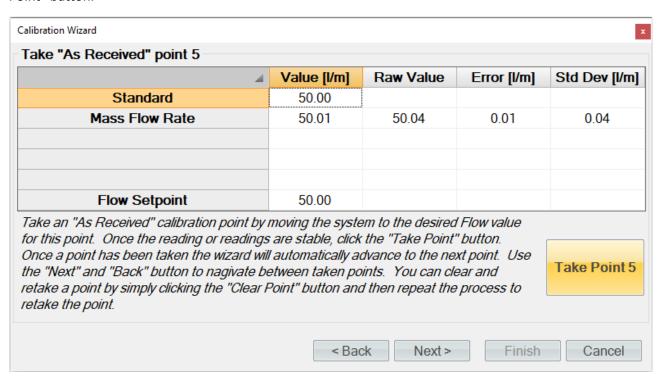
Continue generating a 0 °C dew point but advance the flow rate to the next point (25.0 l/m). Using the flow standard, measure the point and once the readings are stable enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button.



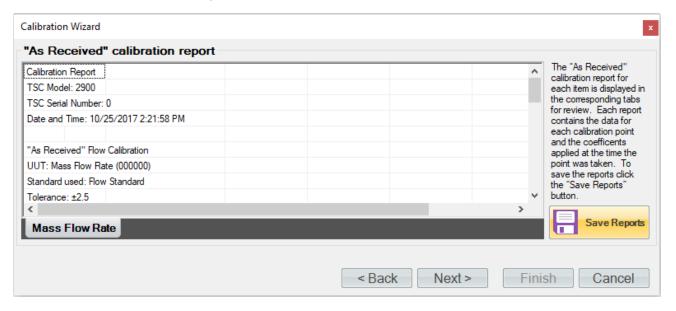
Continue generating a 0 °C dew point but advance the flow rate to the next point (37.5 l/m). Using the flow standard, measure the point and once the readings are stable enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button.



Continue generating a 0 °C dew point but advance the flow rate to the last point (50.0 l/m). Using the flow standard, measure the point and once the readings are stable enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button.

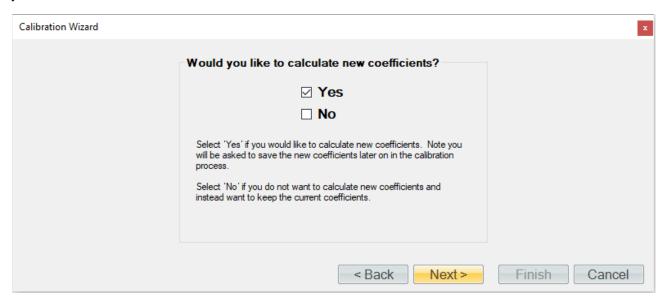


When all flow points have been entered, ControLog will advance to the "As Received" calibration report. The flow meter will appear in its own tab and contains the data for each calibration point along with the coefficients used at the time the points were taken.

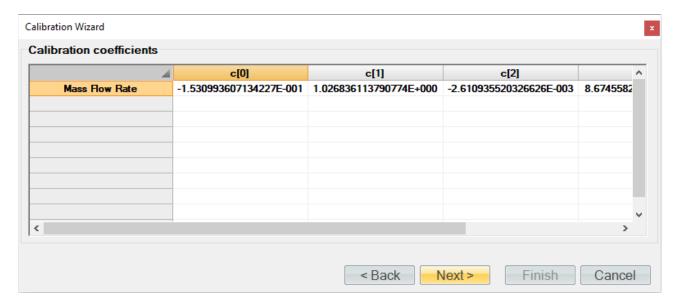


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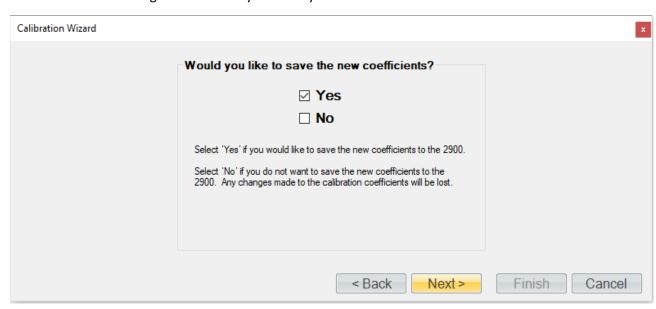
Clicking "Next" will ask the user if they want to calculate new coefficients using the as received data points just taken.



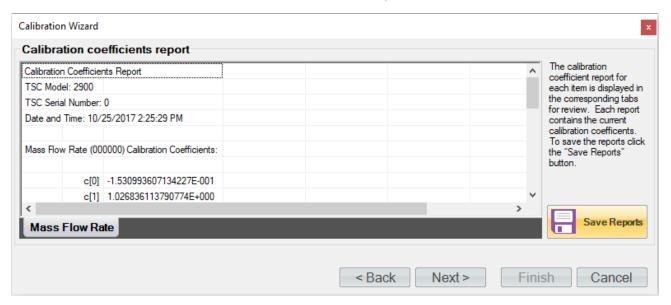
If the user selected to calculate new coefficients, they will be calculated and displayed. If any problem calculating the coefficient occurs, ControLog will issue a message telling the user that the coefficients could not be calculated.



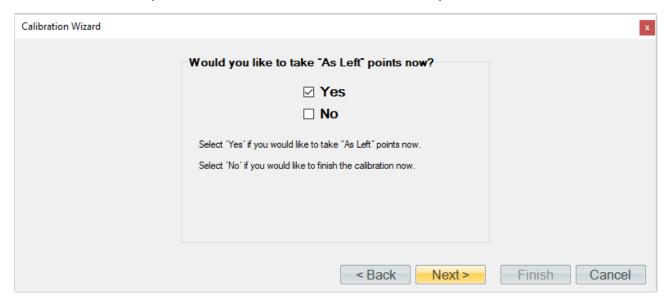
Next, the user will be asked to save the new coefficients to the system. Selecting "Yes" will result in the current coefficient being over-written by the newly calculated coefficients.



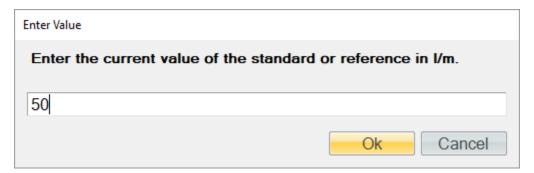
Next, the user can view and save the calibration coefficients report for the flow meter.



Next, the user can complete the calibration or choose to take "As Left" points.



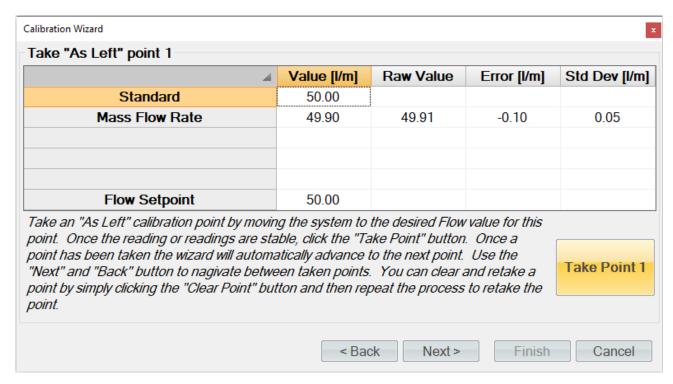
ControLog allows the user to take as many "As Left" points as they would like. In this example we will check five points. If the standard is not a connected device, then ControLog will ask for the value before taking the point. You can also enter a standard or reference value before taking a point by clicking the cell in the "Standard" row and "Value" column. This is useful for seeing error values before a point is taken.



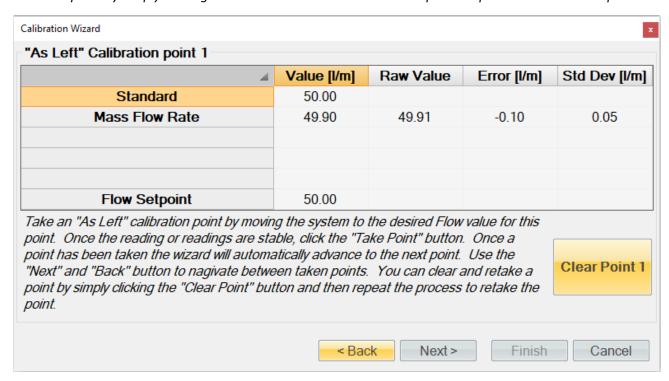
Enter the first flow rate (50.0 l/m) in the Flow Setpoint "Value" cell to continue generating a 0 °C dew point.



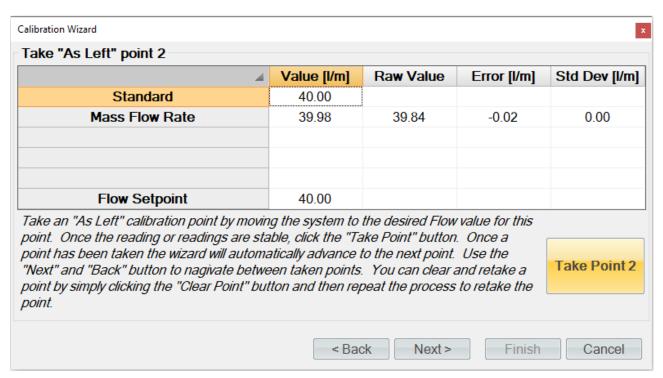
Using the flow standard, measure the point and once the readings are stable enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button.



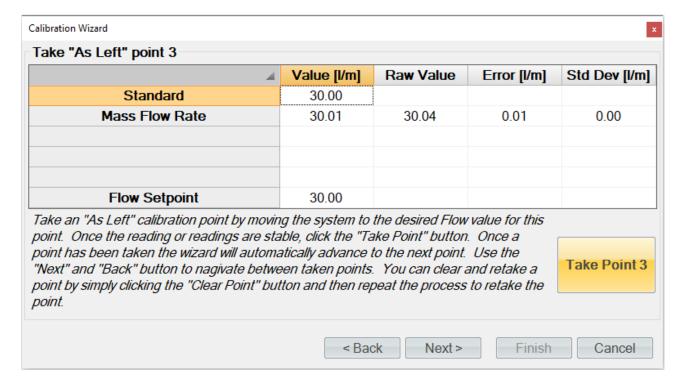
Tip - Use the "Next" and "Back" button to navigate between taken points. You can clear and retake a point by simply clicking the "Clear Point" button and then repeat the process to retake the point.



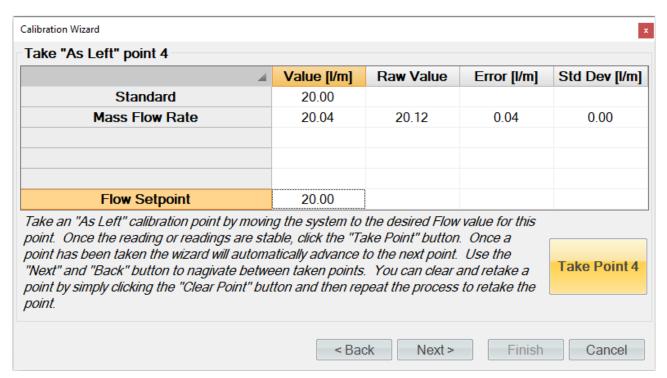
Continue generating a 0 °C dew point but advance the flow rate to the next point (40.0 l/m). Using the flow standard, measure the point and once the readings are stable enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button.



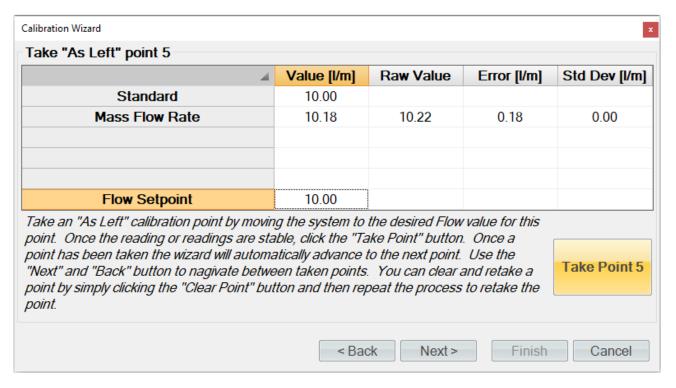
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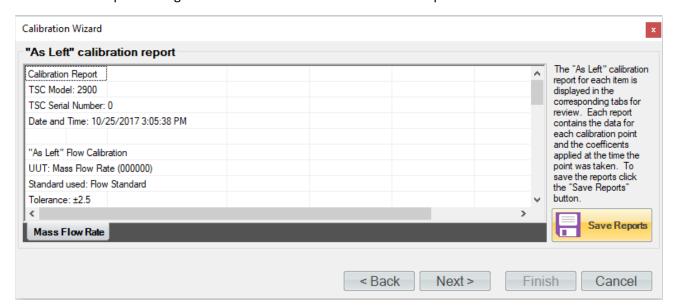
Continue generating a 0 °C dew point but advance the flow rate to the next point (20.0 l/m). Using the flow standard, measure the point and once the readings are stable enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button.



Continue generating a 0 °C but advance the flow rate to the next point (10.0 l/m). Using the flow standard, measure the point and once the readings are stable enter the standards value and click the "Take Point" button.



When you have taken the desired amount of "As Left" temperature points, click the "Next" button to view the "As Received" calibration report. The flow meter will appear in its own tab and contains the data for each calibration point along with the coefficients used at the time the points were taken.



Clicking the "Save Reports" button will open a file dialog to save the report. The default file location is ...Documents\Thunder Scientific\2900 ControLog\Reports\.

6.4 VIEWING AND EDITING CALIBRATION COEFFICIENTS

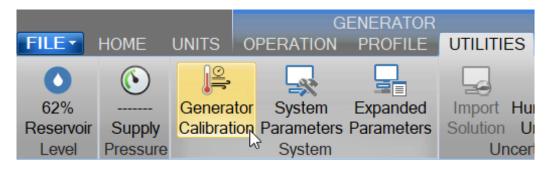
The calibration coefficients for any calibration item can be viewed and or edited using the Calibration Wizard. ControLog uses the follow equation to apply calibration coefficients:

$$f(x) = c_4 x^4 + c_3 x^3 + c_2 x^2 + c_1 x + c_0$$

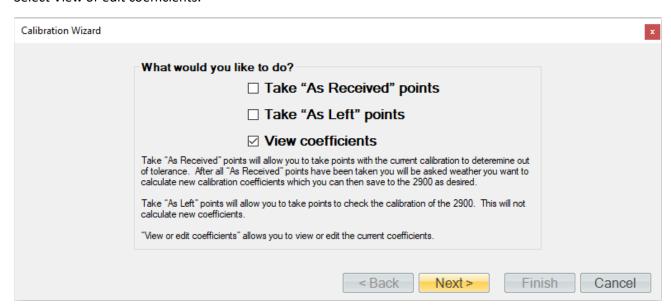
Where x is the raw value, c0, c1, c2, c3 and c4 are the coefficients and f(x) is the calibrated value for the given coefficients and raw value.

Note - Editing calibration coefficients requires Manager Access Level or above.

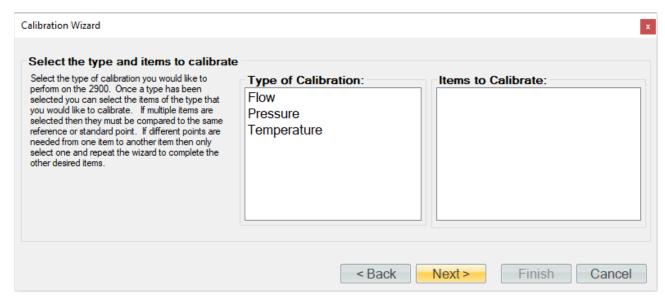
Select Generator Calibration from the Utilities menu tab to open the Calibration Wizard.



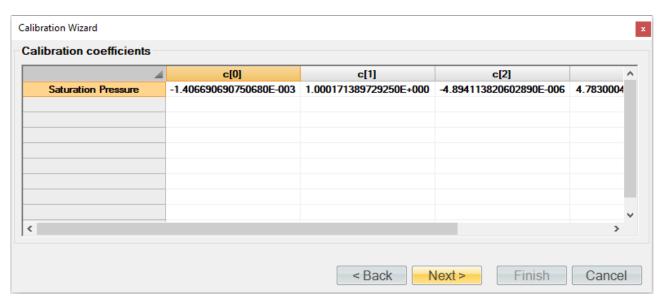
Select View or edit coefficients.



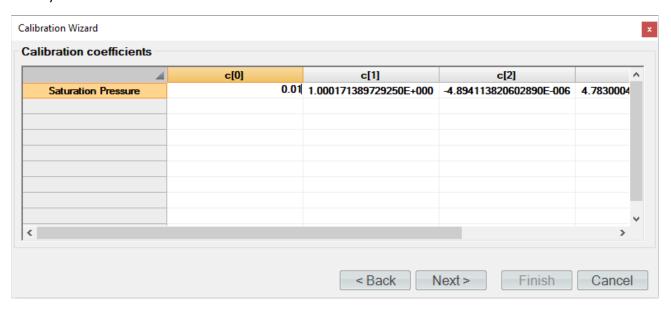
Select the type of calibration and the items you wish to view or edit coefficients for.



The calibration coefficients are then shown for the selected items.



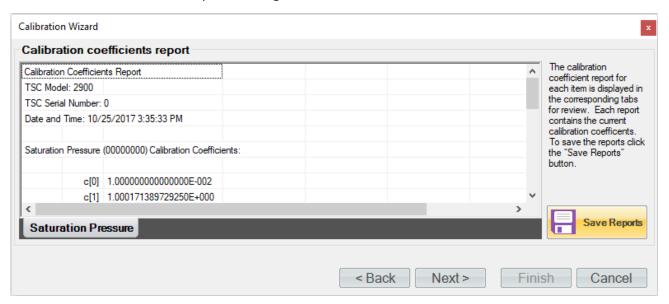
To edit the coefficients, simply click in the cell of the coefficient you wish to edit and enter a new value using the keyboard.



Next, the user will be asked to save the new coefficients to the system. Selecting "Yes" will result in the current coefficient being over-written by the newly calculated coefficients.



A new calibration coefficients report will be generated.



Clicking the "Save Reports" button will open a file dialog to save the report. The default file location is ...Documents\Thunder Scientific\2900 ControLog\Reports\. If the report is saved in an Excel format, then each probe or transducer will appear in its own tab within the workbook. The user wishes to save in a text-based format then a file for each probe calibrated will be created

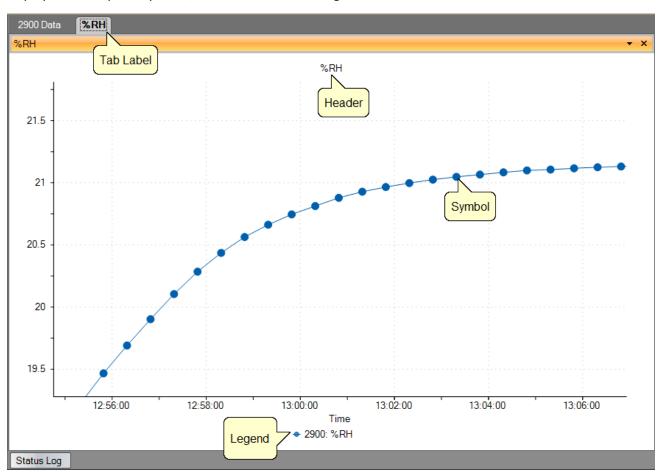
7 Graphing

Graphing is a powerful tool used to view previously recorded data or to monitor the current data in real time. The graph works hand in hand with the data tabs. While the generator is in operation, data tabs store the most recent data points from the connected devices at the desired interval. A graph can be used to create a visual picture of this stored data.

Graph operations can be accessed by two means, either by selecting the desired command from the graph menu at the top or by long pressing or right clicking a graph tab and opening a context menu. The functionality of the commands is the same regardless of which method is used, but remember that the menu commands are dynamic and reflect operations that can be performed on the selected graph tab.

Note - ControLog has a limit of fifteen graph tabs opened at any given time.

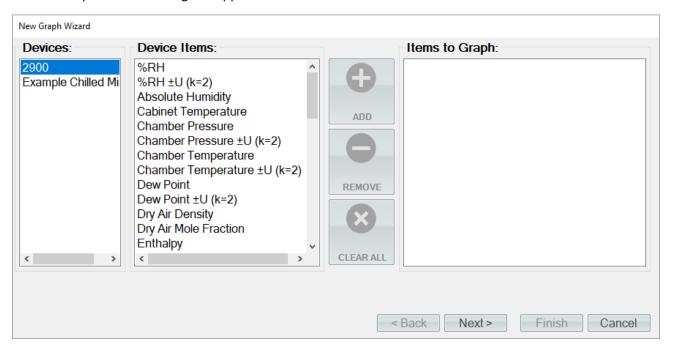
Each graph tab consists of a two-dimension plot across an X and Y Axis. The graph can be customized to display different point symbols, various line colors, a legend and a header.



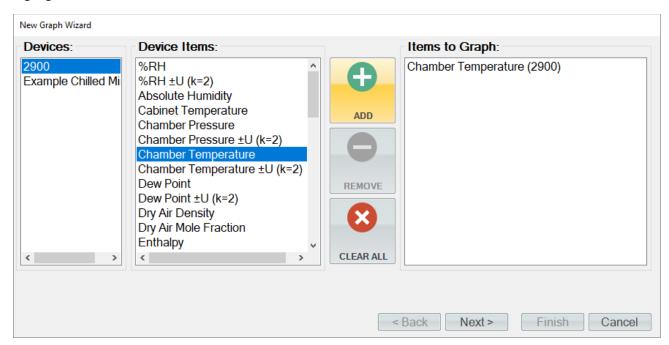
7.1 CREATING A NEW GRAPH

A new graph can be created using the New Graph Wizard dialog. The wizard will walk the user through the selection process of what data the user would like to include in the new graph and how it should look. To create a new graph, select "New" from the Home Menu Tab, Graph Menu Tab or right click any graph tab and select "New" from its context menu.

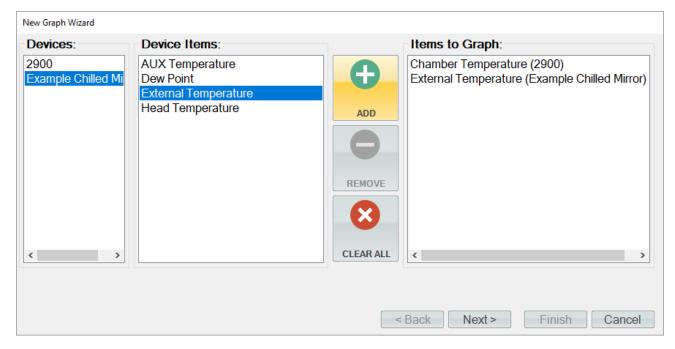
A "New Graph Wizard" dialog will appear.



The first page of the New Graph Wizard is where the user selects which device items they would like to include in the graph. On the left-hand side is a list of all available devices. Selecting a device will result in the "Device Items" list being updated to reflect the available items for the selected device. To add an item, highlight the desire item or items in the "Device Items" list and click the "Add" button.

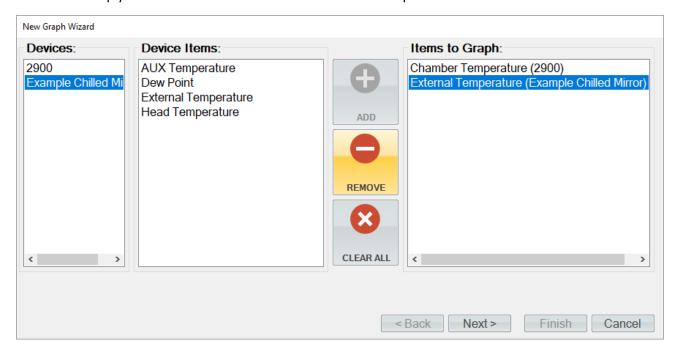


Repeat this process until all of the desired items are listed on the right side.

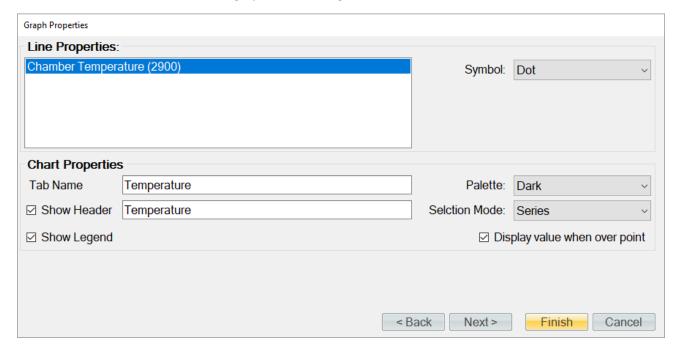


Note - The user can invert any selection by right clicking. This will highlight all items that are not currently highlighted and will remove highlight from any items that are currently highlighted.

To remove an item from the list of items to graph, the user can either click the "Clear All" button to remove all items or simply select the desired item from the "Items to Graph" list and click the "Remove" button.



Once complete, clicking the "Next" button will bring up the Properties page. From the properties page the user can customize the look of each graphed line along with the chart itself.



7.1.1 Line Properties

Line Properties define the color and point symbol for the selected line. Select the desired line from the selection box and set the Color, Symbol, whether to smooth the line, and whether to show data labels and how often to show them.

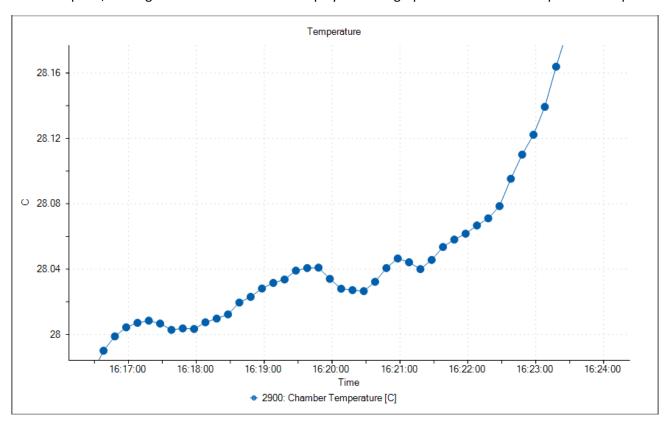
 Symbol defines the symbol drawn at each point. The symbol will be the same color as the line and will be shown at each data point. To change the symbol, select the desired symbol from the dropdown list.

7.1.2 Chart Properties

Chart Properties define the name of the graph tab, indicates whether to show a header on the graph and whether to show a legend of the lines plotted.

- Tab Name defines the name of the graph tab. This is the name the user will see appear in the Data and Graph Tab Group.
- Show Header defines the header that will appear at the top of the graph. To add a header to the graph, check the checkbox and enter the desired text description for the header.
- Show Legend defines whether a legend will be displayed on the right-hand side of the graph indicating which colored line is which data item.
- Palette defines the color palette that the lines will be drawn in. To change the palette, select the desired color palette from the drop-down list.
- Selection Mode allows the user to highlight different lines within the graph.

Once complete, clicking the "Finish" button will display the new graph in the Data and Graph Tab Group.

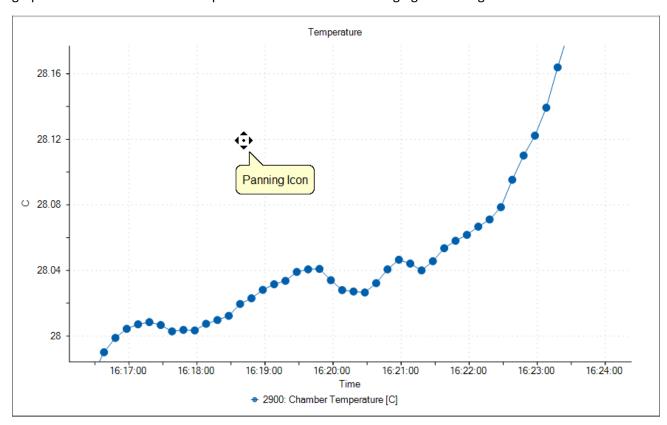


7.2 CUSTOMIZING A GRAPH

Each graph tab can be customized to display the data in different means. The user can Pan, Zoom and Scale the graph to the desired appearance.

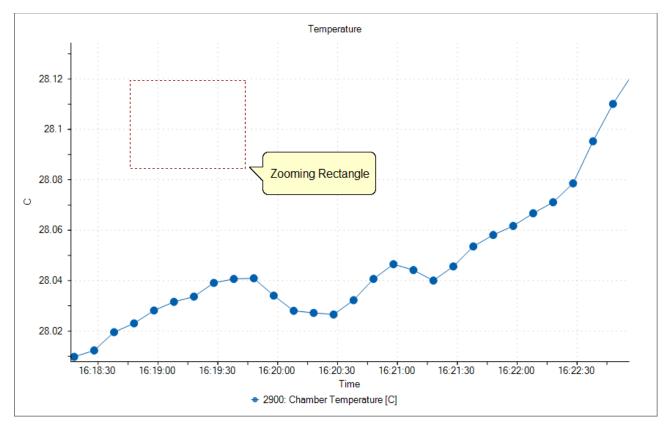
7.2.1 Pan

The graph can be panned up and down as well as left and right by a left click and hold of the mouse button or by a touch gesture while the user moves the cursor around. Panning is useful when you have zoomed the graph and want to view different parts of the data without changing the scaling.



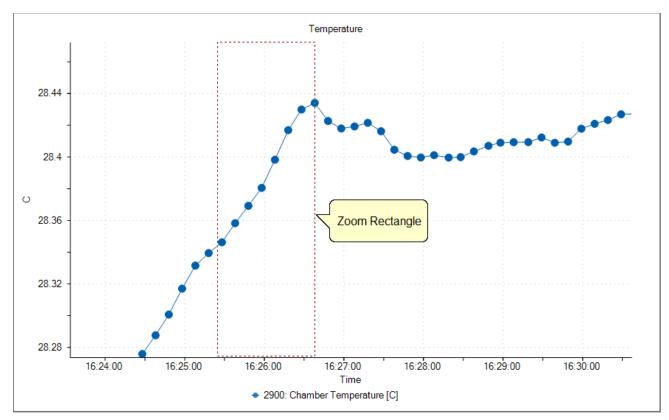
7.2.2 Zoom

The user can select to zoom the graph from the Graph Menu Tab or by using a "pinch" gesture. Using the cursor, left click and drag to create a box around the portion to zoom and release the left mouse button. The portion of the graph within the drag box will expand to fill the entire graph. The time and Y-axis limits update accordingly.



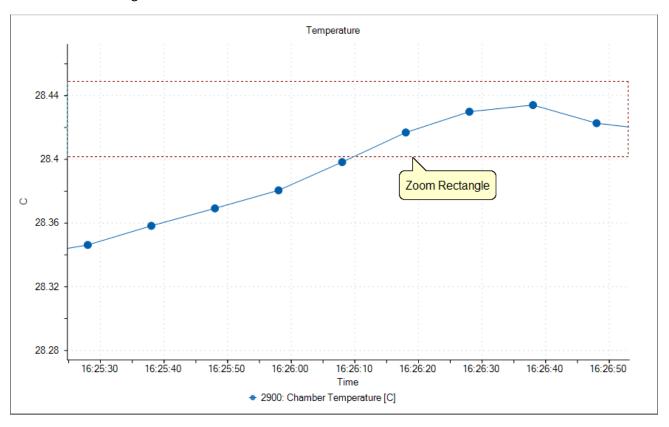
7.2.3 Zoom Graph's X Axis

The user can select to zoom the X axis of the graph from the Graph Menu Tab. Using the cursor, left click on the graph and drag the cursor so that the portion of the X-axis (time axis) of interest is contained within the two vertical dashed lines. The portion contained within this region will expand to fill the entire X-axis. The Y-axis remains unchanged.



7.2.4 Zoom Graph's Y Axis

The user can select to zoom the Y axis of the graph from the Graph Menu Tab. Using the cursor, left click on the graph and drag the cursor so that the portion of the Y-axis of interest is contained within the two horizontal dashed lines. The portion contained within this region will expand to fill the entire Y-axis. The X-axis remains unchanged.



7.2.5 Auto Scale

Selecting the Auto Scale command will automatically reset both axis of the graph so the entire data set for each selected item is contained within the boundaries of the graph.

7.2.6 Scale

The Scale command allows the user to scale the X and Y axis. Dragging the cursor up scales the display in (zooms in) and dragging the cursor down scales the display out (zoom out).

7.2.7 Scale X Axis

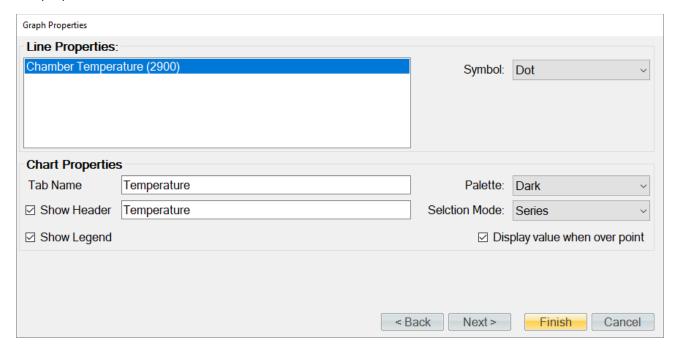
The Scale X Axis command allows the user to scale the X axis. Dragging the cursor up scales the X Axis in (zooms Y Axis in) and dragging the cursor down scales the X Axis out (zooms X Axis out).

7.2.8 Scale Y Axis

The Scale Y Axis command allows the user to scale the Y axis. Dragging the cursor up scales the Y Axis in (zooms Y Axis in) and dragging the cursor down scales the Y Axis out (zooms Y Axis out).

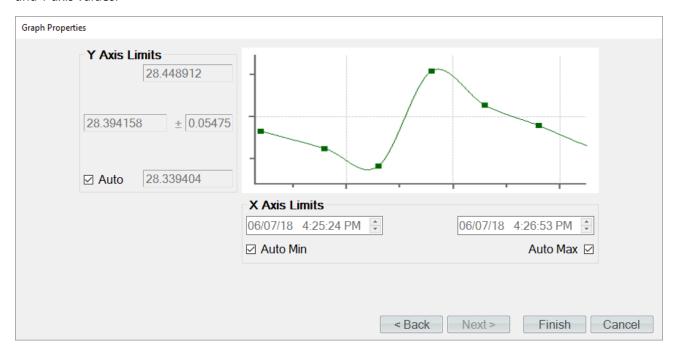
7.2.9 Graph Properties

The Graph Properties command allows the user to modify the properties of the selected graph. Selecting the command opens the Graph Properties dialog that allows the user to make changes to what data is graphed, line properties and axis values.



The first two pages of the Graph Properties dialog are the same as the New Graph Wizard that is used to create new graphs. The Graph Properties dialog starts on the properties page from which the user can customize the look of each graphed line as well as the chart itself. Clicking the "Back" button will move back to the data selection page where the user can select which device items they would like to include in the graph.

Clicking the "Next" button will move to the Axis page where the user can specify the starting and ending X and Y axis values.



7.2.9.1 Y Axis Limits

The Y Axis Limits define the maximum, minimum, middle and span values for the Y Axis.

- The Maximum value defines the maximum Y value for the Y Axis. No values beyond this maximum will be displayed on the graph.
- The Minimum value defines the minimum Y value for the Y Axis. No values below this minimum will be displayed on the graph.
- The Middle value defines the middle Y value for the Y Axis.
- The Span value defines the amount above and below the middle value where the maximum and minimum Y values lie.
- The Auto check box tells ControLog to automatically calculate the best Y Axis limits to encompass the current data.

Note - The maximum, minimum, middle, and span values are interrelated and changing any one value may result in another value automatically changing to assure all values mathematically equate.

7.2.9.2 X Axis Limits

The X Axis Limits define the maximum and minimum values for the X Axis.

- The Minimum value defines the minimum date and time for the X Axis. No values below this minimum date and time will be displayed on the graph.
- The Auto Min check box tells ControLog to automatically use the starting date and time for the current data as the X Axis minimum.
- The Maximum value defines the maximum date and time for the X Axis. No values above this maximum date and time will be displayed on the graph.
- The Auto Max check box tells ControLog to automatically use the last date and time for the current data as the X Axis maximum. The graph will constantly expand as new data points are recorded.

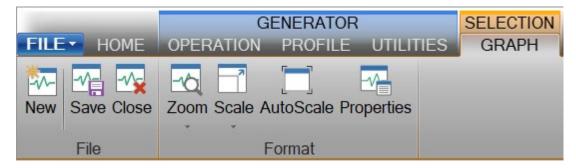
Once complete, clicking the "Finish" button will display the graph in the same tab with the new property settings.

7.3 SAVING A GRAPH

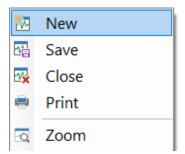
Each graph tab can be saved to a file in any of the following graphic file types:

- Bitmap (*.bmp)
- Graphics Interchange Format (*.gif)
- Joint Photographic Experts Group (*.jpg)
- W3C Portable Network Graphics (*.png)
- EMF Enhanced Metafile Format (*.emf)

To perform the save, select "Save" from the graph menu tab or right click a graph and select "Save".

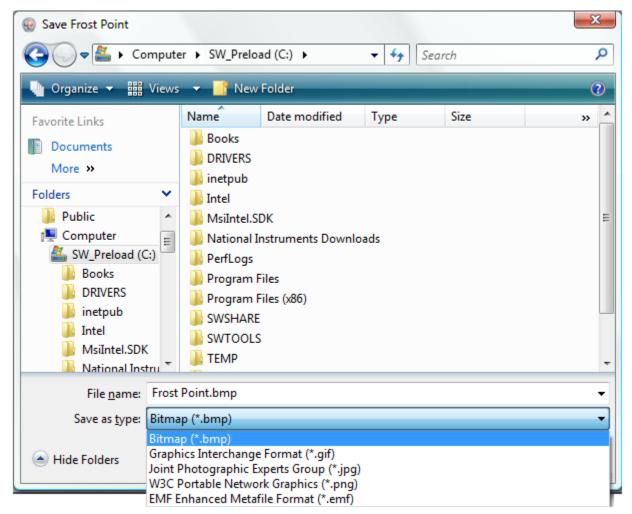


Or



Using the "Save" dialog, select the location, name and graphic type you want to the save the graph as.

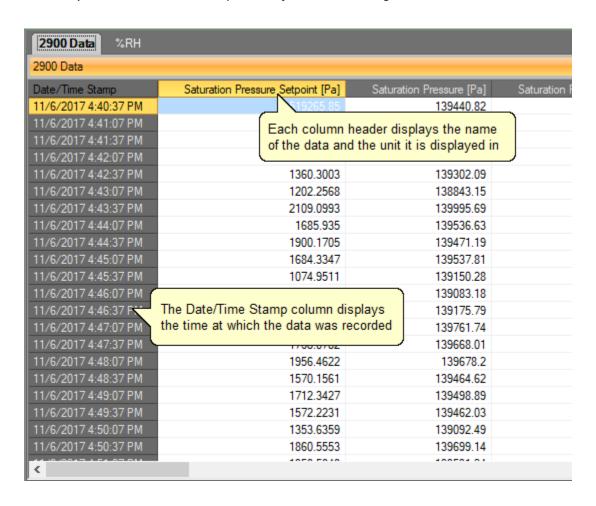
Note - ControLog defaults the file name to the name of the graph tab.



8 Data and Data Summary

ControLog stores data into individual Data Tabs. Each data tab contains a spreadsheet type view that consists of a date/time stamp and the measured data items corresponding to that date/time stamp. Data tabs consist of three similar but different types: Device Data, File Data and Data Summary. Each type has the same spreadsheet type view and operation, but all three have different data sources.

Note - The data tab data is always stored in SI units regardless of the current system unit settings. The only exception is for Data Summary tabs which are created using currently selected system units but will not update on further unit changes.



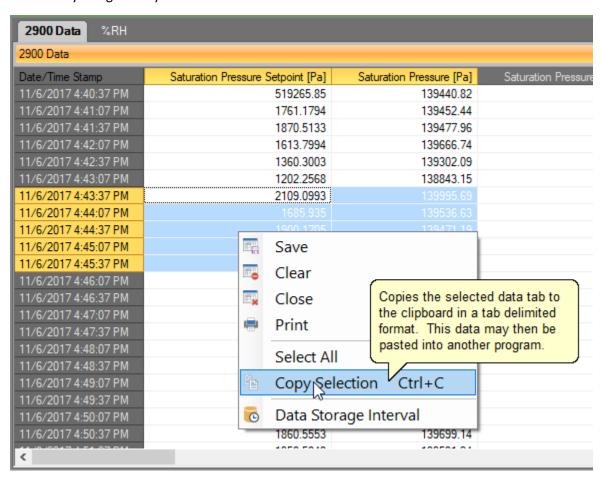
The user can navigate through the data using the scroll bars .

2900 Data %RH			
2900 Data			
Date/Time Stamp	Pa]	Chamber Pressure [Pa]	Chamber Pressure ±U (k=2) [Pa]
11/6/2017 4:40:37 PM	26	100889.37	23.299435
11/6/2017 4:41:07 PM	26	100899.97	23.301885
11/6/2017 4:41:37 PM	26	100929	23.308588
11/6/2017 4:42:07 PM	26	101144.49	23.358354
11/6/2017 4:42:37 PM	26	100749.86	23.267217
11/6/2017 4:43:07 PM	26	100291.44	23.161351
11/6/2017 4:43:37 PM	26	101513.38	23.443545
11/6/2017 4:44:07 PM	26	101009.47	23.327173
11/6/2017 4:44:37 PM	26	100943.68	23.311979
11/6/2017 4:45:07 PM	26	101022.7	23.330227
11/6/2017 4:45:37 PM	26	100601.79	23.233022
11/6/2017 4:46:07 PM	r		
11/6/2017 4:46:37 PM	• n	ate/Time Stamp column	stays fixed as the data is scrolled
11/6/2017 4:47:07 PM	ľ	ater mine otamp column	stays lixed as the data is seroned
11/6/2017 4:47:37 PM	20	101134.30	23.300030
11/6/2017 4:48:07 PM	26	101159.48	23.361815
11/6/2017 4:48:37 PM	26	100934.45	23.309846
11/6/2017 4:49:07 PM	26	100951.51	23.313786
11/6/2017 4:49:37 PM	26	100911.36	23.304515
11/6/2017 4:50:07 PM	26	100527.98	23.215976
11/6/2017 4:50:37 PM	26	101153.55	23.360445
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The user can also select specific data by clicking and draging the desired cells.

2900 Data %RH			
2900 Data			
Date/Time Stamp	Saturation Pressure Setpoint [Pa]	Saturation Pressure [Pa]	
11/6/2017 4:40:37 PM	519265.85	139440.82	
11/6/2017 4:41:07 PM	1761.1794	139452.44	
11/6/2017 4:41:37 PM	1870.5133	139477.96	
11/6/2017 4:42:07 PM	1613.7994	139666.74	
11/6/2017 4:42:37 PM	1360.3003	139302.09	
11/6/2017 4:43:07 PM	1202.2568	138843.15	
11/6/2017 4:43:37 PM	2109.0993		
11/6/2017 4:44:07 PM			
11/6/2017 4:44:37 PM	1900.1705		
11/6/2017 4:45:07 PM	1684.3347		
11/6/2017 4:45:37 PM		139150.28	
11/6/2017 4:46:07 PM	User selected data	139083.18	
11/6/2017 4:46:37 PM	1000.002	139175.79	
11/6/2017 4:47:07 PM	1985.3496	139761.74	
11/6/2017 4:47:37 PM	1768.0782	139668.01	
11/6/2017 4:48:07 PM	1956.4622	139678.2	
11/6/2017 4:48:37 PM	1570.1561	139464.62	
11/6/2017 4:49:07 PM	1712.3427	139498.89	
11/6/2017 4:49:37 PM	1572.2231	139462.03	
11/6/2017 4:50:07 PM	1353.6359	139092.49	
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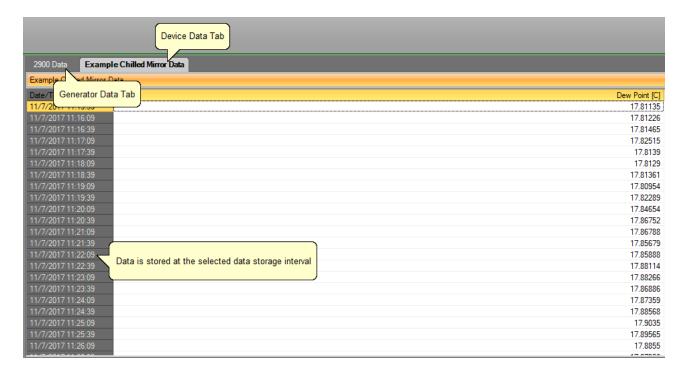
The user can then copy selected data to the clipboard by selecting "Copy Selection" from the context menu or by using the keyboard shortcut combination of Crtl+C.



8.1 DEVICE DATA TABS

The Device Data Tabs contain stored data values obtained by the connected generator or device. After establishing communication with the generator or device an individual data tab for the device will be created. These tabs store the data readings from the connected device at the specified data storage interval.

Note - Data is only recorded while the 2900 is in generate mode. Data is also stored at the generate rate whenever a device is connected and the 2900 is not connected. This gives the user the ability to use ControLog as a logging application for any device they connect without the need of a Model 2900 Humidity generator.



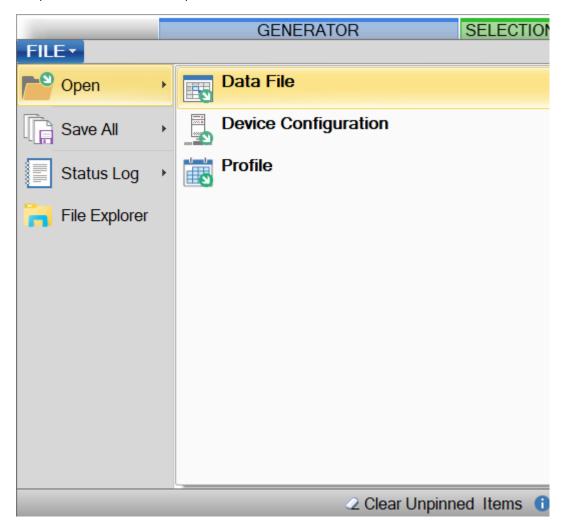
8.2 FILE DATA TABS

The File Data Tabs contain data values loaded from a previously saved Device Data Tab. ControLog can open data saved in the following types and formats:

- Text File (Comma Delimited) (*.csv;*.txt)
- Text File (Tab Delimited) (*.dat;*.txt)
- Excel Workbook (*.xlsx;*.xls)
- Backup ControLog File (*.backup)

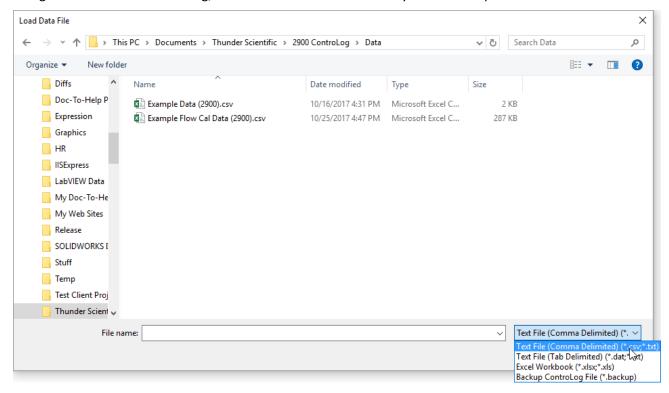
The only requirement for loading data from the above-mentioned data files is the data must be formatted so date/time values appear in the first column and all other columns contain numeric values.

To open a data file, select "Open>Data File" from the file menu.

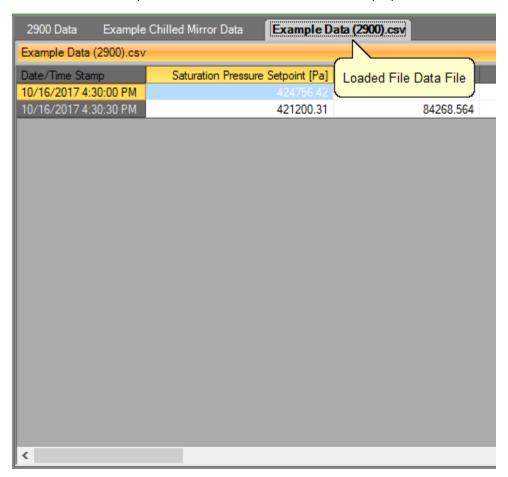


Note - ControLog has a limit of five file data tabs opened at any given time.

Using the "Load Data File" dialog, browse and select the data file you want to open.



Once the load is complete the loaded file data tab will be displayed.



8.3 DATA SUMMARY TABS

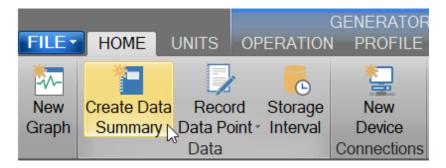
The Data Summary Tabs contain data values generated from a Data Summary. The data summary allows the user to summarize the available data into a single data tab. The data summary also allows the user to calculate error or differences between a selected standard values and selected device values.

Note - Data Summary tabs are created using the currently selected system units instead of SI units. ControLog has a limit of five data summary tabs opened at any given time.

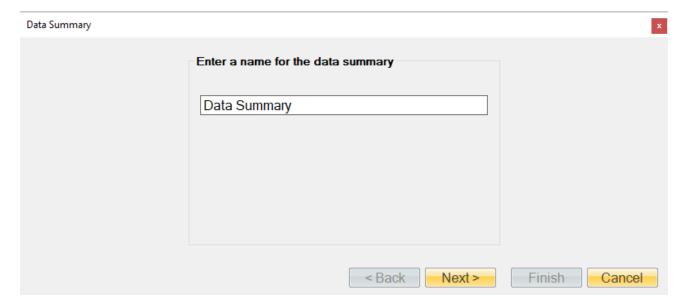
2900 Data	Example	Chilled Mirror Data	Data Summary	
Data Summary	/			
Date/Time Sta	mp		Generated Data Summa	ry Tah Example Chilled Mirror: Dew Po
11/9/2017 11:			L	ly Tab
11/9/2017 11:			17.153051	17.
11/9/2017 11:			17.189423	17.
11/9/2017 11:			17.22729	17.
11/9/2017 11:			17.234287	17.
11/9/2017 11:	39:05 AM		17.194623	17.
11/9/2017 11:			17.18458	17.
11/9/2017 11:			17.179354	17.
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11/9/2017 11:			17.165969	17.
11/9/2017 11:			17.171517	17.
11/9/2017 11:			17.165232	17.
11/9/2017 11:	46:05 AM		17.15082	17.
11/9/2017 11:	47:05 AM		17.164257	17.
11/9/2017 11:	48:05 AM		17.146481	17.
11/9/2017 11:	49:05 AM		17.190284	1.
11/9/2017 11:	50:05 AM		17.237839	17.
11/9/2017 11:	51:05 AM		17.258794	17.
11/9/2017 11:	52:05 AM		17.257545	17.
11/9/2017 11:	53:05 AM		17.258232	17.

8.3.1 Creating a Data Summary

To create a Data Summary, select "Create Data Summary" from the Home ribbon menu tab. Selection will open the Data Summary Wizard dialog that will step the user through the creation process.



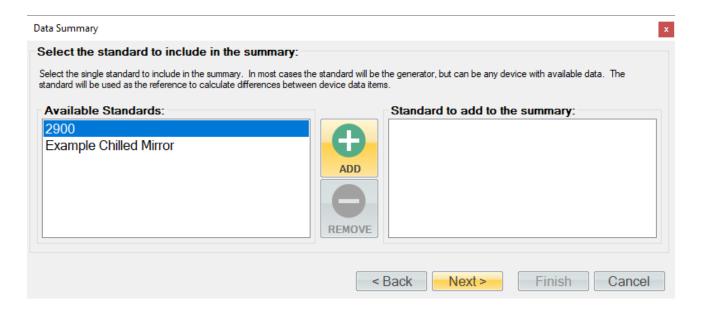
The first step in the data summary creation process is to give the data summary a name. This will be the name of the tab that appears in the Data and Graph Tab Group.



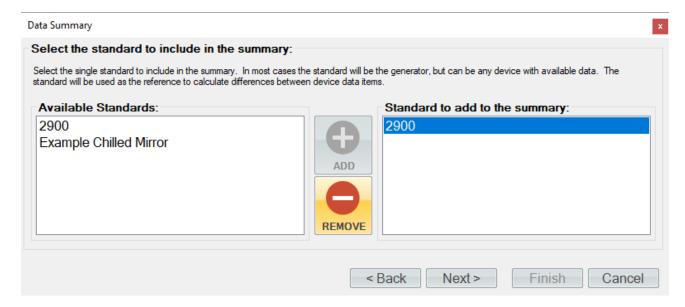
The next step in the data summary creation process is to select the standard. The standard will be used as the reference to calculate differences between the device data items if the user chooses to do so.

On the left-hand side is the available devices to choose from and on the right-hand side is the selected standard to add to the summary. To select a device, highlight it and click the "Add" button. In almost all cases the standard will be the 2900.

Note - Only one device can be selected as the standard for the summary.

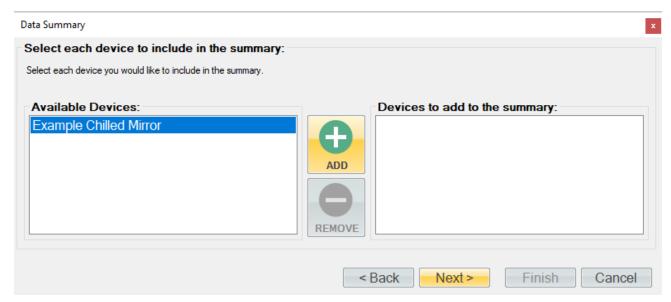


To remove an item as the selected standard, select the desired item from the right-hand side and click the "Remove" button.



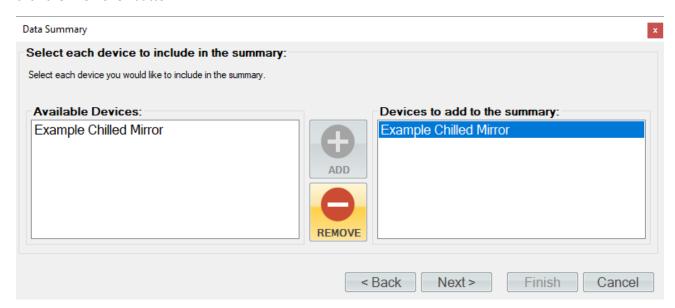
Once complete, selecting the "Next" button will allow the user to select each device they would like to include in the summary. On the left-hand side are the available devices to choose from and on the right-hand side are the selected devices to add to the summary. To select a device, highlight it and click the "Add" button.

Note - Multiple devices can be selected and added to the summary.

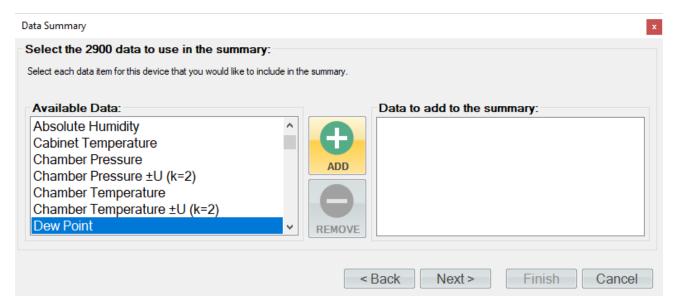


Note - The user can invert any selection by right clicking. This will highlight all items that are not currently highlighted and will remove highlight from any items that are currently highlighted.

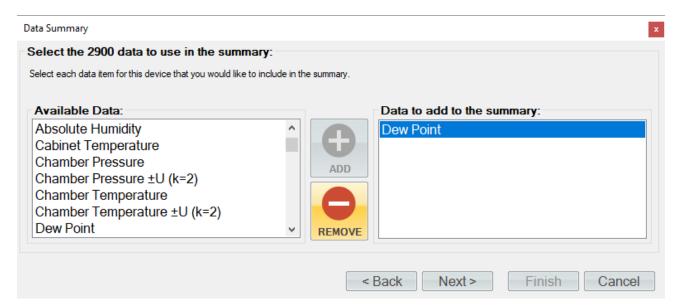
To remove an item from the list of devices, select the desired item or items from the right-hand side and click the "Remove" button.



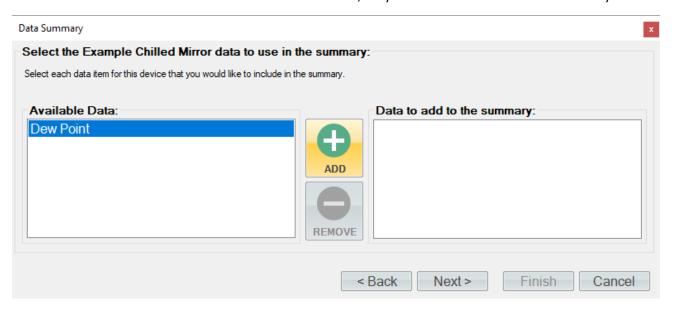
Once complete, selecting the "Next" button will allow the user to select the standard's data items they would like to include in the summary. On the left-hand side are the available data items to choose from and on the right-hand side are the selected data items to add to the summary. To select a data item or items, highlight them and click the "Add" button.



To remove an item or items from the list of data items, select the desired item or items from the right-hand side and click the "Remove" button.

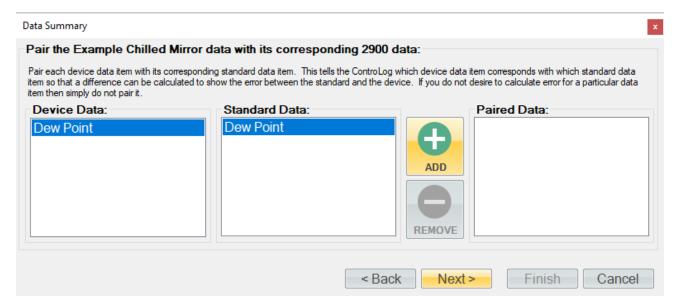


Selecting the "Next" button will repeat the process of selecting data for the next device in the series. This will continue until the user defines all the device data, they wish to include in the data summary.

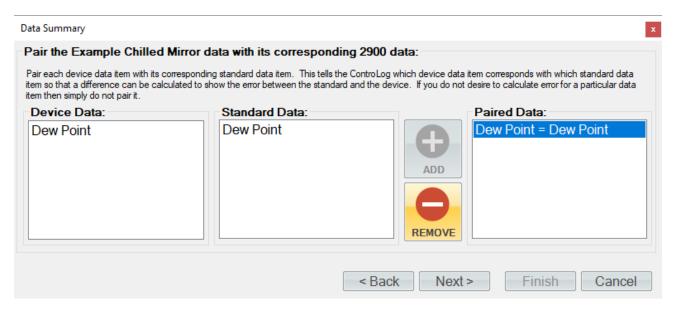


Once the user has completed selecting data, ControLog will ask the user to pair each device data item with its corresponding standard data item. This tells ControLog which device data item corresponds with which standard data item so that a difference can be calculated and the error between the standard and the device can be included in the summary. If the user does not desire to calculate error for a particular data item, they simple need not pair it.

To pair a data item, select the desired device data item and the standard data item you would like to pair it with. Select "Add" to create the pairing.



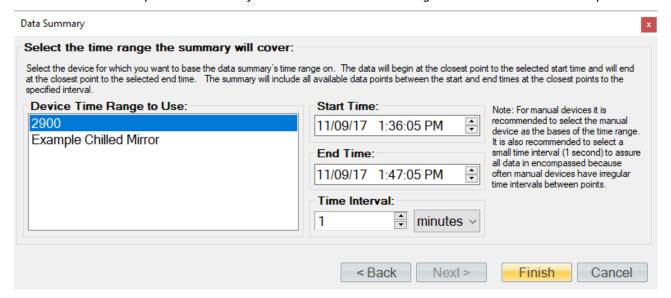
To remove a data item pairing, select the desired pair or pairings from the right-hand side and click the "Remove" button.



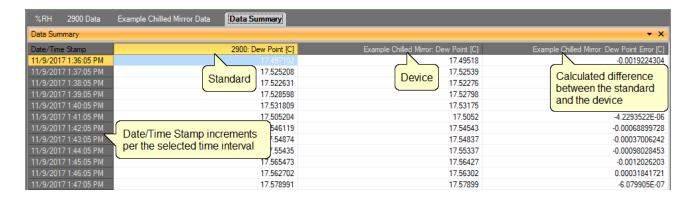
Selecting the "Next" button will repeat the process of pairing data for the next device in the series. This will continue until the user defines all the desired data pairs, they wish to include in the data summary.

Once data pairing is complete, the user will be asked to select the time range and interval that the data summary will cover. The selected device's time range will be used to determine which points to include. The data will begin at the closest point to the selected start time and will end at the closest point to the selected end time. The summary will include all available data points between the start and end times at the closest points to the specified interval. If a particular device does not have a corresponding time for a given base time, then the value fields will be left blank for that device for that given time.

Note - For manual devices, it is recommended to select the manual device as the bases for the time range to use. It is also recommended to select a small time interval (1 second) to assure all data is encompassed because often manual devices have irregular time intervals between points.



Upon clicking the "Finish" button, ControLog will open a new data tab with the newly created data summary.



8.4 RECORDED DATA POINTS TAB

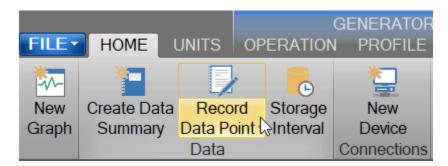
The Recorded Data Points Tab contains the recorded data points that have been taken either manually by the user, after a manual device entry or at the completion of a soak phase during an auto profile. Each data point can also calculate the average and or standard deviation for the defined number of prior points taken with each recorded data point.

Note - Each entry point in the Recorded Data Points tab is created using the currently selected system units.

%RH 2900 Data	Example Chilled Mirror Data	Recorded Data Points
Recorded Data Points		
Point 1	2900	Recorded Data Points Tab
Date/Time Stamp	%RH	Trederada Bata F emis Fas
11/9/2017 2:35:05 PM	74.753216	
11/9/2017 2:35:35 PM	74.909379	
11/9/2017 2:36:05 PM	74.644247	
11/9/2017 2:36:35 PM	74.254387	
11/9/2017 2:37:05 PM	74.139026	
11/9/2017 2:37:35 PM	73.788807	
11/9/2017 2:38:05 PM	73.605477	
11/9/2017 2:38:35 PM	73.474607	
11/9/2017 2:39:05 PM	73.087078	
11/9/2017 2:39:31 PM	73.254848	
Average	73.991107	
Std Dev	0.64614897	

8.4.1 How to Record a Data Point

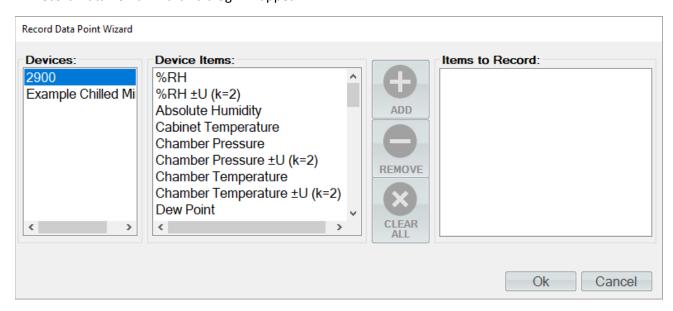
To Record a Data Point, select "Record Data Point" from the main menu or right click a data tab and select "Record Data Point".



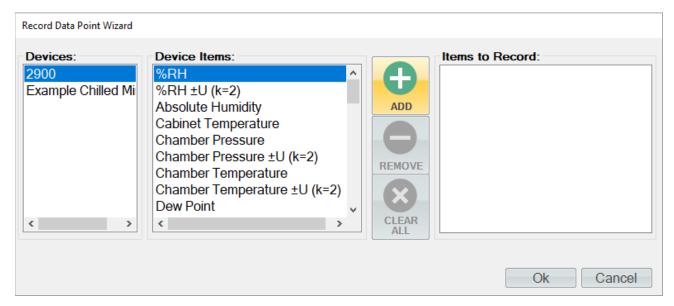
The first step in recording data points is to configure what and how to take each point. Use the Settings menu to open the Record Data Point Wizard to define the data points to be taken.



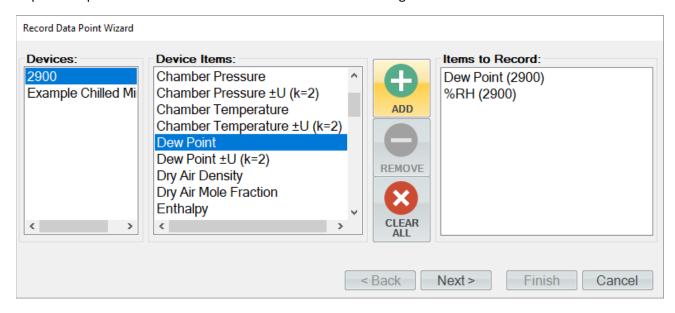
A "Record Data Point Wizard" dialog will appear.



The first page of the Record Data Point Wizard is where the user selects which device items they would like record. On the left-hand side is a list of all available devices. Selecting a device will result in the "Device Items" list being updated to reflect the available items for the selected device. To add an item, highlight the desired item or items in the "Device Items" list and click the "Add" button.

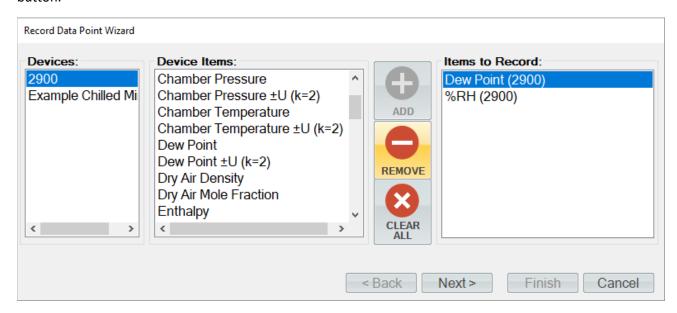


Repeat this process until all the desired items are listed on the right side.

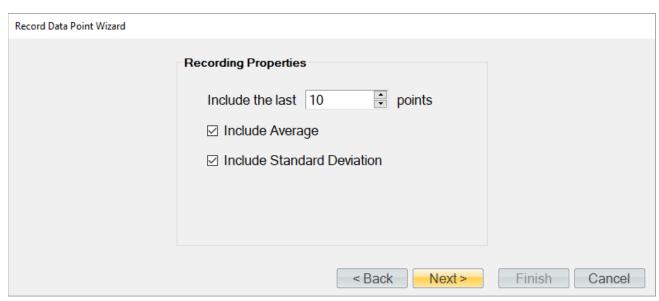


Note - The user can invert any selection by right clicking. This will highlight all items that are not currently highlighted and will remove highlight from any items that are currently highlighted.

To remove an item from the list of items to record, the user can either click the "Clear All" button to remove all items or simply select the desired item from the "Items to Record" list and click the "Remove" button.



Once complete, clicking the "Next" button will bring up the Properties page. From the properties page the user can define what will be recorded for each point.

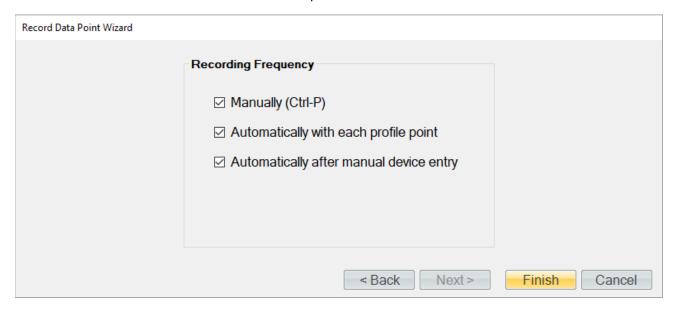


Recording Properties define the number of prior (last) points to include and whether to calculate the average and or standard deviation for the defined number of prior points taken with each recorded data point.

• Include the last ... points defines the number of prior points to include with each recorded data point. The prior points are determined from the Data Tab for each point being recorded. ControLog will include the number of prior (last) points directly using the entries in the Data Tab for the given point from the time the data point was recorded.

- *Include Average* defines whether to include an average of the defined number of prior points for the recorded data items for each point taken.
- *Include Standard Deviation* defines whether to include the standard deviation of the defined number of prior points for the recorded data items for each point taken.

Once complete, clicking the "Next" button will bring up the frequency page. From the frequency page the user can define when and how to take a data point.



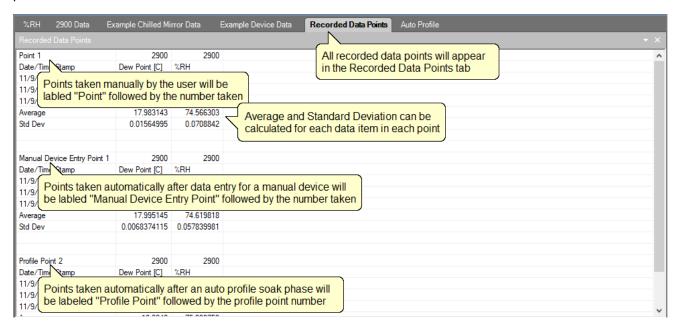
Recording Frequency defines when and how the system will take a data point. The user should select (place check mark) by each method they would like to use.

- Manually indicates that the user will manually take points when they want, using either the
 "Take Point" menu item or by pressing the Ctrl-P key combination on the keyboard when
 Controlog is the active window.
- **Automatically with each profile point** indicates that a point will be taken automatically at the completion of each profile soak phase.

Note - If the user manually bypasses the soak phase using the manual profile control buttons, an automatic point will NOT be taken regardless of the selection of "Automatically with each profile point" setting.

• **Automatically after manual device entry** indicates that a point will be taken automatically when the user completes a manual device entry.

Once complete, clicking the "Finish" will close the wizard and save the user selection for recording data points.

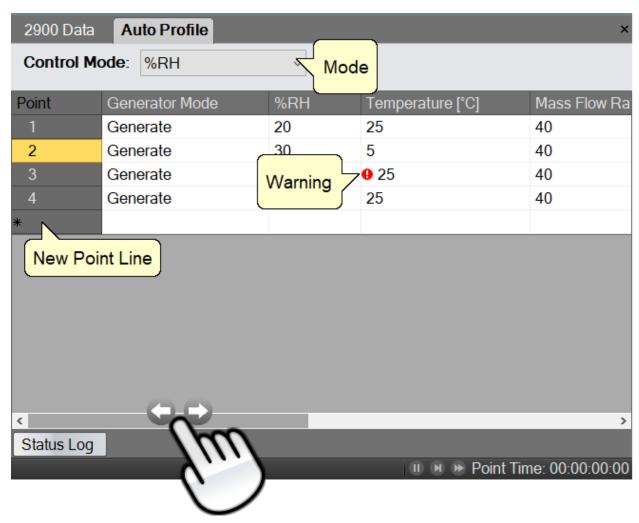


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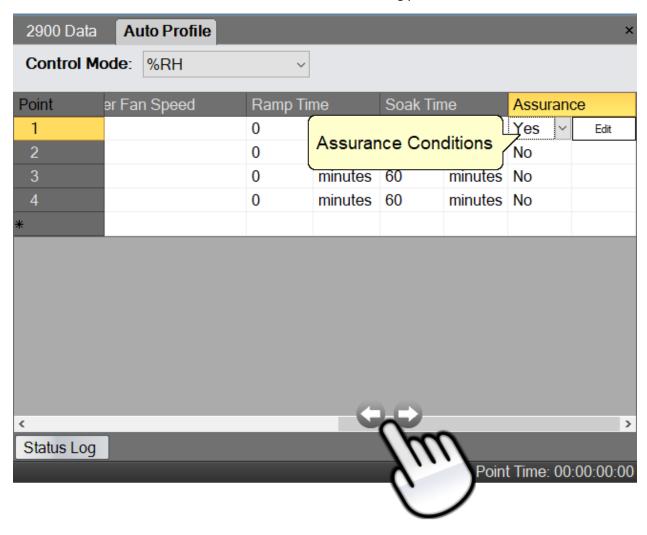
The Auto Profiling feature is very similar to the Generate mode with the main exception that profiling relies on a predefined list of setpoints referred to as a profile. The user configurable profile is used as ControLog's road map during Auto Profile operation. It defines which setpoint values to go to, at what rate to go from one setpoint to another, and how long to stay at a specific setpoint before moving to the next setpoint.

Note - Before attempting to operate the system in an Auto Profile mode, you should become thoroughly familiar with the manual Generate mode of operation.

The Profile Tab is used to create and modify auto profiles. The tab consist of drop drowns, entry fields and a data grid.



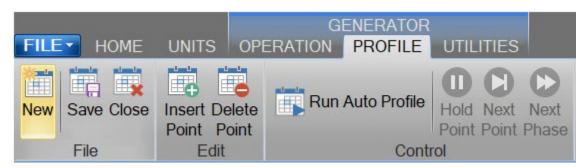
The scrollbar at the bottom can be used to scroll to the remaining profile fields.



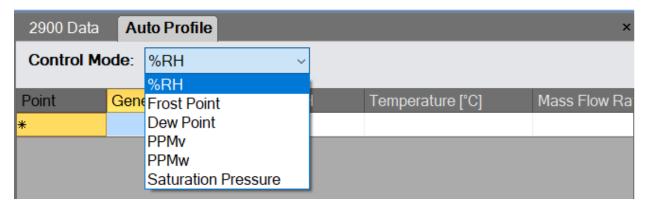
9.1 Creating a New Profile

A profile is a list of humidity, temperature, pressure, flow, and time parameters that are used during automated control of the Model 2900 Humidity generator. The profile essentially programs the computer/controller operations.

Open a new profile tab by selecting "New" from the profile menu.



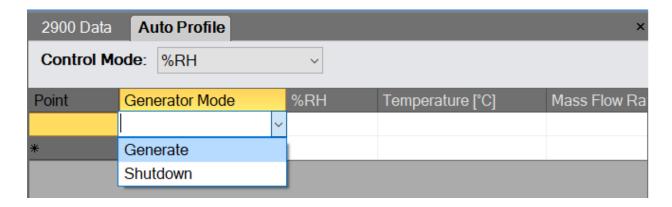
Select the desired **Control Mode** for the entire profile. The Control Mode is what the user would like to generate during the profile. The control modes are the same modes available during manual operation.



For more information, refer to section <u>4.1.4.1 Mode</u>

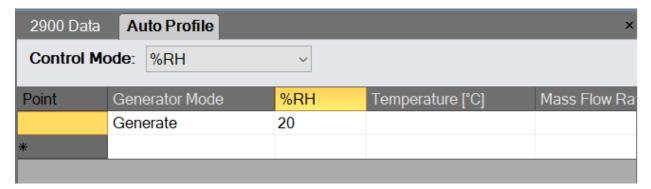
The first column, next to the point numbers, is the Generator Mode. The Generator Mode defines the run mode that the 2900 will operate in for this profile point. The Generator Modes are the same run modes available during manual operation.

Note - Shutdown is only available for the last point.

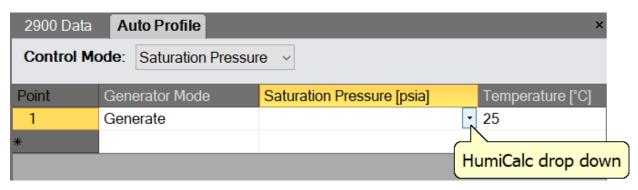


For more information, refer to section 4.1.4.2 Run Menu

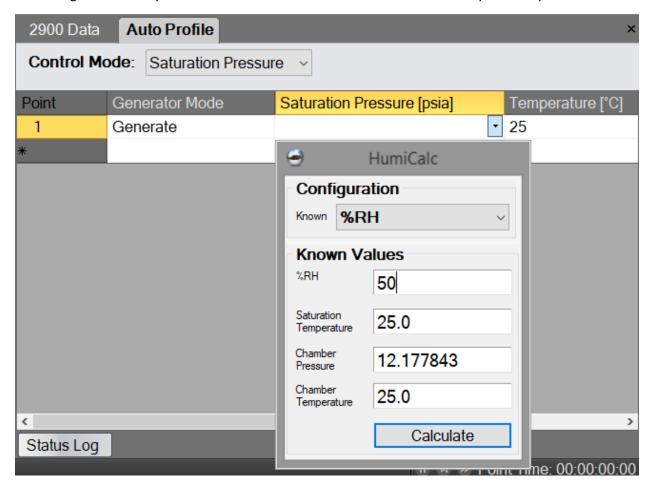
The first column next to the Generator Mode contains the humidity value to generate and is titled at the top according to the currently selected control mode. In the example shown, the profile control mode is set to %RH. Whenever the profile control mode is changed, the title on this column changes to reflect the control mode selected.



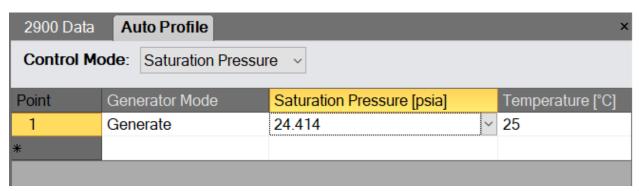
When the Control Mode is set to Saturation Pressure, the first column next to the Generator Mode contains the Saturation Pressure followed by the Temperature. In this control mode the user can also drop down a Mini version of HumiCalc to help calculate the desired Saturation Pressure by clicking the drop-down arrow on the cell. For example, let's say the user wants to calculate the required Saturation Pressure needed to generate a 50 %RH with a Saturation Temperature of 25.0 °C. Start by selecting Saturation Pressure as the Control Mode. Next, enter a 25.0 °C Temperature and then click the Saturation Pressure HumiCalc drop down at the right of the grid cell box.



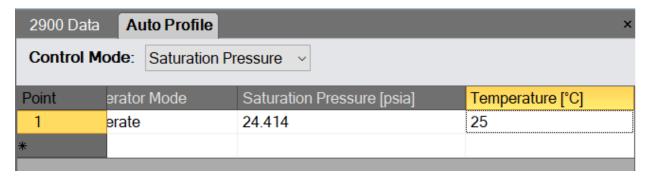
Next, select the known to be %RH and enter the desired percent relative humidity of 50. Notice that ControLog automatically entered the other known values based on the already entered profile values.



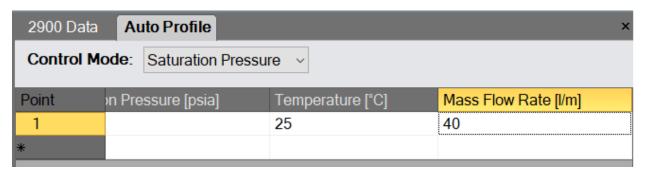
Clicking the "Calculate" button will result in the calculated Saturation Pressure being placed in the profile cell and the HumiCalc dropdown will close.



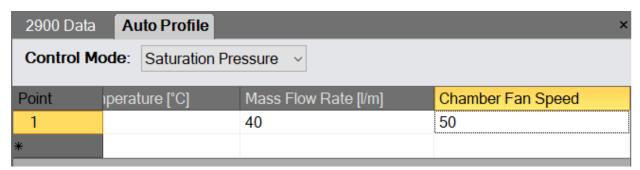
The Temperature column contains value for the saturation temperature for the given point.



The Mass Flow Rate column contains values of the air flow at which the generator will operate. Although not affecting the generated value of humidity, flow rate does affect the air exchange rate, equilibration time of the instruments under test and permeation.

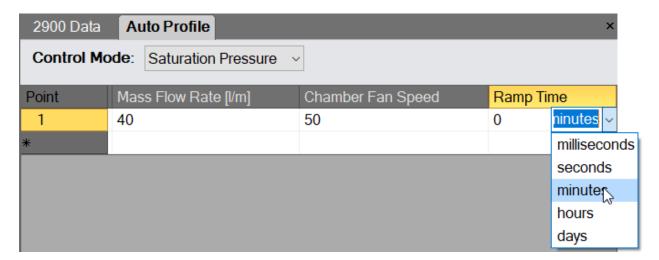


The Chamber Fan Speed column contains percent speed value of the chamber fan for the point. 0 meaning the fan is off and 100 meaning the fan is at full speed.

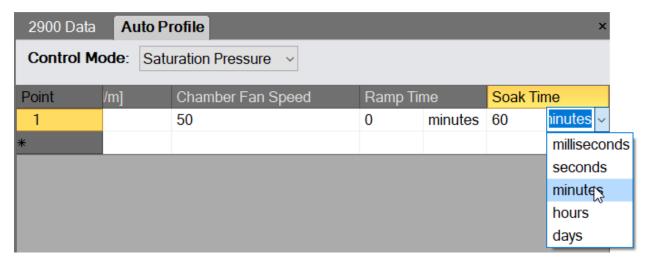


Ramp Time is the desired amount of time the 2900 should take to transition from one profile test point to another. Setting a ramp time of zero instructs the 2900 to make the transition as quickly as possible. Zero is the setting used for most profiles.

Note - The first point cannot have a ramp time, because the starting setpoints can vary.

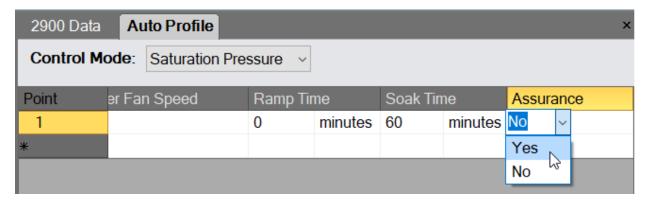


Soak Time is the desired amount of time to generate at a particular profile point. The soak time required depends on the application but should be a significant amount of time based upon the humidity devices being calibrated.

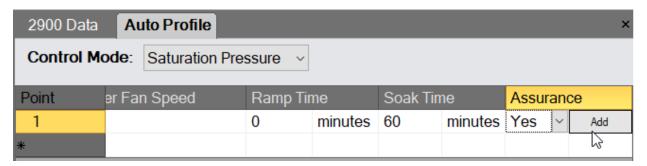


Note - Both Ramp Time and Soak Time are limited to a maximum time of 24.855 days. You likely to run out of water before this maximum time is ever reached.

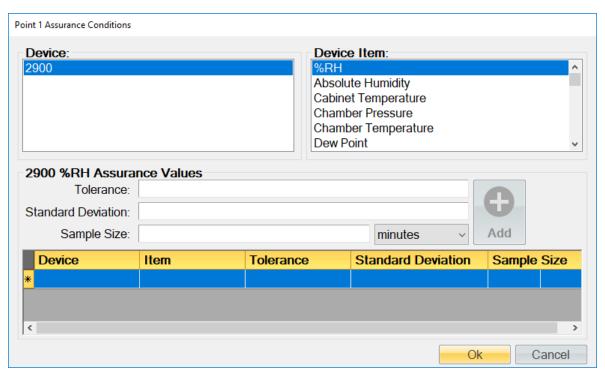
Assurance, if set to "Yes", forces the system to wait until the measured values are within a specified tolerance and/or stability before ControLog will start the Soak Phase. If "No" is set, the Soak Phase will start immediately upon completion of the Ramp Phase.



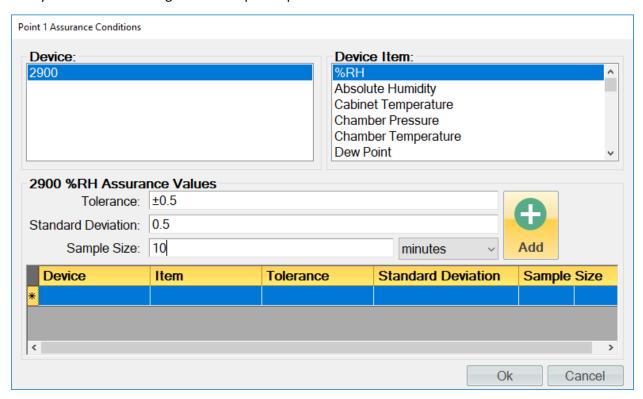
If Assurance is set to "Yes", a small "Add" button will appear on the right-hand side.



Clicking the "Add" button will open the "Assurance Conditions" dialog for the point. The dialog allows the user to enter various assurance conditions for the profile point.



On the upper left-hand side is a list of all available devices. Clicking a device will result in the Device Items list being updated to reflect the available items for the selected device. To add an item, highlight the desired item in the Device Item list, enter the desired Tolerance and/or Standard Deviation and click the "Add" button. For quicker assurance times, increase the Tolerance and/or the Standard Deviation values. Tighter tolerances or standard deviations (smaller values) result in longer assurance times. Setting these values too small could prevent assurance conditions from being met, therefore preventing the system from advancing to the next profile point.



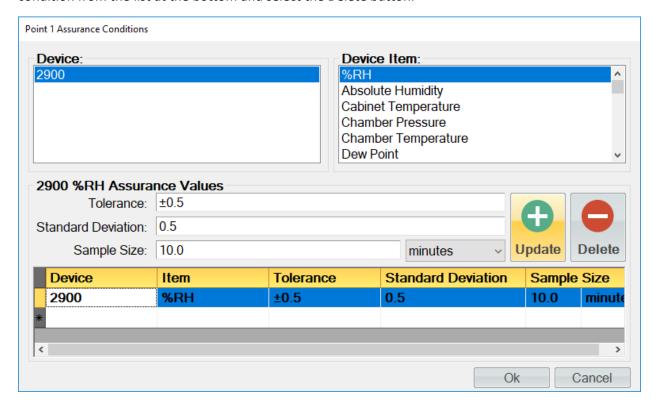
The Tolerance is the allowable variation between the setpoint and the actual. This is best thought of as a window based on a minimum and maximum value, the minimum being the setpoint minus the tolerance and the maximum being the setpoint plus the tolerance. Once the actual value is within the window the tolerance portion of the condition is considered met.

Note - Tolerances can only be entered for 2900 setpoints. The field will be grayed out for all other non 2900 setpoint device items. This is because ControLog can only assure a tolerance for an item that it has the ability to control.

Standard Deviation is a statistic used to measure the variation in the actual data and can be thought of as how spread out or stable the data is. ControLog calculates the Standard Deviation from the device data tab for the points within the given **Sample Size**. When the actual standard deviation is less than the defined limit, the standard deviation portion of the condition is considered met.

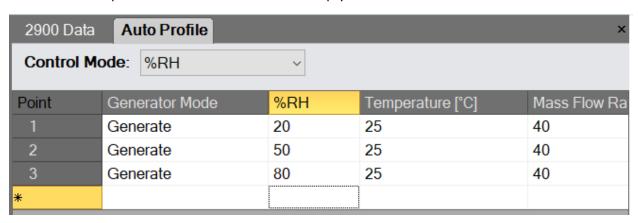
Note - The sample size should always be carefully considered based on the data storage interval. Too small of a sample size in relation to the data storage interval will result in a small number of points used to calculate the Standard Deviation.

To update an assurance condition, select the desired condition from the list at the bottom, make the desired changes and select the Update button. To delete an assurance condition, select the desired condition from the list at the bottom and select the Delete button.

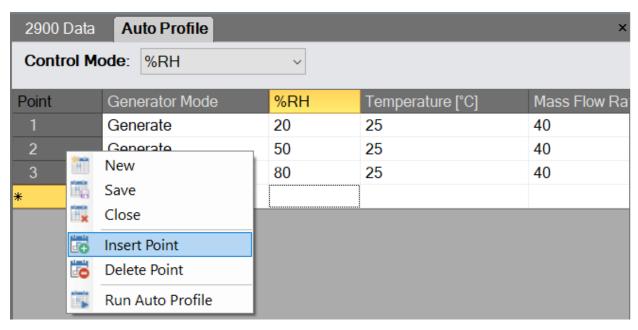


Once all assurance conditions have been completed, select the "Ok" button to close the dialog.

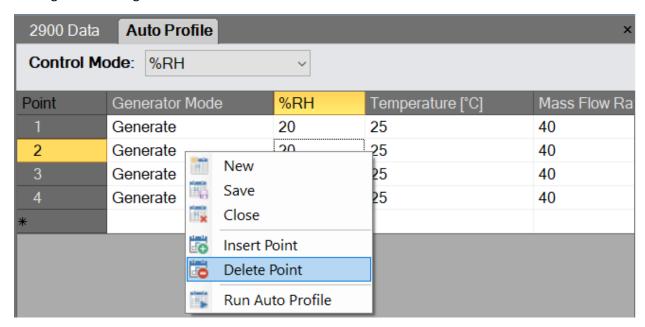
Adding more points to the auto profile is the same process as entering the first point, but the user can let ControLog help fill in values for the new point by simply entering the desired values and then by selecting the new point line (indicated by the * asterisk). ControLog will predict values for any empty field by either copying the values from the point above or by continuing the pattern from the previous points. For example, if the previous %RH points were 20% and 50% ControLog will automatically use 80% for the next point if the user leaves that field empty.



New points can also be inserted between existing points by long pressing or right clicking and selecting "Insert Point" from the context menu. ControLog will insert a new point at the selected location and will automatically predict the values.



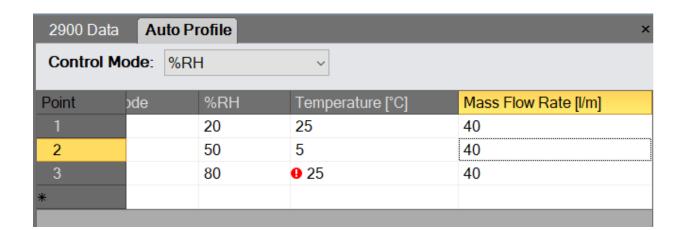
Existing points can also be deleted by selecting the desired point and then by long pressing or right clicking and selecting "Delete Point" from the context menu.



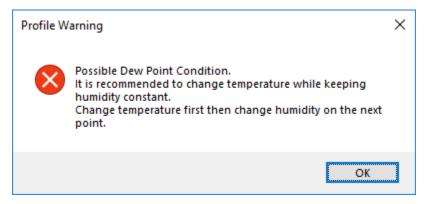
Profile points that cause operational issues for the 2900 are automatically flagged by ControLog and are indicated by a red circle with an explanation point .

CAUTION!

THE USER SHOULD ADDRESS AND RESOLVE ALL ISSUES BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO RUN THE AUTO PROFILE.



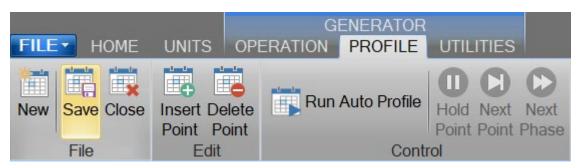
An explanation of the issue will also be displayed.



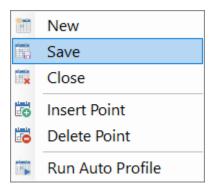
9.2 SAVING A PROFILE

The Profile tab can be saved to file for future recall. ControLog Auto Profiles are saved in XML format with a *.profile extension.

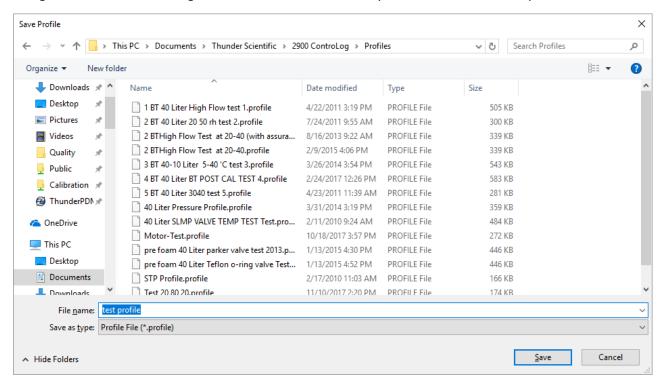
To perform the save, select "Save" from the main menu or right click a profile tab and select "Save".



Or



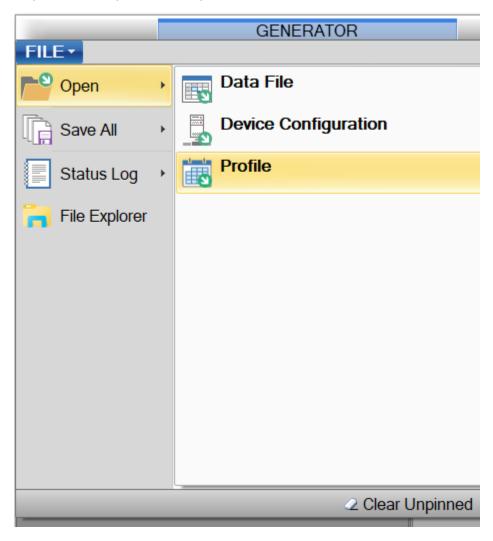
Using the "Save Profile" dialog, select the location and name you want to the save the profile as.



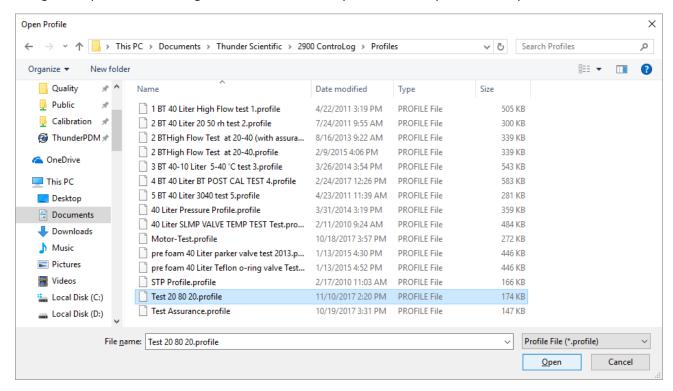
9.3 OPENING A PROFILE

Profiles can be loaded from previously saved profile files.

To perform the open, select "Open" from the file menu and select Profile.



Using the "Open Profile" dialog, browse and select the profile file that you want to open.

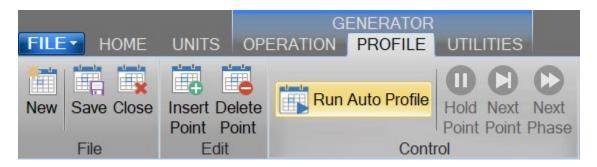


Once the load is complete, the profile tab will be displayed with the loaded profile points.

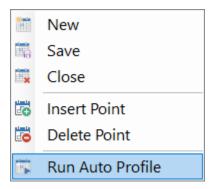
9.4 RUNNING AN AUTO PROFILE

To run an auto profile, select "Run Auto Profile" from the main menu or right click a profile tab and select "Run Auto Profile".

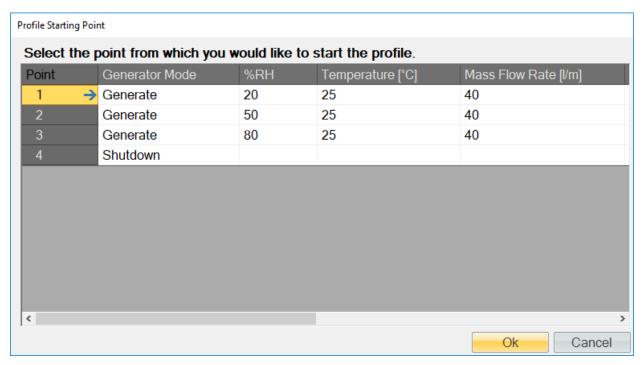
Note - While operating the system in the Auto Profile mode, manual setpoint and mode changes are not allowed.



Or



Selection will open the "Profile Starting Point" dialog which allows the user to select which point in the profile they would like to start the profile on. This feature provides more flexibility by allowing the user to skip ahead to a desired point within the auto profile.



If the profile contained errors, which were indicated by a red circle with an explanation point • on the profile, a warning message will appear when the user tries to run the profile.

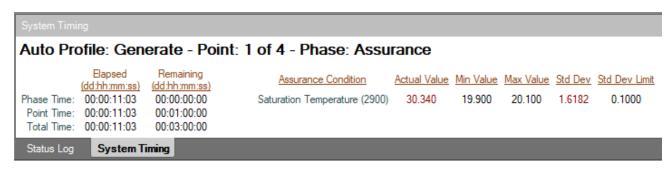
CAUTION!

RUNNING A PROFILE WITH ERRORS MAY CAUSE ADVERSE BEHAVIOR DURING THE PROFILE RUN. THE USER IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ADDRESS AND FIX ALL PROFILE ISSUES BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO RUN THE PROFILE.

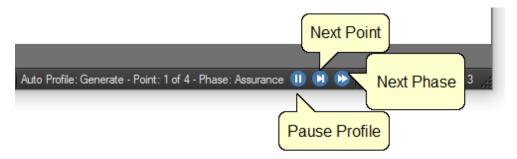


Once the auto profile begins, ControLog will begin sending the commands and setpoints for the starting profile point. The System Timing tab will be displayed in the information tab group and the Auto Profile Controls and Status will appear in the status bar.

The System Timing tab gives detailed information on the Auto Profile as it runs. The elapsed and remaining Phase, Point and Total time are listed along with the detailed assurance conditions values and tolerances.



The Auto Profile Controls and Status consist of the generator run state for the current profile point, the profile point the system is currently running and the phase of the current point. It also consists of three shortcut buttons to control the operation of the auto profile. There is a "Pause Profile" button, advance to "Next Point" button and advance to the "Next Phase" button. These are the same commands that are available in the profile menus.



9.4.1 Understanding Profile Phases

Each profile point consists of three distinct phases; Ramp, Assurance and Soak. Each phase accomplishes a specified task.

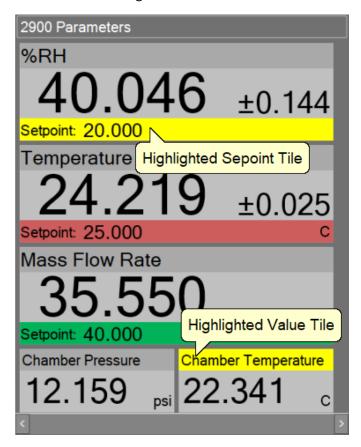
9.4.1.1 Ramp Phase

The Ramp Phase is used to linearly transition from one point to the next point in a given amount of time.

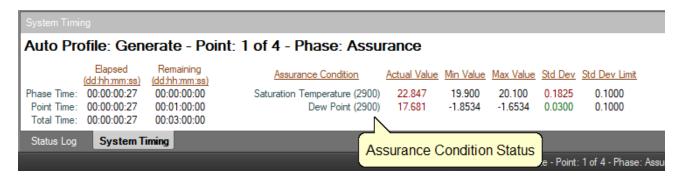
9.4.1.2 Assurance Phase

The Assurance Phase forces the system to wait until measured parameters and setpoint values are within a specified tolerance and/or stability before the computer starts the Soak Phase.

During the assurance phase, assurance conditions that have not been met will be displayed with a yellow footer block for Setpoint Tile and a yellow header block for Value Tile on the parameter tab of the device containing the condition.



The system timing tab provides a detailed view of each assurance condition for the current point. The actual value of each condition will be displayed in red if it has yet to be met and will be displayed in green once the condition has been met. The system timing tab also displays criteria the condition needs to meet for both tolerance and standard deviation.



Note - The assurance phase will be active for a minimum of 30 seconds. This delay allows the 2900 to calculate setpoints before ControLog begins to assure each condition.

9.4.1.3 Soak Phase

The Soak phase is the desired amount of time to generate at a particular point before proceeding to the next point.

9.4.1.4 Example 1



Example 1 causes the Soak phase to begin immediately at the start of the profile point, even though the 2900 may still be adjusting to the point. The next point will start after the 1-hour soak phase.

9.4.1.5 Example 2



Example 2 causes the Assurance phase to begin immediately at the start of the profile point. Measured values are continually compared with the setpoint values until they agree with the set tolerance and/or the measured values are stable to within the specified degree. Once assured (tolerances met) the Soak phase begins. Total time required for this point varies and depends upon the amount of time that is required for assurance (dictated by tolerances). Total time for example 2 is elapsed assurance time plus 1 hour.

9.4.1.6 Example 3



The Ramp phase (Ramp Timer) begins at the start of the point. The system adjusts <u>slowly</u> toward the setpoint, taking 15 minutes. Once the ramp time has elapsed, assurance starts and waits for tolerances to be met. When tolerances are met, the soak phase begins and lasts 1 hour. Total time for example 3 is 15 minutes, plus elapsed assurance time, plus 1 hour. Assurance time is a variable and depends on tolerances.

9.4.2 Manual Override of Profile

Although the system is operating automatically, some manual control is allowed using the Hold Point, Next Phase and Next Point menu items on the Run menu or Status Bar.



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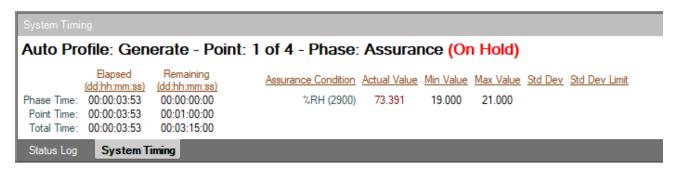


9.4.2.1 Holding the Profile

Selecting Hold Point from the profile menu or status bar will stop the current "Remaining Time" timers, allowing the system to remain indefinitely at the current point. While in a hold mode, the system is prevented from completing the ramp, assurance, or soak phases of a point.



When holding, a hold indicator appears in the System Timing tab and the hold menu buttons change into resume buttons.



To resume the profile point, select the Resume Point from the profile menu or status bar. This reenables the timing functions and allows the profile to resume normal operation.

9.4.2.2 Advancing to the Next Point

Selecting Next Point from the Run menu or status bar manually duplicates the action which automatically occurs when the Point time counter reaches zero.



9.4.2.3 Advancing to the Next Phase

Selecting Next Phase from the profile menu or status bar manually duplicates the action which automatically occurs when a Remaining Ramp or Soak Time counter reaches zero, or when the assurance conditions are met. In other words, it causes Ramp Phase to proceed to the Assurance or Soak Phase, Assurance to proceed to Soak, or Soak to proceed to Ramp of the next profile point. This allows for early manual termination of any phase within a profile point.



9.4.2.4 Stopping the Auto Profile

Selecting Stop Auto Profile from the profile menu or context menu will terminate the profile at the current point and the generator will continue at its current setpoints for Saturation Pressure, Saturation Temperature and Flow. Another way to exit the Auto Profile is to switch from Auto Profile to Generate or Shutdown.

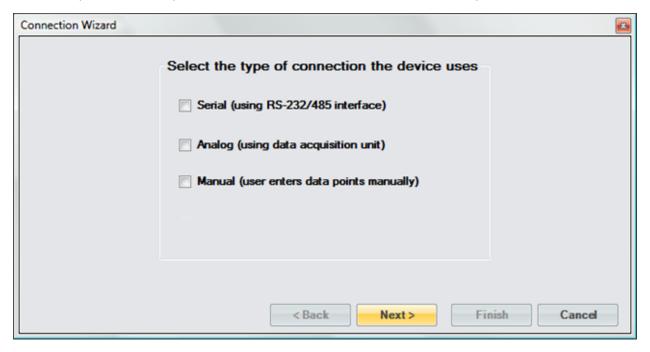


10 CONNECTIONS

ControLog supports a customizable interface that works with most devices. ControLog will allow the user to create a new device connection using the "Connection Wizard" or open previously saved connections. The wizard will open a separate dialog window containing various steps that will guide the user in defining the communication required to receive the desired data items from the device. The user can create as many (up to 60) or as few data items as they see fit for any one device. Each data item can be uniquely named and once connected will be recorded in its own parameter and data tab. ControLog also allows the user to save these interfaces for future use.

Note - ControLog has a limit of eight devices connected at any given time.

The "Connection Wizard" allows the user to step through the connection configuration. Using the "Next" and "Back" buttons, the user can progress through the connection configuration steps. At any time, the user may cancel the new connection or opening of a connection by selecting the "Cancel" button. Once the last step has been completed, the "Finish" button will be available to complete the new connection.

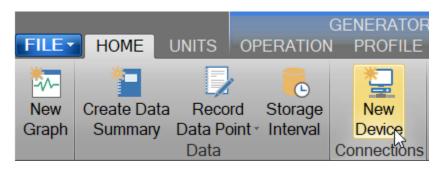


Note - It is always recommended to have the manufacturer's documentation for the device being connected while creating the new connection. It is also recommended to use a terminal-based application to test the various commands before creating a new connection.

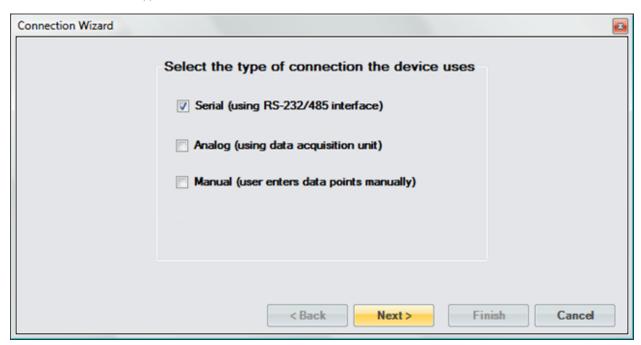
10.1 SERIAL CONNECTION

A Serial Connection uses either an RS-232 or RS-485 interface to acquire data from a given ASCII based serial device. The customizable interface provided by ControLog allows the user to define the ASCII commands that are sent and/or received through the RS-232/485 interface to communicate with the serial device. The system supports both request to receive type of communication as well as receive only type of communication.

To create a new serial connection, select "New Device" from the Home menu tab. This will open a "Connection Wizard" dialog that will step the user through the connection definition process.



Select "Serial" as the type of connection the device uses.



Enter a unique name for the device.



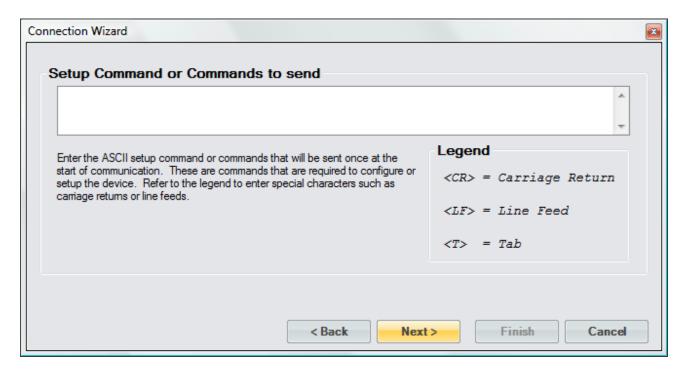
Select whether the device requires a setup command or commands. Setup commands are only sent once at the start of communication. These commands are only required if you need to send special commands to configure the device before data request and response commands are processed.



If setup commands are required, then enter the ASCII setup command or commands that will be sent at the start of communication. Refer to the legend to enter special characters such as carriage returns and/or line feeds.

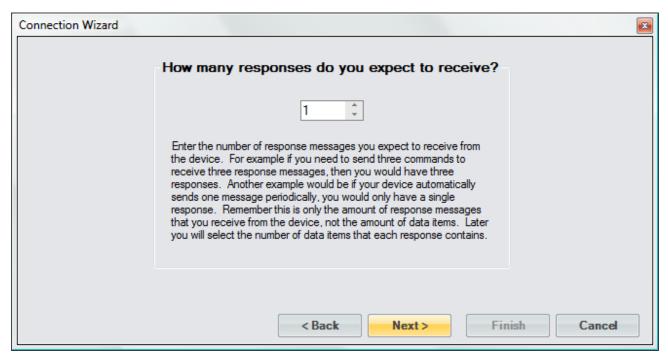
Note - All commands are case sensitive.

Note - End of Line (EOL) or End of Transmission (EOT) characters such as carriage returns and/or line feeds are very important and are the leading cause of failed communication. Refer to the manufacturer's documentation for the device to verify the required EOL or EOT characters.

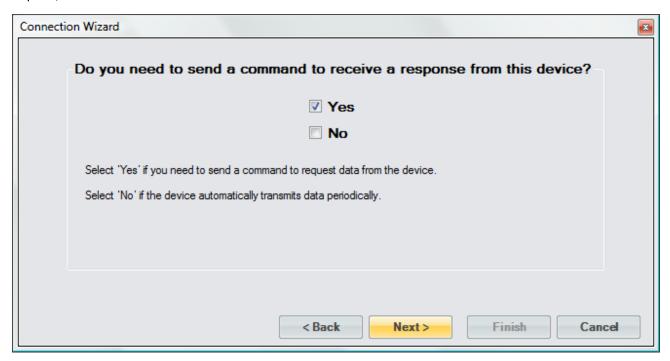


Enter the number of responses you expect to receive from the device. This is the amount of response messages that you will receive from the device, not necessarily the number of data items. A device response message could contain multiple data items. Later you will select the number of data items that each response message contains.

For example, if you need to send three commands to receive three response messages, then you would enter three. Or, if your device automatically sends one message periodically you would only have a single response and you would enter one.

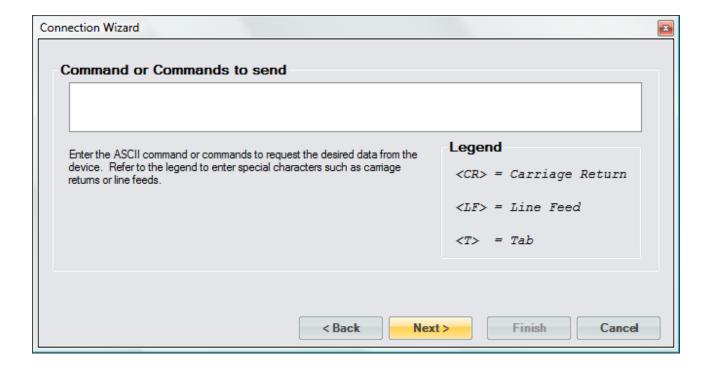


Select whether a command needs to be sent to request a response. If the device requires a command to be sent to receive a response, then select "Yes". If the device automatically outputs data without any request, then select "No".

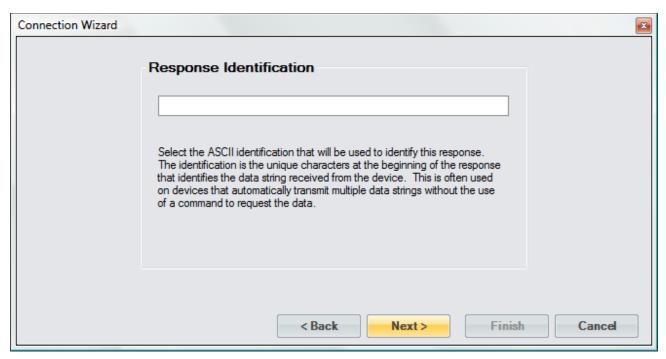


If a command was required, then enter the ASCII Command or Commands to request the desired data from the device. Refer to the legend to enter special characters such as carriage returns and/or line feeds.

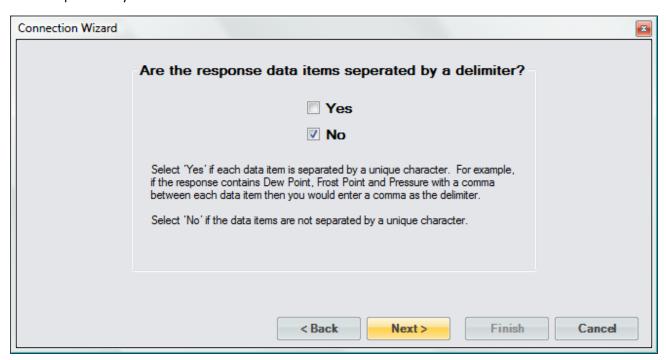
Note - All commands are case sensitive.



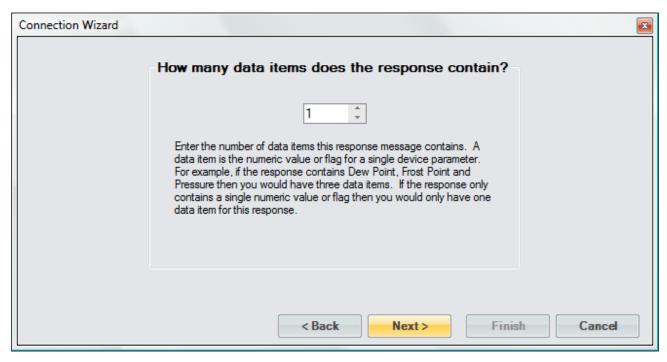
Select the ASCII identification that will be used to identify the response if no command is required but the device automatically sends messages periodically. The identification is the unique characters at the beginning of the message that identifies the response received. This is often used on devices that automatically transmit multiple data messages without the use of a command to request data.



Select whether the response has a delimiter that is separating each data item. For example, if the response contains Dew Point, Frost Point and Pressure with a comma between each data item then each item is separated by a comma delimiter.

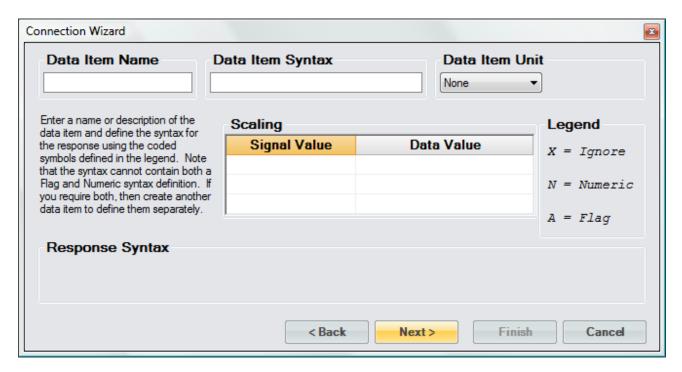


Enter the number of data items the response message contains. A data item is the numeric value or flag portion for a single device parameter within the response message. For example, if the response contains Dew Point, Frost Point and Pressure then you would have three data items. If the response only contains a single numeric value or flag, then you would only have one data item for this response.



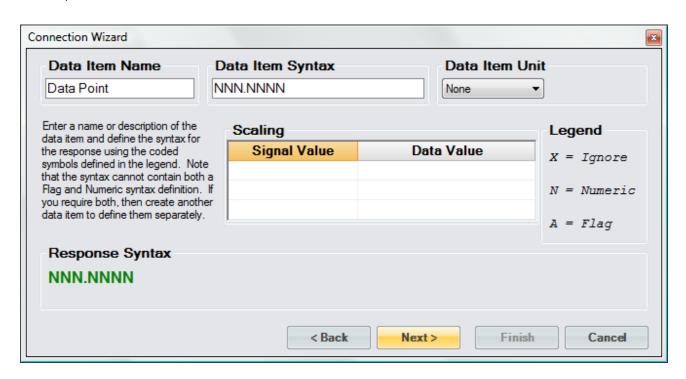
Enter a name or description for the data item and define the syntax, unit and scaling. The data item syntax is defined using the symbols in the Legend. Use the "X" symbol to indicate a character that should be ignored, use the "N" symbol to represent a numeric ASCII character and the "A" symbol to indicate a flag or any ASCII character. This dialog will repeat for each data item in the response.

Note - The syntax cannot contain both a Flag and a Numeric syntax definition. If the user requires both, then create another data item to define them separately.



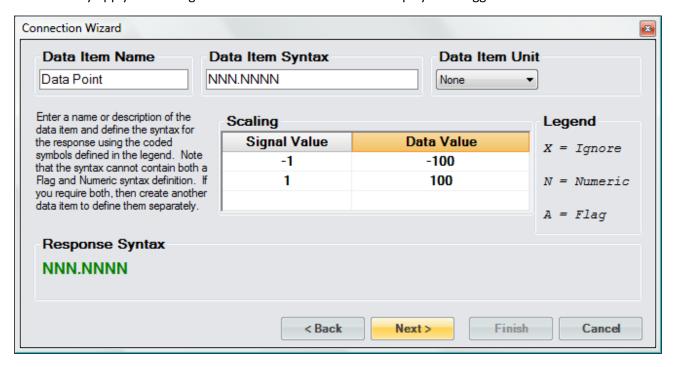
When defining a numeric syntax enter an "N" for each possible digit in the response. For example, if you know the device returns a six-digit numeric value you would enter "NNN.NNN". The decimal point is not required, and its location is not important. Decimal points, plus signs and minus signs are treated the same as an "N" and are allowed merely to help make the syntax resemble a number value.

Note - It is important to have sufficient numeric definition to assure all possible numeric responses will be covered, especially when a device responds with scientific notation or varying precession.

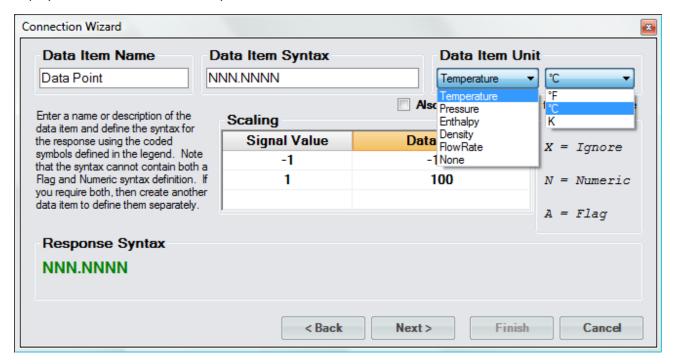


It is possible to scale a numeric data item response. The scaling consists of a two-point definition for a linear scaling or a three to five-point definition for polynomial fit scaling. The number of points determines the degree of the polynomial used to scale the data item response. A Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) algorithm is used to determine the coefficients of the polynomial. Each point definition consists of a signal value and a data value. The signal value represents the "raw" output signal from the device. The data value represents the actual value or real-world value at the given signal value.

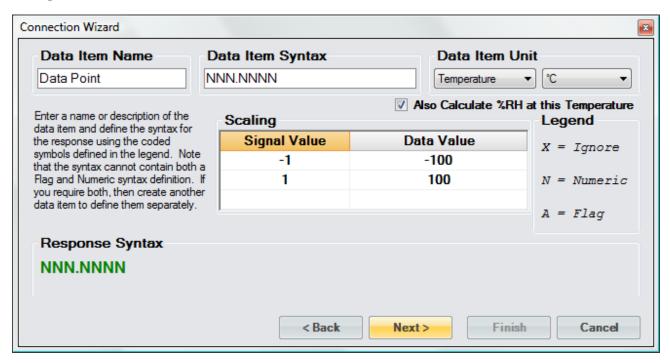
Scaling allows the user to scale a numeric data item response into a given humidity value. For example, if you have a numeric data item response that ranges from -1 to 1 and it is known that 0 corresponds to -100 and 1 corresponds to 100. The user can then enter these scaling values and ControLog will automatically apply the scaling to the data item whenever it is displayed or logged.



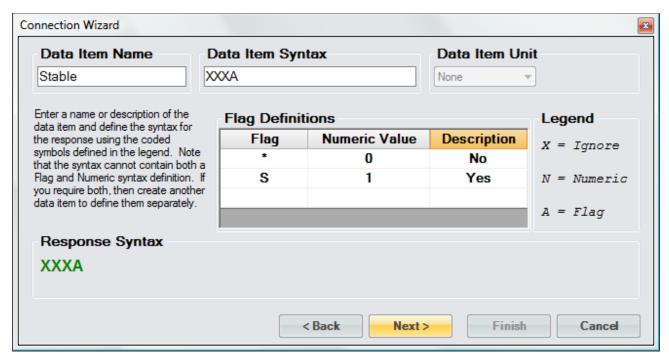
Selecting the unit for the data item will allow ControLog to convert the value to the selected system units for display in the parameter tab and record the value in the default SI units in the data tab. Remember this is the unit the device is sending the data item in, not the unit you wish to display the data item as. If "None" is selected, then ControLog will treat the data item as a simple number and will display and record the value exactly as it is received.



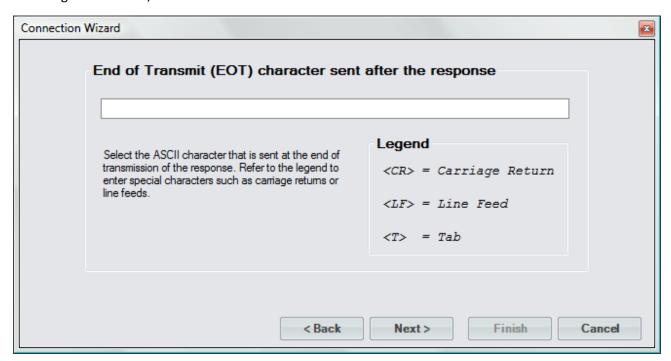
In addition to reading a temperature, ControLog can compute a percent relative humidity (%RH) at the temperature. This is useful when compensating for temperature gradients within the chamber. To have ControLog automatically calculate the relative humidity at the temperature, simply select the corresponding checkbox. The newly calculated %RH will have the same name as the specified Data Item Name but will be preceded by "%RH@". In the below example the calculated %RH will appear as "%RH@Data Point".



When defining flag type syntax, enter an "A" for each character in the response that represents the flag. The Flag Definitions define what each possible ASCII flag represents. The user must enter a numeric value for each flag definition which will be recorded in the data tab and a description for the flag that will be shown in the parameters tab.



Enter the End of Transmit (EOT) character that is sent after the response. This is the ASCII character that is sent at the end of transmission of the response. Refer to the legend to enter special characters such as carriage returns and/or line feeds.



Select the name and location to save the new serial connection. Selecting the "Browse" button will open a save file dialog that will allow the user to specify the name and browse to the desired location to save the file. All device connection files are saved in XML format with a (*.device) extension.



Next, the user can select whether to connect to the device now or to exit without connecting.

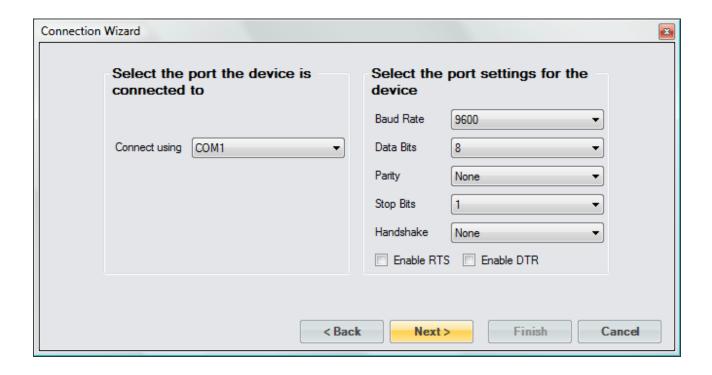
Note - The user can connect at any time by loading the device from the Connections menu.



Select the communication port that the device is connected to and select the port settings for the device.

CAUTION!

INCORRECT RTS AND DTR SETTINGS CAN PROHIBIT COMMUNICATION. REFER TO THE DEVICE MANUFACTURER'S DOCUMENTATION TO VERIFY ALL DEVICE PORT SETTINGS.



Select the access rate at which ControLog will communicate with the device.

Note - It is always recommended to start with the default 1.5 second access interval and to modify later as needed.

CAUTION!

DO NOT SET THE ACCESS INTERVAL TOO SMALL. IF THE DEVICE IS NOT CAPABLE OF COMMUNICATING AT THE SET INTERVAL THEN CONTROLOG MAY INADVERTENTLY THINK COMMUNICATION HAS BEEN LOST WHEN THE DEVICE DOES NOT REPLY WITHIN THE DESIRED ABOUT OF TIME.

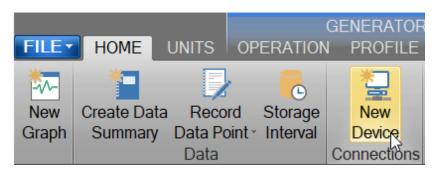


Select "Show Interface Console" to automatically open a Device Interface Console tab once communication has been established with the device.

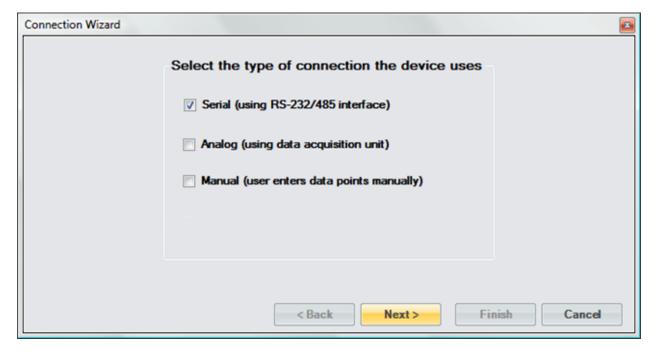
10.1.1 Serial Connection Example 1

This example will demonstrate the creation of a serial connection to an RH Systems® 373 Dew Point Mirror. We will request the Frost Point temperature and Atmospheric Pressure from the mirror as data items.

Start by selecting "New Device" from the Home menu tab.



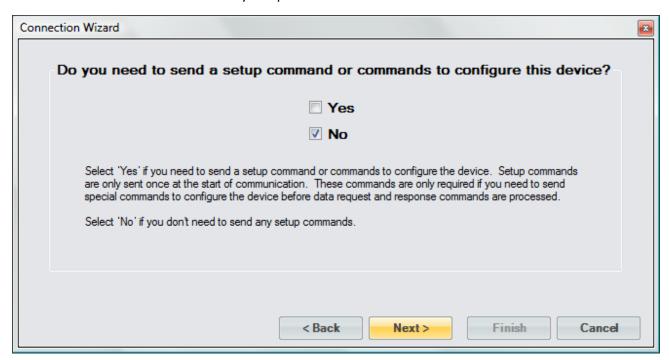
Select "Serial" as the type of device connection.



Enter "373 Dew Point Mirror" as the name for the device.



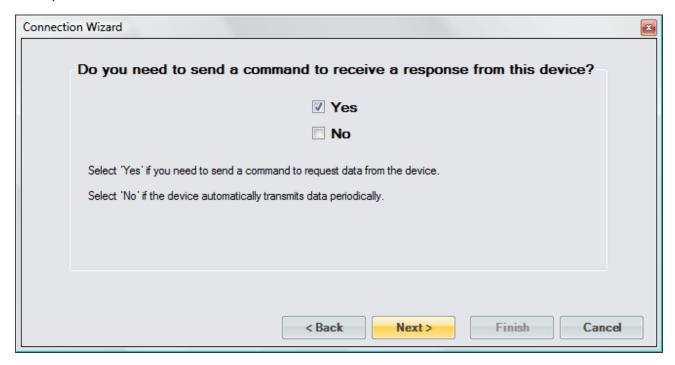
For the 373 we do not need to send any setup commands.



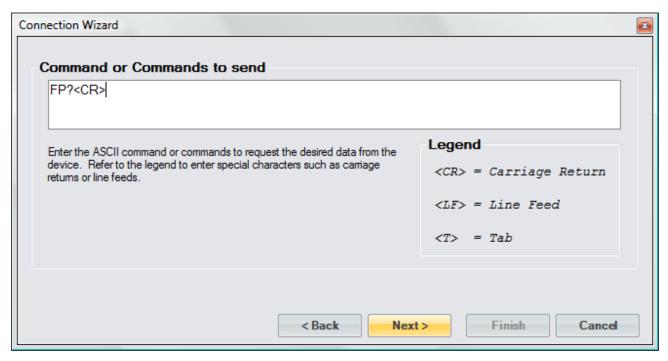
The 373 will send two responses; one with the requested Frost Point value and the other with the requested Atmospheric Pressure value.



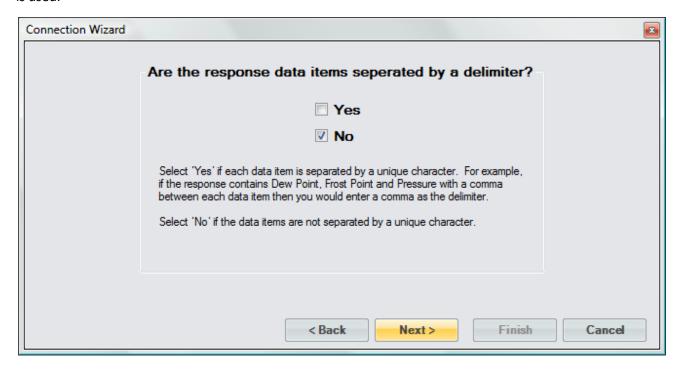
The 373 requires a request command to be sent to receive either the Frost Point value or the Atmospheric Pressure value.



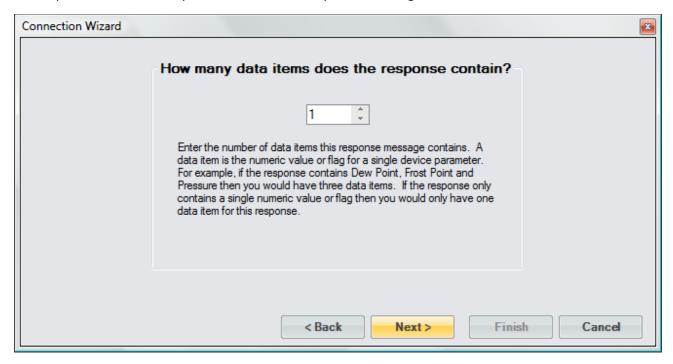
The 373 documentation tells us we need to send the frost point command to receive the Frost Point value. The documentation also states the command must be terminated with a carriage return or a carriage return line feed combination.



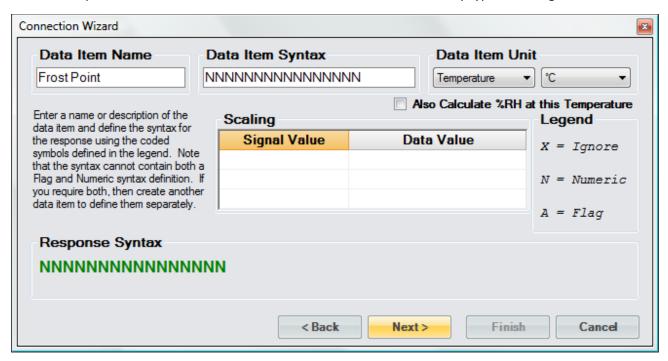
The 373 will respond to the frost point command with a single numeric value and therefore no delimiter is used.



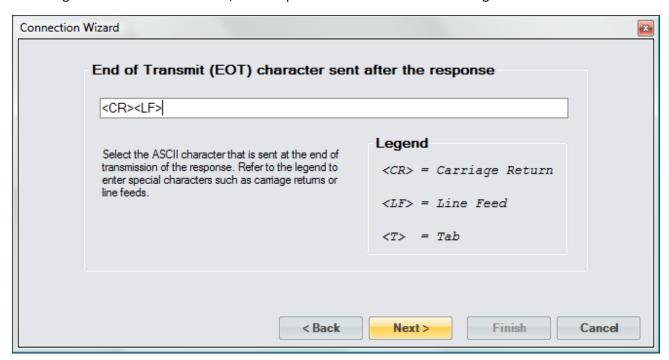
The response from the frost point command will only contain a single numeric value.



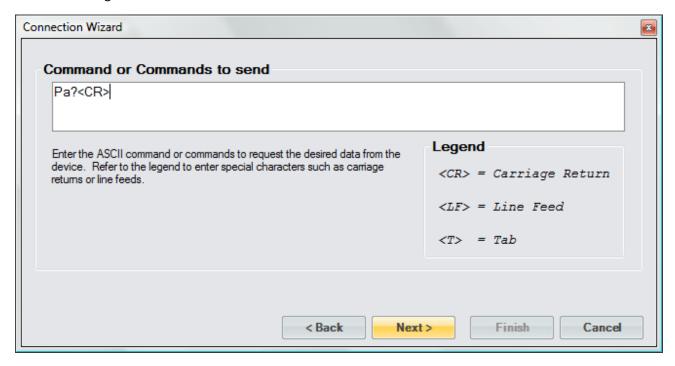
The first item is given the name Frost Point. The 373 can respond with a high precision numeric value so the Data Item Syntax was defined with the maximum digits possible that the 373 can respond with. The Data Item's Unit was defined as a temperature in degrees Celsius as stated in the documentation for the 373. The response value is the actual value so there is no need to define any type of scaling.



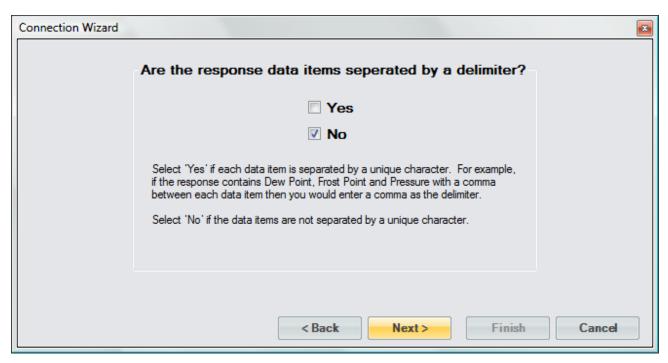
According to the 373 documentation, each response is terminated with a carriage return and line feed.



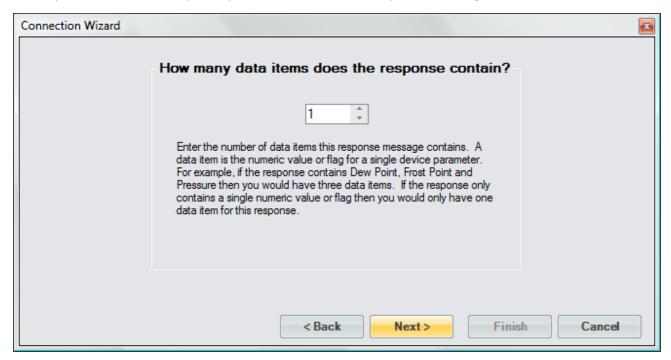
Next, we define the command for the second response. Referring to the 373 documentation we enter the command for atmospheric pressure. Again, the command must be terminated with a carriage return or carriage return line feed combination.



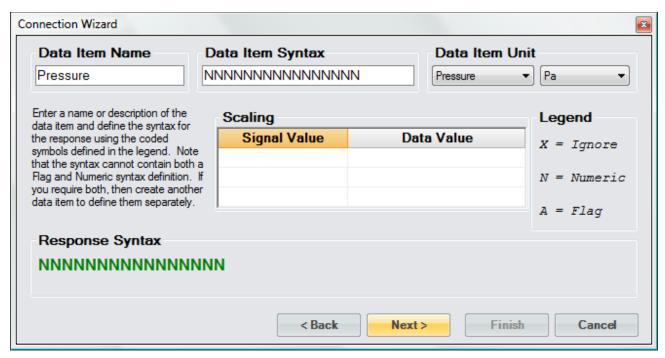
The 373 will respond to the atmospheric pressure command with a single numeric value and therefore no delimiter is used.



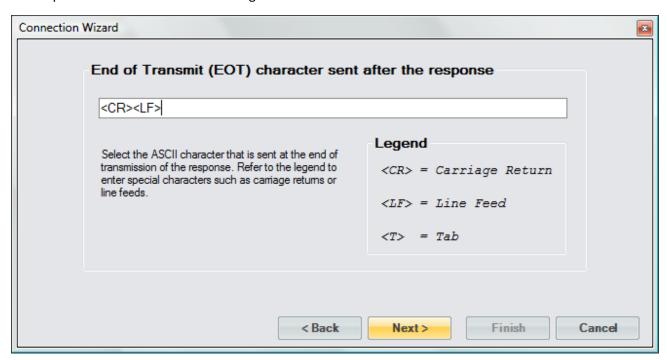
The response from the atmospheric pressure command will only contain a single numeric value.



The second item is given the name, Pressure. Again, the Data Item Syntax was defined with the maximum digits possible that the 373 can respond with. The Data Item's Unit was defined as a pressure in Pascal as stated in the documentation. The response value is the actual value so there is no need to define any type of scaling.



The response is terminated with a carriage return and line feed.



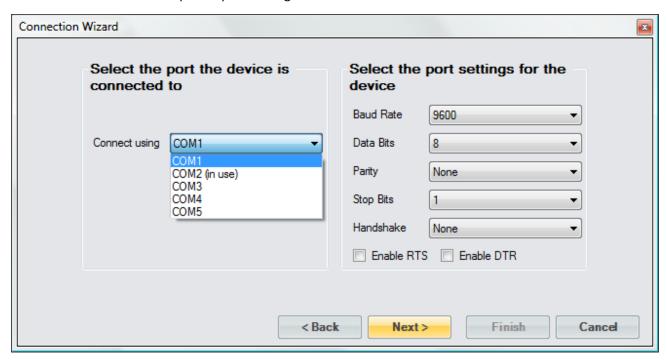
Save the newly created device to a file so that it can be recalled at a later time.



Select to connect to the device now.



Select the port the 373 is connected to. Notice that ControLog indicates which ports are in use. Refer to the 373 documentation for specific port settings:



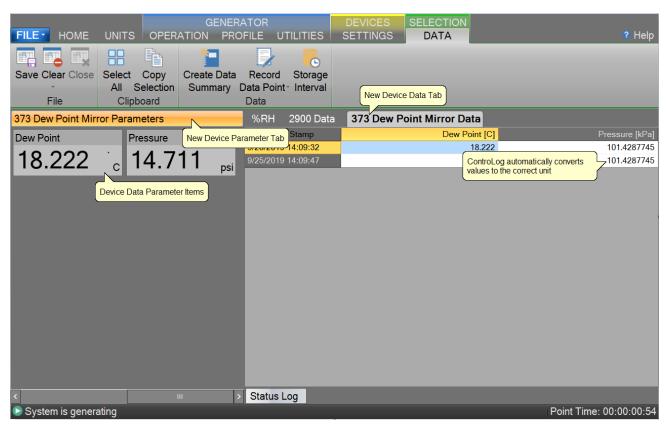
The default access interval of 1.5 seconds is entered.



Once completed, ControLog will attempt to establish communication with the 373.



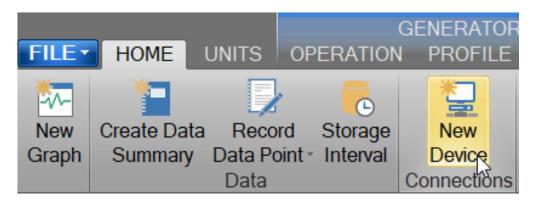
Once communication is successfully established with the 373, a new parameter tab and data tab will be created. Note that both the parameter tab and data tab have the two data items we defined. Notice that since we defined what unit the data items were received in, ControLog is able to convert the values into the selected units for easy reading.



10.1.2 Serial Connection Example 2

This example will demonstrate the creation of a serial connection to an MBW® DP-30 Precision Dew Point Hygrometer. This example will be working with a DP-30 that has the temperature and pressure option. The DP-30 does not require any request to receive data. Instead, it constantly outputs three data messages at a periodic rate.

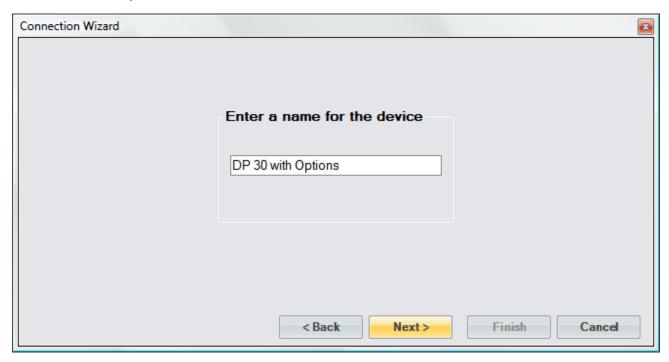
Start by selecting "New" from the Connections menu.



Select "Serial" as the type of device connection.



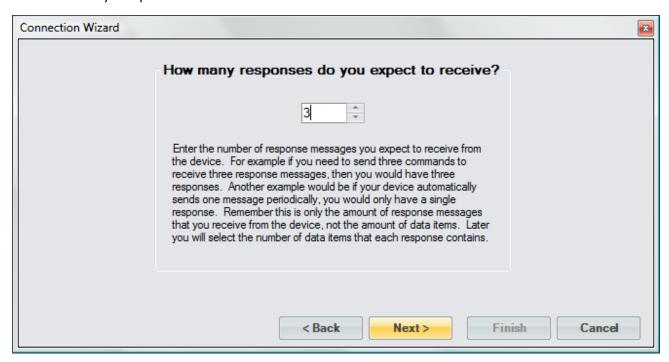
Enter "DP 30 with Options" as the name for the device.



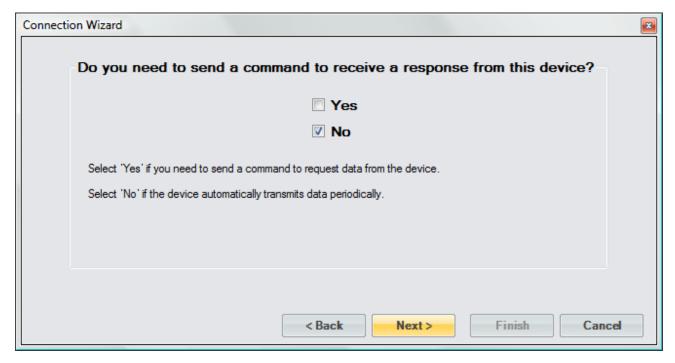
For the DP-30 we do not need to send any setup commands.



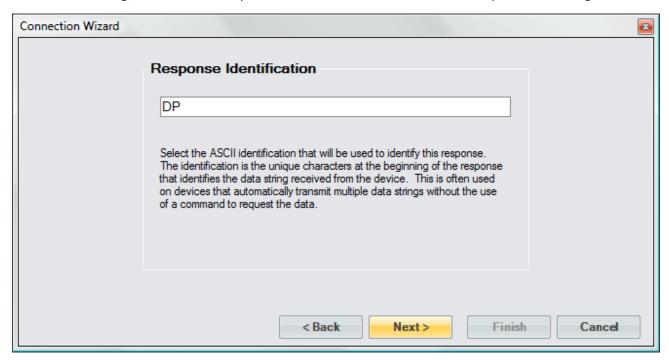
We will receive three responses from the DP-30; one with the Dew Point Temperature value and Status, one with the Dry Temperature value and one with the Pressure value.



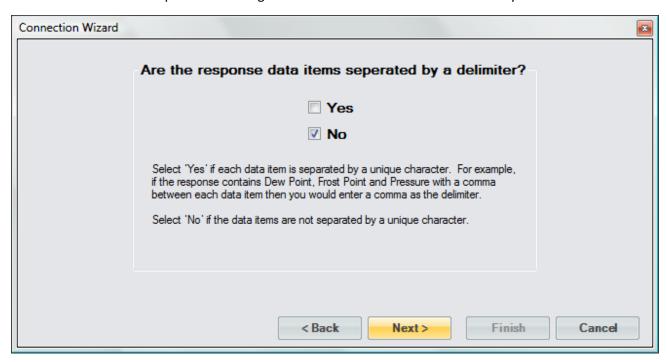
The DP-30 does not require any command to be sent to receive a response. The DP-30 automatically transmits the messages.



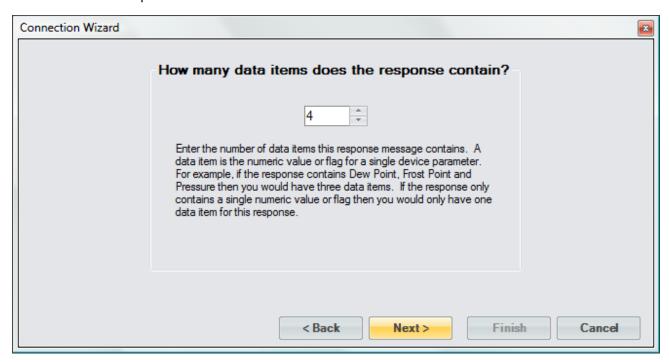
For the first message, we enter the response identification of the Dew Point Temperature message.



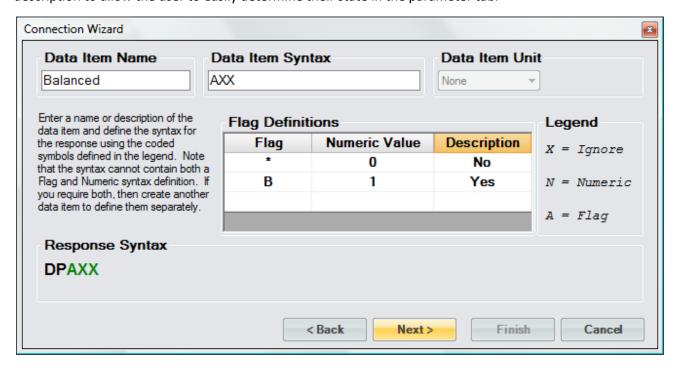
The DP-30 Dew Point Temperature message is of a fixed format and does not use any delimiter.



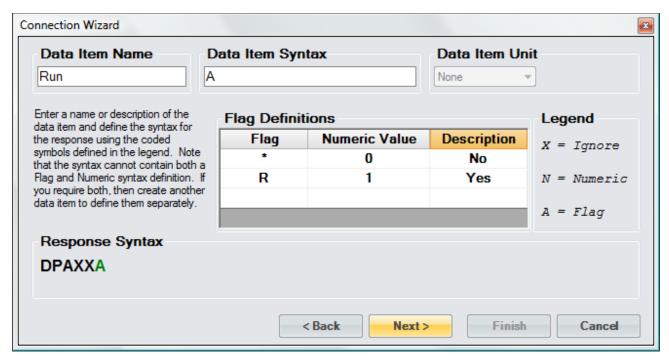
The Dew Point Temperature message contains three flags and one value that results in a total of four data items for this response.



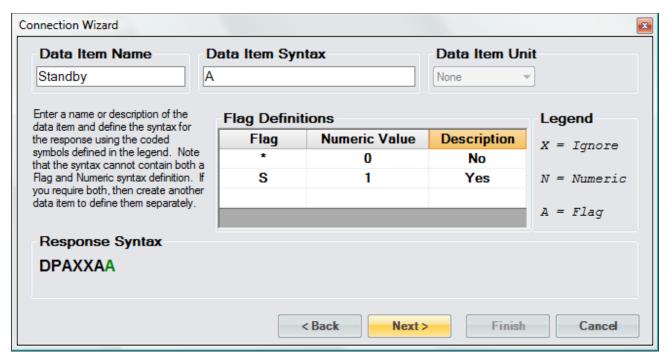
The first data item is a flag indicating whether the DP-30 is balanced. The DP-30 will send a "*" indicating that it is not balanced or a "B" indicating that it is balanced. Since we are not interested in the next two characters after this flag in the message we will tell ControLog to ignore them by adding two "X"s after the flag symbol. Next, we define these flag definitions and give them a simple "Yes" or "No" description to allow the user to easily determine their state in the parameter tab.



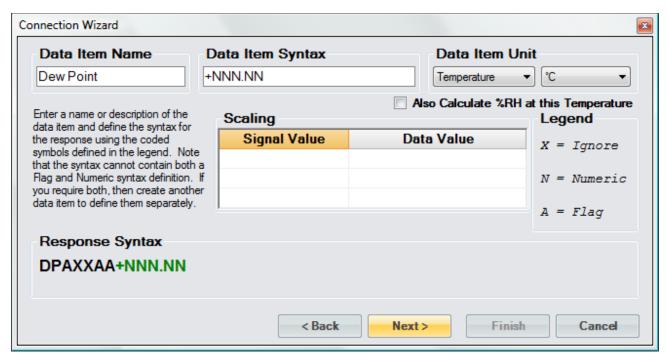
The second data item is a flag indicating whether the DP-30 is running. The DP-30 will send a "*" indicating that it is not running or an "S" indicating that it is running. We again define these flag definitions and give them a simple "Yes" or "No" description to allow the user to easily determine the state in the parameter tab.



The third data item is a flag indicating whether the DP-30 is in standby. The DP-30 will send a "*" indicating that it is not in standby or an "S" indicating that it is in standby. We again define these flag definitions and give them a simple "Yes" or "No" description to allow the user to easily determine the state in the parameter tab.



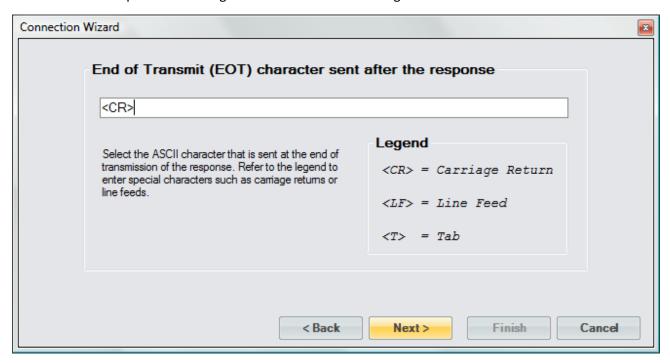
The fourth data item is the dew point temperature value. The DP-30 will send a numeric value indicating the dew point temperature in degrees Celsius. We define the syntax exactly as the DP-30 documentation specifies. The response value is the actual value so there is no need to define any type of scaling.



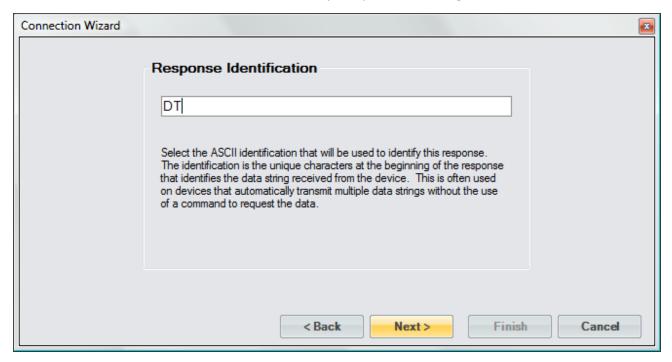
Notice that ControLog shows the combined response syntax for this message at the bottom of the form. This syntax will closely resemble the syntax defined in the DP-30 documentation for the dew point temperature message. The Green portion of the syntax is the current data item's syntax within the response message.

Response Syntax		
DPAXXAA+NNN.NN		

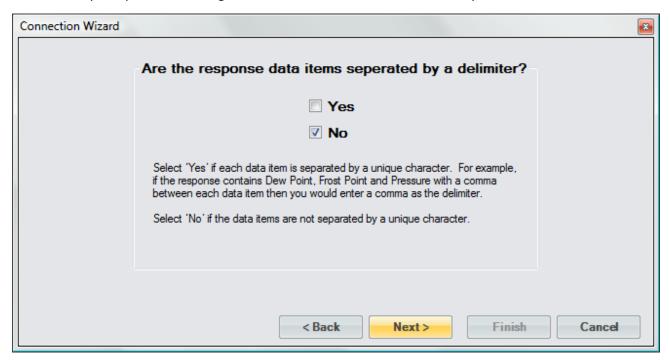
The Dew Point Temperature message is terminated with a carriage return.



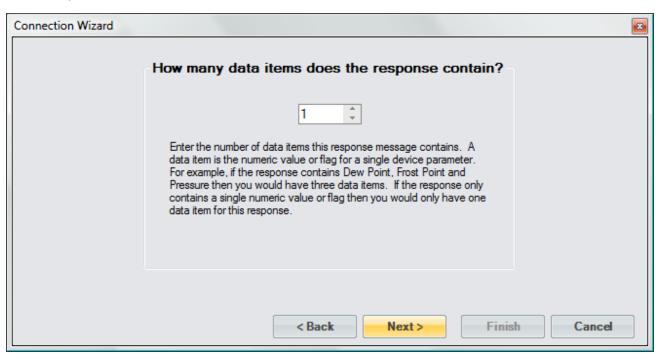
Next, we define the response identification for the second message. Referring to the DP-30 documentation we enter the identification for the Dry Temperature message.



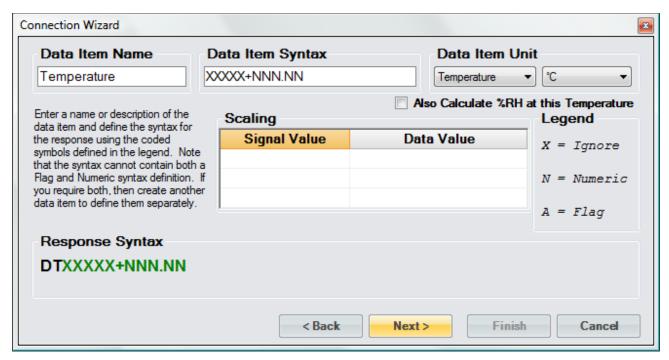
The DP-30 Dry Temperature message is of a fixed format and does not use any delimiter.



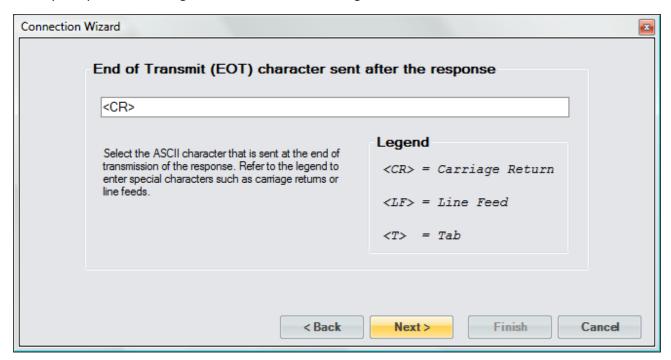
The Dry Temperature message contains only one numeric value; therefore, there is only one data item for this response.



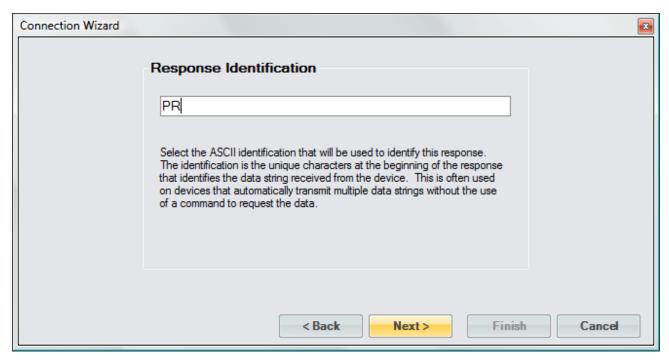
The message is led by a number of ASCII characters that we do not have any interest in. We will tell ControLog to ignore these leading characters by defining the syntax with five "X" characters then the numeric syntax. We define the numeric syntax exactly as the DP-30 documentation specifies. Again, the response value is the actual value so there is no need to define any type of scaling.



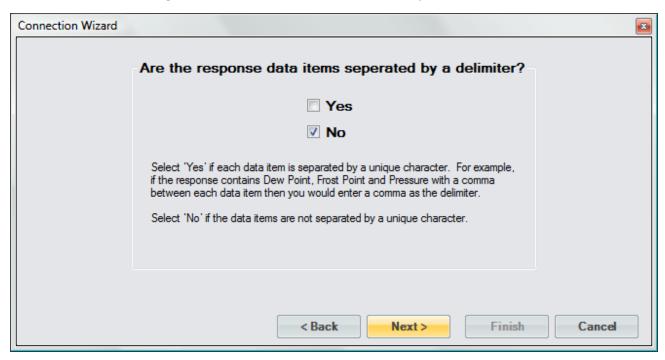
The Dry Temperature message is terminated with a carriage return.



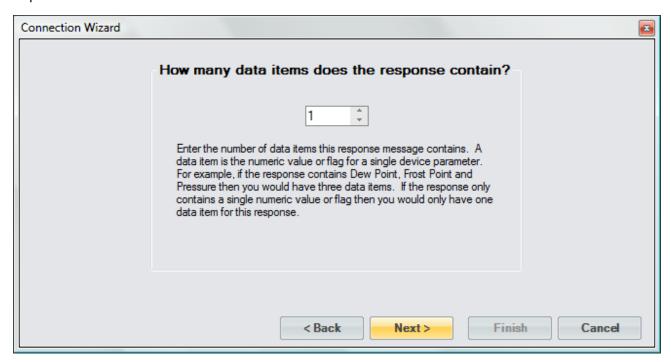
We now define the response identification for the third and last message. Referring to the DP-30 documentation we enter the identification for the Pressure message.



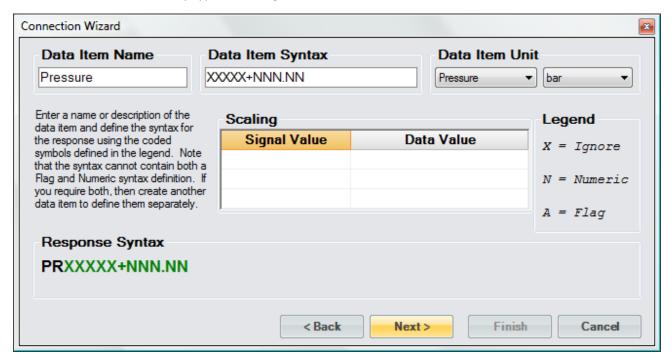
The DP-30 Pressure message is of a fixed format and does not use any delimiter.



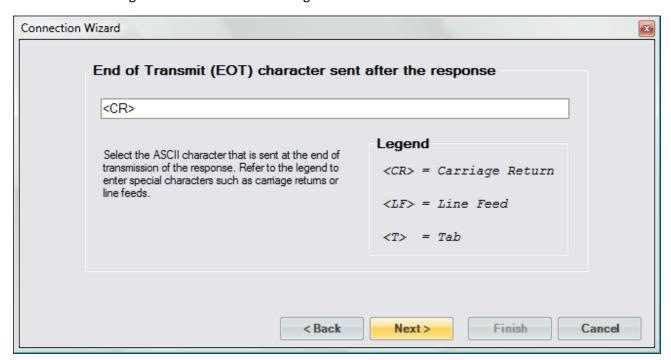
The Pressure message contains only one numeric value therefore there is only one data item for this response.



Again, the message is led by a number of ASCII characters that we do not have any interest in. We will tell ControLog to ignore these leading characters by defining the syntax with five "X" characters then the numeric syntax. We define the numeric syntax exactly as the DP-30 documentation specifies. Note that we set the data item unit to the unit specified in the DP-30 documentation. This allows ControLog to convert the reading into a more desired unit if needed. Again, the response value is the actual value so there is no need to define any type of scaling.



The Pressure message is terminated with a carriage return.



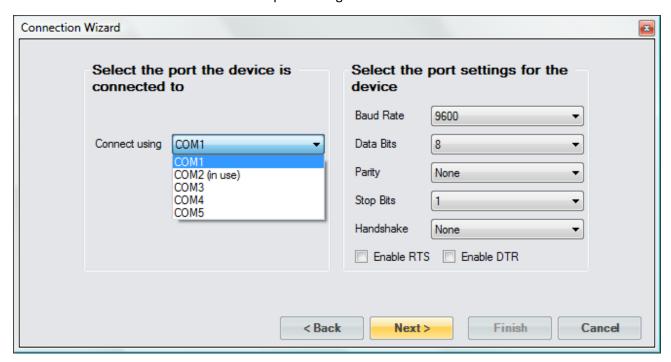
Save the newly created device to a file so that it can be recalled at a later time.



Select to connect to the device now.



Select the port the DP-30 is connected to. Notice that ControLog indicates which ports are in use. Refer to the DP-30 documentation for the RS-232 port settings:



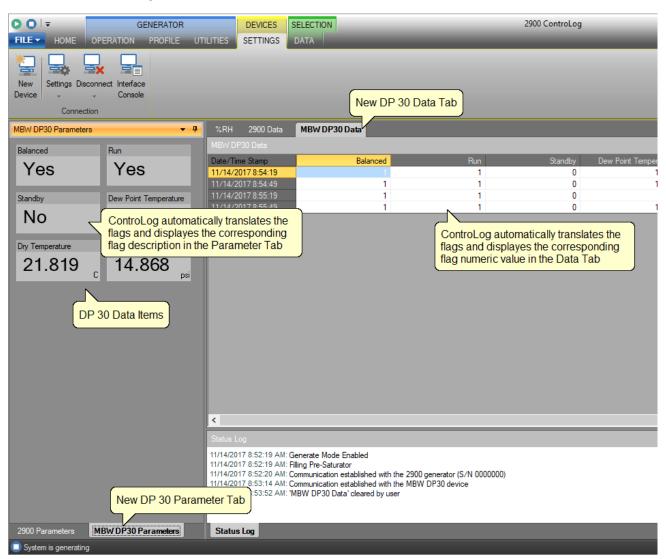
Use the default access rate of 1.5 seconds.



Once completed, ControLog will attempt to establish communication with the DP-30.



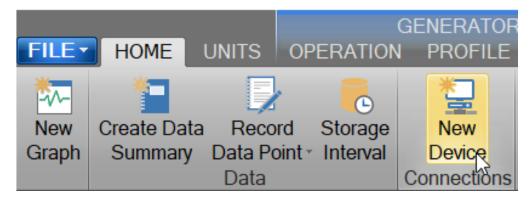
Once communication is successfully established with the DP-30, a new parameter tab and data tab will be created. Notice that ControLog automatically translates the ASCII flags based on the definitions described when creating the data items for the connection.



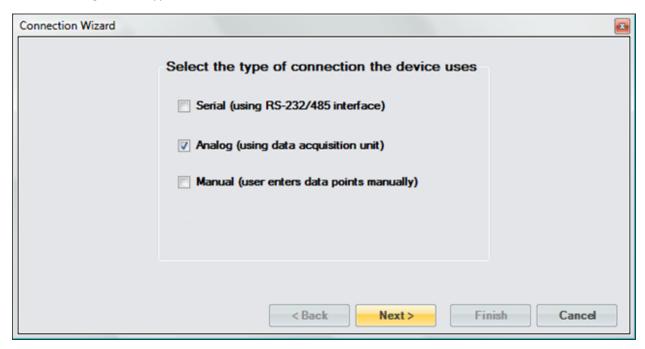
10.2 Analog Connection

An Analog Connection uses the Agilent® 34970A Data Acquisition/Switch Unit to acquire data from single or multiple analog devices. The customizable interface provided by ControLog allows the user to define different analog types and scales to read various analog signals. Refer to the Agilent® documentation for more information on connecting analog devices to the Data Acquisition Unit.

To create a new analog connection, select "New" from the Connections menu. This will open a "Connection Wizard" dialog that will step the user through the connection definition process.



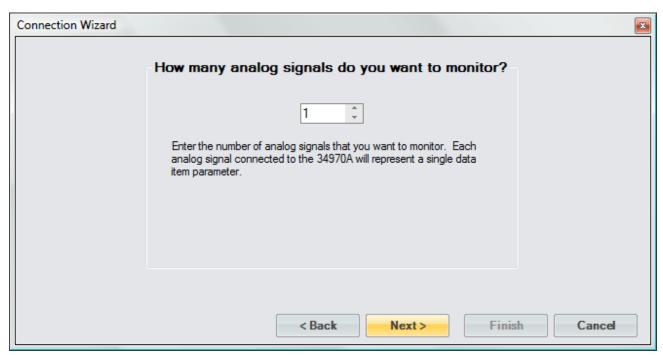
Select "Analog" as the type of connection the device uses.



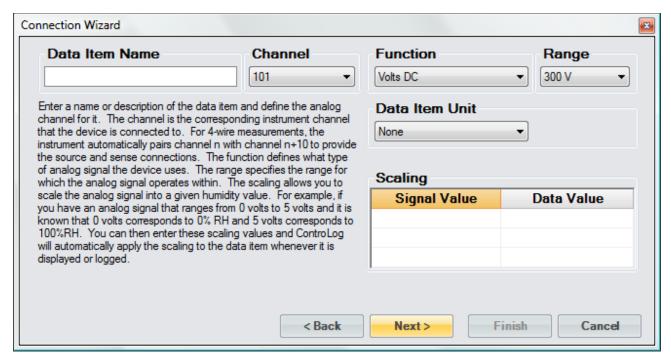
Enter a unique name for the analog device or devices.



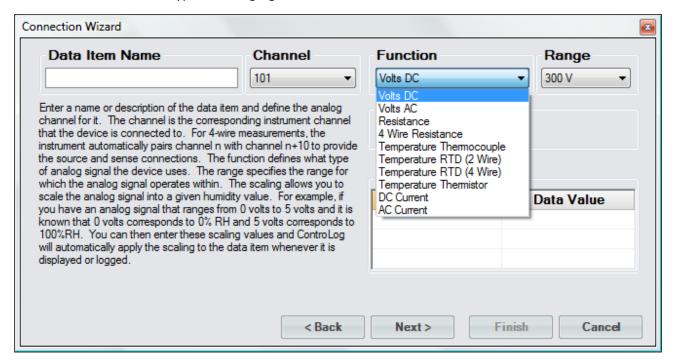
Enter the number of analog signals you want to monitor. This is the combined number of analog signals from each device you wish to monitor. Each analog signal connected to the 34970A will represent a single data item parameter.



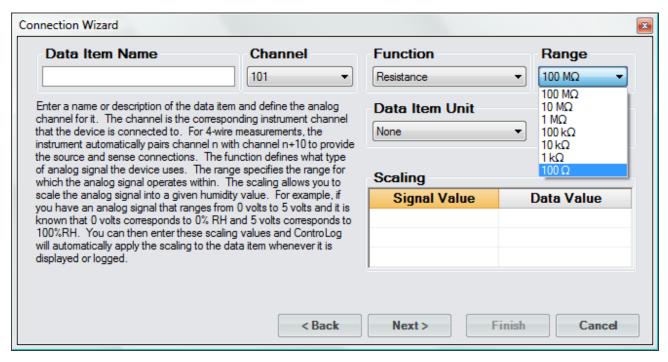
Enter a name or description of the data item and define the analog channel for it. The channel is the corresponding instrument channel the device is connected to. For 4-wire measurements, the instrument automatically pairs channel n with channel n+10 to provide the source and sense connections. This dialog will repeat for each monitored signal.



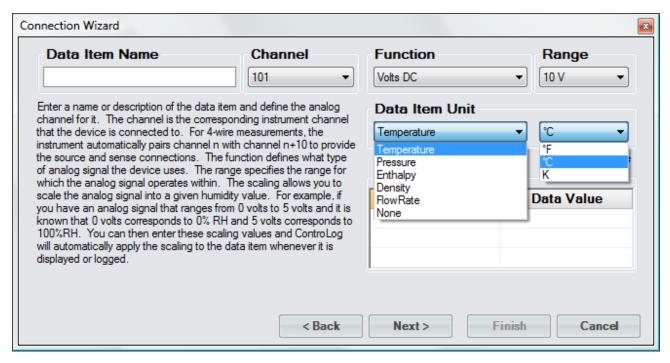
The function defines what type of analog signal the device uses.



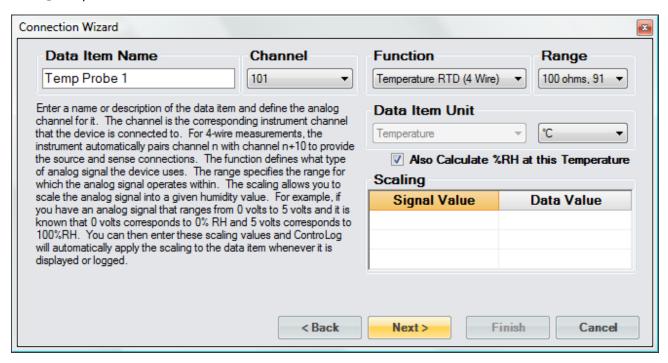
The range specifies the range for which the analog signal operates within. The available range selection changes automatically to reflect what is available for the selected function. For example, the Resistance function has a Range from 100 Ohms to 100 Mega Ohms.



Selecting the unit for the data item will allow ControLog to convert the value to the selected system units for display in the parameter tab and record the value in the default SI units in the data tab. Remember, this is the unit the device is sending the data item in, not the unit you wish to display the data item as. If "None" is selected, then ControLog will treat the data item as a simple number and will display and record the value exactly as it is received.

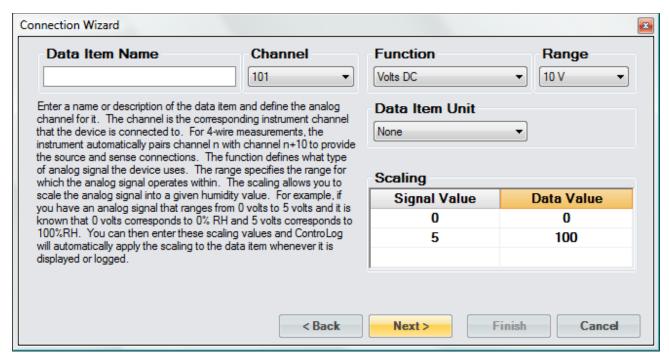


In addition to reading a temperature, ControLog can compute a percent relative humidity (%RH) at the temperature. This is useful when compensating for temperature gradients within the chamber. To have ControLog automatically calculate the relative humidity at the temperature, simply select the corresponding checkbox. The newly calculated %RH will have the same name as the specified Data Item Name but will be preceded by "%RH@". In below example the calculated %RH will appear as "%RH@Temp Probe 1".



It is possible to scale an analog signal. The scaling consists of a two-point definition for a linear scaling or a three to five-point definition for polynomial fit scaling. The number of points determines the degree of the polynomial used to scale the analog signal. A Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) algorithm is used to determine the coefficients of the polynomial. Each point definition consists of a signal value and a data value. The signal value represents the "raw" analog signal. The data value represents the actual value or real-world value at the given signal value.

Scaling allows the user to scale an analog signal into a given humidity value. For example, if you have an analog signal that ranges from 0 volts to 5 volts and it is known that 0 volts corresponds to 0 %RH and 5 volts corresponds to 100 %RH. The user can then enter these scaling values and ControLog will automatically apply the scaling to the data item whenever it is displayed or logged.



Select the name and location to save the new analog connection. Clicking the "Browse" button will open a save file dialog that will allow the user to specify the name and browse to the desired location to save the file. All device connection files are saved in XML format with a (*.device) extension.



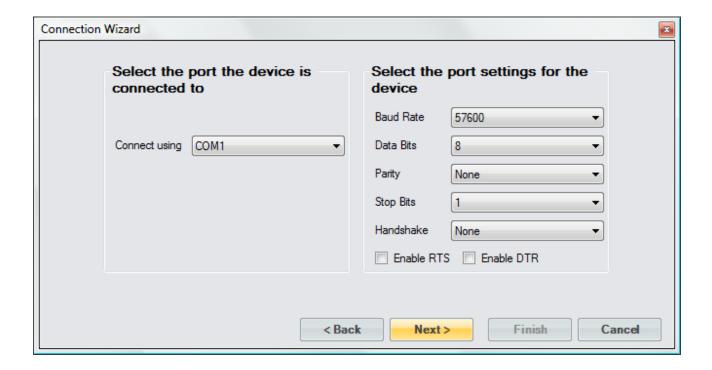
Next, the user can select whether to connect to the device now or to exit without connecting.

Note - The user can connect at any time by loading the device from the Connections menu.



Select the communication port that the Agilent® 34970A Data Acquisition/Switch Unit is connected to and select the port settings for the 34970A.

Note - ControLog defaults to the default port settings for the Agilent® 34970A Data Acquisition/Switch Unit. Refer to the Agilent® documentation for instructions on viewing or setting the Data Acquisition RS-232 settings.



Select the access rate to communicate with the Agilent® 34970A Data Acquisition/Switch Unit.

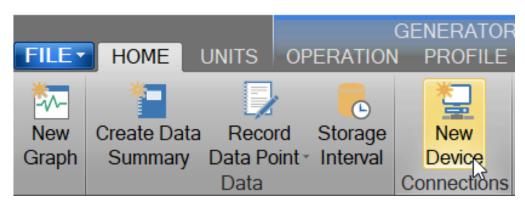
Note - Because of the nature of the 34970A and how it operates it is critical to specify an access interval that is long enough to allow the 34970A to complete its scan list within the specified interval. As a general rule of thumb, use 1.5 seconds per every 10 signals connected to the Data Acquisition Unit with a minimum access interval of 1.5 seconds.



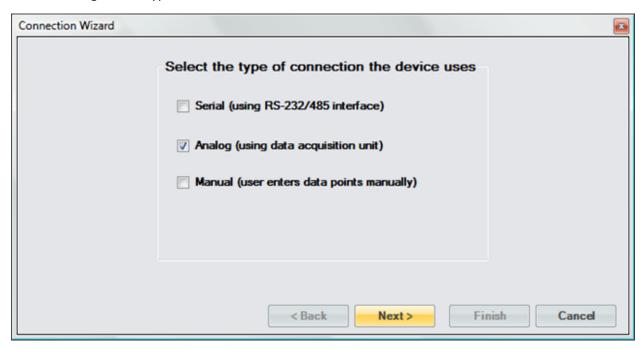
10.2.1 Analog Connection Example

This example will demonstrate the creation of an analog connection. This example will be working with a -10 to +10V input signal that we will scale to a Dew Point/Frost Point Temperature, a Temperature Thermistor and a 4-wire Temperature RTD.

Start by selecting "New" from the Connections menu.



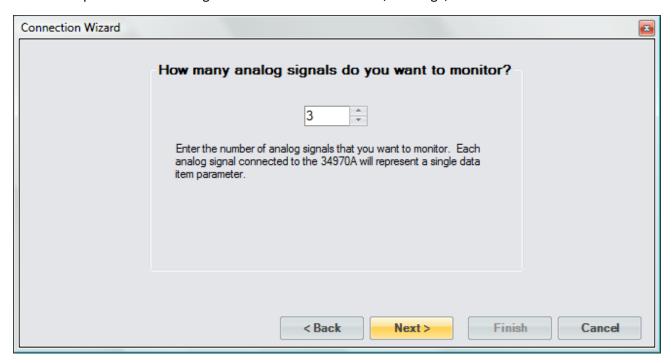
Select "Analog" as the type of device connection.



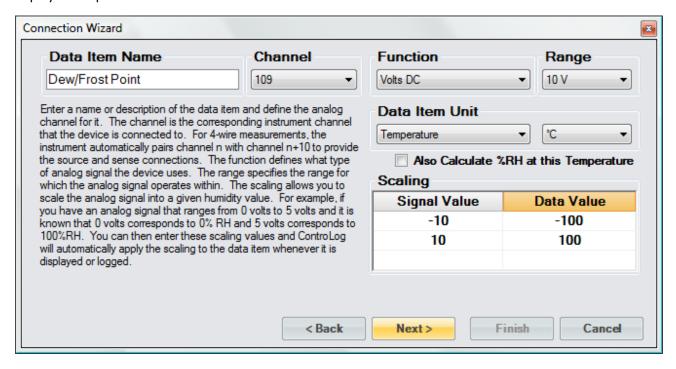
Enter "Analog Dew Point Device" as the name for the device.



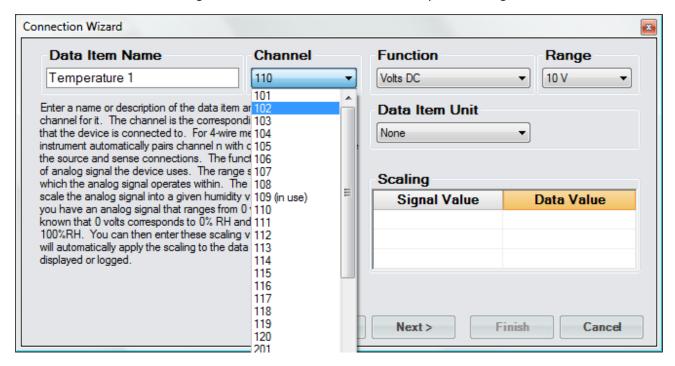
In this example we have three signals that we want to monitor; a voltage, thermistor and an RTD.



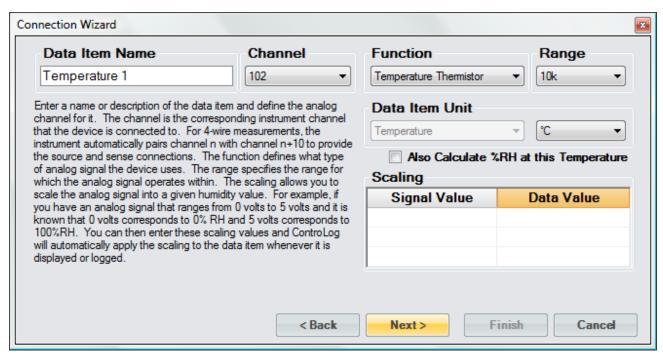
The first item is given the name "Dew/Frost Point". We select the Channel number that the signal is connected to and since the signal is a voltage we select "Volts DC" as the function. The range is set to "10V" and we know the signal corresponds to a temperature in degrees Celsius. We also scale the value since we know -10V corresponds to a Frost Point temperature of -100 °C and +10V corresponds to a Dew Point temperature of +100 °C. By entering scaling ControLog will automatically scale the signal for display in the parameter tab and when recorded in the data tab.



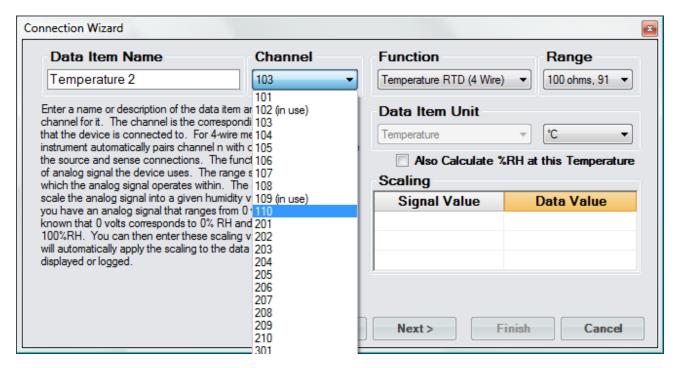
The second item is given the name "Temperature 1". We select the Channel number that the signal is connected to. Notice ControLog indicates which channels have already been configured and are in use.



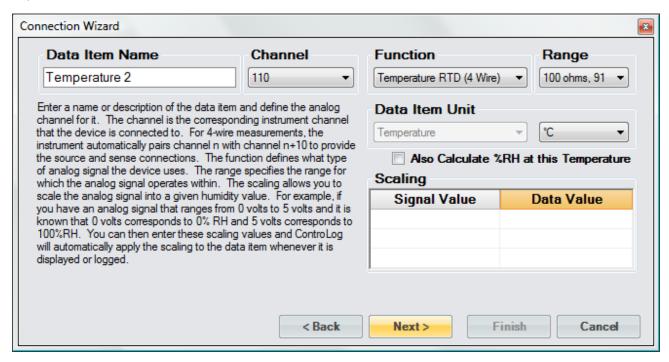
The function is set to "Temperature Thermistor" and we set the Range to "10k" based on the type of Thermistor we are connecting. Notice that ControLog automatically selects temperature as the unit type but allows the user to select the desired temperature unit. Since the signal value is the actual temperature value, no scaling is required for this data item.



The third item is given the name "Temperature 2". The function is set to "Temperature RTD (4 Wire)" and we set the Range to "100 ohms, 85" based on the type of RTD we connected. Next, select the Channel number the RTD is connected to. Notice the channel list is smaller because 4-wire signals are automatically paired with the selected channel plus 10 to provide the source and sense connections for an RTD. Given this, the RTD in this example will occupy both channel 110 and 120 to complete its 4-wire connection.



Again, notice that ControLog automatically selects temperature as the unit type but allows the user to select the desired temperature unit. Since the signal value is the actual temperature value, no scaling is required for this data item.



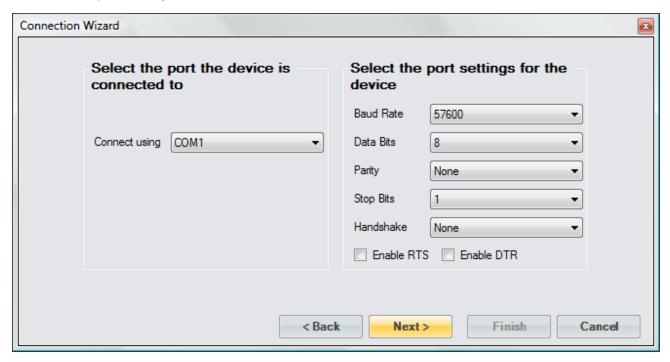
Save the newly created device to a file so it can be recalled at a later time.



Select to connect to the device now.



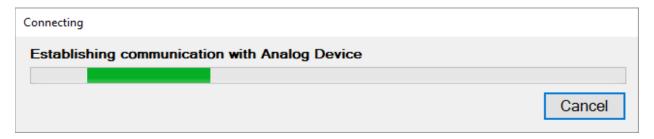
Select the communication port that the Agilent® 34970A Data Acquisition/Switch Unit is connected to and select the port settings for the 34970A.



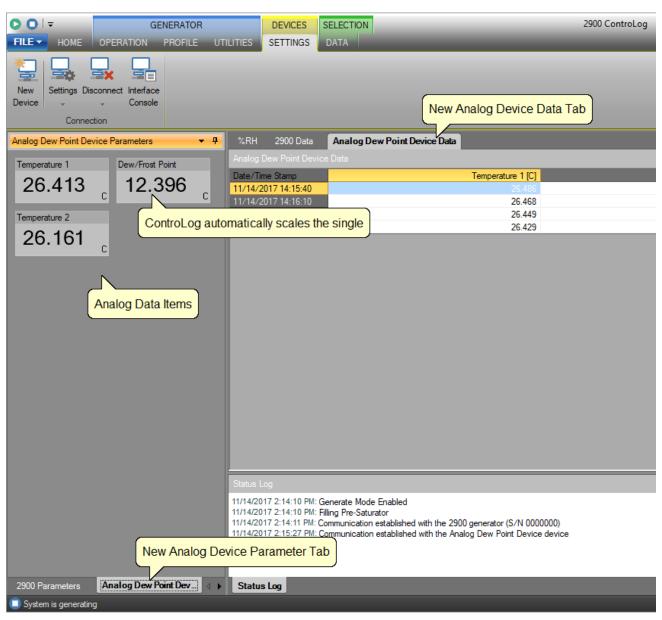
Enter a sufficient access interval for the number of signals being monitored. In this example we have less than 10 signals, so we can start with the minimum access interval of 1.5 seconds.



Once completed, ControLog will attempt to establish communication with the Agilent® 34970A Data Acquisition/Switch Unit.



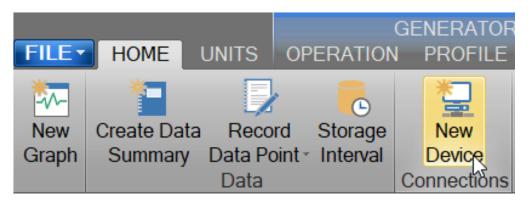
Once communication is successfully established with the 34970A, a new parameter tab and data tab will be created. Notice that ControLog automatically scales the voltage signal based on the definitions described when defining the data item.



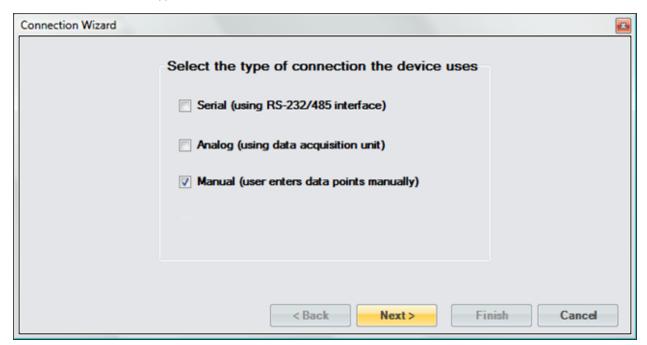
10.3 Manual Connection

A Manual Connection allows the user to manually record data items for a device that either has no interface or has an interface that is not supported by ControLog. Manual devices still have their own parameter and data tab, but the data values are manually entered by the user. When the user wants to record values they simply click on the value tile for the data item in the parameter tab and enter the value. Once all data items for the device have been entered, ControLog will record the values into the data tab for the device.

To create a manual connection, select "New" from the Connections menu. This will open a "Connection Wizard" dialog that will step the user through the connection definition process.



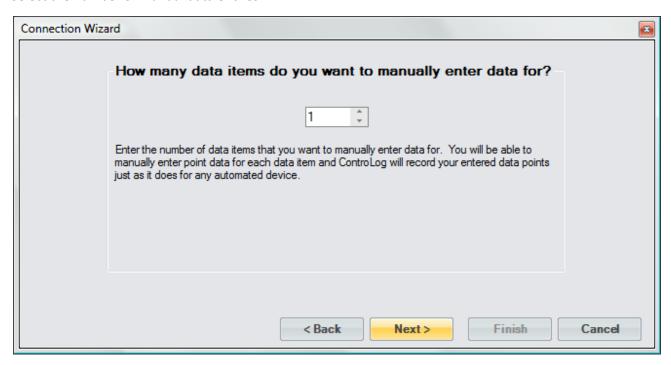
Select "Manual" as the type of connection the device uses.



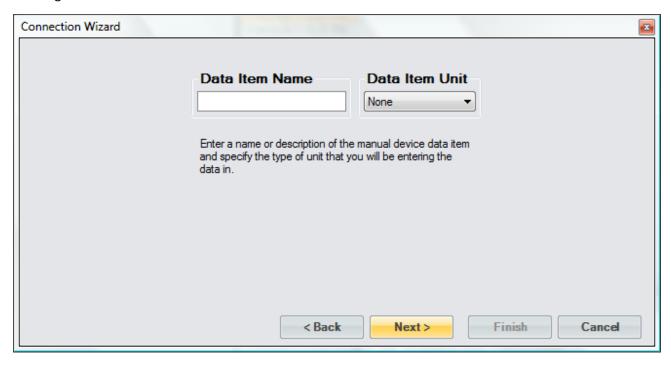
Enter a unique name for the device.



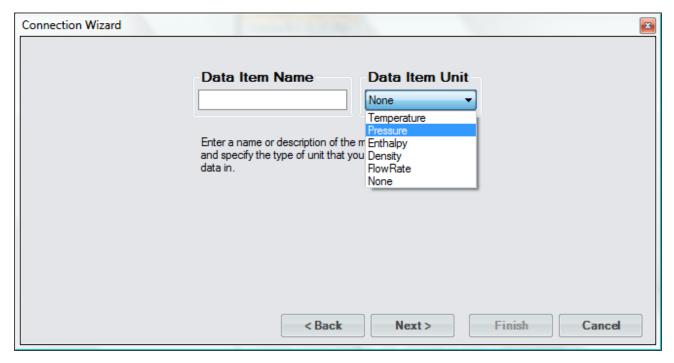
Select the number of manual data entries.



Enter a name or description of the manual device data item and specify the type of unit that you will be entering the data in.



The user only selects the type of unit because all manual entries are entered in the currently selected system unit. For example, if the user creates a manual data item that is a temperature and has the system units set to degrees Celsius, then the user will enter manual values in degrees Celsius. If the system units are set to degrees Fahrenheit, then the user will be required to enter manual values in degrees Fahrenheit.



Select the name and location to save the new manual connection. Clicking the "Browse" button will open a save file dialog that will allow the user to specify the name and browse to the desired location to save the file. All device connection files are saved in XML format with a (*.device) extension.



Last, the user selects whether to connect to the device now or to exit without connecting.

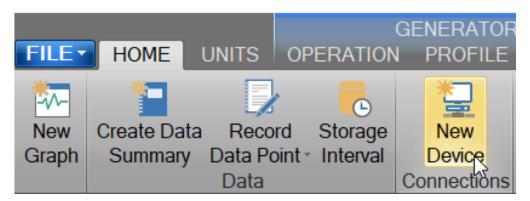
Note - The user can connect at any time by loading the device from the Connections menu.



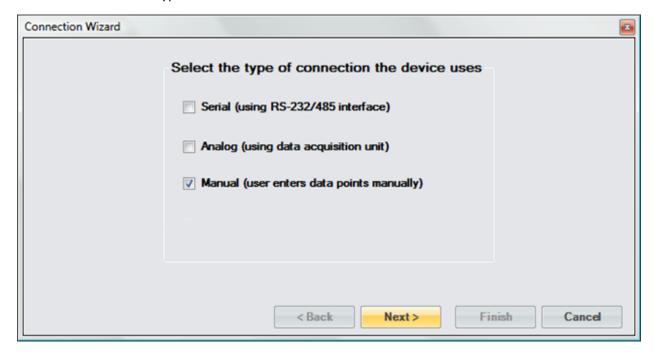
10.3.1 Manual Connection Example

This example will demonstrate the creation of a Manual connection that will consist of three data items: Frost Point, Test Pressure and Test Temperature.

Start by selecting "New" from the Connections menu.



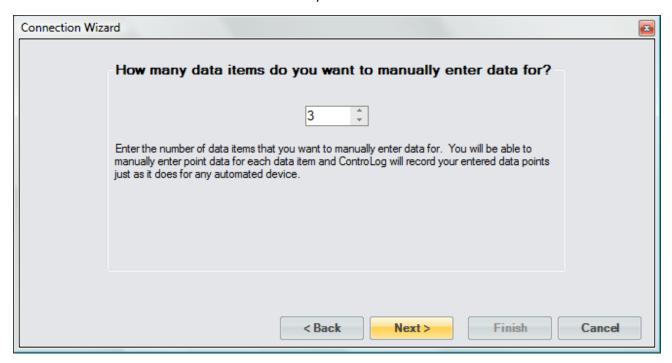
Select "Manual" as the type of connection the device uses.



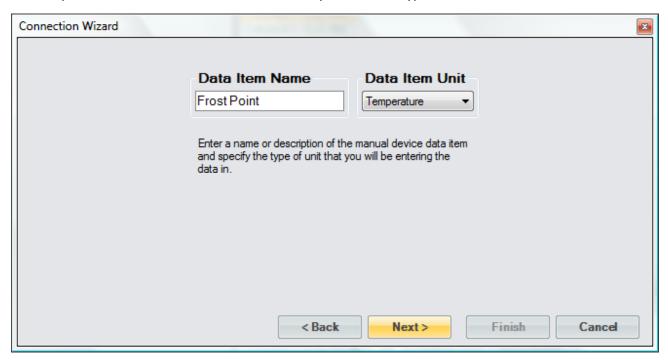
Enter "Manual Device" as the name for the device.



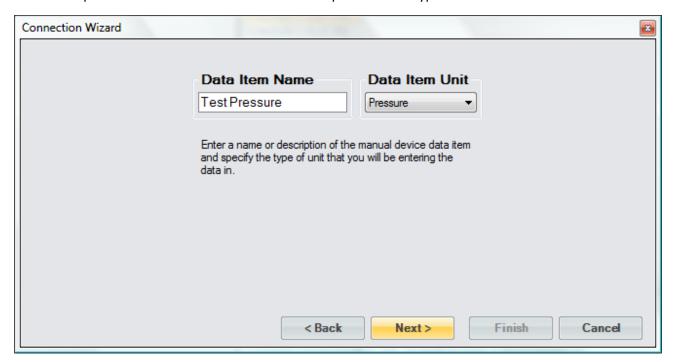
We have three data items that we want to manually enter for this device.



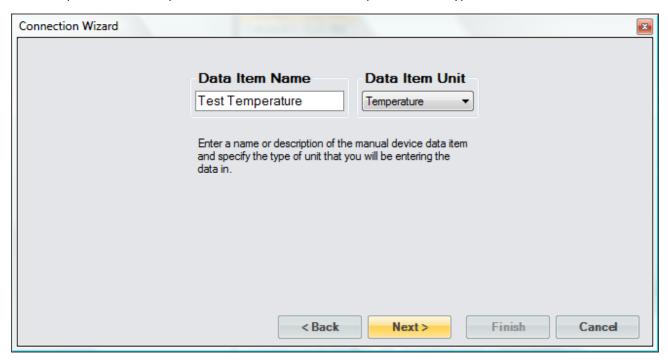
The first point is Frost Point and it will be of the temperature unit type.



The second point is Test Pressure and it will be of the pressure unit type.



The third point is Test Temperature and it will be of the temperature unit type.



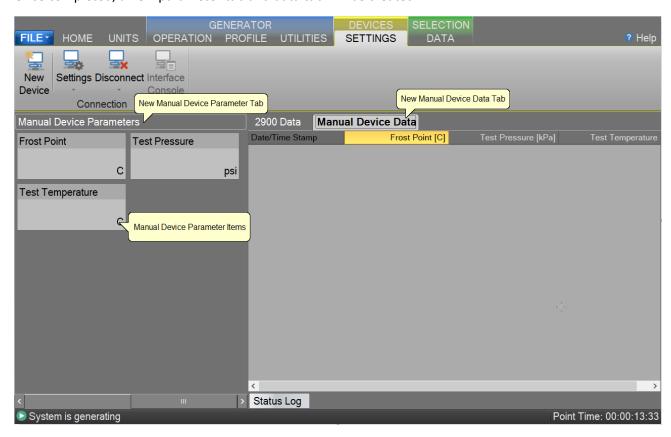
Save the newly created device to a file so that it can be recalled at a later time.



Select to connect to the device now.

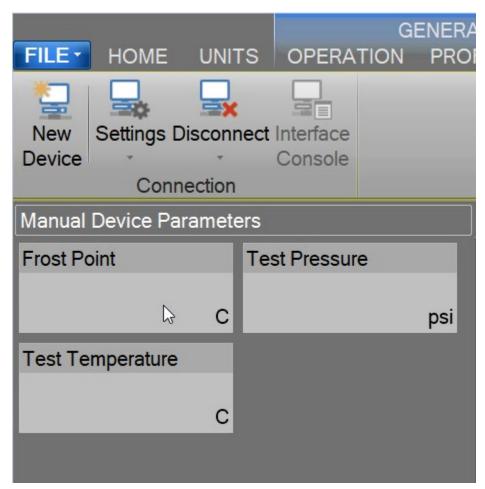


Once completed, a new parameter tab and data tab will be created.

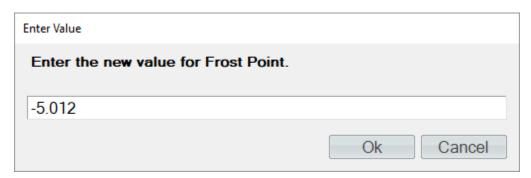


To manually enter a value, click on the value tile you would like to enter. A Manual Entry box will appear, and the title of the manual item being entered will be underlined. For example, to enter a manual value for the Frost Point item click on the Frost Point value tile.

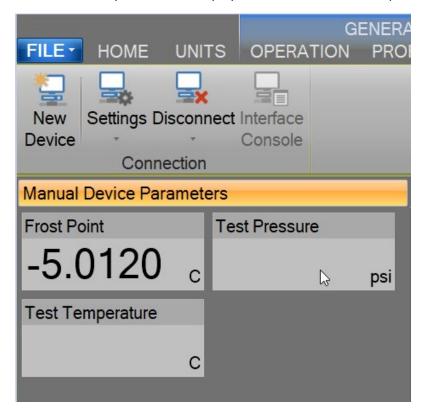
Note - The manual entries will not be recorded in the data tab until all data item values have been manually entered.



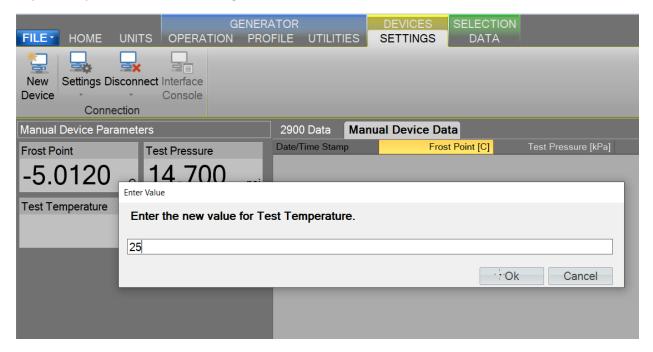
Enter the manual value into the Manual Entry box and select Ok.



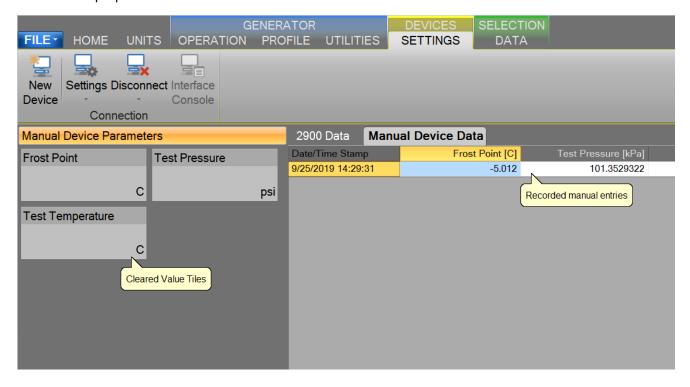
The manual entry will now be displayed in the value tile of the parameter tab.



Repeat the process for the remaining data items.



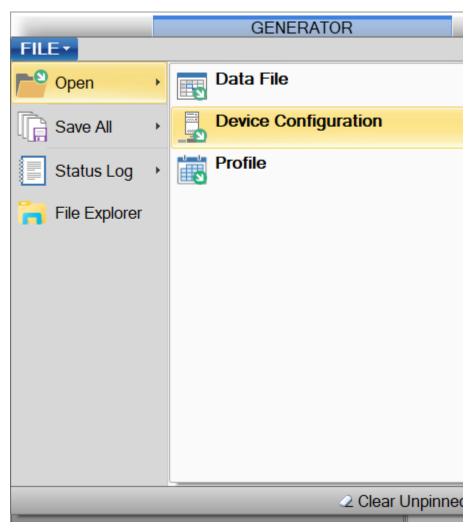
Once all data items have been manually entered, ControLog will record the values and clear out the value tiles in preparation for the next set of manual entries.



10.4 OPENING A DEVICE CONNECTION

Saved device connections can be loaded from previously saved device configuration files.

To perform the open, select "Open" from the file menu and select Device Configuration.



11 DATA BACKUP

ControLog does not require any direct backup of its operating files. It is recommended to perform a periodic backup on any user generated files such as uncertainty solutions for the generator, profiles, device setups data files and/or calibration reports or coefficients.

The default location for user data is under the follow directory:

...Documents\Thunder Scientific\

Note - The user has full control as to where to save data and the above directory may not be the location they choose.

12 System

The System is comprised of several sub systems, each with individual yet cooperative functions that operate the Model 2900 Humidity Generation System.

12.1 CONTROL SYSTEM

The Control System performs all control functions required for humidity generation. The control system is made up of several main components, each with individual yet cooperative functions. The control computer controls the parameters needed to generate humidity, such as pulsing heaters and operating valves. The Human Machine Interface (HMI) Computer is the main interface for the user and communicates setpoints and data to and from the control computer.

12.1.1 Control Computer

The Control computer is an NI cDAQ-9136 controller built around an Intel Atom quad-core processing and 32 GB nonvolatile storage for advanced data-logging and embedded monitoring applications. The controller runs Windows Embedded Standard 7 (WES7) and offers a wide array of standard connectivity and expansion options, including SD storage, USB, Ethernet, RS232 serial, and trigger input. The NI cDAQ-9136 has four 32-bit general-purpose counter/timers that are used with the hardware-timed digital modules.

12.1.1.1 NI 9216 24-Bit, 100 Ohm RTD Analog Input Module

The NI 9216 resistance temperature detector (RTD) analog input module features eight channels and 24 bits of resolution for PT100 Ω RTD measurements with built-in 50/60 Hz noise rejection. The NI 9216, compatible with 3- and 4-wire RTD measurements, automatically detects the type of RTD (3- or 4-wire) connected to the channel and configures each channel for the appropriate mode. The module provides 1 mA of current excitation per channel.

12.1.1.2 NI 9209 ±10 V, 24-Bit Analog Input Module

The NI 9209 voltage input module has 16 differential channels of ± 10 V that can be configured as 32 single-ended channels of ± 10 V input with built-in 50/60 Hz rejection for noise rejection.

12.1.1.3 NI 9403 TTL Digital Input/Output Module

The NI 9403 is a 32-channel, 7 μ s bidirectional digital I/O module. Each channel is compatible with 5 V/TTL signals and features 1,000 Vrms transient isolation between the I/O channels and the backplane. The NI 9403 also features ± 30 V overvoltage protection and can source up to 2 mA output current per channel.

12.1.1.4 NI 9401 TTL Digital Input/Output Module

The NI 9401 is an 8-channel, 100 ns bidirectional digital I/O module. The NI 9401 generates 4 separate hardware timed pulse width modulation (PWM) signals. Each channel is compatible with 5 V/TTL signals and features 1,000 Vrms transient isolation between the I/O channels and the backplane.

12.1.2 HMI Computer

The Human Machine Interface (HMI) computer is an embedded PC with a Multi-Point Touch LCD display. It provides the main two user interface components; visual and touch. The visual component provides the operator with a rich data experience, including real-time data values, graphs, uncertainty and status. The touch component provides the operator with an intuitive interface to control the operation of the system. The HMI computer runs the Controlog and HumiCalc with Uncertainty software applications.

12.1.3 ControLog® Software

ControLog is an embedded software application that fully automates the operation of the Model 2900 Humidity Generation System and allows various device connections through a number of different interfaces. Data from the generator and attached devices is automatically retrieved and stored for viewing in either numerical or graphical format in real time or post process. Data can be transferred off the system via a USB drive for further viewing, post processing and printing using an external Windows PC (not included). The ControLog software also provides the primary interface to the operator via the multi-point touch LCD and keyboard. Key features of the of the ControLog software are:

- Controlog stores data into individual data sheets. Each data sheet contains a spreadsheet type
 view that consists of a date/time stamp and the measured data items corresponding to that
 date/time stamp. Data sheets consist of three similar but different types: Device Data, File Data
 and Data Summary. Each type has the same spreadsheet type view and operation, but all three
 have different data sources.
- Graphing is a powerful tool used to view previously recorded data or to monitor the current data in real-time. The graph works hand in hand with the data sheets. While the generator is in operation, data sheets store the most recent data points from the generator and or connected devices at the desired interval. A graph can be used to create a visual picture of this stored data.
- The Auto Profiling feature is very similar to the Generate mode with the main exception that profiling relies on a predefined list of setpoints referred to as a profile. The user configurable profile is used as ControLog's road map during Auto Profile operation. It defines which setpoint values to go to, at what rate to go from one setpoint to another, and how long to stay at a specific setpoint before moving to the next setpoint.
- ControLog supports a customizable interface that works with most devices. ControLog will allow the user to create a new device connection using the "Connection Wizard" or open previously saved connections. The wizard will open a separate dialog window containing various steps that will guide the user in defining the communication required to receive the desired data items from the device. The user can create as many (up to 60) or as few data items as they see fit for any one device. Each data item can be uniquely named and once connected will be recorded in its own data sheet. ControLog also allows the user to save these interfaces for future use. The "Connection Wizard" allows the user to step through the connection configuration. Using the "Next" and "Back" buttons the user is allowed to progress through the connection configuration steps. At any time, the user may cancel the new

connection or opening of a connection by selecting the "Cancel" button. Once the last step has been completed the "Finish" button will be available to complete the new connection.

12.1.4 HumiCalc with Uncertainty Software

HumiCalc with Uncertainty is an embedded software application that operates in conjunction with ControLog. All humidity calculations, based on the temperature and pressure measurements from the generator, are calculated in real-time using HumiCalc with Uncertainty. This does not stop at calculations as HumiCalc with Uncertainty has the ability to calculate complex humidity uncertainties with ease. This allows the software to calculate real-time uncertainty for the 2900 Humidity Generation System. Key features of the HumiCalc with Uncertainty software are:

Highly accurate formulas that replace charts and tables:

- Automatically applies enhancement factors and temperature and pressure corrections.
- Ability to calculate uncertainty and as found error.
- Each known item now contains an uncertainty field that you can expand to enter individual uncertainty components.

Once the calculation is performed, the newly calculated values are displayed along with the expanded uncertainty values at the desired confidence level. Each calculated result can also be expanded to see the individual components that made up the final expanded uncertainty value.

12.2 ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Power is applied at the Power Entry Module (PEM) and switched to TB-1. From TB-1 power is applied to the +12 Vdc (DC1) and +24 Vdc (DC2) power supplies and solid-state relays SSR-AC0 (chamber fluid heater H1), SSR-AC1 (pre-saturator heater H2,3), SSR-AC2 (refrigeration compressor C1), and SSR-AC3 (fluid pump FP1). These solid-state relays are activated by +5 Vdc control signals which will be discussed later.

The +12Vdc power supply (DC1) provides power to the human machine interface computer (HMI), control computer, MOXA serial ports, Mensor pressure transducers, mass flow transducer and supply transducer.

The +24 Vdc power supply (DC2) provides power for the stepper motors, solenoid valves, expansion valve heat, refrigeration condenser fans (FAN1) and chamber fan (FAN2).

The +5 Vdc power supply (DC3) provides power to the liquid level circuits, refrigeration transducers, solid state relay board and flow switch.

Refer to drawings: <u>18D29901-1</u> thru <u>18D29901-11</u> and <u>18S29911</u> thru <u>18S29919</u>

12.2.1 Solid State Relays

The solid-state relays are located within the electrical enclosure. Each SSR controls the operation of specific pneumatic solenoids, pump and refrigeration compressor, and heaters for temperature control.

12.2.1.1 Chamber Fan Control

The Chamber Fan (FAN2), when activated, allows the chamber volume to be stirred at variable rates.

12.2.1.2 Console Fans

The Console Fans (FAN1), when activated, allows console ventilation and refrigerant condenser cooling.

12.2.1.3 Fluid Cool Solenoid Valve

The Fluid Cool Solenoid Valve (SOL2), when activated, allows refrigerant to be injected into the refrigeration evaporator (EX1).

12.2.1.4 Air Supply Solenoid Valve

The Air/Gas Supply Solenoid Valve (SOL1), when activated, allows supply pressure to the system.

12.2.1.5 Pressure Vent Solenoid Valve

The Pressure Vent Solenoid Valve (SOL3), when deactivated (normally open), vents system pressure. It vents during all SHUTDOWN procedures, whenever power is removed from the system, and whenever the saturator pressure exceeds 110% of its controlled value due to system misalignment or malfunction.

12.2.1.6 Pre-Saturator Fill Solenoid Valve

The Pre-Saturator Fill Solenoid Valve (SOL4), when activated, allows distilled water to flow by gravity from the reservoir to the Pre-Saturator.

12.2.1.7 Pre-Saturator Heater

The Pre-Saturator Heater (H2,3) is two AC resistive heating elements in series, activated by dual solid-state relay SSR-AC1. The heat limit switch (HL2) must be in the normally closed position, indicating that Pre-Saturator heat is within allowable limits (i.e., below 100 °C).

12.2.1.8 Fluid Heater

The Fluid Heater (H1) is an AC resistive heating element, activated by a dual solid-state relay SSR-ACO. Heat limit switch (HL1) must be in the normally closed position, indicating that bath heat is within allowable limits (i.e., below 85 °C).

12.2.1.9 Expansion Valve Heater

The Expansion Valve Heater (H4,5), is a +24 Vdc heating element, activated by SSR-DC2. It is used to warm the gas in the section of pipe just prior to the expansion valve body, offsetting the cooling effects due to gas expansion.

12.2.1.10 Fluid Circulation Pump

The Fluid Circulation Pump (FP1) is connected to AC power through SSR-AC3.

12.2.1.11 Refrigeration Compressor

The Refrigeration Compressor (C1) is connected to AC power through SSR-AC2.

12.3 PNEUMATIC SYSTEM

The pneumatic system of the Model 2900 is designed as an open loop two-pressure system. Clean oil free instrument quality air (or nitrogen) enters the generating system at the pressure inlet and is admitted through the air supply ON/OFF solenoid valve (SOL1) to the pressure regulator (REG). Regulated supply pressure is indicated on the air supply pressure gauge (G1) and is also computer monitored with pressure transducer (T1). After regulation, the airstream passes through the mass flow meter (T4) to the flow control valve (V1). From the flow control valve, the airstream is admitted to the Pre-Saturator (PRESAT). The Pre-Saturator warms the airstream and brings it to near saturation at the elevated temperature. The pre-saturated airstream exits the Pre-Saturator and enters the saturator (SAT). As the nearly saturated air flows through the saturator, it is cooled to chamber fluid temperature forcing water vapor to condense as the air temperature establishes equilibrium with the chamber fluid. The saturation pressure, P_S (T2) and saturation temperature, T_S (RTD1) of the saturated airstream are measured at the final point of saturation. Upon exiting the saturator, the saturated airstream encounters the expansion valve (V2). After reducing the saturated airstream from saturation pressure to chamber pressure (expansion), the air passes through a small heat exchanger located within the chamber fluid jacket, conditioning the air to chamber fluid temperature. The airstream enters the test chamber located at the left side of the test chamber, at the desired humidity at chamber pressure (T3) and chamber temperature (RTD4) conditions. The airstream exits the test chamber through the exhaust port (if access ports are plugged), located at the bottom rear of the test chamber and out the exhaust fitting at the rear of the console.

Refer to drawings: 18D29901-1, 18D29901-5, 18D29901-8

12.3.1 Pressure Measurement

There are five pressure transducers in the system. T1 is used for measurement of the supply pressure. T2 is used for control and measurement of the saturation pressure and T3 is used for the measurement of the chamber pressure. T5 and T6 are used for the control of the refrigeration system.

T1 = AIR/GAS SUPPLY

T2 = SATURATOR

T3 = CHAMBER

T5 = REFRIGERATION LOW-SIDE

T6 = REFRIGERATION HIGH-SIDE

12.3.2 Mass Flow Rate Measurement

The mass flow meter is used for feedback for control of the flow rate through the system.

T4 = MASS FLOW METER

12.3.3 Pre-Saturator

The airstream of a two-pressure generator must be saturated with water vapor at saturation temperature and at saturation pressure. This is accomplished by first passing the airstream through a Pre-Saturator (PRESAT). The Pre-Saturator is a vertical pressure vessel presenting a water surface to the incoming airstream and is maintained at a temperature approximately 15 to 20 °C warmer than the desired final saturation temperature. The airstream enters the Pre-Saturator and flows through a coil of tubing warming the airstream to Pre-Saturator water temperature, is then directed onto the water surface causing a circular flow pattern within the Pre-Saturator which supersaturates the airstream with reference to the final saturation temperature. After pre-saturation, the airstream exits the Pre-Saturator and is directed into the saturator.

Pre-Saturator water temperature, sensed by a 100Ω PRT (RTD2), is automatically adjusted and controlled by the control system. Heating of the Pre-Saturator is provided by two 400-watt stainless steel immersion type heaters (H2,3), controlled through solid state switching (SSR-AC1).

The Pre-Saturator water level is computer controlled via a liquid level transducer (LL2, LL2P) and a solenoid valve (SOL4). This allows distilled water to flow from the supply reservoir (RESERVOIR) maintaining a constant water level.

12.3.4 Reservoir

The reservoir is a pressure vessel constructed of 316 series stainless steel and holds an approximate working volume of 2 liters of distilled water for the Pre-Saturator. This vessel is maintained at saturation pressure and upon actuation of the pre-sat fill valve (SOL4), distilled water is allowed to flow freely to the Pre-Saturator. Reservoir water level (LL1, LL1P) is indicated on the computer monitor. If a low-level water condition is sensed during operation of the humidity generator, the computer/controller will signal the operator. Reservoir filling is then performed manually by the operator.

12.3.5 Saturator

Saturation of the airstream, upstream of the expansion valve, is accomplished in a single pass tube-in-shell type heat exchanger. This assembly is located within the insulated area behind the test chamber. The airstream from the Pre-Saturator (PRESAT), humidified to an absolute moisture content greater than saturation at chamber fluid temperature, is made to flow through the saturator on the shell side of the heat exchanger, while temperature-controlled chamber fluid flows through the tube side of the saturator in the opposite direction of the airstream. As the pre-saturated air flows through the saturator, excess water vapor is condensed as the airstream establishes thermal equilibrium with the chamber fluid, ensuring that the airstream is fully saturated at chamber fluid temperature. The Saturation Pressure (T2) and Saturation Temperature (RTD1) are monitored as the airstream exits the saturator. These measurements are used in the calculation and control of the desired humidity parameter.

12.3.6 Flow Control Valve

The Flow Control Valve (V1) is a 1/4 turn ball valve actuated by a gear reduced intelligent hybrid stepper motor and is used to control mass flow rates through the generating system. The computer-controlled flow control valve allows the mass flow rate to be controlled by varying the orifice of the flow control valve from nearly closed to fully open depending upon the required mass flow rate.

12.3.7 Expansion Valve

After exiting the saturator, the saturated high-pressure airstream is reduced to chamber pressure through the expansion valve. The Expansion Valve (V2) is a 1/4 turn ball valve actuated by a gear reduced intelligent hybrid stepper motor and allows the saturated high-pressure airstream to be reduced to chamber pressure by varying the orifice of the expansion valve from nearly closed to fully open depending upon the required saturator pressure and mass flow rate. Since the expansion process causes cooling, this valve is heated and thermally insulated to maintain the valve body above the dew point of the air stream while providing for a more isothermal expansion.

12.3.8 Chamber Pressure

Test chamber pressure (T3) is ambient and not controlled.

12.3.9 Test Chamber

The Model 2900 Humidity Generation System incorporates a test chamber that is fluid jacketed. The chamber fluid provides temperature conditioning, as well as thermal stability, to the test space and associated humidity generating components.

The air inlet is located at the left side of the chamber and is a 1/4" FPT thread fitting. The air outlet is located at the bottom rear of the chamber. The chamber pressure measurement port is located at the upper left rear corner. The chamber temperature probe (RTD4) can be positioned where needed within the chamber. Excess chamber RTD cable may be pulled into or out of the chamber by removing the top console panel and then carefully feeding the cable through the access port.

12.4 FLUID SYSTEM

In this closed loop non-pressurized system, temperature conditioned water/glycol, circulated by a magnetically coupled centrifugal pump (FP1), flows from the pump outlet, splits into two paths, one over the temperature control sensor (RTD1) and into the saturator and the other into the chamber fluid jacket. The chamber fluid is pumped around the test chamber and through the saturator (SAT) and then into the refrigeration evaporator (EX1) where excess heat is removed. After cooling, chamber fluid enters the immersion heater housing and flows over the immersion heater (H1) and exits to the circulation pump intake, completing the chamber fluid circuit.

Refer to drawing: <u>18D29901-1</u>, <u>18D29901-6</u>

12.4.1 Liquid Level Measurement

There are two liquid level indicators in the system. One is used for the measurement of the Water Reservoir (LL1/LL1P) and the other is used to maintain the Pre-Saturator (LL2/LL2P) level constant.

12.4.2 Fluid Flow Measurement

There is one pressure switch (FS1) used to indicate that the circulation pump is running, and water is circulating water within the system.

12.4.3 Temperature Controlled Chamber Fluid

The Model 2900 humidity generating system incorporates water/glycol as the heat transfer medium. This provides temperature conditioning of the test chamber and humidity generating components, resulting in inherent temperature stability, allowing a very stable humidity to be generated.

Note - An appropriate amount of propylene glycol must be added to the chamber fluid if the system is to be operated to -10 °C.

12.4.4 Chamber Fluid Heating

The chamber fluid is heated by a 1000-watt, stainless steel immersion heater (H1). This heater is installed into a copper heater housing and is located in the main fluid path, between the refrigeration evaporator (EX1) and circulation pump (FP1) inlet. Primary power to the immersion heater is switched by a solid-state relay (SSR-AC0). High temperature disconnect of the immersion heater is provided for by a temperature sensing element (HL1) that disconnects the primary power to the immersion heater.

12.4.5 Chamber Fluid Refrigeration

The chamber fluid is cooled by an R134A, hermetic type, refrigeration system. "Refrigerant 134A" is compressed from a low-pressure vapor into a heat laden high-pressure vapor by the refrigeration compressor (C1). High pressure vapor flows to the air-cooled condenser (CON) where it is cooled to a high-pressure liquid as heat is removed. Condensed refrigerant then flows through the filter-drier (FD) to the fluid cool solenoid (SOL2) where refrigerant is metered into the refrigerant evaporator (EX1). The refrigerant expands and changes to a low-pressure vapor as it absorbs heat. Heat laden vapor is then piped to the suction side of the compressor and the cycle is repeated. During times of high heat demand, such as a temperature setpoint change (i.e., 25 °C to 50 °C), the refrigeration compressor will be automatically shut down by the controller until such time as cooling is again demanded. Once started, the compressor will then remain on as cooling is continuously required to hold the chamber fluid at setpoint temperature.

12.4.6 Temperature Measurement

There are five 100Ω Platinum Resistance Thermometer probes in the system. The probes are used for the control and measurement of the Saturation Temperature (RTD1), Pre-Saturator (RTD2), Expansion Valve Temperature (RTD3), Chamber Temperature (RTD4) and Cabinet Temperature (RTD5).

12.4.7 Fluid Jacket Door Option

The fluid jacket door option uses a fluid jacket attached to the inside of the chamber door. This allows the chamber to have six sides of controlled fluid circulating throughout for better temperature uniformity within the chamber. Refer to the Thunder Scientific website (www.thunderscientific.com) for more information on installing or removing the fluid jacket door option.

13 MAINTENANCE

The Model 2900 Humidity Generation System requires little periodic maintenance. Following the proper operating procedures as given in this manual will help assure trouble-free operation of this system.

CAUTION!

ALWAYS USE THE FILE>TURN OFF COMMAND TO PROPERLY EXIT THE SOFTWARE AND SHUTDOWN THE COMPUTERS SO THAT THE MAIN POWER SWITCH CAN BE SWITCHED OFF.

13.1 Drain Pre-Saturator

Interval: Every calibration cycle or Yearly

- 1) Disconnect the main power cable on the rear panel.
- 2) Disconnect air supply hose and remove the air supply elbow.
- 3) Remove the rear panel using the Torx driver provided.
- 4) Locate the Pre-Saturator drain valve to the left of the pump motor.
- 5) Remove the cap on the Pre-Sat drain valve using a 9/16" wrench.
- 6) Place a one-liter container under the drain valve and open the valve to drain approximately 850 mL of water.
- 7) Check to see if the water is clear of any foreign matter.
- 8) Close the drain valve and replace the cap when finished draining the Pre-Saturator.
- 9) Replace rear panel and air supply elbow fitting. Reconnect air supply hose.
- 10) Reconnect the main power cable on the rear panel.

13.2 CHAMBER FLUID

Interval: Yearly

Check fluid level yearly. Refer to section 2.12.3.1 Chamber Fluid Filling Procedure

13.3 AIR INPUT FILTERS (MOBILE CART)

Interval: Yearly

- 1) Disconnect main power.
- 2) Turn off air supply valve.
- 3) Locate the two filters on the underside of the cart.
- 4) Vent any air pressure by turning each filter housing drain valve.
- 5) Locate filter furthest from the regulator. Push up and twist filter housing counterclockwise to release housing.
- 6) Pull filter housing straight down to avoid damage to filter within.
- 7) Remove coalescing/particulate filter by rotating filter retainer counterclockwise.
- 8) Replace filter with filter replacement #4438-01.
- 9) Replace filter housing by pushing up and rotating clockwise.

- 10) Locate filter closest to the regulator. Push up and twist filter housing counterclockwise to release housing.
- 11) Pull filter housing straight down to avoid damage to filter within.
- 12) Remove filter by rotating counterclockwise.
- 13) Replace filter with oil removal filter replacement #4444-01.
- 14) Replace filter housing by pushing up and rotating clockwise.
- 15) Make sure the drain valves are closed.
- 16) Rotate air supply valve to the ON position.
- 17) Operate system checking for leaks.

Refer to drawings: <u>18D29910-1</u>, <u>18D29910-2</u>, <u>18D29910-3</u>

13.4 CIRCULATION PUMP MOTOR

Interval: Yearly

1) Apply SAE 20 lubrication to pump motor at lubrication points.

Refer to drawing: <u>18D29901-3</u>

13.5 Pre-Saturator Liquid Level Checkout

Interval: As needed

The Pre-Saturator liquid level is fixed by the physical length of the Pre-Saturator liquid level probe (LL2P) mounted on the bottom of the Pre-Saturator assembly.

The following procedure is designed to test the integrity of the liquid level circuit (LL2, LL2P) and need only be performed if it is suspected that the liquid level circuitry is malfunctioning:

- 1) Remove front console access panel to locate LL2.
- 2) Toggle system "POWER" switch to ON and allow the system to power up.
- 3) Locate the LL2 liquid level probe (LL2P) and disconnect the cable. The red LED should be illuminated.
- 4) Short the center pin of the cable to chassis ground. The green LED should illuminate.
- 5) Repeat steps (3) and (4) as necessary to verify correct operation. If step (3) or (4) fails, the board or cable requires repair. This board is not adjustable.
- 6) Reconnect the cable to the liquid level probe.
- 7) Perform a shutdown system then switch system "POWER" to OFF.
- 8) Replace front console access panel.

13.6 RESERVOIR LIQUID LEVEL CHECKOUT

Interval: As needed

This procedure need not be performed unless it is suspected that the reservoir liquid level transducer is malfunctioning.

Remove left side console access panel and locate the reservoir level probe (LL1P).

- 2) Toggle system "POWER" switch to ON and allow the system to power up.
- 3) Select Fluid Levels from the Generator Utilities menu.
- 4) Note reservoir level and remove the liquid level probe cable at the LL1P probe. The indicated level should indicate zero.
- 5) Replace the liquid level probe cable at the LL1P probe and indicated level should indicate the prior noted level.
- 6) Perform a shutdown system then switch system "POWER" to OFF.
- 7) Replace left side console access panel.

13.7 WARNING AND ERROR MESSAGES

Prior to system start-up, and during humidity generation, the system monitors itself for warnings, errors and sources of possible malfunction. All warning and error messages are automatically logged in the status log and displayed in the 2900 Reported Errors tab. Catastrophic errors will result in an automatic shutdown. While it is not necessary to understand the error message, it is important to write down the error message exactly as it appears when contacting Thunder Scientific for technical support.

13.7.1 Saturation Temperature at Minimum Limit

This error indicates the saturation temperature probe is reading below its minimum value for a specific amount of time. A failed probe or incorrect calibration are the most common causes of this error.

13.7.2 Saturation Temperature Over Range or at Maximum Limit

This error indicates the saturation temperature probe is reading above its maximum limit value for a specific amount of time or has reached its over range point. A failed probe or incorrect calibration are the most common causes of this error, but other causes are also possible such as the probe was inserted in the incorrect location after a calibration or there is a faulty heater control component.

13.7.3 Pre-Saturation Temperature at Minimum Limit

This error indicates the pre-saturation temperature probe is reading below its minimum value for a specific amount of time. A failed probe or incorrect calibration are the most common causes of this error.

13.7.4 Pre-Saturation Temperature Over Range or at Maximum Limit

This error indicates the pre-saturation temperature probe is reading above its maximum limit value for a specific amount of time or has reached its over range point. A failed probe or incorrect calibration are the most common causes of this error, but other causes are also possible such as the probe was inserted in the incorrect location after a calibration or there is a faulty heater control component.

13.7.5 Expansion Valve Temperature at Minimum Limit

This error indicates the expansion valve temperature probe is reading below its minimum value for a specific amount of time. A failed probe or incorrect calibration are the most common causes of this error.

13.7.6 Expansion Valve Temperature Over Range or at Maximum Limit

This error indicates the expansion valve temperature probe is reading above its maximum limit value for a specific amount of time or has reached its over range point. A failed probe or incorrect calibration are the most common causes of this error, but other causes are also possible such as the probe was inserted in the incorrect location after a calibration or there is a faulty heater control component.

13.7.7 Chamber Temperature at Minimum Limit

This error indicates the chamber temperature probe is reading below its minimum value for a specific amount of time. A failed probe or incorrect calibration are the most common causes of this error.

13.7.8 Chamber Temperature Over Range or at Maximum Limit

This error indicates the chamber temperature probe is reading above its maximum limit value for a specific amount of time or has reached its over range point. A failed probe or incorrect calibration are the most common causes of this error, but other causes are also possible such as the probe was inserted in the incorrect location after a calibration.

13.7.9 Cabinet Temperature Over Range or at Minimum/Maximum Limit - Check Cabinet Fans
This warning indicates the cabinet temperature probe is reading below its minimum value or above its
maximum value for a specific amount of time. Insufficient floor space around the generator, running
with panels removed or cabinet fans not operating are the most common cause of this warning. It also
possible to receive this error if the generator is being operated in an environment that is outside the
generators operating temperature range.

For more information, refer to section 2.11 Facility Requirements

13.7.10 Insufficient Supply Pressure to Generate

This error indicates there in insufficient supply pressure to start generating or to continue generating. If using the air compressor system (ASC), make sure it is on and that all values are open. If using in-house or another air supply system, make sure it is on and meets the supply pressure requirements for the generator.

For more information, refer to section <u>2.11 Facility Requirements</u>

13.7.11 Supply Pressure Over Range or at Maximum Limit

This error indicates the pressure transducer T1 is over range or has been at its maximum limit value for a specific amount of time. Check the supply pressure regulators to assure the incoming supply pressure is regulated to the supply pressure requirements for the generator.

For more information, refer to section 2.11 Facility Requirements

13.7.12 Saturation Pressure at Minimum Limit

This error indicates the pressure transducer T2 is reading below its minimum value for a specific amount of time. A failed transducer or incorrect calibration are the most common causes of this error.

13.7.13 Saturation Pressure Over Range or at Maximum Limit

This error indicates the pressure transducer T2 is over range or has been at its maximum limit value for a specific amount of time. A failed transducer or incorrect calibration are the most common causes of this

error. Also, if using fittings or tubing connected to the chamber inlet, assure it can flow the desired flow rate and is not causing any back pressure or blockage.

13.7.14 Saturation Pressure Transducer Not Responding

This error indicates the pressure transducer T2 is not responding to commands from the computer. A failed transducer is the most common causes of this error, but a disconnected or damaged serial cable or serial adapter could also be the cause.

13.7.15 Chamber Pressure at Minimum Limit

This error indicates the pressure transducer T3 is reading below its minimum value for a specific amount of time. A failed transducer or incorrect calibration are the most common causes of this error.

13.7.16 Chamber Pressure Over Range or at Maximum Limit

This error indicates the pressure transducer T3 is over range or has been at its maximum limit value for a specific amount of time. A failed transducer or incorrect calibration are the most common causes of this error.

13.7.17 Chamber Pressure Transducer Not Responding

This error indicates the pressure transducer T3 is not responding to commands from the computer. A failed transducer is the most common causes of this error, but a disconnected or damaged serial cable or serial adapter could also be the cause.

13.7.18 Mass Flow Rate at Minimum Limit

This error indicates the flow transducer T4 is reading below its minimum value for a specific amount of time. A wet flow meter is the most common cause of this error. Other causes include a failed transducer or incorrect calibration.

13.7.19 Mass Flow Rate Over Range or at Maximum Limit

This error indicates the flow transducer T4 is over range or has been at its maximum limit value for a specific amount of time. A wet flow meter is the most common cause of this error. Other causes include a failed transducer or incorrect calibration.

13.7.20 Refrigeration Compressor Low Side Pressure at Minimum Limit

This error indicates the pressure transducer T5 is reading below its minimum value for a specific amount of time. A failed transducer is the most common cause of this error. Other causes include refrigeration system failure or leak.

13.7.21 Refrigeration Compressor Low Side Pressure Over Range or at Maximum Limit

This error indicates the pressure transducer T5 is over range or has been at its maximum limit value for a specific amount of time. A refrigeration system failure is the most common cause of this error. It also possible to receive this error if the generator is being operated in an environment that is outside the generators operating temperature range.

For more information, refer to section 2.11 Facility Requirements

13.7.22 Refrigeration Compressor High Side Pressure at Minimum Limit

This error indicates the pressure transducer T6 is reading below its minimum value for a specific amount of time. A failed transducer is the most common cause of this error. Other causes include refrigeration system failures.

13.7.23 Refrigeration Compressor High Side Pressure Over Range or at Maximum Limit

This error indicates the pressure transducer T6 is over range or has been at its maximum limit value for a specific amount of time. A refrigeration system failure is the most common cause of this error. It is also possible to receive this error if there is insufficient floor space around the generator or if the cabinet fans are not operating.

13.7.24 Flow Valve Reported Error:

This error indicates the stepper motor for the valve V1 is reporting an internal error. A failed stepper motor or a jammed flow valve are the most common causes of this error. It is important to relay the number displayed after this error when contacting Thunder Scientific for technical support.

13.7.25 Flow Valve Failed to Find Home Position

This error indicates the stepper motor for the valve V1 is unable to find its home position. A failed stepper motor or a jammed flow valve are the most common causes of this error.

13.7.26 Flow Valve at Minimum Limit

This error indicates the valve V1 has been at its minimum position for a specific amount of time. A wet flow meter is the most common cause of this error.

13.7.27 Flow Valve at Maximum Limit

This error indicates the valve V1 has been at its maximum position for a specific amount of time. Insufficient supply pressure source for the given flow setpoint, or a block chamber inlet are the most common cause of this error. Other causes include a frozen saturator caused by extended operation at temperatures below freezing is. Try reducing the mass flow rate setpoint to 20 L/min or even 10 L/min when operating at temperatures below freezing.

13.7.28 Expansion Valve Reported Error:

This error indicates the stepper motor for the valve V2 is reporting an internal error. A failed stepper motor or a jammed expansion valve are the most common causes of this error.

13.7.29 Expansion Valve Failed to Find Home Position

This error indicates the stepper motor for the valve V2 is unable to find its home position. A failed stepper motor or a jammed expansion valve are the most common causes of this error.

13.7.30 Expansion Valve at Minimum Limit - Check for air leaks

This warning indicates the valve V2 has been at its minimum position for a specific amount of time. An air leak is the most common cause of this error.

13.7.31 Expansion Valve at Maximum Limit - Reduce Mass Flow Rate

This warning indicates the valve V2 has been at its maximum position for a specific amount of time. Operating the generator at high humidity with high mass flow rates is the most common cause of this

warning. Try reducing the mass flow rate setpoint to 30 L/min when generating 95% Relative Humidity or equivalent and 20 L/min when generating 98% Relative Humidity or equivalent.

13.7.32 Distilled Water Reservoir is Empty

This error indicates the water reservoir is empty and the system had to shutdown.

For more information on adding water, refer to section 5.1.1 Fill Water Reservoir

13.7.33 Distilled Water Reservoir is Low

This is only a warning that the water reservoir is low and that you should fill it soon.

For more information on adding water, refer to section 5.1.1 Fill Water Reservoir

13.7.34 Unable to Fill Pre-Saturator

This error indicates the pre-saturation was unable to fill. An air bubble in the fill line is the most common cause of this error. The air bubble can occur if the generator recently shutdown due to an empty water reservoir. Assure the reservoir is full and try to manually fill the pre-sat.

For more information, refer to section <u>5.2.1 Pre-saturator Level</u>

13.7.35 No Fluid Flow

This error indicates no coolant flow was detected within the fluid circulation system. Make sure the fluid circulation system is full of coolant water. Other causes include failed fluid pump or blown fuse.

For more information, refer to section <u>2.12.3.1 Chamber Fluid Filling Procedure</u>

13.7.36 No Saturation Fluid Heat

This warning indicates the heater H1 for the fluid circulation system has been running at full power without any increase in temperature for a given amount of time. Possible causes include a failed heater H1, tripped heat limit switch HLS1 or the RTD 1 temperature probe is not installed or is installed in the wrong location.

13.7.37 No Pre-Saturator Heat

This warning indicates the heater H2 and H3 for the pre-saturator have been running at full power without any increase in temperature for a given amount of time. Possible causes include a failed heater H2 and/or H3, tripped heat limit switch HLS2 or the RTD 2 temperature probe is not installed or is installed in the wrong location.

13.7.38 No Expansion Valve Heat

This warning indicates the heater H4 and H5 for the expansion valve have been running at full power without any increase in temperature for a given amount of time. Possible causes include a failed heater H4 and/or H5, tripped heat limit switch HLS3 or the RTD 3 temperature probe is not installed or is installed in the wrong location.

13.7.39 System Failed to Vent Pressure on Shutdown

This warning indicates the system failed to vent off pressure after a shutdown within a given amount of time. A bad pressure vent solenoid SOL3 is the most common cause of this warning.

13.7.40 Mass Flow Rate is being limited to achieve Humidity setpoint.

This warning occurs when the system is limiting mass flow rate to 20 L/min when the Humidity setpoint is greater than 95 %RH. This can occur if the user changes temperature and humidity at the same time or if the user is changing temperature when generating a humidity that is sensitive to temperature deltas between the chamber and saturation temperature. The system limits the flow to assure a proper pressure delta is maintained at low saturation pressures. If this warning does not clear once the system has stabilized at its humidity and temperature setpoints then a mass flow rate setpoint reduction is recommended to remove the warning.

13.7.41 Insufficient Supply Pressure to reach setpoint

This warning occurs when the system is set to generate a humidity value that requires more pressure than the supply has available. This can occur if the user changes temperature and humidity at the same time or if the user is changing temperature when generating a humidity that is sensitive to temperature deltas between the chamber and saturation temperature. If this warning does not clear once the system has stabilized at its temperature setpoint then check the supply pressure as it might be insufficient for the desired humidity setpoint.

14 DRAWINGS AND DIAGRAMS

This section contains drawings and diagrams of the Model 2900 Humidity generator to assist the user in better understanding the operation and location of components of the system.

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DWF	Α	TRANSDUCERS UPDATED - TIMER ADDED IN ELEC. BOX	6/23/2020	BB		

						ITEM NO.	FIND#	TSC STOCKCODE	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
ITEM NO.	FIND#	TSC STOCKCODE		ESCRIPTION	QTY.	28	NI9136	N784238	CDAQ-9136 4 SLOT CONTROLLER	1
55	V3	PR4-EPRT	1/4" PLUG VALVE	:	1	27	NI 9403	N779787	TTL Digital I/O Module (32 CH)	1
54	V2	D16A29022	EXPANSION VAL	VE ASSEMBLY	1	26	NI 9401	N779351	TTL Digital I/O Module (8 CH)	1
53	V1	D16A29021	FLOW VALVE AS		1	25	NI 9216	N783664-01	24-BIT 100 Ω RTD ANALOG INPUT MODULE	1
52	TR5	D20A29043	2900 TIMER RELA	AY ASSEMBLY	1	24	NI 9209	N783729	±10V, 24-Bit Analog Input Module	1
51	T6	P528-300	0 - 300 PSI PRES	SURE SENSOR	1	23	MOXA	UPORT1650-8	USB - SERIAL HUB	1
50	T5	P528-100	0 - 100 PSI PRES	SURE SENSOR	1	22	MEM	SD1001	2 GB FLASH MEMORY CARD	1
49	T4	EFM5700-50L	MASS FLOW TRA	ANSDUCER	1	21	LL2P	D18A29063	PRESAT LIQUID LEVEL PROBE	1
48	Т3	CPT6020-17	8 - 17 PSIA PREC	ISION TRANSDUCER	1	20	LL2	D92A00043	LIQUID LEVEL ALARM PROBE ASSY	1
47	T2	CPT6020-160	0 - 160 PSIA PRE	CISION TRANSDUCER	1	19	LL1P	D94A25049	RESERVOIR LIQUID LEVEL PROBE ASSY	1
46	T1	D19A29072	SUPPLY TRANSE	DUCER ASSEMBLY	1	18	LL1	D94A25051	LIQUID LEVEL, RES PROBE ASSY	1
45	SSRB1,2	G4PB4	4 CHANNEL MOL	INTING RACK	2	17	НМІ	UTC-510GP	UTC-510 10.1" TOUCH COMPUTER	1
44	SSR-DC0-7	G4DC5	G4 DC Output 5-2	00 VDC, 5 VDC Logic	8	16	HLS2	HLSW2-EPOXY	190 °F THERMOSTAT - EPOXY COATED	1
43	SSR-AC2,3	EL240A10-05	5 AMP SS RELAY	,	2	15	HLS1	HLSW1	212° THERMOSTAT SWITCH	1
42	SSR-AC0,1	UPD2415DF	15 Amp SS Relay		2	14	H2,3	L3A94	400 WATT CARTRIDGE HEATER	2
41	SOL4	A2037	PRE SAT FILL SC	DLENOID VALVE	1	13	H1	N8A21	1KW CARTRIDGE HEATER	1
40	SOL3	A2231	PRESSURE VEN	T SOLENOID VALVE	1	12	G1	G6X114	200 PSIG PRESSURE GAUGE	1
39	SOL2	K2X2833	COOL SOLENOID	VALVE	1	11	FS1	D18A29060	PRESSURE SWITCH ASSEMBLY	1
38	SOL1	A2033	AIR SUPPLY SOL	ENOID VALVE	1	10	FP1	D17A29059	FLUID PUMP ASSEMBLY	1
37	RV1	S4C-150	1/4" MALE NPT A	DJUSTABLE RELIEF VALVE	1	9	FD	C-032-S	REFRIGERATION FILTER / DRYER	1
36	RTD5	S17624	CABINET TEMPE	RATURE PROBE	1	8	FAN2	D17A29065	CHAMBER FAN ASSEMBLY	1
35	RTD4	5606-50-B	CHAMBER TEMP	ERATURE PROBE	1	7	FAN1	3414NHH	24 VDC AXIAL FAN	6
34	RTD3	5606-50-B	EXPANSION VAL	VE TEMPERATURE PROBE	1	6	EX1	D16A29045	EVAPORATOR WELD ASSEMBLY	1
33	RTD2	5606-50-B	PRE SAT TEMPE	RATURE PROBE	1	5	DC3	SD-15A-05	5VDC POWER SUPPLY	1
32	RTD1	5606-50-B	SATURATION TE	MPERATURE PROBE	1	4	DC2	VE-LU3-EU	24V 200W POWER SUPPLY	1
31 RESERVOIR D16A29015 RESERVOIR ASSEMBLY		1	3	DC1	VE-LU1-EW	12V 100W POWER SUPPLY	1			
30	REG	F10001062T	PRESSURE REG		1	2	CON	BT-COND	CONDENSER ASSEMBLY	1
29	PEM	EF-12	POWER ENTRY	MODULE	1	1	C1	COMPR-220V	220V REFRIGERATION COMPRESSOR	1
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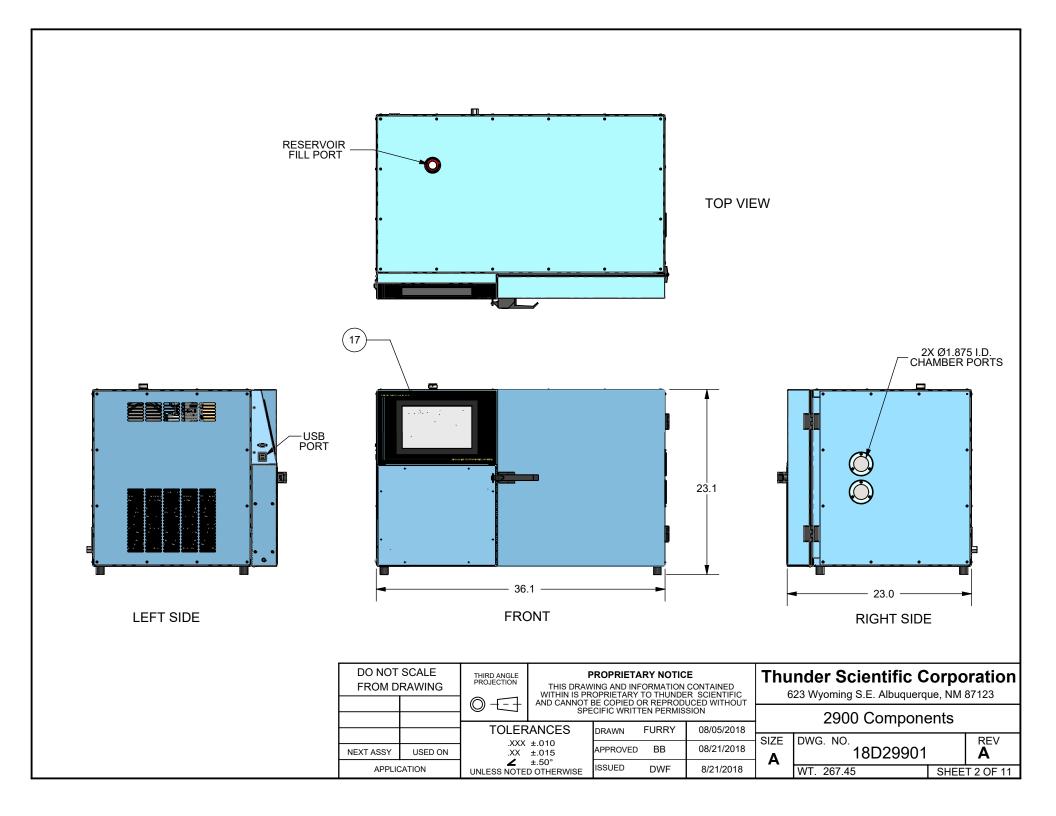
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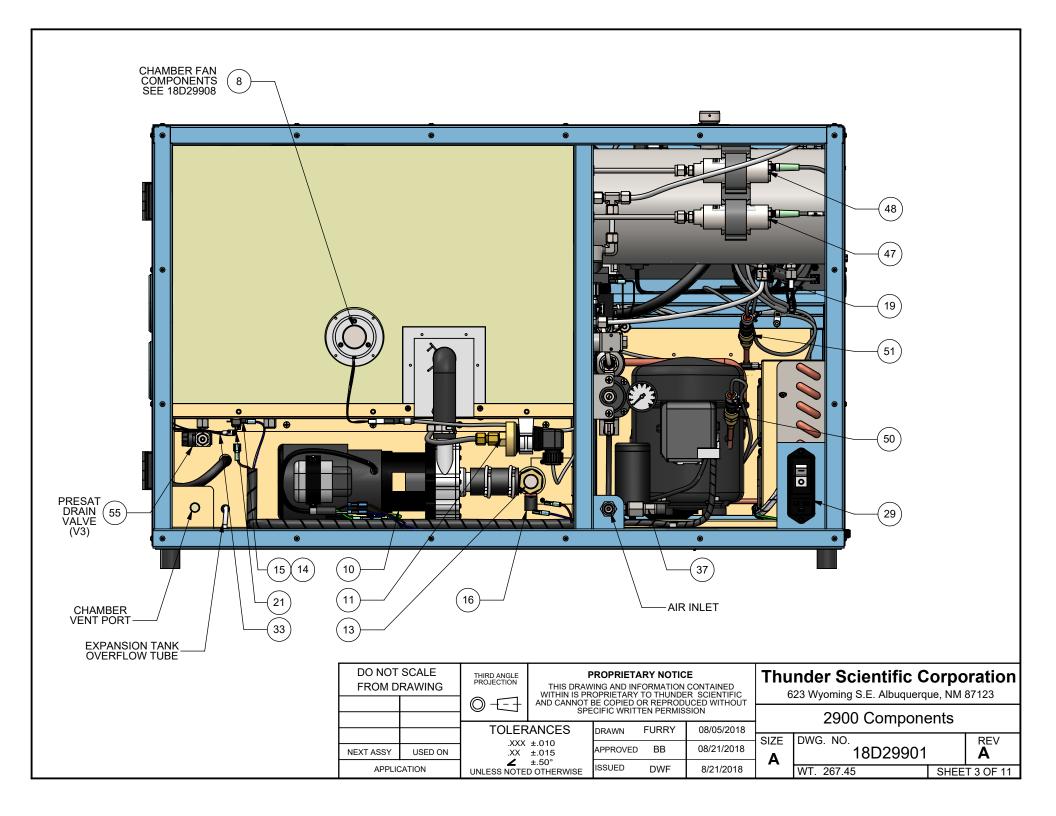
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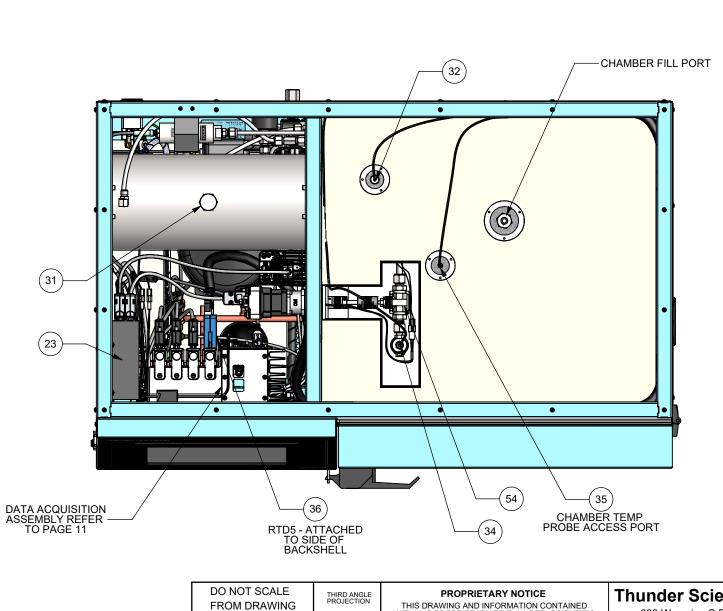
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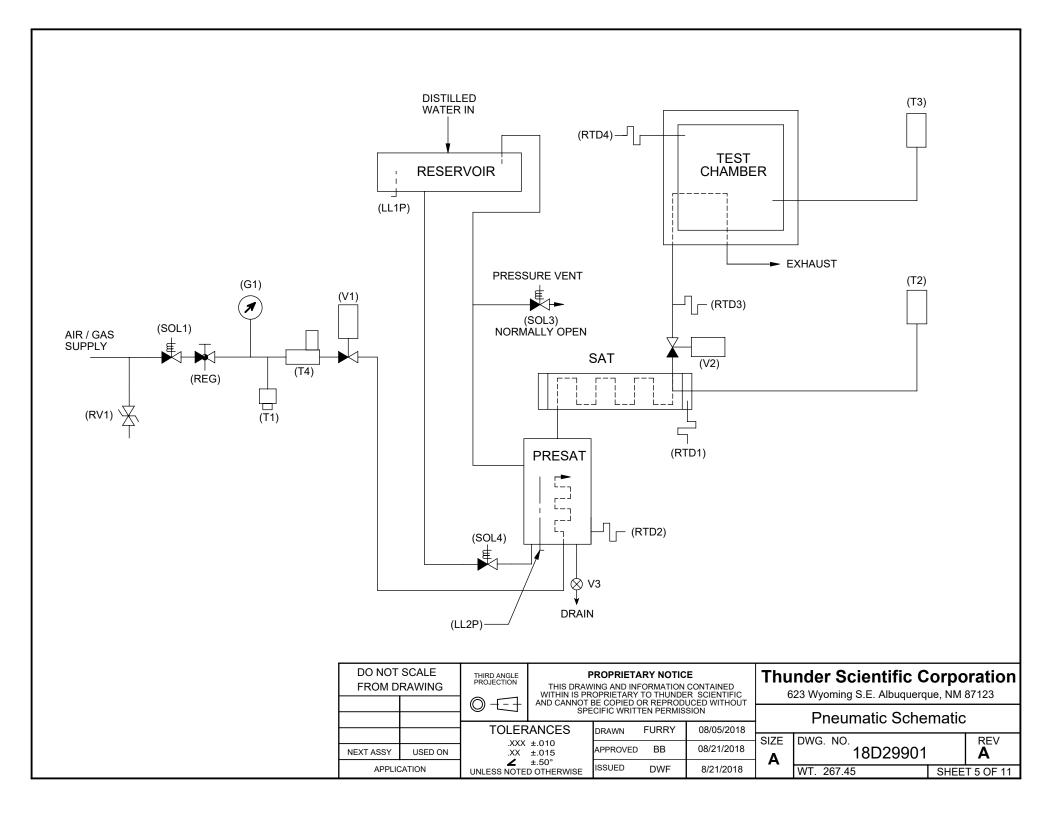
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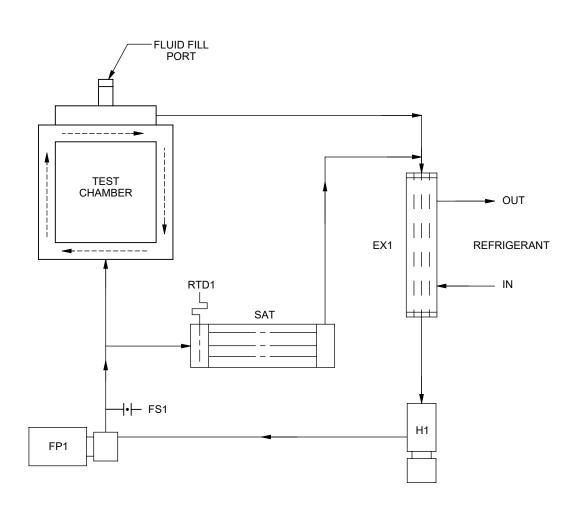
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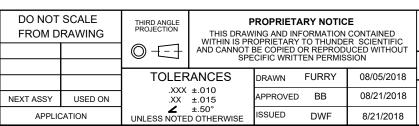
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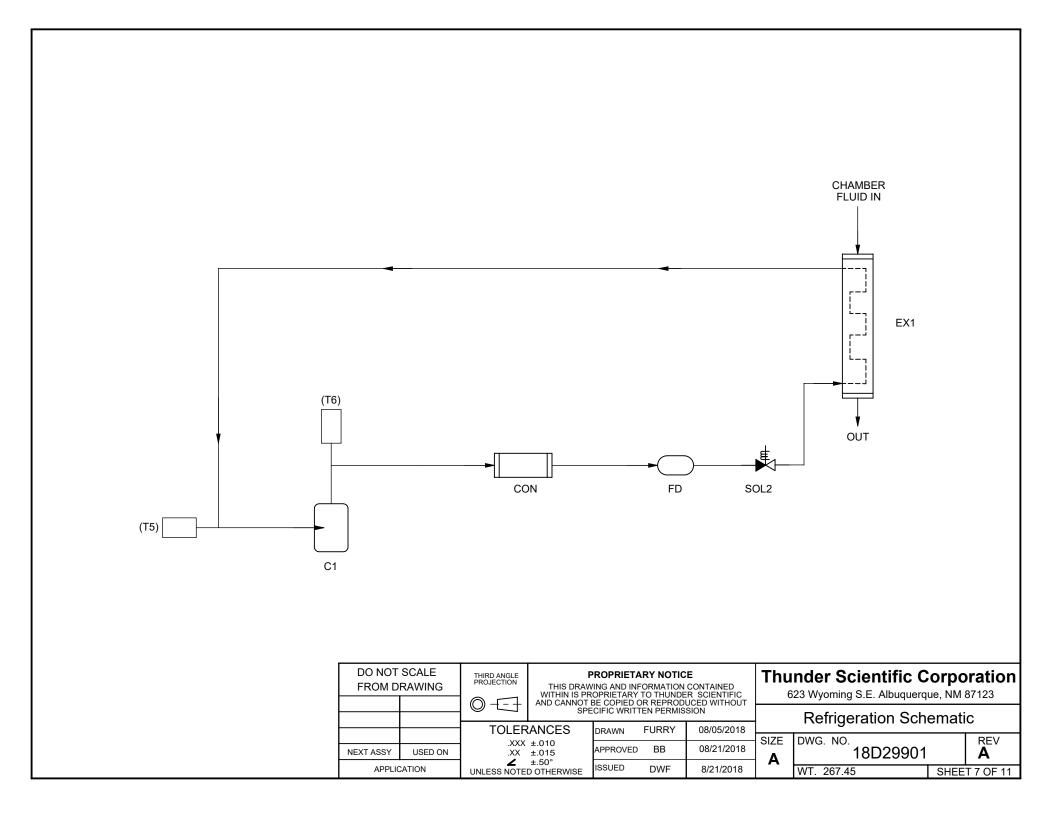
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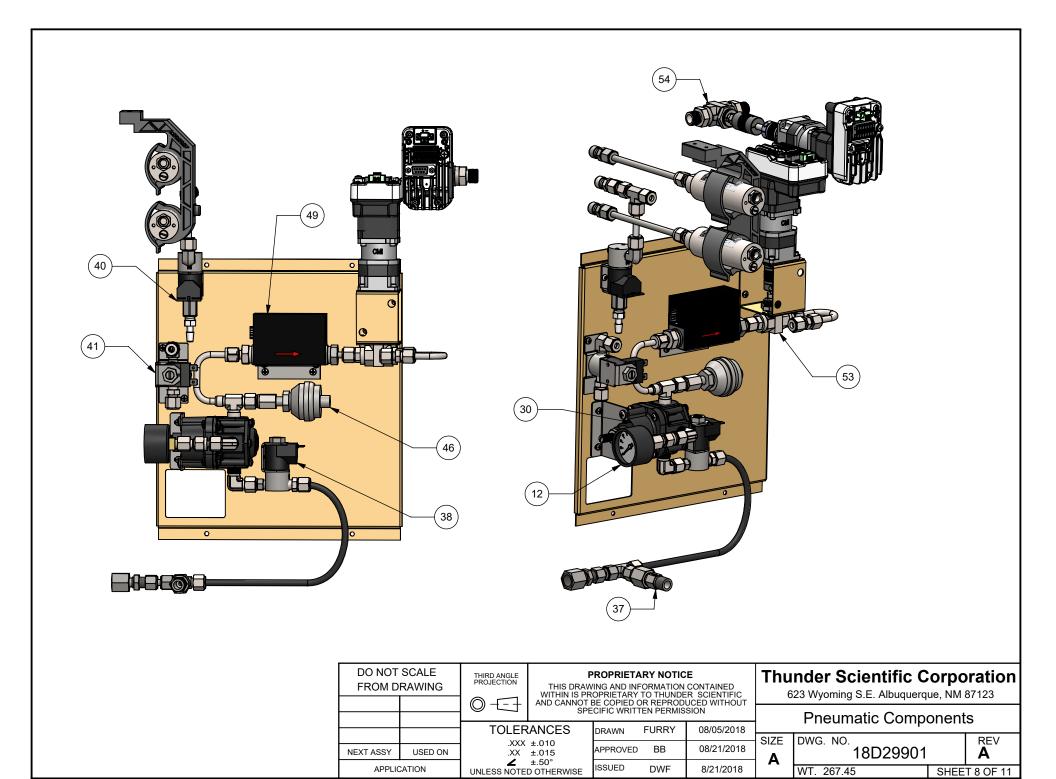
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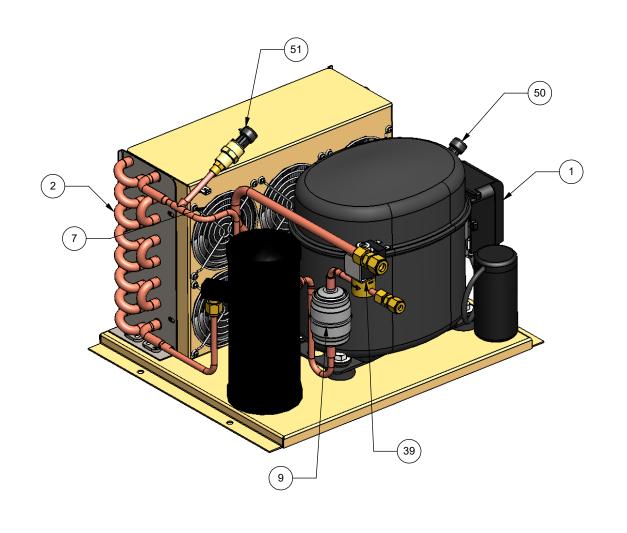
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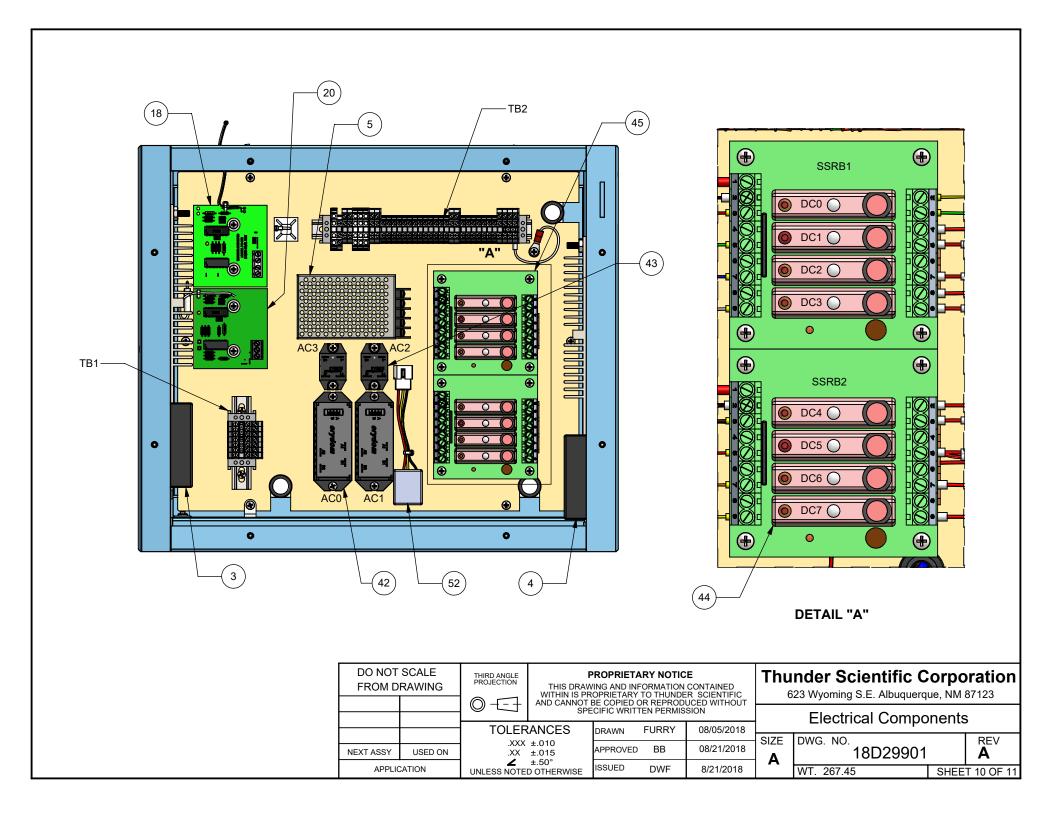
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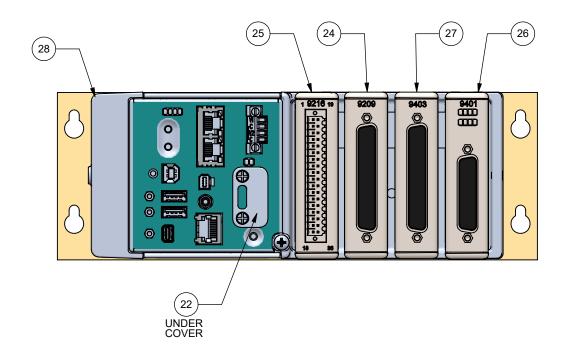
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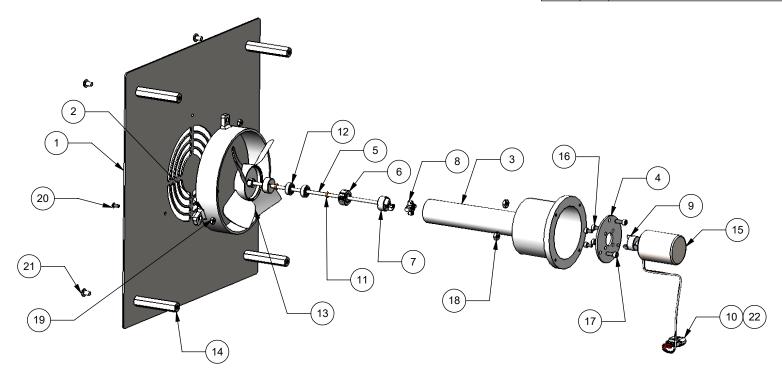
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21	** N S I **	#8-32 X 1/4" PATCHLOK PAN HEAD PHILLIPS SCREW	4
20	** N S I **	#4-40 X 1/4" HEX SOCKET HEAD BUTTON SCREW	3
19	** N S I **	#4-40 HEX NUT	3
18	** N S I **	#6-32 HEX NUT	3
17	** N S I **	#6-32 X 3/8" SOCKET HEAD CAP SCREW	3
16	** N S I **	M3 X 6 SOCKET HEAD CAP SCREW	4
15	4322016-30427	CHAMBER FAN	1
14	91115A204	8-32X2.00-STANDOFF	4
13	5JLL2	4" FAN BLADE	1
12	SR2AC-2OS	.50 X .125 CERAMIC BALL BEARING	2

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10	MX3-P	Ø .062 3 PIN CRIMP HOUSING	1
9	MJC15-4-A	4mm JAW COUPLING HUB	1
8	JD10/15-85B	JAW COUPLING SPIDER	1
7	JC10-2-A	1/8" JAW COUPLING HUB	1
6	CL-2-SS	1/8" SHAFT COLLAR	2
5	A1-60	PRECISION SHAFT	1
4	D17M29253	FAN MOTOR MOUNTING PLATE	1
3	D17M29252	FAN HOUSING TUBE	1
2	D17M29250	4.0" CHAMBER FAN SHROUD	1
1	D16M29109	CHAMBER FAN SHROUD PANEL	1

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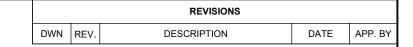
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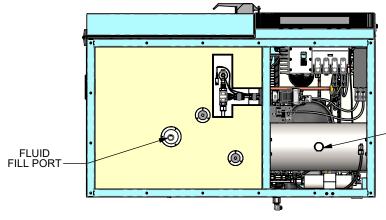
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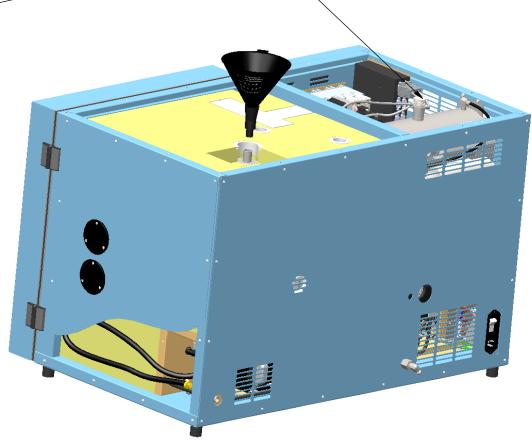
CHAMBER FLUID FILLING REQUIRES:

T10 TORX DRIVER **FUNNEL ASSEMBLY** 2 U.S. GAL. PROPYLENE GLYCOL

CHAMBER FLUID FILLING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. REMOVE TOP CONSOLE PANEL AND INSULATION INSERT.

- REMOVE TOP CONSOLE PANEL AND INSULATION INSERT.
 LOCATE FILL PORT.
 REMOVE RED CAP AND INSERT FUNNEL INTO FILL PORT.
 ADD 2 U.S. GALLONS OF PROPYLENE GLYCOL THEN ADD WATER UNTIL LEVEL IS APPROXIMATELY 1" BELOW BOTTOM OF FILL PORT, OR TO BOTTOM OF FUNNEL NOZZLE.
 REMOVE FUNNEL AND REPLACE RED CAP.
 REPLACE INSULATION INSERT AND TOP CONSOLE PANEL.

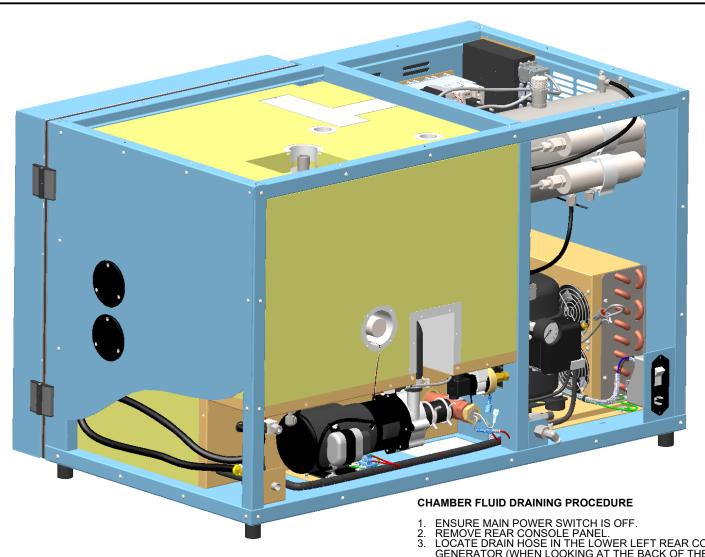


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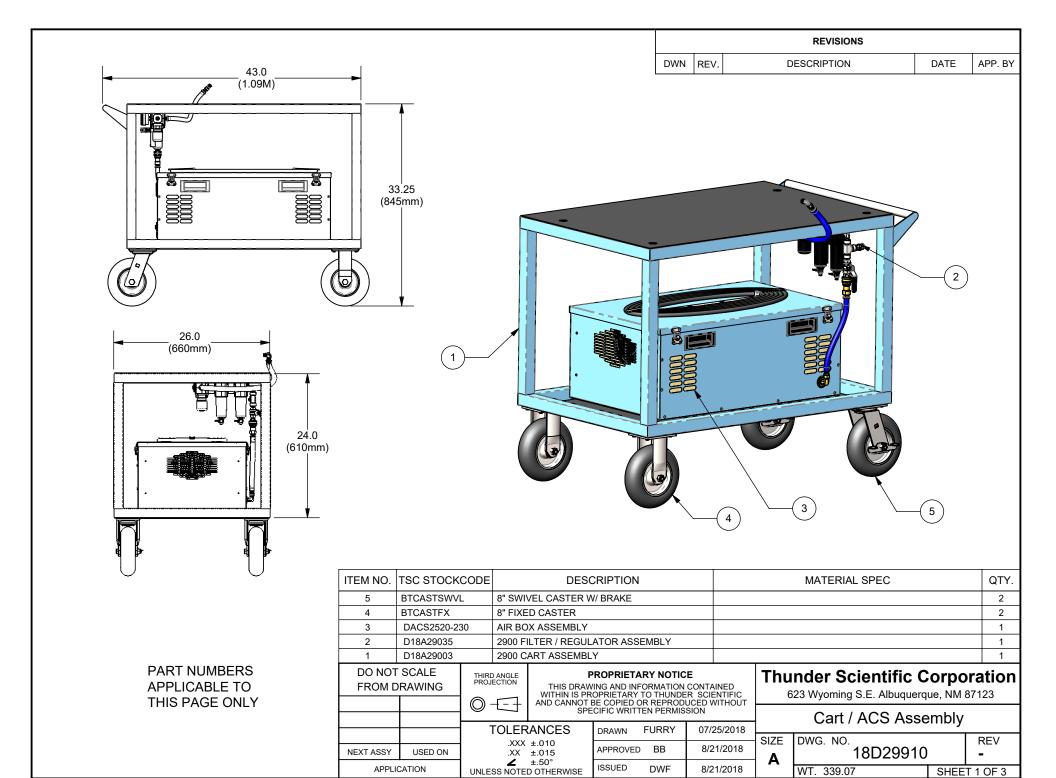
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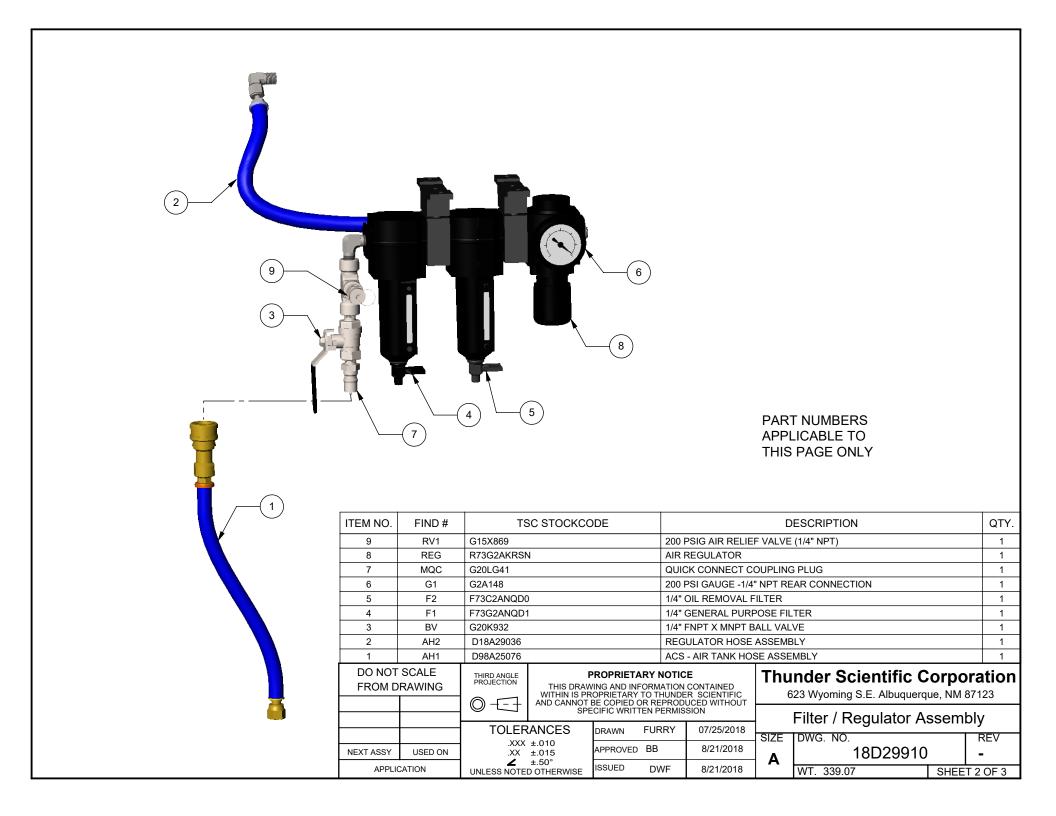


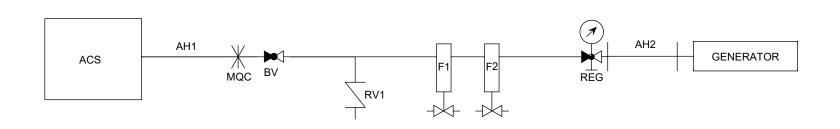
ENSURE MAIN POWER SWITCH IS OFF.
REMOVE REAR CONSOLE PANEL.
LOCATE DRAIN HOSE IN THE LOWER LEFT REAR CORNER OF THE
GENERATOR (WHEN LOOKING AT THE BACK OF THE GENERATOR).
EXTEND AND ELEVATE HOSE, REMOVE DRAIN HOSE CAP AND EMPTY THE CAMBER FLUID
INTO A CLEAN CONTAINER WITH A MINIMUM SIZE OF 4 GALLONS. SAVE THE CHAMBER FLUID

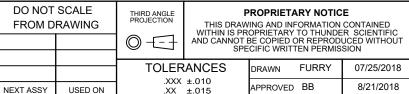
FOR REFILLING.
TO RESTORE HOSE: GRASP HOSE AND ROTATE COUNTER CLOCKWISE 1/2 TURN WHILE PUSHING HOSE INTO LEFT SIDE STORAGE CAVITY. REPLACE REAR CONSOLE PANEL.

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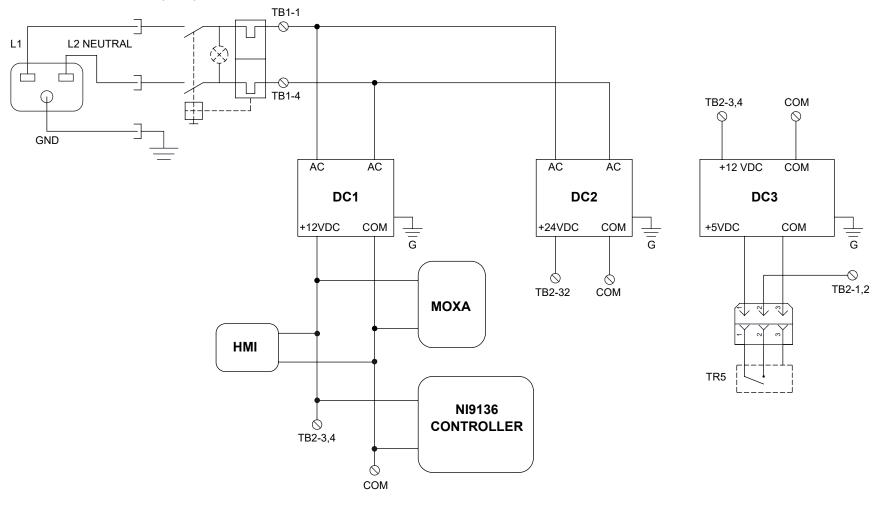
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TB1 - 1-3 L1 (208/240 VAC)

TB1 - 4-6 L2 (NEUTRAL)

TB2 - 1,2 +5 VDC

TB2 - 3,4 +12 VDC

TB2 - 32 +24 VDC

TB2 - 5-7,24,33-35 COMMON

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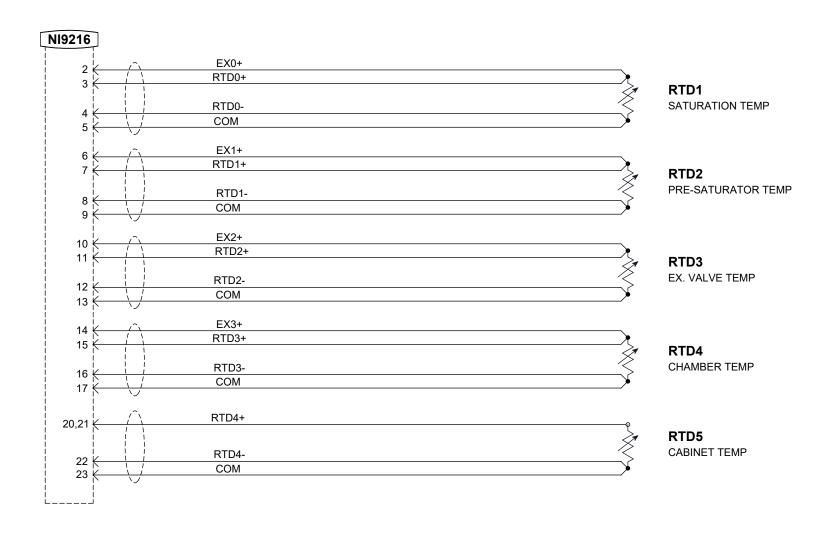
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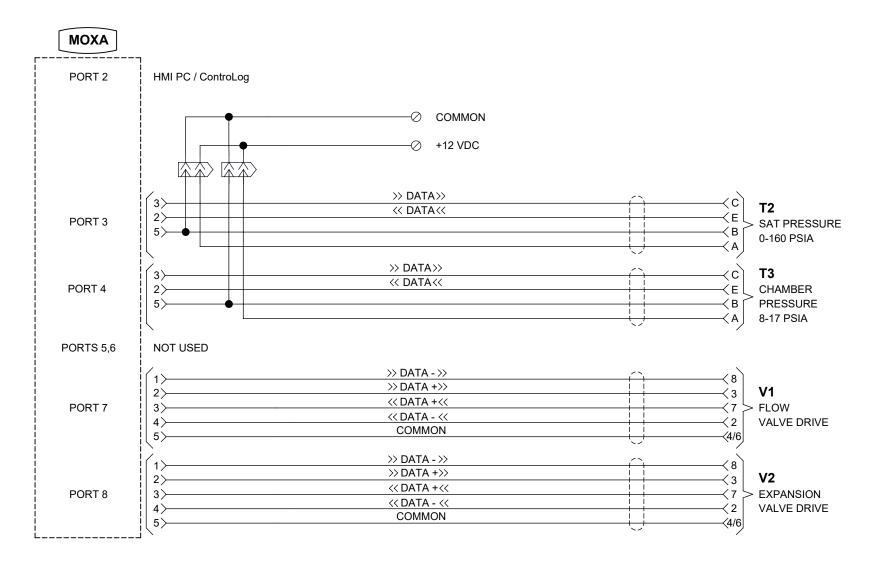
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Temperature Probe Schematic

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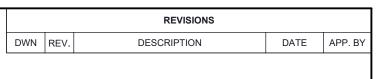
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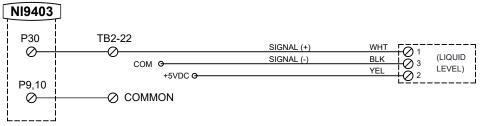
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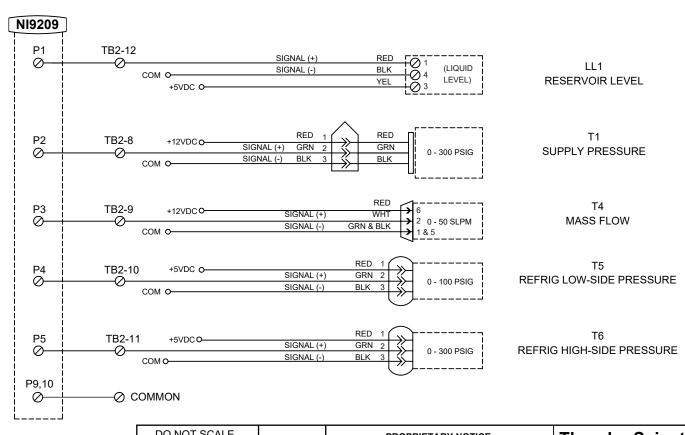
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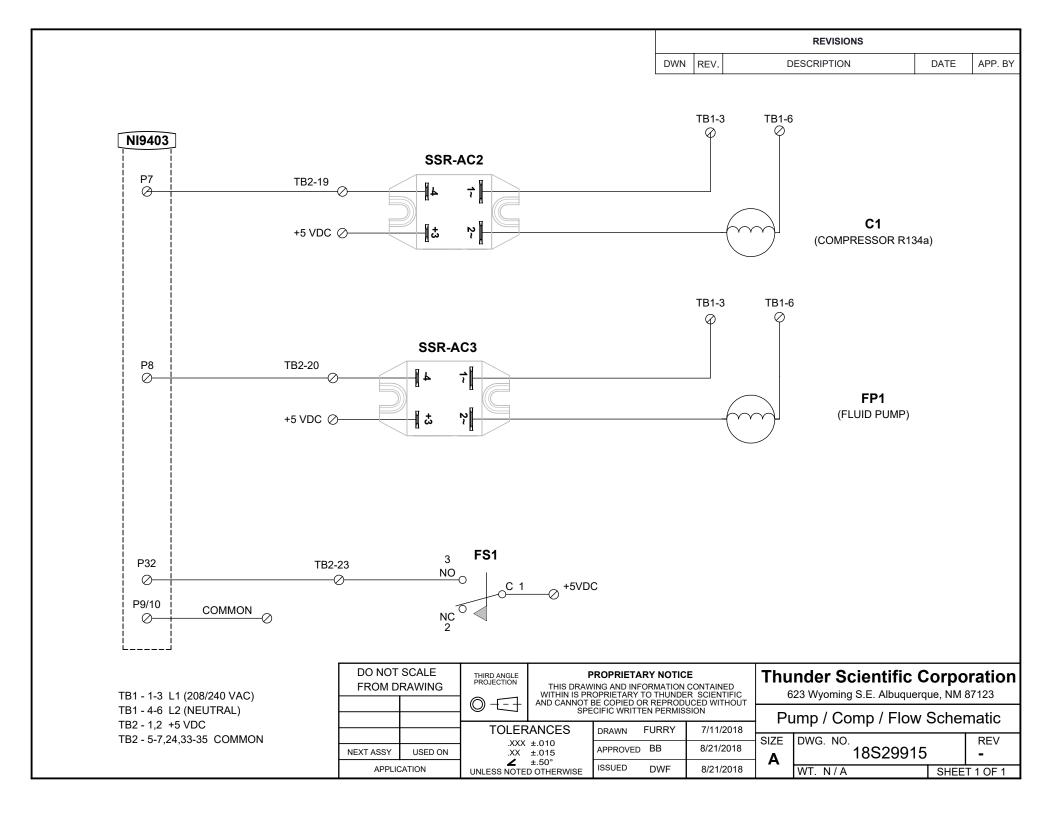
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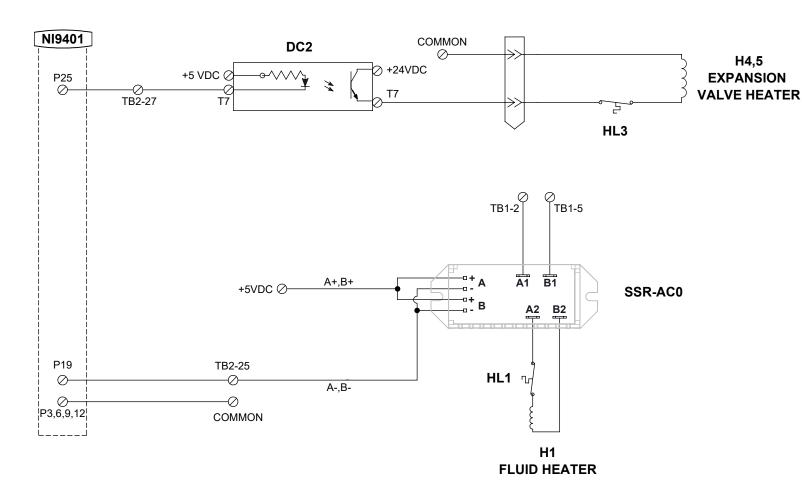
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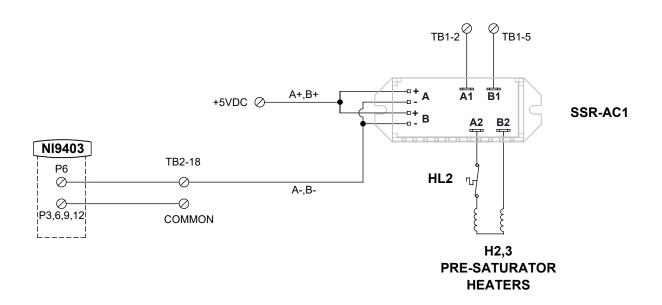
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Exp. Valve / Fluid Heater Schematic

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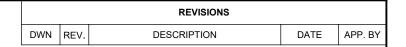
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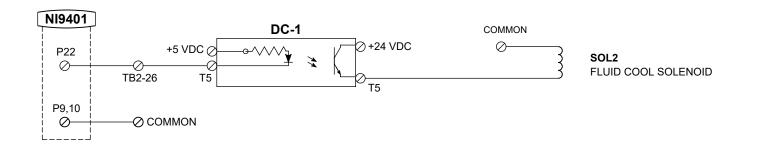
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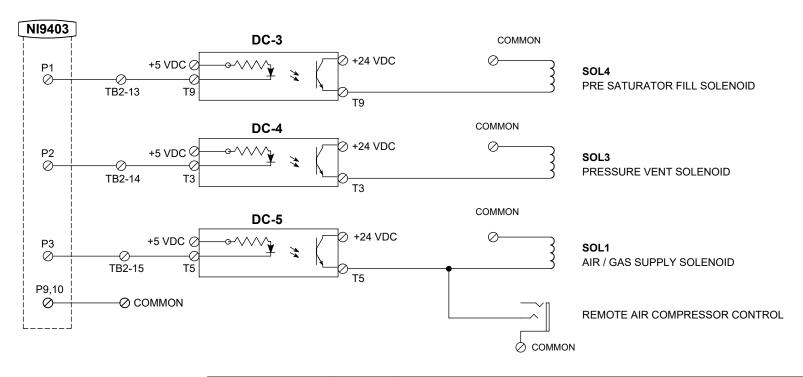
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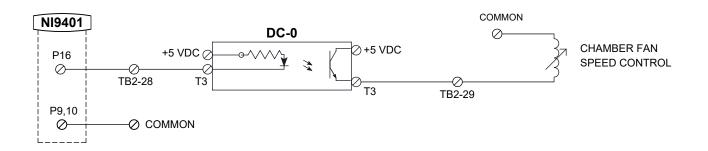
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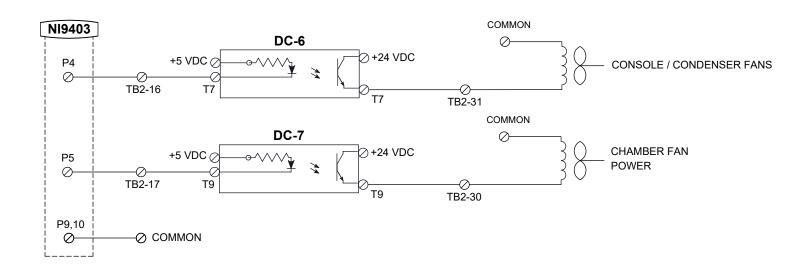
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Solenoid Valve Control Schematic

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