



**OPERATION MANUAL**

**CT-8**

**CONTAINER FILLING SYSTEM BY COUNT**

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# **Owners Information Manual**

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## **1.0 Control System Information**

### **1.1 System Specifications:**

**Input Voltage:** 115 VAC 60 HZ Single Phase  
**Input Current:** 5 AMP Fused Main

### **1.2 Component Definitions**

#### **1.2.1 Standard System Components**

##### **Rotating Platform**

##### **System Control Enclosure**

Contains all control wiring and interfaces to all the system to function

#### **1.2.2 Standard Control Box Interfaces**

##### **SWITCHES**

##### **ON/OFF Selector Switch**

The ON/OFF selector switches turn all the power OFF in the control box. This does not mean that incoming line is also turned OFF. This means

all power after the switch is OFF. To guarantee that there is no power in the control box you must unplug the unit.

#### **E-STOP Push Button**

The E-Stop Push Button is located on the control box. If this button is engaged, the unit will go into an E-Stop condition. This is a maintained push button. Once pushed it will remain latched until the operator pulls or disengages the button. The latched contacts will drop out the master control relay CR-1 that powers the AC line voltage to all moving devices. This will halt all system movement.

#### **JOG Push Button**

The JOG Push Button is located on the control box. If this button is momentarily depressed, the unit will abort the current container, and off load it to the discharge position. And will index in the next container. This is a momentary push button.

#### **RESET Push Button**

The Reset Button is located on the top of the control panel. If this button is momentarily depressed you will reset the counter without jogging to the next bag location. *NOTE: If the full container photo eye is added to the unit and the unit has filled all positions, and the bags have not been removed, the unit will go into a bypass state off-loading all parts by means of the Guide Deflection Shoot. Once the unit is in bypass and all bags need to be removed, the Reset Button can be hit and the system will go back to normal operation.*

### **CORDS**

#### **Power Cord**

This cord brings power into the unit; it is Typically 110 Vac.

#### **Interlock Signal Cord**

When supplied, this cord interfaces the Container Filling system to the Production System, sending it an interlock signal. This status signal indicates that a container is ready to be filled.

#### **Infeed Power Cord**

This cord provides power to the Infeeding Device.

### **1.2.3 Standard Program Interfaces**

#### **Inductive Proximity Switch**

This switch is used to locate the container filling location. It picks up target bolts attached to the bottom of the rotating platform.

#### **Full Container Photo Eye**

*This eye is used to detect the presence of a full bag in the on deck position. The eye is used to generate an alarm when there are parts in this position.*

### **Counting System**

#### **The Horner PLC**

The Production Machine supplies an electrical signal to the PLC. The PLC then processes this signal and compares it to the control limit entered by the operator. The operator interfaces to the Horner PLC.

#### **1.2.4 Standard Alarm Information**

There are two groups of alarms represented by the indicator light. These groups signal the operator when the system is not operating properly.

##### **Group One Alarms**

1) A flashing light indicates that the system has a full bag in the on deck position. An operator must come over remove the bag and hit the reset button.

##### **Group Two Alarms**

Indicated by a solid light, indicating someone has pressed in or engaged the E-Stop button. The button must be pulled out or disengaged to reset this condition. When E-stop is engaged, the pressure to the cylinder is released, and all moving parts of the system stop. *OR NOTE if the full container photo eye is added: the system is completely full and the system is diverting through the Guide Deflection Chute. If the system is in this state, all bags need to be removed and then the Reset Button can be hit. The system will then start normal operation*

### **System Startup**

#### **1.3 Safety Precautions**

Warning: This is an automatic operating pneumatic/electronic system, great care should be taken when servicing to avoid serious injury, and should only be done by a qualified maintenance technician.

##### **1.3.1 Safety Features**

**E-Stop:** if this button is engaged, the unit will go into an E-Stop condition. Once pushed it will remain latched until the operator pulls or disengages the button. The latched contacts will drop out the master control relay CR-1 that powers the AC line voltage to all moving devices.

**Off/On Selector Switch:** when turned off to it will assure no electrical power to the system beyond the switch.

**Standard Line Cord:** when unplugged assures no power is applied to the system.

#### **1.4 System Sequence of Events**

The rotary table will rotate until it senses a target bolt. After a time delay the infeed conveyor will start to fill the empty container.

It will continue filling until the control target is reached. Once the control target is reached the infeed device stops and the table rotates to the next fill position.

## **1.5 Starup Procedure**

### **1.5.1 Hooking the System Up**

Main electrical power is supplied by a standard 115 VAC 60 Hz single-phase line cord. This should be connected to an appropriate receptacle. An Interlock interfacing cable is provided to interface with any user equipment

Infeeding conveyor power connection. The infeeding conveyor should be connected to this receptacle.

### **1.5.2 Setting the Control Target For The Horner PLC**

1) The Horner interfaces the PLC to the operator. The count signal interfaces into the PLC. By following the menu options on the Microview you can view or change any of the control target parameters.

### **1.5.3 First Time Startups or Restarts**

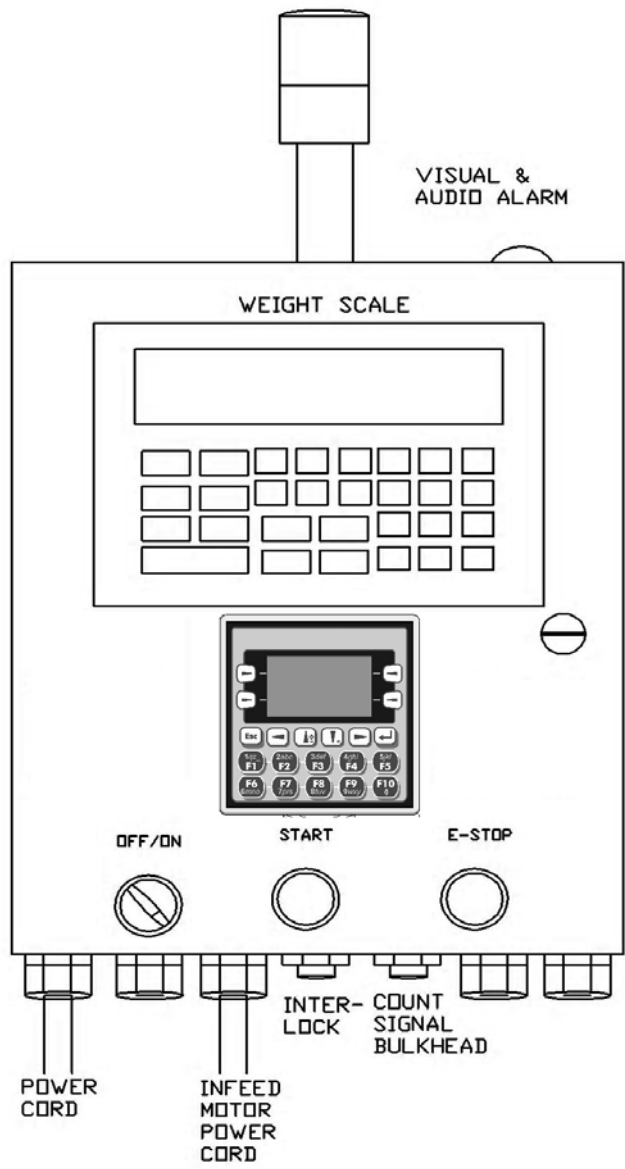
Before turning the power switch to the on position:

- 1) Engage the E-Stop, by pushing in the Red E-Stop operator.
- 2) Connect any interface cables and infeed devices.
- 3) Fill the empty container areas with empty containers.

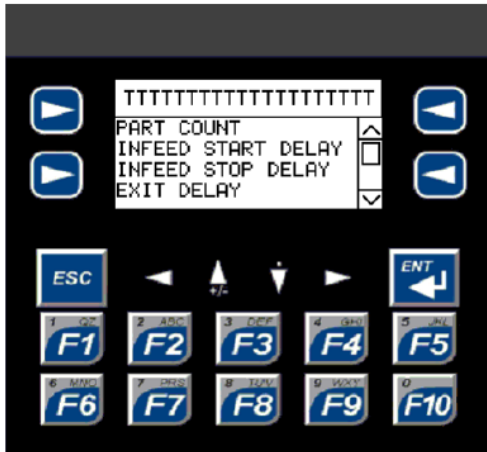
Turn on the power switch to the on position.

Disengage the emergency stop button by pulling out the Red E-Stop operator.

Motion of the empty container conveyor will begin. Motion will follow the sequence of operation.

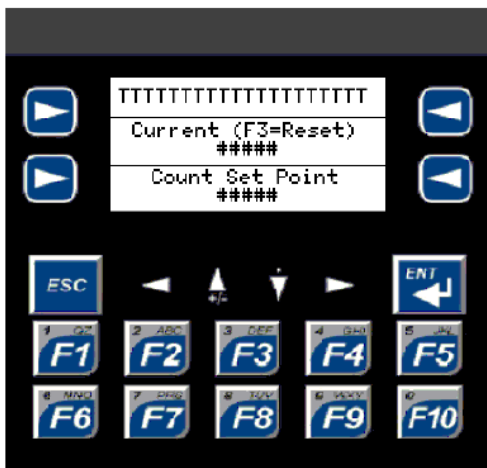


## Rotary Index Table



### MAIN SCREEN

Use up/down arrows to select a menu item and press ENT.



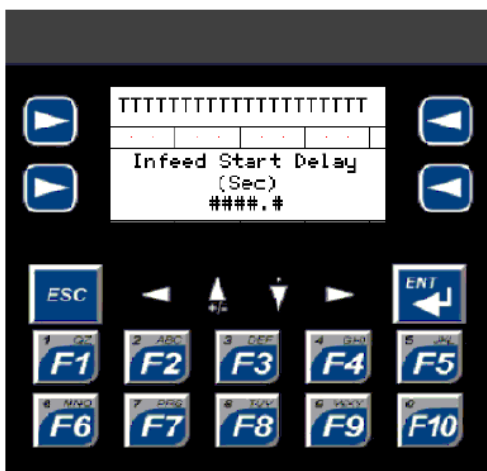
### PARTS COUNTER

Set this to the number of parts that represent a full bag.  
To change; press ENT then use keypad to modify.  
Press ENT when done; ESC to cancel.

The current count is displayed.

Press F3 to reset to zero.

Press ESC to return to the main menu.



### INFEEED START DELAY

This will delay starting of the parts conveyor after the table finishes indexing.  
To change; press ENT then use keypad to modify.  
Press ENT when done; ESC to cancel.

Press ESC to return to the main menu.

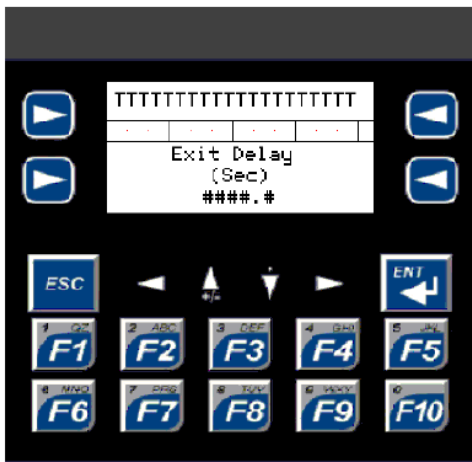




### INFEED STOP DELAY

This will delay stopping the parts conveyor after the part count completes.  
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Press ENT when done; ESC to cancel.

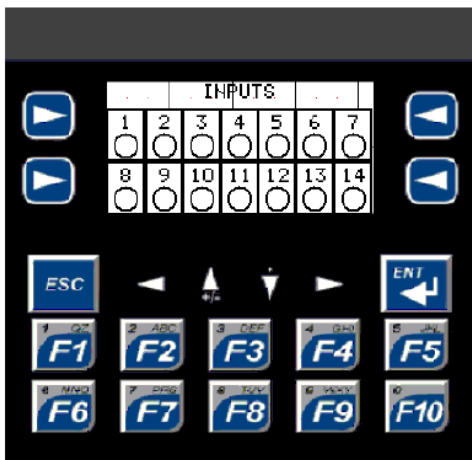
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### EXIT DELAY

This will delay rotation of the table after the parts conveyor stops.  
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Press ENT when done; ESC to cancel.

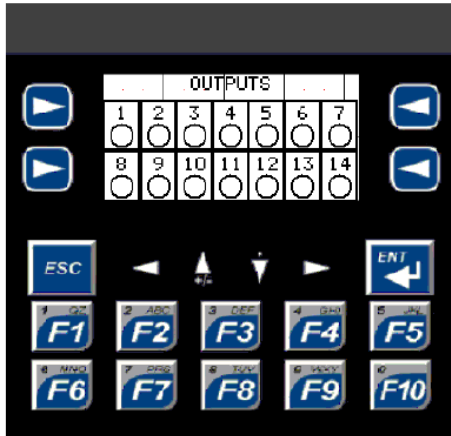
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### INPUTS SCREEN

This screen shows the status of the controller's inputs. Use this with the schematics to help diagnose problems.

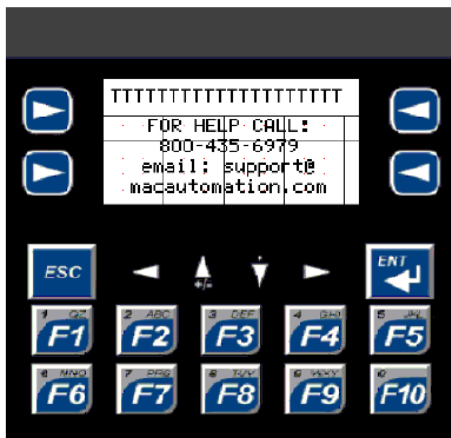
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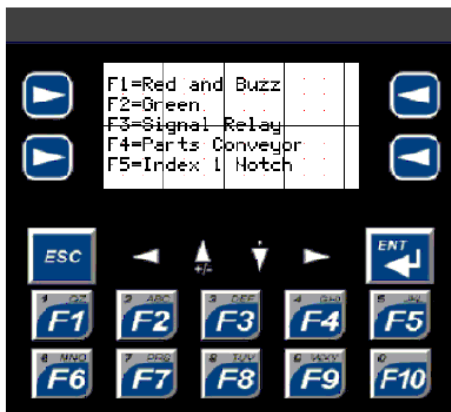
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#### HELP SCREEN

Call or e-mail for help.

Press ESC to return to the main menu.



#### MANUAL SCREEN

Press a function key to test the matching device.

F1=Red Light and Buzzer

F2=Green Light

F3=Test 'bag in fill position' Signal Relay

F4=Spare

F5=Index 1 Notch. Use this to line up the table with the filling chute.

Press ESC to return to the main menu and resume normal operation.

A screen saver will automatically activate after 15 minutes. Press Esc key to turn the backlight back on.

**FAULT MESSAGES**

THE EMERGENCY STOP BUTTON WAS PRESSED. RELEASE THE E-STOP  
BUTTON AND PRESS THE RESET/START BUTTON.

REMOVE FULL BAGS

PRESS F10 TO RESET

The table will not index until F10 or the red reset button on top of the box is pushed.

**TABLE JAM**

The table failed to index. Check the index drive for faults (See the NFX manual.) Try to rotate the table with F3 from the manual screen. Check the limit switch under the table for proper operation.