# Aquatrac Instruments

# **Application Note**

Timed Cycling Special Control AN010-25

# 1. OBJECTIVE

Details the operation of the '**TC**', Timed Cycling, chemical feed pump intermittent feed, special control.

# 2. APPLICATION

The '**TC**' command targets swimming pool control where there is a long time delay between feed and detection of the feed at the controlling sensor.

The 'TC' command may also be used to base feed a chemical by setting a pump ON time and a PERIOD in minutes.

#### **OPERATION**

Switches pump power **ON** for a user defined time in every user defined **PERIOD**.

Whenever the control sensor is <u>between</u> Setpoints, pumps and valves controlled by a sensor, will Time Cycle.

User sets the **ON** & **PERIOD** time in minutes to reflect each sites' pump size and time delay.

## Oxidant Feed Cycling:

Oxidant control set to turn ON at 300mV and OFF at 500mV.

Period = 30 minutes. ON time = 5 minutes

When the ORP is between 300mV and 500mV the oxidant pump or solenoid is ON for 5 minutes in every 30 minute period.

# **Base Feeding:**

A biocide is fed for 2 minutes every 60 minutes.

A sensor and setpoints are required for Timed Cycling.

When base feeding, the sensor is selected and setpoints set so the sensor is always between the Turn On & Turn OFF setpoints.

Priming and Biocide feed timing may still be used to slug feed.

User set biocide timing will be added to Timed Cycling ON times.

#### Notes:

- 1. Outside of the TURN ON TURN OFF window, the pump is always OFF.
- Setting 'REVERSE' control disables Timed Cycling.
- 3. Setting the control equation to any water meter, removes Timed Cycling
- 4. Attempting to set the Timed Cycling special control on a switch controlled by a water meter displays 'meter illegal with special control'
- 5. Removing the control equation on a switch with Timed Cycling, removes the Timed Cycling special control.

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## 3. FUNCTION

#### 3.1 COMMAND SYNTAX

The '**TC**' option is entered in the special control field of the '**SW**' switch command using the syntax:

SWx,...,TCy/z where x = Relay#1...8, y = PERIOD time in minutes & z = ON time in minutes.

Example: SW1,,,TC20/4 & Enter

Every 20 minutes, the pump controlled by Relay No.1 will be ON for 4 minutes.

The controller will respond with the ON time and the PERIOD time.

Keying SW1 & Enter will display current settings for ON time & PERIOD

#### 3.2 CURRENT STATE MONITORING

The **ST** command will count down the current ON or OFF time in fractional minutes in the **Special Control** section of the **ST** response screen.

Example: **ST1,6** & **Enter** will display the current state of relays No.1 & No.6.

#### 3.3 LIMITS & OUT-OF-LIMITS RESPONSE

- 1. Timing is reset at midnight. A new PERIOD starts at midnight.
- 2. Maximum PERIOD in **TC** mode is 360 minutes. Attempting to set the PERIOD to more than 360 minutes, sets the PERIOD to 360 minutes.
- 3. Periods greater than 6 hours can be set using the existing biocide timing.
- 4. Setting the ON time to greater than the PERIOD, sets the ON time equal to the PERIOD time.
- 5. Setting the ON or PERIOD to time less than 1 minute, sets the PERIOD to 1 minute
- 6. Clearing alarms restarts the PERIOD and starts another OFF time. Owed time is zeroed.

### 3.4 ALARMS & DATA LOGGING

- 1. There is no change in feed limit timer or data logging when the '**TC**' special command is used. The controller logs the pump ON time and times out on minutes per actuation exceeded and minutes per day exceeded.
- 2. The controller will log the actual pump run time and will display relay ON & OFF state correctly while time cycling the pump or solenoid between setpoints.

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