



# Rain Bird ESP-TM2 Controller User Manual

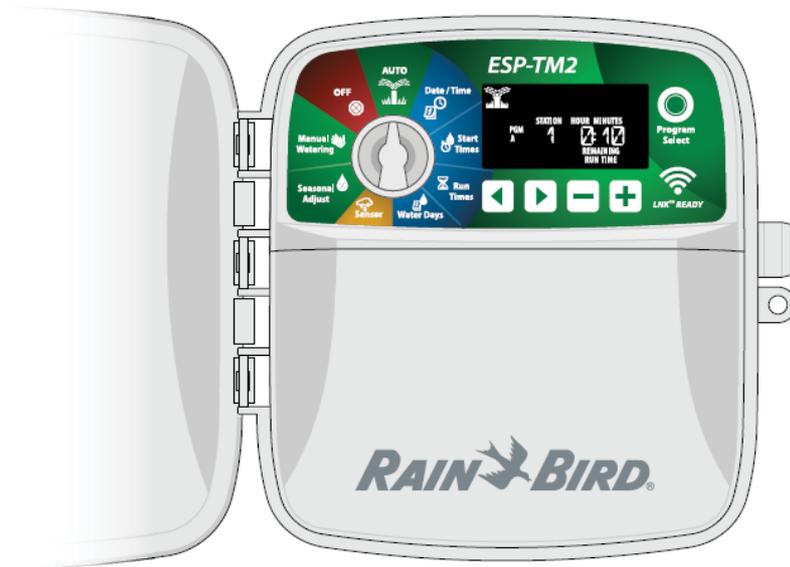
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## Hazardous Warnings

### WARNING

Indicates a hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

### CAUTION

Indicates a hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

### NOTICE

Indicates information considered important, but not hazard-related (e.g., messages relating to property damage).

## SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Specific safety-related instructions or procedures are described.

## Symbols & User Operation

NUMBERS define a series of steps for the user to follow in order to operate the controller.

**NOTE:** Notifies the user of important operating instructions related to controller functionality, installation, or maintenance.

**REPEAT:** Indicates that a repetition of previous steps or actions may be required for further operation, or to complete a process.

## Technical Support



### Questions?

For help setting up and operating the Rain Bird ESP-TM2 Controller, scan the QR code to visit [www.rainbird.com/esptm2](http://www.rainbird.com/esptm2) Additional user documentation is available under the Manuals & Literature tab, including:

- User Manual (this document)
- Quick Reference Guide

- Programming Guide
- Foreign Language Support

To learn more about Rain Bird irrigation systems and our Rain Bird Academy training programs, visit: [www.rainbirdsolutions.com/training](http://www.rainbirdsolutions.com/training) To see instructional videos for the ESP-TM2, visit [www.youtube.com/](http://www.youtube.com/)

## Introduction

### Welcome to Rain Bird



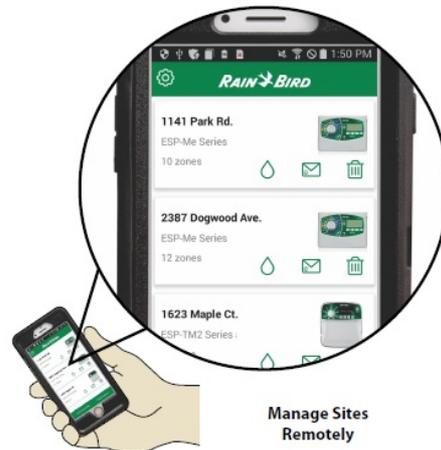
Thank you for choosing Rain Bird's ESP-TM2 controller. In this manual are step-by-step instructions on how to install and operate the ESP-TM2.

### ESP-TM2 Controller Features

<b>Feature</b>	<b>Description</b>
Maximum Stations	12
Simultaneous Stations	1 plus master valve
Start Times	4
Programs	3
Program Cycles	Custom Days, Odd, Even and Cyclic
Permanent Days Off	Per program
Master Valve Control	On/Off per station
Rain Delay	Supported
Rain/Freeze Sensor	Supported
Rain Sensor Control	Global or by station
Seasonal Adjust	Global or by program
Manual Station Run	Yes
Manual Program Run	Yes
Manual Test All Stations	Yes
Station Advance	Yes
Short Detect	Yes
Delay Between Stations	Yes
Accessory Port	Yes (5 pin)
Save & Restore Programming	Yes
WiFi Compatible	Yes – with LNKTM WiFi Module

### **WiFi Enabled**

The LNKTM WiFi Module allows remote connection to a Rain Bird ESP-TM2 Controller using an Apple iOS or An android-compatible smart device. The mobile application allows remote access and configuration of one or more irrigation controllers. For more information on the LNKTM WiFi Module and the value this product can provide for your ESP-TM2 controller, please visit: <http://wifi-pro.rainbird.com>

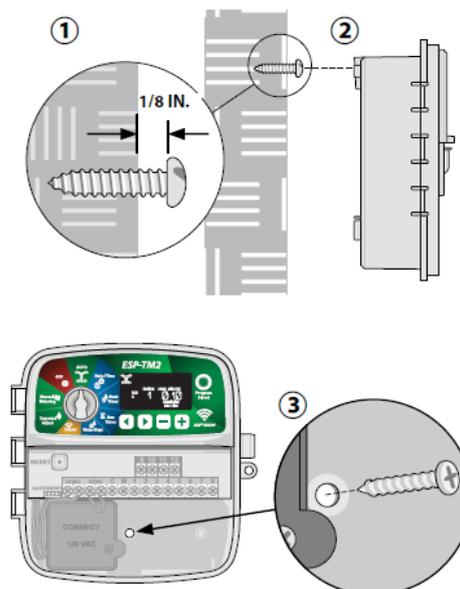


## Installation

### Mount Controller

**NOTE:** Choose a suitable mounting location close to a 230VAC wall outlet.

- Drive a mounting screw into the wall, leaving a 1/8-inch gap between the screw head and the wall surface (use the supplied wall anchors if necessary), as shown.
- Locate the keyhole slot on the back of the controller unit and hang it securely on the mounting screw.
- Remove the wiring bay cover on the lower part of the controller unit, and drive a second screw through the open hole inside the controller and into the wall, as shown.



## Wiring Connections

## Connect Valves

Route all field wires through the opening at the bottom of the unit, or through the knock-out in the back of the unit. Attach conduit if desired, as shown.

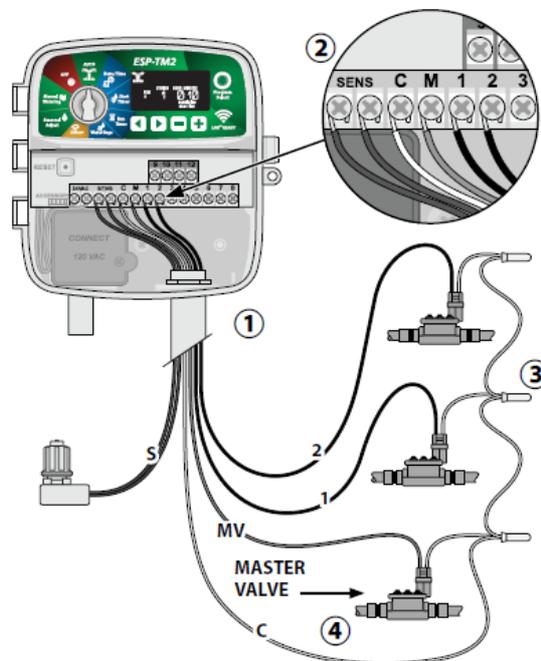
## WARNING

- Do not route valve wires through the same opening as power wires.
- Connect one wire from each valve to one of the numbered station terminals (1-12) on the controller, as shown.
- Connect a field common wire (C) to the common terminal (C) on the controller. Then connect the remaining wire from each valve to the field common wire, as shown.

**NOTE:** The ESP-TM2 controller supports one valve solenoid per station terminal.

## Connect Master Valve (optional)

- Connect a wire from the master valve (M) to the
- master valve terminal (M) on the controller. Then connect the remaining wire from the master valve to the field common wire, as shown.



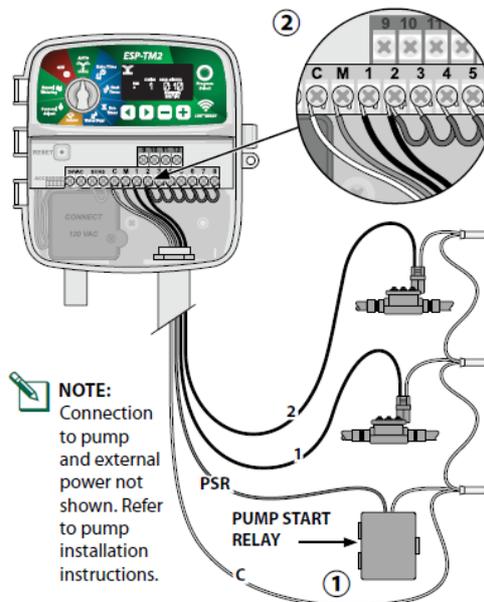
## Connect Pump Start Relay (optional)

The ESP-TM2 can control a pump start relay, to turn the pump on and off as needed. Connect a wire from the pump start relay (PSR) to the master valve terminal (M) on the controller. Then connect another wire from the pump start relay to the field common wire, as shown. B To avoid the possibility of damage to the pump, connect a short jumper wire from any unused terminal(s) to the nearest terminal in use, as shown.

## NOTICE

The ESP-TM2 controller DOES NOT provide power for a pump. The relay must be wired according to manufacturer instructions. Only the following Rain Bird pump start relay models are compatible with the ESP-TM2:

Description	Model #	Volts
Universal Pump Relay	PSR110IC	110V
Universal Pump Relay	PSR220IC	220V



### Connect Rain/Freeze Sensor (optional)

The ESP-TM2 controller can be set to obey or ignore a rain sensor. Refer to the Rain Sensor section under Advanced Programming. Remove the yellow jumper wire from the SENS terminals on the controller.

#### NOTICE

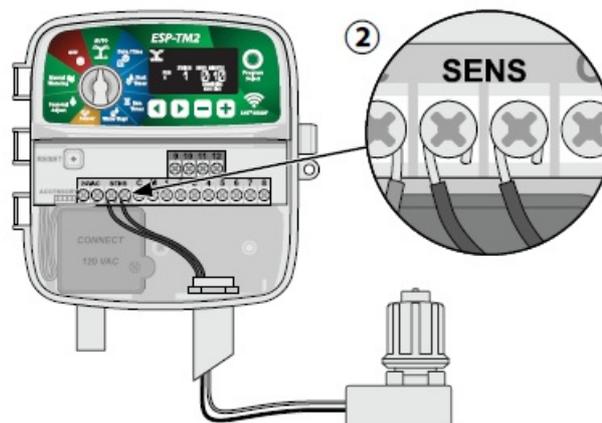
Do not remove the yellow jumper wire unless connecting a rain sensor. Connect both rain sensor wires to the SENS terminals, as shown.

#### WARNING

Do not route the rain sensor wires through the same opening as the power wiring

**NOTE:** Rain Bird controllers are only compatible with normally closed rain sensors.

**NOTE:** For wireless rain/freeze sensors, refer to installation instructions for the sensor.



### Connect Custom Wiring (optional)

If desired, the provided 230-volt power cord can be removed and replaced with custom wiring.

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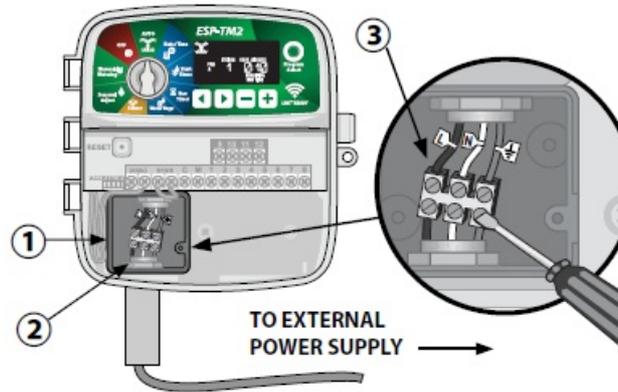
DO NOT plug in the transformer or connect external power until you have completed and checked all wiring connections.

#### WARNING

- Electric shock can cause severe injury or death. Make sure the power supply is turned OFF before connecting

the power wires. Locate the transformer wiring compartment in the lower left corner of the controller unit. Use a screwdriver to remove the cover and expose the transformer connection wires.

- Route the three external power source wires through the conduit opening at the bottom of the unit and into the wiring compartment.
- Connect the external power source wires (two power and one ground) to the transformer connection wires inside the wiring compartment.
- Verify that all wiring connections are secure, then replace the wiring compartment cover and secure it with the screw.



#### **WARNING**

The ground wire must be connected to provide electrical surge protection. A permanently mounted conduit shall be used for connecting the main voltage to the controller.

**NOTE:** Use either the provided wire nuts or the installed connector for this step.

#### **WARNING**

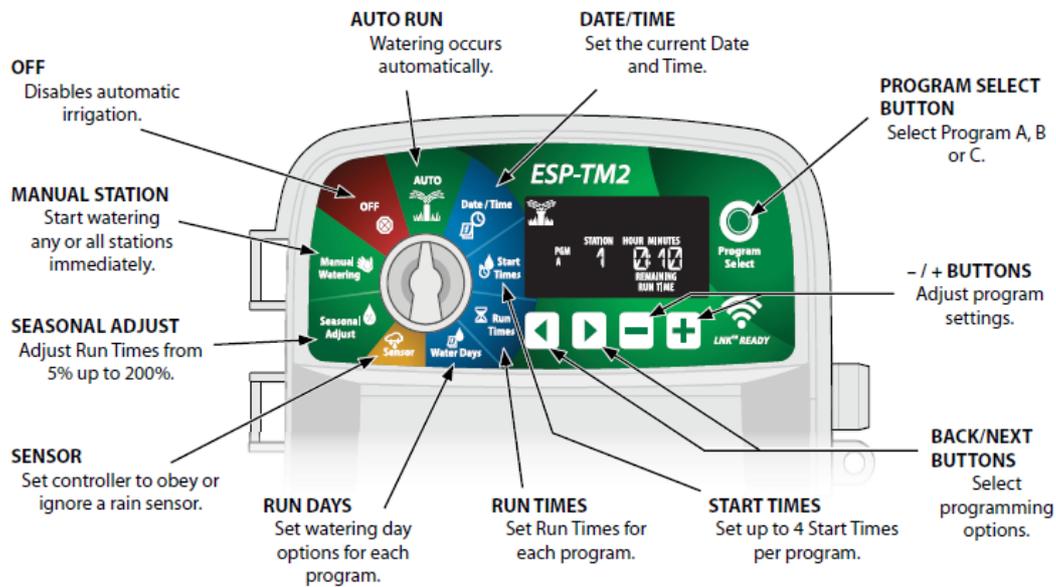
DO NOT apply power until you have completed and checked all wiring connections.

#### **POWER WIRING CONNECTIONS**

##### **230 VAC (International)**

Brown supply wire (hot) to the brown transformer wire labeled with "L" Blue supply wire (neutral) to the blue transformer wire labeled with "N" Green-with-yellow-stripe supply wire (ground) to the green-with-yellow- stripe transformer wire

#### **Controls and Indicators Basic Programming**



### Set Date and Time

Turn the dial to DATE/TIME.

- Press ◀ or ▶ select the setting to change.
- Press – or + change the setting value.
- Press and hold – or + to accelerate adjustments.
- **To change the time format (12 hours or 24 hours):**
- With MINUTES blinking, press ▶.
- Press – or + select the desired time format, then press ▶ to return to the time setting.

### Set Watering Start Times

Up to four Start Times are available for each program.  
Turn the dial to START TIMES.

1. Press Program Select to choose the desired Program (if necessary).
2. Press ◀ or ▶ to select an available Start Time.
3. Press – or + to set the selected Start Time (ensure the AM/PM setting is correct).
4. Press ▶ to set additional Start Times.

### Set Station Run Times

Run Times can be set from one minute up to six hours.  
Turn the dial to RUN TIMES.

- Press Program Select to choose the desired Program (if necessary).
- Press ◀ or ▶ select a Station.
- Press – or + to set the Run Time for the selected Station.
- Press ▶ to set additional Station Run Times.

**NOTE:** Rain Bird recommends that the maximum irrigation zone cycle time be less than the time required for runoff to begin and that there be adequate soak time before the next irrigation cycle of that same zone begins again.

## Set Watering Days

### Custom Days of the Week

Set watering to occur on specific days of the week.  
Turn the dial to RUN DAYS.

- Press Program Select to choose the desired Program (if necessary).
- Press – or + to set the selected (blinking) day as either ON or OFF, and automatically move to the next day
- You can press ◀ or ▶ at any time to move the cursor to the previous or the next day.  
**NOTE:** If Sunday is ▶ selected, will enter and activate Cyclic Watering (see the Advanced Programming section). If this is not desired, press ▶ the button to return to watering by Custom Days.

## Manual Watering Options

### Test All Stations

Start watering immediately for all programmed stations.  
Turn the dial to MANUAL STATION.

- Press – or + to set a Run Time.
- Press and hold or ◀ turn the dial to AUTORUN to start the manual station test.

### Run a Single Station

Start watering immediately for a single station.  
Turn the dial to MANUAL STATION.

- Press ▶ to display the MANUAL STATION screen.
- Press ◀ or ▶ select a Station.
- Press – or + to set a Run Time.
- Press and hold ▶ or turn the dial to AUTORUN to start the selected Station.

## Run a Single Program

Start watering immediately for one program.  Turn the dial to AUTORUN.

- Press Program Select to choose the desired Program (if necessary).
- Press and hold ▶ to start the selected Program.
- During Manual Watering: The display shows a blinking sprinkler symbol, the active Station Number or Program, and the Remaining Run Time.



- To cancel manual watering, turn the dial to OFF for three seconds until the screen shows OFF.

## Normal Operation

### AUTORUN



During watering, the display shows a blinking sprinkler symbol, the current Program, and the Remaining Run Time.

### OFF

Turn the dial to OFF to stop automatic irrigation or to cancel all active watering immediately.

### NOTICE

Watering will NOT occur if the controller remains in the OFF position.

## Advanced Programming

### Odd or Even Calendar Days

Set watering to occur on all ODD or EVEN calendar days.

Turn the dial to RUN DAYS.

- Press Program Select to choose the desired Program (if necessary).
- Press and hold ◀ at ▶ the same time until ODD or EVEN is displayed.

### Cyclic Days

Set watering to occur at specific intervals, such as every 2 days, every 3 days, etc.

### Turn the dial to RUN DAYS

- Press Program Select to choose the desired Program (if necessary).
- On the Custom Days screen, press ▶ until the cyclic screen is displayed (after SUN).
- Press – or + to set the desired DAY CYCLE, then press ◀
- Press – or + to set the DAYS REMAINING before the cycle begins. The NEXT watering day updates on the display to indicate the day that watering will start as shown.



### Rain Sensor

Set the controller to obey or ignore a rain sensor. When set to ACTIVE, automatic irrigation will be suspended if rainfall is detected. When set to BYPASS all programs will ignore the rain sensor. Turn the dial to SENSOR. Press – or + select ACTIVE (obey) or BYPASS



**NOTE:** See Special Features to set Rain Sensor Bypass by Station.

### Seasonal Adjust

Increase or decrease program run times by a selected percentage (5% to 200%).

**Example:** If the Seasonal Adjust is set to 100% and the station Run Time is programmed for 10 minutes, the station will run for 10 minutes. If the Seasonal Adjust is set to 50%, the station will run for 5 minutes.

### Turn the dial to SEASONAL ADJUST

1. Press – or + increase or decrease the global percentage setting.
2. To adjust an individual Program, press Program Select to choose the desired Program (if necessary).

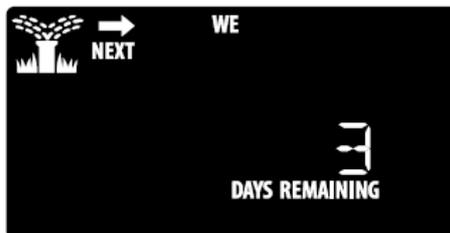
### Delay Watering

Suspend watering for up to 14 days. Turn the dial to AUTORUN, then press and hold A Press or set the DAYS REMAINING. The next watering day will update on the display to indicate when watering will resume. To cancel a Rain Delay, set the DAYS REMAINING back to 0.

**NOTE:** When the delay expires, automatic irrigation resumes as scheduled

### Permanent Days Off

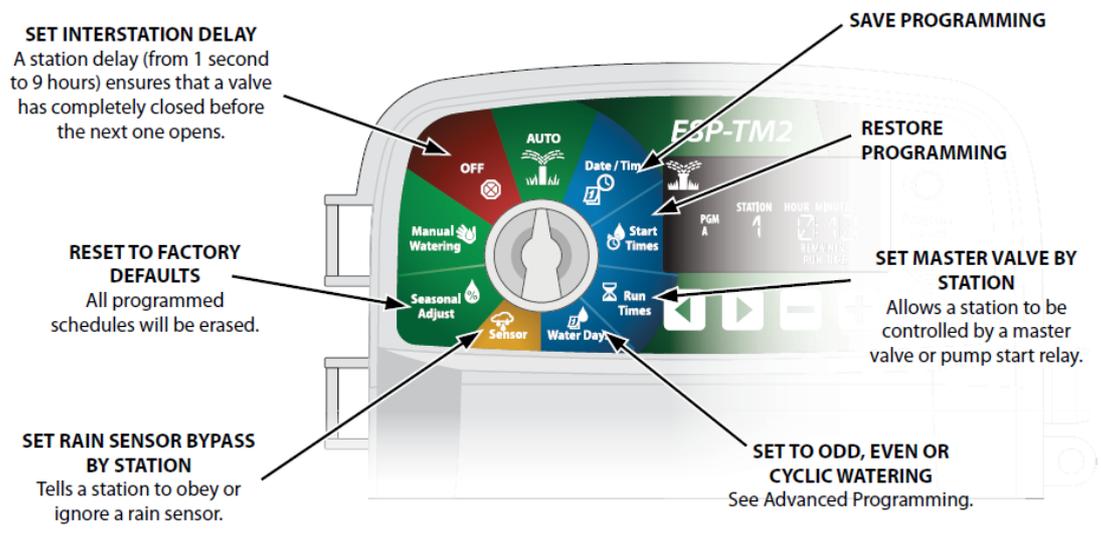
Prevent watering on selected days of the week (for Odd, Even, or Cyclic programming only). Turn the dial to RUN DAYS.



- Press Program Select to choose the desired Program (if necessary).
- Press and hold Program Select.
- Press – to + set the selected (blinking) day as a Permanent Day Off or press to leave the day ON.



## Special Features

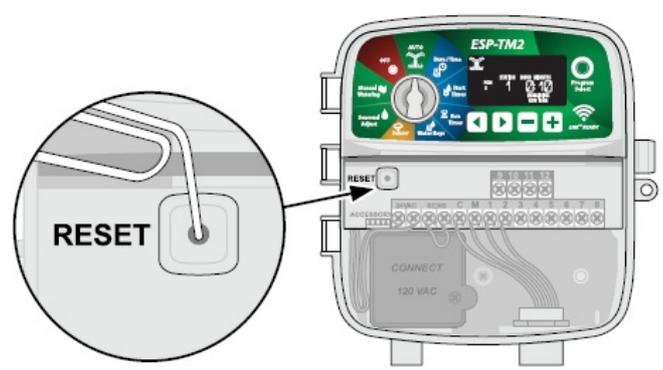


- Turn the dial to the desired position.
- Press and hold at the same time.

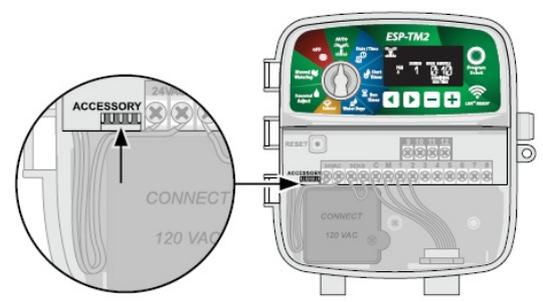
**Options**

**Reset Button**

If the controller is not working properly, you can try pressing RESET. Insert a small tool such as a paper clip, into the access hole and press until the controller is reset. All previously programmed watering schedules will remain stored in memory.



**Accessories**



A 5-pin accessory port is available for Rain Bird-approved external devices, including An LNKTM WiFi Module B LIMR Receiver Quick Connect harness

**Troubleshooting**

**Watering Issues**

Problem	Possible Cause	Possible Solution
<b>The watering icon on the display is flashing, but the system is not watering</b> 	Water supply issue.	Verify there is no disruption to the main water line and that all other water supply lines are open and functioning.
	The wiring is loose, not properly connected or damaged.	Check that wiring is securely connected to the controller and in the field. Check for damage and replace if necessary. Check wiring connections and replace them with watertight splice connectors if needed.
<b>Automatic and/or Manual Watering will not start</b>	A connected rain sensor may be activated.	Let the rain sensor dry out or else disconnect it from the controller terminal block and replace it with a jumper wire connecting the two SENS terminals.
	Jumper wire connecting the two SENS terminals may be missing or damaged.	Jumper the two SENS terminals on the controller terminal block by connecting them with a short length of 14 to 18 gauge wire.
	Solenoid or master valve is shorted.	Confirm short message on the display. Correct the issue in the wiring. Clear the message by testing watering at the shorted valve or by pressing the button.
<b>Excessive watering</b>	Programs may have multiple start times that were set unintentionally	Programs (A, B or C) only require a single start time in order to run. Separate start times are not required for each valve.

## Electrical Issues

Problem	Possible Cause	Possible Solution
<b>Display is blank</b>	Power not reaching the controller.	Verify the main AC power supply is securely plugged in or connected and working properly.
		Verify the orange power supply wires are connected to the controller "24 VAC" terminals.
<b>Display is frozen and controller will not accept programming.</b>	An electrical surge may have interfered with the controller's electronics.	Unplug the controller for 2 minutes, then plug it back in. If there is no permanent damage, the controller should accept programming and resume normal operation.
		Press and release the RESET button.

## Certifications

### EU Declaration of Conformity

Rain Bird Corporation hereby declares that the following irrigation controllers are EU-compliant.

- The products submitted meet the requirements of IP24.
- The object of the declaration described above is in conformity with the relevant Union Harmonization

Legislation:

- Product name: ESP-TM2 Irrigation Controller
- Model #: ESP-TM2 Standards to which conformity is declared:
- 2014/30/EU EMC Directive (EMC)
- EN 55014-1:2006 + A2:2011

- EN 55014-2:1997 + A1:2001 + A2:2008
- 2014/35/EU Low Voltage Directive (LVD)
- EN 60335-1:2012 + A11:2014 + AC:2014
- EN 62233:2008+AC: 2008 2011/65/EU RoHS Directive
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## **Safety Information**

### **WARNING**

Special precautions must be taken when the valve wires (also known as a station or solenoid wires) are located adjacent to, or share a conduit with other wires, such as those used for landscape lighting, other “low voltage” systems, or other “high voltage” power. Separate and insulate all conductors carefully, taking care not to damage wire insulation during installation. An electrical “short” (contact) between the valve wires and another power source can damage the controller and create a fire hazard.

All electrical connections and wiring runs must comply with local building codes. Some local codes require that only a licensed or certified electrician can install power. Only professional personnel should install the controller. Check your local building codes for guidance. If the supply cord of an outdoor controller is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer, its service agent, or similarly qualified persons in order to avoid a hazard. If the supply cord of an indoor controller is damaged, it must be replaced by a special cord or assembly available from the manufacturer or its service agent.

If the electrical cord for model ESP-TM2 AUS is damaged, it needs to be replaced with the following: Flexible supply cord H05VV-F Minimum wire size of 0.75mm<sup>2</sup> (18 AWG). For Direct Connect wiring, the minimum wire

size is 0.75mm<sup>2</sup> (18 AWG). The outdoor controller shall be permanently connected to fixed wiring by a flexible cord, and have a cord anchorage. The cord anchorage shall relieve conductors from strain, including twisting, at the terminals and protect the insulation of the conductors from abrasion.

## NOTICE

Use only Rain Bird-approved accessory devices. Changes or modifications not expressly approved by Rain Bird could void the user's authority to operate the equipment. Unapproved devices may damage the controller and void the warranty. For a list of compatible devices go to: [www.rainbird.com](http://www.rainbird.com) Changes or modifications not expressly approved by Rain Bird could void the user's authority to operate the equipment. Date and time are retained by a lithium battery

which must be disposed of in accordance with local regulations. The model, serial number, supply rate, manufacturing country, and fabrication date are located on the back of the wiring bay cover.

## CAUTION

This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory, or mental capacity, or lack of experience and knowledge unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning the use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety. Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance. This appliance can be used by children aged 8 years and above and persons with reduced physical, sensory, or mental capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge if they have been given supervision or instruction concerning the use of the appliance in a safe way and understand the hazards involved. Children shall not play with the appliance. Cleaning and user maintenance shall not be made by children without supervision.

Stationary appliances not fitted with means for disconnection from the supply mains having a contact separation in all poles that provide full disconnection under the overvoltage category III, the instructions state that means for disconnection must be incorporated in the fixed wiring in accordance with the wiring rules

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