SNOW MELTING AND GUTTER DE-ICING CONTROLLER WITH GROUND-FAULT PROTECTION

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The ETI® APS–4C snow melting and gutter de-icing controller with ground-fault protection, when used with one or more compatible sensors, automatically controls surface snow melting and roof and gutter de-icing heating cables for minimum energy costs. Applications include pavement, sidewalk, loading dock, roof, gutter, and down spout snow/ice melting in commercial and industrial environments.

The adjustable hold-on timer continues heater operation for up to 10 hours after snow stops to ensure complete melting. The optional RCU–4 Remote Control Unit can be located where system operation can be conveniently observed. It duplicates many of the APS–4C front panel functions.

The APS–4C provides advanced patented and patent pending ground-fault equipment protection (GFEP) as required by the national electrical codes. The GFEP automatically tests itself every time the contactors operate and once every 24 hours. The trip current can be set at 60 or 120 mA via a DIP or retained at the 30 mA default value. As an aid to troubleshooting heating cable ground faults, the APS–4C provides an output that can indicate the ground current on a service person's portable DVM.

The calibrated 40°F to 90°F (4°C to 32°C) high limit thermostat prevents excessive temperatures when using constant wattage and MI heating cables. It also permits safe testing at outdoor temperatures too high for continuous heater operation. The temperature sensor is included.

The APS–4C provides a complete interface for use in environments supervised by an energy management computer (EMC). This feature can also be used for general purpose remote control and annunciation.

All sensor and communications wiring is NEC Class 2. This simplifies installation while enhancing fire and shock safety. Multiple sensors provide superior performance by better matching the controller to site performance requirements. The APS–4C can interface up to six sensors.

The APS–4C is an exceptionally capable surface snow melting and roof and gutter de-icing controller. For complete information describing its application, installation and features, please contact your nVent representative or visit our web site at nVent.com.
## GENERAL

**Area of use**  
Nonhazardous locations

**Approvals**  
Type 873  
Temperature Regulating Equipment

## ENCLOSURE

**Protection**  
NEMA 3R

**Cover attachment**  
Hinged polycarbonate cover, lockable

**Entries**  
One 1-1/16" entry (top) for NEC Class 2 connections  
Two 1-1/16" entries (bottom) for supply and load power, except 277 V single phase  
Two 1-1/16" entries (bottom) for supply and load power, 277 V single phase only

**Material**  
Polycarbonate

**Mounting**  
Wall mounted

## CONTROL

**Supply voltage**  
APS-4C-208/240 V: 208–240 V 50/60 Hz 3-phase  
APS-4C-277 V: 277 V 50/60 Hz single phase  
APS-4C-277/480 V: 277/480 V 50/60 Hz 3-phase  
APS-4C-600 V: 600 V 50/60 Hz 3-phase

**Contact type**  
3 Form A

**Maximum ratings**  
Voltage: 600 V  
Current: 50 A except 277 V single phase, 40 A for 277 V single phase

**Heater hold-on timer**  
0 to 10 hours; actuated by snow stopping or toggle switch

**System test**  
Switch toggles the heater contact on and off. If temperature exceeds high limit, heater cycles to prevent damage.

## GROUND-FAULT EQUIPMENT PROTECTION (GFEP)

**Set point**  
30 mA (default); 60 mA and 120 mA selectable by DIP switch

**Automatic self-test**  
Mode A: Verifies GFEP function before contactors operate  
Mode B: Verifies GFEP and heaters every 24 hours

**Manual test/reset**  
Toggle switch provided for this function

**Maintenance facility**  
DC output proportional to ground current provided for troubleshooting the heater system

## SNOW/ICE SENSORS

**Sensor input**  
Up to 6 sensors: CIT-1, GIT-1, SIT-6E

**Circuit type**  
NEC Class 2

**Lead length**  
Up to 500 ft (152 m) using 18 AWG 3-wire jacketed cable  
Up to 2,000 ft (609 m) using 12 AWG 3-wire jacketed cable

## HIGH LIMIT THERMOSTAT

**Adjustment range**  
40°F to 90°F (4°C to 32°C)

**Dead band**  
1°F (0.6°C)

**Circuit type**  
Thermistor

**Sensor interface**  
NEC Class 2

**Lead length**  
Up to 500 ft (152 m) using 18 AWG 2-wire jacketed cable  
Up to 1,000 ft (504 m) using 12 AWG 2-wire jacketed cable
ENERGY MANAGEMENT COMPUTER (EMC) INTERFACE

Inputs
- OVERRIDE ON (10 mA dry switch contact)
- OVERRIDE OFF (10 mA dry switch contact)

Outputs
- SUPPLY (10 mA dry switch contact)
- SNOW (10 mA dry switch contact)
- HEAT (10 mA dry switch contact)
- HIGH TEMP (10 mA dry switch contact)
- REMOTE (10 mA dry switch contact)

ENVIRONMENTAL

Operating temperature: -40°F to 160°F (~-40°C to 71°C)
Storage temperature: -50°F to 180°F (~-45°C to 82°C)

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Snow/Ice Sensors

- CIT-1 512289-000 CIT-1 Snow sensor
- GIT-1 126795-000 GIT-1 Gutter sensor
- SIT-6E P000000112 SIT-6E Pavement snow sensor
- RCU-4 P000000884 RCU-4 Remote control unit

LIMITED WARRANTY

ETI's two year limited warranty covering defects in workmanship and materials applies.