Digital Controllers Series DC

MODEL DC4010 / ESMH-DC
MODEL DC4020 / ESM-DC
MODEL DC4030 / TSFM500-DC
MODEL DC4040 / TSTM-DC

User’s Guide
Thank you!

Thank you for purchasing a Mark-10 Series DC digital test stand controller, designed for use with Mark-10 motorized test stands. Mark-10 test stands and controllers are ruggedly built for many years of service in laboratory and industrial environments.

This User's Guide provides setup, safety, and operation instructions for the digital controller. Dimensions and specifications are also provided. Instructions for the test stand may be found in a separate user's guide.

For additional information or answers to your questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our technical support and engineering teams are eager to assist you.

Before use, each person who is to use a Series DC digital controller and Mark-10 test stands should be fully trained in appropriate operation and safety procedures.

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2 OVERVIEW

Several controller models are available to accommodate different test stands, as follows:

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<th>For use with</th>
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<td>DC4010</td>
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Series DC controllers have two functional modes:

1. OPERATING MODE
   This is the operating mode in which testing sequences can be started and stopped.

2. TEST PARAMETER SETUP
   In this mode, test parameters are configured, such as rate of speed, number of cycles, password editing, and other parameters.
3  MECHANICAL SETUP & SAFETY

3.1 Mounting
The controller should be placed on a clean, flat and level work area free from vibration. If desired, the controller can be secured to the work area with 1/4-20 screws fastened into the underside of the housing. The controller can also be mounted using the ESM301-003 mounting kit. Screws of various lengths are supplied with this kit to accommodate a range of bench thicknesses. Refer to the following illustration for proper assembly:

![Mounting diagram]

In general, the controller can be mounted at any angle, although extra care should be taken during installation and operation.

3.2 Setting Up The Controller

**IMPORTANT:** Do not fasten any screws more than 0.25 in [6 mm] into the base of the test stand, or damage to internal components can occur.

The power plug and controller cable must be connected to the rear of the controller, as shown in the illustration below:
1. Fuse

2. **STAND / Controller Cable Connector**
   Plug one end of the cable into this connector, and the other end into the connector adjacent to the motor on the test stand. If this cable is not connected, the error message **ENCODER ERROR** will be shown on the display and the test stand cannot be operated.

3. **PC / PC Control Connector**
   Plug one end of the 09-1056 serial cable into this connector, and the other end into a serial connector on a computer.

4. **Power Plug Receptacle**
   Plug the power cord in here.

5. **ENCODER / Travel Indication Connector**
   *Applicable for TSTM / TSTMH test stands only*
   Plug one end of the RJ11 cable into this connector, and the other end into the connector on the underside of the mechanism housing on the test stand.

6. **GAUGE / Gauge Cable Connector**
   Plug one end of the 09-1162 cable into this connector, and the other end into the gauge or indicator.
3.3 Connecting Power

Plug one end of the power cord into its receptacle at the rear of the controller and the other end into a wall outlet with local earth ground (3-prong connector).

Before turning on power, the following safety checks and procedures should be performed:

1. Never operate the controller if there is any visible damage to the power cord or the test stand. The controller is powered by 110V/220V. Any contact with this high voltage can cause serious injury or even death.

2. Ensure that the controller is kept away from water or any other electrically conductive liquids at all times.

3. Make sure the electrical outlet powering the controller has local earth ground (3-prong connector).

4. The controller should be serviced by a trained technician only. Power must be disconnected before the controller is opened.

After the above safety checks and procedures have been performed, the controller may be powered on and is ready for operation.
### 4 CONTROLS LAYOUT

![Controls Layout Diagram]

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SOFT KEYS</th>
<th>Functions are determined by the corresponding text on the display.</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>UP / RIGHT / CW*</td>
<td>Initiates movement in the up, right, or clockwise direction, depending on the test stand.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DOWN / LEFT / CCW*</td>
<td>Initiates movement in the down, left, or counterclockwise direction, depending on the test stand.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STOP</td>
<td>Stops movement.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EMERGENCY STOP</td>
<td>Stops movement and disables the test stand until reset.</td>
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* Although the direction of movement differs between test stands, this user’s guide will refer to the buttons as **UP** and **DOWN**.
5 TEST PARAMETER SETUP

This section provides configuration instructions for each test parameter. The initial Test Parameter Setup screen appears as follows:

- **Units**: in/min
- **ESC**: Exits Test Parameter Setup, reverts to Operating Mode
- **< - >**: Scrolls to the previous parameter
- **ENTR**: Selects the parameter, allowing it to be modified

When the parameters have been configured as desired and are ready to be saved, press **ESC** to exit Test Parameter Setup. The screen will show **SAVE CHANGES?**. Pressing **YES** will save the changes and the display will revert to current status. Pressing **NO** will not save the changes and return to the Test Parameter Setup menu.

**Note:** Changes can be made to an unlimited number of settings before saving.
The following is a flow chart for the menu structure:

```
OPERATING MODE
  ↓
SAVE CHANGES
  ↓
MENU

ESC  UP SPEED  ENTR  + (inc) - (dec)  ENTR
  ↓  ENTR  ESC
ESC  DOWN SPEED  ENTR  + (inc) - (dec)  ENTR
  ↓  ENTR  ESC
ESC  AUTO RETURN  ENTR  + (on) - (off)  ENTR
  ↓  ENTR  ESC
ESC  CYCLES  ENTR  + (inc) - (dec)  ENTR
  ↓  ENTR  ESC
ESC  UPPER DWELL  ENTR  + (inc) - (dec)  ENTR
  ↓  ENTR  ESC
ESC  LOWER DWELL  ENTR  + (inc) - (dec)  ENTR
  ↓  ENTR  ESC
ESC  UPPER LM  ENTR  + (inc) - (dec)  ENTR
  ↓  ENTR  ESC
ESC  LOWER LM  ENTR  + (inc) - (dec)  ENTR
  ↓  ENTR  ESC
ESC  OVRLOAD V  ENTR  + (inc) - (dec)  ENTR
  ↓  ENTR  ESC
ESC  C OVERLOAD  ENTR  + (inc) - (dec)  ENTR
  ↓  ENTR  ESC
ESC  T OVERLOAD  ENTR  + (inc) - (dec)  ENTR
  ↓  ENTR  ESC
ESC  CONTROL  ENTR  + (PC) - (CONSOLE)  ENTR
  ↓  ENTR  ESC
ESC  BAUD RATE  ENTR  + (inc) - (dec)  ENTR
  ↓  ENTR  ESC
ESC  STOP & PAR  ENTR  + (inc) - (dec)  ENTR
  ↓  ENTR  ESC
ESC  UNITS  ENTR  + (inc) - (dec)  ENTR
  ↓  ENTR  ESC
ESC  KEYS  ENTR  + (inc) - (dec)  ENTR
  ↓  ENTR  ESC
ESC  DEFAULT SETTINGS  ENTR  + (yes) - (no)  ENTR
  ↓  ENTR  ESC
ESC  NEW PASSWORD  ENTR  + (inc) - (dec)  ENTR
```
5.1 Speed
Independent speeds can be set for both directions of movement. The parameters are labeled as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Test stand</th>
<th>Parameter labels</th>
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<tr>
<td>ESMH</td>
<td>L SPEED, R SPEED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TSFM500 / TSFM500H</td>
<td>UP SPEED, DN SPEED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TSTM / TSTMH</td>
<td>CW SPEED, CCW SPEED</td>
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</table>

Default speed settings and available speeds are as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Test stand</th>
<th>Default speed</th>
<th>Available settings in/min [mm/min]</th>
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<tr>
<td>ESMH</td>
<td>10 in/min</td>
<td>0.2 - 50 [5 - 1270]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TSFM500 / TSFM500H</td>
<td>5 in/min</td>
<td>0.01 - 6 [0.2 - 150]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TSTM / TSTMH</td>
<td>6 RPM</td>
<td>0.01 - 15 RPM [0.05 - 90°/s]</td>
</tr>
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</table>

UP SPEED: 10.73
ESC – + ENTR

+ Increments the speed setting. Holding down + will increment at an increasingly faster rate.
– Decrement the speed setting. Holding down – will decrement at an increasingly faster rate.
ENTR Returns to the Test Parameter Setup menu
ESC Exits the parameter without saving changes
5.2 Auto Return (AUTO RETURN)
With this feature, the test stand moves to a limit switch, load set point, or travel limit (TSTM / TSTMH only), whichever occurs first, and stops. Then, the test stand returns to the other limit and stops. The test speed is dictated by the independent speed settings. The return speed is always maximum speed.

Default setting: off
Available settings: off, on

| AUTO RETURN: | off |
| ESC | – | + | ENTR |

Note: If AUTO RETURN is turned on, CYCLING is automatically turned off and the KEYS parameter is automatically set to MAINTAINED mode. See following pages for details on the CYCLING and KEYS parameters.

5.3 Cycling (CYCLES)
This setting allows the user to configure the number of cycles through which the test stand will sequence. One cycle consists of the test stand moving to a limit switch, load set point, or travel limit (TSTM / TSTMH only), whichever occurs first, at the specified speed, stopping for the specified amount of dwell time, and returning to the other limit at the specified speed.

Default setting: 00000 (off)
Available settings: 00000 – 99999

| CYCLES: | 0 0 0 0 0 |
| ESC | – | + | ENTR |
5.4 Dwell Time
This setting corresponds to the amount of time, in seconds, for which the test stand stops at the limit during a cycle sequence. Independent dwell times can be set for both limits.

Note: the dwell time setting is unavailable for an auto return sequence.

*Default setting: 0 (no dwell time)*
*Available settings: 0 – 9999.9*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Action</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>+</td>
<td>Increases the number of cycles in increments of 1. Holding down + will increment at an increasingly faster rate. If 99999 is reached the next number will be 00000 and continue incrementing.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>–</td>
<td>Decreases the number of cycles in increments of 1. Holding down – will decrement at an increasingly faster rate. If 00000 is reached the next number will be 99999 and continue decrementing.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Press and hold + and – simultaneously</td>
<td>If pressed and held for two seconds or longer the number of cycles will change to 0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENTR</td>
<td>Returns to the Test Parameter Setup menu</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ESC</td>
<td>Exits the parameter without saving changes</td>
</tr>
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**DWELL U:** 0 0 0 0.0
**ESC** – + **ENTR**
5.5 CW and CCW Travel Limits (CW L and CCW L)

 Applies to TSTM / TSTMH only

This setting corresponds to the rotational travel distance the test stand moves before stopping or cycling. CW and CCW limits are programmed individually. The programmed distances are relative to the zero position of the test stand. The travel indicator can be zeroed by pressing and holding STOP for three seconds.

Default setting: 1 revolution
Available settings: ±2,777.77 revolutions

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>+</td>
<td>Increases dwell time in increments of .1 sec. Holding down + will increment at an increasingly faster rate. If 9999.9 is reached the next number will be 0 and continue incrementing.</td>
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<tr>
<td>–</td>
<td>Decreases dwell time in increments of .1 sec. Holding down – will decrement at an increasingly faster rate. If 0 is reached the next number will be 9999.9 and continue decrementing.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENTR</td>
<td>Returns to the Test Parameter Setup menu</td>
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<tr>
<td>ESC</td>
<td>Exits the parameter without saving changes</td>
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CW L: 0 0 0 0 4 0 . 7
ESC – + ENTR
5.6 Overload Analog Output Voltage (OVRLOAD V)
This setting corresponds to the full scale analog voltage output of the force or torque gauge. Series DC controllers protect gauges from overload by measuring incoming analog voltage and stopping test stand motion when the programmed percentage of full scale has been reached (see Section 5.7). The value for Mark-10 gauges is ±1V. Adjustable voltage allows for compatibility with other brands as well.

Default setting: OFF
Available settings: ±1V, ±2V, ±4V, OFF

| OVRLOAD V:  | + / - 1 |
| ESC         | – + ENTR |

5.7 Overload Settings (C OVERLOAD and T OVERLOAD or CW OLOAD and CCW OLOAD)
The setting corresponds to the percentage of full scale of the force or torque gauge at which test stand travel stops. For example, a setting of 80% for a 50 lb capacity force gauge would stop test stand motion when 40 lb is reached. Independent settings may be programmed for both load directions (tension and compression, or CW and CCW).

Note: For force test stands, when the crosshead is moving in the UP direction, only the tension overload setting applies. When the crosshead is moving in the DOWN direction, only the compression overload setting applies. The same concept applies to the CW and CCW directions for torque test stands.
**Default setting: 100%**
**Available settings: 20% - 100% (10% increments)**

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>C OVERLOAD:</th>
<th>20%</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ESC</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>ENTR</td>
<td>+</td>
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5.8 Control Source (CONTROL)
This setting corresponds to the source of test stand control. The default value **CONSOLE** sets the test stand to accept commands only from the controller. Any external commands received through the serial port are ignored.

**PC** refers to external control via serial communication. If any parameters are changed on the front panel, these settings will be ignored, except for **Auto Return** or **Cycling**. If either of these parameters are turned on, PC control will be turned off.

**Default setting: CONSOLE**
**Available settings: CONSOLE, PC**

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<tr>
<th>CONTROL:</th>
<th>CONSOLE</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ESC</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENTR</td>
<td>+</td>
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<thead>
<tr>
<th>+ or –</th>
<th>Cycles through the available settings</th>
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<tr>
<td>ENTR</td>
<td>Returns to the Test Parameter Setup menu</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ESC</td>
<td>Exits the parameter without saving changes</td>
</tr>
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</table>
5.9 Baud Rate (BAUD RATE)
This setting corresponds to the baud rate setting of the computer program controlling the test stand.

Default setting: 19200
Available settings:
1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200

| BAUD RATE: | 9 6 0 0 |
| ESC       | – +    |

+ or – Cycles through the available settings
ENTR       Returns to the Test Parameter Setup menu
ESC        Exits the parameter without saving changes

5.10 Stop Bits and Parity (STOP & PAR)
This setting corresponds to the stop bits and parity settings of the computer program controlling the test stand.

Default setting: 8-1n
Available settings:
8-1E  8 stop bits, 1 stop bit, even parity
8-1o  8 stop bits, 1 stop bit, odd parity
8-1n  8 data bits, 1 stop bit, no parity
8-2n  8 data bits, 2 stop bits, no parity
7-1E  7 data bits, 1 stop bit, even parity
7-1o  7 data bits, 1 stop bit, odd parity
7-2E  7 data bits, 2 stop bits, even parity
7-2o  7 data bits, 2 stop bits, odd parity
7-2n  7 data bits, 2 stop bits, no parity

| STOP & PAR: | 8-1n |
| ESC        | – +   |

+ or – Cycles through the available settings
ENTR       Returns to the Test Parameter Setup menu
ESC        Exits the parameter without saving changes
5.11 Units of Speed (UNITS)

Default setting: in/min or RPM
Available settings: in/min, mm/min or RPM, °/sec

<table>
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<tr>
<th>UNITS:</th>
<th>mm/min</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ESC – + ENTR</td>
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</table>

+ or – Cycles through the available settings

ENTR Returns to the Test Parameter Setup menu

ESC Exits the parameter without saving changes

5.12 Programmable Button Function (KEYS)

Three button function modes are available:

1. **Maintained**
   The test stand will move continuously once the button has been pressed. Subsequently pressing the **UP**, **DOWN**, or **STOP** during a test will stop motion.

2. **Momentary**
   The test stand will move only if the button is held down. Releasing the button will stop movement immediately.

3. **Auto**
   Holding down the button for more than 0.5 seconds will enter momentary mode, at which time an audible indicator will sound and the LED indicator on the button pushed will be illuminated. A short tap on the button will operate the test stand in maintained mode. Pressing **UP**, **DOWN**, or **STOP** during maintained mode will stop motion.

Default setting: maintained
Available settings: maintained, momentary, auto
5.13 Default Settings (DEFAULT?)
This setting provides a quick return to factory settings, as follows:

- **UP SPEED:** Depends on test stand
- **DN SPEED:** Depends on test stand
- **AUTO RETURN:** off
- **CYCLING:** 00000 (off)
- **CW L:** 1 revolution
- **CCW L:** 1 revolution
- **OVERLOAD V:** OFF
- **OVERLOAD:** 100%
- **CONTROL:** CONSOLE
- **BAUD RATE:** 19200
- **STOP & PAR:** 8-1n
- **UNITS:** Depends on test stand
- **PASSWORD:** 0000 (off)
- **KEYS:** maintained

Default setting: off
Available settings: off, on
5.14 Password (NEW PWORD)

If desired, a password can be set to prevent unwanted changes to test parameters. The password can be set to any number between 0000 and 9999. The default setting of 0000 indicates that the password is disabled, and that the user can freely enter the Test Parameter Setup menu. If misplaced or forgotten, the password may be reset. Contact Mark-10 for instructions.

Default setting: 0000 (off)
Available settings: 0000 – 9999

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>NEW PWORD: 0000</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ESC – + ENTR</td>
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</table>

+ Increases the number in increments of 1. Holding down + will increment at an increasingly faster rate. If 9999 is reached the next number will be 0000 and continue incrementing.

– Decreases the number in increments of 1. Holding down – will decrement at an increasingly faster rate. If 0000 is reached the next number will be 9999 and continue decrementing.

ENTR Returns to the Test Parameter Setup menu
ESC Exits the parameter without saving changes
6 OPERATING MODES

6.1 Mode Overview
Series DC controllers can be operated in three modes:

1. **Basic Mode**
   Manual control of test stand movement.

2. **Auto Return Mode**
   Test stand moves to a limit switch, load set point, or travel distance (TSTM / TSTMH only), whichever occurs first, then reverses and moves at maximum speed to the other limit, whichever occurs first.

3. **Cycling Mode**
   Test stand cycles between limits at the selected speed, and pauses at each limit for a selected period of time.

4. **PC Mode**
   Test stand is controlled through a serial connection with a computer.

The Operating Mode screen appears as follows:

```
Speed: 0.00
```

On the TSTM / TSTMH test stands, the screen appears as follows:

The item selected will be capitalized, as shown in the figure above. The set speed can be changed in Test Parameter Setup. Independent speeds may be programmed for each direction.
6.2 Menu Navigation
At power-up, the display will show the operation screen for whichever mode was used last. The display will appear as one of the following:

**Basic & Auto Return Modes:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Speed:</th>
<th>0.00</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>menu min max SET</td>
<td></td>
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</table>

**Cycling Mode:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CYCLES:</th>
<th>00024</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>menu min max SET</td>
<td></td>
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</tbody>
</table>

**PC Mode:**
Appears the same as in Basic and Auto Return modes.

Pressing **menu** will enter Test Parameter Setup. If a password has been programmed, the display will prompt the following:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>PASSWORD:</th>
<th>0000</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ESC + -&gt; ENTR</td>
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</table>

The password is a four digit number. The first digit in the password will be flashing, signifying that it is active and can be incremented by pressing +. To advance to the next digit, press ->. Change subsequent digits in the same fashion. Once the complete password has been entered, press **ENTR**. If correct, the display will enter Test Parameter Setup Mode. If the password is incorrect, the words **INCORRECT PASSWORD** will flash, and the display will revert to Operating Mode.
6.3 Basic Mode
The test stand moves in the direction indicated by the UP and DOWN buttons. When the test stand is in motion, an LED indicator on the button pushed will be illuminated. The KEYS setting controls how test stand movement responds to the push of the UP and DOWN buttons. The three settings are:

1. Maintained (default)
   The test stand will move continuously once the button has been pressed. Subsequently pressing STOP during a test will stop motion.

2. Momentary
   The test stand will move only if the button is pressed and held. Releasing the button will stop movement immediately.

3. Auto
   Holding down the button for more than 0.5 seconds will enter Momentary mode, at which time an audible indicator will sound and the LED indicator on the button pushed will be illuminated. A short tap on the button will operate the test stand in Maintained mode. Pressing STOP during Maintained mode will stop motion. To resume the test, press UP or DOWN again.

   Pressing EMERGENCY STOP will immediately stop motion in any mode. To release, twist the button counter-clockwise until it assumes its original position. To resume the test, press UP or DOWN.

The test stand will move until a limit switch, load set point, or travel distance set point (TSTM / TSTMH only) has been reached. If the test stand has stopped at a load set point or travel distance set point, the limit condition may be overridden by pressing and holding UP or DOWN for two seconds.

6.3.1 Travel Indication (TSTM / TSTMH only)
Travel indication is displayed in the upper left corner of the display, as shown in Section 6.1. The displayed units are the same as configured in the UNITS parameter. Indicated travel is a relative value. To zero out travel distance, ensure that the test stand is not in motion, then press and hold STOP for three seconds. If the cable connecting the angle encoder to the rear of the controller is unplugged, the error message ENCODER ERROR will appear. To clear the message, insert the cable, then press STOP.

6.3.2 Limit Switch Operation
Note: limit switches are standard on the ESMH test stand but are optional on the TSFM500 / TSFM500H test stands. Not applicable for TSTM / TSTMH test stands.

Limit switches allow the operator to set a location along the column at which point the crosshead will stop moving. Adjust the switches’ positions by
loosening, repositioning, and re-tightening the thumb screws.

**Note:** the distance between limit switches must be at least 0.2 in [5 mm].

### 6.3.3 Overload Protection

The 09-1162 cable is required for overload protection of a Mark-10 gauge. If overload protection is enabled, the test stand will stop when the programmed percentage of full scale of the gauge has been reached.

When overload protection is enabled, if the 09-1162 cable is disconnected, and/or if the force gauge is turned off, the error message **GAUGE ERROR** will appear. Plug in the cable and/or turn on the force gauge to clear the message.

**Note:** For force test stands, when the crosshead is moving in the UP direction, only the tension overload setting applies. When the crosshead is moving in the DOWN direction, only the compression overload setting applies. The same concept applies to the CW and CCW directions for torque test stands.

### 6.4 Auto Return Mode

With this setting, the test stand moves to a limit switch, load set point, or travel distance (TSTM / TSTMH only), whichever occurs first, and stops. Then, the test stand returns at maximum speed to the other limit, whichever occurs first, and stops. The speed at which the test stand travels is dictated by the independent speed settings.

The test stand can be stopped at any time during an Auto Return sequence by pressing **STOP**. To resume the test, press **UP** or **DOWN**.

If the test stand has stopped at a load set point or travel distance set point, the limit condition may be overridden by pressing and holding **UP** or **DOWN** for two seconds.

Travel indication and limit switch operation is the same as in Basic Mode.

### 6.4 Cycling Mode

This mode cycles the test stand between limit switches, load set points, or travel distance set points (TSTM / TSTMH only), whichever occurs first. One cycle consists of the following steps:

1. Test stand moves to a limit at the specified speed.
2. Test stand stops for the specified amount of dwell time.
3. Test stand reverses direction, returns to the other limit at the specified speed, and stops.

A cycling sequence can be initiated from any position and can start in either direction. If the test stand is at a limit, however, cycling can only be started in the direction of the other limit. To initiate a cycle sequence, press **UP** or **DOWN**. During a cycle sequence, a counter will be displayed, indicating the number of cycles remaining, as shown below:
As in Basic Mode, the min, max, and set soft keys are active during crosshead movement. When the cycling sequence has ended and the test stand has stopped at a load set point or travel distance set point, the limit condition may be overridden by pressing and holding UP or DOWN for two seconds.

6.4.1 Dwell time
Dwell time is the amount of time, in seconds, for which the test stand stops at a limit during a cycle sequence. When the test stand has reached a limit, a counter will be displayed, shown as follows:

If the DWELL U and/or DWELL L settings are set to 0, the test stand will immediately reverse direction upon reaching the corresponding limit, and no counter will be displayed.

The cycle sequence may be interrupted before it has been completed by pressing STOP. A soft key labeled RESET will appear as follows:
At this point, there are two options:

1. **Canceling the cycle sequence:**
   Press **RESET** to stop and reset the cycle sequence. The cycle counter will revert to the number of cycles originally programmed.

2. **Resuming the cycle sequence:**
   Press **UP** or **DOWN** to resume.

Once the sequence has been completed, the screen will revert to the number of cycles programmed originally. To begin another cycle test, press **UP** or **DOWN**.

Travel indication and limit switch operation is the same as in Basic Mode.

### 6.5 PC Mode

The test stand may be controlled by a computer through the Series DC controller via serial communication. A list of supported ASCII commands is provided below. All commands must be lowercase.

**Note:** Functions relating to distance measurement (indicated with *) are applicable only with the TSTM / TSTMH torque test stands.

- **a** Request speed
- **b** Set travel units to inches or revolutions
- **c** Enter cycle mode
- **d** Move down or CCW
- **e** Set speed (xx.xx, ex: e10.00 = 10.00 in/min or 10.00 deg/sec)
- **f** Set cycles (xxxx, ex: f0500 = 500 cycles)
- **g** or **h** Set lower (g) or upper (h) travel limit
  - **Degrees:** xxxxxxx.x or -xxxxxx.x, ex: g-000090.0 = -90 deg
  - **Revolutions:** xxxxx.xx or -xxxx.xx, ex: h0180.00 = 180 rev
- **i** Set travel units to millimeters or degrees
- **j** Set speed to maximum speed
- **k** Set speed to minimum speed
- **l** Enter travel limit mode
- **m** Enter manual mode
- **n** Transmit travel and torque readings
- **o** Set speed to programmed speed
- **p** Request stand status**
- **q** Request number of cycles completed
- **r** Request number of cycles set
- **s** Stop
- **t** Reset cycle counter to zero
- **u** Move up or CW
- **v** Request upper or CW travel limit
- **w** Request lower or CCW travel limit
- **x** Request travel value
- **z** Reset travel to zero
** The transmission of ASCII “p” will return the stand status, as defined below.

The following are the return codes and their definitions

** Test stand status **
- **U** = Moving up or CW
- **D** = Moving down or CCW
- **S** = Stopped

** Operating mode **
- **C** = cycle mode
- **L** = limit mode
- **M** = manual mode

** Limit switch status **
- **UL** = crosshead at upper limit
- **DL** = crosshead at lower limit

Commands relating to Mark-10 force and torque gauges are NOT the same as indicated in the respective user’s guides. A list of supported ASCII commands is provided below. All commands must be uppercase:

- **A** Displays current unit
- **F** Toggles between Normal and Data Collect modes
- **P** Steps through Normal mode, Tension/CCW Peak mode, and Compression/CW Peak mode
- **R** Zeroes the gauge (zeroes all modes)
- **S** Sends currently selected mode (Normal, Tension/CCW Peak, Compression/CW Peak, or Data Collect)
- **U** Steps through units
- **X** or ? Sends currently displayed reading
- **Y** Enables RS-232 output and sends continuous data stream when in Data Collect mode
- **Z** Zeroes the currently selected mode

The 09-1162 cable is needed to communicate between a Mark-10 gauge or indicator and the controller.

The 09-1056 serial cable is needed to communicate between a computer and the controller. Baud rate, stop bits and parity must be programmed in the stand to correspond with the computer program’s settings. Details on this are provided in Section 5.

While in PC control, if any parameters are changed on the controller, these settings will be ignored, except if Auto Return or Cycling are turned on. If so, PC control will be turned off automatically.
7 COMMUNICATING WITH MESURGAUGE

Series DC controllers can communicate with MESURgauge data collection software. The test stand can output either load data only or load data combined with travel data. To communicate with MESURgauge, select the appropriate configuration from the System Configuration menu, as shown below:

For load vs. distance, select Gauge + ESM301 / DC Controller with Travel.

For load vs. time, select Gauge + ESM301 / DC Controller without Travel.

Refer to the MESURgauge user’s guide for complete instructions.
8 SPECIFICATIONS

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* Applicable only to the TSTM / TSTMH stands.

9 DIMENSIONS in [mm]

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