Installation, Operation and Maintenance Instructions
1200 °C Tube Furnace (3-zone) - TZF Model: 900mm
2416 Controller + 2132 End Zone Controllers

TZF 12/100/900 + 2416 Controller + 2132 End Zone Controllers
Contents

This manual is for guidance on the use of the Carbolite Gero product specified on the front cover. This manual should be read thoroughly before unpacking and using the furnace or oven. The model details and serial number are shown on the back of this manual. Use the product for the purpose for which it is intended.

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1.0 Symbols and Warnings

1.1 Switches and Lights

Instrument switch: when the instrument switch is operated the temperature control circuit is energised.

Heat light: the adjacent light glows or flashes to indicate that power is being supplied to the elements.

Heat switch: the switch disconnects power to the heating elements; unless this switch is OFF there is a danger of electric shock when inserting objects into the product.

1.2 General Warnings

DANGER – Electric shock. Read any warning printed next to this symbol.
WARNING: Risk of fatal injury.

DANGER – Hot surface. Read any warning printed next to this symbol.
WARNING: All surfaces of a product may be hot.

DANGER – Read any warning printed next to this symbol.
Caution – Double Pole/Neutral Fusing
2.0 Installation

2.1 Unpacking and Handling

When unpacking or moving the product always lift it by its base or by both ends of the main body. Never lift it by its work tube or the surrounding insulation. Use two or more people to carry the product and control box. Remove any packing material from inside the product before use.

If an optional or special stand is separately supplied, assemble the product on to it. Some models may be supplied for customer mounting and may require customer preparation of mounting components before installation.

NOTE: This product contains Refractory Ceramic Fibre (also known as Alumino Silicate Wool - ASW). For precautions and advice on handling this material see section 8.2.

2.2 Siting and Setting Up

Place the product on a level surface in a well ventilated area.

Site away from other sources of heat and on a non-flammable surface that is resistant to accidental spillage or hot materials.

The surface on which the equipment is mounted should be stable and not subject to movement or vibrations.

The height of the mounting surface is important to avoid operator strain when loading and unloading samples.

Unless otherwise stated elsewhere in this manual, ensure that there is at least 150 mm of free space around the back and sides of the product. Clear space is required above the product to dissipate heat.

Work tubes:

It is recommended that the work tube has either insulation plugs or radiation shields fitted to minimise heat loss from both ends of the work tube. If the work tube has open ends, a significant amount of energy could be radiated from the ends of the work tube. Adjacent surfaces should always be made from a non-flammable material.

Ensure that the ends of the work tube are positioned at least 500 mm away from any adjacent surface so that any energy radiated cannot heat an adjacent surface to a dangerous temperature.
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Ensure that the product is placed in such a way that it can be quickly switched off or disconnected from the electrical supply.

If the product is supplied with a work tube or any accessories fit these into position.

For optimum temperature uniformity, insulating plugs should be placed in the tube ends as shown in fig.1. With a long work tube, the stem of the plug assembly should line up with the end of the tube as in fig.2. Alignment of radiation shields is similar to that of plugs.

If stainless steel seals with gas inlets are supplied, they are to be fitted as shown in fig.3; the stem of any insulating plug should touch the seal.

For vertical models with stainless steel seals, a hook and eye arrangement holds the upper insulating plug assembly.

Horizontal models: if heavy fittings are to be clamped to the end of an extended work tube they can increase the bending stress at the centre of the tube. Support such fittings in such a way that expansion of the tube is allowed.

If a metal work tube is being used in the product, ensure that it is earthed for operator safety.
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**Fig 1 - Insulating Plug (standard length tube)**

**Fig 2 - Insulating Plug (long work tube)**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Key</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>A</td>
<td>Tube</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>B</td>
<td>Insulating Plug</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C</td>
<td>Stem</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
2.0 Installation

**Fig 3 'Twin Clamp' End Seal**

For assembly details refer to the separate work tube end seal manual.

Under no circumstances should any objects be placed on top of the product. Always ensure that any vents on the top of the product are clear of any obstruction. Always ensure all cooling vents and cooling fans (if fitted) are clear of any obstruction.

2.3 Electrical Connections

Connection by a qualified electrician is recommended.
The product covered by this manual normally requires a single phase A.C. supply, which may be Live to Neutral non-reversible, Live to Neutral reversible or Live to Live. Some models may be ordered for 3-phase use, which may be star or delta.

Check the product rating label before connection. The supply voltage should agree with the voltage on the label and the supply capacity should be sufficient for the current on the label.

The supply should be fused at the next size equal to, or higher than the current on the label. A table of the most common fuse ratings is also given towards the back of this manual. When the mains cable is factory fitted, internal fuses are also fitted. It is essential that the operator ensures that the product is correctly fused.

Products with a factory fitted supply cable are designed to be wired directly to an isolator or fitted with a line plug.

Products without a factory fitted supply cable require a permanent connection to a fused and isolated supply. The product's electrical access panel should be temporarily removed, and connections made to the internal terminals.

If the product is to be connected by line plug. The plug should be within reach of the operator and should be easy to remove.

When connecting the product to an isolating switch ensure that both conductors (single phase) or on all live conductors (three phase), and should be within reach of the operator.

The supply MUST incorporate an earth (ground).

**Electrical Connection Details:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Supply</th>
<th>Terminal Label</th>
<th>Cable Colour</th>
<th>Supply Types</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1-phase</td>
<td>L</td>
<td>Brown</td>
<td>Live - Neutral to live to either power conductor (For USA 200-240V, connect L1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>N</td>
<td>Blue</td>
<td>Live - Neutral to neutral to the other power conductor (For USA 200-240V, connect L2)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>PE</td>
<td>Green/ Yellow</td>
<td>to earth (ground) to earth (ground)</td>
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### 2.0 Installation

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>3-phase</th>
<th>Code</th>
<th>Colour</th>
<th>Connection</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>L1</td>
<td>L1</td>
<td>Black</td>
<td>to phase 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>L2</td>
<td>L2</td>
<td>Black</td>
<td>to phase 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>L3</td>
<td>L3</td>
<td>Black</td>
<td>to phase 3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>N</td>
<td>L4</td>
<td>Light Blue</td>
<td>to neutral (except delta)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PE</td>
<td>L4</td>
<td>Green/Yellow</td>
<td>to earth (ground)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**DO NOT** connect a product ordered for three phase use to a single phase supply or to the wrong type of three phase supply.
3.0 2416 Controller

3.1 Description

This manual applies to the 2416, 2416CG and 2416P8 controllers. Special customer requirements may result in changes to the available parameters and the navigation diagram. It is not possible to list all the possibilities in this manual.

2416CG Controller

The Eurotherm model 2416CG is a digital instrument with PID control algorithms which may be used as a simple controller or an 8-segment programmer. The 2416P8 is an eight-program model in which the programs can be stored independently or can be linked by a "call" parameter to form a single long program.

The 2416 Controller features:

- Easy use as a simple temperature controller, where on setting the required temperature the controller immediately attempts to reach and maintain it. Fig.1 indicates the type of temperature response when used in this way.
- By using one program segment, the control can be extended to include ramp-to-set-point. Fig.2 shows the effect.
- Alternatively, the 2416 Controller may be used as an 8-segment programmer, with each segment being a "Ramp", a "Step", a "Dwell", or "End". The program can be set to cycle if required. See fig. 3.
- Optional “modules” are available, in particular:
  - RS232 and RS432/485 digital communications modules;
  - Analogue communication modules;
  - “PDSIO” modules for communication with other controllers of similar or higher specification, for example, to allow cascade control;
  - Alarm modules, which can be used to drive visible or audible alarms, or to provide volt-free contacts for customer use.
Fig 1 - Simple Control

Fig 2 - Control with Ramp-to-Setpoint
Seg 1 = Ramp
Sep 2 = End (Dwell)

Fig 3 - A Program

<table>
<thead>
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<th>Key</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>T1</td>
<td>Temperature</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>T2</td>
<td>Time</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SP</td>
<td>Setpoint</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AT</td>
<td>Actual Temperature</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WSP</td>
<td>Working Setpoint</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>R</td>
<td>Ramp</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>D</td>
<td>Dwell</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S</td>
<td>Step</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>E</td>
<td>End</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
3.2 Operation

Most Carbolite Gero products are fitted with an instrument switch which cuts off power to the controller and other parts of the control circuit. See section 6.0 for operating instructions.

To operate the 2416 Controller there must be power to the furnace or oven and the instrument switch must be on. If a time switch is included in the furnace or oven circuit, this must be in an ON position.

2416CG - Operation

When switched on, the controller lights up, goes through a short test routine and then displays the measured temperature and setpoint. Depending on its state when it was last switched off, it may start to control to the current setpoint of program. The output light glows or flashes to indicate that the control is occurring.

The buttons and indicators are used for the following purposes:

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Key</th>
<th>Function</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>A</td>
<td>Output Light</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>B</td>
<td>Not Used</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C</td>
<td>Page</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>D</td>
<td>Scroll</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>E</td>
<td>Down</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F</td>
<td>Up</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>G</td>
<td>Run/Hold</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>H</td>
<td>Setpoint Temperature (SP)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I</td>
<td>Measured Temperature</td>
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<th>Auto/Manual</th>
<th>Disabled.</th>
<th>The unit is always in 'Auto' mode</th>
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<tr>
<td>RUN/HOLD</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Used to start, stop or pause a program. Short presses cause it to alternate between 'Run' and 'Hold', but if it is held for 2 seconds the programmer goes into 'Reset' mode where it behaves as a simple controller.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Up + Down</td>
<td>▲ + ▼</td>
<td>To adjust the value of a parameter. Used to change the setpoint when the unit is being used as a simple controller ('Reset' mode). Holding down gives an accelerated parameter change.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Page</td>
<td><em>particle</em></td>
<td>Allows access to the parameters within the controller; most lists and parameters are hidden from the operator as they contain factory-set values which should not be altered. A single press of the page key shows the temperature units, normally °C; further presses reveal the lists indicated in the Navigation Diagram.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scroll</td>
<td><em>particle</em></td>
<td>Allows access to the parameters within a list. A single press displays the temperature units; further presses reveal the parameters in the current list. Some parameters are display-only, others may be altered by the operator.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Page + Scroll</td>
<td><em>particle</em> + ▼</td>
<td>Press together to cause an immediate return to the 'Home List'</td>
</tr>
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| Run & Hold  |           | Indicate the current mode: 'Run', 'Hold', or 'Reset' (Reset: both lights off).

- 'Run' flashes at the end of a program.
- 'Hold' flashes during holdback (when the program is paused to allow the temperature to catch up with a heating or cooling rate which is too fast). |

Output Indicator

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<th>OP2</th>
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<tr>
<td>OP1 indicates that the programmer is calling for heat to be supplied.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OP2 is not used.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

SP2 and REM

<table>
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<tr>
<th>SP2 and REM</th>
<th></th>
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<tr>
<td>Not generally used; indicate 'Second' or 'Remote' setpoint in use.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
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</table>

### Operation as a Simple Controller

Press RUN/HOLD for 2 seconds to go into 'Reset' mode. Use down ▼ or up ▲ from the 'Home List' (i.e. when the temperature is displayed) to adjust the setpoint. The unit starts to control in the way indicated in Fig. 1.

Note that to use the Ramp Rate feature, as in Fig. 2, it is necessary to create a program. See the following sections.
### 3.3 Programming

Note that a currently active segment cannot be altered - put the programmer into 'Hold' or 'Reset' whenever it is necessary to do so to alter a parameter. Go into 'Reset' mode (i.e. press RUN/HOLD for 2 seconds) before starting to create or modify a program.

Press page until 'ProG LiSt' is displayed.

Press scroll to reveal the 'Holdback' and 'Loop Count' parameters. See sections 3.3.3 and 3.3.4 for a description of these.

Press scroll to display 'SEG.n' (segment number); use down ▼ or up ▲ to move to the segment to be adjusted or created.

Press scroll to see the 'tYPE' (segment type); use down ▼ or up ▲ to change the required segment type – see the table below.

Press scroll to access the parameters appropriate to the type of segment chosen – see the following table – and use down ▼ or up ▲ to alter the values.

The final segment should be of type 'End', unless all program segments are used. Segments after 'End' are ignored.

#### Table of Segment Parameters

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Segment Type</th>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Function</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>RmP.r</td>
<td>TGt</td>
<td>The target setpoint for this segment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>rATE</td>
<td>The ramp rate (rate of temperature change) in °/ minute</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RmP.t</td>
<td>TGt</td>
<td>The target setpoint for this segment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>dur</td>
<td>The duration of the segment. The controller calculates the rate of temperature rise necessary to achieve this duration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dwel</td>
<td>dur</td>
<td>The time in minutes to remain at the previous target temperature. 10ths of a minutes are allowed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SteP</td>
<td>tGt</td>
<td>A new target temperature to be achieved as quickly as possible.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CaLL</td>
<td>PrG.n</td>
<td>Only applicable to 2416P8. Calls another stored program given by 'PrG.n' as a subroutine, running it the number of times given by 'cyc.n'.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>cyc.n</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>End</td>
<td>End.t</td>
<td>'Dwel' holds the temperature at the last target value. 'RSET' returns to simple controller operation; if the setpoint is set to zero then this effectively turns the heating off. 'SoP' sets the power to 0% – use of this is not recommended.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### 3.3.1 Programming Tips

Make sure the basic setpoint is set to zero to avoid unexpected heating at the end of a program.
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If all segments are used so that there is no 'End' segment, then on completion the program automatically goes into 'Dwell'.

Dwell segments of length zero can be included. This is a way of allowing space for future program changes.

For an example of program creation, see section 3.3.6.

3.3.2 Multi-program model (2416P8)

The 'Program Edit' list contains the extra parameter 'PrG.n' and the 'Run' list contains the extra parameter 'PrG'. These features allow selection of the program to be edited or to be operated.

The extra segment type 'cALL' allows one program to call another as a subroutine; use this feature to create one or more long programs.

3.3.3 Holdback

"Holdback' can be used to prevent the program from operating ahead of the actual heating or cooling.

In the program list, scroll to the 'Holdback' parameter and use down ▼ or up ▲ to set the holdback type as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Band</th>
<th>Holdback applies to both heating and cooling</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Lo</td>
<td>Holdback applies to heating only</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hi</td>
<td>Holdback applies to cooling only</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Off</td>
<td>Holdback is off</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Set 'Hb.V' to the value in °C beyond which holdback is to operate. Type 'BAnd' and a value of 10 °C is often a suitable combination, if holdback is required. In this case, if the actual temperature deviates outside ±10 °C from the working setpoint, the holdback lamp of the front of the controller flashes and the program is held up until the temperature comes within range again. The standard setting for holdback is OFF.

3.3.4 Program Cycling

The 'Loop Count' parameter 'CYC.n' can be set to control the number of times the program is run.

If 'CYC.n' = 1, the program stops at the end segment.

If 'CYC.n' = 5 (for example), the program runs 5 times: at the 'End' segment it returns to segment 1, until the 5th time through when it stops.

If 'CYC.n' = cont, the program never ends: it cycles continuously.

3.3.5 Running a Program

Press Run/ Hold to light up the 'Run' light. The program starts to operate.

To view the progress of a program from the 'Home' list, press scroll to reveal the current segment ('SEG') and the total program time remaining in hours ('PrG.t').
For a more detailed view, press page 📖 to access the 'Run' list page and scroll ⬅️ to see its contents as shown in the Navigation Diagram below. Provided the unit is first put into 'Hold' mode, temporary changes may be made to parameters; these apply only until the program ends or is reset.

To pause a program, press Run/ Hold; the 'Hold' light comes on. To terminate a program, press Run/ Hold for 2 seconds; the 'Run' and 'Hold' lights go out.

While the program is operating, the working setpoint is shown in the lower display.

3.3.6 Program example

The following sequence of entries creates and runs the program.

1. Press page 📖 key until 'ProG LiSt' is displayed.
2. Press scroll ⬅️ until 'CYC.n' is displayed and use the arrow key to select 1.
3. Press scroll ⬅️ until 'SEG.n' is displayed and use the arrow key to select 1.
4. Press scroll ⬅️ until 'tYPE' is displayed and use the arrow key to select rmP.r.
5. Press scroll ⬅️ until 'tGt' is displayed and use the arrow key to select 600.
6. Press scroll ⬅️ until 'rAtE' is displayed and use the arrow key to select 5.0.
7. Press scroll ⬅️ until 'SEG.n' is displayed and use the arrow key to select 2.
8. Press scroll ⬅️ until 'tYPE' is displayed and use the arrow key to select dwEl.
9. Press scroll ⬅️ until 'dur' is displayed and use the arrow key to select 60.0.
10. Press scroll ⬅️ until 'SEG.n' is displayed and use the arrow key to select 3.
11. Press scroll ⬅️ until 'tYPE' is displayed and use the arrow key to select rmP.t.
12. Press scroll ⬅️ until 'tGt' is displayed and use the arrow key to select 400.
13. Press scroll ⬅️ until 'dur' is displayed and use the arrow key to select 60.0.
14. Press scroll ⬅️ until 'SEG.n' is displayed and use the arrow key to select 4.
15. Press scroll ⬅️ until 'tYPE' is displayed and use the arrow key to select 'dwEl'.
16. Press scroll ⬅️ until 'dur' is displayed and use the arrow key to select 30.
17. Press scroll ⬅️ until 'SEG.n' is displayed and use the arrow key to select 5.
18. Press scroll ⬅️ until 'tYPE' is displayed and use the arrow key to select rmP.r.
19. Press scroll ⬅️ until 'tGt' is displayed and use the arrow key to select 30.
20. Press scroll ⬅️ until 'rAtE' is displayed and use the arrow key to select 5.0.
21. Press scroll ⬅️ until 'SEG.n' is displayed and use the arrow key to select 6.
22. Press scroll ⬅️ until 'tYPE' is displayed and use the arrow key to select 'End'.
23. Press scroll ⬅️ until 'End.t' is displayed and use the arrow key to select 'dwEl'.
24. Press the page 📖 key until you return to the main display.
25. Press the 'Run' key. The program operates.
3.4 Controller Options

As options can be ordered in a variety of combinations and for a variety of purposes, exact instructions are not given here. The full Eurotherm manual may be required to determine customer parameter settings. To reveal or hide parameters in the controllers it is necessary to go into configuration mode, a security code is needed. Please consult Carbolite Gero.

3.4.1 Digital Communications - RS232

If the RS232 option is supplied, the furnace is fitted with one sub-miniature D-socket connected to the controller comms module. RS232 is suitable for direct connection to a personal computer (PC) using a “straight through” cable as follows (the linked pins at the computer end are recommended but may not be necessary). The cable is usually 9-pin at the furnace end and 9-pin at the computer, but other alternatives are shown in parentheses.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Product end of cable female (25-pin) 9-pin</th>
<th>RS232 Cable: product to PC</th>
<th>Computer end of cable 9-pin (25-pin) male</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Rx</td>
<td>(2) 3</td>
<td>3 (2) Tx</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tx</td>
<td>(3) 2</td>
<td>2 (3) Rx</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Com</td>
<td>(7) 5</td>
<td>5 (7) Com</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>7,8 Link together</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>1,4,6 Link together</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

3.4.2 Digital Communications - RS485

If an RS485 option is supplied, the furnace is fitted with two D-sockets. Connection between products is by “straight” cable as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Product end of cable female (25-pin) 9-pin</th>
<th>RS485 Cable: product to PC</th>
<th>Computer end of cable 9-pin (25-pin) female</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>-</td>
<td>(2) 3</td>
<td>3 (2) Tx</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>+</td>
<td>(3) 2</td>
<td>2 (3) Rx</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Com</td>
<td>(7) 5</td>
<td>5 (7) Com</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

3.4.3 Comms Address

Typically the comms address is set to 1, but this can be changed. In the case of RS485 and multiple instruments it is necessary to set different addresses. To change the address value, access the level 2 list. In level 2 press the page key until the COMMS parameter is displayed. Press up ▲ down ▼ to select the address value.
3.4.4 Alarm Option

When an alarm board is fitted, which consists of a relay with voltage free contacts, for operator use, the contacts are taken to a panel plug on the control panel, wired as indicated:

![Diagram of alarm board wiring]

The purpose of the 2 amp fuse is to break the circuit to prevent overloading on the circuit due to high voltage.

The instrument configuration and parameters available to the operator depend on the customer requirements.

3.5 Temperature Controller Replacement

Before handling the controller: wear an anti-static wrist strap or otherwise avoid any possibility of damage to the unit by static electricity. Refer to the detailed instructions supplied with the replacement controller.

Ease apart the two lugs at the side; grip the instrument and withdraw it from its sleeve; push in the replacement.
3.0 2416 Controller

3.6 Navigation Diagram
4.0 2132 Controller

4.1 Description

The 2132 Controller is made by Eurotherm, and is fitted and configured by Carbolite Gero for immediate use. It is a digital instrument with PID control algorithms.

The 2132 Controller features:

- Easy use as a simple temperature controller, where on setting the required temperature the controller immediately attempts to reach and maintain it.
- A ramp-to-setpoint feature, which may be used to limit the heating (or cooling).
- A timer function which allows for heating for a predetermined time, either from start or from reaching temperature; or alternatively for delaying the start of heating.
- An alarm output which may be used in conjunction with the timer, for example to give an audible alarm at the end of the timing period.

4.2 2132 Controller Operation

4.2.1 Controls

Most Carbolite Gero products are fitted with an instrument switch which cuts off power to the controller and other parts of the control circuit.

To operate the controller, power must be supplied to the product and the instrument switch must be on. If a time switch is included in the product circuit, this must be in the 'ON' position.

When an over-temperature condition occurs, the controller cuts the power to a contactor, which in turn cuts power to the heating elements. Power is not restored until the controller is 'reset'.

Some components will operate after the over-temperature feature isolates the power supply e.g. cooling fans will continue to operate, provided that there is a power supply to the product. In some cases the product may not do so, if other options (such as a door switch) are fitted.
When switched on, the controller lights up, goes through a short test routine and then displays the measured temperature or the over-temperature setpoint.

The page key \( \text{Page} \) allows access to parameter lists within the controller.

A single press of the page key \( \text{Page} \) displays the temperature units, normally set to °C; further presses reveal the lists indicated in the navigation diagram.

The scroll key \( \text{Scroll} \) allows access to the parameters within a list. Some parameters are display-only; others may be altered by the operator.

A single press of the scroll key \( \text{Scroll} \) in the 'Home' list displays the temperature units; further presses reveal the parameters in the current list indicated in the navigation diagram.

To return to the 'Home' list at any time, press page \( \text{Page} \) and scroll \( \text{Scroll} \) together, or wait for 45 seconds.

The down \( \downarrow \) and up \( \uparrow \) keys are used to alter the setpoint or other parameter values.

4.2.3 Basic Operation

Normally no operator action is required other than entering the setpoint, as the controller starts to control on being switched on, as described above.

4.2.4 Altering the Setpoint

With the display at 'Home', showing the measured temperature, press down \( \downarrow \) or up \( \uparrow \) once to display the setpoint; press again or hold down to adjust it. The display returns to the measured temperature when no key is pressed for 30 seconds.
4.2.5 Stopping and Starting Control

It is possible to stop and start the controller without altering the setpoint. Press scroll \( \downarrow \) until the legend 'm-A' (manual/ auto) appears. In this controller, manual means OFF and auto means ON. Press down \( \downarrow \) or up \( \uparrow \) once to show the current on/ off state: 'mAn' for OFF and 'Auto' for ON. Press down \( \downarrow \) or up \( \uparrow \) to change between manual and auto (off and on) as required.

Note that timer modes 1 & 3 set the controller to 'mAn' at the end of the timing period. If the controller unexpectedly does not control it may be in manual, possibly as the result of previous use of the timer function.

4.2.6 Altering the Ramp Rate

It is only possible to limit the rate of heating by setting a ramp rate if the timer feature is not in use.

To enable direct setting of the ramp rate, first ensure that the 'StAt' parameter and 'dwEll' parameter are both set to OFF (see sections 4.3.1 and 4.3.2).

Press scroll \( \downarrow \) until 'SPrr' (setpoint ramp rate) is displayed. Use down \( \downarrow \) or up \( \uparrow \) to display and adjust the value.

The ramp rate sets the maximum rate of heating or cooling in degrees per minute. A value of OFF cancels the ramp rate, allowing heating and cooling at the maximum rate. When this feature is in use, there is a “working setpoint” which can be viewed at any time by scrolling to 'w.SP' and pressing \( \downarrow \) or \( \uparrow \).

Fig 1 and fig 2 indicate the possible difference between operating without and with a ramp-to-setpoint value (depending on the load and the value used).
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**Fig 1 - Control without Ramp-to-Setpoint**

**Fig 2 - Control with Ramp-to-Setpoint**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Key</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>T1</td>
<td>Temperature</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>T2</td>
<td>Time</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SP</td>
<td>Setpoint</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WSP</td>
<td>Working Setpoint</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AT</td>
<td>Actual Temperature</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 4.3 Operating with the Timer

This controller can be used as a process timer allowing timed heating or timed delay, according to the options in the table. There are 5 timer modes, but 2 of them are affected by whether the setpoint ramp rate feature is being used, making 7 entries in the table. The table also shows the status of the timer light on the controller. A visual impression of the different modes is given in fig 3.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Timer Mode</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Timer Light</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>mode 1</td>
<td>The timer starts timing when the actual temperature is within 1 °C of the setpoint. At the end of the timing period, control switches off (i.e. goes into Manual) to allow cooling and 'End' flashes on the display.</td>
<td>On while temperature is reaching setpoint. On during the timing period. Off from the end of the timing period.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mode 2</td>
<td>The timer starts timing when the actual temperature is within 1 °C of the setpoint. At the end of the timing period, control remains on, maintaining the setpoint temperature and 'End' flashes on the display.</td>
<td>On while temperature is reaching setpoint. On during the timing period. Off from the end of the timing period.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mode 3, with SPrr off</td>
<td>The timer starts timing immediately. At the end of the timing period, control switches off (i.e. goes into Manual) to allow cooling and 'End' flashes on the display.</td>
<td>On during the timing period. Off from the end of the timing period.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mode 3, with SPrr active</td>
<td>The timer starts timing when the working setpoint is within 1 °C of the setpoint. At the end of the timing period, control switches off (i.e. goes into Manual) to allow cooling and 'End' flashes on the display.</td>
<td>On during the timing period. Off from the end of the timing period.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mode 4, with SPrr off</td>
<td>The timer starts timing immediately. At the end of the timing period, control remains on, maintaining the setpoint temperature and 'End' flashes on the display.</td>
<td>On during the timing period. Off from the end of the timing period.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mode 4, with SPrr active</td>
<td>The timer starts timing when the working setpoint is within 1 °C of the setpoint. At the end of the timing period, control remains on, maintaining the setpoint temperature and 'End' flashes on the display.</td>
<td>On during the timing period. Off from the end of the timing period.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mode 5</td>
<td>The timer starts timing immediately and control starts at the end of the timing period. There is no 'End' condition in this mode.</td>
<td>On during the timing period. Off from the end of the timing period.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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4.3.1 Setting the Timer Mode

Scroll to 'tm.OP'; use ▲ or ▼ to view and alter the mode. The mode shows as 'OPt.1' to 'OPt.5'.

It is not possible to alter the mode while the timer is operating; if the mode cannot be altered, scroll to the 'StAt' parameter and set its value to OFF.

4.3.2 Setting the Time Period

Method 1

Scroll to 'tmr' (time remaining). Use ▲ or ▼ to view the remaining time; the units are always in minutes. Use ▲ or ▼ to set or alter the time. Setting 'tmr' automatically activates the timer; the 'm-A' parameter changes to 'Auto' and the 'StAt' parameter changes to run.

Note that the 'tmr' display shows 0 (zero) during the last minute of timing and also shows 0 when the time has expired. The timer light indicates whether timing is still in progress.

Method 2

Scroll to 'dwEll' and use ▲ or ▼ to set the timing duration. The advantage of method 2 is that 'dwEll' need only be set once if repeated use of the same time period is required.

Scroll to 'StAt' and use ▲ or ▼ to set the parameter value to run. This copies the dwell time into 'tmr' and activates the timer as in method 1.

4.3.3 Running with the Timer

Once the timer is activated by method 1 or 2 above, the control sequence depends on the 'Timer' mode, as previously given in the table. Fig 3 gives another representation of the timer action.
### Key

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>T1</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>T2</td>
<td>Time</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SP</td>
<td>Setpoint</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WSP</td>
<td>Working Setpoint (if setpoint ramp rate active)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AT</td>
<td>Actual Temperature</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>M245</td>
<td>Modes 2, 4 &amp; 5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>M13</td>
<td>Modes 1 &amp; 3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TM</td>
<td>Timing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>E</td>
<td>End</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Mode 5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Reaching Temperature Modes 1 &amp; 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Modes 1 &amp; 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Modes 3 &amp; 4 with setpoint ramp rate</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Modes 3 &amp; 4 with setpoint ramp rate off</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Reaching temperature and continuing temperature Mode 5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Continuing at temperature modes 2 &amp; 4, or cooling down modes 1 &amp; 3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### 4.3.4 Stopping the Timer

To stop the timer at any time while it is operating, change the 'StAt User Calibration' parameter to OFF. This is the same as reducing 'tmr' to zero. The controller then acts as though it has reached the end of the time period.
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4.3.5 End of Time Period

Modes 1 and 3: heating stops at the end of timing; the 'm-A' parameter changes to 'mAn'.

Modes 2 and 4: heating continues at the end of timing; the 'm-A' parameter remains at 'Auto'.

Mode 5: heating starts at the end of the timing period; the 'm-A' parameter remains at 'Auto'.

In modes 1 to 4 the alarm message 'End' flashes on the display at the end of timing; the 'StAt' parameter remains at run.

In mode 5 there is no 'End' message; the 'StAt' parameter changes to OFF at the end of timing.

4.3.6 Cancelling the Alarm

To acknowledge (cancel) the 'End' alarm, press page and scroll together; the 'StAt' parameter changes to OFF.

Alternatively cancel the alarm by directly changing the 'StAt' parameter from run to OFF.

4.3.7 Program Example

To heat up at 10 °C per minute to 500 °C; to hold at 500 °C for 1 hour; then to allow to cool down.

(This example uses timing mode 1, as on the first row of the timer table, but also includes the use of ramp rate).

To create this program

1. Start with display at home; use arrow keys to alter the setpoint to 500.
2. Press scroll until 'sp.rr' shows; use arrow key to set value to 10 (if you do not want to limit the ramp rate, ignore this step or set the value to OFF)
3. Press scroll until 'tm.op' shows; use arrow key to set value to opt.1
4. Press scroll until 'dwell' shows; use arrow key to set value to 60
   To operate this program
5. Press scroll until 'stat' shows; use arrow key to set value to run
   • heating starts when run is set;
   • timing starts when the working setpoint reaches 499 °C;
   • heating stops 61* minutes later and 'End' flashes on the display.
6. Cancel 'End' by pressing page and scroll together.

* note that the timer runs for an extra minute, when tmr has counted down to zero; allow for this when testing the system with short durations such as 1 or 2 minutes.

4.4 Altering Power Limit

Overview

Depending on the furnace or oven model the power limit parameter OP.Hi (Output High) may be accessible or hidden.
For silicon carbide heated furnaces the parameter is accessible to allow for compensation for element ageing. In wire-heated chamber or tube furnaces, reducing the power limit is a convenient method of improving control at low temperatures, as outlined below.

The power limit may be set to zero to permit demonstration of the controls without heating.

In many models the power limit setting depends on the supply voltage; usually the furnace or oven manual contains details: if in doubt, contact Carbolite Gero for advice. The power limit parameter does not apply to the over-temperature controller, if fitted.

**Altering the value**

Press page 🔄 until OP (output list) is displayed. Press scroll ⬆️ until OP.Hi (Output High) is displayed. Press down 🔽 or up ▲ once to display the value of OP.Hi and write down the value. To alter the value, use down 🔽 or up ▲.

Note: setting the value to zero prevents the furnace or oven from heating.

Caution: Do not increase the power limit value to a value above the design level for the oven or furnace model, or to a value above that correctly calculated for silicon carbide elements. The heating elements could burn out, or other damage could be caused.

**Control at Low Temperatures**

If a product is to be used at temperatures much lower than its design maximum, control stability can often be improved by reducing the power limit. Remember to make a record of the original setting before altering the power limit.

Example: It is desired to operate a 1200 °C furnace at 300 °C. The normal control settings can be expected to cause excessive overshoot as the furnace reaches temperature. If the power limit OP.Hi is normally set to 100%, try a setting of 40%. This should greatly reduce the overshoot. (There is no firm calculation rule to get this example setting of 40% – experimentation may be required to achieve a good result. Avoid power limits below approximately 30% – control accuracy is reduced at such levels.)

Depending on the furnace or oven model the power limit parameter OP.Hi (Output High) may be accessible or hidden.

For silicon carbide heated furnaces the parameter is accessible to allow for compensation for element ageing. In wire-heated chamber or tube furnaces, reducing the power limit is a convenient method of improving control at low temperatures, as outlined above.

The power limit may be set to zero to permit demonstration of the controls without heating.

In many models the power limit setting depends on the supply voltage; usually the furnace or oven manual contains details: if in doubt, contact Carbolite Gero for advice.

**User Calibration**
The controller is calibrated for life at manufacture against known reference sources, but there may be sensor errors or other system errors. User calibration allows compensation for such errors and this controller allows for a user 2-point calibration. This setting is password protected to avoid accidental alteration.

Page to iP, scroll to CAL.P and use up ▲ to alter the password. The password is 3. If the correct password is entered, the display shows PASS. Scroll to CAL and use up ▲ or down ▼ to observe the setting FACt (factory values, as manufactured) or USEr (user values). Change to USEr.

**NOTE:** before checking the calibration of the controller, or of the complete system, remember to reset the controller to factory calibration values by setting the CAL.P parameter to FACT.

To enter a user calibration, scroll to each of the following parameters in turn and set the desired values.

- **Pnt.L** low temperature for which an offset is to be entered
- **OFS.L** offset value for the low temperature
- **Pnt.H** high temperature for which an offset is to be entered
- **OFS.H** offset value for the high temperature

Example: the controller reads 3 °C low at 400 °C and 5 °C low at 1000 °C. The parameter values should be Pnt.L=400, OFS.L=3, Pnt.H=1000, OFS.H=5.

Negative or positive values can be entered: if the controller is reading high, negative offsets would be appropriate.

Fig 4 gives a graphical representation of the 2-point calibration.

![Fig 4 - 2-Point Calibration](image-url)
4.5 Audible Alarm

If an audible alarm is supplied for use with the timer function, then it is normally configured to sound at the 'End' condition and to go off when the alarm is acknowledged as given in section 4.3.6.

It is not feasible to cover all possible alarm features which may be included by customer special order, within this manual.

4.6 Temperature Controller Replacement

Before handling the controller: wear an anti-static wrist strap or otherwise avoid any possibility of damage to the unit by static electricity. Refer to the detailed instructions supplied with the replacement controller.

Ease apart the two lugs at the side; grip the instrument and withdraw it from its sleeve; push in the replacement.
### Key

| 1 | Measured temperature; use arrow keys to access setpoint |
| 2 | Output power (read only) |
| 3 | Present only if SPrr in use |
| 4 | Manual/Auto (mAn = off, Auto = on) |
| 5 | Setpoint ramp rate OFF or value |
| 6 | Timer mode |
| 7 | Time remaining |
| 8 | Dwell time for timer |
| 9 | Timer status run or OFF |
| 10 | Enter password |
| 11 | If User Calibration |
| 12 | User 2-Point Calibration |
| 13 | Power limit setting, if present |
| 14 | For factory access to lists and parameters not available to the operator |
5.0 2132 Over-Temperature Controller Description (if fitted)

5.1 Description

This over-temperature controller is fitted and supplied ready to use by Carbolite Gero. It is a digital instrument with a latching alarm, requiring no additional panel controls. The controller features easy setting of over-temperature setpoint and reading of current temperature by the over-temperature sensor.

5.2 Operation

5.2.1 Controls

Most Carbolite Gero products are fitted with an instrument switch which cuts off power to the controller and other parts of the control circuit.

To operate the controller, power must be supplied to the product and the instrument switch must be on. If a time switch is included in the product circuit, this must be in the 'ON' position.

When an over-temperature condition occurs, the controller cuts the power to a contactor, which in turn cuts power to the heating elements. Power is not restored until the controller is 'reset'.

Some components will operate after the over-temperature feature isolates the power supply e.g. cooling fans will continue to operate, provided that there is a power supply to the product. In some cases the product may not do so, if other options (such as a door switch) are fitted.
5.2.2 Operation

When switched on, the controller lights up, goes through a short test routine and then displays the measured temperature or the over-temperature setpoint.

The page key \( \text{:image} \) allows access to parameter lists within the controller.

A single press of the page key \( \text{:image} \) displays the temperature units, normally set to °C; further presses reveal the lists indicated in the navigation diagram.

The scroll key \( \text{:image} \) allows access to the parameters within a list. Some parameters are display-only; others may be altered by the operator.

A single press of the scroll key \( \text{:image} \) in the 'Home' list displays the temperature units; further presses reveal the parameters in the current list indicated in the navigation diagram.

To return to the 'Home' list at any time, press page \( \text{:image} \) and scroll \( \text{:image} \) together, or wait for 45 seconds.

The down \( \text{:image} \) and up \( \text{:image} \) keys are used to alter the setpoint or other parameter values.

5.2.3 Over-Temperature Operation

Use down \( \text{:image} \) and up \( \text{:image} \) to alter the over-temperature setpoint. This should normally be set a little above the working temperature (for example 15 °C above). The product is supplied with the over-temperature set at 15 °C above the furnace or oven maximum working temperature.

Press scroll \( \text{:image} \) twice view the present temperature as measured by the over-temperature controller. Press it twice, the first press shows the temperature units (°C).

5.2.4 Over-Temperature Alarm

If an over-temperature condition occurs, the OP2 indicator flashes and an alarm message 2FSH also flashes, alternating with the setpoint. Power to the heating elements is disconnected.

5.2.5 Resetting the Over-Temperature Alarm

To acknowledge the alarm press scroll \( \text{:image} \) and page \( \text{:image} \) together.

If the alarm is acknowledged while there is still an over-temperature condition, the OP2 indicator stops flashing but continues to glow. The 2FSH alarm continues to flash until the over-temperature condition is cleared (by the temperature falling), when normal operation resumes.

If the alarm is acknowledged when the temperature has dropped (or after the over-temperature setpoint has been raised) so that the over-temperature condition no longer exists, then the furnace or oven immediately resumes normal operation.

5.2.6 Sensor Break

The over-temperature cut-out system also operates if the over-temperature control thermocouple breaks or becomes disconnected. The message S.br flashes where the measured temperature is normally displayed.
5.3 Audible Alarm

If an audible alarm is supplied for use with the over-temperature controller, it is normally configured to sound on over-temperature condition and to stop sounding when the alarm is acknowledged as given in section 5.2.

Note: the alarm may sound during controller start-up.

5.4 Navigation Diagram

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<th>Home List</th>
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<td>OTSP</td>
<td>Over-Temperature Setpoint</td>
<td>Scroll Key</td>
<td>Dashed = Through to other options</td>
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<td>AL</td>
<td>Access List</td>
<td>!</td>
<td>For factory access to list and parameters not available to the operator.</td>
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</table>
6.0 Operation

6.1 Operating Cycle

This product is fitted with an instrument switch which cuts off power to the control circuit.

Connect the product to the electrical supply.

Turn on the instrument switch to activate the temperature controllers. The controllers illuminate and go through a short test cycle.

Over-Temperature option only. If the digital over-temperature option has not yet been set as required, set and activate it according to the over-temperature controller instructions.

Switch on the heater switch, located on the instrument panel. Unless a time switch is fitted and is switched off, the product will start to heat up. The Heat light(s) glow steadily at first and then flash as the product approaches the desired temperature or a program setpoint.

Over-Temperature option only. If the over-temperature circuit has tripped, an indicator on the over-temperature controller flashes and the heating elements are isolated. Find and correct the cause before resetting the over-temperature controller according to the instructions supplied.

To switch off power to the heating elements, use the heater switch. To switch the product off, use both the heater switch and the instrument switch. If the product is to be left switched off and unattended, isolate it from the electrical supply.

6.2 Control Method

Set the three temperature controllers to the desired setpoints. The setting and operation of the end zone controllers depends on the 3-zone control options selected when the product was ordered. These options are described in the 3-zone control methods section.

6.3 3-Zone Control Methods

There are three different control options (A, B & C).

(A) Back to back thermocouples
(B) Retransmission of Setpoint
(C) Independent control

The models listed in this manual are designed to achieve an extended uniform temperature zone, through use of three control zones, rather than achieving different temperatures in each zone.

For A & B, the control zones are linked so that they all follow the centre zone controller in a master-slave approach.
A. Back-to-Back Thermocouples

This is the most commonly supplied option. The centre zone of the tube furnace is controlled directly by the centre zone temperature controller. The two end zone thermocouples are wired in opposition to the centre zone reference thermocouple. If the temperatures of the centre and end zones are the same then 0°C will be displayed on the end zone controllers. If the end zone temperatures are either higher or lower than the centre zone, the end zone controller will display the difference in temperature (higher = positive value, lower = negative value).

It is best practice to set the setpoint of the two end zone controllers to zero. Alternatively, a small temperature difference (offset) can be created by setting a non-zero value, for example to compensate for heat losses at the end or where using a gas flow. However, the sum of the centre zone controller setpoint and the end zone controller offset MUST NOT exceed the furnace maximum temperature.

To alter the setpoint with the display showing the Home screen, press Down ▼ or Up ▲ once to display the setpoint and then press again or hold down to adjust it. The display returns to the measured temperature when no key is pressed for a short period of time.

Sometimes a furnace using this type of control does not cool down because the end zones lose heat first and therefore the end zone controllers try to compensate for this by switching on the end zone elements, preventing the furnace from cooling.

B. Retransmission of Setpoint

Three independent thermocouples are connected to three controllers. The three controllers are linked together and the centre zone controller communicates the desired setpoint to the end zone controllers. If the centre zone controller is set to a setpoint or is running a program, the end zone controllers will automatically follow.

For products with the CC-T1 controller, please refer to the separate CC-T1 controller manual for details on enabling and disabling setpoint retransmission.

For other products, additional communication modules are fitted in the controllers. The communication between the controllers of the Eurotherm 3000 series is known as Broadcast communications. It is possible to switch off the linked control and allow the controllers to work independently. In the level 2 menu of the end zone controllers (see controller operating instruction), scroll to L-r. Where the end zone controller is a 3216 use the ▲ up ▼ down buttons and select NO. Where the end zone controller is a 3508 use the ▲ up ▼ down buttons to select SP1, (SP1 = Local, and SP2 = Remote). There is no need to alter the centre zone controller.
It is possible to set an offset (local trim) between the centre and end zone controllers. This can be either a positive or negative difference from the centre zone temperature. Once entered, this offset will always be added to, or subtracted from, the retransmitted setpoint temperature.

For products with the CC-T1 controller, please refer to the separate CC-T1 controller manual for details on how to set an offset trim.

To make this adjustment on other controllers, enter the level 2 menu of the end zone controllers (see controller operating instruction), scroll to LOC.T (local trim) and use the ▲ up ▼ down buttons to enter the desired positive or negative value. This will then be added to, or subtract from, the end zone set temperature. There is no need to alter the centre zone controller.

C. Independent Control
The three controllers are completely independent. Note that it is not possible to maintain very different temperatures in the three zones because of heat transfer between the zones. The models listed in this manual are designed to achieve an extended uniform temperature zone by the use of three control zones rather than achieving different temperatures in each zone.

6.4 General Operating Advice

Heating element life is shortened by overheating. Do not leave the product at high temperature when it is not required. The maximum temperature is shown on the product rating label and in section 12.0 towards the back of this manual.

Lightweight ceramic fibre insulation can easily be marked by accidental contact. Some fine cracks may develop in the surface of the insulation due to the progressive shrinkage of the insulation materials. Cracks are not usually detrimental to the functioning or the safety of the product.

Clean up any spillages in the insulation, as these can increase the rate of degradation of the insulation material.

6.5 Operator Safety

The ceramic materials used in the product manufacture become electrically conductive to some extent at high temperatures. DO NOT use any conductive tools within the product without isolating it. If a metal work tube is used, it must be earthed (grounded).
Switch off the heater switch whenever loading or unloading the product. The elements are isolated when the heater switch is OFF. This switch cuts both sides of the circuit via a contactor.

6.6 Tube Life

A ceramic work tube may crack if work pieces are inserted too quickly or at temperatures below 900 °C (when the tube is more brittle). Large work pieces should also be heated slowly to ensure that large temperature differences do not arise.

Poor thermal contact should be encouraged between the work piece and the tube; crucibles or boats should be of low thermal mass and should have feet to reduce the contact with the tube (fig. 4).

![Diagram](image)

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<td>B</td>
<td>Crucible</td>
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Fig 4 - Avoidance of thermal contact

Do not set too high a heating or cooling rate. As tubes are susceptible to thermal shock and may break. Tubes which extend beyond the heated part of the furnace are more at risk. A general rule for maximum heating or cooling rate is \(400 \div \) internal diameter in mm to give \((°C/ \text{min})\); for 75 mm i/ d tubes this comes to 5 °C per minute. The controller can be set to limit both the heating and cooling rate.

6.7 Pressure

Work tubes are not able to accept high internal pressure. When gas seals or similar fittings are in use, the gas pressure should be restricted to a maximum of 0.2 bar (3 psi). A pressure of approximately half of that should normally be sufficient to achieve the desired flow rate. The operator must ensure that the exhaust path from the tube is not blocked, so that excess pressure does not occur.

A suitably regulated gas supply should always be used.

It is recommended that a pressure relief system should be used to avoid an over pressurisation of the work tube.

Please note: A product should not be heated up if any valves that have been fitted are closed to create a sealed volume. A sealed work tube should not be heated from cold due to the pressure increase caused by the trapped air or gas expanding during the heating process.
6.8 Power Adjustment

The product control system incorporates electronic power limiting. The power limit parameter OP.Hi is accessible to the operator and can be used to adjust the product to the actual supply voltage.

Some models covered by this manual are fitted with 208 V elements and are designed for use over the range of voltages 200 V - 250 V; the power limit parameter is set accordingly. These models may be relocated to a different voltage within the range: the power limit should be reset to match the voltage.

To check whether the furnace is a 208 V model:

- look at the OP.Hi parameter
- make a note of the value and compare with the 11.0;
- observe the rating label; if a range of voltages is stated, it is not a 208 V multi voltage model;
- if in doubt, check with Carbolite Gero – each product has its own record card.

Refer to the controller instructions for how to change the power limit.

6.9 Running at Low Temperatures

The power limit may be adjusted to a low level in order to achieve better control when operating the product at a low temperature. Before changing the power limit, record the default settings for possible future use. Refer to the Power Settings section of this manual for default power limits. If the product fails to reach the desired temperature, refer to the Temperature Controller and Fault Analysis sections.
7.0 Maintenance

7.1 General Maintenance
Preventive rather than reactive maintenance is recommended. The type and frequency depends on the product use; the following are recommended.

7.2 Maintenance Schedule

CUSTOMER QUALIFIED PERSONNEL

DANGER! ELECTRIC SHOCK. Risk of fatal injury. Only electrically qualified personnel should attempt these maintenance procedures.

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<tr>
<th>Maintenance Procedure</th>
<th>Method</th>
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<td>Daily</td>
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<tr>
<td>Safety</td>
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<tr>
<td>Over-Temperature Safety Circuit (if fitted)</td>
<td>Set an over-temperature setpoint lower than the displayed temperature and check for an over-temperature alarm as detailed in this manual</td>
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<tr>
<td>Over-Temperature Safety Circuit (if fitted)</td>
<td>Electrical measurement</td>
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<tr>
<td>Safety Switch Function (split models only)</td>
<td>Set a safe temperature above ambient, and open the furnace to see if the heater light goes out</td>
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<td>Safety Switch Function (split models only)</td>
<td>Electrical measurement</td>
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<td>Electrical Safety (external)</td>
<td>Visual check of external cables and plugs</td>
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<tr>
<td>Electrical Safety (internal)</td>
<td>Physically check all connections and cleaning of the power plate area</td>
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<tr>
<td>Function</td>
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<tr>
<td>Temperature Calibration</td>
<td>Tested using certified equipment, frequency dependent on the standard required</td>
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<tr>
<td>Operational Check</td>
<td>Check that all functions are working normally</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Operational Check</td>
<td>Thorough inspection and report incorporating a test of all functions</td>
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<tr>
<td>Work Tube Position</td>
<td>Visually check that the tube is central to the heated zone (horizontally / vertically)</td>
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<tr>
<td>End Plugs / Radiation Shields</td>
<td>Visual check for damage or wear, and cor-</td>
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### 7.0 Maintenance

<table>
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<th>Performance</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>Element Circuit</td>
<td>Electrical measurement</td>
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<td>Power Consumption</td>
<td>Measure the current drawn on each phase / circuit</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cooling Fans (if fitted)</td>
<td>Check whether the cooling fans are working</td>
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**Check all seals and O-rings and clamps**
7.0 Maintenance

7.2.1 Cleaning
The product's outer surface may be cleaned with a damp cloth. Do not allow water to enter the interior of the case or chamber. Do not clean with organic solvents.

Under no circumstances should any objects be placed on top of the product. Always ensure that any vents on the top of the product are clear of any obstruction. Always ensure all cooling vents and cooling fans (if fitted) are clear of any obstruction.

7.3 Calibration
After prolonged use, the controller and/or thermocouple may require recalibration. This is important for processes that require accurate temperature readings or for those that use the product close to its maximum temperature. A quick check using an independent thermocouple and temperature indicator should be made from time to time to determine whether full calibration is required. Carbolite Gero can supply these items.
Depending on the controller fitted, the controller instructions may contain calibration instructions.

7.4 After-Sales Service
Carbolite Gero Service has a team of Service Engineers who can offer repair, calibration and preventive maintenance of furnace and oven products both at the Carbolite Gero factory and at customers’ premises throughout the world. A telephone call or email often enables a fault to be diagnosed and the necessary parts to be despatched.
In all correspondence please quote the serial number and model type given on the rating label of the product. The serial number and model type are also given on the back of this manual when supplied with the product.
Carbolite Gero Service and Carbolite Gero contact information can be found on the back page of this manual.

7.5 Recommended Spare Parts and Spare Parts Kit
Carbolite Gero can supply individual spare parts or a kit of the items most likely to be required. Ordering a kit in advance can save time in the event of a breakdown.
Each kit consists of one of each type of thermocouple, one solid state relay and one heating element
When ordering spare parts please quote the model details as requested above.
8.0 Repairs and Replacements

8.1 Safety Warning - Disconnection from Power Supply

Immediately switch the product off in the event of unforeseen circumstances (e.g. large amount of smoke). Allow the product to return to room temperature before inspection.

Always ensure that the product is disconnected from the electrical supply before repair work is carried out.

Caution: Double pole/neutral fusing may be used in this product.

8.2 Safety Warning - Refractory Fibre Insulation

Insulation made from High Temperature Insulation Wool
Refractory Ceramic Fibre, better known as (Alumina silicate wool - ASW).

This product contains **alumino silicate wool** products in its thermal insulation. These materials may be in the form of blanket or felt, formed board or shapes, slab or loose fill wool.

Typical use does not result in any significant level of airborne dust from these materials, but much higher levels may be encountered during maintenance or repair.

Whilst there is no evidence of any long term health hazards, it is strongly recommended that safety precautions are taken whenever the materials are handled.

**Exposure to fibre dust may cause respiratory disease.**

When handling the material, always use approved respiratory protection equipment (RPE-eg. FFP3), eye protection, gloves and long sleeved clothing.

Avoid breaking up waste material. Dispose of waste in sealed containers.

After handling, rinse exposed skin with water before washing gently with soap (not detergent). Wash work clothing separately.

Before commencing any major repairs it is recommended to make reference to the European Association representing the High Temperature Insulation Wool industry (www.ecfia.eu).

Further information can be provided on request. Alternatively, Carbolite Gero Service can quote for any repairs to be carried out either on site or at the Carbolite Gero factory.

8.3 Temperature Controller Replacement

Refer to the controller instructions for more information on how to replace the temperature controller.
8.4  **Solid-state Relay Replacement**

Disconnect the product from the power supply and remove the appropriate cover as given above.

Make a note of the wire connections to the solid state relay and disconnect them.

Remove the solid state relay from the base panel or aluminium plate.

Replace and reconnect the solid state relay ensuring that the bottom of it has good thermal contact with the base panel or aluminium plate.

Replace the access panel.

8.5  **Thermocouple Replacement**

The coverings and guards which must be removed to gain access to the thermocouple depend on the model, its orientation (horizontal or vertical), and possibly other options and fittings.

It will usually be necessary to separate the product from its base or stand. On horizontal models one outer end-cap will need to be removed and on vertical models the terminal cover. Within some models the thermocouple lies inside the product body; the body must be removed from the control base and the end-cap and insulation ring removed from one end.

Disconnect the product from the power supply. Remove terminal cover to gain access to the thermocouple connections. Make a note of the thermocouple connections.

Thermocouple cable colour codings are:

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<th>thermocouple leg</th>
<th>colour</th>
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<td>positive (type K)</td>
<td>green</td>
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<td>negative</td>
<td>white</td>
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Disconnect the thermocouple from its terminal block. Withdraw the thermocouple from its sheath and remove any broken bits of thermocouple.

Bend the new thermocouple carefully to match the shape of the original (working from the terminal end). Should the length differ from that of the original this will usually not be important provided that the thermocouple tip is within a tube diameter's distance from the product centre.

Insert the new thermocouple into position, restoring any removed porcelain spacers and ensuring correct polarity. Re-assemble the product.
8.6 Element Replacement

See section 8.2 - wearing a face mask is required.

The coverings and guards which must be removed to enable replacement of the wound tube element depend on the furnace model, its orientation (horizontal or vertical), and other options and fittings. The general procedure is:

Disconnect the product from the electrical supply.

Remove all outer guards, meshes and terminal covers from the product's body. For a horizontally mounted product remove the product body from its base; to reach the bolts or screws which fix the body to the base, remove the back panel from the base.

Disconnect all electrical leads from the terminal blocks on the product case. Note the colours and positions of the connecting leads to enable correct reassembly. Take care not to crack porcelain terminal blocks - use two spanners where appropriate.

Remove the thermocouples.

Lay the furnace body horizontally with the split in the cylindrical case uppermost.

Remove the two metal end-caps from the body. Except TZF 12/38, undo the self-tapping screws which hold the terminal strip to the case join. The case should spring open slightly. Remove the ceramic board disc from one end.

Use a sharp knife to cut right through the insulation down to the wire-wound tube element along the whole length of the body, but do not cut either of the ceramic board end discs. The knife cut must be in line with the element lead wires. Slide the element gently out through the end of the product body.

Check the cylindrical case and clean out as appropriate.

Remove any insulation sleeving from the tails of the old element and fit to the replacement element.

Slide in the new element(s). Close up the product again, refitting the terminal strip (where applicable) and the end-caps. Any cut made in the insulation should close up completely: if the insulation appears loose or damaged in any way, please contact the Carbolite Gero service division.

Reverse the rest of the disassembly process. Take care to make all connections to the correct terminals. Do not over tighten the connectors in porcelain terminal blocks.

Let the product heat up at its maximum rate to 900 °C without interruption and then soak for 1 hour. Fumes may be emitted: this should be done in conditions of good ventilation.

Check that the product is controlling properly to rule out the possibility that the element failed because of a fault in the control system.

If you have any problems with this procedure, please contact the Carbolite Gero service division.
8.7 Fuse Replacement

Fuses are marked on the wiring diagram with type codes, e.g. F1, F2. For more information on fuses refer to section 11.0.

*Depending on model and voltage, the different fuse types may or may not be fitted.*

If any fuse has failed, it is advisable for an electrician to check the internal circuits. Replace any failed fuses with the correct type. For safety reasons do not fit larger capacity fuses without first consulting Carbolite Gero.

The fuses are located at the cable entry point. Remove the back panel or control box back panel to gain access to the fuses.
### 9.0 Fault Analysis

#### A. Furnace Does Not Heat Up

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<th>The HEAT light is ON</th>
<th>The heating element has failed</th>
<th>Check also that the SSR is working correctly</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>The HEAT light is OFF</td>
<td>The controller shows a very high temperature or code such as S.br</td>
<td>The thermocouple has broken or has a wiring fault</td>
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<td></td>
<td>The controller shows a low temperature</td>
<td>Check the supply fuses and any fuses in the furnace control compartment</td>
<td>The controller may be faulty or not receiving a supply due to a faulty switch or a wiring fault.</td>
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### B. Product Overheats

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<td>1.</td>
<td>Product only heats up when the instrument switch is ON</td>
<td>The controller shows a very high temperature</td>
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<td>The controller shows a low temperature</td>
<td>The thermocouple may be faulty or may have been removed out of the heating chamber</td>
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<td>The thermocouple may be connected the wrong way around</td>
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<td>The controller may be faulty</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Product heats up when the instrument switch is OFF</td>
<td>The SSR has failed &quot;ON&quot;</td>
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10.0  Wiring Diagrams

10.1  WC-13-01
Connections below show single phase with indirect safety switches and over-temperature control.
10.2 WC-13-31
Connections below show single phase with indirect safety switches and over-temperature control.
10.3 2- and 3-phase With Neutral

Each SSR is connected to a different phase. The control circuit is taken between L1 and N.
Safety switch A applies for 2-phase. Safety switch B applies for 3-phase.
If type F1 fuse is present, one per phase if fitted.
If type F2 fuse is present, one is fitted; if type F3 fuse is present, one per phase is fitted.
Note that on 2- or 3-phase models there may be three separate neutrals taken to a common supply terminal, depending on EMC filter requirements.

10.4 Independent Zones (control method C)

When this is ordered there are three independent thermocouples (instead of the four shown) connected to the three controllers; the words “master” and “slave” may be replaced by “centre” and “end”.

10.5 Control by Broadcast Comms (control method B)

When this is ordered there are three independent thermocouples connected to the three controllers; the controllers are linked together (not shown), and remain “master” and “slave”.

The communication between the controllers of the Eurotherm 3000 series is known as Broadcast comms. The wiring connections between the controllers are as follows:
11.0 Fuses and Power Settings

11.1 Fuses

F1-F3: Refer to the circuit diagrams.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Fuses</th>
<th>Internal Supply Fuses</th>
<th>Fitted if supply cable fitted. Fitted on board to some types of EMC filter.</th>
<th>GEC Safeclip of the type shown (glass type F up to 16 A) 38 mm x 10 mm type F fitted on EMC filter circuit board(s)</th>
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<td>F2 Auxiliary Circuit Fuses</td>
<td>Fitted on board to some types of EMC filter. May be omitted up to 25 Amp/phase supply rating.</td>
<td>2 Amps glass type F On board: 20 mm x 5 mm Other: 32 mm x 6 mm</td>
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<td>F3 Heat Light Fuses</td>
<td>May be omitted up to 25 Amp/phase supply rating.</td>
<td>2 Amps glass type F 32 mm x 6 mm</td>
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<td>Customer Fuses</td>
<td>Required if no supply cable fitted. Recommended if cable fitted.</td>
<td>See rating label for current; See table below for fuse rating.</td>
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<td>TZF 12/100/900</td>
<td>1-phase</td>
<td>110-120</td>
<td>63 A</td>
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<td>TZF 12/100/900</td>
<td>1-phase</td>
<td>200-240</td>
<td>20 A</td>
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<td>TZF 12/100/900</td>
<td>2- or 3-phase</td>
<td>380/220-415/240</td>
<td>16 A</td>
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11.2 Power Settings

The power limit settings (parameter OP.Hi) for this model are voltage dependant. The figures represent the maximum percentage of time that controlled power is supplied to the elements. Do not attempt to “improve performance” by setting a value higher than the recommended values. To adjust the parameter refer to the "Changing the Maximum Output Power” of the control section of the manual.

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<th>Volts (V)</th>
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<td>Power (%)</td>
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Note: If a new set of elements are fitted then return the power settings to the original value.

Please refer to the rating label for product specific information.
12.0 Specifications

Carbolite Gero reserves the right to change the specification without notice.

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<tr>
<th>Model</th>
<th>Max Temp (°C)</th>
<th>Max Power (kW)</th>
<th>Work Tube Bore (mm)</th>
<th>Work Tube Length (mm)</th>
<th>Heated Length (mm)</th>
<th>Net Weight (kg)</th>
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<tr>
<td>TZF 12/100/900</td>
<td>1200</td>
<td>4.15</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>950</td>
<td>900</td>
<td>54</td>
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*Note:* Weights are approximate for horizontal models and do not include fittings or vertical stands.

12.1 Environment

The models listed in this manual contain electrical parts and should be stored and used in indoor conditions as follows:

Temperature: 5 °C - 40 °C

Relative humidity: Maximum 80 % up to 31 °C decreasing linearly to 50 % at 40 °C
## Service Record

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