

End User Instruction Manual

IHS Ground and Water Source Heat Pumps

***Single Temperature Regulation**

Models: TERRA Standard 15kW

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Introduction

A standard system includes heat pump, Hygienik Tank, tank stat, diverter valve or twin head pump, hot water programmer and underfloor heating controls.

The heat pump is switched on or activated by either the underfloor heating or the hot water system calling for heat.

You should contact your electricity provider in order to apply for a low cost electricity tariff, eg Economy 10, Economy 7 and Eco Tariff. It's worth shopping around for utility providers to find the best deal.

Note: Economy 10 is an ideal tariff as it gives three periods of off-peak electricity spread over ten hours. These times can also be utilised to operate dishwashers, washing machines, etc.

Time periods vary from region to region but could be in the order of:

Example Only

| Cheap Tariff On | Cheap Tariff Off |
|-----------------|------------------|
| *04.30 am | 07.30 am |
| 13.30 pm | 16.30 pm |
| 20.30 pm | *00.30 am |

Underfloor Heating

The heating controls should be set to match low tariff times. This will ensure the lowest possible running costs for the system.

In winter, ten hours of cheap tariff time may not be enough to keep your building up to temperature, however, the system has been designed to cope with this.

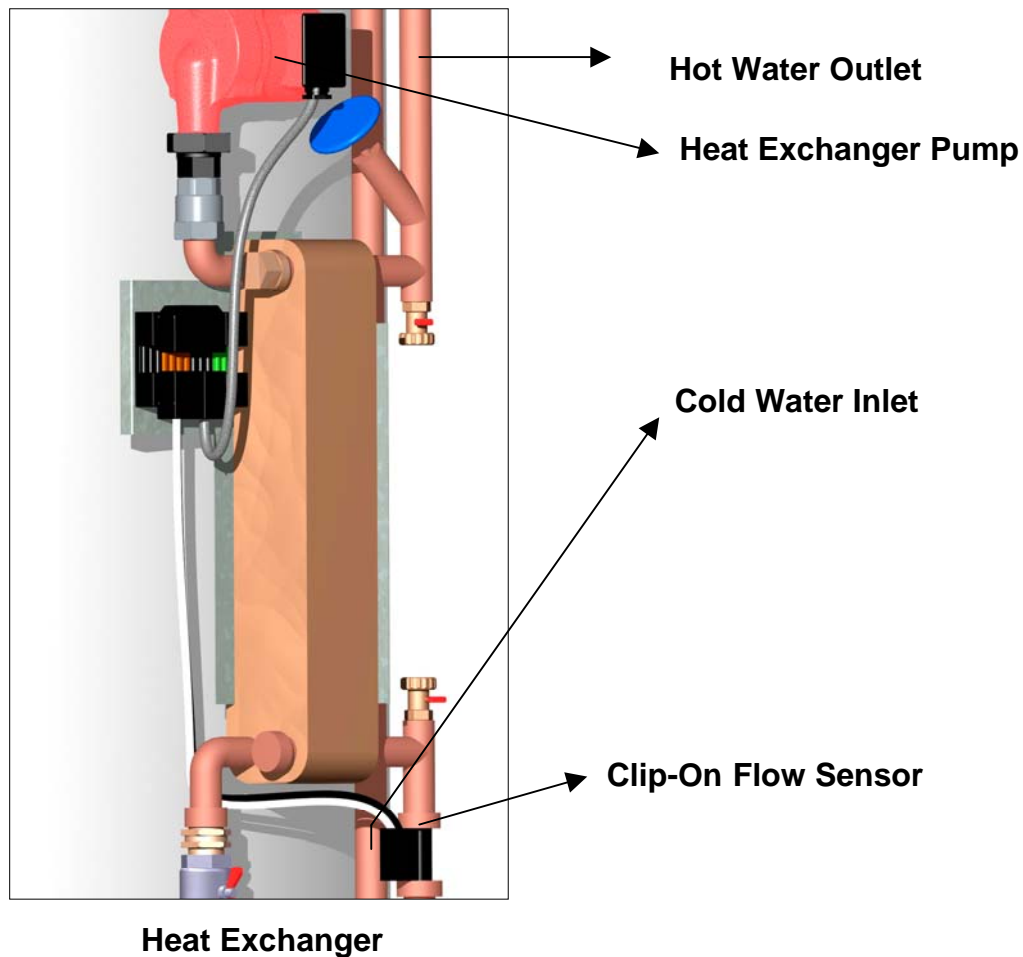
Even when the programmer is timed off, there is a setback stat which will not let the temperature fall below a pre-set minimum level.

We recommend that room stats are set at 20°C for living areas and 16°C for bedrooms.

To avoid extreme temperature variations in your underfloor heating, it is important that you don't change the room stat settings dramatically. If a room is too cold, move the stat up by 1°C. Similarly, if it's too hot, reduce the temperature by 1°C. Leave for 24 hours before adjusting again. The key to underfloor heating is to set the system for stable comfort temperatures rather than what the stat actually reads.

Naturally, the lower the temperature, the lower the running costs.

Hot Water



The Hygienik Tank acts as a thermal store for the domestic hot water system. It is fitted with a heat exchanger. A heat pump, solar panels or other heat sources such as a wood-burning stove or a conventional boiler can be integrated and connected to it.

A heat exchanger is fitted on the side of the tank. The primary side of the heat exchanger is fed from the Hygienik tank. The other (secondary) side is connected to the domestic mains water system.

On the secondary side, once the hot water tap is turned on, the flow switch gives a signal to the heat exchanger pump to come on. It will pump the water from the top of the tank through the plate heat exchanger to the bottom of the tank, while mains cold water will flow in the opposite direction through the plate heat exchanger extracting the heat from the primary circuit.

In this way, the fresh mains water in the heat exchanger is heated instantly and is delivered straight to the tap resulting in fresh hot water that has never been stored. This avoids development of the legionella bacteria (hence the name Hygienik).

Flow Rates

A label on the plate heat exchanger states the flow rate applicable to the relevant model.

Depending on the size of the plate heat exchanger, domestic water flow rates are delivered in 25 litres, 35 litres, 50 litres and 70 litres per minute (l/min).

It is important to ensure that the amount of water drawn is no more than the stated flow rates. This can be checked by performing a bucket test. Use a 10-litre bucket and a watch for timing purposes. Simply open the biggest tap (probably the bath tap) and time how long it takes to fill the bucket.

A modern high-pressure shower should use no more than 11 l/min; therefore a 25 l/min heat exchanger should run two showers at once. An eco-shower uses 7 l/min. These are good high-pressure showers. If your shower uses more water, you should place a restrictor on it. The shower is most likely designed around a non-pressurised system.

Shower types such as a deluge model or full body showers are not recommended for modern energy efficient heating systems.

Programming

All Invisible Heating Systems incorporate either a dual-channel or two single-channel programmers. For correct programming instructions, please refer to the operating instructions supplied with your system.

All IHS standard heat pump systems give hot water priority. This means that when the hot water system is calling for heat, the heating is off. Care should be given to the timing of the hot water system. Ideally it should be set for three periods in each day - eg early morning, lunchtime and evening. Tank size and hot water requirements influence how long these periods need to be but generally a 1.5-hour period for each should be sufficient. In the winter, you may choose to set these periods outside the low tariff times to allow for priority to be given to the heating system. (We suggest using low tariff periods for underfloor heating). In the spring, summer and autumn it is better to time the hot water so that it is on solely in the cheaper periods.

When the hot water programmer is timed on it supplies power to the tank stat. If the temperature in the tank is below the set point of the tank stat (ie the water in the tank is cooler) the output of the heat pump is diverted to the Hygienik Tank. Once the tank temperature increases beyond the set point of the tank stat, then the output of the heat pump returns once more to the heating.

The tank stat is set at the time of commissioning. It is essential that the end user does not adjust it. Adjusting the system or tank stat yourself may cause the heat pump output to be directed permanently to the Hygienik Tank resulting in loss of heating.

NB: Please check that your programmer updates automatically to reflect seasonal time changes (BST). Not all programmers do this and you may need to update this yourself.

Operation with Solar Panels

In the spring, summer and autumn when output from a solar system is optimal, the heat pump's hot water programming should be restricted during daytime hours so that maximum benefit can be obtained from the solar collectors. If hot water is required during the day it may be advisable to programme a short period (eg an hour of low-economy tariff time) to boost hot water capacity on dull days. For further detail, please read the above section "Programming".

Setting The Tank Stat

If, however, you disregard our advice, please carry out the following steps in order to put things right:

When the tank is cool, switch the hot water programmer to "Continuous" and turn the tank stat fully up.

Check the heat pump output temperature (See next section). The heat pump should run 4-6°C past the set point temperature. When the heat pump switches off on high temperature (Light No 4) slowly turn down the tank stat until you hear it click. This sets the stat to the correct position.

Setting The Heat Pump Output Temperatures

You may need to adjust the heat pump temperature down in order to dry out a new underfloor installation. (See Underfloor Heating Installation Manual for further details).

Gradually increase temperature over time from 30°C until the maximum desired temperature of 49°C is reached. This is the normal output setting for the heat pump. It actually runs at 4-6°C higher giving a higher output temperature of 55°C.

Briefly press the "P" button on the heat pump temperature controller. It will flash between "SP1 " and the set temperature which is normally 49°C. Use the down arrow to set the desired temperature (eg 27°C should give an output of between 31°C and 33°C). Press the "P" button once more to set.

It is important to remember than when the heat pump output temperature is turned down, the temperature of the water in the Hygienik Tank will also be lower.

Heat Pump Operation

Refer to Illustration Page 9.

On the front panel of the heat pump, there are two rocker switches, five red warning lights and one green light in a row.

The green rocker switch is the main on and off switch.

The black rocker switch is for the ground loop pump and has two positions: "flush" and "auto".

In flush mode, the ground loop pump will always run, even if the heat pump is off. (providing there is power to the heat pump.)

We recommend putting the system in flush mode prior to commissioning in order to remove all the air out of the ground loop system.

In the auto position, the ground loop pump is automatically switched on shortly before the heat pump comes on. This is the normal operating position for the heat pump.

General Operating Functions

Green and Red (Warning) Lights

When the green light is on, it means that the heat pump is in normal operating mode and should be running.

When any of the red lights come on, it generally indicates a fault.

See Fault-Finding table page10).

Temperature Read-out Function

There is also a temperature readout function on the heat pump.

This is the temperature that the heat pump is giving to the heating system.

On well water systems, there should be a second readout; this is the discharge temperature from the heat pump.

Once the heat pump is asked for heat, there is an eight-minute delay till the heat pump runs.

Heating Flow Temperature
Thermostat



Fault-Finding

Problem No light on heat pump control panel; no temperature read-out

Check Are the main isolator and auxiliary spur switched on?
 Check fuse on front panel
 There are further circuit breakers inside the heat pump; call IHS for advice

| Fault Code | Meaning | Possible Problem |
|----------------|---|--|
| Error 1 | Heat pump high pressure fault. Usually due to poor circulation on the heat pump output. | <p>Blocked strainer on the return line from the Hygienik Tank</p> <p>Solution: Switch pump off. Isolate with isolation valves and clean as required.</p> |
| | | <p>Air in the Hygienik Tank</p> <p>Solution: Put a hose on the bleed point at the top of the tank and open tap to see if any air comes out. Re-pressurise heating system to 1.5 bar as required.</p> |
| | | <p>Diverter valve in wrong position</p> <p>Solution: Remove actuator head and confirm that the valve is pointing to either the heating or the Hygienik tank.</p> |
| | | <p>Heat pump circulating pump not running</p> <p>On the compact unit, the pump is inside the heat pump on the right. On other units it is in the return line after the strainer. Call IHS or consult your heating engineer for advice on how to check the pump.</p> |

| Fault Code | Meaning | Possible Problem |
|--|--|---|
| <p>Error 2 Ground loop or closed borehole systems</p> | <p>This is a heat pump low pressure fault. Usually caused by insufficient flow rate on input side of the heat pump</p> | <p>Blocked strainer on the flow from the ground loop</p> <p>Solution: Switch pump off. Isolate with isolation valves and clean if necessary.</p> |
| | | <p>Ground loop pump not running</p> <p>On the compact unit, it's inside the heat pump on the left. On other units it is in flow line after the strainer. Call IHS or consult your heating engineer for advice on how to check the pump.</p> |
| | | <p>Loss of pressure</p> <p>Solution: Check that the ground loop system has pressure, this is normally between 1.5 and 2 bar. Re-pressurise as necessary but if pressure loss persists, look for evidence of leaks in ground loop chain and at the ground loop manifold.</p> |
| <p>Error 2 Well systems</p> | | <p>Blocked strainer on flow from well</p> <p>Solution: Switch pump off. Isolate with isolation valves and clean with an old toothbrush.</p> |
| | | <p>No pressure</p> <p>Solution: For constant pressure systems, check that pressure is indicated on the gauge. Check that the outlet 2-port valve is open. You can see the arrow of the actuator head through the motor casing. It should be pointing in line with the pipe and not at right angles to it. Check that the fault light is not illuminated on the well controller. For variable speed units, check that the speed controller is not switched off. Is it possible that you have run out of water?</p> |

| Fault Code | Meaning | Possible Problem |
|-------------------|--|---|
| Error 3 | The thermal overload of the compressor has cut in | Is the ambient temperature of the heat pump room too high? Should be less than 35°C Is the main electricity supply to the heat pump within 220-230V? Are the cable terminals tight? |
| Error 4 | The heat pump has reached its maximum preset temperature | This is perfectly normal. The heat pump will automatically reset as required |
| Error 5 | The ground water temperature is too low | In ground loop systems the ground loop chain has to be thoroughly checked In well systems this is often seen when there is insufficient water in the well If the problem persists call IHS/your heating engineer for advice |

General Operating Problems

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| Insufficient domestic hot water | The most common problem is air in the Hygienik Tank. Put a hose on the bleed point at the top of the tank. Take to a sink or outside. Gently open the tap. If air is heard then wait till air stops. Re-pressurise the heating system to 1.5 bar. Get your installer to show you how to do this before leaving the job. |
| | Are you trying to run off too much hot water at once? The heat exchanger has a limit on the flow rate it can supply. Do the bucket test! |
| | Is the heat exchanger pump running when a tap is opened? Is it possible that the flow sensor has been knocked off? (The flow sensor is located on the cold water inlet pipe to heat exchanger) |
| | Is the strainer in the secondary side of the heat exchanger (in the main water inlet) blocked? Isolate and clean as required |
| | Is the timer for domestic hot water programmed for a sufficient period? |
| | Is the tank stat set correctly? (See instruction on page 5) |
| (Diverter valve systems) | Is the valve pointing to the hot water tank? Solution: Turn off heating, turn hot water clock to continuous. If tank is cold, valve should point to hot water tank. (Check if the pipe going to the tank gets warmer). |
| (Twin pump systems) | Has the pump for the hot water tank switched on? |

No Heating

Is the tank stat set correctly? For diverter valve and twin pump systems, the pipe to the tank will always be warm. Reset the tank stat.

Is a room-stat calling for heat?

Check and see whether at least one light from zones 1-6 on the underfloor heating control box is illuminated.

Is the boiler output light on the heating control box illuminated? (Light has flame symbol)

Are the pump lights on the same control box illuminated?

Is the heating circulation pump running?

In diverter valve systems, is the diverter valve pointing to heating rather than hot water?

Twin pump systems - is the heating pump running?

Check warmth of pipe to see which direction the heat is going.

Routine Maintenance

The heat pump system needs very little maintenance.

There are two main strainers (filters) to check: ground loop strainer and central heating strainer.

After the heat pump has been in service for more than three months (where any initial problems should arise) it only needs to be checked annually (see below).

The system may need to be checked however, if the heat pump is showing error codes (see tables above).

Well systems (often referred to as open borehole systems) may require more regular checks - see below.

Airing the Hygienik Tank

In the first three months of operation, regularly check for air in the Hygienik Tank. You can do this by carrying out the following steps:

- Place a hose on the bleed point at the top of the tank.
- Take the hose outside or to a sink.
- Gently open the tap. If air is heard, then wait till it stops.
- Re-pressurise the heating system to 1.5 Bar. Get your installer to show you how to do this before leaving the job.

Checking the Groundloop Strainer

Compact Unit

To check the strainer in the compact unit:

- Open door and switch off power to the heat pump. Flush / auto switch must be in auto.
 - The groundloop pump is on the left hand side; underneath this is an isolator valve.
 - Close the isolator valve.
 - Find and identify the strainer, to the left of the strainer is another isolator valve. Close this.
 - Place a small bowl under the strainer and undo the chamber head with a suitable spanner. Remove the mesh and check it has no foreign objects in it. Clean under a tap if need be. Re-fit the strainer.
 - Open the valve to the left.
 - Finally, open the valve inside the heat pump.
 - Ensure that the pressure of the groundloop system is set to 1.5 Bar.
- Re-pressurise if necessary.

Larger/ Twin Units

There is no isolation valve inside the heat pump; instead there is one on each side of the strainer. Check as above.

Checking the Heating Strainer

The strainer is found in the return line between the Hygienik Tank and the heat pump.

To check the strainer:

- Switch off power to the heat pump.
- The strainer is between the Hygienik Tank and the heat pump in the return line
- There are isolation valves on either side of the strainer; close these
- Place a small bowl under the strainer and undo the chamber head with a suitable spanner. Remove the mesh and check it has no foreign objects in it. Clean under a tap if necessary. Re-fit the strainer.
- Open the valves once more
- Ensure that the pressure of the heating system is set to 1.5 Bar.
- Re-pressurise if necessary.

Well System

Switch off the power to the heat pump and switch off the well pump control unit. There is an isolator valve on either side of the filter. Close these. Locate the small red drain tap. Place a bowl under this and open the tap. When the water stops flowing, unscrew the bottom of the filter and remove the cartridge. Clean if necessary, using an old toothbrush.

Well systems should be checked every quarter or more frequently if required. Other than the above, check that both the heating and ground loop system is holding pressure at 1.5 Bar.

Please ask your plumber/commissioning engineers to demonstrate how to carry out maintenance tasks.

In the case of well systems, you should learn how to check the filter yourself.

Guarantees

The IDM system carries a two-year labour and parts guarantee.

In order to avail of an extra four-year guarantee on parts from IDM, an annual maintenance contract should be purchased from IHS. Under this maintenance agreement, you will be entitled to an annual system check from an IHS service engineer at a mutually suitable time. Following the visit, you will receive a comprehensive written summary highlighting any necessary action required. The engineer will perform a complete system diagnosis and will compare readings

taken from the original commissioning. Additionally, they will check you still have sufficient anti-freeze protection in your ground loop system.

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