

# TEMPERATURE CONTROLLER FOR SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATIONS

**C ← RING**

**RPS 638 C3 Eng.**



- **Temperature control for solar panel installations**
- **Communication systems:**
  - C-Ring for sharing data of common interest between local controllers
- **Power supply 230 V~; DIN rail mounting**

## 1. APPLICATION

RPS 638 temperature controller is designed for the automation of solar panel installations.

## 2. FUNCTIONS

The principal functions of RPS 638 are:

- Management of the thermal exchange between solar panels and storage tanks (max 3) according to the pre-set temperature differential and the desired exchange temperature in the main storage tank with:
  - control of pump in panels circuit;
  - automatic exchange between a maximum of three tanks.
- Control of integration circuit temperature by On-Off signals according to 24hour or 7day timed programs.
- Temperature control by modulating 3-wire control (e.g. minimum temperature solar panels, DHW distribution temperature).
- Three On-Off inputs for signalling status or alarm.
- Alarms for malfunctioning components.
- C-Ring connection for local exchange of data with other controllers (integration priority, desired temperature boilers).

## 3. DETECTORS

No.	Description		Type	Sensing element	Range	Code	Data sheet
1...3	<b>Essential :</b> Storage tank temp. detector	immersion	<b>SIH 010</b>	NTC 10 kΩ	0....99 °C	B1-2-3	N 140
		cable-type	<b>SAF 010</b>	NTC 10 kΩ	0....99 °C	B1-2-3	N 145
1	Panels temperature detector	immersion	<b>SIH 010</b>	NTC 10 kΩ	0....99 °C	B4	N 140
	or	cable-type	<b>SHF 001</b>	Pt 1 kΩ	0...180 °C	B7	N 145
	<b>Optional</b>						
1	Integration temp. detector	immersion	<b>SIH 010</b>	NTC 10 kΩ	0....99 °C	B5	N 140
	or	cable-type	<b>SAF 010</b>	NTC 10 kΩ	0....99 °C	B5	N 145
1	Modulating control temp. detector		<b>SIH 010</b>	NTC 10 kΩ	0....99 °C	B6	N 140

**4. TECHNICAL DATA**(default values in bold type)**• Electrical**

Power supply	230 V ~ ± 10%
Frequency	50 ... 60 Hz
Consumption	5 VA
Protection	IP40
Radio disturbances	VDE0875/0871
Vibration test	with 2g (DIN 40 046)
Voltage-free output contacts:	
Maximum switched voltage	250 V~
Maximum switched current	5 (1) A
Construction standards	Italian Electrotech. Committee CEI
Data storage in memory	5 years
Software	Class A

**• Mechanical**

Case	DIN 6E module
Mounting	on DIN 35 rail
Materials:	
Base	NYLON
Cover	ABS
Ambient temperature:	
Operating	0 ... 45°C
Storage	- 25 ... + 60°C
Ambient humidity	Class F DIN 40040
Dimensions	105 x 115 x 71.5
Weight	0.6 kg

**• Programmes and periods**

24-hour programmes	1 ... 7
24-hour events	2 ... 6
7-day programmes	0 ... 2

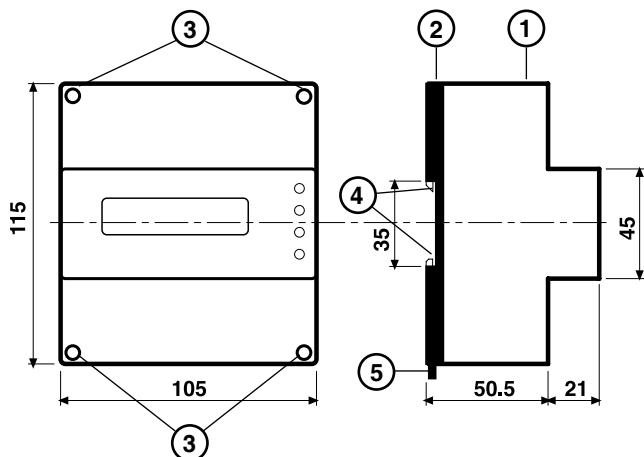
**• Measurement ranges**

Temperature of solar panels	
detector B4	0 ... 99 °C
detector B7	0...200 °C
Temperature of storage tanks (B1 - B2 - B3)	0 ... 99 °C
Integration temperature (B5)	0 ... 99 °C
Modulating control temperature (B6)	0 ... 99 °C

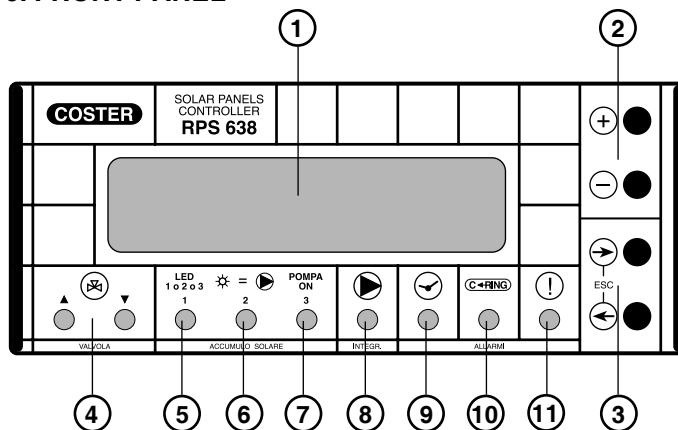
**• Control setting ranges**

Control thermal exchange panels-storage tanks:	
Off differential	0 ... 5 ... 99 °C
On differential	0 ... 10 ... 99 °C
Exchange temperature storage tank 1	0 ... 60 ... 99 °C
Differential exchange storage tank 1	0 ... 5 ... 99 °C
Integration temperature	0 ... 50 ... 99 °C
On-Off integration differential	1 ... 5 ... 30 °C
Modulating control:	
Desired temperature	0 ... 50 ... 99 °C
Valve run time	30 ... 60 ... 3,600 s
Proportional Band	± 0.5 ... 10 ... 99 °C
Integral Time	0 ... 30 ... 1,275 s

In the presence of electrical disturbances the output controls of the controller may change status but this will automatically return to normal.

**5. OVERALL DIMENSIONS**

- 1 – Protective cover for electronic components
- 2 – Base with transformer, relay and terminal blocks
- 3 – Screws for securing base and cover
- 4 – DIN rail securing elements
- 5 – DIN rail release lever

**6. FRONT PANEL**

- 1 – Backlighted alphanumeric display
- 2 – + and – keys
- 3 – ← and → keys
- 4 – Control valve modulating control
- 5 – Storage tank 1
- 6 – Storage tank 2
- 7 – Storage tank 3
- 8 – Integration circuit
- 9 – On-Off alarms
- 10 – Measurement alarms
- 11 – Controller fault alarm

**7. SITING OF CONTROLLER & DETECTORS****7.1 Controller**

The controller must be sited in a dry space that meets the relevant ambiental conditions shown under “Technical Data”. If placed in a space classified as “Hazardous” it must be installed in an electrical enclosure constructed according to the regulations in force for the degree of danger involved. It can be mounted on a DIN rail and housed in a standard DIN enclosure.

**7.2 Temperature detector for solar panels B4 or B7**

This must be installed on the outlet pipe of the solar panels (upper part) and as near as possible to the panels themselves so that it can measure the temperature of the panels even when the solar circuit pump is idle.

**7.3 Temperature detectors for storage tanks B1 – B2 – B3**

Must be installed in the storage tank just above (5...10 cm) the internal heat exchanger or on the upper pipework coming from the external heat exchanger

**7.4 Integration temperature detector B5**

Must be installed in storage tank 1 just above (5...10 cm) the internal integration exchanger or on the upper pipework coming from the external integration exchanger.

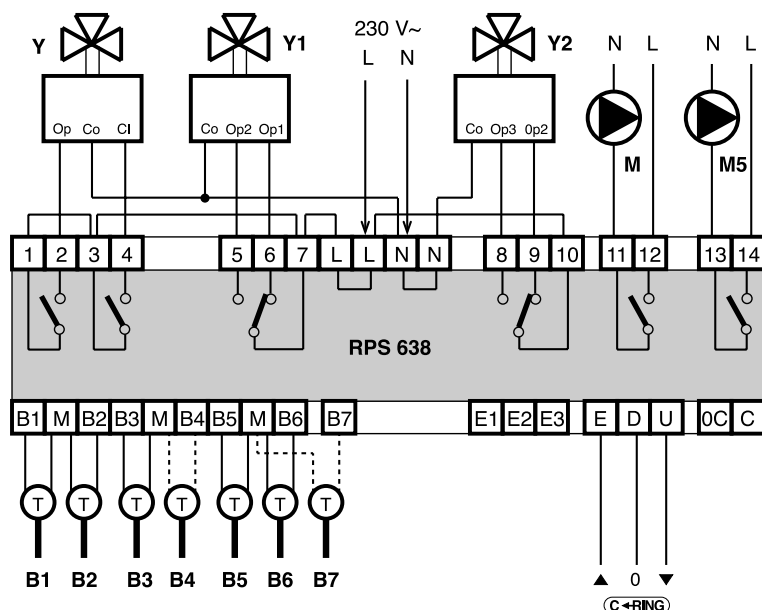
**7.5 Temperature detector for DHW distribution B6 (as alternative to minimum temp. solar panels)**

Must be installed on DHW distribution on pipe at least 1 metre after mixing valve Y.

**7.6 Minimum temperature detector for solar panels B6 (as alternative to DHW distribution temperature)**

This must be installed between the solar panels and the mixing valve Y.

## 7. WIRING DIAGRAM



- B1 – Solar storage tank 1 temp. detector (NTC 10 kΩ; 0...99 °C)
- B2 – Solar storage tank 2 temp. detector (NTC 10 kΩ; 0...99 °C)
- B3 – Solar storage tank 3 temp. detector (NTC 10 kΩ; 0...99 °C)
- B4 – Solar panels temp. detector (NTC 10 kΩ; 0...99 °C)  
As alternative to B7
- B5 – DHW integration temp. detector
- B6 – Distribution DHW temp. detector  
or minimum temp. solar panels
- B7 – Solar panel temp. detector (Pt 1kΩ; 0...200 °C)  
As alternative to B4
- M – Panels pump
- M5 – Integration pump
- Y – Control valve for DHW distribution  
or minimum temp. solar panels
- Y1 – Changeover valve storage tanks 1 and 2-3
- Y2 – Changeover valve storage tanks 2 and 3

## 9. ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS

Proceed as follows:

- Separate the base from the cover
- Mount the base on the DIN rail and check that it is firmly anchored by the securing elements (5.4).
- Carry out the wiring according to the diagram and in compliance with the relevant regulations and using:
  - 1.5 mm<sup>2</sup> cables for power supply and relay control outputs.
  - 1 mm<sup>2</sup> for the detectors.
  - 1 mm<sup>2</sup> for C-Bus and for C-Ring. For length limits see data sheets T 021 and T 022.
- Apply power (230 V~) and check its presence across terminals L and N.
- Remove power, replace cover on base/terminal block and secure it with the four screws supplied (5.3).

You are advised not to insert more than two cables in a single terminal of the controller and, if necessary, to use an external junction box.

## 10. COMMUNICATION

### 10.1 C-Ring for communication between controllers (for details see data sheet T 022)

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CRing:  
NO

RPS 638 controller can be “**Primary**” or “**Secondary**”.

In the C-Ring the following signals are transmitted:

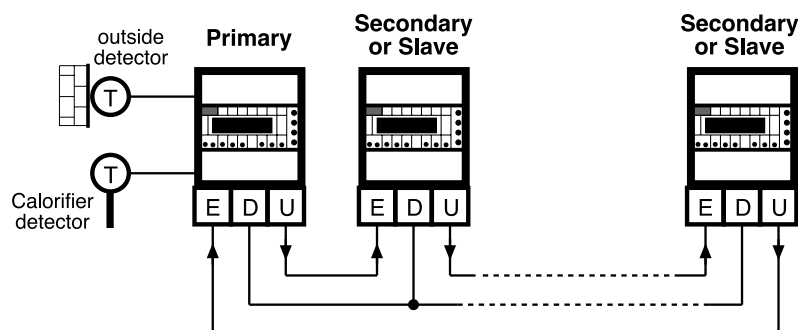
- permission to operate as **Slave** controllers.
- value of **ow temperature** requested by DHW/heating circuit controllers, used by “PRIMARY” controller for temperature regulation of boilers (if scheduled).
- modulating control of valves closure of heating circuits.

NO = connection to C-Ring not scheduled.

PRIMARY = connected to C-Ring and is configured as “Primary”.

SECONDARY = connected to C-Ring and is configured as “Secondary”.

### 10.2 C-Ring electrical connections



11.1 EXAMPLES OF PLANTS WITH ONE STORAGE TANK

Setting solar plants :

21.1

Config detectors  
1 - - 4 5 6 7

18.2

Integration temp  
Des:50c Act:xxc

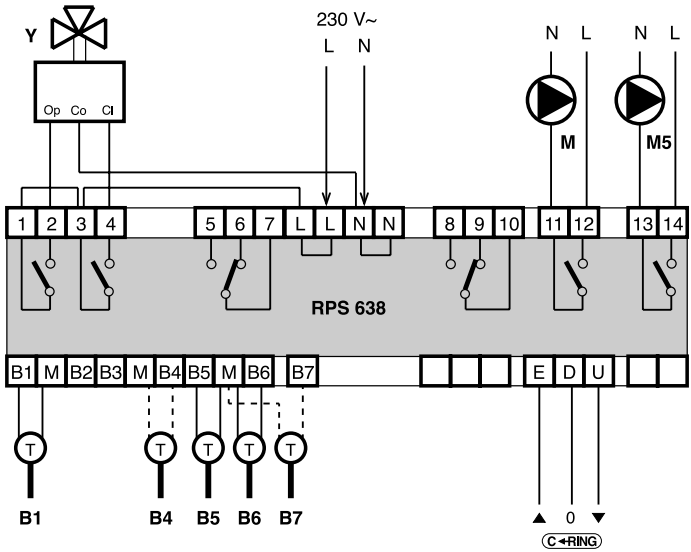
20.1

Solar Different  
On :10c Off: 5c

20.3

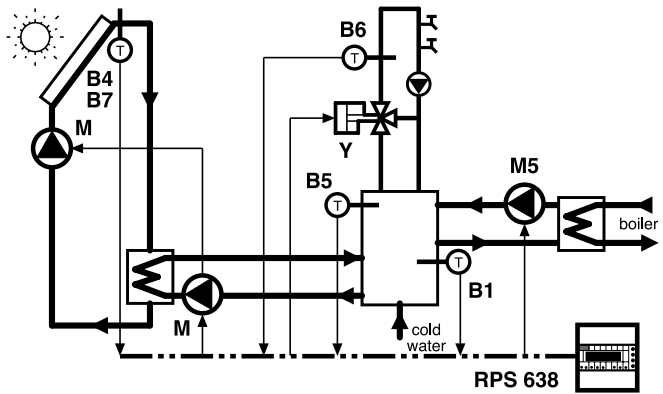
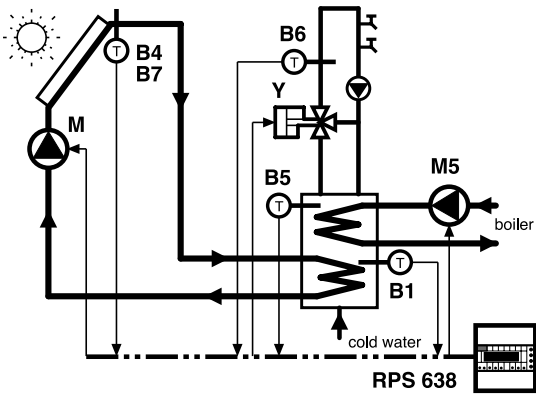
Integ Diff :05c  
Priority :NO

- B1 – Storage tank temp. detector (NTC 10 kΩ; 0...99 °C)  
B4 – Solar panels temp. detector (NTC 10 kΩ; 0...99 °C)  
As alternative to B7  
B5 – Integration temp. detector  
B6 – Distribution DHW temp. detector  
or minimum temp. solar panels.  
B7 – Solar panel temp. detector (Pt 1kΩ; 0...200 °C)  
As alternative to B4  
M – Solar circuit pump  
M5 – Integration circuit pump  
Y – DHW distribution control valve  
or minimum temp. solar panels  
ΔOn – Solar plant switching on differential  
ΔOff – Solar plant switching off differential



- Thermal exchange between solar panels and storage tank:  
• Pump M: On (11–12 closed) with  $B4 - B1 \geq \Delta On$   
Off (11–12 open) with :  $B4 - B1 \leq \Delta Off$

Plants with modulating control of DHW distribution temperature



Setting temperature control distribution of DHW :

21.2

Control DHW Y:

18.4

T DHW  
Des:50c Act:50c

20.4

DHW Run time : 60s

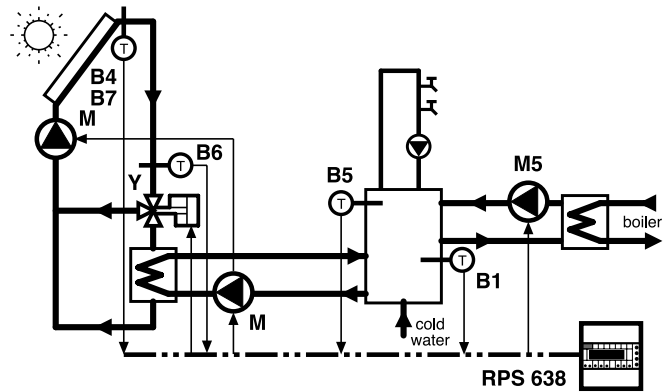
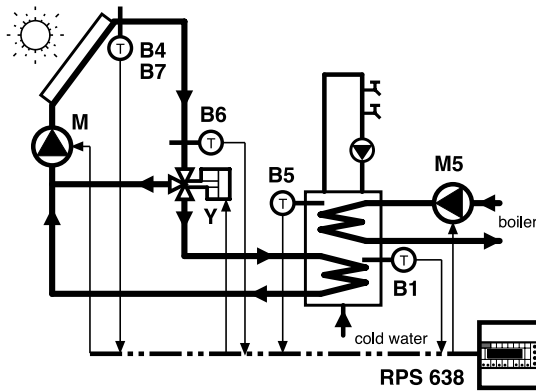
20.5

DHW Proport Band:20c

20.6

DHW Integral T 30s

Plants with modulating control of minimum temperature solar panels



Setting control minimum temperature solar panels :

21.2

Control Y:  
SOLAR PANELS

19.4

T Solar panels  
Des:60c Act:50c

20.4

Solar panels Run Time :120s

20.5

Solar panels Propor.Band : 5c

20.6

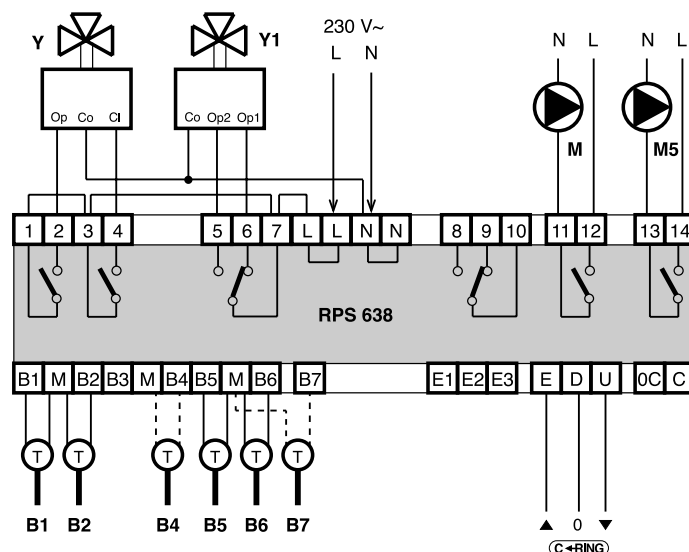
DHW Integral T. 600s

## 11.2 EXAMPLES OF PLANTS WITH TWO STORAGE TANKS & ONE DIVERTING VALVE

Setting solar plant:

21.1 Config detectors 1 2 - 4 5 6 7	18.5 Storage 1 T :xxc Des Switch T:60c	18.2 Integration temp Des:50c Act:xxc
20.1 Solar Different. On :10c Off: 5c	20.2 Switch Different Storage 1 : 5c	20.3 Integ Diff :05c Priority :NO

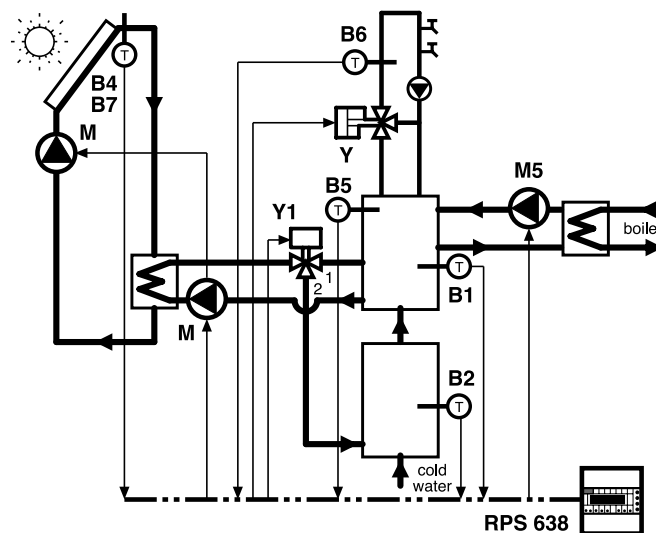
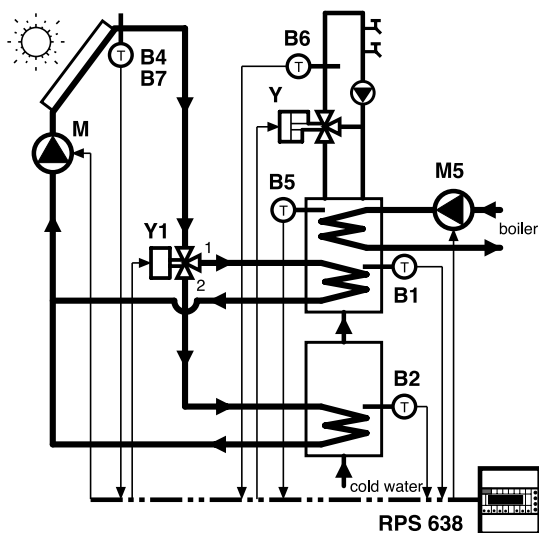
- B 1-2 – Storage tanks temp. detectors (NTC 10 kΩ; 0...99 °C)  
 B4 – Solar panels temp. detector (NTC 10 kΩ; 0...99 °C)  
 As alternative to B7  
 B5 – DHW integration temp. detector  
 B6 – Distribution DHW temp. detector  
 or minimum temp. solar panels.  
 B7 – Solar panel temp. detector (Pt 1kΩ; 0...200 °C)  
 As alternative to B4  
 M – Solar circuit pump  
 M5 – Integration circuit pump  
 Y – DHW distribution control valve  
 or minimum temp. solar panels  
 Y1 – Valve for switching storage tanks 1 and 2  
 ΔOn – Solar plant switching on differential  
 ΔOff – Solar plant switching off differential  
 Tex – Storage tank 1 exchange temperature  
 ΔTex – Storage tank 1 exchange differential



Thermal exchange between solar panels and storage tanks:

- Pump M : On (11-12 closed) with :  $B4 - B1 \geq \Delta On$  or  $B4 - B2 \geq \Delta On$   
 Off (11-12 open) with :  $B4 - B1 \leq \Delta Off$  and  $B4 - B2 \leq \Delta Off$
- Valve Y1 : Opens storage tank 1 (7-6 closed ; 7-5 open) Off :  $B4 - B1 \geq \Delta On$  and  $B1 \leq Tex - \Delta Tex$   
 or  
 $B4 - B1 \geq \Delta Off$  and  $B4 - B2 \leq \Delta Off$   
 Opens storage tanks 2 (7-6 open ; 7-5 closed) with:  $B4 - B1 \leq \Delta Off$  or  $B1 \geq Tex$

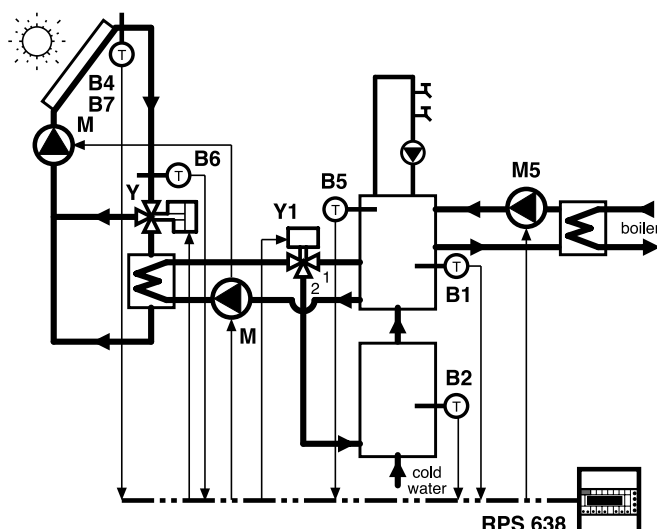
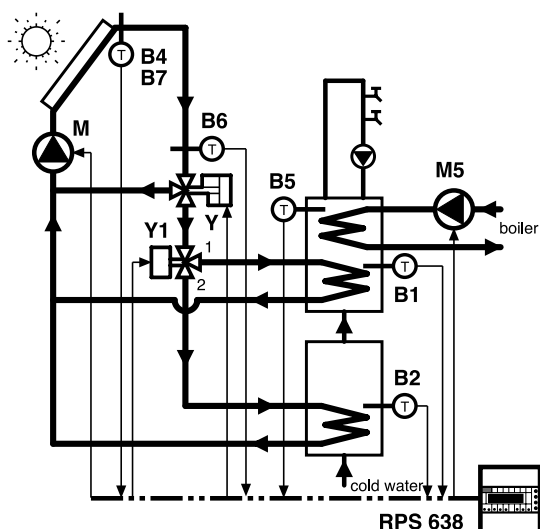
Plants with modulating control of DHW distribution temperature



Setting control DHW distribution temperature:

21.2 Control DHW Y:	18.4 T DHW Des:50c Act:50c	20.4 DHW Run time : 60s	20.5 DHW Proport Band :20	20.6 DHW Integral T 30s
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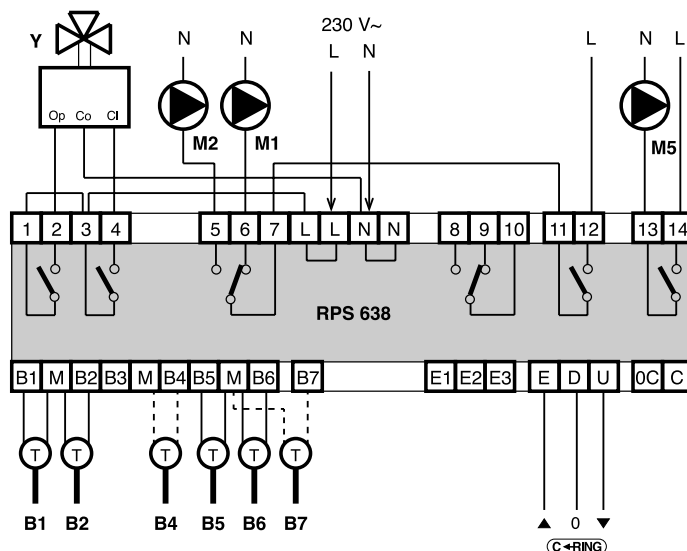
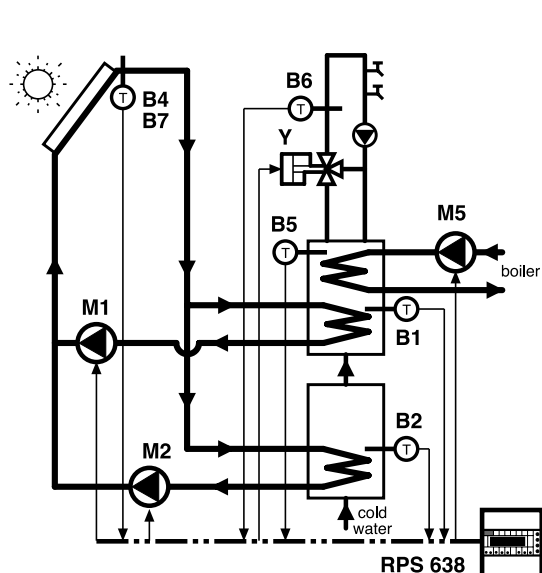
## Plants with modulating control of minimum temperature solar panels



Setting control minimum temperature solar panels:

21.2 Control Y: SOLAR PANELS	18.4 T Solar panels Des:60c Act:50c	20.4 Solar panels Run time :120s	20.5 Solar panels Proport Band: 5c	20.6 Solar panels Integral T 600s
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## 11.3 EXAMPLES OF PLANTS WITH TWO STORAGE TANKS &amp; TWO PUMPS



Setting solar plant :

21.1 Config Detectors 1 2 - 4 5 6 7	18.5 Storage 1 T :xxc Des switch T:60c	18.2 Integration temp Des:50c Act:xxc
20.1 Solar Different On :10c Off: 5c	20.2 Switch Different Storage 1 : 5c	20.3 Integ Diff : 5c Priority :NO

- B 1-2 – Storage tanks temp. detectors (NTC 10 kΩ; 0...99 °C)  
 B4 – Solar panels temp. detector (NTC 10 kΩ; 0...99 °C)  
 As alternative to B7  
 B5 – DHW integration temp. detector  
 B6 – DHW distribution temp. detector  
 B7 – Solar panel temp. detector (Pt 1kΩ; 0...200 °C)  
 As alternative to B4  
 M1 – Storage tank 1 pump  
 M2 – Storage tank 2 pump  
 M5 – Integration circuit pump  
 Y – DHW temperature control valve  
 ΔOn – Solar plant switching on differential  
 ΔOff – Solar plant switching off differential  
 Tex – Storage tank 1 exchange temperature  
 ΔTex – Storage tank 1 exchange differential

Thermal exchange between solar panels and storage tanks:

- Pump M1On and M2 Off (11–12 closed; 7-6 closed; 7-5 open)) with :

$$B4 - B1 \geq \Delta On \text{ and } B1 \leq Tex - \Delta Tex$$

or

$$B4 - B1 \geq \Delta Off \text{ and } B4 - B2 \leq \Delta Off$$

$$B4 - B1 \leq \Delta Off \text{ or } B1 \geq Tex$$

- Pump M1Off and M2 On (11-12 closed; 7-6 open; 7-5 closed) with :
- Pump M1 and M2 Off (11-12 On) with :  $B4 - B1 \leq \Delta Off$  and  $B4 - B2 \leq \Delta Off$

Setting control temperature DHW distribution:

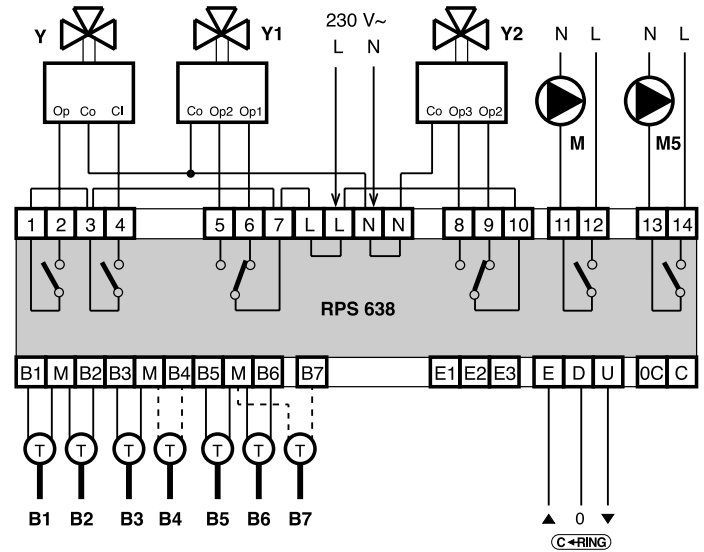
21.2 Control Y: DHW	18.4 T DHW Des:50c Act:50c	20.4 DHW Run time : 60s	20.5 DHW Proport Band:20c	20.6 DHW Integral T 30s
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## 11.4 EXAMPLES OF PLANTS WITH THREE STORAGE TANKS AND THREE PUMPS

Setting solar plant:

21.1 Config detectors 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	18.5 Storage 1 T : xxc Des switch T : 60c	18.2 Integration temp Des: 50c Act: xxc
20.1 Solar Different On : 10c Off : 5c	20.2 Switch Different Storage 1 : 5c	20.3 Integ Diff : 5c Priority : NO

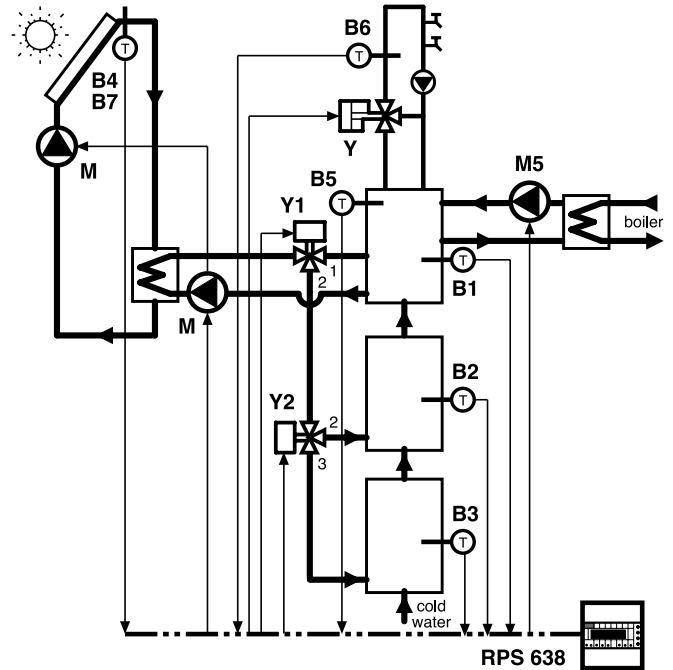
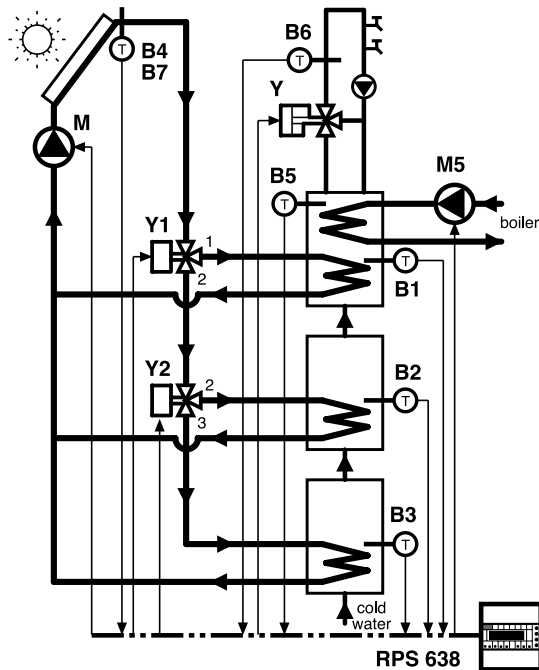
- B 1-2-3 – Storage tanks temp. detector (NTC 10 kΩ; 0...99 °C)  
 B4 – Solar panels temp. detector (NTC 10 kΩ; 0...99 °C)  
 As alternative to B7  
 B5 – DHW integration temp. detector  
 B6 – Distribution DHW temp. detector  
 or minimum temp. solar panels.  
 B7 – Solar panel temp. detector (Pt 1kΩ; 0...200 °C)  
 As alternative to B4  
 M – Solar circuit pump  
 M5 – Integration circuit pump  
 Y – DHW distribution control valve  
 or minimum temp. solar panels  
 Y1 – Valve for switching storage tanks 1 and 2  
 Y2 – Valve for switching storage tanks 2 and 3  
 ΔOn – Solar plant switching on differential  
 ΔOff – Solar plant switching off differential  
 Tex – Storage tank 1 exchange temperature  
 ΔTex – Storage tank 1 exchange differential



Thermal exchange between solar panels and storage tanks:

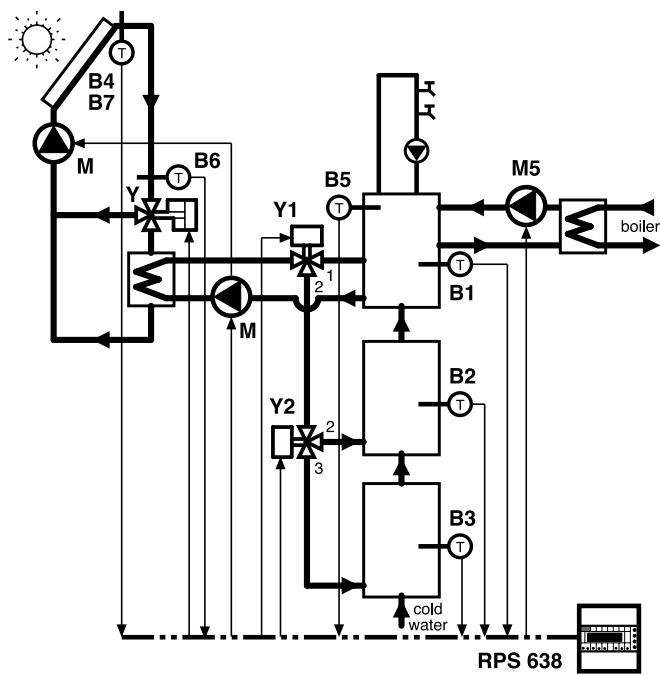
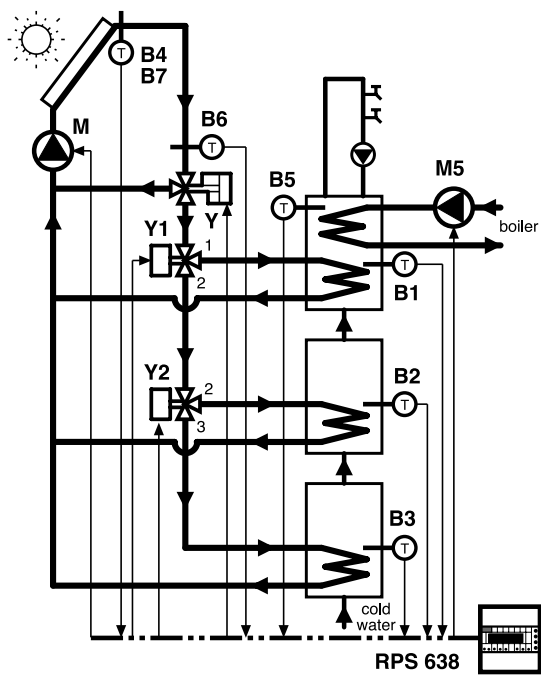
- Pump M : On (11-12 closed) with :  $B4 - B1 \geq \Delta On$  or  $B4 - B2 \geq \Delta On$  or  $B4 - B3 \geq \Delta On$   
 Off (11-12 open) with :  $B4 - B1 \leq \Delta Off$  and  $B4 - B2 \leq \Delta Off$  and  $B4 - B3 \leq \Delta Off$
- Valve Y1 : Opens storage tank 1 (7-6 closed ; 7-5 open) with :  $B4 - B1 \geq \Delta On$  and  $B1 \leq Tex - \Delta Tex$   
 or  
 $B4 - B1 \geq \Delta Off$  and  $B4 - B2 \leq \Delta Off$  and  $B4 - B3 \leq \Delta Off$   
 Opens storage tanks 2 and 3 (7-6 open ; 7-5 closed) with :  $B4 - B1 \leq \Delta Off$  or  $B1 \geq Tex$
- Valve Y2 : Opens storage tank 2 (10-9 closed ; 10-8 open) with :  $B4 - B2 \geq \Delta On$   
 Opens storage tank 3 (10-9 open ; 10-8 closed) with :  $B4 - B3 \geq \Delta On$  and  $B4 - B2 \leq \Delta Off$

### Plants with modulating control of DHW distribution temperature



21.2 Control Y : DHW	18.4 T DHW Des: 50c Act: 50c	20.4 DHW Run time : 60s	20.5 DHW Proport Band: 20c	20.6 DHW Integral T 30s
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Plants with modulating control of minimum temperature solar panels



Setting control minimum temperature solar panels:

21.2  
Control Y:  
SOLAR PA NELS

18.4  
T Solar panels  
Des:60c Act:50c

20.4  
Solar panels  
Run time :120s

20.5  
Solar panels  
Proport Band :5c

20.6  
Solar panels  
Integral T 600s



## 11.5 EXAMPLES OF PLANTS WITH THREE STORAGE TANKS AND THREE PUMPS

Setting solar plant:

21.1 Config detectors 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	18.5 Storage 1 T : xxc Des switch T : 60c	18.2 Integration temp Des : 50c Act : xxc
20.1 Solar Different On : 10c Off : 5c	20.2 Switch Different Storage 1 : 5c	20.3 Integ Diff : 5c Priority : NO

B 1-2-3 – Storage tanks temp. detector (NTC 10 kΩ; 0...99 °C)  
 B4 – Solar panels temp. detector (NTC 10 kΩ; 0...99 °C)  
 As alternative to B7  
 B5 – DHW integration temp. detector  
 B6 – Distribution DHW temp. detector  
 B7 – Solar panel temp. detector (Pt 1kΩ; 0...200 °C)  
 As alternative to B4  
 M1 – Storage tank 1 pump  
 M2 – Storage tank 2 pump  
 M3 – Storage tank 3 pump  
 M5 – Integration circuit pump  
 Y – DHW temperature control valve  
 ΔOn – Solar plant switching on differential  
 ΔOff – Solar plant switching off differential  
 Tex – Storage tank 1 exchange temperature  
 ΔTex – Storage tank 1 exchange differential

Thermal exchange between solar panels and storage tanks:

• Pumps M1 On, M2 and M3 Off (11-12 closed; 7-6 closed) with :

$B4 - B1 \geq \Delta On$  and  $B1 \leq Tex - \Delta Tex$

or

$B4 - B1 \geq \Delta Off$  and  $B4 - B2 \leq \Delta Off$  and  $B4 - B3 \leq \Delta Off$

$B4 - B2 \geq \Delta On$  and  $B4 - B1 \leq \Delta Off$

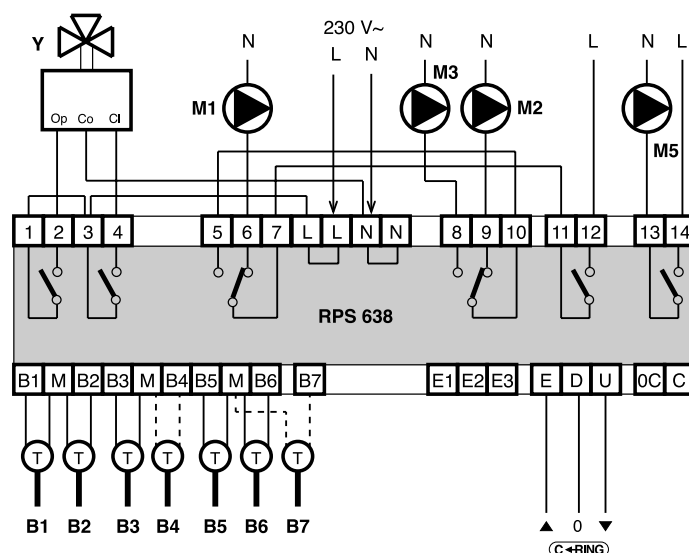
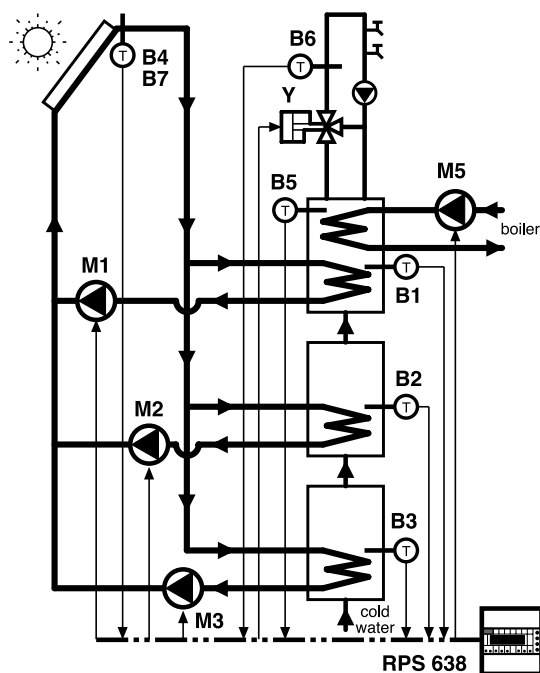
or

$B4 - B2 \geq \Delta On$  and  $B1 \geq Tex$

$B4 - B3 \geq \Delta On$  and  $B4 - B2 \leq \Delta Off$

• Pumps M3 On, M1 and M2 Off (1-12 closed; 7-5 closed; 10-8 closed) with :

• Pumps M1, M2 and M3 Off (11-12 open) with :  $B4 - B1 \leq \Delta Off$  and  $B4 - B2 \leq \Delta Off$  and  $B4 - B3 \leq \Delta Off$



Setting control temperature distribution DHW:

21.2 Control Y: DHW	18.4 T DHW Des : 50c Act : 50c	20.4 DHW Run time : 60s	20.5 DHW Proport Band : 20c	20.6 DHW Integral T 30s
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## 12. OPERATION

21.1

Config detectors  
1 - - 4 - - -

RPS 638 is a microprocessor-based digital controller for:

- Control of thermal exchange panels-storage tanks with On-Off control of solar circuit pump and automatic switching of three (max.) storage tanks by control of diverting valves.
- Control at fixed point of integration temperature with On-Off control.
- Control of temperature at fixed point with three-wire modulating control (e.g. minimum temp. solar panels, DHW distribution temperature).

*It is essential to configure the controller according to the detectors connected.*

## 12.1 On-Off control of thermal exchange between solar panels and storage tanks

20.1

Solar Diffent  
On : 10c Off: 5c

18.5

Storage 1 T : xxc  
Des switch T : 60c

20.2

Switch Different  
Storage 1 : 5c

**With three storage tanks (detectors B4, B1, B2 and B3)**

The controller compares the difference between the panels temperature B4 and the temperatures of storage tank B1, storage tank B2 and storage tank B3, with the differentials Solar  $\Delta On$  and  $\Delta Off$  :

- Pump M :  
switches on when :  $B4 - B1 \geq \Delta On$  or  $B4 - B2 \geq \Delta On$  or  $B4 - B3 \geq \Delta On$   
switches off when :  $B4 - B1 \leq \Delta Off$  and  $B4 - B2 \leq \Delta Off$  and  $B4 - B3 \leq \Delta Off$
- Valve Y1 :  
opens Storage 1 when :  $B4 - B1 \geq \Delta On$  and  $B1 \leq Tex - \Delta Tex$   
or  
 $B4 - B1 \geq \Delta Off$  and  $B4 - B2 \leq \Delta Off$  and  $B4 - B3 \leq \Delta Off$   
opens Storage 2 and 3 when :  $B4 - B1 \leq \Delta Off$  or  $B1 \geq Tex$
- Valve Y2 :  
opens Storage 2 when :  $B4 - B2 \geq \Delta On$   
opens Storage 3 when :  $B4 - B3 \geq \Delta On$  and  $B4 - B2 \leq \Delta Off$

**With two storage tanks (detectors B4, B1 and B2)**

The controller compares the difference between the panels temperature B4 and the temperatures of storage tank B1 and storage tank B2 with the differentials Solar  $\Delta On$  and  $\Delta Off$  :

- Pump M :  
switches on when :  $B4 - B1 \geq \Delta On$  or  $B4 - B2 \geq \Delta On$   
switches off when :  $B4 - B1 \leq \Delta Off$  and  $B4 - B2 \leq \Delta Off$
- Valve Y1 :  
opens Storage 1 when :  $B4 - B1 \geq \Delta On$  and  $B1 \leq Tex - \Delta Tex$   
or  
 $B4 - B1 \geq \Delta Off$  and  $B4 - B2 \leq \Delta Off$   
opens Storage 2 when :  $B4 - B1 \leq \Delta Off$  or  $B1 \geq Tex$

**With one storage tank (detectors B4 and B1)**

The controller compares the difference between the panels B4 temperature and the storage tank B1 temperature with the differentials Solar  $\Delta On$  and  $\Delta Off$  :

- Pump M :  
switches on when :  $B4 - B1 \geq \Delta On$  and  $B1 \leq Tex - \Delta Tex$   
switches off when :  $B4 - B1 \leq \Delta Off$  or  $B1 \geq Tex$

Legend :    - **B1**    = storage tank 1 temperature    -  **$\Delta On$**     = solar On differential  
              - **B2**    = storage tank 2 temperature    -  **$\Delta Off$**     = solar Off differential  
              - **B3**    = storage tank 3 temperature    - **Tex**     = storage tank 1 exchange temperature  
              - **B4**    = solar panels temperature     -  **$\Delta Tex$**     = storage tank 1 exchange temp. differential

*The plants with two or three storage tanks can be constructed without diverting valves, and using a circulation pump for each tank (see EXAMPLES PLANTS 11.3 and 11.5)*

## 12.2 On-Off control integration circuit (detector B5)

18.3

Integration : ON  
24 HOUR    1

It is possible to program the operation of the integration circuit according to the consumer requirements:

- 7 DAY 1-2    = timed operation with 7 day program 1 or 2.
- 24 HOUR 1...7 = timed operation with one of seven 24 hour programs.
- ALWAYS ON    = continuous operation with desired temperature.
- ALWAYS OFF    = always off.

The current operating mode (-On - Off) depends on the program set.

18.2

Integration temp  
Des: 50c Act: 50c

20.3

Integ Diff : 5c  
Priority : NO

The controller compares the desired integration temperature with the value measured by detector B5 according to the differential set:

- When  $B5 \leq Ti - \Delta$  :  
- Pump M5 = On ;
- When  $B5 \geq Ti$  :  
- Pump M5 = Off ;

When RPS 638 is connected in C-Ring with other controllers, the Priority function is enabled and the pump M5 is switched on, sends in C-Ring the differential between the desired and actual integration temperature (B5). The controllers in C-Ring, with the Anticondensing function enabled, reduce their own desired low temperature by 4°C for each C° of differential in order to give precedence to the RPS 638 integration circuit.

### 12.3 Three-wire modulating control (detector B6)

21.2

Control Y:  
SOLAR PANELS

Control Y:  
DHW

Control Y:  
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This can be used for:

- Control of minimum temperature of the solar panels so as to exploit better the thermal exchange with the storage tanks (valve Y and detector B6 installed on the panels circuit).
- or
- Control of temperature of DHW distribution (valve Y and detector B6 installed on the DHW distribution circuit).
- or
- Control of the temperature of a generic plant not in relation to the solar panels installation.

The controller compares the value measured by detector B6 with desired temp. and produces the command Y according to the difference measured

17.4

T. DHW  
Des: 50c Act: 50c

and the PI parameters set:

19.4

DHW  
Run time : 60s

19.5

DHW  
Proport Band: 10c

19.6

DHW  
Integral T : 30s

### 12.4 Antibacteria function

20.7

Antibacteria  
NO

Prevents the formation of bacterial colonies in the DHW circuit by bringing the Integration circuit to a high temperature for a certain period of time.

19.8

Antibacteria  
Temp: 70c for 090m

- NO : function not enabled.
- STORAGE ONLY : function enabled only for storage tank;  
DHW control continues to maintain the distribution circuit at low temperature.
- STORAGE + DISTRIB. : function enabled both for storage tank and for distribution circuit;  
the DHW control valve is completely opened.

The function is enabled at the time and on the days of the week (1 or 2) set

19.9

Antibacteria  
02.00 MONandTHU

## 13. PROGRAMS & PERIODS WITH DATES

*The timed programs can be used only for control of the **integration circuit**.*

### 13.1 24 hour programs

19.1

How many 24hour  
programs ? 1

Set the number of 24 hour programs (1... 7) you wish to use in order to eliminate unnecessary display pages.

19.2

P1 Event 1 6.00  
ON

In each 24 hour programs you can set a maximum of six event start times (**Ev1...Ev6**) assigning to each one of the following modes:

- ON : control with desired integration temperature set in
- OFF : plant off

18.2

Integration temp  
Des: 50c

19.7

P1 Event 6 22.00  
OFF

*The times of each start event must be entered in increasing order.  
Unused times must be excluded by pressing + and – keys at the same time.  
You must not leave unused times(– – –) between programmed times.*

### 13.2 7day programs

19.8

How many 7day  
programs ? 1

Set the number of 7 day programs (0...2) to be used so as to eliminate unused display pages.

19.9

7day 1: MONDAY  
24 HOUR 1

In each 7day program you can assign to each day of the week one of the programs:

- 24 HOUR 1 ...7; – ON ; – OFF.

19.15

7day 1: SUNDAY  
DAILY 1

### 13.3 British Summer Time (BST)

19.16

BST AUT  
Fr: xx.xx to: xx.xx

The controller changes the time automatically according to BST period.

- BST :
  - MAN = Changes the time at the dates set.
  - AUT = Changes the time automatically:
    - at 02.00 on the last Sunday in March the clock is put forward an hour;
    - at 02.00 on the last Sunday in October the clock is put back an hour.
- Fr - - - - to - - - - = day and month of start and end of BST (only if MAN).

To cancel the period keep pressed + and – keys at the same time.

## 14. COMPLEMENTARY FUNCTIONS

### 14.1 Access key number

21.4

Choice keynumber  
- - - -

Choice and enabling of access key number which prevents the use of + and – keys and consequently any modification of the data. Enter the number (1900...1999) using + and – keys.  
To cancel the key number press + and – at the same time until the dashes re-appear.

Access keynumber  
- - - -

When the key number is enabled, if you press + or – keys there will appear on the display the request to enter the key number.

Only after having entered the correct number is it possible to use the + and – keys.

If for 15 minutes no key is pressed the key number is automatically re-enabled.

### 14.2 Name of plant site

21.5

Site Name  
- - - - -

Entering name of plant site. This appears on first page of display.

Each dash can be replaced, using + and – keys, by a letter of the alphabet (A ... Z) or by a number (0...9). The → keys serves to position the cursor

### 14.3 Display of measurements

18.7

Panels  
Temperature : xxc

The controller displays all the measurements monitored by the detectors and the data which serves to understand the operational status of the plant:

- *Solar panels* temperature measured by detector **B4**.

18.5

Storage 1 T: xxc  
Des switch T: 60c

- *Actual*/temperature measured by detector **B1**.
- *Desired storage tank 1 exchange* temperature.

18.2

Integration temp  
Des: 50c Act: xxc

- *Desired integration* temperature.
- *Actual*/temperature measured by detector **B5**.

18.4

T DHW  
Des: 50c Act: xxc

- *DHW or solar panels or ----- desired* temperature.
- *Actual*/temperature measured by detector **B6**.

18.6

Storage 2 T: xxc  
Storage 3 T: xxc

- *Actual storage tanks* temperature measured by detectors **B2** and **B3**.

## 15. ALARMS

The controller is able to signal certain operating faults by means of three LEDs situated on the fascia:

- fault internal real time clock (led 6.8)
- fault in C-Ring (led 6.9)
- fault in microprocessor (led 6.10)

## 16. TESTING AT COMMISSIONING

Testing to be carried out when installation has been completed and electric wiring and configuration carried out and tested.

### 16.1 Testing C-Ring

21.5

CRing :  
PRIMARY  
CRing :  
SECONDARY

The C-Ring testing page appears only if it is configured in

Ensure that all the other controllers connected in C-Ring are:

22.1

CRing : ??

– correctly powered at mains voltage ( 230 V~).

– Slave controllers or configured as SECONDARIES in

CRing :  
SECONDARY

– selected on testing page

CRing : ??

The PRIMARY controller sends via C-Ring a signal every 10 seconds. On all the displays appears "??". If the connection is satisfactory the word "YES" replaces "??" on all the displays. If on one or more displays "YES" does not appear this means that there is a break in the connection between the last controller with "YES" and the first with "??".

Examples of testing a C-Ring with four controllers:

- Cont.1 "YES" – Cont.2 "YES" – Cont.3 "YES" – Cont.4 "YES" : *Connection OK*
- Cont.1 "???" – Cont.2 "YES" – Cont.3 "YES" – Cont.4 "YES" : *Break between 4 & 1*
- Cont.1 "???" – Cont.2 "YES" – Cont.3 "???" – Cont.4 "???" : *Break between 2 & 3*
- Cont.1 "???" – Cont.2 "???" – Cont.3 "???" – Cont.4 "???" : *Break between 1 & 2*

### 16.2 Testing outputs

22.2

Output : VALVE Y  
Status : CLOSED

Using + and – keys choose:

• output to be tested:

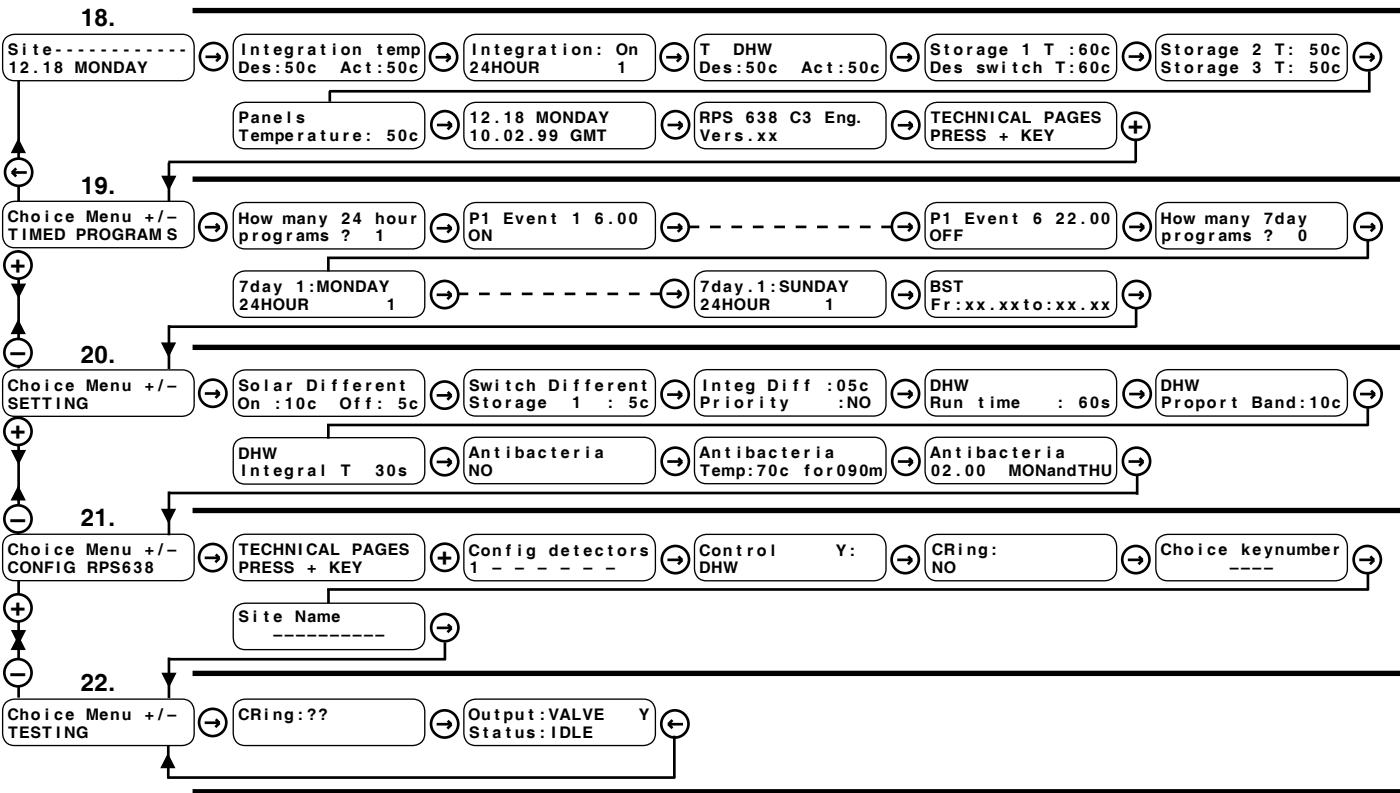
- VALVE Y ;
- INTEGRAT. ;
- STORAGES ;

• status :

- with VALVE : IDLE ;  
CLOSES;  
OPENS
- with INTEGRAT. : ON = switch 13-14 closed;  
OFF = switch 13-14 open.
- with STORAGES: ON 1 = switch : 11-12 closed, 7-6 closed, 10-9 closed.  
ON 2 = switch : 11-12 closed, 7-5 closed, 10-9 closed.  
ON 3 = switch : 11-12 closed, 7-5 closed, 10-8 closed.  
OFF = switch : 11-12 closed, 7-6 closed, 10-9 closed.

Check the result.

17. SEQUENCE OF DISPLAY PAGES (data and functions are those in memory at time of delivery)



⬅ ➡ Keys for scrolling the display pages and positioning the cursor □ on adjustable data on the pages.

The adjustable data, in the following descriptive list of display pages, are highlighted thus  

By pressing these keys at the same time, or in any event after 15 minutes, the first page appears Site-----  
12.18 MONDAY

⬅ ➡ Keys for : - adjusting the values indicated by the cursor □

- seeing the possibility of configuring a function, e.g. Control Y:  
DHW or Control Y:  
Solar Panels
- passing directly from one menu (series of pages) to another.

18. NORMAL USE				
Ref.	Display	Description	Notes	Sect.
18.1	Site----- 12.18 MONDAY	Name plant site Current time and day	Set in 21.10	.
18.2	Integration temp Des:50c Act:50c	Integration temperature desired by storage tank 1 in ON period	Appears only if in 21.1 B5 configured	12.2
18.3	Integration: ON 24 HOUR 1	Integration circuit current mode. Choice programme of integration plant: 7DAY 1-2; 24HOUR 1...7; ALWAYS ON; ALWAYS OFF.	Appears only if in 21.1 B5 configured – On; – Off: depends on program – Antib. :Antibacteria function running	12.2
18.4	T DHW Des:50c Act:50c	Desired DHW distribution temperature	Appears only if in 21.1 B6 configured If 21.2 is CONTROL Y: DHW	12.3
	T Solar Panels Des:50c Act:50c	Desired solar panels temperature	If 21.2 is CONTROL Y: SOLAR PANELS	
	T ----- Des:50c Act:50c	Desired temperature -----	If 21.2 is CONTROL Y: -----	
18.5	Storage 1 T:60c Des.switch T:60c Storage 1 T:60c	When B1 exceeds the exchange value it switches the solar to storage tank 2.	Appears only if in 21.1 B2 is configured. Appears if in 21.1 B2 is not configured.	12.1
18.6	Storage 2 T:50c Storage 3 T:50c	Temp. storage tanks 2 & 3 measured by B2 & B3.	2: appears only if in 21.1 B2 configured. 3: appears only if in 21.1 B3 configured.	14.3
18.7	Panels Temperature :50c	Temp. solar panels measured by B4.	.	14.3
18.8	12.18 MONDAY 10.02.99 GMT	Setting : Time, day of week and date Current time period: GMT or BST	According dates BST set in 19.16	
18.9	RPS 638 C3 Eng. Vers.xx	Identifying data of controller		
19. TIMED PROGRAMS				
Ref.	Display	Description	Notes	Sect.
19.1	How many 24 hour programs ? 1	Choice of number of 24 hour (1...7) and 7 day programs to use	Cancel unused display pages.	13.1
19.2 ↓ ↓ 19.7	P1 Event 1 6.00 ON P1 Event 6 22.00 OFF	Number of prog., number of event & start time of period programmed. Choice of mode to assign to period: ON ; OFF <b>Further pages according figure in 19.1</b>	Max. 6 periods. To cancel an unused period press + and – together -- -- will appear Times must be in increasing order.. Do not leave -- -- between program times. Times set are winter ones.	13.1
19.8	How many 7 day programs ? 0	Choice of number of 24 hour (1...7) and 7 day (0...2) programs to be used.	Cancel unused display pages.	13.2
19.9 ↓ ↓ 19.15	7day 1:MONDAY 24HOUR 1 7 Day 1:SUNDAY 24HOUR 1	Choice program for each day of week: 24 HOUR 1...7; ON; OFF. <b>Further 7 pages if in 19.8 is 2</b>	Appears only if in 19.8 number > 0.	13.2
19.16	BST Fr:26.03to:28.10	Dates of start and end of BST.		13.3
20. SETTING				
Ref.	Display	Description	Notes	Sect.
20.1	Solar Different On :10c Off: 5c	Differential between temp. panels B4 & any of temperatures of storage tanks B1, B2, B3 for: – Switching on solar circuit pump – Switching storage tanks.		12.1
20.2	Switch Different Storage 1 : 5c	Differential exchange temp. storage tank 1.	Appears only if in 21.1 B2 configured.	12.1
20.3	Integ Diff : 5c Priority : NO	Temp. differential for control integration DHW. Priority: : – YES ; – NO.	Appears only if in 21.1 B5 configured.	12.2
20.4	DHW Run time : 60s	Mode: DHW or solar panels or ----- Actuator run time in seconds.	Appears only if in 21.1 B6 configured. DHW if in 21.2 is DHW Solar panels if 21.2 is SOLAR PANELS ----- se 21.2 è -----	12.3
20.5	DHW Proport Band:10c	Mode: DHW or solar panels or ----- Proportional Band	Appears only if in 21.1 B6 configured.. DHW if in 21.2 is DHW Solar panels if 21.2 is SOLAR PANELS ----- if 21.2 is -----	12.3

20. SETTING				
Ref.	Display	Description	Notes	Sect.
20.6	DHW Integral T 30s	Mode: DHW or solar panels or ----- Integral Time	Appears only if in 21.1 B6 configured.. DHW if in 21.2 is DHW Solar panels if 21.2 is SOLAR PANELS ----- if 21.2 is -----	12.3
20.7	Antibacteria NO	Choice use Antibacteria function:NO ; ONLY STORAGE; STORAGE + DISTRIB.	Appears only if in 21.1 B5 configured.. STORAG + DISTRIB.: appears only if 21.2 is SOLAR PANELS	12.4
20.8	Antibacteria Temp:70c for090m	Temp. & duration of Antibacteria function.	Does not appear 20.7 is NO.	12.4
20.9	Antibacteria 02.00 MONandTHU	Time & days of week (1 or 2) Antibacteria function operates:- MON; - TUE; - WED; - THU; - FRI; - SAT; - SUN; - - - ;	Does not appear if 20.7 is NO.	12.4
20.10	Solar pump Delay Off: 0min	Delay in switching off panels pump.	Useful when output Y is used to control minimum temp. of solar panels.	
21. CONFIGURATION RPS 638				
Ref.	Display	Description	Notes	Sect.
21.1	Config detectors 1 - - 4 - - -	Configuration detectors connected (inputs B-M). - = detector not connected; Number = detector connected. Factory setting: B1 & B4 configured (cannot be disabled).	1 : Storage tank 1 detector <b>B1</b> . 2 : Storage tank 2 detector <b>B2</b> . 3 : Storage tank 3 detector <b>B3</b> . 4 : Solar panels detector <b>B4</b> (0...99 °C). As alternative to <b>B7</b> 5 : Integration detector <b>B5</b> . 6 : Distribution circuit detector <b>B6</b> . 7 : Solar panels detector <b>B7</b> (0...200 °C). As alternative to <b>B4</b>	12.
21.2	Control Y: DHW	Use of control output Y: DHW = control of temp. of DHW distribution SOLAR PANELS = control of minimum temp. of solar panels. ----- = name of control.	Appears only if in 21.1 B6 is configured.	12.3
21.3	CRing: NO	NO : Not connected in C-Ring. PRIMARY : Connected as Primary. SECONDARY : Connected as Secondary.		10.1
21.4	Choice keynumber ----	Choice key number for preventing use - 1901 ... 1999	To cancel key number, press + and - keys to- gether.	14.1
21.5	Site name -----	Entering plant site name.	Use + and - to enter letters or numbers. Use ← and → to position cursor.	14.2
22. TESTING				
Ref.	Display	Description	Notes	Sect.
22.1	CRing: ??	Page of testing C-Ring connections. ?? = C-Ring test in progress or test failed. YES = test positive.	Appears only if 21.5 is PRIMARY or SECONDARY.	16.1
22.2	Output: VALVE Y Status: IDLE	Choice outputs to be tested. Choice output status.	Choice output: VALVE Y ; INTEGRAT ; STORAGES. Choice status: With VALVE Y : IDLE ; CLOSES ; OPENS. With INTEGRAT : ON ; OFF. With STORAGES : ON 1 ; ON 2 ; ON 3 ; OFF.	16.2

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