System Controller SC-401-6M

Potential dangers from accidents during installation and use are divided into the following two categories. Closely observe these warnings, they are critical to your safety.

WARNING indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
CAUTION indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.

Requests to Installers

🕂 WARNING

In order to use this product safely, read this installation manual carefully and follow the installation instructions.

• Failures and damage caused by erroneous work or work not as instructed in this manual are not covered by the warranty.

- Refer to installation manual attached to the appliance as well.
- Check that installation was done in accordance with this Installation Manual upon completion.
- After completion of installation, be sure to hand this Installation Manual to the customer.



• When you fasten the screws on the terminals (Warning lamp terminal and so on),do not use electric drivers, impact drivers and so forth. Tightening with excessive force may cause the terminals to be damaged and lead to failures.

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If at any time during the installation and setup of this product you have questions or concerns, contact Noritz America at 866-766-7489 or visit http://support.noritz.com/.



1. Included Accessories

Check for any missing items before starting installation.

Part	Shape	Qty	Part	Shape	Qty
Tapping Screw (4 x 8)	E TIM	3	*1 Vinyl Tie		3

*1 : Use the included vinyl tie to bind any excess length of wire

2. Optional Accessories

Name	Usage	Qty
Remote controller RC-9018M	* Always necessary.	1
Remote controller Cord RC-CORD10 RC-CORD26	 The communication cord between the system controller and the remote controller can be lengthened up to a maximum total length of 450 feet. The communication cord between the system controller and each water heater can be lengthened up to a maximum total length of 45 feet. 	Total number of units in system - 1
NWC-ADAPTER (NAW-1 US)	For remote monitoring the multi-unit system through the Mobile App.	1

CAUTION : Be sure to use the remote controller cord as listed above. If a different cord is used, the equipment may fail or not operate properly.

• When two or more multi-unit systems are installed in parallel

One remote controller is necessary for each multi-unit system (i.e. 3 multi-unit systems will require 3 system controllers and 3 remote controllers). Each system will have separately wired remote controller cords.

For the combined use pattern

A. When there is no circulation pipe (standard type)

Number of units	System controller	Remote controller
1 to 6	SC-401-6M	RC-9018M

B. When there is a circulation pipe

Condition	Number of units	System controller	Remote controller
Recirculation type (circulation heat-retention with external pump)	1 to 6	SC-401-6M	RC-9018M
Storage Tank Recirculation type (circulation heat-retention with external pump)	1 to 6	SC-401-6M	RC-9018M

3. Introduction (see list of points below)

Introduction to the "SC-401-6M" System Controller

Overview

This manual is intended to provide instruction for the installation, operation, and features of the SC-401-6M system controller. It is divided into 4 main sections:

- 1. Installation of the SC-401-6M system controller
- 2. Initial programming of the RC-9018M remote controller
- 3. Additional features of the RC-9018M remote controller and the SC-401-6M system controller
- 4. Plumbing diagrams and general information about water and gas piping

Read this manual carefully and follow the instructions as written. If you have any questions, contact Noritz America at 866-766-7489 or visit http://support.noritz.com/.

Basic Operation

The SC-401-6M system controller is used to combine 1 to 6 Noritz heaters into a single "multi-unit system" The system controller stages units on and off based on hot water demand and rotates their operation to ensure even usage. It also has two additional modes which optimize the system for operation with a recirculation line or storage tank.

(Note: for systems of 7-12 units use the SCU-401-12M system controller

for systems of 13-24 units use the SCU-401-24M system controller)

• Unit Staging

Staging allows the multi-unit system to track hot water demand from the minimum flow rate of a single unit up to the maximum output of several units. When the primary firing heater reaches ~50% of its maximum output, the system controller activates the next unit in the system. When both these units reach ~50% of their maximum output, a third unit is activated and so on. The SC-401-6M may also be configured to activate two heaters during primary firing to allow for rapid initial hot water demand.

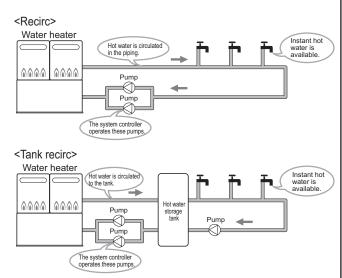
Unit Rotation

The SC-401-6M system controller rotates operation of the primary firing heater every 8 hours of combustion time or up to 24 hours of plug-in time. This helps to ensure even usage of all units.

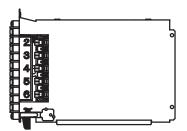
UNIT1	UNIT2	UNIT3	UNIT3 UNIT4 UNIT5		UNIT6
1st	2nd	3rd 4th		5th	6th
Rotation					Rotation
6th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
					Rotation
5th	6th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
				-	Rotation
4th	5th	6th	1st	2nd	3rd

System Selection

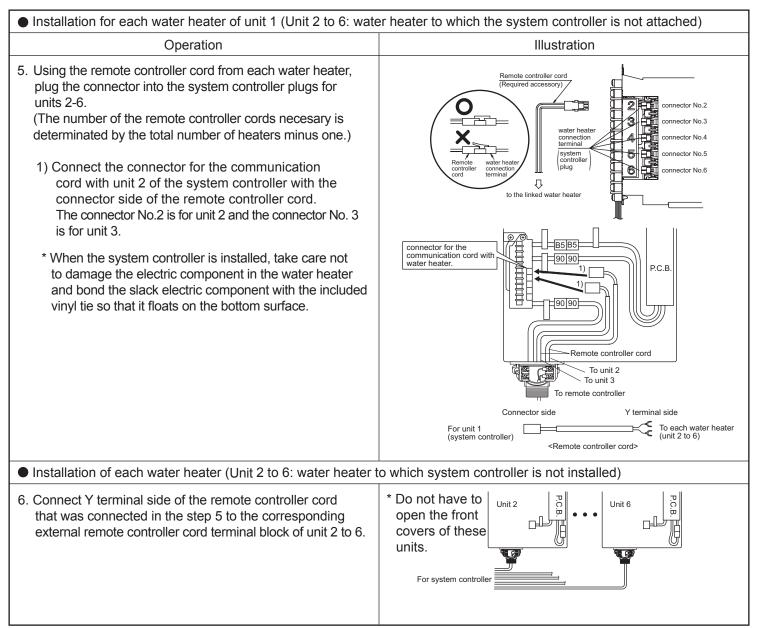
The SC-401-6M allows the user to select two additional system types: "Recirc" and "Tank recirc." These settings optimize performance with recirculation and storage tank systems, and allow the system controller to operate one or two pumps.



* These diagrams are for illustration purposes only.

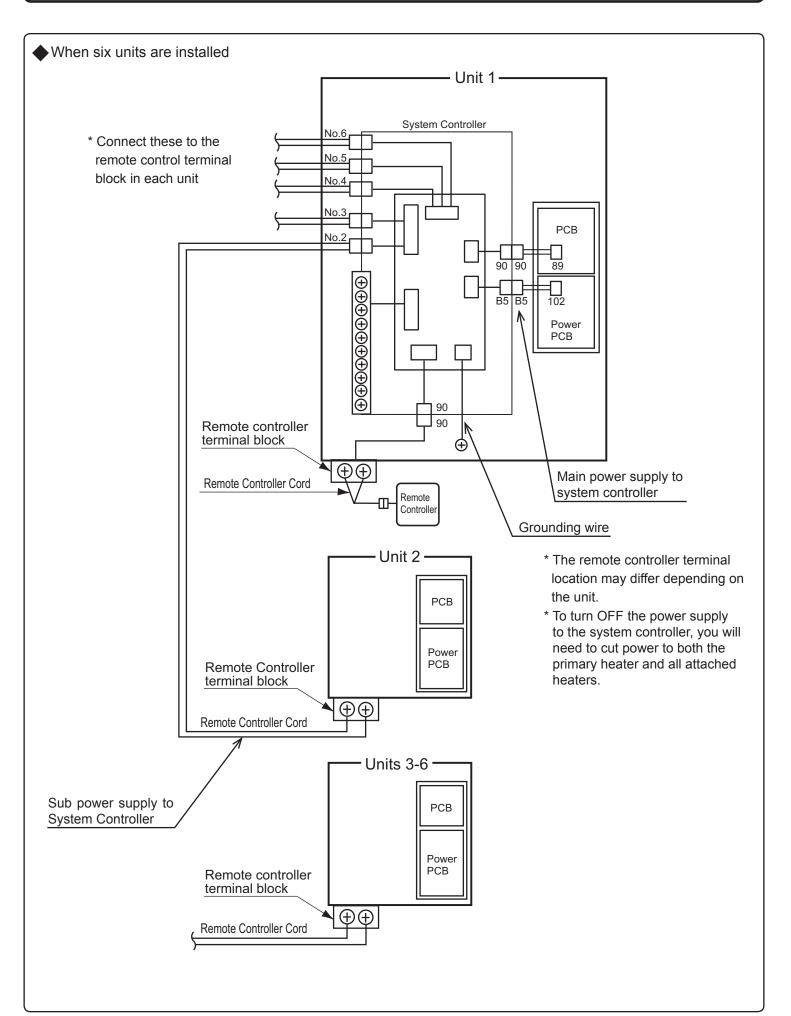


4. Installing the System Controller (Electrical Wiring)				
Consult a qualified electrician for the electrical work.				
A CAUTION CAUTION all electric wiring is completed system controller may occur. - If a remote controller cord is r 120°F (50°C) and high-tempera - Be sure to tighten the screw	r to all water heaters (do not turn ON the power supply) before I. Otherwise, electric shock or failure of the water heater and not connected, the temperature of the water heater is fixed to ature hot water is discharged. So check it is surely connected. to the terminal block manually and do not use an electric therwise, the terminal block may be damaged.			
This appliance must be electrically grounded in accordance with	local codes, or in the absence of local codes, with the National			
 Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA 70. In Canada, the latest CSA C22. Caution: Label all wires prior to disconnection when servicing of operation. Verify proper operation after servicing. Field wiring to be performed at time of appliance insta For NCC199 series Open the cover of the external remote controller cord termina 	1 Electrical Code. controls. Wiring errors can cause improper and dangerous allation. * Circuit board is indicated as P.C.B. I block of each water heater.			
Installation for unit 1 (Water heater to which system control	ler is installed)			
Operation	Illustration			
 Open the front cover 1. Connect the remote controller cord to the external remote controller cord terminal block. (Refer to the remote controller RC-9018M section of the installation manual). 2. Connect the opposite side of the remote controller cord that was connected in the step 1 to the remote controller. * Refer to the installation manual. 3. Slide the system controller into the bracket in the back of the case. Use the two included tapping screws to attach the system controller to the inside of the heater and to connect the ground wire. 	System controller attachment part Hole for connecting a ground wire Slide the system controller into the bracket in the back of the case. Hole for fixing the system controller Hole for connecting a ground wire Ground wire Ground wire Ground wire System controller Ground wire System controller Hole for connecting a ground wire Ground wire System controller Hole for connecting a ground wire System controller Hole for connecting a ground wire Hole for connecting a ground wire System controller Hole for connecting a ground Wire System controller F. C.B. C.B. C.B. C.B. C.B. C.B. C.B. C.B. C.B. C.B. C.B. C.B. C.B.			
 4. 1) Connect the connector B5 (white: nothing is connected when the product is shipped from factory) with a tag "SYSTEM CONTROLLER" that comes from the P.C.B. of the water heater to the connector B5 (white) with a red tag "to Connector B5" that comes from the system controller. 2) Disconnect the connector (white) from the external remote controller cord terminal block of the water heater and the connector 90 (white) connected to the P.C.B. 	Field tag "SYSTEM "to Connector B5" "SYSTEM "SYSTEM CONTROLLER* Image: Controller cord 2) Disconnect for connecting the system controller. 1) Connect 1) Connect To system controller Black B5 Bis Black B5 Black B5 Black B5 Black B5 Black B1 B1 B1 B1 B1 B1 B1 B1 B1 Controller cord B1 B1 B1 B1 B1 B1 B1			
 3) Connect the connector 90 (white: disconnected in the step 2)) that comes from the external remote controller cord terminal block of the water heater to the connector 90 (yellow) with a tag "to Remote Controller Terminal" that comes from the system controller. 4) Connect the connector 90 (white: disconnected in the step 2)) that comes from the P.C.B. of the water heater to the connector 90 (yellow) with a tag "to Connector 90" that comes from the system controller. 	Red tag "to Connector B5" Tag "to Connector 90" Tag "to Connector 90" Tag "to Connector 90" Tag "to Remote controller Terminal External remote controller cord To system controller Blue Blue Blue Blue Blue Blue Blue To system controller Blue To system controller Blue To system controller Blue Blue To system controller Blue Blue To P.C.B. To external remote controller cord Blue To external remote controller cord Blue Blue To external remote controller cord Blue To system controller Blue To system controller Blue To system controller Blue To P.C.B.			

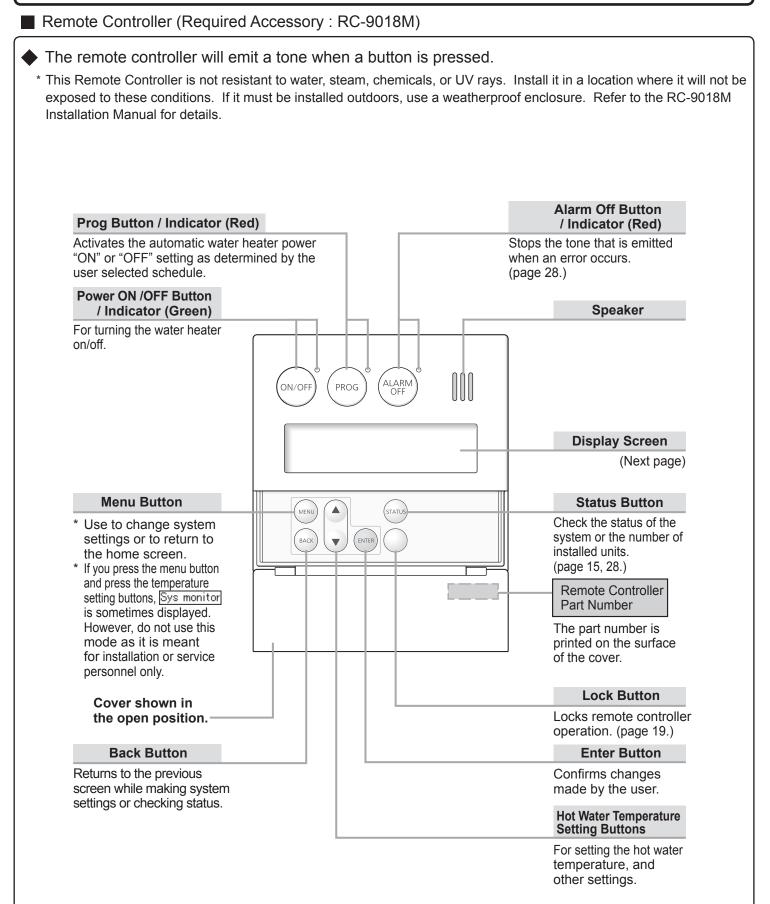


* After all connections are made, replace the front cover of unit #1 (taking special care to do not crush any wires) and the covers of the external remote controller cord terminal blocks of all connected water heaters.

5. Wiring Diagram

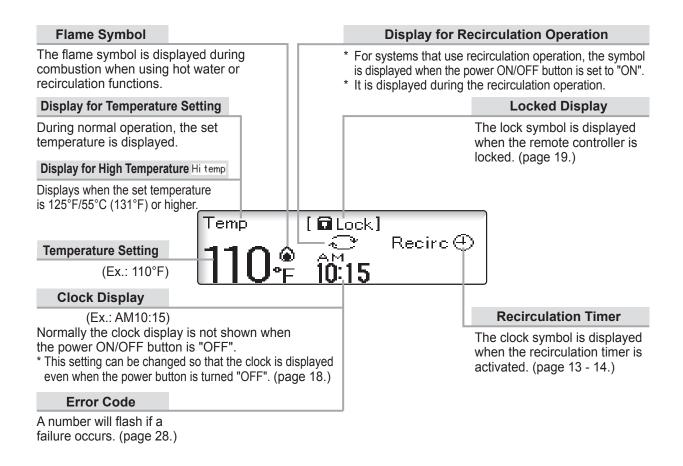


6. Remote Controller



Screen Display

- * The screen display shown below is for illustration purposes only. The actual display will vary depending on how the water heater is being used.
- * After a button is pressed, the display will gradually become darker to prevent unnecessary power consumption by the remote controller.



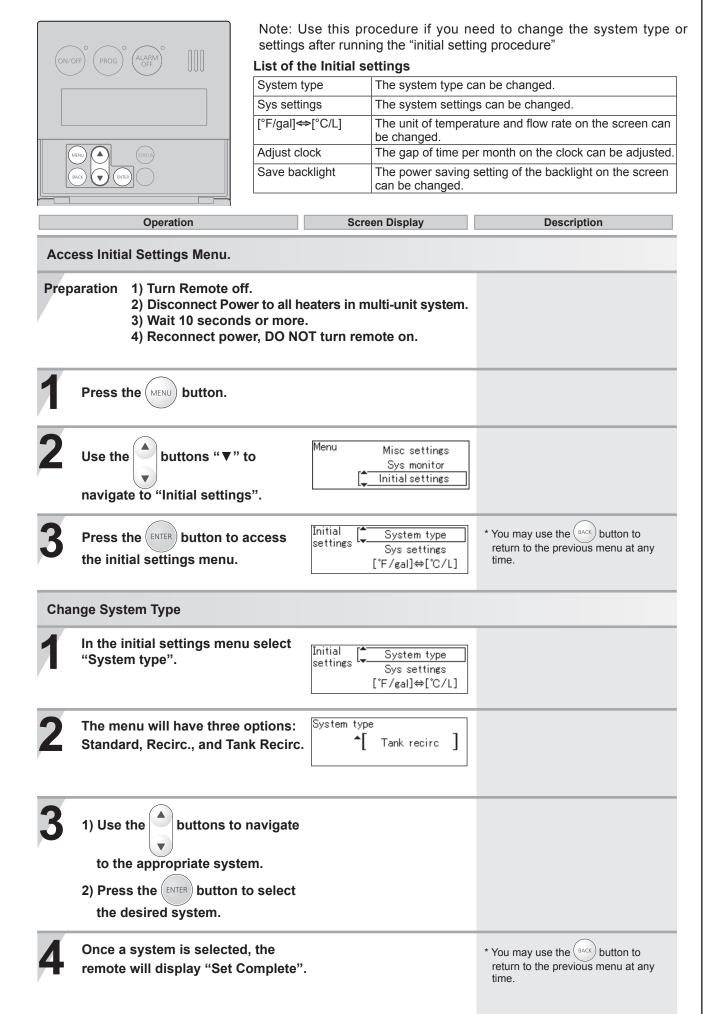
Note: As shipped from the factory, the remote controller is set to display in °F and gallons. To adjust the display to °C and liters, refer to the page 12.

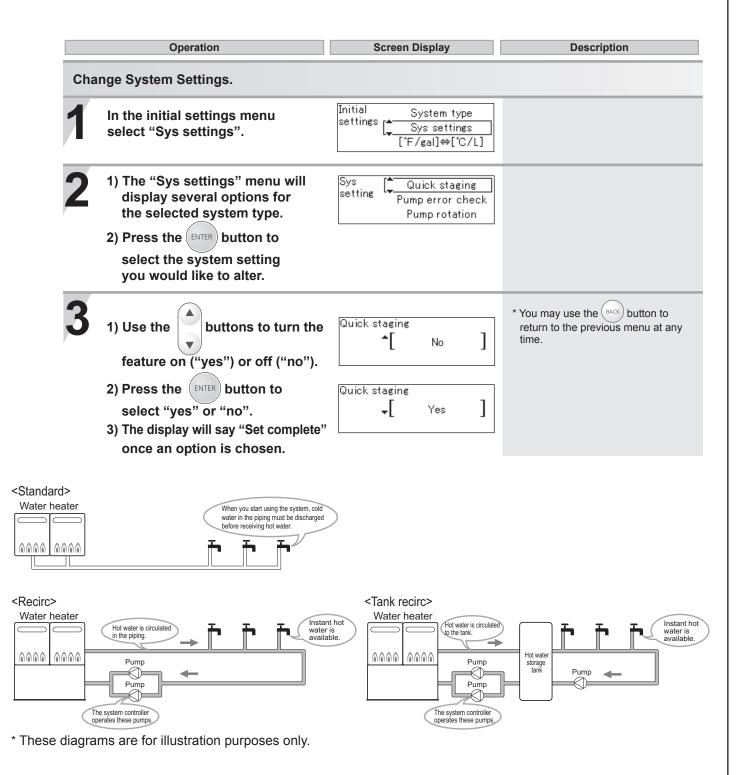
What is the home screen?	
The home screen is displayed when the ON/OFF button is "ON". Normally, the hot water temperature and the clock, etc. are displayed.	Temp 110 •F 10:15 <home example="" screen=""></home>

7. Remote initial setup

Initial Setting Procedure in the "System Settir	ngs" Screen	
ON/OFF PROG ALARM OFF III III Controlle The following for the following foret windex for the following for the following for the followin	er and units), the remote enter owing instructions explain h eed to change these settin	I to the multi-unit system (system ers an initial setting mode. how to perform an initial setting. ngs at a future date, follow the ion and Settings in the "Initial
Operation	Screen Display	Description
Preparation Connect power to all heater Press the ENTER button on the remote		
 1) You will be prompted to choose a system type. 2) Use the buttons to navigate to the correct system type. (Standard, Recirc., or Tank Recirc.) 3) Press the button to select your system type. 1) If you chose the "Recirc." or "Tank Recirc." systems, you will be prompted to turn pump rotation on or off (this setting is set to "off" by default). 2) Use the buttons to select yes (on) or no (off). 3) Press the enter button to set the pump rotation. 	System type Select & press ENTER. System type ↓ Tank recirc Select & press ENTER.	* Note: only when you connect one/two pumps to the system controller, you need to select "Yes" or "No".
 1) You will now be prompted to "complete system setting." 2) Press the button to complete the system setting. 3) Once you choose "Complete system settings?", the remote will display "System settings completed". 	Complete system settings? ↓[Yes] Select & press ENTER. System settings completed	 * Note: if you chose standard system in step 2 - 2), you will immediately go to this prompt. * You may use the ACK button to return to the previous menu at any time.

System Selection and Settings in the "Initial Settings" Screen





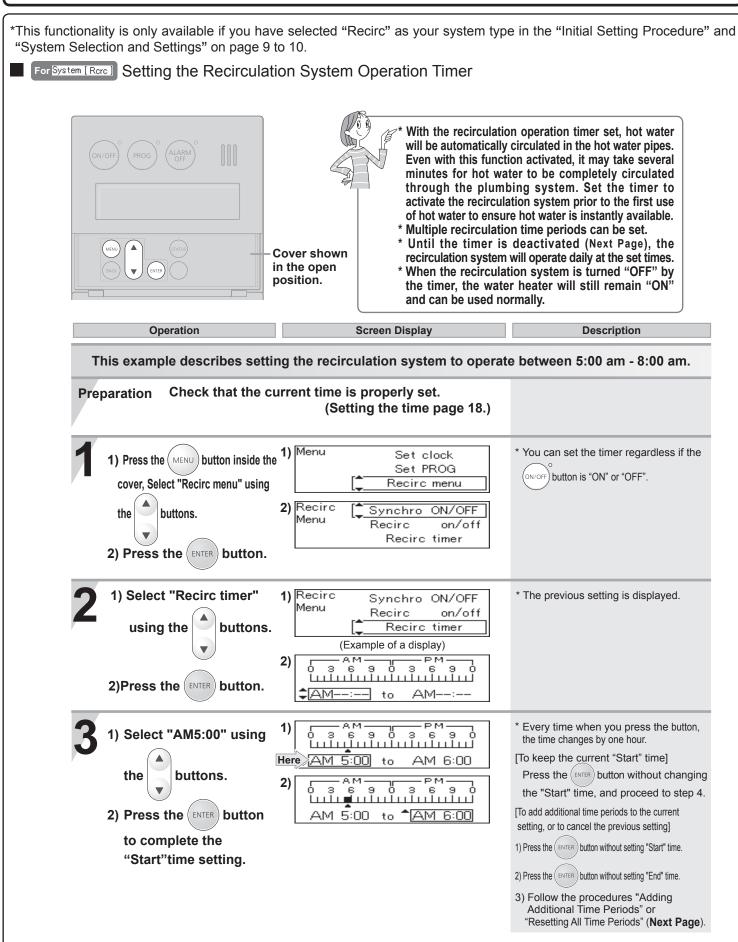
List of the Sys settings

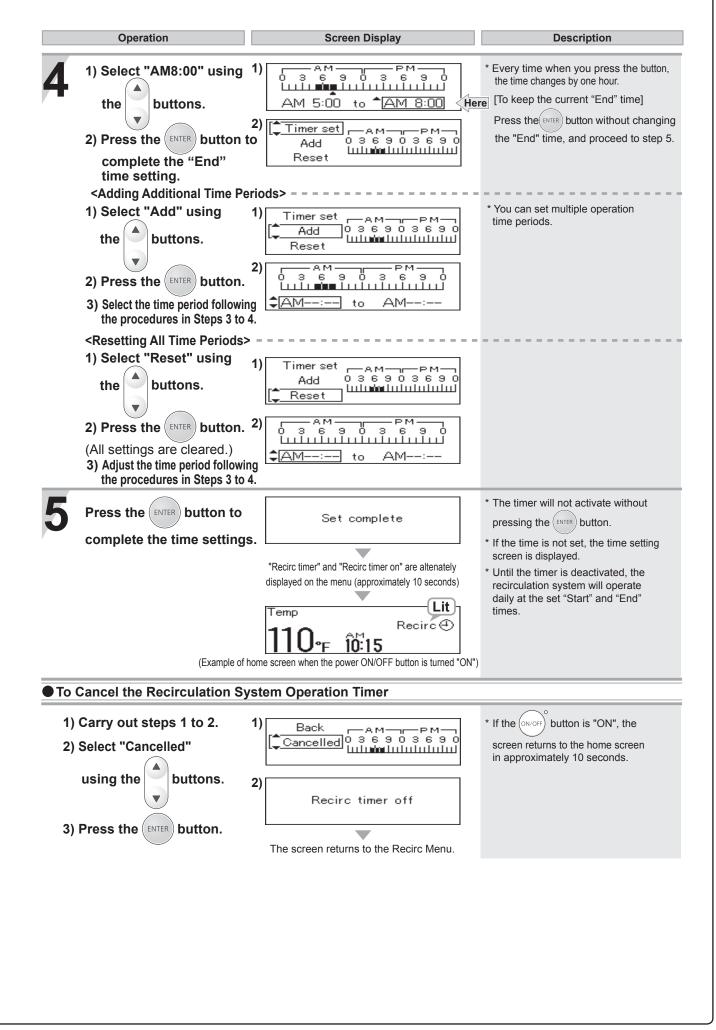
Item in the Sys		system type		Yes	No
settings	Standard	Recirc	Tank recirc	res	No
Quick staging	Available	Available	Not Available	Units will stage more rapidly from heater to heater*	Units will stage more slowly
Pump error check	Not Available	Available	Available	System will check for flow when system controller pump terminals are energized. If no flow is present, it will display 63 error code	System will not check for pump operation*
Pump rotation	Not Available	Available	Available	System will rotate pump 1 and 2 operation	Pump 1 and 2 will operate simultaneously*

*Factory Default Settings

Operation	Screen Display	Description		
Change the way the units of temperature and flow rate are displayed on the screen (standard vs. metric).				
 In the initial settings menu select "[°F / gal] ⇔ [°C / L]". Press the ENTER button. 	Initial System type settings Sys settings [<mark>↓ [°F/gal]⇔[°C/L]</mark>			
 2 1) Use the buttons to select the unit "[°F / gal] "or "[°C / L]". 2) Press the ENTER button to set the units to be displayed. 3) The display will say "Set complete" once an option is chosen. 	Ç <mark>∲ °F∕gal</mark> Select unit °C/L	* You may use the back button to return to the previous menu at any time.		
After finishing the Initial Settings.				
 Disconnect Power to all heaters i Wait 10 seconds or more. Reconnect power. 	in multi-unit system.			

8. Recirculation Pump Timer Setup





9. System Check Button

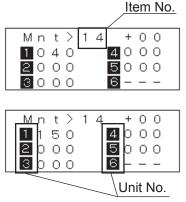
ONOF PROS ALARMO III	button, you can check the status of the system System [Rcrc] Active [06] Units [06] Pump1 [0FF] Online [06] Pump2 [0N] (Display Screen Example [System [Rcrc]])		
open position.	System Displayed on the Remote Controller	System Description	
	System[Std]	Water heater only operation.	
	System [Rorc]	 * Water heater and recirculation operation. * During recirculation operation, hot water is always circulated in the piping to provide instant hot water when a fixture is opened. [If you set the ON/OFF button to "ON", is displayed.] 	
	System [Tank]	 * Water heater combined with a storage tank operation. * If a recirculation system is also installed, hot water is always circulated in the piping to provide instant hot water when a fixture is opened. [If you set the ON/OFF button to "ON", is displayed.] 	

10. Maintenance Monitors and Additional Settings

- * It is necessary to check the flow rate for Recirculation system, and Storage Tank Recirculation system (for adjusting the recirculation flow rate).
- (1) Press Menu Button and press the ▼ Button several times to select "Sys monitor", and then press Enter Button.
- (2) Press the ▼ Button once to select "Yes", and then press Enter Button for five seconds or more.



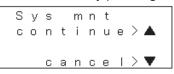
- (3) Sys monitor is displayed. Since item 03 is displayed first, you must press the ▲/▼ Buttons several times until item 14 is displayed.
- (4) Flow rate screen is displayed.
- * The unit of flow rate on the screen can be changed (refer to page 12.)

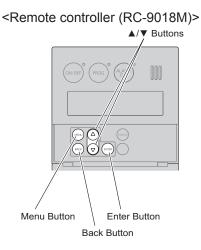


<Example of display (°F/gal)> Flow rate of unit 1 is 4.0 gal/min Flow rate of unit 2 to 5 is 0 gal/min unit 6 is not connected

<Example of display (°C/L)>
Flow rate of unit 1 is 15.0 L/min
Flow rate of unit 2 to 5 is 0 L/min
unit 6 is not connected

- (5) Press Back Button.
- (6) The screen that asks whether continue or cancel the Sys monitor is displayed. Select "cancel" by pressing the ▼ Button to terminate the Sys monitor.





Additional settings of system controller

Following setting can be changed in addition to the system settings. When determining whether or not to change a particular setting, consult with the customer first.

- Item No. 19

When multiple units are connected to the system controller, two units fire upon startup as the factory default.

However, this setting can be changed so that only one unit fires upon startup. - Item No. 1A

By factory default, the remote controller alarm will sound when a failure of the system controller or any water heater in the system has occurred.

However, this setting can be changed so that the alarm sounds only when the entire system is down.

• Setting Procedure (example to change Item No. 1A)

- (1) Turn the water heater off by pressing the Power ON/OFF Button on the remote controller.
- (2) Turn OFF the power supply (disconnect electrical power to all heaters), then turn ON the power supply (reconnect electrical power to all heaters) and wait 10 seconds before proceeding to step (3).
- (3) Within the first ten minutes of connecting electrical power, before turning on the Power ON/OFF Button, press the ▲/▼ Buttons on the remote controller and hold until the display blinks "99". If "99" does not blink on the remote controller, disconnect electrical power to all heaters and try again.
- (4) Use the ▲/▼ Buttons on the remote controller to scroll to the dipswitch number "1A" on the column of the item.
- (5) Press the ENTER Button, "Item number" stops blinking and "Data state (OFF or ON)" will start blink.
- Use the $\blacktriangle/\blacksquare$ Buttons on the remote controller to change OFF $\leftarrow \rightarrow$ ON. (6) Change "1A" from OFF to ON.
 - * Do not adjust any other dipswitches!

Item	Data
1 A	ON

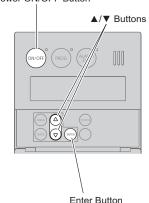
- (7) When the dipswitch has been set correctly, press the ENTER Button, "Data state (ON)" stops blinking and "Item number" will start blink. Confirm the setting by pressing and holding both the ▲/▼ Buttons on the remote controller until the controller emits a beeping noise. The new setting will be lost if this is not done.
- (8) Disconnect Power to all heaters in multi-unit system. Wait 10 seconds or more, and reconnect power.

List of settings

Item #	Data Indication		
19	OFF (Two units fire at startup)*	ON (One unit fires at startup)	
1A	OFF (Alarm for any system error)*	ON (Alarm only for system down error)	

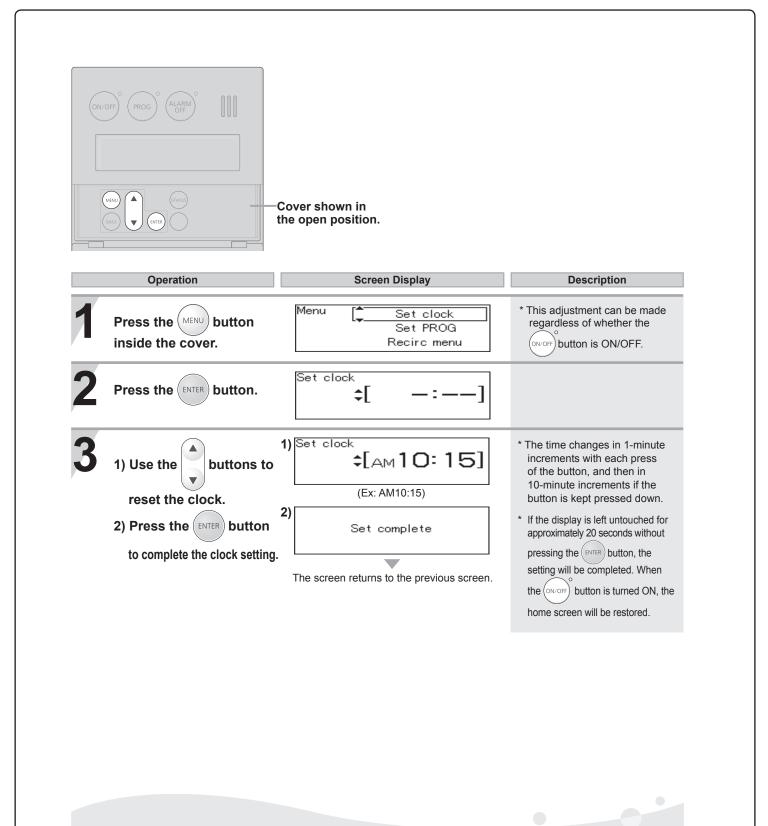
* Factory Default Settings

<Remote controller (RC-9018M)> Power ON/OFF Button

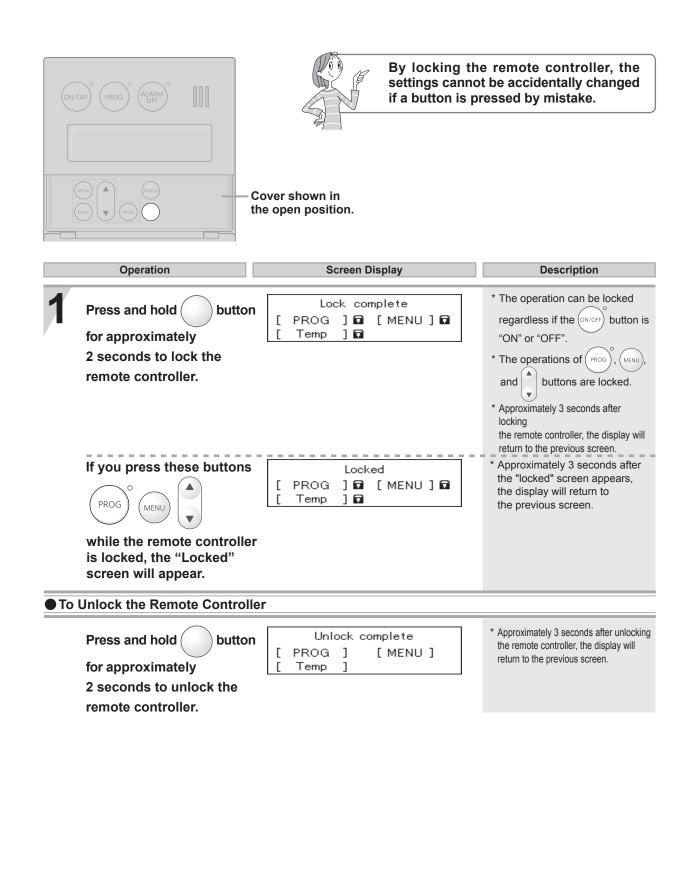


11. Additional Remote features

For All Systems Clock Adjustment

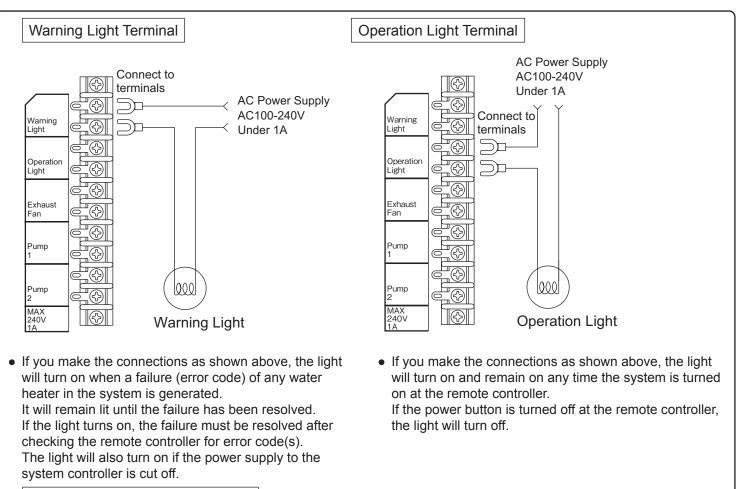


* In the event of a power outage or after disconnecting power to the water heater, when power is restored, the clock on the display screen will show " - : - - " and the clock will need to be reset.



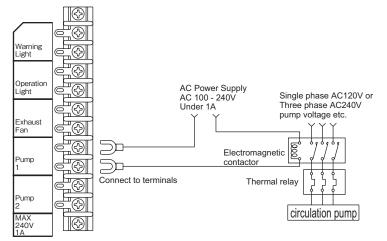
12. Additional System Controller Features

System Controller Terminals (Optional Connections)



Circulation Pump Terminals 1,2

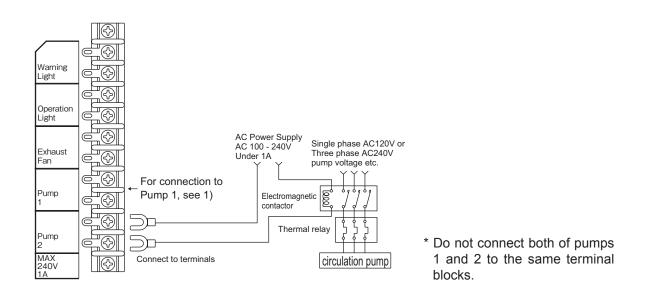
- Use these terminals to control the pumps in any circulating system.
 Connected this way, the system controller will control the function of the pumps.
 Use normally open relays(electromagnetic switches) to supply power to the pumps.
 Use thermal relays if necessary.
 Connect them when they are used for recirculation system or storage tank recirculation system.
- Use electromagnetic contactors / thermal relays suitable for the load.
- 1) When operating with 1 circulation pump
- * If there is only one pump, connect to "Pump 1" terminals.



When you connect one circulation pump, set "No" for the question "Start pump rotation?" in the system settings. (refer to page 9.)

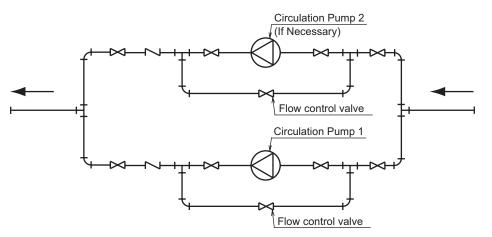
2) When operating with 2 circulation pumps

The system controller carries out the alternate operation of "pump 1" and "pump 2" at regular time intervals by connecting two circulation pumps.



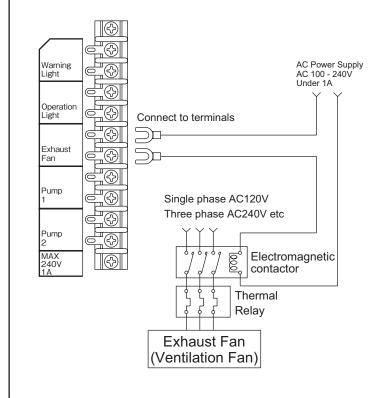
When you connect two circulation pumps, set "Yes" for the question "Start pump rotation?" in the system settings. (refer to page 9.)

* Piping diagram for parallel pipe installation



Adjust the pump flow with the flow control valves. If multiple pumps are used, control the flow of each pump with separate valves.

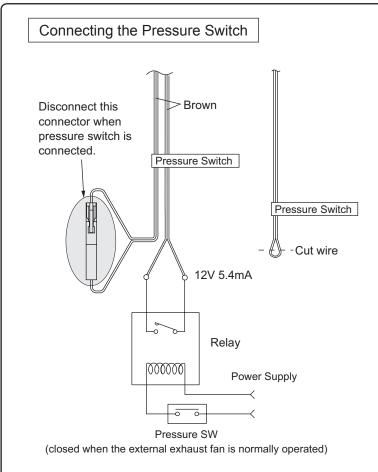
Exhaust Fan Terminal



- These terminals will close when any of the units are firing or when the fan on any of the units is blowing. These terminals can be used to control an exhaust fan or damper in this way.
- Use a relay (electromagnetic contactor) to provide power to the fan or damper. Use an additional thermal relay if necessary.
- Use the electromagnetic contactor / thermal relay suitable for the load.

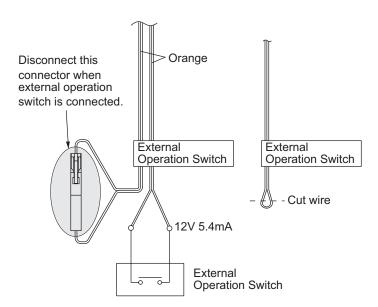
Connections of Pressure Switch, External Operation Switch, and Thermostat (input terminals)

* The input terminals are collected on the rear surface of the terminal block of the system controller. Pull out the wires after checking the tags.



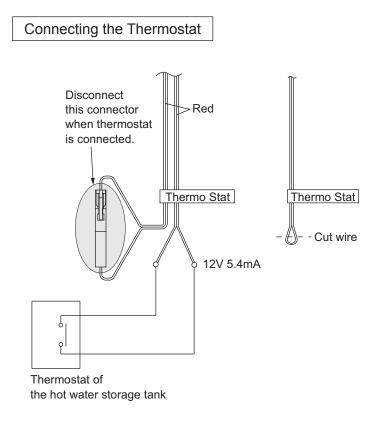
- A pressure switch or other item can be attached as a safety device when an external exhaust fan that is attached to the exhaust fan terminal above does not operate.
- If the status that a contact of the relay is opened continues, the system stops.
- Use the normally open relay with the contact for low voltage.
- This terminal is short-circuited when the product is shipped from factory. When you use this feature, cut a short-circuit electric wire and connect relay, and then disconnect a short-circuit connector.

Connecting the External Operation Switch



- Connect the external operation switch when you want to turn ON/OFF the water heater from external in addition to the Power ON/OFF Button of the remote controller.
- If the terminal of the external operation switch is switched from open to short, the Power ON/OFF Button of the water heater is turned "ON".
- If the terminal of the external operation switch is switched from short to open, the Power ON/OFF Button is turned "OFF".
- Use the normally open relay with the contact for low voltage.
- This terminal is short-circuited when the product is shipped from factory. When you use this feature, cut a short-circuit electric wire and connect the external operation switch, and then disconnect a short-circuit connector.

- For the external operation switch
- Whether the Power ON/OFF Button is synchronized or not to the cycle operation can be changed by switching the setting. (it can be changed only for recircuration system).
- If the external switch is switched from open to short, the setting is switched as shown below. Power ON/OFF Button is synchronized: Power ON/OFF Button is turned "ON", cycle operation is turned "ON" Power ON/OFF Button is not synchronized: only Power ON/OFF Button is turned "ON"

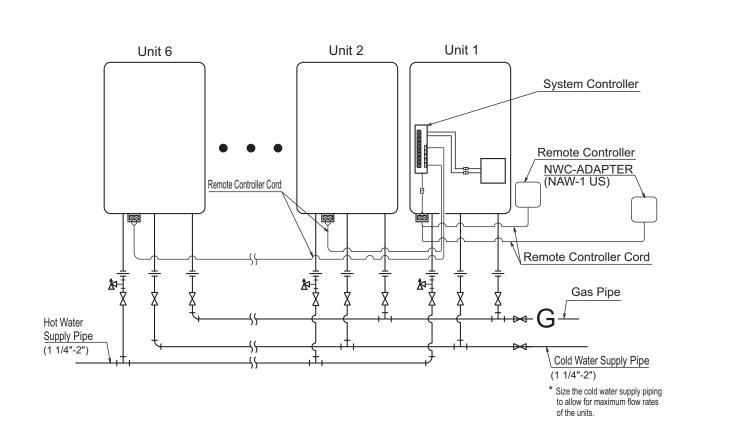


- Connect the thermostat of the hot water storage tank.
- If the temperature of the hot water storage tank exceeds the temperature set with the thermostat, the contact in the thermostat is opened and the circulation pump stops.
- A platinum resistance temperature detector cannot be connected directly.
- This terminal is short-circuited when the product is shipped from factory. When you use this feature, cut a short-circuit electric wire and connect the thermo stat, and then disconnect a short-circuit connector.

13. System design, Gas, and Water piping

System diagram (When six units are installed)

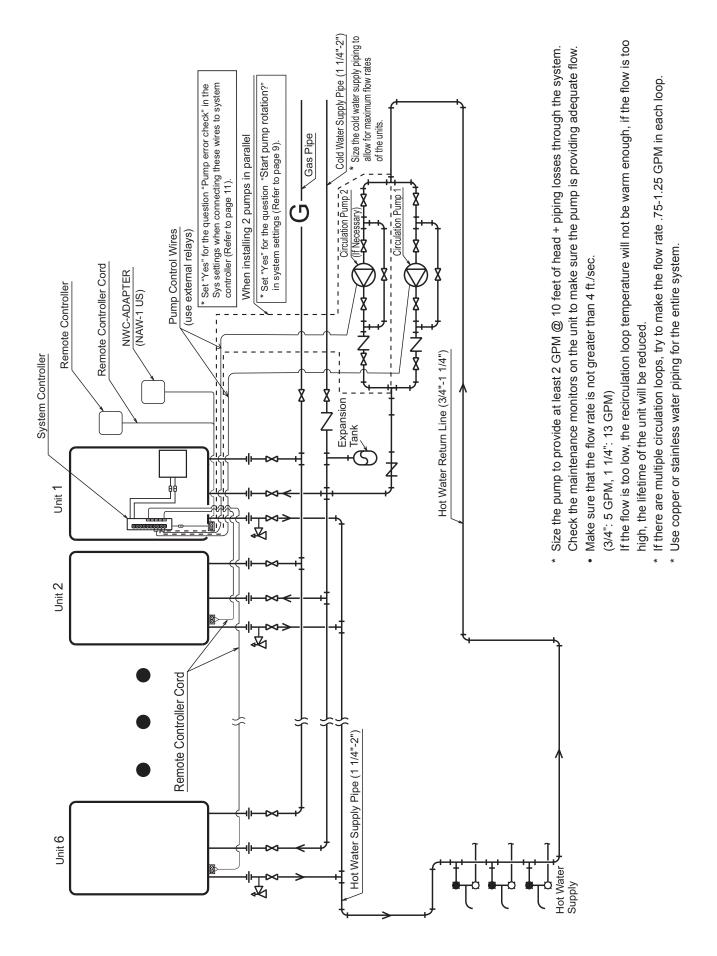
Installation without a recirculation system (Standard System)



• Insulate or apply heating materials to both the cold water supply piping and the hot water supply piping to prevent freezing during cold weather and to prevent heat loss through the piping.

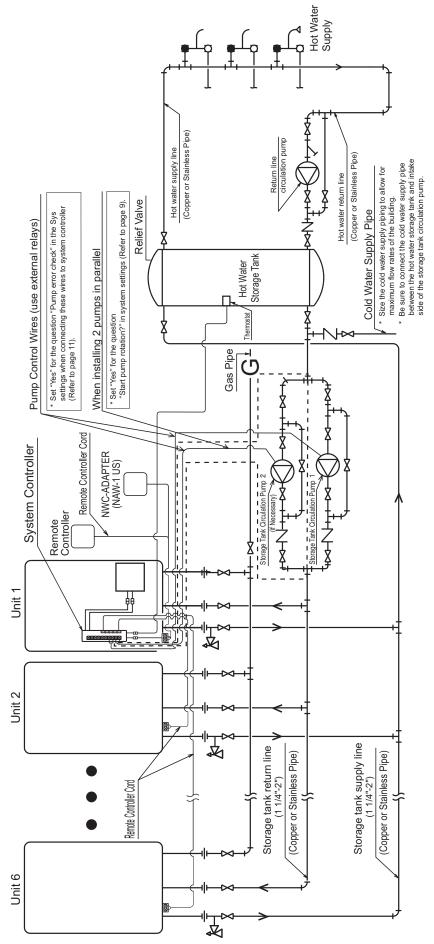
Example of Recirculation with a Multi-unit System (Recirculation system)

This system will make hot water more quickly available to remote fixtures. The pump will circulate water through the loop until the entire loop is warm, and then the system controller will turn off the pump until the loop cools down.



• Example of Installation with a Storage Tank and Recirculation System (Tank recirculation system)

The pump will push water through the Multi-unit System to heat up the tank. When the temperature of the thermostat is high, the system controller will turn off the pump until the the temperature cools down.



* For the set temperature of the remote controller, use the temperature (of the thermostat) + about 10°F.

* To achieve the highest recovery, size the storage tank circulation pump for maximum capacity. (9 GPM (each) @ 40 ft. of head (160°F setting or less) + piping losses through the system.) Verify the supply pressure to the units is at least 30 PSI.

Gas piping

* Follow the instructions from the gas supplier.

Gas connection

- Gas flex lines are not recommended unless they are sized for the maximum input kW (Btu/h • MJ) of each unit.
- Do not use piping with a diameter smaller than the size of the gas inlet to each unit.
- After installation, check the gas line for any leaks before using.

Water piping

- * Ask a qualified plumber to perform the installation.
- * Observe all applicable codes.
- The plumbing should be installed by a qualified plumbing contractor according to all applicable codes and regulations.
- Insulate or apply heating materials to the supply and hot water piping to prevent freezing during cold weather and to prevent heat loss through the piping.
- Use a union coupling or flexible pipe for connecting the units to ease service and maintenance.
- Refer to the system diagrams for supply and hot water pipe sizing. Do not install piping that is smaller than the inlet or outlet water connections on the units.
- If using an expansion tank, make sure it is correctly sized for the system.
- Use only copper or stainless steel pipe for all plumbing.
- Keep the plumbing as simple as possible.
- Avoid using pipes in which air can accumulate.
- * Use only approved materials, and have the installation inspected upon completion.

Gas Valve

Install a gas shutoff valve for every unit installed.

Gas Meter

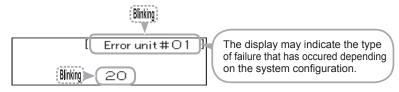
Select a gas meter capable of supplying the entire kW (Btu/h • MJ) demand of all gas appliances that the meter serves. Size the gas line for the entire kW (Btu/h • MJ) demand also.

14. Follow-up Service

Checking for Error Conditions

When a failure occurs, information relating to the error blinks on the display. The error alarm may also continuously sound.

• Error Code Display Screen



• To Stop the Error Alarm

Press the $\left(\stackrel{\circ}{\text{ALARM}} \right)^{\circ}$ button (the indicator will turn off).

Requesting Service

- * Service and warranty periods are based on the type of product and the application type. Refer to the Limited Warranty provided with the water heater for complete details.
- * Refer to the "Troubleshooting" section in the Owner's Guide supplied with the water heater. If the problem is not corrected, contact Noritz America Technical Support at 866-766-7489 or visit http://support.noritz.com/.

• Press the (STATUS) button to check the status of the system

Operation	Screen Display	Description				
Press the STATUS button inside the cover.	System [Rcrc] Active [04] Units [06] Pump1 [OFF] Online [04] Pump2 [ON] <screen (example)="" display=""></screen>	 * Status can be checked regardless of whether the onvoer button is ON/OFF. * If the BACK button is pushed or it is left untouched for approximately 10 minutes, it will return to the previous screen. 				
 Identifying units that require service (system dependent). 						
Press the STATUS button twice inside the cover.	Error unit 1 6 6 Screen display (Example)>	* If you press the BACK button, the screen of step 1 is displayed. If you press the STATUS button, the screen returns to the previous screen.				

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