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Models 96894, 96896, 96892

PN 96894-24 rC
Congratulations on selecting your new Orbit timer! With Orbit’s exclusive Easy-Set Logic™, simple programming and setup are combined with the latest timer technology and versatility.

Your new timer provides convenience and flexibility, letting you run a fully automatic, a semi-automatic, or a manual watering program for all your watering needs. Although this timer is so easy to program that you likely will not need instructions, we recommend that you read this manual fully before installation so that you understand all of the advanced features.

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Section 2: Installation

Required Tools
- Phillips Screwdriver
- Wire Strippers

Installation Steps
1. Select a Location
2. Mount the Timer
3. Connect Valve Wires to Timer
4. Connect Electrical Power
5. Activate Battery
1. Select a Location
When choosing a location for your timer, consider the following:

- Choose location near a power source (if hard wiring) or electrical outlet (applicable only to U.S. retail timers).
- Ensure operating temperatures are not below 32° or above 158° Fahrenheit (below 0° Celsius or above 70° Celsius).
- Place it away from direct sunlight if possible.
- Ensure at least 23 cm of space to the left of the sprinkler timer box for the door to swing open after installation.
- Locate the timer where there is easy access to sprinkler wire (from valves). If mounted in an outdoor location, shut the compartment door to keep the timer safe from weather damage. To lock: insert the key and turn clockwise to the locked position.

Note: Sprinkler timers are weather-resistant to UL-50 and ETL® Listings, but should not be placed in areas where continuous water could cause damage.

2. Mount the Timer
- Use the mounting template (included) to mark the mounting screw location on the wall. See figure 1.
- Install a No. 8 screw (included) into wall in the upper template location. Leave the screw head protruding 3 mm from wall. Use expanding anchors (included) in plaster or masonry, if necessary, for a secure hold.
- Slide the timer over protruding screw (using keyhole slot in back of timer). See figure 2.
- Drive a No. 8 screw through one of the two pre-formed holes located in lower back cabinet. See figure 2.

3. Connect Valve Wires to Timer
- Strip 12 mm of the plastic insulation off the end of each wire for both the timer wires and the valve wires.
- Connect one wire from each valve (it doesn’t matter which wire) to a single “Common” sprinkler wire (usually white).
- Connect the remaining wire from each valve to a separate colored sprinkler wire.

Note: The maximum loading for each station/pump is 250mA, the maximum loading for the timer is 500mA.

If the distance between the sprinkler timer and valves is under 210 m, use Orbit® sprinkler wire or 26 gauge (AWG) plastic jacketed thermostat wire to connect the sprinkler timer to the valves. If the distance is over 210 m, use 16 gauge (AWG) wire.

Important: All wires should be joined together using wire nuts, solder, and/or vinyl tape. In wet environments like a valve box it is recommended to use Orbit Grease Caps to prevent corrosion of the connection and for protection from water infiltration.

Your timer is equipped with the simple “push-in” terminals for easy connection. Connect common wire to the common terminal. Connect remaining wires to corresponding terminal locations.

Only connect one valve to each terminal (station).

Station 1

Strip wire
Push in

Figure 1: Use Mounting Template (included)

Figure 2: Hang timer on screw using keyhole

Figure 3: Wiring Electric Valves

Figure 4: Wiring Electric Valves
4. Connect Electrical Power

**Indoor Locations** – Insert the power cord into an 240V electrical outlet.

**Outdoor Locations** – If a covered Ground Fault Interrupter (GFI) outlet is available, insert the power cord into the 240 volt outlet. If no outlet is available, the timer must have the wiring permanently installed (See figure 5)

- Turn off the AC power at the AC circuit breaker and apply an appropriate safety lockout. Verify that the power has been turned off to the installation site using an AC voltmeter set for the correct measurement range.
- Use power feed wire of 14 gauge (AWG) minimum with a temperature rating of 155 degrees Fahrenheit (68 degrees Celsius) or higher.
- Install the conduit and associated fittings. Connect the AC electrical power wiring to the source by following all the right codes and local standards.
- Connect the junction box to the Timer using a 13 mm Nipple (Junction box and nipple not included). (See Figure 5) Connect the source power conduit to the entrance of the junction box, following all the appropriate codes.
- Take the cord (running from the timer to the junction box) from the junction box and cut it to length. Remove the outer insulation (from cord) to expose the three wires.
- Connect the source wires to the wires extending from the sprinkler timer.
- For USA: Take care to follow the correct color code. Connect the Black for Live, and White for Neutral, there is no ground connection required.
- For Europe: Live is Brown and Neutral is Blue, there is no ground connection required. Be sure that all wires are connected to the proper source wire.
- Make sure all connections are made with code-approved insulated connectors.
- Be sure to place a weatherproof gasket and lid on the junction box.
- Turn AC power on at the AC circuit breaker.

**Important: Installation Using Permanent Wiring**
The sprinkler timer has a built-in transformer that must be connected to an AC voltage source. The timer is intended for use with a Ground Fault Interrupter (GFI) protected circuit.

5. Activate Battery

One Lithium CR2032 battery (included) is required to retain the program in memory during power loss. Annual replacement is recommended.

Remove the plastic strip to activate the pre-installed battery. (See page 12 for battery replacement)

Section 3: Programming with Easy-Set Logic™

**A note about multiple programs**

Your sprinkler timer provides the flexibility of using 3 independent programs (A,B,C). A program is where you store all of your sprinkler settings. It consists of a group of stations set to specific start times and run times. Multiple programs allow you to run different valves on different days with different run times. While many applications only require one program (A), using multiple programs can be useful for drip areas, newly planted lawn, or rotary sprinkler stations. Using programs to group stations with similar water needs will maximize irrigation efficiency.

Primary programming can be accomplished in just a few basic steps.

**Primary Programming**

Press the [RESET] to clear any previous factory programming

1. **Set Clock**
   - Turn dial to [SET CLOCK]

**Tip:** To increase or decrease more rapidly, hold down either the [+] or [-] buttons until the display goes into rapid advance mode.

- Press the [+] buttons to set am/pm
- Turn dial to accept time

2. **Set Date**
   - Turn dial to [SET DATE]
   - Y/M/D will appear (blinking letter indicates selection)
   - Press the [+] buttons to set the correct year, then press [ENTER] or [-]
   - Press the [-] buttons to set the correct month, then press [ENTER]
   - Press the [-] buttons to set the correct date
   - Turn dial to accept date

3. **Start time**
   - Turn dial to [START TIME]
   - Press the [+] buttons to select time you'd like your watering to begin
   - (time will adjust in 15 minute increments)

The display will show...
Example: Bill just planted new grass seed and wants to water three times per day. He sets START TIME 1 for 5am, START TIME 2 for 12pm, and START TIME 3 for 5pm.

He also sets HOW OFTEN to INT (interval) EVERY 1 DAYS (see section 3, HOW OFTEN).

In AUTO mode the system will water 3 times per day. Once Bill’s sod is established he can CLEAR start times 2 and 3 and return to watering just once per day.

4. Run Time
- Turn the dial to [RUN TIME]

STATION is the area that will be watered by each valve. On this screen the RUN TIME or duration for each station is set.

• Press the [+/–] to select a station and press the [+/-] buttons to enter the watering duration for that station.
• Press [ENTER] or the [+/–] buttons to move to the next station/valve, and enter watering duration for each station.

5. How Often
- Turn the dial to [HOW OFTEN]- this screen allows you to set how often to water.

There are 3 options provided:
1. Days of the week {Mon, Tues, Wed, etc.}
2. Intervals (Every “X” number of days)
3. Odd or Even Days

Days of the Week
- Your dial should be set to [HOW OFTEN]
  - Display will show the current program (A,B, or C)
  - Press the [+/–] buttons to move from one day to another
  - Press [+] or [ENTER] to select a day for watering. A frame will appear around the selected days.
  - To delete a previously entered day, press [-] or [CLEAR]

Example: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

Intervals
- Use the [+/–] buttons to move to the INTERVAL option “INT”
- Press [+/–] buttons to select the number of days between watering

Example: An interval of 1 will water every day; an interval of 3 will water every 3rd day, etc.

Odd or Even Days
- Use the [+/–] buttons to move to the ODD or EVEN day watering
  - Press [+] or [ENTER]
  - Selecting a different option or pressing clear will erase the previous selection

Example: Odd: 1st, 3rd, 5th, etc.
Example: Even: 2nd, 4th, 6th, etc.

• Turn the dial to [AUTO] and that’s it!
• You have programmed your timer!

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Note: If your program is lost, the factory installed fail-safe program will turn on each station every day for 10 minutes.

Note: Your prior programming will not be disturbed unless altered. Always be aware of the program you are in (A, B, or C) when you are making changes.

Reviewing and Changing Your Program
If you want to review or change the start times, run times, or how often to water, simply follow the directions again for that option. After reviewing or changing a watering schedule, remember to turn the dial back to [AUTO] for automatic operation.

Section 4: Additional Features

Rain Delay
[RAIN DELAY] allows you to delay your sprinkler timer from watering for a set period of time. Delay settings are 24, 48, and 72 hours.

• Turn dial to [AUTO]

- Press the [RAIN DELAY] button to automatically delay watering for 24 hours
- If a longer Rain Delay is desired, press the [+/–] buttons to increase or decrease the setting.
- Press [ENTER] or wait 10 seconds and the selected rain delay will begin.
- [CLEAR] button stops the rain delay and scheduled watering will resume.
- At the end of the selected rain delay amount of time, automatic watering resumes.
- While in rain delay mode, the timer display will switch between the actual time and the remaining hours of the delay, every 2 seconds

Manual Watering
Your timer has the ability to allow you to manually water without disturbing the preset program.

• Turn the dial to [AUTO]

- Press the [MANUAL] button. Display will show ABC and ALL. After a few seconds or by pressing [ENTER] the timer will begin manual watering.
- All stations will water consecutively for their programmed duration

Note: If the run times have not been set, the timer will not initiate manual watering and the screen will return to the current time.

- To adjust press [+/–] buttons, press [ENTER]
- If using multiple programs (A, B, or C) Press the [PROGRAM] button to move to the desired program and make the needed adjustment

Example: Bill’s watering duration is set at 60 minutes however; it is the spring time so he wants to water half as long so he sets his budgeting to 50%, his timer will now water for 30 minutes.

Water Budgeting
Water Budgeting is a simple way to adjust your watering duration to match seasonal watering needs. Water Budgeting works by increasing or decreasing watering duration for all stations in each program. Press the [PROGRAM] button to select the program you wish to budget.

Adjustment range is from 10% to 200% by increments of 10%.
The default value is 100%. The budgeting will remain on the adjusted range until you change it.

To set budgeting:
• Turn dial to [BUDGETING]

- Press the [BUDGETING] button to enter the desired duration from 1 to 240 minutes
- Wait 5 seconds and your station will begin
- To stop Manual Watering press [CLEAR]
- The timer will go back to your original automatic watering schedule
Example: To manually water on station 3 for five minutes, press the [MANUAL] button then press the [₁ ₂] buttons until you see station 3; using the [+/–] buttons, set duration to five minutes; press [ENTER].

Note: After the [MANUAL] button has been pushed, if a selection is not made within 5 seconds all stations and programs will begin watering using the programmed RUN TIMES. If no RUN TIMES have been set, nothing will happen and the display will return to the time of day.

Connecting a Rain Sensor

- Connect the rain sensor wires to the wiring terminal ports (yellow in color) labeled “Sensor”.

Note: Refer to your rain sensor manual for specific wiring instructions.

- Place the sensor on/off switch to the “on” position to begin operation (see figure 6)

Rain Sensor Bypass

This sprinkler timer is equipped with a sensor override “on/off” switch. This switch is for use during maintenance and repairs, so the sprinkler timer can be operated even if the rain sensor is in active mode.

Important: If the rain sensor switch is in the “on” position and no sensor is connected, the sprinkler timer will not operate. To resume sprinkler timer operation place the switch in the off position.

Pump Start & Master Valve

This sprinkler timer allows a master valve or pump start relay to operate whenever a station is on.

Note: If you are activating a pump from this timer, you must purchase a Pump Start Relay. From the pump start relay (master valve); connect one wire to the “Pump” terminal and the other wire to the “Common” terminal.

Replacing the Battery

Timer requires a CR2032 Lithium battery

- The battery will maintain your program in case of an AC power loss
- Battery should last approximately one year
- Open by sliding the battery tray out to the right
- Insert one CR2032 battery into the compartment with the + side up
- Slide back into place.

To Remove

A weak or missing battery can cause the time, date, and program to be erased after a power failure. If this happens, you will need to install a fully charged battery and reprogram the timer.

Tip: Replace battery every year, to avoid loss of programming

Note: A battery alone will not operate the valves in your sprinkling system. The sprinkler timer has a built-in transformer that must be connected to an AC line voltage source.

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<td>Supplies water to a specific station or area. The opening and closing of the valve is accomplished through electrical current supplied by the sprinkler timer.</td>
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<td>Typically located at the main water source. Turns on and off water for the entire irrigation system when not in use.</td>
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<td>MULTIPLE START TIMES</td>
<td>A controller feature that allows a program to be operated multiple times on the same watering day.</td>
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<td>RAIN DELAY</td>
<td>A feature that postpones the running of a scheduled watering program for a specific duration.</td>
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<td>SOLENOID</td>
<td>The electrical part on an irrigation valve that opens and closes the valve.</td>
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<td>SPRINKLER TIMER</td>
<td>A device which instructs the station valves to operate.</td>
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<td>STATION</td>
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**HELP**
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**LISTINGS**
The sprinkler timer is tested to UL-50 standard & is ETL® listed. Appropriate international models are CSA® and CE® approved. This Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

**Disconnection**: Type 1Y

Normal Pollution Situation.
The supply cord of this control can be replaced only by the manufacturer or his accredited service agent.

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**WARRANTY AND STATEMENT**
Orbit® Irrigation Products, Inc. warrants to its customers that its products will be free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of three years from the date of purchase.

We will replace, free of charge, the defective part or parts found to be defective under normal use and service for a period of up to three years after purchase (proof of purchase required).

We reserve the right to inspect the defective part prior to replacement.

Orbit® Irrigation Products, Inc. will not be responsible for consequential or incidental cost or damage caused by the product failure. Orbit® liability under this warranty is limited solely to the replacement or repair of defective parts.

To exercise your warranty, return the unit to your dealer with a copy of the sales receipt.

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

**NOTE**: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

**Caution**: This appliance is not intended for use by young children or infirm persons without supervision. Young children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance.

**Warning**: Changes or modifications to this unit not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user’s authority to operate the equipment.