

# **TestAlert**

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# Introduction

## **Thank You**

We appreciate your purchase of the Prime Controls **TestAlert** system. You will quickly find the **TestAlert** system to be a vast improvement over other leak tester controllers on the market today. There are many features and capabilities with this system. The goal of our development team was to create a system that was not only intelligent, but also intuitive, allowing your personnel to keep the tester at its peak performance. If you have any questions about this system, or comments about making it better, please let us know. We are happy to provide you with set-up assistance and training on this product. Let us know so we can help you use it to its fullest potential.

Again, thank you for your business.

The Prime Controls Team

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## **About Prime Controls**

Prime Controls, Inc. started in 1992 as a privately owned company located in Kettering, Ohio, a suburb of Dayton.

Originally, Prime Controls branched off from Hyde Park Electronics, Inc. (Schneider Electric Sensor Competency Center) to market and improve the technology of Double Sheet Detectors. Prime's initial goal was to improve the product line with state-of-the-art designs.

By 1997, Prime Controls accomplished that goal by replacing or improving all the previous products with features such as pushbutton calibration, metal optimized auto-frequency adjustment, international ready power supplies, simple packaging, quick disconnect control, quick disconnect sensors, self-test and fault indication.

Since 1997, Prime Controls has provided additional products generated by customer suggestions for improvements. Totally new detectors were designed to provide auto-calibration, adjustable reject thresholds, under-thickness detection, auto-thickness compensation, thin foil detection and improvements in detecting difficult metals like copper, stainless steel and magnesium.

Today, Prime Controls is the world's foremost Double Metal Sheet Detector supplier, providing products and services to container making, automotive, appliance, circuit board and other metal forming sectors. Our company is committed to the development of new products with the most advanced technology available. Our growth strategy is focused on providing products that simplify metal detection operation and provide the highest possible reliability for our customers.

We are one of a handful of companies that manufacture metal detection and related products in our US factory. We are the world supplier of Double End and Tab Detectors for high-speed Easy Open End presses for beverage and food containers. A Prime Controls detector has inspected virtually every food and beverage container with a pull-tab end, in the world. Our primary technology is the application of eddy current measurement. We also manufacture high-speed leak detectors for containers and ends using air and light technology.

One of our growth goals is to expand our sensing and controls product line by employing talented technical personnel and providing them with the tools they need to design products that will meet future customer needs.

We're not done. Many more products and innovations are in development. Stay posted on our website ([www.primecontrols.com](http://www.primecontrols.com)) for new product releases and let us know if you're looking for a particular solution. We are always willing to discuss new ideas and solutions. About 99% of the products we have today originated as an idea from one of our customers. We thank you.

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## **TestAlert Purpose**

The **TestAlert** system updates older container and end leak testers with 21st century touch-screen technology. Many 3-piece and aerosol container-makers have air pressure leak tester machines that have outdated test data capabilities.

Prime Controls' **TestAlert** system is designed to retrofit older leak testers and bring them up to date with enhanced data readout and reporting capabilities. The basic **TestAlert** system includes an MD-30 control module, 3 air pressure sensors, power supply, device switching relays, a resolver to sync the system to the tester, and a touch screen control panel.



The colorful touch screen display provides a user-friendly graphic interface with screens for set up, diagnostics, and monitoring test data by pocket. The running test data screen shows the absolute leak readings of each pocket in PSI, and each pocket can be highlighted to show additional test data.

The screen can also display a bar graph of all the pockets' accumulated test data to show emerging trends. The control system tracks the history of each tester pocket. This can indicate impending problems with a particular pocket, which helps predict and prevent maintenance shutdowns and lost production time.

Error message screens display helpful troubleshooting tips to assist the operator in getting the leak test machine up and running with minimal downtime.

The **TestAlert**'s set-up screen provides prompts to help the operator quickly and easily set up the system. It stores the specifications for up to 3 different tester configurations and up to 8 product recipes which make product changeovers faster and easier. The control system has e-mail reporting and networking capabilities, and leak readings are transferable to all testers in the plant to maximize flexibility.

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## **TestAlert Components**

The TestAlert system consists of 7 major parts:

1. **MD30 – Controller** – Mounted inside of enclosure. This unit has all the wiring from transducers, timing generator, sensors and switches connected to it. The MD30 contains the main processor which controls the tester and makes all the decisions pertaining to testing and information gathering.
2. **MI101/MI102 – Touch Screen Display** – This HMI is the gateway to the system feedback and control. Through it, all operational information and system control can be accessed and manipulated. This unit can be mounted through the door of the enclosure containing the MD30, or separately in its own enclosure so it can be viewed easily by the operator. The MI101/MI102 is used to set up the system on the tester. All the parameters are entered using the touch screen display. There are also additional software packages available for additional functionality.
3. **TE200/TE201 – Timing Generator** – This unit is mounted on the tester and is wired to the MD30 and will replace the existing timing generator. Placement is typically on either the infeed star wheel shaft, or the reject star wheel shaft. The TE200 uses a rubber flap for interfacing with the shaft, while the TE201 uses a keyed shaft.
4. **TD10 – Pressure Transducers** – This unit will replace the existing TD5 transducers. The TD10 transducers supply absolute pressure values to the MD30 controller. This allows the system to display pressure in PSI values and helps with easy setup of the reject limit.
5. **AC400-7 – Relay Bank** – Mounted in the same enclosure as the MD30, this unit provides an interface between the MD30 DC outputs with the AC solenoids of the air tester. There are 7 relays prewired on a DIN rail: Air Spool, Low Pressure, Test Air, Run/Stop, Even Reject, Odd Reject, and Feed Control.
6. **PS503 – Power Supply** – This is a 24vdc, 4.2A power supply that supplies all TestAlert components including the external sensors.
7. **Sensors and Switches** – These are plant-supplied proximity sensors mounted on the tester, and mechanical switches mounted on the main control area of the tester or mounted on the MD30 enclosure.

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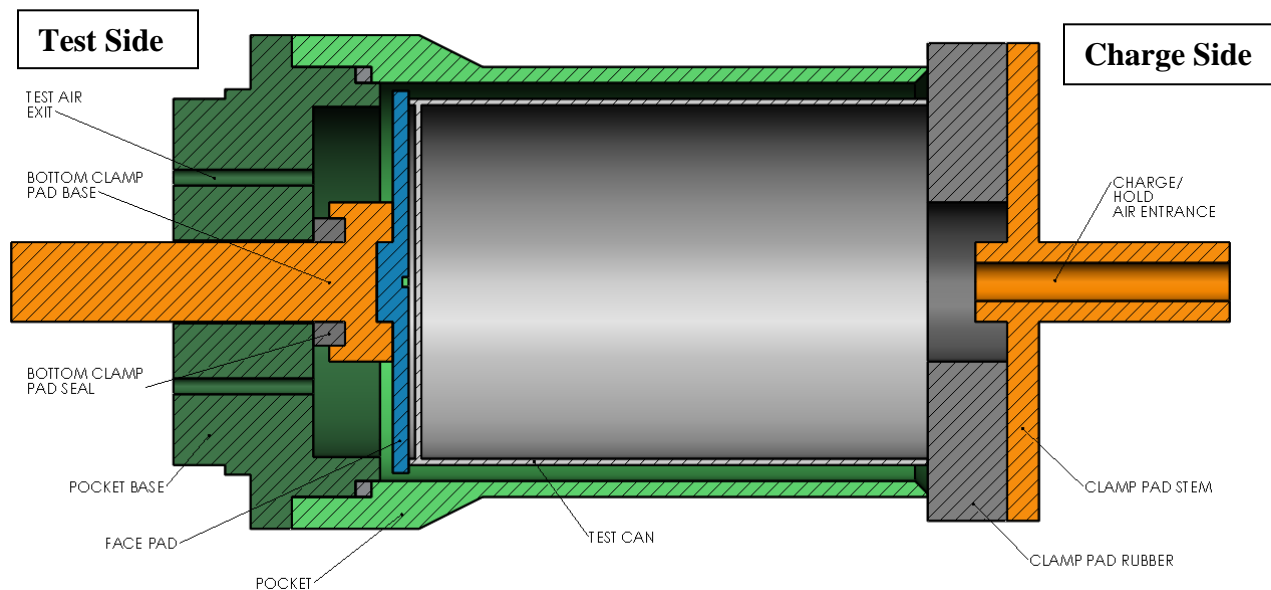
# Chapter 1: Theory of Tester Operation

It is important to understand how Pocket Air Pressure Testers commonly used in the container manufacturing industry work to understand how the TestAlert system works with these testers to reliably ensure containers are accurately tested for leaks.

While there are several variations of air pressure testers in the industry today, the basic principle of how they work is the same. These testers vary in number and size of pockets, and operate at various speeds, but all basically test the same way.

The individual two-piece pockets are designed to capture a container to be tested and seal the open end of the container over a charging orifice that applies air pressure to the inside of the container after the pocket closes. This is commonly referred to as the Charge side of the pocket. The charging of the container is controlled either by an actuated valve or by a fixed valving system commonly referred to as a Flat Valve depending on the type of tester.

The pocket closes and seals around the outside of the container to form a second chamber around the outside of the container being tested. This is referred to as the Test side of the pocket. The Test Side contains a port that can switch between venting to atmosphere, or to a pressure transducer to measure the pressure in the Test side of the pocket. Again, the venting to atmosphere or to a pressure transducer is controlled by an actuated spool valve or by a fixed valving system commonly referred to as a Flat Valve depending on the model of the tester.



In operation, the pocket closes around the container being tested and the inside of the container being tested is pressurized while the remaining pocket volume outside the container is vented to atmosphere. This is called the Charging phase of the test. This causes the container being tested

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to swell slightly. The swelling of the container will cause the air pressure to increase slightly in the Test side of the pocket. It is important to vent this initial pressure increase to the outside so as not to mistake it for air leaking through a hole or defect in the container. After a venting period following container pressurization, the Test side of the pocket is closed off to atmosphere while steady pressure is maintained on the inside of the container being tested. Any pressure that accumulates on the Test side of the pocket after being closed to the atmosphere should be the result of pressure leaking through the container being tested. After a period called the Test phase, the Test side of the pocket is opened to a pressure transducer for pressure measurement. Any pressure accumulated at this point is compared to a Leak Threshold pressure. If the measured pressure of the Test side of the pocket exceeds the Leak Threshold, the container is determined to have a leak and is rejected out of the production stream.

## Chapter 2: Typical Applications

The TestAlert system is designed to work with a variety of common container air testers. Its versatility allows it to be configured to utilize all the typical actuators and sensors that are found on the various types of air testers used in the container making industry today. The three main types of air pressure testers are described here.

### **Rotary Shaft Tester (No Container / No Air capable)**

The Rotary Shaft Tester typically has an AP model number. This tester has spool valves on both the incoming Charge Air / Hold Air and on the Test Air side of the tester. On this type of tester, the test air is fed directly into the main rotating tester shaft. Hoses from the main rotating tester shaft distribute the Charge Air / Hold Air to the individual pockets through an actuated spool valve on each pocket that is opened or closed to the pocket depending on the presence of a container in the pocket and the point in the tester's rotation. If a container is present in the pocket, the Charge valve opens during the Charge and Test phase of the cycle and closes the rest of the cycle so that no air volume is wasted charging empty pockets. The Rotary Shaft tester has a second set of actuated spool valves on the test side of each pocket that either closes, sealing the pocket, or opens, to vent the pocket to atmosphere or to the pressure transducer depending on the point in the tester's rotation.

It is important to note that this type of tester draws the Charge Air and Hold Air from the same air line so this tester has only one pressure regulator controlling the air supply.

### **Converted Flat Valve Tester (No Container / No Air capable)**

Older Flat Valve testers have two stages of pressurized air. The First Stage, or Charge Air is for charging the inside of the container being tested, while the pocket is being vented to atmosphere. The Second Stage or Hold Air is for holding pressure inside the container being tested during the Test Period. Converted Flat Valve testers have spool valves added between their original Flat Valving system and the individual pockets. These added valves enable control of the Charging Air and Holding Air to each individual pocket which are opened or closed to the pocket depending on the presence of a container and the point in the tester's rotation. These valves allow the tester to have No Container / No Air functionality which can reduce the air volume needed to operate as it will charge only pockets that have a container in them. No air is wasted pressurizing empty pockets.

It is important to note that this type of tester typically has a First Stage air pressure regulator and a Second Stage air pressure regulator that control the pressures to the Charge Air and Hold Air stages respectively.

### **Original Flat Valve Tester**

Original Flat Valve testers do not have the capability of controlling air to each individual pocket that is dependent on the presence of a container in the pocket. As a result, the Charge Air and Hold Air are constantly pressurizing multiple pockets simultaneously whether there is a container in the pocket or not.

This type of tester only has a flat valve plate with elongated apertures associated with the different stages of the testing cycle. The valve has apertures that distribute the incoming air for

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Charging Air, Holding Air. The mating plate to the flat valve plate has ports leading to the charge side of each pocket. As the plates ride over each other, the various stages of testing are controlled by when the pocket ports correspond with the various apertures in the flat valve plate. Each pocket also has another port from the Test side of the pocket that controls when the pocket is vented or opened to the transducer for reading the accumulated pressure on the test side of the pocket. In some flat valve testers, this port is opened and closed by an actuated spool valve, while in others, it corresponds to a second set of elongated apertures in the flat valve plate that are responsible for Testing (leading to the transducers) and Venting (open to atmosphere). It is important to note that this type of tester typically has a First Stage air pressure regulator and a Second Stage air pressure regulator that control the pressures to the Charge Air and Hold Air stages respectively.

While this type of tester does not have true No Container / No Air capability, some systems use a method of external timing, and monitoring of the flow of containers to shut off the Charge Air / Hold Air to decrease the air volume that would otherwise be consumed when no containers are being tested.

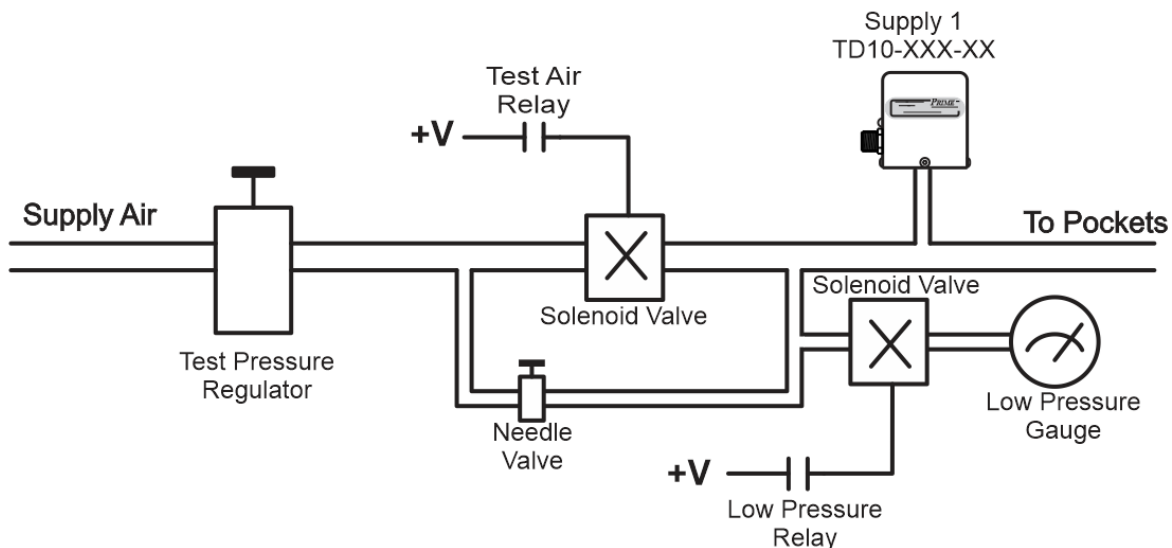
# Chapter 3: Mechanical Installation

## **Pneumatic Diagram with Supply Pressure Transducers**

The following are the recommended plumbing configurations needed to correctly operate the various types of container air testers commonly found. While there are other variations of testers that are less common in the industry, the following covers the most common testers found. The less common types of testers can generally be configured like one of the following. If not plumbed correctly, the tester will be unable to function properly.

### **Rotary Shaft Tester (No Container / No Air)**

Be sure to connect the TD10 into the air line after the regulator and the test air solenoid so that the MD30 can monitor the test pressure going to the pockets. The Low-Pressure Relay drives the low pressure solenoid which protects the Low Pressure Gauge (inH<sub>2</sub>O). There should also be a pop-off valve for additional protection.



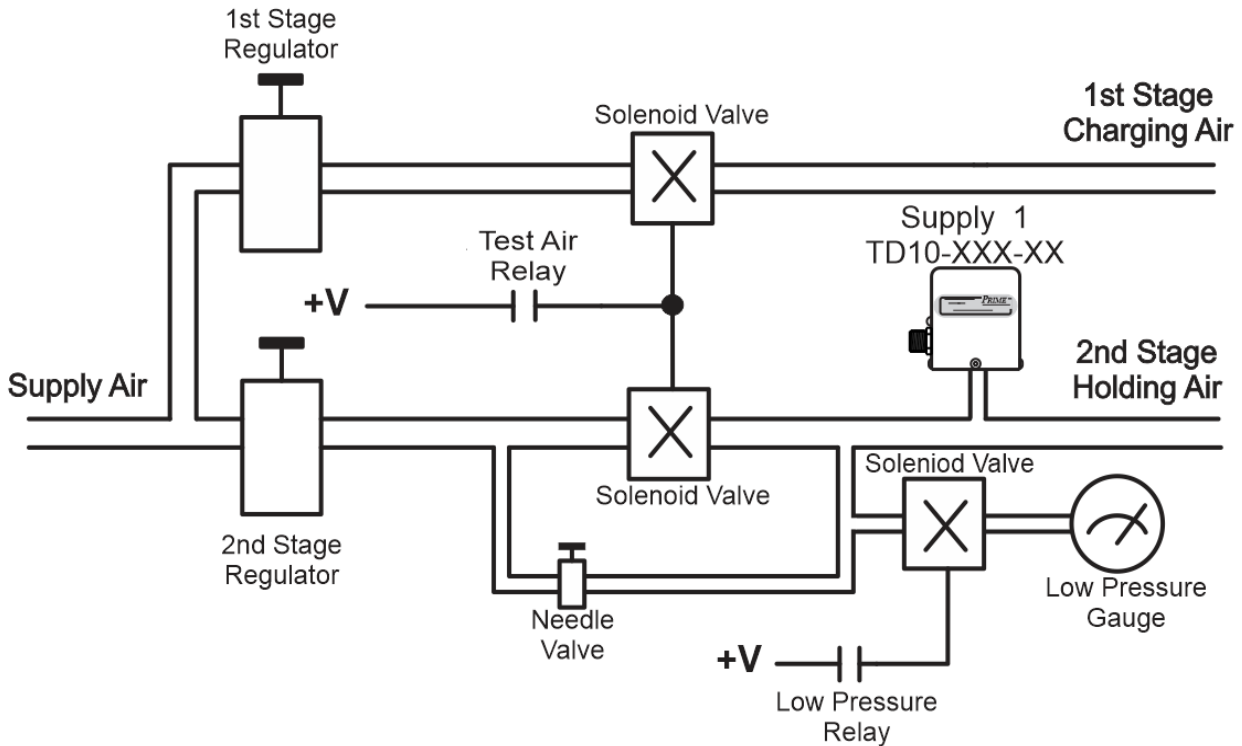
**Rotary Shaft Tester (AP Models with air and test spool valves)**

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### Converted Flat Valve Tester (No Container / No Air)

Connect the TD10 as shown below so that it monitors the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage Holding Air. Keep in mind that differences between the 1<sup>st</sup> stage and 2<sup>nd</sup> stage regulators cause significant changes in the test values for containers.



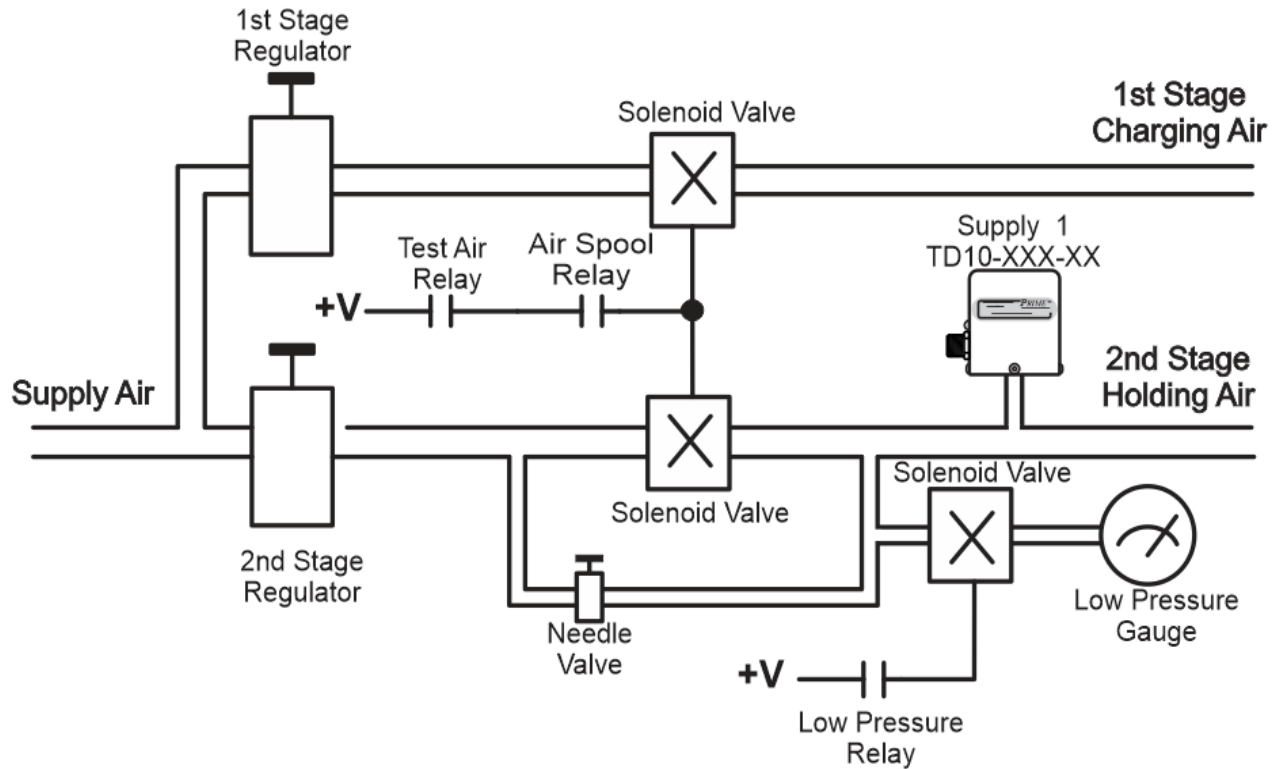
Converted (spool valve ring) Flat Valve Testers

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## Original Flat Valve Tester

Connect the TD10 as shown below so that it monitors the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage Holding Air. Keep in mind that differences between the 1<sup>st</sup> stage and 2<sup>nd</sup> stage regulators cause significant changes in the test values for containers.



### Original Flat Valve Testers

**NOTE:** When the Test Air Relay and Air Spool Relay are wired in series as above, the MD30 can control turn both the Charge Air and Test Air the Test Air on and off based on containers present in the tester. Giving the tester No Container/No Air capability.

While this configuration can minimize the pressurization of empty pockets on the tester, it also requires that the Supply Pressure Minimum Limit Fault be disabled. This means that while the MD30 will still monitor the supply pressure, it will not fault if the supply air falls below effective testing levels.

## TD10 - Pressure Transducers

The TD10 pressure transducer is used in two places on the tester. The main location is to measure the leak pressure coming off the test block. Depending on the type of tester, there may be one TD10, for a single port test block, or two which would measure even and odd channels. An additional TD10 is used to measure the incoming supply pressure. The Test Supply Pressure TD10 can replace (or be parallel with) the Pressure Limit Switch and allows the MD30 to monitor the incoming test pressure so that it is at the optimum level.

The pressure port on the TD10 is compatible with the threading of the older TD5P transducer. A Prime Controls CBL113-x cable is used to connect each TD10 to the MD30 controller.

Container Type	Model Number	Linear Range	Function	Proof Pressure
Food Containers/Ends	TD10-015-2	0 to 2 PSI	Test	15 PSI
Food Containers/Ends	TD10-045-15	0 to 15 PSI	Supply	45 PSI
Aerosol Containers	TD10-045-5	0 to 5 PSI	Test	45PSI
Aerosol Containers	TD10-225-105	0 to 105 PSI	Supply	225 PSI

### Mounting Guidelines

It is recommended that the supply air be filtered going into the tester to minimize any oil or water in the supply lines. This is crucial for the accuracy and longevity of the TD10 transducer. When mounting the TD10 transducer, make sure it is mounted upright with the threaded pressure port facing downward. The transducers should also be above the test block. This will reduce the amount of oil that can accumulate in the transducer.

Be sure that the TD10 transducer is not exposed to pressures above the rated proof pressure. This can cause damage to the unit.




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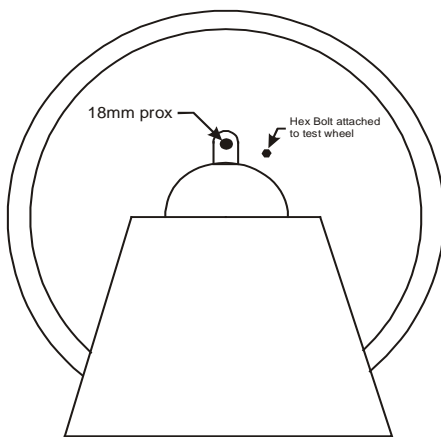
## **TE200 / TE201 - Timing Generator and Home Sensor**

The TE200 / TE201 timing generators are designed to be a drop-in replacement for the older Timing Generators used with the MD2, MD3 and MD20 systems. There are two different mechanical connections with this series. The TE200 uses a rubber flap to connect to the rotating shaft. The TE201 uses a keyed shaft to attach to a timing chain or other coupling.

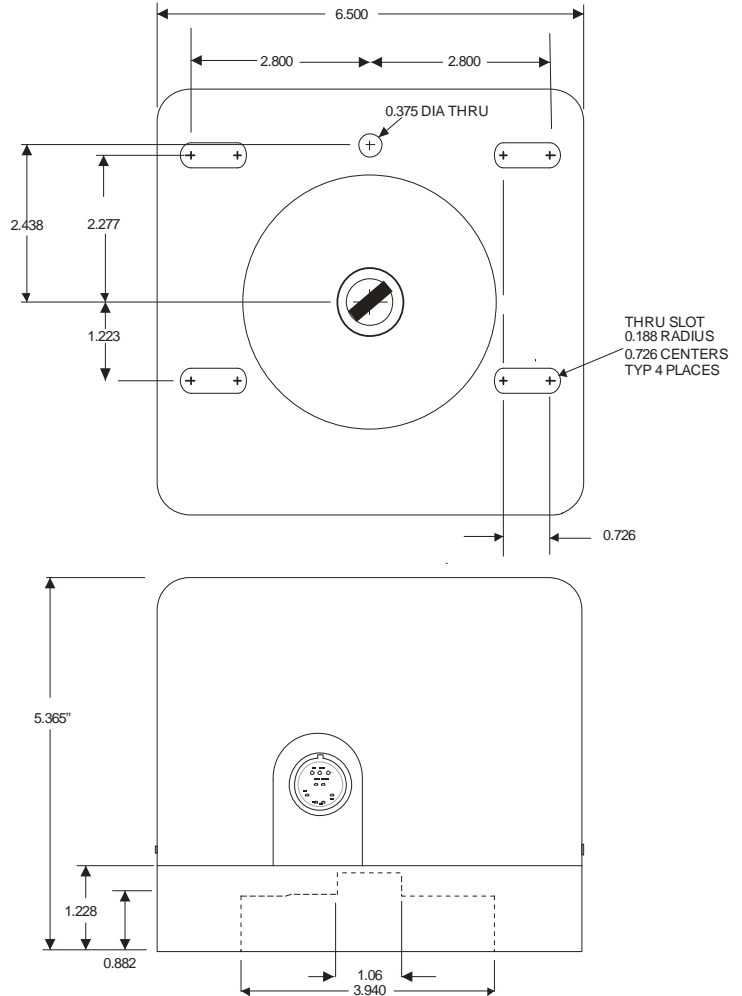
**\*\*It is recommended not to use a timing chain to interface the timing generator to the machine. This can cause intermittent counts per revolution and errors.**

The Home Sensor is used to give the MD30 one pulse per revolution of the tester. This ensures that the MD30 is accurately tracking the test wheel. The Home Sensor should be mounted on the test block side frame of the tester. The Home Sensor must accurately detect a hex bolt, known as the Home Flag, mounted to the test wheel.

The Home Position of the tester is when the Home Sensor first detects the Home Flag. It is at this position where all the tester component positions are defined.



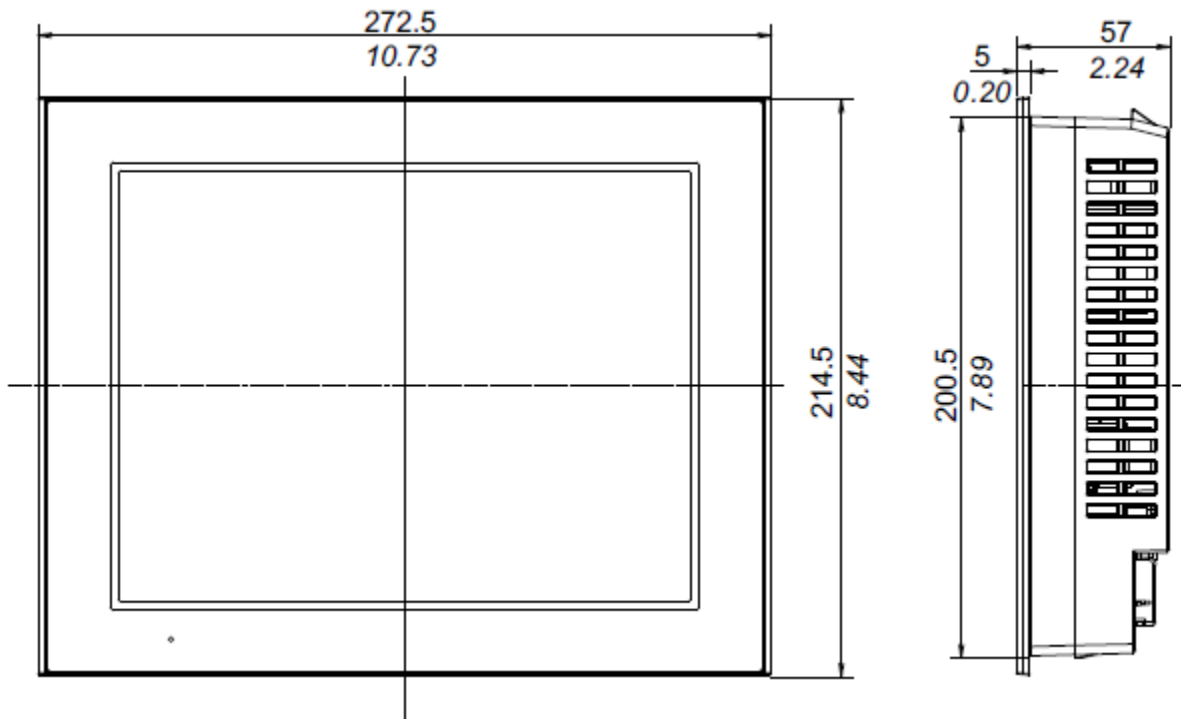
Mounting Position of the Home Sensor



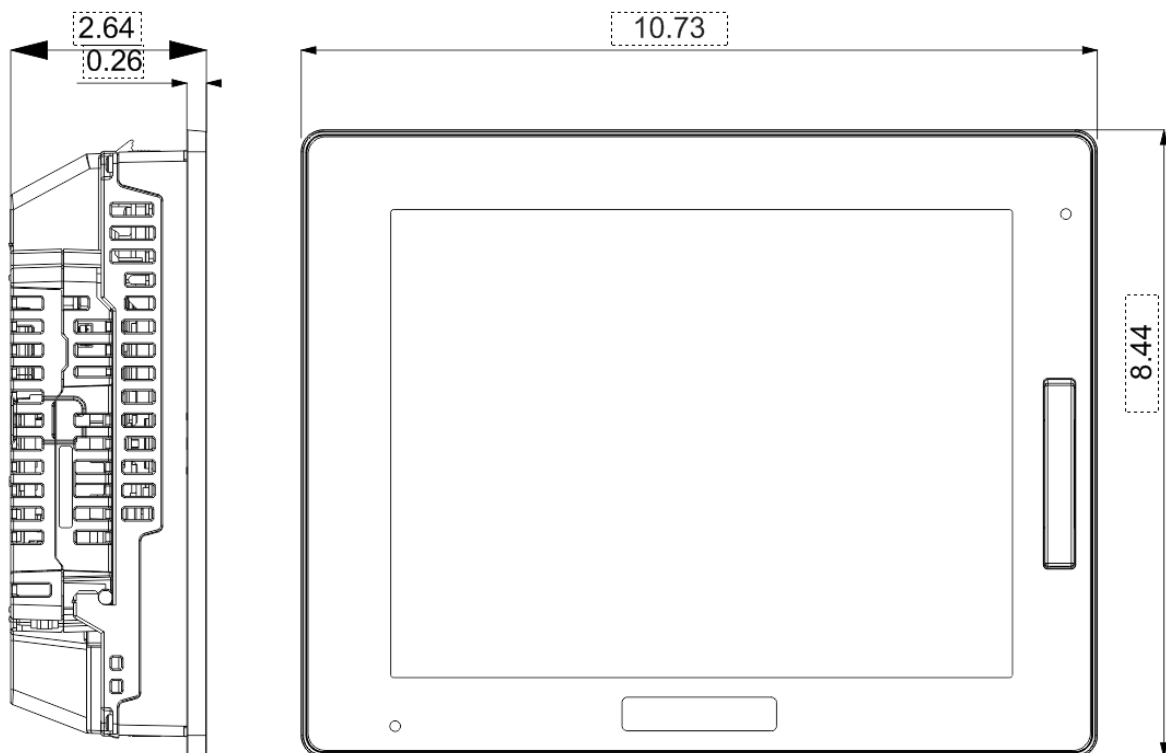
TE200 – Shown with rubber flap attachment



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**Panel opening for MI101/MI102 – Touch Screen Display**

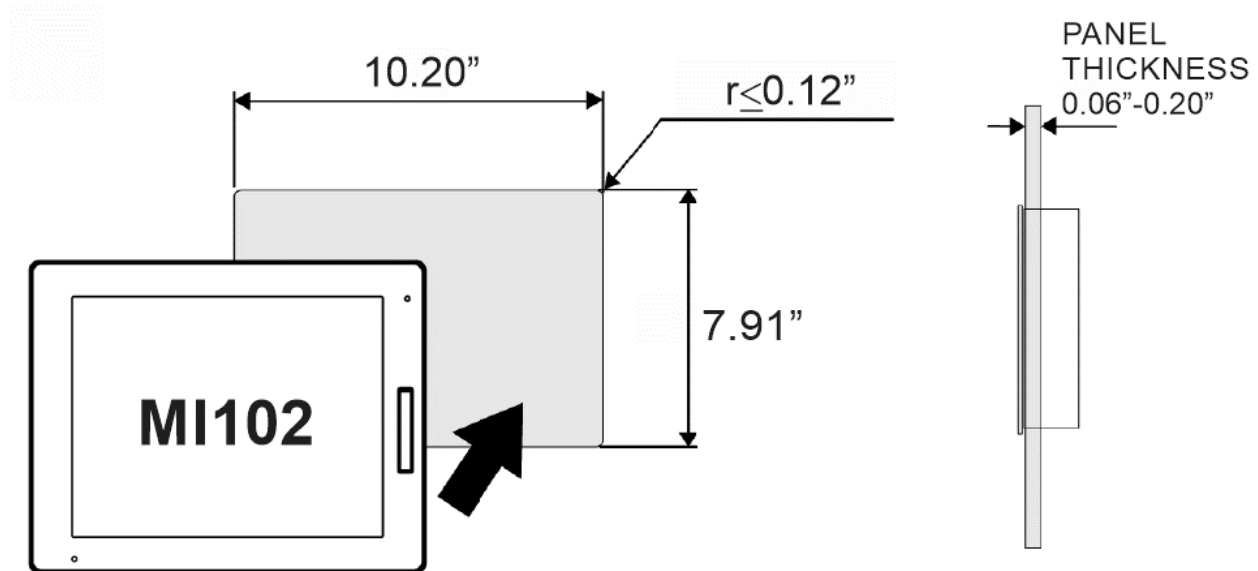
MI101 – Operator Interface



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**MI102 – Operator Interface**

It is recommended that the MI101/MI102 be mounted in an enclosure to protect it from dust and dirt. For good ventilation of the MI101/MI102, be sure to install the unit at least 4.0" (100mm) away (on all sides) from other components in the enclosure. Take care in mounting the MI101/MI102 screen, placing it in an area where it will not be easily hit by other machinery as this will damage the screen and void the warranty.

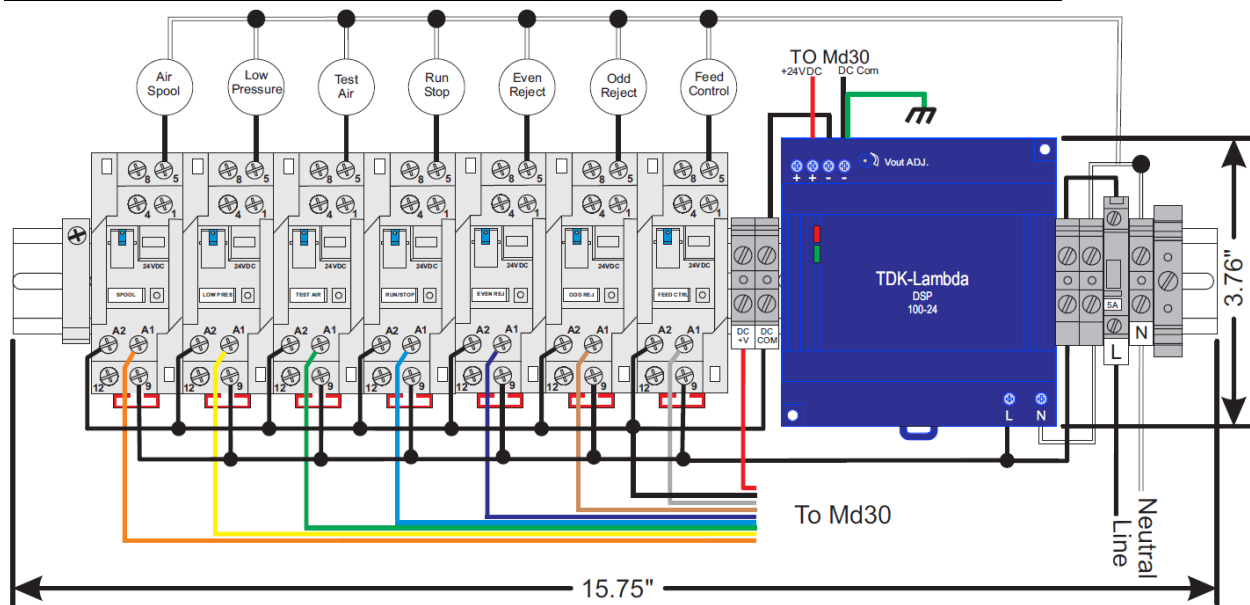


MI101/MI102 – Panel Cutout Dimensions

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## **AC400-7 and PS503 – Relay Bank and Power Supply**



AC400-7 and PS503 – Wiring and Dimensions

The AC400-7 provides an interface between the MD30 outputs and the solenoids on the air tester. There are 7 relays on this unit that provide power to the following solenoids:

- Air Spool
- Low Pressure
- Test Air
- Run/Stop
- Even Reject
- Odd Reject
- Feed Control

The AC400-7 and PS503 are mounted onto a single 15.75" din rail that can be easily panel mounted using 4 x 10-32 x 5/16 Machine Screws (not supplied).

**\*\*It is recommended to mount the AC400-7 above the MD30 in the control enclosure so it can be easily wired to the top of the MD30. The unit is pre-wired to allow for direct connection to the MD30.\*\***

**NOTE:** When the Test Air Relay and Air Spool Relay are wired in series, the MD30 can control turn both the Charge Air and Test Air the Test Air on and off based on containers present in the tester. Giving the Original Flat Valve testers No Container/No Air capability.

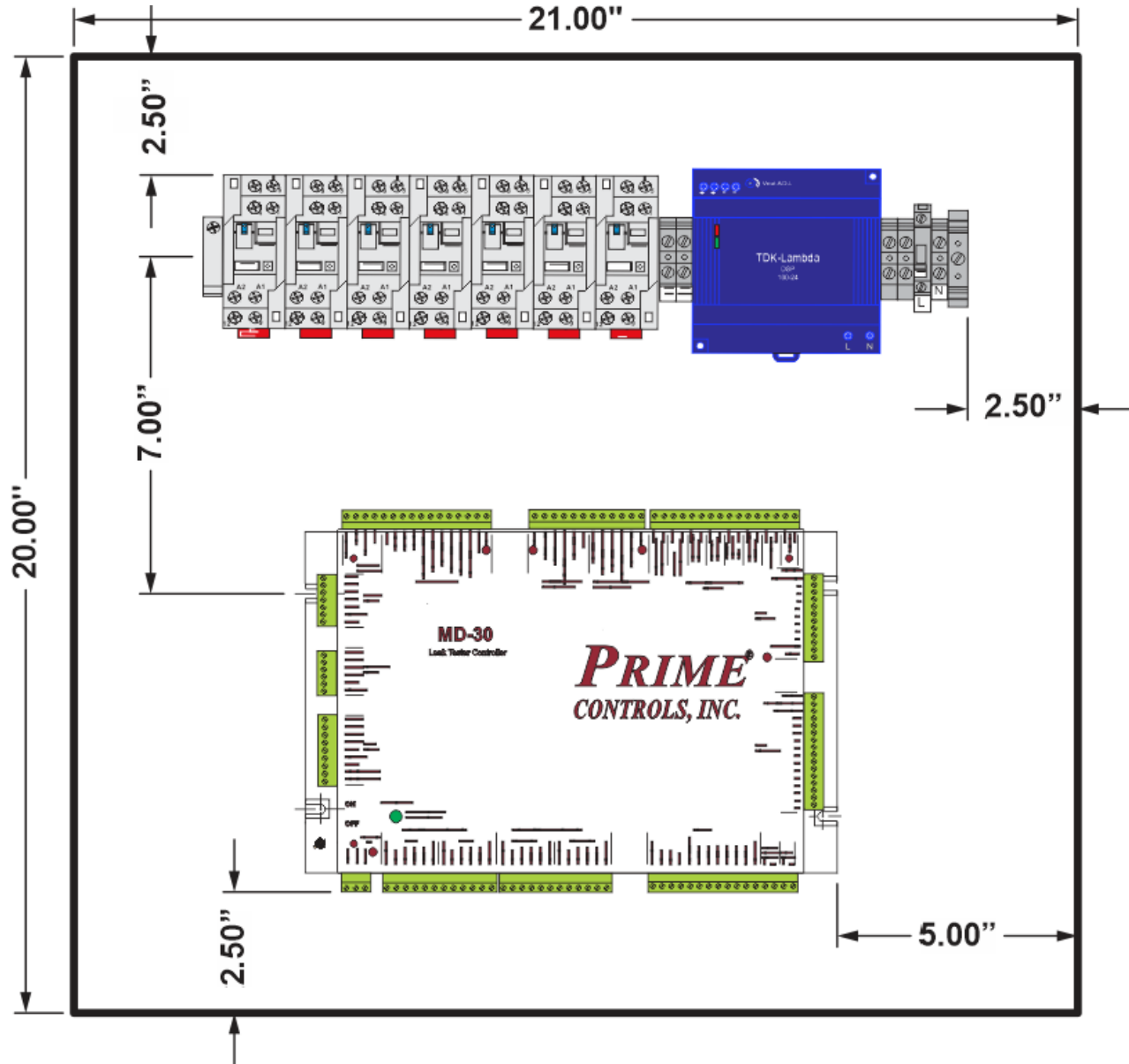
While this configuration can minimize the pressurization of empty pockets on the tester, it also requires that the Supply Pressure Minimum Limit Fault be disabled. This means that while the MD30 will still monitor the supply pressure, it will not fault if the supply air falls below effective testing levels.

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## **MD30 Controller**

If possible, the MD30 controller should be mounted directly underneath the AC400-7 and PS503 power supply. Be sure to provide enough room for wiring to the connectors along each side of the unit.



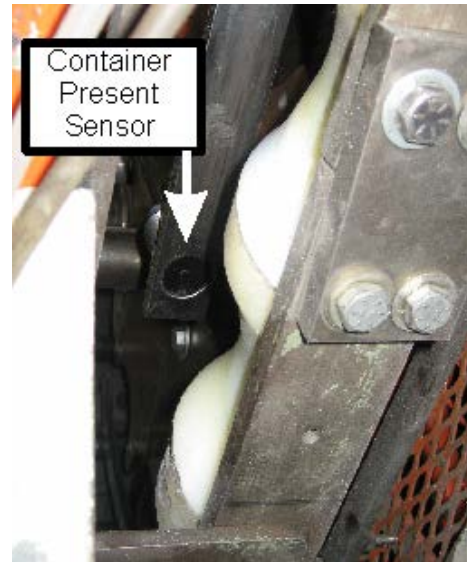
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## **Sensors and Switches**

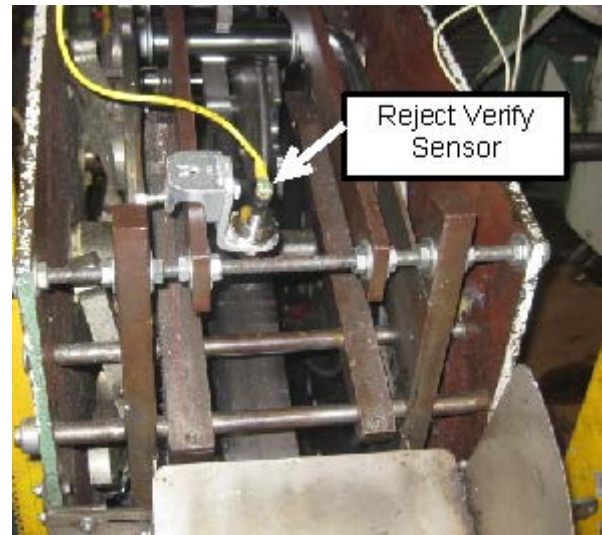
### **Container Present Sensor**

The container present sensor is used to tell the MD30 system which pocket a container is going into so it can accurately track it through the system. This can be any type of inductive proximity sensor (except self-powered), typically an 18mm or 30mm barrel. The prox. is mounted on the infeed screw or infeed star-wheel. The picture to the right shows the container present sensor mounted in the infeed screw area. It is important that the container is captured at the point where it is being sensed by the container present sensor. The sensing range of the prox. must be sufficient to accurately sense the container as it passes by, while still being able to turn off between containers.



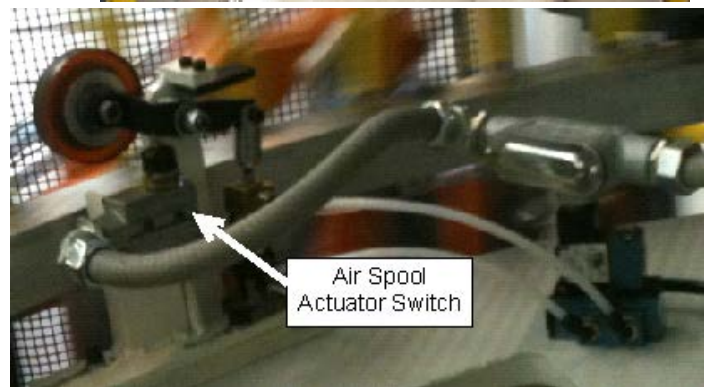
### **Reject Verify Sensor**

The reject verify sensor is used to verify that the rejector system is working properly. If a rejected container is not sensed by the reject verify sensor, the MD30 will shut down the tester immediately so that the bad container does not make it to the palletizer. The reject verify sensor must be mounted in the reject chute at a position where it will accurately sense each rejected container. In most cases, this is an inductive prox, however, some companies prefer to use a photoelectric sensor.



### **Air Spool Actuator Switch**

The Air Spool Actuator Switch is typically a mechanical limit switch which is depressed when the air spool actuator is in the charging position. This device tells the MD30 that the Air Spool Actuator is working properly and that pockets are being charged with air. The MD30 also verifies that the solenoid is operating fast enough to charge the correct pocket. If installed correctly, like shown, the MD30 can catch a sticking spool valve.



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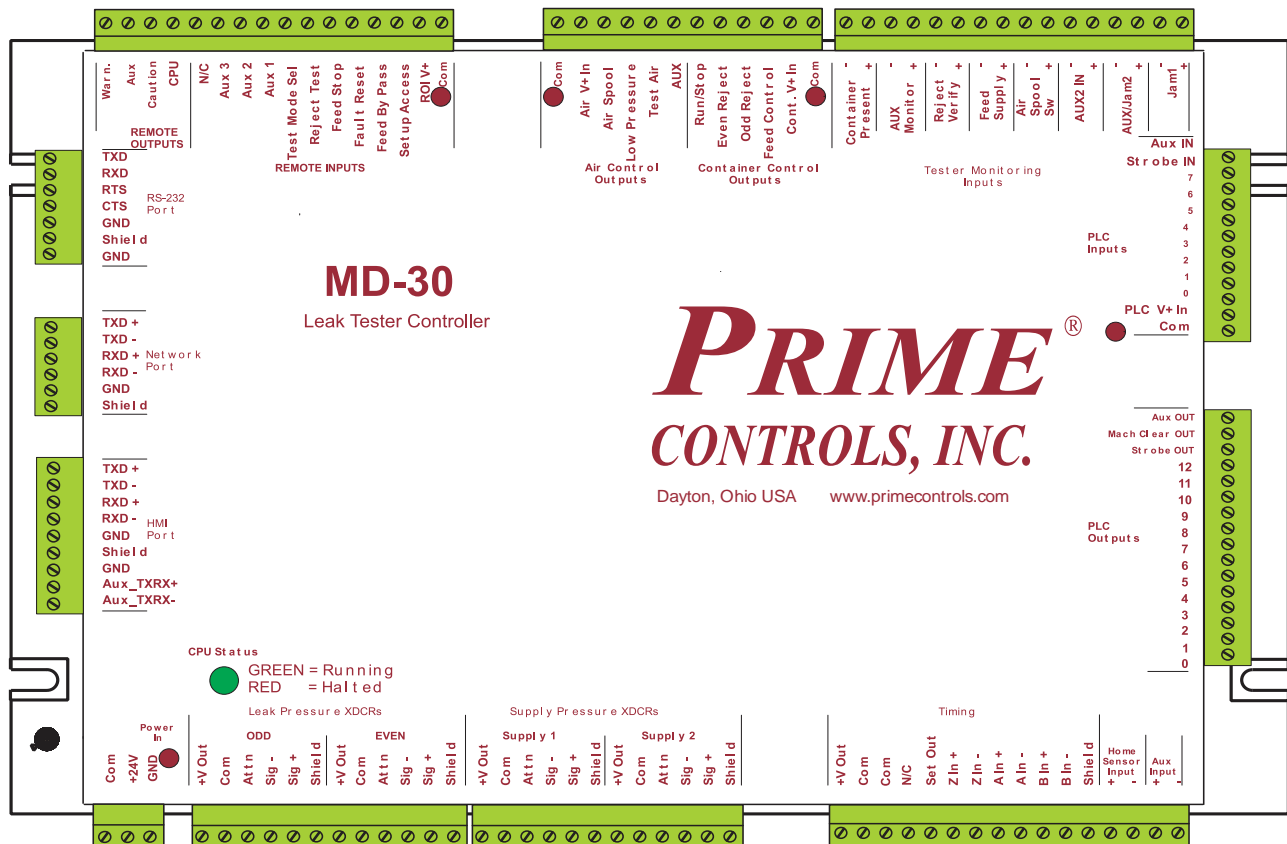


# Chapter 4: Electrical Wiring

## LED Indication on main board

The MD30 controller has multiple LEDs around the unit to indicate power being supplied to each of the main areas and to display the status of the CPU. All inputs and outputs are opto-isolated for protection. This requires separate power lines to each section so that damage to the board is minimized if there is a short in the wiring. The five LED power indicators show that power has been applied to: **ROI V+ IN**, **AIR V+ IN**, **CONT V+ IN**, **PLC V+ IN**, and the Main **+24V** input terminals. If one of these is not lit, check the wiring to that terminal and to the COM terminal.

The **CPU STATUS** indicator should be Green which indicates that the processor is running correctly. If it turns Red, this indicates that the processor is halted.



MD30 LED indicators and terminal labels

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## **Terminal Definitions**

This is a brief explanation of the terminals on the MD30 board starting from the power input and working counter-clockwise.

For a full wiring layout of system, please refer to the last page of the manual.

Section	Terminal	Definition
Power In	COM	DC Common input from power supply
	+24V	+24VDC input from power supply
	GND	For Field Grounding. (Using the post on chassis preferred)
Leak Pressure	+VOUT	Output voltage to power the pressure transducers
XDCRS	COM	DC common for pressure transducers
Odd and Even	ATTN	Attention signal for serial communication
Supply Pressure	SIG-	Serial communication line negative voltage
	SIG+	Serial communication line positive voltage
	SHIELD	Terminal to connect shield from pressure transducers. The standard cable supplied with the TD10 transducers does not require a shield. A shielded cable may be required in noisy environments.
Supply 1 & 2		
Timing	+V Out	Output voltage to power the timing generator
	COM	DC common for timing generator
	N/C	Not Connected
	Set Out	Communications with the timing generator
	Z IN +	Differential input from timing generator
	Z IN -	Differential input from timing generator
	A IN +	Differential input from timing generator
	A IN -	Differential input from timing generator
	B IN +	Differential input from timing generator
	B IN -	Differential input from timing generator
	SHIELD	Terminal to connect shield from timing generator
	HOME SENSOR INPUT +/-	Home sensor prox input from test wheel. Can be NPN or PNP.
	AUX INPUT +/-	Aux input (currently not enabled). Can be NPN or PNP.
TO PLC	0 – 12	Outputs to the PLC for communication. These are PNP outputs (currently not enabled)
	STROBE OUT	Communication output to PLC (currently not enabled)
	MACH CLEAR OUT	PNP output turns on when the machine is clear of containers. Typically wired to the frequency drive to slow test wheel down when not testing.
FROM PLC	AUX OUT	Additional output (currently not enabled)
	COM	DC Common
	PLC V+ IN	Power supply input (+24VDC) to power the PLC I/O
	0 - 7	Inputs from the PLC for communication. These are PNP inputs (currently not enabled)
TESTER MONITORING INPUTS	STROBE IN	Used to synchronize communication coming from the PLC (currently not enabled)
	AUX IN	Auxiliary input (currently not enabled)
	JAM 1 +/-	Jam 1 input from the Jam sensor or limit switch. Can be NPN or PNP
Opto-Isolated	AUX/JAM 2 +/-	Aux or Jam 2 input from the Jam sensor or limit switch. Can be NPN or PNP.
	AUX2 IN +/-	Auxiliary input 2 or Reject Air OK Input (currently not used) . Can be NPN or PNP.
	AIR SPOOL SW +/-	Input from the Air Spool Actuator limit switch. Can be NPN or PNP
	FEED SUPPLY +/-	Feed supply sensor input detecting containers up in the infeed rails. Can be NPN or PNP
CONTAINER CONTROL OUTPUTS	REJECT VERIFY +/-	Reject verify sensor input to detect container passing out reject chute. Can be NPN or PNP
	AUX MONITOR +/-	Aux input (currently not used) . Can be NPN or PNP.
	CONTAINER PRESENT +/-	Container present sensor input detecting containers going into tester. Can be NPN or PNP
CONTAINER CONTROL OUTPUTS	COM	DC common from power supply
	CONT V+ IN	Power supply input (+24VDC) to power the Container Control Outputs
	FEED CONTROL	Output to Feed Control relay to actuate Container Stop
	ODD REJECT	Output to odd rejector relay to reject failed container
	EVEN REJECT	Output to even rejector relay to reject failed container
CONTAINER CONTROL OUTPUTS	RUN/STOP	Output to the Motor contactor for the tester. When this output is off, there is an indicator on the Fault Reset button that illuminates.

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AIR CONTROL	AUX	Additional output (currently not enabled)
OUTPUTS	TEST AIR	Output to Test Air valve solenoid. This turns off the incoming Test Air to the tester
	LOW PRESSURE	Output to Low Pressure solenoid. This output turns on when in Low Pressure Test
	AIR SPOOL	Output to Air Spool actuator to charge the spool valves
	AIR V+ IN	Power supply input (+24VDC) to power the Air Control Outputs
	COM	DC Common for the Air Control Outputs
REMOTE	COM	DC Common for the Remote Operator Interface Inputs
OPERATOR	ROI V+ IN	Power supply input (+24VDC) to power the Remote Operator Interface Inputs
INTERFACE	SETUP ACCESS	External security switch input to act as password protection (currently not enabled)
INPUTS	FEED BYPASS	Input from external Feed Bypass momentary pushbutton switch. This input opens the Feed Bypass output at the correct timing position.
	FAULT RESET	Input from external Fault Reset momentary pushbutton switch. This input clears errors in the system.
	FEED STOP	Input from external Feed / Stop toggle switch. This input allows the user to stop containers from being fed into the tester.
	REJECT TEST	Input from external Reject Test momentary pushbutton switch. This input turns on the rejector to reject containers from the tester without causing faults in the system.
	LOW PRESSURE	Input from external Low Pressure toggle switch. This input initiates the Low Pressure test of the Leak Tester.
	AUX 1	Auxiliary input (currently not enabled)
	AUX 2	Auxiliary input (currently not enabled)
	AUX 3	Auxiliary input (currently not enabled)
	RESET or N/C	Input that performs a full reset of the MD30 controller (Typically not used. N/C on newer Units)
REMOTE	CPU	Processor status that the processor is working correctly. This is a Normally Closed output.
OUTPUTS	CAUTION	Configurable output – See Remote Inputs and Warning Indicators on the next page.
	AUX	Configurable output – See Remote Inputs and Warning Indicators on the next page.
	WARN.	Configurable output – See Remote Inputs and Warning Indicators on the next page.
RS-232	TXD	RS232 Transmit line
PORT	RXD	RS232 Receive line
	RTS	Request to Send line
(currently not enabled)	CTS	Clear to Send line
	GND	Ground
	SHIELD	Terminal to connect shield from RS232 cable
	GND	Ground
NETWORK	TXD +	Transmit Data positive voltage
PORT	TXD -	Transmit Data negative voltage
(currently not enabled. Use network on MI101/MI102)	RXD +	Receive Data positive voltage
	RXD -	Receive Data negative voltage
	GND	Ground
HMI PORT	SHIELD	Shield for the network cable
	TXD +	Transmit Data positive voltage
	TXD -	Transmit Data negative voltage
	RXD +	Receive Data positive voltage
	RXD -	Receive Data negative voltage
	GND	Ground
	SHIELD	Shield for the network cable
	GND	Ground
	AUX_TXRX+	Auxiliary Transmit or Receive positive voltage
	AUX_TXRX -	Auxiliary Transmit or Receive negative voltage

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## **Remote Inputs and Warning Indicators**

### **Warning Indicators (Stack Light Operation)**

For warning indication, these outputs can be wired to the tester PLC to alert the PLC of several conditions that can occur, or to a DC powered stack light to give a visual signal to the operator of those conditions. The MD30 will output a PNP (sourcing) output to drive the PLC input or remote stack light. If using a stack light, LED lights are recommended. (These outputs are not protected for inductive loads (relays) and require external snubbing if used as such.) The WARNING, AUX, and CAUTION outputs can be individually configured via the touch-screen. Enter one of the following numbers in the parameter screen to configure the operation of each of the lights in the stack light to fit your needs.

0 – Undefined – Output is DISABLED

1 – Predefined – Output operates as a preset function if set to 1 as follows.

Warning = Asserts in preparation to stop testing

Aux = Asserts for Trend Warning

Caution = Asserts for loss of communication with HMI

2 – Asserts in Preparation to stop testing

3 – Asserts for Trend warning

4 – Asserts when Loss of Communication with HMI

5 – Asserts for Reject Verify Fault

6 – Asserts when Container Present at Sensor.

This parameter also allows you to specify a NO/NC output.

Note: There is a 4<sup>th</sup> remote output that is not configurable. The CPU output is a Normally Closed output that indicates that the MD30 CPU is functioning normally. This can also be connected to a PLC input or a 4<sup>th</sup> light on a stack if desired.

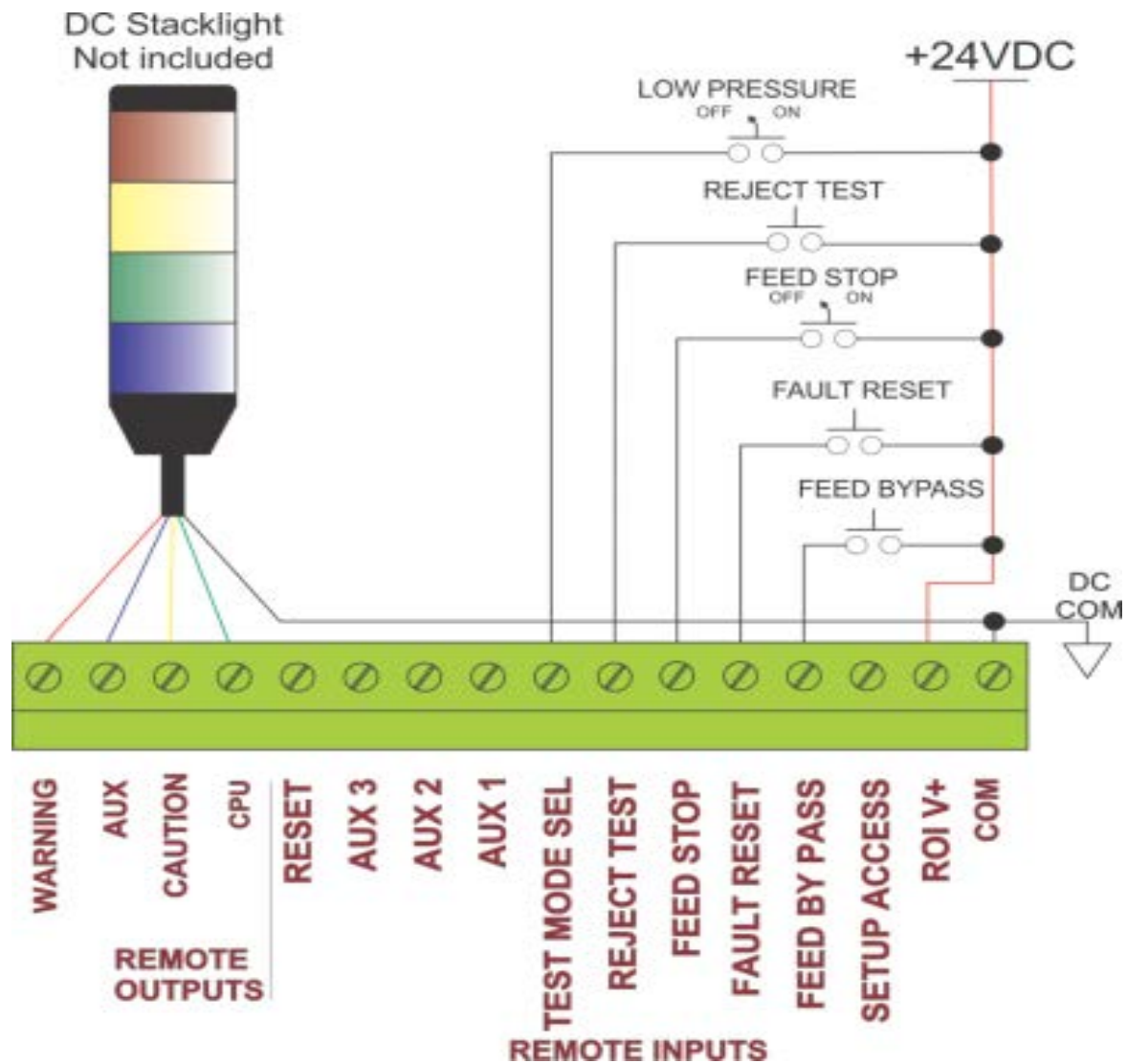
## Remote Input Switches

For the remote input switches, the input signals shown below relate to the pushbuttons or 2 position switches that are typically already on the main control of the leak tester. The MD30 does require a sourcing input. Some other tester controls required sinking in the past, so be sure this is wired correctly.

Here is a description of each of the inputs:

- Low Pressure – Two position switch – turn switch to on position to run Low Pressure Test
- Reject Test – Momentary Pushbutton–used to turn on the reject mechanism to reject containers
- Feed Stop – Two position switch – used to manually override the Feed Control function of the MD30 to stop the feeding of containers
- Fault Reset – Momentary Pushbutton – will clear out an error message on the MD30
- Feed Bypass – Momentary Pushbutton – will actuate Container Stop to feed containers when pressed

See wiring connections for both the Stack Light outputs and the Remote Switch inputs on the following page.



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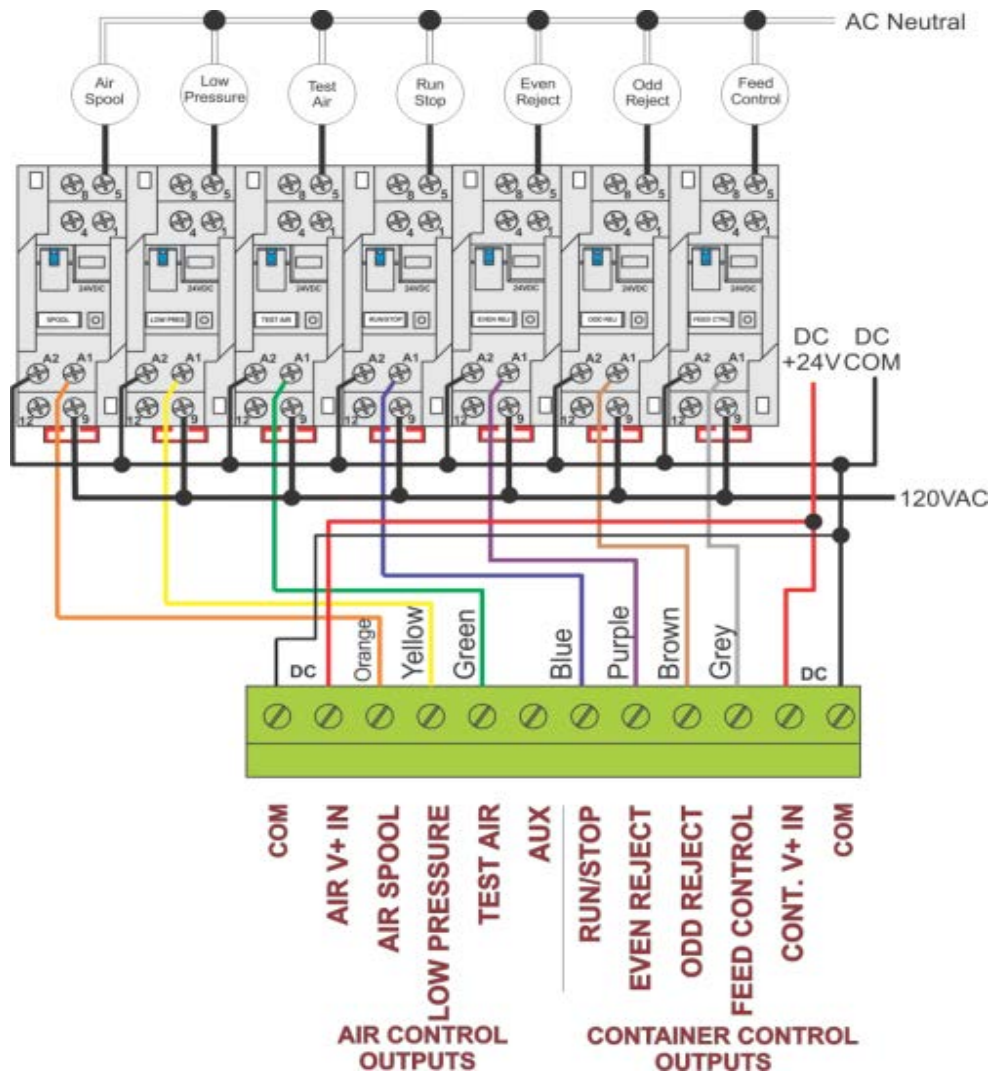
## Outputs

The outputs of the MD30 typically are wired to the AC400-7 relay bank. The relay bank acts as an interface between the DC outputs of the MD30 and the AC Solenoids of the Leak Tester. Each relay is labeled with its respective solenoid output. For protection, the solenoid outputs are optically isolated and require voltage supplies to each side of the terminal.

If you are using DC solenoids on the tester, you will need to disconnect the 120VAC wires from the relay and connect it to +24VDC instead. The solenoids should then be connected to DC common instead of AC Neutral.

On testers with only one reject solenoid, both the odd and even outputs actuate at the same time, so it does not matter if the output is wired to the even or odd relay.

A Fault indicator lamp can be wired to the NC terminal of the Run/Stop relay.

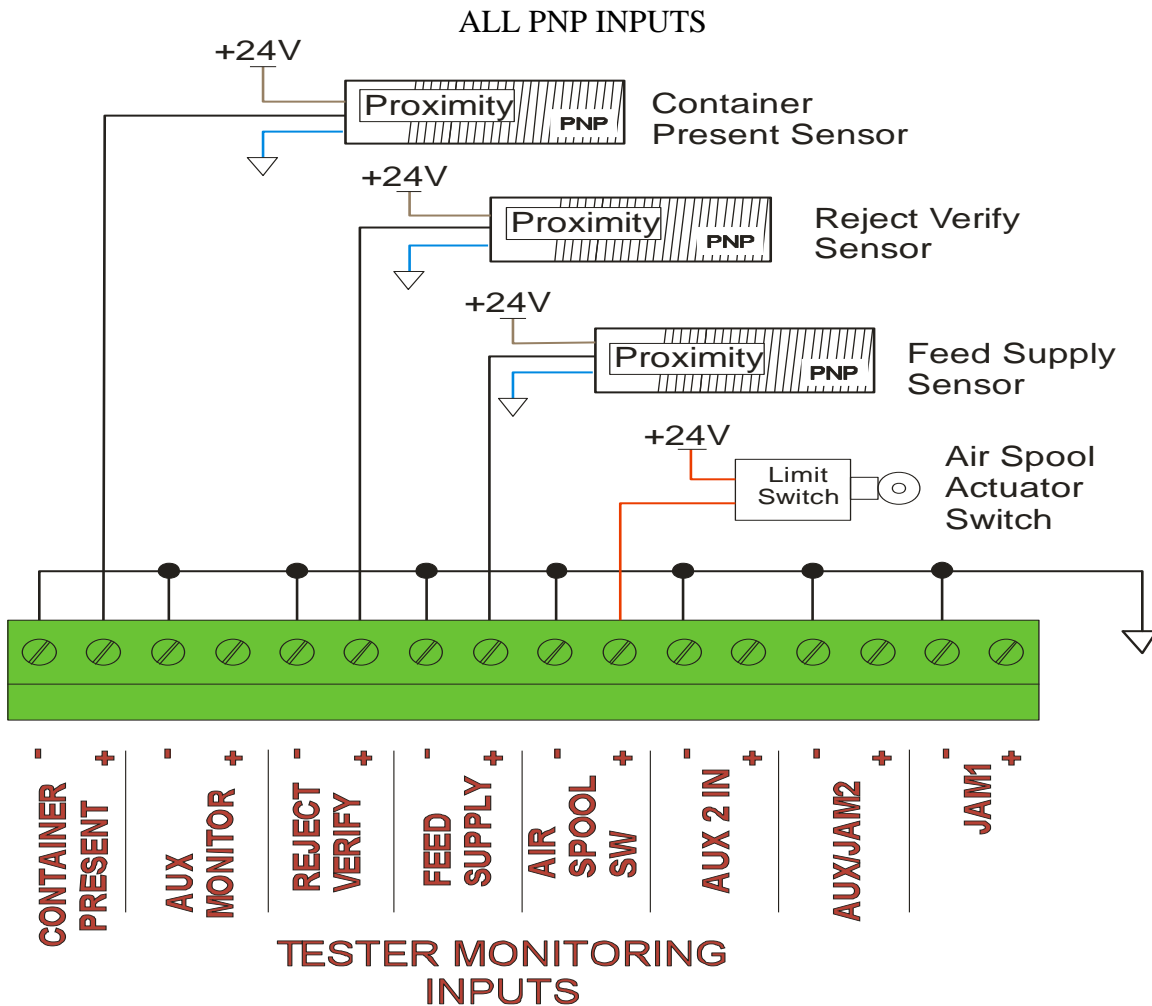


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## **Tester Monitoring Inputs**

The Tester Monitoring Inputs are where the sensors and limit switch inputs are wired. Each terminal has two positions for wiring (+ and -). The type of output from the sensor determines which terminal the output is wired to, and which terminal is connected to +24DC or DC COM. The wiring example below shows all PNP (sourcing) sensors. AUX MONITOR, AUX2 IN (REJECT AIR OK), JAM1 and AUX/JAM2 inputs are not shown wired.

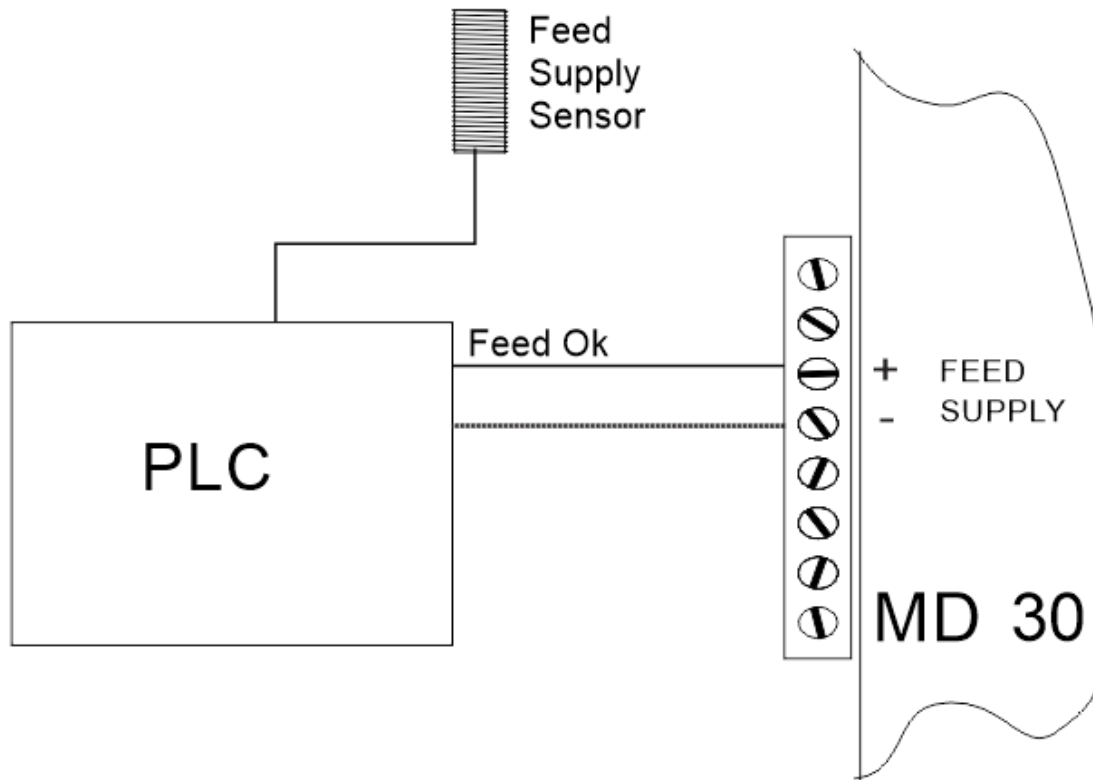
PNP (Sourcing)	Wire output to + Terminal	Jumper – Terminal to DC COM
NPN (Sinking)	Wire output to – Terminal	Jumper + Terminal to +24VDC



**NOTE:** Do not use Self Powering Proximity Switches as the leakage current from this type of switch can cause false indicators to the MD30 Controller affecting operation.



**Feed Supply sensor with a Line Control PLC** - In many cases the PLC needs to be in control of feeding containers into the tester. In this case, wire the Feed Supply Sensor directly to the PLC, and then have an output from the PLC wired into the Feed Supply Sensor input of the MD30.



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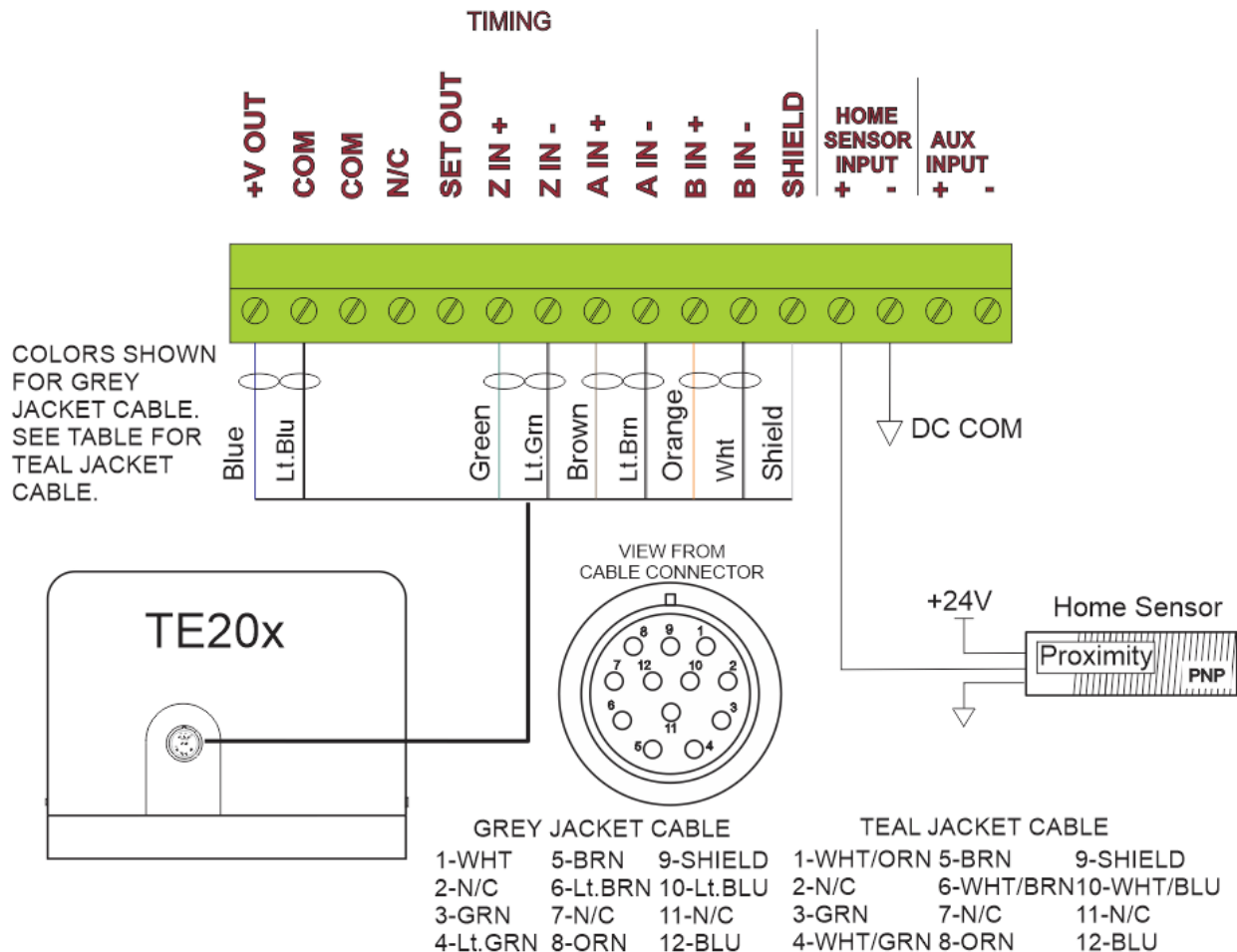
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## **Timing Generator & Home Sensor**

The timing generator is wired to the MD30 control using a cable with an M23 connector. The Prime Controls part number for this cable is CBL130-xx (xx=5 for 5m, 10 for 10m). All 8 wires and the shield need to be wired to the MD30. (See Below)

The Home Sensor input can be either NPN(sinking) or PNP(sourcing). The diagram below shows a PNP (sourcing) sensor. The Aux Input is for future expansion.

PNP (Sourcing)      Wire output to + Terminal      Jumper – Terminal to DC COM  
NPN (Sinking)      Wire output to – Terminal      Jumper + Terminal to +24VDC

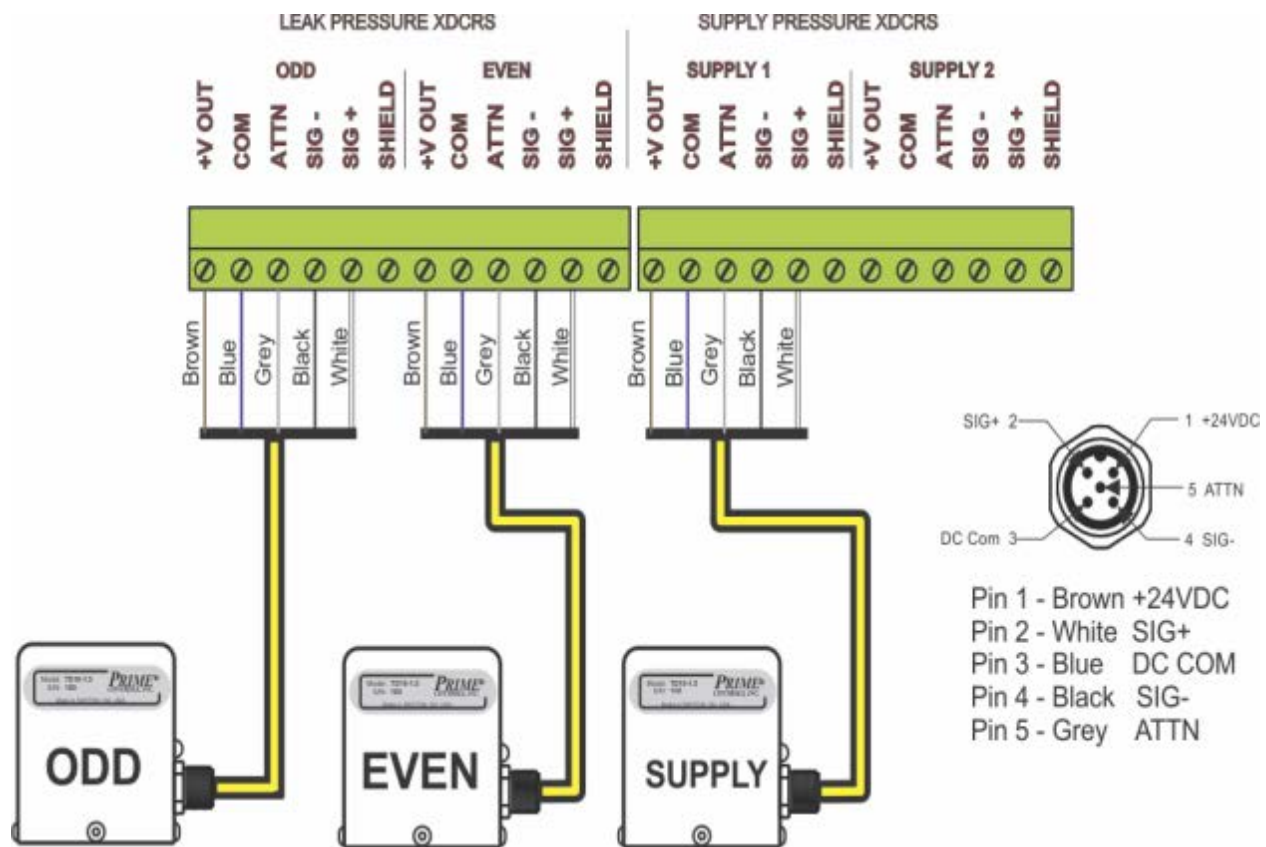


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## **Test Pressure and Supply Pressure Transducers**

The pressure transducers used with the MD30 are different than the types used on previous tester controllers. The TD10 Pressure Transducers output an absolute pressure value which allows the system to show a true PSI value as its measurement. Depending on the type of tester, either one or two Test Transducers are required (odd and even). If the tester requires only one transducer, it must be wired to the ODD transducer terminals. The SUPPLY 1 input is used to monitor the Charge Air (test) pressure of the Leak Tester. If the tester is set up for Stage 1 and Stage 2 air, the Supply Transducer should be plumbed on the Stage 2 air line. The SUPPLY 2 input is not used.

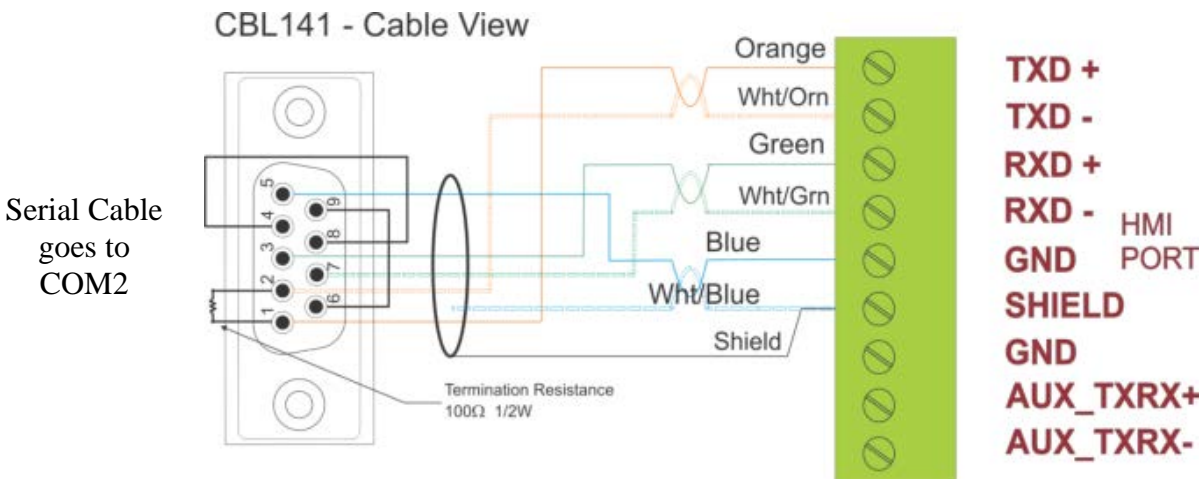
A Prime Controls cable CBL113-x (x=5 for 5m, 10 for 10m) is used to connect each TD10 to the MD30 controller.



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## HMI

The diagram below details the connection between the HMI and the MD30. The connector is a standard female DB-9 serial communications cable. This connector gets plugged into **COM2** on the HMI. The Prime Controls part number for the standard cable is CBL141-2 which is a 2m long cable. Other lengths are available.



The MI101/MI102 HMI is powered with +24VDC power and requires 0.71A-2.1A current. The MI101/MI102 HMI should be powered by the PS503 power supply that is provided with the MD30 TestAlert package. Frame Ground (FG) must be connected to the enclosure grounding point.

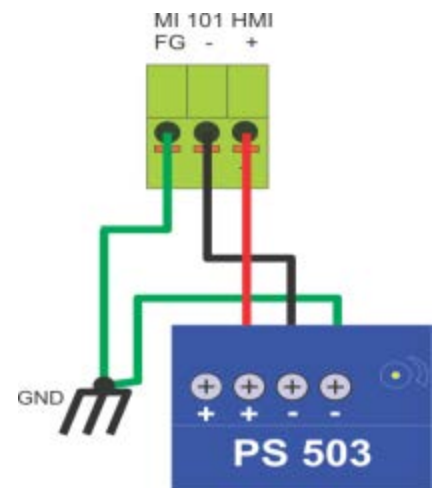


Preferred ground connection  
MI101



Alternate ground connection  
MI101/MI102

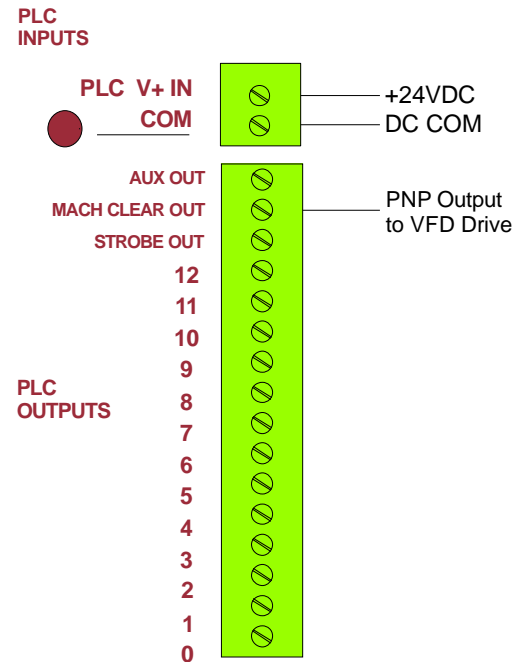
**CAUTION:** Both the MI101/MI102 FG and PS503 DC Common must be solidly connected to the common grounding point of the enclosure using the shortest reasonable connection path. Failure to adhere to this guidance may result in damage to the MI101/MI102 or MD30.



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## **Machine Clear Output**

The Machine Clear Output is used as an input to the Motor Drive of the tester. This PNP (sourcing) output will turn on when there are no containers in the tester to allow the drive to go into a slow mode. When containers are ready to feed into the tester, this output will turn off. This output is able to source 50mA current.



## **Power Supply**

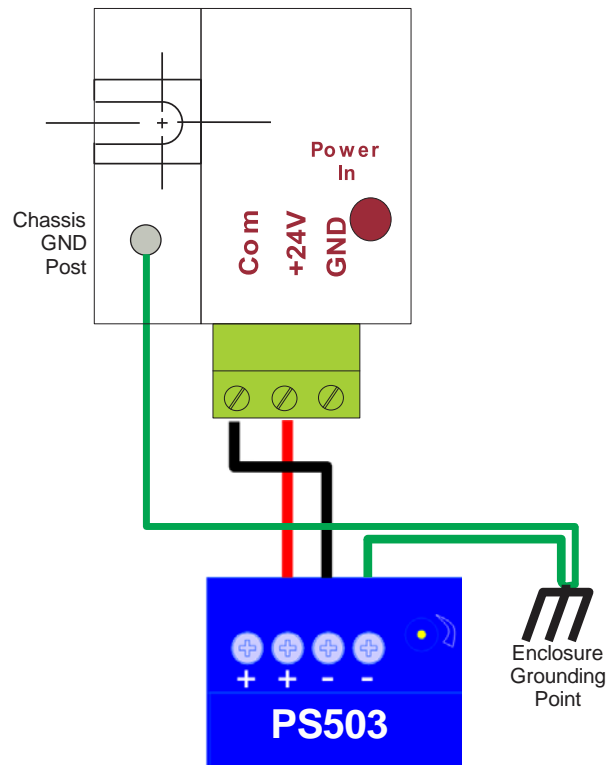
The PS503 is the 24VDC power supply that provides power to the MD30, MI101/MI102 HMI and all other accessories. The power supply provides 4.2A of current, or 100W.

The power supply comes with a circuit breaker for protection. This is a 5 amp breaker mounted on the DIN rail next to the supply.

### **Proper wiring of Power Supply**

Be sure that the DC COM (-) terminal of the PS503 power supply is connected to ground through the Enclosure Grounding Point. Also wire the MD30 and MI101/MI102 grounding posts to this same ground.

Measure the AC and DC voltages between the FG stud on the HMI and the MD30 COM terminal. The sum of these two voltages should be less than 1v.



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# Chapter 5: Touch screen Usage and Care

## **Only use finger to operate HMI**

Use only your finger to operate the MI101/MI102 touch screen display. Using pens, screwdrivers, or hammers to operate the unit may cause damage to or scratch the screen.

## **Screen protector**


The MI101/MI102 Touch Screen comes with a clear plastic screen protector. We recommend that this unit only be used when the screen protector is in place to assure the longevity of the touchscreen. The screen protector will protect from minor scratches and dirt but will not protect against damage to the screen in case of a hit or flying objects. This type of damage to the screen is not covered under warranty. Additional screen protectors can be ordered from Prime Controls.

## **Cleaning the screen**

Only use a non-abrasive cloth to clean the screen. A mild detergent or water can be used if necessary.

## **Adjusting Brightness of the Screen**

The MI101/MI102 Touch Screen display is shipped with the background brightness at maximum. If a lower level of brightness is desired, follow this procedure.

1. Press and release the upper right corner of the screen within the black border.
2. Within one second, press the upper left corner of the screen within the black border.
3. The brightness can be adjusted using the arrows.
4. Press "X" to exit. 

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# Chapter 6: Security on HMI

There are quite a few screens that need to be password protected to protect them from inadvertent changes once the system is set up. There are three levels of security in this system.

Level 1 – Operator Level – Access to setting reject limits and low-level diagnostics.  
Factory Default for this password is - 1

Level 2 – Technician/Electrician Level – Access to all Level One functions as well as high-level diagnostics, parameter controls, and device setup procedure.  
Factory Default for this password is - 2

Level 15 – Prime Controls use only – Access to advanced level system diagnostics and configurations.

Once a password is entered, that password stays active for 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, the password will need to be re-entered upon moving to another password protected screen. Moving between screens within the 15 minute time limit, resets the timer to zero.

The password entry screen is shown on the right. All passwords are alpha-numeric with no special characters.

ENTER PASSWORD						
LEVEL : 1						*****
ESC	1	2	3	4	5	BS
CAPS	6	7	8	9	0	CLR
A	B	C	D	E	F	G
H	I	J	K	L	M	N
O	P	Q	R	S	T	E
U	V	W	X	Y	Z	N
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## Secure Screens

The following screens are password protected:




- Reject Limit
- Diagnostics
- Parameter Setup
- Device Setup Procedure

Having these screens password protected keeps the operator from making any changes to the device. Be sure to keep the password in a safe place to impair any unnecessary tampering with the system.

## **Setting passwords**

Out of the box, a brand new MI101/MI102 touchscreen will have its passwords set to be the number of the security level. For example, to enter a Security Level 1 window, the password is 1.

To set the MI101/MI102 passwords, you must go to the setup screen. Follow this procedure.

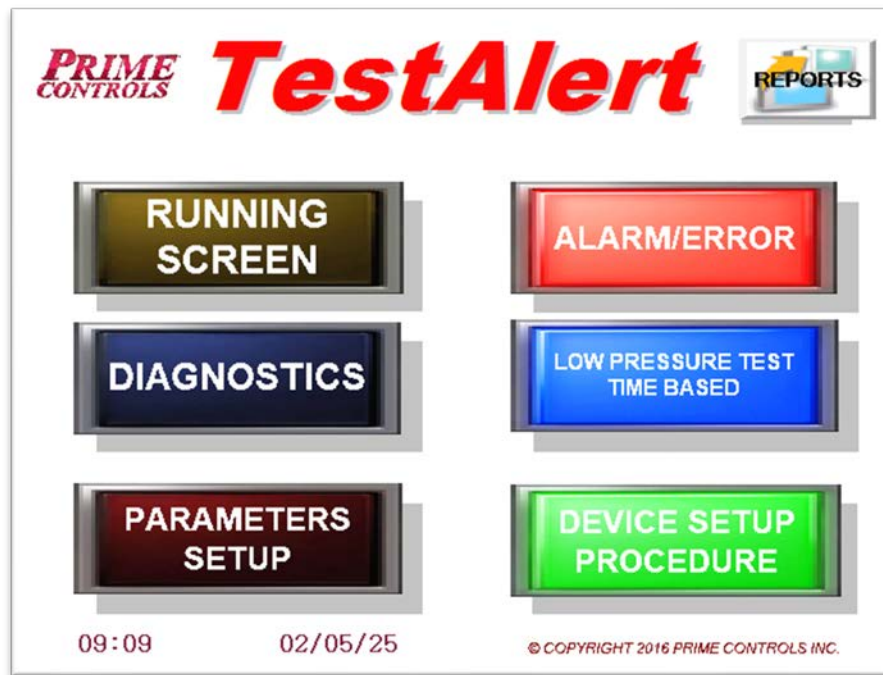
1. Touch the upper right hand side of the screen, let go, and within one second, touch the lower left hand side of the screen. This has to be done inside the black border of the screen.
2. A grey menu will appear on the bottom of the screen.
3. Press . This will turn off communications with the MD30 controller and go into setup mode.
4. Press  and then .
5. At this point you will need to enter the password for Level 15 which is 15.
6. Boxes will appear to allow you to set passwords for Level 1-15. Currently the system only has a password defined for Level 1. \*\*\*Do not change the password for Level 15.\*\*\* This will keep our product support from helping you in case the password is lost.
7. The password chosen is alpha-numeric up to 8 characters.
8. Be sure to document the password chosen.



# Chapter 7: Human Machine Interface (HMI) Screens

## Home Screen

The Home Screen allows you easy access to the main areas of the system.



- Prime Controls Logo – Touching this will bring up contact information for Prime Controls.
- Running Screen – This button accesses the two main running screens when running the tester: Pocket display and Bar Graph display.
- Alarm/Errors – This button gives you more information about recent errors and help for them.
- Diagnostics – This button accesses many screens showing input and output triggering and positional data.
- Low Pressure Test – This button allows the operator to start a Low Pressure Test from the screen.
- Parameter Setup – This button allows all the parameters/options required for setting up the tester
- Device Setup Procedure – This button accesses a menu-driven process for setting up the locations for each of the important devices on the leak tester.
- Warnings Screen – This button accesses the warnings area which shows a listing of warning messages for the tester.
- Reports – This button goes to the reporting screen to generate reports to SD card or USB thumb drive.

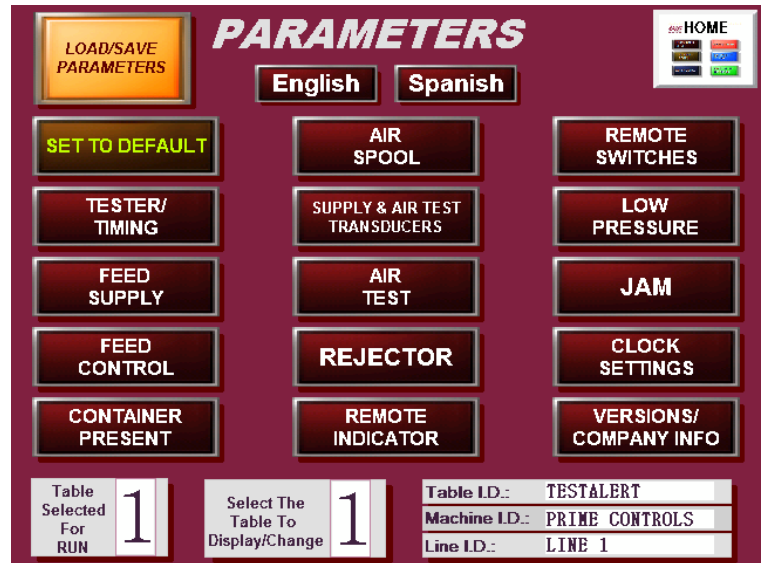
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## Parameters Setup Screen

You can get to the Parameters Setup Screen directly from the [HOME Screen](#). This is one of the first steps in setting up the TestAlert system on a tester. All the parameters in the sub-menus must be set before going on to the [Device Setup Procedure](#).

Special care should be taken with the SET TO DEFAULT button. Using this function sets all system parameters back to factory default settings and then all parameters will need to be reconfigured or reloaded from a saved configuration.



On the next page is a listing of all the parameters used to set up the TestAlert system. With this system, you can set up 3 separate parameter tables and easily switch between all of them using the selections at the bottom left of the above screen. You can also set up a parameter table while running a separate one.

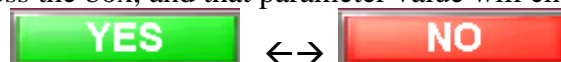
At the top of the screen is the Load/Save Parameters button. This operation is described in greater detail in [Chapter 8](#).

When editing the parameters, there are three different ways of changing the parameter values: numerical, toggle and drop-down.


**Numerical** – to change a numerical value, just touch the value and a pop-up display will appear. At the top of the box, there is a minimum and maximum allowable value. If you try to put in a value outside the min and max, the unit will not accept the value, and the box will stay up after the ENT (Enter) button is pressed. If you do not want to make any changes, press the CANCEL button to exit.



**Toggle** – The toggle box allows you to choose between one of two parameters. To change this parameter, press the box, and that parameter value will change.



**Drop Down** – This is used when there are more than two different selections available for a parameter. To change this type of parameter, press the value and the drop-down box will appear. From here, just select the desired parameter.

There is a Question Mark  next to every parameter. Pressing this leads to additional help.

## Home Position

Prior to setting up the position parameters, the tester must be positioned in the Home Position. This position is defined as when the reset flag (hex bolt on test wheel) has just started to be sensed by the Home Sensor. From here, position values can be estimated.

## Listing of all parameters along with description

\*\*Parameters with a \* require the tester to shut down to make a change.

Parameter	Description	Default Value	Recommended Value
Table I.D.	The save name when saving the configuration table. This can be used to indicate the size or name of the container the configuration is set up for if setting up multiple container configurations on the tester. You can save up to 3 unique configurations. This can be useful if the container being tested changes from one to another and then back again. Typically this would include the Company Name and the Product Identifier.	Default	USER DEFINED
Machine I.D.	The tester Part Number and Serial Number, for identification purposes	BLANK	ACTUAL
Line I.D.	The production line number	Line -N	USER DEFINED

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**TESTER/TIMING**

Timing Generator Scale Factor*	<p>Used to set the type of timing generator used on the tester.</p> <p>The numerator and denominator parameters are set so that the pulses coming from the encoder equal 100 times the number of pockets on the tester.</p> <p>Depending on the type of tester, the Timing generator will rotate either 4.0 or 4.5 times for each turn of the test wheel. You can divide the number of locations on the starwheel the timing generator is connected to into the number of pockets on the tester to determine this value.</p> <p>Ratio = Encoder Turns/Test Wheel Turns</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Ratio = Number of Test Wheel Pockets/Number of StarWheel Locations</p> <p>Scale Factor = Number of Test Wheel Pockets / (12 x Ratio)</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Scale Factor = Number of Star Wheel Locations/12</p> <p>For most testers:</p> <p>18 Pocket Tester – Ratio = 4.5    Scale Factor = 1/3</p> <p>36 Pocket Tester – Ratio = 4.5    Scale Factor = 2/3</p> <p>24 Pocket Tester – Ratio = 4.0    Scale Factor = 1/2</p> <p>48 Pocket Tester – Ratio = 4.0    Scale Factor = 1/1</p>	<p>1 Num.</p> <hr/> <p>1 Denom.</p>	See Table
Minimum Operating Speed	Minimum machine speed for feed control on and for testing. The controller does not feed containers unless the tester is running at least this speed. This parameter can be used to replace the clutch release detect that previously told some controllers the tester wheel is rotating. Enter 0 to disable.	0	100
Tester Station Count*	Number of pockets on the tester.	48	ACTUAL
External Home Sensor	<p>Typically, an inductive prox mounted on the test wheel which gives the system one pulse per revolution of the wheel.</p> <p>This parameter also allows you to specify a NO/NC sensor input.</p>	<p>ENABLE</p> <p>N.O.</p>	<p>ENABLED</p> <p>N.O.</p>
Timing Generator Count Per Rev Tolerance	<p>Specifies the allowed difference between the actual and expected timing pulses for each revolution of the test wheel. This will verify that the encoder is working properly. Going over this number would create a timing fault.</p> <p>Note: a value of 10 would equal 10% of the pocket distance.</p>	10	10

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Timing Generator Direction	Rotational direction of the TE20x timing generator as viewed from the cover. If this parameter is not set correctly, you will not be able to go through Device Setup Procedures.	Counter-Clockwise	ACTUAL
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**FEED SUPPLY**

Feed Supply*	Enables the use of a Feed Supply sensor. This sensor is typically in the overhead conveyor to the tester and verifies that there is a sufficient supply of containers to start feeding into the tester.  This parameter also allows you to specify a NO/NC sensor input in the Diagnostics Section → 6. POLARITY IN → MORE INPUTS → HOME:.	ENABLE N.O.	ENABLE N.O.
Feed ON Delay	Feed Control delay in seconds after continuous container detection by the Feed Supply sensor. If containers are in the tester (Machine Clear output off), the Feed Control will allow containers to be fed immediately. When no containers are in the tester (Machine Clear output on), the tester waits this number of seconds before turning off the Machine Clear output and initiating the Speed On delay to start feeding containers. Valid values are from 0 to 999 seconds. 0 disables this parameter.	3	3
Feed OFF Delay	Feed Control delay-off in seconds after container outage at the Feed Supply sensor. If containers are not continuously detected at the Feed Supply sensor for this many seconds, the Feed Control output is turned on. Valid values are from 0 to 999 seconds. 0 disables this parameter.	3	3
Speed ON Delay	Allows the tester to reach full speed prior to containers being fed into tester. This is the number of seconds after turning off the Machine Clear output before turning on the Feed Control output. Valid values are from 0 to 999 seconds. 0 disables this parameter.	0	10
Speed OFF Delay	Machine Clear output delay-on after the last container clears the reject position. This allows the tester to continue to run at full speed until all containers have left the tester. Valid values are from 0 to 999 seconds. 0 disables this parameter.	0	10

**FEED CONTROL**

Feed Control*	Defines if the MD30 controls the Feed Control actuator. This is recommended to be ENABLED so the system can use other features including delays and jam detection.  This parameter also allows you to specify a NO/NC sensor output.	ENABLE N.O.	ENABLE N.O.
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Feed Control Response	Amount of time it takes for the Feed Control mechanism to release a container. Typical value is 35mS. The MD30 advances the timing of this output based on the speed of the tester to maintain accurate positioning. Valid values are from 0 - 99mS	35ms	35ms
Feed Control Position	Pocket number and fractional timing position of the Feed Control mechanism when the Tester is at the Home Location (reset sensor being triggered by the reset flag).  If containers are damaged entering the Tester, make small adjustments of +/- 0.10 until containers enter cleanly.	21.87	ACTUAL
Feed Control Fault Stations Delay	Detects a bad Container Present Sensor, a bad container Feed Control Actuator, or a jam in the infeed to the tester. When the Feed Control is opened, and a container is fed into the tester, a container should be sensed at the Container Present Sensor within a user defined number of pockets, or a Feed Control Fault will occur. MD30s with Firmware version 2.08 or later, continually monitor the Container Present Sensor while the Feed Control is on, meaning that if the Container Present Sensor is not triggered for more than the user set number of pockets passing, the Feed Control Fault will be triggered.  Firmware versions prior to 2.08 only perform this check while waiting for the first container after each opening of the Feed Control. If a container is sensed within the set number of pockets passing, the test is satisfied, and this parameter is ignored until the next stop and start of the Feed Control.  When the Feed Bypass switch is actuated, this parameter is ignored. Set to 0 to disable.	0	5
Machine Clear Output	Determines the output state of the Machine Clear output. The machine clear output will turn on when there are no containers present in the tester. This is typically wired into the motor drive to go into an idle speed.	N.O.	N.O.

**CONTAINER PRESENT**

Container Present Sensor Off Required	Detects a jam in front of the Container Present sensor. In most cases as containers are being fed, the Container Present sensor should be turning on and off for each container. If there is a jam and a container is stuck in front of the container present sensor for one pocket length, the system will treat this as a jam.	YES	YES
Container Present Sensor Position	Pocket number and fractional timing position of the Container Present Sensor when the Tester is at the Home Location (reset sensor being triggered by the reset flag).	21.30	ACTUAL

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Container Present Sensor Enable*	This parameter is by the system so it can track No Container / No Air, Total Tested, and Machine Clear.  This parameter also allows you to specify a NO/NC sensor input.	N.O.	N.O.
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**AIR SPOOL**

Air Spool Position at Home	Pocket number and fractional timing position of the Air Spool Actuator when the Tester is at the Home Location (reset sensor being triggered by the reset flag) for Testers with Charge Air Spool Valves. For Flat Valve Testers, this is set as the pocket number and fractional timing position of the first closed pocket when the tester is at the Home Location.	14.70	Actual
Charge Air Spool Valve*	Defines if the MD30 controls the Air Spool Valve. This is a required to be enabled for both testers with Charging Spool, and Flat Valves. For Flat Valve testers, the MD30 holds air to the whole tester while containers are being tested.  This parameter also allows you to specify an NO/NC output.	ENABLE N.O.	ENABLE N.O.
Air Hold On Count	The number of pockets that the MD30 keeps the Air Spool Actuator turned on. For testers with Charge Air Spool Valves, this should be set to 1.  Note: For Flat Valve Testers, this value should be set to the number of pockets from pocket closure, to the air test block.	1	1 or number of pockets between pocket closure and test block. See Note
Air Spool Response	The typical time for the Air Spool Actuator solenoid to react. This is based on the particular solenoid used, and the air pressure. Should be specified in the solenoid manual. Typical value is 30mS  Note: When selecting an actuator, it should meet this actuation response time or actuation may be too slow resulting in a fault indication.	30ms	30ms
Air Spool Switch Air ON Fault Time	If the Air Spool Actuator solenoid is not functioning correctly, there could be an uncharged pocket at the beginning of a run. This parameter defines the maximum amount of time allowed for the Air Spool Actuator to respond before creating a fault. A value of 0 disables this fault.	80ms	80ms
Air Spool Switch Air OFF Fault Time	If the Air Spool Actuator solenoid is not functioning correctly, an empty pocket after the end of a run may inadvertently be charged with air. This parameter defines the maximum amount of time allowed for the Air Spool Actuator to disengage before creating a fault. A value of 0 disables this fault.	0ms	10ms

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Air Spool Switch Sensor*	This is required if you are using an Air Spool Actuator for No Container / No Air. The Air Spool Switch verifies that the Air Spool Actuator is in the charging position. The switch is also used to time the On and Off times for the Air Spool Actuator solenoid, and if there is a stuck air spool on the wheel.  This parameter also allows you to specify a NO/NC switch.	ENABLE N.O.	ENABLE N.O.
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**Supply and Air Test Transducers**

Test Transducer Type*	The type of TD10 transducer used to measure the pressure at the test block of the tester. This is typically set to TD10-015-2 unless the tester is for Aerosol (TD10-045-5) If tester uses only 1 Test Transducer, it should be connected to the Odd Transducer input to the MD30	TD10-015-2 0	ACTUAL
Enable 2 <sup>nd</sup> Test Transducer*	This parameter is ENABLED if Even and Odd transducers are being used on the tester.	ENABLE	ENABLE if ODD and EVEN are present
Supply Transducer Type*	The type of TD10 transducer used to measure the supply air coming into the tester. This is either a TD10-045-15 for food container, or TD10-225-105 for aerosol.	TD10-045-15      4	ACTUAL
Enable Supply 1 Transducer*	This parameter is ENABLED if there is a TD10 monitoring the incoming Supply Pressure to the tester.	DISABLED	DISABLED
Enable Supply 2 Transducer*	For some Flat Valve testers, there are two regulators which supply air to the pockets. One for Charge Air and one for Hold Air. This parameter is DISABLED as the Supply 2 Transducer Input is not implemented in the MD30. Only 1 Transducer is used on the Hold Air on these testers.	DISABLED	DISABLED
Supply Pressure Min Limit	The MD30 monitors the supply pressure going into the tester. If this pressure drops below the specified level, the tester will stop infeed, and reject the containers that were not tested at the proper level. This parameter is ignored if the Supply 1 Transducer parameter is DISABLED.	8.0 p.s.i.	5.0 p.s.i.  Must be disabled (set to 0) if Test Air Relay and Air Spool relays are wired in series. No Cont/No/Air

**AIR TEST**

Gross Reject Limit	Container test pressure values above this value are considered Gross Rejects in the reject counts. Chapter 7 offers a detailed explanation of determining this value.	0.000 p.s.i.	2 X CALIBRATED LEAKER VALUE
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Reject Limit	The maximum allowed pressure measured in a pocket before being rejected. Chapter 7 offers a detailed explanation for determining this value. When this parameter is selected, it will take you to a screen where you can create 8 different reject limit selections along with a label for each.	#0 Default Recipe. 0.000 p.s.i	User Defined
Air Test Position	Pocket number and fractional timing position of the Air Test port when the Tester is at the Home Location (reset sensor being triggered by the reset flag).	28.12	ACTUAL
Air Test Timing Minimum Peak Limit	Value used in the setup of the Air Test timing. Pressure values above this limit will be used in determining the position of the Air Test port on the test block. This is only used during Device Setup.	0.150 p.s.i	0.150 p.s.i
Station Minimum Air Fault Limit	Minimum pressure allowed in a pocket with a container. Parameter is used to detect problems with an individual pocket. If a pressure value below this limit is measured, the tester will clear out and reject affected containers. Causes for this problem could be cut air lines, reversed spool valve, or bad pocket seal.  If the Air Test Relay is wired in series with the Test Air Relay for NC/NA operation on a Flat Valve tester, this should remain set to 0.000 PSI to avoid nuisance rejects and tester stoppages.	0.000 p.s.i	0.002 p.s.i
Station Good Seal Percent Limit	If the average pressure reading from a station varies significantly from the average pressure reading of all stations - this signifies the seal is deteriorating. This is the specified percentage for the tolerated variance from average before causing the warning. The tester is not stopped for a bad seal warning. A value of 0 disables this warning.	200 %	50%
Samples in Average for Seal Check	Number of samples to use for the Station Good Seal Percent Limit in 16 revolution increments. A value of 1 specifies 16 revolutions for the average.	2	5
Tester Reject Ratio	Keeps the tester from operating if there are too many containers rejected. For example, if a value of 20/1000 is specified, and there are 20 rejects within the last 1,000 containers tested, the tester will shut down and give a Tester Reject Fault. A value of 0 in the numerator disables this parameter.	0/1	10/1000
Station Reject Ratio	Keeps the tester from operating if there is a bad pocket rejecting too many containers. This typically catches a bad seal or protrusion problem which makes the test values in the pocket high enough to consistently reject. For example, if a value of 3/10 is specified, and there are 3 rejects for any individual pocket for the last 10 revolutions of the test wheel, the tester will shut down and give a Station Reject Fault. A value of 0 in the numerator disables this parameter.	0/1	2/5

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**REJECTOR**

Reject Mode*	This parameter can be toggled between FULL and SLOT. Specifying FULL (recommended) allows the rejector to stay on between consecutive rejects. Specifying SLOT allows the rejector to turn off between rejects.	FULL	FULL
Dual Rejector*	ENABLED if the tester has two reject channels (even and odd). This parameter is DISABLED for single rejector testers.	ENABLE	ENABLE if Dual Rejectors
Reject Position	Pocket number and fractional timing position of the rejector solenoid when the Tester is at the Home Location (reset sensor being triggered by the reset flag).	22.50	ACTUAL
Rejector Response	The typical time for the rejector solenoids to react. This is based on the particular solenoid, and the air pressure used. Should be specified in the solenoid manual. Typical value is 40mS	40ms	40ms
Reject Pulse Length Percent	Sets the ON duration of the reject signal as a percentage of the distance between stations for that rejector (00-99%). 00 disable the reject pulse length, and allows the rejector to change states only when the station is at the rejector device.  If a single rejector is used, the cycle is the distance between adjacent stations.  If using dual rejectors, the cycle is twice the distance between adjacent stations.  If < 1 or > 99 then this parameter is disabled.	100%	80%
Reject On Reset*	When the MD30 is restarted after a power down, it is not able to tell what pockets have containers, and if there may be a possible reject in the tester. With this parameter ENABLED, the MD30 will turn on the rejector for one full revolution of the test wheel to be sure that no containers are present in the wheel, and to keep potential leakers from being shipped.	DISABLE	DISABLE
Reject Verify Sensor*	The Reject Verify Sensor is a proximity sensor used to confirm that a rejected container was rejected and passed out the reject chute. This parameter allows you to ENABLE the use of this sensor input.  This parameter also allows you to specify a NO/NC sensor input.	ENABLE N.O.	ENABLE N.O.
Reject Verify Stations Delay	The number of stations after the reject solenoid fires that the rejected container should show up at the reject verify sensor. To set this parameter, count the number of positions on the starwheel from where the reject solenoid is located, through the secondary starwheel and then positions in the reject chute. Once this value is determined, add a couple pockets to this number to compensate for speed changes in the reject chute.	0	3

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Unexpected Rejects	Checks that the rejector is not sticking, and sending additional containers out the reject chute. If this parameter is enabled, the tester will stop any time there is a container detected by the reject verify sensor that was not flagged to be a reject.	ENABLE	ENABLE
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**REMOTE INDICATOR SETUP**

<p>Warning Light</p> <p>Note:</p> <p>These outputs may be used to activate a remote stack light, or assert a discreet signal to the tester PLC I the event of its configured condition.</p> <p>Can be configured as N.O. or N.C.</p>	<p>Remote Warning Light Output - Enables the Warning Light output to come on when configured as follows:</p> <p>0 – Undefined - Warning Light output is disabled</p> <p>1 – Predefined - Warning Light output asserts when tester is in preparation to stop testing (Pre-set 2)</p> <p>2 – Warning Light output asserts when tester is in Preparation to stop testing</p> <p>3 – Warning Light output asserts for Trend warning</p> <p>4 – Aux Light output asserts for loss of communication between MD30 and HMI</p> <p>5 – Warning Light output asserts for Reject Verify Fault (can be used to shut down elevator)</p> <p>6 – Warning Light output asserts when Container Present at Sensor.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>N.O.</p>	User Defined
<p>AUX Light</p> <p>Note:</p> <p>These outputs may be used to activate a remote stack light, or assert a discreet signal to the tester PLC I the event of its configured condition.</p> <p>Can be configured as N.O. or N.C.</p>	<p>Remote Aux Light Output - Enables the Aux Light output to come on when configured as follows:</p> <p>0 – Undefined - Aux Light output is disabled</p> <p>1 – Predefined - Aux Light output asserts for loss of communication between MD30 and HMI (Pre-set 4)</p> <p>2 – Aux Light output asserts when tester is in Preparation to stop testing</p> <p>3 – Aux Light output asserts for Trend warning</p> <p>4 – Aux Light output asserts for loss of communication between MD30 and HMI</p> <p>5 – Aux Light output asserts for Reject Verify Fault (can be used to shut down elevator)</p> <p>6 – Aux Light output asserts when Container Present at Sensor.</p>	<p>53</p> <p>N.O.</p>	User Defined
<p>Caution Light</p> <p>Note:</p> <p>These outputs may be used to activate a remote stack light, or assert a discreet signal to the tester PLC I</p>	<p>Remote Caution Light Output - Enables the Warning Light output to come on when configured as follows:</p> <p>0 – Undefined - Caution Light output is disabled</p> <p>1 – Predefined - Caution Light output asserts in the event of a Trend Warning (Pre-set 3)</p> <p>2 – Caution Light output asserts when tester is in Preparation to stop testing</p>	<p>3</p> <p>N.O.</p>	User Defined

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the event of its configured condition.  Can be configured as N.O. or N.C.	3 – Caution Light output asserts for Trend warning 4 – Caution Light output asserts for loss of communication between MD30 and HMI 5 – Caution Light output asserts for Reject Verify Fault (can be used to shut down elevator) 6 – Caution Light output asserts when Container Present at Sensor.		
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**REMOTE SWITCH SETUP**

Aux 1 Input Switch	For future expansion	DISABLED	DISABLED
Aux 2 Input Switch	For future expansion	DISABLED	DISABLED
Container Test/Aux 3 Input Switch	<p>The Container Test switch allows you to run a full batch of calibrated leakers without causing a Tester Reject Fault. When this switch is turned on, the system will not enable warnings if there are a high number of rejects in the tester, or if there are many rejects per pocket, so it is important to turn this switch off. The switch is located on the Running Screen, or can be an external toggle switch.</p> <p>This parameter also allows you to specify a NO/NC switch input.</p>	DISABLED	DISABLED
Reject Test Switch	<p>Used to turn on the rejector to reject containers manually. The momentary button is located on the Running Screen, or can be an external momentary pushbutton.</p> <p>This parameter also allows you to specify a NO/NC pushbutton input.</p>	DISABLED	DISABLED
Feed Stop Switch	<p>The Feed Stop Switch is used to allow containers to be fed into the tester. This external toggle switch is typically labeled STOP and FEED. When actuated, the switch sends a signal to the MD30 to open the Container Stop and allow containers to be fed.</p> <p>This parameter also allows you to specify a NO/NC switch input.</p>	ENABLED N.O.	ENABLED N.O.
Fault Reset Switch	<p>When an error occurs, the Fault Reset switch is used to clear the error out. This switch is a momentary pushbutton, but can also be reset on the Running Screen, and a pop up window on the MI101/MI102 touchscreen.</p> <p>This parameter also allows you to specify a NO/NC pushbutton input.</p>	ENABLED N.O.	ENABLED N.O.
Feed Bypass Switch	<p>When the Feed Stop switch is in the STOP position, containers are manually fed using the Feed Bypass Switch or through the Running Screen on the MI101/MI102 touchscreen. They can also be fed if there are not enough containers to reach the Feed Supply sensor. This input is a momentary pushbutton</p> <p>This parameter also allows you to specify a NO/NC switch input.</p>	ENABLED N.O.	ENABLED N.O.
Access Switch	Used as a remote method of activating security password in the TestAlert system. Some menus are password protected using a security key. This input allows you to have an external key switch or other device to lock the menus. (Not Used)	DISABLED	DISABLED

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Low Pressure Switch	External toggle switch used to put the tester into low pressure mode. This switch is labeled OFF and ON. When turned to the ON position, the tester will clear out of all containers and go into the low pressure setup procedure.  This parameter also allows you to specify a NO/NC switch input.	ENABLED N.O.	ENABLED N.O.
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**LOW PRESSURE TEST**

Low Pressure Check Mode	This parameter can be set as PRESSURE or TIMED.  -Pressure – when going into low pressure mode, the MD30 monitors the Supply pressure to make sure it has gone down to a set level. After that point the system will proceed with the Low Pressure test. A supply pressure TD10 transducer is required for this setting.  -Timed – the MD30 uses a series of preset time delay parameters before going into low pressure test.  Pressure Mode is recommended to ensure that there is no harmful pressure present to damage the TD10 transducers, but can lead to longer decay times if the tester is sealed well.	PRESSURE	PRESSURE
Bleed Delay in Seconds	Seconds to delay after turning off the Test Air output before the Low Pressure output is turned on. This allows the supply pressure to bleed down before opening the low pressure valve that connects the supply to the low pressure gauge.	15	5
Start Delay in Seconds	Seconds after the Low Pressure output is turned on before turning on the Air Spool output. This allows the low pressure to build up in the system before charging pockets.	3	3
Stop Delay in Seconds	Timed Low Pressure Check Mode - The number of seconds after the Low Pressure switch turned off before resuming testing. Pressure Based Low Pressure Check Mode – Number of seconds after the supply pressure rises above the TEST SUPPLY PRESSURE value before resuming normal testing.	3	5
Low Pressure Supply Pressure Max Limit	Used for setting the pressure limit for Pressure Based Low Pressure mode. When going into low pressure mode, the supply pressure must go below this set value before pockets will be charged.	1.0 p.s.i.	1.0 p.s.i.
Use Air Spool to Bleed Test Air	Defines if the Air Spool Actuator is turned on as soon as the Low Pressure Switch is actuated. This allows the Test Pressure in the tester to vent quickly. Standard delays are still used.	DISABLE	ENABLED if Air Spool Actuator Equipped

**JAM SETUP**

Reject Verify Jam Delay	If the Reject Verify sensor is continuously on for this number of milliseconds, the MD30 controller stops the tester and sends the "Jam Detected Fault – Reject Verify" to the HMI. Set to 0 to disable.	300mS	300ms
Jam 1 Detect Delay	Jam 1 input to the MD30. The number of milliseconds the Jam1 input must be on to indicate a jam condition. If a jam is detected, this input will trigger the MD30 to immediately shut down the tester and warn the operator of a "Jam Detected Fault" in location 1. Set to 0 to disable.	200mS	200ms

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Jam 2 Detect Delay	Jam 2 input to the MD30. The number of milliseconds the Jam 2 input must be on to indicate a jam condition. If a jam is detected, this input will trigger the MD30 to immediately shut down the tester and warn the operator of a “Jam Detected Fault” in location 2. Set to 0 to disable.	200mS	200ms
Jam 1	This parameter also allows you to specify a NO/NC switch input.	N.O.	N.O.
Jam 2	This parameter also allows you to specify a NO/NC switch input.	N.O.	N.O.

\*Parameters with a \* require the tester to shut down to make a change.**CLOCK SETUP**

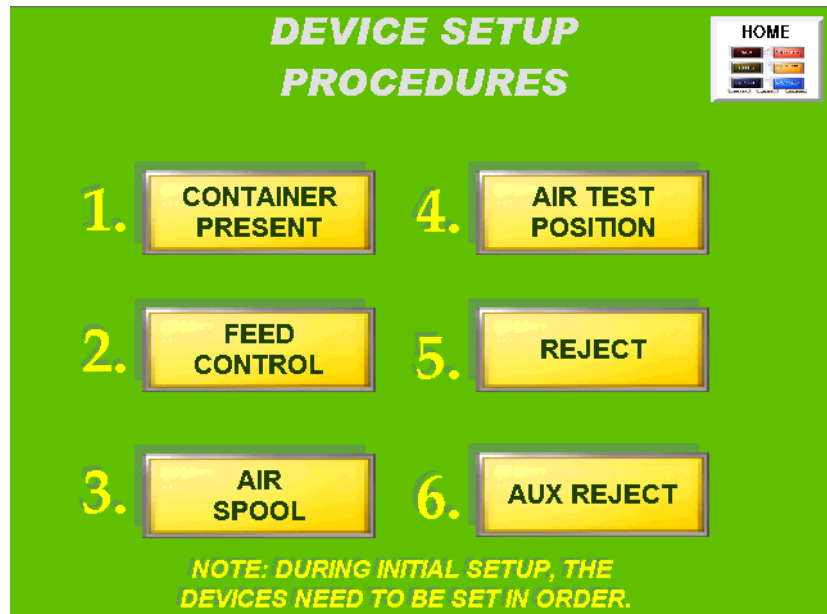
Mth:	Enter current month number. 1-12.		Actual
Day:	Enter current day of the month.		Actual
Year:	Enter current 2-digit year.		Actual
DofW:	Select current day of week from the drop-down list.		Actual
Hrs:	Enter using military time format.		Actual
Mins:	Enter Current minutes. Will not accept 0 as a first digit.		Actual
Secs:	Enter current seconds. Will not accept 0 as a first digit.		Actual
Once the above information is entered correctly, press the SET MD30 button. Then press the SET HMI button to make the HMI time match the MD30 time.			
Note: You must always set the MD30 Time first as the HMI copies from the MD30 Time. The HMI time may vary from the MD30 time by a few seconds, but the rest of the parameters should always match.			

#### VERSIONS AND INFORMATION

MD30 S/N:	Enter actual serial number located on MD30 Label.		Actual
HMI S/N:	Enter actual serial number located on the HMI Label.		Actual
Note: these are the only 2 user settable parameters on this screen.			

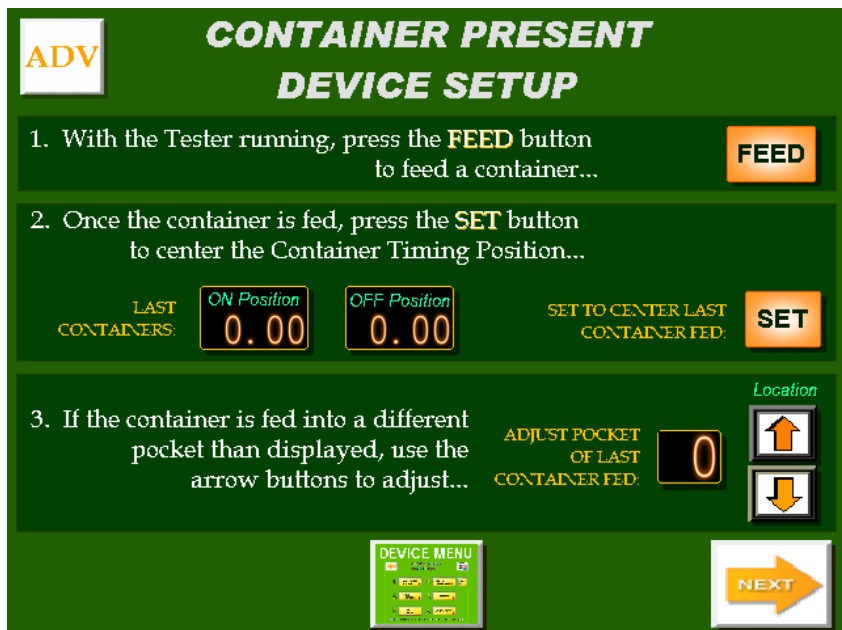
## **Device Setup Procedures**

The Device Setup Procedure allows you to set up the main devices on the tester. It guides you through setup of the Container Present sensor, Feed Control mechanism, Air Spool actuator, Air Test position, Reject mechanism, and an Auxiliary Reject. This area is typically only visited once to initially set up a tester, and then only when devices are changed or problems arise. The individual setups need to be performed in order when initially setting up a tester. When going to this area from the HOME screen, the tester will go through a procedure to stop testing, clear containers out of the tester and then go into low pressure mode to protect the transducers. The low pressure needle valve also needs to be set to 10"H<sub>2</sub>O before continuing. This process is almost identical to the process described in [Chapter 6 Low Pressure Check](#)



### **1) Container Present Device Setup**

The container present sensor is set up first since it identifies which pocket a container goes into once it is fed into the tester. To start this procedure, make sure the tester is running and containers are available. Press the FEED button located under step 1. This will feed one container into the tester. Note which pocket the container was fed into. For step 2, the display shows the points on the tester where the sensor starts sensing (ON Position) and stops sensing (OFF Position) the container passing by. Press the SET button to center these values on the pocket. In step 3, verify that the pocket number displayed is the same



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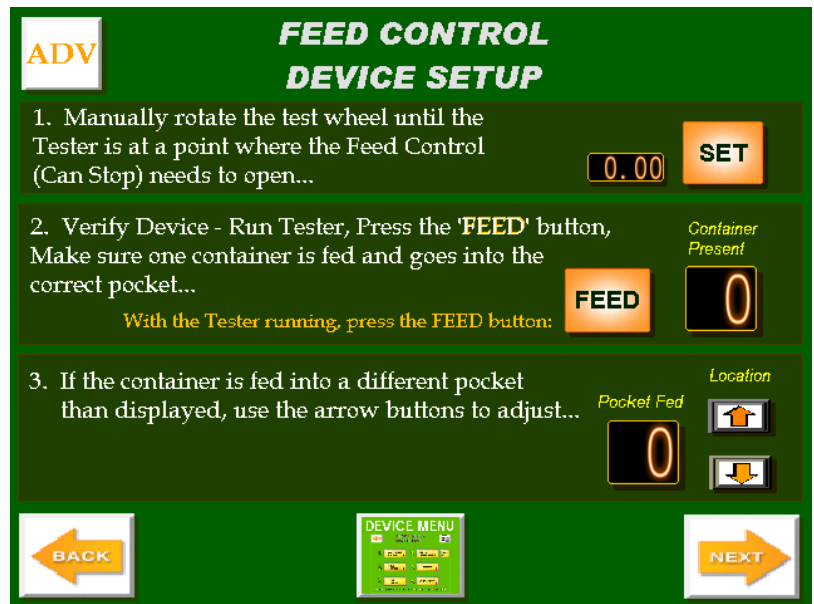


number that the container went into. If not, use the up and down arrows to adjust the displayed number and verify by feeding another container. Press the NEXT button to continue.

## 2) Feed Control Device Setup

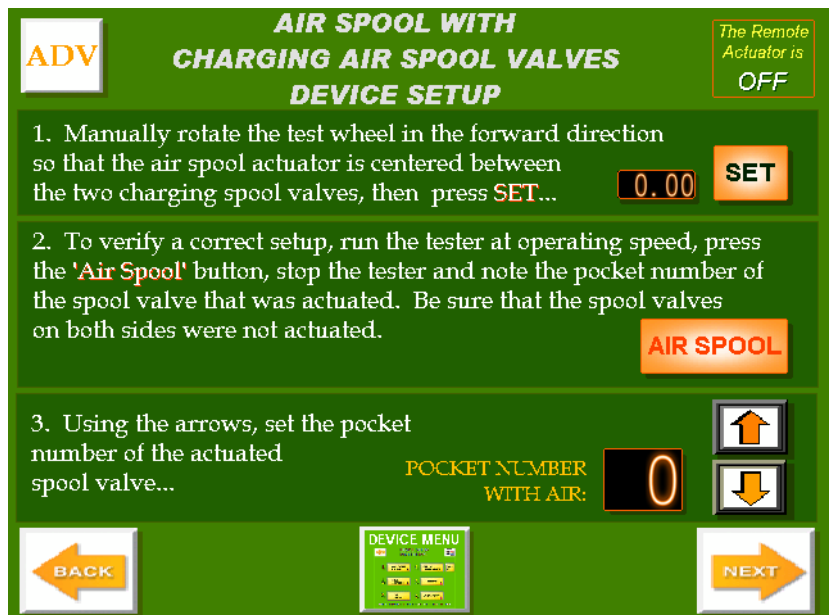
This window sets up the Feed Control mechanism, or Container Stop.

This setup is necessary when a worm (screw) feed is not used on the infeed of the tester. For Step 1, you must turn the tester by hand in the forward direction only to the position where the Feed Control mechanism needs to turn on, and press the SET button. At this point, you will see the decimal value of the number next to the SET button go to (.00). Step 2 asks you to run the tester at normal speed and then press the FEED button. This should feed one container. Make note which pocket the container goes into. In Step 3, verify that the fed container pocket number matches the pocket displayed. If not, use the arrows to adjust the pocket number. It is recommended after making an adjustment, to press FEED again to verify your settings.



## 3a) Air Spool Device Setup (Testers with Charge Air Spool Valves)

When the Air Spool Actuator is actuated, it should be positioned midway between the air spool valves to allow for some error in the solenoid. For Step 1 of the setup, you must turn the wheel by hand so that the air spool actuator wheel is centered between two spool valves. Press the SET button to accept this position. Pressing SET will change the decimal value of the number next to the SET button to zero (.00). Next for Step 2, run the tester at operating speed and then press AIR SPOOL to charge a single pocket. Stop the tester, verify only one pocket was charged and note the pocket number of the charged valve. Be sure that the charged pocket number matches the pocket displayed in Step 3. It is recommended after making an adjustment, to press AIR SPOOL again to verify your settings.



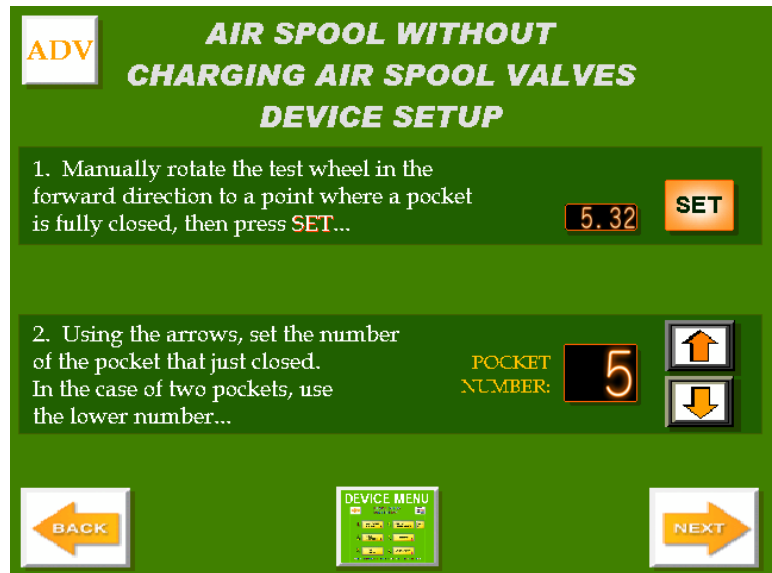
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### 3b) Air Spool Device Setup (Testers without Charge Air Spool Valves)

For older Flat Valve style testers that are not upgraded to individual spool valves, the charging air is applied to a whole section of the tester at one time. To save wear and tear on the tester, the TestAlert system allows the air to be turned on only when containers are being tested. For Step 1, manually rotate the tester in the forward direction to a point where a pocket has just closed, and press the SET button. This changes the decimal value of the number next to the SET button to zero (.00). Next, using the arrow buttons, enter in the pocket number of the pocket that just closed. In most cases there would be two pockets that close at the same time, use the lower of the two numbers.

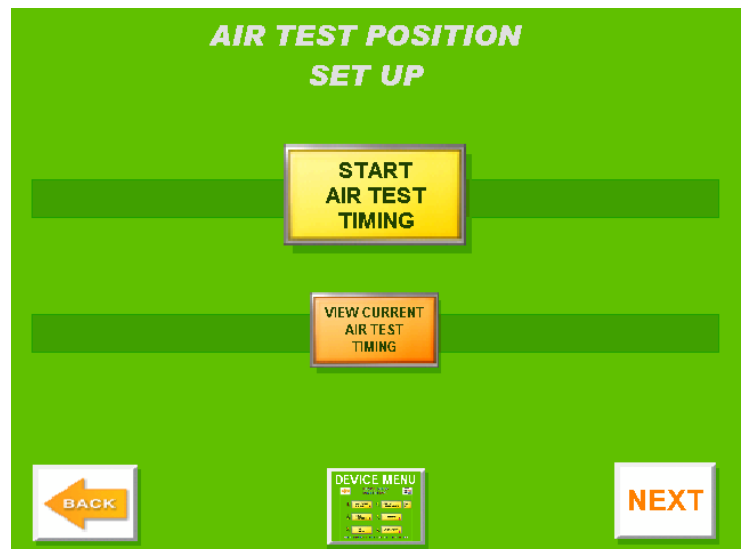
For this setup, be sure that the Test Air and Air Spool relays are wired in series, and that the parameter AIR HOLD ON COUNT is set to the number of pockets between the closed pocket and the Air Test Block.



### 4) Air Test Position Setup

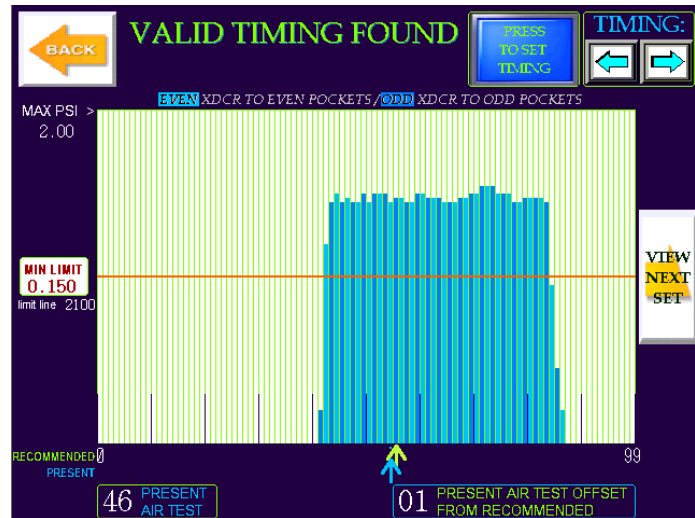
The precise position of the air test port on the test wheel is critical to getting the optimum sensitivity out of the tester. To start this process, press the START AIR TEST TIMING button. This will take you to a bar graph display showing the timing positions of the air test block and what it looks like as the air test port passes by the air test block.

To view this Timing Graph after the setup is complete, or to make adjustments to the current timing, press the VIEW CURRENT CURRENT AIR TEST TIMING button.



After the valid timing has been found, you will see the bars come up on the screen. After the process is completed, a blue and green arrow shows up on the bottom of the screen. The blue arrow shows the current position of the Air Test Timing, while the green arrow shows the recommended timing position. To accept the recommended setting, press the button PRESS TO SET TIMING at the top of the screen. If an adjustment to the current timing is desired, press either the left or right arrow to adjust. Sometimes, depending on the tester, the bar graph display will spread over to a second screen.

To view this, press VIEW NEXT SET. If no values appear after a few rotations of the test wheel, verify that there is Low Pressure air available. In many cases it is helpful to open the needle valve more than normal to get good pressures.



When the timing is set, press the Back button and then the NEXT button to go to the next step. Depending on the type of tester being set up, you will be taken to one of two screens:

- Air Test Position Setup with Air Spool – This setup is used when there is a charging Air Spool Actuator set up on the tester.
- Air Test Position Setup with No Air Spool – This setup is used for older Flat Valve style testers with no conversion package. With these testers there is no capability of charging an individual pocket.

#### 4a) Air Test Position Setup with Air Spool

In this method, the Air Spool Actuator should have already been correctly set up so that we know that a particular pocket has been charged.

In Step 1, press AIR SPOOL to charge one pocket with air. For Step 2, if the values for Charged Pocket and Air Test Pocket w/Max Pressure are different, press the SET button to accept this pocket change. Step 3 only applies if no value appears under AIR TEST POCKET W/MAX PRESSURE. Pressing the SHIFT button moves between the even and odd transducers. If SHIFT is pressed, go to Step 1 and repeat the process. It would be beneficial to perform this procedure at least a couple times (for odd and even pockets) to verify that the correct pocket is being set, and that there are no leaking spool valves causing problems.

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#### 4b) Air Test Position Setup with No Air Spool

For flat valve testers without the capability of charging individual pockets, the system feeds a container to measure a drop in pressure to determine the Air Test Position.

In Step 1, press the FEED button to feed a container into the tester.

When the container passes by the container present sensor, the Last Pocket w/Container value is updated with this pocket. Once the pocket with a container passes by the Air Test block, the Air Test Pocket w/Min Air value is updated along with its pressure. For Step 2, if the values for Last Pocket w/Container and Air Test Pocket w/Min Air are different, press the SET button to accept this pocket change. It would be beneficial to perform this procedure at least a couple times to verify that the correct pocket is being set, and that there are no leaking spool valves causing problems.



**\*\*Note:** For both the above screens, values may not display correctly if the transducers are swapped between odd and even. Verify the wiring of the transducers.

#### 5) Reject Device Setup

There are many different types of rejector mechanisms in use on testers. We will discuss the main two for setting up with the TestAlert system: Dual Wheel Discharge, and Positive Discharge.

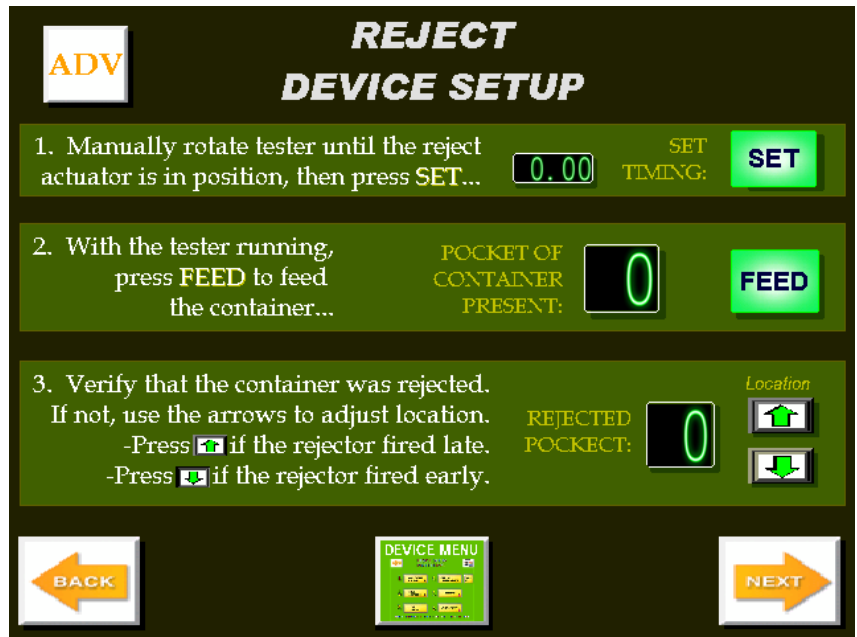
The Dual Wheel Discharge rejector (shown on the right) uses pins on a flat paddle, or shoe to pick the reject up off the starwheel and out the reject chute. The paddles are typically set up as odd and even on opposite sides of the reject chute. The reject solenoid pushes the paddle in, which extend the pins underneath the rejected container. The correct position for the solenoid to be actuated is midway between the paddles.

The Positive Discharge rejector uses a reject cam to push the container off of a magnetic carrier wheel. When the cam is



extended, it should just miss the previous roller by 1/4 - 3/8". This is the correct position for this type of rejector.

In Step 1, manually rotate the tester by hand in the forward direction until the rejector is in the correct position to turn on and push the SET button. This position is described above. Pressing SET zeroes out the displayed timing component. If you have a different style of rejector, consult the tester manual for the correct positioning. Next, run the tester at speed and press the FEED button under Step 2 to feed a container. When the container is getting ready to come out of the pocket, jog the tester to be able to determine when the rejector fires. In Step 3, see if the rejector fires early or late. Press the appropriate arrow buttons to adjust the location. After making an adjustment, run the tester and press the FEED button another time to verify the parameter is set correctly.

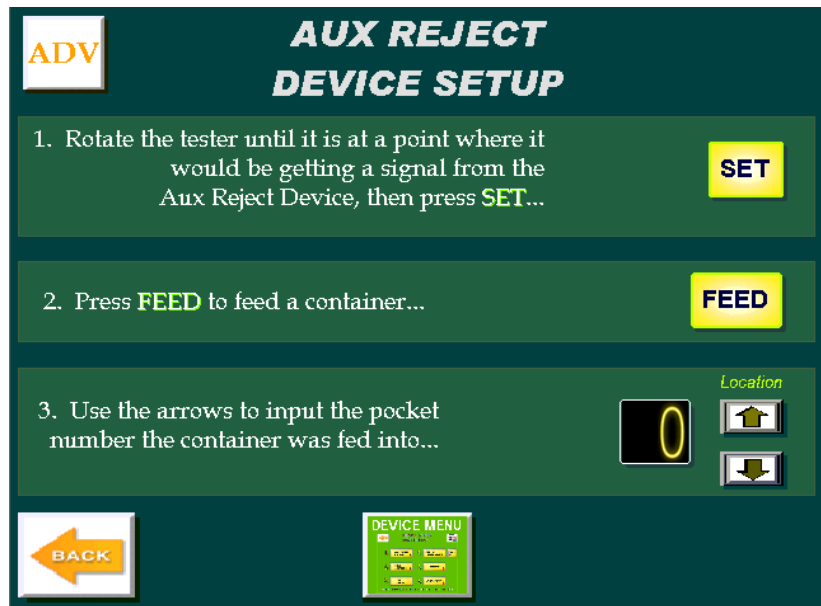


## 6) AUX Reject Device Setup

The Aux Reject is used as an additional reject input to the tester. This could be a vision system, or missing end detector.

The container must be captured in order to accurately track the Aux Reject through the tester. When the MD30 receives an Aux Reject signal, that pocket is not charged, and is flagged to be rejected at the rejector.

Contact the factory for instructions on how to set this input up.



## Running Screens

### Main Running Screen

This is the main screen that would typically be viewed while the tester is in operation. From the view below, you can view the status of every pocket on the air tester, along with running and reject parameters. You also have access to operational buttons and Reject Information. All of these sections will be described in detail below.



TOTAL TESTED =	43557
TOTAL REJECTS =	340
Warning Tolerance >	50%
Reject Limit >	0.055 psi

- Total Tested – Total containers tested by the tester
- Total Rejects – The total number of containers rejected.
- Warning Tolerance – Percentage of tolerance before giving a warning that there is a bad pocket seal. The average used is the average pressure value for all pockets with a good container.
- Leak Test Limit – Any pressure values above this limit will be considered a reject. Pressing this

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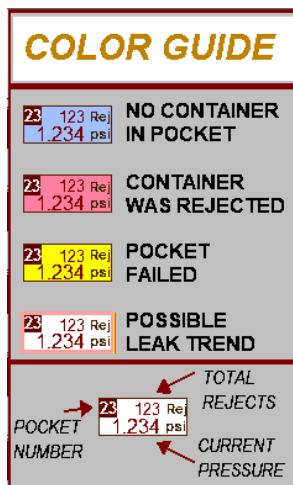
value will allow you to set the Reject Limit on another screen.

Average Test = 2.723 psi  
 Test Pressure = 10 psi  
 Test Speed = 823 cpm



- Average Test – Average pressure value for all pockets with a good container
- Test Pressure – Current Supply Test pressure
- Test Speed – Tester speed in Containers Per Minute

The Color Guide button brings up a menu to show what the different colors on the display means.



- If the pocket is shaded blue, there is no container in that pocket
- If the pocket is shaded red, that container was identified as a leaker and was rejected.
- The yellow shading indicates that the pocket did not have enough pressure in it for a valid test. This can indicate a bad spool valve, pocket seal, or cut air hose to the pocket. This is considered a fatal error.
- If the pocket has a red box around it, this indicates a Bad Seal (Leak Trend). This pocket is out of tolerance from all of the other pockets on the tester.



The individual pocket display shows the pocket number, number of rejects for this pocket, and the latest test pressure.

If you touch on an individual pocket, this brings up a pop up window which details more information about this pocket.



This button brings up the bar graph display screen showing the pressure values for all pockets on an easy to view display. The bar graph display will be detailed later.





The Container Test Button is a toggle button to allow the operator to run a batch of calibrated leakers without triggering faults in the MD30. Once this button is pressed, the system waits for the first reject to go through, and then re-enables the Tester Reject Fault and Station Reject Fault ratio parameters.



The Reject Test button is a momentary button that turns on the rejector to reject containers from the tester. Using this button does not trigger any of the fault messages that would normally occur with rejecting multiple containers. The containers are still tested correctly and leakers will be displayed on the screen.



The Feed Bypass button is a momentary button that duplicates the operation of the Feed Bypass on the main tester control panel. When this button is pressed, the Feed Control (Container Stop) allows containers to be fed into the tester.



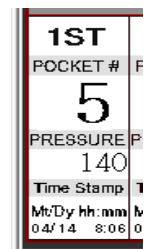
The Program Container Feed button opens up a screen that allows you to start feeding containers at a certain pocket, or prevent feeding into specific pockets. The Pocket Enable/Disable feature is useful if you have mechanical issues with a pocket that cannot be quickly remedied and still need to run production.

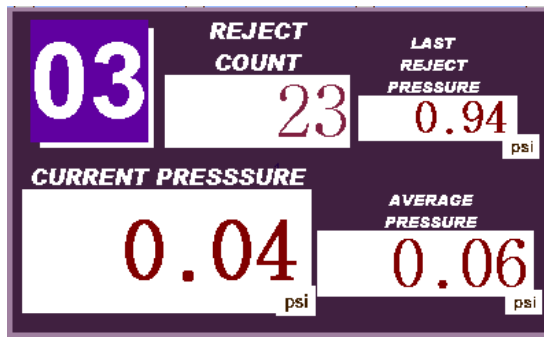
For more information, see next section – Bar Graph.



The Reject Info button brings up a screen that details all of the gathered reject information for the tester including the many different types of rejects tracked. Each reject is time stamped to indicate exactly when they occurred.

If you press the Last Reject number in this area, this brings up an MD2/MD3 simulator which only shows the pocket number of the last reject and its pressure.



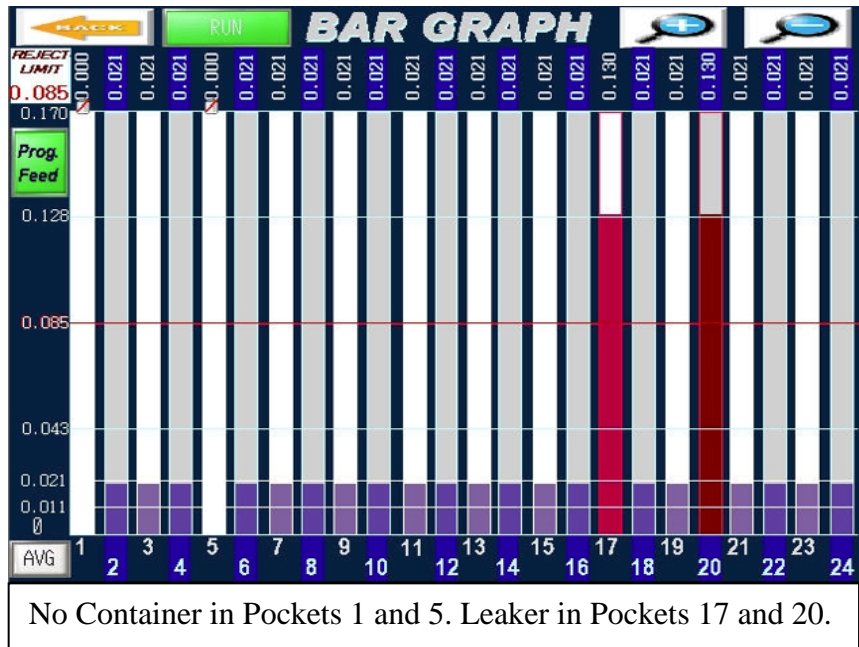


Pressing on an individual pocket box will allow a window to pop up which gives more details about the pocket. These details include Reject Count, Last Reject Pressure, Current Pressure for the latest rotation, and the Average Pressure for this pocket. To clear this window, just press it again.

## Bar Graph Display

The bar graph display is one of the best methods of comparing values coming from each of the pockets. The low pressure test is typically viewed on the bar graph display since it is easy and quick to tell if there is a problem with a pocket.

At the top of the display is a RUN/PAUSE button. If you ever want to keep the current screen on the display, press this button and the screen will freeze. The BACK button takes you back to the main running screen. The resolution of the bars will change depending on the type of TD10 transducer being used for test. The red line shows the reject limit for the tester. Any bar above this line is considered a reject and will be colored red. When running a low pressure check, all of the bars should be above the reject limit.



The bottom of the display shows the pocket number of the corresponding pocket. At the top of the bar graph is the pressure value associated with each pocket. Also, at the top of the display, when there are no containers in a pocket, there is an icon displayed showing a container with a line through it to signify that no container is present.



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At the top right of the display are zoom in and zoom out buttons. These allow you to change the display to view the pockets better. When zooming in or out, you will notice the reject limit moving up or down on the screen. Exiting out of this screen and returning will center the reject limit on the screen.

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The Reject Limit is shown at the Top Left of the screen. If the operator needs to change the Reject Limit, press this box and a password entry window will appear. Once the password is entered, the operator can change the reject limit.



On the bottom left of the screen there is an AVG button which takes you to an average bar graph display. This display shows averaged pressure values for each pocket. The length of the average is based on the parameter SAMPLES IN AVERAGE FOR SEAL CHECK. Average values for each pocket are displayed across the top. When there is a reject, the display shows a red bar, but the value isn't included in the average.



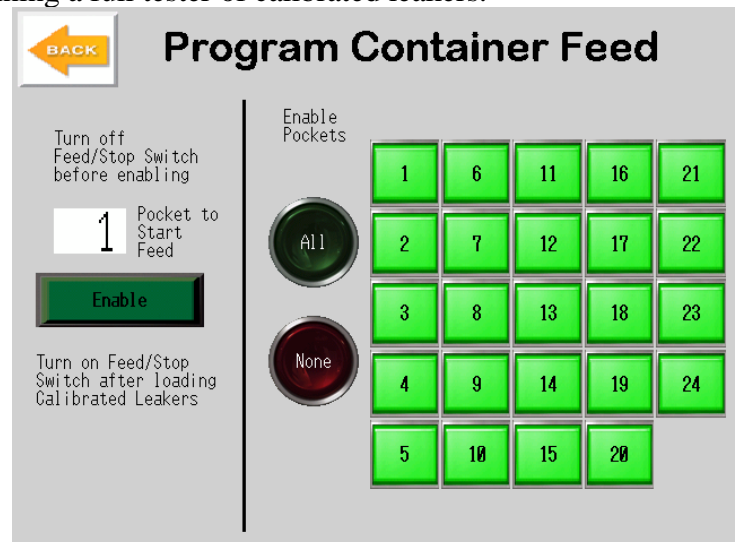
Once on the AVERAGE BAR GRAPH screen you can access another bar graph screen which shows the pressure value of the last reject that came off of each pocket. This is useful when running a full tester of calibrated leakers.



### **Program Container Feed**

This screen is made up of two sections.

1. Program Feed – To start feeding containers at a specified pocket number, turn off the feed switch, enter the pocket number to start feeding, and press Enable. Whenever the Feed/Stop switch is turned to the Feed position, the system will start feeding at the specified pocket. This is useful for feeding calibrated leakers into particular pockets.
2. Enable Pockets – This section allows you to not feed to particular pockets on the tester. If there is damage to a pocket and production still needs to run, this will stop feeding to an individual or group of pockets. Recommendation: Depending on the quality and speed of the Container Stop, it is recommended to stop feeding one or more pockets before and after the bad pocket.
  - a. ALL – will allow feeding to all pockets on the tester.
  - b. None – stops feeding to all pockets on the tester
  - c. Numbers – you can individually turn on/off each pocket. Light Green is on, Dark Green is off.



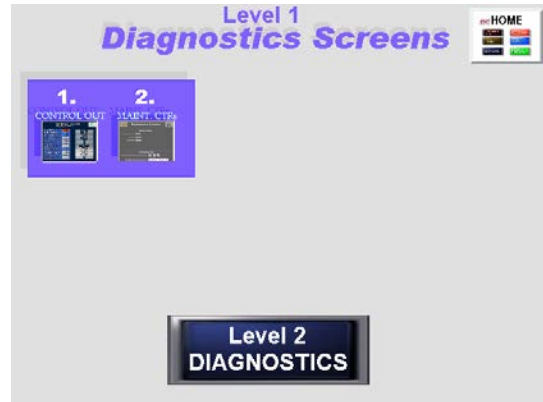

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## **Diagnostic Screens**

The Level 1 diagnostic screens allow operators access to important maintenance and troubleshooting information. These screens require a Level 1 password.

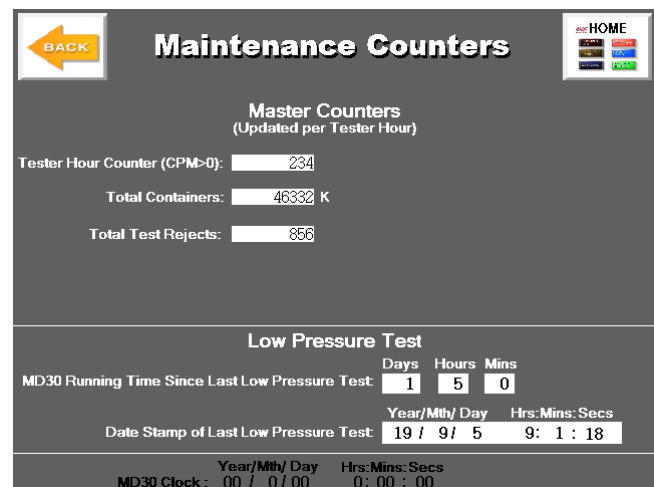
1. Control Outputs – For monitoring the inputs and outputs of the MD30 control.
2. Maintenance Counters – shows master counters for system, including running hours of machine, total containers tested, total rejects and low pressure check information.



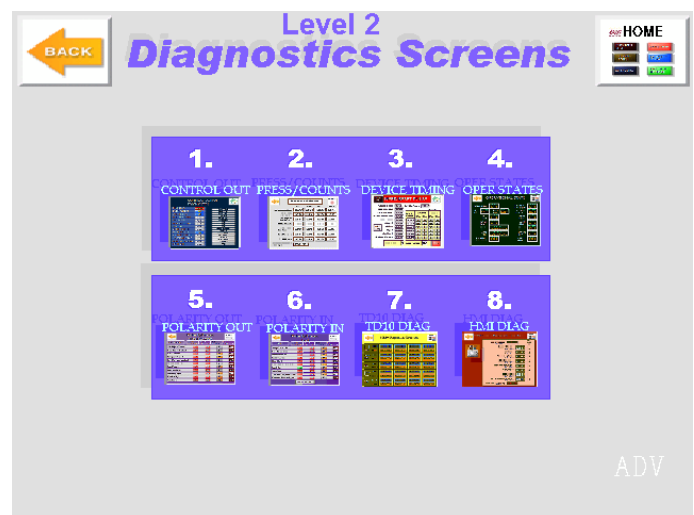
### **Maintenance Counters**

This screen shows Master Counters for the Tester Hours Running, Total Containers (in thousands) and Total Rejects.

This screen also tracks when the last Low Pressure Check was done (with a time and date stamp).

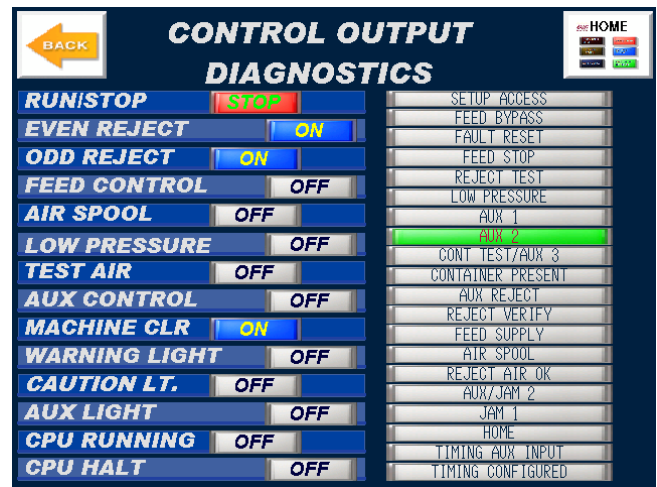


The Level 2 Diagnostic screens are used to get more detail about the setup and workings of the tester. These screens allow you a high level of access to the tester parameter settings and require a password. Care should be used when making any changes to these parameters. It is recommended that you save your current configuration prior to making changes in this area.



## 1-Control Output Diagnostics

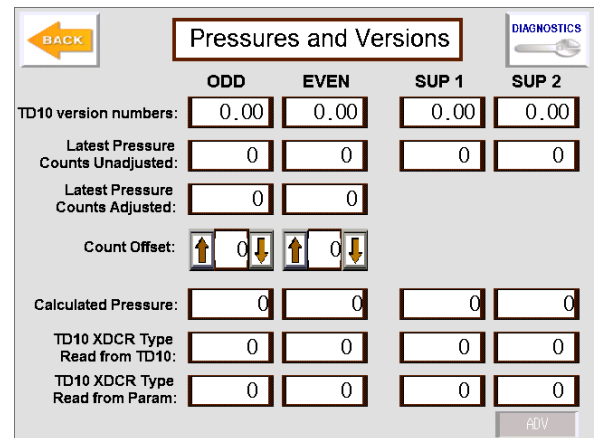
The Control Output Diagnostics screen allows the user to view the status of all inputs (switches and sensors) along with the capability of turning on and off all outputs of the control. Outputs are located on the left side of the screen, and inputs are on the right side. Depending on the desired output to toggle, it may automatically change back to the original state if the controller is holding it on.



## 2-Pressures and Versions

This screen shows the status of each of the 4 TD10 pressure transducers. They are labeled ODD, EVEN, SUP1(Supply1), and SUP2 (Supply2)(not implemented). The TD10 version numbers will be useful if you need to call for support on one of the transducers. Latest pressures are shown in raw counts from 100 to 4096. A value of 100 is equal to 0 psi.

The Count Offset arrows allow you to compensate for differences in values shown between the even and odd channels. If one of the readings is shown to be above 100 with no containers present, adjust that channel downwards.



Calculated Pressure shows the current PSI reading from the transducer.

TD10 XDCR Type shows the type of transducer used.

0 = 2.0 PSI 2 = 5.0 PSI 4 = 15.0 PSI 8 = 105.0 PSI

Note: It is not recommended to have an offset of more than +/- 10 counts. If more are needed to equalize the transducers, the transducer should be sent back to Prime Controls for evaluation and or recalibration.

### 3-Device Timing

The Device Timing diagnostic screen shows the location of every device on the tester. The location values on the left hand side of the screen are the current position. The stored parameter values are the static location when the tester is at the home position (reset sensor sensing the reset flag).

**\*\*Note:** Take great care not to change any values on this screen. This is only to be adjusted with the help of product support.

**DEVICE TIMING DIAG SCREEN**

Container Rate: 823  
 Scaled Encoder Count: 0.00  
 Scaled Backlash Count: 0.00  
 Pockets From Home: 0.00  
 Feed Control: 0.00  
 Last Container: 0  
 Scaled Last Max Count: 0

ON Position: 0.00  
 OFF Position: 23.50  
 Cont Present: 0.00  
 Aux Reject: 0.00  
 Reject: 0.00  
 Cont Present: 0.00

STORED PARAM: 13.86  
 LOCATION INC: 7.76  
 DEC: 9.98  
 INC: 9.00  
 DEC: 0.00  
 INC: 9.24

Timing controls: SET, SET, ADV SCREEN, Table RUN 3, Table Display 1, Station Count: 24

### 4-Operational States

The Operational State diagnostic screen allows you to view the state machine of the tester controller. You can view what mode the tester is testing in, view the MD30 outputs, and view the delays used in controlling the tester. This screen is view only. There is nothing on this screen that can be changed.

This is a good screen to have a picture of if having problems with the tester. Knowing what Operating State and Measure Mode the tester in is valuable in troubleshooting.

**OPERATIONAL STATE**

OP STATE: 0  
 OP MODE: 0  
 MASTER FLAGS: 0000000000000000  
 TRACKING FLAGS: 0000000000000000  
 ALARM STAT1: 0000000000000000  
 ALARM STAT2: 0000000000000000  
 ALARM STAT3: 0000000000000000  
 RUN STAT1: 0000000000000000

POCKET TESTED: 1  
 OP SUB STATE: 0  
 MEAS MODE: 0

REG# 312293H8: 0  
 REG# 312297: 0  
 REG# 312509: 0000000000000000  
 REG# 312510: 0000000000000000  
 REG# 312294: 0000000000000000  
 REG# 312295: 0000000000000000  
 REG# 312296: 0000000000000000  
 REG# 312296: 0000000000000000

TEST AIR: 300593.01  
 RUN RELAY: 300577.00  
 LOW PRESSURE: 300593.02  
 MACHINE CLEAR: 300051.06  
 AIR SPOOL: 300593.03  
 EVEN REJECT: 300577.01  
 ODD REJECT: 300577.02  
 HOME: 312313.15

LPC CHECK BLEED DELAY: 0  
 LPC CHECK START DELAY: 0  
 LPC CHECK STOP DELAY: 0  
 STARTUP DELAY: 0  
 FEED ON DELAY: 0  
 FEED OFF DELAY: 0  
 SPEED ON DELAY: 0  
 SPEED OFF DELAY: 0

REG# 312868: 0  
 REG# 312869: 0  
 REG# 312870: 0  
 REG# 312871: 0  
 REG# 312872: 0  
 REG# 312873: 0  
 REG# 312874: 0  
 REG# 312875: 0

### 5,6-Polarity – Input and Output

This diagnostic screen allows you to enable/disable every input and output of the MD30 along with setting the Normally Open (N.O.) and Normally Closed (N.C.) states for each. These parameters are listed separately in the Parameter Setup Screens, but they are shown grouped here for convenience.

To change any of the parameters, just touch the desired box and it will toggle. A warning is displayed if the running table and display table do not match.

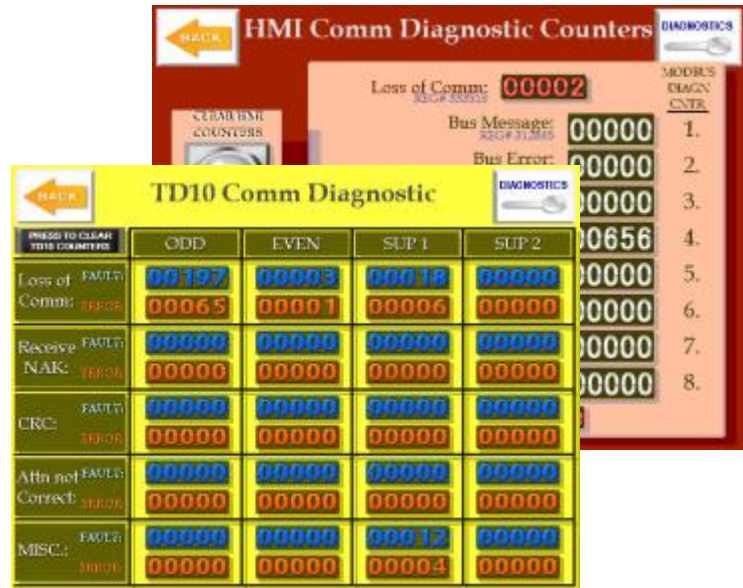
**Polarity Diagn. Output Controls**

OUTPUT CONTROLS

	Raw State 0=OFF, 1=ON	Active State 0=OFF, 1=ON	Enables 0=Dis, 1=En	Active 0=N.O., 1=N.C.
Odd Reject Control:	OFF	OFF	N/A	N.O.
Even Reject Control:	OFF	OFF	N/A	N.O.
Feed Control:	OFF	OFF	EN	N.C.
Air Spool Control:	OFF	OFF	DIS	N.C.
Low Pressure Control:	OFF	OFF	N/A	N.O.
Test Air Control:	OFF	OFF	N/A	N.O.
Aux Control:	OFF	OFF	DIS	N.O.
Machine Clear:	OFF	OFF	N/A	N.O.
Warning Light:	OFF	OFF	DIS	N.O.
Caution Light:	OFF	OFF	DIS	N.O.
Aux Light:	OFF	OFF	DIS	N.O.

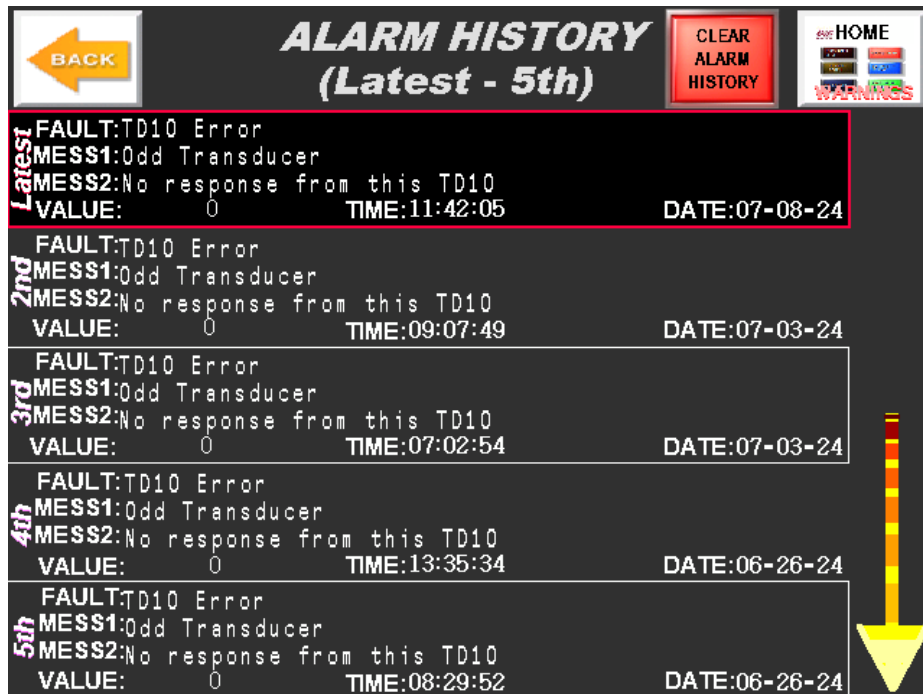
## 7,8-TD10 and HMI Diagnostics

Allows monitoring of Communication issues with the TD10 transducers or HMI. Check these diagnostics if you experience issues with communication for either device.



## Alarms/Errors Screen

The Alarms/Errors Screen gives you greater detail about the errors and warnings that pop up on the display screen. The system keeps track of the last 20 errors. The right hand side of the screen has up and down arrows which allow you to page down to the next set of 5 errors.



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## **Error / Warning Messages**

Error Name	Description
<b>A table is not configured properly to run</b>	Check operating parameters. This error indicates there are parameter conflicts such as: 1. Air Spool before container present sensor 2. LOW_PRESSURE_CHECK_MODE set to automatic and Supply pressure 1 is not enabled 3. Position exceeds station count 4. If ratio num >= denom Message1 will tell which table Message2 will tell which parameter
<b>AIR ON FAULT</b> <b>AIR OFF FAULT</b>	The Air test switch did not detect the Air Spool actuator in the charging position within the <i>Air Spool Switch Air ON Fault Time</i> , or fully retracted within the <i>Air Spool Switch Air OFF Fault Time</i> . Pocket nn should have been charged. The Air Spool Actuator is either sluggish, loose, or the spool valve for station nn is sticking.
<b>Air Spool cannot move closer to Air Test</b>	This shows that there is a problem with the location of either the Air Spool actuator or the Air Test block. Verify the pocket locations of both of these devices.
<b>Air Spool cannot move closer to Container Present</b>	This shows that there is a problem with the location of either the Container Present sensor or the Air Spool. Verify the pocket locations of both of these devices. They should be at least a couple pockets away from each other.
<b>Air Spool cannot move farther from Air Test</b>	This shows that there is a problem with the location of either the Container Present sensor or the Air Test block. Verify the pocket locations of both of these devices.
<b>AIR SWITCH FAULT</b>	The spool valve for station nn is sticking, or the limit switch on the Air Spool Actuator is loose or faulty. The Test Air switch opened when station nn went past the Air Spool actuator. Check that the spool valve for station nn is not sticking and that the prox. or limit switch is functioning correctly.
<b>Air Test cannot move closer to Air Spool</b>	This shows that there is a problem with the location of either the Air Test block or the Air Spool actuator. Verify the pocket locations of both of these devices.
<b>Air Test cannot move closer to Container Present</b>	This shows that there is a problem with the location of either the Container Present sensor or the Air Test block. Verify the pocket locations of both of these devices.
<b>Air Test cannot move closer to Reject</b>	This shows that there is a problem with the location of either the Air Test block or the Rejector. Verify the pocket locations of both of these devices. They should be at least a couple pockets away from each other to be able to process a reject value and reject a container.
<b>An Output is both Forced On and Forced Off at the same time.</b>	If an output is forced On and then receives a forced Off before the forced On was disabled, then the forced On will be disabled before the Output is Forced Off.
<b>Attempt to change a parameter when Setup Access is not bypassed - Warning</b>	This is a warning to protect the configuration parameters. The Setup Access input is used as a security input to prevent parameters from being changed without authorization.

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<b>Attempt to write an out of range value into a Parameter</b>	In most cases, the MI101/MI102 touchscreen will prevent this from happening. The "Message1" will tell which table PARAMETER_TABLE_1 0 PARAMETER_TABLE_2 1 PARAMETER_TABLE_3 2 MACHINE_CONFIG_TABLE 3 The "Message2" will tell which parameter
<b>BAD SETUP PARAMETER (Fault).</b>	The controller detected an issue with the Setup/Operator Parameters. A config. setup parameter is bad. This message is sent to the HMI (Operator Interface). The Controller keeps the Run Relay off until the bad parameter value is fixed. A parameter is in possible conflict with a setting Message1 = the table number PARAMETER_TABLE_1 1 PARAMETER_TABLE_2 2 PARAMETER_TABLE_3 3 MACHINE_CONFIG_TABLE 0 Message2 = The message will indicate the issue such as A parameter is in possible conflict with a setting, and indicates which parameters are in conflict
<b>Battery low Warning</b>	Battery needs to be replaced, or the battery select switch is "off" on Controller's PC Board.
<b>CLOCK ERROR</b>	The real time clock on the Controller appears to not operate or has not been set / initialized. Setting the clock or pressing the Fault Reset push button clears this fault. If this fault appears again after the clock has been set, then it could be a bad clock crystal, battery failure during power down or a hardware failure.
<b>Container Present cannot move closer to Air Spool</b>	This shows that there is a problem with the location of either the Container Present sensor or the Air Spool. Verify the pocket locations of both of these devices. They should be at least a couple pockets away from each other.
<b>Container Present cannot move closer to Air Test</b>	This shows that there is a problem with the location of either the Container Present sensor or the Air Test block. Verify the pocket locations of both of these devices.
<b>Container Present cannot move farther from Air Spool</b>	This shows that there is a problem with the location of either the Container Present sensor or the Air Spool. Verify the pocket locations of both of these devices.
<b>Container Present cannot move farther from Air Test</b>	This shows that there is a problem with the location of either the Container Present sensor or the Air Test block. Verify the pocket locations of both of these devices.
<b>Container Present Sensor Fault</b>	The Container Present sensor is not turning off between containers. The Parameter " <b>Container Present Sensor Off is Required</b> " can be set to disable this fault check. This parameter can check for a potential jam in the infeed. It could also be that the Container Present Sensor failed with its output ON
<b>CRC error in message received from the HMI Warning</b>	There is an error in the communication between the MD30 and HMI.
<b>DEVICE Position Fault</b>	Device xxxxx is positioned incorrectly. If xxxxx is the Test Air Actuator, then this actuator is positioned before the Container Present device. If xxxxx is the Odd Reject actuator, then this actuator is positioned too close or before the Air Test location. Numerical values are: Air Spool Actuator-0, Low Pressure Actuator-1, Test Air Actuator-2, Aux Actuator-3, Even Reject Actuator-4, Odd Reject Actuator-5, Feed Control Actuator-6.
<b>EEPROM has too many bad locations</b>	This indicates that the Controller's Data Flash has become unreliable. The Controller may need to be sent back for repair.

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<b>Fatal System Fault Firmware Checksum Bad</b>	The Controller detected a system fault during start up diagnostics. This indicates the operating firmware has been corrupted. Return unit for repair. The CPU code space is checked on power up (or after a reset / restart). This allows the Controller to detect unwanted changes to the code. If an error occurs call service.
<b>Fatal System Fault Hardware Fault</b>	This fault indicates a hardware fault detected during startup diagnostics. Please record the fault and associated fault number or name and return the unit for repair. Contact Support.
<b>Fatal System Fault Internal Fault</b>	This fault indicates an internal fault. Please record the fault and associated fault number or name and what the tester was doing at the time. Contact support.
<b>Fatal System Fault Watchdog Fault</b>	This fault indicates an internal fault. Please record the fault and associated fault number or name and what the tester was doing at the time. Contact support.
<b>FAULT RESET ON warning</b>	Indicates the status of the fault reset switch. Could indicate a stuck switch if it stays on.
<b>FEED BYPASS ON</b>	This indicates that the Feed Bypass Switch is being held in the on position. This Error will not be reported.
<b>FEED CONTROL FAULT</b>	Either the Feed Control Actuator or Container Present Sensor is not functioning or there is a jam in the infeed. The Feed Control output was On, but containers were not detected by the Container Present Sensor within the <b>FEED CONTROL FAULT STATIONS DELAY</b> .
<b>Feed Supply Empty Warning</b>	The Feed Supply sensor is not detecting a container, which is normal when the Feed Supply is empty. If containers are present, check that the Feed Supply sensor is working.
<b>Firmware has been updated Warning</b>	Shows that the MD30 firmware has been updated during operation.
<b>HMI Communications Error</b>	The "Message1" will tell which type of error Buffer overflow error Received a message from the HMI, during transmission to the HMI
<b>HMI Issued a controlled Stop</b>	The HMI issued a command to cause the tester to go into a controlled stop. This will typically empty out the tester, and then turn the Run Relay off.
<b>Invalid Data In Battery Backed Ram</b>	This error indicates the battery backed RAM may be bad. If this error appears whenever the unit is powered up, then the battery may need to be replaced. It may also indicate that the battery jumper on the Controller PC Board is OFF. Note: This will appear the first time the Controller is powered up after the battery was replaced.
<b>JAM DETECT FAULT</b>	A Jam was detected at n (1= Jam1, 2= Jam 2, 0= Reject Verify) The fault occurs if the Jam Detect sensor or the Reject Verify sensor stays on for more than a configurable time.
<b>Lost Communications with HMI</b>	<i>Did not receive communications with the HMI in the last 10 seconds.</i> Set if parameter is configured to stop tester on a loss of communication

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<b>Low External Power Supply Voltage Fault</b>	This will stop the Tester. This warns of low or no +24vdc supplied to one of the mentioned Power Supply inputs (Remote Operator Interface, Air Control, Container Control or PLC Control). The "Message1" will tell which power supply is low: Remote Operator Interface +24v Air Control +24v Container Control +24v PLC Control +24v Remote Logic +5v PLC Logic +5v
<b>LOW TEST AIR Fault</b>	The supply pressure has dropped below the pressure value required for testing containers as determined by the <b>Supply Pressure Min Limit</b> parameter. The value yy.y is the supply pressure reading from the pressure transducer when the fault occurred. Set <b>Supply Pressure Min Limit</b> to 0.0 to disable this fault. Note: Every container after this fault is rejected until tester is clear.
<b>Main Power supply is low</b>	This may indicate the "Power In" +24 vdc is too low, or that the Controller needs servicing. This may temporarily appear on power up or power down.
<b>MD30 is configured to allow Firmware update Warning</b>	Whenever the port pin is set to allow for firmware update on power up is set
<b>MD30 Issued a controlled Stop</b>	MD30 issued a stop because a parameter was changed in the running table that required the tester to be stopped, or the HMI set the table selected for run to defaults.
<b>MODULATION FAULT</b>	The modulation timing advance required for the indicated device is either more than one station advance, or the device action was requested to advance before a preceding device. Numerical values are: Air Spool Actuator-0, Low Pressure Actuator-1, Test Air Actuator-2, Aux Actuator-3, Even Reject Actuator-4, Odd Reject Actuator-5, Feed Control Actuator-6
<b>NEED RESET PULSE warning</b>	This warning occurs on power up or Controller reset and indicates the Controller needs to see the reset signal from the Timing Generator or the Home signal (if Home is Enabled) to establish the position of the wheel. This warning is cleared when the Controller sees the rest signal. If this does not clear after the wheel has read at least one complete revolution, then there is an issue with the Timing Generator or the Home sensing.
<b>One of the Parameter Configurations should be set to defaults</b>	Indicates the table indicated has never been initialized. "Message1" will tell which table PARAMETER_TABLE_1 1. PARAMETER_TABLE_2 2 PARAMETER_TABLE_3 3 MACHINE_CONFIG_TABLE 0 To remove this error, enable setup of the mentioned parameter table and press the SET TO DEFAULT button. This will clear out any prior setup in this parameter table.
<b>Operating Speed Low</b>	The Tester cannot feed containers because the tester is running slower than the minimum speed specified by the <b>Minimum Operating Speed</b> parameter. If you need to run the tester at this slow speed, set the <b>Minimum Operating Speed</b> parameter to 0.
<b>Output Forced</b>	Warns that an output is in the forced state. Go to the Output Signals diagnostic screen to remove the forced output.

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<b>PARAMETER CONFIG Table has not been initialized</b>	<p>The operator will need to set the table to defaults first before attempting to change any parameter in the table.</p> <p>Note: This error should only be seen during production setup (or if the default Emulated EEPROM is reset) before all the tables are set to</p> <p>The table is defined in the message.</p> <p>The Message1 will tell which table</p> <p>PARAMETER_TABLE_1 1</p> <p>PARAMETER_TABLE_2 2</p> <p>PARAMETER_TABLE_3 3</p> <p>MACHINE_CONFIG_TABLE 0</p>
<b>PARAMETER out of range or out of bounds (Fault).</b>	<p>A parameter from one of the Parameter tables or the Machine Configuration is out of range and will need to be set</p> <p>The Message1 will tell which table</p> <p>PARAMETER_TABLE_1 1</p> <p>PARAMETER_TABLE_2 2</p> <p>PARAMETER_TABLE_3 3</p> <p>MACHINE_CONFIG_TABLE 0</p> <p>The "Message2" will tell which parameter</p>
<b>PARAMETER TABLE CRC ERROR (Fault).</b>	<p>The table at fault is defined in the message.</p> <p>Cleared by changing a parameter or setting them to default</p> <p>The Message1 will tell which table</p> <p>PARAMETER_TABLE_1 1</p> <p>PARAMETER_TABLE_2 2</p> <p>PARAMETER_TABLE_3 3</p> <p>MACHINE_CONFIG_TABLE 0</p>
<b>POWER DETECT FAULT</b>	<p>The Controller detected a system failure during its startup diagnostics. The controller power detect circuit is bad. When the controller detects power turning off, the Controller protects the data in non-volatile memory/ The Controller will function with this fault but the reject counters in non-volatile may be incorrect.</p>
<b>REJECT AIR FAULT</b>	<p>If REJECT_AIR_SENSOR_ENABLE is enabled, then this will fault if the Reject Air Switch is not ON. This is a sensor input that verifies the rejector is working properly.</p>
<b>Reject cannot move closer to Air Test</b>	<p>This shows that there is a problem with the location of either the Rejector or the Air Test block. Verify the pocket locations of both of these devices. They should be at least a couple pockets away from each other to be able to process a reject value and reject a container.</p>
<b>Reject Gate not responding fast enough</b>	<p>If the Reject Air OK parameter is enabled and Reject solenoid sensor is monitoring the reject solenoid, this error will appear when the reject solenoid is not responding within the amount of time determined by the corresponding parameter.</p>
<b>REJECT VERIFY FAULT</b>	<p>The Controller rejected a container from station nn, but no container was detected by the Reject Verify sensor in the reject chute. This fault indicates that the rejector is not operating properly, or there is a jam in the rejector. The number of stations is set by the parameter <b><i>Reject Verify Stations Delay</i></b></p>
<b>Set Up Access Switch is ON Warning</b>	<p>Access is denied - check switch or jumper. Note: This feature can be disabled in the parameter settings.</p>

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<b>STATION Pressure FAULT</b>	Pocket not charging. For pocket testing only. Fault indicates a bad pocket such as a broken air test line, plugged or reversed spool valve. The pressure in the charged pocket of station nn with a container is below a minimum threshold <b>Station Minimum Air Limit</b> . A container was detected at the station, the Air Spool Actuator charged the station, but the Air Test reading was lower than the values set by Operating Parameter <b>Station Minimum Air Fault Limit</b> . A value of zero disables this fault. The pressure value from station nn is displayed as a last reject on the "Totals and Last Reject" display. This could also indicate that the odd and even transducer wires are swapped.
<b>STATION Reject Fault</b>	Station nn rejected a higher number of containers than specified by the Reject Parameter <b>Station Reject Ratio</b> . If this error occurs, Station nn could have a bad seal, or the protrusion is set incorrectly.
<b>STATION SEAL BAD nn</b>	The seal for station nn is deteriorating. This is a warning, it does not stop testing. The average of the test pressure readings from station nn differs from the average test pressure readings from all stations by a configurable percentage specified by <b>Station Good Seal Percent Limit</b> .
<b>STOP IS ON</b>	The Feed/Stop switch is in the Stop position, keeping containers from being fed. This Error will not be reported.
<b>Table selected to run was invalid, it has been changed to Table 1</b>	Message 1 is the invalid table selected for run. Due to some occurrence, this parameter table is invalid and is not able to be used to run the tester.
<b>TD10 Error</b>	<p>There is a problem with one of the Pressure Transducers (TD10).  Message1 indicates which TD10 has an issue:  Odd Transducer  Even Transducer  Supply 1 Transducer  Supply 2 Transducer</p> <p>Message2 indicates the issue or error:  No Reported Error  No response from this TD10  Did not receive a ACK from this TD10  Calculated CRC did not match CRC from this TD10  The TD10 is not reporting the ATTN line is Set  The TD10 is not reporting the ATTN line is Cleared  The XDCC Type read from TD10 does not match parameter setting  The response sync code did not match TD10_RESPONSE_SYNC.  There was a message length error. Either the Buffer Over Flowed Or  the "Length" byte from the TD10 was &gt; 2  The TD10 Initialization State Machine encountered an undefined state  The MD30 received data while transmitting  The MD30 encountered an undefined error  The MD30 encountered ACK/NAK response when it expected a data response  The MD30 encountered data response when it expected a ACK/NAK response  The TD10 Master State Machine encountered an undefined state  The MD30 Master State Machine requested to read a TD10 that is not enabled</p>
<b>TESTER REJECT FAULT</b>	The Tester rejected a higher number of containers than specified by the Operator Parameter ( <b>Tester Reject Ratio</b> ). nn rejects occurred in mmmm containers tested. The ratio of reject to containers is specified in the Operator Parameter <b>Tester Reject Ratio</b>

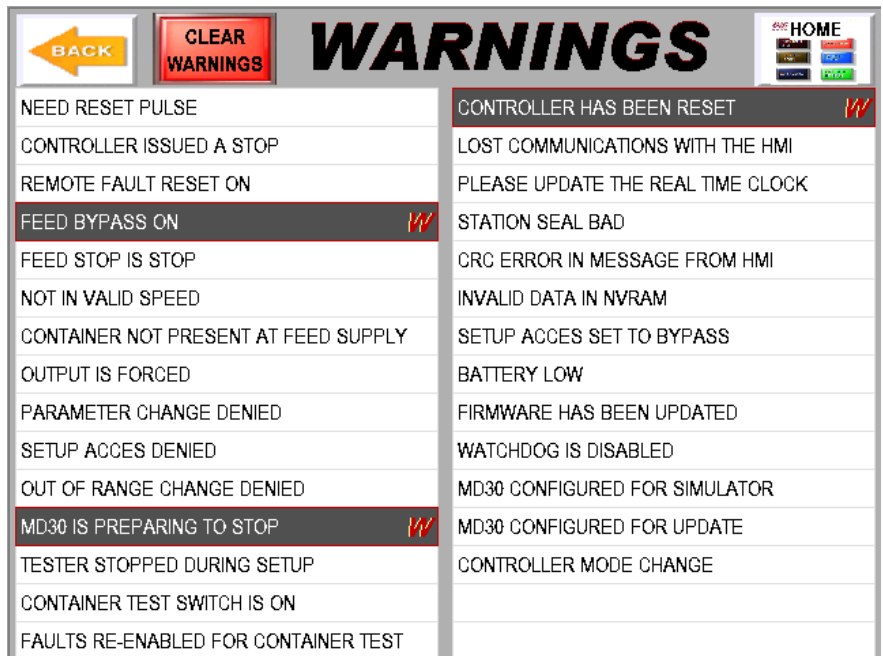
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<b>Timing Count Fault</b>	nnnn is the number of Scaled timing pulses received in the last revolution of the test wheel between detections of the Reset Flag from the Home Sensor. This Fault is determined by subtracting the actual number of Scaled timing generator pulses between signals from the expected number of pulses (# of pockets on the tester x100) and comparing it to the <i>Timing Generator Count Per Rev Tolerance</i> parameter. If the difference between the actual and expected counts is greater (+/-) than the <i>Timing Generator Count Per Rev Tolerance</i> , the fault is triggered. <b>This could indicate an encoder failure, wiring issue, the encoder is misaligned or loose, or Home sensor is loose.</b>
<b>Timing Speed Fault</b>	Indicates a problem with the Timing Generator. Counts are coming in at too high of rate. To remove this error, slow the tester down.
<b>Tracking State Machine Error</b>	Message 1 is the type of error Message 2 is additional information The BCD may display additional information such as a state in a state machine
<b>Unable to set the PARAM_TABLE_SELECTED_FOR_RUN</b>	This indicates a hardware problem with the CPU's Emulated EEPROM memory. Note the error along with what was being done on the tester at that time and contact support.
<b>Undefined Master State</b>	Message 1 is the Operational State Message 2 is the Operational Sub State
<b>UNEXPECTED REJECT</b>	The Reject Verify sensor detected a container in the reject chute but did not turn on the rejector. This could indicate that the Reject Gate is sticking or not functioning properly.
<b>Warning: Device did not transition</b>	(report if it stays on for a complete pocket)
<b>XGATE Code may be corrupt</b>	The XGATE code space is checked on power up (or after a reset / restart). This allows the Controller to detect unwanted changes to the code. If an error occurs call service.

## Warnings Screen

This is a display-only screen that shows the current warnings that are active on the tester. The warning icon only shows up on the HOME page when there are warnings. A warning does not cause the tester to shut down but alerts the operator that there is a potential problem.



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# Chapter 8: Low Pressure Test

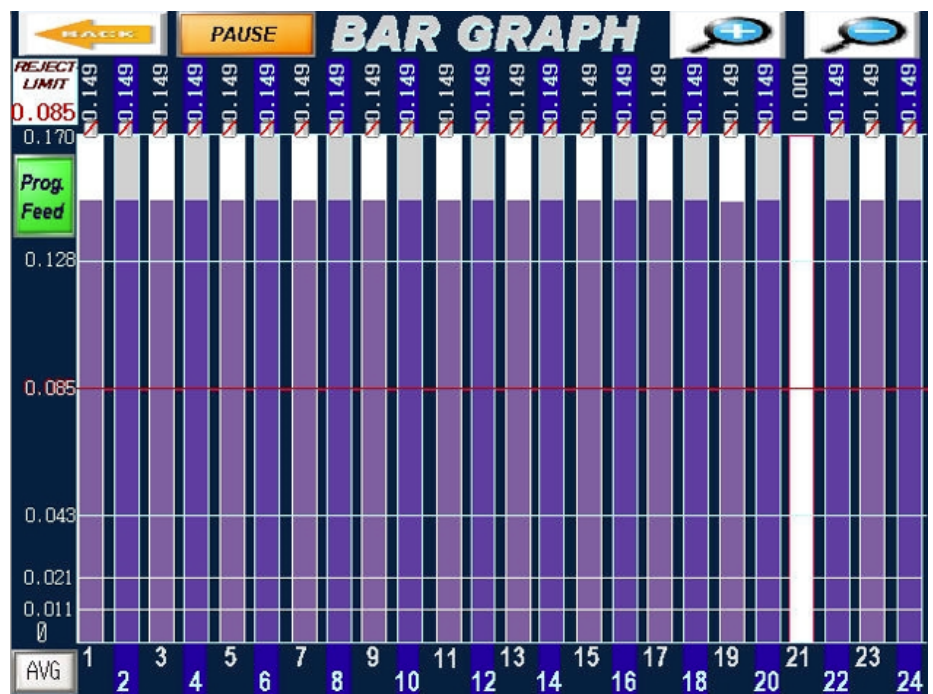
The low pressure test is the best method of checking the consistency of pockets on the air tester. This test puts a small amount of air into each pocket without a container and then displays the pressures values for each pocket on the display. This can be viewed using the standard running screen, or with the bar graph display. To start the low pressure test, the user must turn the low pressure switch to the on position. This switch is typically located on the tester's main switch panel. The low pressure test container also be initiated by pressing the Low Pressure Test button on the Home Screen of the display. After the low pressure test is initiated, the display will go through a series of screens detailing the status of the test initialization.

Steps done by the MD30 control for initializing the low pressure test:

1. Clear the tester of containers and stop charging pockets
2. Turn off the Test Air solenoid
3. Wait for Bleed Delay if Time Based Mode, or for the pressure to drop below a preset value if Pressure Based Mode.
4. Turn on the Low Pressure Air solenoid output
5. Wait for the Start Delay.
6. Turn on the Air Spool Actuator to charge pockets
7. Prompt the operator to set the needle valve.
8. Display test data on the screen when on Running or Bar Graph screen.

It is very important, during the Low Pressure Test, that bad pockets are identified and fixed. All pockets on the tester should be read nearly the same pressure level as displayed on the bar graph. Having functional and consistent pockets will make setting the reject limit much easier.

NOTE: During Low Pressure Test, the No Can Icon at the top of the Bar will disappear on any pocket that drops below the Leak Limit line. This is normal during Low Pressure Test and does not mean there is a can in the pocket.



Low Pressure Check showing Pocket 21 failure



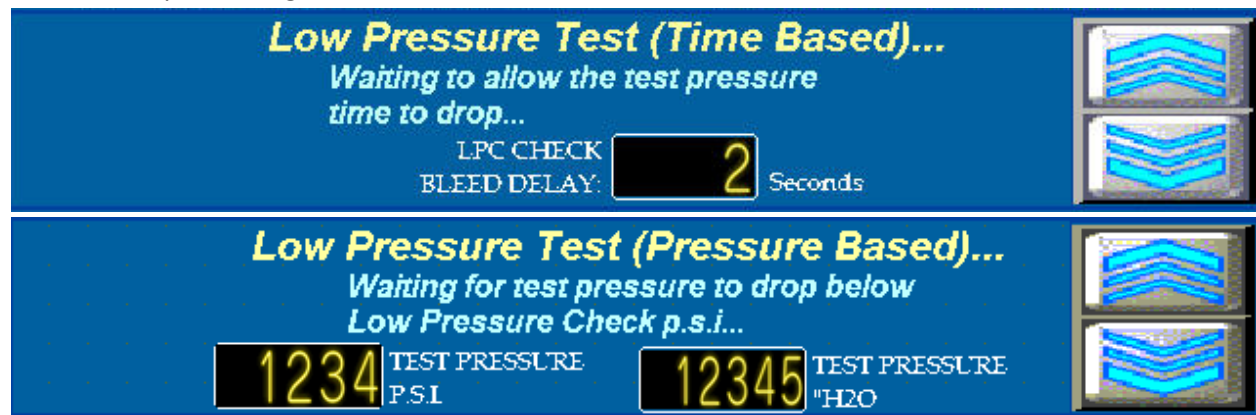
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During the transition into the Low Pressure Check, the MI101/MI102 will display the following screens to show the status of the tester and guide the operator through the process.

1. The tester stops the infeed and waits for the tester to be clear all of the existing containers before proceeding.



2. The system turns off the Test Air and waits for the Test Pressure to bleed off. In the case of a Time Based Low Pressure Test, this is based on a fixed amount of time. If the system is set up for Pressure Based Low Pressure Test, the system waits for the Test Pressure to drop below a preset value before proceeding.



3. After the bleed delay, the system turns on the Low Pressure Air and waits for a number of seconds (Start Delay) before turning on the spool valve to start charging pockets.



4. At this point, the screen prompts the user to adjust the Low Pressure needle valve on the tester to set the Low Pressure air to 10" H<sub>2</sub>O setting. This value may change based on the particular tester used or company policy. Once this is done, the user must press CONTINUE to proceed with the Low Pressure Test.

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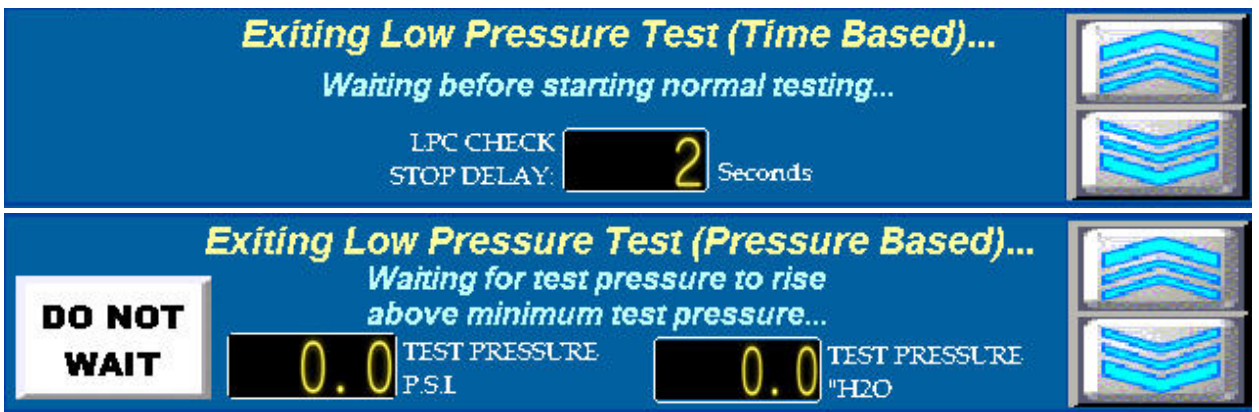
5. Once the Low Pressure test is done, the user can switch the Low Pressure switch to the OFF position and the system goes through the process to return the tester to normal running mode. First, the system turns off the air spool actuator and waits for all charged pockets to move through the tester.



6. Next the tester turns off the Low Pressure air and waits for a delay.



7. The system then turns on the Test Air and in the case of Timed Low Pressure Check, waits for another delay (Stop Delay) before allowing containers to be fed back into the tester. If the system is set up for Pressure Based Low Pressure Check, the system will wait for the Test Pressure to go above a safe level (Supply Pressure Min Limit) before allowing containers to be fed.





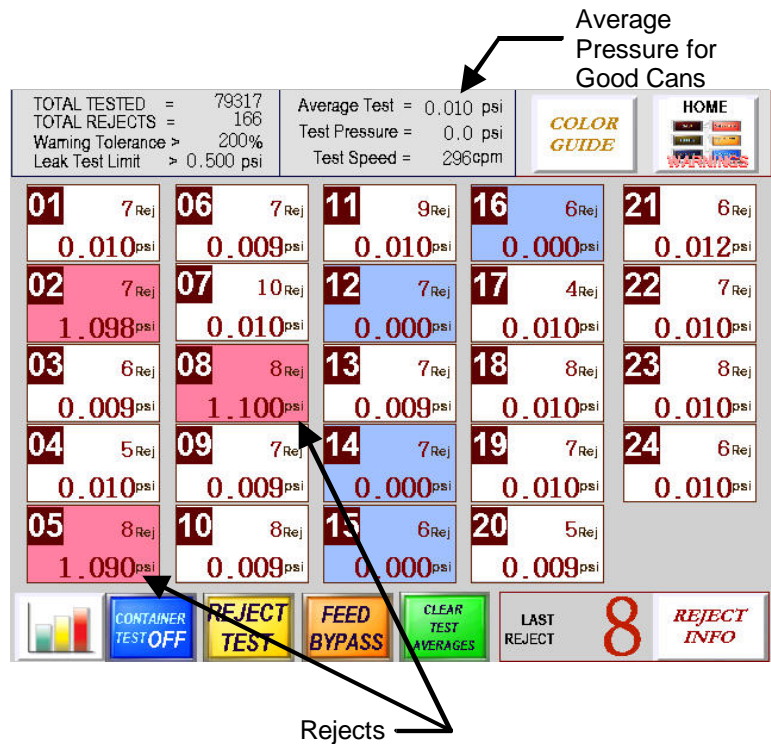
# Chapter 9: Setting Reject Limit

The correct setting of the reject limit is important for being able to detect the smallest leak possible while keeping from having many false rejects. If the reject limit is too high, the tester may not catch the calibrated leakers. Too low, and you will spend too much time emptying out the reject tub. To allow for quick changeover of product type, the MD30 can store up to 8 different reject limits and a label indicating the container type can be assigned. These are referred to as recipes. Once a recipe is saved for a product container, it can be easily selected by the operator when a changeover occurs.

This setup assumes the tester has been through a good Low Pressure Check, and that the tester is in good mechanical shape.

For setting the reject limit, first run a batch of good containers and also calibrated leakers.

In the picture to the right, the Average Test, and Reject Pressures are detailed. Set the Reject Limit, midway between the Average Test and the lowest of the calibrated leaker values.



To set the Reject limit:

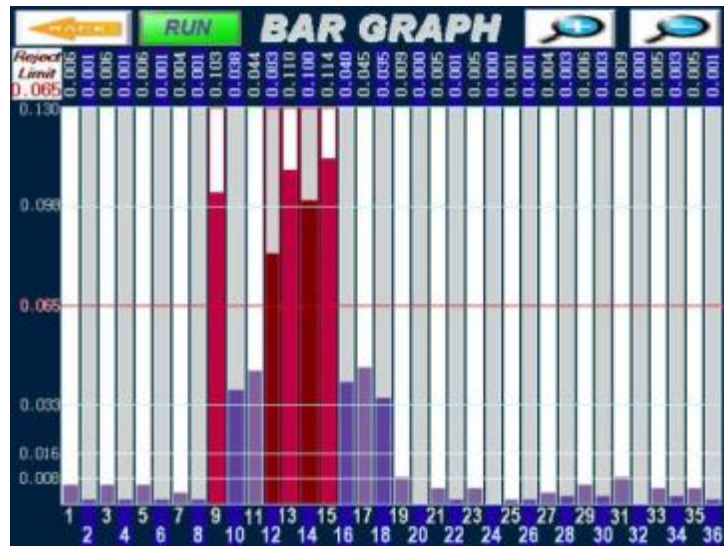
- 1) Press the Leak Test Limit value at the top left of the screen,
- 2) Enter the password
- 3) Select one of the 8 recipe slots.
- 4) Assign a label to the recipe describe the specific product container being tested.
- 5) Set the required reject value for the container.

Set the Gross Reject Limit 2-3 times the Reject limit, but make sure it is above the highest calibrated leaker value. The Gross Reject Limit can be found under Parameters Setup on the Home screen.

SELECTION	LABEL	LIMIT
1	105 CONTAINER	0.055
2	20 X 604	0.094
3	GALLON	0.125
4	QUART	0.083
5		0.000
6		0.000
7		0.000
8		0.000

Some operators find it easier to use the bar graph display to determine the reject limit.

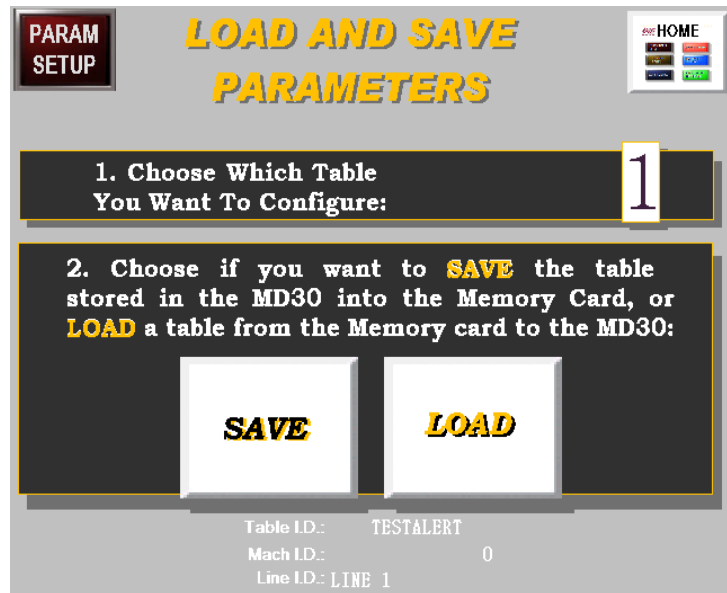
- 1) Run good containers along with calibrated leakers.
- 2) When the tested containers show up on the bar graph screen, press the PAUSE button to freeze the display.
- 3) Look at the values (at the top of the screen) for the highest good container and the lowest leaker.
- 4) Set the reject limit midway between the two. To set the reject limit, press the Reject Limit button on the top left of the screen, enter the password, and set the required value in one of the eight recipe slots.



# Chapter 10: Saving Configuration

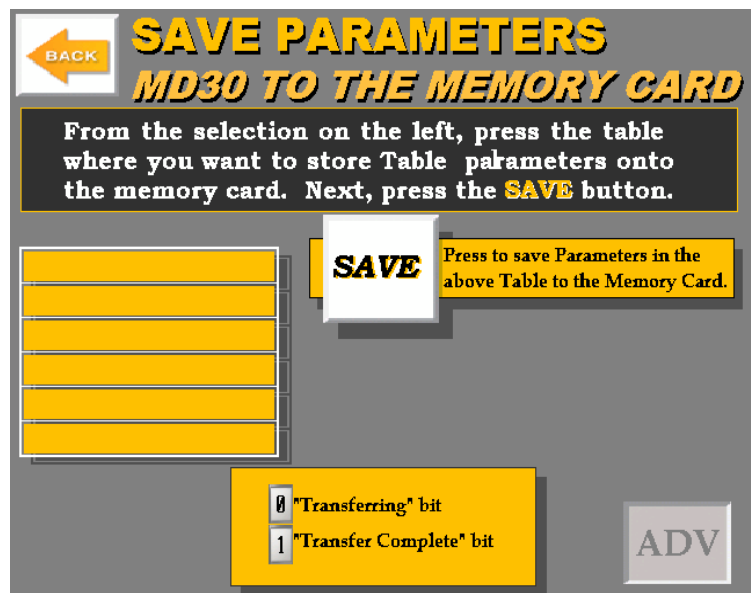
The configurations for the system can be saved to a secure digital (SD) card which is located on the back side of the MI101/MI102 touch screen display.

The Load and Save screen allows you to pick the configuration table (1, 2 or 3) that you would like to either save to the SD card, or load from the SD card. From there, select if you are Saving or Loading, and the display will change to the appropriate screen.



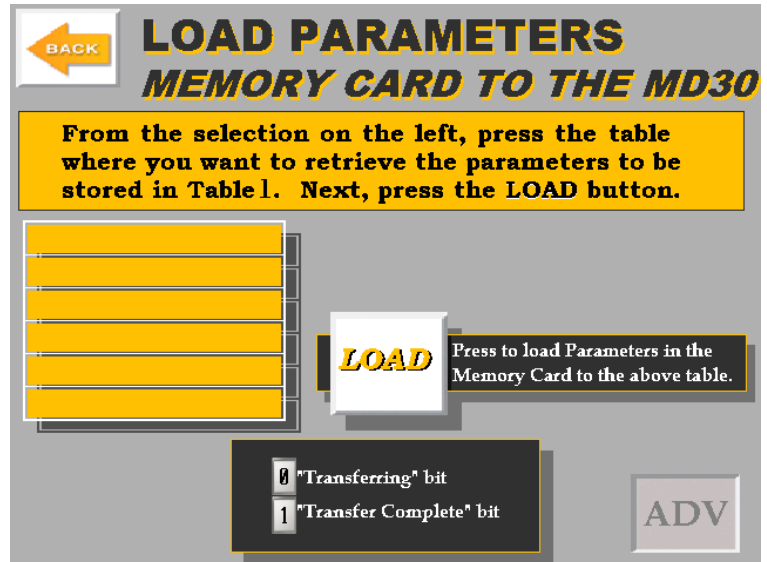
## Saving a Configuration

On the Save Parameters screen, the left hand side of the screen shows the locations on the memory card that you can save the current configuration to. Select the location, and verify that it is highlighted, then press SAVE. You will see at the bottom of the screen the Transferring bit indicator turn green momentarily, and then the Transfer Complete bit indicator will turn green indicating that the configuration is saved.



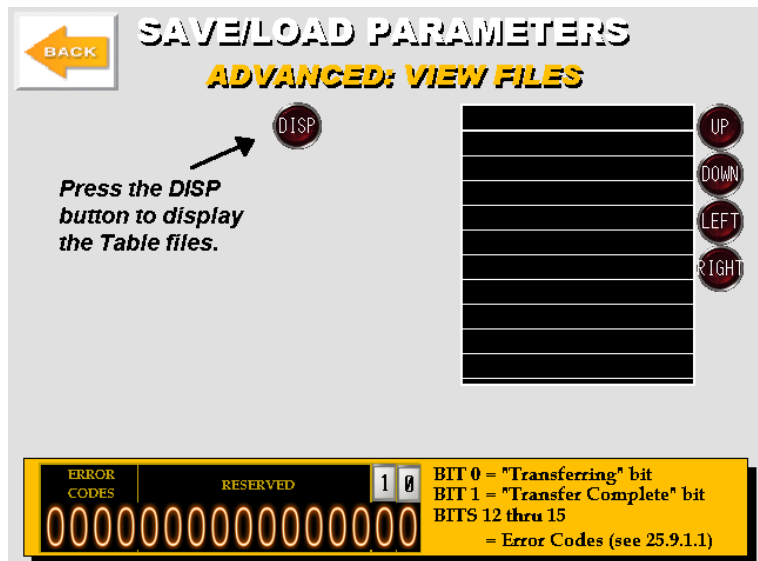
## **Loading a Configuration**

To load a configuration into the system from the memory card, select the configuration from the left hand side, verify it is highlighted, and press Load. You will see at the bottom of the screen the Transferring bit indicator turn green momentarily, and then the Transfer Complete bit indicator will turn green indicating that the configuration is loaded into the correct configuration table.



## **Advanced Screen**

On each of the Save and Load screens, there is an Advanced screen. This allows you to navigate the files on the SD card and look at some of the data. Selecting a file name and pressing the grey DISP button will display the unformatted configuration data.



## **Secure Digital Card**

On the back of the MI101/MI102 display, there is a door to access the SD memory card. This holds the saved configurations for the TestAlert system. Be sure not to open this door during a save or load operation, as the data may become corrupt. If the SD Card is plugged into a computer, the configuration files are located under the FILE subdirectory and are labeled as shown to the right.

ZR00001.CSV – ZR00003.CSV relate to Tables 1-3 respectively. The filenames must stay as shown so they are able to be recognized by the touchscreen.

ZR00001.CSV  
ZR00002.CSV  
ZR00003.CSV

# Chapter 11: Networking

Connecting to the plant network is done through the MI101/MI102 Display.

## **Ethernet wiring**

A standard Ethernet network cable can be connected to the bottom of the MI101/MI102 display. This can be connected to a local Ethernet switch in the control panel. The MI102 offers two Ethernet ports which can have different IP addresses.

## **Determining IP Address**

To get data from the HMI, you first need to know the IP address of the MI101/MI102 display. To view this information, follow these steps.

1. Be sure that the screen is powered up and connected to the network.
2. Touch the upper right-hand side of the screen, let go, and within one second, touch the lower left-hand side of the screen. This must be done inside the border of the screen, and not where any buttons are located. The HOME screen is one of the best screens to do this.
3. A grey menu will appear on the bottom of the screen.

4. Press the Arrow pointing to the right.



5. Press the button labeled IP Address.



6. The current IP Address will be displayed on the screen.

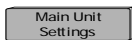
## **Changing the IP Address**

1. Be sure that the screen is powered up and connected to the network.
2. Touch the upper right-hand side of the screen, let go, and within one second, touch the lower left-hand side of the screen. This must be done inside the black border of the screen.
3. A grey menu will appear on the bottom of the screen.

4. Press the Offline Button.



5. Press Main Unit Settings



and then Ethernet Local Settings



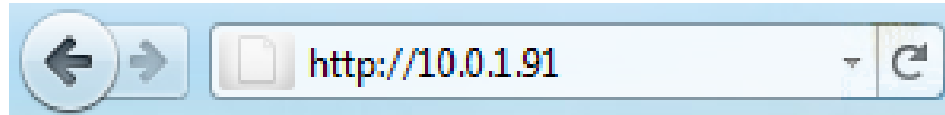
6. From here you can set a local name, along with the IP address.

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## **Accessing the Screen Web Server**

Once you know the IP address of the screen, you are able to pull up the screen's web server. From your preferred internet explorer (Microsoft Internet Explorer, Firefox Mozilla, etc.) connected to the same network as the MI101/MI102 screen, type in the IP address of the screen into the address bar.



The screen to the right should come up in your browser. You will notice near the top of the screen the menu options:

- Home
- Viewer
- Alarm Information
- File Transfer

### **Home**

Pressing Home from other menu areas will take you back to this screen.

### **Viewer**

Takes you to a screen where you can download the program GP-Viewer EX from the internet. This program allows you to monitor the MI101/MI102 screen display from your computer. The free version of this software has a yellow bar across the screen blocking a portion of your view. You can purchase a license key from Prime Controls which unlocks the demo mode. The license key is only good for one screen.

The user of this program must take care not to change settings or go into different modes of the tester while it is in operation. Doing so can cause the tester to go into or out of low pressure



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mode. There are also certain screens that are graphic intensive and may cause errors to pop up on the screen if accessed.

## Alarm Information

This screen shows a listing of alarms for the tester along with the time, date and recovery time. At the bottom of the screen, you can set up RSS Feeds directly in your RSS reader. Some of the more popular readers are in Microsoft Outlook and Internet Explorer. There should be a section for RSS Feeds. Right Click on it and select Add New Feed. Then copy the text link below into the location box in Outlook, and it is set up. Any time there is an error, the RSS feed will show the Alarm information.

The Block Number can be set between Block 1 and Block 2. Block 1 is the listing of Faults that would typically shut down the tester, Block 2 is for a listing of the Warnings.

**RSS** You can save Alarm information to RSS Reader. Copy the website information below to your RSS Viewer. Typically, this is Outlook or other email program.

[http://10.0.1.91/goform/Controller?req=alarm\\_rss&block](http://10.0.1.91/goform/Controller?req=alarm_rss&block)  **RSS FEED**


11/08/22	16:19:02	Air On Fault	16:19:18
11/08/22	16:17:43	Tester Reject Fault	16:17:54
11/08/22	16:17:07	Station Reject Fault	16:17:19
11/08/22	16:15:48	Reject Verify Fault	16:15:53
11/08/22	16:14:06	Station Pressure Fault	16:14:40
11/08/22	15:59:35	Air On Fault	15:59:47
11/08/22	15:32:06	Jam Detect Fault	15:32:11
11/08/22	15:28:09	Reject Verify Fault	15:28:14
11/08/22	15:22:32	Station Pressure Fault	15:22:43
11/08/22	15:21:56	Air Switch Fault	15:22:07
11/08/22	15:21:13	Unexpected Reject Fault	15:21:28
11/08/22	15:20:16	Unexpected Reject Fault	15:20:41
11/08/22	15:07:38	Station Reject Fault	15:08:23






Home <<Back Next>> End Counts:14 Page:1/1

## File Transfer

The File Transfer section allows you to download documents that are saved on the SD (Secure Digital) card in the MI101/MI102 Terminal. User manuals, viewer program, saved configurations, reports, and configuration viewer are all saved in this SD Card. The card can also be removed from the back of the screen and plugged into a computer for more direct access.

Index of ftp://10.0.1.91/

 Up to higher level directory

Name	Size	Last Modified
 AGP		8/16/2011 10:51:00 AM
 Manuals		8/16/2011 10:51:00 AM
 templates		8/16/2011 10:51:00 AM
 default.html	1 KB	8/22/2011 2:42:00 PM
 GP-Viewer_EX		8/22/2011 4:46:00 PM

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# Chapter 12: Data Transfer / Reports

## Accessing the Data Transfer Screen

The Data Transfer Screen can be accessed via the Home Screen. At the top right of the screen is the Data Transfer icon.



## Data Transfer (SD Card)

The Data Transfer Screen allows you to set up the frequency of which reports will be generated. Reports can be generated every 10 min, every 30 min, every hour, or once per day at the time and the time chosen. An option for saving the report immediately is also given. The reports are updated onto the Secure Digital (SD) card located on the lower back side of the MI101/MI102 touch screen display.

The lower section of the screen shows the data to be written to the SD card.

The Transfer Status section on the bottom left of the screen will say “Data Saving” when information is being transferred to the SD card under the SAMP01 directory.

Date	Time	[MD30]415025	[MD30]415026	[MD30]415027	[MD30]415028
02/05/25	13:35:01	21573	21332	16716	17746

Note: For more frequent report updates, the SD card is written to for each update. This can affect the longevity of the SD Card.

## Transfer to USB

At the bottom of the Data Transfer screen, press USB to go to the Transfer to USB screen. Be sure that there is a USB thumb drive inserted into one of the two USB ports on the back side of the MI101/MI102 touchscreen on the front access panel. Pressing SAVE will transfer the report data to the SAMP02 subdirectory on the USB device.

## Data Format

Using both methods, the data is saved as a .CSV file (Comma Separated Value). An Excel program is provided with the system (on SD card or provided USB thumb drive) which will read the report and generate printouts.

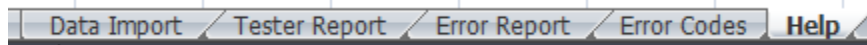
Date	Time	[MD30]415025	[MD30]415026	[MD30]415027	[MD30]415028

## **TestAlert Tester Report Excel Spreadsheet**

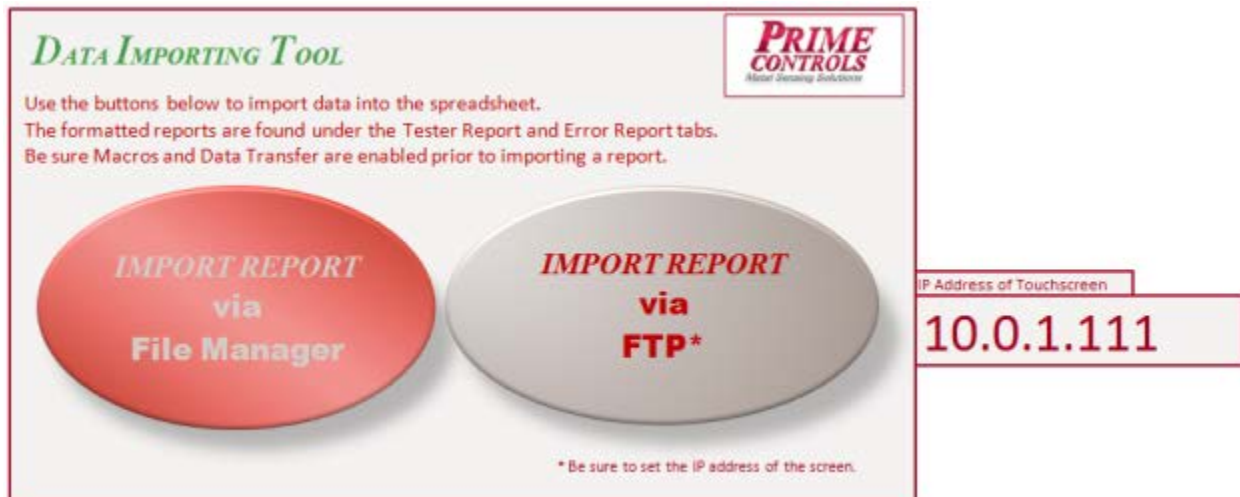
Once you have access to Tester Data generated by the TestAlert system, Run the program **TestAlert Tester Report.xlsm**. This Excel spreadsheet will allow you to load in the reports and view all of the information. This file is located on the SD card under the Manuals subdirectory or on the USB Thumb Drive provided with the system.

### **Running the program**

The spreadsheet needs to have macros enabled to be able to retrieve data from the CSV file. Once running, there are multiple tabs across the bottom of the screen:



- Data Import: This is the first screen that comes up when you run the program. This allows you to import the data into the spreadsheet either via File Manager or through FTP (File Transfer Protocol).
- Tester Report: This is the full report of the tester showing rejects and average pressure values per pocket in both numerical or bar graph forms.
- Error Report: Shows the last 20 error messages that came up on the TestAlert. This includes time and date stamps along with a short description of the error.
- Error Codes: Used by the Error Report to show the descriptions. This shows all possible error messages including more information about each.
- Help: The Help screen



### **FTP File Transfer**

If the MI101/MI102 touchscreen interface is connected to your Ethernet network and has its own IP address assigned, you can import the SD data directly.

To do this, first input the IP Address of the MI101/MI102 touchscreen into the box on the right, then click on IMPORT REPORT via FTP. This will automatically fetch data and place it in the area below the button. Once the data is loaded, click on the Tester Report tab to view the imported report.

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## File Manager

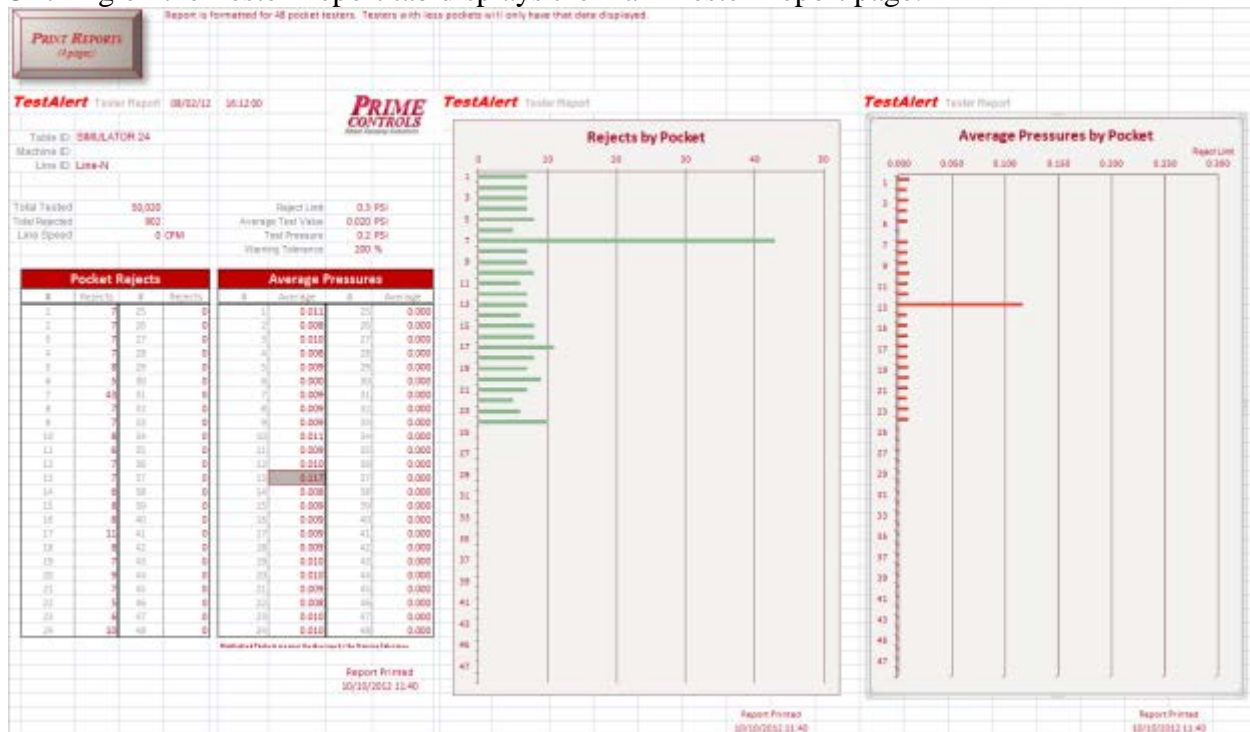
If the CSV file is contained on a USB thumb drive, has been imported or saved to your computer, or you are able to remove the SD card and insert it into your computer, click on IMPORT REPORT via File Manager. This opens a typical File Manager screen for finding the CSV file. This file is typically saved as: SA00000.CSV

## Direct Data Entry

If this is not possible to use the above methods or macros due to your IT rules, the data contained in the CSV file from the TestAlert system can be copied and pasted into this spreadsheet. Open the CSV file using Excel. Be sure to copy all rows and columns with data in them. Go to the TestAlert Tester Report tool, click on cell A25 (should say date) and paste the data here. From this point you can click on the Tester Report tab to view the information.

## Tester Report Page

Clicking on the Tester Report tab displays the main Tester Report page.



This page shows all pertinent tester information that was gathered at the time the report was generated including Tester identification data, numerical results by pocket, and bar graph displays for rejects by pocket and average pressure values by pocket. Pressing the Print Reports button will print this data along with the error screen to your default printer.

NOTE: The previous model HMI, MI100, utilized a Compact Flash (CF) for all the functions described previous for the Secure Digital (SD) storage.

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# Chapter 13: Troubleshooting

## **Problems with HMI**

### **Power Issues**

Power is required on the MI101/MI102 when starting up the MD30 controller. Once the system is up and running, power can be removed from the MI101/MI102 for maintenance or other uses without harming the testing capabilities of the tester. A green LED on the right hand side of the screen will be on if there is power to the unit.

### **Communication**

If the communication wiring is disconnected or wired wrong, the screen will display an error:

--Response timed out for device write (or read) command--

If this error appears, check the communication cable from the MD30 controller to the MI101/MI102 display. Verify it is connected to COM2, and that all wires on the MD30 side are connected securely and go to the correct pins according to the wiring diagrams in [Chapter 2](#).

### **Screen not responding**

If the screen does not respond to a command, check that there is not an error displayed at the top or bottom of the screen, the communication cables are connected securely and that the MD30 has power to it. Also check that the CPU Status LED on the MD30 is green.

## **Problems with MD30**

### **LED indication**

There are 6 LEDs visible through the cover of the MD30. Five of those LEDs are for power indication. These are the smaller Yellow (Amber) LEDs located near the separate power inputs for the MD30 controller. Due to the safety of the design in the controller, separate power connections need to be made to each of the separate sections of the board. If some of the inputs or outputs are not working, verify that the LED indicator is on so that section has power.

The last LED indicator has to do with the CPU processor. If the processor is working correctly, this LED will be Green. If the processor detects a fault, the LED will be Red. If the LED is red, try powering the unit off, wait 30 seconds and power back on again. If remains red, consult the factory.

### **Not able to get into DEVICE SETUP PROCEDURES**

If you are on the Device Setup Procedures screen, the tester is rotating, and the Yellow banner stays on the bottom of the screen, verify that the *Timing Generator Direction* parameter is set

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correctly on the Parameters screen. If that is correct, make sure the home sensor is working by verifying the input signal under DIAGNOSTICS.

## **Problems with the Transducers**

### **Transducer always shows a value above zero.**

If the transducer has been exposed to a pressure higher than its “proof pressure”, this can cause the unit to go out of calibration and show a higher value than normal. To get a better view of this value, go to the diagnostics screen and then to Pressure/Counts. With a properly calibrated transducer, the Latest Pressure reading will be at about 100 counts which equals 0 psi. If the unit is quite a bit out of spec (>120) when no pressure is applied, you will have to send the unit to the factory for repair. The transducer will function after it is damaged as long as the pressure exposed does not exceed the burst pressure of the transducer.

To compensate for smaller differences between Even and Odd transducers, go to DIAGNOSTICS Level 2, then to #2 Pressures/Counts. The values can be changed using the Count Offset arrows.

### **Transducers are fluctuating between even and odd.**

This is typically shown as a sawtooth on the bar graph display. The even and odd transducers in this situation are not generating the same pressure values. The bar graph display at the right shows that the odd pockets are showing pressure and the even ones are displaying a minimal pressure.



**Solution:** First determine if the issue is with the transducer, test block, or tubing between the transducer and test block.

One method is to remove the transducers from the test hoses, leave them plugged into the controller and go to the Diagnostic Screen for Pressures/Counts. Run the tester with the TD10 transducers disconnected from air and see what values are coming in for the even and odd. At 0psi, even and odd should be displaying a Latest Pressure value of about 100(counts). If there is a difference between the transducers, this screen will allow you to adjust the transducer so it is displaying a value of 100 counts.

If one or both of the transducers has been hit with a pressure above its proof pressure limit, it is possible that the unit has been damaged and will need to be replaced.

If the odd and even transducers show equal levels, the problem is in the tubing leak or a score line on the test block.

## **Problems with Tester**

### **Tester does not run**

There are three main areas that may cause the tester not to run.

- The main test pressure is not enough to engage the mechanical pressure switch.
  - o This pressure switch is external to the TestAlert control system.
  - o Check the incoming pressure and regulators to make sure there is enough pressure to run.
- There is a jam
  - o Sometimes the mechanical limit switches are not wired into the MD30. If a jam occurs in this case, the MI101/MI102 screen will not report an error, but the tester will be stopped immediately. The limit switches are typically located on the infeed, and rejector areas.
- The MD30 is keeping the tester from running.
  - o If the MD30 keeps the tester from running, there will be an error on the screen telling the user what the problem is.

### **Tester does not open the Feed Supply (container stop) (Containers not feeding)**

- Check for errors on the MI101/MI102 screen
- Be sure that the MD30 is getting a signal from the Feed Supply sensor
- Verify that the Feed Supply switch is in the feed position (Check in Diagnostics)
- In Diagnostics, toggle the FEED CONTROL output to verify it works
- Is the tester in low pressure mode?
- Is there PLC logic controlling the Feed Supply (Container Stop)?

### **Tester does not reject bad containers**

This problem could be due to a few different conditions: the MD30 is not seeing a container going into the pocket, the container is not recognized as being a reject, or the rejector is not working correctly.

- When running the tester with containers, check the Running Screen. If containers are being consistently fed into the tester without gaps, there should not be any blue colored pockets on the screen. A blue pocket is a missing container. If this is the case, check the Container Present Sensor to make sure it is sensing the containers consistently.
- Run low pressure check to verify that all pockets are working consistently.
- When running a bad container, look at either the Running Screen or Bar Graph Display to see if the bad container's pressure value is above the Leak Test Limit. If not, this limit may need adjusting.

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- If pressure values are too low for all leakers, there may be a scored test block. If the test block gets debris on it, this can wear score marks on the surface and let the test air out during test. In this case, the test block needs to be machined or replaced.
- On older flat valve testers there is an oiler mechanism which oils the test valve ring. This oil can build up and plug up the test block and hoses leading to the TD10 transducers, reducing their sensitivity.
- If bad containers are identified as rejects on the Running Screen (red box), then the issue may be with the rejector. Be sure the rejector solenoid fires at the correct position, and long enough when there is a reject. Check the Device Setup Procedure.

### Tester is randomly rejecting good containers

If good containers are randomly rejected from the tester, it could be one of two issues. Either there is a problem with the testing of the containers, or there is a problem with the rejector.

- Check the Running screen on the MI101/MI102 to determine if the rejected container was identified as a reject by the TestAlert system. If it was, there would be a red box for the pocket that was rejected, and the rejected containers number would increment by one.
  - o If a container rejects without being shown as a reject on the display, this is an issue with the rejector. See the section: **Rejector is rejecting good containers.**
  - o If the container is shown to be a reject on the screen, the fault may be with the air test. See the section: **Air Test is randomly rejecting good containers.**
- Look in the reject history to make sure that it isn't one or a couple pockets causing all of the rejects. If it is, see the section **Tester is rejecting good containers from one pocket.**

### Tester is rejecting good containers from one pocket.

If one pocket is rejecting a significant quantity of containers, the **Station Reject Fault** should shut down the tester if this parameter is enabled. This is most likely an issue with the pocket setup or seals.

- Check the top rubber seal to make sure there isn't a score on it. This would let the pressure inside the container leak to the pocket.
- Check the protrusion. If the container is not sealed up against the top rubber seal this can cause the pressure inside the container to leak into the pocket.
- Check for the seating of the container on the bottom plate. If the container does not seat correctly or is at an angle, this can cause a bad seal on the top rubber seal.

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### Tester is accepting bad containers from one pocket

There could be a variety of problems with the pocket anywhere from the air lines supplying the pocket, down to the test spool valve.

- Run a low pressure check to see if that pocket fails this check. If that pocket does not fail the low pressure check, it is most likely an issue with the protrusion being too high in the pocket so when a container is in the pocket the pocket itself does not close enough.
- Check the top rubber seal to make sure it is sealing on the pocket itself.
  - o Check the wear on the seal. If the wear is uneven, it may be that the pocket is trying to close too hard and bending the rod, causing the opposite side of the pocket to not seal.
  - o Check that the top of the pocket is even with the neighboring pocket on the same shaft. If one pocket is set too low (tight), this can cause the neighboring pocket to not seal.
- Check the bottom seal in the pocket. This can be checked with soapy water.
- Check all hoses and tubes for this pocket that they are not leaking.
- Remove and check the O rings in the spool valves for this pocket.
- Be sure the spool valves are not in backwards.

### Tester rejects container from wrong pocket

This is most likely a setup issue where the MD30 thinks the container is in the wrong pocket. This could be a bad setup for most of the device locations in the tester.

- Feed a single calibrated leaker or gross leaker into the tester. Note the pocket that it goes into and note the pocket number of the spool valve that was depressed. Also note when the rejector fires compared to the position of the container.
- Look at the MI101/MI102 display to verify that one of the pockets is white in color. Also see that the Total Tested had increased by one. If it does not, this is an issue with the Container Present Sensor on the infeed of the tester. Verify that the prox is detecting containers as it goes by. Also go to Device Setup and follow the procedure for setting up the container present sensor.
- Note that the air spool valve charged the correct pocket. If not, go to the Device Setup Procedure and follow the Air Spool Device setup procedure.
- If the MI101/MI102 shows the correct pocket for the leaker, but fires either early or late by a pocket or two, follow the Device Setup Procedure for the Rejector to set the correct location.
- If the MI101/MI102 shows the correct pocket but does not reject, the setup for the Air Test location may need set-up. It is also possible that the odd and even transducer may be swapped.

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### Tester is not testing containers

One of the main reasons the tester would not test a container would be that it was not detected going into the tester.

- Look at the MI101/MI102 display to verify that the pockets fed are white in color. Also see that the Total Tested had increased by one. If it does not, this is an issue with the Container Present Sensor on the infeed of the tester. Verify that the prox is detecting containers as it goes by. Also go to Device Setup and follow the procedure for setting up the container present sensor.

### Tester rejects the first few containers of a batch

This problem could either be a mechanical or a setup issue with the tester.

- The mechanical issue could be a bad regulator. If the test pressure in the tester fluctuates at the beginning of a test this may cause a fluctuation in the test results. The reject pressure values would be just over the reject level in this case. The test pressure gauge would fluctuate significantly when containers are initially fed into the tester. If this is the problem, replace the regulator with a master/slave type.
- If the tester is set up incorrectly, it is possible that the controller, when detecting containers going into the tester, is charging a couple pockets early into empty pockets. Then, if the rejector is set up incorrectly, the empty pockets are trying to reject late, rejecting the first few pockets with containers.
  - o Go to the Device Setup Procedure from the Home Screen. Verify that all of the devices are set correctly using the initial tester setup procedure detailed in [Chapter 5](#).

### Rejector activates with no container in pocket

This is most likely an issue with the air spools. Check the running screen and verify that no containers are being fed into the tester. If the running screen shows a reject level of pressure, that pocket will be rejected as a precaution that there may have been a container in the pocket.

- o If this occurs with a particular pocket, check the air spool for that pocket for any issues with the o-rings or that the spool valve may be reversed.
- o If this comes from random pocket, check the test block for scoring.
- o If this comes from a random pocket, and most of the pockets show a high pressure value, check if the pockets are being purged after being closed. A pocket closing without being purged will pressurize the pocket.

### **Pockets are not being charged**

In most cases the MD30 is not getting a signal that containers are going into the tester.

- Go to Diagnostics – Control Outputs. Press the button for Air Spool Actuator to verify that the air spool actuator functions correctly.
- Verify that the container present prox is detecting containers as they are passing by.
- Go into Device Setup Procedure – Container Present and verify that the timing is set up correctly. The MD30 only accepts an input from container present sensor during a timing window. If the container is not captured or stable in the infeed screw or starwheel, this can cause the containers not to be detected.
- If the FEED CONTROL location is set after the CONTAINER PRESENT SENSOR location, the MD30 will not recognize the containers entering the tester and not charge pockets. Adjust the FEED CONTROL location so that the number is higher than the CONTAINER PRESENT SENSOR location.

### **Some pockets are not being charged**

- When running the tester with containers, check the Running Screen. If containers are being consistently fed into the tester without gaps, there should not be any blue colored pockets on the screen. A blue pocket is a missing container. If this is the case, check the Container Present Sensor to make sure it is sensing the containers consistently. When a container is not identified going into a pocket, that pocket is not charged. Go to Device Setup Procedure – Container Present to verify the timing of the container present sensor.

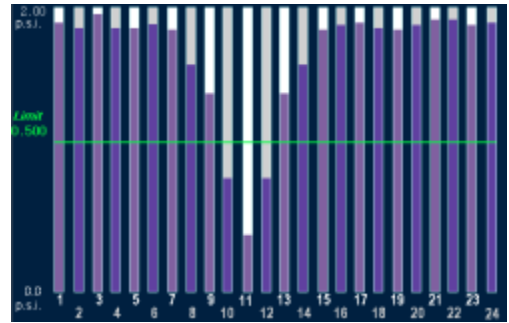
### **Test Air or Leak Pressure values are either too high or too low**

This is potentially an issue with the setup of the TD10 transducers with the system. Be sure that the part number on the Transducers match the part number specified in the Supply and Air Test Transducers section of the Parameter Setup screen. The system is set up so that an error will appear if a mismatch occurs. It is possible for this error to be overridden.

### On Low Pressure Check, there is a large dip in the values.

This typically means that there is a large leak in one of the pockets. The bar graph display would typically look like this. The worst leak is typically centered in the “valley”. When there is a large leak, that pocket typically pulls air pressure from neighboring pockets causing a valley.

**Solution:** Check that the top seal is good, the pocket closed securely, and that the bottom seal is good. There could also be leaks in the Test spool, or brass fittings. If still no leak is found, check the charging spool and hose.



### Minimum Pressure Values (good containers) seem too high for the tester

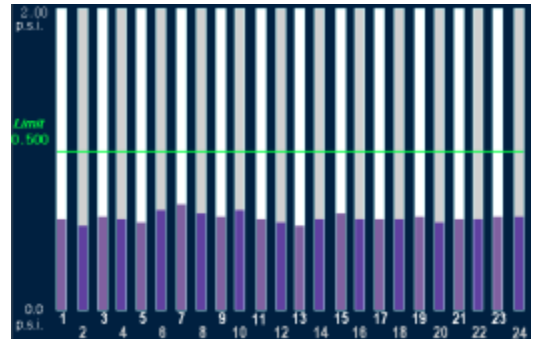
When running the tester with good containers, you should have some minimum pressure in each pocket. The problem occurs when that minimum pressure is too high. This can cause many false rejects. For a typical tester, the bars should be near the bottom of the screen, not as high as is shown to the right.

The most likely issue is that the purge time is too short. When the container is initially charged with pressure it expands, and if the pocket is not being vented at this time, you can have high values.

**Solution:** Check the purge location and make sure it meets the specification for the tester. Also, verify that the spools are being engaged and disengaged fully during the purge time.

**Secondary issue** – For flat valve testers, if the 2nd stage (Hold) air is set higher than the 1<sup>st</sup> stage (Charge) pressure, this causes expansion of the container after the pocket is sealed.

**Solution:** Set the 2nd stage air to be equal or lower than the 1<sup>st</sup> stage air. Be sure gauges are working properly



### Two Pockets (on opposite sides of the tester) are not holding pressure

This situation is when two pockets on opposite sides of the tester are either not rejecting leakers or have a low pressure value for the low pressure check. The most likely problem may be the seam between the two halves of the test ring. If they are not level with respect to each other, the test block will either skip on the ridge, or be held away from the test ring surface, breaking the seal.

**Solution:** Adjust the test rings so that they are level with each other.



**Timing Count Faults**

If the timing generator is connected to a timing chain on the infeed, this can cause erratic timing counts per revolution due to the chain sticking. If the timing counts are off by 10 for one revolution of the tester, the tester will shut down.

**Solution:** Change the mounting location of the Timing Generator to the back of the machine. This can be mounted against the infeed or reject starwheel shaft.

# Appendix

## TestAlert Accessories

### AC400-7 / PS503 RELAY BANK AND POWER SUPPLY

7 relays for connecting MD30 DC outputs to the air tester solenoids and a 24vdc power supply mounted on DIN rail.

### CBL113-X CABLE FOR TD10

M12 connector cable for connecting the TD10 transducer to the MD30 controller.

CBL113-2 5-pin M12 connector, 2m length  
 CBL113-5 5-pin M12 connector, 5m length  
 CBL113-10 5-pin M12 connector, 10m length

### CBL130-X TIMING GENERATOR CABLES

M23 Quick Disconnect Cables to connect encoder to the MD30. Four twisted pairs and overall shield, quick disconnect on one side, flying leads on other.

CBL130-5 4-twisted pair cable with overall shield, 5m length  
 CBL130-10 4-twisted pair cable with overall shield, 10m length  
 CBL130-25 4-twisted pair cable with overall shield, 25m length

### CBL140-X CABLE FROM MD30 TO MI100 HMI (OBSOLETE)

Multi conductor cable to attach MD30 to HMI. Flying leads on one side, DB-9 on the HMI side.

CBL140-2 2m cable length, 5 conductor plus shield, DB9 on one side of cable  
 CBL140-10 10m cable length, 5 conductor plus shield, DB9 on one side of cable

### CBL141-X CABLE FROM MD30 TO MI101/MI102 HMI

Multi conductor cable to attach MD30 to HMI. Flying leads on one side, DB-9 on the HMI side. Specify multiple lengths.

CBL141-2 2m cable length, 5 conductor plus shield, DB9 on one side of cable  
 CBL141-10 10m cable length, 5 conductor plus shield, DB9 on one side of cable  
 CBL141-15 15m cable length, 5 conductor plus shield, DB9 on one side of cable

### FD31 MEMORY CARD

SD Memory Card for the MI101/MI102 touchscreen. This memory card comes pre-loaded with configurations, user manual, report spreadsheet and configuration tool. The memory card also holds the web server pages for the HMI. (CF Memory card for MI100 touchscreen)

## **Glossary**

**AC400-7/PS503** – Relay bank and power supply assembly used in a TestAlert system to power the system and increase the current drive of the MD30 outputs.

**Actuator** – An electromechanical device that converts an electrical input to mechanical action such as a solenoid.

**Air Spool Output** – An MD30 output that controls the Air Spool Valve Actuator.

**Air Spool Sw** – Input to the MD30 from the Air Spool Valve Actuator limit switch or prox sensor that lets the MD30 know the on-off state of the Air Spool Actuator. The MD30 uses this input to monitor Air Spool Valve Actuator function.

**Air Spool Valve** – Refers to a valve assembly that controls the flow of pressurized air into and out of a pocket. Also referred to as a Charging or Omnivalve.

**Air Spool Valve Actuator** – An actuator that controls the Air Spool Valves to individually control charging pockets on a No Container/No Air tester.

**Air Spool Switch Sensor** – A prox sensor or limit switch that monitors the position of the Air Spool Actuator. It drives the Air Spool Sw signal to the MD30.

**Air Test Block (Odd and Even)** – Hard Nylatron blocks that ride along the Test Spool Valve Body. The blocks have an opening in them that aligns with the Air Test Ports on the Test Spool Valve Body at the correct time and allow the pocket pressure to be transmitted to the Test Transducers.

**Air Test Port** – A opening on the Test Spool Valve Body that aligns with the opening in the Air Test Block at the correct time and allow the pocket pressure to be transmitted to the Test Transducers.

**Air Test Time** – The distance in number of pockets between the closing of the Test Spool Valve and the Air Test Block where the Test Spool Valve is re-opened. During this time, pressure from a leaking container builds up in the pocket to be measured at the Air Test Timing point.

**Air Test Timing** – Precise position defined by pocket and partial pocket in hundredths (e.g.15.28) of when the Air Test Ports line up with the Air Test Block opening. The MD30 uses this to know when to measure the pressure in each pocket at the optimal time.

**Bottom Clamp Pad Seal** – Forms the seal between the Pocket Base and the Bottom Clamp Pad Base sealing the bottom of the pocket.

**Carrier Wheel** – Sometimes referred to as the Main Tester Wheel. It is the large central wheel on a tester that holds the pockets. As the wheel rotates, it moves the pockets past the various devices of the tester.

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**Caution Output** – Configurable output for stack light.

**Charge Air/Stage 1 Air** – Pressurized air applied to the inside of the container being tested while the pocket is still vented to atmosphere (Purge Time). This prevents the pressure in the pocket created by the expansion of the container from being interpreted as a container leak.

**Charge Spool Valve** – This is a three-port valve plumbed between the Charge Air feed and the inside of the container in a pocket. The valve can connect the inside of the container in a pocket to the Charge Air feed to pressurize, or to atmosphere to vent, the inside of the container being tested. For testers with No Container/No Air capability, there is one Charge Spool Valve per pocket.

**Clamp Pad Rubber** – The rubber disk that forms the seal to the top of the pocket and to the open end of the container inside the pocket.

**Container Present Sensor** – A sensor positioned to detect containers as they enter a pocket.

**Controller** – An electronic device that processes signals and controls the operation of an electrical device. The MD30 is the controller of the Air Tester.

**Converted Flat Valve Tester** – A Flat Valve Tester that has been modified by the addition of Air Spool Valves so that it operates as a No Container/No Air tester.

**Even Reject Output** – Output to the Even Reject relay, this will activate the rejector mechanism for even pockets when Dual Rejectors parameter is enabled.

**Face Pad** – The platform at the bottom of the pocket that captures the container and forces it into the Clamp Pad Rubber.

**Fault Reset Input** – Input from external Fault Reset momentary switch. This input clears errors in the system.

**Feed Bypass Input** – Input from external Feed Bypass momentary pushbutton switch. This input opens the Feed Stop.

**Feed Control Output** – Signal from the MD30 that controls the Feed Control relay.

**Feed Control Actuator** – An actuator that controls the feed of containers into the machine. It can be controlled by the MD30.

**Feed Control Input** – Input from a two-position switch that allows the operator to manually prevent the flow of containers.

**Feed Supply Sensor** – Sensor which detects an adequate supply of containers to start testing. This prevents starting and stopping the tester for small numbers of containers.

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**Flat Valve Tester** – Tester type that utilizes a single circular flat wheel with slots to control the Charge/Stage 1 Air and Hold/Stage 2 Air as well as a test and vent hole to all the pockets as they pass over the slots. This type of tester has no Air Spool Valves but may have Test Spool Valves. This type of tester is typically not a NC/NA tester, but can be modified to be.

**HMI** – Human Machine Interface – The interactive touchscreen used to control the TestAlert system.

**Hold Air/Stage 2 Air** – Pressurized air applied to the inside of the container being tested while the pocket is no longer vented to atmosphere (Test Time). This allows the pressure in the pocket created by a leaking container build up prior to the Air Test Timing to identify a leaking container.

**Home Flag** – A bolt located on the Main Tester Wheel that activates the Home Sensor as it passes once every revolution of the Main Tester Wheel.

**Home Location** – Position of the Carrier Wheel when the Home Sensor and the Home Flag are aligned. This sets the zero position of the Timing Encoder to maintain accurate tester timing.

**Home Sensor** – Proximity Sensor mounted on the tester that corresponds to a Home Flag. It is used to give the MD30 one pulse per revolution of the test wheel as the Home Flag passes. This ensures the MD30 is accurately tracking the pockets and devices on the test wheel.

**Home Sensor Input** – Signal from the Home Sensor to the MD30. This signal allows the MD30 to reset its zero to ensure accurate tracking of the pockets.

**Jam 1 Sensor** – Input from the Jam Sensor designed to detect a backup of containers in the tester.

**Device Timing** – Precise position defined by pocket and partial pocket in hundredths (e.g. 15.28) of a sensor, actuator, or pocket, when the tester wheel is at the Home position. The MD30 uses this to know when to measure the pressure in each pocket at the optimal time.

**Low Pressure Gauge** – Air pressure gage that reads low pressures used during low pressure testing. Typically, maximum pressure of 10" of water (0.36 PSI).

**Low Pressure Input** – Input to the MD30 from a two-position switch to select Low Pressure Test Mode.

**Low Pressure Needle Valve** – An adjustable valve which has small port, and a needle-shaped plunger used to control the pressure during the Low Pressure Test.

**Low Pressure Output** – Output from the MD30 to the Low Pressure Top Hat Valve. This output turns on to open the Low Pressure Top Hat Valve when in Low Pressure Test.

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**Low Pressure Test** – Test that removes all containers from the tester and puts a low pressure charge of air into each empty pocket and then displays the pressures values for each pocket on the display. This test evaluates the health of individual pockets by identifying pockets that are leaking.

**Machine Clear Output** – Output from the MD30 that turns on when the tester is free of containers. Used to slow the tester's drive motor when no containers are in the machine.

**Main Tester Wheel** – See Carrier Wheel.

**MD30** – TestAlert Air Test Controller that has all the wiring from transducers, timing generator, sensors and switches connected to it and contains the processor which controls the tester.

**MI100, MI101, MI102** – A full-color, touch screen HMI display used with the TestAlert system.

**NC/NA** – No Container/No Air. The ability of a tester to not put Test Air into pockets that do not have containers in them. This reduces Supply Air usage and tester wear. The tester must have Air Spool Valve Actuator control.

**NC** – Normally Closed A switch with contacts that are normally closed when not actuated and open when actuated. A NC proximity sensor will open its contacts when an object is detected.

**NO** – Normally Open A switch with contacts that are normally open and close when an object is detected. A NO proximity sensor will close its contacts when an object is detected.

**Odd Reject Output** – MD30 output to the Odd Reject relay, this will activate the rejector mechanism for Odd pockets when Dual Rejectors parameter is enabled.

**Omni Valve** – Proprietary name for an Air Spool Valve used on an Omni Style No Container/No Air Tester.

**PLC** – Programmable Logic Controller.

**Pocket** – Compartment on a tester where the containers are constrained for pressure testing.

**Pocket (Chamber) Testing** – A form of leak testing where a container is constrained and internally pressurized within a Pocket. The area inside the Pocket that surrounds the pressurized container is then monitored for pressure that may be leaking through the pressurized container.

**Pop-Off valve** – A secondary pressure relief safety valve. If the primary pressure control device fails to regulate system pressure below a set point, the pop-off valve opens, allowing excess air pressure to escape the system.

**Position** – Pocket number of any given device or sensor on a tester when the tester is at the Home Location.

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**Power Supply** – An electrical device that supplies electric power to an electrical load, converts electrical energy from a source into a form suitable for powering electronic devices or systems.

**Pressure Decay Testing** – A form of leak testing where a container is pressurized, the test pressure isolated in the container, and the pressure loss over time is monitored.

**Pressure Transducer** – A device for measuring the air pressure and converting a given pressure into an electrical signal used by a device such as an MD30. In a TestAlert system, the Transducers are referred to as TD10s.

**p.s.i. – Pounds per square inch. Air pressure unit.**

**PS503** – See Power Supply. The PS503 is a 24vdc, 4.2A power supply that supplies all the TestAlert components including the external sensors.

**Purge time** – The time from the opening of the Charge Spool Valve to the closing of the Test Spool Valve for a pocket. During this time the container is charged with 1<sup>st</sup> Stage Air while the periphery of the container is vented to atmosphere allowing the container to expand due to the 1<sup>st</sup> Stage Air without affecting the Air Test pressure at the conclusion of the test.

**Regulator** – Device used to control the pressure of compressed air within a pneumatic system.

**Reject Test Input** – Signal from a momentary contact switch used by the MD30 to turn on the Reject Relay.

**Reject Verify Sensor** – A sensor located at the reject shoot to detect containers passing out the reject chute.

**Relay** – Electrically operated switch that uses an electromagnet to mechanically open or close one or more contacts.

**Rotary Shaft Tester** – Tester type that consists of air pressure sent to the central shaft of the machine where it is distributed to each individual pocket through individual Charge Spool Valves to each pocket for Charge Air and Hold Air. A set of Test Spool Valves on the test side to the machine control pocket purge, test, and vent. Has only the First Stage air, no Second Stage air.

**Run/Stop Output** – Output from the MD30 to the motor contactor of the tester. This can be used to start and stop the tester.

**Sensor** – A device that measures a physical quantity and converts it into a signal which is read by an observer or instrument.

**Stage 1 Air** – See Charge Air.

**Stage 2 Air** – See Hold Air.

**Supply Air** – Factory supplied air to the tester prior to any regulators or valves.

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**Supply Pressure Transducer** – A device for measuring the Supply Air pressure supplied to the pocket. See Pressure Transducer.

**Switch** – An electrical component or device that is used to control the flow of electricity within a circuit. It is capable of making or breaking connections between two or more electrical conductors, allowing the circuit to be opened or closed.

**TD10** – See Pressure Transducer.

**TE200** – See Timing Generator. The TE200 is Prime Controls Timing Generator that uses a rubber coupling flap to connect to the rotating shaft of the tester.

**TE201** – See Timing Generator. The TE200 is Prime Controls Timing Generator that uses a keyed shaft coupler to connect to the rotating shaft of the tester.

**Test Air** – Supply Air after suitable pressure regulation and valving. Test Air is supplied to the tester's pockets for Charge Air and Hold Air.

**Test Air Output** – Output to Test Air solenoid. This turns the incoming Test Air to the tester on and off.

**Test Block** – A Nylatron block that interfaces to the Test Spool and connects to a hose to the Test Pressure Transducer. When the hole in the Test Block aligns with the Air Test Port on the Test Spool, pocket pressure is transmitted to the Test Pressure Transducers for reading.

**Test Pressure Transducer** – A device for measuring the Test Air Pressure built up in the pocket (possibly due to a leak in the container). See Pressure Transducer.

**Test Spool** – A wheel on the tester that is the interface between the pockets and the Test Blocks. This wheel contains the Air Test Ports and Vent Ports. May also contain the Test Spool Valves and be the source of the Charge Air and Hold Air to the pockets.

**Test Spool Valve** – The valve on the Test Spool that opens when the Air Test Port aligns with the Test Block, enabling the pressure from the pocket to flow to the Test Blocks and Transducers (TD10) to be read.

**TestAlert** – Prime Controls developed air leak detection system for Borden/Alcoa-style container body leak testers.

**Timing Generator** – An electronic device or subsystem that generates precise timing signals or clock pulses used to synchronize various operations within a digital system.

**Top Hat Valve** – Common name for electrically operated pneumatic valve.

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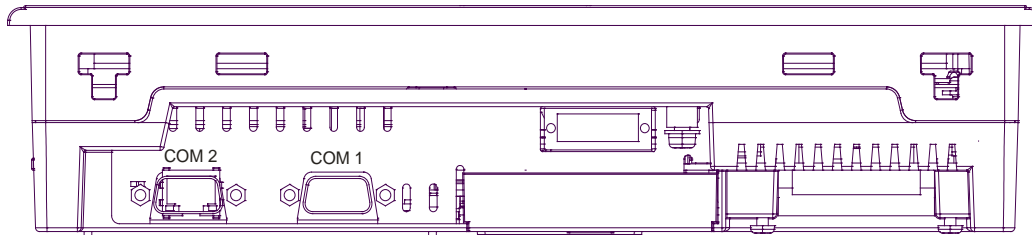
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**Vacuum Decay Testing** – A form of leak testing where a container is evacuated, the test vacuum isolated in the container, and the vacuum loss over time is monitored.

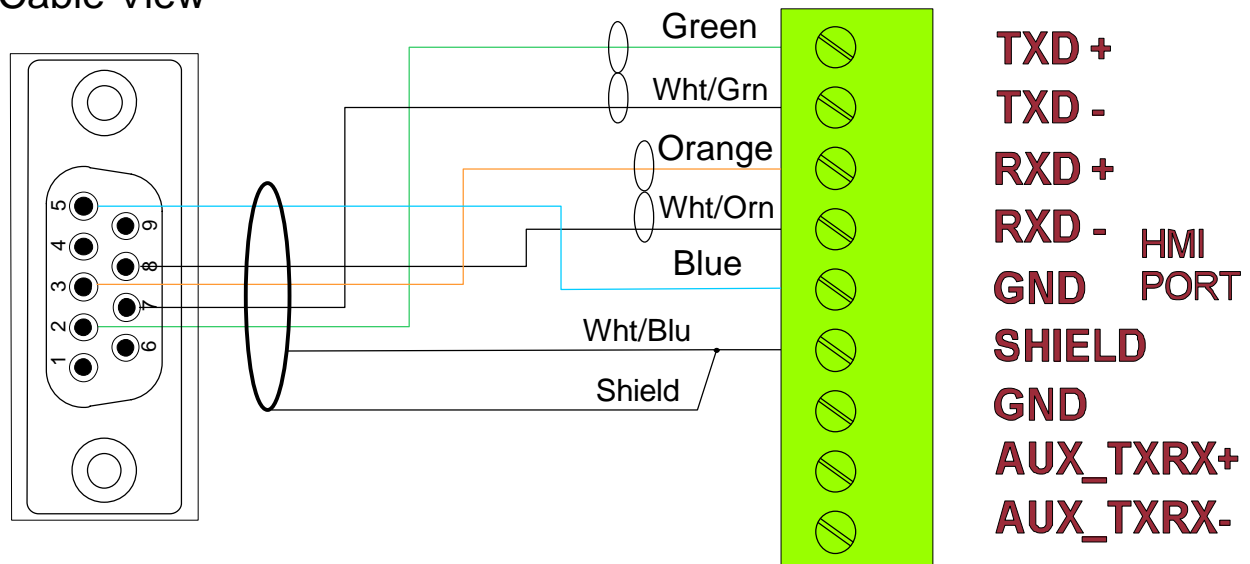
**Warning Output** - Configurable output for a stack light.

## **Obsolete MI100 HMI Wiring**

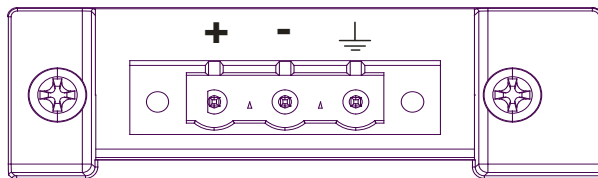
The diagram below details the connection between the HMI and the MD30. The connector is a standard DB-9 serial communications cable with a male connection. This connector gets plugged into **COM2** on the HMI. The Prime Controls part number for this cable is CBL140-xx (xx= 1 for 1m, 2 for 2m, 5 for 5m, 10 for 10m).



### **Cable View**



The MI100 touch screen display is powered by +24VDC power and 1.22A current. This can be connected to the PS503 power supply that is sold with the MD30 TestAlert package.



Power connector of the MI100 HMI (back side)

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# TestAlert Engineering notice

## Wiring

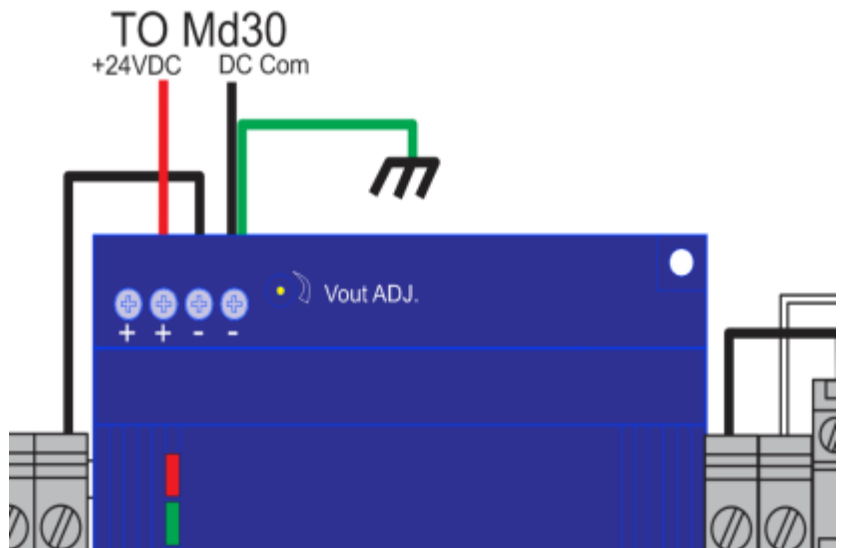
This document is to detail an addition to the current wiring of the TestAlert system. We have seen an issue in the field which occurred in the wiring between the MD30 control and the MI100/MI101/MI102 touch screen display.

If the units are not properly grounded, this can cause a voltage differential and current return paths between the Earth Ground of the HMI and the Earth Ground of the MD30. This, in very rare cases has caused damage to the communication board in the MI100/MI101/MI102 touch screen display, and to the MD30 control.

Please follow the recommendation below to prevent damage to the system.

## Recommendations

1. Connect the DC Common (- terminal) on the power supply to earth or chassis ground, which should be done at a common point on the back panel of the enclosure.
2. Connect the Earth Ground of the HMI to the same earth ground or chassis ground where the power supply is connected.
3. Connect the Earth Ground terminal lug of the MD30 to the same earth ground or chassis ground where the power supply is connected.
4. Ensure that all devices connected the same +24 VDC power supply used by the TestAlert HMI and MD30 uses this power supply's DC common as its return path and not earth ground.



## Verification - Measuring

1. Measure voltage between Frame Ground (FG) stud on the MI101/MI102 HMI and the MD30 COM pin. Both AC and DC voltages should be measured with the machine on and running, and the sum of these voltages should be less than 1V.

Note: Do not “Hot Swap” the communication wire between the touchscreen and MD30 control while both units are powered up. Be sure that the MI101/MI102 and MD30 are powered down prior to making any wiring changes.

Please let us at Prime Controls know if you have any questions or concerns.

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## Revisions

- ❖ 2.07 – 3/10/25
  - Made terminology consistent through the document and in line with generally accepted terminology in the industry.
  - Added chapter explaining the operational characteristics of the three main types of air testers found in the industry.
  - Updated graphic screenshots of MD30 HMI panes.
  - Added glossary of industry standard terminology.
  - Clarified Parameter Settings chart.
  - Corrected footer to be more consistent with Prime Controls OPI format.
  - Added explanation of new Feed Control Fault Stations Delay implemented with firmware Revision 2.08
- ❖ 2.06C – 12/8/23
  - Clarified PNP/NPN operation of Home and Aux inputs in Terminal Definition table.
  - Added Glossary of terms associated with TestAlert and Air Testers.
- ❖ 2.06B – 11/28/23
  - Revised introductory letter
- ❖ 2.06A – 12/17/20
  - Added alternative wire colors for CBL130-X cable
- ❖ 2.06 – 9/14/20
  - Added screen for Program Container Feed and Enabling/Disabling pockets
- ❖ 2.05 – 2019
  - Added capability of interfacing with simulator software
- ❖ 2.04 – 6/12/18
  - Bug fix with reporting of Error Messages. Some errors displayed on the ALARM/ERROR screen show up as “No Error Reported”
- ❖ 2.03A – 10/31/17
  - Added MI102
  - Bar Graph display allows for last reject to be displayed from each pocket.

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## ❖ 2.03 – 8/15/16

- Fixed Feed Control Delay Issue

## ❖ 2.02 - 7/1/16

- Improved wiring diagrams for better grounding of the system.
- Added reporting ability to set update timeframe 10min, 30min, 1 hour, once a day.
- Time stamping of rejects by date and time
- Added 8 reject recipes and capability of adding text tag to each reject limit.
- Remote Indicators – flexibility to define the 3 outputs to selected list of options
- Diagnostic Screen Password levels – moved lower level diagnostics to a Level 1.
- Maintenance Counters – Added master counters and timers, along with time since last Low Pressure Check.
- Bar Graph Display allows for displaying of Average pressures.
- Improved way MD30 recovers from an error in keeping track of containers in tester.
- Allows MD30 to run without HMI attached.

# Technical Specifications

## MD30

Input Voltage	24VDC
Input Current	500mA
Operating Temp	0-60°C
Communication	HMI – RS422/485
Inputs	
Max input voltage	30VDC
Current	20mA max
Outputs	
Solenoid	24VDC sourcing, 1A continuous (2A max inrush)
Remote Outputs	500mA, PNP sourcing
Machine Clear Output	50mA, PNP sourcing

## MI101/MI102

Input Voltage	19.2 to 28.8VDC
Current	1.22A typical
Operating Temp	0 – 50°C (32-122°F)
Humidity	10-90% RH – non-condensing
Enclosure Rating	Equivalent to IP65f NEMA 4x/13 when installed in panel

## AC400-7

Relay configuration	DPDT
Switching Current	15A@120V 50/60Hz, 12A@277V 50/60Hz, 12A@28VDC
Maximum Voltage	300V
Coil Voltage	24VDC / 37mA
Electrical Life	100,000

## PS503

Input Voltage	90-264VAC
Input Current	2.2A
Output Voltage	24VDC
Output Current	4.2A
Operating Temp.	-25 - 71°C

## TE200/TE201

Input Voltage	10-32VDC, 30mA
IP Rating(encoder)	IP65
Pulses per Revolution	300

## TD10 Transducer

Input Voltage	22-28VDC, 40mA
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Electrical Connection	4 pin female M12 connector
Pneumatic Connection	1/8'' NPT pipe
Operating Temp.	32°F to 140°F (0°C to 60°C)

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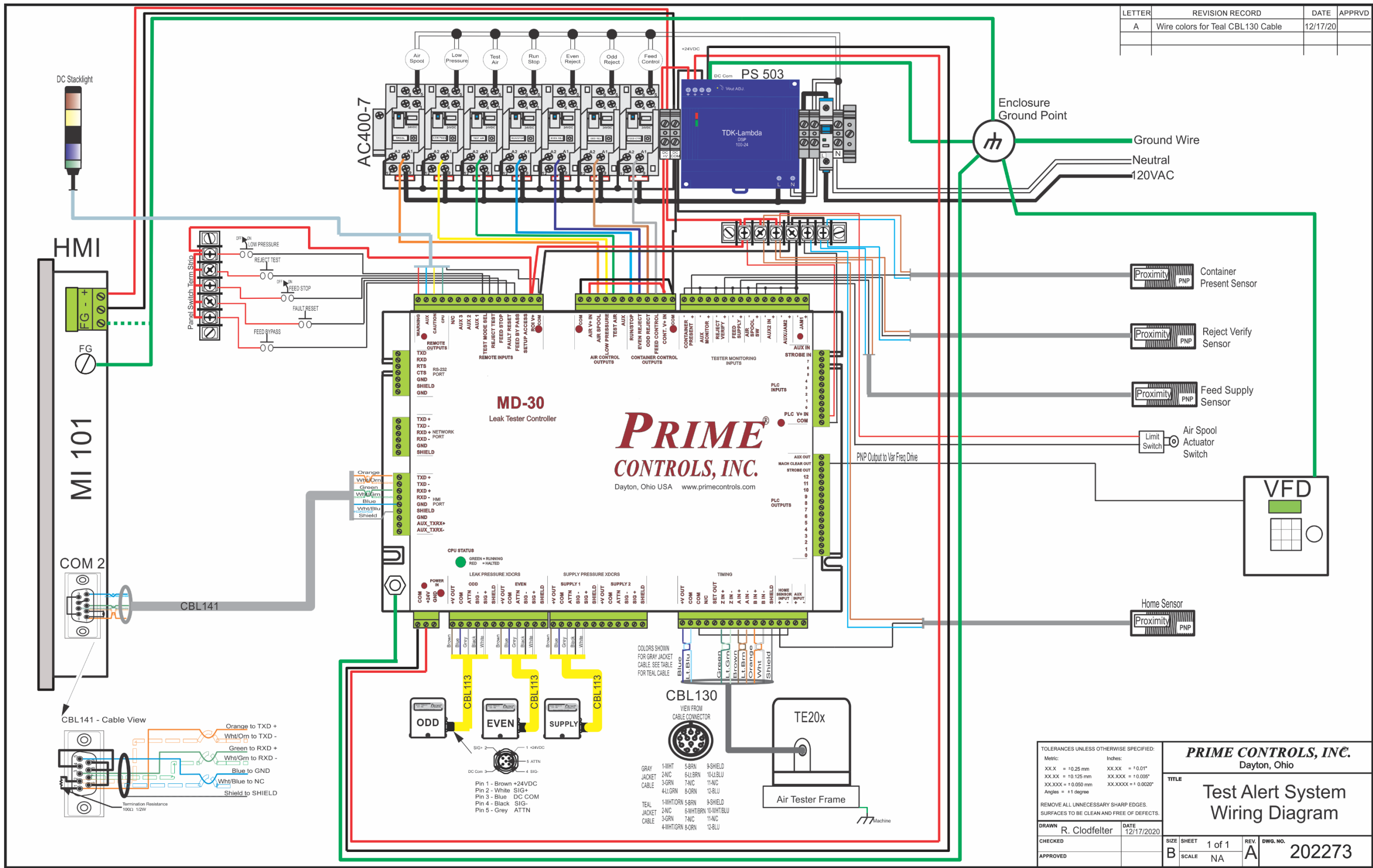
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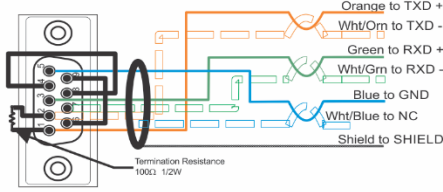
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LETTER	REVISION RECORD	DATE	APPRVD
A	Wire colors for Teal CBL130 Cable	12/17/20	

CBL141 - Cable View



Pin 1 - Brown +24VDC  
Pin 2 - White SIG+  
Pin 3 - Blue DC COM  
Pin 4 - Black SIG-  
Pin 5 - Grey ATTN

COLORS SHOWN FOR GRAY JACKET CABLE. SEE TABLE FOR TEAL CABLE

GRAY JACKET CABLE	TEAL JACKET CABLE
1-WHT	1-WHT/ORN
2-BLK	2-BLK
3-BRN	3-BRN
4-LT GRN	4-WHT/GRN
5-BRN	5-BRN
6-LT BRN	6-WHT/GRN
7-BLK	7-BLK
8-ORN	8-ORN
9-SHLD	9-SHLD
10-LT BLU	10-WHT/BLU
11-BLK	11-BLK
12-BLU	12-BLU

TOLERANCES UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED:  
Metric: XX.X = ±0.25 mm  
XX.XX = ±0.125 mm  
XX.XXX = ±0.050 mm  
Angles = ±1 degree  
Inches: XX.XX = ±0.01"  
XX.XXX = ±0.005"  
XX.XXXX = ±0.002"

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