



## BC3150 Blowdown Controller

### Description

The BC3150 is a blowdown controller for steam boilers. It controls TDS (total dissolved solids – salts in solution) by opening and closing a blowdown valve. It works in conjunction with a Spirax Sarco conductivity sensor, a boiler blowdown valve or condensate dump valve.

The product can be panel, DIN rail or chassis mounted and powered by a 110 to 240 Vac at 50/60 Hz mains supply.

The front panel has a 3 digit LCD and a five-button keypad.

The product has no battery. The programmed settings are held in non-volatile memory (Flash) and are written to after changing a parameter and pressing the OK key.

### Principal features:

- Blowdown controller with temperature compensation.
- Type approved as a TDS limiter and controller.
- Works with CP10, CP30 or CP32 conductivity probes.
- Wide range: 1-9990  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  or ppm – (x1, x 10, x 100 x 1000).
- LCD display with direct probe condition indicator.
- Infrared communications.
- UL and TÜV approved.

### Approvals

This product complies with the Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive 2014/30/EU and all its requirements.

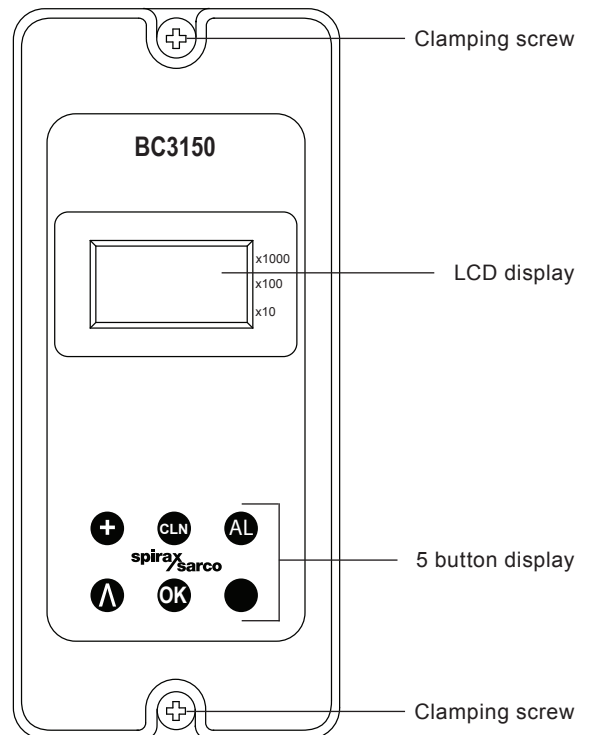
The BC3150 is suitable for Class A Environments (e.g. industrial). A fully detailed EMC assessment has been made and has the reference number UK Supply BH BC3150 2008.

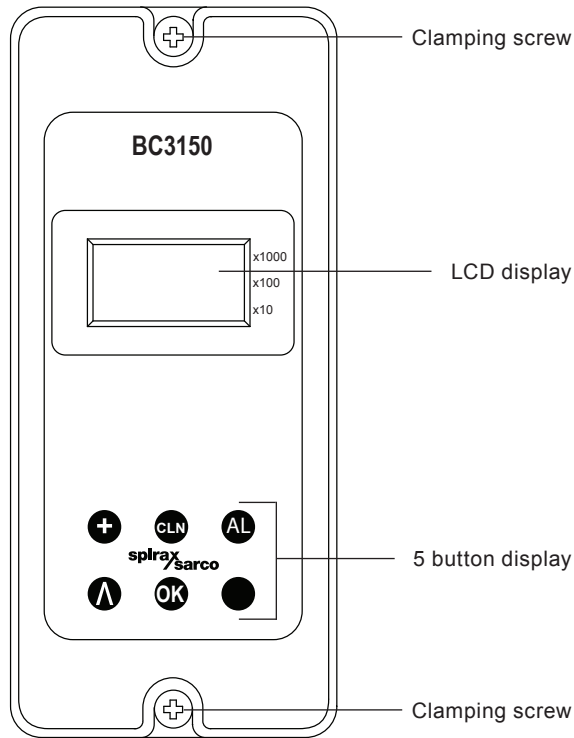
The BC3150 complies with the Low Voltage Directive by meeting the standards of:

- EN 61010-1:2010 safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use.

The BC3150 has been type-tested as a TDS controller by meeting the standard:

- Vd TÜV requirements for TDS control device, Water Level 100 (07.2010).
- UL listed (open)





## Function

All ranges and operating parameters are selected using the software menu.

Commissioning is carried out using the two lower buttons.

Once fully commissioned, the TDS value is displayed in  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  (or ppm if selected).

If the water conductivity exceeds the Set Point level, the TDS value shown on the display will alternate with 'bld', and the valve relay will be energised until the conductivity drops below 5% of full scale (FS) below the set point.

If the water conductivity exceeds the alarm level, the TDS value will alternate with 'AL', and the valve relay will be energised until the conductivity drops 3% (FS) below the alarm level.

If the system is carrying out a purge, The TDS value will alternate with 'Pur', and the valve relay will be energised until the conductivity drops 5% (FS) below the set point.

## Inputs

The BC3150 can accept a signal from a Spirax Sarco conductivity probe (CP10, CP30, or CP32).

A Pt100 temperature sensor may be connected to provide temperature compensation ( $2\% / ^\circ\text{C}$ ). This is recommended if the boiler is working at varying pressures, or for other applications, such as condensate monitoring or coil boilers, where the temperature may vary. If a Pt100 is not fitted, the product uses a default temperature of  $184^\circ\text{C}$  (10 bar g).

## Outputs

Pulsed output - For smaller boilers where the capacity of the blowdown valve is relatively high compared to the boiler size, the blowdown may be set to pulsed, rather than continuous output, opening for 10 seconds, and closing for 20 seconds. This slows the rate at which the boiler water is removed so that the level is not unduly affected, avoiding the risk of triggering a low water alarm.

## Other features

To prevent unwanted or inadvertent changes being made, all commissioning parameters are protected with a pass code. The BC3150 can communicate via an infrared link between adjacent controllers.

This feature enables the parameters of this product (OEM) to be passed to a product fitted with RS485 (user).

The BC3150 is always an IR slave – No set-up or adjustment is needed.

An isolated 4 - 20 mA output is provided as standard, and may be used for remote display of the TDS level or as an output to a computerised management system.

## Technical data BC3150

<b>Power supply</b>	Mains voltage range	110 Vac to 240 Vac at 50/60 Hz
	Power consumption	7.5 W (maximum)
<b>Environmental</b>	General	Indoor use only
	Maximum altitude	2 000 m (6 562 ft) above sea level
	Ambient temperature limits	0 - 55°C
	Maximum relative humidity	80% up to 31°C decreasing linearly to 50% at 40°C
	Overvoltage category	III
	Pollution degree	2 (as supplied)
	Enclosure rating (front panel only)	3 (when installed in an enclosure) - Minimum of IP54 or UL50 / NEMA Type 3, 3S, 4, 4X, 6, 6P or 13.
	LVD (safety)	NEMA type 4 hose down only (UL approval) and IP65 (verified by TRAC Global)
	EMC	Electrical Safety EN 61010-1 UL61010-1, 3rd Edition, 2012-05 CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 61010-1, 3rd Edition, 2012-05
	Enclosure	Immunity/Emissions
	Front panel	Material
	Solder	Tin/lead (60/40%)
	<b>Mains and signal connector</b>	Termination
Cable size		0.2 mm <sup>2</sup> (24 AWG) to 2.5 mm <sup>2</sup> (12 AWG).
Stripping length		5 - 6 mm
<b>TDS probe</b>	Type	High temperature
	Shield type	Screened
	Gauge	1 – 1.5 mm <sup>2</sup> (18 - 16 AWG)
	Maximum length	0 - 9.99 range - 10 metres 0 - 99.90 range - 30 metres 0-999.0 range and 0-9990 ranges - 100 metres
<b>Cable / wire and connector data</b>	Recommended type	Prysmian (Pirelli) FP200, Delta Crompton Firetuf OHLS
	Type	High temperature, twisted
	Shield type	Screened
	<b>Pt100 probe cable / wire</b>	Number of cores
Gauge		1 - 1.5 mm <sup>2</sup> (18 - 16 AWG)
Maximum length		100 m (328 ft)
Recommended type		Various
<b>4 - 20 mA output cable / wires</b>	Type	Twisted pair
	Shield type	Screened
	Number of pairs	1
	Gauge	0.23 - 1 mm <sup>2</sup> (24 - 18 AWG)
	Maximum length	100 m (328 ft)
	Recommended type	Various

## Technical data BC3150 (continued)

<b>Input technical data</b>	<b>Water conductivity</b>	Probe types	CP10, CP30 and CP32
		Ranges	Minimum $\geq 1 \mu\text{S}$ @ 25°C
			0 – 9.99 ppm or $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$
			0 – 99.9 ppm or $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$
			0 – 999 ppm or $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$
			0 – 9990 ppm or $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$
		Accuracy	$\pm 2.5\%$ FSD (possibly > in high EM locations)
		$\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ to ppm conversion	0.7
		Neutralising factor	0.7
		Resolution	0.1% FSD
Drive:	ac – 4 wires		
<b>Temperature compensation (TC)</b>	Sensor type	Pt100 – Class B or better	
	Range	0 - 250°C (With Pt100 not fitted – user programmed temperature 100 - 250°C, 1°C steps)	
	Accuracy	$\pm 2.5\%$ FSD – system accuracy $\pm 5\%$	
	Resolution	0.1% FSD	
	Drive:	dc – 3 wires	
<b>Output technical data</b>	<b>Probe cleaning</b>	Maximum voltage	32 Vdc
		Drive	Pulsed (1 second on, 1 second off)
		Time	20 seconds
	<b>4 - 20 mA</b>	Minimum current	0 mA
		Maximum current	20 mA
		Open circuit voltage (maximum)	19 Vdc
		Resolution	0.1% FSD
		Maximum output load	500 ohm
		Isolation	100 V
	<b>Relays</b>	Output rate	10 / second
		Contacts	2 x single pole changeover relays (SPCO)
		Voltage ratings (maximum)	250 Vac
		Resistive load	3 amp @ 250 Vac
		Inductive load	1 amp @ 250 Vac
		ac motor load	$\frac{1}{4}$ HP (2.9 amp) @ 250 Vac
$\frac{1}{10}$ HP (3 amp) @ 120 Vac			
Pilot duty load		C300 (2.5 amp) - control circuit/coils	
Electrical life (operations)		$3 \times 10^5$ or greater depending on load	
Mechanical life (operations)	$30 \times 10^6$		

## Safety information, installation and maintenance

**Warning:** This document does not contain sufficient information to install the unit safely. The unit operates at a potentially fatal mains voltage. Before attempting to install the unit read the Installation and Maintenance Instructions supplied with it.

Caution: before installing and connecting the power ensure there is no condensation within the unit. The product may be installed on a DIN rail, on a chassis plate, or in a panel cutout. A bezel is supplied.

The product must be installed in a suitable industrial control panel or fireproof enclosure to provide impact and environmental protection. A minimum of IP54 (EN 60529) or Type 3, 3S, 4, 4X, 6, 6P and 13 (UL50/NEMA 250 ) is required. Spirax Sarco can provide suitable plastic or metal enclosures

**Do not** install the product outdoors without additional weather protection.

**Do not** attempt to open the product - it is sealed and has no replaceable parts or internal switches.

**Do not** cover or obstruct the infrared beam between products.

Your attention is drawn to IEE Regulations (BS 7671, EN 12953, EN 12952 and EN 50156). Elsewhere, other regulations will normally apply.

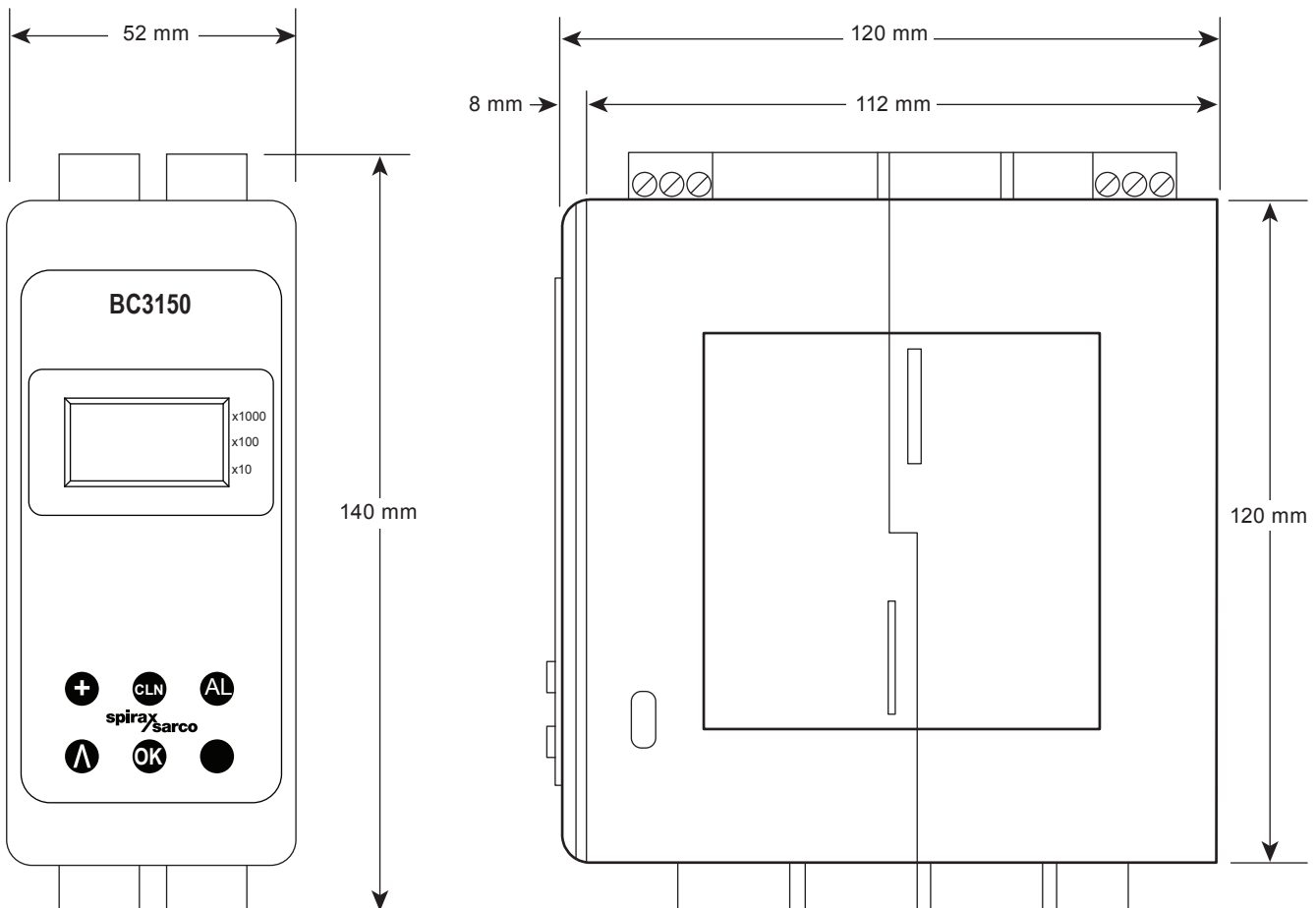
All wiring materials and methods shall comply with relevant EN and IEC standards where applicable.

No special servicing, preventative maintenance or inspection of the product is required.

Boiler water level controls and level alarms do, however, require testing and inspection. General guidance is given in Health and Safety Executive Guidance Notes BG01 and INDG436.

## Dimensions / weight (approximate) in mm and g.

Weight 475 g.



## How to specify

Blowdown controller with LCD display and five-button keypad, and infrared communications.

## How to order

**Example:** 1 off Spirax Sarco BC3150 blowdown controller.