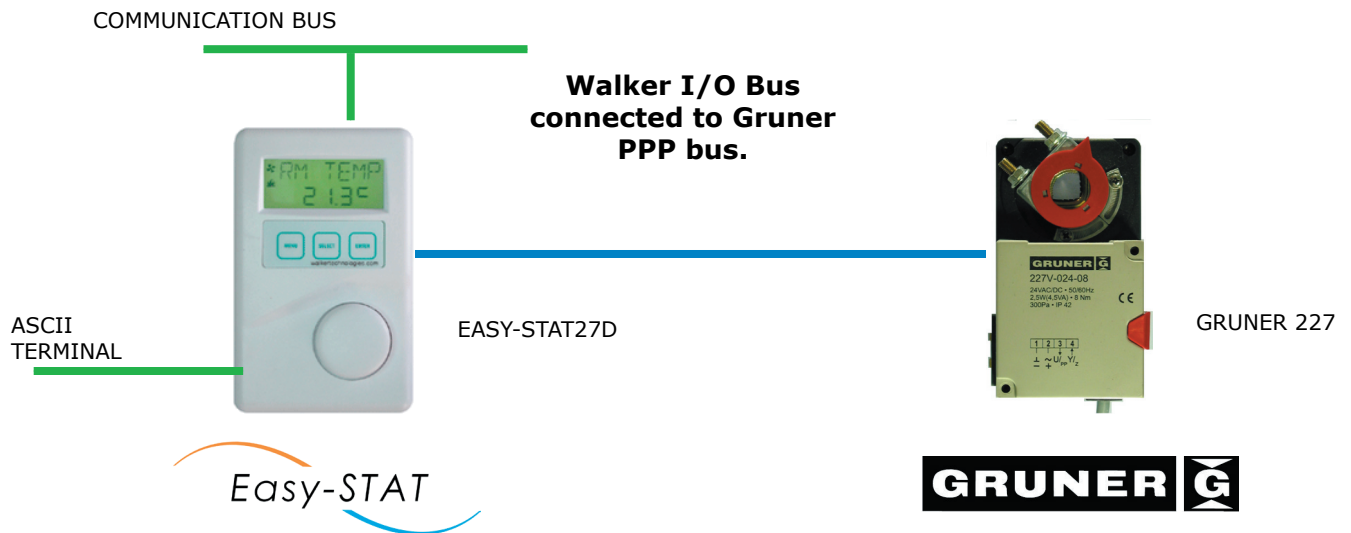




# Easy-VAV Operator's Manual

## EASY-STAT and GRUNER FLOW CONTROLLER for VAV CONTROL

Intelligent Stand Alone/  
Communicating VAV Controller



### OPERATING VOLTAGE

- 24Vac (18Vac to 30Vac).
- Digital outputs – 20ma contact closure to ground.
- Analog outputs – 0 or 2 to 10Vdc @ 20ma.
- Output drive for 24/120/240 Volts through external relay board.

### SIGNAL INPUTS

- 0 to 5Vdc with 3.0K 1% pull up.
- PP Bus from 227V.

### INTERNAL SENSOR

- 3K thermistor (+/- 0.2C, +/- 0.36F).

### COMMUNICATION

- Jumper selectable Walker I/O BUS or RS232
- MS/TP BACnet
- RS485 and I/O BUS available on the back of connector
- RS232 connector on the bottom of stat
- Connector at the bottom of stat allows for calibration of the Gruner 227V.

# SETUP & CALCULATIONS

## PREAMBLE

This discussion focuses on the setup and operation of Easy-STAT when tied to a Gruner flow controller. A prior knowledge of Easy-STAT operation is required. Once the flow controller is connected to the Easy-STAT, the terminal display looks like figure 1. The items marked in BLUE are user Eprom presets that can be made via the download, or keypad, or terminal entry. It should be noted that the information available in this discussion is for initial product setup and evaluation and is more than would normally be presented or required by a vendor. Reference documents and specifications on the Gruner motor and sensor are available from Walker.

## FLOW MEASUREMENT AND "BOX FACTOR"

The Gruner flow sensor measures flow automatically and returns it to the Easy-STAT as a number 0 to 4063 in proportion of the flow that would result in 300pa or 1.204 inWC pressure differential at its flow pickup. By entering this maximum flow value in the Easy-STAT, the flow pickup is calibrated for the flow units used. The value of 300pa is a fairly common maximum pressure for a flow pickup device. For the Gruner sensor, returned values higher than 4063, indicate out of range pressures at the sensor pickup and are not accurate. For the flow equation,  $V_{(flow)} = C_{(factor)} * (\Delta P_{(sensor\ pressure)}/\rho_{(air\ density)})^{1/2}$ , the Gruner motor does the square root extraction internally so that the output is proportional to the square root of the pressure change.

For the example shown on page 3, a Velocity Wing Air flow sensor made by Anemostat was used. It was determined from the flow sensor data that for a 6" duct, a flow of 832.5m<sup>3</sup>/hr or 490cfm relates to this maximum pressure of 300pa.

## USER DATA

To properly set up the Easy-STAT and Gruner flow controller, the user must enter the following 4 items (usually specified by the engineer).

These objects are defined as follows:

**FSENSOR** Sensor flow. This is the flow value equivalent of the maximum sensor pressure of 300pa or 1.204 in WC. It is used to correctly scale the flow data returned from the sensor.

**FLOWMIN** Minimum flow. This is the minimum flow required in the zone specified by the engineer.

**FLOWMA** Maximum flow. This is the maximum flow required in the zone specified by the engineer.

**FDESIGN** Design flow. This is the zone design flow and is used by Easy-Stat to normalize the motor operation over the intended range. It equals to 120% of **FLOWMAX**

The Easy-STAT uses the design flow "**FDESIGN**" to tell the Gruner controller where the normal operating range of the flow control will be. The Easy-STAT then supplies the flow set point to the flow controller as a value proportional to this. The Easy-STAT converts the 0 to 100% controller output to a range between the "**FLOWMIN**" and "**FLOWMAX**" flow values and passes them to the motor as a flow set point.

(Note: The Easy-STAT treats all values as dimensionless so that any flow units can be used.)

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## CALCULATIONS AND MOTOR COMMUNICATIONS

To normalize the operation of the flow controller over the range desired, the Easy-STAT passes it a value corresponding to the ratio of the design flow "**FDESIGN**" to the maximum sensor flow ("**FSENSOR**" + "**FADJUST**"). Here "**FADJUST**" is the correction factor calculated as a result of balancing. The Easy-STAT shows this value, "**FNOMINL**" = "**FDESIGN**" / ("**FSENSOR**" + "**FADJUST**") X 100% .

For the Gruner motor, inputs must be normalized to 255, so this value is input to the motor by Easy-STAT as "**NOM\_VAL**" = ("**FNOMINL**" / 100 ) X 255.

## BALANCING PROCEDURE

To balance the VAV box where required (as in North America), the balancer sets up a flow of interest to him. For example, he can use the "**MSTATUS**" object to set the flow output to "**FLOWMAX**". Once this is done he sets the "**BALANCE**" variable to "ON" which puts the Easy-STAT in balance mode, then changes the value of "**FBALNCE**" to get the actual flow reading desired. During balance mode, the Easy-STAT back-calculates the flow reading to get an adjustment value "**FADJUST**" as follows:

$$\text{"FADJUST"} = \text{"FBALNCE"} * 4063 / \text{"RAWFLOW"} - \text{"FSENSOR"}$$

This value is then added to "**FSENSOR**" during normal operation

## CONTROLLER OPERATION

The controller operates using a Proportional/Integral strategy that has a controller output "**CTLR**" that goes from 50% to 100% for cooling, and 50% to 0% for heating. Many options are available for driving additional outputs and this is described in the Easy-STAT controller manual.

## CONTROLLER OUTPUT AND "FSETPNT"

The output of the controller is converted so that the 50% to 100% output for cooling is converted to flow between "**FLOWMIN**" and "**FLOWMAX**". This value must be presented to the motor in terms of "**NOM\_VAL**" so:  $\text{SETPOINT}(\text{cfm}) = (\text{"CTLR"} - 50.0) * 2 / 100 * (\text{"FLOWMAX"} - \text{"FLOWMIN"}) + \text{"FLOWMIN"}$

$$\text{"FSETPNT"} = \text{SETPOINT}(\text{cfm}) / \text{FDESIGN} * 255$$

## FLOW READING

For the flow output "**RAWFLOW**", the flow controller returns a number between 0 and 4063 for the flow between 0 and "**FSENSOR**". To convert this to cfm flow "**FLOWVAL**", the following calculation is used:

$$\text{"FLOWVAL"} = (\text{"FSENSOR"} + \text{"FADJUST"}) * \text{"RAWFLOW"} / 4063.$$

## SUPERVISORY CONTROL

All points shown in the example can be set for display or control by a supervisory system. Information on this is in the Easy-STAT and Walker product manuals.

## MOTOR BACKUP

Both the Easy-STAT and the flow controller are set to store the relevant control parameters such as factor, design flow and min and max. When either device is replaced, it can be set to pick up the values from the other device.





# STAND ALONE SYSTEM

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Direct or terminal access for control



PC,  
or  
LAPTOP  
or  
PALM  
PILOT

RS232



WALKER I/O BUS



Proportional control of fan system and economizer

Easy-VAV full setup and control for Gruner Flow Controller/Motors



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