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Installation Manual



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Manual for use and maintenance

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1 Introduction

1.1 Disclaimer

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1.2 Introduction

Congratulations on your excellent choice of purchasing an Rain Sensor!

In order to realize the full benefit from this product it is important that it is installed, commissioned and operated correctly. Before installation or using the unit, this manual should be studied carefully. It is also recommended that it is kept safely for future reference. The manual is intended as a reference for installation, commissioning and day-to-day operation of the Munters equipment.

1.3 Notes

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2 Application

Munters' RDS rain sensor detects rain within a few seconds and allows control of agricultural facilities that must respond to rain. The Rain Sensor signals the presence of rain with both a dry contact relay, and a standard 5 Volt output, when the sensor plate gets wet. The Rain Sensor heating system dries the sensor plate once the rain stops. It normally signals the end of rain within 5 minutes after the rain has stopped.

A trimmer adjustment within the unit provides convenient sensitivity adjustment for light and heavy rain conditions.

- Installation
- Maintenance

2.1 Installation

CAUTION The Rain Sensor must be installed by an authorized electrician.

Power must be disconnected to avoid electrical shock and damage when servicing the unit. The device must be disconnected from power before opening the enclosure for any purpose.

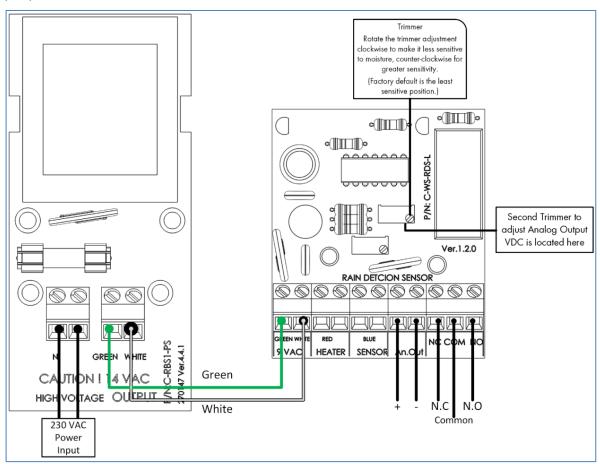


Figure 1: Wiring Diagram

• Use the Normally Open or Normally Closed terminal as required. During rain the relay activates to close the NO, and open the NC.

RDC Output				
Output VDC	Status			
OV	No Rain			
Adjust	Rain			
0.5-5V Trimmer				



Figure 2: Rain Sensor mounting diagram

- 1. Screw the mounting plate to a solid mounting surface through the access holes.
- 2. Open the Rain Sensor box and attach it to the mounting plate as shown in the diagram.

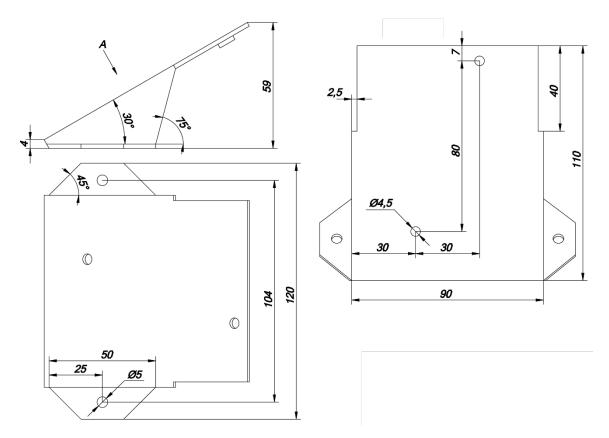


Figure 3: RRS-1 Plate dimensions

2.2 Maintenance

- Checking Resistance
- Surface Cleaning

2.2.1 CHECKING RESISTANCE

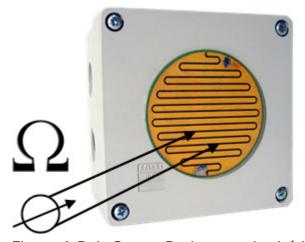


Figure 4: Rain Sensor Resistance check (should be disconnected when dry)

2.2.2 SURFACE CLEANING

- Clean the gold-plated conductors with a home cleaning detergent that contains a maximum of 9% sodium hydroxide and at least 5% nonionic and cationic active agents. Follow the detergent's safety instructions.
 - Pour the detergent on the entire sensing surface and leave it to react for two minutes. Scrub the surface using a soft cloth. Rinse away the contaminated detergent with water. Repeat this step until all the residue contamination is completely removed.
 - Pour the detergent on the entire sensing surface and leave it to react for two minutes. Use a soft brush to clean the insulation gaps between the goldplated conductors. Rinse away the contaminated detergent with water.

NOTE Scrubbing and brushing will not degrade the plated gold.

2.3 Rain Sensor Specifications

Specification	Description
Power Voltage	9-12 VAC
Power Consumption (Electronic + Heating)	3 VA
Ambient Temperature	(-20°) - 60°C
Storage Temperature	(-30°) - 70°C
Relative Humidity	0-100%
Dropout Time	5 Minutes (±20%)
Relay Output	10A 250VAC 1/4HP
Analog Output	0-5VDC
Housing	PVC
Protection Class	IP 66
Weight incl. Mounting & Power Supply	900gr.



Recycle raw materials instead of disposing as waste. The controller, accessories and packaging should be sorted for environmental-friendly recycling. The plastic components are labeled for categorized recycling.

3 Warranty

Warranty and technical assistance

Munters products are designed and built to provide reliable and satisfactory performance but cannot be guaranteed free of faults; although they are reliable products they can develop unforeseeable defects and the user must take this into account and arrange adequate emergency or alarm systems if failure to operate could cause damage to the articles for which the Munters plant was required: if this is not done, the user is fully responsible for the damage which they could suffer.

Munters extends this limited warranty to the first purchaser and guarantees its products to be free from defects originating in manufacture or materials for one year from the date of delivery, provided that suitable transport, storage, installation and maintenance terms are complied with. The warranty does not apply if the products have been repaired without express authorisation from Munters, or repaired in such a way that, in Munters' judgement, their performance and reliability have been impaired, or incorrectly installed, or subjected to improper use. The user accepts total responsibility for incorrect use of the products.

The warranty on products from outside suppliers fitted to Rain Sensor, (for example cables, etc.) is limited to the conditions stated by the supplier: all claims must be made in writing within eight days of the discovery of the defect and within 12 months of the delivery of the defective product. Munters has thirty days from the date of receipt in which to take action, and has the right to examine the product at the customer's premises or at its own plant (carriage cost to be borne by the customer).

Munters at its sole discretion has the option of replacing or repairing, free of charge, products which it considers defective, and will arrange for their despatch back to the customer carriage paid. In the case of faulty parts of small commercial value which are widely available (such as bolts, etc.) for urgent despatch, where the cost of carriage would exceed the value of the parts, Munters may authorise the customer exclusively to purchase the replacement parts locally; Munters will reimburse the value of the product at its cost price.

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The liability of the manufacturer Munters ceases in the event of:

- dismantling the safety devices;
- use of unauthorised materials;

- inadequate maintenance;
- use of non-original spare parts and accessories.

Barring specific contractual terms, the following are directly at the user's expense:

- preparing installation sites;
- providing an electricity supply (including the protective equipotential bonding (PE) conductor, in accordance with CEI EN 60204-1, paragraph 8.2), for correctly connecting the equipment to the mains electricity supply;
- providing ancillary services appropriate to the requirements of the plant on the basis of the information supplied with regard to installation;
- tools and consumables required for fitting and installation;
- lubricants necessary for commissioning and maintenance.

It is mandatory to purchase and use only original spare parts or those recommended by the manufacturer.

Dismantling and assembly must be performed by qualified technicians and according to the manufacturer's instructions.

The use of non-original spare parts or incorrect assembly exonerates the manufacturer from all liability.

Requests for technical assistance and spare parts can be made directly to the nearest Munters office.

