Installation Instructions

N-Link (3-Zone Control Module)



1 Overview

The **N-Link** (3-Zone Control Module) is designed to connect to **TFTN** series boilers, enabling the control of up to (3) <u>additional</u> heating zones. Together with the boiler's integrated zone controls, this allows for a combined total of up to (6) distinct heating zones. The **N-Link**'s unique communication with NTI boilers allows it to take full advantage of the connected boiler's HMI, including full control of each heating zone's individual parameters. Unlike other, more rudimentary zone controllers, the **N-Link** maintains awareness of each heating zone's specific requirements during heating demands and can therefore serve multiple, different heating zones within a household <u>or</u> commercial application more effectively.

2 Specifications

2.1 High-Voltage I/O

Connection		Description
MAIN POWER INPUT (120VAC)	LINE	Line (L1) input for 120VAC power supply
	NEUTRAL	Neutral (L2) input for 120VAC power supply and 120VAC zone loads
		(e.g. 120VAC zone pumps)
	ZONE 1/4	- Activate on CH demand from respective THERMOSTAT INPUT (or
ZONE OUPUTS (120VAC <u>or</u> 24VAC)		NTI Room Sensor configured to respective zone); output voltage
	ZONE 2/5	sourced from ZONE INPUT
		- Deactivate (following overrun time) on DHW demand
	ZONE 3/6	- Each circuit protected by dedicated 5A fuse (slow-blow)
	120V	Jumper to ZONE INPUT for 120VAC zone outputs (e.g. zone pumps)
120VAC <u>or</u>	ZONE	Jumper to required voltage supply for zone outputs (e.g. to 120V for
24VAC	INPUT	120VAC zone pumps or R (24V) for 24VAC zone valves)
	R (24V)	Jumper to ZONE INPUT for 24VAC zone outputs (e.g. zone valves)
	I COMMON	- Return/Neutral leg of 24VAC power supply
24VAC RETURN		- Connection point for Return/Neutral leg of optional 24VAC loads
		(e.g. zone valves)
		 Complete circuit protected by single 2A blade fuse (fast-blow)

Table 2-1: High-Voltage Barrier Connections

2.2 Low-Voltage I/O

Connection			Description
THERMOSTAT INPUTS	ZONE 1/4	R W C	- Circuit closure between <i>R</i> and <i>W</i> initiates CH demand and activates output for respective zone (see Table 2-1)
	ZONE 2/5	R W C	- R = 24VAC output; W = 24VAC input; C = common
	ZONE 3/6	R W C	 Protected by single 2A blade fuse (fast-blow) For 2-wire devices, connect <u>only</u> to <i>R</i> and <i>W</i> (do <u>NOT</u> connect to <i>C</i>)
ALRM (Alarm)			 Dry contacts (NO); close during lockout or other alarm condition; may be connected to BMS Maximum capacity = 2A (MAX) at 24VAC
EBUS		B T B T	 Connection point for external BUS devices (e.g. NTI Room Sensors, NTI boilers, NTI SENSYS, other N-Links, etc.) B = (+) input; T = (-) or GND input

Table 2-2: Low-Voltage PCB Connections

3 Installation

3.1 Wall-Mounting

- 1) <u>Select</u> a suitable location near the boiler to secure the **N-Link** to the wall.
- 2) <u>Position</u> the **N-Link** against the wall and <u>mark</u> the position of the (2) keyholes at the top corners of the mounting flanges [A].
- Install (2) fasteners of the appropriate type into these <u>marked</u> positions and <u>mount</u> the N-Link via the (2) keyholes [A]:
 - For 16" stud spacing <u>or</u> plywood installation, use appropriately sized wood screws
 - For drywall <u>or</u> masonry installation, use appropriately sized drywall <u>or</u> masonry screws <u>and</u> anchors
- 4) <u>Secure</u> the **N-Link** by installing (2) <u>additional</u> fasteners through the bottom screw holes [B].



3.2 Field-Wiring

- 1) To <u>remove</u> the **N-Link**'s protective cover panel, <u>loosen</u> the (4) screws in the slotted cut-outs along its top and bottom edges, then gently <u>slide</u> it towards you (away from the wall).
- For the <u>low-voltage</u> wiring, there are (4) cut-outs at the top of the N-Link with (3) provided grommets, which----if needed----<u>must</u> be removed <u>and</u> replaced with strain-reliefs suitable for 18-22AWG wiring.
- For the <u>high-voltage</u> wiring, there are (4) cut-outs at the bottom of the N-Link, with (3) provided grommets, which----if needed----<u>must</u> be removed <u>and</u> replaced with strain-reliefs suitable for 14-18AWG wiring.

Zone Pumps (120VAC)

- Wire the "hot" connection for up to (3) zone pumps to barrier position(s): ZONE 1/4, ZONE 2/5, and ZONE 3/6, respectively
- Wire the "return" connection for up to (3) zone pumps to barrier position(s): NEUTRAL
- Jumper between barrier position(s): ZONE INPUT and 120V
- Connect to the boiler via its BUS connector, respecting the polarity: **B-B**, **T-T**



ZONE VALVE 2/5

ZONE VALVE 1/4



Zone Valves (24VAC)

- Wire the "hot" connection for up to (3) zone valves to barrier position(s): ZONE 1/4, ZONE 2/5, and ZONE 3/6, respectively
- Wire the "return" connection for up to (3) zone valves to barrier position(s):
 COMMON
- Jumper between barrier position(s): ZONE INPUT and **R**
- Connect to the boiler via the BUS

NTI Room Sensors

- If preferred, you can use up to (3) **NTI Room Sensors** with the **N-Link** <u>instead</u> of thermostats by connecting them via the EBUS connector----again, respecting the polarity: **B-B**, **T-T**
- Refer to the **NTI Room Sensor** instructions to assign the desired zone address for each zone (i.e. zone 1/4, 2/5, 3/6)

Dip Switches

• When connecting to TFTN boilers, ensure both dip switches on the **N-Link's** zone control PCB (C3Z) are toggled to the "**OFF**" position to assign it to control zones 4, 5, and 6, while the boiler controls zones 1, 2, and 3 (or vice versa, if desired)



4 Troubleshooting

4.1 Bus Collision

Table 4-1: EBUS traffic collisions

EBUS wiring	Ensure EBUS connections are wired with correct polarity: B-B and T-T	
Dip switch settings	Ensure only (1) device with a Zone Control PCB (C3Z) has its dip switches in the "ON" positioneither the N-Link or the TFTN boiler; not both	
Cascade settings	 If using boilers which are cascaded together Disconnect the N-Link and ensure the boiler addresses are set correctly with respect to each other Remove the Wi-Fi harness from each "follower" boiler 	
Room Sensor address	 If using NTI Room Sensors in lieu of thermostats Ensure each NTI Room Sensor is set to a unique zone address (i.e. 1-3 <u>or</u> 4-6). See the NTI Room Sensor installation instructions 	

4.2 Incorrect Zone Output Activation

1) Zone Outputs

a. Ensure Zone Output wires are connected to the correct Zone Pump or Valve

2) Zone Inputs

- a. If using thermostats, ensure each is connected to the correct Zone Input
- b. If using NTI Room Sensors, ensure each is set to the correct Zone Address

4.3 Before calling NTI Technical Support

If you are still experiencing <u>un</u>expected behaviour from your **N-Link**, please refer to the following guidelines before calling NTI Technical Support:

- 1) Check the LED indicator lights on the Zone Controller PCB (C3Z) for error warnings:
 - If any LEDs are 'RED', refer to the boiler's HMI for details on the error
 - Refer to the boiler's Installation & Operation Manual (IOM) for advice on how to clear the error from the system

- Turn "OFF" the power to the N-Link and/or the boiler, wait 15 seconds, then turn it back "ON" to reinitialize the system:
 - Make sure to <u>only</u> do this while the boiler is in standby mode; do <u>NOT</u> do this during a heating demand.
- 5 Parts List



Table 5-1: Spare Parts List

#	Spare Part Code	Spare Part Description
1	64980499	PCB, Zone Controller (C3Z)
2	Contact Tech Support	PCB, Field Connection Board (FCB)
3	64980471	24Vac transformer (40VA)
4	Contact Tech Support	High-voltage, wiring barrier (11-pos)
5	64980476	Blade fuse, 2A (24VAC circuit)
6	64980480	Cartridge fuse, 2A (slow-blow, 5 x 20mm)
7	64980478	Cartridge fuse, 5A (slow-blow, 1/4" x 1-1/4")
8	64980477	Fuse holder, panel-mount (1/4" x 1-1/4")
9	65111933	Low-voltage, screw terminal connector (2-pos)
10	65111934-01	Low-voltage, screw terminal connector (3-pos)
12	6000084095	Wiring grommet (7/8")

13	Contact Tech Support	Sheet metal base (with decal)
14	Contact Tech Support	High-voltage, barrier cover (with decal)
15	Contact Tech Support	Sheet metal cover (with NTI logo)