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# **1** IMPORTANT NOTES

# 1.1. General Information

Read the user instructions completely. The manual explains how to operate and handle INHECO's Multi TEC Control Unit (MTC) and Single TEC Control Unit (STC).



In case manual instructions are not followed, injury or product damage cannot be excluded.

Missing or insufficient knowledge of the manual leads to loss of liability against INHECO GmbH.

This manual is part of the TEC Control Unit (MTC/STC) and must be retained until the unit is disposed of and must be passed on with the TEC Control Unit when the unit is taken over by a new user.

The TEC Control Unit meets the acknowledged rules of technology and complies with today's standards.

Manual instructions must be followed in order to ensure safe handling of the unit.

Security-related warnings in this manual are classified into three hazard levels:

- The signal word WARNING indicates hazards which without precautionary measures – can result in serious injury or even death.
- The signal word CAUTION indicates hazards which without precautionary measures can result in minor to moderate injuries
- The signal word NOTE stands for general precautionary measures that are to be observed to avoid damaging the device when using it.
- The signal word NOTICE stands for the general measures that help using the device.

Contact INHECO in case there are any uncertainties of how to operate or how to handle the TEC Control Unit.

Your opinion about this manual provides us with valuable insights on how we can improve this document. Please do not hesitate to direct your comments to sales@inheco.com,  $\rightarrow$  How to contact INHECO, page 5

### 1.2. Explanation of symbols

Symbol	Explanation
	Potential danger of serious injury or death $\rightarrow$ signal word WARNING or CAUTION $$ indicate the severity.
	Caution: Potential danger of hot surface.
	Note: Potential danger of electrostatic discharge (ESD)
·	Bullet points indicate steps of instructions.
-	Hyphens refer to enumerations.
$\rightarrow$	Arrows indicate: "refer to" and are mostly an active link

# 1.3. Explanation of Abbreviations

Symbol	Explanation
MTC	Multi TEC Control Unit = TEC Control Unit for control of up to 6 INHECO devices
STC	Single TEC Control Unit = TEC Control Unit for control of one INHECO device
FWCS	Firmware Command Set
DLL	Dynamic Link Library
TEC	ThermoElectric Cooler is a synonym for peltier element which is the heating
	cooling element of the device

# 1.4. Warranty

The warranty period starts on the date of shipment. Any damage caused by operating the TEC Control Unit outside the specifications and guidelines leads to the loss of warranty. Broken seals on INHECO devices lead to the loss of warranty as well.

NHECO will only accept parts / devices for return that do not pose a threat to the health of our staff. In particular, the devices may not have been used in Biosafety Level 3 and 4 environments, or have been exposed to radioactive or radiation materials.  $\rightarrow$  Decontamination and Cleaning, page 28.

Devices exposed to Biosafety level 3 and 4 Environments or radioactive materials are not accepted by INHECO for return.

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http://www.inheco.com/service/technical-support.html

# **2 PRODUCT DESCRIPTION**

# 2.1. Intended Use

The TEC Control Unit (MTC or STC) controls the temperature and shaking performance (frequency, amplitude, pattern) for a range of INHECO's heating/cooling units and shakers. Examples of devices which are controlled by the TEC Control Unit: CPAC, HeatPAC, Heated Lid, Teleshake 95, Thermoshake, etc.

The Multi TEC Control (MTC) controls up to six different devices simultaneously and independently. The Single TEC Control (STC) controls one device.

The TEC Control Unit (MTC/STC) is primarily used to operate within an automated liquid handling workstation and usually requires software integration for this purpose. This is not part of the INHECO scope of delivery please contact workstation manufacturer.

The TEC Control Unit is designed specifically for use in Life Science and In Vitro Diagnostics. The TEC Control Unit is prepared for easy integration into IVD applications, but the final IVD validation has to be performed by the first marketer (IVD application).

When using the TEC Control Unit in a Biosafety Laboratory Environment, the user of the TEC Control Unit is responsible for labeling the device according to the WHO Laboratory Biosafety Manual (ISBN 9241546506). Furthermore, the user is responsible for operating the TEC Control Unit in accordance with the biosafety level regulations of the WHO Laboratory Biosafety Manual.

A technical skilled integrator has to install and integrate the TEC Control Unit. The TEC Control Unit and its connected devices must be used exclusively by laboratory professionals trained in laboratory techniques and having studied the instructions for use of this instrument as well as the instructions of the workstation the device is used in.

# 2.2. Scope of Delivery

Before initial operation, make sure that the shipment of your unit and its scope of supply is complete and no parts are damaged.

In case of parcel or product damages, make photos of the damaged boxes and products and email them to **techhotline@inheco.com** without delay. Transportation damages must be reported to INHECO within 7 days of delivery. The following components should be included in each shipment:



#### Fig.1: Figure of Delivery

(1) Multi TEC Control Unit (image may vary depening on device tape ordered)

(2) Single TEC Control Unit (image may vary depending on device type ordered)

(3) USB Cable (4) Power Cord Europe, UK or US

# 2.3. Functional Elements for MTC and STC with display (part # 8900030+8900031)



 $^{\rm 1)}$  The External Sensor from INHECO for measuring ambient temperature and relative humidity has been removed from our product portfolio in April 2020  $\rightarrow$  If you still have the External Sensor from INHECO please visit a manual released before April 2020. Do not connect any other device which has a similar plug as this might damage the Controller.

# 2.4. Functional Elements STC/ MTC Compact (part # 8900036 + 8900029)



#### Fig.3: Functional Elements in the front

#### A: STC Compact without display

- (1) LED with status blue for "ON" and no light for "OFF"
- (2) Ventilation inlet

#### B: MTC Compact without display

(3) Ventilation inlet

The functional elements in the back of the STC Compact are the same as with the STC with display  $\rightarrow$  fig. 2 on page 07.



Fig.4: Functional Element in the back of the MTC Compact

(1) Power Cord Connector	(6) External Sensor Connector <sup>1)</sup>
(2)Fuses	(7) ID Switch
(3) Power Switch	(8) USB Connector
(4) Ventilation inlet	( $9$ ) Status LED (blue for "ON" and no light for "OFF

(5) Slot modules for device connection or emptly slot to install slot modules

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# 2.5. Labels and Serial Numbers

The identification label with part number and serial number also contains important technical indications. The electrical specification on the label must meet your local situation. The label is placed on the side panel of the TEC Control Unit. The identification label must not be removed. If it has become illegible or falls off, it has to be replaced by a new identification label. New labels can be ordered at INHECO. In case the label is missing and you do not know the part number and serial number, they can also be read out with the software (MTC/STC Demo Tool), which can be downloaded from INHECO' login section on www.inheco.com.  $\rightarrow$  Trouble Shooting and Support, page 27.





# 2.6. Technical Data

Multi TEC Control	Unit	8900030	8900029	
Slot Modules		max. 6 units can be installed		
Sensor inputs Slot Modules		Pt100 (2 conductors)		
Dimensions	Length	255 mm (10.04 inch)	261.5 mm (10.29 inch)	
	Width	185 mm (7.28 inch)	300.0 mm (11,81 inch)	
	Height	260 mm (10.24 inch)	99.5 mm (3,92 inch)	
Weight (including o	ables)	~ 5.8 kg (~ 12.79 lbs)		
Input Voltage		100 to 240 V/AC, ±10%, Safety Class 1		
Fuse		T 6.3 A (time lag)		
Interface		USB 1.1 or 2.0		
Protection Categor	у	IP22		
EMV protection class		Group 1 / class A (industrial requirements)		
Power Frequency		50/60 Hz, ±5%		
Power		650W		
Acoustic Noise		about 50 dB(A)		
MTC Control Type		PID, separate parameter sets	for cooling and heating	
		mode		

Single TEC Control Units 8900031+8900036				
Slot Modules		1 unit		
Sensor inputs Slot Modules		Pt100 (2 conductors)		
Dimensions	Length	230 mm	9.06 inch	
	Width	145 mm	5.71 inch	
	Height	177 mm	6.97 inch	
Weight (including cables)		~ 3.3 kg	~ 7.28 lbs	
Input Voltage		100 to 240 V/AC, ±10%, Safety Class 1		
Fuse		T 2.0 A (time lag)		
Interface		USB		
Protection Category		IP22		
Power Frequency		50/60 Hz, ±5%		
Power		150W		
Acoustic Noise		about 45 dB(A)		
STC Control Type		PID, separate parameter set mode	s for cooling and heating	

Environmental Conditions (Multi TEC Control Unit, Single TEC Control Unit)			
Max. Relative Humidity	Operation	75%, non condensing	
	Transportation and storage	80%, non condensing	
Temperature Limits	Operation	+15°C to +32°C [+59°F to 90°F]	
	Transportation and storage	-10°C to + 60°C (+14°F) to 140°F), non	
		condensing	

# **3** SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

# 3.1. Product-specific Risks



# WARNING

Follow the safety instructions given below in order to avoid danger for user.

### General

- The TEC Control Units ("the unit") do not require any maintenance, except of the exchange or installation of Slot Modules, → Installation, page 13, or the exchange of fuses, → Maintenance, page 26.
- The unit has to be placed in an upright position.
- The unit and its accessories must not come into contact with water or chemicals.
- The main power switch must always be accessible
- Free air supply must be ensured to prevent damage to the unit. Do not cover the ventilation openings at the front and rear panel at any time.
- Ensure that there is no other device installed next to the unit increasing the inletair temperature for the unit above the specified temperatures. In case of doubt, please contact INHECO for further analysis.
- Ensure a minimum of at least 250 mm or 10 inches of free space between the ventilation openings and adjacent devices or walls.
- Do not insert any parts into the ventilation inlet or outlet.
- Do not exceed minimum or maximum ambient temperature and humidity conditions during operation or storage of the unit → Technical Data, page 10.
- The unit must not be used in environments with risk of explosion
- The unit is for indoor use only.



# **Burning Hazard**

- Connected devices can burn your skin. Even after switching off the TEC Control Unit, the connected devices can still be hot and could seriously burn your skin. It takes a while to cool down after the unit and its devices have been used.



# **Electric Shock Hazard**

- The unit must not be used if the unit itself or the power cable shows visible signs of damage.
- You can suffer an electric shock and injuries, if the TEC Control Unit is not connected properly or if you do not disconnect the unit from the wall power outlet before opening the housing.
- Never connect or remove the power plug with wet hands.
- Original power cable provided by INHECO has to be used to guarantee safe and proper operation.
- The wall power outlet must have a ground earth connection (Safety Class 1).
- Make sure that the electrical specification on the identification label at the side panel of the unit meets your local situation. → Labels and Serial Numbers, page 9.
- Make sure that the unit does not get in contact with liquids while it is connected to the power outlet.



# **Biosafety Laboratory Environment**

 When using the unit in a Biosafety Laboratory Environment, the user is responsible for labeling it according to the WHO Laboratory Biosafety Manual (ISBN 92 4154650 6) and for operating the devices in accordance with the Biosafety Level Regulations of the WHO Laboratory Biosafety Manual.



# ESD Electrostatic discharge

- The TEC Control Unit and the Slot Modules are ESD (electrostatic discharge) sensitive devices. Electrostatic charges as high as 4000V accumulated on the human body can discharge without detection.
- Although the unit and the Slot Modules feature proprietary ESD protection circuitry, permanent damages may occur to devices subjected to high energy electrostatic discharge.
- High risk of electrostatic discharge exists for Slot Modules when they are being installed. Therefore, proper ESD precautions are recommended to avoid performance degradation or loss of functionality.

## **Electromagnetic field**

- The MTC/STC is a Class A product. In a domestic environment this product may cause radio interference in which case the user may be required to take adequate measures.

# 3.2. Technical Alterations

- Do not alter the product. Any modification or change which is not approved by INHECO leads to the loss of warranty. Broken seals on INHECO devices lead to the loss of warranty as well.
- Use only original parts provided by INHECO. Parts provided by other suppliers can impair the functionality of the unit.
- Damages due to the use of non-original parts are excluded from INHECO's liability.

## 3.3. Malfunctions

- In case of a malfunction, switch off and disconnect the TEC Control Unit immediately. Make sure to inform the authorized person in charge.
- Make sure that the malfunctioning unit is not accidentally re-installed and used before the malfunction is effectively eliminated. → Trouble Shooting and Support, page 27.

# **4** INSTALLATION

# 4.1. Installation of Slot Modules

TEC Control Units usually come without Slot Modules, unless Slot Modules are explicitly ordered. Slot Modules are usually not pre-installed by INHECO, unless pre-installation is explicitly ordered.

The TEC Control Units cannot be operated without at least one installed Slot Module. The Slot Module connects the TEC Control Unit with the controlled device (heating/ cooling/shaking unit).

One Slot Module can be installed inside the STC. Up to 6 Slot Modules for connection of up to 6 controlled devices can be installed inside the MTC.

Controlled devices require different Slot Modules, labeled in different colors: blue, black, and red. The colors of the cable sleeves of the connected unit and the Slot Module must match.



# NOTICE

High risk of electrostatic discharge (ESD) exists for Slot Modules when they are being installed  $\rightarrow$  Safety Instructions, page 10. Therefore, proper ESD precautions are to be taken to prevent performance degradation or damage to the Slot Module. Damage due to inappropriate handling is not covered by warranty.

Before touching the Slot Module or the inside of the TEC Control Unit, provide adequate grounding for the static electricity of your body, so that the device will not be damaged. Use a conductive wrist strap attached to a solid earth ground.

Installation of Slot Modules requires the following steps:

- Disconnect the power cord.
- Disconnect all other connectors from the unit.
- Remove the three screws as shown, slide out the side panel and set it aside. The mainboard and any installed Slot Modules are now accessible.



Fig.7: Removing cover plate (MTC shown at top and STC shown below)

For MTC compact you need to remove the cover by unscrewing 9 housing screws. The interior is the same as with the standard Controller.

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#### NOTICE

ESD: Avoid touching the inner electronic parts. Do not use excessive force on the Slot Module or on the socket.

- Find an empty slot to install your Slot Module. It is advisable to install beginning from slot number 1 at the bottom and to continue upwards.
- Unscrew the cover plate of the chosen slot and remove it by sliding it out as shown in Figure 9.
- Take ESD precautions (see NOTICE) and unpack the Slot Module from the ESD bag.
- Place the Slot Module into the socket of the mainboard as shown below.



Fig.8: Insert Slot Module

- Screw the module firmly using the screw of the removed cover plate.
- Make sure that no loose parts are left inside before closing the housing again.
- Slide the side panel back into place and screw it firmly with three screws.
- Connect the unit to the wall power outlet only. Leave all other plug connections unattached.
- Turn on the unit with the main power switch. The installed Slot Module on the rear panel must be blinking green. If not, switch off the TEC Control Unit, disconnect the unit from the wall power outlet and remove the side panel again. Check the Slot Module which was not blinking green. If you don't detect any mistake yourself, please contact INHECO.  $\rightarrow$  How to contact INHECO, page 5
- Once the installed Slot Module blinks green and operates correctly, switch off the TEC Control Unit's main power switch.
- Connect the device to the appropriate Slot Module (blue, black or yellow). → Connecting a Heating/Cooling/Shaking Unit, page 15.
- Attach the USB cable → Connecting TEC Control Units to a computer by USB Interface, page 16 and connect the External Sensor on the rear panel if the External Sensor is available. → Connecting an External Sensor, please visit a manual released before April 2020

The unit is ready to operate

# 4.2. Connecting a Heating/Cooling/Shaking Unit

To connect an INHECO heating/cooling/shaking unit, the TEC Control Unit has to be equipped with the corresponding Slot Module. There are blue, black, and yellow Slot Modules available. The following table shows the appropriate Slot Module for each heating/cooling/shaking Unit

Product	Color	Article No.	Heating/cooling/shaking Unit
Blue Slot Module	blue	2400128	CPAC
Black Slot Module	black	2400125	CPAC HT 2-Tec, HeatPAC, Heated Lid,
			Teleshake 95, Thermoshake,
Yellow Slot Module	yellow 😑	2400211	Thermoshake AC, Thermoshake AC
			180, Teleshake AC, Teleshake 95 AC



Fig.9: Connecting a heating/cooling/shaking unit

- Disconnect the power cord.
- Connect a heating/cooling/shaking device to the appropriate (blue, black or yellow) Slot Module and lock the connector.
- · Connect the power cord.
- Switch the TEC Control Unit on.

The display shows the name (or abbreviation) of the currently connected device. When multiple devices are installed, you can switch between the devices by touch screen (not for STC/MTC Compact part#8900029+36)  $\rightarrow$  Select Device, page 19

#### NOTE

Never plug in our plug out a device while the Controller is running. Always turn off the Controller before disconnecting or connecting a device.

# 4.3. Connecting TEC Control Units to a computer by USB Interface

You can connect up to eight TEC Control Units to a single computer by USB interface.

- · For each connection, a standard USB interface is required.
- Each TEC Control Unit needs its own address to be specified with the ID switch on the rear panel. If there is only one TEC Control Unit to be connected, the ID switch remains in the default position "0", as shown below. In case you wish to connect more than one TEC Control Unit, switch the ID positions as shown below to assign each device a unique address for computer handling..



Fig.10: ID Switch settings

#### NOTICE

Since the USB interface is not optimized for a secure real time data transfer, all communication is secured by a cyclic checksum (CRC). In case the communication between the computer and the TEC Control Unit often fails due to timeouts, it is likely that it is due to the computer. Consider the following with regards to communication stability:

- In case you encounter communication instability, verify the communication stability with different computers of different configurations.
- Disconnect other devices from the computer which may interfere with the communication stability.
- De-activate the automated Windows update. For integration purpose, use INHECO's DLL and Firmware Command Set which can be downloaded from INHECO' login section on www.inheco.com.

#### 4.4. Software Installation and Software Integration

The TEC Control Unit is usually operated by the software of a liquid handling workstation. Manual PC operation is also possible via INHECO's software "Demo Tool MTC/STC".

For the installation and use of INHECO's software please refer to the "Manual Demo Tool MTC/STC" which can be downloaded from INHECO' login section on www.inheco. com.

A DLL file and a Firmware Command Set for easy integration are available our login section on www.inheco.com. The Firmware Command Set also contains information on Error Codes, Status LEDs, Offsets, Boost Time, etc.

# **5** DAILY USE

The TEC Control Unit is usually integrated into a liquid handling workstation and operated by the software of the automation platform. The TEC Control Unit can also be used as stand-alone unit with manual operation. Manual operation is possible either by INHECO's software "MTC/STC Demo Tool" or by the touch screen at the front panel of the unit.

This chapter mainly describes manual operation by touch screen. The STC Compact needs to be controlled by a software. A separate manual, the "Manual MTC/STC Demo Tool", describes the operation by INHECO's software.

#### NOTE

Only instructed and skilled people are permitted to operate the TEC Control Units.  $\rightarrow$  Important Notes, page 4

# 5.1. Switch on the unit

- Verify that the TEC Control Unit is properly connected to the heating/cooling/shaking unit(s).
- Verify that the TEC Control Unit is properly connected to the mains.
- Switch on the TEC Control Unit at the rear.

#### Only for MTC and STC with display:

For several seconds the firmware version of the main board is shown on the touch screen. After about 15 seconds, the main menu is displayed on the touch screen.



Fig.11: Main Menus

### NOTE

The firmware version should be 2.11 or higher for MTC and 2.14 or higher for STC, otherwise a firmware update is required  $\rightarrow$  Firmware/Software Updates, page 26

# 5.2. Operate the TEC Control Unit by computer via USB interface.

You can connect up to eight TEC Control Units to a single computer by USB interface.  $\rightarrow$  Connecting TEC Control Units to a computer by USB Interface, page 16.

The TEC Control Unit is usually operated by the workstation software which controls an automated process of a liquid handling workstation. Please contact workstation manufacturer for further information.

For manual PC operation with INHECO's software refer to the "Manual MTC/STC Demo Tool" which can be downloaded from INHECO' login section on **www.inheco. com**.

More complex programming of temperature and shaking sequences within automated processes is also possible. A DLL file and a Firmware Command Set for easy integration are available on our login section on **www.inheco.com**. The Firmware Command Set also contains information on Error Codes, Status LEDs, Offsets, Boost Time, etc.

You can connect up to eight TEC Control Units to a single computer by USB interface.  $\rightarrow$  Connecting TEC Control Units to a computer by USB Interface, page 16.

The unit can be basic operated with a software called MTC/STC Demo Tool. Please refer to our Manual Demo Tool which can be downloaded from INHECO' login section on **www.inheco.com**. More complex programming of temperature and shaking sequences is possible. A DLL file for easier integration for the Command Set is available and can be found on our login section on **www.inheco.com**.

### 5.3. Feature Information

- Refer to Firmware Command Set on www.inheco.com:
  - Error Codes
  - Status LEDs
  - o Offsets, Boost Time
- Refer to www.inheco.com:
  - Demo Tool Software

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# 5.4. Operate the TEC Control Unit manually (only for part# 8900030+8900031)

Input through the touch screen is limited to the settings of the device (temperature, shaking speed and ambient temperature offsets).

# 5.4.1. Select device

For Multi TEC Control Units only

With a Multi TEC Control Unit, you can control up to six devices. The device has to be selected before you can set its control parameters.

Multi TEC Control



Fig.12: Main Menus

Main menu MTC Unit	
< >	Use these buttons to select the device. The selected device's name or abbreviation is displayed in the upper left corner of the screen.



# 5.4.2. Temperature setting

For simple or individual tasks, the intended temperature can be set manually by touch screen of the Single or Multi TEC Control Unit.

Main menu	
SET 30.0	The [Set] button of the main menu shows the currently set target temperature. To change it, this button must be pressed.
Temp.	After the intended temperature has been entered, the temperature cycle must be set with the button [Temp.]
Temp.	When a temperature cycle is running, the button [Temp.] appears black. In this state, the intended temperature for the next cycle can be pre-set. The new target temperature will be displayed after the current cycle has been terminated by pressing the button [Temp.]

Menu "Set Temperature"	
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1 <sub>to</sub> 0	[Number] buttons for entering the target temperature.
-	[Minus] button to enter temperatures below zero.
030.0°C	[Verification] button to verify and confirm the setting.
pack	[Back] button to exit without changing the temperature.

- Select Set
- Enter your target temperature
- Select Button XX°C to verify the setting

# NOTICE

When you verify and confirm your chosen temperature by pressing the [Verification] button you will not see the new temperature within the [Set] button without setting the temperature with the [Temp.] button.

Select Temp

#### NOTICE

As soon as the [Temp.] button was pressed, the [Set] button shows the newly set temperature.

# NOTICE

When the [Temp.] button is not pressed, the pre-set temperature will be cleared after about 10 minutes.

# 5.4.3. Shaking setting

For INHECO Thermoshake or Teleshake Units only

For simple or individual tasks, the intended shaker parameters can be set manually by touch screen.

Main menu	
SET	The [Set] button of the main menu must be pressed to change the shake settings.
Shaker	After the desired shaking speed has been entered, the shake cycle must be set with the button [Shaker].
Shaker	When a shake cycle is running, the button [Shaker] appears black. In this state, the intended shaking speed for the next cycle can be pre-set. The new target shaking speed will be displayed after the current cycle has been terminated by pressing the button [Shaker].

Menu "Set Temperature"	
1 to 0	[Number] buttons for entering the target shaking speed.
(1250 rpm)	[Verification] button to verify and confirm the setting.
back	[Back] button to exit without changing the shaking speed.

- Select Set
- · Enter your target shaker frequency
- Select Button XXXXrpm to verify the setting

# NOTICE

When you verify and confirm your chosen shaking speed by pressing the [Verification] button you will not see the new shaking speed within the [Set] button without setting the shaking speed with the [Shake] button.

Select Shaker

# NOTICE

As soon as the [Shake] button was pressed, the [Set] button shows the newly set shaker frequency.

## NOTICE

When the [Shake] button is not pressed, the pre-set temperature will be cleared after about 10 minutes.

# 5.4.4. Temperature offsets

Aim of temperature offsets: the sample reaches and maintains the set temperature.

Unless an offset value is determined and set, the temperature of the sample is likely to differ from the set temperature due to heat loss between the device contact surface and the sample inside the disposable. To compensate this effect, an offset value can be set at a chosen temperature, e.g. at one of the target temperatures. After setting the offset value for one target temperature and setting the room temperature value, a relative offset value is added to all temperatures above room temperature and deducted from all temperatures below room temperature, resulting in a temperature offset line with a specific gradient.

By pressing the name (or abbreviation) of the selected device in the upper left corner of the main menu (even though the name of the selected device does not appear as a button), the display changes to the temperature offset menu. The temperature offset menu shows the temperature and humidity of the internal or External Sensor.

When the External Sensor is not connected to the Control Unit, the display shows the temperature inside the TEC Control Unit. With a connected External Sensor, the display shows the room temperature.  $\rightarrow$  Temperature Offset Accuracy, page 24.

Temperature offset settings are limited via the touch screen. More complex settings are possible via computer especially for STC/MTC Compact the only way .



Fig.14: Temperature offset menu

#### Main menu

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#### Room temperature.

Allows entering the ambient temperature measured near the assay. The room temperature must be measured close to the sample. Without an accurate room temperature setting it is impossible to get correct offset values at more than one target temperature. The offset values are in a straight line crossing offset value 0°C at room temperature and the offset value determined at one target temperature. An incorrect room temperature setting changes the gradient of this line and therefore produces incorrect offset values along the line, see remarks at Set OT. INHECO's default setting is 25°C, it must be changed to the actual room temperature. The displayed temperature at the touch screen is not the ambient temperature near the sample, unless you have connected an External Sensor to the TEC Control Unit and have placed the sensor near the assay.

Main menu	
Set OF	Offset value. Allows entering the temperature value to be added to the target value. This value needs to be added in order to reach the target temperature inside the sample. Default setting is 0°C. The required value has to be individually determined and depends on a range of parameters, such as ambient temperature near the sample, type of microplate or tube, type of thermal adapter, type and volume of sample in tubes or wells, etc.
Set OT	Offset temperature or target temperature. Allows entering the temperature value at which the offset temperature is to be determined. This is usually the target temperature inside the sample. In case of more than one target temperature, choose one of them to determine and to set the offset value at this target temperature. The offset values of all other target temperatures are in a straight line. The gradient of this line is determined by the room temperature setting because the offset value is 0°C at the set room temperature, see remarks at Set RT and the offset value at one chosen target temperature. INHECO's default target setting is 70°C.
OK	Button to confirm the settings.

# NOTICE

The offset you determine and set for one target temperature leads to a straight line of offset values for other target temperatures.





Chart example:

- 1) you determined and set at 30°C target temperature the offset value of 1°C.
- 2) you measured near the sample 25°C which you set as room temperature.
- 3) the automatic offset is for example -3°C for the target temperature 10°C.

# 5.4.5. Temperature Offset Accuracy

It is essential to measure the temperature near the sample in order to determine accurate offset values, especially when more than one target temperature is required. The actual ambient temperature in immediate proximity of the assay needs to be entered and set for the correct gradient of the offset value line  $\rightarrow$  Temperature Offsets, page 22.

You can measure the temperature with your own measurement device. Enter and set the measured temperature by clicking on Set RT.

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# 5.4.6. Negative Offset and Firmware Bug (only for part # 8900030+8900031)

A firmware bug in firmware version 2.14 and in earlier FW versions changes negative offset values to positive offset values, when you control your device via the MTC/STC touch screen and you click on Set OF a second time, i.e. when the negative value was already set and you click on the button again. The bug is removed in subsequent FW versions.

Above mentioned issue can be avoided by the following procedure:

· select the device name

Device	1 <	>
Temp.	) 30.0°C	SET 30.0
Shaker	) 0200 rpm	SET

Fig.16: main screen

Select Set OF

Set RT	)Humid 48.8%
Set OF	]Temp 30.0℃
Set OT	( OK )

Fig.17: Set menu

- · You will now see your negative disposable OFF-Set value.
- DO NOT tap on the [Verification] button showing a negative value to leave this menu. Use the back button to exit the menu without changing the OFF-Set value.

			-	back	<
$\left[1\right]$	2	3	4	5	
6	[7]	8	9	0	

Fig.18: Do not tap on temperature button

- If you accidently select the Verification button, the negative OFF-Set changes to a positive OFF-Set. In this case you have to re-enter your negative OFF-Set.
- You will only see the change of the OFF-Set value in case you verify the OFF-Set again.

0	39.0°	-	back	
$\left[ 1 \right]$	[2]	3	4	5
$\left[ \begin{array}{c} 6 \end{array} \right]$	[7]	8	9	



# **6** MAINTENANCE

## 6.1. Changing the Fuses

The fuses may be blown when the TEC Control Unit does not turn on. Blown fuses may indicate a defect inside the device. Replace the fuses only with fuses of exactly the same specification. Always replace both fuses. If the fuses blow again, the device must be sent to INHECO for repair.  $\rightarrow$  www.inheco.com

For the change of fuses the following steps have to be taken:

- Disconnect the power cord.
- · Disconnect all other connectors from the units.



Fig.20: Changing the Fuses

- Pull the fuse holder out of the power entry module.
- · Replace fuses only against those described on the identification plate.
- · Replace the fuse holder back into the power entry module.
- · Make sure that the fuse holder is locked securely into place.

#### 6.2. Firmware/Software Updates

Firmware updates are required if your TEC Control Unit runs on firmware version 2.03 or on earlier firmware versions. The firmware version is displayed on the touch screen of the TEC Control Unit for several seconds after the MTC/STC has been switched on. The firmware can be updated with INHECO's firmware update tool.

For updates of the firmware, contact techhotline@inheco.com  $\rightarrow$  How to contact INHECO, page 5 or your provider of your automated liquid handling workstation if the controller is controlled by that software.

For the latest version of the software "MTC/STC Demo Tool", contact INHECO as well. This software is required for trouble-shooting.

 $\rightarrow$  Trouble Shooting & Support, page 27

# 6.3. Trouble-Shooting & Support

In case of an operation failure follow the trouble-shooting instructions of this chapter. INHECO needs the below mentioned information including the serial numbers of your devices and the error code report. With this information INHECO can help you to trouble- shoot the reason for the operation failure.

Please provide the following when contacting INHECO for support:

- INHECO product number of the device (shown on device label)
- INHECO product name of the device (shown on device label)
- INHECO serial number of the device (shown on device label or via software)
- Detailed error description
- Error code report (generated with software "MTC/STC Demo Tool")
- Information about setup of devices:
  - integrated in workstation
  - o controlled by MTC or STC (incl. part number and serial number)
  - controlled by workstation software or INHECO Software

Serial numbers are shown on the device labels of the TEC Control Unit and connected devices, but you can also read them out by using INHECO's software "MTC/STC Demo Tool" (Demo Tool). The Demo Tool can also be used to generate a report of error codes for the TEC Control Unit and all connected devices.

Based on the above information, INHECO's Techhotline decides about the requirement of a return.  $\rightarrow$  Return for Repair only with RMA Number, page 29.

### 6.3.1. Installation of the Software "MTC/STC Demo Tool"

The Demo Tool can be downloaded from INHECO' customer login area at our website in the Multi / Single TEC Control General Information section. In this section you will also find the Demo Tool Manual with detailed instructions of the software.

Download the MTC/STC Demo Tool and the DLL file into the same folder. Both files must be saved **into the same folder**, **otherwise it is impossible to run the Demo Tool.** 

### 6.3.2. Serial Numbers via Demo Tool

Start the Demo Tool and click on the button "find MTC" (or "find STC"). The software scans all com ports and subsequently displays the connected MTC/STC as well as connected devices.

□ Refresh	nothing read
Send Command	Clear Text
FV1 -	No Error

Fig.21: Command section of User Interface

- Make sure the Refresh Box is unchecked (as in fig. 24)
- Enter your command into the command field. (overwrite the last command written in this field e.g. 0RFV1
- Select button "Send Command"

- · Enter following Commands:
  - for MTC/STC Mainboard serial number: 0RFV2
  - for Slot Module serial number: xRFV2 (x=slotID: 1-6)
  - for external connected device: RSNx (x=slotID: 1-6)

# 6.3.3. Error Code Report generated with "MTC/STC Demo Tool"

- Start the Demo Tool
- Click on the button "find MTC" (or "find STC"). The software scans all com ports and subsequently displays the connected MTC/ STC as well as connected devices.
- Click on the button "report error codes". An additional window appears in which all error codes are displayed. Email a screenshot of this window along with all other required information to techhotline@inheco.com.

You will find the detailed explanations of error codes in Appendix  $B \rightarrow$  page 30ff..

# 6.4. Decontamination and Cleaning



#### CAUTION

Before **cleaning**, the TEC Control Unit, disconnected the power. Make sure that no liquid enters the inside of the TEC Control Unit.

#### NOTICE

During **decontamination**, make sure that no liquid enters the inside of the TEC Control Unit. As this might lead to damages of the interior parts.

The unit can be decontaminated by disinfection with formaldehyde or ethylene oxide gas. It is recommended that the units is running during decontamination as the ventilation is needed to distribute the decontamination gas within the device and for at least 5 minutes afterwards in order to purge the atmosphere inside.

The surface decontamination and cleaning can include a wipe-down of the housing with a moistened cloth. Ethanol (70%) can be used, where effective, against target organisms.

### 6.5. Calibration/Verification

The TEC Control Unit is calibrated. For proper performance of the TEC Control Unit and its connected devices, it is recommended to verify the thermal and shaking performance at least once a year. Depending on the application, shorter verification intervals may be required. INHECO recommends to use the INHECO Measurement Plate (IMP) to perform the verification.

Please contact **techhotline@inheco.com** in case of performance deviations from set values.

## 6.6. Return to INHECO only with RMA Number

INHECO devices must be repaired by INHECO only. Parts must not be exchanged by the user. Exchange of parts or broken seals can lead to the loss of warranty. Spare Parts must be ordered from INHECO.

INHECO will only accept parts / devices for return that do not pose a threat to the health of our staff. In particular, the devices may not have been used in Biosafety Level 3 and 4 environments, or have been exposed to radioactive or radiation materials.  $\rightarrow$  Decontamination and Cleaning, page 28.

Devices which were exposed to biosafety level 3 and 4 environments or radioactive materials are not accepted by INHECO for return.

Please contact **techhotline@inheco.com** or visit **www.inheco.com/service/returnsrma.html** for the return procedure before returning the device to INHECO. Do not return any devices without INHECO's RMA number. INHECO's RMA number must be shown on the outside of the return package. Returns without RMA number are not being processed by INHECO.

Devices should be returned in the original packaging. If not possible, ensure that devices are protected and cannot move within the package to avoid transportation damage or contact INHECO for a new packaging.

### 6.7. Transportation and Storage

It is recommended to keep the original packaging. INHECO devices should be shipped and stored in their original packaging with all accessories. Adhere to required environmental conditions for transportation and storage  $\rightarrow$  Technical Data, page 9.

### 6.8. Disposal

INHECO devices must be disposed of in accordance with environmental and biosafety directives. You have to arrange for correct electric waste disposal following actual safety regulations for your country.

INHECO devices are RoHS and WEEE compliant



# EC - Declaration of Conformity

in accordance with Directive 93/68/EEC (CE), 2014/30/EU (EMC), 2014/35/EU (LVD) and 2011/65/EU (RoHS II)

Product:	Single TEC Control (STC), Single TEC Control Compact (STCC),
	Multi TEC Control (MTC), Multi TEC Control Compact (MTCC)
	(with Slots 2400125+2400128+2400211+2400205)
	connected with corresponding devices:
	CPAC Microplate, CPAC Ultraflat, Thermoshake or Teleshake, HeatPAC, Heated Lid
Part No:	8900029, 8900030, 8900031, 8900036, 8900033 7000163, 7000168, 7000179, 7000190, 7000166, 7100136, 7100146, 7100144, 7100160, 7100161, 7900046, 7100150, 7100151
Standards (Safety):	EN 61010-1:2010 + A1:2019 + A1:2019/AC:2019
	EN 61010-2-010:2014
	EN 61010-2-101:2017
Standards (EMC):	EN 55011:2016
	EN 61326-1:2013
	EN 61000-3-2:2014
	EN 61000-3-3:2013
	EN 61000-4-2:2009
	EN 61000-4-3:2006 A1:2009 A2: 2010
	EN 61000-4-4.2004 A1.2010
	EN 61000-4-5: 2006
	EN 61000-4-6:2009
	EN 61000-4-8:2010
	EN 61000-4-11:2004
This product complies v Compatibility (EMC) dir	vith the essential requirements of the Low Voltage Directive (LVD) and Electromagnetic ective, when used for its intended use.
International Standards	For international standards please see UL certificate U8 046515 0033 Rev.00, U8 046515 0034 Rev.00 and U8 046515 0037 Rev. 01
	Download UL certificat: http://www.inheco.com/service/certificates.html
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# **APPENDIX B**

# **ERROR CODES**

Lots of different errors can be stored into the EEPROM of the  $\mu$ Cs, one example is Error 11 when the TEC current is too low. Simultaneously to the storage of the error code, the LED of the respective slot (back of M/STC) or mainboard (not visible at closed housing) becomes red and blinks orange when communication is active. Whereas the red LED vanishes after a reset, the error code remains non versatile into the EEPROM and can be read with the command "Report error codes". When the command "Report error codes" is used a second window opens with more information for the error codes.

# **Reply Message Bytes**

The following Codes are shown in the text field of each corresponding slot

Code	Flag set by	Error Message	Description	Impact	Additional Actions	Recommendations
0		Message O.K.	Normal return message.			
1 <sup>1)</sup>	DII or Slot	External message protocol	For example the crc of an external	MTC/STC can not ensure that	if error message is consistent	Resend message
		violation	message was not correct. This error	the command has been read	please use another PC or con-	
			can be generated either by the dll or	correctly	tact your workstation software	
			by the slot modules.		provider	
2 <sup>1)</sup>	MB or Slot	Internal message protocol	For example the crc of an internal	MTC/STC can not ensure that	if error message is consistent	Resend message
		violation	message was not correct. This error	the command has been read	please contact INHECO	
			can be generated by the MB or the	correctly		
			slot modules.			
3	MB or Slot	Command not executable	Condition for the command is not	MTC/STC does not execute		Check if there is e.g. a typo
			fulfilled e.g. CPAC should shake.	the command		in your command and resend
						message
4	MB or Slot	Command unknown	Command does not exist.	MTC/STC does not execute		Check if there is e.g. a typo
				the command		in your command and resend
						message
5	MB or Slot	Wrong parameter	e.g. RFV1 exists but RFV9 not	MTC/STC does not execute		Check the Parameter, e.g. value
				the command		selected that is above maximum
						value or typo in the value and
						resend message
6	MB or Slot	Reset detected	After software, power on or watch-	No Impact after the first		IF error message is consistent
			dog reset. Please inform INHECO	command, command will be		please contact INHECO
			if this error occurs during normal	executed		
			operation.			

Code	Flag set by	Error Message	Description	Impact	Additional Actions	Recommendations
7 <sup>1)</sup>	MB	Slot Id unknown	Slot Id > 6 (MTC) or respective	MTC/STC does not execute		Check the SlotID, the first
			slot module plug is empty.	the command		character of the command. Is
			Slot Id > 2 (STC) or respective			it reasonable? Check if the slot
			slot module plug is empty.			module is mounted correctly.
8	MB or Slot	Wrong keyword	The serial number specific	MTC/STC does not execute		Change password
			keyword was wrong.	the command		
9	Slot	Timeout from slot-module	Slot-module is/was connected	MTC/STC can not ensure that	if error message is consistent	Resend message
			but does not reply. Maybe con-	the command has been read	please contact INHECO	
			figuration changed after reset.	correctly		
			Reset MTC/STC.			
A <sup>1)</sup>	MB or Slot	I am busy with an action com-	Up to 20 seconds after power	MTC/STC does not execute		Wait 400-600 ms and resend
		mand or startup	on and in some other cases	the command		message
			the MTC/STC cannot handle			
			additional commands. If the er-			
			ror code 'A' does not disappear			
			after the startup it is a strong			
			indication that the EEPROM			
			memory of the connected de-			
			vice connected to the affected			
			Slot Module is either out of			
			order or something has dest-			
			royed its CRC. Please contact			
			INHECO. In this situation the			
			error code 2 becomes stored to			
			the slot modules error memory			
			(See Table 3)			
В		Reserved				
С	MB	Housing temperature not OK	Housing temperature or humi-	Command will be executed, If	Error Entry 4 Mainboard	Use REC command or the
			dity out of range	possible	happens	demo tool to check the error
						memory
D <sup>1)</sup>	DLL	Response time too long	DII Error timeout from USB	MTC/STC can not ensure that	If error message is consistent	Resend message
				the command has been read	please use another PC or con-	
				correctly	tact your workstation software	
					provider	

Code	Flag set by	Error Message	Description	Impact	Additional Actions	Recommendations
E	MB	Voltage power supply not OK	Voltage power supply out of	Command will be executed, if	Error Entry 1 Mainboard happens	
			range.	possible		
F	MB	Housing fan not OK	Housing fan is blocked or	Command will be executed, if	Error Entry 7 Mainboard happens	
			disconnected	possible		
G	Slot	Device temp not OK	Device temperature too high	Command will be executed, if	Error Entry 8 or 13 Slot Module	
			(e.g. Thermoshake > 80 °C).	possible	happens	
Н	Slot	RPM too high	Setting increases limit set by	Command will be executed, if	Error Entry 3 Slot Module happens	-
			SLO5	possible		
1	Slot	CPAC voltage not OK	CPAC voltage out of range.		Error Entry 4 or 5 Slot Module	
					happens	
J	Slot	Shaker is currently busy	The Shkaer is working on ano-	Shaker will not respond to any	If this state persists for 2 minutes	
			ther shaker related task	new ASE commands	please resatrt the device. If this	
					problem is still present after the	
					restart lease contact INHECO.	
К	Slot	TEC current too low	TEC current is below 1 A. TEC	Command will be executed, if	Error Entry 11 Slot Module hap-	
			current is checked always	possible	pens	Use REC command or the
			when the Slot Module is hea-			demo tool to check the error
			ting or cooling.			
L	Slot	Internal shaker Communication	The internal Shaker com-	Shaker commands will not be	Error Entry 27 Slot Module hap-	memory
		is down	munication bus seems to be	accepted.	pens	
			unresponisve. Please contact			
			INHECO			
М	Slot	Shaker does not work properly	An issue with the clamping	Shaker becomes unresponsive	Error Entry 28, 29 Slot Module	
			system or the shaker motor		happens	
			occurred.			
R	Slot	Cable break or shortcut PT100	µC reads extreme values at	Command will be executed, if	Error Entry 7, 17, 18 or 19 Slot	
			one of the two PT100 sensors.	possible	Module happens	
			At Thermoshake shortcut to			
			ground of the second PT100			
			sensor indicates that the reser-			
			voir is empty.			
Т	Slot	Delta T too high	Temperature difference bet-	Command will be executed, if	Error Entry 12 Slot Module hap-	
			ween main sensor and supervi-	possible	pens	
			sor sensor too high.			

Code	Flag set by	Error Message	Description	Impact	Additional Actions	Recommendations
W	Slot	Wrong device connected	An 12 V device (blue) is	Command will be executed, if	Error Entry 15 Slot Module	Use REC command or the
			connected to a 24 V Slot	possible	happens	demo tool to check the error
			Module (black) or vice versa.		memory	
			Please unplug it and restart M/			
			STC.			

1) Command may not be received by the MTC/STC. Please resend it after a short delay (recommended 400-600 ms). With a dll Revision smaller than 1.2.6.0 please also erase HID buffer with the command find MTC (ID).

## **Reply Error Codes Mainboard**

The following Codes are shown in the MTC/STC Display and in the Error Code log files. These error codes can be read out with the Demotool using the button "report error codes" or with the command OREC which reports the Error Code of the Mainboard (please refer to Firmware Command Set to learn more about using the commands). Up to 7 errors can be stored into the error memory.

When you use the button "report error codes" following window will open.

#### inboard Serial Number: 1234; Run time: 6 days 13 hours 17 minutes 15 seconds.; Firmware version: MTC\_MB\_V2.20\_05/12Error Codes : 01 16 17 27 28 tetails of Error: 01: Voltage power supply out of range Warning: NR of occurrences: 135; last at run time: 0 days 2 hours 34 minutes 33 seconds Details of Error: 16: Cannot read external EEPROM device 5: NR of occurrences: 001: last at run time: 5 days 6 hours 8 minutes 2 seconds Details of Error: 17. Cannot read external EEPROM device 6: NR of occurrences: 004: last at run time: 5 days 6 hours 50 minutes 42 seconds Details of Error: 27: Device at Slot Module 1 has been unplugged during Power up or loose connection: NR of occurrences: 002; last at run time: 5 days 16 ours 36 minutes 53 seconds Details of Error: 28: Device at Stot Module 2 has been unplugged during Power up or loose connection: NR of occurrences: 001; last at run time; 5 days 16 jours 36 minutes 53 seconds Details of Error: 29: Device at Stot Module 3 has been unplugged during Power up or loose connection: NR of occurrences: 001; last at run time: 5 days 16 ours 36 minutes 53 seconds Details of Error: 30: Device at Slot Module 4 has been unplugged during Power up or loose connection: NR of occurrences: 001; last at run time: 5 days 17 hours 7 minutes 36 seconds Slot 1 serial number: 1234; Run time slot, 15 days 19 hours 57 minutes 39 seconds. Firmware version: MTC SlotTS2.21 06/12 Error Codes: 05 01 11 26 Details of Error: 05: CPAC voltage too low, check or exchange slot module: NR of occurrences: 255; last at run time: 9 days 7 hours 38 minutes 42 seconds. Details of Error: 01: Temp control NOK. Device is heating or cooling but nothing seems to happen: NR of occurrences: 002; last at run time: 15 days 19 hours 7 ninutes 30 seconds. Details of Error: 11: TEC current too low: NR of occurrences: 001; last at run time: 14 days 13 hours 37 minutes 21 seconds. Details of Error: 26: CRC Error Flash Memory: NR of occurrences: 001; last at run time: 14 days 13 hours 38 minutes 28 seconds Slot: 2 serial number: 1234; Run time slot: 15 days 20 hours 17 minutes 41 seconds. Firmware version: MTC\_SlofTS2.21\_06/12 Fror Codes: 05 21 08

Details of Error: 05: CPAC voltage too low, check or exchange slot module: NR of occurrences: 255; last at run time: 9 days 7 hours 38 minutes 48 seconds. Details of Error: 21: The device is heating instead of cooling. Please check type of the device and the cable pin out: NR of occurrences: 005; last at run time: 14 days 20 hours 31 minutes 15 seconds.

etails of Error: 08: Device temp much too high: NR of occurrences: 009; last at run time: 14 days 19 hours 27 minutes 17 seconds

In the first line the information about the overall run time of mainboard, the firmware version of mainboard and the error codes are displayed.

In the following the error codes are explained in detail with:

- short description
- Warning or Error (tells something about the severness of an error code)
- NR (Number) of occurences
- Time when the error occured Last at run time

After the information about the Mainboard the infomation for each slot follows correspondingly to the mainboard.

If an error occured just a fiew times e.g. once and compared to the overall runtime long ago (e.g. error 01 of mainboard in this screenshot) it can be neglected. For all other error codes please refer to the following tables to get more recommendations.

Error	Error (E) / Warning (W)	Description of Error Codes	Impact	Additional Actions	Recommendation
1	W	Voltage power supply out of range	non, if the error code does not appe- ar frequently	Send frequently 0RLO1to the Main- board. If the reply is always 0rlo00250 the error entry happens accidently. If the reply is 0rloE0250 there seems to be a voltage problem and the Main- board must be replaced	In addition you can send 0RHV0 to the Mainboard and check if the reply value is reasonable. E.g. if the Voltage is 0rhv00241
2	E	Digital housing temperature out of range	24 V Power supply is switched off, connected devices are no longer usable		Use the command 0RHV2 to watch the housing temperature. Check if venti- lation slot is not covered and ensure that the air flow is granted and check temperature again.

Error	Error (E) / Warning (W)	Description of Error Codes	Impact	Additional Actions	Recommendation
3	W	Analogue housing temperature out of range	non, if the error code does not appe- ar frequently	Send frequently 0RLO5 to the Main- board. If the reply is always 0rlo00050 the error entry happens accidently. If the reply is 0rloC0050 there seems to be a voltage problem and the Main- board must be replaced	Use the command 0RHV4 to watch the value of the analogue housing tempe- rature sensor. Check if ventilation slot is not covered and ensure that the air flow is granted and check temperature again.
4	W	Humidity out of range	non, if the error code does not appe- ar frequently	Send frequently 0RLO6 to the Main- board. If the reply is always 0rlo00850 the error entry happens accidently. If the reply is 0rloC0850 there seems to be a voltage problem and the Main- board must be replaced	Use the command 0RHV3 to watch the value of the humidity sensor. Check if ventilation slot is not covered and ensure that the air flow is granted and check humidity again. Remark: The humidity inside the housing is usually lower then outside.
5	E	MUX or AD converter not OK	Controller disables all heating/cooling and shaking activities	Send 0RMA to the mainboard and report result to INHECO	Controller MTC / STC has to be re- turned to INHECO
6	W	Power switch not OK	non, if the error code does not appe- ar frequently	Use the demo tool and report error codes to INHECO	If the number of occurences of error 6 increases after every power cycle, replace the M/STC.
7	W	Housing fan is not running when connected devices are in operation	Controller might overheat	check whether fan is running when connected devices are in operation.	If fan is not running when connected devices in operation, please check the cabling to the fan. If the plug is connec- ted correctly return controller back to INHECO
8	W	Temperature difference betweeen analogue and digital sensor is too high	non, if the error code does not appe- ar frequently	Send frequently 0RLO5 to the Main- board. If the reply is always 0rlo00050 the error entry happens accidently. If the reply is 0rloC0050 there seems to be a voltage problem and the Main- board must be replaced	Use the command 0RHV4 and 0RHV2 to watch the value of the analogue and the digital housing temperature sensor, respectively. Change the air flow and check temperatures again.

Error	Error (E) /	Description of Error Codes	Impact	Additional Actions	Recommendation
10	Warning (W)	RAM test of main board failed	Non	please contact INHECO	Check with 0REC10 the number of oc- currences. If the number is higher then 20. Please contact INHECO
11	W	STC only, Power switch not working (no 24V power supply)	Controller disables alle heating/coo- ling and shaking activities		Controller STC has to be returned to INHECO
12	W	Cannot read external EEPROM of device 1		Check connection, if devices is correct-	
13	W	Cannot read external EEPROM of device 2		ly connected there are 2 options	
14	W	Cannot read external EEPROM of device 3	Controller cannot use data from	1. Switch from external EEPROM (de-	if device is correctly connected, return
15	W	Cannot read external EEPROM of device 4	external EEPROM	vice) to internal EEPROM by using the	device back to INHECO
16	W	Cannot read external EEPROM of device 5		command SPO0	
17	W	Cannot read external EEPROM of device 6		2. Return device back to INHECO	
18		Reserved			
19		Reserved			
20	W	CRC error external EEPROM of device 1			
21	W	CRC error external EEPROM of device 2			
22	W	CRC error external EEPROM of device 3			
23	W	CRC error external EEPROM of device 4			Flease contact INFIECO
24	W	CRC error external EEPROM of device 5			
25	W	CRC error external EEPROM of device 6			
26	E	CRC error flash memory	Maybe something went wrong after		Switch M/STC on
			an Firmware update. Contact INHE-		Wait 2 minutes
			CO to set the Checksum manually.		Send 0RCF0 and 0RCF1 to the effec-
					ted Mainboard and send xRCF0 and
					xRCF1 (x = SlotID 1-6) to effected Slot
					Module
					Send the reply to INHECO together
					with the Serialnumber of MTC/STC and
					the Serialnumber of the slot.

Error	Error (E) /	Description of Error Codes	Impact	Additional Actions	Recommendation
27	W	Unplugged Device at <b>slot module 1</b> during			
		power up or device lost connection	_		
28	W	Unplugged Device at <b>slot module 2</b> during	-		
		power up or device lost connection			
29	W	Unplugged Device at <b>slot module 3</b> during	-		Make sum that devices are not
		power up or device lost connection	New		Make sure that devices are not
30	W	Unplugged Device at <b>slot module 4</b> during	- NON		alsconnected from controller when
		power up or device lost connection			controller is in operation.
31	W	Unplugged Device at <b>slot module 5</b> during	-		
		power up or device lost connection			
32	W	Unplugged Device at <b>slot module 6</b> during	-		
		power up or device lost connection			

# Error Codes Slot

The following Codes are shown in the MTC/STC Display and in the Error Code log files. These error codes can be read out with the Demotool using the button "report error codes" or with the command XREC which reports the Error Code of the Devices. Up to 7 errors can be stored into the error memory.

Code	Error (E) / Warning (W)	Description of Error Codes	Impact	Additional Actions	Recommendation
1	W	Temperature control not OK	non, if only shown at start up		
2	Ε	CRC error of external EEPROM of connected device(s). External EE- PROM of device is no longer in use	heating and cooling of connected device is disabled	Send write Command 0SDOx,5,0, (x=SlotID) to EEPROM. Restart STC/ MTC/STC. If error is still shown 2 op- tions are possible: 1. Switch from external EEPROM (de- vice) to internal EEPROM by using the command xSPO0 (x=SlotID) 2. Return device back to INHECO	If the device is necessarily needed and you are sure you won't exchange devices at this slot, switch to internal EEPROM,otherwise return the device (only the device) back to INHECO
3	W	RPM Shaker too high, speed of more than 2000 rpm was set	non	check set rpm (on display)	check set rpm (on display or with RSR command)
4	E	Voltage too high of connected device(s)	heating / cooling and shaking of connected device is disabled	non	Exchange Slot module
5	W	Voltage too low of connected device(s)	non, if message reply byte "I" is not set	Send frequently 1RPO to the affected Slot (here Slot 1). If the reply is always 1rpo00001 the error entry happens accidently. If the reply is 1rpol0001 there seems to be a voltage problem a decision must be made if low voltage is acceptable from customer.	If not acceptable Slot Module has to be exchanges

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6	W	Fan of device is not running	cooling is no longer working correctly if fan is not running during cooling	check whether fan of CPAC or Ther- moshake device is running during cooling	If fan is running device is ok, ignor error message. If fan is not running, return CPAC or Thermoshake device back to INHECO. Attention: The fan runs at cooling processes only. The pump of the Thermoshake which is connected to the same circuit must run during all activities, of course.
7	W	Reservoir of Thermoshake is almost empty or shortcut to ground sensor 2	If message reply byte "R" is set fre- quently, refill reservoir of Thermoshake	Start a cooling process and send the command RRS to the affected Slot ID. If reply is (at Slot Id =1) always 1 rrs00 then the reservoir is indeed empty. Refill the reservoir.	Refill reservoir of Thermoshake. If the device is no Thermoshake most proba- bly sensor 2 is defect and the device must be repaired
8	E	Temperature of device is too high	Heating of device is disabled	check what maximum termperature is set xRMT1. Adjust temperature to ma- ximum allowed limit or contact INHECO to clarify whether a change of the upper temperature limit is possible.	Adjust temperature to maximum allo- wed limit please contact INHECO to get full command and to clarify whether a change of the upper temperature limit is possible.
9	E	Could not read EEPROM of device	heating and cooling of connected device is disabled	Send write Command 0SDOx,5,0, (x=SlotID) to EEPROM. Restart MTC/ STC. If error is still shown 2 options are possible: 1. Switch from external EEPROM (de- vice) to internal EEPROM by using the command xSPO0 (x = Slot ID 1-6) 2. Return device back to INHECO	If the device is necessarily needed and you are sure you won't exchange devices at this slot, switch to internal EEPROM,otherwise return the device (only the device) back to INHECO.
10	W	RAM test failed	non	please contact INHECO	Check with 1REC10 the number of oc- currences. If the number is higher then 20 Please contact INHECO

Code	Error (E) / Warning (W)	Description of Error Codes	Impact	Additional Actions	Recommendation
11	W	TEC current to low	non	TEC current is checked during the startup only. Therefor restart MTC/STC and check if error occurs again.	Use the demo tool and report error codes If the number of occurences of error 11 increases after every power cycle, replace the device. Check cable connections.
12	w	Temperature difference between control sensor and monitoring sensor is too high	non, device is still heating, cooling or shaking	check whether a asymetrical load is place on the contact surface of the device (e.g. only one half of the plate is filled with fluid).	Please contact INHECO
13	E	Temperature too low	non	check whether the temperature is set below the minimum allowed tempera- ture. Adjust temperature to minimum allowed limit or contact INHECO to clarify whether a change of the lower temperature limit is possible.	Adjust temperature to minimum allowed limit or contact INHECO to clarify whether a change of the lower tempera- ture limit is possible
14	E	Unknown device connected	heating and cooling of connected device is disabled	check whether appropiate device is connected (boot of connector has to have the same color as the slot module). Restart Controller, if Error is still shown return connected device to INHECO	check whether appropiate device is connected (boot of connector has to have the same color as the slot module). Restart Controller, if Error is still shown return connected device to INHECO
15	E	Type of device stored in EEEPROM does not fit to connected device. Wrong device connected (12V device to 24V slot or vice versa)	heating and cooling of connected device is disabled	check whether appropiate device is connected (boot of connector has to have the same color (black or blue) as the slot module)	Connect a correct device to Slot. After restart the error should be gone. If error is still shown, return Slot back to INHECO.
16		reserved			
17	E	short cut to ground controlling sensor (sensor 1)	heating and cooling of connected device is disabled		Return the device back to INHECO
18	E	cable break controlling sensor (sensor 1)	heating and cooling of connected device is disabled		Return the device back to INHECO

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19	W	cable break monitoring sensor (sensor 2)	non, if message reply byte "R" is not set frequently	Send frequently 1RPO to the affected Slot (here Slot 1). If the reply is always 1rpo00001 the error entry happens acci- dently. If the reply is 1rpoR0001 there seems to be a cable break and the device must be repaired or replaced.	
20	E	Communication error between Slot module and controller main board. Error code will be only used for internal INHECO evaluation	if error 2 is also shown, heating, cooling and shaking of devices is disabled.	Please contact INHECO for further evaluation. Error 20 in conjunction with error 2 shows more detailed information for the failure evaluation.	Please contact INHECO for further evaluation
21	E	Connected device is heating instead of cooling	Heating of device is disabled	Report type device and send the infor- mation to INHECO. Best: Use the demo tool and report error codes.	This may happen accidently if the load is very heavy and very hot. Please ignore the error in such a case and restart cooling.
22	E	Cable break (ground) of controlling sensor (sensor 1) and / or monitoring sensor (sensor 2)	heating and cooling of connected device is disabled		connected device has to be returned to INHECO
26	E	CRC error Flash memory of Slot modul, Initialization or Firmware update of Slot might be not OK		Please contact INHECO for further evaluation	Please contact INHECO for further evaluation
27	E	I2C Communication Error	Thermoshake AC becomes inoperable	Stop using the device and please cont- act INHECO for further evaluation	Please contact INHECO for further evaluation
28	E	Error regarding the Clamp Mechanism	Thermoshake AC becomes inoperable	Stop using the device and please cont- act INHECO for further evaluation	Please contact INHECO for further evaluation
29	E	Shaker does not respond to commands	Shaker cannot be controlled	Please contact INHECO for further evaluation	Please contact INHECO for further evaluation

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30	E	The Thermoshake AC has detected a motor fault	Device stops shaking	Please contact INHECO for further evaluation	Please contact INHECO for further evaluation
31	E	Current RPM value difference to set point >4000rpm	The device stops shaking	Please contact INHECO for further evaluation	Please contact INHECO for further evaluation