ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMBER

EC1A

- **0.37 FT³ WORKING VOLUME**
- **INTEGRAL USER**
  Temperature Probe
- **LCO₂, -73°C TO +315°C COOLING**
  Optional LN₂, -184°C to +315°C
- **IEEE-488, RS232, RS422**
  Remote Communication
- **EXPANDED I/O ARCHITECTURE**
  Analog Input Ports
  Analog Output Ports
  Auxiliary I/O Drivers
  Digital Parallel Port
  High Speed Serial Link
- **LOCAL TEMPERATURE**
  Controlled Ramping
- **19” RACK MOUNTABLE**

The EC1A is an advanced environmental chamber intended for automated test system and laboratory applications. Standalone operations is supported by a full function keyboard with a 2 line, 16 character LCD display. The chamber temperature and the user temperature probe readings are normally displayed continuously. User programs are easily entered into the EC1a using a BASIC like command set programming language. In an automated test system, the EC1A functions as a remote data acquisition and control system using the capability of its expanded I/O architecture.

The electrically isolated user temperature probe allows for direct monitoring of critical temperatures on the device under test or certain areas inside the test chamber. As well as being displayed on the front panel, readings are accessible from the IEEE-488 or RS232/422 interfaces.

The EC1A command set, whether entered from the local keyboard or downloaded over the IEEE-488 or RS232/422 interfaces, provides for setting chamber temperature, temperature ramping rate and soak time at temperature, temperature deviation limits and temperature upper and lower limits.

Probe calibration procedures are built into the EC1A using local menu driven format. Special communication commands allow for communication to the analog I/O ports, the high speed serial port (SPI) and the parallel port. The chamber can be controlled remotely from the RS232/422 port or the IEEE-488 bus interface. When the IEEE-488 bus interface is used, transparent communication from the IEEE-488 bus to the RS232/422 port is supported. Programs and parameters are stored in battery-backed memory.

The PID coefficients used in the EC1A are user adjustable from the keyboard and remote interfaces. In addition, alarm function and sound level, BAUD rate, interrupt assignments and other communication port options are configurable from the front panel using an easy, menu driven format.

The EC1A supports several safety features including a mechanically adjustable over temperature thermostat, upper and lower software temperature limits, processor watchdog timer and open and short probe detection.

The EC1A is designed to be adaptable to your system application. If you have special requirements, call Sun Systems for solutions.

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### General Specifications

#### Mechanical

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<td>Internal Dimensions</td>
<td>(25.4cmW x 20.3cmH x 20.3cmD)</td>
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<td>Test Volume</td>
<td>(0.010m³)</td>
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<td>Overall Dimensions</td>
<td>(44.5cmW x 33.7cmH x 50.8cmD)</td>
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<td>Exterior Construction</td>
<td>Painted Aluminum Alloy</td>
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<td>Coolant Input</td>
<td>LCO₂, 37º male fitting, 1/4&quot; tube (optional) LN₂, 45º male fitting, 1/2&quot; tube</td>
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<td>Exhaust</td>
<td>3/8&quot; NPT, male</td>
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<tr>
<td>Weight</td>
<td>(17 kg typical; 25 kg shipping)</td>
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#### Performance

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<td>Set Temperature Range (LCO₂)</td>
<td>(-100ºF to +600ºF) -73 º C to +315 º C</td>
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<td>With LN₂ Option</td>
<td>(-300ºF to +600ºF) -184 º C to +315 º C</td>
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<tr>
<td>Temperature Ramping Rate</td>
<td>(0.02ºF to 54ºF/min) 0.01ºC to 30ºC/min</td>
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<tr>
<td>Number of Programmable Temperature Setpoints</td>
<td>Typically 100+</td>
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<td>Time at Temperature Setpoint Range</td>
<td>1.0 sec to 99 hr, 59 min, 59 sec</td>
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<td>Air Circulation</td>
<td>60 CFM, vertical</td>
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<td>Absolute Error Over Temp Range</td>
<td>(±0.9ºF) ±0.5ºC</td>
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<tr>
<td>Temperature Resolution (approx.)</td>
<td>(±0.04ºF) ±0.02ºC</td>
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<tr>
<td>Long Term Stability (per month)</td>
<td>(±0.4ºF) ±0.2 º C</td>
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<tr>
<td>Line Voltage Sensitivity</td>
<td>(±0.2ºF) ± 0.1 º C for 105 VAC to 125 VAC</td>
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<tr>
<td>Temperature Control Technique</td>
<td>Dual PID Algorithm, PWM</td>
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<td>Ambient Temperature Operating Range</td>
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#### Safety

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<td>Line Voltage Dropout</td>
<td>Program and Parameters Stored in Battery Backed Memory (Programmable Automatic Restart after Power Loss)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fail Safe</td>
<td>Open/Short Probe Detection, Watch-dog Timer, Software Temperature Limits, Over-temperature Thermostat</td>
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#### Electrical

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<td>Heating Input</td>
<td>1200 Watts</td>
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<tr>
<td>Power Requirements</td>
<td>1600 Watts max, 120 VAC, 50/60 Hz, 1 phase Optional 208 VAC, 100 VAC (50 Hz) and 240 VAC (see Options)</td>
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LOCAL AND REMOTE CONTROL INTERFACES

The EC1A supports stand-alone operation with a full function keyboard, a 2-line LCD and a powerful programming language. For automated test systems, a complete talker/listener IEEE-488 interface is available with serial and parallel poll capability. For remote operation over long distances, RS232 and RS422 serial interfaces are provided. With few exceptions, the commands for the local keyboard and RS232/422 and IEEE-488 interfaces are identical.

FRONT PANEL

Application..........................................................................................EC1A Local Control
Operator Manual Program, Parameter Input........................................................................29 Key Keyboard
Operator Menu-Driven Visual Output...............................................................................2 Line Alpha-numeric LCD
Visual Indicators..............................................................................Cool, Heat, Failsafe, Remote, Timeout,
Audible Alarm..............................................................................Heat Enable, Cool Enable, Power

Audible Alarm............................................................................User Programmable for Volume and Function

IEEE-488 BUS INTERFACE

Application......................................................................................EC1A Remote Control
Protocol..........................................................................................Talker / Listener
Bus Address.....................................................................................0-30, Set from Keyboard
Interrupt Capability........................................................................SRQ / Serial Poll and Parallel Poll

RS232 / RS422 SERIAL INTERFACE

Application........................................................................................EC1A Remote Control or
IEEE-488 Bi-directional Transparent Operation
Protocol..........................................................................................ASCII Character Oriented
Data Rates.........................................................................................300-9600 BAUD
TEMPERATURE CHAMBER FEATURES

PID CONTROL

Optimum accuracy and stability in the test environment are ensured by the use of Proportional, Integral and Derivative (PID) control algorithms for both heating and cooling.

The PID coefficients define system response to the difference between set temperature and actual chamber temperature, the length of time that a difference in temperature may exist and the rate of change of the error temperature.

The default settings for the PID coefficients are generally suitable for most uses but, if necessary, each can be tailored to a particular application.

ZERO VOLTAGE SWITCHING

Control of power to the heaters and cooling solenoid is provided by zero voltage switching solid state relays to provide reliability and to reduce electrical noise.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Chart Recorder

Custom Fixturing
EXPANDED I/O ARCHITECTURE

The expanded I/O architecture provides for easy test fixture interfacing, strip chart recorder drive and additional sensor interfacing. Each interface is accessed by using the device IN and OUT commands.

ANALOG INPUT/OUTPUT INTERFACE

- **Input Channels**: 4 Channel, 8 Bit A/D Converter
- **Applications**: Analog Data Acquisition
- **Input Range**: 0 to +5 VDC (0 or 4 to 20 mA Input Jumper Selectable for Channel 0)
- **Input Leakage**: 1 µA
- **Conversion Time**: 26 µsec
- **Output Channels**: 4 Channel, 8 Bit D/A Converter
- **Applications**: Chart Recording and Analog Data Control
- **Output Ranges (Software Selectable)**
  - UniPolar Voltage: 0 to +5 VDC
  - BiPolar Voltage: -5 to +5 VDC
  - Current (Channel 3 Only): 0 to 20 mA
- **Settling Time**: 10 µsec

Common Specifications
- **Non-Linearity**: ±1 LSB
- **Absolute Accuracy**: ±1 LSB
- **Conversion Rate**: I/O Limited
- **Device Address**: DEV#3
- **Connector**: 15 Pin D Type

USER PARALLEL PORT

- **Applications**: Local Automated Switch and Test Accessories
- **Protocol**: 16 Bit Address / 8 Bit Bi-Directional Data Multiplexed, Byte Oriented
- **Interface Voltage**: TTL Levels
- **DC Supply Voltage Provided to User**: +12 VDC Unregulated
- **DC Supply Current (fuse protected)**: 1.0 Amp max.
- **Device Address**: DEV#1
- **Connector**: 26 Pin Flat Cable Header

HIGH SPEED SYNCHRONOUS SERIAL PORT

- **Applications**: Distributed Processor Communication Link
- **Protocol**: Byte Oriented, Master
- **Data Rate**: 56K BAUD
- **Interface Voltage**: RS422 Levels
- **Device Address**: DEV#2
- **Connector**: 9 Pin D Type

AUXILIARY I/O INTERFACE

- **Applications**: Relay Drive
- **Protocol**: Bit SET/RESET/SENSE
- **Interface Voltage**: High Current Open Collector Drive / TTL Sense
- **Device Address**: DEV#4
- **Connector**: Terminal Block or 26 Pin Flat Connector (located internal to the unit)
CALIBRATION

Enter CAL Mode.

Enter YES if you really want to calibrate probes. Enter NO if you only desire to set units.

Enter Access Code. (Set Access Code in Interrupts Menu.)

Enter YES to calibrate Chamber Probe. Enter NO to modify Chamber and User display units (°C, °F, °K).

Select Probe type. Voltage or Current.

If Probe selected, set 0°C and 100°C and select display units (°C, °F, °K).

If Voltage or Current selected, set Inputs and Values.

Repeat calibration procedure for Chamber Probe.

Enter YES to modify display units for Chamber Probe.

Enter preferred scale.

Repeat selection procedure for User Probe display units.

DEFAULT VALUES

Enter SET DEFAULT Mode.

Enter YES if you really want to modify defaults.

Enter GPIB Address.

Enter GPIB Interface maximum lockup time (0 to disable).

Enter GPIB SRQ or Serial Interface advanced interrupt generation before actual wait period timeout.

Disables automatic restart of controller above set minutes.

Select 0 to +5 V or -5 to +5V for channels A, B, C and D.

Select Serial Port.

Enter YES for serial port character echo.

Select buzzer volume.

Set correct line frequency.

Chart chamber temperature on D/A channel A. If YES, enter High/Low values.

Chart user probe on D/A channel B. If YES, enter High/Low values.

Enter YES to output PID control to D/A channel C.

Enter YES to turn off cool enable when expectorant tank becomes empty.

INTERRUPTS

Enter SET INTERRUPT Mode.

Enter YES if you really want to modify interrupts.

Enter YES to enable BUZZER after each temperature segment timeout during local program execution.

Enter YES to enable BUZZER when the end of a local program is encountered.

Enter YES to enable Timeout Interrupts after each temp. segment timeout during local program execution.

Enter YES to enable LP Done Interrupt when the end of a local program is encountered.

Enter YES to enable Single Temp. Timeout Interrupt at end of each temp. segment in single temp. mode.

Enter YES to enable Deviation Interrupts.

Enter YES to enable Command Error Interrupts.

Enter YES to enable Breakpoint Interrupts.

Enter 0 to disable Parallel Poll or 1 thru 8 to set bit position for Parallel Poll.

The number that is entered will become the code that the CAL menu will expect to grant access. 0 to disable.
## COMMAND SUMMARY

nn.n = Any fixed or floating point number  
hh:mm:ss = Hours:Minutes:Seconds  
[ ] = Optional  
In = One of the ten global I variables

### SINGLE COMMANDS

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<td>SET = nn.n [C, F, K]</td>
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<td>Read Current Chamber Temperature</td>
<td>(n/a)</td>
<td>TEMP? or T</td>
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<td>Read Current Set Temperature</td>
<td>(n/a)</td>
<td>CSET?</td>
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<td>During Ramping</td>
<td>(n/a)</td>
<td>UCHAN?</td>
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<td>WAIT = hh:mm:ss or WAIT = mm or mmM or WAIT = Forever</td>
<td>WAIT? or M</td>
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<td>Temperature Ramping Rate</td>
<td>RATE = nnn.n</td>
<td>RATE?</td>
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<td>Upper Temperature Limit</td>
<td>UTL = nnn.n or nnnUTL</td>
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<td>LTL = nnn.n</td>
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<td>DEVL = nnn.n TC01 DEVL</td>
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<td>TIME = hh:mm:ss</td>
<td>TIME?</td>
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<td>Read Units of Temperature</td>
<td>(n/a)</td>
<td>Scale#n? (n=1 or n=2)</td>
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<td>Controller Power On/Off</td>
<td>ON or OFF</td>
<td>(n/a)</td>
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<td>Heater Enable On/Off</td>
<td>HON or HOFF</td>
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<td>Coolant Enable On/Off</td>
<td>CON or COFF</td>
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### PROGRAM COMMANDS

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ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMBER

Standard Options

- 115 VAC, 50/60 Hz *
- 220 VAC, 50/60 Hz *
- 100 VAC, 50 Hz (International)*
- 240 VAC, 50 Hz (International)*
- LCO₂, 850psi (hose supplied)*
- LCO₂, 300psi
- LN₂, 100psi
- LN₂, 25psi
- 3-Tank LCO₂ Manifold

- Ambient Air Blower
- Blank Door *
- Door with 4” x 6” Window
- Hinge Option for Door
- 1”, 2”, 3” or 4” Dia Left Side Access Port
- 2 Year Warranty *
- Custom Work §
- Fast Delivery

( All dimensions nominal. )

* no charge items

§ Due to the variety of applications, Sun Systems provides Custom Work per your specification.

Call Sun Systems for solutions to your custom temperature testing requirements.

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Accessories

Sun Systems can provide a wide variety of test system accessories in support of your temperature testing requirements. Blank doors and doors specifically modified for component temperature cycle testing are available along with switch matrix cards that can be tailored to your test fixture requirements. Extra LCO₂ and LN₂ hoses and fittings, equipment racks and temperature probes can be provided at your request.

We want to work with you.

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