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**SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS**  
**This manual contains important safety instructions.**

## 1. Overview

### **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION**

- This product must be installed by a qualified technician in accordance with all applicable electrical codes
- Always disconnect the coach's batteries before installing this product
- Remove the generator's spark plug (or disconnect the battery on diesel generators) to prevent accidental starting during installation of this product
- Use insulated tools

#### **The Auto Gen Start System for Coach Generators**

Congratulations on purchasing your new Auto Gen Start (AGS) Network System with Inverter and Remote for coach generators. The AGS is designed to automatically start your coach generator, based on the inside temperature of the coach or a low battery condition. These features allow you to leave pets and precious items in your coach while you enjoy a day away golfing, touring or just sight seeing - all the while knowing your coach will stay cool and comfortable. Even if you don't have pets, there's nothing better than returning a nice cool coach while dry camping in hot weather. Plus, you will always have charged batteries - no more worrying about dead batteries.

The AGS also includes settings for "Quiet Time" so you can comply with park and rally rules.

The AGS does not interfere with your air conditioner controls or the manual generator start/stop switches in your coach.

Installing the AGS is a simple process and requires the following tools:

- Pencil
- Electrical Tape
- Level
- Drill
- Phillips Screw Driver
- 7/64" & 1/8" Drill Bits
- Utility Knife or Hole Saw

## 2. Configuration

### 1. Configuring the AGS Controller

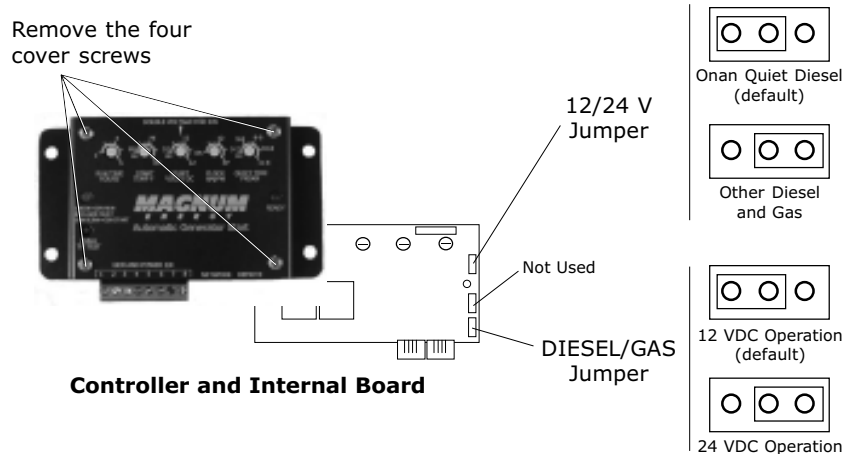
The Magnum AGS Controller can be configured for 12 or 24 VDC operation. It can also be configured for various diesel or gas generator brands and models. The controller's default settings are set for "12 VDC" and "Diesel" operation. If necessary, refer to Table 1 (next page) to determine which setting is correct for your system. To access the jumpers, remove the controller's four cover screws.

For Onan Quiet Diesel generators, the controller is configured with the "Diesel/Gas" jumper positioned over the two left-hand pins as shown below (factory default).

For most "gas" as well as other diesel generators you must configure the controller with the "Diesel/Gas" jumper positioned over the two right-hand pins as shown below

For 12 Volt DC operation, the controller is configured with the "12/24 V" jumper positioned over the two left-hand pins as shown below (factory default).

For 24 Volt DC operation, you must configure the controller with the "12/24 V" jumper positioned over the two right-hand pins as shown below.



**Figure 1 - AGS Controller Configuration  
(DIESEL/GAS and 12/24 V DC Operation)**

## 2. Configuration

VERSION	V 2.0	V 2.1
DATE	March 1, 2004	March 1, 2004
START TYPE	3-wire start	3-wire start
GEN TYPES	Onan Quiet Diesel	Most gas and other diesels: Emerald, Marquis, MicroLite, MicroQuiet, Onan, and PowerTech
FEATURES	Temp & low voltage start Quiet time, & net enabled 12 or 24 volt DC operation (jumper select) Software version (jumper select) Temp start (connects 3 ways) Directly to a/c thermostat Uses a sensor only Wall switch (stand alone operation only)	Temp & low voltage start Quiet time & net enabled 12 or 24 volt DC operation (jumper select) Software version (jumper select) Temp start (connects 3 ways) Directly to a/c thermostat Uses a sensor only Wall switch (stand alone operation only)
NETWORK PORT	Connects to ME inverter (uses ME-RC remote with version 0.5 or higher)	Connects to ME inverter (uses ME-RC remote with version 0.5 or higher)
REMOTE PORT	Stand alone switch, pigtail direct to a/c thermostat, or sensor only	Stand alone switch, pigtail direct to a/c thermostat, or sensor only
START RELAY (pin 5&6)	closes for 20 seconds	closes for 10 seconds
STOP RELAY (pin 6&7)	closes for 10 seconds	closes for 10 seconds
AUX RELAY (pin 1&8)	N/A	N/A
RELAY SEQ	Stop 10 sec, Delay 4 sec, Start 20 sec	Stop 10 sec, Delay 4 sec, Start 10 sec
B+ Voltage (min at pin 2)	10 VDC	10 VDC
B+ GEN RUN (pin 2)	checks for B+ 2 sec after crank time	checks for B+ 2 sec after crank time
TEST MODE	Ignores B+ for test (runs 30 sec then off)	Ignores B+ for test (runs 30 sec then off)
GEN START (MANUAL)	Yes, ignores auto start (if B+ present) Allows manual start within quiet time	Yes, ignores auto start (if B+ present) Allows manual start within quiet time
LED, GREEN	Blinks on start, solid on run	Blinks on start, solid on run
LED, RED	Red after 4 tries (Time between tries = 2 min)	Red after 4 tries (Time between tries = 2 min)

**Table 1 - Magnum AGS Software Revs (4/2/04)**

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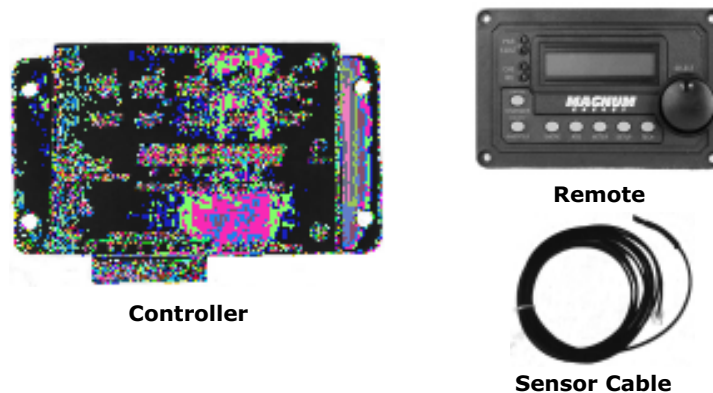
#### Installing the AGS Controller

In most cases, the Auto Gen Start (AGS) Network System with Inverter and Remote has been installed by the coach manufacturer.

1. Determine a suitable location to mount the Auto Gen Start (AGS) Controller. It must be located in a clean, dry and protected place.

The controller can be mounted in any direction; however, allow ample room to access the adjustment dials and to view the LEDs for troubleshooting. Wiring is much easier if the controller is mounted within easy access to the generator's remote wiring. Pre-drill the four 1/8" holes if necessary.

2. Remove the 8 pin connector from the controller by pulling it straight out. Wire the controller according to Figures 3 and 4 (see pages 8 and 9).
3. Use the four 8x3/4" screws (provided) to mount the controller to the coach's wall.
4. When all of the wiring is complete, plug the 8 pin connector back into the AGS controller.
5. Connect the AGS Controller's "NETWORK" port to the inverter's "NETWORK" port using the 4 wire twisted pair cable.



**Figure 2 - AGS Controller, Sensor and Remote**

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#### Installing the AGS Interior Temperature Sensor



**WARNING:** Always check for hidden wires, pipes and cables before drilling or cutting into the coach's walls and cabinets.

There are three options for installing the AGS Interior Temperature Sensor which are all used in conjunction with the ME-RC remote control. You must specify which option you would like when ordering your Magnum AGS system or call the factory to order if your system did not come with the desired option.

- 1) a wall-mount switch with integrated temperature sensor;
- 2) a 4 wire cable with temperature sensor (OEM Installs only);
- 3) a direct connection to the a/c thermostat via a 2 wire pigtail assembly (OEM Installs only).

#### AGS Wall Switch Installation (option)

1. Locate a convenient spot to mount the AGS Switch. The side wall of the coach's refrigerator enclosure is the most common (and recommended). The switch should be mounted midway up the wall for best results.



**NOTE:** The thermistor that is used to sense the coach's interior temperature is located on the back of the AGS Switch. It is vital that the switch be placed where interior room temperatures can be accurately sensed by the thermistor. Keep the sensor away from heating and air conditioning ducts, window drafts and avoid mounting it on the coach's exterior walls. Interior walls and cabinets provide much more stable temperatures and also make it easier to route the switch's cable to the AGS Controller.

2. Use the template at the rear of the manual to cut a hole for the AGS Switch. Feed the 6 wire phone cable through the opening and route it to the AGS Controller. Use care in routing the cable to insure the cable does not become pinched or cut by rough or sharp edges. Leave enough slack to allow cable movement once the installation is complete.
3. Make sure the switch is the "OFF" position and then plug the cable into the RJ-11 phone connector on the back of the AGS Switch. Mount the switch to the wall using the two 6x1" screws provided.

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4. Plug the other end of the 6 wire phone cable into the AGS Controller's RJ-11 connector marked "Remote."
5. If all wiring is correct, the unit performs a "self test" when power is applied. The "STATUS" LED blinks green. At the same time, the "READY" LED turns on solid green.
6. Reconnect the generator's spark plug (or reconnect the battery for diesel generators).

#### **4-wire Cable w/Temperature Sensor Installation (option)**

1. The sensor is normally located behind the wall thermostat (on the mounting plate) or next to the thermostat remote sensor (installed by the OEM). These are the two most common and recommended mounting locations.



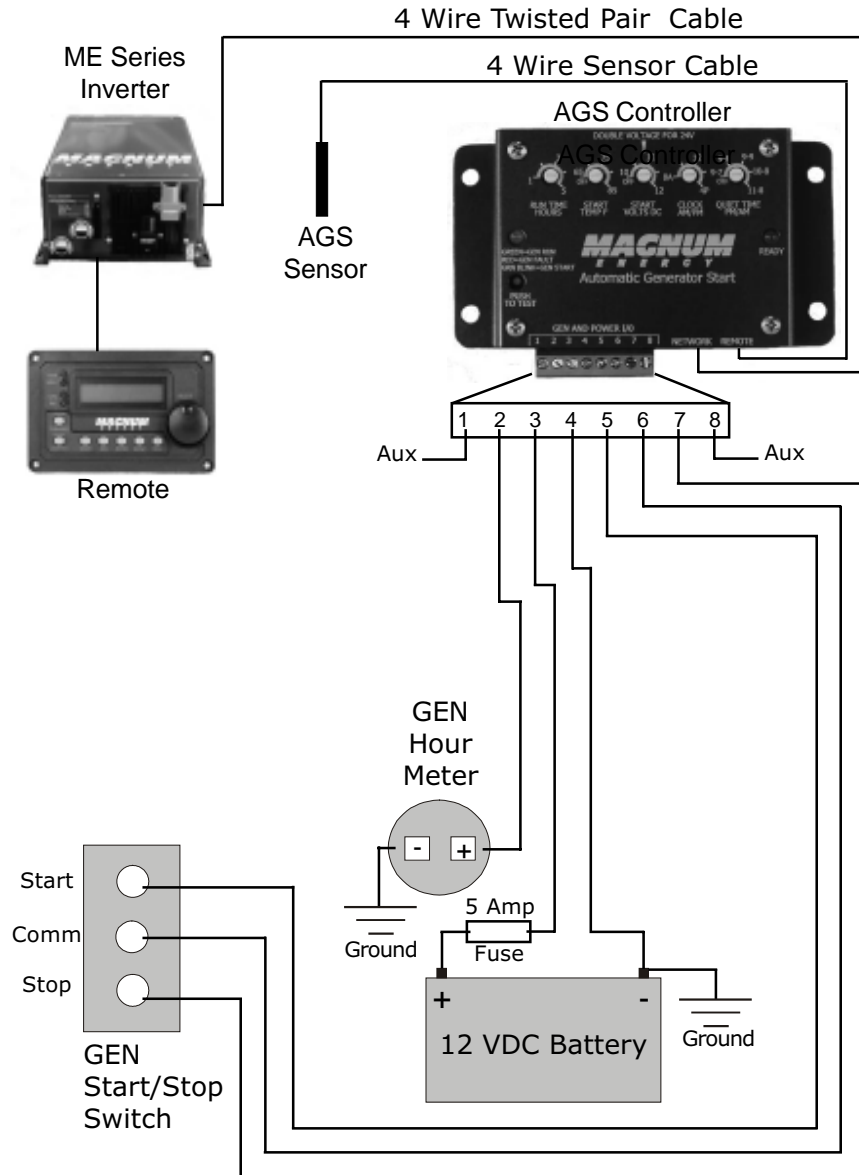
NOTE: The thermistor that is used to sense the coach's interior temperature is located at the very tip of the sensor cable. It is vital that the sensor be placed where interior room temperatures can be accurately monitored by the thermistor. Keep the switch away from heating and air conditioning ducts, window drafts and avoid mounting it on the coach's exterior walls. Interior walls and cabinets provide much more stable temperatures and make it easier to route the cable to the Controller.

2. Plug the other end of the 4 wire phone cable into the AGS Controller's RJ-11 connector marked "REMOTE."
3. If all wiring is correct, the system performs a "self test" when power is applied. The controller's "STATUS" LED blinks green. At the same time, the "READY" LED turns on solid green. If the remote is not connected, the controller's "READY" LED blinks green. Installation is now complete.
4. Reconnect the generator's spark plug (or reconnect the battery for diesel generators).

#### **Direct Connection to A/C Thermostat (option)**

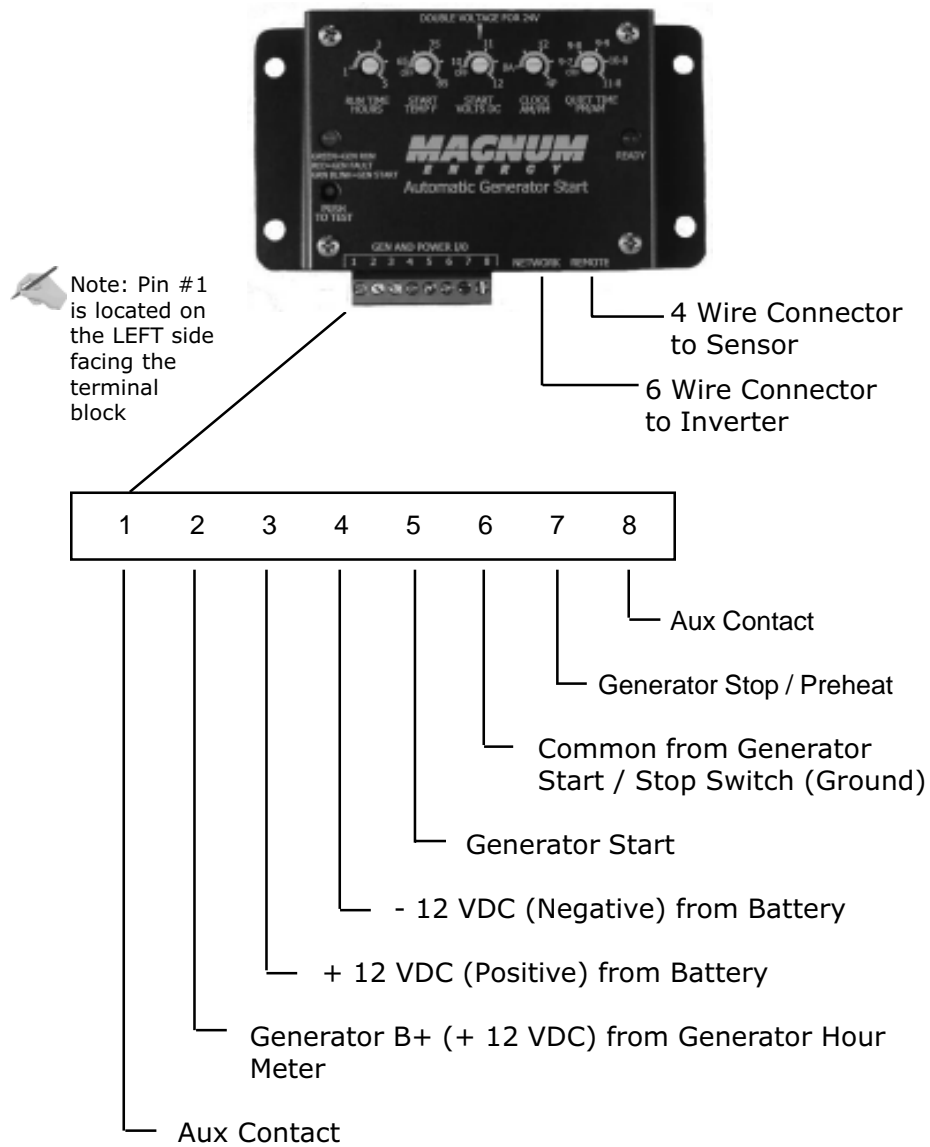
NOTE: OEM installation only. Contact factory for questions regarding this feature.

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**Figure 3 - AGS Wiring Diagram**

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**Figure 4 - AGS Connector Pin Legend  
(from left to right)**


### 3. Installation


The AGS comes preset for voltage, temperature and generator run time directly from the factory. Quiet Time is factory preset to "OFF" (defeated). For the majority of customers, no adjustments are necessary. If you need to make changes to the factory adjustments, you can do so by rotating the knobs on the AGS Controller's front panel (refer to next page)

1. The "START TEMP F" factory setting is set at 75 °F (25 °C). When the inside coach temperature reaches this point, the generator will automatically start to power the air conditioner.


 NOTE: To change this setting, slowly rotate the knob marked "START TEMP F" clockwise to increase temperature or counter-clockwise to decrease temperature. The temperature range is adjustable from 65 °F to 85 °F (18 °C to 29 °C).


2. The "START VOLTS" factory setting is set at 11 VDC. When the battery voltage drops to this setting, the generator will automatically start and recharge the batteries. There is a 2 minute delay once the voltage setting is reached.

 NOTE: To change this setting, slowly rotate the knob marked "START VOLTS" clockwise to increase the voltage or counter-clockwise to decrease voltage. The range is 10 VDC to 12 VDC.

 NOTE: This system is capable of both 12 VDC and 24 VDC operation. For 24 VDC applications, the value indicated on the cover is automatically doubled (i.e., 11 VDC equals 22 VDC).

3. The "RUN TIME HOURS" factory setting is set at 2 hours. This is the length of time the generator will run once the "START TEMP F" or "START VOLTS DC" setting has been reached and the generator starts.

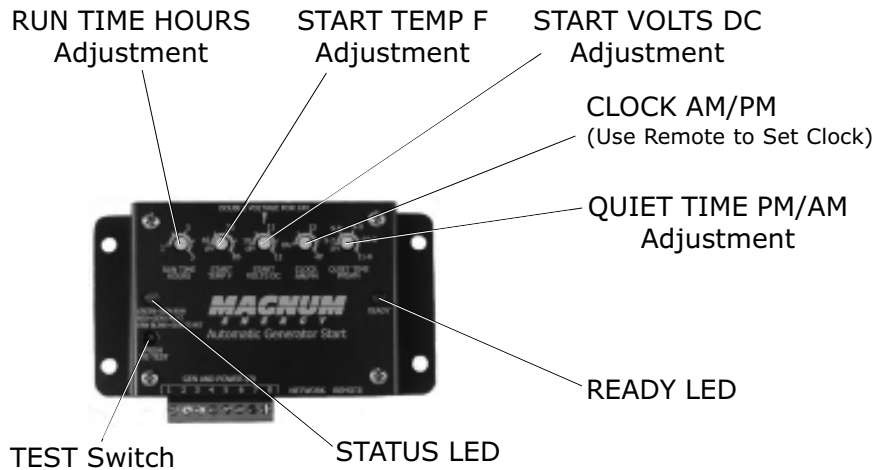
 NOTE: To change this setting, slowly rotate the knob marked "RUN TIME HRS" clockwise to increase generator run time and counterclockwise to decrease generator run time. Generator run time can be set from 1 to 5 hours.

 NOTE: To defeat the Temperature or Voltage Start feature, turn the adjustment knob fully counter-clockwise (OFF).

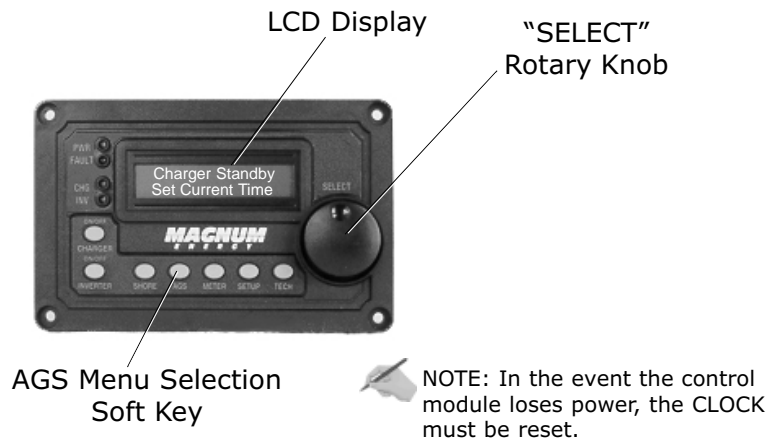
4. The AGS Controller has a 24 hour internal clock. When using the inverter's Network Port, the Controller's Clock dial is defeated. Set the clock with the remote control (page 12). Once set, the clock will continue to keep time. In the event of loss of power to the controller, you must reset the clock.

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5. "QUIET TIME" is a program that prevents the generator from starting during specific hours of the evening and early morning. It is adjustable for five pre-selected time ranges. To set quiet time, turn the dial either counter-clockwise or clockwise to the hours required: 9-7 (9 PM to 7 AM), 9-8 (9 PM to 8 AM), 9-9 (9 PM to 9 AM), 10-8 (10 PM to 8 AM), 11-8 (11 PM to 8 AM). The program only needs to be set once.



**Figure 5 - AGS Controller Adjustments (Run Time Hours, Start Temp F, and Start Volts DC)**



**Figure 6 - Remote Control and Clock Function**

## 4. Operation

The AGS Remote Control is equipped with a wide range of easy-to-use switches and displays, allowing you to quickly setup your inverter/charger as well as determine its operational status. The "AGS" soft key controls the operation of the networked AGS Controller (refer to figures on page 11).

### **Rotary SELECT Knob**

Similar to a dash radio knob, use the SELECT knob to move between menus and select program options. Turn the knob clockwise to increase value or counter-clockwise to the decrease value. Press the knob to "save" the selection.

### **AGS Soft Key**

Press the AGS soft key to access AGS menu and then turn the rotary "SELECT" knob to view the following menu items (refer to table 2 on page 14).

#### **AutoGenSt Cntrl –**

Used to turns the AGS (Auto Gen Start) ON and OFF or to enable "Quiet Time."

#### **AutoGenSt OFF –**

Disables the Auto Gen Start function.

#### **AutoGenSt Enabl –**


Enables the AGS system to automatically start the generator based on the coach's interior temperature or low battery voltage conditions. Temperature and voltage settings are selected using the AGS Controller (page 11).

#### **AutoGenSt Test –**

Starts and runs the generator for 30 seconds, fully testing the AGS system.


#### **AGS w/Quiet Time –**

Identical to the ENABLE setting above but sets QUIET TIME. When this selection is made, the Set Current Time (clock) menu appears, prompting you to set the current time. Set the required "QUIET TIME" hours using the AGS Controller (see pages 10 - 11).

 NOTE: If the generator is running when START QUIET TIME is reached, it will automatically stop and will not start again until END QUIET TIME is reached.

#### **Set Current Time –**

When you access the Set Current Time menu, press the Select knob. This displays the "Set Hour" menu. Turn the SELECT knob clockwise to increase the hour or counter-clockwise to decrease the hour. Press the knob to save the setting and advance to the "Set Minutes" menu. Repeat the steps and advance to the "Set AM/PM." Press the knob to save your selection.

 NOTE: If the current time is correct, you can press any of the soft keys to escape without affecting the settings or the press the SELECT knob to advance through the various fields.

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**WARNING: Set the AGS to "AutoGenSt OFF" before servicing the electrical or generator system.**



**NOTE:** It is recommended that the AGS be set to "AutoGenSt OFF" while storing or leaving the coach unattended for extended lengths of time. This setting is also recommended whenever the coach is plugged into shore power.

1. Set the air conditioner thermostat to match the AGS "START TEMP F" setting. If two air conditioners, it is suggested that the second air conditioner thermostat be set 2° to 5° higher than the first air conditioner. This staggered setting allows the first air conditioner to keep the coach cool. The second air conditioner will only switch on if the coach temperature continues to rise, thus conserving power.
2. Set the "START VOLTS DC" to 11 VDC (or 22 VDC).
3. Activate the system by setting the AGS to "AutoGenSt Enabl." This is the normal operating setting. When the coach's inside temperature reaches the "START TEMP F" or the "START VOLTS DC" setting, the LED will blink green and the AGS will initiate the generator start sequence.

The AGS will attempt 4 times to start the generator. If the generator fails to start, the LED will turn red indicating a fault.

When the generator starts, it will continue to run until the "RUN TIME HRS" setting is reached at which time a stop signal is sent to the generator. To manually stop the generator anytime during the run time cycle, simply set the AGS to "AutoGenSt OFF."



**NOTE:** Once the generator has completed the "RUN TIME HRS," the AGS will immediately monitor the "TEMP START F" and "START VOLTS DC" for the next auto start cycle.

If a fault occurs, set the AGS to "AutoGenSt OFF" and then back to "AutoGenSt Enabl" to reset the system. If the problem persists, check the troubleshooting chart at the back of the manual.

## 5. Specifications

Weight (Controller)	1 lb (0.5 kg)
Weight (Switch)	0.25 lb (0.1 kg)
Dimensions (Controller)	3.0" H x 5.2" W x 1.33" D (7.6 cm H x 13.2 cm W x 3.3 cm D)
Dimensions (Switch)	2.25" H x 3.25" W x 1.5" D (5.7 cm H x 8.3 cm W x 3.8 cm D)
Electrical Requirements	12 VDC or 24 VDC
Controls	Enable, Off, Test
LED Indicator	On, Off, Fault Condition
Temp Sense Range	65 °F to 85 °F (18 °C to 29 °C) 75 °F (25 °C) - factory setting
Voltage Start Range	10 VDC to 12 VDC (or) 20 VDC to 24 VDC
Quiet Time Range	9PM to 7AM, 9PM to 8AM, 9PM to 9AM, 10PM to 8AM, 11PM to 8AM
Clock	24 hour
Generator Run Range	1 to 5 hours 2 hours - factory setting
Connections	Screw Terminals (rear mounted)
Electrical Connections	Gen B+ (from Gen Hour Meter) +12 VDC +12 VDC or +24 VDC Pos (from Battery) -12 VDC or -24 VDC Neg (from Battery) Generator Start Common (from Gen Start/Stop Switch) Generator Stop/Preheat

Specifications at 25 °C  
Subject to change without notice

AGS	
AutoGenSt Cntrl	Set Current Time
AutoGenSt OFF	Set Hour <b>12:00A</b>
AutoGenSt Enabl	Set Minutes <b>12:00A</b>
AutoGenSt Test	Set AM/PM <b>12:00A</b>
AGS w/Quiet Time	

**Table 2 - AGS Menu Tree**

## 6. Troubleshooting

To test the system for proper operation, hold the AGS Switch in the "TEST" position and release. The generator should start and run for 30 seconds and then shut off. If the generator does not start and stop as expected, refer to the troubleshooting chart below. If the problem persists, contact your dealer.

<b>LED INDICATION</b>	<b>SYMPTOM</b>	<b>OPERATION/SOLUTION</b>
RED = GEN FAULT	Gen won't start.	Check Gen start wiring, Turn "off" then "enable" to reset.
RED = GEN FAULT	Gen won't stay on.	Check Gen B+ wiring, check gen, turn "off" then "enable" to reset.
GREEN BLINK = GEN START	Gen start initiated.	No problem.
GREEN SOLID = GEN START	Gen started ok.	No problem.
READY OFF = POWER OFF	No 12 or 24 volt DC power to control box.	Check fuse, check 12 or 24 volt DC wiring, Turn "off" then "enable" to reset.
READY BLINK = NO REMOTE	No remote control sensed or plugged in.	Check remote connections, Turn "off" then "enable" to reset.
READY SOLID = POWER ON	Normal operation.	No problem.

## **7. Warranty**

### **36 Month Limited Warranty**

Magnum Energy, Inc., warrants the ME Series Auto Gen Start to be free from defects in material and workmanship that result in product failure during normal usage, according to the following terms and conditions:

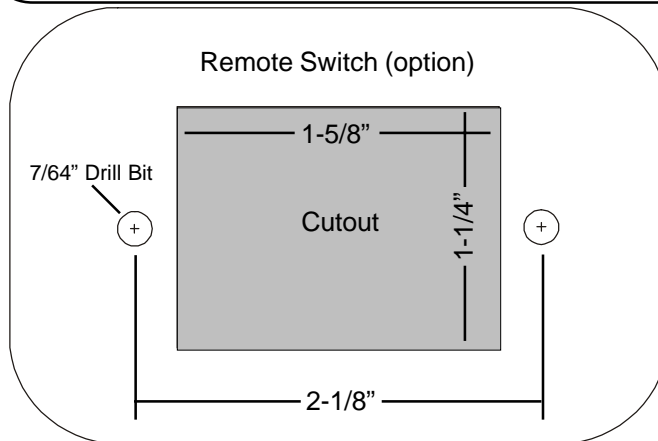
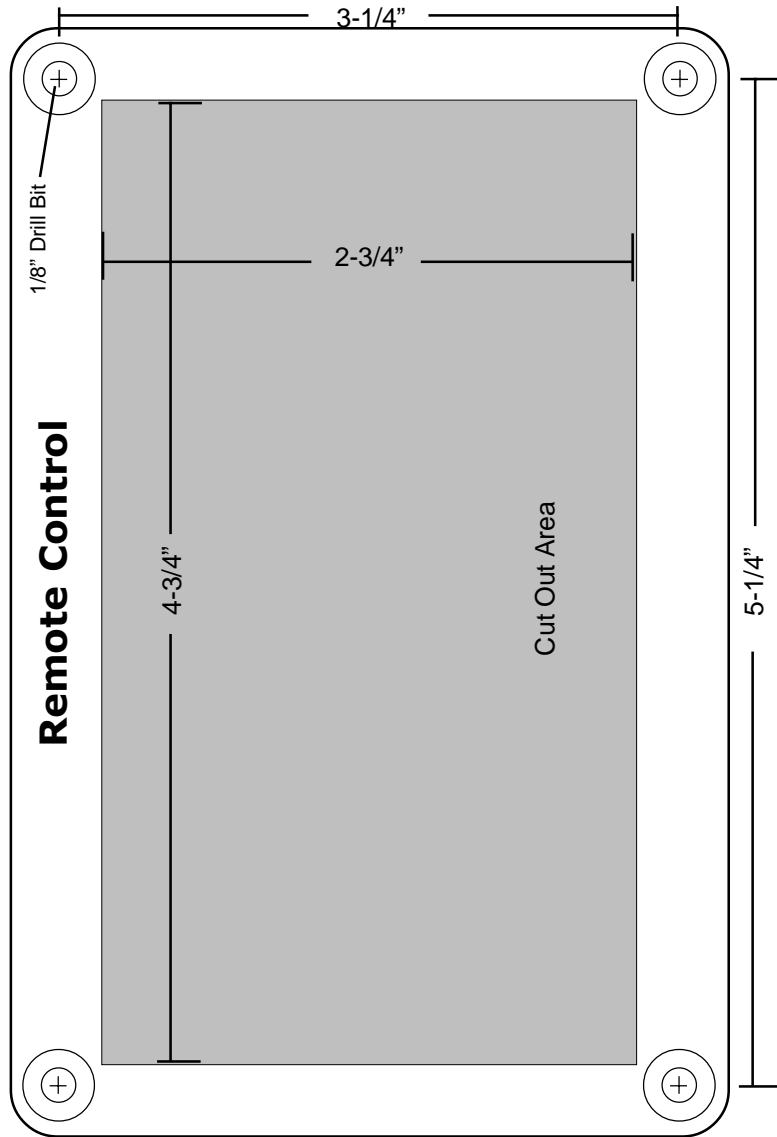
1. The limited warranty for the product extends for 36 months beginning from the product's original date of purchase.
2. The limited warranty extends to the original purchaser of the product and is not assignable or transferable to any subsequent purchaser.
3. During the limited warranty period, Magnum Energy will repair, or replace at Magnum Energy's option, any defective parts, or any parts that will not properly operate for their intended use with factory new or rebuilt replacement items if such repair or replacement is needed because of product malfunction or failure during normal usage. The limited warranty does not cover defects in appearance, cosmetic, decorative or structural parts or any non-operative parts. Magnum Energy's limit of liability under the limited warranty shall be the actual cash value of the product at the time the original purchaser returns the product for repair, determined by the price paid by the original purchaser. Magnum Energy shall not be liable for any other losses or damages.
4. Upon request from Magnum Energy, the original purchaser must prove the product's original date of purchase by a dated bill of sale, itemized receipt.
5. The original purchaser shall return the product prepaid to Magnum Energy in Everett, WA. Magnum Energy will return the product prepaid to the original purchaser after the completion of service under this limited warranty.
6. This limited warranty is voided if:
  - the product has been modified without authorization
  - the serial number has been altered or removed
  - the product has been damaged through abuse, neglect, accident, high voltage or corrosion.
  - the product was not installed and operated according to the owner's manual.

IN CASE OF WARRANTY FAILURE, CONTACT MAGNUM ENERGY INC. FOR A RETURN AUTHORIZATION (RA) NUMBER BEFORE RETURNING THE UNIT FOR REPAIR.



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