Digital Non-Programmable Thermostats

Owner's Manual & Installation Instructions

RAK148D1
RAK164D1

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Important safety information.

⚠️ WARNING! Always turn off power at the main power supply before installing, cleaning or removing the thermostat.

- This thermostat is for 24 VAC applications only. Do not use on voltages over 30 VAC.
- All wiring must conform to local and national electrical and building codes.
- Do not use air conditioning when the outdoor temperature is below 50 degrees; this can damage your A/C system and cause personal injuries.
- Use this thermostat only as described in this manual.

Specifications.

Electrical rating: • 24 VAC (18–30 VAC)
  • 1 amp maximum per terminal
  • 4 amp maximum total load

Operating temperature range: 40°F–99°F (4°C–37°C)

Temperature set range: 60°F–85°F (15°C–29°C)

Accuracy: ± 1°F (± 0.5°C)

System configurations: 2-stage heat (RAK148D1 heat pump/resistance heat); 1-stage heat (RAK164D1 resistance heat); 1-stage cool

Timing: Anti-short cycle: 3 minutes (minimum compressor run time/off time). Note: There may be a 3 minute minimum fan run time/off time on some models.

Terminations: R, C, W, Y, G, B (RAK148D1);
  R, C, W, Y, G (RAK164D1)
INTRODUCTION OVERVIEW

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Toggle Up/Down Buttons

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Toggle Up/Down Switches

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SW5

SW6

Function Switch

Fan Auto/On Switch
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD—Turn off power at the main service panel by removing the fuse or switching the appropriate circuit breaker to the OFF position before removing the existing thermostat.

PACKAGE CONTENTS/TOOLS REQUIRED
Package includes: Thermostat on base, thermostat cover, wiring labels, screws and wall anchors.
Tools needed: Drill with 3/16” bit, hammer, screwdriver.

TO REMOVE EXISTING THERMOSTAT
1. Turn off power to heating and cooling system by removing the fuse or switching off the appropriate circuit breaker.
2. Remove cover of old thermostat. This should expose the wires.
3. Label the existing wires with the enclosed wire labels before removing wires.
4. After labeling wires, remove wires from wire terminals.
5. Remove existing thermostat base from wall.
6. Refer to the following section for instructions on how to install this thermostat.

TO INSTALL THERMOSTAT
IMPORTANT: Thermostat installation must conform to local and national building and electrical codes and ordinances.
Note: Mount the thermostat about five feet above the floor. Do not mount the thermostat on an outside wall, in direct sunlight, behind a door or in an area affected by a vent or duct.
TO INSTALL THERMOSTAT (cont.)

1. Turn off power to the heating and cooling system by removing the fuse or switching off the appropriate circuit breaker.

2. To remove cover, insert and twist a coin or screwdriver in the slots on the sides of the thermostat.

3. Put thermostat base against the wall where you plan to mount it. Make sure wires will feed through the wire opening in the base of the thermostat.

4. Mark the placement of the mounting holes.

5. Set thermostat base and cover away from working area.

6. Using a 3/16” drill bit, drill holes in the locations you have marked for mounting.

7. Use a hammer to tap supplied anchors in mounting holes.

8. Align thermostat base with mounting holes and feed the control wires through the wire opening.

9. Use supplied screws to mount thermostat base to wall.

10. Insert stripped, labeled wires in matching wire terminals. See “Wiring Diagrams” section of this manual.

⚠️ CAUTION! Make sure exposed portion of wires does not touch other wires.

11. Tighten screws on terminal block. Gently tug wire to be sure of proper connection. Double check that each wire is connected to the proper terminal.

12. Seal hole for wires behind thermostat with non-flammable insulation or putty, or use a wall plate obtainable from a local hardware or home building store.
TO INSTALL THERMOSTAT (cont.)

13. Replace cover on thermostat by snapping it in place.

14. Turn on power to the system at the main service panel.

15. Test thermostat operation as described in “Testing the Thermostat”.

Wiring diagrams.

Table 1: Terminals for five wires heat/cool system (RAK164D1 only)

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Note: Connect G terminal of thermostat to Zoneline Gl terminal for low fan speed or terminal Gh for high fan speed. Only one can be selected.
### Table 2: Terminals for six wires 2 heat/1 cool system (RAK148D1 only)

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Configuration mode.

The configuration mode is used to set the RAK148D1 and RAK164D1 to match your heating/cooling system. These thermostats function with up to 2-stage heat pump systems (RAK148D1 only).

To configure the RAK148D1 and RAK164D1, perform the following steps:

**Note:** Operation being set will blink in the display.

1. Slide the **Function** switch to the **OFF** position.
2. Remove the cover of the thermostat by gently pulling on one of the corners.
3. Simultaneously hold the **SW5** and **SW6** buttons in for 5 seconds while the thermostat is in **OFF** mode.
4. Press the **▼** or **▲** button to change settings within each screen.
5. Press the **SW6** button to advance to the next screen. **Note:** The **SW5** button will return you to the previous screen.
6. To exit configuration mode, slide the **Function** switch to **Heat** or **Cool**.

**Configuration Mode Settings**

The setup screens for Configuration Mode are as follows:

1. **Temperature Scale (F or C)**—
   Choose Fahrenheit or Celsius.
   Press the **▼** or **▲** button to select.
   Press the **SW6** button to advance to the next screen.

2. **Temperature Differential**—
   Stage 1—(1–9°F) (1–5°C)—
   *(Factory Setting is 2°F/1°C for Each Stage)*
   Set the number of degrees between your “setpoint” temperature and your “turn on” temperature for first stage.
   Press the **▼** or **▲** button to set differential value.
   Press the **SW6** button to advance to the next screen.
3. Temperature Differential—Stage 2—(RAK148D1 only) (1–9°F) (1–5°C)—Set the number of degrees between when stage 1 turns on and stage 2 turns on.
Press the ▼ or ▲ button to set differential value.
Press the SW6 button to advance to the next screen.

4. Minimum Cool Setpoint (60, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76°F) (15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24°C)
Adjust to control the minimum Cool set temperature allowed.
Press the ▼ or ▲ button to select.
Press the SW6 button to advance to the next screen.

5. Maximum Heat Setpoint (65, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 85°F) (18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29°C)
Adjust to control the maximum Heat set temperature allowed.
Press the ▼ or ▲ button to select.
Press the SW6 button to advance to the next screen.

6. Room temperature offset (+9°F to –9°F) (+5°C to –5°C)
Adjust to calibrate displayed room temperature to match actual room temperature.
Press the ▼ or ▲ button to select.
Press the SW6 button to advance to the next screen.
Terminal designator descriptions.

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<td>Aux. heat</td>
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Starting the thermostat.

⚠️ CAUTION! Do not use air conditioning when the outdoor temperature is below 50 degrees. This can damage your air conditioning system and cause personal injuries.

1. Move the Fan Auto/On switch to the Auto position.
2. Move the Function switch to Cool or Heat, depending on the season.

Testing the thermostat.

Once the thermostat is installed, it should be thoroughly tested.

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Cool Test

1. Slide Function switch to Cool mode.
2. Adjust set temperature so it is 5 degrees below room temperature.
3. Air conditioning should come on within a few seconds.
4. Adjust the set temperature so it is 2 degrees above the room temperature and the A/C should turn off. **Note:** There is a 3 minute time delay and a 3 minute minimum run time for the compressor when it turns on/off. (On some models, the fan may also have a 3 minute minimum run time/off time delay).
Heat Test
1. Slide Function switch to Heat mode.
2. Adjust set temperature so it is 5 degrees above room temperature.
3. Heat should come on within a few seconds.
4. Adjust the set temperature so it is 2 degrees below the room temperature and the heat should turn off. Note: There is a 3 minute time delay and a 3 minute minimum run time for the compressor when it turns on/off. (On some models, the fan may also have a 3 minute minimum run time/off time delay).

Note: “Quick Heat Recovery” is activated each time the thermostat is switched from Off or Cool modes to Heat mode. Electric heaters are energized until the thermostat set point is reached. Heat pump operation will resume at next call for heat (Heat pump only).

Fan Test
1. Slide Fan Auto/On switch to On position.
2. Indoor fan turns on.
4. Indoor fan turns off.

Operating functions.

Off
• In this mode, the thermostat will not turn on the heating or cooling devices (manual fan can operate).
• Off is also used to access Setup mode.

Cool
• In this mode, the thermostat controls the cooling system.
• Press the ▼ or ▲ buttons to set the desired temperature.
Operating functions.

Heat
• In this mode, the thermostat controls the heating system.
• Press the \ or \ buttons to set the desired temperature.

Troubleshooting tips.

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<td>System fan does not come on properly</td>
<td>Verify that wiring is correct.</td>
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<td>Thermostat turns on and off too frequently</td>
<td>Adjust temperature differential (see Temperature Differential, Stage 1).</td>
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<td>Fan runs continuously</td>
<td>Check Fan Auto/On switch. If set to ON position, fan will run continuously.</td>
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<td>Room temperature is not correct</td>
<td>Verify that wall hole is plugged with putty or insulation; calibrate thermostat (see Configuration mode).</td>
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<td>Auxiliary heat not on soon enough</td>
<td>Adjust differential for 2nd stage (RAK148D1 only) heating, if required (see Configuration mode).</td>
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<td>Compressor doesn’t run or turn off immediately when changing function or setting</td>
<td>There is a 3 minute time delay and a 3 minute minimum run time for the compressor when it turns on/off.</td>
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<td>Fan doesn’t run or turn off immediately when changing function or setting</td>
<td>This is normal. On some models, the fan may have a 3 minute minimum run time/off time delay.</td>
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<td>Press the Reset button once; display will be refreshed.</td>
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Thermostat Warranty.

For The Period Of: GE Will Replace:

One Year
From the date of the original purchase
Full Replacement of the thermostat which fails due to a defect in materials or workmanship.

What GE Will Not Cover:

- Service trips to your location.
- Improper installation. If you have an installation problem, contact your installer. You are responsible for providing adequate electrical connections to the product.
- Failure of the product resulting from modifications to the product or due to unreasonable use, including failure to provide reasonable and necessary maintenance.
- In commercial locations, labor necessary to move the unit, after it has been initially installed, to a location where it is accessible for service by an individual technician; or, if the instructions included in this manual have been disregarded.
- Replacement of location fuses or the resetting of circuit breakers.
- Damage to the product caused by improper power supply voltage, accident, fire, floods or acts of God.
- Incidental or consequential damage caused by possible defects with this thermostat.

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