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MACH-Vision™ Release Party

What's new

On January 19, 2004, the management and staff of Reliable Controls® gathered to celebrate the final release of the MACH-Vision™ User Interface Controller. This product is the first to go through the complete 'Gate Process' used to ensure product quality. On-site beta testing, by a number of Reliable Controls® Authorized Dealers, proved invaluable in identifying and rectifying minor issues with this exciting addition to the Reliable Controls® MACH-System. Contact your Dealer today to learn how the MACH-Vision™ can enhance the visibility and accessability of the Reliable Controls® MACH-System in your faciltiy.

MACH-Vision™ Features:

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Network or Unitary Control
For flexibility
Programmability
For control applications
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EIA-485 Communications
For system wide access
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For ease of service

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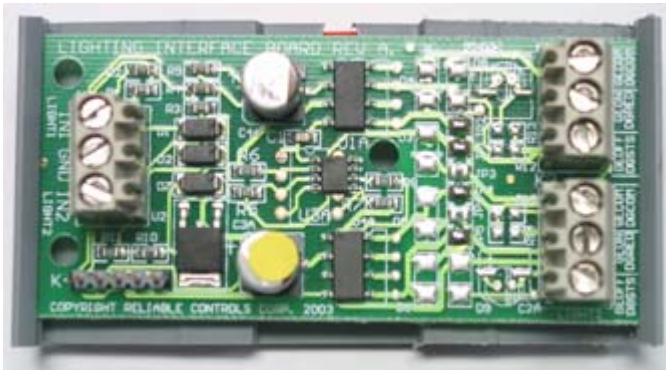**Telephone**
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What's new

Lighting Interface Modules

Two new lighting interface modules are now available to incorporate Douglas 'HID' and GE 'RR' series relays in the Reliable Controls® MACH-System. Each module takes the signal from any universal output of a MACH-Series controller and sends a 24 VAC pulse to the relay, latching the relay 'On'. When the output is turned off, the module sends a second 24 VAC signal to the relay, latching it 'Off'. Each module will accept input from two universal outputs and may be used to switch two lighting relays. Relay position feedback, to RC-Studio®, is available for the Douglas lighting module.

Surge Protection

All controllers produced by Reliable Controls® incorporate surge protection, in the form of 'Network Bulbs', that protects the network from 24 VAC power surges. The network bulbs absorb any excess energy by lighting up as required. The bulbs generally take an extended surge of power before the bulb will blow. In the event a bulb is blown, they are very easy to replace. Replacement network bulbs are available from Reliable Controls® (Order # NA-BULB).

HARDWARE HIGHLIGHTS

Did You Know?

✓ The RC-Search function is available to assist in finding specific documentation resources in the secure areas of the Reliable Controls® Web site. Simply enter keywords in the search box, and initiate the search, to see a list of all the documents containing the keywords. Click on the document of interest to continue you information quest.

✓ You can 'Drag and Drop' points selected through a Wild Card search (F2) to a System Group screen in RC-Studio®.

✓ VAR1, of the panel file included with each MACH-Air™ controller is used for the calibration constant. If the flow rate does not meet your expectations, modify the value of VAR1 until you achieve the result required.

✓ The ETHER-Link™ Portal requires entries in the IP address table for every controller on the main network even if the ETHER-Link™ is not connected to the Ethernet.

New Belimo Motor for MACH-Air™ VAV Controller

The MACH-Air™ VAV Controller is slated for a new Belimo motor in the first half of 2004. The new 'Holomo' DC motor relies on brushless technology. The motor includes a built in integrated circuit to control motor operation. The Holomo motor has less moving parts to wear out and will provide more reliable damper actuation. The remainder of the MACH-Air™ will remain untouched. The programming and Input/Output configuration will be no different from the MACH-Air™ controllers being shipped now.

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the **ULTIMATE** Building Controller

MACH-Global™ BUILDING CONTROLLER

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| SMART-Net | AUX EIA-232 | AUX EIA-485 | 128 Universal I/O | | |

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Dynamic Data-Driven Graphics

Produce numerous variations of a design automatically. Simply use the variables palette to automate the preparation of repetitive artwork by defining variable objects in the database fields.

SOFTWARE HIGHLIGHTS

RC-Studio® Beta Update 1.27

This recently released version of RC-Studio® incorporates changes to keep pace with recent firmware releases (6.24 and 6.28). When using controllers with either of these two firmware versions, we recommend you also use RC-Studio® 1.27. A noticeable change is the ability to reference BACnet® points directly on worksheets and System Group screens for panels where the ability to initiate BACnet® requests is incorporated (MACH1™, MACH2™, ETHER-Link™, and MACH-Global™). The firmware now automatically adds these points to the BACset table, at the panel level, and saves the BACset table as part of the panel file. The BACset tool of RC-Toolkit™ must still be used to map BACnet® points to variables and to modify any entries in the BACset table.

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Upcoming Trade Shows

✓ National Facilities Management and Technology Conference/ Exposition - Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD, March 9-11, 2004.

✓ Canadian Mechanicals Exposition - Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto, ON, March 25-27, 2004.

✓ ASHRAE, Vancouver Island Chapter Trade Show - Harbour Towers Hotel & Suites, Victoria, BC, April 22, 2004

✓ Niagra Summitt - Saddlebrook Resort, Tampa, FL, May 2-4, 2004

✓ Air Conditioning Refrigeration Building Services Exhibition 2004 - Melbourne Exhibition Centre, Melbourne, AUS, May 3-5, 2004

✓ School Plant Officials Association of BC, 2004 Conference and Trade Show - Penticton Trade and Conference Centre, Penticton, BC, June 1-4, 2004

Demo Case in Demand

Recent purchasers of the Reliable Controls® Demo Case are extremely pleased with the representation of the Reliable Controls® MACH-System capabilities. Each rugged Pelican case contains an ETHER-Link™ portal, MACH2™ Controller, MACH-Vision™ controller and SMART-Sensor™. The Demo Cases are commissioned before shipping providing for the dynamic features of the unit to be operational as soon as the relevant software is loaded on the PC/Laptop used in conjunction with the case. All necessary cables, software, and panel files are are included with each Demo Case.

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On line

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Web Services Debate

Various organizations in the BACnet® community are currently engaged in a debate regarding the definition of standards for the transmission of BACnet® information via the Internet. The debate is likely to continue for some time and Reliable Controls® is following the debate with great interest.

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AHR Expo 2004 Meetings

Roland Laird continues to maintain hands-on involvement in several aspects of the BACnet® realm. During the AHR Expo 2004, meetings of the BTL-WG and the BACnet Standards committee were held. The BTL-WG is responsible for developing the tests used by the BTL in certifying products as BACnet® compliant. The work of the BACnet® standards committee is ongoing in refining the BACnet® standard.

Roland and Chris Gleason also attended both the ASHRAE marketing and general meetings. Reliable Controls® is committed to providing assistance in the continued development of BACnet® in the building automation industry and will be donating some R&D resources to assist in developing the Visual Test Shell used by the BTL. In addition our Web master will be assisting the BMA and BTL in their marketing efforts.

MACH-AIR™ AND MACH-Zone™ Controllers Listed:

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Reliable controls® Authorized Dealer

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WEB SITE HIGHLIGHTS

RC-Search Function in Customer and Consultant Log-In Areas

The RC-Search function provides easy access to information contained in the secure areas of our Web site. Enter the Keywords of interest in the RC-Search box available on the 'Home' page of each area and initiate the search to see a list of all the documents that contain the Keywords entered. The list of documents is ranked in order of the number of Keyword occurrences each document contains.

If you would like to obtain access to the secure areas of our Web site, contact your local Dealer to obtain the User Name and Password required for Log-In to these areas.
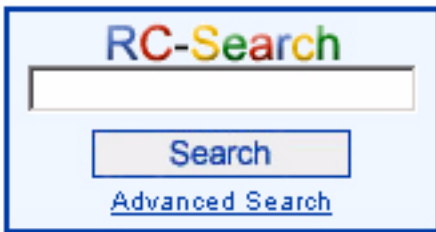
Reliable Controls® donates marketing and development services to BMA and BIG-NA

This year, Kent Gorrie will be donating some of his expertise to the BMA and BIG-NA Web sites. Reliable Controls® is committed to supporting the efforts of the BMA and BIG-NA as these non-profit organizations are essential to the continued development of BACnet® within the building automation industry.

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