# tekmar® - Data Brochure

Thermostat 508

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## Display / Keypad Operation

The thermostat's display has four distinct fields. These fields are the **Menu** field, the **Item** field, the **Number** field and the **Status** field. The four buttons on the face of the thermostat are used to navigate through the menus and items to view and / or adjust the desired settings.



**Menu Field**
Displays the current menu

**Item Field**
Displays an abbreviated name of the selected item

**Status Field**
Displays the current status of the thermostat's inputs, outputs and operation

**Number Field**
Displays the current value of the selected item

**Buttons**
Selects Menus, Items and adjusts settings

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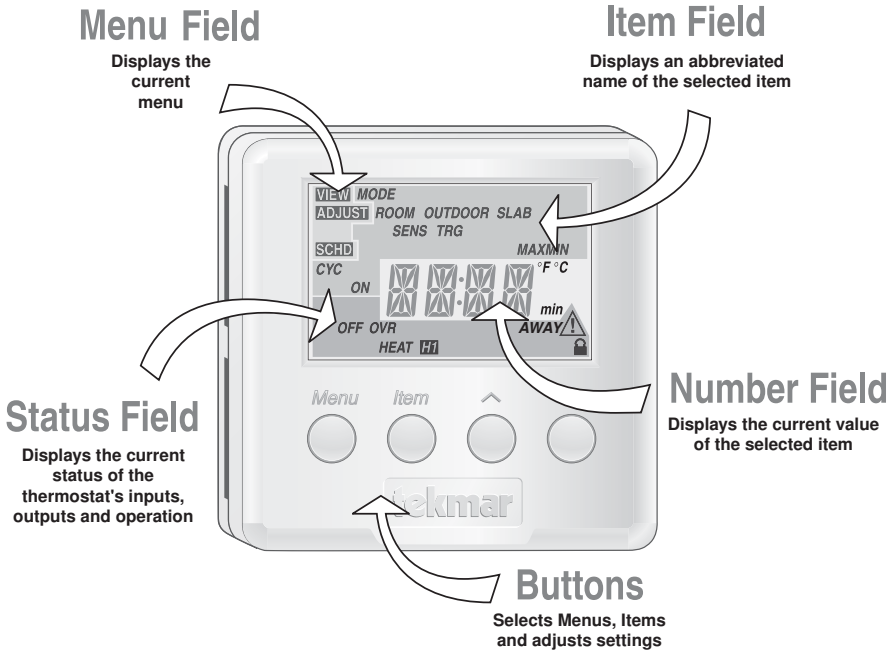
## Display Symbols

⚠ **Warning**
Displays when an error exists.

**H1** **Heat One**
Displays when the heat contact is on.

🔒 **Access Level**
Displays when in the user access level.

## General

### CYCLES PER HOUR

The thermostat operation is based on cycles per hour. The number of cycles per hour is adjustable through the HEAT CYC setting in the *Adjust* menu. During each cycle that heating is required, the thermostat turns on the Heat relay for a calculated amount of time. This amount of time is the "ON time". The ON time is calculated based on the requirements of the zone. If the zone requires more heating, the ON time is increased. If the zone requires less heating, the ON time is reduced.

In order to prevent short cycling of the heating relay, the thermostat ensures that the relay remains on or off for a minimum amount of time.

An AUTO CYC setting is available for the heating cycle. This setting allows the thermostat to determine the best number of cycles per hour that balances both temperature swings and equipment cycles.

**Cycles Per Hour**



| on | off | on | off | on | off |

⟸ Cycle Length ⟹
Time
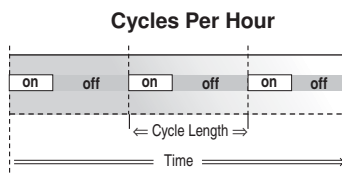
### AUXILIARY SENSOR

The thermostat has a single built-in sensor to measure air temperature at the thermostat. In addition to the built-in sensor, the thermostat has terminals to connect one auxiliary sensor. This sensor can be either an indoor sensor, a slab sensor, or an outdoor sensor.

#### Indoor Sensor

An indoor sensor is used to measure the air temperature in the zone that the thermostat is controlling. The temperature being read by the indoor sensor is used in the calculations of the ON time for the relay in the thermostat. This setting is made through the *Adjust* menu of the thermostat. If the built-in sensor is set to ON and the auxiliary sensor is set to Indoor, the temperatures of the sensors are averaged and used to calculate the ON time of the relay.

#### Slab Sensor

A slab sensor is used to measure the slab temperature in the zone that the thermostat is controlling. The temperature being read by the slab sensor is used in the calculations of the ON time for the Heat relay and allows the thermostat to operate the slab between the slab minimum and slab maximum settings.

### *Outdoor Sensor*

An outdoor sensor can be connected to the thermostat. The temperature measured by an outdoor sensor does not affect the ON time of the relay and is only used for display purposes.

## ACCESS LEVELS

The 508 thermostat has two access levels. These access levels restrict the number of items available in the menus of the thermostat. The two access levels are User and Installer. This selection is made using the DIP switch located on the circuit board inside the thermostat.

**Installer access level** - allows the installer to adjust all of the settings in the thermostat including those required to match the thermostat to the mechanical system and the devices used.

**User access level** - allows the end user to adjust the temperatures used by the thermostat.



**Dip Switch**

Set to **User** access level once installation and settings have been completed.

*Note:* DIP switch 2 is not used.
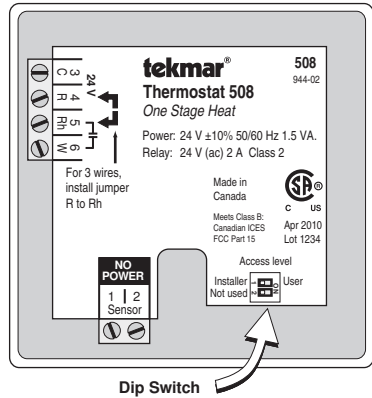
## Sequence of Operation

## AIR SENSOR(S) ONLY OPERATION

When operating with only an air sensor, the ON time for the Heat relay is calculated to satisfy the requirements of the air sensor.

## SLAB SENSOR ONLY OPERATION

When operating with only a slab sensor, the ON time for the Heat relay is calculated to satisfy the requirements of the slab sensor. The thermostat operates to maintain the slab at the minimum slab temperature setting.

*NOTE:* Operating with only a slab sensor can lead to either overheating or underheating of the space.

## AIR AND SLAB SENSOR OPERATION

When operating with both air and slab sensors, the thermostat calculates an ON time for the Heat relay to satisfy the slab sensor's requirements and an ON time to satisfy the air sensor's requirements. The Heat relay operates for the longer of these two ON times.

During light heating loads, overheating can occur due to the minimum slab temperature requirements.

During heavy heating loads, the maximum slab temperature setting limits the ON time of the Heat relay. In this situation, underheating can occur.

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## MODE

**Heat** In the heat mode, the Heat relay is operated to satisfy the temperature requirement of the zone.

**Off** In the OFF mode, the Heat relay is not operated.

**NOTE:** If an air or slab sensor is active in the OFF mode, a freeze protection is enabled that allows the Heat relay to be operated to keep the zone above 35°F (2°C).
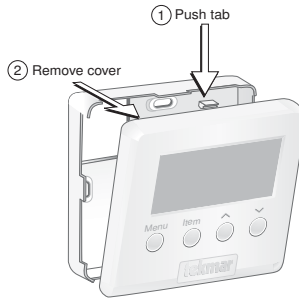
## Installation

### STEP ONE ———— GETTING READY

Check the contents of this package. If any of the contents are missing or damaged, please contact your wholesaler or tekmar sales representative for assistance.

Type 508 Includes: • One Thermostat 508 • Data Brochure D 508 • User Brochure U 508

### STEP TWO ———— REMOVING THE FRONT COVER

Place a screwdriver or similar object into the small slot located in the top of the thermostat. Push the screwdriver against the plastic tab and pull the top of the front cover so that it pivots around the bottom edge of the base.



### STEP THREE ———— MOUNTING THE BASE

The thermostat should be installed on an interior wall of the desired zone approximately 5' (1.5 m) above the floor. Do not mount the thermostat in a location that may be affected by localized heat sources or cold drafts. It may be necessary to install a draft barrier behind the thermostat to prevent air from blowing through the wiring hole and affecting the thermostat's built-in sensor.

Mount the base directly to the wall using two #6 1" screws. The screws are inserted through the mounting holes and must be securely fastened to the wall. If possible, at least one of the screws should enter a wall stud or similar surface. If the thermostat is to be mounted to a 2" x 4" electrical box, order an Adaptor Plate 007. This plate mounts to the electrical box and the thermostat mounts to the plate. Ensure that the electrical box does not provide cold air to the thermostat.
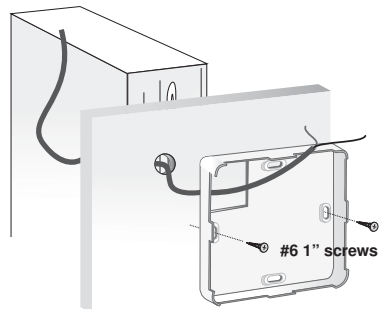
**NOTE:** If the 508 is to be used for remote sensing (i.e. The built-in air sensor is disabled and an indoor sensor is being used.) Mount the thermostat in the desired location in an appropriate manner.

## STEP FOUR ——————— ROUGH IN WIRING

- 18 AWG or similar wire is recommended for all 24 V (ac) wiring.
- All wires are to be stripped to 1/4" (6 mm) to ensure proper connection to the control.
- Run wires from the 24 V (ac) power to the thermostat. Use a clean power source to
- If an auxiliary sensor is used, install the sensor according to the appropriate Data Brochure and run two wires from the sensor to the thermostat.
- Run wires from the heating device to the thermostat.

## STEP FIVE ——————— WIRING THE THERMOSTAT

*(Refer to the examples on the following page.)*

### 24 V (ac) Power

Connect the 24 V (ac) power to the *R* and *C* terminals of the thermostat. This connection provides power to the microprocessor and display of the thermostat.
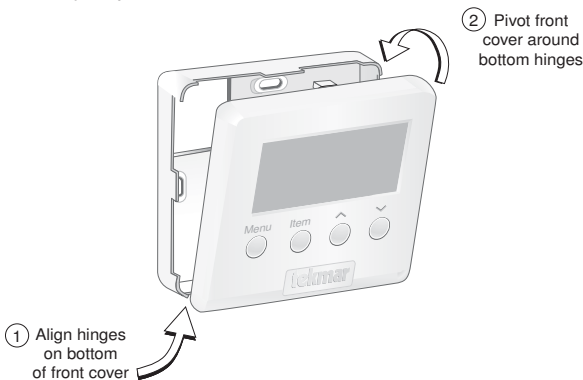
### Auxiliary Sensor

Either an indoor, slab, or outdoor sensor may be connected to the auxiliary sensor input. Connect the two wires from the auxiliary sensor to the Sensor terminals.

### Heat Relay (Rh – W)

The *Heat Relay Rh – W* terminals are an isolated output. There is no power available on these terminals from the thermostat. These terminals are to be used as a switch for a 24 V (ac) circuit. This circuit can operate a low current 24 V (ac) device directly or an external relay to enable a line voltage or high current device.

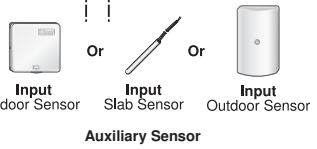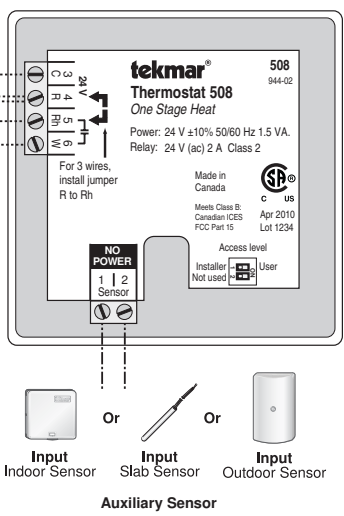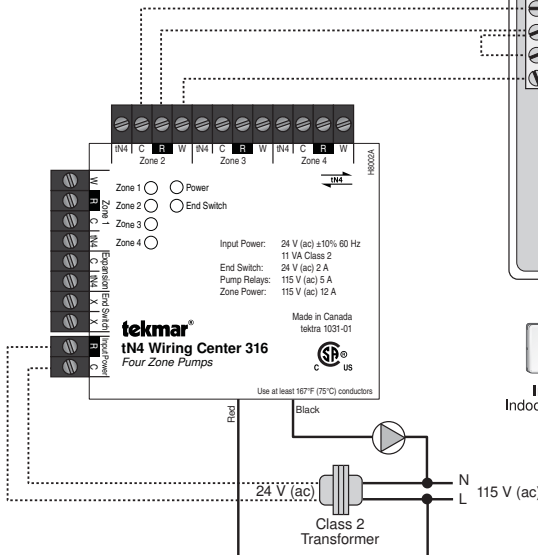## STEP SIX ——————— INSTALLING THE FRONT COVER

Align the hinges on the bottom of the front cover with the bottom of the thermostat mounting base. Pivot the front cover around the bottom hinges and push the top against the mounting base until it snaps firmly in place.



② Pivot front cover around bottom hinges

① Align hinges on bottom of front cover

# Wiring Examples

## Wiring to a tekmar Wiring Center 315 or 316

115 V (ac) ——————
24 V (ac) ················
Sensor Wires —··—··—··—

**tekmar®** 508
944-02

**Thermostat 508**
*One Stage Heat*

Power: 24 V ±10% 50/60 Hz 1.5 VA.
Relay: 24 V (ac) 2 A Class 2

For 3 wires,
install jumper
R to Rh

Made in
Canada

Meets Class B:
Canadian ICES
FCC Part 15

Apr 2010
Lot 1234

Access level

Installer ▪▪ User
Not used

NO POWER

1 | 2
Sensor

**tekmar®**
**tN4 Wiring Center 316**
*Four Zone Pumps*

Zone 1 ◯  ◯ Power
Zone 2 ◯  ◯ End Switch
Zone 3 ◯
Zone 4 ◯

Input Power: 24 V (ac) ±10% 60 Hz
11 VA Class 2
End Switch: 24 V (ac) 2 A
Pump Relays: 115 V (ac) 5 A
Zone Power: 115 V (ac) 12 A

Made in Canada
tektra 1031-01

Use at least 167°F (75°C) conductors

tN4 Zone 2 C R W  Zone 3 C R W  Zone 4 C R W

Red   Black

24 V (ac)

Class 2
Transformer

N
115 V (ac)
L

**Input**
Indoor Sensor  Or  **Input** Slab Sensor  Or  **Input** Outdoor Sensor

**Auxiliary Sensor**

## Wiring to 24 V (ac) Zone Valve

115 V (ac) ——————
24 V (ac) ················
Sensor Wires —··—··—··—

**tekmar®** 508
944-02

**Thermostat 508**
*One Stage Heat*

Power: 24 V ±10% 50/60 Hz 1.5 VA.
Relay: 24 V (ac) 2 A Class 2

For 3 wires,
install jumper
R to Rh

Made in
Canada

Meets Class B:
Canadian ICES
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Access level

Installer ▪▪ User
Not used

NO POWER

1 | 2
Sensor

M Zone Valve

N
115 V (ac)
L

24 V (ac)

Class 2
Transformer

**Input**
Indoor Sensor  Or  **Input** Slab Sensor  Or  **Input** Outdoor Sensor
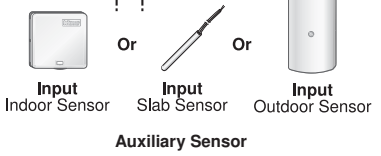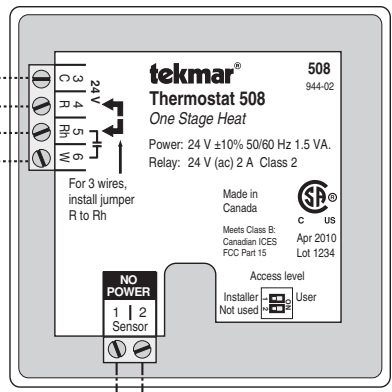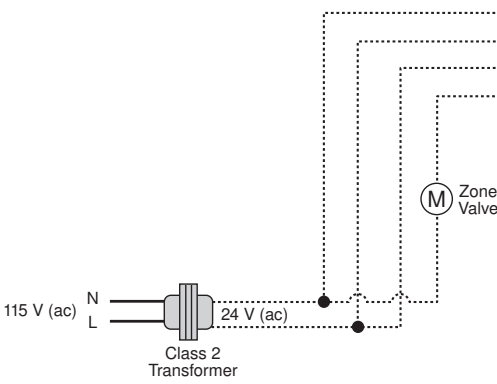
**Auxiliary Sensor**

# Wiring to Unpowered 24 V (ac) Relay

**115 V (ac)** ─────────
**24 V (ac)** ·············
**Sensor Wires** ─··─··─··─

**Unpowered Relay**

3 2
4 1
5 8
6 7

Zone Pump

**tekmar®**  **508**
944-02
**Thermostat 508**
*One Stage Heat*
Power: 24 V ±10% 50/60 Hz 1.5 VA.
Relay: 24 V (ac) 2 A Class 2

C 3
R 4
Rh 5
W 6

24 V

For 3 wires,
install jumper
R to Rh

Made in
Canada

Meets Class B:
Canadian ICES
FCC Part 15

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CSA® c us

Access level

Installer
Not used

User

**NO POWER**
1 2
Sensor

115 V (ac) N
L

24 V (ac)

Class 2
Transformer

**Input**
Indoor Sensor

Or

**Input**
Slab Sensor

Or

**Input**
Outdoor Sensor

**Auxiliary Sensor**

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# Wiring to Switching Relay

**115 V (ac)** ─────────
**24 V (ac)** ·············
**Sensor Wires** ─··─··─··─

**tekmar®**  **508**
944-02
**Thermostat 508**
*One Stage Heat*
Power: 24 V ±10% 50/60 Hz 1.5 VA.
Relay: 24 V (ac) 2 A Class 2

C 3
R 4
Rh 5
W 6

24 V

For 3 wires,
install jumper
R to Rh

Made in
Canada

Meets Class B:
Canadian ICES
FCC Part 15

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CSA® c us

Access level

Installer
Not used

User

**NO POWER**
1 2
Sensor

24 V
Com

**Switching Relay**

W R W R W R
(T) (T) (T) (T) (T) (T)

Class 2
Transformer

X X

Zone 1  Zone 2  Zone 3
H N  H N  H N

N H

Zone Pump

N
115 V (ac)
L

**Input**
Indoor Sensor

Or

**Input**
Slab Sensor

Or

**Input**
Outdoor Sensor

**Auxiliary Sensor**

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## User Interface

**MENU BUTTON** ————————————————

The menus display in the Menu Field at the left of the LCD.

Three menus are available:

• View
• Adjust
• Schd (Schedule)

To select a menu, press and release the Menu button.

**ITEM BUTTON** ————————————————

In each menu, a group of items can be selected. The abbreviated name of the selected item displays in the Item field of the LCD display.

• To view the next available item, press and release the Item button.

• To view the previous item, hold down the Item button and press and release the Up button.

**ADJUSTING A SETTING** ————————————————

To adjust a setting:

1. Use the Menu button to select the appropriate menu.

2. Use the Item button to find the desired setting.

3. Use the Up or Down button to adjust the setting.

## View Menu

**ROOM TARGET** ————————————————

The current desired air temperature for the space. This item is only available in the Installer access level.*(Must have an active air sensor.)*

**ROOM** ————————————————

The current air temperature for the space. *(Must have at least one active air sensor. This is the average of all active air sensors.*
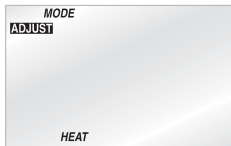
**OUTDOOR** ————————————————

The current temperature at the outdoor sensor.

(SENS must be set to OUT.)

**SLAB** ————————————————

The current slab temperature. *(Must have an active slab sensor.)*

The MIN segment is displayed when running at Slab Minimum.

## Adjust Menu

**MODE**

Current mode of operation of the thermostat.

OFF, HEAT

**ROOM HEAT**

Desired temperature for heating. *(Must have an active air sensor and be set to HEAT.)*

35 to 100°F (1.5 to 38.0°C)

**SLAB MINIMUM**

Minimum slab temperature. *(Must have an active slab sensor.)*

OFF, 34 to 122°F (OFF, 1.0 to 50.0°C)

**SLAB MAXIMUM**

Maximum slab temperature. This item is only available in the Installer access level. *(Must have an active slab sensor.)*

34 to 122°F, OFF (1.0 to 50.0°C, OFF)

**SENSOR**

Selects the type of auxiliary sensor present. This item is only available in the Installer access level.

OFF, Indr, SLAB, OUT

**ROOM SENSOR**

Selects whether the built-in sensor is functional or not. This item is only available in the Installer access level.

OFF, On

**HEATING CYCLE**

Determines the number of cycles per hour for the heating equipment. This item is only available in the Installer access level.

Au, 2 to 12

**UNITS**

The units of temperature used to display the items.

°F, °C

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## Schedule Menu

**SCHD**

**OVR**    **NONE**

### AWAY OVERRIDE

Selects an automatic setback temperature of 62°F (16.5°C) without altering the normal room temperature setting (Slab minimum is ignored). Select between None & Away.

## Error Messages

**VIEW**

*E01*

### E01

The thermostat was unable to read a piece of information stored in its memory. The thermostat was required to load the factory settings. The thermostat will stop operation until all settings are checked. To clear this error, select the Installer access level and check all of the settings in the Adjust menu.

**VIEW**

*E02*

### E02

There are no active sensors selected on the thermostat. Either the internal sensor must be turned on or the auxiliary sensor must be set to either INDR or SLAB. After the fault is corrected, press any button to clear the error message.

**VIEW** ROOM

*Shr*

### ROOM SHORT

The thermostat's internal air sensor is short circuit. This cannot be repaired in the field. The thermostat should be replaced or returned for repair.

**VIEW** ROOM

*OPn*

### ROOM OPEN

The thermostat's internal air sensor is open circuit. This cannot be repaired in the field. Either turn off the internal sensor and use an auxiliary sensor set to INDR or replace the thermostat. After the fault is corrected, press any button to clear the error message.

**VIEW** SENS

*Shr*
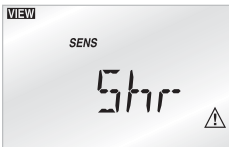
### SENSOR SHORT

The auxiliary sensor is short circuit. Locate and repair the problem as described in the appropriate sensor brochure. After the fault is corrected, press any button to clear the error message.

**VIEW** SENS

*OPn*

### SENSOR OPEN

The auxiliary sensor is open circuit. Locate and repair the problem as described in the appropriate sensor brochure. After the fault is corrected, press any button to clear the error message.

## Technical Data

### THERMOSTAT 508 *One Stage Heat* ━━━━━

| | |
|---|---|
| Literature | D 508, U 508 |
| Control | Microprocessor PI control; **This is not a safety (limit) control**. |
| Packaged weight | 0.46 lb. (210 g), Enclosure J, white PVC plastic |
| Dimensions | 2-7/8" H x 2-7/8" W x 13/16" D (73 x 73 x 21 mm) |
| Approvals | CSA C US, CSA 22.2 N°24 and UL 873, meets class B: ICES & FCC Part 15. |
| Ambient conditions | Indoor use only, -22 to 131°F (-30 to 55°C), < 90% RH non-condensing. |
| Power Supply | 24 V (ac) ±10%, 50/60 Hz, 1.5 VA |
| Relay | 24 V (ac) 2 A, Class 2 |
| Sensors | NTC thermistor, 10 kΩ @ 77°F (25°C ±0.2°C) ß=3892 |
| Included | None |
| Optional | tekmar type #070, 071, 072, 073, 076, 077, 078, 079, 082, 084. |

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