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12 - 40 Station PDS™ Control Warranty

## Warranty

Chore-Time Group, a division of CTB, Inc. ("Chore-Time") warrants new CHORE-TIME 12-40 Station PDS™ Controls manufactured by Chore-Time to be free from defects in material or workmanship under normal usage and conditions, for One (1) year from the date of installation by the original purchaser ("Warranty"). If such a defect is determined by Chore-Time to exist within the applicable period, Chore-Time will, at its option, (a) repair the Product or Component Part free of charge, F.O.B. the factory of manufacture or (b) replace the Product or Component Part free of charge, F.O.B. the factory of manufacture. This Warranty is not transferable, and applies only to the original purchaser of the Product.

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- · All components of the Product are not original equipment supplied by CHORE-TIME.
- · Product was not purchased from and/or installed by a CHORE-TIME authorized distributor or certified representative.
- Product experienced malfunction or failure resulting from misuse, abuse, mismanagement, negligence, alteration, accident, or lack of proper maintenance, or from lightning strikes, electrical power surges or interruption of electricity.
- · Product experienced corrosion, material deterioration and/or equipment malfunction caused by or consistent with the application of chemicals, minerals, sediments or other foreign elements.
- · Product was used for any purpose other than for the care of poultry and livestock.

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## **About This Manual**

The intent of this manual is to help you in two ways. One is to follow step-by-step in the order of assembly of your product. The other way is for easy reference if you have questions in a particular area.

**Important:** Read ALL instructions carefully before starting construction.

**Important:** Pay particular attention to all SAFETY information.

• Metric measurements are shown in millimeters and in brackets, unless otherwise specified. "" equals inches and "" equals feet in English measurements.

Examples:

1" [25.4] 4' [1 219]

- Optional equipment contains necessary instructions for assembly or operation.
- Very small numbers near an illustration (i.e., 1257-48) are identification of the graphic, not a part number.

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#### **Safety Information**

Caution, Warning and Danger Decals have been placed on the equipment to warn of potentially dangerous situations. Care should be taken to keep this information intact and easy to read at all times. Replace missing or damaged safety decals immediately.

Using the equipment for purposes other than specified in this manual may cause personal injury and/or damage to the equipment.

## Safety-Alert Symbol



**This is a safety–alert symbol.** When you see this symbol on your equipment, be alert to the potential for personal injury. This equipment is designed to be installed and operated as safely as possible...however, hazards do exist.

## **Understanding Signal Words**

**Signal words** are used in conjunction with the safety–alert symbol to identify the severity of the warning.



**DANGER** indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **WILL** result in death or serious injury.



**WARNING** indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **COULD** result in death or serious injury.



**CAUTION** indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, MAY result in minor or moderate injury.

Safety Instructions 12 - 40 Station PDS™ Control

## **Safety Instructions**

#### **Follow Safety Instructions**

Carefully read all safety messages in this manual and on your equipment safety signs. Follow recommended precautions and safe operating practices.

Keep safety signs in good condition. Replace missing or damaged safety signs.

#### **Decal Descriptions**

#### **DANGER: Electrical Hazard**

Disconnect electrical power before inspecting or servicing equipment unless maintenance instructions specifically state otherwise.

Ground all electrical equipment for safety.

All electrical wiring must be done by a qualified electrician in accordance with local and national electric codes.

Ground all non-current carrying metal parts to guard against electrical shock.

With the exception of motor overload protection, electrical disconnects and over current protection are not supplied with the equipment.



#### **General**

#### **Support Information**

The Chore-Time 12-40 Station Pneumatic Drinking System (PDS<sup>TM</sup>) Control is designed to control water line regulators in a Chore-Time Nipple Watering System. Using this equipment for any other purpose or in a way not within the operating recommendations specified in this manual will void the warranty, may damage components and/or may cause personal injury.

This manual is designed to provide comprehensive planning and installation information. The Table of Contents provides a convenient overview of the information in this manual.

#### Installation Information

Please read the installation instructions in this manual prior to beginning the installation. This manual provides the necessary information on the installation, operation and maintenance of the Chore-Time watering equipment you have purchased.

The 12-40 Station PDS<sup>TM</sup> Control is available in station increments of 4(ie. 12, 16, 20...). Each station is capable of controlling up to 2 individual VOLUMATIC<sup>TM</sup> regulators. For example a 12 station control can regulate and flush up to 24 individual water regulators.

Compressed air must be available and regulated between 6 and 12 psi [41.37 and 68.95 kPa]. Each PDS<sup>TM</sup> control consumes a low volume of air when in operation. Therefore, one centrally located compressor with a holding tank can easily supply enough air for multiple PDS<sup>TM</sup> controls. See "Compressed Air Supply" on page 11 of this manual for the recommended air compressor specifications.

## **The System Layout**

Below are examples of the Chore-Time Nipple Watering system layouts. These are to be used to show different methods for installing the PDS<sup>TM</sup> system. Refer to Parts List Section, **page 18** for item part numbers.

## Cage System Layout Under 600' (1 Regulator for both lines per tier)

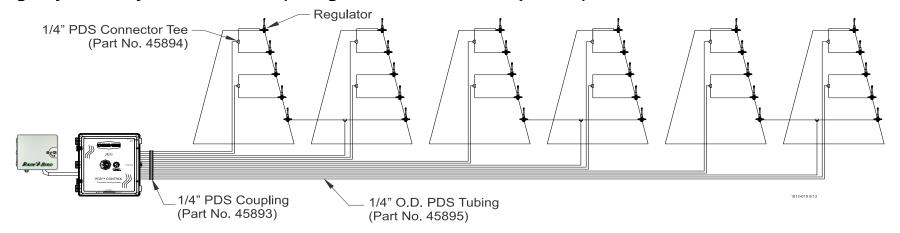


Figure 1. (6 Row 5 High Cages)

## Cage System Layout Over 600' (1 Regulator for each line)

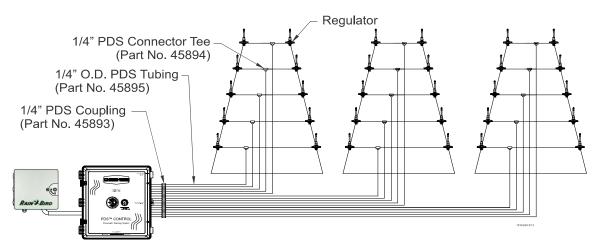


Figure 2. (3 Row 5 High Cages)

#### **Broiler System Layout**

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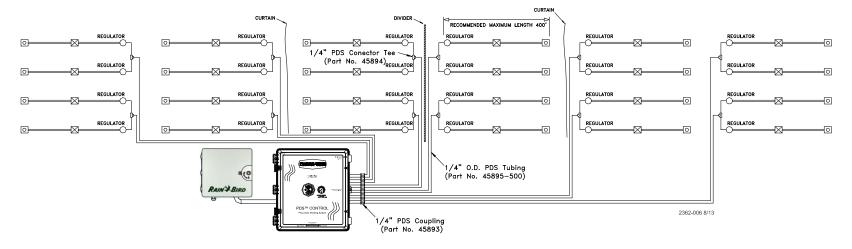


Figure 3. Broiler Layout

## **Multiple House Layout**

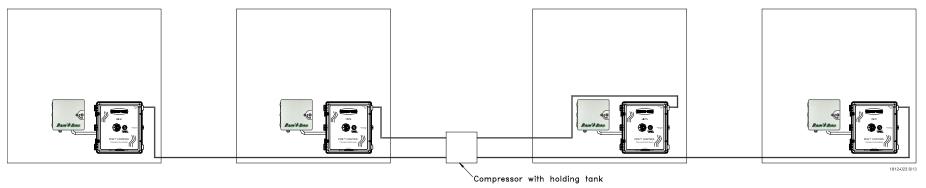


Figure 4. (4 House Layout)

Air can be run from a central location to supply multiple houses. Air lines can consist of Chore-Time tubing (Part No. 45895-500), which will supply a sufficient air supply, or PVC plumbing.

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## Installation

Locate the Control in a convenient location where it can easily be seen and adjusted.

Fasten the PDS™ Control and the Rain Bird® Control to the wall. Use the 4 Mounting Holes in each Box (mounting hardware not supplied). It is recommended to use #10 flat head wood screws as mounting hardware.

Connect the PDS™ Control and the Rain Bird® Control together with liquid tight connectors and conduit (not supplied), to allow wires to be run between them.



Figure 5. Mounting orientation

## RainBird® Control



Caution: Be sure power to the Control is still disconnected and no backup battery is installed!

#### **Power and Control Modules**

The #54371-12 Rain Bird® Control is Shipped **as shown** below with the Power Module and one 12 station Control Module. These should be installed along with the other Modules required, according to the Rain Bird<sup>®</sup> Manual.



Installation 12 - 40 Station PDS™ Control

#### Wiring

All Wiring must be done by a qualified electrician in accordance with local and national codes.

## RainBird® Control Wiring

Connect the power source to the RainBird® Control according to the RainBird® Control Installation Manual.

**Surge Protection and Grounding**: The ESP-LXME Controller is equipped with built-in electrical surge protection. For this system to function, you must properly ground the Controller.



**Warning**: The ESP-LXME Controller must be properly surge protected and grounded. Doing so can help prevent damage to the Controller and irrigation system and also significantly reduce troubleshooting, repair time and expense. Failure to do so could result in failure of the Controller and voiding the warranty.

Ensure that all grounding devices are compliant with local electrical codes.

**Connect Power Source**: The ESP-LXME Controller has an internal transformer that reduces supply voltage (120 VAC in U.S. models; 230 VAC in international models to 24 VAC. You will need to connect power supply wires to the transformer's three wires. (Line, Neutral, Ground)



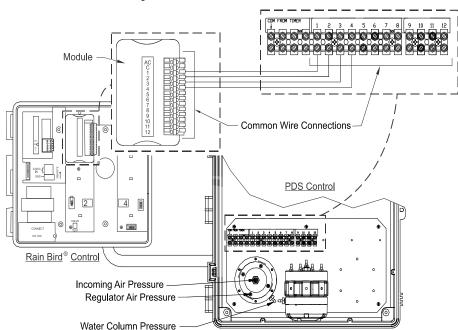
**Warning**: Electric shock can cause severe injury or death. Make sure power supply is turned OFF before connecting power wires.



Warning: All electrical connections and wiring runs must be made according to local building codes.

## RainBird® Control to PDSTM Control Wiring

The RainBird<sup>®</sup> Modules are connected to the Terminal Strip in the PDS<sup>™</sup> Control by wires (18AWG minimum) routed through the connecting conduit **see figure 6.** Connect each Module in turn to the appropriate terminal in the PDS<sup>™</sup> Control. Number 1 on the first RainBird<sup>®</sup> Module will be connected to the number 1 on the PDS<sup>™</sup> Control. This will be repeated until all the module terminals are connected to the PDS<sup>™</sup> Terminals.



Bird<sup>®</sup> Manual is the "Solenoid Connection" in the PDS™ Control.

Note: "Valve" in the Rain-

Figure 6.RainBird Control to PDS™ Wiring

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#### Connection to Chore-Tronics®

When using Chore-Tronics<sup>®</sup> to monitor water consumption, flush water can be automatically subtracted from the water usage through the meter. To do this connect one wire to common and one wire to MV both in the Rain Bird<sup>®</sup> Control. Run these two wires to a 24VAC Coil Relay (not supplied), from the relay run the two wires to the Chore-Tronics<sup>®</sup> Control, **see figure 7.** 

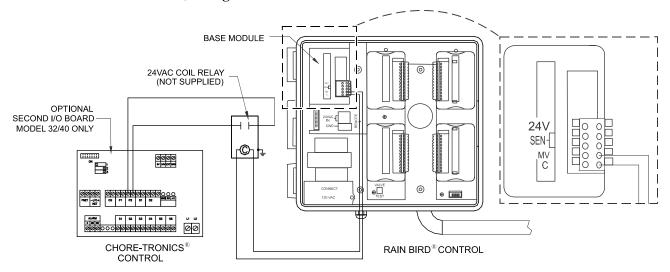


Figure 7.RainBird® to ChoreTronics® Wiring

#### **Regulator Tube Leads**

Route the regulator tubing so any condensation in the air lines will not run into the Control. Allow slack in the Regulator Leads so that they can be pinched (to stop the flow of air) for maintenance and diagnostic purposes, see figure 8.

Each regulator tubing lead may be used to supply air to two nipple line regulator inlets. This will assure enough flush water volume per line to move air and sediment down the nipple lines and out. Run each air supply tube across the ceiling and down the water supply hose to each of the regulators, attaching it to the provided hose barb on the bottom of each regulator, **see figure 9.** Warming the end of the tubing will aid in installation.

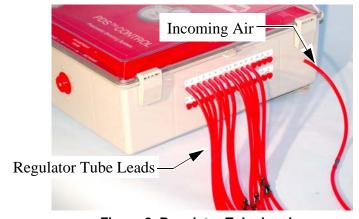


Figure 8. Regulator Tube Leads



Caution: Over-Heating of tube end can cause distortion and leaking.

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#### **Compressed Air Supply**

Guidelines for an air compressor (not supplied) to operate the system.

- All air compressors must have a minimum rating to run 4 times per hour for 5 minutes each run.
- One (1) PDS<sup>TM</sup> Control 5 gal. minimum recommended air supply tank.
- Two (2) Four (4) PDS<sup>TM</sup> Controls 10 gallon minimum recommended air supply tank.
- Air regulator with 1/4" fitting and has adjustable range of 0-125 psi
- Approved air regulators:
- Grainger Industrial Supply Part number 4ZMO8
- Grainger Industrial Supply Part number 4ZMO6
- NAPA Part number 90-725

Note: The PDS™ Control operates at 12 psi [68.95 kPa]. Most air regulators supplied with air compressors will not effectively regulate air pressure at 12 psi [68.95 kPa]. Chore-Time recommends using one of the approved air regulators listed above.

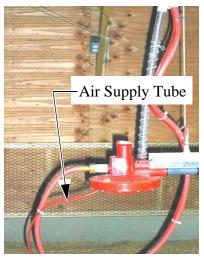


Figure 9.Air Su pply Routing

**BEFORE** connecting the compressed air supply to the Control, turn the red adjustment knob clockwise (Decrease) until the knob stops turning **see figure 10.**.

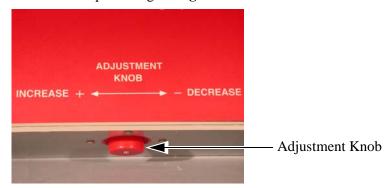


Figure 10.Adjustment Knob

BEFORE connecting the compressed air supply to the Control, the compressed air supplied to the PDS<sup>TM</sup> Control, must be regulated between 6 and 12 psi [41.37 and 68.95 kPa]. Failure to do this will result in damage to the gauges and possibly other components. After the air supplied from the compressor is confirmed to be between 6 and 12 psi [41.37 and 68.95 kPa], connect the air supply to the incoming pressure line on the PDS<sup>TM</sup> Control, see figure 8.

**BEFORE** flushing the drinker lines with the PDS<sup>™</sup> Control, the drinker lines should all be fully charged with water.

The PDS<sup>TM</sup> Control has an air pressure gauge to monitor the incoming air pressure. Under normal operating conditions, this gauge should show between 6 and 12 psi [41.37 and 68.95 kPa] of air pressure.



Figure 11. Air Pressure

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#### **Water Column Gauge Calibration**

Turn the red adjustment knob counter-clockwise (increase) until the water column gauge reads 8 inches, **see figure 12.** 

After installation of the PDS™ regulators make sure all the water lines are flushed and charged. Then measure the water column at one of the Volumatic™ regulators and confirm 8 inches of water column. If anything other than 8 inches is measured at the stand tube, the water column gage will need to be re-calibrated to that measurement.

To re-calibrate the water column gauge remove the plastic cover with a small screwdriver. Then turn the calibration screw **see figure 12.** until the gauge reads the water column height measured at the Regulators. Replace the plastic cover on the gauge.

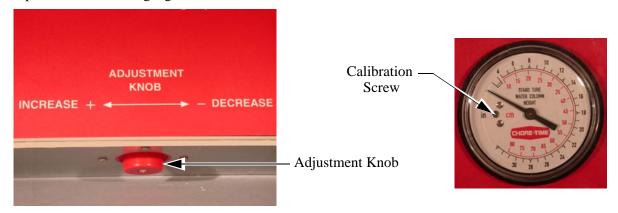


Figure 12. Water Column Gauge Calibration

#### **Air Leak Test**

Check each Control and house for air leaks with the water column gauge at 8". To check for air leaks in the Control or the house pinch the incoming air supply tube to shut off the incoming air pressure. Watch the air pressure gauge on the Control, the gauge should not drop any more than 2 psi  $[13.79 \, kPa]$  in 1 minute. If the air pressure does drop faster than 2 psi  $[13.79 \, kPa]$  in 1 minute, refer to the trouble shooting section on **page 16**. Repeat this procedure for every PDS<sup>TM</sup> Control.

Operation 12 - 40 Station PDS™ Control

## **Operation**

Adjusting the water column height in the individual Regulator Stand Tubes. To adjust the water column height turn the red adjustment knob counter-clockwise to increase and clock-wise to decrease until the water column gauge reads the desired water column height. **see figure 13.** 

Note: Individual PDS<sup>TM</sup> Volumatic regulators provide a minimum water column height in case air pressure is lost. The regulators CAN NOT be adjusted below this height regardless of the water column gauge reading.



Figure 13. Adjustment Knob

## **Flushing The System**

Refer to the Rain Bird® Control Instruction Manual for specific programing details.

The Rain Bird® Control has the capacity to have four individual programs: "A", "B", "C" and "D".

Single stations or all stations may be manually flushed at any time. Refer to **Section "B" (Basic Programming)** of the Rain Bird® Control Manual.

When birds go out it is a good idea to turn the Rain Bird® Control to the off position and turn the adjustment knob on the PDS<sup>TM</sup> Control to the minimum setting.

Each program can have up to eight daily start times. As long as there are start times entered for stations in a particular program that program will run. To maintain multiple programs in the Control without all of them running, all the start times in the undesired programs must be set to off. The unused



Figure 14. Operating the Control

programs (except the start times) are retained but will not run until the start times are re-entered. This allows you to program one, two or three separate flushing sequences. For example, one for summer and one for winter or one for brooding and one for finishing.

Each station can be set to run from a minimum of 0 minute to a maximum of 12 hours. The actual amount of time it takes to completely change the water in a 3/4" drinker line is dependent on the flow rate through the line. This flow rate can easily be estimated by putting the regulator into flush and timing how long it takes to fill a container of known volume at the drain end of the line. Once this time is determined use the formula below to calculate the flow rate in gallons or liters per minute and then refer to the charts **on page 14** to determine the estimated flush time in minutes for your specific line length.

Volume of Container (Gallons or Liters) = Flow Rate in Gallons or Liters per Minute Seconds to Fill Container Divided by 60

For example, if it takes 185 seconds to fill a 5 gallon container the resulting flow rate would be 1.6 GMP.

$$\frac{5 \text{ Gallons}}{185/60} = \frac{5}{308} = 1.6 \text{ Gallons per Minute.}$$

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12 - 40 Station PDS™ Control Flushing The System

# Minutes to Flush and Total Line Capacity for Chore-Time Nipple Systems

Water Line Length in Feet

Gallons per Minute Flow Rate

	100'	200'	300'	400'	500'	600'	700'	800'
1	3.4	6.8	10.2	13.6	17.0	20.4	23.8	27.2
2	1.7	3.4	5.1	6.8	8.5	10.2	11.9	13.6
3	1.1	2.3	3.4	4.5	5.7	6.8	7.9	9.1
4	0.9	1.7	2.6	3.4	4.3	5.1	6.0	6.8
5	0.7	1.4	2.0	2.7	3.4	4.1	4.8	5.4
6	0.6	1.1	1.7	2.3	2.8	3.4	4.0	4.5
7	0.5	1.0	1.5	1.9	2.4	2.9	3.4	3.9
8	0.4	0.9	1.3	1.7	2.1	2.6	3.0	3.4
	<b>↑</b> Estimated Flush Time in Minutes <b>↑</b>							
	Total Line Capacity 3.4 Gallons	Total Line Capacity 6.8 Gallons	Total Line Capacity 10.2 Gallons	Total Line Capacity 13.6 Gallons	Total Line Capacity 17.0 Gallons	Total Line Capacity 20.4 Gallons	Total Line Capacity 23.8 Gallons	Total Line Capacity 27.2 Gallons

Gallons of water in one foot of 3/4" Chore-Time water pipe=.034

#### Water Line Length in Meters

Liters Per Minute Flow Rate

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30m	60m	90m	120m	150m	180m	210m	240m
3.2	6.3	9.5	12.7	15.8	19.0	22.2	25.3
2.1	4.2	6.3	8.4	10.6	12.7	14.8	16.9
1.6	3.2	4.7	6.3	7.9	9.5	11.1	12.7
1.3	2.5	3.8	5.1	6.3	7.6	8.9	10.1
1.1	2.1	3.2	4.2	5.3	6.3	7.4	8.4
0.9	1.8	2.7	3.6	4.5	5.4	6.3	7.2
0.8	1.6	2.4	3.2	4.0	4.7	5.5	6.3
0.7	1.4	2.1	2.8	3.5	4.2	4.9	5.6
0.6	1.3	1.9	2.5	3.2	3.8	4.4	5.1
0.6	1.2	1.7	2.3	2.9	3.5	4.0	4.6
0.5	1.1	1.6	2.1	2.6	3.2	3.7	4.2
0.5	1.0	1.5	1.9	2.4	2.9	3.4	3.9
0.5	0.9	1.4	1.8	2.3	2.7	3.2	3.6
0.4	0.8	1.3	1.7	2.1	2.5	3.0	3.4
<b>↑</b> Estimated Flush Time in Minutes <b>↑</b>							
Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
Line	Line	Line	Line	Line	Line	Line	Line
Capacity	Capacity	Capacity	Capacity	Capacity	Capacity	Capacity	Capacity
12.7	25.3	38.0	50.6	63.3	76.0	88.6	101.3
Liters	Liters	Liters	Liters	Liters	Liters	Liters	Liters
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Liters of water in one meter of 3/4" (1.90 cm) Chore-Time water pipe=.422

Estimated flush times above are to completely exchange the water in the pipe. The water line length must include the length of the supply line from the water source to completely exchange the water. The flush time to stimulate bird drinking may be less, depending on the frequency of flushes.

## Flushing Recommendations

Multiple House Application:

Well capacity typically limits the number of water lines that can be flushed at one time. Flushing should be staggered so only 2 lines per well supply are flushed at the same time.

#### When to flush the system

Single stations or all stations may be manually flushed at any time. Refer to **Programming the Controller** section in the Rain Bird® Control manual.

#### Flushing for Sediment, Air Locks, and Cleaning

Start by flushing several times per flock. Watch the water coming out of the ends of the water lines. If the water is clean with little or no air you can flush less often. If the water is discolored and has sediment or large amounts of air you may want to flush more often until these problems disappear. The sediments could react with medications, vaccines, and electrolytes. They will also hamper the effectiveness of disinfectants and cleaners (chlorine and acids).

#### Flushing After Introduction of Water Treatment or Bird Health Products

After running any type of medication, disinfectant, electrolyte, vitamin, or vaccine, see the chart on **page 14** for estimated flush times. Some products or treatments may require longer flushing time to be completely removed from the water lines.

#### Flush to Stimulate Birds to Drink

- 1. In periods of hot weather flushing will provide cool, fresh water.
- 2. As birds mature, additional flushing, using abbreviated flush durations, can stimulate the birds to drink more water.

#### **Maintenance**

Keep the RainBird® and PDS™ Control Box Lids closed. The Control is not capable of operating in a dusty environment. The air loading regulator vents into the Control Box. When the PDS™ Control Box is sealed the positive internal air pressure keeps dust out

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12 - 40 Station PDS™ Control Troubleshooting

# **Troubleshooting**

Problem	Correction
No water in Regulator Stand Tube.	1. Water Off.
	2. Defective or plugged Regulator.
	3. Regulator plumbed backwards.
Water Column does not change on a Regulator.	1. Stand Tube Cap plugged (not venting).
	2. Air line to Regulator pinched.
Water Column to top of Stand Tube.	1. Regulator seat worn.
	2. Stand Tube Cap plugged.
	3. Air Loading Unit putting out too high pressure (defective solenoid).
Compressor suddenly runs more often than	1. Shut off or pinch off all lines going to the individual Controls to find
normal.	which house is the problem.
	2. Open one line at a time until you find one that causes the compressor
	tank to lose air more quickly.
	3. See correction for house leak below.
House seems to leak or lose compressed air too	1. Shut off the incoming line to the Control and watch the small
quickly.	INCOMING PRESSURE GAUGE. If the Control holds pressure, the
	leak is between the air source and that house.
	2. With the incoming air off and the gauge indicates that there is a 2
	PSI drop or more within 1 minute, the problem is in the Control, lines,
	or regulators.
	3. Shut off or pinch off all lines going out to the regulators and the
	incoming line. If the Control loses pressure, the problem is inside the Control. See Control unit leak below.
	4. If the unit holds pressure, release one line at a time to isolate the
	cause of the leak.
	5. Test line connections and regulator for leaks.
Control unit leaks compressed air.	Check the vent hole in the red cover of the Air Loading Unit, see
Control unit leaks compressed un.	figure 15. Put soapy water over the hole. A small amount of air
	coming out is normal (bubble should grow slowly over several
	seconds).
	2. Put soapy water on all internal hose connections to find leak.
Regulators do not adjust to the same level.	Water in some of the air lines. Drain hose and check for defective
	Regulator Diaphragm. This is done by pinching the hose off at the
	nipple line regulator and if there is no leak the water column will
	remain constant, if the regulator has a leak the water column will
	decrease.

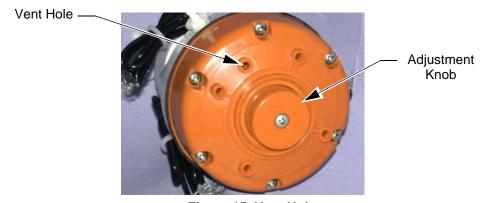


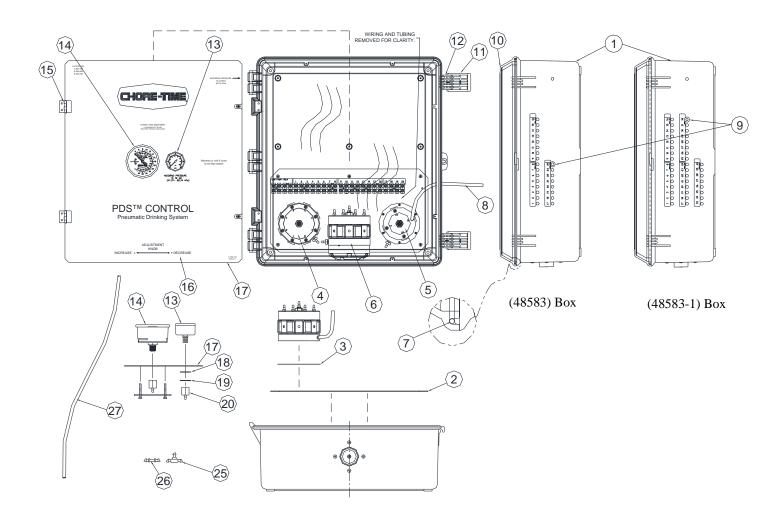
Figure 15. Vent Hole

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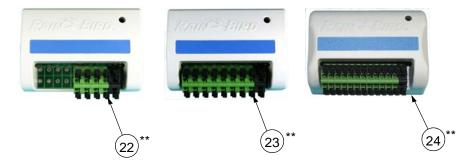
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# **Parts Listing**

PDS<sup>TM</sup> Control (part no.'s: 54373-XX) (International part no.'s: 54373-XXIN)







Item	Description	Part No.
1	Control Box	48583
		48583-1
2	Lower PDS™ Plate	46333-1
3	Diaphragm	35891
4	8 Station Airloader	44452
5	4 Station Airloader	44451
6	8 Station Airloader W/Knob	48584
7	Seal	34767
8	Flexible Hose	48574
9	Caplug	48588
10	Control Box Lid	42683
11	Control Box Latch	30862
12	Control Box Latch Pivot	30863
13	PSI Gauge	48585
14	Water Column Gauge	44029
15	Panel Hinge	49482
16	PDS™ Control Decal	2529-812
17	Front Plate	46334-1
18	Neoprene Washer	2955-59
19	Washer	2499
20	Hose Adapter	48586
**21	12 Station Rain Bird® Control	54371-12
	12 Station Rain Bird® Control (International)	54371-12IN
**22	4 Station Module	54372-4
**23	8 Station Module	54372-8
**24	12 Station Module	54372-12
25	1/4" Connector Tee	45894
26	1/4" Coupling	45893
27	1/4" O.D. Tubing (500')	45895-500

<sup>\*\*</sup>These components are individually boxed.

Contact your nearby Chore-Time distributor or representative for additional Rain Bird® Control parts and informa-



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