

SA-1

Automatic Snow/Ice Melting Controller Installation & Operation Instructions



GENERAL

The SA-1 heating cable controller has been designed and manufactured for the sole intended use of controlling heating cables in residential and commercial snow melting applications such as: sidewalks, driveways, parking garage entrances and drive-through. The SA-1 uses microcontroller technology to reduce energy consumption by energizing the heating cable only when the right conditions of temperature and snowfall occur.

The main components of the SA-1 are shown in Fig.1. The snow and temperature sensors detect snow or ice conditions and activate, through a power relay, a heating cable.

Another feature of SA-1 is the LED indicator light. This light turns red if the snow sensor is dirty and needs to be cleaned. The red light will switch off automatically when the snow sensor is cleaned. The LED turns green every time the power relay is activated and will switch off if the power relay is off.

Improper installation, use and/or maintenance of the SA-1 can cause fire, electrical shock and/or result in snow build-up.

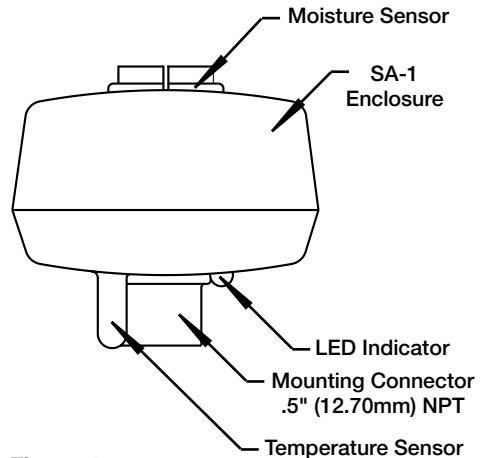


Figure 1

WARNINGS

1. This is not a “do-it-yourself” product. A qualified electrician must install the SA-1.
2. If after carefully reading these instructions you still have questions regarding installation, operation or maintenance of this product, call the numbers listed for assistance.
3. Prior to installation, check the SA-1 body enclosure or wires for possible shipping damages. Do not install a damaged SA-1 controller.
4. All heating cables, controls & associated systems must be installed in compliance with the latest editions of all applicable electrical codes and ordinances.
5. These instructions must be saved and made available to owners or users of this product and/or transferred to future owners.
6. Any heating cable that is to be connected to the SA-1 must be installed according to the manufacturer's instructions.
7. Do not connect more than 16 Amp load to the SA-1 (See Fig. 2 & 3). Risk of fire, electric shock or accumulation of snow can result from a larger cable or from multiple cables being connected.
8. Secure the SA-1 in an area free of obstructions such as trees, shrubs, etc. to prevent any damages to the snow sensor.
9. Avoid excessive shock or vibration.
10. Do not touch the surface of the moisture sensor, it is a hot surface.

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Mount the SA-1 securely in upright position in an open space, in direct contact with snowfall pattern with a .5" (12.70mm) NPT mounting connector. The unit is water-resistant, but it is not designed to be submerged or immersed in water. Ensure that the mounting location is close, less than 2.5 ft (76.20cm) to the electrical junction box. See Fig. 4a & 4b.
2. The SA-1 can be connected to the building power supply as per Fig. 2 or Fig. 3. Before connecting the controller to the electrical power supply, consult the local, state or provincial, and national electrical code. The electrical code may require a Ground Fault Protection device to be used.
3. Ensure that all pipe connections are sealed to prevent any penetration of water inside of conduit or electrical junction box.

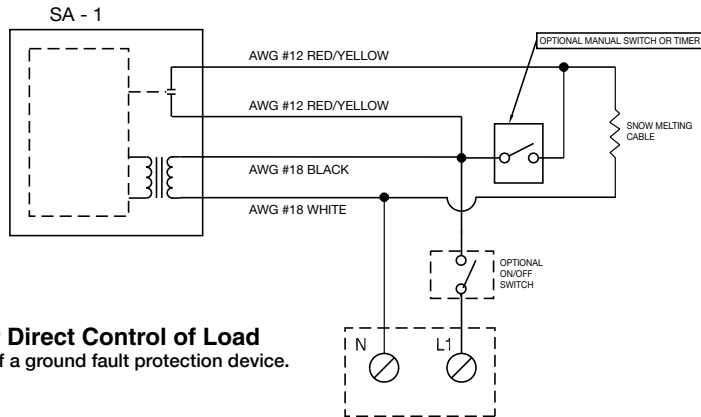


Figure 2 — Installation for Direct Control of Load

*Electrical code may require use of a ground fault protection device.

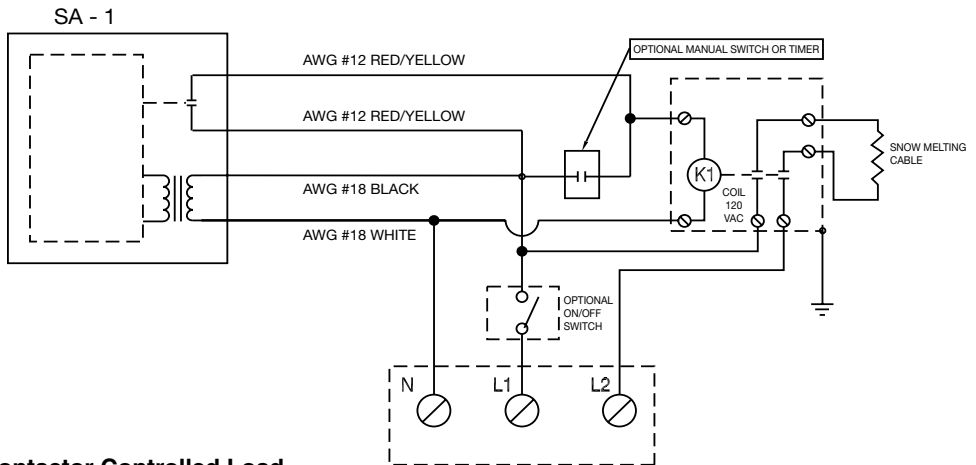


Figure 3 — Installation for Contactor Controlled Load

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OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS

The SA-1 snow melting control is designed to energise the heating cable only when snow or ice conditions exist and there is risk of freezing. If the temperature is below 3°C (38°F) and snow is falling, the controller will apply power to heating cable. The cable remains energised until 2.75 hours after the snow stops. The delay is necessary to ensure the heated area dries. If at any time the snow starts falling again the controller restarts the heating cycle.

In spring or fall when the snow conditions are not very heavy, the controller may switch on the heated area. For this situation we recommend having a manual switch connected in series with the SA-1 to turn it off.

In wintertime the wind may cover the heated area with snow. The SA-1 can not sense this situations and will not energise the heating cable. Putting snow on the sensor surface can energise the SA-1.

The SA-1 may be tested for functionality if the outside temperature is below 25°C (77°F), Submerge the temperature sensor into a glass with ice water for 5 to 10 minutes, wet the surface of the moisture sensor, the SA-1 should energise the heating cable. After this test, dry off the sensor, disconnect the power for one minute and then reconnect it back. The cables should remain deenergised.

Every year, in the fall the SA-1 must be inspected for physical damage and to clean up the snow sensor surface. To clean the snow sensor surface:

1. Disconnect SA-1 from the power supply.
2. With a clean, soft bristle tooth brush clean up the surface of the snow sensor.
3. Reconnect SA-1 to the power supply.

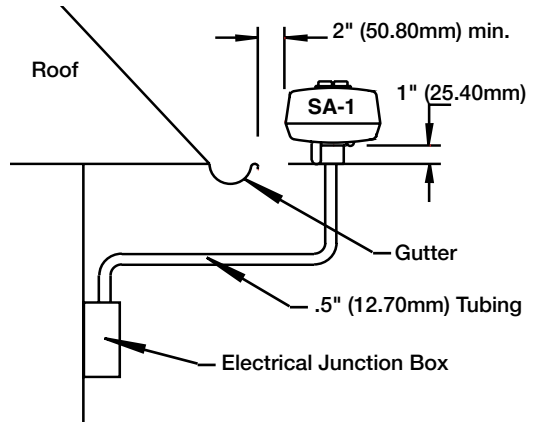


Figure 4a



Figure 4b

ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Functional

Operating temperature	+3°C (38°F +/-1°F)
Power switch OFF temperature	+45°C (112°F)
Power switch ON temperature	+30°C (86°F)

Environmental

Working temperature	-40°C (-40°F) to 65°C (150°F)
Storage temperature	-45°C (-49°F) to 70°C (160°F)
Humidity environment	0 to 100 %

Supply requirements

Power supply voltage	120VAC
Frequency	50/60 Hz
Maximum power consumption	60W

Output characteristics

Output type	relay (dry contact)
Contact output	N.O. max. 16 Amps @ 120VAC

Mounting connector	.5" (12.70mm) NPT
Power wire length	3 feet

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