

# EL Series Saltwater Chlorinator

(all models)

## **WARNING**

**FOR YOUR SAFETY** - This product must be installed and serviced by a contractor who is qualified in pool equipment in accordance with the latest applicable version of AS/NZS 3000: 2018, along with any other applicable local and national installation codes/standards, and any other local applicable regulations. Before installing this product, read and follow all warning notices and instructions that accompany this product. Failure to follow warning notices and instructions may result in property damage, personal injury, or death. Improper installation and/or operation will void the warranty.

Improper installation and/or operation can create unwanted electrical hazard which can cause serious injury, property damage, or death.



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Record your Equipment details here for quick reference:

Model No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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### EQUIPMENT INFORMATION RECORD

DATE OF INSTALLATION \_\_\_\_\_

INSTALLER INFORMATION \_\_\_\_\_

INITIAL PRESSURE GAUGE READING (WITH CLEAN FILTER) \_\_\_\_\_

PUMP MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ HORSEPOWER \_\_\_\_\_

FILTER MODEL \_\_\_\_\_

CONTROL PANEL MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ SERIAL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Section 1. Important Safety Instructions

### READ AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS

All electrical work must be performed by a qualified installer and conform to all national, state, and local codes. When installing and using this electrical equipment, basic safety precautions should always be followed, including the following:

#### DANGER

To reduce the risk of severe injury or death, do not remove the suction fittings of your spa or hot tub. Never operate a spa or hot tub if the suction fittings are broken or missing. Never replace a suction fitting with one rated less than the flow rate marked on the equipment assembly.

#### WARNING

Prolonged immersion in hot water may induce hyperthermia. Hyperthermia occurs when the internal temperature of the body reaches a level several degrees above the normal body temperature of 37°C. The symptoms of hyperthermia include dizziness, fainting, drowsiness, lethargy, and an increase in the internal temperature of the body. The effects of hyperthermia include: 1) unawareness of impending danger; 2) failure to perceive heat; 3) failure to recognize the need to exit spa; 4) physical inability to exit spa; 5) fetal damage in pregnant women; 6) unconsciousness resulting in a danger of drowning.

#### WARNING

##### To Reduce the Risk of Injury -

- a) The water in a pool/spa should never exceed 40°C. Water temperatures should remain between 38°C and 40°C. Water temperatures between 38°C and 40°C are considered safe for a healthy adult. Lower water temperatures are recommended for young children and when spa use exceeds 10 minutes.
- b) Since excessive water temperatures have a high potential for causing fetal damage during the early months of pregnancy, pregnant or possibly pregnant women should limit spa water temperatures to 38°C. Before entering a spa or hot tub, the user should measure the water temperature with an accurate thermometer since the tolerance of water temperature-regulating devices varies.
- d) The use of alcohol, drugs, or medication before or during spa or hot tub use may lead to unconsciousness with the possibility of drowning.
- e) Obese persons and persons with a history of heart disease, low or high blood pressure, circulatory system problems, or diabetes should consult a physician before using a spa.
- f) Persons using medication should consult a physician before using a spa or hot tub since some medication may induce drowsiness while other medication may affect the heart rate, blood pressure, and circulation.

#### WARNING

**Risk of electric shock** - Install the controller at least 3.5 metres from the inside wall of the pool and/or hot tub using non-metallic plumbing.

Children should not use spas or hot tubs without adult supervision.

Do not use spas or hot tubs unless all suction guards are installed to prevent body and hair entrapment.

People using medications and/or having an adverse medical history should consult a physician before using a spa or hot tub.

#### WARNING

To avoid injury ensure that you use this control system to control only packaged pool/spa heaters which have built-in operating and high limit controls to limit water temperature for pool/spa applications. This device should not be relied upon as a safety limit control.

## WARNING

People with infectious diseases should not use a spa or hottub.

To avoid injury, exercise care when entering or exiting the spa or hot tub.

Do not use drugs or alcohol before or during the use of a spa or hot tub to avoid unconsciousness and possible drowning.

Before entering a spa or hot tub, measure the water temperature with an accurate thermometer.

Do not use a spa or hot tub immediately following strenuous exercise.

Prolonged immersion in a spa or hot tub may be injurious to your health.

Do not permit any electric appliance (such as a light, telephone, radio, or television) within 3.5 metres of a spa or hot tub.

The use of alcohol, drugs or medication can greatly increase the risk of fatal hyperthermia in hot tubs and spas.

Water temperature in excess of 38°C may be hazardous to your health.

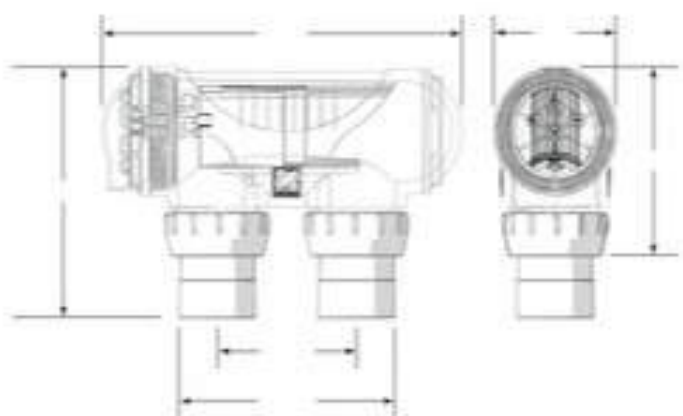
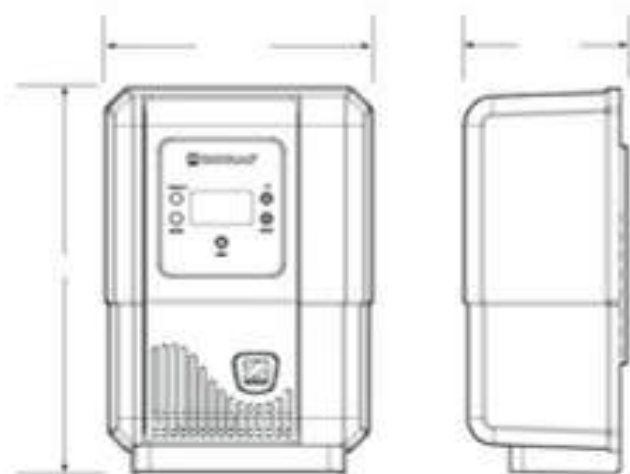
## WARNING

The earth terminal within this controller is connected to the controller's main supply lead. To reduce the risk of electrical shock which can cause serious injury or death, ensure that the Power Outlet that this controller is connected to, is connected to the grounding terminal of your electric service or supply panel with a continuous copper conductor having green/yellow insulation and one that is equivalent in size to the circuit conductors supplying this equipment in accordance with AS/NZS 3000: 2018. In addition, where required, bonding should be extended in accordance with AS/NZS 3000: 2018 to any metal ladders, water pipes, or other metal within 3.5 m of the pool/spa.



**Attention Installer:** Install to provide drainage of compartment for electrical components.

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## Section 3. Plumbing

The cell must be plumbed in a position that is accessible for maintenance and within 1.5 meters of the controller. The cell should be the last piece of equipment in the circulation system. The cell must be installed horizontally, level and with correct flow orientation, see Figure 3.

1. If you intend to plumb the cell on a bypass, the bypass must be equipped with Isolation valves, see Figure 3.
2. Plumb the cell inlet and outlet on vertical lengths of 50 mm PVC pipe (if using 40mm pipe, use the provided 40mm reducers). The cell inlet and outlet ports are 11.5 cm apart, see Figure 2. The inlet of the cell is on the side closest to the electrical lead, see Figure 4.
3. Put the unions onto the inlet and outlet pipes, see Figure 4.
4. Glue the adapters directly onto the pipes.
5. Ensure the o-rings are seated properly on the adapters.
6. Secure the cell to the plumbing by tightening the unions hand tight. **DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN.**
7. Double check cell orientation. The cell inlet is closest to the cell electrical lead.

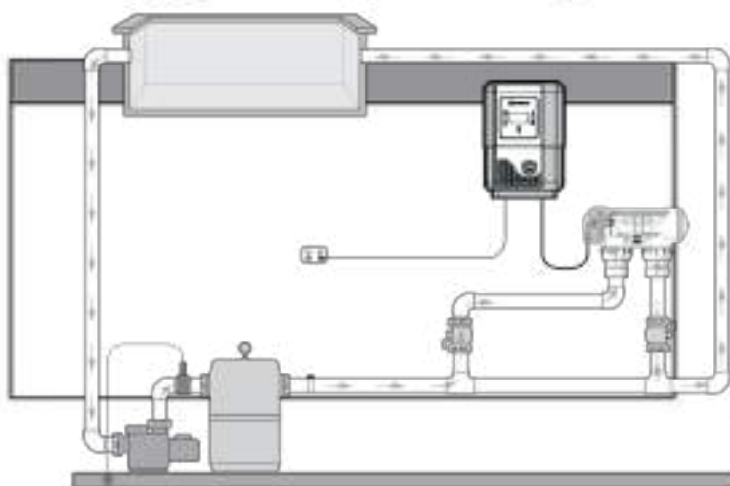


Figure 3. Plumbing Cell Only

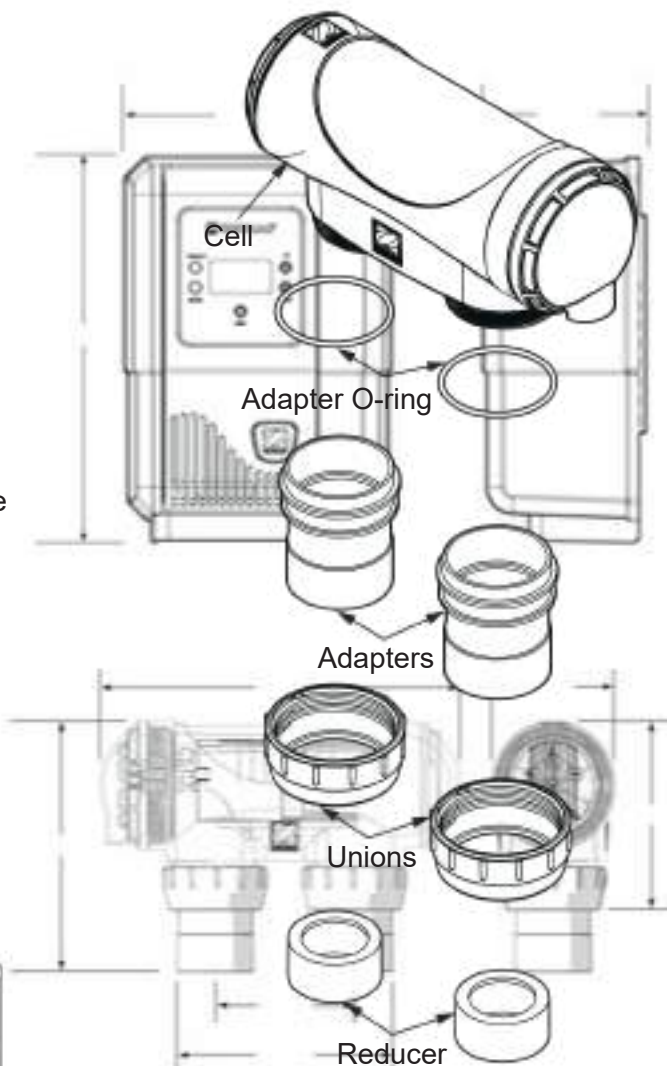



Figure 4. Cell Plumbing Assembly

### **⚠ WARNING**

- The cell must be installed horizontally and level. Improper installation can lead to gas build up which could result in equipment damage or serious injury.
- The cell must be the last piece of equipment on the return line, see Figure 3.
- It is recommended in all installations that the cell is installed on a bypass equipped with isolation valves, see Figure 3.
- In order to avoid load loss, installing the cell on a bypass is **MANDATORY** if system flow rated exceeds 300 Lpm, see Figure 3.
- If installing on a bypass, use a downstream check valve instead of a manual valve to prevent improper back flow into the cell.



## Section 4. Install Controller

The controller should be located at or near the equipment pad, at least 3.5 metres or more away from the inside wall of the pool/spa, 1.5 metres off the ground, and within 1.5 meters of the cell. All national, state, and local codes are applicable.

### 4.1 Mount the Bracket

1. Determine the controller location.
2. Use the enclosed bracket to mark the mounting surface through the screw holes.
3. Drill surface with 7 mm bit.
4. Install the included wall anchors.
5. Hang bracket using the included screws.
6. Hang the controller on the wall bracket and slide down to secure in place.

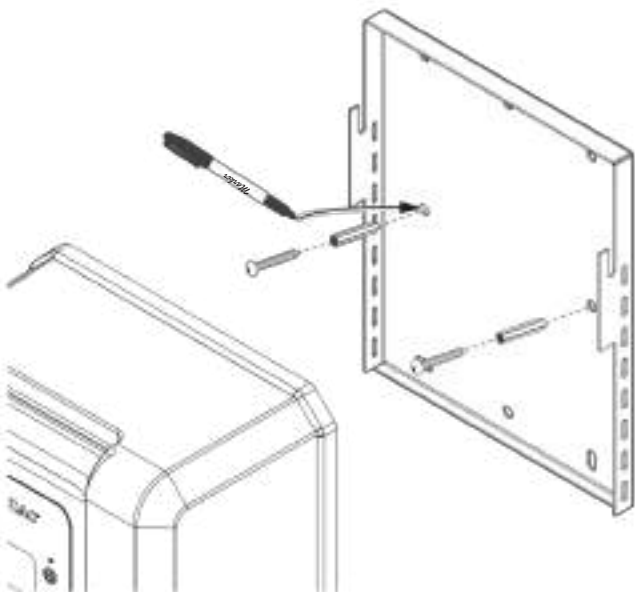


Figure 5. Controller Mount

## 4.2 Electrical Connections

### **⚠ WARNING**

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The controller must be permanently powered by connection to a 30 mA residential circuit breaker.

A non-replaceable backup power source is incorporated to maintain time-setting memory in the event of a short, infrequent power interruption.

### 4.2.1 Controller and Chlorinator Cell Wiring

1. Connect the Chlorinator Cell Cable to the appropriate ports on the cell.
2. Connect the EL25/EL35 Controller to the power source.

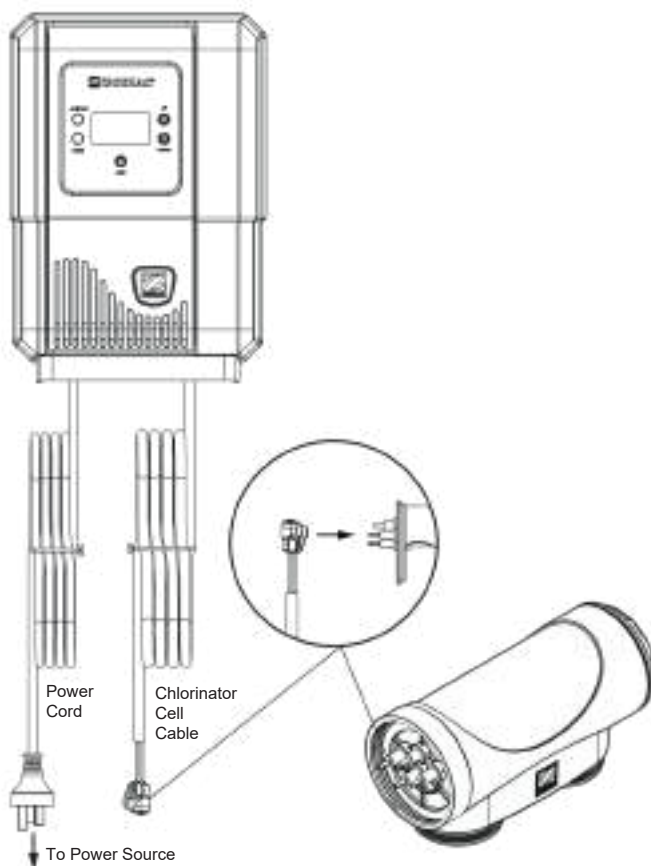


Figure 6. Chlorinator Cell Cable Connections



## Section 5. Prepare and Balance the Pool

### 5.1 Water Chemistry Table

Test and maintain correct water balance throughout the season, according to the table.

	Free Chlorine	pH	Total Alkalinity (ppm)	Calcium Hardness (ppm)	Cyanuric Acid (ppm)	Salt Level (ppm)	Metal
Australian Standard	1 - 3	7.2 - 7.8	60 - 200	100 - 400 ***	up to 50	4000 - 7000	x
Ideal range	1 - 3	7.4	80 - 140	90 - 300	up to 50	4000 at 27°C	< 0.10 ppm
To Increase	Add chlorine or increase equipment output	Add buffer or soda ash (sodium carbonate)	Add sodium bicarbonate	Add calcium chloride	Add cyanuric acid	Add salt or minerals **	x
To Decrease		Add muriatic acid	Add muriatic acid or dry acid	Partially drain and refill pool*	Partially drain and refill pool*	Partially drain and refill pool*	Use 'Metal Remover'
In Season Testing Frequency	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Monthly	Monthly

NOTE: Test all equipment sensors quarterly.

\* Fill pool with water from the mains water supply. Do not use rain water or well water.

\*\* Do not add salt directly into the skimmer. Do not initiate electrolysis until salt has fully dissolved.

\*\*\* Reading is True Calcium Hardness, not Total Hardness.

**Table 3. Water Chemistry**

## Section 6. Operation

### 6.1 User Interface Overview

#### ⚠ CAUTION

To avoid risk of serious damage to the equipment, ensure that all salt added to the pool has completely dissolved before activating the chlorination function of your system.

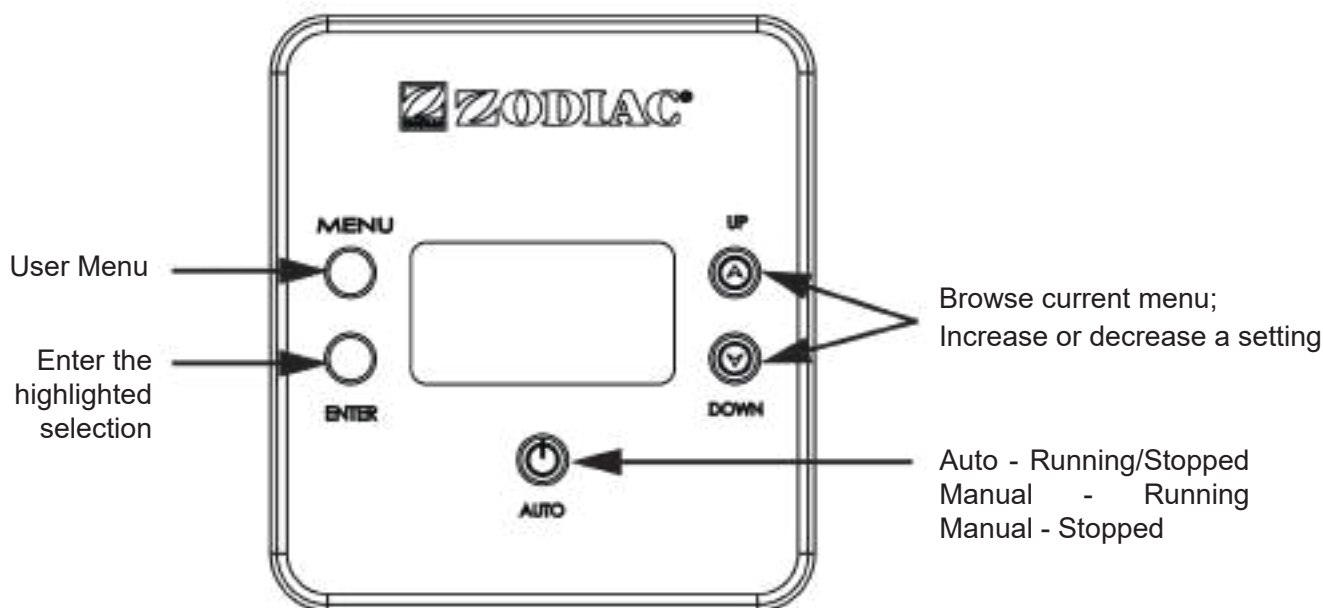


Figure 7. Controller User Interface

### 6.2 Initial start-Up

The following setting must be configured at the initial start up of the device. Settings can be changed or updated at a later time using the general menu, details can be found in Section 7.

Output can be set between levels 1 to 8 (P1 to P8), this is controlled in increments from the “main screen” by pressing . The set value is valid until the next modification.

#### 6.2.1 System Power

1. Press to cycle between:  
Running Manual -  
Stopped Auto

Auto – Running indicates that the chlorinator is running within a timer period.

Auto – Stopped indicates that the chlorinator is outside of a timer period.

#### 6.2.2 Set Clock

1. Press MENU and screen should display CLK. Press ENTER .
2. Press ENTER and the hour digit will flash. Use to adjust.
3. Press ENTER to change to minutes and set. Use to adjust.
4. Press ENTER and select AM or PM. Use to adjust.
5. Press MENU to save.

## Section 7. Installing Equipment

### 7.1 Programming/Timers

The controller has an internal operating timer that is used to define the length of time for the filter pump to operate during two separate time periods each day.

In order to complete the timer program, it is necessary to enter and validate both ON and OFF times. If no timer is set, the filtration and / or chlorination will run continuously.

The filtration operating times must be sufficient to correctly treat the water.

**Example** - single speed pump:

In Season filtration time: 8-10 hours per day.

Off Season filtration time: 4-5 hours per day.

**Example** - variable speed pump (when running at lower speeds):

In Season filtration time: 12-14 hours per day

Off Season filtration time: 8-10 hours per day

#### Filter Pump Programming

1. Press **MENU**.
2. The display shows **TMRO**. Press **ENTER** again and screen should show **○**.
3. Use **▲** **▼** to adjust start time for **TIMER1**. Press **ENTER** **○**.
4. Use **▲** **▼** to adjust the stop time for **TIMER 1**. Press **ENTER** **○**.
5. Repeat for **TIMER 2**.

#### 7.1.1 User Operation Modes

The user mode buttons enable you to select and to automatically or manually control the chlorinator/pump. Functions are as follows:

##### a. POOL MODE:

- Auto - Running/Stopped: The chlorinator/pump will run according to how you have set the timers.
- Manual - Running: The chlorinator/pump will run continuously.
- Manual - Stopped: The chlorinator/pump will stay off continuously.

Maximum efficiency will be achieved from your chlorinator at the following levels:

- Water temperature 15 Degrees – Salt level required is 6000 ppm.
- Water Temperature 25 Degrees – Salt level required is 4,100 ppm.

## Section 8. Inspecting and Cleaning the Electrode

In areas that experience calcium hardness the cell electrode will benefit from cleaning.

1. Switch off the filter pump and chlorine generator, close necessary valves and unplug the cell terminal cap.
  2. Unscrew the retaining ring and remove the electrode. If calcium buildup is present, immerse the electrode in cell cleaning solution without immersing the terminals.
  3. We recommend using Zodiac Salt Chlorinator Cell Cleaner to clean the electrode. However, you can mix your own by carefully adding one (1) part of Hydrochloric (Muriatic) acid to ten (10) parts water. Stronger solutions will shorten terminal life.
- Allow the cleaning solution to dissolve the calcium deposits for about 10 minutes.

**NOTE:** Dispose of the cleaning solution at an approved Council Depot and never into storm water or sewage drains.

5. Rinse the electrode in clean water and re-fit the electrode in the cell housing.
6. Replace the cell head and plug assembly.
7. Reset valves and switches.
8. Turn pump and controller on.
9. Confirm chlorine output and settings on the power pack. Timer programs will be automatically retained.



Figure 8. Opening the Cell

## Section 9. Winterizing

The chlorinator has a protective system which will limit sanitizer production during unfavorable operating conditions, such as cold water or lack of salt.

Active winterizing leaves the filter pump and chlorinator running during the winter. This is safe for temperatures above 10°C. If temperatures drop below 10°C, the chlorination cell needs to be deactivated.

Passive winterization calls for the pool to be shut down. Water levels will need to be lowered and the piping will need to be drained. The cell electrode can be left in place with isolation valves open.

### 9.1 Reopening the Pool

Required actions:

1. Adjust the water level (too much or too little)
2. Check the water parameters.
3. TAC/TH/pH/Salinity/Chlorine/Stabilizing Agent/Copper/Metals.
4. Adjust the parameters to obtain a balanced, healthy pool, see Section 5.
5. Check the condition of the equipment (pump, filter, chlorinator, electrolytic cell).
6. Where necessary, check the sensors, clean if needed and re-calibrate.
7. Once the salt level has reached the required level of 6000ppm and has dissolved in the water, restart the salt chlorinator.

## Section 10. General Maintenance

If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by Zodiac, its service agent or a similarly qualified person in order to avoid a hazard.

### WARNING

Operating the chlorinator with less than 3000 ppm of dissolved salt in the water may cause damage to the cell and will void the warranty.

Never start the chlorinator, until the correct quantity of salt has been added and dissolved in your pool water.

### 10.1 Cell Maintenance

Your EL25/EL35 Saltwater Chlorinator has an automatic cleaning feature, that under normal conditions, will keep the cell plates clear of deposits of salt and calcium.

The cell has a negative charge sensor that monitors the flow and salt levels of the water. This sensor is designed to be fail safe. As it is negative charge deposits of calcium or other debris that may be deposited on it, causing an indication of low salt or no flow condition.

Should a low salt condition be indicated, have your salt level checked at your local pool shop. If the low salt condition persists, or a no flow condition is indicated when the supply pump is operating, you may need to manually clean your EL25/EL35 Saltwater Chlorinator Cell. See Section 9 for cleaning instructions.

### 10.2 Maintenance Schedule

The EL25/EL35 Saltwater Chlorinator has high velocity water with chemicals in it. Some of these parts will wear in the normal course of use and require regular checks and maintenance. Performing these checks and maintenance will identify parts that have worn and require repair/replacement before further serious damage is sustained. A small amount of regular care and attention to your pool equipment will help ensure long life and trouble free performance.

To protect against extremes of temperature, your unit is vented to allow the electronics to cool. Ants and some insects are often attracted to the warmer, dry environment inside the enclosure. We recommend that, with power turned off, you spray a surface insecticide on the surfaces surrounding the control to prevent ant and insect ingress. Repeat every three months or as necessary.


**Note:** Regular maintenance is important to ensure long life and trouble free performance of your pool equipment. If unable to perform the maintenance yourself, contact your local pool professional to request assistance with the maintenance.

Timing	Maintenance Check	Service Action If Required
Weekly or sooner	Check Cell for calcium buildup	Soak electrode in mixture of 10 parts water to 1 part acid. Use a soft brush only if required.
	Check water chemistry	Balance pH in pool and adjust output of unit to ensure satisfactory production of chlorine.
	Check cable connections to Cell	Ensure no water contact is occurring with pins.
Every Three Months	Check Cell connections for leaks	Isolate Pump, turn power off, clean and grease O rings or replace if necessary
	Check for insects/ants	Spray a surface insecticide on the surfaces around the unit to prevent ant and insect ingress
Every Six Months	Check chlorine levels and pump operating hours	Adjust timer and output depending on demand for current season.
	Prevent insect ingress to controller	Turn controller off, use an insect spray and spray onto walls around controller. Do not spray directly into unit.

Table 4. EL25/EL35 Saltwater Chlorinator Maintenance Schedule

## Section 11. Troubleshooting

When there is an error condition, "ERROR" flashes on the display along with the error code.

<i>Fault Indication</i>	<i>Possible Cause</i>	<i>Solution</i>
NO FLOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Pump turned off/disconnected or valves closed</li> <li>▶ Blue wire disconnected from cell</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Ensure valves/pump ON</li> <li>▶ Connect BLUE sense wire to cell</li> </ul>
LOW SALT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Salt level in pool has dropped too low</li> <li>▶ Pool water temperature is low</li> <li>▶ Cell has calcified</li> <li>▶ Cell has failed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Take sample of water to retailer and check salt level - add salt as recommended.</li> <li>▶ Add salt and turn chlorinator output down until the water is warmer.</li> <li>▶ Clean the cell.</li> <li>▶ Call for service</li> </ul>
Display Blank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ No power to controller</li> <li>▶ Fuse blown</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Plug in controller and ensure main power available</li> <li>▶ Have a service technician replace fuse (2A slow blow)</li> </ul>
Low/No Chlorine in pool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Cables not connected to cell</li> <li>▶ Timer period too short</li> <li>▶ Chlorine output level too low</li> <li>▶ Filter needs backwashing</li> <li>▶ Ph too high</li> <li>▶ Pool stabiliser (cyanuric acid) too low</li> <li>▶ Salt level too low</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Connect cables</li> <li>▶ Increase timer period (particularly during summer)</li> <li>▶ Increase chlorine output</li> <li>▶ Backwash filter</li> <li>▶ Balance pH level to 7.4 - 7.6</li> <li>▶ Increase stabiliser between 30 - 60 ppm.</li> <li>▶ Increase salt to above 6000 ppm</li> </ul>
Clock loses time when main power is removed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Clock power backup failed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Call a technician</li> </ul>
Timer is set to OFF in the TMR menu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The timer has been turned off</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Use  to turn the timer back on. Adjust timer start and stop times to suit.</li> </ul>

**Table 5. Troubleshooting**

## NOTES





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