



# Geocontrol PRO

Installation and Operation Manual





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## DOCUMENTATION CONVENTIONS

This uses the following conventions to present information:



### WARNING

An exclamation point icon indicates a **WARNING** of a situation or condition that could lead to personal injury or death. You should not proceed until you read and thoroughly understand the **WARNING** message.



### CAUTION

A raised hand icon indicates **CAUTION** information that relates to a situation or condition that could lead to equipment malfunction or damage. You should not proceed until you read and thoroughly understand the **CAUTION** message.



### NOTE

A note icon indicates **NOTE** information. Notes provide additional or supplementary information about an activity or concept.

## NOTICES



### CAUTION

In order to ensure that your Controller has a long service life and operates properly, adhere to the cautions below and read this manual before use.

Disconnect from power source when not in use.

Controller power input source must not exceed maximum ratings

Controller must be wired to a negative ground system

Controller may not operate properly with excess wiring not supplied by manufacturer

Avoid spraying fluid directly at controller

Never submerge controller

Avoid pulling on wires to unplug controller wiring

Avoid using controller with obvious physical damage

To prevent controller damage, avoid dropping controller



**NOTE**

The Geotech Geocontrol Pro cannot be made dangerous or unsafe as a result of failure due to EMC interference.



**WARNING**

Do not operate this equipment if it has visible signs of significant physical damage other than normal wear and tear.



**Notice for consumers in Europe:**

This symbol indicates that this product is to be collected separately.

The following apply only to users in European countries:

- This product is designated for separate collection at an appropriate collection point. Do not dispose of as household waste.
- For more information, contact the seller or the local authorities in charge of waste management.

## **Chapter 1: System Description**

### **Function and Theory**

The Geocontrol PRO is a unique controller for operating down well bladder type sampling pumps. When an external 12 VDC power source is connected to the controller, the internal air compressor is capable of producing a pressure of 100 psi. This pressure allows the user to take samples from a depth to 180ft.

The controller offers a variable cycle timer for controlling the portable compressor's on-time and off-time. While the compressor is on, air is pushed down well to the bladder pump, compressing the internal bladder and evacuating the liquid in the pump. When the compressor shuts off, the air pressure in the pump exhausts out of the system, allowing liquids to enter the pump.

## Chapter 2: System Installation



### WARNING

Verify the 12V system to be used is rated and fuse protected for operation at 15 amps continuous operation. Failure to verify system rating could result in damage to equipment. Over-heated wiring and other materials or components in contact or near by the power delivery system could pose a potential fire or burn hazard.

To operate the Geocontrol PRO, make sure the power switch is in the “off” position (rocker in down position). Plug the power input cord into a fuse protected 12V lighter receptacle on a negatively grounded system. If the controller is to be wired directly to a 12V battery, make sure to connect the positive (red) alligator clip to the positive (red) battery terminal and connect the negative (black) alligator clip to the negative (black) battery terminal. Next, securely plug in the circular plug connector on the opposite end of the cable to the corresponding receptacle on the face of the controller. Continue by plugging the pump’s air hose into the port labeled AIR on the controller’s face. Then plumb the pump’s discharge line into a suitable container. Check all wiring and plumbing for correctness.

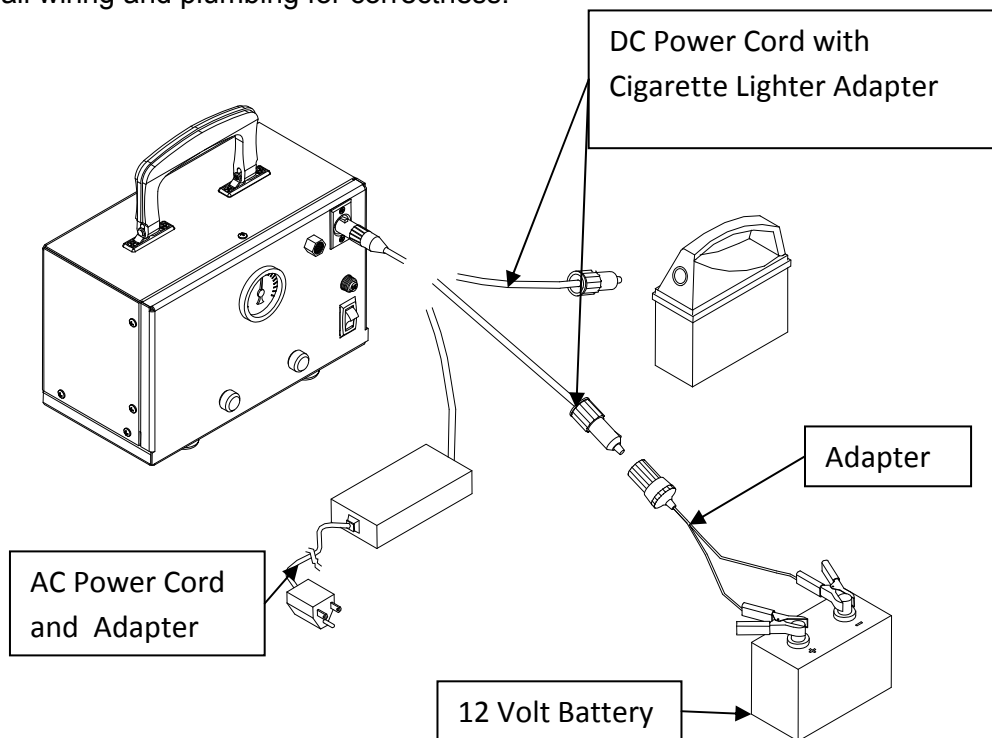


Figure 2 – Installation Diagram

Finally, double check to ensure the 12V system positive and negative is not reversed at any connection point.

## Chapter 3: System Operation



### **WARNING**

Do not operate this equipment if it has visible signs of significant physical damage other than normal wear and tear.



### **CAUTION**

Operating the equipment in any way other than that described within this document could potentially damage the equipment.

Disconnect power source when not in use.

Double check 12V system positive and negative are not reversed at any connection point.

Before turning the power switch “on” turn the Geocontrol PRO’s “Fill” and “Discharge” timer knobs to adjust the cycle times. These knobs are located on the front face of the Geocontrol Pro below the airline pressure gauge. To the left is Discharge time and to the right is Fill time. Use the radial number scales around each timer knob to adjust timer values in seconds.

#### **Discharge Time:**

The time it takes to squeeze the bladder and push the water out of the pump. Increase this time with increased depth to water and larger bladder pumps. Decrease this time with lower depth to water and smaller bladder pumps. Timer can be set from approximately 2 to 60 seconds.

#### **Fill Time:**

The time allowed for the bladder to refill. Increase this time with increased depth to water and larger bladder pumps. Decrease this time with lower depth to water and smaller bladder pumps. Timer can be set from approximately 2 to 60 seconds. Fill rate depends on hydrostatic pressure (pressure from the water above the pump) and will vary depending on pump placement within the water column. Therefore, the more water above the pump the faster it will fill.

Turn the controller power switch ON. In case of long fluid discharge lines it could take multiple cycles for water to reach the outlet. If the fluid discharge from the pump falls off before the discharge cycle is complete, the discharge time is set too high. This could result in a creased bladder that will reduce per cycle pump volumes. Therefore, if the compressor is still running and water has stopped coming out of the discharge tube, the discharge time should be decreased. Pumping efficiency can be maximized by



measuring the amount of fluid discharged. If the volume of fluid after one pump cycle is less than the rated volume of the pump being used, then the fill rate can be increased.

The air line pressure gauge can be utilized to maximize efficiency. As a general rule, the pressure indicated on the gauge should not exceed an equivalent depth to water pressure. 1PSI = 2.31 Feet of water. Once the bladder in the pump is empty of liquids the pressure will increase sharply. If a quick pressure increase is noticed, reduce the discharge time until the quick pressure increase is no longer obvious.

For example, if the well you are sampling has a depth to water of 23 feet you should not expect to see a reading on the pressure gauge much over 10 PSI. When the discharge cycle begins the reading on the pressure gauge will begin to rise. Once depth to water pressure has been reached the reading will 'stall' at that pressure until the bladder is empty or discharged. Once the bladder is compressed completely the pressure will again start to rise. For maximum per cycle liquid pumping volume, this is the optimum point at which the discharge timer would expire and the fill rate timer would begin. Reduced per cycle liquid pumping volume can be achieved by further decreasing the discharge time, thus evacuating only part of the total bladder volume.



**CAUTION**

For use with negative (-) ground systems only.  
Exceeding the recommended duty cycle will cause overheating.  
Damage will result if the supply voltage exceeds 14 VDC.

## **Chapter 4: system maintenance**

### **Maintenance Procedures**

Disconnect power source when not in use.

Unit must be returned to Geotech for any service. In order to ensure a long service life, keep the Geocontrol PRO clean. Often a soft, damp cloth can be used to remove dust and dirt from the exterior surfaces of the Geocontrol Pro. In extreme cases, or to remove aged caked on dirt and dust, a mild soap and water solution can be applied to a soft cloth and used to clean the exterior surfaces of the Geocontrol Pro. Do not soak or directly spray liquids on the Geocontrol PRO.



#### **WARNING**

Equipment can be repaired by factory trained repair technicians only. Improper repair of equipment may result in degradation of performance and/or service life. Disassembly exposes potentially dangerous moving components that could injure someone who is not properly trained to repair this equipment.

## Chapter 5: System Troubleshooting

The Geocontrol PRO has been designed and manufactured to provide a long service life and trouble free operation in the field. If the compressor, during charge cycles, becomes sluggish, check supply voltage. If the supply voltage falls below 12 VDC, the compressor's performance will be directly affected. A fully charged battery will produce the best results.

Other sources of low pump output may be the 12V lighter receptacles or plugs. Make certain these connections are securely plugged in and is clear of any debris. Once securely plugged in, rotating the connection can often help if there is a dead spot in the connector. Also, check for connection and cable fatigue, cracks, rust etc.

### **If the compressor does not turn on:**

- Double check battery polarity is correct. In other words, the positive and negative cables are connected positive to positive and negative to negative. Failure to do so will likely cause the 15 amp circuit breaker to trip. If it has been tripped, it must be reset by pushing the white button marked with '15' in red on the front of the GeoControl Pro. Furthermore, this is a thermally activated, over current protection device. If it has been tripped numerous times in rapid succession it will require some time to cool down prior to attempting to restart the pump. The amount of time will depend on ambient air conditions and the temperature of the circuit breaker.
- Turn the power switch to the OFF position and let the unit sit in the OFF state for two minutes. This will *hard reset* the electronic timer module.
- If ambient temperatures are in excess of 104°F (~40°C) then disconnect from power and let sit in a cool location. Do not open the case for any reason. This will not hasten the cooling process, but will invite debris into internal components that could result in reduced life or immediate equipment failure.
- If the compressor still does not turn on the electronic timer module may have failed. Call Geotech at 1-800-833-7958 to arrange for the equipment to be sent back to a factory authorized repair location.

### **Compressor turns on and fluid is being pumped but no pressure is indicated on the gauge.**

- The pressure gauge has failed; however operation of the device may continue even though the gauge feature is not operational. Call Geotech at 1-800-833-7958 to arrange for the equipment to be sent back to a factory authorized repair location.

### **Fluid is not being pumped and the compressor turns on, no pressure is indicated on the gauge.**

- Remove the air line from the front of the Geocontrol Pro. Block the air outlet on the front of the Geocontrol Pro while the compressor is running to verify the pressure gauge needle indicates an increase in pressure. Remove the blockage from the air outlet and observe whether or not a small burst of compressed air is released. If pressure cannot be built at the outlet on the front of the Geocontrol Pro, call Geotech at 1-800-833-7958 to arrange for the equipment to be sent back to a factory authorized repair location.
- If pressure *can* be built at the air outlet on the front of the Geocontrol Pro while the compressor is running:

- Attach the air line only and block the end. Verify the pressure gauge needle indicates an increase in pressure. Remove the blockage from the end of the air line and observe whether or not a small burst of compressed air is released. If pressure cannot be built at the end of the air line, check the air line for cuts, kinks and holes, especially at, and near, the bladder pump hose barb or compression fitting connections.
- If pressure *can* be built at the end of the air line while the compressor is running:
  - Attach the airline to the bladder pump. Remove the fluid discharge tube from the bladder pump. While the compressor is running, very little air discharge should be felt at the pump discharge fitting. The pressure gauge on the front of the control pro should indicate a rise in pressure. If this does not occur and a continuous air flow can still be felt at the pump fluid discharge fitting, then the bladder, or bladder seal, has been compromised and should be repaired or replaced. Information on this procedure can be found in the product manual specific to the bladder pump being used. Or call 1-800-833-7958 for further assistance.
  - **Reminder:** Be careful not to over pressurize and crease the bladder inside the pump as this will reduce the fluid flow during normal operation.

## **Chapter 6: System Specifications**

Power usage: 90-105 W

Voltage: 12-14 VDC

Nominal operating current: 8 amps DC

Over current protection: 15 Amps

Internal compressor has redundant thermal protection

Fill timer range ~ 0-60 seconds

Discharge timer range ~ 0-60 seconds

Maximum pump depth: 180 FT

Maximum compressor pressure: 100 PSI

Duty cycle: 40% on, 60% off

Ambient operational temperature: 50°F-104°F (10°C-40°C)

Approximate weight: 8 lbs.

### **FEATURES**

Variable pump Discharge time control.

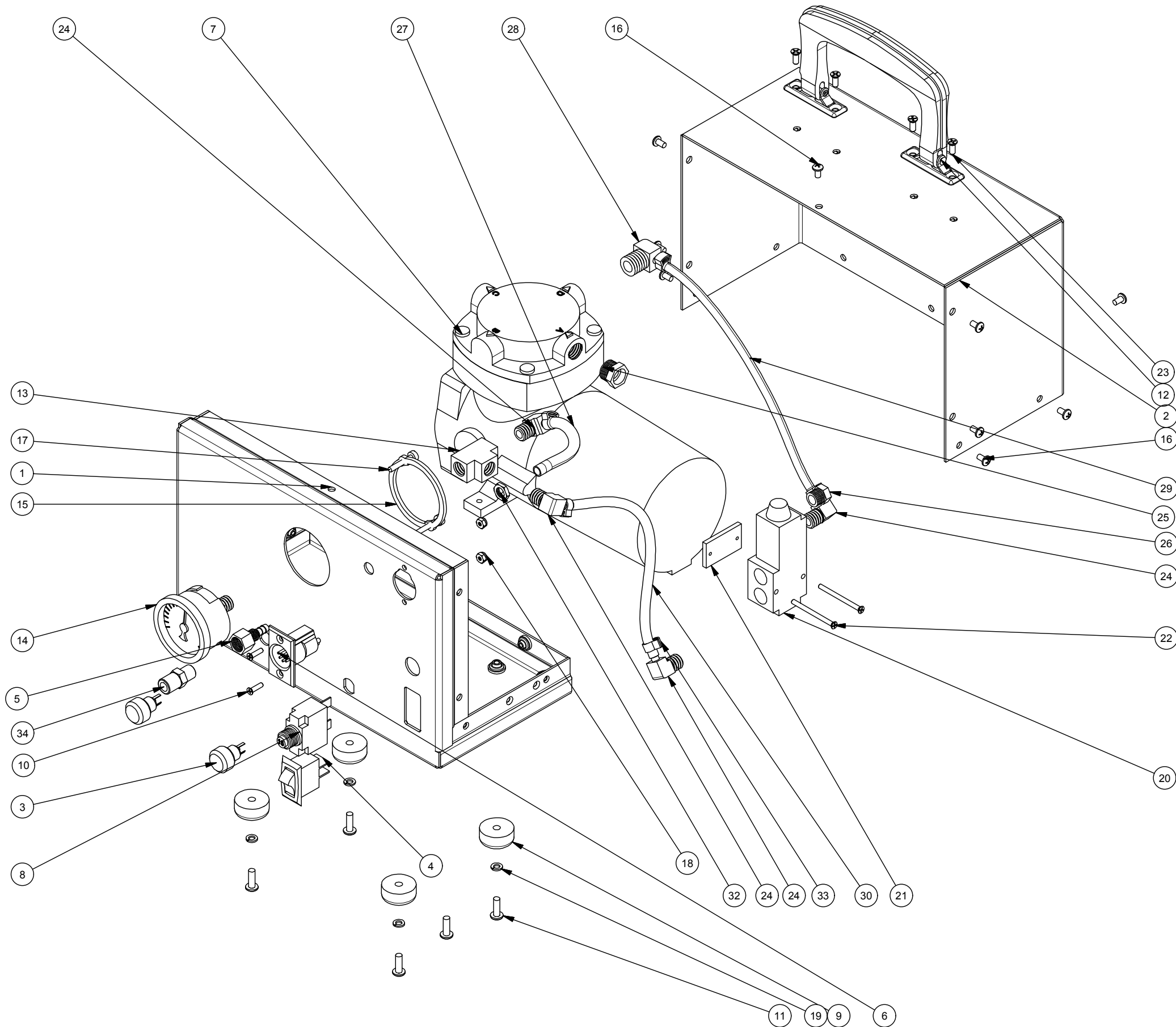
Variable pump Fill time control.

Interchangeable pump connection configurations.

Operation with dedicated pump systems and special purpose well caps.

Approx 45 to 60 minute operation with 6Ah lead acid battery (Geotech PN:77250001)

## Chapter 7: System Schematic



### PARTS LIST

ITEM	QTY	INVENTORY #	DESCRIPTION
1	1	51150045	GEOCONTROL PRO SHEET METAL ENCLOSURE FRONT - BOTTOM
2	1	51150045	GEOCONTROL PRO SHEET METAL ENCLOSURE BACK SIDE
3	2	11150244	Knob
4	1	11150248	SWITCH - GEOCONTROL PRO
5	1	21150021	HOSEBARB, SS4, BLKHD, .17X1/8"
6	1	17200014	CONN, AMP, MALE, PANEL MOUNT
7	1	51150046	COMPRESSOR, MODIFIED, GEOCONTROL PRO
8	1	11150247	CIRCUIT BREAKER, 15 AMP - GEOCONTROL PRO
9	4	11150262	FOOT, RUBBER, 7/8" WITH WASHER
10	2	16700007	SCREW, SS8, 4-40 X 7/16
11	5	PPF036001	SCREW SS8, 8-32 X 1 PHMS
12	1	11350009	HANDLE, PE, NI
13	1	PPP047034	TEE,BRS,118NPT,FXFXF
14	1	11150254	PANEL MOUNT GAUGE 1-100PSI WITH MOUNTING CLAMP
15	1	11150254	CLAMP - PANEL MOUNT GAUGE 1-100PSI WITH MOUNTING CLAMP
16	12	17200078	6-32 X 1/4 PHMS - SS
17	2	11150254	SCREW - PANEL MOUNT GAUGE 1-100PSI WITH MOUNTING CLAMP
18	2	PPF062002	HEX NUT 4-40 NYLOCK
19	4	17200081	WASHER, SS8, #8, LOCK
20	1	11150249	SOLENOID - GEOCONTROL PRO
21	1	21150086	SOLENOID MOUNTING PLATE - GEOCONTROL PRO
22	2	17200302	4-40 X 1.5 FHMS - SS
23	4	PPF013034	6-32 X 3/8 FHMS - SS
24	4	17200393	HOSEBARB,PE,90 DEG.,.17X118MPT
25	1	11150252	VENT,BREATHER,114NPT
26	1	11150253	VENT,BREATHER,118NPT
27	1	87050509	HOSE 3.375" - GEOCONTROL PRO PRESSURE GAUGE TO HOSEBARB OUTSIDE
28	1	11150250	HOSEBARB, BRS, PNE, 90, .17 X 1/4 MPT
29	1	87050509	HOSE 7.75" - GEOCONTROL PRO SOLENOID TO COMPRESSOR
30	1	87050509	HOSE 7.75" - GEOCONTROL PRO PRESSURE GAUGE TO SOLENOID
31	1	11150251	PLUG, BRS, 1/4NPT, SOCKET
32	1	11150261	NUT, SS8, 5/16-32, HEX, THIN, BULKHEAD AIR CONNECTOR
33	5	11150259	CLAMP, NYL, 1/4" SNAPPER
34	1	PPP103001	1/4 x 1/8 NPT PUSH PULL AIR CONNECTOR

## **Chapter 8: Replacement Parts List**

### **Parts List Parts Description**

51150117 Geocontrol PRO  
57500008 Assy. Power Cord DC  
11150254 Pressure Gauge  
51150054 Assy. PCB  
51150046 Compressor  
11150244 Knob  
51150063 Power Supply  
77250000 12VDC Battery and Charger  
77250001 Portable 12V battery  
77250002 12V battery charger (from 120 VAC 230V option available contact Geotech)





**The Warranty**

For a period of one (1) year from date of first sale, product is warranted to be free from defects in materials and workmanship. Geotech agrees to repair or replace, at Geotech’s option, the portion proving defective, or at our option to refund the purchase price thereof. Geotech will have no warranty obligation if the product is subjected to abnormal operating conditions, accident, abuse, misuse, unauthorized modification, alteration, repair, or replacement of wear parts. User assumes all other risk, if any, including the risk of injury, loss, or damage, direct or consequential, arising out of the use, misuse, or inability to use this product. User agrees to use, maintain and install product in accordance with recommendations and instructions. User is responsible for transportation charges connected to the repair or replacement of product under this warranty.

**Equipment Return Policy**

A Return Material Authorization number (RMA #) is required prior to return of any equipment to our facilities, please call 800 number for appropriate location. An RMA # will be issued upon receipt of your request to return equipment, which should include reasons for the return. Your return shipment to us must have this RMA # clearly marked on the outside of the package. Proof of date of purchase is required for processing of all warranty requests.

This policy applies to both equipment sales and repair orders.

FOR A RETURN MATERIAL AUTHORIZATION, PLEASE CALL OUR  
SERVICE DEPARTMENT AT 1-800-833-7958

Model Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Serial Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Equipment Decontamination**

Prior to return, all equipment must be thoroughly cleaned and decontaminated. Please make note on RMA form, the use of equipment, contaminants equipment was exposed to, and decontamination solutions/methods used.

Geotech reserves the right to refuse any equipment not properly decontaminated. Geotech may also choose to decontaminate equipment for a fee, which will be applied to the repair order invoice.

Declaration of Conformity  
Geotech Environmental Equipment Inc.  
2650 E 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Denver, CO 80205

Following products are covered:

Geotech product

PN

81150018 Geocontrol Pro w/case .675 BP

81150017 Geocontrol Pro w/case .85 BP

81150016 Geocontrol Pro w/case 1.66 BP

81150012 Geocontrol Pro w/case

These products comply with the directive 2004/108/EC (EMC),  
harmonized standard EN 61010-1 2001-12-07, emissions class A.

These products comply with harmonized standard EN 61326-1 May 2006.

Signatory:

Joe Leonard



Product Development

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