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# Technical Bulletin 158 - I-Series Boiler with DHW Recirculation

**PURPOSE:** To announce the I-Series Condensing Combi Boiler offers DHW recirculation and to explain how DHW recirculation works, the different recirculation modes, and how to configure the boiler for DHW recirculation.

I-Series Condensing Combi Boiler Models: i060C, i090C, and i120C

# **DHW Recirculation Facts:**

- Recirculation circulates hot water through the plumbing system, so hot water is always available in whatever part of the house that the consumer may need it.
- Recirculation requires an external recirculation pump. For pump sizing, reference the "DHW Pressure Drop and Flow Curve" in the Boiler Installation and Operation Manual.
- An optional 24V timer can be used to set the time intervals and duration of recirculation (an example timer is the Intermatic<sup>®</sup> MIL72ASTUZ-24).
- Two recirculation modes are available: Dedicated and Crossover:

# **Dedicated Mode:**

- The plumbing system includes a dedicated hot water return line.
- Recirculation technology in the boiler decides if the pump will turn on based on time intervals and DHW setpoint temperature.
- How the recirculation pump works:
  - The pump turns ON and runs until the DHW return water temperature is within 6°F of the setpoint temperature, or for 20 minutes, whichever occurs first.
  - The pump stays OFF based on the DHW setpoint temperature (as outlined in the table below).



Home includes dedicated hot water and cold water lines.

DHW Setpoint Temperature (°F)	140°	135°	130°	125°	120°	115°	110°	108°	106°	104°	102°	100°	98°
Typical Pump OFF Intervals (Minutes)	9	10	11	12	14	16	19	20	22	24	26	28	31

**Note:** Rinnai strongly recommends installing insulation to the hot water and dedicated return lines to decrease the amount of heat loss.

**Dedicated Mode Plumbing Diagram** 



### **Crossover Mode (Factory Default):**

- The plumbing system does not have a dedicated circulation return line. Crossover mode requires installation of a **thermal bypass valve** at the furthest fixture in the plumbing system. When installed, the boiler uses the cold water line for hot water recirculation. A thermal bypass valve can be purchased through Rinnai (PN: 107000143) or plumbing supply stores.
- How the recirculation pump works:
  - The pump turns ON and runs until the thermal bypass valve closes (with a DHW flow less than approximately 0.26 GPM), or for 20 minutes, whichever occurs first.
  - The pump stays OFF for 10 minutes.

**Note:** The thermal bypass valve should only be used for Crossover Mode recirculation systems. Do not install more than one thermal bypass valve in the plumbing system.



Home includes a thermal bypass valve installed at the furthest fixture



### Configure the Boiler for DHW Recirculation:

#### Step 1: Set DIP Switches and Parameter Settings

**Note:** Refer to the Boiler Installation and Operation Manual for complete DIP Switch and Parameter Setting instructions.

- 1. Remove the boiler's front panel.
- 2. Locate the PC Board (lower left side of unit).
- 3. Locate the DIP switches on the PC Board (see below). Adjust **DIP switch 3** to the **ON** position.



- 4. Locate the Parameter Settings button on the PC Board (red button). Press and hold the red button for five seconds to enter into Parameter Settings mode.
- 5. Adjust Parameters 12 and 13 to the desired settings shown in the table below.



Deverseter		Selection		
Number	Function/Description	А	b	
		(Default)		
12	<ul> <li>Select option A for Crossover Mode</li> </ul>	Crossover	Dedicated	
	<ul> <li>Select option b for Dedicated Mode</li> </ul>	Mode	Mode	
13	<ul> <li>Select option A if a timer is used to control DHW recirculation</li> </ul>	Yes	No	
	• Select option b if a timer is not used to control DHW recirculation	(Timer)	(No Timer)	

- 6. Wire the external DHW recirculation pump to the **DHW\_Pump Terminal** connection on the PC Board (see **A** below).
- 7. If using a timer:
  - Wire the 24V AC timer circuit to the 24V AC for External Output connection (see B).
  - Wire the timer C and NO contacts to the T/T 2 connection (see C).



Note: Do not connect the timer to any of the 120V terminals on the PC Board or to any other 120V components.

8. Replace the boiler's front panel.

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