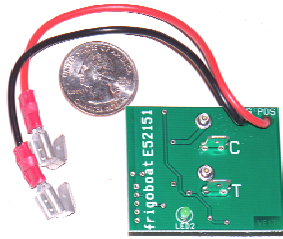


# Merlin Smart Speed Controller - Instructions



Quarter dollar  
shown for size  
comparison

**Merlin**  
installed on  
Danfoss  
101N0210  
controller.



**Description:** **Merlin** is a printed circuit board measuring 1.75" w x 1.5" h, designed to mount on to the "C" and "T" terminals of the standard Danfoss 101N0210 compressor controller. Two power feed wires are supplied with "piggy-back" terminals to facilitate connection with the existing power feed wires on the "+" and "-" terminals of the controller. Thermostat wires connect to the "C" and "T" terminals on the face of **Merlin**. A green LED is provided to show compressor speed and thermostat status.

**Location:** **Merlin** is designed to mount directly on to the Danfoss controller, but may be mounted remotely if desired using installer-provided connecting wires. If mounted remotely, care must be taken to ensure that the location chosen will not subject the panel or its components to splashing or running water, steam, corrosive gasses, excessive vibration, or physical damage.

**Installation:** When installed as designed, **Merlin** simply plugs on to the "C" and "T" terminals of the controller using the female connectors on the rear (component) side of the board. Care must be taken to ensure that no components are damaged during handling, that the connectors are properly mated, female over male, and that connection is correctly made to the "C" and "T" terminals. The two wires from the system's thermostat plug on to the "C" and "T" terminals provided on the face of **Merlin**, and color and/or polarity is not an issue. If **Merlin** is installed on any manufacturers' system other than Frigoboat, verification is required, by use of a multi-meter, that there is no resistor installed somewhere in the thermostat circuit wiring. If a resistor is installed it must be removed to ensure correct operation. The red (positive, +) and black (negative, -) wires connect to the incoming positive (+) and negative (-) 12v or 24v power wires using the piggy-back connectors provided and as shown in the photo's. If **Merlin** is to be used on the Danfoss 101N0500 AC/DC controller, please call Coastal for special instructions.

**Operation:** **Merlin** performs three vital functions by controlling compressor speed;

1. Protects electronics from overload at start-up using a warm-start ramp-up routine.
2. Selects the slowest possible compressor speed for maximum system efficiency.
3. Ensures that maximum speed, and hence full system capacity, is utilized when required.

(1) To avoid dangerous and potentially damaging high current draw when the system is first powered up in high ambient conditions, **Merlin** will start the compressor in medium speed and ramp up one speed every 5 minutes until maximum speed is engaged after 15 minutes. This is the warm-start ramp-up routine. (See over)

(2) The longer and slower a compressor runs, the more efficient it will be. **Merlin** will automatically select the most efficient speed from the six available, based on the time of the previous compressor cycle. (See example over) The green LED indicates the speed at which the compressor is operating by flashing in groups of 1 through 6 corresponding to the speed. A steady glow will indicate that the thermostat contacts are open, and that the compressor is idle.

(3) If warm goods are loaded into the box, or a door/lid is not closed properly, **Merlin** will, after a suitable delay, increase compressor speed to ensure maximum cooling. The speed will be reduced again after the issue is resolved.

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