

# INTERMATIC® MODEL ET8000 Series Installation and User Instructions

## Electronic Astronomic 7-Day Time Switch With Battery Carryover

### Description

The Intermatic ET8000 Series Electronic Astronomic 7-Day Time Switch automatically switches loads to a preset weekly schedule with to-the-minute accuracy.

- The astronomic feature provides an automatically adjusted sunset ON and sunrise OFF to eliminate the need for separate photo control devices.
- The independent 7-day programming provides complete flexibility for applications where load switching differs each day of the week.
- Astronomic programming can be combined with independent programming to provide a sunset ON and timed OFF program.

Use the ET8000 series as an ON/OFF timer in applications requiring 7-day astronomic load control such as lighting, air conditioning systems, pumps, etc. Each load output of the Time Switch can support up to 14 timed ON and 14 timed OFF events per day as well as Astro ON and Astro OFF events. The program can be overridden by pushing the ON/OFF load override button(s).

The ET8000 Series Time Switch is designed to directly switch tungsten or ballast loads up to its rating, and inductive or resistive loads up to 30A at 120, 208, 240, or 277 VAC.

### Specifications

#### Time Switch

- Input Voltage: 120/208/240/277 VAC, 50/60 Hz
- Power Consumption: 6.0 watts max.
- Contact Configuration: SPST (ET8015C), DPST (ET8215C), and SPDT (ET8115C). See wiring diagrams on next page.

#### Switch Ratings—ET8015C, ET8215C (per pole)

- 30A Inductive/Resistive: 24/120/208/240/277 VAC, 60 Hz
- 20A Ballast: 120-277 VAC, 60 Hz
- 20A Resistive: 28 VDC
- 5 A Tungsten: 120/240 VAC, 60 Hz
- 1 HP: 120 VAC, 60 Hz
- 2 HP: 240 VAC, 60 Hz

#### Switch Ratings—ET8115C (NO/NC) Normally Open/Normally Closed Contact

- 20A/10A Inductive/Resistive: 120/208/240/277 VAC, 60 Hz
- 20A/10A Resistive: 28 VDC
- 6A/3A Ballast: 120-277 VAC, 60 Hz
- 5A/3A: 120/240 VAC Tungsten
- 1 HP / ¼ HP: 120 VAC, 60 Hz
- 2 HP / ½ HP: 240 VAC, 60 Hz

**Set Points (Events)**—Each load output of the Time Switch can support up to 14 timed ON and 14 timed OFF events per day as well as Astro ON and Astro OFF events.

**Battery-Powered Clock Operation**—2 years minimum (uses 2 AAA industrial grade alkaline batteries, supplied)

**Minimum ON or OFF time**—1 minute

**Maximum ON or OFF time**—6 days, 23 hours, 59 minutes

**Shipping Weight**—2.5 lb. (1.1 kg)

**Enclosures**—Three enclosure options are available.

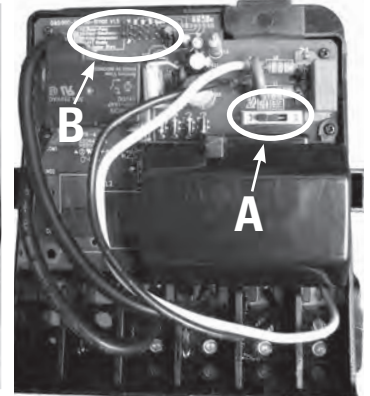
- ET8xx5C – NEMA 1 indoor metal enclosure
- ET8xx5CR – NEMA 3R indoor/outdoor lockable metal enclosure
- ET8xx5CPD82 – NEMA 3R indoor/outdoor lockable impact resistant polycarbonate enclosure with clear cover

**Knockouts**—Combination 1/2-3/4 inch size, 1 on back and each side, 2 on bottom

**Wire Size**—AWG #10 through #18



Front View



Rear View

### ⚠️ WARNING—Risk of Fire or Electric Shock

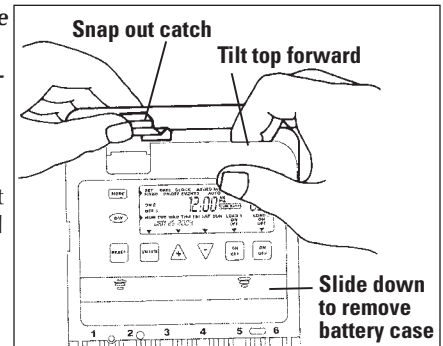
- **Electrical shock hazard. To avoid fire, shock, or death, disconnect all power before installing or servicing time switch or connected loads.**
- **Follow local electrical and safety codes, National Electric Code (NEC) and Occupational Safety and Health Act Codes (OSHA).**
- **If the power disconnect point is out of sight, lock it in the OFF position and tag it to prevent unexpected application of power.**
- **This time switch must be grounded.**
- **Do not exceed maximum current carrying capacity.**
- **Always replace the plastic insulator covering the terminal before powering ON.**

### Installation Instructions

**WARNING: Disconnect the power to the Time Switch and the loads before installation.**

1. Remove the mechanism from the case by depressing the catch at the top of the case and pulling out, as shown.

**CAUTION: Do not touch circuit board components since static discharge could damage the microprocessor.**



2. Set voltage selector for desired input voltage. The timer is shipped with voltage set for 120 VAC. To operate at 208, 240 or 277 VAC, move the selector switch to the desired setting as marked on the circuit board. See location **A** in *Rear View* above and detail at the right.

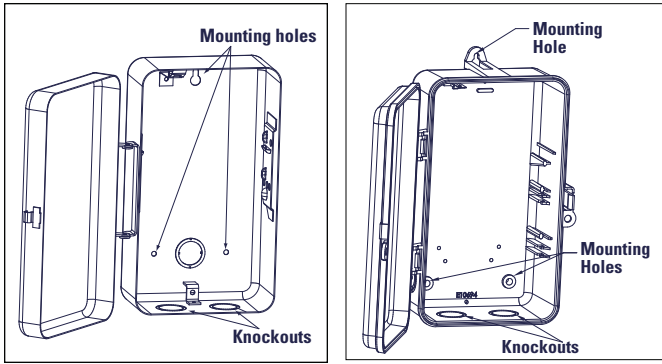


3. The timer is shipped with DST (Daylight Saving Time) enabled. To disable DST, insert a jumper at location marked DST. See location **B** in *Rear View* above and detail at the right.

4. **ET8215C ONLY**—Decide whether you want to control multiple loads simultaneously (SIM), independently (IND), or with a 2-second pulse (PUL) (e.g., for use with mechanically held contactors or bell ringing applications), and make sure the jumper is positioned accordingly. See location **B** in *Rear View* above and detail at the right. (The unit is shipped with the loads set for IND.)

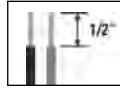


- Mount the enclosure in the desired location using the 3 mounting holes provided.



Position at eye level if possible, providing space to the left of the enclosure for the cover to swing open fully, as shown.

- Replace the mechanism in the enclosure.
- Lift the left side of the plastic insulator off the retaining post and pivot it up and away to expose the terminal strip.
- Strip the supply and load wires to 1/2".



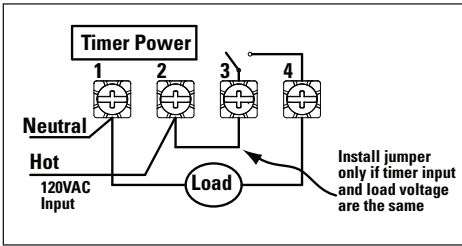
Use AWG#10-#18 copper conductors only.

- Insert the wire ends under the proper terminal plates (see wiring diagrams elsewhere on this page) and tighten the screws firmly.
- Connect ground wire to grounding terminal at bottom of enclosure.
- Replace the plastic insulator on the retaining post.
- Remove the battery case by sliding it down as shown by the arrows, then install 2 AAA alkaline batteries. Make sure the batteries are pointing in the direction shown.
- Verify that the display is **ON** to make sure the batteries are OK.  
*If the display shows scrambled information, press the RESET button to clear it up.*
- Apply power to the Time Switch.

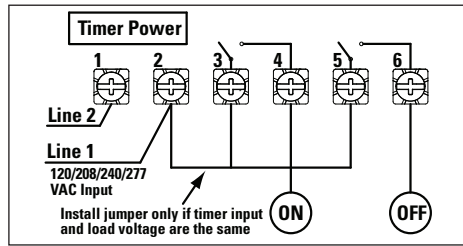
15. **IMPORTANT:** Press and hold the **ENTER** button, then press the **RESET** button. The screen will flash 12:00 AM and MON, and timer status is Manual Mode.  
**NOTE:** You must reset the time switch using this procedure whenever you change the jumpers.

The Time Switch is now ready for programming.

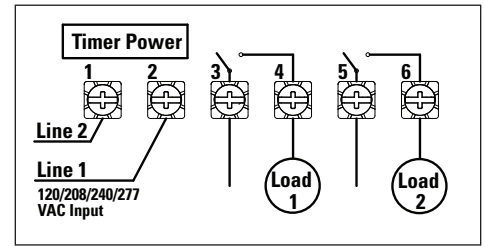
## Wiring Diagrams



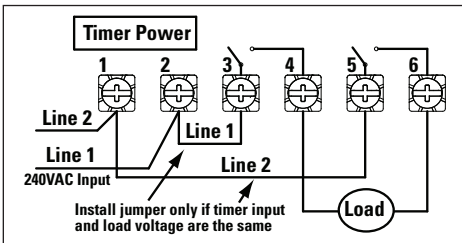
ET8015 configured for SPST, 120 VAC load



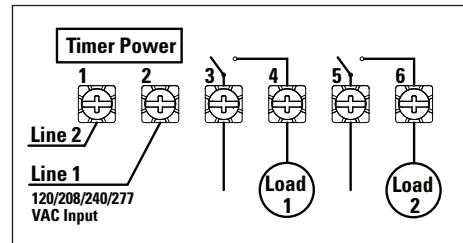
ET8215 configured for pulse SPST load with jumper set to PUL



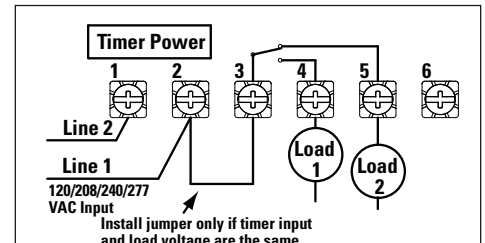
ET8215 configured for 2 SPST loads with jumper set to IND



ET8215 configured for 240VAC DPST load with jumper set to SIM



ET8215 configured for DPST loads with jumper set to SIM



ET8115 configured for SPDT load switching

## Programming Overview

By pressing the **MODE** button, the Time Switch will cycle through the menus necessary for programming the current time, date, astro zone, astro events, and timed events.

The basic procedure is to use the **MODE** button to move from one menu to the next (e.g., DATE, TIME, etc.), the **+** or **-** buttons for the first part of a setting (e.g., MONTH), the **ENTER** button to move to the next part of the setting (e.g., YEAR), then **MODE** to exit and move to the next menu. To skip a menu, press **MODE** to move ahead.

**If you make a mistake, press the MODE button repeatedly to cycle back around to the error, then make the correct entry.**

**NOTE:** DATE and TIME must be set before you can access any other programming menus.

### 1 – Setting Date

- Press the **MODE** button repeatedly until the words SET and DATE appear in the upper area of the display.

- Press the **+** or **-** buttons to enter the current Month.
- Press the **ENTER** button when the Month is correct to save the setting. The screen advances to current Date.
- Again press the **+** or **-** buttons to enter the current Date, followed by the **ENTER** button.
- Repeat to set the correct Year.
- Press the **MODE** button to exit and advance to setting the time.

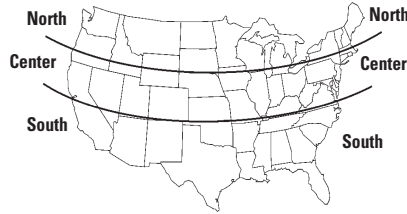
### 2 – Setting Time

- If necessary, press the **MODE** button repeatedly until the words SET and CLOCK appear in the upper area of the display.
- Press the **+** or **-** buttons to enter the current time.  
**NOTE:** To go from AM to PM, keep pressing the **+** or **-** buttons to cycle through the day. You can hold the **+** or **-** buttons down for 3 seconds to make the time scroll quickly.
- Press the **MODE** button to exit and advance to setting Astro Zone.

### 3 – Setting Astro Zone

Astro Zone is how far north or south the location is, to adjust for differences in sunrise and sunset for better accuracy in turning lights on and off at dawn and dusk.

1. If necessary, press the **MODE** button repeatedly until the words SET and ASTRO ZONE appear in the upper area of the display.
2. Press the + or – buttons to display the Zone that includes the location. Use the map at the right as a reference.
3. Press the **MODE** button to exit and advance to setting exact Astro times.



### 4 – Setting Exact Astro Times

When you choose an Astro Zone, the Time Switch uses an approximate time for sunup and sunset, adjusting automatically as the seasons change (earlier sunset in winter, etc.) You can set **exact** sunup and sunset times, which are available in the newspaper or on the Internet.

For multi-circuit time switch ET8215C, you can set multiple sunup and sunset times—useful, for example, in environments involving lighting with different warm-up times.

1. If necessary, press the **MODE** button repeatedly until the words SET and SUNUP appear in the upper area of the display. The display also shows the default sunup time for the date and zone.
2. Press the + or – buttons to adjust the sunup time. *You can offset the time up to 120 minutes in either direction.*
3. Press the **MODE** button:
  - If a multi-circuit time switch, SUNUP and LOAD 2 appear on the display.
    - a. Press the + or – buttons to set the exact Sunup time for Load 2.
    - b. Press the **MODE** button to advance to Sunset for Load 1.
  - If a single-circuit time switch, The words SET and SUNSET appear on the display, along with the default sunset time for the date and zone.
3. Press the + or – buttons to adjust the sunset time. *You can offset the time up to 2 hours (120 minutes) in either direction.*
4. Press the **MODE** button:
  - If a multi-circuit time switch, SUNSET and LOAD 2 appear on the display.
    - a. Press the + or – buttons to set the exact Sunset time for Load 2.
    - b. Press the **MODE** button.
  - If a single-circuit time switch, The time switch exits and advances to setting events.

### 5a – Setting SUNSET ON/SUNUP OFF Events

An ASTRO event will let you set Sunset ON and Sunup OFF events.

1. If necessary, press the **MODE** button repeatedly until the words SET, ASTRO, and ON/OFF EVENTS appear in the upper area of the display.
2. Press the **ENTER** button if necessary to display ON @.
3. Make sure you know which days you want the Event to be active.
  - If you want the Event to occur every day of the week, press the **DAY** button to display SUNSET and all days.
  - If you want the Event to occur for a different combination

of days, press the **DAY** button again as necessary to cycle through the days or combination of days you want.

**NOTE:** To remove an individual day, press the **DAY** button until the day is blinking, then press the – button.

4. When you have set the event correctly, press the **ENTER** button to set the next Astro event, which is for Sunup OFF. The words SET, ASTRO, ON/OFF EVENTS, and OFF @ display.
5. Repeat from Step 3 above to set the event for OFF instead of ON.
6. Press the **MODE** button to exit and advance to setting fixed time events.

### 5b – Setting SUNSET ON/SUNUP OFF Events on Multi-Circuit Time Switches (ET8215C)

An ASTRO event will let you set Sunset ON and Sunup OFF events. When the circuits of multi-circuit time switch ET8215C set to be independent of each other, you can set sunup and sunset times for either or both circuits.

1. Verify that the two circuits are independent. Refer to Step 4 in *Installation Instructions* on page 1.
  2. If necessary, press the **MODE** button repeatedly until the words SET, ASTRO, ON/OFF EVENTS, and LOAD 1 appear in the display.
  3. Press the **ENTER** button if necessary to display ON @.
  4. Make sure you know which days you want the Sunset ON event to be active.
    - If you want the Event to occur every day of the week, press the **DAY** button to display SUNSET and all days.
    - If you want the Event to occur for a different combination of days, press the **DAY** button again as necessary to cycle through the days or combination of days you want.
- NOTE:** To remove an individual day, press the **DAY** button until the day is blinking, then press the – button.
5. When you have set the event correctly, press the **ENTER** button to set the next Astro event, which is Sunset ON for Load 2. The words SET, ASTRO, ON/OFF EVENTS, LOAD 2, and OFF @ appear in the display.
  6. Repeat from Step 4 above to set the event for ON.
  7. Press the **ENTER** button to set Sunup OFF for Load 1. The words SET, ASTRO, ON/OFF EVENTS, and LOAD 1 appear in the display.
  8. Repeat from Step 4 above to set the Event for OFF instead of ON.
  9. Press the **ENTER** button to set Sunrise OFF for Load 2. The words SET, ASTRO, ON/OFF EVENTS, LOAD 2, and OFF @ display.
  10. Repeat from Step 4 above to set the event for OFF instead of ON.
  11. Press the **MODE** button to exit and advance to setting fixed time events.

### 6 – Setting Fixed Timed Events

1. If necessary, press the **MODE** button repeatedly until the words SET, FIXED, ON/OFF EVENT and EVENT 01 appear on the display.
2. If necessary, press the **ENTER** button to display ON @ or OFF @ (depending on what you want to set).
3. Press the **DAY** button to display 12:00 am and all days of the week.
4. Press the + or – buttons to enter the time you want to set.

**NOTE:** To go from AM to PM, keep pressing the + or – buttons to cycle through the day. You can hold the + or – buttons down for 3 seconds to make the time scroll quickly.
5. If you want the Event to occur for a combination of days rather than every day (e.g., weekends only, weekdays only, or individual days), press the **DAY** button again as necessary to cycle through the individual days or combination of days you want.



**NOTE:** To choose a combination not shown during cycling (e.g., Tuesday and Thursday), you must create an individual event for each of the days you want.

6. **ET8215C ONLY**—For a multi-circuit device with loads set independently, you can choose the load you want the event to control. The default setting is for both loads, as you can see on the display. Press the **ON/OFF** button under a load to remove the load from the event.
7. When you have set the event correctly, you have two choices:
  - Press the **ENTER** button to set the next fixed time event (up to 28 events).
  - Press the **MODE** button to exit.

## Setting Sunset ON / Fixed Time OFF

Experience in the field has shown that **Sunset ON / Fixed Time OFF** is the most commonly used setting for the Time Switch. These instructions cover the entire procedure.

1. If necessary, press the **MODE** button repeatedly until the words SET, ASTRO, and ON/OFF EVENTS appear in the upper area of the display.
2. Press the **ENTER** button if necessary to display ON @.
3. Make sure you know which days you want the Sunset ON event to be active.
  - If you want the Event to turn ON every day of the week, press the **DAY** button to display SUNSET and all days.
  - If you want the Event to turn ON for a different combination of days, press the **DAY** button again as necessary to cycle through the days or combination of days you want.

**NOTE:** To remove an individual day, press the **DAY** button until the day is blinking, then press the – button.

4. Press the **MODE** button as necessary to display SET, FIXED and ON/OFF EVENT.
5. Press the **ENTER** button as necessary to display OFF @ and EVENT 02.
6. Press the **DAY** button to display 12:00 am and all days of the week.
7. Press the + or – buttons to enter the time you want to set.

**NOTE:** To go from AM to PM, keep pressing the + or – buttons to cycle through the day. You can hold the + or – buttons down for 3 seconds to make the time scroll quickly.
8. If you want the Event to occur for a combination of days rather than every day (e.g., weekends only, weekdays only, or individual days), press the **DAY** button again as necessary to cycle through the individual days or combination of days you want.

**NOTE:** To choose a combination not shown during cycling (e.g., Tuesday and Thursday), you must create an individual event for each of the days you want.

9. **ET8215C ONLY**—For a multi-circuit device with loads set independently, you can choose the load you want the event to control. The default setting is for both loads, as you can see on the display. Press the **ON/OFF** button under a load to remove the load from the event.
10. When you have set the event correctly, you have two choices:
  - Press the **ENTER** button to set the next fixed time event (up to 28 events).
  - Press the **MODE** button to exit.

## Operating the Time Switch

Press the **MODE** button repeatedly to select the desired operating mode on the display. There are 2 options:

- **AUTO**—where the Time Switch follows the events you have programmed, turning the circuits ON and OFF at the time(s) set.

**NOTE:** You can override programmed events and force the Time Switch ON or OFF by pressing the **ON/OFF** button.

- **MANUAL**—where any events set are disabled and the Time Switch controls all circuits through the **ON/OFF** button.

**NOTE:** You can review or edit any programmed events at any time by pressing the **MODE** button repeatedly to return to the appropriate menu, then following programming instruction provided on this sheet.

## OPTIONAL – Deleting (Clearing) an Event

Use this procedure to clear the settings programmed for an event.

1. If necessary, press the **MODE** button repeatedly until the words SET, FIXED, and ON/OFF EVENTS are shown on the display.
2. Press the **ENTER** button as necessary to cycle through events that have been set until you see the event you want to delete.
3. Press the + or – buttons AT THE SAME TIME to display --:-- --.
4. Press the **MODE** button to exit.

## Battery Maintenance

- Batteries can be easily replaced without removing the Time Switch mechanism or field wiring.
- Press in and downward (in the direction of the arrows) on the battery cover.
- It is recommended to replace the batteries every 2-3 years with 2 AAA industrial grade alkaline cells as part of normal maintenance on the Time Switch.
- Be sure to observe battery polarity markings when installing batteries.
- No other battery maintenance is required.

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