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SurePoint Drives and Harnesses for use with John Deere Dry Rate Controller

# John Deere &

# SurePoint Dry Fertilizer Control Components









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## **General Description**

SurePoint offers hydraulic motors and valves, wiring harnesses and speed sensors to work with the John Deere Rate Controller Dry. Refer to the John Deere information for final information on Rate Controller Dry specifications and capabilities. In this manual, SurePoint will present applications of the Rate Controller Dry we have verified and tested with our components and the accompanying setting and use of the GS3 for these applications.



## **Basic Applications**

- 1. The most basic application uses a dry rate controller to control the speed of a dry fertilizer meter with a shaft speed sensor for product flow feedback. This will only use two electrical connections on the final harness: one connection to the PWM hydraulic valve and one connection to the speed sensor.
- 2. In addition to #1, the rate controller can also work with a spinner type dry fertilizer spreader.
  - First, spinner speed can be monitored with a speed sensor. Spinner speed would be set in some other manner (i.e. tractor hydraulic flow control, etc.) and only monitored on the John Deere display.
  - Second, the spinner speed can be controlled. For example, a second PWM hydraulic valve could be installed along with a speed sensor to control spinner speed to a target speed.
- 3. In place of a spinner, the Rate Controller Dry could be hooked to a fan. Similar to a spinner, the fan speed could simply be monitored or it could be controlled with a PWM hydraulic valve.
- 4. The Rate Controller Dry has the capability to control up to 4 products. This would require 4 PWM hydraulic valves and 4 speed sensors.



### Hydraulic Motor / PWM Valve Combination Item Number 164-FTA0925



Components Hydraulic

ing scenario your motor may turn very slowly when it should stop. To stop the motor completely, open the bypass valve slightly.

> Return oil to Tank - Check valve included on return port

**Port Sizes:** -8 SAE O-Ring (Load Sense is –6 SAE O-Ring) Mounting Hardware: Two 1/2" diameter bolts Shaft Size: 1" with Woodruff Key Motor Displacement: 4.9 in^3/rev Motor RPM and Oil Usage: 90 RPM @ 2 GPM 450 RPM @ 10 GPM Minimum recommended motor RPM: 20 RPM

### Motor Rotation and Check Valve

The SurePoint hydraulic motor/valve rotates CW (clockwise) when viewed from the shaft end.

- The motor rotation direction CAN BE REVERSED using the motor disassembly procedure on the next page.
- The motor rotation direction CAN NOT BE REVERSED by reversing the hydraulic flow through the valve. To function properly, oil must flow in the "P" pressure port and flow out the "T" tank port, with the check valve remaining on the "T" tank port.

A check valve is included on the outlet ("T") port of the hydraulic valve. This prevents the motor from running in the wrong direction and damaging the dry fertilizer system.

### How it Works with Power Beyond Hydraulics

This valve is designed to work with power beyond hydraulics. This configuration will not require a standard tractor remote hydraulic valve. First, remove the load sense plug and install a #6 male boss x #6 JIC adapter fitting, SurePoint PN 161-01-6MB-6MJ. Then run a 3/8" or 1/4" hydraulic hose back to the tractor. This hose will connect to the load sense port on the tractor. The bypass valve must be closed to use power beyond hydraulics. The load sense line will signal the tractor hydraulic system to supply the flow needed by the pump to meet your application rate. The SurePoint valve has an internal load sense check valve, which is required for power beyond hydraulics.



### Hydraulic Motor / PWM Valve Reversing Procedure

The SurePoint Hydraulic Motor/PWM Valve combination's standard rotation is CW viewed from the shaft end.

- The motor rotation direction <u>CAN</u> BE REVERSED using the motor disassembly procedure shown here.
- The motor rotation direction <u>CAN NOT BE REVERSED</u> by reversing the hydraulic flow through the valve. To function properly, oil must flow in the "P" pressure port and flow out the "T" tank port, with the check valve remaining on the "T" tank port.
- 1. Ensure the motor is not under hydraulic pressure. Also make sure the motor is cool enough to hold and complete this procedure.
- 2. Using an E10 external Torx socket, remove the 7 bolts on the end of the motor.
- 3. Hold all the motor sections together (3 plates).
- 4. Pull the motor sections gently away from the motor. There is a shaft (dog bone) with splines on both ends.
- 5. Ideally, the shaft will slide with the sections you are removing. When the sections are approx. <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" away from the motor, the shaft should be disengaged from the splines inside the motor housing. Rotate the shaft while pressing in slightly to jump the spline just 1 tooth.
- 6. Push the sections back together. Make sure the O-ring between the sections is in the O-ring groove.
- Reinstall and tighten the bolts evenly. Check the motor for proper rotation before connecting it to any other components which may be damaged.
- 8. Since the "jumping of a tooth" procedure must be completed almost "blind", it may take a couple tries to get the rotation reversed.
- 9. REVERSAL OF MOTOR ROTATION MUST BE CON-FIRMED VISUALLY.





Pull these three sections away from the motor body to jump the "dog bone" shaft 1 tooth. This will reverse the motor rotation.





### Stand-alone PWM Valve Item Number 165-P15618A-3



bypass needle valve). Typically tee into return line from motor back to tractor.

"P" Port - Pressure from Tractor

Components Hydraulic

Bypass Valve—Remove the

valve. This valve is shipped

from the factory closed. The only case when valve should be open is when running in series with other hydraulic valves &

Depending on your tractor and

exact hydraulic plumbing sce-

nario your motor may turn very slowly when it should stop. To

stop the motor completely, open the bypass valve slightly.

VALVE HAS NO EFFECT UN-

HOOKED TO A RETURN LINE

**OPENING THE BYPASS** 

TIL THE "BP" PORT IS

motors.

cap to access a bypass needle

Pressure and Controlled Flow Port Sizes: -12 SAE O-Ring Bypass Port Size: -8 SAE O-Ring (usage is optional) Load Sense Port Size: -6 SAE O-Ring (usage is optional) Mounting Hardware: Two 5/16" bolts, minimum 4" length Minimum recommended flow to control: 0.5 GPM Maximum Flow: 25 GPM

### **Motor Rotation Check Valve**

The SurePoint stand-alone hydraulic valve DOES NOT have a check valve. SurePoint recommends you install a check valve on your hydraulic motor to protect from damage due to reverse rotation.

### How it Works with Power Beyond Hydraulics

This valve is designed to work with power beyond hydraulics. This configuration will not require a standard tractor remote hydraulic valve. First, remove the load sense plug and install a #6 male boss x #6 JIC adapter fitting, SurePoint PN 161-01-6MB-6MJ. Then run a 3/8" or 1/4" hydraulic hose back to the tractor. This hose will connect to the load sense port on the tractor. The bypass valve must be closed to use power beyond hydraulics. The load sense line will signal the tractor hydraulic system to supply the flow needed by the pump to meet your application rate. The SurePoint valve has an internal load sense check valve, which is required for power beyond hydraulics.



### **Shaft Speed Sensor**





### John Deere Rate Controller Dry for GS2 & GS3



SurePoint Fertilizer Systems begin at the John Deere Rate Controller Dry, which you will need to purchase from your John Deere dealer. The picture below shows the John Deere Rate Controller Dry, which can control up to 4 dry products. The John Deere Rate Controller communicates with the John Deere GS2 or GS3 display in the cab.

The harness coming from the rate controller has two 37 pin Amp connectors. SurePoint Fertilizer System harnesses begin at these 37 pin connectors. The following page shows a system layout to illustrate how the harnessing is connected to all components. Detailed harness drawings follow for information and troubleshooting.

Instructions for setting up the GS2 or GS3 display are in Section F. Detailed screen shots of the display are included showing exactly what settings are required and recommended for SurePoint components.



37 Pin Connector #2 (with NO swivel nut on JD Connector). This connector is not used in a 1 or 2 product system with NO spinner.



### John Deere Rate Controller Dry Layout

Control: PWM Hydraulic Valve Products: 1





### Additional Harness for John Deere Rate Controller Dry

Part Number	Number of Products	Speed Sensor Connector Type	Spinner PWM Connector	Spinner Speed Connector
207-2146Y1	1	Metri-Pack 150	None	None
207-2147Y1	2	Weather Pack	None	None



### John Deere Rate Controller Dry Harness





## **Rate Controller Dry Setup**

This manual is written for the John Deere GS2 & GS3 displays. The Deere software used for the screen shots is Part Number PFP11697, version 01.01M, on a GS3 2630. Your screens may vary some if using an older or newer version. The software version can be found in Diagnostics under the Readings tab.

To access the GS2/GS3 Rate Controller Functions, push "GRC DRY" button from the home screen. If this button is not present the rate controller is not communicating with the GS2/GS3 display. See your John Deere operators manual or your John Deere dealer for assistance.

This button will take you to the Main Rate Controller Screen below.

### Main Rate Controller Dry Screen







## **Rate Controller Dry Setup**

The John Deere Rate Controller Dry can control up to 4 products. If additional products are selected they will show up on the Home screen as shown below.





The **Bin Charge** button on the home screen will bring up the screen below. Push and hold the button to run the meter or conveyor for that bin manually. The RPM will be shown. When the button is released the hydraulic motor will stop.



**Home Screen with Spinner -** If using a spinner speed sensor the home screen will show spinner speed on the right side. The target spinner speed is set in Product Setup.



## **Implement Setup - Implement**

Here you will enter the type, name, and number of bins for your spreader.

#### GreenStar Dry Rate Controller - Implement Setup SureFire Dry A Display System Alarms Implement Smoothing Diagnostic Impl Pull-behind Spreader \$ Implement Name SureFire Dry \$ Disable This GDC Rename Remove New Prod. Setu CAL Number of 1 \$ Bins Calibration 123 Totals 2:52pm t ſлÌ



### Implement Type, Name & Number of Bins

- 1. Choose implement type "Pull-behind Spreader"
- 2. Enter a Name for the Implement where "SurePoint Dry" is shown above.
- 3. Select Number of Bins



## **Implement Setup - System**

System setup is where you will set the GS2/GS3 to be compatible with the SurePoint fertilizer system components.





- 1. Conveyor Control Valve Type: PWM Close
- 2. Conveyor Speed Sensor Calibration: Enter the pulses per revolution (teeth on sprocket or sensor target)
- 3. Enter the bin capacity
- 4. Do not check bin level sensor switch as most SurePoint dry harnesses do not include this connector.
- 5. Control Valve Calibration: 311
- 6. Coil Frequency: 100
- 7. Set High Limit to 255 (maximum allowed) and Low Limit to 40 (SurePoint hydraulic valve will crack open at output of about 50.
- 8. You can run the "Calibrate PWM Limits" to assist you in setting the PWM high and low limit.



## **Implement Setup - System (continued)**

In system setup, you MUST go to spinner setup even if you do not have a spinner.

SureFire Dry

GreenStar Dry Rate Controller - Implement Setup



Display 3 Implement System Alarms DR Smoothing **Fan Speed** - The spinner speed Control Valve Type Control Valve Calibration Sensor Calibration can also be used to monitor or control a distribution fan if using a dry Bin 1 System nol. Setu PVM Close 311 16 fertilizer system of that type. Prod. Setup CAL Calibration 1 2 3 Totals 5:17pm Spinne Setup 个言言 Home Screen with Spinner - If using a spinner speed sensor the home screen will show spinner speed on the right side. The target spinner speed is set in Product Setup. Spinner Setup Master Spinner Control Valve None 0 \$ Off (Њ) Туре 80182280 1 Chaining Spinner Control Valve ₽⊗⊗ Calibration RPM لروبه 🖊 0 0 lb/ac Spinner Speed Sensor ♦⊗⊗ Installed ⊕/∥ RPM 200 50 lb/ac Spinner Speed Sensor Calibration Charge

1. Spinner Control Valve type - set to None if not using a spinner. The dry fertilizer conveyor or meter will not run without a spinner speed unless this is set to none.

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Bin On

- 2. A SurePoint PWM valve can control spinner speed if a harness with spinner control is used. Set to PWM Close in this case.
- A spinner speed sensor can be used with or without a control valve. If no control valve is used, the GS2/ GS3 will just display spinner sped and you will set it via some other method (tractor hydraulic flow control, etc.) Check the box if using a spinner speed sensor.
- 4. The spinner speed sensor calibration is the pulses per revolution of number of teeth on the sensor target.
- 5. If using a control valve start with the same 311 Control Valve Calibration that Bin1 uses.

## **Implement Setup - Alarms**

Customize your alarms on this page.

- 1. Press the Bin 1 Alarms button.
- 2. Application Rate Alarm: 20% is the John Deere default and SurePoint recommended setting. These alarms can not be disabled.
- 3. 20% is the low bin level alarm default.
- 4. Spinner Alarm uncheck the box if not using a spinner.



## **Implement Setup - Smoothing**

- 1. SurePoint recommends 10% rate smoothing.
- 2. Uncheck the box if not using a spinner speed sensor.

GreenStar Dry Rate C	Controller - Implement Setup	SureFire Dry	A N	2 T
Implement	System Alarms	Display Smoothing	Diagnostics	CRC DRY
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				Calibration
	Speed Smoothing			123
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				2:55pm



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## **Product Setup - Information**

Enter the specific information for each dry product to be applied on this page.

- 1. Enter the product name.
- 2. Enter the product type.
- 3. Enter the product application units (usually pounds or tons)
- 4. Enter the product density.
- 5. Enter the rate mode. This is either Manual or Map Based.
- 6. Enter the spread width of this product.
- 7. Leave the spinner settings blank if not using spinner control. Enter the rate change increment.

GreenStar Dry Rate Controller - Product Setup SureFire D	y <mark>A</mark>	F
Product Information Product Bin Setup Summary	Diagnostics	ORC DRY
Product Name Ure a		
New Rename Remove		Impl. Setup
Product type   -ertilizer		Prod. Setup
Application Units Ibs Spread Wath (ff) 40.00		Calibration
Product Density (lb / cu. ft) 45.0 Target Spinner Speed (RPM)		J 123
Rate Mode Manual Spinner Frame (in)		Totals 2:55pm
Manual Rate Change Increment (Ib/ac)		

### **Product Setup—Bin**

- 1. Check the box to enable the bin. Push Bin 1 Setup button.
- 2. Select the product name.
- 3. Enter a feed gate opening.
- 4. Enter an estimated CFR. Wait to calibrate the CFR until after basic operation is tested and bin is filled.







## **Product Setup - Summary**

The product summary shows a summary of what was setup on the Product Information and Product Bin Setup screens. Review this information for correctness. The CFR will be calibrated in a later step.



GreenStar Dry Rate Controller - Product Setup			surer-ire Dry
Product Information	Product Bin Setup	Product Summary	<u> </u>
	Bin 1		
Bin Enabl	ed Enabled		0
Product Nar	ne Urea		
Product Densi (Ib / cu.*	ity 45.0 ft)		
Ci (cu. ft/re	FR 0.0014		
Feed Gate Openin	ng 2.0		
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Rate Mo	de Manual		
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### **Initial Operation Instructions - Step 1**

SurePoint highly recommends you begin with this simple test to verify all components are functioning correctly before filling with fertilizer and calibrating.



	GreenStar Dry Rate Controller - Diagnostics Su	reFire Dry A	F
Tests available in Drop Down Menu	Readings Tests	Diagnostics	CRC DRY
Control Valve Test Flow Control Test Spreader Check Bin Cleanout Control Valve Test	Control Valve Test Control Valve 1. Turn off the spinner and allow speed to drop to 0 2. Select the bin or spinner from the list 3. Turn the Master switch ON. 4. Press the Start button. 5. Press and hold the - or + button to operate the control valve. Note: Turn the Master Switch OFF at any time to cate test. Bin 1	e Test D. ancel	Calibration
	Master On Start - +		5:23pm

- 1. Go to the Control Valve Test (Diagnostics, Tests, Control Valve Test). Control Valve Test essentially functions like a MANUAL mode where you have direct control of the hydraulic motor shaft speed.
- 2. Turn the tractor hydraulic valve on.
- 3. Turn the Master switch on.
- 4. Push Start button. Push and hold the '+' button until the hydraulic motor begins to turn.
- 5. Does an RPM reading show up? Is the reading stable? If a stable RPM reading is not shown, inspect the sensor mount, air gap and check the Conveyor Speed Sensor Calibration.
- 6. Push the '+" button. Does the shaft speed up and RPM reading increase?
- 7. Push the "-" button. Does the shaft slow down and RPM reading decrease?
- 8. Go to Initial Operation Step 2 when you can increase and decrease the RPM reading using the + and buttons.



### **Initial Operation Instructions - Step 2**





- 1. Go to the Flow Control Test (with no fertilizer loaded). This will automatically operate the meter or conveyor at a series of speeds from the PWM minimum up to maximum. It will provide a deviation percentage to show if the target speed is achieved. When properly setup, the deviation percentages should be low. If they are higher than 15%, consider lowering the PWM Control Valve Calibration.
- 2. If you get a high variance at an upper speed in this test, it most likely can be improved by reducing the PWM Maximum setting. However, if the fastest your meter or conveyor needs to run is 350 RPM, you can ignore a variance at any RPM higher than that.
- 3. If you get a high variance at a low RPM you can likely improve it by changing the Control Valve Calibration. Move this number in small increments. The SurePoint recommended Control Valve Calibration is 311. Move this by a single digit to 211 or 411 as you begin to adjust it. Control Valve Calibration that is set too high will produce high variances and the motor shaft will be seen surging during this test. Also consider if you will run at the low rpm or not. If not in your operating range, the variance can be totally ignored.



## **CFR (Cubic Feet / Revolution) Calibration**

## Setup & Operation

This test is required before applying dry fertilizer.

- 1. Go to Calibrate, then CFR.
- 2. Select the correct Bin, then push Calibrate CFR button.
- The 3 items on the left side of the screen will show up at the settings from the product information setup. If those aren't correct, you can enter new values right here.
- 4. Enter the Test Speed and Test Rate that you will typically use in the field.
- 5. Enter the amount of material you want to catch and weigh for calibration.
- 6. When the data is entered an Estimated Test Time will be computed, which must be between 10 seconds and 10 minutes.
- 7. Push the button in the lower right corner to proceed with the test.
- 8. Turn the hydraulics on, Master on and push Start button.
- After the test batch of fertilizer is dispensed, weigh it and enter the amount. A new CFR value will be computed.





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## Troubleshooting

### Hydraulic Motor Will Not Turn

Turn hydraulics off, go to the SurePoint PWM valve (on motor or stand-alone) and use the manual override on top of the electric coil to manually open the valve (Manual Override UP = valve fully open). Turn hydraulics on **at a low flow only** as the valve is 100% open. Try hydraulic lever in opposite direction. Does the pump turn? If it turns, your problem is electric / electronic. If the pump still does not turn, you have a hydraulic problem.



### Electric / Electronic Problem

- 1. Close manual override (lock down)
- 2. Go to Diagnostics, Control Valve Test to investigate this issue.
- 3. Verify hydraulics are on.
- In Control Valve Test, hold down "+" button for a few seconds. A single tap of this button produces a very small change in signal to the valve, so you must hold it.
- 5. Take a metal object and hold it next to the coil. If the coil is working, you will feel the magnetic pull.
- 6. If no magnetic force is felt, disconnect the PWM valve connector and check voltage. You will need 6-12 volts to get hydraulic valve to open.
- 7. If 6-12 volts is not present, check harnesses and review control valve type setup.
- Go back to the 37 pin connector at the John Deere Rate Controller. Check voltage between pins 4 & 5, should be between 6-12 volts while in section test after holding "+" button.
- 9. If you cannot get voltage at pins 4 & 5, contact your John Deere dealer for further assistance.

### **Hydraulics Problem**

- 1. Leave the manual override open on the SurePoint valve.
- 2. Check the hose routings. The "P" port on the SurePoint valve should hook to pressure. The "T" port is the return that should flow back to the tractor.
- 3. Try hoses in a different hydraulic remote. Inspect hydraulic connectors for damage or restrictions.

### Hydraulic Manual Override Down - Normal Operation Up - Override, valve 100% open



## Troubleshooting

### **Application Rate Fluctuates**

First, you need to determine if the fluctuation is caused by the controller sending fluctuating signals to the valve.

- 1. Go to Control Valve Test as shown in Initial Operation, Section F.
- 2. Turn the system on and watch the RPM.
- Is the RPM steady within a very small range. For example a fluctuation from 89 to 92 RPM would be considered normal. A fluctuation from 70-95 RPM is a problem. If only a small normal fluctuation is seen in section test, proceed to "Application Rate Fluctuates in Field ......." below.
- 4. If there is a large fluctuation, watch the motor shaft to see if it is rotating steadily or if it is actually jerking.
- 5. If there is a large fluctuation and the motor is turning steadily, check the speed sensor for distance to target and alignment. Make sure all components are securely mounted.

# Application Rate fluctuates in field, but RPM in Control Valve Test mode is stable.

This problem indicates the valve calibration needs changed. The system is surging because the Rate Controller is moving the hydraulic valve too much.

- 1. Go to Setup System PWM Setup.
- 2. Change the Valve Calibration by reducing the valve speed (first two digits). For example reduce the number for 311 to 211, which changes valve speed from 3 to 2.

### Application Rate is slow to get to the Target Rate

- 1. You may need to increase the valve calibration. Go to Setup System PWM Setup.
- 2. Change the Valve Calibration by increasing the valve speed (first two digits). For example increase the number from 311 to 411, which changes valve speed from 3 to 4.
- 3. You can also increase the minimum PWM setting. This will start the pump at a faster speed when it initially turns on.

### No Flow or RPM shown on GS2/GS3 but liquid is being pumped

- 1. Unplug meter / conveyor sensor. With voltmeter, check for 12 volts between pins B&C of Metri-Pack 150 speed sensor connector. If 12 volts not present, inspect wiring harness and troubleshoot all connections per schematic (see Section D).
- If 12 volts is present, then conduct a tap test. Have a second person watch RPM on the 1,2,3 screen while other person taps (use a short piece of wire or a paper clip) between pins A&C of Metri-Pack 150 speed sensor connector. An RPM value should show up indicating the wiring is not damaged.
- 3. If GS2/GS3 responded to the tap test, your wiring to that point is good.
- 4. Adjust or Replace speed sensor.



### **PWM Valve and Motor Parts**

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4.9 CID Hydraulic Motor with PWM Valve and Bypass Valve, CW Rotation (includes all parts below EXCEPT hydraulic adapter fitting and elbows.) same as above EXCEPT smaller 4.0 CID motor

164-FTA0994 165-P15618A-3 same as above EXCEPT smaller 4.0 CID motor Stand Alone PWM Valve - Stand-alone valve uses the same 12 volt coil, solenoid valve and needle valve as shown below.



ample is plumbed in series behind John Deere CCS Fan.

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