

Decoders

A proven technology on golf courses around the world, Rain Bird decoders provide best-in-class field control on centrally controlled irrigation systems. Installed underground and featuring simple, low-cost wiring, decoders are an aesthetically pleasing, full-featured, economical option for reliable in-field control.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- Improve aesthetics and reduce costs with buried in-field controls.
- Easy system expansion — simply splice into the communication line and add additional decoders.
- Installation requires up to 80 percent less wire than conventional controller systems.
- Electronic components are completely encapsulated to protect against the elements.
- Underground decoders reduce the chance of damage from wildlife, vandals or natural disasters.
- Pre-coded addressing eliminates confusion associated with switch-based addressing.
- With the addition of Rain Bird's Decoder Programming Unit (DPU), decoder addresses can be reassigned if necessary.

A Cost-Effective Alternative

A simple wiring configuration and absence of valve boxes keeps installation and maintenance costs low. Rain Bird decoders are a "true lower than 30 Volt" system that utilize a two-wire path of 14-gauge wire connecting the central control system, decoders and valves or valve-in-head sprinklers.

Simple, Reliable Control

If you're looking for an alternative to satellites, Rain Bird decoders may be the right solution for you. These decoders for your central control system are simple, robust and reliable. They work with your central control system just like satellites but are buried underground away from the elements.

Sensor Capability

If you need information from analog, pulse or switch sensors to manage your irrigation, connect the sensor to the SD-210 sensor decoder and view the data at the central. Using Smart Sensor™, sensor data can even be used to control the irrigation.

Excellent for Renovations

Thanks to advanced central control technology and simple wiring requirements, decoders are a smart choice for many golf course renovations. Using Cirrus™, Nimbus™ II, and Stratus™ II Central Control systems with Rain Bird's hybrid feature capabilities, Field Control systems and IC can be mixed and matched on one computer. This makes it easy to expand irrigation coverage using a minimal amount of wire and decoders.

* Additional software required

Protect Against the Elements

With all electronic components fully sealed within a water-tight enclosure and buried underground, damage from floods, frost, rodents or vandals is virtually eliminated. Rain Bird decoders are an especially good choice for flood plains.

An Out-of-Sight Solution

Buried decoder systems leave nothing exposed to the elements. With no evidence of in-field control, this aesthetically pleasing alternative works perfectly in situations where satellites are unwanted or impractical.

In-Field Control Options

The addition of decoders doesn't mean the elimination of in-field control. Decoders can be turned on and off in the field with The FREEDOM System™ or MI Series™ mobile controllers*. The MI Series mobile controller allows precise control of the decoder system anywhere Internet access is available. Another alternative is The FREEDOM System. This handheld radio remote allows you to signal changes to the central control system from anywhere on the course.

The Right Amount of Control

Select different decoders to operate one, two, four or six solenoids. Five different decoders let you choose the amount of control you need.

HOW TO SPECIFY

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MODEL	DECODER TYPE
101	Single Address (1 solenoid)
102	Single Address (up to 2 solenoids)
202	Dual Address (up to 4 solenoids)
401	Four Addresses (up to 4 solenoids)
601	Six addresses (up to 6 solenoids)

