



Overview

EK-500 series are new microprocessor controllers with multiple status indicators to visualize operation conditions and wide operating voltage range for different regions. The controllers have cooling/heating, defrost, fan and other functions, mainly used for temperature control of refrigeration units, freezers, display cabinets, small and medium-sized cold rooms. Their copy card function provides convenience for rapid upload and download of parameter values. The controllers also can access to the cloud platform via Elitech network module.

Functions & Features

Features	Model			
	EK-510	EK-520	EK-530	EK-540
Main functions	❄️ ⚙️ 🔌	❄️ ⚙️ 🔌	❄️ ⚙️ 🔌	❄️ ⚙️ 🔌
4 Buttons¹	⏻ ⏪ ⏩ ⏹	⏻ ⏪ ⏩ ⏹	⏻ ⏪ ⏩ ⏹	⏻ ⏪ ⏩ ⏹
Types of temperature	Room temperature	•	•	•
	Defrost temperature	-	•	•
	Condenser temperature (or critical temperature)²	-	Optional	Optional
Fourth Input (Single choice)²	Energy saving function Multi-function alarm Standby Thermal protection alarm Door switch	Energy saving function Multi-function alarm Standby Thermal protection alarm Door switch	Energy saving function Multi-function alarm Standby Thermal protection alarm Door switch	Energy saving function Multi-function alarm K4 relay output control Standby Thermal protection alarm Door switch
Display °C or °F	•	•	•	•
Display decimal (temperature)	•	•	•	•
Energy saving mode	•	•	•	•
Rapid cooling/heating mode	•	•	•	•
One-key energy saving mode	•	•	•	•
One-key rapid cooling/heating mode	•	•	•	•
Types of defrost	Electric	-	•	•
	Hot gas	-	•	•
	Defrost with compressor OFF	•	•	•
One-key room light switch	-	-	-	•
Standby function	•	•	•	•
Display delay of temperature changes	•	•	•	•
Access password for parameter configuration	•	•	•	•
Button lock	•	•	•	•
Relay contact output rating	❄️ (❄️)	2Hp @ 240VAC 1Hp @ 120VAC (20A)	2Hp @ 240VAC 1Hp @ 120VAC (20A)	16A 16A
	❄️	-	10A	10A
	⚙️	-	-	5A 5A
	AUX	-	-	- 5A
RS-485 Interface	•	•	•	•
Copy card function	•	•	•	•

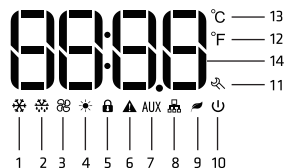
Note:
1. In this manual, the buttons ⏻ and ⏪ indicate the same function, ⏻ applies for the models EK-510, EK-520 and EK-530 and ⏪ for the model EK-540. Here we use the button ⏪ to describe the same function.
2. Condenser temperature (or critical temperature) shares the same auxiliary input port with the fourth input, so they cannot be used simultaneously.

Specifications

Power supply: 100~250VAC, 50/60Hz
Total power consumption: maximum 5W
Temperature measuring range: -50°C ~ 120°C / -58°F ~ 248°F
Temperature accuracy: ±1±0.5°C (-20°C ~ 50°C) / ±2°F (-4°F ~ 122°F); ±2°C / ±3°F (others)
Temperature control range: -40°C ~ 119°C / -40°F ~ 246.2°F
Temperature resolution: 0.1°C / 1°C or 1°F
Storage temperature: -20°C ~ 70°C / -4°F ~ 158°F
Operating ambient temperature: -10°C ~ 60°C / 14°F ~ 140°F
Sensor type: NTC(10KΩ/25°C, B value = 3435K)
Cable length (Sensor): 2m (probe length included)
Mounting size: 71mm×29mm

Display & Operation

Screen



No.	Function	ON	OFF	Flash
1	Cooling output	ON	OFF	Compressor protection (delay) or parameter setting
2	Defrost Output	ON	OFF	Dripping
3	Fan output	ON	OFF	-
4	Heating output	ON	OFF	-
5	Button lock	Buttons are locked	Buttons are unlocked	The buttons are still locked
6	Alarm	Alarming	No alarm	-
7	K4 relay output	ON	OFF	-
8	Network	-	-	Communicating
9	Energy saving mode	ON	OFF	-
10	Standby indicator	Standby	Operating	-
11	Maintenance	The unit requires maintenance	-	-
12	Fahrenheit	Temperature unit is °F	-	Rapid cooling or heating mode
13	Celsius	Temperature unit is °C	-	Rapid cooling or heating mode
14	Number	4-digit number with a decimal separator	-	-

Button lock

If the indicator 🔒 shows on the screen, the buttons are locked. Touch and hold the ⏪ button, 🔒 flashes for 3 seconds and disappears, indicating the buttons are unlocked.
The controller will automatically lock the buttons after 10 seconds of inactivity and displays 🔒 on the screen.

Standby

When P85 = 1, the standby function is enabled.
Make sure the buttons unlocked and no procedures in progress, hold ⏪ for 4 seconds, the screen will be turned off, the indicator ⏻ will light up and all outputs will shut down, indicating the controller enters standby mode.
In standby mode, hold ⏪ for 4 seconds to exit and then the controller enters normal operation.
Note: 1. In standby mode, K4 relay output depends on parameter P78.
2. Once entering standby mode, the controller will clear all the previous statuses. After exiting standby mode, it will operate according to current temperature.

Mute buzzer

When the controller detects a fault, the buzzer will beep continuously and display the fault message (see 7 Alarm Message). Touch any button to mute the buzzer.

Rapid Cooling in Manual Mode

Make sure the buttons unlocked and no procedures in progress, P16=0 and P19=1, touch and release ⏻, temperature unit indicator (°C or °F) will flash; see also parameters P17 and P18.

Rapid Heating in Manual Mode

Make sure the buttons unlocked and no procedures in progress, P16=1 and P19=1, touch and release ⏩, temperature unit indicator (°C or °F) will flash; see also parameters P17 and P18.

Energy Saving Function in Manual Mode

Make sure the buttons unlocked and no procedures in progress, P16=0 and P19=2, touch and release ⏩ and the indicator 🔌 will flash; see also parameters P15, P59, P60 and P83.

Defrost Activation in Manual Mode

Make sure the buttons unlocked and no procedures in progress, hold ⏪ for 4 seconds to activate defrost.

Note: To activate this function, following two conditions have to be satisfied:

1. Evaporator sensor functions as a defrost probe (i.e., P08 = 1).
2. Evaporator temperature is below P32 set-point.

Room Light ON/OFF in Manual Mode (Only EK-540)

Make sure the buttons unlocked and no procedures in progress, P77=0, touch and release ⏪, the indicator AUX and K4 relay will be on; Touch and release ⏪ again, AUX and K4 relay will be off.

In standby mode, set P78 to enable/disable room light on/off function.

Demister Heating in Manual Mode (Only EK-540)

Make sure the buttons unlocked and no procedures in progress, P77=1, touch and release ⏪, the indicator AUX and K4 relay will be on, indicating demister heating function is enabled; Touch and release ⏪ again, AUX and K4 relay will be off. See also P81 for the duration of demister heating.

K4 Relay ON/OFF in Manual Mode (Only EK-540)

Make sure the buttons unlocked and no procedures in progress, P77=2, touch and release ⏪, the indicator AUX and K4 relay will be on; Touch and release ⏪ again, AUX and K4 relay will be off.

Other Information

Display

When the controller is switched on and operating normally, it will display the value set by P10.
During defrost, the controller will display the value set by P36.

When the controller is in standby status, the screen will be off and the indicator ⏻ on.

Temperature Viewing

Make sure the buttons unlocked and no procedures in progress, hold ⏩ for 4 seconds, the screen will display the code Pb1. Touch and release ⏩ or ⏪ to switch codes and then touch ⏪ again to check the corresponding temperature read by the probe.

Code	Description
Pb1	Room temperature
Pb2 ¹	Evaporator temperature
Pb3 ²	If P09 = 1, condenser temperature; If P09 = 2, critical temperature.

Exit Viewing Status

Touch and release ⏪ once or keep the buttons untouched for 10 seconds, the controller exits viewing status automatically.

Note: 1. If evaporator sensor is not used (P08=0), the code Pb2 will not be displayed.

2. If the fourth input function is to be a multifunction input (i.e. P09 = 0), code Pb3 will not be displayed.

Total Operating Hours of the Compressor (Only EK540)

To check the total operating hours of the compressor (CH)

Make sure the buttons unlocked and no procedures in progress, hold ⏩ for 4 seconds, the screen will display the code Pb1. Touch and release ⏩ or ⏪ to select the code CH and then touch and release ⏪ to check the total operating hours of the compressor.

To exit check status

Touch ⏪ once or keep the buttons untouched for 10 seconds, the controller exits check status automatically.

To clear the total operating hours of the compressor (rCH)

Make sure the buttons unlocked and no procedures in progress, hold ⏩ for 4 seconds, the screen will display the code Pb1. Touch and release ⏩ or ⏪ to select the code rCH and then touch ⏪ again, the screen will display 0. Touch and release ⏩ or ⏪ to adjust the value to 149, then touch ⏪ again and the screen will display ---- for 4 seconds, indicating the total operating hours of the compressor has been cleared and then the controller exits automatically.

Operation

Temperature Set-point (P01) Settings

Make sure the buttons unlocked and no procedures in progress, touch and release ⏪, the indicator ❄️ will flash. Touch ⏩ or ⏪ to set the desired value. Touch and release ⏪ to exit and save the settings, or wait for 10 seconds the controller will automatically exit with the settings saved.

Code	Description	Minimum	Maximum	Default	Unit
P01	Temperature set-point	P13	P14	0.0	°C/°F

System Settings

To access the procedure

Make sure the buttons unlocked and no procedures in progress, hold ⏪ for 4 seconds, the screen will display the code PA and the indicator ❄️ will flash. Touch and release ⏪, the screen will display 0. Touch and release ⏩ or ⏪ to adjust the value to P86 set-point (default 18). Touch ⏪ again, the screen will display the code P01, indicating the controller has accessed the parameter la.

To select a parameter

Use the button ⏩ or ⏪ to select a parameter code.

To set a parameter

After selecting a parameter code, touch and release ⏪, the screen will display current parameter value. Use ⏩ or ⏪ to change the value, then touch and release ⏪ to return to parameter code, yer.

To exit the procedure

If the screen displays the parameter value, touch and release ⏪ twice to exit system parameter settings;

If the screen displays the parameter code, touch and release ⏪ once to exit system parameter settings;

Or keep the buttons untouched for 10 seconds, the controller will exit system parameter settings automatically.

Note: It defaults that the parameter settings are saved if the controller exits the procedure. The data will not be lost even the controller is powered off and switched on again.



Code	Description	Range	Default	Unit	E K 5 1 0	E K 5 2 0	E K 5 3 0	E K 5 4 0	E K 5 5 0
P01	Temperature set-point (0)	P13 - P14	0	°C/°F	•	•	•	•	•
P02	probe type 0 = PTC 1 = NTC	0 - 1	1	—	•	•	•	•	•
P03	Room probe offset	-25 - 25	0	°C/°F	•	•	•	•	•
P04	Evaporator probe offset	-25 - 25	0	°C/°F	•	•	•	•	•
P05	If P09 = 1, condenser probe offset; If P09 = 2, critical temperature probe offset.	-25 - 25	0	°C/°F	•	•	•	•	•
P06	Decimal / Integer 0: Integer; 1: Decimal	0 - 1	1	—	•	•	•	•	•
P07	Temperature unit (2) 0 = °C (resolution depends on parameter P06); 1 = °F (resolution: 1°F)	0 - 1	0	—	•	•	•	•	•
P08	Evaporator probe function: 0 = absent probe; 1 = defrost probe and probe determining the activity of the evaporator fan; 2 = probe determining the activity of the evaporator fan	0 - 2	1	—	•	•	•	•	•
P09	Auxiliary input (AUX/ID): 0 = multifunction input; 1 = condenser probe; 2 = critical temperature probe	0 - 2	0	—	•	•	•	•	•
P10	Display during normal operation: 0 = room temperature; 1 = temperature set-point; 2 = evaporator temperature; 3 = if P09 = 0, "—"; if P09 = 1, condenser temperature; if P09 = 2, critical temperature; 4 = "—"	0 - 4	0	—	•	•	•	•	•
P11	Display delay of temperature changes as detected by the probes	0 - 250	5	0.1s	•	•	•	•	•
P12	Temperature set-point differential; see also P20	0.1 - 15	2	°C/°F	•	•	•	•	•
P13	Minimum temperature set-point	-99 - P01	-40	°C/°F	•	•	•	•	•
P14	Maximum temperature set-point	P01 - 99	50	°C/°F	•	•	•	•	•
P15	If P16 = 0, cooling starts when room temperature > P01+P15 in energy saving mode; cooling stops when room temperature < P01-P15-P12; see P71, P74 and P83.	0 - 99	0	°C/°F	•	•	•	•	•
P16	Cooling / heating mode (4): 0 = cooling; 1 = heating	0 - 1	0	—	•	•	•	•	•
P17	Temperature set-point offset in Rapid Cooling / Heating mode: If P16 = 0, P17 represents temperature set-point (P01) decrease during the Rapid Cooling mode; see also P18; If P16 = 1, P17 represents temperature set-point (P01) increase during the Rapid Heating mode; see also P18.	0 - 99	0	°C/°F	•	•	•	•	•
P18	Rapid cooling/heating duration: If P16 = 0, P18 represents rapid cooling duration (only if P19 = 1); see also P17; If P16 = 1, P18 represents rapid heating duration (only if P19 = 1); see also P17.	0 - 240	30	min	•	•	•	•	•
P19	Touch and release button: 0 = absent; 1 = Rapid Cooling mode if P16 = 0; Rapid Heating mode if P16 = 1; 2 = Energy saving mode (only if P16 = 0).	0 - 2	0	—	•	•	•	•	•
P20	Temperature set-point differential type: 0 = asymmetric; 1 = symmetric	0 - 1	1	—	•	•	•	•	•
P21	Compressor start delay after the controller is switched on (S)	0 - 240	0	min	•	•	•	•	•
P22	Minimum compressor switch-off duration (S)	0 - 240	3	min	•	•	•	•	•
P23	Minimum compressor switch-on duration	0 - 240	0	S	•	•	•	•	•
P24	Compressor switch-off duration in case of a faulty room probe; (code P1); see also P25	0 - 240	10	min	•	•	•	•	•
P25	Compressor switch-on duration in case of a faulty room probe; (code P1); see also P24	0 - 240	10	min	•	•	•	•	•
P26	Condenser overheating alarm (code COH) (7)	0-199	80	°C/°F	—	—	—	—	—
P27	Condenser temperature above which the compressor shut down alarm is activated (code CSd)	0 - 199	90	°C/°F	—	—	—	—	—
P28	Compressor shut down alarm delay after the condenser overheating (code CSd) (8)	0 - 15	1	min	—	—	—	—	—
P29	Compressor maintenance time: 0 = this function is disabled.	0 - 999	0	10H	—	—	—	—	—
P30	Defrost interval; 0 = defrost is disabled.	0 - 99	8	H	•	•	•	•	•
P31	Types of defrost: 0 = Electric - during defrost the compressor will remain off and evaporator fan activity will depend on parameter P57; 1 = By hot gas - during defrost the compressor will be switched on and evaporator fan activity will depend on parameter P57; 2 = Defrost with compressor OFF - during defrost the compressor will remain off and the defrost output will remain deactivated; evaporator fan activity will depend on parameter P57.	0 - 2	0	—	•	•	•	•	•
P32	Defrost stop temperature; see also P33.	-99 - 99	2	°C/°F	•	•	•	•	•
P33	If P33 = 0, defrost is disabled. If P08 = 0 or 2, P33 represents defrost duration; If P08 = 1, P33 represents maximum defrost duration; see also P32.	0 - 99	30	min	•	•	•	•	•
P34	Defrost when controller is switched on (S); 1 = yes	0 - 1	0	—	•	•	•	•	•
P35	Defrost start delay after the controller is switched on (S)	0 - 99	0	min	•	•	•	•	•
P36	Display during defrost (only if P10 = 0): 0 = room temperature; 1 = when defrost is activated, if room temperature < P01-δt, it displays P01-δt; if room temperature > P01-δt, it displays room temperature; (3) (10); 2 = dEF	0 - 2	1	min	•	•	•	•	•
P37	Dripping duration (during dripping the compressor will remain off and the defrost output will remain deactivated; if P42 = 0, evaporator fan activity will depend on parameter P57); if P42 = 0, the evaporator fan will remain off.)	0 - 15	2	min	•	•	•	•	•
P38	Defrost activation methods: 0 = at intervals - defrost will be activated once the controller has altogether been on for time P30. 1 = on compressor operating time - defrost will be activated once the compressor has altogether been on for time P30. 2 = at evaporator temperature - defrost will be activated when the evaporator temperature has remained below the temperature P39 for a total time of P30 (11).	0 - 2	0	—	•	•	•	•	•
P39	Evaporator temperature is higher than P39, defrost interval counter is suspended (only if P38 = 2).	-99 - 99	0	°C/°F	—	—	—	—	—
P40	Defrost alarm is switched off once maximum defrost time limit has been reached (code dFd; only if P08 = 1 and evaporator probe is not faulty (code P1); 1 = enable this function	0 - 1	0	—	•	•	•	•	•
P41	Minimum compressor operating time before defrost by hot gas is activated (only if P31 = 1) (12).	0 - 99	0	min	•	•	•	•	•
P42	Pre-dripping duration (during dripping the compressor and fan will remain off, the defrost output will be activated).	0 - 99	0	min	•	•	•	•	•

Note:

- The temperature unit depends on P07.
- Adjust temperature related parameters accordingly after parameter P07 is set.
- If parameter P16 is set to 1, the energy saving mode and defrost management will be switched off; see also parameter P56.
- After recovered from the standby mode, the controller will start after P21 elapses.
- The time set by parameter P22 is counted also when the controller is in standby mode.
- The overheating differential of parameter P28 is 2.0 °C / 4 °F (constant).
- If the compressor is switched on, condenser temperature is already above P27 set-point, parameter P28 will not take effect.
- The δ t value depends on parameter P20 (δ t = P12 if P20 = 0; δ t = P12/2 if P20 = 1).
- The display restores normal operation when, at the end of the dripping, room temperature falls below the value that locked the display (or if a temperature alarm is triggered).
- If parameter P08 is set to 0 or 2, the controller will function as if parameter P38 were set to 0.
- When defrost is activated, the operating duration of the compressor is less than the time set by parameter P41, the compressor will remain on for P41 to elapse, then the defrost will be activated.
- During defrost and dripping, evaporator fan will be off and high temperature alarm is absent, provided that it was triggered after defrost activation.
- During activation of the door switch input, high temperature alarm takes no effect. The alarm will be signaled after the deactivation of the input.
- Parameters P59 and P60 have effect when the compressor is off.
- Parameters P59 and P60 have effect when the compressor is on.
- If parameter P08 is set to 0, the controller will function as if parameter P55 were set to 2.
- Parameters P59 and P60 have effect when evaporator temperature is below parameter P56 set-point.
- Parameters P59 and P60 have effect when the compressor is on and evaporator temperature is below parameter P56 set-point.
- If parameter P09 is set to 0 or 2, condenser fan will operate in parallel with the compressor.
- Condenser fan is switched on and then the compressor is on. When condenser temperature falls below parameter P63 set-point, condenser fan will be switched off and then the compressor will be off.
- The compressor remains off for 10 seconds after the activation of the door switch input; if the input is activated during defrost or when the evaporator fan is off, the activation will not have any effect on the compressor.
- To avoid damaging the connected loads, please set the parameter when the controller is in standby mode.

Alarm Message

No.	Code	Description	Solution	Main Effect
1	Pr1	Room probe faulty	Check the sensor wiring; Replace the sensor	The compressor operation depends on P24 and P25
2	Pr2	Evaporator probe faulty	Check the sensor wiring; Replace the sensor	If P08 = 1, defrost time depends on parameter P33; If P08 = 1 and P38 = 2, the controller will function as if parameter P38 were set to 0; If P08 = 1 or 2, and P55 = 3 or 4, the controller will function as if P55 were set to 2. Alarm outputs are activated
3	Pr3	Condenser probe or critical temperature probe faulty	Check the sensor wiring; Replace the sensor	If P09 = 1, CoH and CSd alarms are absent, and condenser fan will operate in parallel with the compressor
4	AL	Low temperature alarm	Check room temperature; Check parameter P48	Alarm output is activated
5	AH	High temperature alarm	Check room temperature; Check parameter P49	Alarm output is activated
6	Id	Door switch input alarm	Check input; Check parameter P67 and P72	Alarm output is activated and depends on P67 set-point
7	IA	Multifunction input alarm	Check input; Check parameters P71 and P72	Alarm output is activated and depends on P67 set-point
8	CoH	Condenser overheating alarm	Check condenser temperature; Check P26	Alarm output is activated and condenser fan is switched on
9	CSd	Compressor switch-off alarm	Check condenser temperature; Check parameter P27; Restart the controller; Cut off power supply and clean the condenser if the condenser temperature is still above the P27 set-point	Compressor will be switched off; Alarm output is activated; Condenser fan is switched on
10	Cth	Compressor thermal protection alarm	Check input; See also parameters P71 and P72	Cut off all outputs; Alarm output is activated
11	th	Controller thermal protection alarm	Check input; See also parameters P71 and P72	Cut off all outputs; Alarm output is activated
12	dFd	Defrost alarm is switched off once maximum defrost time limit has been reached	Check evaporator probe; Check parameters P32, P33 and P40	The controller operates normally

Note: When the alarm is canceled, the controller will automatically restore to normal operation, except the following:

- The alarms CSd and th can only be canceled by restarting the controller.
- The dFd alarm can be canceled by touching any button.

MODBUS-RTU RS485 Communication

The system adopts the communication protocol of MODBUS-RTU slave mode. Baud rate: 9600, parity: none, data length: 8 bit, stop bit: 1. It supports MODBUS-RTU command 03 (read holding register) and 06 (write single register).

Copy Card Function

Copy parameter values from the copy card to the controller

Before the controller is powered on, insert the copy card into the interface on the side of the controller, then power on the controller, it will automatically copy the data from the copy card. Code dly shows to indicate copy success and dln shows to indicate copy failure.

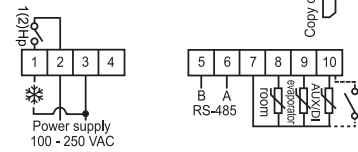
Make sure the controller not powered, the buttons unlocked and no procedures in progress, hold SET for 4 seconds, the screen will display the code PA. Touch and release DOWN or UP to select the code CoP and then touch SET , the screen will display the code UL. Touch and release DOWN or UP to select the code dL and then touch SET again and wait for 3 seconds. The code y shows to indicate copy success and n shows to indicate copy failure. The controller will operate normally after 2 seconds.

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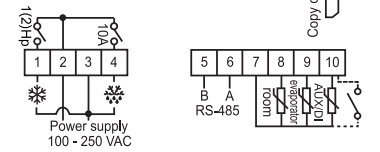
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Wiring Diagram

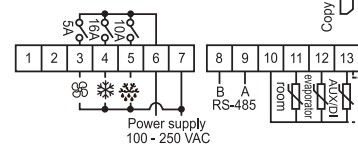
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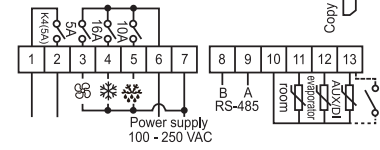
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