



OWNERS MANUAL

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Congratulations on your purchase

Please keep this copy of your owners manual as it contains important information about your solar hot water system.

iStore is a leading provider and installer of solar energy solutions. Our quality and design processes, combined with our years of experience in the solar industry has enabled us to develop a world class solar hot water storage product.



Important Information

- This manual includes all the necessary information regarding the Installation and maintenance of this product. Please take the time to read it through before operating.
- The installer is to explain to the end user how to operate and maintain the unit in accordance to this Instruction manual.
- iStore will not be held responsible for any damages or injuries caused by the incorrect Installation of this hot water system.
- It is important that the installation and operational instructions laid out in this manual are strictly adhered to.
- A maintenance program must be carried out as recommended in this manual. Failure to comply with these recommendations will void the warranty.
- This manual could be subject to change without prior notice, if it is felt that product improvements are to be carried out.

iStore Basics

The iStore utilises an ingenious technology to efficiently transfer thermal energy directly from the surrounding air and into water, without dependence of the sun or fossil fuels to provide an energy source.

How it works

1. A fan draws in air, containing heat energy, across the evaporator
2. The evaporator turns the liquid refrigerant into a gas
3. The compressor pressurises the refrigerant into a hot gas
4. The hot gas inside the condenser coil heats the water inside the coil-wrapped tank
5. The refrigerant reverts back to a liquid after heating the water and continues to the evaporator for the process to start again
6. The cycle continues until the set target temperature is achieved.
7. As water is used in the home, the cycle will restart once the temperature in the tank has dropped 11 degrees below the target temperature.



How Does The iStore Work?

The operation of the iStore is the same principal as your household refrigerator, just in reverse:

Air is drawn into the iStore which passes over the evaporator pre-heating the refrigerant.

The preheated refrigerant is then compressed, which causes the temperature of the gas to be raised and eventually super heats the refrigerant.

The superheated refrigerant passes through the specially designed heat exchanger coiled around the tank. The heat exchanger coil is wrapped up from the bottom of the tank to ensure maximum heating efficiency.

As the heat is transferred into the water, the cooled refrigerant returns back into the evaporator and the cycle continues until the tank reaches its desired temperature. During this process, the fan expels cold air away from the air intake to ensure the system is drawing the warmest possible air.



Characteristics

Smart and efficient unit

The operational costs can be up to 75% less than that of an electric water heater, and can be installed in locations which are unsuitable for solar hot water heating.

Safe and environmentally friendly

Produces no harmful gases along with no open flame, making the unit safe to work with when installing.

Easy to operate

Featuring an easy to use timer for both start and stop operations, with a controller to set the desired water temperature.

HOT WATER CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY



WARNING - Hot Water is dangerous! As a safety precaution, young children should always be supervised around hot water fixtures

THIS WATER HEATER IS ONLY INTENDED TO BE OPERATED BY PERSONS WHO HAVE THE EXPERIENCE OR THE KNOWLEDGE AND THE CAPABILITIES TO DO SO. THIS WATER HEATER IS NOT INTENDED TO BE OPERATED BY PERSONS WITH REDUCED PHYSICAL, SENSORY OR MENTAL CAPABILITIES I.E. THE INFIRM AND CHILDREN.

As solar water heaters can generate water temperature in excess of 50°C, regulations require that an approved solar rated tempering valve shall be installed in accordance with the valve manufacturer's instructions. This is required to prevent water temperatures supplied to the house exceeding a preset safe maximum. The tempering valve is connected to the hot water outlet lines. The valve must be fitted by an authorised plumber at the time of installation or in retrofitting to existing systems.

CHECK THE WATER TEMPERATURE BEFORE USE, SUCH AS WHEN ENTERING A SHOWER OR FILLING A BATH OR BASIN, TO ENSURE IT SUITABLE FOR THE APPLICATION AND WILL NOT CAUSE SCALD INJURY.

Hot water systems can store water at temperatures that can cause scalding. Water temperatures over 50°C can scald and care needs to be taken to ensure that injuries do not occur through incorrect use of your water heater.

THIS WATER HEATER USES 240V AC POWER FOR THE ELECTRICALLY OPERATED COMPONENTS.

THE REMOVAL OR ATTEMPTED ALTERATION OF ANY ELECTRICAL COMPONENT MUST BE CONDUCTED BY A QUALIFIED ELECTRICAL SERVICE PERSON.

Care should be taken to avoid coming into contact with any pipe work or fixtures associated with the water heater collector flow and return lines.

FOR CONTINUED SAFETY OF THIS APPLIANCE, IT MUST BE INSTALLED, OPERATED AND MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANUFACTURERS INSTRUCTIONS.

All iStore solar hot water systems must be installed by an authorized plumber. All installation work must meet local authority standards, Australian standard (AS 3500.4) and the National Plumbing Code along with local electrical regulations. Where required, the relevant electrical and plumbing work will need to be certified to the satisfaction of local regulatory authorities.

If the water heater is left unused for two weeks or more, a small quantity of hydrogen gas (which is HIGHLY flammable) may accumulate in the top water cylinder. To dissipate this gas safely it is recommended that a sink or bath hot tap be turned on to dispel a couple of litres of water. During this procedure there should be no smoking, open flames or any electrical appliances such as washing machines or dish washers operating nearby. If Hydrogen is discharged through the tap, it will make a sound like air escaping.

Intelligent Operating Modes



Economic Heating Mode

Most efficient setting as water will be heated via the compressor only. The electric element can be activated manually whilst in economic heating mode for faster recovery of water.

Hybrid Heating Mode



When quick recovery is required, this mode will activate the compressor & electric element for fastest recovery. Hybrid Heating Mode is designed when short term rapid water heating is required i.e.: Additional guests in the home or quick recovery is required after large hot water use such as a bath or spa. Once the target temperature is reached in this mode, the system will automatically reset to Economic Heating Mode as the default setting.

Electric Element Heating Mode



The electric element will heat the water to the pre-set temperature and turn off once this is reached. The electric element heating mode is classified as a one-shot boost and will automatically turn off once the target temperature is reached. You can activate the electric element in any of the above operating models.



Vacation Mode

For use when away on holidays, enter the date of your return and the smart iStore will not use energy while you're away & prior to your return. Vacation mode reduces energy consumption.



Intelligent Mode



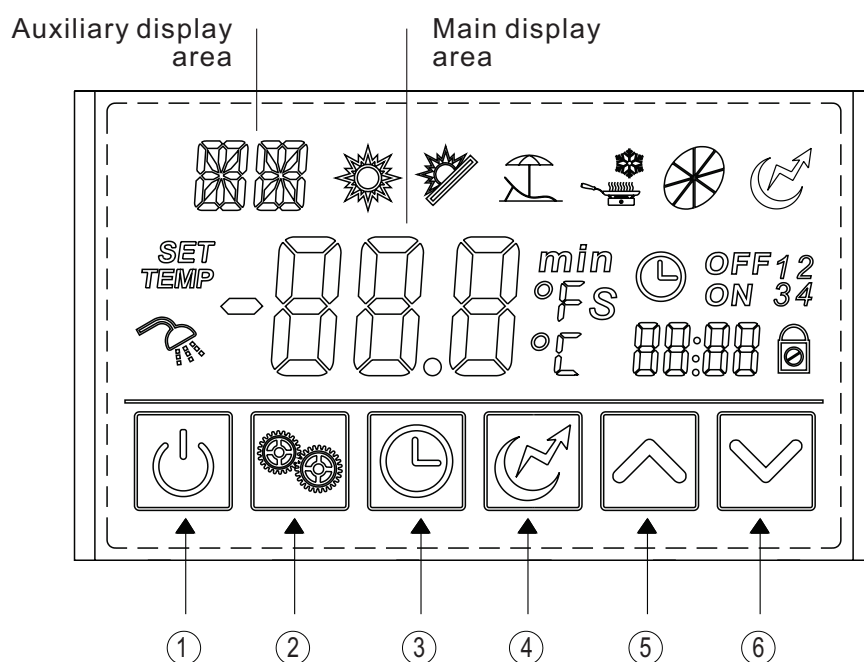
The iStore will monitor and evaluate the ambient temperature and automatically select Economic Heating Mode or Hybrid Heating Mode.

Did you know?







The energy efficient iStore is fast becoming one of the most popular ways of heating your homes hot water. iStore's technology has been around for decades. The refrigeration industry has been utilising this incredibly efficient form of producing heating capacity ever since the first refrigerant gas was developed way back in 1928.

Functionality










The function diagram of the LED display



Function of key

NO.	Button	Name	Function
①		ON/OFF	Turn on/off the unit.
②		Mode	Switch unit running modes or save setting parameters.
③		Clock	Set the clock or the timer.
④		Electric Heater	Turn on/off the electric heater or switch fan modes.
⑤		Up	Move up or increase parameter values.
⑥		Down	Move down or decrease parameter values.

Functionality

Status icon	Name	What it means
	Hybrid Heating	Shows that the unit is in hybrid heating mode.
	Eco Mode	Shows that the unit is in eco heating mode.
	Vacation	Shows that the unit is in vacation mode.
	Fan	Shows that the fan is on and the speed of the fan.
	Electric heater	Shows that the electric heater is on.
	Set temp. achieved	Shows that the water temperature has reached the target point and the unit shut off automatically.
<i>SET</i>	Parameter setting	Shows that the parameter is adjustable.
<i>TEMP</i>	Temperature	Shows that the temperature is non-adjustable (measured value).
	Timer & ON	Shows that the unit will be turned on by the timer automatically.
	Timer & OFF	Shows that the unit will be turned off by the timer automatically.
<i>min</i>	Minute	Shows that the main display area displays the minute.
<i>S</i>	Second	Shows that the main display area displays the second.
<i>°C</i>	Centigrade	Shows that the temperature in Main display area or Auxiliary display area is in C
<i>°F</i>	Fahrenheit	Shows that the temperature in Main display area or Auxiliary display area is in F
	Lock	Shows that the keyboard is locked.




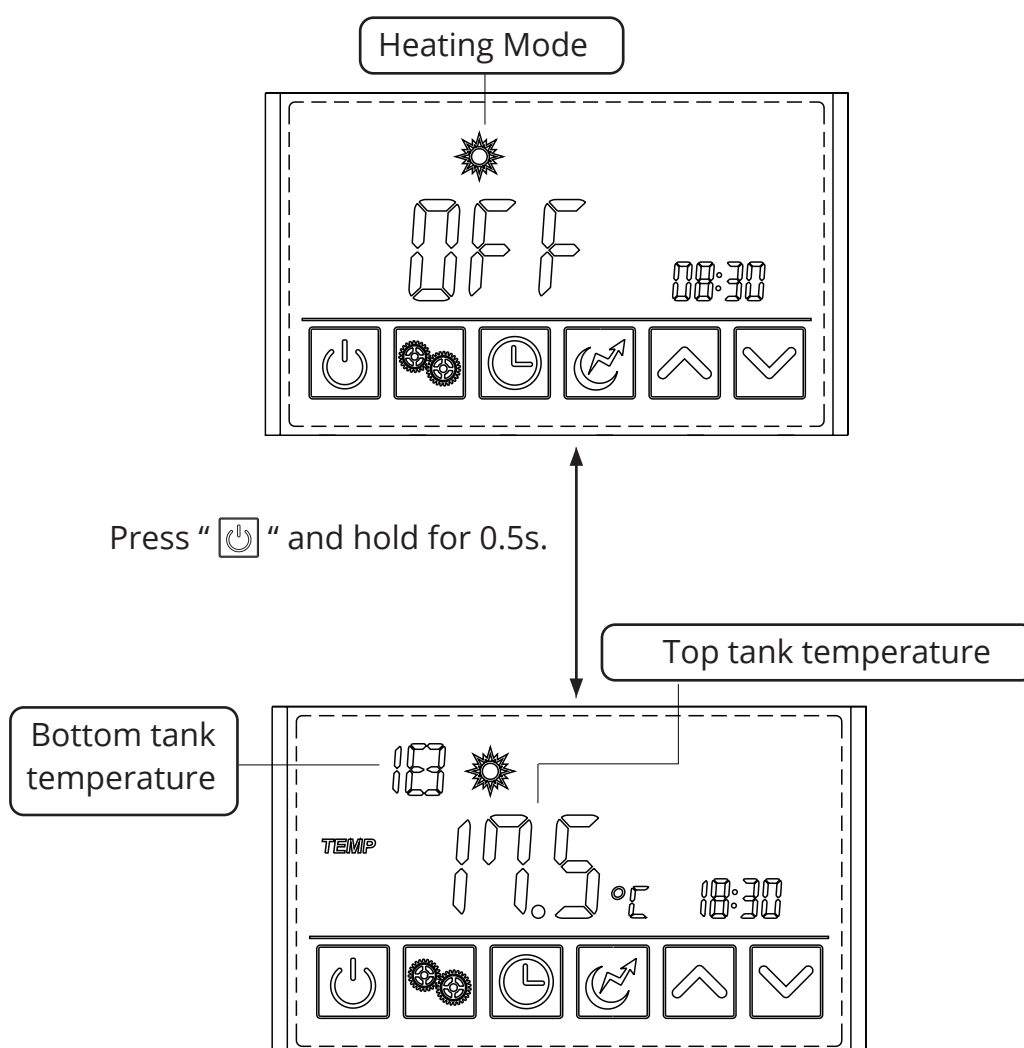
Important - If the iStore display does not detect activity for 15 seconds the screen will automatically lock to prevent any unwanted changes. To unlock the screen, simply press and hold the power button for 5 seconds.

Functionality


Turn ON/OFF the unit

Press "  " and hold for 0.5s and the LED display will turn on the unit and at this time the main display area shows the water outlet temperature.

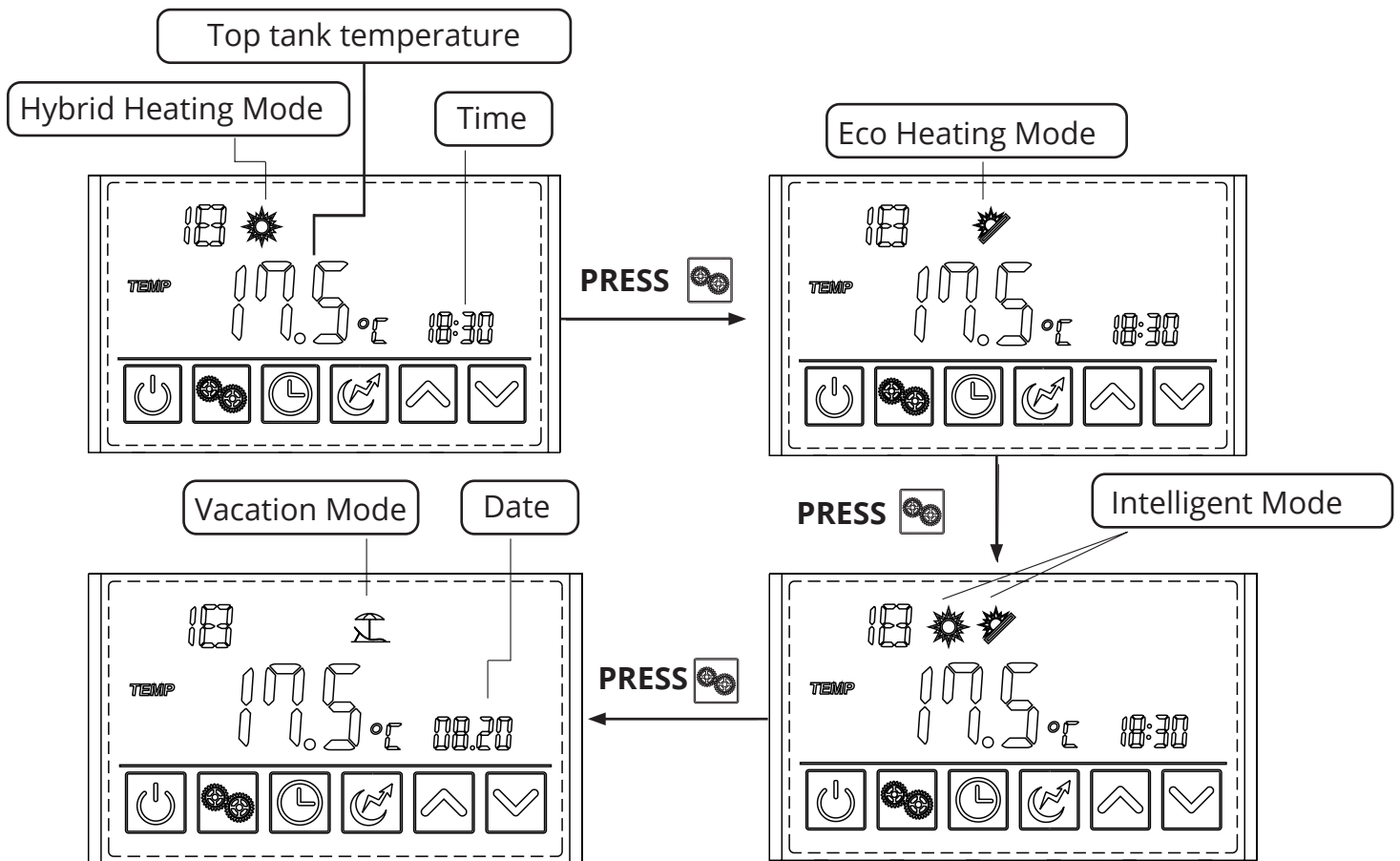
Press "  " and hold for 0.5s in the running interface and the LED display will turn off the unit and at this time the main display area shows OFF.



Mode selection

Press "  " to select the modes including Hybrid Heating, Eco Mode, Intelligent and Vacation in the standby or running interface.

Functionality



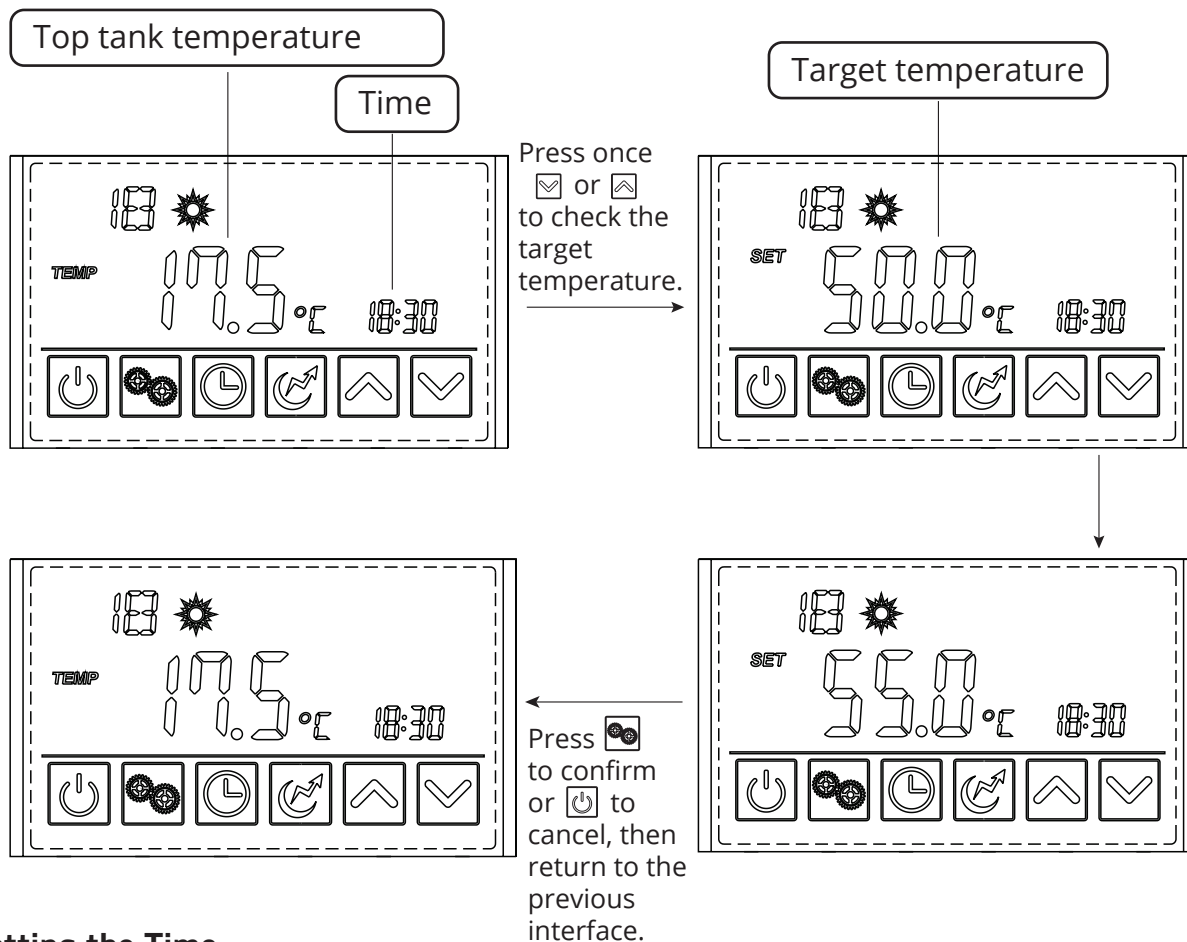
Target temperature checking and settings

In the standby or running interface, press "☑" or "☑" once to check the target temperature of the outlet water. Press "☑" or "☑" again to change the target temperature. After making the changes to the parameter, press "⚙" to confirm or "⏻" to cancel the changes, then return to the previous interface. If no operations are performed on the keypad for 5s, the controller exits the parameter modification menu by timeout and the changes are confirmed.

Example: Change the target temperature from 55° to 60° when the actual top tank temperature is 18°.

iStore strongly recommends that 60°C is the default setting for optimal hot water delivery.

Functionality

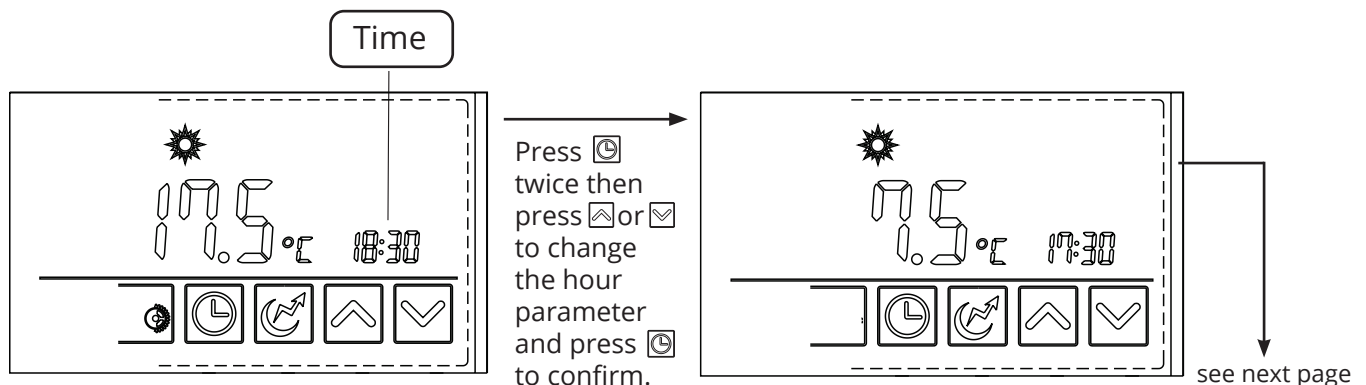


5.2 Setting the Time

To the set the time of day press " " once, the time parameter will flash. When pressing " " again, the hour parameter will flash then press " " or " " to change it. After making the changes to the parameter, press " " to confirm, then change the minute parameter as well as the date parameter in the same way. If no operations are performed on the keypad for 10 seconds, the controller exits the parameter modification menu by timeout and the changes are confirmed.

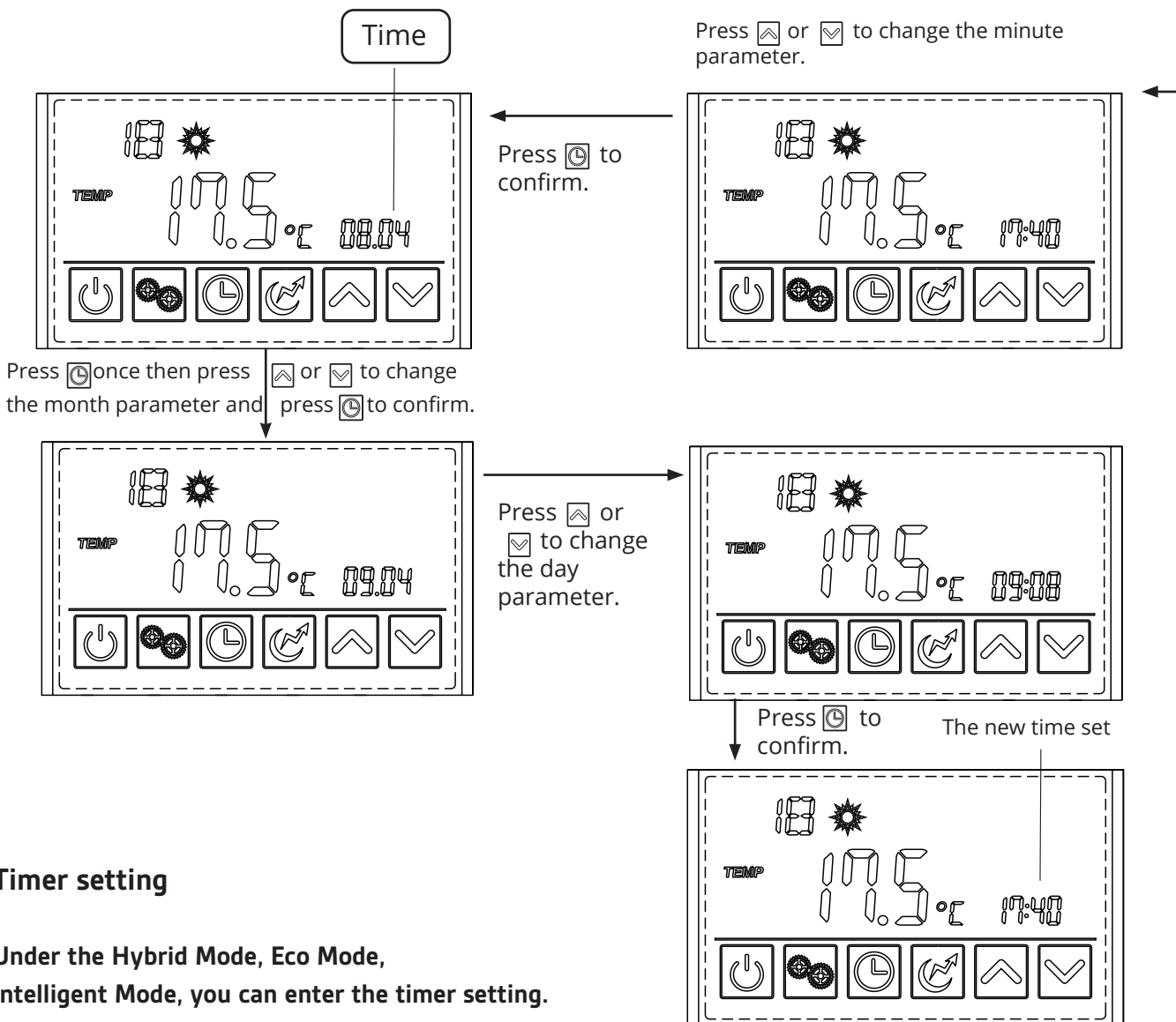
Note: Set the date in the same way when in vacation mode.

Example: Change the time and date from 18:30 on August 4th to 17:40 on September 8th.



Functionality

5.2 Setting the Time



Timer setting

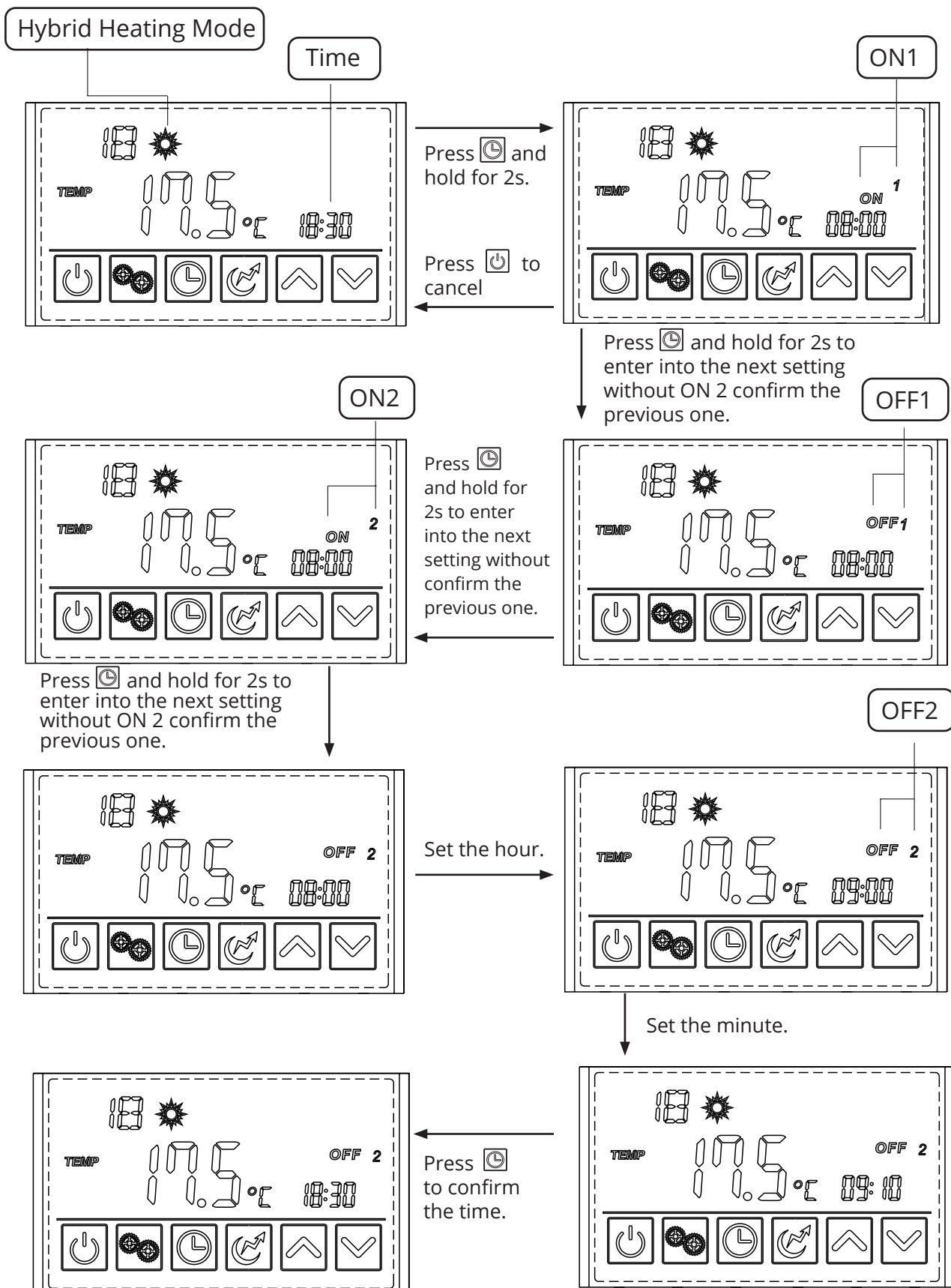
Under the Hybrid Mode, Eco Mode, Intelligent Mode, you can enter the timer setting.

Press " " and hold for 2s, the "ON " and " 1 " will flash, and then you can set the turn on time of timer1. After finishing, " OFF " and " 1 " will flash, that means you can set the turn off time of timer1. The "ON " and " 2 " will flash after finishing the timer1 setting, you can set the turn on time of timer2. After finishing, the " OFF " and " 2 " will flash, and then you can set the turn off time of timer2. Press " " again to save and back to the interface. If you don't need to set the timer2, you can press the " " to save after finishing the timer1 setting. You will find the " ON " and " 2 " flash. No operation for 5s, the program will back to the interface automatically.

Note: When press " " and hold for 2s, the " ON " and " 1 " will flash. It is not necessary for you to set the turn on time of the timer1. You can sequentially press " " for 2s to enter to the turn off time of timer1. So does the timer2. Or press " " or " " to circularly display.

Timer Cancel: Press " " and hold for 2s to enter into the interface, and then press " " to cancel all the operation. Please see the following picture for more details.

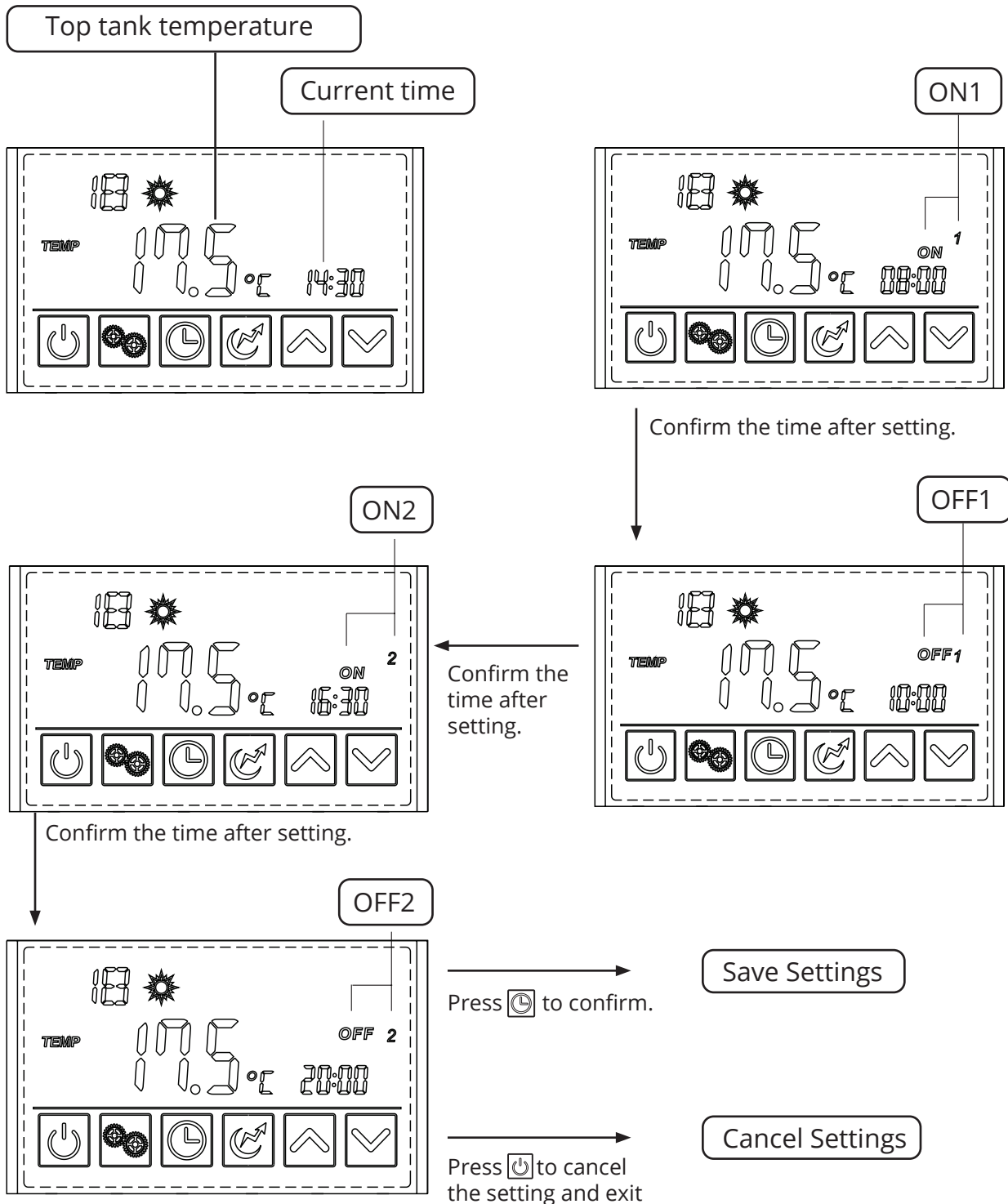
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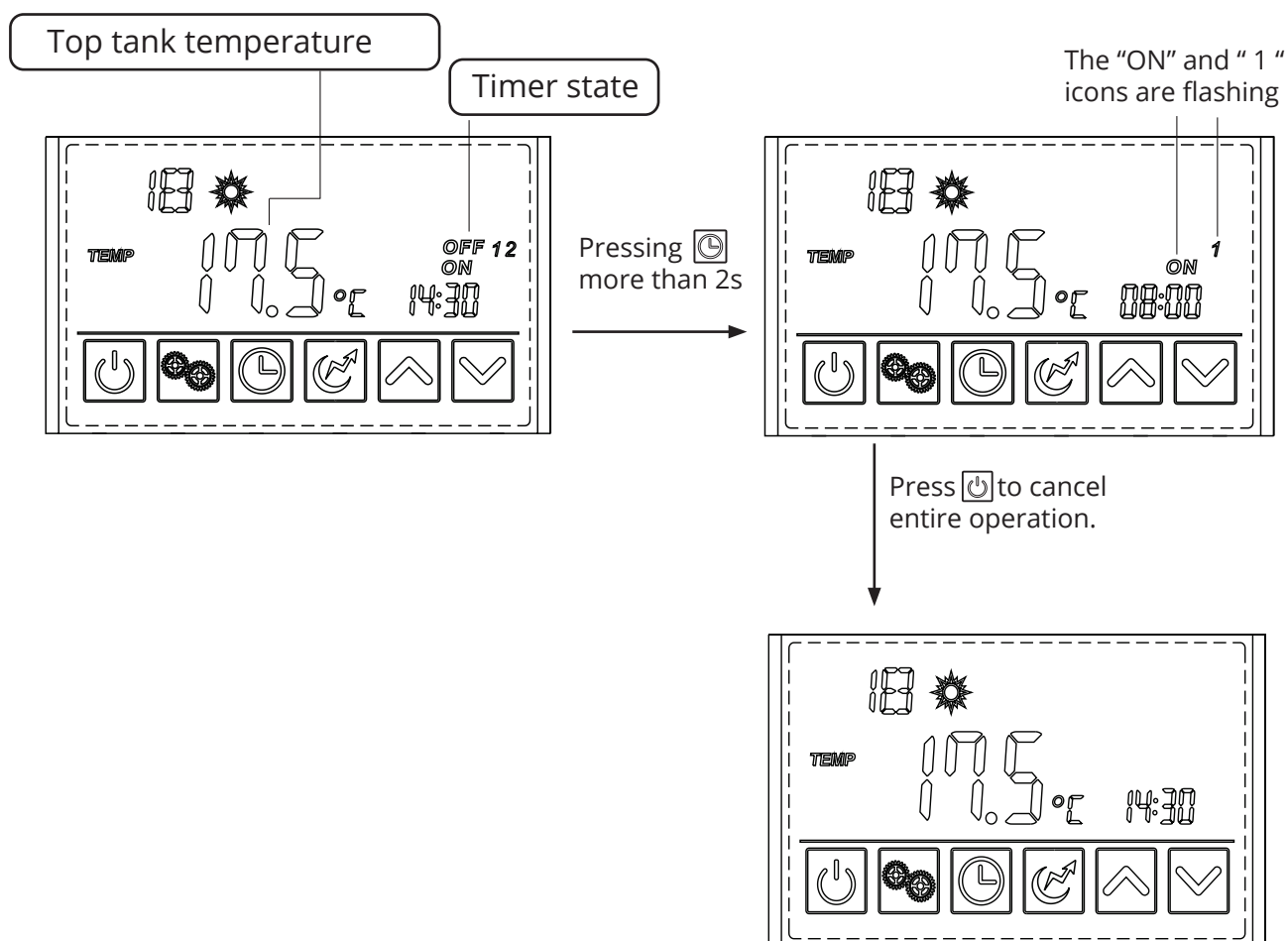
EXAMPLE ONLY: Running period 1: 8:00~10:00; Running period 2: 16:30~22:00.



NOTE: Do not set the second timer to 00:00 ON and 00:00 OFF as the unit will commence heating at midnight every second night. To leave the second time off simply allow the timer setting to time-out after setting the first timer end time.


Functionality

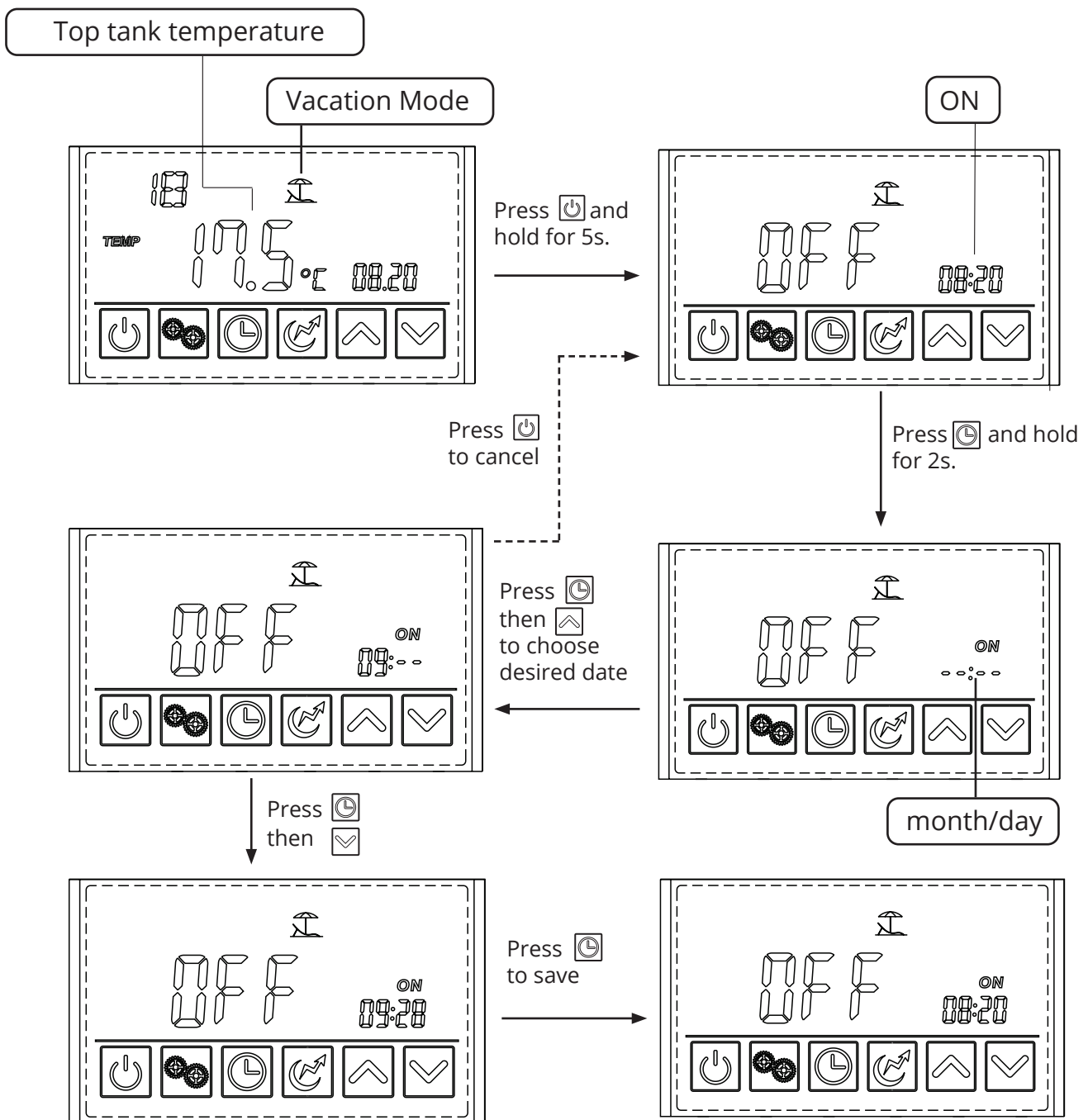
Cancelling the Timer Setting



Functionality

In the Vacation Mode

Press  and hold for 2s to enter into the timer setting interface. The symbol "ON " and the date parameter are flashing at this time. Then set the date in the same way as time of day setting. Refer to page 12.

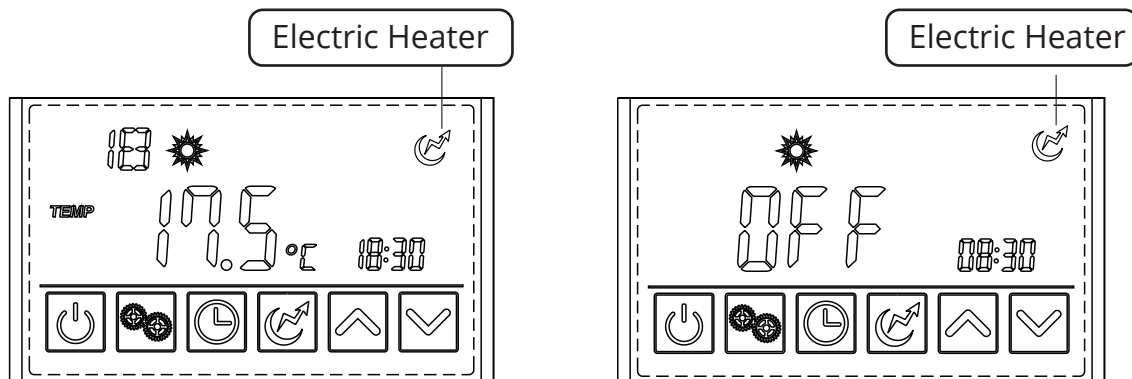


Functionality

Electric heater setting

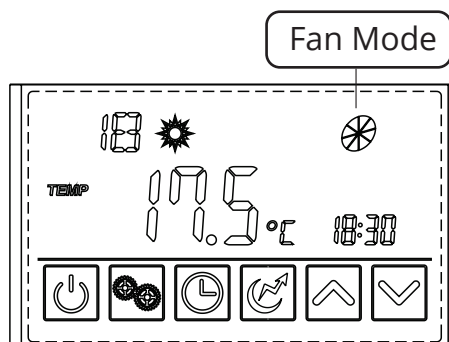
The electric heater can be turned on when the unit is heating or standby.

Press "🔥" once to turn on the electric heater and press "🔥" again to shut it off.



Fan mode setting

Press "🌀" and hold for 2s for the first time to change the fan mode to low speed running and the fan will run at low speed when the unit target temperature is reached. Press "🌀" and hold for 2s again to change the fan mode to high speed running and the fan will run at high speed when the unit target temperature is reached. Press "🌀" and hold for 2s for the third time to change the fan mode to shut-down and the fan will stop running when the unit target temperature is reached.



Definition of the fan icon

1. 🌀 (Running) : shows that the fan is running at high speed
2. 🌀 (Running): shows that the fan is running at low speed.
3. Fan icon disappears: shows that the fan is shut off.
4. 🌀 (Static) : shows that the fan will run at high speed when target setting temperature is reached.
 - 🌀 (Static) : shows that the fan will run at low speed when target setting temperature is reached.

The fan mode is not required during normal operation, it is available for specialised situations where capturing the cold air exiting from the iStore is useful in some cases. Care must be taken not to restrict the exiting air as this will reduce the heating performance of the iStore.

Home Owner Maintenance

Temperature and Pressure Relief valve PTV/PTR (all tanks)

The iStore Hot Water system is fitted with an 850kPa PTR Valve, which is located on the side of the cylinder and is essential for its safe operation. It is important that you operate the easing knob or lift the lever on the PTR valve once every 6 months. **It is important you rotate the knob or lever gently so seat is not damaged.**

Expansion Control Valve (ECV) (if applicable)

In some states and local councils, the installation of an Expansion Control Valve (commonly referred to a cold-water expansion valve) is required to be installed. If this valve is fitted, follow the same procedure for PTR valve as explained above.

Condensation line

Regularly inspect the condensation line to ensure water is dripping freely for the line. If the condensate drain is blocked at the discharge end, clear any debris that may have collected in the line. During normal operation, condensation occurs from the transfer of air across across the evaporator coil. This process is drawing humidity from the air and creates condensation/ water droplets on the coils, which in turn is captured in the fully moulded condensate tray and discharged through the condensate drain line. In locations with humidity greater than 80%, up to 5 litres per day can be expected under normal operating conditions.

Obstructions

Regularly check the no obstructions are interfering with the air in-take or air discharge. If unit is installed near shrubs or trees, keep them trimmed so they do not interfere with air flow.

Insulation

Your installation by a licensed plumber should've included UV stable insulation. Periodically inspect the insulation to ensure that no deterioration or damage by external influence has occurred.

Note: Up to 60% heat loss can occur if the insulation is non-existent or substandard. Therefore, please pay particular attention to making sure the system is properly insulated and any external insulation is UV Protected.

iStore hot water tank – 5 year service – authorised/licensed plumber

The five-yearly service should be carried out by a licensed trades-person. It is recommended that this service be carried out by your local iStore agent. The service should include the following:

1. Replace the pressure & temperature relief valve
2. Replace the anode (anodes should be replaced more frequently if subjected to hard water conditions, refer table in the warranty exclusions, iStore must be consulted regarding the replacement anode if not a genuine iStore anode). If the TDS is greater than 600PPM, the anode shall be inspected every year and replaced at intervals not greater than every 2 yrs.
3. Flush the water heater
4. Clean air filters thoroughly
5. Replace tempering valve if specified by valve manufacturer

Trouble Shooting

PROBLEM	SOURCE	EXPLANATION
Water not as hot as previous hot water system	Tempering Valve installed	A tempering valve must be installed on every solar hot water system. Tempering valves will mix water down to 50°C.
No Power at Screen	Circuit breaker turned off AC Isolator Turned Off Power surge	Check Circuit breaker in meter box Check AC Isolator in on position Contact iStore
No Hot Water - 1	Faulty Tempering Valve	Pull PTR lever and check if water is hot. If water is hot, contact a licensed plumber to replace tempering valve.
No Hot Water - 2	Off-Peak Tariff	Check screen to see if power is available during your nominated off-peak tariff heating times. Refer to your electricity distributor should power not be available from off-peak supply
No Hot Water - 3	Timer not set correctly	Ensure that timer is set to heat to your hot water demands. A secondary heating cycle maybe required if large hot water demand is used twice per day. Refer above instructions for timer settings
Luke Warm Hot Water - 1	Tempering Valve	Tempering valve not mixing water correctly. Contact a licensed plumber to inspect / replace the valve
Luke Warm Hot Water - 2	Excessive Hot Water load	Unexpected additional hot water load. Plan hot water usage to be staggered, not continuous consumption. Wait for system to re-heat. Increase timer setting if in use. Utilise hybrid mode to decrease re-heating time.
Overflow pipe is dripping	Pressure Temperature Relief Valve (PTR) / Expansion Control Valve (ECV) where applicable.	An 850kPa and 99°C PTR valve is used on the iStore water tank, which is located on the side of the water tank and is essential for its safe operation. The PTR valve is designed to allow 3-5% of total tank volume to discharge during heating to allow for hot water expansion.
Water pressure is slightly lower than previous hot water system	Pressure Reduction Valve (PRV)	A pressure reduction valve has been installed to limit the inlet pressure to your new iStore Water Heater. This device regulates the incoming pressure & increases life of the cylinder. This device will also protect your cylinder if the mains pressure is increased by the local water authority.

Terms and Conditions of Warranty

1. For all warranty issues please call iStore on 1300 552 619 or info@istore.net.au
2. This Warranty is effective for all iStore Hot Water Systems manufactured and installed after 1 November 2012.
3. If the customer has not paid in full for the iStore Hot Water System then this Warranty does not apply.
4. iStore Hot Water System and its components are covered by a warranty against defective factory parts or workmanship from the date the iStore Hot Water System is installed for the relevant period for such component as outlined in Table 1 - Warranty Periods. If the date of installation is unknown, the Warranty commences one (1) Month after the date of manufacture.
5. This Warranty is for normal domestic use of the iStore Hot Water system only.
6. To the extent a claim falls under the "Parts Only" Warranty Period the Warranty covers the replacement only of such failed component in the iStore Hot Water System free of charge. Subject to an area within a 30-kilometre radius of the iStore Branch or Authorised Distributor from where the unit was purchased. Customers outside this area will be subject to any freight costs and any travelling charges incurred by the iStore representative carrying out the rectification. "Parts Only" Warranty period excludes labour.
7. To the extent a claim falls under the "Parts and Labour" Warranty Period, the Warranty covers the repair and/or replacement of such failed component in the iStore Hot Water System and any associated labour costs free of charge. Subject to an area within a 30-kilometre radius of the iStore Branch or Authorised Distributor from where the unit was purchased. Customers outside this area will be subject to any freight costs and any travelling charges incurred by the iStore representative carrying out the rectification.
8. The decision to repair or replace the component the subject of the Warranty will be entirely at the discretion of iStore.
9. Where a iStore Hot Water System or a component thereto is repaired or replaced by iStore, the balance of any original Warranty Period will remain effective. The repaired or replaced part does not carry any additional warranty period.
10. Upon installation of the iStore Hot Water System, it is the consumer's responsibility to register their warranty on-line www.istore.net.au/warranty-registration. Consumer must provide the following detail - home owners detail, product model number, product installation date, product serial numbers, licensed plumber contact details. Once you have successfully completed the on-line registration form, you will be notified of successful warranty registration. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact iStore on 1300 552 619 to register your warranty. To be eligible to make a claim under this warranty, consumer must register their warranty within 6 weeks of the installation.
11. The iStore Hot Water System must be installed in accordance with iStore's installation instructions, and all relevant local, state and national statutory requirements, including but not limited to, AS3500,4 & 5, AS5601, AS3000 and AS2712.

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12. Installation must be completed by licensed plumbers and electricians that are licensed in the State or Territory in which the installation is completed. Installation must include all relevant valves as required by federal/state regulations & shall incorporate a 500kPa Pressure Reduction Valve. Installation of a Pressure Limiting Valve does not comply with manufactures installation instructions. Failure to incorporate a 500kPa Pressure Reduction Valve will void this warranty.
13. The electrical system components must be installed in a domestic application and connected to a 240V power supply by a qualified electrician in accordance with AS3000.
14. iStore reserves the right to alter the design, components or construction to its iStore Hot Water System. Such alterations shall not constitute a defect in design or construction under this Warranty. See Warranty Table on next page.
15. Any claim under this Warranty must include full details of the defect and/or damage to the iStore System. All claims must be made within one (1) month of detection of the defect.
16. Dated proof of purchase is required prior to commencement of any work under this Warranty. This Warranty does not apply to any defects or damage NOT due to faulty factory parts or workmanship including, but not limited to, defects or damage caused by or resulting from: (a) accidental damage, storm damage, vandalism, failure due to misuse or abuse, or neglect of any kind; (b) incorrect or improper installation of the iStore Hot Water System, including but not limited to, installation otherwise than in accordance with the instructions contained in the installation manual supplied by iStore or incorrect system selection; (c) alteration or repair of the iStore Hot Water System other than by a licensed plumber/electrician/refrigeration mechanic or by an approved iStore agent; (d) attachment of any parts or accessories other than those manufactured or approved by iStore; (e) freezing in regions with minimum temperatures below -10°C; (f) the power supply to the iStore Hot Water System being cut; (g) power surges; (h) animals, birds and/or rodents; (i) excessive water pressure, negative pressure (partial vacuum), excessive temperature, corrosive atmosphere, faulty plumbing and/or electrical wiring; (j) sludge/sediment as a result of connection to a water supply from unfiltered or treated sources i.e. spring, dam, bore, river or town supply from a bore; (k) contamination and corrosion from particles in the water supply; (l) serial tags/stickers on any of the components being removed or defaced; (m) the iStore Hot Water System being relocated from its original point of installation; (n) the water stored in the cylinder exceeding at any time the following levels: (o) If penetrations are made through the tank skin by the installer, warranty will be void immediately; (p) Damage caused by transport; (q) if the system has been re-installed at a location other than the original location.

Total hardness	200 mg/litre or p.p.m
Total dissolved solids	600 mg/litre or p.p.m
Electrical conductivity	850 µS/cm
Chloride	250 mg/litre or p.p.m
Magnesium	10 mg/litre or p.p.m
Sodium	150 mg/litre or p.p.m
pH	Min 6.5 to Max 8.5

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17. iStore does not warrant any work conducted by a third-party installer of the iStore Hot Water System.
18. This Warranty only applies to the iStore Hot Water System and its components and does not cover any plumbing or electrical associated parts, including but not limited to any parts supplied by any person installing the iStore Hot Water System.
19. To the extent permitted by law, iStore shall not be liable under this Warranty for any consequential loss or damage or any incidental expenses resulting from any breach of this warranty, including but not limited to, claims for damage to buildings, roofs, ceilings, walls, foundations, gardens, personal belonging or household effects, fixtures and fittings. Or any other consequential loss, damage or inconvenience, either directly or indirectly due to leakage from the iStore Hot Water System or any other matter related to the system or its operation.
20. The benefits conferred by this Warranty are in addition to all other rights and remedies in respect of the iStore Hot Water System, which the purchaser has under the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 and consumer protection legislation of the States and Territories. Nothing in this Warranty has the effect of excluding, restricting or modifying those rights.
21. Goods presented for repair may be replaced by refurbished goods of same type rather than being repaired. Refurbished parts may be used to repair/replace the goods.
22. Our goods come with guarantees that cannot be excluded under the Australian Consumer Law. You are entitled to a replacement or refund for a major failure and compensation for any other reasonably foreseeable loss or damage. You are also entitled to have the goods repaired or replaced if the goods fail to be of acceptable quality and the failure does not amount to a major failure.
23. iStore strongly recommends that the consumer update their household insurance policy.

Component Warranty Table

COMPONENT	WARRANTY PERIOD (Parts Only)	WARRANTY PERIOD (Parts and Labour)
iStore Glass Lined Tank (Does not include element, thermostat, PTR Valve or sacrificial anode)	5 years	5 year
Refrigeration	2 years 5 years (Vic only)	2 years
Electrical (controller and sensor leads)	2 years	2 years
Sacrificial Anode & PTR valve	1 year	1 year
Air Filters & Consumable Items	1 year	1 year

After Sales Service Guaranteed

Thank you for joining iStore in our mission to lead the way to a sustainable energy future.

Supplier Name: _____ Installation Date: _____

Supplier Address: _____ Supplier Phone: _____

System Model / Type: _____

