

SYSTEM OVERVIEW

The Telesis® PINSTAMP® TMM4215/470 is a high-speed, multi-pin marking system that permanently prints messages into a variety of materials such as steel, aluminum, and plastic. Hardened pins are pneumatically accelerated to indent dot matrix characters into the item being marked. The shape, size, density, and location of characters are determined by the user through the system software. The marking head moves the pin cartridge through X- and Y-axis motions to reach the correct position for each dot of the characters to be marked. The system software automatically controls pneumatic pin extension and retraction to mark the message.

The system is compliant with UL, CSA, CE, and RoHS specifications.

The TMM4215 marking head is an X/Y-traversing mechanism. Using two stepper motor drives, it accurately positions the pin cartridge at coordinate-defined locations in marking window within .008 mm (in Fine mode) and .032 mm (in Standard mode). The TMM4215 uses a rack-and-pinion drive system to rapidly position the pin cartridge and to accommodate the rigorous dynamics of impacting and rebounding.

The floating pin design permits consistent, high-quality marks, even on irregular, slightly curved surfaces. It also accommodates applications where marking surfaces cannot be positioned at a consistent distance from the marker.

An optional debris shield around the pin cartridge assembly can be installed to help prevent objects from entering the marking head.

SYSTEM CONFIGURATION

TMM4215 configurations include a hand-held version and a fixture-mounted version. The hand-held marker is available for portable operation. It incorporates a pistol grip handle with a push

button trigger switch and an integral standoff to position the marker against the marking surface. The hand-held marker can be optionally fitted with a v-block standoff and/or a hanger attachment. The v-block standoff provides additional stability when marking on round or curved surfaces. The hanger allows the marker to be easily suspended from a cable balancer. The fixture-mounted unit is available for mounting in a stationary location.

Pin Cartridges. The standard system uses non-lubricated, lightweight pin cartridges for the 25S-series and 150SA-series pins. Both types of cartridges are configured to hold two pins spaced on 50 mm (1.97 in.) centers. Refer to the appropriate *TMM4215 Marking Head Dimensions* drawing for details.

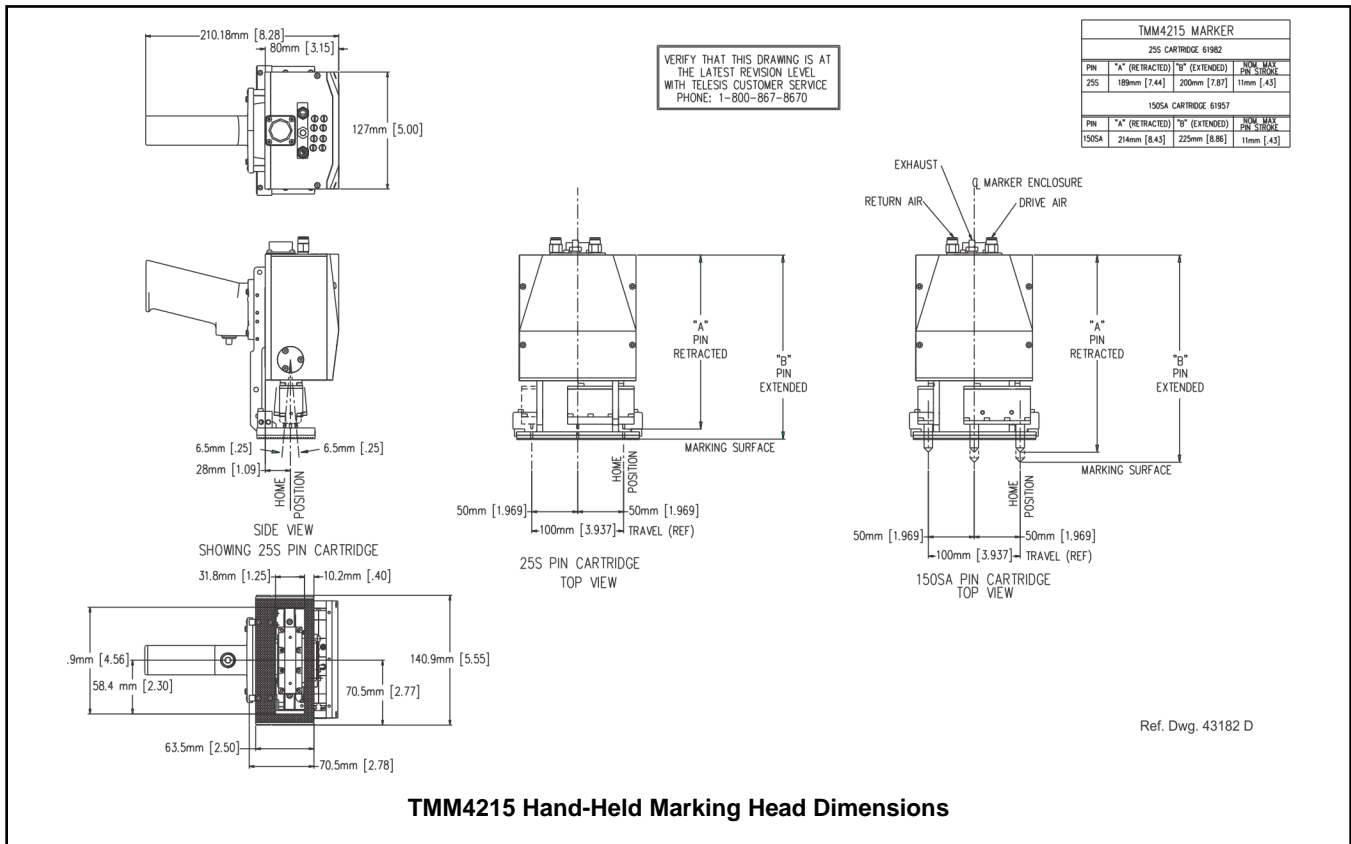
Marking Pins. The TMM4215 uses 25S-series and 150SA-series marking pins available in various cone (tip) angles. The 25S-series pins are made of powdered metal, stainless steel with diamond tips, or carbide. The 150SA pins are made of powdered metal or tool steel with carbide tips. Refer to the *TMM4215 Marking Head Dimensions* drawing for pin stroke dimensions.

The **Marker Cable** connects the marking head to the controller. The highly flexible cable is 4 m (13.1 ft.) long and attaches to the back of the marker with a quick disconnect connector. Optional extension cables lengths are available.

TMC470 Controller provides the electrical interface and software control of the TMM4215 marking head. (Refer to *TMC470 Controller Specifications* for details.)

The **Filter/Regulator Unit** includes two regulators with pressure gauges to control drive air and return air. The first regulator contains a filter to help remove contaminants from the supply air. Two air lines connect the regulated air to the marking head. Drive air fires the impact pins; return air pushes them back into the cartridge. Standard air lines are 4 m (13.1 ft.) long made of 6 mm tubing.

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TMM4215 Hand-Held Marking Head Dimensions

SYSTEM OPTIONS

- Backup Utility Software
- Bar Code Scanner
- Bar Code Wand
- Logo/Font Generator Software
- Marking Head Extension Cables
- Protective Debris Shield
- Standoff Hanger Kit (hand-held markers only)
- Standoff V-Block Kit (hand-held markers only)
- TMC470 Controller Panel-mounting Bezel/Bracket Kit
- TMC470 Controller Wall-mounting Bracket Kit
- TMC470N NEMA® Enclosure
- Tool Post Quick Disconnect Adapter (hand-held markers only)
- Upgrade Utility Software

SYSTEM SETUP

Complete installation procedures are provided in the *TMM4215* and the *TMC470 Installation & Maintenance Manuals*. The following procedures are listed for reference only to provide a general overview of the installation process.

1. **FIXTURE-MOUNTED MARKERS ONLY.** When designing a fixture, allow for 3-axis adjustment to aid in horizontal, vertical, and lateral alignment of the marking head.
 - ▶ Mount marking head to a suitable fixture using four M5-0.80 bolts. **Mounting bolts must not extend into marking head more than 10 mm (0.375 in.).**

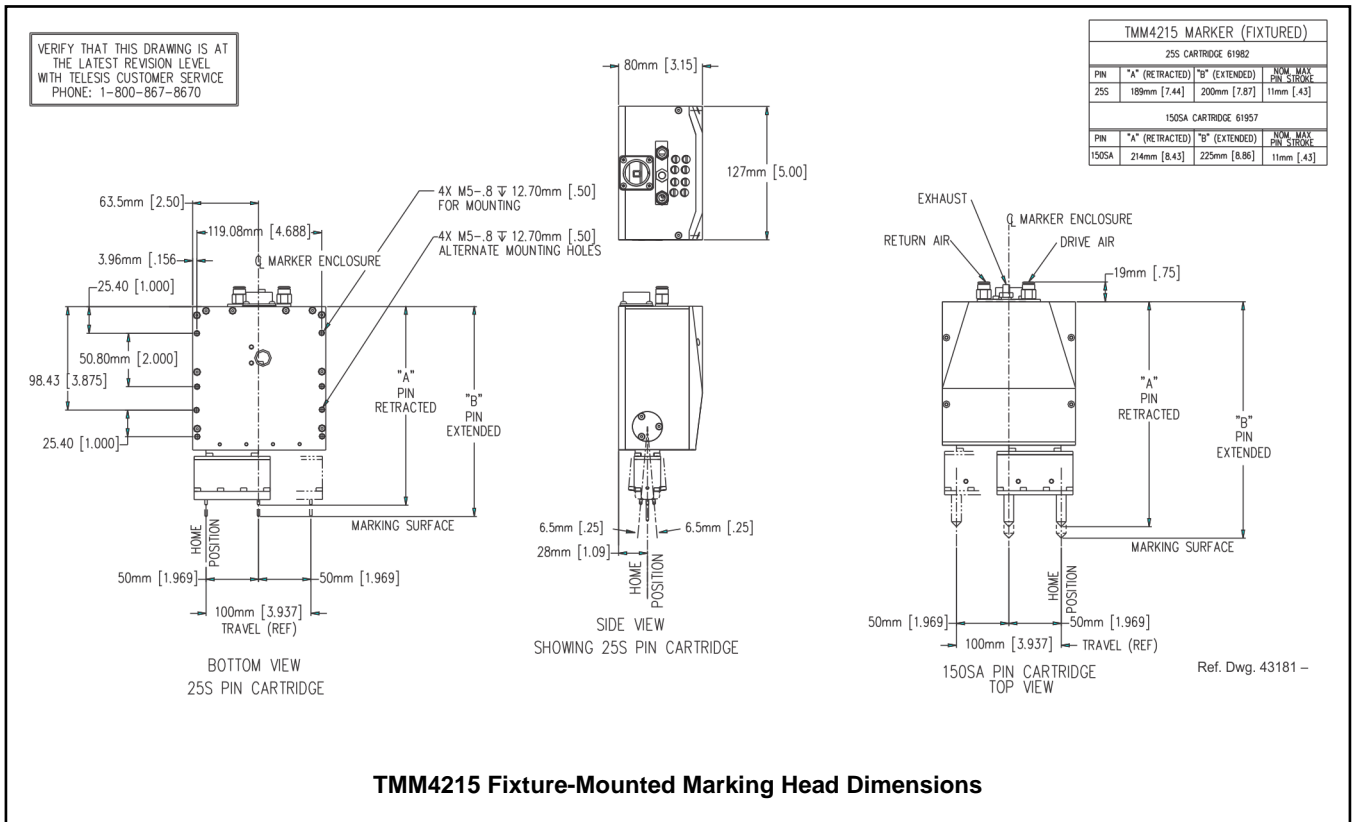
2. Mount filter/regulator assembly, using brackets provided, within 4 m (13.1 ft.) of marking head.
3. Connect drive air and return air lines to the connectors on back of marking head.
4. Connect supply air to input port on filter/regulator assembly.

CAUTION

The TMC470 is not a sealed unit. Protect it from potentially damaging conditions and contaminants. Do not block vents in bottom of case. Ensure the marking system is electrically isolated from any devices that may generate extreme electromagnetic interference (EMI).

5. Locate controller as close as practical to marking head. Standard marker cable length is 4 m (13 ft.).
6. Install the controller as a table-top, wall-mounted, panel-mounted, or enclosure-mounted unit, as applicable.
7. Ensure controller power switch is OFF.
8. Connect marker cable to controller.
9. Connect power cable to controller.
10. Position controller power switch to ON.
11. Start marking system software.
12. Adjust pin stroke, drive air, and return air for impact depth.

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TMM4215 MARKING HEAD

Specifications

The TMM4215 marking head specifications are subject to change without prior notice.

Dimensions.....	refer to the appropriate <i>TMM4215 Marking Head Dimensions</i> drawing
Rating	NEMA [®] 2 (I.P. 41) with optional, protective debris shield installed
Weight	
Hand-held.....	1.99 kg (4.37 lb) excluding cable
Fixture-mounted.....	1.71 kg (3.77 lb) excluding cable, handle, standoff, and tooling
Operating Temp.....	0° to 50°C (32° to 122° F), non-condensing
Air Supply	Clean and dry, 2.8 to 8.3 bar (40 to 120 psi)
Air Consumption	0.15 L/sec (0.32 SCFM) idle 0.28 L/sec (0.60 SCFM) marking
Marking Area.....	100 x 13 mm (4.0 x 0.5 in.)
Pin Types.....	25S-series 150SA-series
Pin Material	
25S-series	Powdered Metal or Stainless Steel with Diamond Tip or Carbide
150SA-series.....	Powdered Metal or Tool Steel with Carbide Tip

Marking Characteristics

The TMM4215 can produce characters as small as 0.75 mm (0.03 in.) high. Text strings may be rotated 180° to print inverted. Characters can be printed with resolutions from 4 to 79 dots/cm (10 to 200 dots/in.) for an engraved look. The depth of mark can be adjusted over a significant range by adjusting the pin stroke and, to a lesser extent, by adjusting the drive air pressure.

Three marking modes are available to optimize quality and speed. Raster mode prints side-to-side, indexing downward one row at a time. Matrix mode prints up and down, indexing one column at a time. Continuous mode prints with only one pin at a time tracing the character shape.

Marking Speeds

The system is capable of marking four (4) characters per second (two characters per pin per second) using a two-pin cartridge to print 3 mm (0.118 in.) high characters in the 5x7 font. Speeds will vary widely depending on the selected character size, style, and dot density. Specific times can be verified by a Telesis representative.

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TMM4215 MARKING HEAD (continued)

Marking Noise

Although every attempt is made to reduce noise, the material being marked significantly influences the noise level. For example, marking a solid lead block produces less noise than marking a thin-walled steel pipe.

Pin Life

Pin life depends largely on the type of material being marked, how hard or abrasive it is, and the required marking depth. On typical metals with a hardness of Rockwell Rb47, marking at a depth of .127 mm (0.005 in.), powdered metal pins average about 3 million impressions before needing sharpened. Carbide pins average about 9 million impressions.

Vibration Data

Vibration tests were performed under controlled conditions imitating, as closely as possible, typical normal operation.

Conditions such as rigidity of the work piece, material, setting of the machine, etc. may vary in actual operational use and would alter the actual vibration level. Despite detailed guidance instructions provided with each machine, such conditions are beyond the control of Telesis and must remain the responsibility of the end user. Accordingly, you should conduct your own tests to establish safe working levels of use.

The vibration tests were conducted using the following parameters:

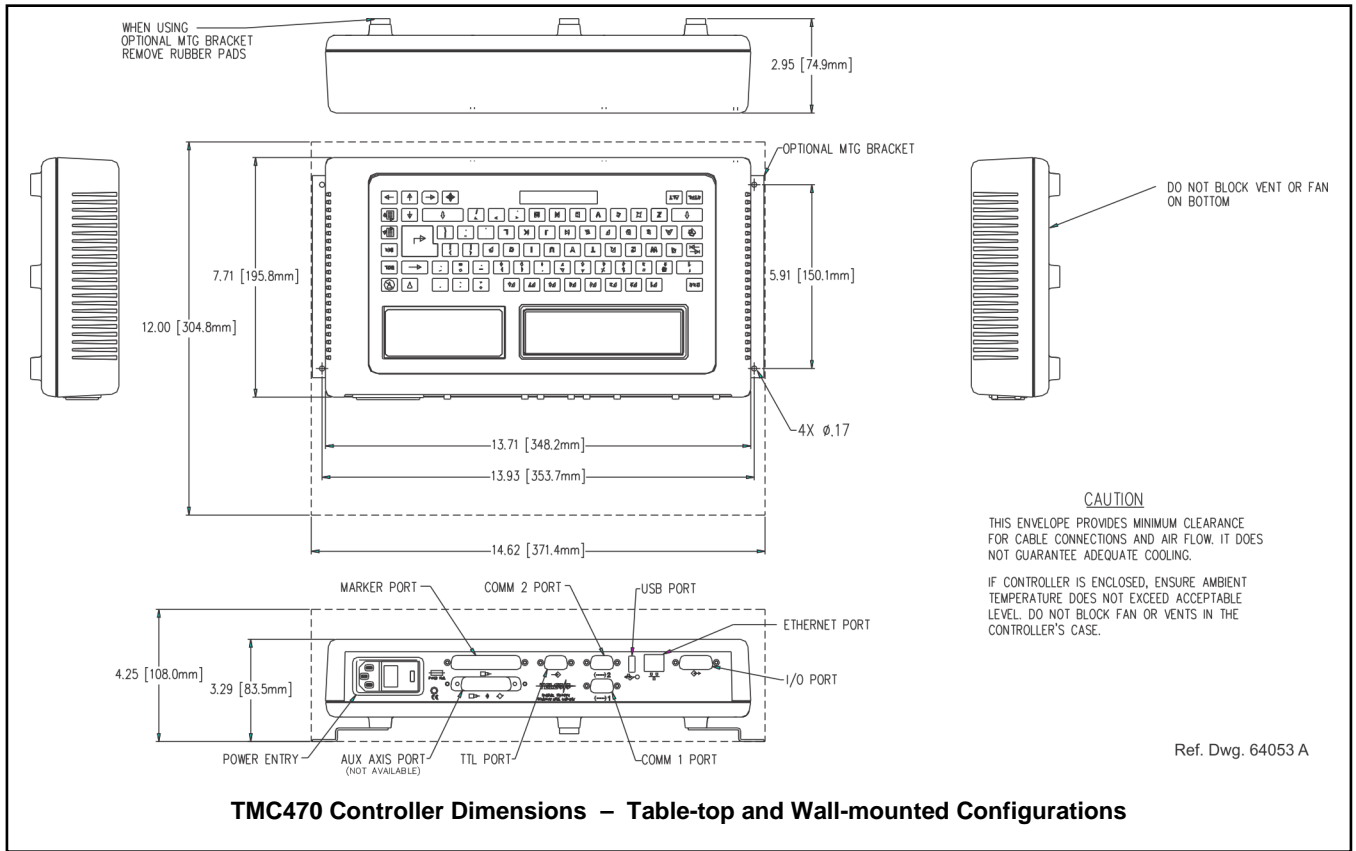
Drive Air Pressure	4.08 bar (60 psi)
Return Air Pressure.....	1.36 bar (20 psi)
Pin Stroke.....	8 mm (.31 in)
Marking Base.....	20 mm (.79 in) thick steel
Marking Surfaces.....	2 mm (.08 in) thick steel plate 4 mm (.16 in) thick aluminum plate
Marking Mode.....	Dot
Text Marked.....	TELESIS 11x16 font, 5mm (.20 in) characters HHHEEE00888 5x7 font, 3mm (.12 in) characters

The following test results reflect the worst-case scenarios under the given test conditions.

Steel Marking Surface			
Pin	VM	T _(EAV)	T _(ELV)
2 x 150SA	4.1 m/s ²	3 hr 0 min	12 hr 0 min
Aluminum Marking Surface			
Pin	VM	T _(EAV)	T _(ELV)
2 x 150SA	5.0 m/s ²	1 hr 58 min	7 hr 54 min

where:

- VM** = hand/arm Vibration Magnitude.
- T_(EAV)** = time to reach the Exposure Action Value based on continuous marking.
- T_(ELV)** = time to reach the Exposure Limit Value based on continuous marking.



TMC470 CONTROLLER

The TMC470 controller may be installed as a table-top unit, a wall-mounted unit, a panel-mounted unit, or an enclosure-mounted unit. All configurations provide features and connectivity for external communications. Differences occur only in the mounting configuration.

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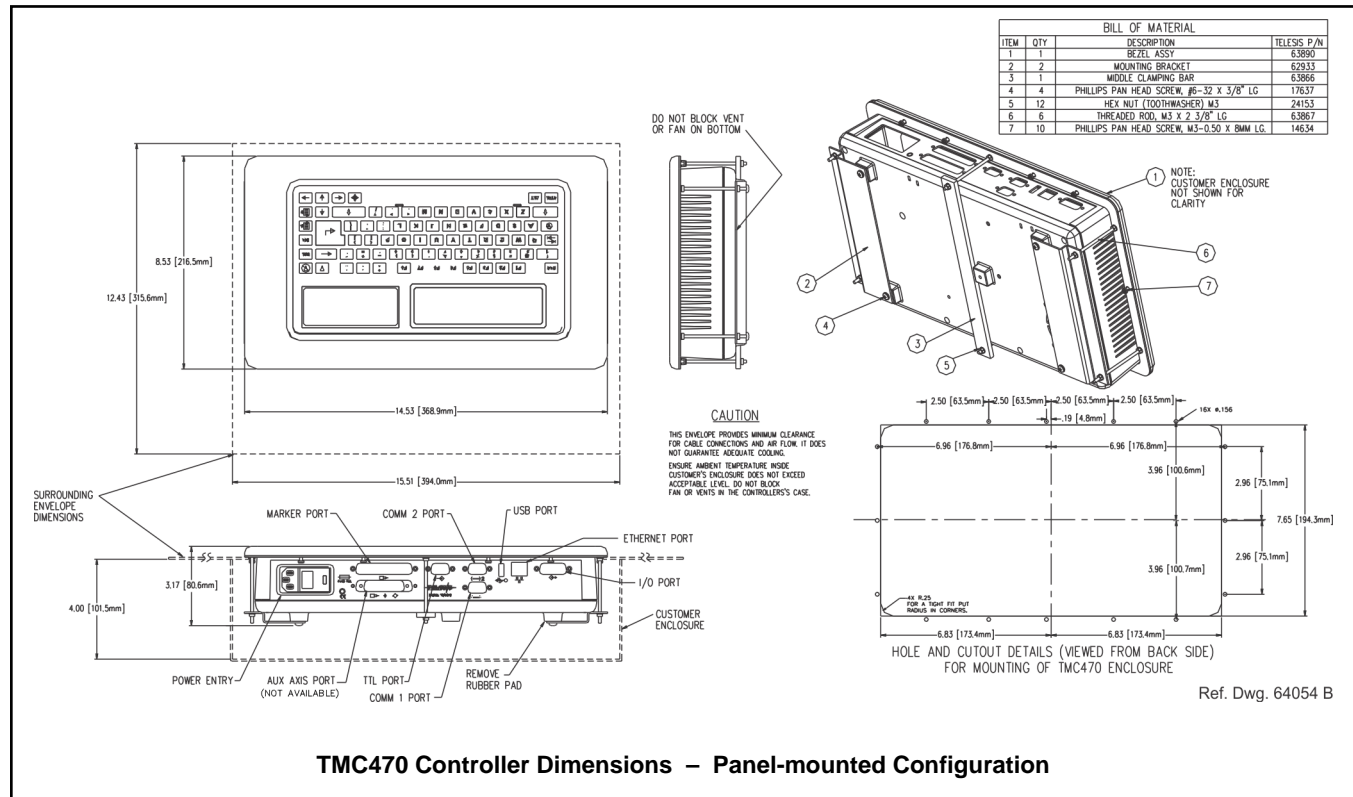
The TMC470 Controller specifications are subject to change without prior notice.

Compliance	CE, RoHS
Configurations	Table-top, Wall-mounted, Panel-mounted, or Enclosure-mounted
Rating	NEMA [®] 1 (I.P. 30) table-top or wall-mounted NEMA [®] 12 (I.P. 65) panel-mounted using customer-supplied panel NEMA [®] 12 (I.P. 65) using Telesis-supplied TMC470N enclosure
Dimensions	refer to the appropriate <i>TMC470 Controller Dimensions</i> drawing
Weight	3.69 lb. (1.68 kg) controller only 3.90 lb. (1.77 kg) with wall-mount kit 5.52 lb. (2.51 kg) with panel-mount kit 28.1 lb. (12.77 kg) with TMC470N enclosure

TMC470 Specifications (continued)

Op. Temperature	32° to 122° F (0° to 50°C)
Op. Humidity	10% to 80% non-condensing
Cooling	Internal, thermostat-controlled fan
Power Requirements	95 to 250 VAC, 2 amps, 50-60 Hz, single phase
Communications	TTL, Discrete I/O, RS232, RS485, TCP/IP, and USB (data backup and data transfer)
Input Signals	Twelve (12) total, optically isolated: 8 dedicated, 1 programmable, 3 available 10 VDC (minimum voltage) 30 VDC (maximum voltage) 12 to 24 VDC (nominal voltage) 2.3 mA @ 12VDC; 4.9 mA @ 24VDC (nominal current)
Output Signals	Six (6) total, optically isolated: 4 dedicated, 2 available 0.25 amps (maximum current) 0.50 ohms (maximum On resistance) 40 VDC (maximum line voltage) 12 to 24 VDC (nominal line voltage)

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TMC470 Controller Dimensions – Panel-mounted Configuration

Environmental Considerations

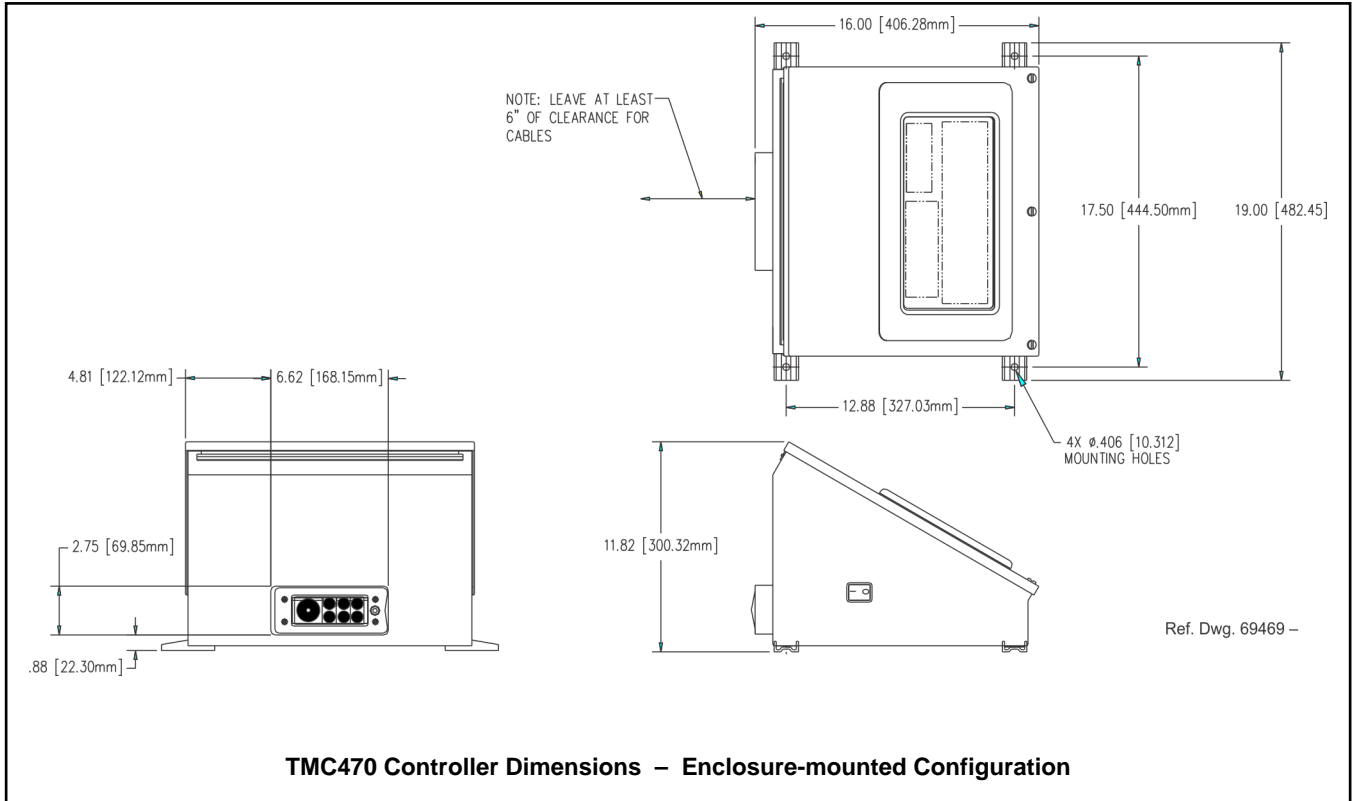
The following environmental considerations must be taken into account when installing the TMC470 Controller.

Contaminants. The vented TMC470 is rated NEMA® 1 (IP30) and contains a thermostatically-controlled, variable speed fan. Accordingly, in environments where solid and/or liquid contaminants are present, the possibility exists that these contaminants can be drawn into the TMC470 controller and possibly result in failure. For that reason, in these types of environments, the controller must be located in a sealed industrial enclosure. To facilitate such installations, Telesis offers an optional panel mounting kit for use with an appropriate customer-supplied panel or enclosure. Telesis also offers an optional TMC470N NEMA® 12 (I.P. 65) enclosure in which the controller can be mounted.

EMI Susceptibility. Although the system has been found to be in compliance with pertinent susceptibility standards, care should be taken when installing near welders and other extreme generators of electromagnetic interference (EMI). Particular care should be taken to ensure welder currents are not injected through the marking head chassis. The marking head chassis is connected to the electrical service earth ground through the marking head cable. The marking head should be electrically isolated from all surfaces which could become part of a welder current path.

TMC470-based System Software

The system software is permanently installed in the controller. It provides the user interface for the operator to control the marker. The software also provides a library for storing, loading, and editing user-defined patterns. Patterns are files stored in the controller's memory. Depending on the size of the pattern files, the controller can store up to 200 patterns. Each pattern contains one or more fields; each field defines a single object. Printable objects may be created to define text strings, arc-text strings, geometric shapes, graphics, and machine-readable data matrix symbols. Non-printable objects may be defined to specific commands to the marker (e.g., Pause, Go to, Input, or Output). Printable text fields may include alphanumeric characters, symbols, and special message flags. Message flags automatically insert data into the text string, such as serial numbers, times, dates and user-defined codes.



Interface Panel

The back panel of the controller provides various ports for connecting the marker, host computers, logic controllers, optional accessories, and remote I/O devices. See below.

Serial Interface. The Comm 1 and Comm 2 Ports allow connection to remote serial devices such as a host computer or a bar code scanner. See Host Communications for details.

Discrete I/O Interface. The optically-isolated I/O Port allows you to connect a Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) or other DC I/O source for remotely controlling marker operations. See Discrete I/O Controls for details.

TTL Interface. The TTL Port allows the system to connect with a simple contact closure circuit such as a remote push button station or foot pedal switch. These types of devices can remotely control Start Print and Stop Print operations.

TCP/IP Interface. The Ethernet Port typically connects to a PC over a local area network (LAN). It allows you to define the controller as a client or a server socket using Telesis Extended Protocol. See Host Communications for details.

USB Interface. The USB Port allows you to connect a memory stick/flash drive for pattern storage/retrieval and for software upgrades.

Discrete I/O Controls

The TMC470 is configured for 12 VDC to 24 VDC I/O only and is provided to connect a PLC or other DC I/O source. The optically-isolated I/O Port allows you to remotely select and load patterns, start printing, stop printing, place the marker online, and monitor the system output signals. Cable connectors and connector pins are supplied with the controller for constructing appropriate interface cables.

Input Signals. These input signals provide the following controls:

INPUT COMM	For all inputs (+ or – supply)
START PRINT	Begins print cycle
STOP	Stops the print cycle
SEL_0 thru _6 *	Remotely selects & loads up to 127* pattern files
SPARE_1, 2, 3	Three (3) spares for custom applications

* System software allows SEL_6 signal to be configured for remotely selecting patterns or for remotely placing the marker online. If used for marker online, pattern selection is reduced to 63 patterns (max).

Output Signals. These output signals indicate the following states:

OUTPUT COMM	For all outputs (+ or – supply)
DONE	Print cycle is complete
READY	System ready for message or for start print command
PAUSED	System paused (waiting timeout or command)
NO FAULT	System status (normal or fault detected)
SPARE_1, 2	Two (2) spares for custom applications

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Host Communications

The marking system software allows you to configure communication parameters to transmit and receive data to and from a host computer. To provide maximum integration flexibility, the system software supports RS-232 and RS-485 serial interfaces and Ethernet TCP/IP interfaces. The system software also provides two protocol choices: Programmable Protocol and Extended Protocol.

RS-232 Interface. The serial (RS-232) communications interface is most often used with remote devices such as host computers, terminals, or bar code scanners. The Comm 1 RS-232 interface supports both Telesis Extended Protocol and Telesis Programmable Protocol. The Comm 2 RS-232 interface supports only Telesis Programmable Protocol.

RS-485 Interface. The RS-485 interface is normally used for long transmission distances or multi-drop networks of up to 31 TMC470 controllers. You must use Telesis Extended Protocol with the RS-485 interface.

The following describes the serial data character format on all transmissions to and from the TMC470 Controller.

- Asynchronous
- 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, or 115200 Baud
- 1 or 2 Stop Bits
- 7 or 8 Data Bits
- None, Even or Odd Parity

TCP/IP Interface. The Ethernet (TCP/IP) interface is most often used with host computers communicating over a local area network (LAN). You must use Telesis Extended Protocol with the TCP/IP interface.

The Port parameter identifies the host computer socket that is assigned to the marking system. If more than one marking system is installed in a network configuration, each system must use a separate and unique port number. The Address parameter identifies the IP address of the host computer. The marking system software supports both fixed addressing and dynamic addressing.

Host Communications (continued)

Programmable Protocol. Use this protocol where very simple one-way communications are required (such as with bar code scanners). Programmable Protocol provides no error checking or acknowledgment of the transmitted data. Note that XON/XOFF Protocol applies even when Programmable Protocol is selected.

Starting Character specifies where the software begins to count character positions. This number must be entered in decimal format (e.g., "2" for ASCII Start of Text "STX").

Terminating Character identifies the end of transmitted string (usually "13" for ASCII carriage return character).

Character Position counted from the starting character ignoring all characters preceding it.

Character Length accepts variable length messages (if set to 0) or messages of a pre-specified, fixed number of characters.

Ignore Character identifies the character to ignore when sent from the host (usually "10" for ASCII line feed character).

Message Type allows message-type recognition which defines how the marking system will use data it receives from the host.

- 1** Message type 1 overwrites the *first line of the first text field* with data extracted from the host
- P** Message type P loads a specific pattern identified by data extracted from host
- Q** Message type Q updates the text in the *first query buffer* with data extracted from the host
- V** Message type V updates the *first variable text flag* found in the pattern with data extracted from the host
- 0** Message type 0 (zero) indicates that host will provide message type, field number (if applicable), line number (if applicable), and data; delegates message type selection to the host on message-by-message basis. The host message must use the format:

Tnn<string>

where:

- T** = 1, P, Q, or V to indicate message type
- nn** = two-digit field number or query text buffer where data will be placed.
Note: Not used with Message Type P.

<string> = For Message Type P, indicates the pattern name to be loaded.
For Message Types 1, Q, or V, indicates the data to be inserted into the field or the query text buffer, as applicable.

Host Communications *(continued)*

Extended Protocol. This protocol selection includes error checking and transmission acknowledgment. It should be used in applications where serial communication is a vital part of the marking operation. All communications are carried out in a parent/child relationship with the host being the parent. Only the host has the ability to initiate communications. If the host does not receive a response within three seconds, it should re-transmit its original message. If no response is received after three tries, it should declare the link to be down.

The following describes the Extended Protocol message format as sent from the host to the TMC470 controller.

SOH TYPE [##] STX [DATA] ETX BCC CR

where:

- SOH** ASCII Start of Header character (001H). The controller ignores all characters received prior to the SOH.
- TYPE** A single, printable ASCII character that defines the meaning (type) and content of the message downloaded from the host, where:
 - 1** Message Type 1 overwrites a specific field in currently loaded pattern with data supplied in the host message. See [DATA] for details.
 - P** Message Type P specifies the pattern name to be loaded for printing. See [DATA] for details.
 - Q** Message Type Q updates a specific query buffer with data supplied in the host message. See [DATA] for details.
 - V** Message Type V updates the variable text in a specific text field of the currently loaded pattern with data supplied in the host message. See [DATA] for details.
 - O** Message Type O resets marker and places it online
 - G** Message Type G initiates a print cycle to mark the currently loaded pattern
 - I** Message Type I requests the marker return the status of standard output and input signals. The system will return a hexadecimal code for the 6 output signals and 12 input signals in the following format:

O O ; I I I

where:

- bit 1 READY 0x01
- bit 2 DONE 0x02
- bit 3 PAUSED 0x04
- bit 4 NO_FAULT 0x08
- bit 5 SPARE_1 0x10
- bit 6 SPARE_2 0x20
- bit 1 START 0x001
- bit 2 STOP 0x002
- bit 3 SEL_0 0x004
- bit 4 SEL_1 0x008
- bit 5 SEL_2 0x010
- bit 6 SEL_3 0x020
- bit 7 SEL_6 * 0x040
- bit 8 SEL_4 0x080
- bit 9 SEL_5 0x100
- bit 10 SPARE_1 0x200
- bit 11 SPARE_2 0x400
- bit 12 SPARE_3 0x800

Note: Input SEL_6 may be configured to place machine online (default) or for Remote Pattern Selection.

[##] Optional two-digit ASCII number that specifies the Station ID of the controller when used in multi-drop network applications. The Station ID may range from 00-31. Note that "00" is reserved for applications where only one controller is used. In such applications, this field may be eliminated and "00" will be assumed.

STX ASCII Start of Text Character (002H).

[DATA] Optional character string that may be required for certain message types (e.g., Type 1, P, Q, and V).

Typically, data is sent in the format:

nn<string>.

where:

nn = two-digit field number or query text buffer where data will be placed.

Note: Not used with Message Type P.

<string> = For Message Type P, indicates the pattern name to be loaded.

For Message Types 1, Q, or V, indicates the data to be inserted into the field or the query text buffer, as applicable.

ETX ASCII end of text character (003H).

BCC Optional Block Check Code that is generated and sent to improve link reliability by providing fault detection. The BCC is calculated by taking an eight bit addition of the TYPE and DATA TEXT characters and transmitting them as a three digit ASCII decimal number in the range from 000 to 255. If the sum is greater than 255, the most significant bit overflows and is discarded.

CR ASCII Carriage Return Character (00DH).

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