

MLC 9000 ADDED TO 'PLUS' RANGE OF NEXT GENERATION EQUIPMENT



West Instrument's programme of upgrading products across its range to 'Plus' status continues with the addition of a 'Plus' version of its MLC 9000 multi-loop temperature controller, designated MLC 9000+.

MLC 9000+ still retains all the benefits of the MLC 9000 and continues to be an excellent solution to users wanting to take loops out of the PLC and take discrete controllers off the panel. Clearly distinguished from the MLC 9000 by its black casing, the MLC 9000+ is available with all major protocols, including Modbus, PROFIBUS, DeviceNet and now with Ethernet IP, Ethernet Modbus TCP/IP and CANOPEN. Also new is a three loop module with heater break function.

MLC 9000+ comes with a number of extra 'Plus' features, including self configurable data assemblies and, for even better control, continuous self tuning.

Heater break is an important feature, particularly for the plastics industry, as it provides warning of a heater failure and so avoids overloading the other heaters in the process or risking the quality of production.

Self configurable data assemblies are another valuable 'Plus' feature as they allow users to specify exactly which of the MLC 9000+'s many parameters they require.

"The MLC 9000+ is the most versatile controller on the market," says West's marketing director Dean Smith. "With single, three and four loop modules and a vast array of Fieldbus protocols we are the OEMs' first choice."

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Notes for editors:

1. West Instruments of Brighton, East Sussex, is involved in the research, development, marketing and manufacture of temperature and process controllers, profilers, limit controllers and indicators, serving markets worldwide through an international network of distributors. It is also a supplier of industrial timers, counters and shaft encoders sold under the Hengstler, Dynapar & Veeder Root brand names.
2. The company was founded in 1956 and was one of the first to design a microprocessor-based temperature control device, as well as being at the forefront of the development of self-tune algorithms. In 2000, West Instruments launched the MLC 9000 range to provide superior control performance for PLC users and replace the use of multiple discrete controllers on the panel.
3. Today West Instruments is owned by the Danaher Corporation and is a division of Danaher UK Industries.