

# Progressive Industries

## *Electrical Management System (EMS) EMS-HW30C & EMS-HW50C*

Installation & Operating Guide for:

Model **EMS-HW30C**

Rated at 120V/30A

and

Model **EMS-HW50C**

Rated at 240V/50A



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## Features

**High/Low Voltage Protection** | Whenever AC power lowers below 104 volts, or rises above 132 volts, the EMS automatically shuts down power to the RV. The EMS will monitor the power and once the AC power rises above 104 volts, or drops below the 132 volt level the time delay indicator flashes for the preset time and then automatically restores power to the RV.

**Time Delay for A/C Compressor** | If AC power is interrupted or the EMS detects a fault condition, the built in time delay is activated. There are two settings on the EMS: one is 136 seconds (02:16), and the other is 15 seconds. Consult your air conditioner manual to see if it has a time delay built in. If so, use the 15 second delay, if not, use the 136-seconds delay. The factory setting is 15 seconds.

**3-Mode Surge Protection (EMS-HW30C)** | This feature provides full surge protection L-N, L-G, and N-G. Total Joule rating is 1,790J and 44,000A surge current. Response time <1 Nano second.

**5-Mode Surge Protection (EMS-HW50C)** | This feature provides full surge protection L-N, L-N, L-G, L-L, and N-G. Joule rating is 3,580J and 88,000A surge current. Response time <1 Nano second

**Surge Indicator** | In the event of a power surge and the surge protector circuit is damaged within the EMS-L-N or L-G the digital error code will read E10. This indicates the EMS needs to be serviced.

**Reverse Polarity Protection** | If AC power has a reverse polarity condition, the EMS will not allow power to the RV and the error code will read E 1

**Open Neutral Protection** |

If AC power has an open neutral, the display will not light and the EMS will not allow power to the RV.

**Open Ground Protection** | If AC power has an open ground condition, the EMS will read an error code of E2, and power will not be allowed to the RV.

**AC Frequency Protection** | If AC power frequency deviates plus/minus 9 hertz from 60 cycles per second, the EMS will shut down AC power. An Error code of E 7 will be displayed when the frequency is high; and an Error code of E 8 will be displayed when frequency is low.

**Accidental 240V Protection** | If 240 volts is detected when plugging into AC power the EMS will **NOT** allow power to the RV. If this condition occurs while power is applied to the RV, the EMS shuts off power instantly. The display will read the voltage and E 3 for the error. **NEVER BYPASS THE EMS WHEN THIS OCCURS**

**Remote Display** | Continuously scrolls the AC power information, including voltage, current, frequency, error codes and previous errors. Each reading is displayed for two (2) seconds.

**Previous Error Code** | Previous error code (PE) indicates what error occurred and why power was interrupted. To delete code, disconnect power from EMS.

**ByPass** | This switch is located on the remote display and allows the user to bypass the EMS in the event of failure, thus allowing AC power into the RV. This **does not** disable the surge protection portion of the EMS; however, all other features are disabled.

**Modular Design** | Replacement parts are designed for simple plug-and-play making repairs extremely user friendly.

**Microprocessor Controlled** | The computer and remote display are driven by state-of-the-art microprocessors that are programmed with software to drive the entire EMS unit.

## Warnings

- RV wiring is different than house wiring; in an RV, neutral and ground conductors are isolated whereas in a house they are bonded at the service panel. Therefore; never connect neutral and ground. The result will cause a ground fault condition, electric shock, and/or a fire hazard. This does not stop you from using a “generator plug” that ties together neutral and ground as this is perfectly safe.
- Do not exceed the rating on the EMS for any reason. These devices are designed to be reduced down to 120V/15A and maintain full protection.
- Do not modify the EMS in any way as this will void the warranty, compromise protection and could result in possible shock, and/or a fire hazard.
- It is important to always check the pedestal power outlet for charring; this condition means the AC receptacle is providing a weak connection. Should this condition exists, **DO NOT USE** as it could result in possible melting of the RV power plug.
- Progressive Industries recommends you have a certified electrician or an authorized dealer perform the installation of the EMS unit.
- All AC power extension cords in conjunction with your EMS unit should be rated 10 gauge for 120V, 30A systems or 6 gauge for 240V, 50A systems and rated for outdoor use to reduce the risk of electrical shock. We recommend the length not to exceed 20-25'. Small gauge cable will have a higher resistance and can result in voltage loss or an electrical fire.
- Whenever servicing or installing the EMS, or any other AC powered device, make sure AC power is disconnected.
- Never solder the ends of the wires you attach during installation, this includes any red, black and/or white wires.
- **Never** plug the EMS into an inverter.

## Installation Instructions *Before* Transfer Box

**HW50C Visual Photo Library page 11 | Wiring Diagram on page 13**

**HW30C Visual Photo Library page 12 | Wiring Diagram on page 13**

For installation, in addition to the EMS Kit, you will need:

- 4 mounting screws
- In some cases you will need a jumper cable, length to be determined based on the placement of the EMS
- **Always** use #10 wire for the HW30C & #6 wire for the HW50C.

1. Unplug RV from AC power and be sure generator is off.
2. Determine a location for the EMS control box.
3. Cut the RV power cord about three (3) inches greater than the distance from the junction box to the desired location of the EMS control box. Then strip back the outer insulation three (3) inches on input, and three (3) inches on output cable. (See visual references on pages 11-13).
4. Strip back each conductor 3/8" on both stripped ends. (See visual references on pages 11-13 ) and attach ring terminals to green ground wires. If this wire is a solid wire, do not use ring terminals. Loop the wire around the ground screw.
5. Remove the lid from the EMS. Inside the unit will be a display, cable and pack of screws. Back off the six set screws from top of contactor (L1, L2, etc.)
6. Take your long cable with the plug end and connect it to the input side by sliding through the wire restraint on the end of the EMS control box. Next connect the wires to the contactor by attaching the black wire to L1, white to L2, red to L3, and green to ground screw on side of box. (See visual references on pages 11-13). Torque down set screws and ground nut to secure connections.
7. Take the short cable coming from the junction box by sliding it through the wire restraint output side of the EMS control box. Next slide the black wire through the current sensor containing the green tape and connect to T1, then connect the white wire to T2. Now slide the red wire through the other sensor and attach to T3. The arrow side of the sensor needs to face T1 and T3.

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## Installation *Before* Transfer Box continued

Attach the green ground wire to the ground screw on side of box. (See visual references on pages 11-13). Make sure the wire colors match up adjacent to each other. Torque down set screws and ground nut to secure connections.

8. Double check all connections and make sure they are secure.
9. Remove the two screws on contactor where marked L1, L2, etc. Next remove the top plastic plate with markings. Examine inside ensuring there are no loose plastic pieces inside the contactor. If so, remove and re-install cover with two screws. (See visual references on pages 11-13).

**Do not over tighten screws as this could break cover tabs.**

**Caution: If you break off a tab and do not remove it, this may stop the contactor from working and allow 240 volts in the RV.**

10. Secure cable ends by tightening down strain reliefs over the input and output wires. Do not over tighten as this could bit through the insulation and cause a short.
11. Set time delay jumper on the circuit board. The factory setting is for 15 seconds. Remove jumper to set for 136 seconds (02:16). See Features Section on time delay to determine which to use. (See visual references on pages 11-13).
12. Plug in remote display and cable. (This cable is not a phone cable, but rather a data cable).

**NEVER PLUG IN DISPLAY WHILE RV POWER IS ON.**

13. Attach EMS lid with the six black machine screws provided.
14. Mount the EMS control box.
15. Installation is complete. Next, plug in and follow operating instructions.

## Installation *After* Transfer Box for Protection from both Generator and AC Power

**HW50C Visual Photo Library on page 11 | Wiring Diagram on page 13**

**HW30C Visual Photo Library on page 12 | Wiring Diagram on page 13**

For installation, in addition to the EMS Kit, you will need:

- 4 mounting screws
  - In some cases you will need a jumper cable, length to be determined based on the placement of the EMS
  - **Always** use 10 wire for the HW30C & #6 wire for the HW50C.
1. Unplug RV from the AC power and be sure generator is off.
  2. Locate transfer switch box; determine where the EMS control box will be mounted.
  3. Measure the distance between the transfer switch and the control box and add one (1) foot. This is the length of cable that will be required for the installation. Make sure 6-gauge, 4 conductor cables are used.
  4. Remove lid from transfer box, disconnect and remove the output cable.
  5. Take jumper cable and strip back one end three (3) inches and the other end the same as the end removed from the transfer box. The cable removed from the transfer box must have at least three (3) inches of the outer insulation removed. (See visual references on pages 11-13).
  6. Strip back all conductors 3/8" and attach ring terminals to green ground wires. (See visual references on pages 11-13). If this wire is solid wire, do not use ring terminals. Loop the wire around the screw.
  7. Remove the lid from unit. Inside the unit will be a digital display, cable and pack of screws. Back off the six set screws from top of contactor. (L1, L2, etc.)
  8. Take the jumper cable and connect it to the input side by sliding through the wire restraint on the end of the EMS control box and then connect the black wire to L1; white to L2; red to L3, green to ground screw. (See visual references on pages 11-13). Torque down set screws and ground nut to secure connections.

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## **Installation *After* Transfer Box for Protection from both Generator and AC Power continued from page 6**

9. The cable that came from the transfer box connects to the output side of the EMS control box in the same manner. Next slide the black wire through the current sensor containing the green tape and connect to T1 and then connect the white wire to T2. Now slide the red wire through the other current sensor and attach to T3. The arrow side off the sensor needs to face T1 and T3. Next, attach the green ground wire to the ground screw on the side of box. (See visual references on pages 11-13). Make sure the conductor's colors match up across from each other. Torque down the set screws and ground nut to secure connections.
10. Connect the loose end of the jumper cable to the transfer switch. See wiring diagram on transfer switch if needed.
11. Double check all connections to ensure they are secure.
12. Secure cable ends by tightening down strain reliefs over the input and output wires. Do not over tighten as this could bite through insulation and cause a short.
13. Set time delay jumper on the circuit board. Factory setting is for 15 seconds. Remove jumper to change setting to 136 seconds (02:16). See Features Section on time delay to determine which to use. (See visual references on pages 11-13).
14. Plug in digital remote and data cable. (This cable is not a phone cable, but rather a data cable.)  
**NEVER PLUG IN THE DISPLAY WHILE RV POWER IS ON.**
15. Attach lid with the six black machine screws provided and attach transfer switch lid.
16. Mount the EMS control box.
17. Installation is complete. Next, plug in and follow operating instructions.

## Operating Instructions

1. Plug into A/C power.
2. Digital display will read 888 for one second and then begin scrolling the voltage, amps, line frequency and error code, if any. In addition, the time delay light will flash while the EMS is going through its countdown and will stop when the unit engages (bottom right hand corner.) If delay light does not flash, a fault condition is present. Refer to the Error Code Chart (page 9) to determine the problem with the AC power.
3. You may notice when first plugging in, the display may read E 9. This indicates the display has not received the data from the computer yet. Do not be alarmed, this is normal. By the next scroll through, it should read E 0 if the AC power is normal.
4. The digital display will give you a three digit number indicating your line voltage. Next, it will give you an “0A” reading indicating the current (amps). The current (amps) will read zero until the time delay is complete (136 seconds or 16 seconds, depending on your settings). Next the unit will indicate a number between 0 and 50 which indicates how many amps the RV is drawing. The next number indicates your line frequency . This number should be “60H” and should remain fairly consistent; however, it may read plus/minus one or two. Lastly, note the E code. E 0 is normal and only when E 0 or E10 is present will the delay light flash and allow power to the RV. Refer to the Error Code Chart card that was provided with your unit or see the Error Code Chart (page 9) for additional information.
5. Set up will be complete when the Error Code E 0 is displayed.

**IMPORTANT:** The display will only read voltages between approximately 78 volts and 255 volts.

**NOTE:** If the wiring reads anything different than correct, the EMS will not turn on and we recommend you move to a different source of AC power or use your generator power. Also, if power is below 104 volts or above 132 volts, the EMS will not turn on, and we recommend using your generator power.

## Error Code Chart

- E 0 - Normal Operating Condition
- E 1 - Reverse Polarity (hot and neutral wires reversed)
- E 2 - Open Ground (no ground wire connection)
- E 3 - Line 1 High Voltage (line voltage above 132V)
- E 4 - Line 1 Low Voltage (line voltage below 104V)
- E 5\*- Line 2 Voltage High (Line voltage above 132V)
- E 6\*- Line 2 Voltage Low (Line voltage below 104V)
- E 7 - Line Frequency High (line frequency above 69Hz)
- E 8 - Line Frequency Low (line frequency below 51Hz)
- E 9 - Data Link Down (call technical support)
- E10 - Replace Surge Protector Module (call Progressive Industries Tech Support)

\* Code only apply to EMS-HW50C models

*Note: PE is a previous error code that HAS BEEN RECTIFIED.*

If the EMS cuts the power to the RV it will show a PE code following the E code. This denotes the previous error or why the EMS shut down. Example: The EMS cuts power for low voltage on Line 1, and then the power is restored. The Error Code reads E 0, but the PE code reads PE 4 which tells the user low voltage was the reason for the EMS previously cutting power. This PE error code will be deleted when power is disconnected from the EMS.

**Accidental 240 volt Protection:** Should this condition occur, the display will read 240 volts instead of displaying the voltage and the error code message will read E 3. AC power will shut down instantly. **DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES BYPASS THE EMS AS THIS WILL RESULT IN SEVERE DAMAGE TO THE RV.**

## Troubleshooting Guide

Common installation mistakes:

1. Check connections. See diagram on pages 11 & 13 for the HW50C and diagram on pages 12 & 13 for the HW30C.

**HW50C:** Input is the plug side of the RV and black should be attached to L1, white to L2 and red to L3. Output (going to the RV) should match up. T1 black, T2 white and T3 red. The green ground gets attached to the input and output on the side of the box.

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2. Make sure the input wires are, in fact, the input wires. Connecting the output to the input of the EMS will cause the device to malfunction.
3. If the EMS is still not functioning at this point, follow instructions below prior to calling Progressive Industries Technical Support.

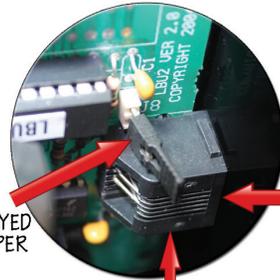
**In order for the on-call Technician to help troubleshoot the problem(s) you are experiencing and render the best possible solution, it is necessary you be at your RV when you place your call.**

1. If the display is illuminated and scrolling information, note the Error Code. If there is an Error code of 1-9, the device will interrupt the power. See Error Chart for definition of AC power problem. The device being off when an Error Code is present indicates the product is working properly and protecting your coach.
2. If the display is illuminated and reading Error code E 0, and yet no power is present in the coach, please contact Progressive Industries Tech Support. You must wait for the time delay light to stop flashing.
3. If the display is not illuminated and power is in the coach there is a connection issue between the display and the main control box. Contact Technical Support.

**Our Tech Support Team can only assist you if the above information is provided; therefore, it is necessary for you to be at the RV when you place your call. To recap...**

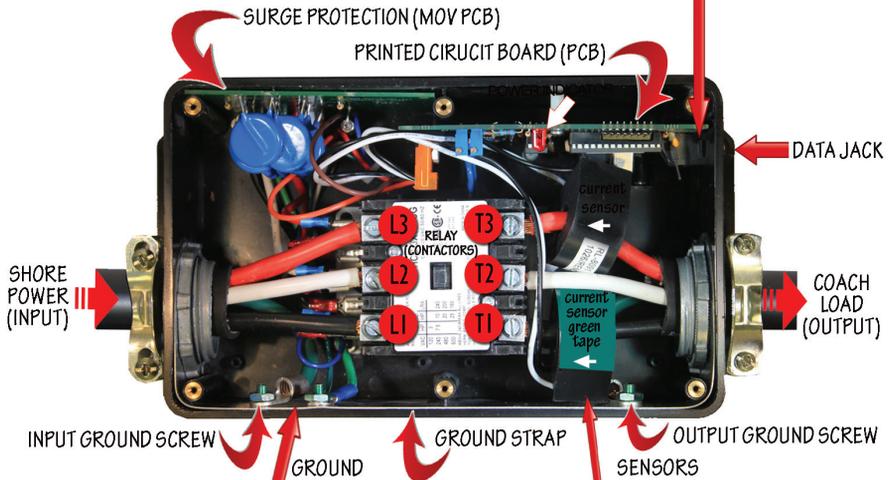
1. Are the connections correct?
2. What is the Error Code message being displayed?
3. Is the delay indicator flashing?

# Photo Library for the EMS-HW50C



BACK OF DATA JACK

TIME DELAYED JUMPER



SHORE POWER (INPUT)

SURGE PROTECTION (MOV PCB)

PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD (PCB)

DATA JACK

COACH LOAD (OUTPUT)

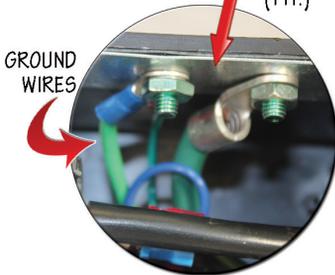
INPUT GROUND SCREW

GROUND STRAP

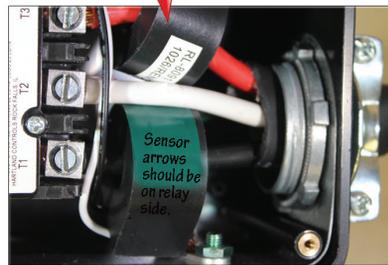
OUTPUT GROUND SCREW

GROUND SCREWS (TYP.)

SENSORS



GROUND WIRES



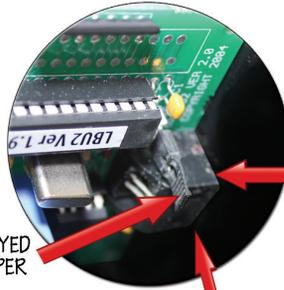
COACH LOAD OUTPUT

**NOTE:** Only one (1) wire through each sensor. Black wire goes through curret sensor (with green tape) to T1. Red wire goes through current sensor to T3.

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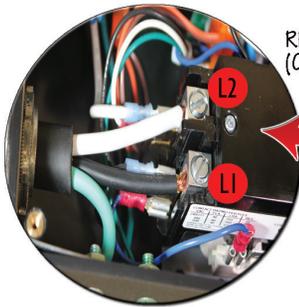
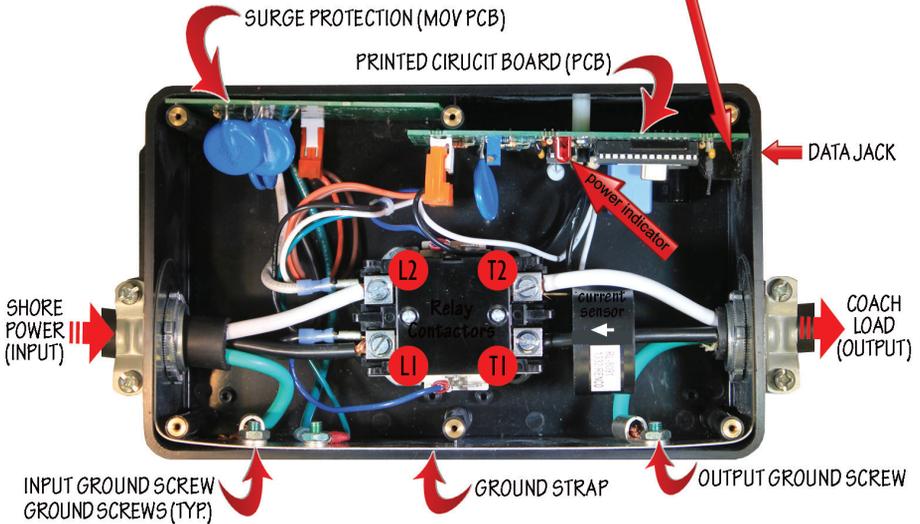


STRIP BACK THE OUTER INSULATION THREE (3) INCHES ON INPUT AND THREE (3) INCHES ON OUTPUT CABLE.



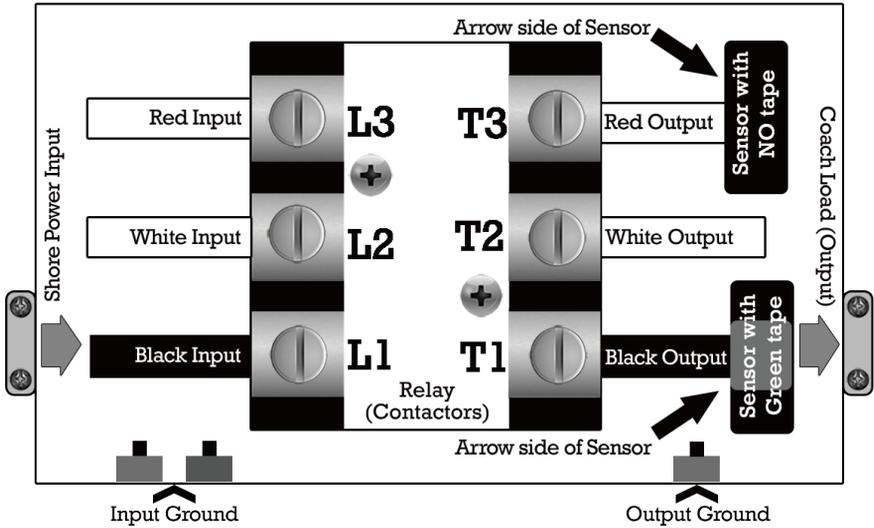
TIME DELAYED JUMPER

BACK OF DATA JACK

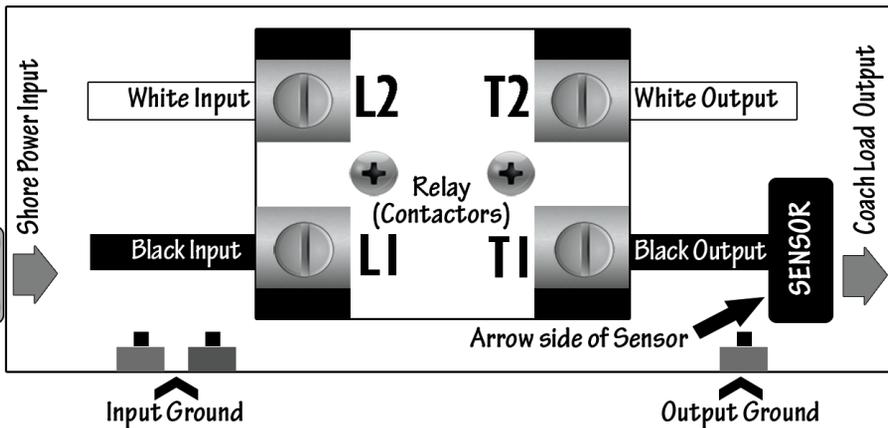


RELAY (CONTACTORS)

## Wiring Diagram for EMS-HW50C



## Wiring Diagram for EMS-HW30C



## Progressive Industries Warranty

Lifetime Warranty Information for Models:

EMS-PT30C | EMS-PT50C | EMS-HW30C | EMS-HW50C  
EMS-LCHW30 | EMS-LCHW50 | SSP-30X | SSP-50X

For detailed information regarding Progressive Industries' Warranty and/or information on returning your unit for repair please visit our website at [www.progressiveindustries.net](http://www.progressiveindustries.net).

**Technical Support is available 7 Days a Week!**

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