**Spa Quick Start Guide**

**Balboa VS/GS100 System for VL 200 Topside Control**


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**Start-up**

Your spa will enter Priming Mode (P) after the initial start-up sequence. **During Priming Mode, press “Jets” button repeatedly and be sure the pump is free of air.** Priming Mode lasts less than 5 minutes. Press “Warm” or “Cool” to exit. After Priming Mode, the spa will run in its preset mode (see Mode section for details).

**Temp Control (80°F - 104°F / 26°C - 40°C)**

The last measured water temperature is constantly displayed. **The water temperature displayed is current only when the pump has been running for at least 1 minute.**

To display the set temperature, press “Warm” or “Cool” once. To change the set temperature, press a temperature button again before the display stops flashing. Each press of “Warm” or “Cool” will adjust the set temperature.

After three seconds, the display will stop flashing and begin to display the current spa temperature.

**Jets**

Press “Jets” to turn the pump on or off, and to shift between low and high speeds (if equipped). If left running, the pump will turn off after a preset length of time, which on some systems may be as long as 2 hours for low speed. Low speed may run automatically at times, during which it cannot be deactivated from the panel, but high speed may be operated.

Pump 1 low-speed is responsible for heating and filtration. In multi-button sequences, if the buttons are pressed too quickly in sequence, they may not register.

**Light**

Press “Light” to operate the spa light. Turns off after 4 hours.

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**Mode**

Depending on system configuration, mode changing may not be available and will be locked in Standard Mode. Mode is changed by pressing “Warm” then “Light”.

**Standard Mode** maintains set temperature. § will be displayed momentarily when you switch into Standard Mode.

**Economy Mode** heats the spa to the set temperature only during filter cycles. § will display when water temp is not current, and will alternate with water temp when the pump is running.

**Sleep Mode** heats the spa to within 20°F/10°C of the set temperature only during filter cycles. § will display when water temp is not current, and will alternate with water temp when the pump is running.

**Preset Filter Cycles**

The first preset filter cycle begins 6 minutes after the spa is energized. The second preset filter cycle begins 12 hours later. Filter duration is programmable for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 hours. It is important to set filter cycles on a pattern. We recommend programming cycles at 7 am & 7 pm and avoiding the hours from 10am-5pm. To program, press “Warm,” then “Jets.” Press temperature buttons to adjust. Press “Jets” to exit programming.

**Automatic polling (in Standard Mode only)**

The pump will activate for 1 minute to check the temperature:
- every 30 minutes
- whenever any other pump or blower is turned on
- whenever the set temperature is raised

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### Diagnostic Messages

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<td>Temperature unknown.</td>
<td>After the pump has been running for 1 minute, the current water temperature will be displayed.</td>
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<td>HH</td>
<td>“Overheat” - The spa has shut down.* One of the sensors has detected 118°F/47.8°C at the heater.</td>
<td>DO NOT ENTER THE WATER. Remove the spa cover and allow water to cool. Once the heater has cooled, reset by pushing any button. If spa does not reset, shut off the power to the spa and call your dealer or service organization.</td>
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<tr>
<td>GH</td>
<td>“Overheat” - The spa has shut down.* One of the sensors has detected that the spa water is 110°F/43.5°C.</td>
<td>DO NOT ENTER THE WATER. Remove the spa cover and allow water to cool. At 107°F/41.7°C, the spa should automatically reset. If spa does not reset, shut off the power to the spa and call your dealer or service organization.</td>
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<td>SA</td>
<td>Spa is shut down.* The sensor that is plugged into the Sensor “A” jack is not working.</td>
<td>If the problem persists, contact your dealer or service organization. (May appear temporarily in an overheat condition.)</td>
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<td>Sb</td>
<td>Spa is shut down.* The sensor that is plugged into the Sensor “B” jack is not working.</td>
<td>If the problem persists, contact your dealer or service organization. (May appear temporarily in an overheat condition.)</td>
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<td>Sn</td>
<td>Sensors are out of balance. If alternating with spa temperature, it may just be a temporary condition. If flashing by itself, spa is shut down.*</td>
<td>If the problem persists, contact your dealer or service organization.</td>
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<td>HL</td>
<td>A significant difference between temperature sensors has been detected. This could indicate a flow problem.</td>
<td>If the water level is normal, make sure all pumps have been primed. If problem persists, contact your dealer or service organization.</td>
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<td>LF</td>
<td>Persistent low flow problems. (Displays on the fifth occurrence of message within 24 hours.) Heater is shut down, but other spa functions continue to run normally.</td>
<td>Follow action required for message. Heating capability of the spa will not reset automatically; you may press any button to reset.</td>
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<td>dr</td>
<td>Possible inadequate water, poor flow, or air bubbles in detected in the heater. Spa is shut down for 15 minutes.</td>
<td>If water level is normal, make sure all pumps have been primed. Press any button to reset. This message will reset within 15 minutes. If problem persists, contact your dealer or service organization.</td>
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<td>dy</td>
<td>Inadequate water detected in heater. (Displays on third occurrence of message.) Spa is shut down.*</td>
<td>Follow action required for message. Spa will not automatically reset. Press any button to reset manually.</td>
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<tr>
<td>IC</td>
<td>“Ice” - Potential freeze condition detected.</td>
<td>No action required. All equipment will automatically activate regardless of spa status. The equipment stays on 4 minutes after the sensors detect that the spa temperature has risen to 45°F/7.2°C or higher. An optional freeze sensor may be added to protect against extraordinary freeze conditions. Auxiliary freeze sensor protection is advisable in colder climates. See your dealer for details.</td>
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### Warning! Shock Hazard! No User Serviceable Parts.

Do not attempt service of this control system. Contact your dealer or service organization for assistance. Follow all owner’s manual power connection instructions. Installation must be performed by a licensed electrician and all grounding connections must be properly installed.