PowerCommand® 3100
digital paralleling control

Description
The PowerCommand® 3100 Control is a microprocessor-based generator set monitoring, metering and control system. The control provides an operator interface to the genset, digital voltage regulation, digital governing and generator set protective functions. The integration of all the functions into a single control system provides enhanced reliability and performance compared to conventional control systems.

The PowerCommand control is designed for mounting on the generator set and is suitable for use on generator sets ranging in size from approximately 20 kW to 4000 kW. They will directly read AC voltages up to 600 VAC and can be configured for any frequency, voltage and power connection configuration from 120 to 13,800 VAC. The control offers a wide range of standard control and digital display features so custom control configurations are not needed to meet application requirements. System reliability is not compromised by use of untested special components.

Power for PowerCommand Control is usually derived from the generator set starting batteries. It functions over a voltage range from 8 VDC to 35 VDC.

Features
- Digital governing and voltage regulation – Including digital over current fault regulation.
- Digital paralleling controls – Including synchronizing, load sharing, import/export controls, and other functions.
- AmpSentry™ protective relay – True alternator over current protection.
- Analog and digital AC output metering.
- Battery monitoring system - Senses and warns against a weak battery condition.
- Digital alarm and status message display.
- Generator set monitoring - Displays status of all critical engine and alternator generator set functions and includes sensor failure monitoring.
- Smart starting control system - Integrated fuel ramping to limit black smoke and frequency overshoot, in addition to optimized cold weather starting.
- PowerCommand digital paralleling - Factory kits are available to upgrade standard controls to PowerCommand digital paralleling.
- PowerCommand Network (optional) - Factory kits are available to add network capability to any generator set.
- Warranty - PowerCommand controls are supported by a worldwide network of independent distributors who provide parts, certified service and warranty support.
### Operator panel

The operator panel provides the user with a complete package of easy to view and use information. Connections to the operator panel are sealed locking plug interfaces for reliable, vibration resistant interconnection to the generator set wiring harness.

### Control switches and functions

Control arrows on the screen lead the operator to information. The system control switches provide the operator with a positive indication that the switch is operated. The switches are totally sealed and designed to provide reliable service for the life of the generator set control.

**Run/off/auto mode control switch** - Oil tight, three-position switch starts and stops the generator set locally or enables start/stop control from a remote location. The not in auto lamp will flash when the control is in the run or off mode. In the auto mode, the generator set can be started with a start signal from a remote device, such as automatic transfer switches. Switch is available in keyed configuration.

**Emergency stop control switch** - A two-position safety “mushroom” head switch provides an easy and obvious means to immediately shut down the generator set in the event of an emergency condition.

**Panel lamp control switch** - Turns the back-lit control illumination on and off for easy reading of the entire control panel in dark lighting conditions. The panel lights automatically switch off after 8 minutes to save battery and lamp life.

**Menu switch** - Returns the operator to the main menu selections screen, regardless of the position in the menu logic.

**Reset switch** - Clears the digital display and status panel and allows the genset to start after a fault condition has been corrected.

**Self test switch** - Prompts the control to perform a self-test of the system and displays all fault messages.

**Breaker control switches** - with indicating lamps to show breaker position (open or closed). Push-button switches allow manual paralleling at the genset control in the run mode. Manual paralleling is accomplished through a sync-check protective function.

**Phase select switch** - Controls the phase that is displayed on the analog AC instrumentation.

**Operator adjustments** - All operators and service level control system adjustments are made through digital raise/lower switches from the front of the control panel. The control includes provisions for many set up and adjustment functions via raise/lower push-button switches on the operator panel. Functions that can be adjusted by the operator include:

- Time delay start (0-300 seconds)
- Time delay stop (0-600 seconds)
- Alternator voltage (+5%)
- Alternator frequency (±3 Hz)

### Service adjustments

Critical service level adjustments are possible only after entering an access code into the operator panel. Adjustments include governor and AVR gain and stability and other parameters. The adjustment level is displayed on the control panel. There are no rotary switches or pots in the control system.

### Alarm and status indication lamps

The control panel provides dual-element LED indicating lamps for the following functions:

- Non-automatic (red flashing) - Indicates that the control mode select switch is in the off or run position.

- Warning (amber) - Indicates a potentially damaging condition on the generator set and that the status screen is displaying a warning condition. The reset switch is used to clear the message after the warning condition is corrected.

- Shutdown (red) - Indicates that the generator set has shut down due to a failure in the genset or to protect the generator set. The status screen is displaying a shutdown condition. The reset switch and mode select switch are used to clear the message and re-start the genset after the shutdown condition is corrected.

- Phase and scale indication (green) - Indicates the phase that is displayed on the analog AC instrumentation.

### Analog AC metering panel

The PowerCommand control is equipped with an analog AC metering panel that displays 3-phase output power conditions.

Analog metering on the control panel provides clear indication of generator set stability, including the magnitude of displacement and rate of change during lead transients, which cannot be viewed clearly with digital metering equipment. These meters are also ideal for “walk-by” status checks by the operator. All meters are 63.5 mm (2.5 in), 90 degree scale. Meter faces UV protected against discoloration from exposure to sunlight. The kilowatt meter and ammeter are scaled in percent of AC output for easy recognition of generator set status and load level (0-90% of rating: green; 90-100% of rating: amber; >100% of rating: red).

- Percent kilowatt meter - Indicates 3-phase AC power output as a percent of rated load. Provides a true indication of total kW load on the generator set, regardless of the load power factor. Scale is 0-125%. Accuracy is ±5%.

- Frequency meter - Indicates generator set output frequency in hertz. Calculated frequency is based on engine speed and alternator voltage zero-crossing and is not affected by voltage waveform distortion caused by non-linear loads. Scale is 45-65 Hz. Accuracy is ±0.5 Hz.
Generator set output frequency -  Displays all phases, line-to-neutral, and line-to-line frequency data for all phases simultaneously to allow viewing of voltage balance. 

Percent AC ammeter - Indicates current output in percent of maximum rated standby current. Accuracy: ±2%. Scale: 0-125%.

Alarm and status display panel
A two-line, 16 character-per-line, LED alphanumeric screen displays alarm and status messages and information regarding AC output, engine conditions and adjustments via a menu-driven system. Provides detailed information on all critical generator set parameters. Detailed messages provide a clear indication of problems with reference to the Operator's Service Manual for further direction. The operator can easily follow the logic path without the use of an operator's manual.

Display is configurable for multiple languages and for units of measurement. All data on the control can be viewed by scrolling through screens with the navigation keys.

On sensing a warning or shut down condition, the control displays the warning or shutdown message, lights the warning or shutdown indicator lamp on the front of the control and provides a code number referenced to the generator set manuals. The manuals provide the operator with more information on the nature of the problem and how to get the generator set back into service. See Protective functions for information on conditions that may be displayed by the control. Data displays in the control include:

**Engine data**
- Engine starting battery voltage
- Engine lube oil pressure (PSI or kPA)
- Engine lube oil temperature (°C or °F)
- Engine coolant temperature (°C or °F): Control displays data for left and right bank of “V” engines.
- Engine operating hours
- Number of starts
- Engine RPM
- Engine exhaust temperature (°C or °F): Control displays data for left and right bank of “V” engines. (optional)

**Alternator data**
Generator set output voltage: All phases, line-to-line and line-to-neutral, accuracy 1% over the stated temperature range of the control. Displays data for all phases simultaneously to allow viewing of voltage balance.

Generator set output current: All phases, accuracy 1% over the stated temperature range of the control. Displays data for all phases simultaneously to allow viewing of load balance.

Generator set output frequency.

Generator set power output: PowerCommand displays generator set kW and power factor with leading/lagging indication. Accuracy 5%.

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monitoring the engine speed to verify that the engine is rotating. If the engine is not rotating, the control switches off the starter and then makes another attempt. If the attempt fails, a shutdown message is signaled on the digital display screen and the generator set cannot be started until the fault is cleared. This process helps prevent starter or ring gear damage.

The system also directly controls the fuel rail actuator and provides only enough fuel for engine starting. Once the engine reaches start disconnect speed, it will ramp to operating speed at a controlled rate.

**First start sensor system** - PowerCommand incorporates a unique control system that is designed to prevent more than one generator set from closing to a dead bus under black start conditions. The first start sensor continuously communicates with other PowerCommand generator sets and when it is ready to close to a dead bus, will verify that no other generator set is closing its breaker, then lock out all other generator sets from closing to the bus. This function eliminates the possibility that a generator set might accidentally close to the bus out of phase with another oncoming generator set. If the first sensor input to the control is lost, the control reverts to a digital “dead bus” mode and indicates an alarm condition.

**Synchronizer** - PowerCommand incorporates a digital synchronizing function to force the generator set to match the phase relationship of its output and the system bus and to match the voltage of the generator set output with the system bus. The synchronizer includes provisions for proper operation even with highly distorted bus voltage waveforms. The synchronizer operates over a range of 60-110% of nominal voltage and frequency and includes adjustments for phase angle window (5-20 degrees) and time delay (0.5-5 seconds).

**Load share mode** – PowerCommand includes automatic load sharing control functions to allow isochronous load sharing for both kW and kVar loads between PowerCommand generator sets. Load sharing between PowerCommand generator sets will be within 1% of equal for all loads from no load to full load. Controls include provisions to equally share reverse power up to 25% of the generator set rating. An accessory module is available to allow load sharing to systems manufactured by others.

**Load demand mode** - On receipt of a signal from a remote device (discrete or via network), the control will cause the generator set to ramp down to a minimum kW and kVar level, switch open the paralleling breaker, operate for a predefined cooldown period and then shutdown until called to restart. The control displays a message indicating the generator set is in a load demand shutdown condition when shut down in this mode. When the load demand signal is removed from the generator set, the control will start the generator set, complete the preprogrammed starting cycle, synchronize the generator set to the bus, close at no load, then ramp kW and kVar load to its proportional share of the total load on the bus.

The load demand mode with ramping capability allows generator sets to leave and reacquire the bus without imposing sudden load changes that might cause frequency and voltage fluctuations in the system. The system includes provisions for an emergency start if the bus is overloaded or if one of the other generator sets in the system fails.

**Load govern mode** - When PowerCommand receives a signal indicating that the generator set is paralleled with an infinite source, such as a utility (mains) service, the generator set will operate in load govern mode. In this mode, the generator set will synchronize and close to the bus, ramp to a pre-programmed kW and kVar load level and then operate at that point. Control is adjustable for kW values from 0-100% of standby rating and 0.7-1.0 power factor (leading). Default setting is 80% of standby and 1.0 power factor. The control includes inputs to allow independent control of kW and kVar load sharing level by a remote device while in the load govern mode. The rate of load increase and decrease is also adjustable in the control.

**Manual (semi-automatic) parallel mode** - When the mode select switch is in the manual position, the paralleling breaker can be closed by operating a control switch adjacent to the display panel. PowerCommand will attempt to synchronize the generator set to the system bus, but will not automatically close the paralleling breaker. The operator can observe the condition of the generator set output relative to the bus on a Digital Synchroscope display in the operator panel. The panel graphically displays displacement from synchronous condition, bus and generator voltage, and kW and kVar set frequency.

**Engine control**

**Engine starting.**

**Cycle cranking** - Configurable for number of starting cycles (1 to 6) and duration of crank and rest periods. Control includes starter protection algorithms to prevent the operator from specifying a starting sequence that might be damaging.

**Time delay start and stop (cooldown)** - Configurable for time delay of 0-300 seconds prior to starting after receiving a remote start signal; and for time delay of 0-600 seconds prior to ramp-to-idle or shutdown after signal to stop in normal operation modes. The generator set control will monitor the load during operation of the generator set, and if the total load on the set is less than 10% of rated, it will reduce the operation time for the time delay stop to prevent extended operation of the engine at very light load levels. Default for both time delay periods is 0 seconds.

**Engine governing**

**Isochronous governing** - Controls engine speed within ±0.25% for any steady state load from no load to full load. Frequency drift will not exceed ±0.5% for a 33 °C (60 °F) change in ambient temperature over an 8 hour period.

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Droop governing - Control can be adjusted to droop from 0 to 10% from no load to full load, using InPower™.

Temperature dynamics - Modifies the engine fuel system control parameters as a function of engine temperature. Allows engine to be more responsive when warm and more stable when operating at lower temperature levels.

Isochronous load sharing control.

Droop load sharing.

Idle mode - The control system accepts a signal to control engine speed to a preset, adjustable idle speed when operating in the run mode.

Alternator control
The excitation control system provided in PowerCommand controls: 3-phase sensing, provides pulse-width modulated output to the exciter and operates with a permanent magnet generator (PMG) on the alternator. It is specifically designed for use in non-linear load applications.

Digital output voltage regulation - PowerCommand will regulate output voltage to within 0.5% for any loads between no load and full load. Voltage drift will not exceed ±0.5% for a 33 °C (60 °F) change in temperature in an 8 hour period. On engine starting or sudden load acceptance, voltage is controlled to a maximum of 5% overshoot over nominal level.

Torque-matched V/Hz overload control - The voltage roll-off set point and rate of decay (i.e., the slope of the V/Hz curve) is adjustable in the control.

Fault current regulation - PowerCommand will regulate the output current on any phase to a maximum of 3 times rated current under fault conditions for both single phase and three phase faults. In conjunction with a permanent magnet generator, it will provide regulated 3 times rated current on all phases for motor starting and short circuit coordination purposes. It also regulates single phase faults to a maximum of 3 times rated current on any phase.

Isochronous (kVar) load sharing control.

Droop (kVar) load sharing control.

Protective functions
PowerCommand provides a full complement of protective functions, specifically designed to prevent damage to the generator set and minimize the potential for nuisance failure conditions.

On a warning condition the control will indicate a fault by lighting the warning LED on the control panel and displaying the fault name and code on the operator display panel. The nature of the fault and time of occurrence are logged in the control (based on engine operating hours). The service manual and InPower service tool provide service keys and procedures based on the service codes provided.

On a shutdown condition, the control will light the shutdown LED on the control panel, display the fault name and code, initiate shut down and lock out the generator set.

The control maintains a data log of all fault conditions as they occur and time stamps them with the engine operating hours data. The latest 20 events are maintained in non-volatile control memory.

PowerCommand provides the following system protective functions:

Ground fault warning (option – 600 VAC class generator sets) - Ground fault sensing is adjustable over a range of 100-1200 amps, with time delays of 0-1 second. May be configured for shutdown rather than alarm.

Configurable alarm and status inputs - PowerCommand will accept up to four alarm or status inputs (contact closed to ground) to indicate customer-specified conditions. The control is programmable for warning or shutdown indication and for labeling the input.

Emergency stop - Annunciated whenever the local or remote emergency stop signal is received. Alarm panel distinguishes between local or remote operation.

Breaker fail to close warning or shutdown - When the paralleling control signals a circuit breaker to close, it will monitor the breaker auxiliary contacts and verify that the breaker has connected the generator set to the system bus. If the control does not sense a breaker closure within 1 second of the close signal, the control will initiate the breaker fail to close alarm, the breaker will be opened, and the generator set shut down.

AmpSentry protective relay
AmpSentry protective relay is a comprehensive monitoring and control system integral to the PowerCommand Control System that guards the electrical integrity of the alternator and power system by providing protection against a wide array of fault conditions in the generator set or in the load. It also provides single and three phase fault current regulation so that downstream protective devices have the maximum current available to quickly clear fault conditions without subjecting the alternator to potentially catastrophic failure conditions. See document R1053 below for a full size time over current curve.

High AC voltage shutdown (59) - Output voltage on any phase exceeds preset values. Time to trip is inversely proportional to amount above threshold. Setting is more than 110% for 10 seconds or instantaneous at more than 130% of nominal voltage.

Low AC voltage shutdown (27) - Voltage on any phase has dropped below a preset value. Setting is 85% for 10 seconds.
Under Frequency Shutdown (81u) - Generator set output frequency cannot be maintained. Settings are 10% below nominal governor set point, with a 20 second time delay.

Over load (kW) warning - Provides a warning indication when engine is operating at a load level over 100% for more than 5 seconds. A dedicated output relay is provided for use by the customer for load shedding.

Reverse power shutdown (32) - Set point is negative 25% of genset rating for more than 3 seconds.

Sync check (25) - Verifies that the generator set is operating in synchronism with the system bus prior to allowing the paralleling breaker to close. Includes dead bus sensing capability.

Fail to synchronize warning or shutdown - Indicates that the generator set could not be brought to synchronization with the system bus. Configurable for warning or shutdown and adjustable for time delay of 10-120 seconds. Default is 120 seconds.

Phase sequence sensing shutdown - Verifies that the generator set phase sequence matches the bus prior to allowing the paralleling breaker to close. The generator set will shutdown if the generator set and bus phase sequence does not match.

Reverse Var shutdown - Shutdown level is adjustable: threshold 0.15-0.50, delay 10-60 seconds. Defaults: 0.20, 10 seconds.

High alternator temperature (warning)

Engine protection

Overspeed (shutdown) - Default setting is 115% of nominal.

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The control system is specifically designed and tested for resistance to RFI/EMI, and to resist the effects of vibration to provide a long reliable life when mounted on a generator set.

**Control interface**

All customer connections to the PowerCommand Control are made in an enclosure that is separate and isolated from the control equipment. Easy connection is possible with large, clearly labeled terminal blocks and terminals that do not require lugs for customer connections.

**Input signals to the PowerCommand control include:**

- **Remote start signal** - May be connected via either discrete signal or Lon™ Network or both, for premium reliability.
- **Remote emergency stop.**
- **Configurable customer inputs** - Control includes provisions for (4) input signals from customer discrete devices.
- **Low fuel level input.**
- **Remote alarm reset.**
- **Load demand stop.**
- **Utility parallel (load govern) mode command.**
- **Breaker status.**

**Output signals from the control include:**

- **Auxiliary “run” relays (up to 3 optional)** - Each relay provides three sets of Form C contacts rated 2 amps @ 30 VDC.
- **Generator set common shutdown signal** - Form C relay contact (1 normally open and 1 normally closed contact with common) rated 2 amps @ 30 VDC/180 VAC.
- **Load shed signal** - Form A relay contact, rated 2 amps @ 30 VDC/180 VAC. Operation is configurable for under frequency or over kW load, or both.
- **Ready to load signal** - Form A relay contact, rated 2 amps @ 30 VDC/180 VAC. Operates when the generator sets has reached 90% of rated speed and voltage and latches until generator set is switched to off or idle mode.
- **NFPA110 alarm relays** – One form A contact for each condition, each rated 2 amps @ 30 VDC/180 VAC.
- **Breaker control signals** – Provides direct control of the paralleling breaker.

Control power for auxiliary devices is available from the controller. A 10 A/24 VDC fused source is available when the genset is running, and a 20 A/24 VDC fused source is available at all times.

**Network connections include:**

- **Serial interface** - This communication port allows the control to communicate with a personal computer running PowerCommand for Windows software.
- **Echelon® LonWorks® interface (optional)** -

**Software**

- **InPower** – PowerCommand generator sets can be monitored and adjusted using InPower, a PC-based software service tool. InPower allows monitoring and adjustment either locally or via modem.
- **PowerCommand for Windows®** - A software tool that is used to remotely monitor and control generator sets, transfer switches and other on-site power system devices.

**Certifications**

PowerCommand meets or exceeds the requirements of the following codes and standards:

- **CSA C282-M1999 Compliance**
- **CSA 22.2 No. 14 M91**: Industrial Controls
- **IEC 801.2**: Electrostatic Discharge Test
- **IEC 801.3**: Radiated Susceptibility
- **UL508**: Recognized or Listed and suitable for use on UL 2200 Listed generator sets
- **IEC 801.4**: Electrically Fast Transient
- **IEC 801.5**: Radiated Emissions
- **IEEE 587**: Surge Immunity
- **ISO 8528-4**: 1993 Compliance, Control Systems for Reciprocating Engine-driven Generator Sets
- **MIL Std 461**: Electromagnetic Emission and Susceptibility Requirements
- **NFPA 70**: US National Electrical Code. PowerCommand controls are suitable for use in emergency, critical and standby applications, as defined in articles 700, 701, and 702.
- **NFPA99**: Standard for Health Care Facilities
- **UL508**: Recognized or Listed and suitable for use on UL 2200 Listed generator sets.
- **ISO9001**: PowerCommand control systems and generator sets are designed and manufactured in ISO9001 certified facilities.

**Warranty**

PowerCommand control systems are a part of complete power systems provided by Cummins Power Generation and are covered by a one-year limited warranty as a standard feature.

Extended warranty options are available for coverage up to 10 years.
Options and accessories

- Key-type mode select switch.
- Ground fault alarm module.
- Full function paralleling. Provides all paralleling functions, including automatic and manual operation, protection, and other features described in this document.
- Exhaust temperature monitoring.
- Alternator temperature monitoring.
- Digital remote annunciator.
- Digital output relay module.

See your distributor for more information

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