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1 Introduction

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1.2 Introduction

Congratulations on your excellent choice of purchasing a Green EC-PH!

In order to realize the full benefit from this product it is important that it is installed, commissioned and operated correctly. Before installation or using the unit, this manual should be studied carefully. It is also recommended that it is kept safely for future reference. The manual is intended as a reference for installation, commissioning and day-to-day operation of the Munters equipment.

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2 Introduction to the Green EC-PH

This product description will guide you in the principles and operation of the Green EC-pH module along with maintenance and warranty information.

The Green EC-pH module consists of:

- a calculator/transmitter
- an EC and temperature probe
- a pH selective probe

The transmitter unit includes a 16-character LCD and Keyboard. The Keyboard is used to perform periodic calibration (sensors calibration is done using software). The LCD constantly displays the actual values of the EC and pH.

The EC pH can be installed as a:

- wall mount (Figure 1) or
- panel mount (Figure 2)

The Panel Mount unit consists of one or two EC pH modules. All functionality is the same, irrespective of the number of modules. On the front panel of the Double Unit is a SWAP button, which the user presses to switch between modules.



Figure 1: [Wall Mount Unit](#)



Figure 2: [Single](#) or [Double](#) Module Panel Mount Unit

3 Getting Started

The following section details how to mount and calibrate your unit.

- Mounting the Wall Mount
- EC Calibration
- pH Calibration
- Board Wiring

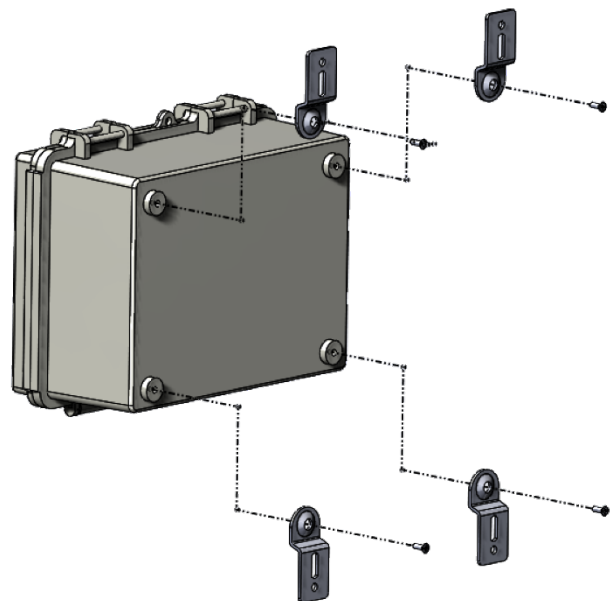
CAUTION This unit must be installed inside, in a location protected from solar radiation and direct rain.

3.1 Mounting the Wall Mount

1. Remove the mounting plates (x4) and screws (x8) from the plastic bag.



2. Fasten the mounting plates to the corners of the controller using four screws.



3. Place the controller box on the wall and make sure it is level (use a spirit level).

4. Using the remaining screws, secure the controller to the wall.

3.2 EC Calibration

NOTE Perform the following procedure in one continual session. Interruptions or delays while performing the procedure can cause calibration failure.

1. On Green EC-PH screen press



EC Calibration appears.

EC Calibration

2. Press



Calib 1.4 appears.

Calib 1.4

3. Press



To EC 1.4 Enter

4. Clean and dry an EC sensor. Insert the sensor into 1.4mS calibration buffer;

immerse for 5 – 7 seconds and immediately press



Calibration is in process.

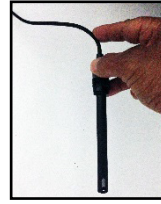
EC: 1.4 Cal:1.4

NOTE Perform the following step as soon as the EC 0 screen appears.

5. When the following screen appears, remove the sensor from the buffer and hold it in the air; press



To EC 0 - Enter



6. Calibration is in process; wait until next screen is displayed, which indicates that EC Calibration is complete.

EC: 0.0 Cal:0.0

7. Wait until the following screen appears.

Calibration OK

EC calibration is complete.

NOTE If display says "BUFFER FAULT" please refer to Troubleshooting.

3.3 pH Calibration

NOTE Perform the following procedure in one continual session. Interruptions or delays while performing the procedure can cause calibration failure.

1. On Green EC-PH screen, press



EC calibration appears.

EC Calibration

2. Press



to scroll down to pH CALIBRATION.

pH Calibration

3. Press



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To pH 7.0 Enter

NOTE Perform the following step as soon as the EC 7.0 screen appears.

4. Verify that the pH sensor is dry; insert it into a pH 7 calibration buffer, immerse for 5

- 7 seconds and press



The following screen appears.

pH: 6.9 Cal:7.0

5. Calibration is in process, wait until the following screen appears.

To pH 4 - Enter

NOTE Perform the following step immediately upon appearance of the pH 4 screen.

6. Verify that the pH sensor is dry; insert it into pH 4 calibration buffer, immerse for 5

- 7 seconds and press



The following screen appears.

pH: 3.3 Cal:4.0

7. Wait until the following screen appears.

Calibration OK

pH calibration is complete.

NOTE If display says "BUFFER FAULT" please refer to Troubleshooting.

3.4 Board Wiring

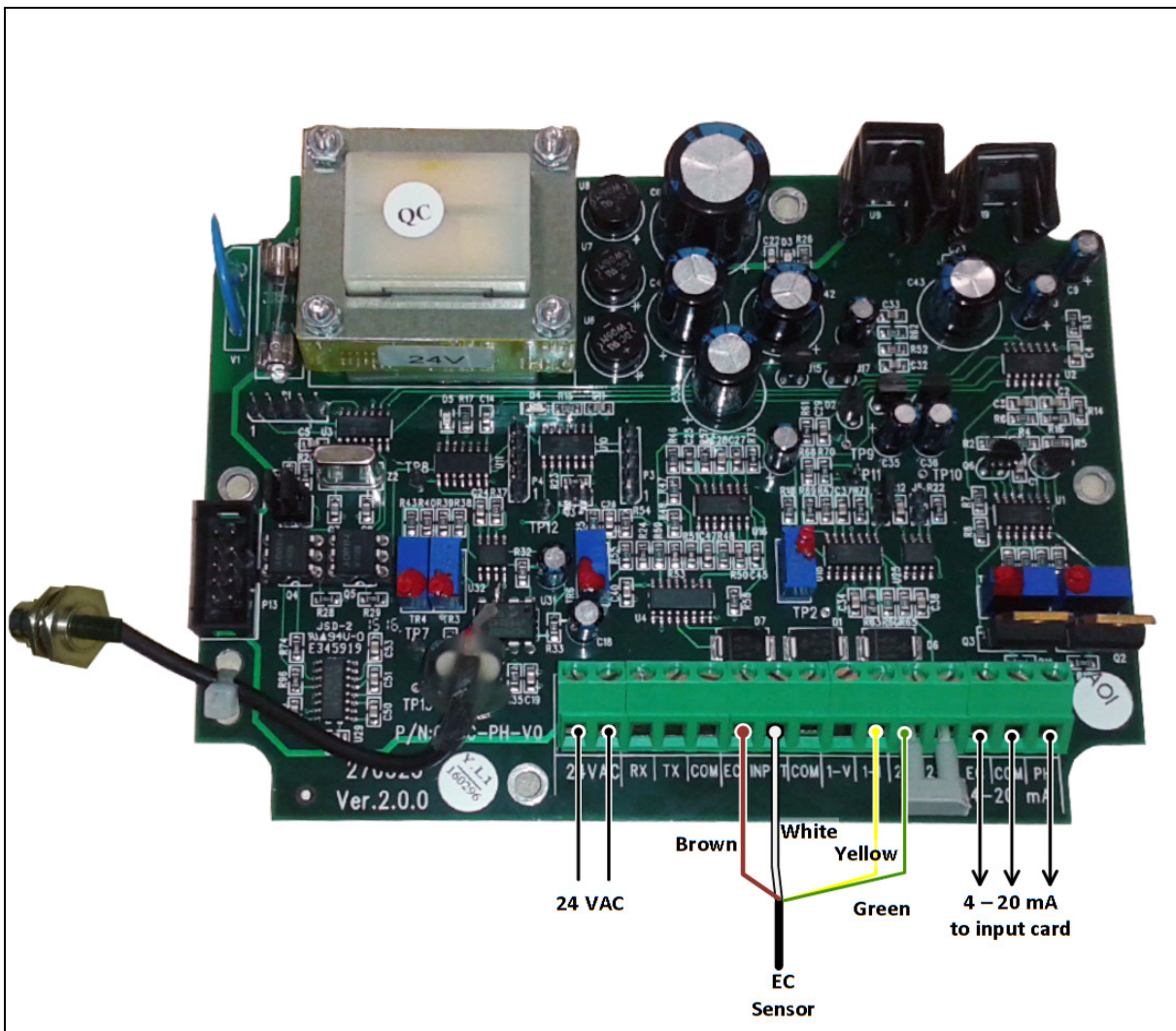


Figure 3: EC & pH Transmitter Wiring for EC Sensor (PT-100)

4 Measuring Characteristics

- EC Measuring Characteristics
- pH Measuring Characteristics

4.1 EC Measuring Characteristics

The electrical conductivity of water depends on the whole spectrum of the dissolved minerals in the water, and on the water temperature. Since our main interest is the nutrients concentration, a temperature sensor is included in the EC sensor to eliminate the temperature factor. The values of both conductivity and the termistor are converted to digital data and reach as input to the unit's CPU, which calculates them to a curve. The accuracy of the calculation depends on the CPU's resolution. EC & pH utilizes a 16-bit CPU which produces accurate reading even for values which are far from the calibration point.

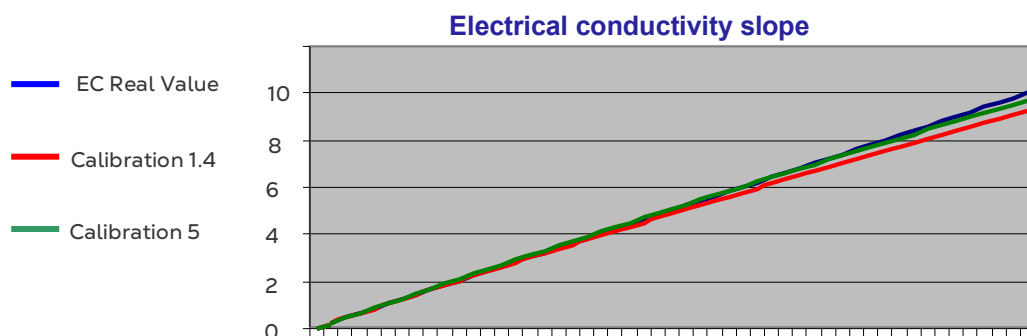


Figure 4: Water Value

The offset of the EC slope is always 0 (Zero). The EC sensor should indicate zero when it is wiped and held out in the open air. The second calibration point (gain) will be either EC 1.4 or EC 5 – whichever is closer to the final measured water.

4.2 pH Measuring Characteristics

The pH solution indicates the level of acid or alkali. The formal mathematical definition of pH is the negative logarithm of hydrogen ion activity. In most cases, hydrogen ion activity can be approximated by the hydrogen ion concentration, and the formula becomes $\text{pH} = -\log_{10} [\text{H}^+]$. On the pH scale, which varies from 0-14, a very acidic solution has a low pH value, a very basic solution has a high pH value, and a neutral solution has a pH of approximately 7.12.

A pH measurement loop is essentially a battery where the positive terminal is the measuring electrode and the negative terminal is the reference electrode. The measuring electrode, which is sensitive to the hydrogen ion, develops a potential (voltage) directly related to the hydrogen ion concentration of the solution. The reference electrode provides a stable potential against which the measuring electrode can be compared. When immersed in the solution, the reference electrode potential does not change with the

changing hydrogen ion concentration. A solution in the reference electrode also makes contact with the sample solution and the measuring electrode through a junction, completing the circuit.

The electrode's output ranges from -417mV (pH 14) to $+417\text{ mV}$ (pH 0). The quality of the measurement depends on the stability of the referenced electrode.

5 Hardware Specifications

- Transmitter Specifications
- Sensor Specification
- Power Specifications

5.1 Transmitter Specifications

Transmitter card	Data
Operating temperature	0 – 50°C / 32– 122°F
EC Input	Data (pt100)
EC Range	0 – 6 mS
Cell constant	K = 1 ±5%
Response time	1 second
EC Output	Data
4 – 20 mA	4mA=0mS, 20mA=10mS, Max load=200Ω
Monitoring	Local Display
Accuracy	0.05 to 0.1mS, including galvanic isolation
pH Input	Data
ION Selective	±417mV, 0mV=pH7.0
pH range	0 - 14
Response time	3 seconds for 98%
pH Output	Data
4 – 20 mA	5.6mA=1pH, 20mA=14pH, Max load 200Ω
Monitoring	Local Display
Accuracy	0.05pH
Max load impedance	500Ω

5.2 Sensor Specifications

pH Sensor	Data
Shaft material	PPO (polyphenylene oxide)
Diaphragm	Annular gap
Conductive system	Plastic cartridge
Pressure range	0 to 6 bar
Fitting length	120 mm

pH Sensor	Data
Electrode head	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plug cap (S6) • plug cap with fixed cable • screw cap Pg13.5 (S8) • screw cap Pg13.5 with fixed cable
Active pH element	UW glass (pH 0 – 12, briefly pH 14)
Active redox element	platinum tip (± 2000 mV)
Electrolyte	solid electrolyte
EC Sensor	Data (pt100)
Cell constant ¹	K=1.0
Typical measuring range	0.1 to approx. 5 mS/cm
<i>NOTE This is the recommended measuring range. Outside of this range, accuracy decreases.</i>	
Temperature compensation	PT100
Process connection	Pg13.5 screw-in thread
Electrode material	Special graphite
Body material	PPO (polyphenylene oxide)
Maximum pressure	6 bar (at 25°C)
Electrical connection	Attached cable (free cable ends) or M12 connector

¹ Depending on the production conditions, the cell constant can deviate by $\pm 10\%$ from the nominal value.

5.3 Power Specifications Single Units

Parameter	Definition
Input current	
EC PH	24 VAC $\pm 15\%$, 50/60 Hz, 5 Watts, 200 mA
Fuse	315 mA

5.4 Power Specifications Double Panel Mount

Parameter	Definition
Input current	
EC PH	24 VAC $\pm 15\%$, 50/60 Hz, 7 Watts, 550 mA
Fuse	315 mA

CAUTION : Ensure that the Green EC-PH Wall mount is connected to an external, easy to reach, power disconnection device (for example switch, (labeled) circuit breaker, AC/AC adapter plug).

6 Troubleshooting

- Power Issues
- EC Troubleshooting
- pH Troubleshooting
- Factory Settings

6.1 Power Issues

If the EC-pH unit does not turn on:

1. Using a Multimeter or AVOMeter check the fuse.
- If the fuse is non-operational, replace it with the supplied spare (see the following picture).
2. Ensure that the input current is 24V.

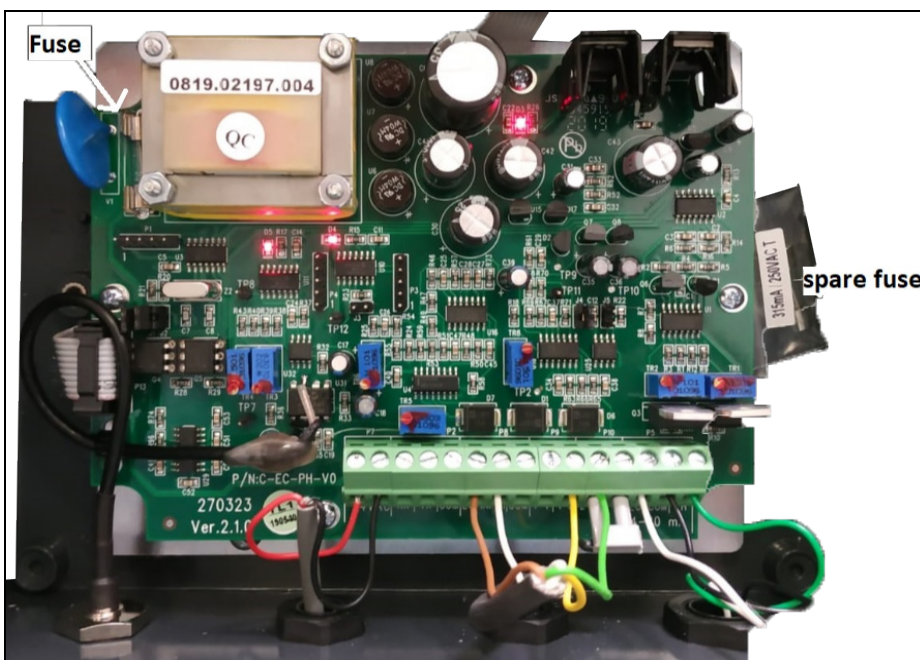


Figure 5: Fuse and spare fuse location

6.2 EC Troubleshooting

The EC soft calibration is defined to correct the following deviations:

- EC 1.4: Correct a deviation of up to 0.7mS
- EC 5: Correct a deviation of up to 1mS

Any higher deviation will be presented as BUFFER FAULT.

Description	Course of action	Instructions
EC reading problem	Disconnect the EC sensor	Perform a Factory set and verify that EC is 0, otherwise, replace the card.
Power problem	Check the supplied power while the unit is ON	The voltage range should be between 18 to 28 VAC, if the power source proven normal – replace the card.
EC calibration fail	EC electrode chemical treatment	1. Oil remains will be removed by hot water (70°) and detergent. 2. Immerse the probe in Sodium dioxide 2-3% for 2 minutes. Wash with fresh water. Perform Autoreset, and then regular calibration.
EC calibration fail	Transmitter card check	Use an Ampere-meter in order to compare the 4-20 mA transmitted value the EC value that presented on the display. EC 1.4 should transmit 6.24 mA, EC 5 should transmit 12 mA.
Significant deviation between the transmitted value and the reading	Replace card	

6.3 pH Troubleshooting

The pH sensor is very sensitive; make sure:

1. The pressure in the system never exceeds 6.0 Bar / 85 PSI.
2. The sensor immersed in the water even when the system is in rest.
3. The water content/quality in the system is normal.

The pH soft calibration is defined to correct a deviation of up to 1.0 pH, therefore correction of pH 7.0 can be made when the value range is between 6.0 to 8.0.

Exceeding this range will be presented as BUFFER FAULT.

Description	Course of action	Instructions
pH reading problem	Disconnect the pH sensor by the BNC connector	Short between the BNC poles on the transmitter side, perform an Factory set and verify that the pH value is 7.0.
Power problem	Check the supplied power while the unit is ON	The voltage range should be between 18 to 28 VAC, if the power source proven normal – replace the card.

Description	Course of action	Instructions
Liquid is poor	pH electrode chemical treatment	1. Oil remains will be removed by hot water (70°) and detergent. 2. Immerse the probe in Sodium dioxide 2-3% for 2 minutes. Wash with fresh water. Perform Autoreset, and then regular calibration.
Liquid is Poor	Transmitter card check	Use an Ampere-meter in order to compare the 4-20 mA transmitted value the pH value that presented on the display. pH 7.0 should transmit 12 mA, pH 4.0 should transmit 8.57 mA.
Significant deviation between the transmitted value and the reading	Replace card	

NOTE Distinction between an old pH sensor to a new one made by noticing its content. The content in a new probe is thick (gel state), whereas the contents of an old probe is thin (liquid state). When a probe nears its end, we recommend having a replacement probe ready, with easy access.

6.4 Factory Settings

- EC Factory Set
- PH Factory Set

6.4.1 EC FACTORY SET

1. On the Green EC-PH screen, press



EC Calibration appears.

EC Calibration

2. Press Select and scroll down to EC FACTORY SET. Press



EC Factory Set

3. Press



For EC Def-Enter

4. Press



Factory Set Ok

5. Go back to main screen by pressing



6.4.2 PH FACTORY SET

1. On the Green EC-PH screen, press



EC calibration appears.

EC Calibration

2. Press Select and scroll down to pH FACTORY SET.

pH Factory Set

3. Press




For pH Def-Enter

4. Press



Factory Set Ok

5. Press  to go back to the main screen.

7 Maintenance

The pH sensor requires periodic maintenance of cleaning and calibration. The duration between one periodic cleaning and calibration to the next depends on process conditions and the user's accuracy.


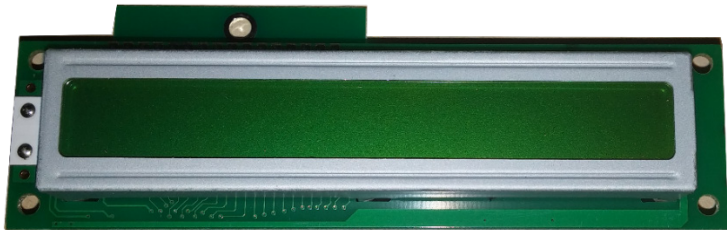
- The recommended period between calibrations of the pH sensor should not exceed four weeks.
- The EC sensor requires periodic maintenance too, but not as frequently as the pH sensor since it's not so sensitive.
- The recommended period between calibrations of the EC sensor should not exceed six months.

Description	Period	Instructions
Primary cleaning of EC sensor	Every calibration	Slightly wipe with napkin
Primary cleaning of pH sensor	Every calibration	Direct stream of water on the sensor's membrane
Chemical treatment of EC sensor	Every six months OR when calibration process fails	1. Oil remains are removed by hot water (70°) and detergent. 2. Immerse the probe in Sodium dioxide 2-3% for two minutes. Wash with fresh water. Perform Autoreset, and then regular calibration.
Chemical treatment of pH sensor		

8 Ordering Information

Please note: Munters does not sell the required buffer solutions or calibration sensors. When purchasing these items:

- Ensure that the sensors match the specifications given in Sensor Specifications, page 13.
- Ensure that you have the following calibration solutions:
 - PH4.01 buffer for pH calibration
 - PH7.01 buffer for pH calibration
 - EC 1.41mS for EC calibration

Catalog number	Description	Picture
960-05-00001	EC pH - Monitor 24 Volt Wall Mount	 A black and blue wall-mounted monitor with a digital display showing 'EC: 1.41' and 'pH: 5.94'. The Munters logo is at the top, and 'GREENECPH' is printed below the display. There are four circular buttons at the bottom.
960-99-00107	EC-PH LCD for Green House	 A rectangular LCD display module with a green screen, mounted on a green printed circuit board (PCB) with various electronic components and connectors.

Catalog number	Description	Picture
960-99-00024	EC-PH-KBD Wall Mount 4 Buttons Keyboard Card	
960-99-00023	EC-PH Panel Mount 5 Buttons Keyboard Card	

Catalog number	Description	Picture
960-05-00002	EC pH Monitor 24 Volt Panel Mount	
960-05-00003	Double EC pH Monitor 24 Volt Panel Mount	
960-99-00027	EC-PH Card 24Volt	

9 Warranty

Warranty and technical assistance

Munters products are designed and built to provide reliable and satisfactory performance but cannot be guaranteed free of faults; although they are reliable products they can develop unforeseeable defects and the user must take this into account and arrange adequate emergency or alarm systems if failure to operate could cause damage to the articles for which the Munters plant was required: if this is not done, the user is fully responsible for the damage which they could suffer.

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The warranty on products from outside suppliers fitted to Green EC-PH, (for example antennas, power supplies, cables, etc.) is limited to the conditions stated by the supplier: all claims must be made in writing within eight days of the discovery of the defect and within 12 months of the delivery of the defective product. Munters has thirty days from the date of receipt in which to take action, and has the right to examine the product at the customer's premises or at its own plant (carriage cost to be borne by the customer).

Munters at its sole discretion has the option of replacing or repairing, free of charge, products which it considers defective, and will arrange for their despatch back to the customer carriage paid. In the case of faulty parts of small commercial value which are widely available (such as bolts, etc.) for urgent despatch, where the cost of carriage would exceed the value of the parts, Munters may authorise the customer exclusively to purchase the replacement parts locally; Munters will reimburse the value of the product at its cost price.

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- use of unauthorised materials;

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- preparing installation sites;
- providing an electricity supply (including the protective equipotential bonding (PE) conductor, in accordance with CEI EN 60204-1, paragraph 8.2), for correctly connecting the equipment to the mains electricity supply;
- providing ancillary services appropriate to the requirements of the plant on the basis of the information supplied with regard to installation;
- tools and consumables required for fitting and installation;
- lubricants necessary for commissioning and maintenance.

It is mandatory to purchase and use only original spare parts or those recommended by the manufacturer.

Dismantling and assembly must be performed by qualified technicians and according to the manufacturer's instructions.

The use of non-original spare parts or incorrect assembly exonerates the manufacturer from all liability.

Requests for technical assistance and spare parts can be made directly to the nearest [Munters office](#).

