



# **VB-2LC**

## **Loop Control Module**

**USER'S MANUAL**

## Foreword

- This manual contains text, diagrams and explanations which will guide the reader in the correct installation and operation of the communication facilities of VB series.
- Before attempting to install or use the communication facilities of VB series this manual should be read and understood.
- If in doubt at any stage of the installation of the communication facilities of VB series always consult a professional electrical engineer who is qualified and trained to the local and national standards which apply to the installation site.
- If in doubt about the operation or use of the communication facilities of VB series please consult the nearest VIGOR Electric distributor.
- This manual is subject to change without notice.

## Guidelines for the Safety of the User and Protection of the Loop Control Module VB-2LC.

This manual provides information for the use of the Loop control module VB-2LC. The manual has been written to be used by trained and competent personnel. The definition of such a person or persons is as follows;

- (a) Any engineer who is responsible for the planning, design and construction of automatic equipment using the product associated with this manual should be of a competent nature, trained and qualified to the local and national standards required to fulfill that role. These engineers should be fully aware of all aspects of safety with regards to auto-mated equipment.
- (b) Any commissioning or service engineer must be of a competent nature, trained and qualified to the local and national standards required to fulfill that job. These engineers should also be trained in the use and maintenance of the completed product. This includes being completely familiar with all associated documentation for the said product.  
All maintenance should be carried out in accordance with established safety practices.
- (c) All operators of the completed equipment should be trained to use that product in a safe and Coordinated manner in compliance to established safety practices. The operators should also be familiar with documentation which is connected with the actual operation of the completed equipment.

**Note :** Note: the term completed equipment refers to a third party constructed device which contains or uses the product associated with this manual.

## Notes on the Symbols Used in this Manual

At various times through out this manual certain symbols will be used to highlight points of information which are intended to ensure the users personal safety and protect the integrity of equipment. Whenever any of the following symbols are encountered its associated note must be read and understood. Each of the symbols used will now be listed with a brief description of its meaning.

### Hardware Warnings



- 1) Indicates that the identified danger **WILL** cause physical and property damage.



- 2) Indicates that the identified danger could **POSSIBLY** cause physical and property damage.



- 3) Indicates a point of further interest or further explanation.

### Software Warnings



- 4) Indicates special care must be taken when using this element of software.



- 5) Indicates a special point which the user of the associate software element should be aware of.



- 6) Indicates a point of interest or further explanation.
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- All examples and diagrams shown in this manual are intended only as an aid to understanding the text, not to guarantee operation. VIGOR Electric will accept no responsibility for actual use of the product based on these illustrative examples.
- Owing to the very great variety in possible application of this equipment, you must satisfy your self as to its suitability for your specific application.



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## 1. Introduction



### Cautions on design

- Install a safety circuit outside the PLC or the Loop control module VB-2LC so that the entire system conservatively operates even if an abnormality occurs in the external power supply or a failure occurs in the PLC or the VB-2LC.  
If a safety circuit is installed inside the PLC, malfunction and erroneous output may cause accidents.
  - (1) Make sure to construct an emergency stop circuit, protection circuit or interlock circuit to prevent damages of a machine, etc. outside the PLC or the VB-2LC.
  - (2) If the PLC or the VB-2LC detects an abnormality such as a watch dog timer error or input value error by the self-diagnosis function or when an abnormality occurs in the I/O control area, etc. which cannot be detected by the CPU in the PLC, output control may be disabled.  
Design external circuits and structure so that the entire system conservatively operates in such cases.
  - (3) If a failure occurs in a relay, transistor, TRIAC, etc. in an output unit of the VB-2LC or the PLC, outputs may keep ON or OFF.  
For output signals which may lead to severe accidents, design external circuits and structure so that the entire system conservatively operates.



### Cautions on installation

- Use the unit in the environment for the general specifications described in the manual.  
Never use the unit in a place with dusts, soot, conductive dusts, corrosive gas or flammable gas, place exposed to high temperature, dew condensation or rain and wind or place exposed to vibration or impact.  
If the unit is used in such a place, electrical shock, fire, malfunction, damages in the unit or deterioration of the unit may be caused.
- Never drop cutting chips or electric wire chips into the ventilation window of the VB-2LC while drilling screw holes or wiring cables.  
Such chips may cause fire, failure or malfunction.
- After finishing installation, remove a dust preventing sheet adhered on the ventilation window of the PLC and the VB-2LC.  
If the sheet remains attached, fire, failure or malfunction may be caused.
- Securely connect cables such as extension cables and memory cassettes to specified connectors.  
Imperfect contact may cause malfunction.



### Caution on disposal

- When disposing of the unit, treat it as industrial waste.

## **1.1 Outline of product**

The loop control module VB-2LC (hereafter referred to as "loop control module" or "VB-2LC") equipped with two temperature input points and two transistor (open collector) output points is a special module to read temperature signals from thermocouples and platinum resistance thermometer bulbs, and perform PID output control.

Connect the VB-2LC to the VB Series PLC.

- (1) As input sensors, two thermocouples, two platinum resistance thermometer bulbs or one thermocouple and one platinum resistance thermometer bulb are available.
- (2) Data can be written and read using FROM/TO instructions when the VB-2LC is connected to the VB Series PLC.  
(The VB-2LC performs arithmetic operation for PID control and output control. You do not have to create sequence programs for PID operation.)
- (3) Disconnection of heaters can be detected by current detection (CT).
- (4) The proportional band, the integral time and the derivative time can be easily set by auto tuning.
- (5) Channels are isolated against each other.

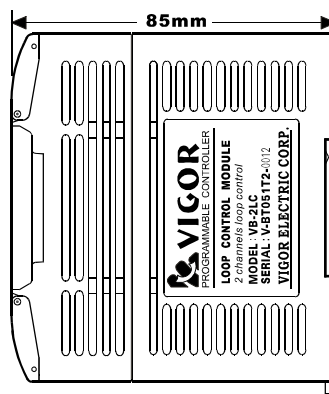
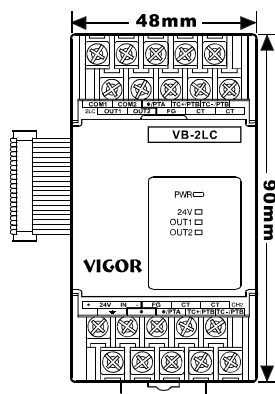
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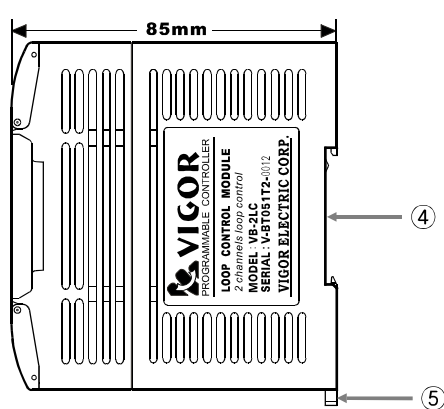
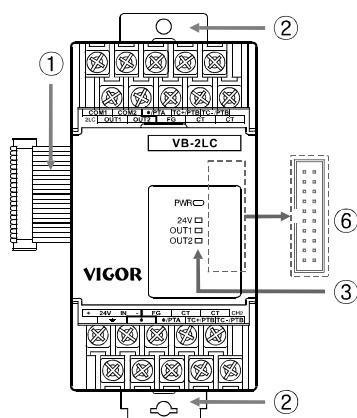


## 2. Product Configuration

### 2.1 Outside dimension



### 2.2 Name of each part



- ① PLC connection cable
- ② Screw mounting hole
- ③ Status indicator LED
- ④ DIN rail mounting groove (DIN rail width : 35mm)
- ⑤ DIN rail mounting hook
- ⑥ Connector for next step extension cable

## 2.3 Status indication

Table 2.1:

LED name	Indication	Description
POWER	Lit (green)	5V power is supplied from PC main unit.
	Extinguished	5V power is not supplied from PC main unit.
24V	Lit (red)	24V power is supplied from outside.
	Extinguished	24V power is not supplied from outside.
OUT1	Lit (red)	OUT1 output is ON.
	Extinguished	OUT1 output is OFF.
OUT2	Lit (red)	OUT2 output is ON.
	Extinguished	OUT2 output is OFF.



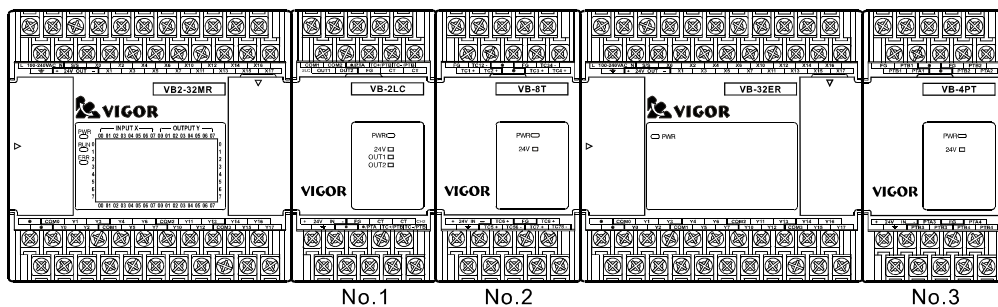
## 2.5 Connection to PLC Main Unit

Connect the VB-2LC to the PLC main unit with an extension cable.

VB-2LC units are treated as special modules of the PLC, and the special module No. 1 to 8 is automatically assigned to each VB-2LC unit from the one nearest to the PLC main unit.

(These unit Nos. are used in FROM/TO instructions.)

For the details of I/O assignment in the PLC, refer to the manual of the VB Series PLC.



- Up to eight VB-2LC units can be connected to the VB Series PLC.

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### 3. Specifications

#### 3.1 Environmental specifications

Table 3.1:

Item	Specifications
Withstand voltage	500V AC for 1 minute (between analog input terminal and grounding terminal)

Other environmental specifications are equivalent to those for the PLC main unit. (Refer to the manual of the PLC main unit.)

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#### 3.2 Power supply specifications

Table 3.2:

Item	Specifications
Driving power supply	24V DC (-10% to +5%), input from driving power supply terminal
Power supply for communication	5V DC (supplied from inside of PLC main unit)
Current consumption	24V DC, 70 mA and 5 VDC, 70 mA
Insulation method	Analog input area and PLC are insulated by photocoupler. Power supply and analog input are insulated by DC/DC converter. (Channels are insulated each other.)

### 3.3 Performance specifications

Table 3.3:

Item			Specifications
Control method			Two-position control, PID control (with auto tuning function), PI control
Control operation period			500 mS
Set temperature range			Equivalent to input range (Refer to 7.2.31)
Heater disconnection detection			Alarm is detected in accordance with setting of buffer memory. (Variable within range from 0.0 to 100.0 A.).
Operation mode			0: Measured value monitor 1: Measured value monitor + Temperature alarm 2: Measured value monitor + Temperature alarm + Control (Selected by buffer memory)
Self-diagnosis function			Adjustment data and input value are checked by watch dog timer. When abnormality is detected, transistor output turns off.
Memory			Built-in EEPROM (Number of times of overwrite: 100,000 times)
Status indication	POWER	Lit (green)	5V power is supplied from PLC main unit.
		Extinguished	5V power is not supplied from PLC main unit.
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		Extinguished	OUT1 output is OFF.
	OUT2	Lit (red)	OUT2 output is ON.
		Extinguished	OUT2 output is OFF.



### 3.4 Input specifications

Table 3.4:

Item			Specifications
Temperature input	Number of input points		2 points
	Input type	Thermocouple	K, J, R, S, E, T, B, N, PLII, WRe5-26
		Resistance thermometer bulb	PT100, 100 $\Omega$ , 3-wire, 3850 PPM/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ JPT100, 100 $\Omega$ , 3-wire, 3916 PPM/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$
	Measurement precision		$\pm 0.7\%$ of range span $\pm 1$ digit ( $\pm 0.3\%$ of range span $\pm 1$ digit when ambient temperature is $23^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) However, 0 to $399^{\circ}\text{C}$ (0 to $799^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) in B inputs as well as 0 to $32^{\circ}\text{F}$ in PLII and WRe5-26 inputs are outside precision guarantee range.
	Cold contact temperature compensation error		Within $\pm 2.0^{\circ}\text{C}$ while input value is $-70$ to $+130^{\circ}\text{C}$ . However, within $\pm 1.0^{\circ}\text{C}$ while input value is $+10 \sim +40^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
	Resolution		$0.1^{\circ}\text{C}$ ( $0.1^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) or $1^{\circ}\text{C}$ ( $1^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) (Varies depending on input range of used sensors.)
	Sampling period		500 mS
	Effect of external resistance		Approx. $0.125 \mu\text{V}/\Omega$
	Input impedance		1 M $\Omega$ or more
	Sensor current		Approx. 0.3 mA
	Allowable input lead wire resistance		10 $\Omega$ or less
	Operation when input is disconnected		Upscale
	Operation when input is short-circuited		Downscale if RID sensor used.
	Operation when input is short-circuited		Downscale
CT input	Number of input points		2 points
	Current detector		CTL-12-S36-8 or CTL-6-P-H (manufactured by U.R.D. Co., Ltd.)
	CT input Heater current measured value	When CTL-12 is used	0.0 to 100.0 A
		When CTL-6 is used	0.0 to 30.0 A
	Measurement precision		Larger one between $\pm 5\%$ of input value and 2 A (excluding precision of current detector)
	Sampling period		3 second

### 3.5 Input range

Table 3.5:

Sensor type	°C		°F	
K	-270°C	~ +1370°C	-454°F	~ +2498°F
	-140°C	~ +1110°C	-220°F	~ +2030°F
	-50°C	~ +500°C	-58°F	~ +932°F
	-270°C	~ +340°C	-454°F	~ +644°F
J	-210°C	~ +1200°C	-346°F	~ +2192°F
	-100°C	~ +800°C	-148°F	~ +1472°F
	-40°C	~ +370°C	-40°F	~ +698°F
	-210°C	~ +260°C	-346°F	~ +500°F
R	-50°C	~ +1730°C	-58°F	~ +3146°F
S	-50°C	~ +1760°C	-58°F	~ +3200°F
E	-190°C	~ +1000°C	-310°F	~ +1832°F
	-80°C	~ +600°C	-112°F	~ +1112°F
	-30°C	~ +290°C	-22°F	~ +554°F
	-270°C	~ +430°C	-454°F	~ +806°F
	-190°C	~ +210°C	-310°F	~ +410°F
T	-50°C	~ +390°C	-58°F	~ +734°F
	-270°C	~ +280°C	-454°F	~ +536°F
B	+50°C	~ +1820°C	+122°F	~ +3308°F
N	-270°C	~ +1300°C	-454°F	~ +2372°F
	-270°C	~ +1240°C	-454°F	~ +2264°F
	-80°C	~ +600°C	-112°F	~ +1112°F
PL II	0°C	~ +1390°C	+32°F	~ +2534°F
	0°C	~ +1100°C	+32°F	~ +2012°F
	0°C	~ +510°C	+32°F	~ +950°F
WRe5-26	0°C	~ +2310°C	+32°F	~ +4190°F
	0°C	~ +1130°C	+32°F	~ +2066°F
PT-100_3850	-240°C	~ +590°C	-400°F	~ +1094°F
	-240°C	~ +180°C	-400°F	~ +356°F
jPT-100_3916	-200°C	~ +510°C	-328°F	~ +950°F
	-200°C	~ +170°C	-328°F	~ +338°F

- When B is used, 0 to 399 °C (0 to 799 °F) is outside the precision compensation range.
- When PLII is used, 0 to 32 °F is outside the precision compensation range.
- When WRe5 to WRe26 are used, 0 to 32 °F is outside the precision compensation range.

### 3.6 Input range

Table 3.6:

Item	Description
Number of output points	2 points
Output method	NPN open collector transistor output
Rated load voltage	5 to 24V DC
Maximum load voltage	30V DC or less
Maximum load current	100 mA
Leak current in OFF status	0.1 mA or less
Maximum voltage drop in ON status	2.5V (maximum) or 1.0V (typical) at 100 mA
Control output cycle	30 seconds (Variable within range from 1 to 100 seconds)



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## 4. Wiring



### Cautions on wiring

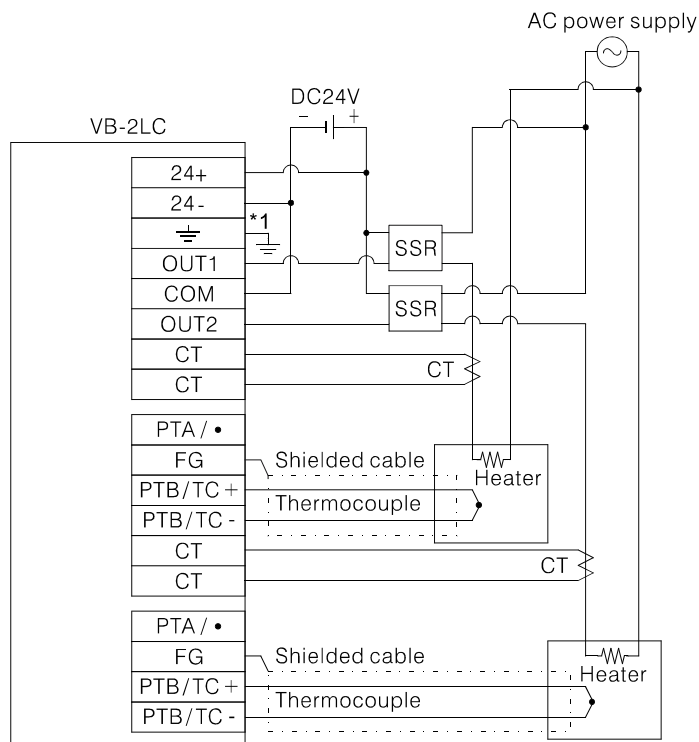
- Make sure to shut down the power supplies of all phases on the outside before starting installation or wiring.  
If the power supplies are not shut down, you may get electrical shock or the unit may be damaged.
- As to loads which are dangerous when turning on at the same time, make sure to inter-lock them outside the PLC and the VB-2LC in addition to interlocking of them in a program in the PLC.



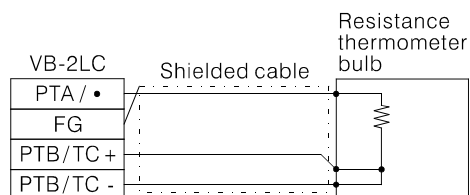
- Correctly connect the power cable of the VB-2LC and the PLC as described in this manual. If the AC power supply is connected to a DC I/O terminal or DC power terminal, the PLC may be burnt.
- Never perform external wiring to unused terminals  in the VB-2LC and the PLC. Such wiring may damage the units.
- Perform Class 3 grounding with an electric wire of 2 mm<sup>2</sup> or more to the grounding terminal in the VB-2LC and the PLC.  
However, never perform common grounding with a strong power system.



## 4.1 Wiring

When a temperature sensor is a thermocouple (TC)



When a temperature sensor is a resistance thermometer bulb (RTD)



\*1 Connect the  terminal in the VB-2LC to the  terminal in the PLC to which Class 3 grounding is performed.

- When using a thermocouple, use specified compensating lead wires.
- When using a resistance thermometer bulb, use the three-wire type, and perform wiring with lead wires having small resistance and no difference in the resistance among the three wires.
- Terminal tightening torque: 0.5 to 0.8 N·m



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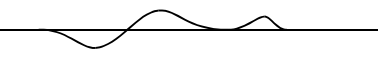
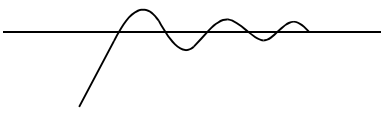
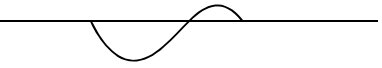
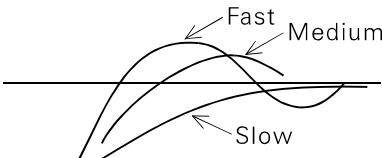
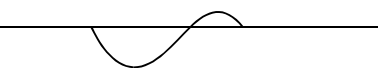
5. Introduction of Functions

This section introduces the functions of the VB-2LC.  
For setting of each function, refer to the description on buffer memories (BFM) later.

5.1 PID control

5.1.1 Easy PID control with two degrees of freedom

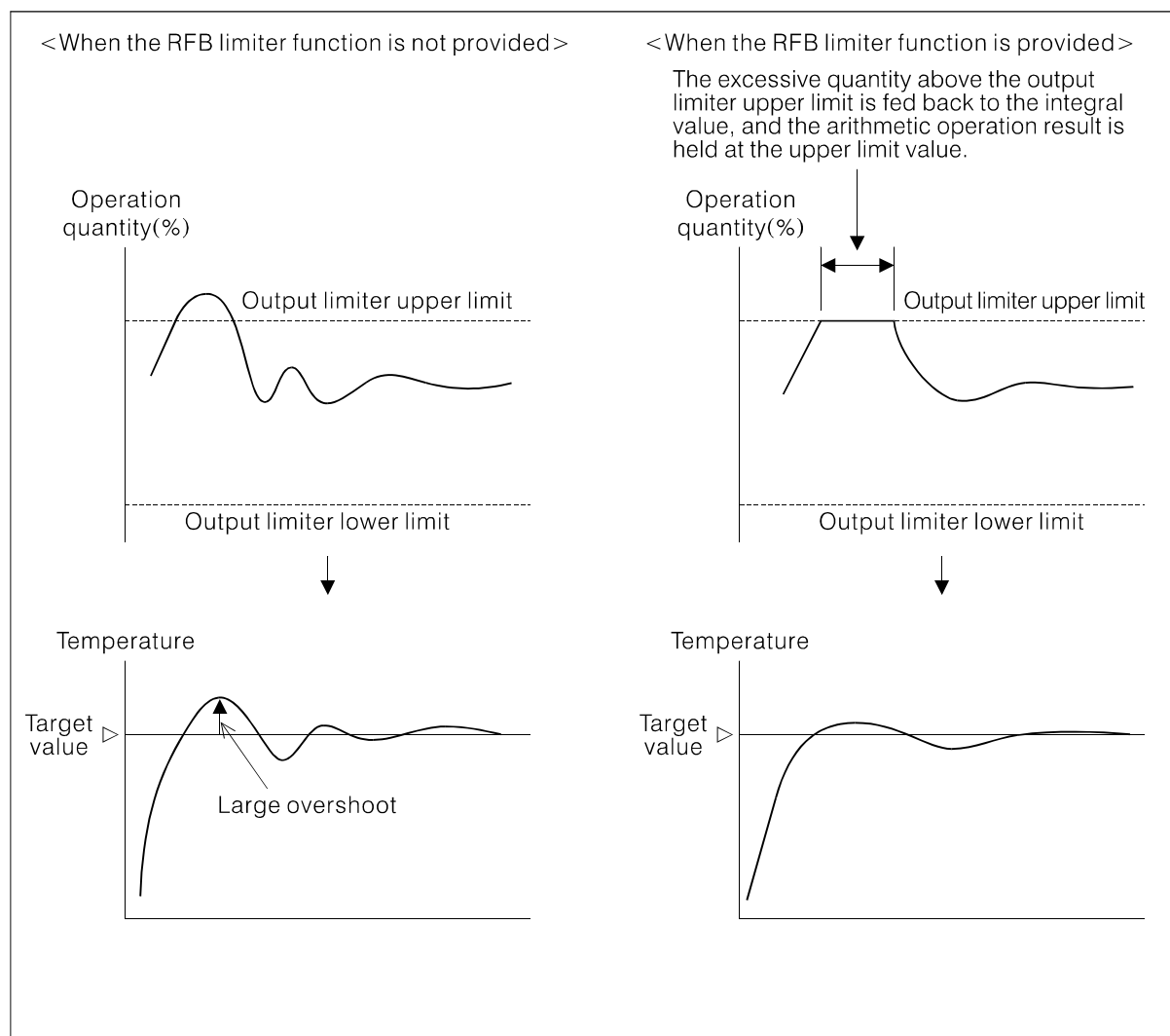
PID control is a control method to obtain stable control result by setting each of the constants "P (proportional band)", "I (integral time)" and "D (derivative time)".  
However, if each PID constant is so set that the "response to setting" becomes good, the "response to disturbance" becomes deteriorated in PID control. On the contrary, if each PID constant is so set that the "response to disturbance" becomes good, the "response to setting " becomes deteriorated. The VB-2LC performs easy PID control with two degrees of freedom in which PID constants realizing good response to disturbance are adopted and the shape of the "response to setting" can be selected as either "fast", "medium" or "slow".  
Setting of PID constants and selection of the "response to setting" can be performed using buffer memories.

Conventional PID control	
When PID constants are set so that the response to changes in set value becomes good	
Response to changes in set value	Response to disturbance
Set Value (SV) 	Set value (SV) 
When PID constants are so set that the response to disturbance becomes good	
Response to changes in set value	Response to disturbance
Set Value (SV) 	Set value (SV) 
Easy PID control with two degrees of freedom	
Response to changes in set value	Response to disturbance
Set Value (SV) 	Set value (SV) 

### 5.1.2 Overshoot prevention function

Generally in PID control, when a deviation continues for a long time, the PID arithmetic operation result exceeds the effective range (from 0 to 100%) of the operation quantity. At this time, even if the deviation becomes smaller, it takes some time until the output comes within the effective range because of the integral operation. As a result, execution of an actual correction operation is delayed, and overshoot/undershoot occurs.

In order to prevent overshoot, the VB-2LC is equipped with the RFB (reset-feedback) limiter function. The RFB limiter function feeds back the excessive quantity to the integral value and makes the arithmetic operation result be held at the limit point when the PID arithmetic operation result exceeds the limit point (upper/lower limit of the output limiter) so that the PID arithmetic operation result always remains inside the effective range. Accordingly, when a deviation becomes small, the correction operation is immediately performed.

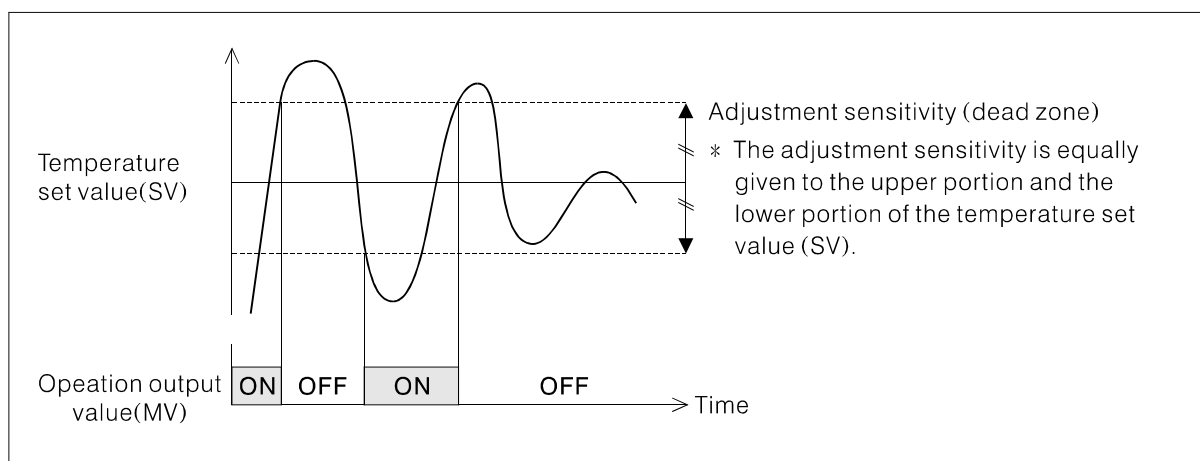


## 5.2 Two-position control

When the proportional band (P) value is set to "0.0", the VB-2LC performs two-position control. In two-position control, the control output (MV) is set to ON when the measured value (PV) is larger than the temperature set value (SV) or OFF when the measured value (PV) is smaller than the temperature set value (SV).

When the adjustment sensitivity (dead zone) is set, repetitious turning ON/OFF of the output around the temperature set value (SV) can be prevented.

However, if the adjustment sensitivity (dead zone) is set to a large value, upward/downward fluctuation becomes large accordingly. If the adjustment sensitivity (dead zone) is set to a small value, chattering (drastic repetitious turning ON/OFF) may be caused by small oscillations of measured values.



## 5.3 Auto tuning function

### 5.3.1 AT (auto tuning)

The AT (auto tuning) function automatically measures, calculates and sets optimal PID constants in accordance with the set temperature.

When the AT execution command (CH1: BFM #20, CH2: BFM #29) is set to "1", auto tuning is performed. (Auto tuning can start from an arbitrary status at any time immediately after the power is turned on, while the temperature is rising or while control is stable.)

When auto tuning starts, two-position control is performed using the set value (SV). By two-position control, the output is forcedly hunted and its amplitude and oscillation cycle are measured. PID constants are calculated based on the measured values, and stored in each parameter. When auto tuning normally finishes, control continues with new calculated PID constants.

While auto tuning is performed, b14 of the event (CH1: BFM #1, CH2: BFM #2) is set to "1". For auto tuning, the AT bias can be set.

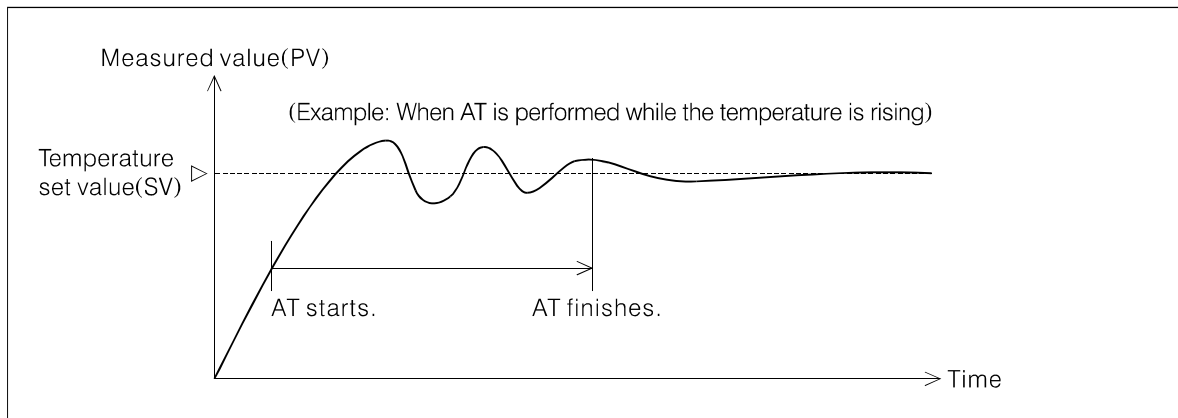
(In order to calculate proper PID constants by auto tuning, set the upper limit of the output limiter to 100%, the lower limit of the output limiter to 0%, and the output change ratio limiter function to OFF.)

1) Auto tuning can be performed when the following conditions are satisfied.

- The control start/stop status shall be set to "control start".
- The operation mode shall be set to the control "mode 2".
- The auto/manual mode shall be set to "auto".
- The input value (PV) shall be normal.
- The upper limit and the lower limit of the output limiter shall not be set to a same value.
- The proportional band shall not be set to "0 (two-position operation)".

2) When either of the following conditions are given during auto tuning, the operation is aborted.

- When the input value (PV) becomes abnormal caused by disconnection, etc.
- When the set value (SV) is changed
- When control is stopped, when the operation mode is changed or when the auto/manual mode is set to "manual"
- When the AT bias setting is changed
- When the PV bias setting is changed
- When the digital filter setting is changed
- When the output limiter setting is changed
- When the power is interrupted
- When the AT execution command (CH1: BFM #20, CH2: BFM #29) is set to "0 (AT stop)"

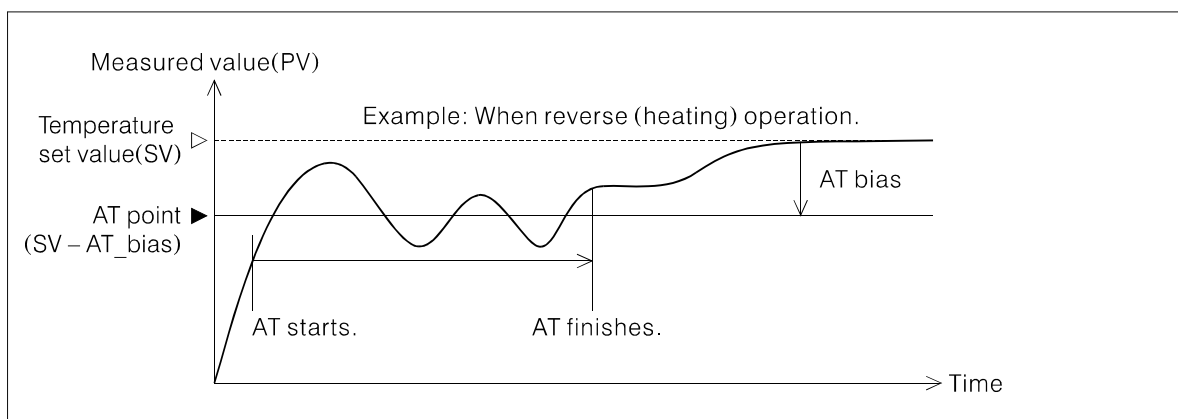


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### 5.3.2 AT bias

Set the AT bias to perform auto tuning in which the measured value (PV) should not exceed the temperature set value (SV).

The auto tuning function performs two-position control using the temperature set value (SV), hunts the measured value (PV), then calculates and sets each PID constant. However, for some control targets, overshoot caused by hunting is not desirable. Set the AT bias for such a case. When the AT bias is set, the set value (SV) (AT point) with which auto tuning is performed can be changed.



Note: Although a negative value can be set to these two BFMs, always set a positive value to these two BFMs is recommended. VB-2LC will get the AT point by adding / subtracting from set value according to normal (cooling) / reverse (heating) operation.

## 5.4 Auto / manual

### 5.4.1 Auto mode and manual mode

The mode can be changed over between "auto" and "manual". In the auto mode, the control output value (MV) is set to the output quantity automatically calculated in accordance with the temperature set value (SV). In the manual mode, the control output value (MV) is set to the output quantity set arbitrarily and manually.

In the manual mode, b13 (manual mode transition completion) of the event (CH1: BFM #1, Ch2: BFM #2) becomes "1" to notify the manual mode.

0.5 second is required to change over the mode. During changeover, the balance-less, bump-less function is actuated.

#### Auto mode

In the auto mode, the measured value (PV) is compared with the temperature set value (SV), and the control output (MV) is given by PID arithmetic operation.

This mode is selected when the VB-2LC is shipped.

In the auto mode, the manual output value is always set to the output value (MV).

#### Manual mode

In the manual mode, the output (MV) value is fixed to a certain value.

By changing the manual output setting (BFM #19, BFM #28), the output value can be fixed to an arbitrary value.

The manual output value can be changed while b13 of the event (CH1: BFM #1, CH2: BFM #2) is "1" (that is, when the manual mode is selected).

Even in the manual mode, the temperature alarm function is effective.



### 5.4.2 Balance-less, bump-less function

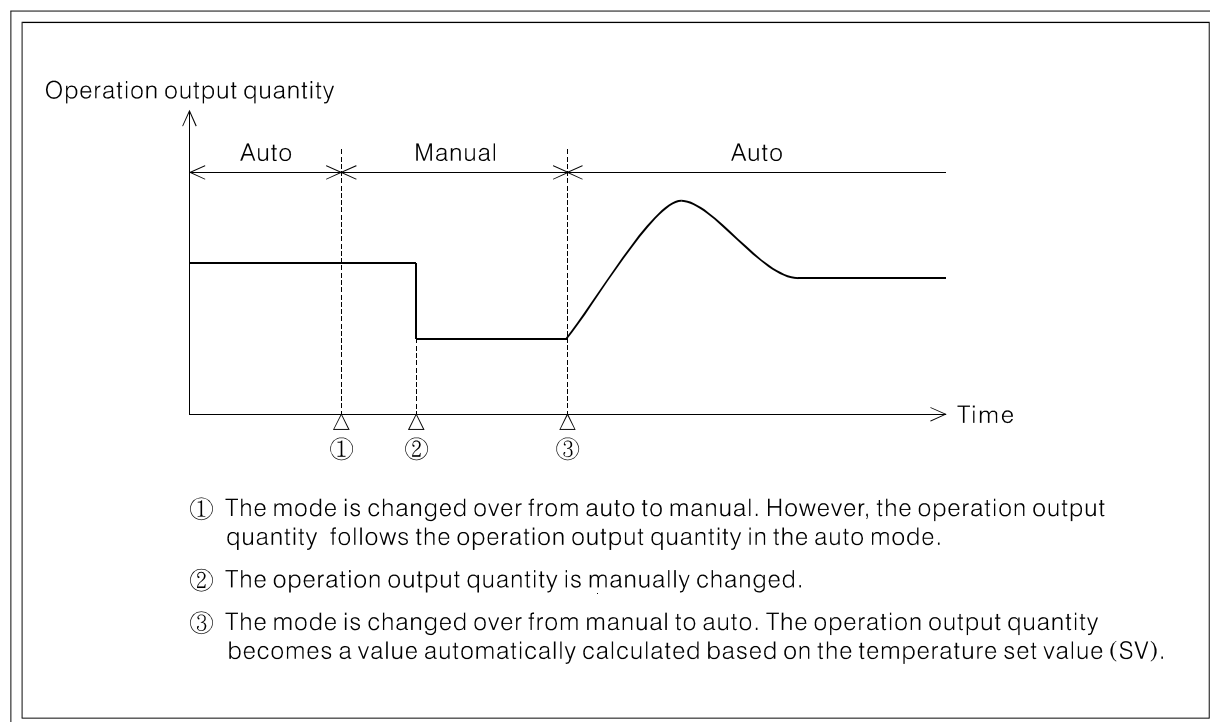
The balance-less, bump-less function prevents overload caused by drastic change in the control output value (MV) when the mode is changed over from auto to manual (or from manual to auto).

Operation performed when the mode is changed over from auto to manual:

The control output value in the auto mode continues to be effective.

Operation performed when the mode is changed over from manual to auto:

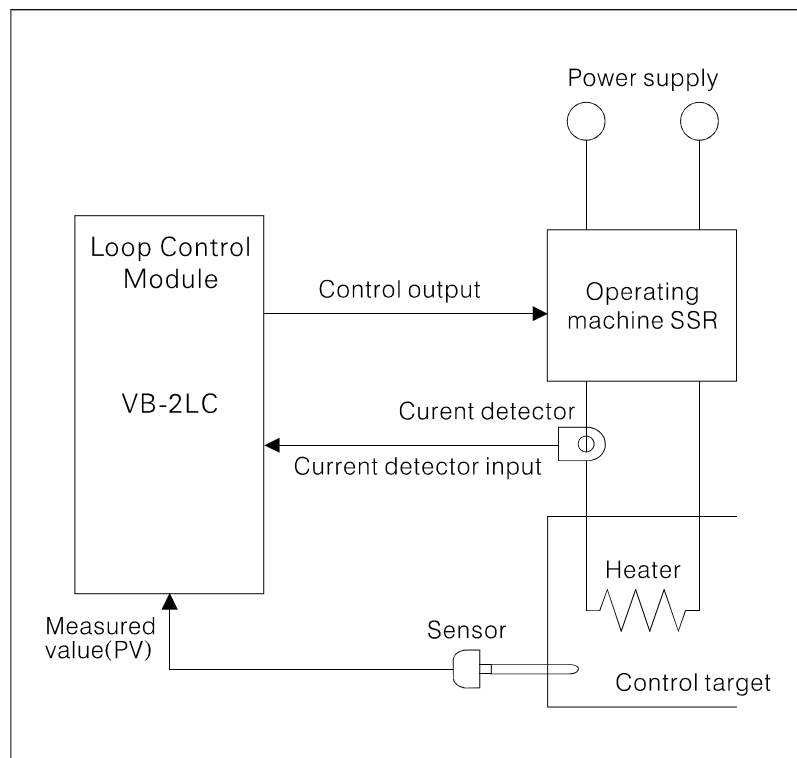
The control output value is changed over to a value automatically calculated based on the temperature set value (SV).



## 5.5 Heater disconnection detection function

The heater disconnection detection function detects the current flowing in the load using a current detector (CT), it compares the detected value (heater current measured value) with the current value set for heater disconnection alarm, and issues an alarm when the measured value is more than or less than the current set value for the heater disconnection alarm. The heater current can be measured using buffer memories (BFM #7, BFM #8).

### Connection example



### Alarm operation

The heater disconnection detection function issues an alarm in the following cases.

#### 1) When the heater current does not flow

... Caused by heater disconnection, error in operating machine, etc.

When the reference heater current value is equivalent to or less than the current set value for the heater disconnection alarm while the control output is ON, an alarm is issued.

However, if the control output ON time is 0.5 sec or less, heater disconnection alarm is not issued.

#### 2) When the heater current does not turn off

... Caused by a molten relay, etc.

When the reference heater current value is more than the current set value for the heater disconnection alarm while the control output is OFF, an alarm is issued.

However, if the control output OFF time is 0.5 sec or less, heater disconnection alarm is not issued.

### Current detector

CTL-12-S36-8 (Applicable current range: 0.0 to 100.0 A)

CTL-6-P-H (Applicable current range: 0.0 to 30.0 A)

Manufacturer: U.R.D. Co., Ltd.

## 5.6 Loop breaking alarm function (LBA)

The loop breaking alarm function starts to detect the variation of the measured value (PV), at every loop breaking alarm judgment time when the output becomes more than 100% (or the output limiter upper limit) or less than 0% (or the output limiter lower limit), then sets to ON the loop breaking alarm (CH1: BFM #1 b8, CH2: BFM #2 b8) when judging that there is an abnormality in the control loop.

### Abnormality judgment criteria

Table 5.1: Heating control (reverse operation)

When output is less than 0% or output limiter lower limit	When measured value (PV) does not decrease at least by loop breaking change criteria (2°C) within loop breaking set time, an alarm is issued.
When output is more than 100% or output limiter upper limit	When measured value (PV) does not increase at least by loop breaking change criteria (2°C) within loop breaking set time, an alarm is issued.

Table 5.2: Cooling control (normal operation)

When output is less than 0% or output limiter lower limit	When measured value (PV) does not decrease at least by loop breaking change criteria (2°C) within loop breaking set time, an alarm is issued.
When output is more than 100% or output limiter upper limit	When measured value (PV) does not increase at least by loop breaking change criteria (2°C) within loop breaking set time, an alarm is issued.

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### Abnormality targets

- 1) Abnormality in control target: Heater disconnection, lack of power supply, wiring mistake, etc.
- 2) Abnormality in sensor: Sensor disconnection, short-circuit, etc.
- 3) Abnormality in operating machine: Molten relay, wiring mistake, etc.
- 4) Abnormality in output circuit: Molten relay inside instrument, etc.
- 5) Abnormality in input circuit: No change in the measured value (PV) even after input has changed

### Note:

- When the auto tuning function is used, the LBA set time is automatically set to the integral time result multiplied by 2.  
The LBA set time does not change even if the integral value changes.
- While auto tuning is performed, the loop breaking alarm function is disabled.
- If the LBA set time is too short or is not suitable to control targets, the loop breaking alarm may repeatedly turn on and off or may not turn on.  
In such a case, change the LBA set time in accordance with the situation.
- The loop breaking alarm function judges abnormalities in the control loop, but cannot detect positions in which abnormalities occur.  
Check each part of the control system in turn.



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## 6. Alarm

The VB-2LC is equipped with 14 types of alarms. Among them, up to 4 types can be used in accordance with the application.

The alarm types to be used can be selected using buffer memories. The result of each alarm is written to BFM #1 and BFM #2, and can be read in the PLC main unit.

When the measured value (PV) is near the alarm set value of an used alarm type, the alarm status and the non-alarm status may be repeated by fluctuation in inputs. In order to cope with such a case, the alarm dead zone can be set to prevent repeating of the alarm status and the non-alarm status. (The dead zone of alarms 1 to 4 can be set using BFM #76.)

Table 6.1:

Alarm No.	Alarm type	Description	Set range
0	Alarm function OFF	Alarm function is disabled.	---
1	Upper limit input value alarm	When measured value (PV) is more than alarm set value, an alarm is issued.	Input range
2	Lower limit input value alarm	When measured value (PV) is less than alarm set value, an alarm is issued.	Input range
3	Upper limit deviation alarm	When deviation (= Measured value (PV) - Set value (SV)) is more than alarm set value, an alarm is issued.	+Input width
4	Lower limit deviation alarm	When deviation (= Measured value (PV) - Set value (SV)) is less than alarm set value, an alarm is issued.	- Input width
5	Upper/lower limit deviation	When absolute deviation (=   Measured value (PV) - Set value (SV)   ) is more than alarm set value, an alarm is issued.	+Input width
6	Range alarm	When absolute deviation (=   Measured value (PV) - Set value (SV)   ) is less than alarm set value, an alarm is issued.	+Input width
7	Upper limit input value alarm with wait	When measured value (PV) is more than alarm set value, an alarm is issued. However, when power is turned on, measured value is ignored.	Input range
8	Lower limit input value alarm with wait	When measured value (PV) is less than alarm set value, an alarm is issued. However, when power is turned on, measured value is ignored.	Input range
9	Upper limit deviation value alarm with wait	When deviation (= Measured value (PV) - Set value (SV)) is more than alarm set value, an alarm is issued. However, when power is turned on, measured value is ignored.	+Input width
10	Lower limit deviation value alarm with wait	When deviation (= Measured value (PV) - Set value (SV)) is less than alarm set value, an alarm is issued. However, when power is turned on, measured value is ignored.	- Input width
11	Upper/lower limit deviation value alarm with wait	When absolute deviation (=   Measured value (PV) - Set value (SV)   ) is more than alarm set value, an alarm is issued. However, when power is turned on, measured value is ignored.	+Input width

Table 6.1:

Alarm No.	Alarm type	Description	Set range
12	Upper limit deviation value alarm with re-wait	When deviation (= Measured value (PV) - Set value (SV)) is more than alarm set value, an alarm is issued. However, when power is turned on and when set value is changed, measured value is ignored.	+Input width
13	Lower limit deviation value alarm with re-wait	When deviation (= Measured value (PV) - Set value (SV)) is less than alarm set value, an alarm is issued. However, when power is turned on and when set value is changed, measured value is ignored.	- Input width
14	Upper/lower limit deviation value alarm with re-wait	When absolute deviation (=   Measured value (PV) - Set value (SV)   ) is more than alarm set value, an alarm is issued. However, when power is turned on and when set value is changed, measured value is ignored.	+Input width

Input range: Numeric value from the lower limit to the upper limit of input value

Input width: Width from the lower limit to the upper limit of input value

(Input width = Upper limit value - Lower limit value)

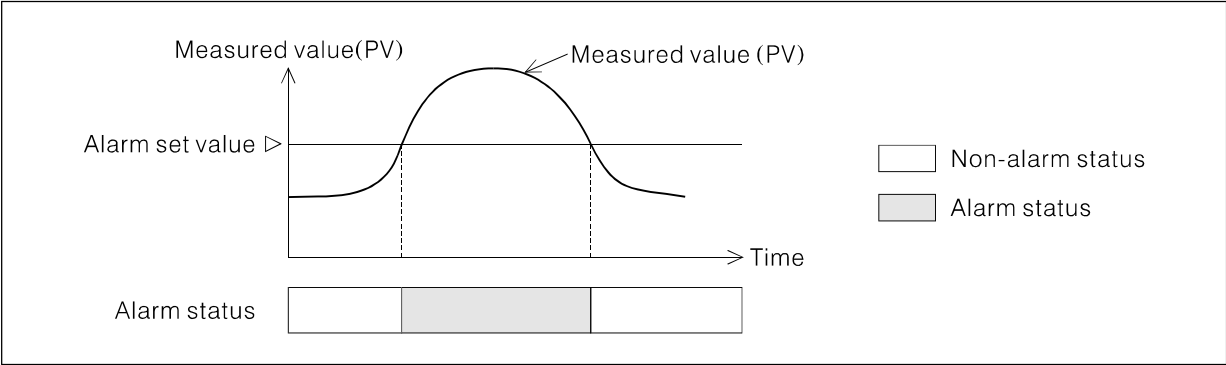
+Input width ... Only a positive numeric value can be set.

-Input width ... Only a negative numeric value can be set.



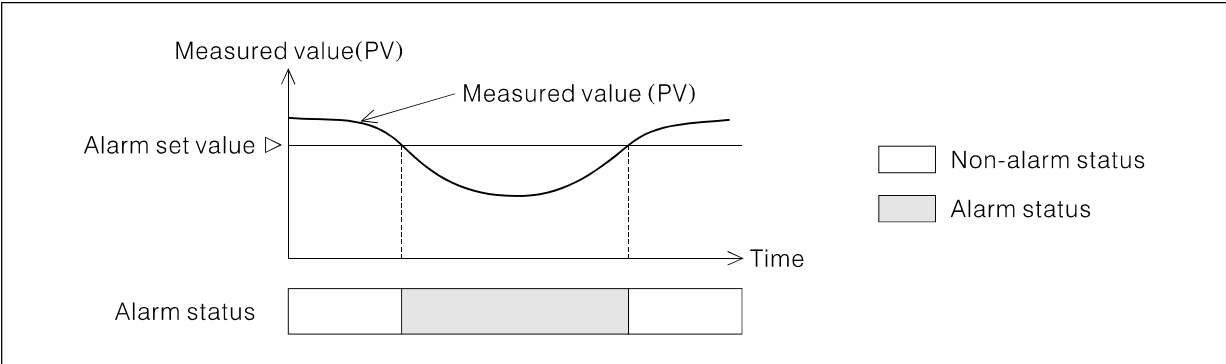
Upper limit input value alarm

When the measured value (PV) is more than the alarm set value, an alarm is issued.



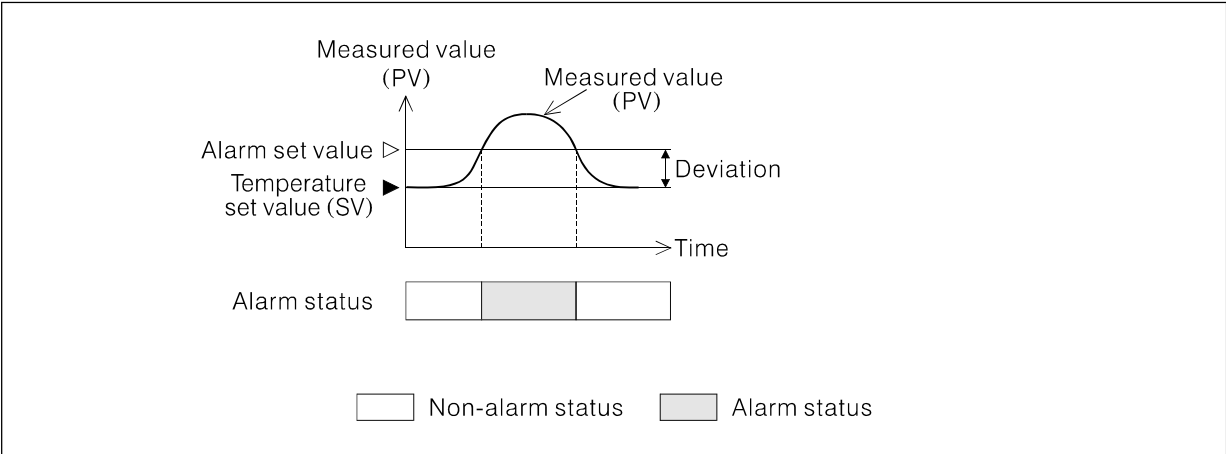
Lower limit input value alarm

When the measured value (PV) is less than the alarm set value, an alarm is issued.



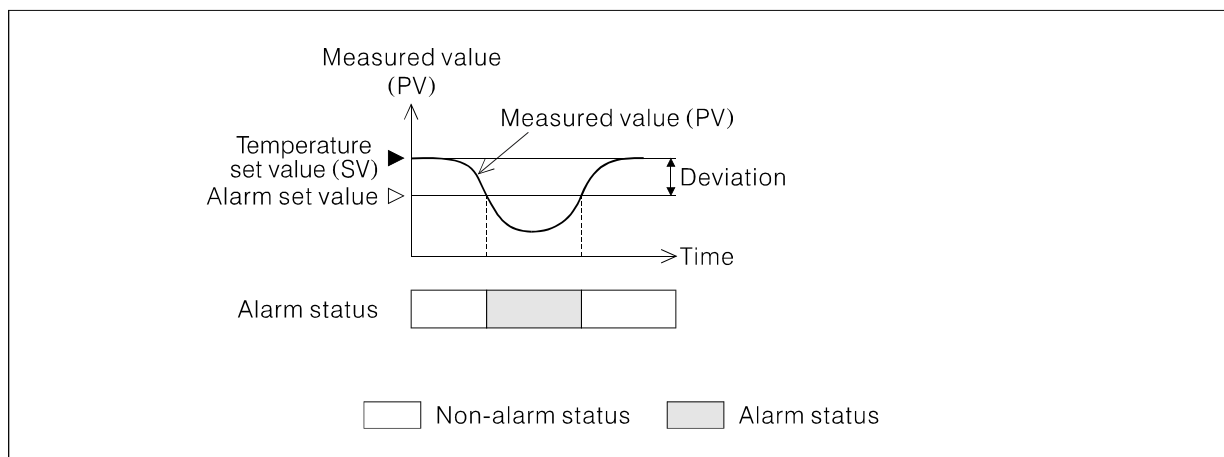
Upper limit deviation alarm

When the deviation (= Measured value (PV) - Set value (SV)) is more than the alarm set value, an alarm is issued.



### Lower limit deviation alarm

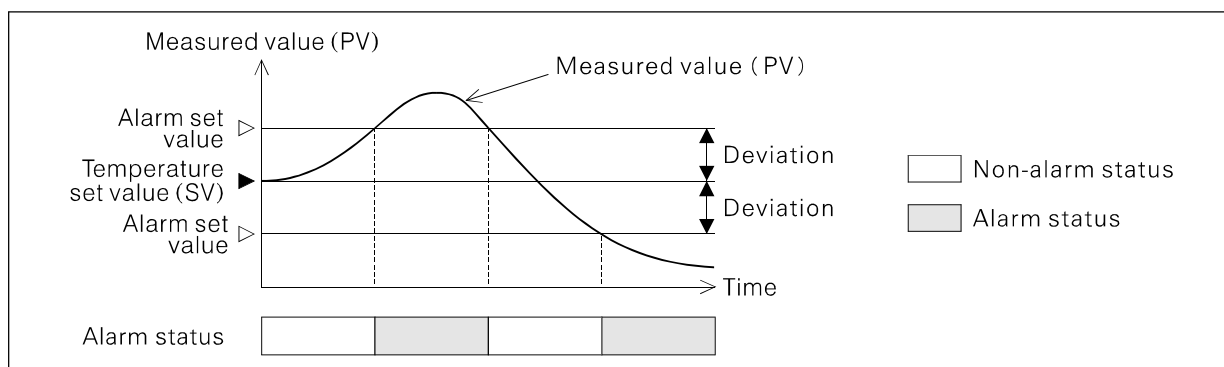
When the deviation ( $= \text{Measured value (PV)} - \text{Set value (SV)}$ ) is less than the alarm set value, an alarm is issued.



### Upper/lower limit deviation alarm

When the absolute deviation ( $= |\text{Measured value (PV)} - \text{Set value (SV)}|$ ) is more than the alarm set value, an alarm is issued.

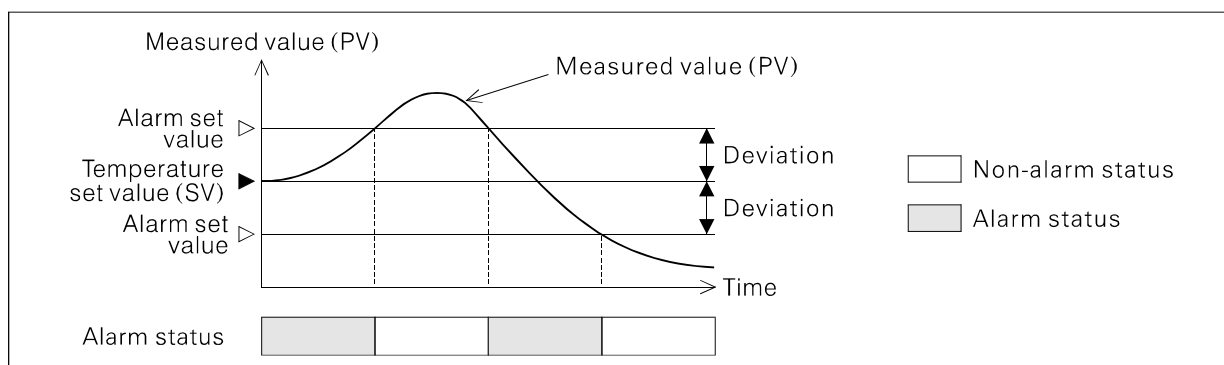
For example, if the alarm set value is "+10 °C", an alarm is issued when the measured value (PV) is outside the range from "set value (SV) + 10 °C" to "set value (SV) - 10 °C".



### Range alarm

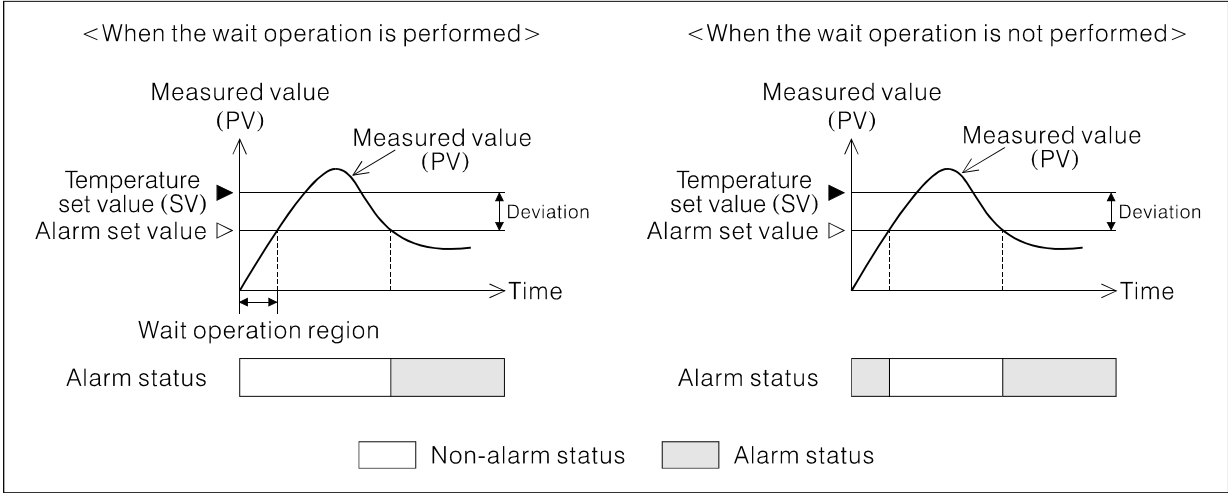
When the absolute deviation ( $= |\text{Measured value (PV)} - \text{Set value (SV)}|$ ) is less than the alarm set value, an alarm is issued.

For example, if the alarm set value is "+10 °C", an alarm is issued when the measured value (PV) is inside the range from "set value (SV) + 10 °C" to "set value (SV) - 10 °C".



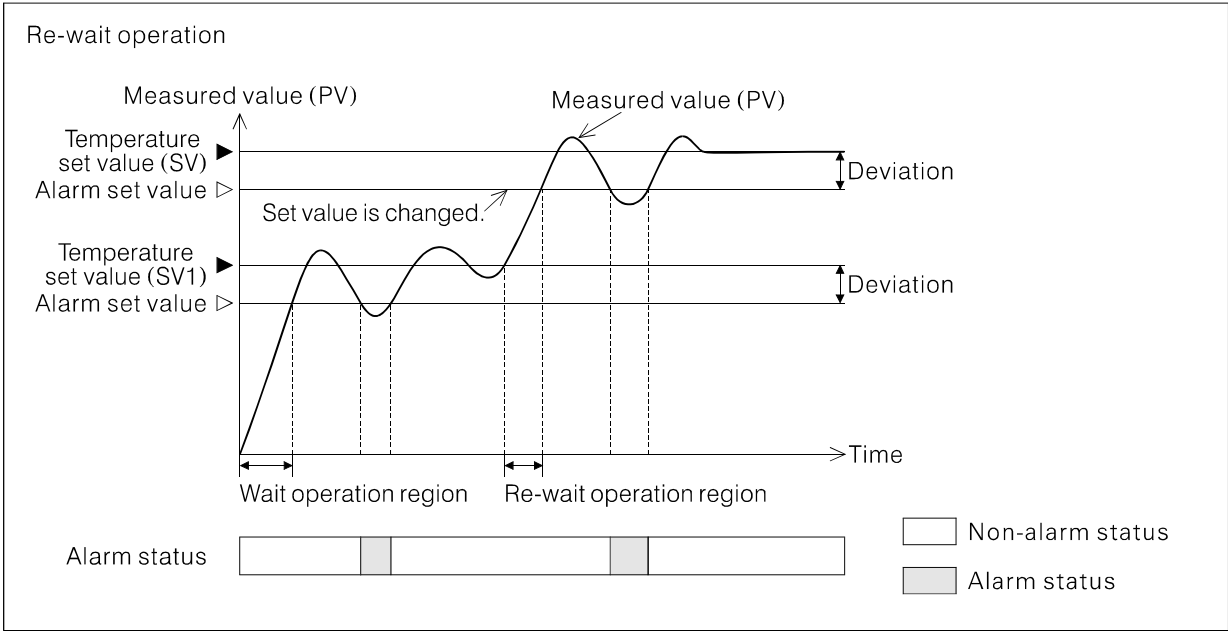
Alarm wait operation

The wait operation ignores the alarm status of the measured value (PV) occurred when the power is turned on, and disables the alarm function until the measured value (PV) goes out of the alarm status once.  
When control starts, the wait operation is performed also.



Alarm re-wait operation

The alarm re-wait operation ignores the alarm status of the measured value (PV) occurred when the power is turned on, and disables the alarm function until the measured value (PV) goes out of the alarm status once.  
When the temperature set value (SV) is changed, the measured value (PV) for deviation alarm changes accordingly. At this time, even if the measured value (PV) becomes the alarm status, the alarm re-wait function ignores it again and disables the alarm function until the measured value (PV) goes out of the alarm status again.





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## 7. Buffer Memory (BFM)

Each setting and alarm in the VB-2LC is written from or read to the PLC main unit through buffer memories (hereafter referred to as "BFM").

Each BFM consists of 16 bits. Use FROM/TO instructions in the 16-bit format.

### 7.1 Buffer memory list

Table 7.1:

BFM No.		Name	Description/set range	Initial value	Remarks	
CH1	CH2					
#0		Flag	Error flag, ready flag, etc.	0	R	---
#1	#2	Event	Alarm status, temperature rise completed status, etc.	0		
#3	#4	Measured value (PV)	± 5% of input range (°C/°F)	0.0		
#5	#6	Control output value (MV)	−5.0 to 105.0 (%)	−5.0		
#7	#8	Heater current measured value	0.0 to 105.0 (A)	0.0		
#9		Initialization command	0: Performs nothing 1: Initializes all data 2: Initializes BFM #10 to BFM #69	0	R/W	☆
#10		Error reset command	0: Performs nothing 1: Resets errors	0		
#11		Control start/stop changeover	0: Stops control 1: Starts control	0		
#12	#21	Set value (SV)	Within set range limiter	0.0		
#13	#22	Alarm 1 set value	Unit: °C or °F Allowable set range varies depending on alarm mode setting.	0.0		
#14	#23	Alarm 2 set value		0.0		
#15	#24	Alarm 3 set value		0.0		
#16	#25	Alarm 4 set value		0.0		
#17	#26	Heater disconnection alarm set value	0.0 to 100.0 A (When "0.0" is set, alarm function is disabled.)	0.0		
#18	#27	Auto/manual mode changeover	0:AUTO 1:MAN	0		
#19	#28	Manual output set value	−5.0 to 105.0 (%) *1	0.0		
#20	#29	Auto tuning execution command	0: Stops auto tuning 1: Performs auto tuning	0		
#30		Unit type code	2060		R	---
#31		Prohibited	---	---	---	---
#32	#51	Operation mode	0: Monitor 1: Monitor + Temperature alarm 2: Monitor + Temperature alarm + Control	2	R/W	☆
#33	#52	Proportional band	0.0 to 1,000.0 %/span (When "0.0" is set, two-position control is performed.)	3.0		
#34	#53	Integral time	0 to 3,600 sec	240		
#35	#54	Derivative time	0 to 3,600 sec	60		

Table 7.1:

BFM No.		Name	Description/set range	Initial value	Remarks	
CH1	CH2					
#36	#55	Control response parameter	0: Slow 1: Medium 2: Fast	0	R/W	☆
#37	#56	Output limiter upper limit	Output limiter lower limit to 105.0(%)	100.0		
#38	#57	Output limiter lower limit	-5.0% to output limiter upper limit	0.0		
#40	#59	Sensor correction value setting (PV bias)	±100.0 (°C/°F)	0.0		
#41	#60	Adjustment sensitivity (dead zone) setting	0.0 to 20.0 (°C/°F)	1.0		
#42	#61	Control output cycle setting	1 to 100 sec	30		
#43	#62	Primary delay digital filter setting	0 to 100 sec (When "0" is set, function is disabled.)	0		
#45	#64	AT (auto tuning) bias	0.0 ~ 100.0 (°C/°F)	0.0		
#46	#65	Normal/reverse operation selection	0: Normal operation 1: Reverse operation	1		
#47	#66	Setting limiter upper limit	Setting limiter lower limit to input range upper limit	5000		
#48	#67	Setting limiter lower limit	Input range lower limit to setting limiter upper limit	-50		
#49	#68	Loop breaking alarm judgement time	0 to 7,200 sec (When "0" is set, alarm function is disabled.)	480		
#50	#69	Loop breaking alarm dead zone	0.0 to 100.0 (°C/°F)	0.0		
#70	#71	Input type selection	1 to 104, 300 to 315	7		
#72		Alarm 1 mode setting	0 to 14	0		
#73		Alarm 2 mode setting		0		
#74		Alarm 3 mode setting		0		
#75		Alarm 4 mode setting		0		
#76		Alarm 1/2/3/4 dead zone setting	0.0 to 20.0 (°C/°F)	1.0		
#77		Number of times of alarm 1/2/3/4 delay	0 to 255 times	0		
#78		Number of times of heater disconnection alarm delay	3 to 255 times	3		
#79		Temperature rise completion range setting	0.3 to 10.0 (°C/°F)	1.0		
#80		Temperature rise completion soak time	0 to 3600 (sec)	0		



Table 7.1:

BFM No.		Name	Description/set range	Initial value	Remarks	
CH1	CH2					
#81		CT monitor method changeover	0: Monitors both ON current and OFF current. 1: Monitors only ON current.	0	R/W	☆
#82		Set value range error address	0: Normal 1 or another numeric value : Setting error address	0	R	
#83		Set value backup command	0: Normal 1: Starts to write EEPROM.	0	R/W	

R : Only read is enabled.

R/W : Both read and write are enabled.

☆ : Setting data can be backed up by EEPROM in accordance with the setting of BFM #83.

\*1 : Write is enabled when the manual mode transition completion flag is ON.

- As to a numeric value containing a decimal point and numbers after that, set it as a value multiplied by 10.  
Example: 100.0 (actual value) → 1000 (set value)
- If a value is written by mistake to a buffer memory used only for read, the written value is ignored. And 500 ms later, the buffer memory is overwritten with a correct value.
- If a value outside the allowable set range is written to a buffer memory used both for read and write, the set value range error (b1) of the flag (BFM #0) turns on. And the buffer memory in which the set value range error has occurred is controlled with the upper limit or the lower limit of the allowable set range.

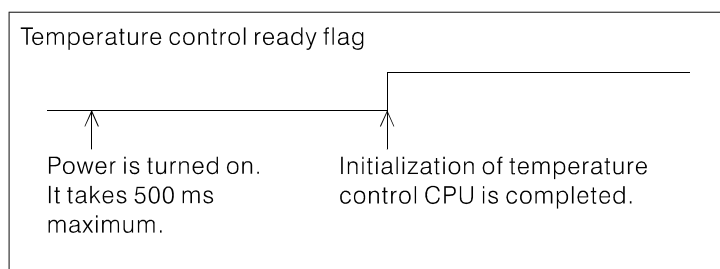
## 7.2 Details of buffer memories

### 7.2.1 BFM #0 : Flag

Table 7.2:

Bit No.	Description	Operation
b0	Error present	Turns on when an error among b1 to b10 below has occurred.
b1	Set value range error	Turns on when data outside set range is written.
b2	24V DC power supply error	Turns on when driving power supply (24V DC) is not supplied.
b3	Set value backup error	Turns on when an error has been caused by noise or when a failure has occurred in VB-2LC If contents of error are not eliminated even after power is turned off once then on again, contact VIGOR Electric Corp..
b4	Not used	---
b5	Not used	---
b6	Not used	---
b7	Not used	---
b8	Sum check error for adjustment data error	Turns on when an error has been caused by noise or when a failure has occurred in VB-2LC. If contents of error are not eliminated even after power is turned off once then on again, contact VIGOR Electric Corp..
b9	Cold contact temperature compensation data error	
b10	A/D converted value error	
b11	Not used	---
b12	Controlling flag	Turns on when VB-2LC is performing control.
b13	Set value being backed up	Remains ON while set values are being backed up. Refer to 7.2.40.
b14	Initialization completion flag	Turns on when initialization is completed.
b15	Temperature control ready flag	Turns on when VB-2LC becomes ready for operation.

Operation of b15 (temperature control ready flag)



Description on operation

- (1) When the power is turned on and initialization of the temperature control CPU is completed, the temperature control ready flag turns on.
- (2) While the temperature control ready flag is ON, the VB-2LC accepts TO instructions.

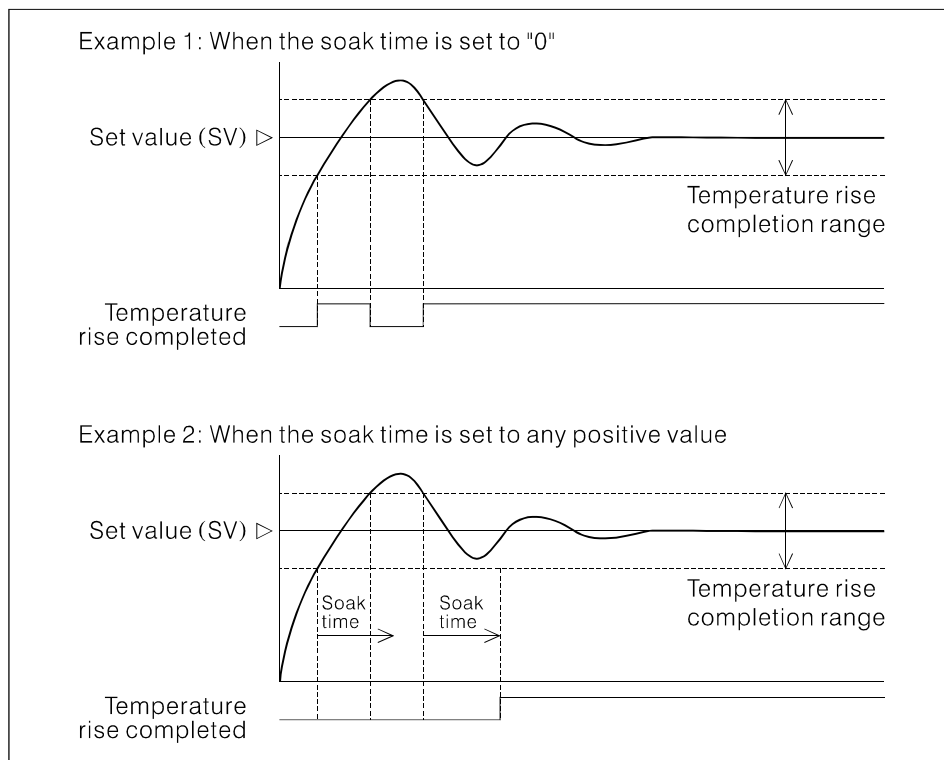
### 7.2.2 BFM #1 (CH1) and BFM #2 (CH2): Event

BFM #1 corresponds to CH1. BFM #2 corresponds to CH2. Assignment is equivalent between BFM #1 and BFM #2.

Table 7.3:

Bit No.	Assignment	Description
b0	Input error (upper limit)	Turns on when input value is over scale.
b1	Input error (lower limit)	Turns on when input value is under scale.
b2	Cold contact temperature compensation data error	Turns on when an error has been caused by noise or when a failure has occurred in VB-2LC. If contents of error are not eliminated even after power is turned off once then on again, contact VIGOR Electric Corp..
b3	A/D converted value error	
b4	Alarm 1	Turns on when an alarm has occurred.
b5	Alarm 2	Turns on when an alarm has occurred.
b6	Alarm 3	Turns on when an alarm has occurred.
b7	Alarm 4	Turns on when an alarm has occurred.
b8	Loop breaking alarm	Turns on when a loop breaking alarm has occurred
b9	Heater disconnection alarm	Turns on when a heater disconnection alarm has occurred.
b10	Heater meltdown alarm	Turns on when a heater meltdown alarm has occurred.
b11	Not used	---
b12	Decimal point position 0: Unit = 1°C/°F 1: Unit = 0.1°C/°F	Turns on when input range is set to "0. 1 °C/°F".
b13	Manual mode transition completed	Turns on when transition to manual mode is completed. Only while b13 is ON, manual output set value can be written.
b14	AT (auto tuning) being performed	Remains ON while auto tuning is being performed.
b15	Temperature rise completed status	Turns on after soak time (BFM #80) is finished within temperature rise completion range (BFM #79).

## Operation of b15 (temperature rise completed status)



This bit notifies that the measured value (BFM #3, BFM #4) reaches near the set value (BFM #12, BFM #21).

When the measured value reaches the temperature rise completion range (BFM #79) and the soak time (BFM #80) is finished, b15 of the event (BFM #1, BFM #2) turns on.

### 7.2.3 BFM #3 (CH1) and BFM #4 (CH2): Measured value (PV)

BFM #3 stores the measured value of CH1. BFM #4 stores the measured value of CH2. The unit is °C, 0.1 °C, °F or 0.1 °F in accordance with the setting of the input type selection (BFM #70, BFM #71).

### 7.2.4 BFM #5 (CH1) and BFM #6 (CH2): Control output value (MV)

BFM #5 stores the control output value (output ON ratio) of CH1. BFM #6 stores the control output value (output ON ratio) of CH2. The display range is from -5.0 to +105.0%.

### 7.2.5 BFM #7 (CH1) and BFM #8 (CH2): Heater current measured value

BFM #7 stores the heater current measured value of CH1 input from CT. BFM #8 stores the heater current measured value of CH2 input from CT. The display range is from 0.0 to +105.0 A.

### 7.2.6 BFM #9: Default setting command

In BFM #9, initialize the set values.  
When BFM #9 is set to "K0 (initial value)", the default setting command is disabled.  
When BFM #9 is set to "K1", addresses 10 to 81 are set to the initial values.  
When BFM #9 is set to "K2", addresses 10 to 69 are set to the initial values.  
However, the initial value of the setting limiter upper/lower limit is the input range upper/lower limit.  
It takes 500 ms maximum to perform initialization.  
While initialization is being performed, FROM/TO instructions are not accepted.

### 7.2.7 BFM #10: Error reset command

In BFM #10, reset errors.  
When BFM #10 is set to "K1", all errors occurred in BFM #0 are reset.  
If the causes of an error are not eliminated, the corresponding error bit turns on again.

### 7.2.8 BFM #11: Control start/stop changeover

When BFM #11 is set to "K0 (initial value)", control stops.  
When BFM #11 is set to "K1", control starts.  
When the PLC basic unit is changed over from "RUN" to "STOP", outputs of the VB-2LC are held.  
In order to stop outputs of the VB-2LC, make sure to use BFM #11.

### 7.2.9 BFM #12 (CH1) and BFM #21 (CH2) : Set value (SV)

BFM #12 stores the set value of CH1. BFM #21 stores the set value of CH2.

The unit is °C, 0.1 °C, °F or 0.1 °F in accordance with the setting of the input type selection (BFM #70, BFM #71).

The allowable set range is the selected input range.

When the setting limiter (CH1: BFM #47 and BFM #48, CH2: BFM #66 and BFM #67) is set, the allowable set range corresponds to the setting limiter.

### 7.2.10 BFM #13 to BFM #16 (CH1) and BFM #22 to BFM #25 (CH2): Alarm 1/2/3/4 set value

In BFM #13 to BFM #16 and BFM #22 to BFM #25, write the set value of each alarm selected by the alarm 1/2/3/4 mode setting (BFM #72 to BFM #75).

In the alarm 1/2/3/4 mode setting, four among 14 alarm types can be arbitrarily selected.

BFM #13 to BFM #16 (CH1) and BFM #22 to BFM #25 (CH2) are assigned to the alarm 1 mode, the alarm 2 mode, the alarm 3 mode and the alarm 4 mode respectively in the ascending order of BFM No. for each channel.

The unit and the allowable range of the set value written to BFM #13 to BFM #16 (CH1) and BFM #22 to BFM #25 (CH2) vary depending on the selected alarm mode. In accordance with the setting of the alarm mode setting (BFM #72 to BFM #75), write a proper set value.

### 7.2.11 BFM #17 (CH1) and BFM #26 (CH2): Heater disconnection alarm set value

In BFM #17, set a value to recognize heater disconnection in CH1. In BFM #26, set a value to recognize heater disconnection in CH2.

When the heater current measured value of each channel input from CT is smaller than the value set to BFM #17 (CH1) or BFM #26 (CH2), the heater disconnection alarm (CH1: BFM #1 b9, CH2: BFM #2 b9) turns on.

The display range is from 0.0 to 100.0 A.

When BFM #17/#26 is set to "0.0", the heater disconnection alarm function is disabled.

### 7.2.12 BFM #18 (CH1) and BFM #27 (CH2) : Auto/manual mode changeover

In BFM #18, change over the mode of CH1. In BFM #27, change over the mode of CH2.

When BFM #18/#27 is set to "K0 (initial value)", the auto mode is selected.

When BFM #18/#27 is set to "K1", the manual mode is selected.

#### Auto mode:

The measured value (PV) is compared with the temperature set value (SV), PID arithmetic operation is performed, then the control output (MV) is given.

In the auto mode, the manual output set value (CH1: BFM #19, CH2: BFM #28) is always equivalent to the control output value.

#### Manual mode:

The control output (MV) value is fixed to the manual output set value (CH1: BFM #19, CH2: BFM #28).

The manual output set value can be changed while b13 of the event (CH1: BFM #1, CH2: BFM #2) is ON even if operation is performed in the manual mode.

The temperature alarm function is effective even in the manual mode.

**7.2.13 BFM #19 (CH1) and BFM #28 (CH2): Manual output set value**

In BFM #19 (CH1) and BFM #28 (CH2), set the output ON ratio in the manual mode.  
 The display range is from -5.0 to +105.0%.  
 The output ON/OFF cycle (period of time) can be set within the range from 1 to 100 sec using BFM #42 (CH1) and BFM #61 (CH2).  
 Write the percentage of the ON period of time.

**7.2.14 BFM #20 (CH1) and BFM #29 (CH2): Auto tuning execution command**

In BFM #20, perform auto tuning of CH1. In BFM #29, perform auto tuning of CH2.  
 When BFM #20/#29 is set to "K0", auto tuning is stopped.  
 When BFM #20/#29 is set to "K1", auto tuning is performed.

**7.2.15 BFM#30: Unit type code**

BFM #30 stores the unit type code "2060 (fixed value)" of the VB-2LC.

**7.2.16 BFM #32 (CH1) and BFM #51 (CH2): Operation mode**

In BFM #32, select the operation mode of CH1. In BFM #51, select the operation mode of CH2.  
 When BFM #32/#51 is set to "K0", only monitor is performed. (At this time, the control output remains OFF.)  
 When BFM #32/#51 is set to "K1", monitor and temperature alarm are performed. (At this time, the control output remains OFF.)  
 When BFM #32/#51 is set to "K2 (initial value)", all of monitor, temperature alarm and control are performed.

- Monitor: Monitors the measured value (BFM #3/#4).
- Temperature alarm: Monitors the event input error (b0 and b1 of BFM #1 and BFM #2) and alarms 1 to 4 (b4 to b7 of BFM #1 and BFM #2).
- Control: Performs temperature control (PID control) and gives the control output.

- The setting of "K0" to "K2" above is effective only when control starts (BFM #11).  
 While control is stopped, only monitor is performed without regard to the setting described above.

**7.2.17 BFM #33 (CH1) and BFM #52 (CH2): Proportional band (P)**

In BFM #33, set the proportional band of CH1. In BFM #52, set the proportional band of CH2.  
 The proportional band is required to give the control output in proportion to the deviation (which is the difference between the set value (SV) and the measured value (PV)).  
 As the proportional band value is larger, changes in the control output value (MV) in response to changes in the input is smaller. On the contrary, as the proportional band value is smaller, changes in the control output value (MV) in response to changes in the input is larger. (Generally, the proportional band is the inverse number of the proportional gain.)  
 However, if the proportional band value is too large, overshoot becomes large and it takes considerable time until the output is stabilized at the set value.  
 The allowable set range is from 0.0 to 1,000.0%.  
 When BFM #33/#52 is set to "0.0", two-position control is performed.

**7.2.18 BFM #34 (CH1) and BFM #53 (CH2): Integral time (I)**

In BFM #34, set the integral time of CH1. In BFM #53, set the integral time of CH2.

The integral operation changes the operation quantity in proportion to the area enclosed by the deviation size and the period of time in which deviation is generated.

In the proportional operation, even while the operation quantity is stable, deviation (which is the difference between the set value (SV) and the measured value (PV)) may be caused by natural radiation, etc. The integral operation eliminates such a deviation. At this time, the period of time required to obtain, only by the integral operation, the operation quantity equivalent to that obtained by the proportional operation is called the integral time.

As the integral time is shorter, the integral efficiency is better.

The allowable set range is from 0 to 3,600 sec.

When BFM #34/#53 is set to "0", the integral function is disabled.

**7.2.19 BFM #35 (CH1) and BFM #54 (CH2): Derivative time (D)**

In BFM #35, set the derivative time of CH1. In BFM #54, set the derivative time of CH2.

The derivative operation changes the operation quantity in proportion to the measured value change speed so that increase of deviation (which is the difference between the set value (SV) and the measured value (PV)) can be prevented from happening.

Because the derivative operation responds to the measured value change ratio, the response to disturbances (turbulence in the measured value caused by external factors) is improved.

When the deviation increases or decreases at a constant ratio, the period of time required to obtain, only by the derivative operation, the operation quantity equivalent to that obtained by the proportional operation is called the derivative time.

As the derivative time is longer, the derivative effect is larger.

The allowable set range is from 0 to 3,600 sec.

When BFM #35/#54 is set to "0", the derivative function is disabled.



### 7.2.20 BFM #36 (CH1) and BFM #55 (CH2): Control response parameter

In BFM #36, set the control response parameter of CH1. In BFM #55, set the control response parameter of CH2.

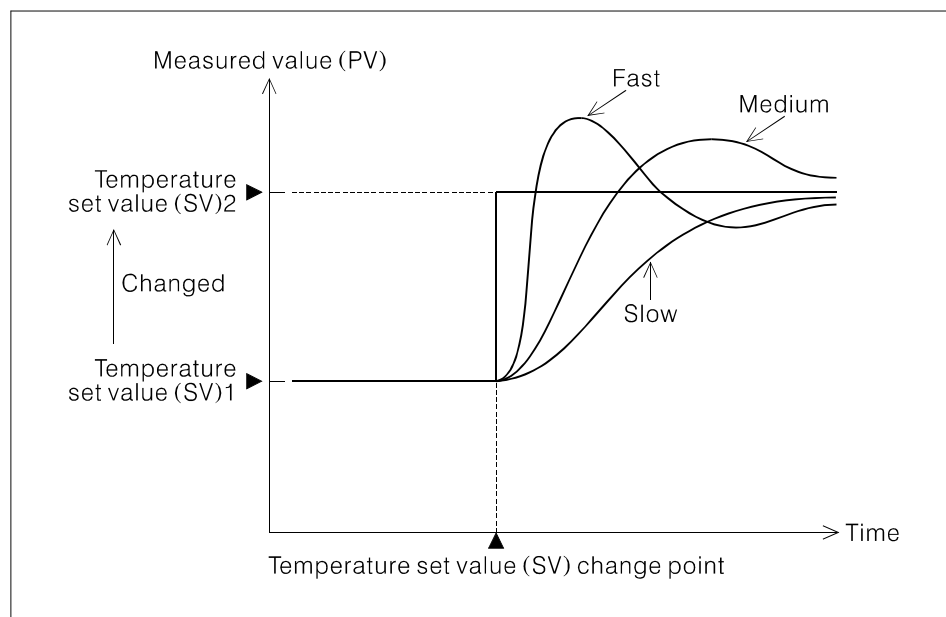
The control response parameter selects the response to changes in the temperature set value (SV) in PID control among three steps (slow, medium and fast).

When BFM #36/ #55 is set to "K0", the response becomes slow speed.

When BFM #36/ #55 is set to "K1", the response becomes medium speed.

When BFM #36/ #55 is set to "K2", the response becomes fast speed.

The figure below shows the operation at each setting.



In order to increase the response speed of the control target to changes in the temperature set value (SV), select "fast".

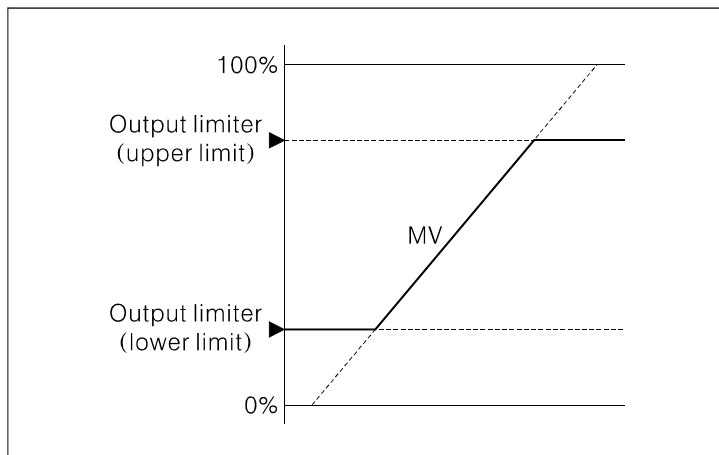
In this case, however, a little overshoot cannot be avoided.

Overshoot is not desirable in some control targets. In order to prevent overshoot, select "slow".

### 7.2.21 BFM #37 (CH1) and BFM #56 (CH2): Output limiter upper limit BFM #38 (CH1) and BFM #57 (CH2): Output limiter lower limit

In BFM #37 and BFM #56, set the output limiter upper limit of CH1 and CH2 respectively. In BFM #38 and BFM #57, set the output limiter lower limit of CH1 and CH2 respectively. Use these BFMs when setting the upper limit and the lower limit for the setting of the control output value (MV) (BFM #5, BFM #6).

The allowable set range of the upper limit is from the output limiter lower limit to + 105%. The allowable set range of the lower limit is from -5.0% to the output limiter upper limit.



- While the output limiter is effective, proper PID constants may not be obtained during auto tuning. It is recommended not to use the output limiter when auto tuning is used.
- While two-position control is used, the output limiter is not effective.

**7.2.22 BFM #40 (CH1) and BFM #59 (CH2): Sensor correction value setting (PV bias)**

In BFM #40, set the sensor correction value of CH1. In BFM #59, set the sensor correction value of CH2.

The actual input value is added (corrected) by the sensor correction value, then stored as the measured value (BFM #3, BFM #4).

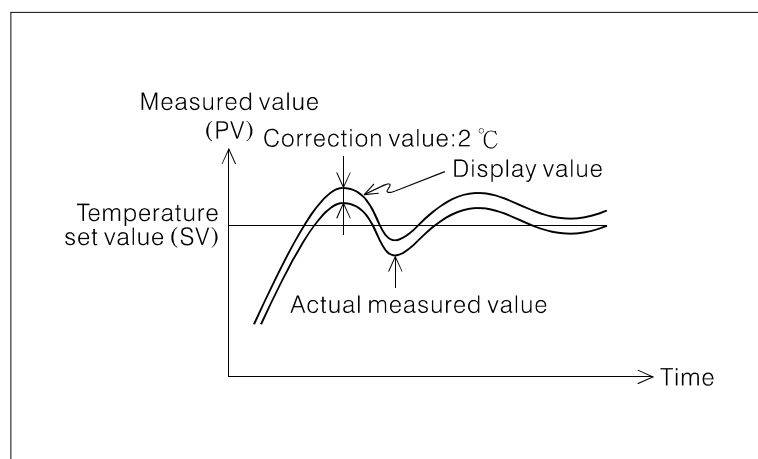
Use this correction value to correct the dispersion among sensors and the difference in the measured value (PV) from those by other instruments.

The allowable set range is  $\pm 100.0$  ( $^{\circ}\text{C}/^{\circ}\text{F}$ ).

**Example**

The display value is as follows.

Display value = Measured value (PV) + Sensor correction value



### 7.2.23 BFM #41 (CH1) and BFM #60 (CH2): Adjustment sensitivity (dead zone) setting

In BFM #41, set the adjustment sensitivity (dead zone) of CH1. In BFM #60, set the adjustment sensitivity (dead zone) of CH2.

By setting the adjustment sensitivity, repetitious turning on/off of the output around the temperature set value (SV) can be prevented while two-position control is performed.

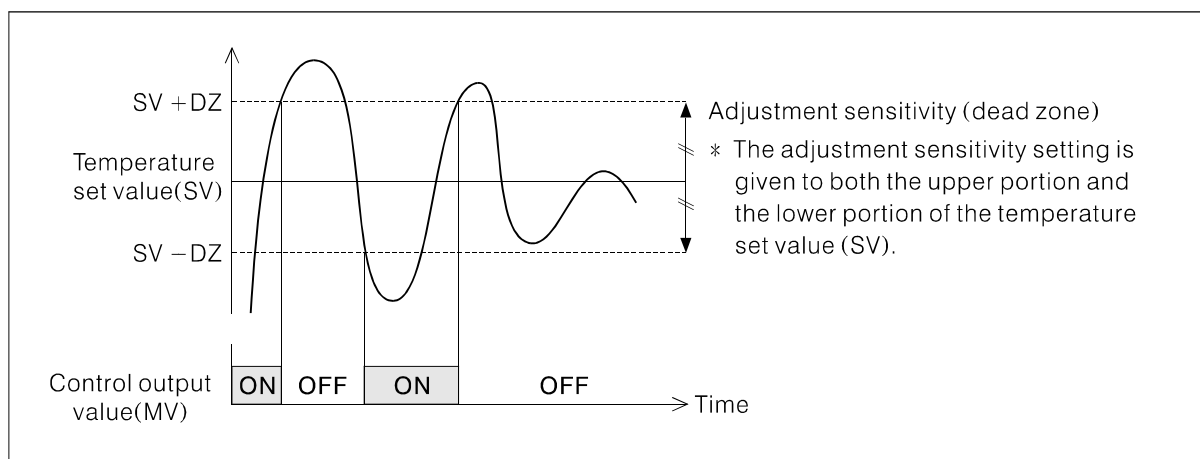
The value set to BFM #41/#60 is equally given to the upper portion and the lower portion of the temperature set value (BFM #12/#21). For example, if the adjustment sensitivity value is set to "10.0 °C", 10.0 °C above the temperature set value and 10.0 °C below the temperature set value are treated as the dead zone (width of 20.0 °C in total).

The allowable set range is from 0.0 to 20.0 (°C/°F).

#### Example

Condition: When BFM #41/#60 is set to "10.0 °C" and the unit of temperature was selected to 0.1 °C in BFM #70,71.

When the temperature set value is 200.0 °C, the range from 190.0 to 210.0 °C is treated as the dead zone.



When the adjustment sensitivity (dead zone) is set to a large value, vertical fluctuation becomes large.

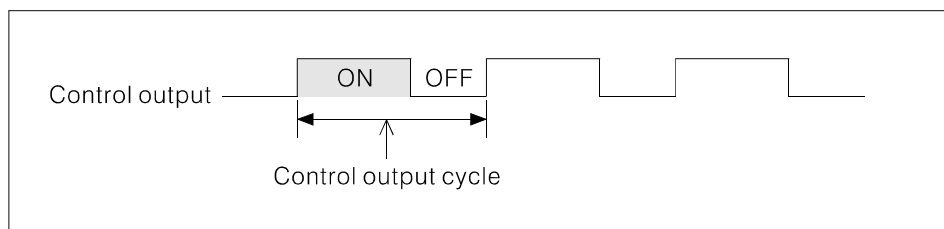
When the adjustment sensitivity is too small, small oscillations of the measured value cause chattering.

### 7.2.24 BFM #42 (CH1) and BFM #61 (CH2): Control output cycle setting

In BFM #42, set the control output cycle of CH1. In BFM #61, set the control output cycle of CH2. Set the period of time in which the output turns on and off.

The value set here multiplied by the control output value (%) is treated as the ON time. The value set here multiplied by "100 - Control output value (%)" is treated as the OFF time.

The allowable set range is from 1 to 100 sec.



### 7.2.25 BFM #43 (CH1) and BFM #62 (CH2): Primary delay digital filter setting

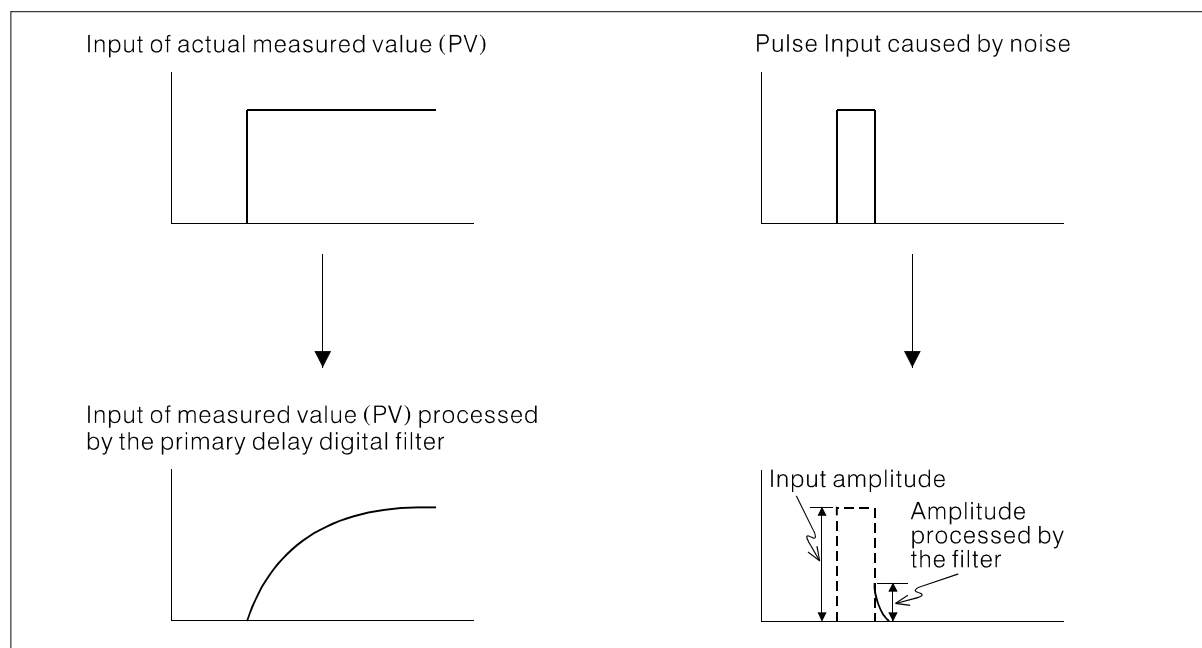
In BFM #43, set the primary delay digital filter of CH1. In BFM #62, set the primary delay digital filter of CH2.

The VB-2LC is equipped with the software input filter so that fluctuation of the measured value (PV) caused by noise can be reduced. The time constant of this input filter can be set in accordance with the characteristics of the control target and the noise level.

If the time constant is too small, the input filter cannot give required effect. If the time constant is too large, the input responsibility is deteriorated.

The allowable set range is from 0 to 100 sec. When BFM #43/#62 is set to "0", the filter function is disabled.

While the filter function is disabled, data is acquired in the sampling cycle (500 mS).

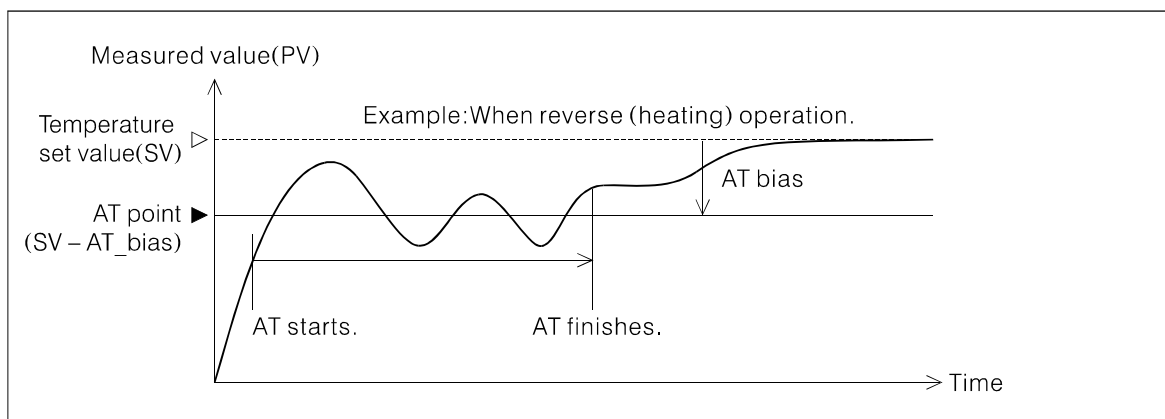


### 7.2.26 BFM #45 (CH1) and BFM #64 (CH2): AT (auto tuning) bias

In BFM #45, set the AT (auto tuning) bias of CH1. In BFM #64, set the AT (auto tuning) bias of CH2. The allowable set range is  $\pm 100.0$  ( $^{\circ}\text{C}/^{\circ}\text{F}$ )

Set the AT bias for control targets in which the measured value (PV) should not exceed the temperature set value (SV) while auto tuning is performed.

The auto tuning function performs two-position control using the temperature set value (SV), hunts the measured value (PV), then calculates and sets each PID constant. However, for some control targets, overshoot caused by hunting is not desirable. Set the AT bias for such a case. When the AT bias is set, the set value (SV, AT point) with which auto tuning is performed can be changed.



Note: Although a negative value can be set to these two BFMs, always set a positive value to these two BFMs is recommended. VB-2LC will get the AT point by adding / subtracting from set value according to normal (cooling) / reverse (heating) operation.

### 7.2.27 BFM #46 (CH1) and BFM #65 (CH2): Normal/reverse operation selection

In BFM #46, select the normal or reverse operation of CH1. In BFM #65, select the normal or reverse operation of CH2.

When BFM #46/#65 is set to "K0", normal operation is selected.

When BFM #46/#65 is set to "K1 (initial value)", reverse operation is selected.

Table 7.4:

Normal operation (0)	When actual temperature is higher than set value	To control cooling
Reverse operation (1)	When actual temperature is lower than set value	To control heating

The initial value is "reverse operation" (to control heating).

### **7.2.28 BFM #47 (CH1) and BFM #66 (CH2): Setting the upper limit BFM #48 (CH1) and BFM #67 (CH2): Setting the lower limit**

In BFM #47 and BFM #66, enter the upper range limit of CH1 and CH2 respectively. In BFM #48 and BFM #67, enter the lower range limit of CH1 and CH2 respectively.

Use these BFMs to set the upper and lower limits for the temperature set value (SV) (BFM #12, BFM #21). The default range is -100 to +1300 °C

If the Set Value (SV) temperature is entered that is outside the input range, the "set range error" flag (BFM #0 b1) turns on.

If an input range value (upper/lower) is entered that is not allowable, the "set range error" flag (BFM #0 b1) turns on. (The same flag is used for both types of errors.)

When changing the input range values, make sure that the upper and lower limit values are inside the allowable input range.

The allowable set range for the lower limit is the higher of two values: the default value -100 °C or the lower limit for the sensor used (values shown on page 7-20). The allowable set range for the upper limit is the lower of two values: the default setting of +1300 °C or the upper limit for the sensor used (values shown on page 7-20). The initial value is the default input range (-100 to +1,300 °C. )

### 7.2.29 BFM #49 (CH1) and BFM #68 (CH2): Loop breaking alarm judgement time

In BFM #49, set the loop breaking alarm judgement time of CH1. In BFM #68, set the loop breaking alarm judgement time of CH2.

The loop breaking alarm function starts to detect the variation of the measured value (PV) at every loop breaking alarm judgment time when the output becomes more than 100% (or the output limiter upper limit) or less than 0% (or the output limiter lower limit), then sets to ON the loop breaking alarm (CH1: BFM #1 b8, CH2: BFM #2 b8) when judging that there is an abnormality in the control loop.

The allowable set range is from 0 to 7,200 sec.

When BFM #49/#68 is set to "0", the loop breaking alarm function is disabled.

#### Abnormality judgment criteria

Table 7.5: Heating control (reverse operation)

When output is less than 0% or output limiter lower limit	When measured value (PV) does not decrease at least by loop breaking change criteria (2 °C) within loop breaking set time, an alarm is issued.
When output is more than 100% or output limiter upper limit	When measured value (PV) does not increase at least by loop breaking change criteria (2 °C) within loop breaking set time, an alarm is issued.

Table 7.6: cooling control (normal operation)

When output is less than 0% or output limiter lower limit	When measured value (PV) does not decrease at least by loop breaking change criteria (2 °C) within loop breaking set time, an alarm is issued.
When output is more than 100% or output limiter upper limit	When measured value (PV) does not increase at least by loop breaking change criteria (2 °C) within loop breaking set time, an alarm is issued.

#### Abnormality targets

- 1) Abnormality in control target: Heater disconnection, lack of power supply, wiring mistake, etc.
- 2) Abnormality in sensor: Sensor disconnection, short-circuit, etc.
- 3) Abnormality in operating machine: Molten relay, wiring mistake, etc.
- 4) Abnormality in output circuit: Molten relay inside instrument, etc.
- 5) Abnormality in input circuit: No change in the measured value (PV) even after input has changed

The loop breaking alarm function judges abnormalities in the control loop, but cannot detect positions in which abnormalities occur.

Check each part of the control system in turn.



**7.2.30 In BFM #50, set the loop breaking alarm dead zone of CH1.****In BFM #69, set the loop breaking alarm dead zone of Ch2.**

The loop breaking alarm function may issue alarms caused by disturbances (effect of another heat source, etc.) even if there is no abnormality in the control system. In order to prevent such alarms, by setting the loop breaking alarm dead zone, the region in which the alarm function is disabled (non-alarm status region) can be set.

For example, if the loop breaking alarm dead zone is set to "10 °C", 10 °C above the set value (SV) and 10 °C below the set value (SV) are treated as the non-alarm status region (width of 20 °C in total). While the measured value (PV) is located within the non-alarm region, alarm is not issued even if the alarm condition is satisfied.

The allowable set range is from 0.0 (or 0) to 100.0 (or 1000) (°C or °F)

When BFM #50 / #69 is set to "0", the loop breaking alarm dead zone function is disabled.

**7.2.31 BFM #70 (CH1) and BFM #71 (CH2): Input type selection**

In BFM #70, select the input type of CH1. In BFM #71, select the input type of CH2.

The initial value is "7".

Table 7.7:

Set value	Sensor type	Input range	Unit	Set value	Sensor type	Input range	Unit
1	K	-270 ~ +1370	°C	61	T	-50 ~ +390	°C
2		-140 ~ +1110		62		-270 ~ +280	
3		-50 ~ +500		63		-50.0 ~ +390.0	0.1 °C
4		-270 ~ +340		64		-270.0 ~ +280.0	
5		-270.0 ~ +1370.0	0.1 °C	65		-58 ~ +734	°F
6		-140.0 ~ +1110.0		66		-454 ~ +536	
7		-50.0 ~ +500.0		67		-58.0 ~ +734.0	0.1 °F
8		-270.0 ~ +340.0		68		-454.0 ~ +536.0	
9		-454 ~ +2498	°F	69	B	+50 ~ +1820	°C
10		-220 ~ +2030		70		+50.0 ~ +1820.0	0.1 °C
11		-58 ~ +932		71		+122 ~ +3308	°F
12		-454 ~ +644		72		+122.0 ~ +3308.0	0.1 °F
13		-454.0 ~ +2498.0	0.1 °F	73	N	-270 ~ +1300	°C
14		-220.0 ~ +2030.0		74		-270 ~ +1240	
15		-58.0 ~ +932.0		75		-80 ~ +600	
16		-454.0 ~ +644.0		76		-270.0 ~ +1300.0	0.1 °C
17	J	-210 ~ +1200	°C	77		-270.0 ~ +1240.0	
18		-100 ~ +800		78		-80.0 ~ +600.0	°F
19		-40 ~ +370		79		-454 ~ +2372	
20		-210 ~ +260	0.1 °C	80		-454 ~ +2264	0.1 °F
21		-210.0 ~ +1200.0		81		-112 ~ +1112	
22		-100.0 ~ +800.0		82		-454.0 ~ +2372.0	
23		-40.0 ~ +370.0		83		-454.0 ~ +2264.0	
24		-210.0 ~ +260.0	°F	84		-112.0 ~ +1112.0	
25		-346 ~ +2192		85	PL II	0 ~ +1390	°C
26		-148 ~ +1472		86		0 ~ +1100	
27		-40 ~ +698		87		0 ~ +510	0.1 °C
28		-346 ~ +500		88		0.0 ~ +1390.0	
29		-346.0 ~ +2192.0	0.1 °F	89		0.0 ~ +1100.0	°F
30		-148.0 ~ +1472.0		90		0.0 ~ +510.0	
31		-40.0 ~ +698.0		91		+32 ~ +2534	
32		-346.0 ~ +500.0		92		+32 ~ +2012	0.1 °F
33	R	-50 ~ +1730	°C	93		+32 ~ +950	
34		-50.0 ~ +1730.0	0.1 °C	94	WRe5-26	+32.0 ~ +2534.0	
35		-58 ~ +3146	°F	95		+32.0 ~ +2012.0	
36		-58.0 ~ +3146.0	0.1 °F	96		+32.0 ~ +950.0	
37	S	-50 ~ +1760	°C	97		0 ~ +2310	°C
38		-50.0 ~ +1760.0	0.1 °C	98		0 ~ +1130	0.1 °C
39		-58 ~ +3200	°F	99		0.0 ~ +2310.0	
40		-58.0 ~ +3200.0	0.1 °F	100		0.0 ~ +1130.0	
41	E	-190 ~ +1000	°C	101		+32 ~ +4190	°F
42		-80 ~ +600		102	PT-100_3850	+32 ~ +2066	
43		-30 ~ +290		103		+32.0 ~ +4190.0	0.1 °F
44		-270 ~ +430		104		+32.0 ~ +2066.0	
45		-190 ~ +210	0.1 °C	300		-240 ~ +590	°C
46		-190.0 ~ +1000.0		301		-240 ~ +180	0.1 °C
47		-80.0 ~ +600.0		302		-240.0 ~ +590.0	
48		-30.0 ~ +290.0	°F	303		-240.0 ~ +180.0	0.1 °F
49		-270.0 ~ +430.0		304		-400 ~ +1094	
50		-190.0 ~ +210.0		305		-400 ~ +356	0.1 °F
51		-310 ~ +1832		306	jPT-100_3916	-400.0 ~ +1094.0	
52		-112 ~ +1112	°F	307		-400.0 ~ +356.0	°C
53		-22 ~ +554		308		-200 ~ +510	
54		-454 ~ +806		309		-200 ~ +170	0.1 °C
55		-310 ~ +410	0.1 °F	310		-200.0 ~ +510.0	
56		-310.0 ~ +1832.0		311		-200.0 ~ +170.0	°F
57		-112.0 ~ +1112.0		312		-328 ~ +950	
58		-22.0 ~ +554.0		313		-328 ~ +338	0.1 °F
59		-454.0 ~ +806.0		314		-328.0 ~ +950.0	
60		-310.0 ~ +410.0		315		-328.0 ~ +338.0	

### 7.2.32 BFM #72 to BFM #75: Alarm mode setting

The VB-2LC is equipped with 14 types of alarms. Among them, up to 4 types can be used in accordance with the application.

Write the alarm No. used in Alarm 1 to BFM #72.

Write the alarm No. used in Alarm 2 to BFM #73.

Write the alarm No. used in Alarm 3 to BFM #74.

Write the alarm No. used in Alarm 4 to BFM #75.

The alarm modes set here are applied to both channels.

However, the set value of each alarm can be set for each channel, and the alarm result can be obtained for each channel also.

(CH1 set value: BFM #13 to BFM #16, CH2 set value: BFM #22 to BFM #25

CH1 alarm result: BFM #1 b4 to b8, CH2 alarm result: BFM #2 b4 to b8)

Or a same alarm type can be set to two or more BFM Nos.

The initial value is "0 (alarm function OFF)". For the details, refer to Section 6.

Table 7.8:

Alarm No.	Alarm type	Description	Set range
0	Alarm function OFF	Alarm function is disabled.	---
1	Upper limit input value alarm	When measured value (PV) is more than alarm set value, an alarm is issued.	Input range
2	Lower limit input value alarm	When measured value (PV) is less than alarm set value, an alarm is issued.	Input range
3	Upper limit deviation alarm	When deviation (= Measured value (PV) - Set value (SV)) is more than alarm set value, an alarm is issued.	+Input width
4	Lower limit deviation alarm	When deviation (= Measured value (PV) - Set value (SV)) is less than alarm set value, an alarm is issued.	- Input width
5	Upper/lower limit deviation	When absolute deviation (=   Measured value (PV) - Set value (SV)   ) is more than alarm set value, an alarm is issued.	+Input width
6	Range alarm	When absolute deviation (=   Measured value (PV) - Set value (SV)   ) is less than alarm set value, an alarm is issued.	+Input width
7	Upper limit input value alarm with wait	When measured value (PV) is more than alarm set value, an alarm is issued. However, when power is turned on, measured value is ignored.	Input range
8	Lower limit input value alarm with wait	When measured value (PV) is less than alarm set value, an alarm is issued. However, when power is turned on, measured value is ignored.	Input range
9	Upper limit deviation value alarm with wait	When deviation (= Measured value (PV) - Set value (SV)) is more than alarm set value, an alarm is issued. However, when power is turned on, measured value is ignored.	+Input width
10	Lower limit deviation value alarm with wait	When deviation (= Measured value (PV) - Set value (SV)) is less than alarm set value, an alarm is issued. However, when power is turned on, measured value is ignored.	- Input width

Table 7.8:

Alarm No.	Alarm type	Description	Set range
11	Upper/lower limit deviation value alarm with wait	When absolute deviation ( $=   \text{Measured value (PV)} - \text{Set value (SV)}  $ ) is more than alarm set value, an alarm is issued. However, when power is turned on, measured value is ignored.	+Input width
12	Upper limit deviation value alarm with re-wait	When deviation ( $= \text{Measured value (PV)} - \text{Set value (SV)}$ ) is more than alarm set value, an alarm is issued. However, when power is turned on and when set value is changed, measured value is ignored.	+Input width
13	Lower limit deviation value alarm with re-wait	When deviation ( $= \text{Measured value (PV)} - \text{Set value (SV)}$ ) is less than alarm set value, an alarm is issued. However, when power is turned on and when set value is changed, measured value is ignored.	- Input width
14	Upper/lower limit deviation value alarm with re-wait	When absolute deviation ( $=   \text{Measured value (PV)} - \text{Set value (SV)}  $ ) is more than alarm set value, an alarm is issued. However, when power is turned on and when set value is changed, measured value is ignored.	+Input width

Input range: Numeric value from the lower limit to the upper limit of input value

Input width: Width from the lower limit to the upper limit of input value  
(Input width = Upper limit value - Lower limit value)

+Input width : Only a positive numeric value can be set.

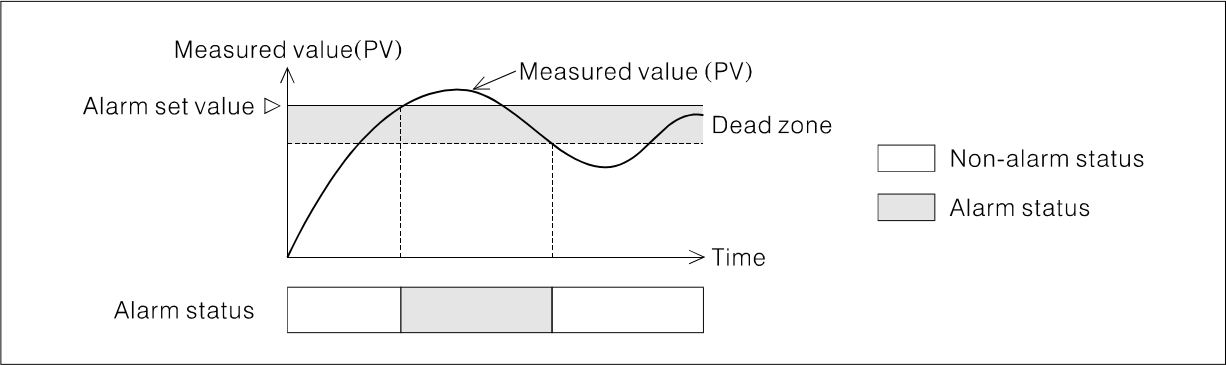
-Input width : Only a negative numeric value can be set.

7.2.33 BFM #76: Alarm 1/2/3/4 dead zone setting

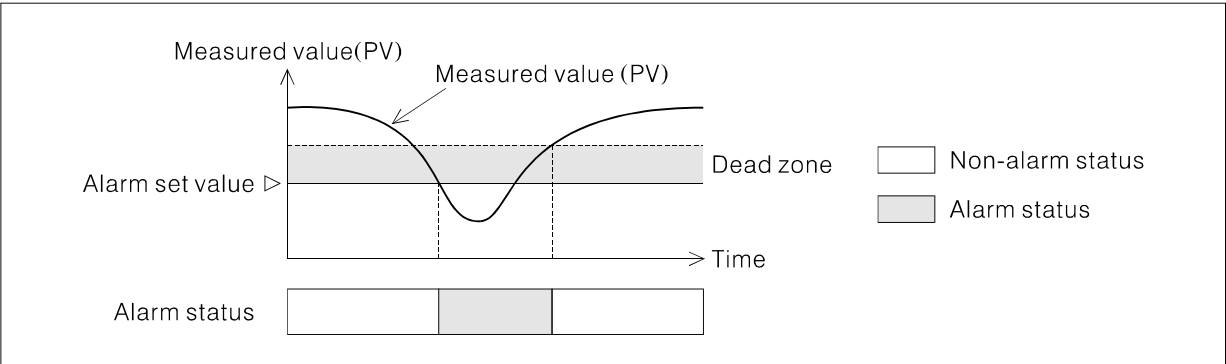
In BFM #76, set the dead zone of alarms 1 to 4. This setting is applied to all of alarms 1 to 4. When the measured value (PV) is near the alarm set value, the alarm status and the non-alarm status may be repeated by fluctuation in inputs. In order to cope with such a case, by setting the alarm dead zone, repeating of the alarm status and the non-alarm status can be prevented.

The allowable set range is the input range (from 0.0 to 20.0 (°C or °F).)

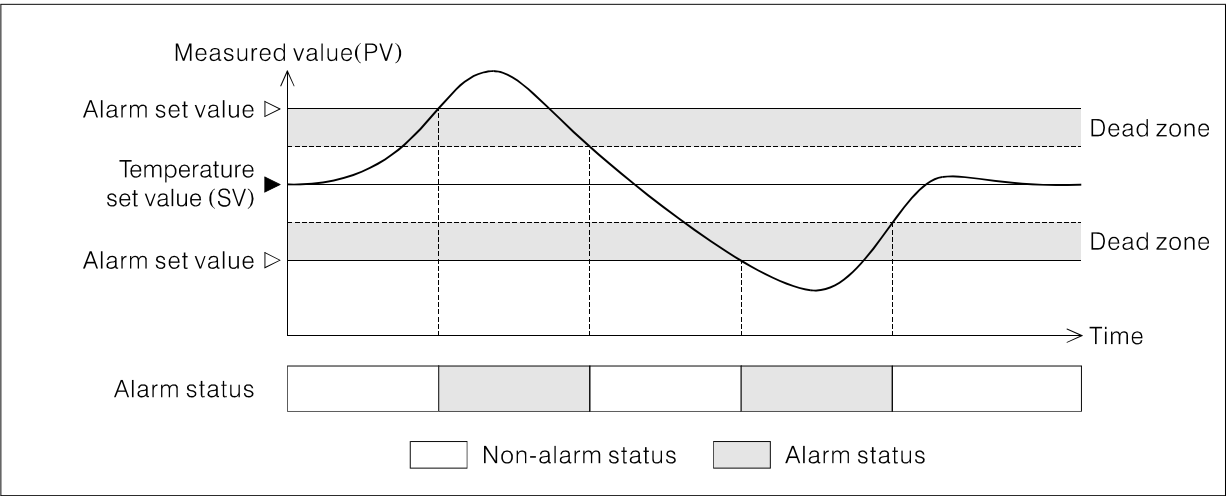
Upper limit input value alarm and upper limit deviation alarm



Lower limit input value alarm and lower limit deviation alarm



Upper/lower limit deviation alarm



### 7.2.34 BFM #77: Number of times of alarm 1/2/3/4 delay

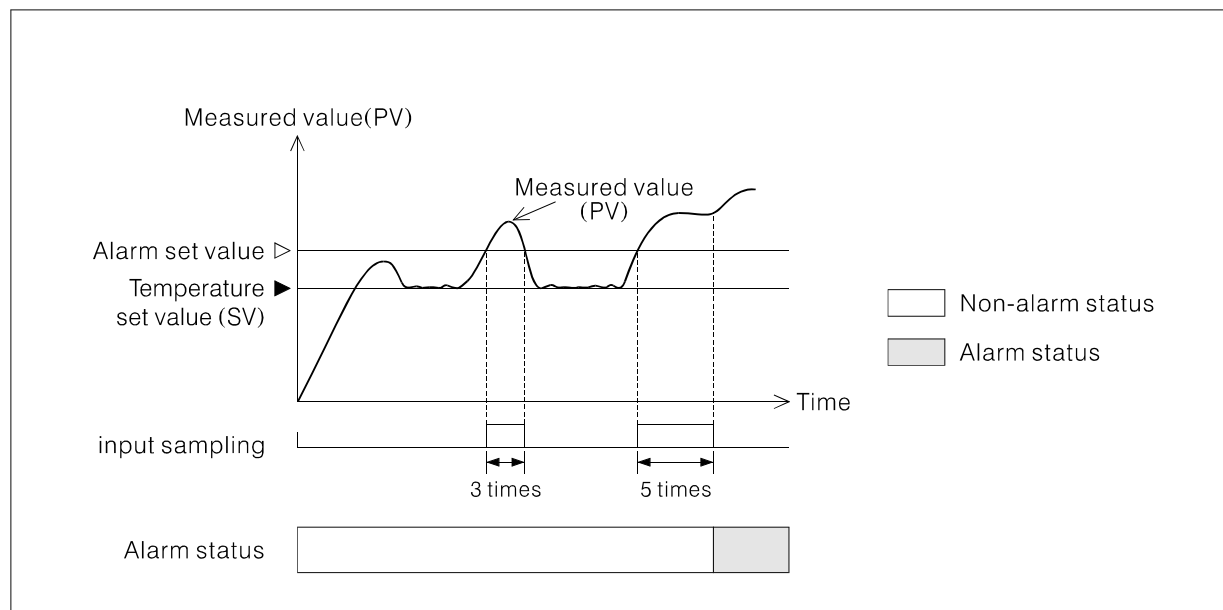
In BFM #77, set the number of alarm delays. This setting is applied to all alarms 1 to 4.

The alarm delay function keeps the non-alarm status until the number of input samples exceeds the number of alarm delays, after the deviation between the measured value (PV) and the set value (SV) reaches the alarm set value.

If the deviation remains in the alarm range until the number of input samples exceeds the number of alarm delays, an alarm is issued.

The allowable set range is from 0 to 255 times. (input sampling cycle: 500 ms)

Example: When the number of alarm delays, is set to 5 times



### 7.2.35 BFM #78: Number of times of heater disconnection alarm delay

In BFM #78, set the number of heater disconnection alarm delays. This setting is applied to both CH1 and CH2.

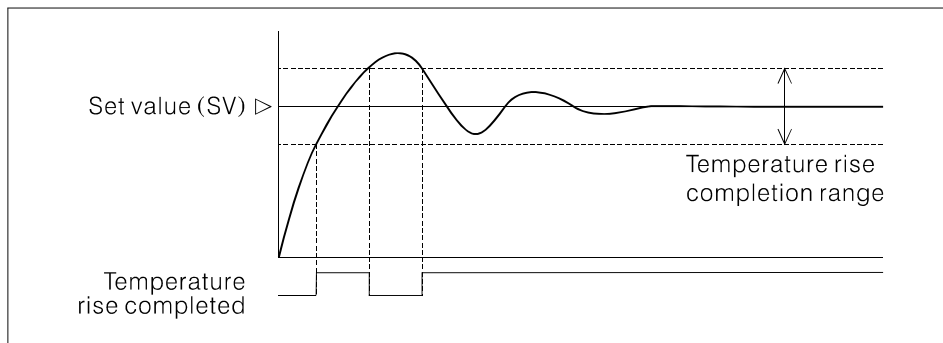
If the abnormal status consecutively occurs in the heater current measured value (sampling cycle: 1 sec) by the preset number of times, an alarm is issued.

The allowable set range is from 3 to 255 times.

### 7.2.36 BFM #79: Temperature rise completion range setting

In BFM #79, set the temperature rise completion range. This setting is applied to both CH1 and CH2. Set the temperature range in which the temperature rise completion range is judged based on the temperature set value.

The actual temperature rise completion range is judged within the range above and below the temperature set value, so the range width is twice.

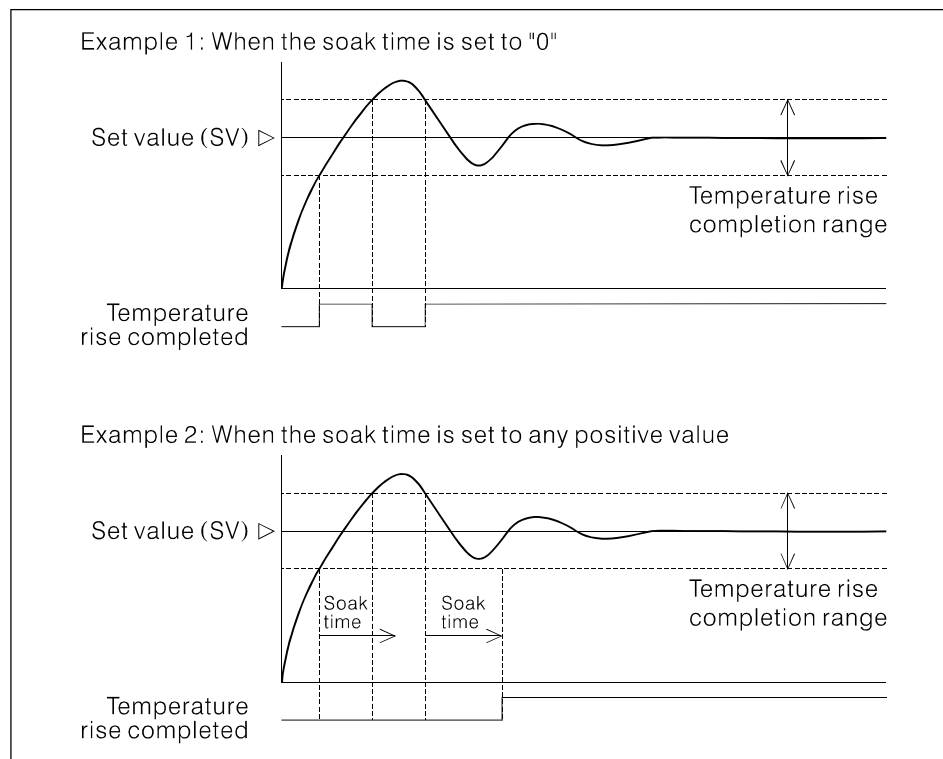


### 7.2.37 BFM #80: Temperature rise completion soak time

In BFM #80, set the temperature rise completion soak time. This setting is applied to both CH1 and CH2.

The temperature rise completion soak time is the period of time after the measured value reaches the temperature rise completion range until the temperature rise completion flag turns on.

In order to cope with a case in which the measured value has reached the temperature rise completion range but is not stable yet, by setting the soak time, the wait time can be set for judgement on temperature rise completion.



**7.2.38 BFM #81: CT monitor method changeover**

In BFM #81, change over the CT monitor method. This setting is applied to both CH1 and CH2. The current is detected by sampling performed every second.

While the temperature is controlled, the control output repeatedly turns on and off. Accordingly, the current in the ON time (= ON current) and the current in the OFF time (= OFF current) are alternately displayed. If the output cycle is short, the displayed value is not stable and is difficult to read.

To cope with this, the display (monitor) method can be selected.

When BFM #81 is set to "K0 (initial value)", the ON current and the OFF current are alternately displayed.

When BFM #81 is set to "K1", only the ON current is displayed. Even in the OFF time, the ON current remains displayed.

When control is stopped, the OFF current is displayed without regard to the setting of BFM#81.

**7.2.39 BFM #82: Set value range error address**

When an out-of-range error occurs in the set value written to each BFM, BFM #82 indicates the BFM No. in which the error occurs.

While no error occurs, BFM #82 stores "0".

When an error occurs, BFM #82 stores the BFM No. in which the error occurs. Check the set range, set a proper value for the corresponding BFM, then reset the error (BFM #10).

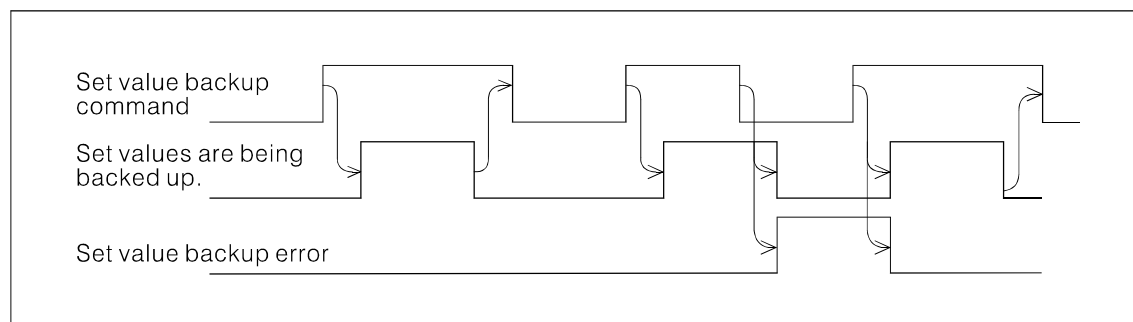


### 7.2.40 BFM #83: Set value backup command

BFM #83 writes the values set to BFM #12 to BFM #29 and BFM #32 to BFM #81 to the EEPROM built in the VB-2LC.

When the power is turned on, the VB-2LC transfers the data stored in the EEPROM to the buffer memories and use the data as the set values for temperature control. When the set values are backed up (written to the EEPROM) once, BFM #12 to BFM #29 and BFM #32 to BFM #81 do not have to be set at the next time and later. As a result, as soon as control starts (BFM #11), temperature control is enabled.

(At the time of shipment, the EEPROM stores the initial values.)



Description on operation

- 1) When the set value backup command turns on, the VB-2LC turns on the set value backup flag.
- 2) When backup of the set values is completed, the set value backup flag turns off. When this flag turns off, turn off the set value backup command.
- 3) If the set value backup command turns off while the set values are being backed up, the set value backup error turns on. In such a case, normally back up the set values again.  
If the power is turned off and on while a backup error is present, each data is reset to the initial value.
- 4) While a set value range error (BFM #0 b1) is present, the set values are not backed up.



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### Cautions on Startup

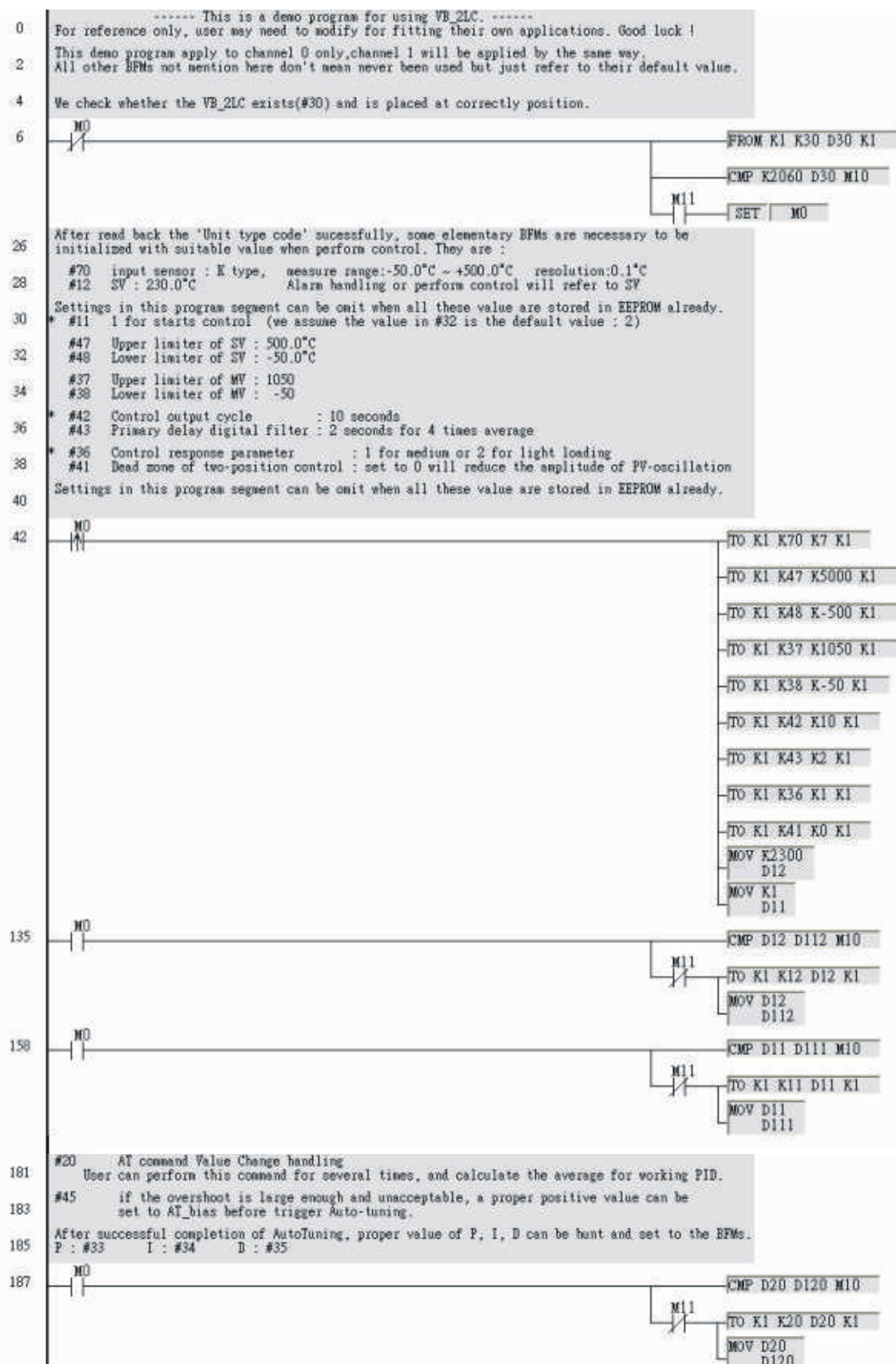
- Never touch any terminal while the power is supplied.  
If you touch a terminal while the power is supplied, you may get electrical shock or the unit may malfunction.
- Turn off the power before cleaning the unit or tightening the terminals.  
If you clean the unit or tighten the terminals while the power is supplied, you may get electrical shock.
- Thoroughly read the manual, sufficiently assure safety, then perform temperature control.  
An operation mistake may cause damages in the machine or accidents.

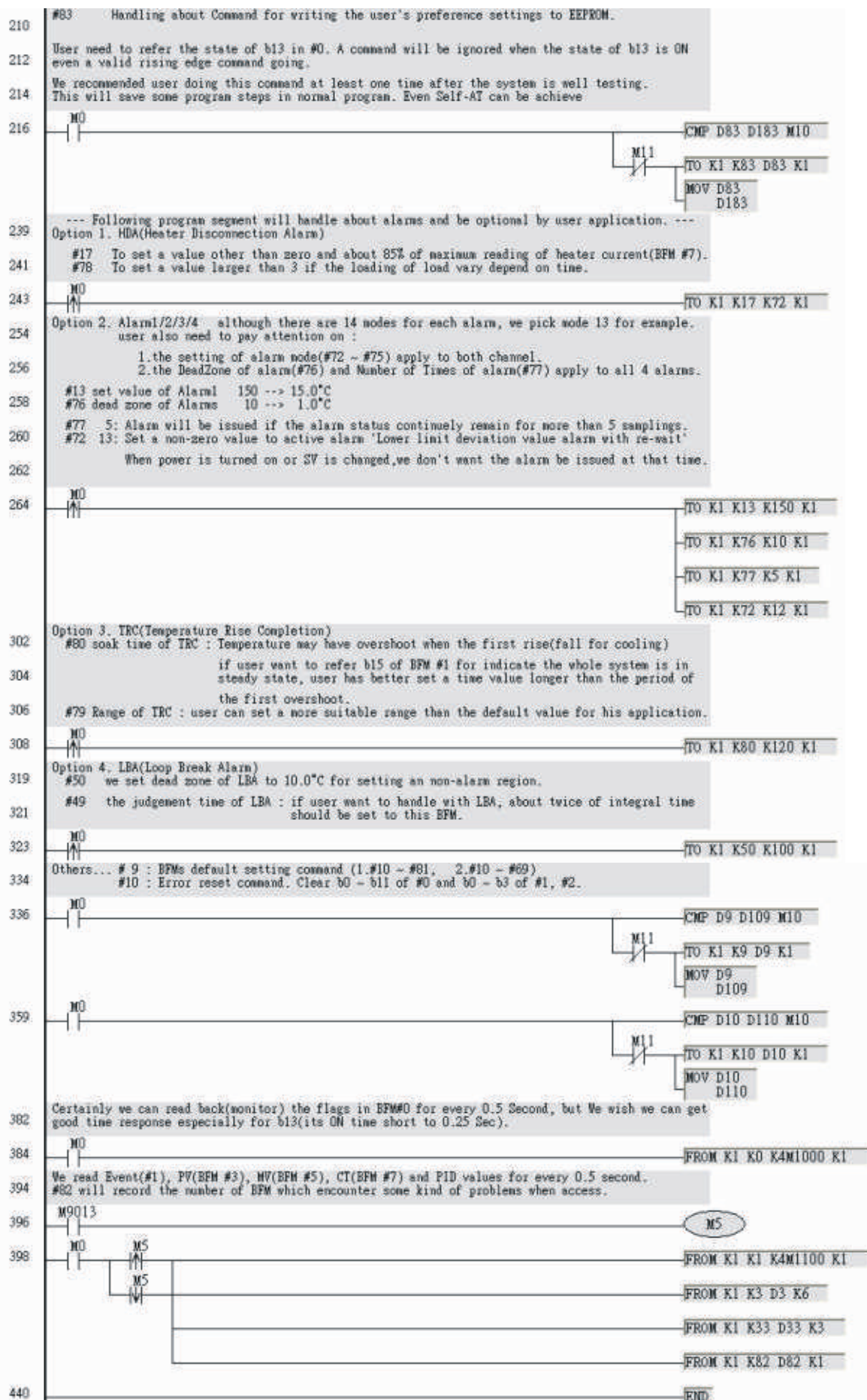


- Never disassemble or modify the unit. Disassembly or modification may cause failure, malfunction or fire.
- Turn off the power before connecting or disconnecting a connection cable such as extension cable.  
If you connect or disconnect a connection cable while the power is supplied, failure or malfunction may be caused.

## 8.1 Program example

This paragraph introduces an example of program to operate the VB-2LC.







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By reading the flags (BFM #0) and the events (BFM #1 and BFM #2) using FROM instructions, you can confirm errors (such as lack of the driving power supply 24 V, heater disconnection and loop breaking) which can be recognized by the VB-2LC.

**Table 9.1: Flags(BFM#0) indicating errors**

Bit No.	Description	Operation
b0	Error present	Turns on when an error among b1 to b10 below has occurred.
b1	Set value range error	Turns on when data outside set range is written.
b2	24 VDC power supply error	Turns on when driving power supply (24 VDC) is not supplied.
b3	Set value backup error	Turns on when an error has been caused by noise or when a failure has occurred in VB-2LC. If contents of error are not eliminated even after power is turned off once then on again, contact VIGOR Electric Corp..
⋮	⋮	⋮
b8	Sum check error for adjustment data error	Turns on when an error has been caused by noise or when a failure has occurred in VB-2LC. If contents of error are not eliminated even after power is turned off once then on again, contact VIGOR Electric Corp..
b9	Cold contact temperature adjustment data error	
b10	A/D converted value error	

Events (BFM #1 and BFM #2) indicating errors

**Table 9.2: Events (BFM #1 and BFM #2) indicating errors**

Bit No.	Assignment	Description
b0	Input error (upper limit)	Turns on when input value is over scale.
b1	Input error (lower limit)	Turns on when input value is under scale.
b2	Cold contact temperature compensation data error	Turns on when an error has been caused by noise or when a failure has occurred in VB-2LC. If contents of error are not eliminated even after power is turned off once then on again, contact VIGOR Electric Corp..
b3	A/D converted value error	
b4	Alarm 1	Turns on when an alarm has occurred.
b5	Alarm 2	Turns on when an alarm has occurred.
b6	Alarm 3	Turns on when an alarm has occurred.
b7	Alarm 4	Turns on when an alarm has occurred.
b8	Loop breaking alarm	Turns on when a loop breaking alarm has occurred.
b9	Heater disconnection alarm	Turns on when a heater disconnection alarm has occurred.
b10	Heater meltdown alarm	Turns on when a heater meltdown alarm has occurred.

When an error above has occurred, the contents described in the corresponding "Description" column may be causes.

Eliminate causes of errors, then reset all errors using BFM #10.

If causes of an error remain, the corresponding bit turns on again.

**Other causes of errors**

In addition to the flags and the events, the following situation may be realized.

- 1) The VB-2LC does not operate with the set values written by TO instructions.
  - Check whether or not the VB-2LC is correctly connected to the PLC.  
(Check the connector positions and the connection status.)
  - Check whether or not the unit No. and the BFM Nos. are correctly specified in FROM/TO instructions.
- 2) The POWER LED is not lit.
  - Check whether or not the VB-2LC is correctly connected to the PLC.  
(Check the connector positions and the connection status.)
  - Check whether or not the used capacity of the service power supply of the PLC main unit exceeds the allowable range.

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Owing to the very great variety of possible applications, users must satisfy themselves as to the suitability of each specific application.