

### **AC ELWA®-E**

# **Electrical Photovoltaic-Excess Hot-Water-Device**



# **Operation Manual**

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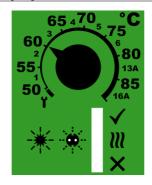
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### 1. Assembly

Before placing into operation it is essential to read the assembly instructions provided with the device.

## 2. Controls and displays



Temperature-adjusting knob 1-6 ... Number of device 13A / 16A ...fuse protection

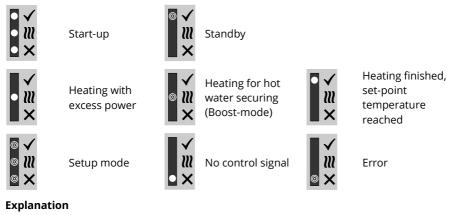
LED operating mode displays green yellow red

LED off

The possible adjustments are described in the chapter "knob adjustments".

NOTE: Settings can be made more comfortable using the Web-Interface!

# 3. Operation displays



The display can change between "No control signal" and "Standby", if the device is triggered via Web-Interface or in cycles of one minute when data of temperature and power are recorded.

LED blinking

LED on

## 4. Factory presets

- Automatic hot water securing (Boost-mode) off (Winter setting)
- Set-point temperature for Boost-mode 35°C
- Time window for Boost-mode 5 11 pm and 5 7 am
- Auto-Detect function active (searches for control devices automatically)
- Timeout for http and Modbus TCP control 10 seconds
- Time window for blocking time 0-0 (no blocking)
- Device number 1 (Note: is shown in the Scan Tool and on the router in the DHCP list)
- 16A fuse protection of the plug socket

## 5. Placing into operation with router (recommended)



The start-up with router only works, if it is configured to DHCP.



The device must <u>not</u> be in Setup-Mode ( symbol on adjusting knob)

- 1. Connect laptop with router (LAN or WLAN)
- 2. Connect AC ELWA-E and router via standard Rj45-cable ("patch-cable")
- 3. Plug in AC ELWA-E power plug
- AC ELWA-E gets a dynamic IP-address from router Searching for AC ELWA-E by using the software " my-PV Scanner 1.XX.exe" (contained in "Software Package AC ELWA-E.zip" at www.my-pv.com)



- 5. Are there more AC ELWA-Es in the network, the desired device can be determined by the serial number (lateral on the case)!
- 6. A double click on the particular device opens the website of the AC ELWA-E.

Scanning is performed via UDP port 16124. Firewalls (or specific router settings) may prevent the AC ELWA-E from being found.

In this case, it is advisable to look for the IP address of the AC ELWA-E in the DHCP list of the router and enter it manually into the address line of the web browser.

Alternatively, the second scan program "Scan AC ELWA-E ARP.exe" can be used, which sends an ARP query to the router and displays the connected my-PV devices. Since the router takes some time to update the ARP table it may be that the ARP scan takes some time to show AC ELWA-E results.



my-PV does not recommend to connect the AC ELWA-E to the Internet via port forwarding access!

## 6. Placing into operation without router

- 1. Set adjusting knob to the symbol (all three LEDs blinking)
- 2. Plug in AC ELWA-E power plug
- 3. All 3 LEDs of the AC ELWA-E are on for approx. 10 seconds (device boots), afterwards all 3 LEDs are blinking. The device is now in Setup-Mode
- 4. Disconnect existing Wi-Fi connections on the laptop to avoid possible network-conflicts
- 5. Connect Laptop to AC ELWA-E via standard Rj45-cable ("patch-cable")
- 6. The Laptop gets a dynamic IP address
- 7. The system software, e.g. MS Windows 7, might request you to choose a place of the network. At this step it is not necessary to do so. You can close the window.
- 8. Insert address 192.168.0.1 in the web browser to select homepage of the AC-ELWA-E
- 9. Select Button "Setup" and configure as described in chapter "Setup"
- 10. After all the settings have been made, disconnect the AC ELWA-E power plug and turn the knob to the desired temperature
- 11. Disconnect the data connection between AC ELWA-E and Laptop/PC
- 12. Connect AC ELWA-E via standard Rj45-cable ("patch-cable") with router

⚠ Do not connect the device directly to the inverter or the battery system!

13. Plug in the AC ELWA-E power plug again

If the signal source for the AC ELWA-E is searched with the "Auto Detect" – function, the process can take a few minutes!

If the set-up is done without a router, a connection between PC/Laptop – Router – AC ELWA-E can though be implemented afterwards. See next chapter!

### 7. Web-Interface

Via web browser different data of the AC ELWA-E can be retrieved and adjustments can be made. From the homepage further pages can be selected via the menu buttons. Consider that the appearance and the scope of options can change with updated software versions.

### Home (homepage)



The graphic shows the current temperature in the boiler, the bar on the left visualises the power output of the device.

In the section "Boost Mode" hot water securing can be activated.

This option is disabled as a factory preset ("Off/Aus"). It is intended as "winter-mode" when the normal heating system does the space heating and additionally ensures the hot water. In this operating mode AC ELWA-E exclusively uses excess energy.

In "On/Ein (Summer/Sommer)" mode, hot water securing is made regularly up to the desired temperature at the time windows defined in the setup. This setting is recommended for summer because usually the high solar coverage ratios at this time mean just a little demand for backup from the grid. A potentially non-economical and un-ecological start of the heating system is not required.

Regardless of that, the hot water securing can be started one single time with the button "Single Boost / Sicherstellung einmalig starten".

The dynamic web pages "Home" and "Status" are displayed without animation by Microsoft Internet Explorer. Recommended browsers are Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox in the latest versions!

#### Status

AC ELWA-E Status	
Status	3
Power	0 W
Boostpower	0 W
Watertemp	47°C
Targettemp	49.5°C
Boosttemp	0°C
Boostactive	0
Time	11:59:07
Control Status	Search devices

Status / Nr operating condition

Power / W current power

Boostpower / W current power for hot water securing

Watertemp / °C current water temperature

Targettemp / °C adjusted set-point temperature on the knob

Boosttemp / °C adjusted set-point temperature for hot water securing

Boostactive 0: Boost inactive

1: securing via time control

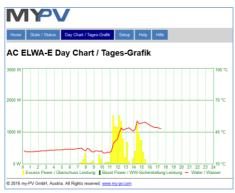
2: manual securing

Time / hh:mm:ss system time of the device

Control Status describes the current control mode

## **Day Chart**

Visualisation of the data of the current day:



### Setup

On this page all adjustments of the device can be made.

**Boost Settings** 

Boost Settings / Einstellung Warmwasser-Sicherstellung						
Boost Mode: / Sicherstellungs-Modus:	Off / aus	Online Active / Mit Netzwerk aktiv	<ul> <li>Offline Active / Ohne Netzwerk aktiv</li> </ul>			
Boost Temp: / Sicherstellungs-Temperatur:	50	°C				
Start Hour1: / Start-Stunde1:	17 ×	Stop Hour1: / Stop-Stunde1:	23			
Start Hour2: / Start-Stunde2:	5	Stop Hour2: / Stop-Stunde2:	7 🔄			
	Save / Speichern	Single Boost / Sicherstellung einmalig starten				

Off / aus

This is the factory preset. Hot water securing is deactivated. Only PV-excess is used.

Online Active / Mit Netzwerk aktiv: Hot water securing works, but only when the networkconnection is active.

Offline Active / Ohne Netzwerk aktiv: Hot water securing works independent from the status of the network-connection (even at network-incidents).

Boost Temp: / Sicherstellungs-Temperatur: set-point temperature for hot water securing

Start Hour1 / Start-Stunde1: Start of boost time window 1 Stop Hour1 / Stop-Stunde1: End of boost time window 1 Start Hour2 / Start-Stunde2: Start of boost time window 2 Stop Hour2 / Stop-Stunde2: End of boost time window 2

Two boost timeframes can be defined per day. These frames may overlap.

 $igspace{1}{1}$  If start-hour and stop-hour are identical, hot water securing starts one-time until the setpoint temperature is reached.

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Single Boost / Sicherstellung einmalig starten: Hot water securing can be started one single time, even if "Off/aus" is selected or the boost mode is deactivated by the time control.

### Legionella Settings



To ensure drinking water hygiene, a period of time can be specified up to which an adjustable minimum temperature must be reached again after the last time this value has been reached. The number of days of this period is adjustable between 1 and 14. A time at which the legionella program is to be started can be specified. The factory preset values of the days is 7, the start time is 8 pm, the temperature is 60 °C, the legionella program is "Off".

The AC ELWA-E is then supplied with a power of 3kW.

#### **Time Settings**



In case of an available internet connection via a router, AC ELWA-E gets its time setting automatically from the web but it doesn't determine the particular time zone. That information can be transferred from the Laptop/PC by pressing the "Save/Speichern" Button. The re-setting of the ELWA-time to the new time zone can last a few minutes.

Usually the time zone on the Laptop/PC shifts with the change from summer to wintertime. This shift can also be adopted with the "Save/Speichern" Button. An automatic time shift from summer to winter is not scheduled.

NTP-Timeserver-address: can be changed if necessary. (NTP = Network Time Protocol).

When there is no connection to the internet, the current time zone setting can be transferred from the Laptop/PC by pressing "Set to PC Time / Auf PC Zeit stellen".

If the device has no internet connection via router, the time setting is lost after a power outage.

### **Control Settings**

Control Settings / Steuerungs-Einstellunge	en
Control Type: / Ansteuerungs-Typ:	Auto Detect  ELWA Number >1: only "Slave" selectable / ELWA Nummer >1: nur "Slave" einstellbar
Control Source IP Address: / IP Adresse der Ansteuerung:	192 🗸 . 168 🗘 . 2 🗘 . 23 🗳
Control Status: / Status Ansteuerung:	No Control
Power Timeout: / Zeitablauf Ansteuerung:	10 🚊
Control Target: / Zielwert der Regelung: Negative valuer means feed-in. Only change this value if you are familiar with the control strategy - read Help for more details. Negativer Wert bedeutet Einspeisung. Verändern Sie diesen Wert nur, wenn Sie mit der Regelungsstrategie vertraut sind - siehe Hilfe für weltere Details.	-50 in W
Block Start Hour: / Sperre Start-Stunde:	0 🖶 Block Stop Hour: / Sperre Stop-Stunde: 0 🖶
	Save / Speichern

In this section the choice of the signal source for the AC ELWA-E is made.

As a factory preset the control mode "**Auto Detect**" is present. The device automatically searches for compatible sources and adjusts itself to them.

The **Auto Detect** function can only be effective when just one signal source is present in the network. If there are more different sources (e.g. several inverters), a manual setting is essential for a correct functionality!

For certain compatible sources the choice between "**Auto**" (automatic IP-search of the device) or "**Manual**" (manual entry of the IP address of the source) is possible.

"Manual" is necessary when there are several compatible sources in the network and a special one of them should be chosen as the control system.





TIP: Many of the listed manufacturers have their own instructions for the required settings on www.my-pv.com.

With the "Adjustable Modbus TCP" control mode, the AC ELWA-E receives the power-value in the feed-in point from an inverter or Modbus counter. The required register parameters can be set in 5 input fields.

Device ID must be set to the Modbus ID of the external device.



Signalsource	Device ID		Meter Regis	ter	Scale	Register	Modbus Port	Comments
Fronius	240	40097	Float	-feed in		none	502	Smart Meter required. Sunspec must be activated.
KACO TL1 + TL3	1	40084	Int16	+ feed in	40085	Sunspec	502	Sunspec must be enabled on inverter
Kostal PIKO IQ Plenticore plus	71	252	Float-sw	- feed in	-	-	1502	Suitable electricity meters please refer to the Kostal descriptions
MEC electronics	1	40098	Float	- feed in	-	-	502	Approved for meter type MECmeter
SolarEdge	1	40206	Int16	+ feed in	40210	Sunspec	502	Sunspec must be enabled on SolarEdge
Victron	0	820	Int16	-feed in		none	502	For Multiplus and Quattro.

igwedge This type of control is currently not approved for hybrid systems with battery storage.

 $^{\prime\prime}$  With the settings "Adjustable Modbus TCP (Sunspec etc)", the IP address of the signal source must not change during operation (eg by a DHCP router), otherwise the AC ELWA-E loses the control signal.

riangle When controlled by an inverter, a feed-in meter is required in the system. The query of the inverter otherwise provides no data.

ullet We ask for your understanding that we can not do any binding support for third-party products. For questions about third-party products, please contact the technical support of the respective company.

A Operation with battery may require additional control parameters. In this case, please contact the technical support of my-PV.

The control mode "my-PV Power Meter direct" has to be selected when a direct data connection between the Power Meter and the AC ELWA-E is made (without network).



For this type of connection a crossover patch cable has to be used!

 $oldsymbol{\lambda}$  If the AC ELWA-E is also used for the optional hot water boost-backup, then the direct connection is not recommended since time and boost-backup settings are much easier to set via the network!



igwedge It can take up to a minute before the direct connection is established!

Option "Power Timeout" of AC ELWA-E can be changed for the modes "http" and "modbus TCP". Please consult the specific manual for further information.

The parameter "Control Target" specifies the set point of the power at the metering point. A negative value means feed-in. The factory pre-set of the set-point is -50 W. This parameter can be freely chosen in a range between -500 and +500 W.

The function "Block / Sperre" allows to define a time window within AC ELWA-E must not run. Unlike the two time frames for hot water securing the transition to the following day is possible (Start Hour is higher than Stop Hour).

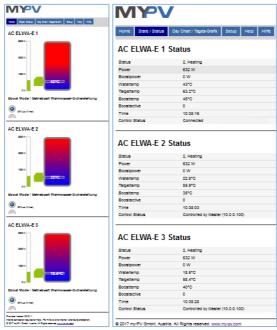
For example the "Block" function can be used to give an existing battery time for charging and to do the water heating subordinate.



Changes of the time settings are effective within one minute.

#### Several devices

Initiating from firmware version 00101.01, several AC ELWA-E can be used in a network. Operation is based on the master / slave principle. To display all devices, the displays of Home and Status are expanded in the master's web-interface. Each AC ELWA-E is additionally identified by a number.



For the slaves only the device numbers has to be specified (see Basic Settings). All other settings are only required on the master.

Mhen using several AC ELWA-E the following things have to be considered:

- All AC ELWA-E must be connected to the router via a network cable.
- Only one master can be assigned to a signal source and vice versa.
- Up to 10 slaves can be controlled in one network.
- A maximum of 5 slaves are possible per master.
- All slaves in the network must have different device numbers, even if these are assigned to different masters.
- All devices must be assigned by permanent IP addresses. This can be done in two ways:
  - In the web interface of the respective device (see IP Settings)
  - By the router (recommended)

#### **Settings on Slaves**

If an AC ELWA-E has a higher device number than 1 (see Basic settings) and if it has not yet been assigned to a master, a corresponding indication appears above the menu bar. The assignment is explained in the section "Settings on Master".



If an AC ELWA-E has a higher device number than 1 (see Basic settings) and if it is already assigned to a master, a corresponding indication appears above the menu bar. The master can be attained via the link in the indication.

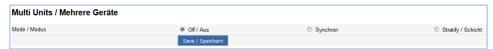


As soon as an assignment has been made, further control settings are no longer possible or required. The IP address field is disabled and **Slave** appears in the Control type field.



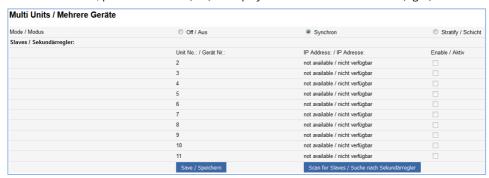
#### **Settings on Master**

Only for devices with number 1 (= master) the following display appears in the setup:

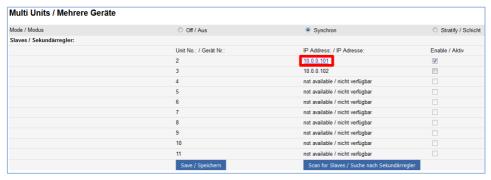


To make the settings for several devices on the master, first choose between **Synchron** and **Stratify**. In the case of synchronous charging, the power is evenly distributed to the master and its slaves. In the case of stratified charge, the devices are controlled one after the other according to their numbers, in each case until the set target temperature is reached.

After the selection, please click **Save** (left) to display the button **Scan for Slaves** (right).



With the search the slaves in the network are displayed. Assign the found slaves to the master by activating them. The IP address now leads directly to the Web interface of the respective slave as a hyperlink.



Scanning is performed via UDP port 16124. Firewalls (or specific router settings) may prevent the AC ELWA-E from being found. (see Placing into operation with router)

### **IP Settings**

IP Settings / IP Einstellungen	
MAC Address: / MAC Adresse:	98-6D-35-00-00-0B
Current IP Address: / aktuelle IP Adresse:	192.168.0.1
Current Subnet Mask: / aktuelle Subnetz Maske:	255.255.255.0
Current Gateway: / aktuelles Gateway:	192.168.0.1
Use static IP only if you are familiar with network administration. Statische IP Adressen nur verwenden, wenn Sie mit Netzwerk-Administration vertraut sind.	DHCP    Static IP / statische IP
IP Address: / IP Adresse:	192 🗘 . 168 🗘 . 0 🗘 . 1
Subnet Mask: / Subnetz Maske:	255 🖈 . 255 🕏 . 255 🕏 . 0
Gateway:	192 🕏 . 168 🕏 . 0 🕏 . 1

**DHCP**: Selection of DHCP is standard, which means the device requests an IP

address from the router to which it is connected.

This only works when the router is configured as a DHCP server.

If there is no DHCP server active in the network or third-party control is

desired, a static IP address is necessary.

The settings have to fit with the router, otherwise the device become invisible in the network!

#### **Basic Settings**

Static IP:

Dasie Settings					
Basic Settings / Grundeinstellungen					
Number: / Nummer:	1	×			
Fusetype: / Absicherung:	16 A	-			

**Number**: Ex-factory each AC ELWA-E is assigned the number 1. If several devices are

used, this setting must be adjusted for the "Slaves" (see Multiple devices).

**Fusetyp**: If the device is connected to a 13 A plug socket, the 13 A setting restricts

the maximum power to 2,500 W.

#### **Debug-Mode**

In order to simplify the analysis in the case of possible connection problems, a debug mode can be activated in coordination with our technical support.

#### Firmware Version

In this section the current firmware versions can be retrieved (for service and Update purpose).



Details about the button "**Update Firmware**" can be found in the chapter "Firmware Update Ethernet".

With the "**Export**" button the current settings of the device are saved in a text file. Via "**Import**", this text file (AC Elwa Settings.txt) can then be used for faster setting of other devices.

The button "Reboot Device" restarts the AC ELWA-E.

With the button "**Factory Reset**" all settings of the device are set back to factory preset. After pressing the button a confirm message appears.

Consider that depending on the router settings the AC ELWA-E eventually is no longer visible in the network. To find it again restart the AC ELWA-E program "Scan AC ELWA-E.exe". For this reason, you cannot be automatically redirected to the AC ELWAE's web interface after reset.

### 8. Knob adjustments

The following sections describe the possible settings with the knob.

### Apart from this all settings can be made more comfortable using the Web-Interface!

The target temperature for the regular operation mode has to be adjusted with the knob.



Target temperature cannot be set via the Web-Interface, only queried.

## Adjust fuse type of the circuit (13A/ 16A)

With factory preset AC ELWA-E can perform up to 3.000 W (16 A). For circuits with 13 A fuses the power consumption can be limited to 2.500 W (setting on the AC ELWA-E or via Web-Interface possible).

Configure the device as follows:

- 1. Disconnect power plug
- 2. Set adjusting knob to the symbol
- 3. Plug in the power plug
- 4. ► All 3 LEDs blinking (Setup mode active)
- 5. Turn the knob to the 13A marking
- 6. ► LEDs blinking from top to the bottom: green, yellow, red, green, etc.
- 7. Value is automatically saved when the position of the knob is not changed for 5 seconds
- 8. All 3 LEDs blinking fast for 2 seconds, setting saved.
- 9. Set the knob to the desired temperature value

The setting can be reversed. For this purpose repeat procedure.

## Adjust temperature for automatic hot water securing (Boost)

The AC ELWA-E can ensure hot water in the absence of excess energy. This function is deactivated in the factory preset.

**\( \)** The automatic hot water securing only works when it is activated in the Web-Interface!

Configure the device as follows:

- Disconnect power plug 1.
- Set adjusting knob to the symbol 2.
- 3. Plug in the power plug
- ► All 3 LEDs blinking (Setup mode active)
- Turn the knob to a °C marking. The setting value corresponds to the temperature of the 5. table:
  - ▶ LEDs red/green (simultaneously) and yellow alternating

Knob position:	Meets the following boost-temperature		
55° C	35° C		
60° C	40° C		
65° C	45° C		
70° C	50° C		
75° C	55° C		
80° C	60° C		
85° C	65° C		

- 6. Value is automatically saved when the position of the knob is not changed for 5 seconds
- 7. ▶ All 3 LEDs blinking fast for 2 seconds, setting saved.
- 8. Set the knob to the desired temperature value

The setting can be reversed. For this purpose repeat procedure.

# Adjust device number

- 1. Disconnect power plug
- Set adjusting knob to the symbol 2.
- Plug in the power plug 3.
- ► All 3 LEDs blinking (Setup mode active) 4.
- Turn the knob to the desired device-number marking 5.
  - ► LEDs blinking to signal the number (see table)

AC ELWA-E	LED green	LED yellow	LED red	
number:				
1	blinking	off	off	
2	off	blinking	off	
3	blinking	blinking	off	
4	off	off	blinking	
5	blinking	off	blinking	
6	off	blinking	blinking	

- Value is automatically saved when the position of the knob is not changed for 5 seconds 6.
- ▶ All 3 LEDs blinking fast for 2 seconds, setting saved. 7.
- Set the knob to the desired temperature value 8.

The setting can be reversed. For this purpose repeat procedure.

## 9. Protocol description of http and Modbus TCP

These are described in a separate document which will be provided on request.

## 10. Firmware Update Ethernet

From serial number 160124180131XXXX the update is no longer carried out with USB cable. The firmware is downloaded via the Internet instead.

For serial number older than 160124180131XXXX a remote firmware-update via Internet is not possible. It is instead done with a USB cable.

## Update from Server (from SNr 160124180131XXXX)



Internet access is required!

With the "Update Firmware" button, the AC ELWA-E loads the latest firmware from the Internet. The button only appears if a newer version than the one currently installed is available. After the update, the AC ELWA-E is automatically restarted.



### Update with USB cable (for SNr below 160124180131XXXX)

The update of the firmware for the communication via Ethernet happens via the Micro USB interface and the provided USB cable at the bottom of the unit. A firmware update via the Ethernet interface is not possible because of security reasons.

This firmware has to be clearly distinguished from the firmware of the mainboard, which is only uploaded in exceptional cases via a "my-PV USB-Interface" via the infrared interface at the upper side of the AC ELWA-E!

#### Procedure:

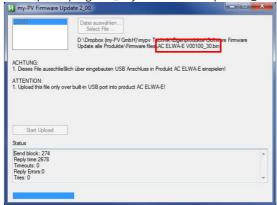
1. Download the software package at www.my-pv.com: Link to software package



- 2. Unzip the package to a directory of your choice
- 3. Connect Laptop/PC via Micro USB cable to the AC ELWA-E
- 4. A USB driver that sets up a COM port on your computer should automatically be installed

If there is no automatic driver installation, it can manually be installed with the software package.

5. Start update program "my-PV Firmware Update 2\_00.exe "



- 6. Select COM interface of the USB port
- 7. Select firmware file **for Ethernet**
- 8. Start upload. This can last a few minutes. The upload program automatically terminates after successful update
- 9. It is recommended to do a "Factory Reset" after the firmware update.

After the update is finished it is recommended to disconnect the AC ELWA-E short-term from the power grid to restart the control!

## 11. Device Key

The device key is from 160124180131XXXX on a sticker on the enclosed assembly instructions. Keep it safe. It serves for access to the future online platform www.my-pv.live.

### 12. Fault indication

No display: Check power supply.

Check fuse of the circuit.

Check if there are other loads on the circuit of the AC ELWA-E.

Red LED on: No controlling. Can be interrupted by green blinking LED in one minute

cycle. (search function)

1x blinking vover-temperature safety protection activated. Device must be checked by

customer service.

2x blinking Water temperature above 90°C. Device shuts down and turns on again when

the temperature has decreased.

Annotation: In this case the temperature is near the over-temperature safety protection.

If the water was heated so high by an external heat source, set the limit

temperature of the heat source to 90 ° C

3x blinking ► Internal electronics over-temperature. Device shuts off and turns on again

after cooling down.

4x blinking ► Electronic damage. Device must be checked by customer service.

6x blinking ▶ Temperature-sensor damage. Device must be checked by customer service.

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