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Less is more with Rain Bird's groundbreaking new golf course irrigation system

Usually, radically new technology is more complicated than what went before. But in the case of Rain Bird's new Integrated Control (IC) System, nothing could be further from the truth. This revolutionary golf course irrigation system places all the control components underground so it is easier to install, it does away with control boxes, satellite controllers and decoders, it uses far less copper wire than a conventional system and it costs less too.

So, how does it work? It really is simple. By incorporating a small Integrated Control Module (ICM) with each rotor or valve, the system allows the course's Central Control Computer to talk directly to the rotors thereby bypassing all other previous control functions. Each ICM is essentially a 'think centre' that is built into the rotor housing and protected under a flange. Existing computer software can control all or any of the rotors on the course. They can even be contacted via a handheld radio or mobile phone.

Because the system effectively does away with the control boxes which are filled with complex componentry and bundles of wire that lead off to sprinklers and valves, the complexity and the wire are no longer required. It has been estimated that a saving in copper wire of up to 90% can be made by adopting the IC System – and that means a big saving in money terms too. With fewer parts and far less wiring, the IC System is quicker and easier to install and requires less man hours – another cost saving.

Not only does the IC System offer easy installation and cost efficiencies, it also exceeds current industry standards for reliability, safety and performance. With most components located underground there is far less chance of damage caused by vandals, bad weather or above-ground pests. It also means maximum protection from electrical surges and lightening. Since control is built in to the rotor or valve, the IC System requires up to 50% fewer splice points which further reduces the potential for failure.

The IC System also offers unique feedback and diagnostic features that ensure foolproof installation, simplified trouble shooting and overall working efficiency day in and day out.

It seems that if you want more from your golf course irrigation set up, you simply have to install less. For further information about the NEW Rain Bird IC System, call Rain Bird National Sales Manager – Golf, Wayne Brown on 0419 669 679, Freecall 1800 424 044 or email: wbrown@rainbird.com.au

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