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Old manual rain bird sprinkler controller won't advance

Older rainbird controller. Old rainbird controller manuals. Old rainbird controller.

I am trying to manually switch sprinkler zones with a Rain Bird ESP-6 controller (1996), but the manual zone switching membrane button does not work. None of the 4 membrane buttons actually work. But the knob works fine and the system still works when programmed this way. I tried removing the backup battery, unplugging the controller's power, and reconnecting the controller without the battery, but to no avail. I also took it apart completely, cleaned it and inspected it. There were insect carcasses and something on the circuit board inside the controller, but nothing that appeared to be causing any damage or short circuits. I don't see any signs of burning or overheating, nor do I see any capacitors that look (visibly) burned. I remember that when I last ran my zones about three months ago (I was just checking them and adjusting the jets), I had a little problem with the manual cycle button. It worked, but I had to press it a bit and sometimes it wouldn't register. I don't know if the other 3 buttons had the same problem then, I didn't have to press them. Is it safe to say I need a new controller or at least a replacement board? After resetting the controller, I am currently unable to program it for the upcoming heatwave. I have to manually open the air vent valves until I can resolve the situation. My Rainbird controller cannot be moved to another station - this must be done manually.



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