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IMPORTANT

NOTES CONCERNING THE ALARM SYSTEM

Where climatic control is used in livestock buildings, breakdowns, malfunctions or faulty settings may cause substantial damage and financial losses. It is therefore most important to install a separate, independent alarm system, which monitors the house concurrently with the climate computer. According to EU-directive No. 91/629/EEC and 91/630/EEC an alarm system must be installed in any house that is mechanically ventilated.

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1 INTRODUCTION

This user's manual deals with the operation of the Viper Climate and Production Computer. The user's manual provides the user with the fundamental knowledge about the functions of the computer that is required to ensure optimum use of Viper.

The manual contains a complete description of all the functions of the climate and production computer. Furthermore, the structure of the manual follows the menu structure of the computer. As the Viper software is modular software, this manual will contain sections that are irrelevant to the setup of your computer. If in doubt, please contact BIG DUTCHMAN service or your BIG DUTCHMAN dealer.

The Viper climate and production computer controls the climate according to the control principle UltiMatic.

With Ultimatic, the climate can be regulated both on the basis of P-band regulation and PID regulation. Viper regulates the climate itself, and it is therefore not necessary to adjust the climate settings on a daily basis. In UltiMatic, the climate is controlled on the basis of curves for temperature, heating, humidity, chill – outside temperature, chill – factor, minimum and maximum ventilation.

Viper is a climate and production computer which is capable both of regulating and monitoring the climate and production in poultry houses.

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2.1.2 Display and Menus

2.1.2.1 Outline Screen

To gain access to the outline screen that provides you with an overview of the current conditions in the house, press the outline key \bigcirc once. Here, you can read the values which you will be needing most often in your work.

31.	7	Main	survey	្ខា	1559
滉	SIDE	<u>/</u>	32.1°C	ŧ٩	1759
11.	57%	1←	32.0°C	1	OFF
-1-	7%	仑	20.7°C	0	OFF
ã	16.000t	the	55%	Å.	60%
ā	8.100t	÷	25%	84	
18	3 Side in	let 1		10-	08:45

 \rightarrow The icons indicate which menu item is involved

 \rightarrow The settings can be changed directly from the outline screen when the setting is selected

lcon	Menu text	lcon	Menu text
	Temperature setpoint	2	Auxiliary sensor
SR C	Indoor temperature	U	Negative pressure
	Outside temperature		Effective temperature
••••	Ventilation	え	Wind speed
•	Minimum ventilation	31	Day no.
	Alarm	<i>ktekter</i>	Feed
	Zone	Ť	Light
\succ	Side mode	-\$\$\$-	Light dimmer
	Tunnel	\bigcirc	Silo
	Humidity	Ŷ	Animal weigher
66 66+	Humidity setpoint	ÇÇ?	Number of animals
*	Cooling	Ţ	Water
*	Heating		

Tabel 1: Icons in the Outline Screen

2.1.2.1.1 Message line

At the bottom, the display shows a message line, which for instance informs about acknowledged alarms and the fact that the computer is set to in-between function in connection with cleaning.

The current time and date are indicated farthest to the right.

When, in connection with setup or service, the computer is set to manual regulation of the system, Viper will indicate the manual control in the message line.

The display reading returns to the outline screen when the computer has not been operated for ten minutes.



2.1.2.1.2 Changing a Setting via the Outline Screen,

2.1.2.1.3 Installation Overview via Outline View

The numeric keyboard can help you to get an overview of what has been installed on inputs and outputs as well as which climate and production functions have been installed.

2.1.2.1.3.1 Outline of Inputs

- 32.1°C 20.7°C H 55%
 - 50%
- th

 \rightarrow press **]** on the numeric keyboard

From this menu, you can read the values of the individual inputs.

2.1.2.1.3.2 Outline of Climate Functions

I +	32.0°C 🦨	2.0°C //+	57%
! ←	32.0°C 🦨	20.7°C //+	50%
I.	32.1°C 🦨	32.1°C //+	82%
仑	20.7°C 📶	1 🕂	25%
P	32.1°C 🎢	55% 🔩	7%

 \rightarrow press **2** on the numeric keyboard

From this menu, you have direct access to change the values set.





2.1.2.1.3.3 Outline of Production Functions



 \rightarrow press **3** on the numeric keyboard

From this menu, you can read the values of the installed production functions.

In the right corner of the display an arrow indicates if more functions are available than shown in the display.

2.1.2.1.3.4 Outline of Outputs

+	OFF	*	OFF	
+	OFF	*	OFF	
*	OFF	*	OFF	
*	OFF			
*	OFF			

 \rightarrow press **4** on the numeric keyboard

From this menu, you can read which functions are active/inactive.

2.1.2.2 Function Menus

To gain access to reading and setting the menus, press the main menu key. The Climate, Production, Management and Alarms menus are for the everyday user while the menus under Technical have to be changed only if changes are made to the actual installation (if necessary, see the *Technical Manual*).

1	١ D	Main menu
1	•	Climate
	暍	Production
í	0	Management
1		Alarms
	暍	Technical

All the Viper functions can be accessed via these menus by selecting the required function (e.g. Climate), and pressing the rotary button

(an outline of the functions of the individual menus is provided at the start of each menu section).

lcon	Function	lcon	Function
25	Setting		Options
i	Reading	砲	More submenus
\square	Connect	~	Curve setting
	Disconnect	田	Entering of code/name

Tabel 2: Operating icons



2.2 Climate Functions in UltiMatic

2.2.1 🖌 Temperature

T.T.	1 st lovol		2 nd level
Inside	Temperature setpoint	22.0 °C	
temperature	Zone 1 offset	1.0 °C	
	Zone 2 offset	1.0 °C	
	Temp. setpoint w. addition	ns 22.0 °C	
	Current temp.	21.8 °C	
	Current tunnel temp.	20.0 °C	
	Heat zone 1-6 temp.	18.0 °C	
	Brooding zone 1-4 temp.	18.0 °C	
	Trend temperature		
	Lowest temp. 24 h	21.2 °C	
	Highest temp. 24 h	22.2 °C	
	Comfort temp.	2.0 °C	
	Starta vent.	2 °C	
Outside temperature	Outside temperature	20.7 °C	
temperature	Trend outside temp.		
Heating	Active		
	Heaters		Heater 1-6 temp. setpoint 18.0 °C
			Heater 1-6 demand 0 %
			Minimum heating 0 %
			Minimum heating activate - 5 °C
	Brooding heaters		Heater 1-4 temp. setpoint 18.0 °C
			Heater 1-4 demand 0 %
			Minimum heating 0 %
			Minimum heating activate



R			
A tt	1 st level		2 nd level
Cooling	Cooling requirement	0 %	
	Cooling temp.	2 °C	
	Stop cooling	85 %	
Night setback	Actual setback	0.0 °C	
	Night temp.	- 2 °C	
	Start time	20:00:00	
	Stop time	07:00:00	

 Table 1: Outline of the temperature menu (changeable values are highlighted in bold types)

2.2.1.1 Inside Temperature

_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Viper controls the inside temperature according to the set temperature. The house is heated by the heat generated by the animals and possibly by a heating system.

When the inside temperature is too high, the Viper computer increases ventilation by supplying more fresh air, and when the temperature is too low, the computer limits ventilation in order to maintain the heat in the house.

With Viper the house can be divided into three **Grow zones**. Each grow zone is assigned a number of temperature sensors to register the temperature in each zone. According to the age and the size of the animals Viper activates the zones (see the menu **Technical** / **Setup** / **Adjustment** / **Climate** / **Configuration** in the *Technical manual* regarding setting of number of grow zones).



When the individual temperature sensor has been assigned to a zone, it will be active only when the associated zone is active. Thus, the sensors in **Grow zone 2** and **3** are inactive when **Grow zone 2** and **3** are inactive. Viper's temperature indication therefore depends on which grow zone is active.

All menu items ... in the temperature menu Inside temperature can be set by

 \rightarrow pressing the menu key

企	Main menu
	Climate
比	Production

- 🖉 Management
- 🌒 Alarms
- 🔞 Technical

 \rightarrow select **Climate**, and press



	\rightarrow select Temperature , and press
① 《Temperature Return 予 Inside temperature 予 Outside temperature 予 Heating 予 Cooling	\rightarrow select Inside temperature , and press

2.2.1.1.1 Setting the Temperature Setpoint

When you want to ... set the temperature, open the Climate/Temperature/Inside temperature menu, and



2.2.1.1.2 Setting the Zone Offset

With zone control, you can set a temperature deviation for up to two zones in the house. In **Zone 1/2** offset, set the required temperature deviation from **Temperature setpoint** for each zone. **Zone 1 offset** is set either as a positive or negative value. Thus, the function works either as an addition or reduction of the set temperature of the house.





When you want to ... set zone 1/2 offset open the Climate/Temperature/Inside temperature menu, and



Repeat the setting for **Zone 2 offset**.

2.2.1.1.3 Temperature Setpoint with Additions

Temperature setpoint is the basis of the calculations, which Viper makes of the ventilation requirement. If, however, the computer is set up with the functions comfort temperature or humidity control at temperature reduction, the computer will adjust the temperature setpoint by increasing or reducing it a few degrees and calculate the ventilation requirement based on this.

2.2.1.1.4 Tunnel Temperature

Viper continuously calculates the current cooling in the house. **Current tunnel temp**. indicates the temperature, which the animals sense, i.e. the effective temperature.

When you want to ... read the effective temperature, open the Climate/Temperature/Inside temperature menu, and





2.2.1.1.5 Heat Zone Temperature

Viper can control the temperature in up to six heat zones at once. Heat zone 1 - 6 temp. indicate the temperature in each heat zone.

When you want to ... read the temperature in a heat zone, open the Climate/Temperature/Inside temperature menu, and



2.2.1.1.6 Brooding Zone Temperature

With Viper the house can be divided into three grow zones. Grow zone 1 can be divided into several smaller zones, brooding zones, where the heat is concentrated around a smaller area in the grow zone. Viper controls the temperature in the brooding zones and heats them by means of heaters.

When you want to ... read the temperature in a brooding zone, open the Climate/Temperature/Inside temperature menu, and



```
\rightarrow read Brooding zone 1 temp.
```

2.2.1.1.7 Temperature Curve

The **Trend temperature** curve provides you with a clear picture of the temperature development in the house during the last 24 hours.

When you want to ... read the temperature development in the house, open the Climate/Temperature/Inside temperature menu, and



 $\rightarrow\,$ select ${\tt Trend}\,$ temperature, and press





2.2.1.1.8 Lowest and Highest 24-hour Temperature

The 24h temperatures indicate the lowest and highest measured temperature within the last 24 hours.

2.2.1.1.9 Comfort Temperature

The comfort temperature is a function, which automatically increases the inside temperature to minimize possible draught problems in the house at extreme ventilation.

When Viper increases ventilation on warm days to keep the inside temperature down, the higher air speed in the house will make the air feel colder on the animals. Thus, for example 20 °C in calm weather feels warmer than 20 °C in windy weather.

To counteract the fact that the animals are chilled because of the higher air speed, Viper increases the inside temperature by the set **Comfort temp**. The inside temperature will then increase gradually by this number of degrees before ventilation increases to maximum. This temperature increase counteracts the fact that the animals feel the extreme ventilation as draught.

Viper activates the **Comfort temp**. function when the ventilation requirement is higher than the degree of ventilation to which the **Ventilation start** setting has been adjusted at setup.



When you want to ... set the comfort temperature, open the Climate/Temperature/Inside temperature menu, and



 \rightarrow select Comfort temp., and press





→ set a number of degrees, and when Yes is highlighted, press to save the change



Draught is a combination of high air speed and low temperature. Problems with draught in the house may therefore be caused by the fact that the indoor temperature has been set too low. Problems with draught can also result from situations with extreme ventilation in warm weather. The animals will go away from the areas in the house where they feel the draught.

2.2.1.1.10 Extra Ventilation

Extra ventilation is a function, which automatically increases the ventilation to cool the animals even at high outside temperatures.

Extra ventilation works by means of the capacity in the ventilation systems, which exceeds the calculated air requirement of the animals. It is not possible to bring the inside temperature down below the outside temperature, but the increased air speed in the house will cool the animals.

The Viper Climate and Production Computer activates the extra ventilation function so that ventilation gradually increases in steps when the inside temperature at maximum ventilation exceeds the **Temperature setpoint** by more than the number of degrees to which **Comfort temp**. has been set.



When you want to ... set extra ventilation, open the Climate/Temperature/Inside temperature menu, and



 \rightarrow select **Extra vent.**, and press





→ set a number of degrees, and when **Yes** is highlighted, press to save the change

The air speed is of great importance to the animals. The higher the air speed is, the more it cools. When the weather is warm, high air speed feels like a pleasant breeze. When the weather is cold, even low air speed feels like an unpleasant draught.

2.2.1.2 Outside Temperature and Outside Temperature Curve

Outside temperature indicates the current temperature outside the house. The Trend outside temp. curve indicates the temperature development outside the house during the last 24 hours.

When you want to ... read the temperature or the temperature development outside the house, open the Climate/Temperature menu, and



2.2.1.3 Heating

This section is relevant only to houses with heating systems.

In houses with heating systems, the Viper computer adjusts the inside temperature according to the set temperature and a lower temperature limit, for example Heater 1 temp. setpoint. Viper will gradually supply more heat when the inside temperature in the heat and brooding zones falls below the Heater 1 temp. setpoint.

Note that when you increase the **Temperature setpoint**, the **Heater 1 temp**. **setpoint** will automatically be increased correspondingly to ensure the same difference in degrees between the two settings.



2.2.1.3.1 Connecting or Disconnecting Heating

When you want to stop heating in the house, disconnect **Heating**. Viper will then automatically turn off heating.

If you turn off heating manually without disconnecting **Heating** on the Viper Climate and Production Computer, adjustment of the ventilation will be inappropriate as the computer will try to base its regulation on the belief that heating is still available.

When you disconnect heating in a house with a humidity sensor, Viper will automatically adjust air humidity according to the principle of temperature reduction (see the section on Humidity/Humidity Principles).

When you want to ... connect or disconnect heating, open the Climate/Temperature/Heating menu and



→ select Active, and press to connect or disconnect



2.2.1.3.2 Heaters

Viper controls the heating level of the house according to the climate conditions in the active grow zone of the house. When only 1/3 and 2/3 of the house are used as grow zone (**Grow zone 1** or **2**), Viper can control both the heaters in the active zones and ensure that they run at minimum in the inactive grow zones. This way, you avoid condensate on the curtains, and the inactive zones are heated faster when they are to be used as grow zones again. You can use up to six **Heaters**.

2.2.1.3.2.1 Setting the Heater Temperature and Reading the Heating Demand

In Heater 1 temp. setpoint, set the temperature, which is the lowest one allowed at the heater in question. When the inside temperature is lower than this setting, the heater supplies heat. Heater 1 demand indicates the heating demand percentage of the grow zone.

When you want to ... set the heater temperature or read the heater demand, open the Climate/Temperature/Heating/Heaters menu, and



Repeat the setting for the installed number of heaters.



 \rightarrow read Heater 1 demand



2.2.1.3.2.2 Setting Minimum Heating

Minimum heating is a function, which Viper will activate in cold weather. Minimum heating can, for example, minimize ice formation in the fresh air inlet.

When the outside temperature falls to the temperature setpoint for **Minimum heating**, the Viper computer supplies heat. The heating system will start with a set percentage of its capacity.



When you want to ... set minimum heating,

open the Climate/Temperature/Heating/Heaters menu, and

continuously when the outside temperature fluctuates around the temperature setpoint.





2.2.1.3.3 Brooding Heaters

Viper controls the heating in the brooding zones of the house, independently of the heating level in the rest of the house. As heating is concentrated around the brooding zones, the house temperature outside the zones can be kept down to reduce heating consumption. Viper controls the temperature in the brooding zones and heats them by means of heaters located in each zone. Each heater belongs to a specific brooding zone, and when you activate a brooding zone, you also activate the heater of the zone. You can use up to four **Brooding heaters**.

2.2.1.3.3.1 Setting the Brooding Heater Temperature and Reading the Heating Demand

In Heater 1 temp. setpoint, set the temperature, which is the lowest one allowed at the heater in question. When the inside temperature is lower than this setting, the heater supplies heat. Heater 1 demand indicates the heating demand percentage of the brooding zone.

When you want to ... set the brooding heater temperature or read the heating demand, open the Climate/Temperature/Heating/Brooding heaters menu and



Repeat the setting for the installed number of heaters.



 \rightarrow read Heater 1 demand

2.2.1.3.3.2 Connecting or Disconnecting Minimum Heating

When you want to ... connect or disconnect minimum heating, open the Climate/Temperature/Heating/Brooding heaters menu, and





2.2.1.4 Cooling

This section is relevant only to houses with cooling systems.

Cooling is used in houses where ventilation cannot reduce the inside temperature sufficiently. Cooling has the advantage over ventilation in that it can bring the inside temperature down below the outside temperature. On the other hand, cooling will also increase the air humidity in the house.

Viper activates cooling when the inside temperature rises above the **Temperature setpoint** by more than the number of degrees to which **Comfort temp**. and **Cooling** together have been set.



2.2.1.4.1 Setting Cooling

When you want to ... set cooling, open the Climate/Temperature/Cooling menu, and



2.2.1.4.2 Setting the Humidity Limit for Cooling

When you want to ... set a humidity limit for cooling, open the Climate/Temperature/Cooling menu, and





The combination of a high inside temperature and high air humidity can be life threatening to the animals. As cooling makes the house humidity increase, Viper will automatically disconnect cooling when the house humidity exceeds **Stop cooling** (normally 75-85 %).

2.2.1.5 Night Setback

Night setback is designed to lower the inside temperature for at set period every night to support the natural behaviour of the animals. Thus, a lower inside temperature will make the animals experience a normal circadian rhythm. Furthermore, the ventilation level will be relatively higher, thus ensuring a better air quality.

When the function has been activated, you can read the current night setback in the display. The function cannot be activated when the house is set to empty house.



The inside temperature will gradually adapt to the night setback within the period of time the been set to last.



When you want to ... set a temperature for night setback, open the Climate/Temperature menu, and



When you want to ... set a period for night setback, open the Climate/Temperature/Night setback menu, and



This function is designed for a nightly temperature setback, but can be set to run at any time and to let the temperature rise (by setting the value to a positive figure).



At batch production, the function can be set to lower the temperature automatically during the batch. See the Management/Batch curves/Climate menu for information about how to set a curve for night setback.



2.2.2 # Humidity

1 st level	2 nd level
Active	
Current humidity 74 % RH	
Humidity setpoint 75 % RH	
Humidification 45 % RH	
i Humidification requirement 0 %	
Trend humidity	
Lowest humidity 24 h 72 %	
i Highest humidity 24 h 76 %	



This section is relevant only to houses with humidity sensors.

The Viper Climate and Production Computer adjusts the house air humidity according to the humidity setpoint. Humidity is supplied to the house air partly from animals, feed, drinking water and litter, and partly from the cooling and humidification functions.

When the air humidity is higher than **Humidity** setpoint, the computer will increase ventilation to reduce the humidity level. When air humidity is lower than the setting, the computer will first reduce ventilation (when allowed by the temperature adjustment) and then activate humidification if the house has a humidification system.

All menu items ... under the Humidity menu can be set by



2.2.2.1 Humidity Control

2.2.2.1.1 Connecting or Disconnecting Humidity Control

When humidity control has been disconnected, the Viper computer regulates ventilation according solely to the inside temperature.

When you want to ... connect or disconnect humidity control, open the Climate/Humidity menu, and

企	∥ Humidity	
	Return	
Ŋ	Active	
i	Current humidity	82%
-34	Humidity setpoint	85%
-34	Humidification	
	setpoint	45%

 $\rightarrow~$ select Active, and press to connect or disconnect

2.2.2.1.2 Setting the Air Humidity

When you want to ... set air humidity, open the Climate/Humidity menu, and



2.2.2.2 Humidification

This section is relevant only to houses with humidification systems.

Humidification increases the air humidity of the house by supplying atomized water to the air. It is important to maintain a certain air humidity, among other things to prevent dehydration of the animals' mucous membranes.

Viper Climate and Production Computer increases humidification as long as the air humidity is below the Humidification setpoint.



2.2.2.1 Setting Humidification

When you want to ... set humidification, open the Climate/Humidity menu, and



- \rightarrow select Humidification setpoint, and press
- \rightarrow set a percentage, and when **Yes** is highlighted, press to save the change





2.2.2.3 Humidity Curve

The **Trend humidity** curve indicates the humidity level in the house during the last 24 hours.

When you want to ... read the humidity development in the house, open the Climate/Humidity menu, and

2.2.2.4 Humidity Control Principle

With the Viper computer, you can adjust house humidity according to the humidity control principle with temperature reduction. In your daily work, you are only to adjust humidity via Humidity setpoint.

Humidity Control with Temperature Reduction 2.2.2.4.1

Viper Climate and Production Computer can be set up with the temperature reduction humidity principle when the animals can tolerate a temperature drop at high air humidity. This function limits the use of heating in the house, but it cannot keep the air humidity on the set humidity.

2.2.2.4.1.1 Temperature Reduction with Heating

When the Viper Climate and Production Computer has been set up to control humidity according to the temperature reduction principle, the computer will adjust a too high humidity level by reducing the setting of the inside temperature by a few degrees (Reduction).

At a lower temperature setting, Viper will thus increase ventilation and consequently the air change. When this has made the inside temperature fall, ventilation will decrease to minimum ventilation in order to limit the heat loss from ventilation. If this is insufficient to maintain the reduced Heating temperature, the computer will gradually supply more heat.

2.2.2.4.1.2 Temperature Reduction without Heating

When you have disconnected heating, Viper will automatically adjust the air humidity according to the temperature reduction principle.

The humidity control process is the same as for heating until the point where ventilation is reduced to minimum ventilation. Without heating, the inside temperature could continue to fall below the Heating temperature.

humidity setpoint by 5 %.

Humidity control counteracts poor air quality and may also contribute to ensuring good litter. If the air and litter is good, the humidity setting may be increased, thus ensuring heat savings. Conversely, poor air and litter requires a lower humidity setting.

	1 st level			2 nd level	
i	Ventilation requirement	49 %			
i	Min. ventilation	9.3 %			
¥:	Min. vent./animal 0.	.15 m³/h			
N:	Min. ventilation	9.3 %			
34	Max. ventilation	300 %			
暍	Zone inlets		X	Max. deviation	1.0 °C
			X	Max. change	20 %
멶	2-zone outlets		i	Ventilation Z1	27.2 %
			i	Ventilation Z2	27.2 %
			×:	Max. deviation	3.0 °C
			×.	Max. change	30 %
暍	CO ₂ min. ventilation		Ø	Active	
			i	CO ₂	2000 ppm
			i	CO ₂ minimum ventilation	20.0 %
			X	CO ₂ setpoint	3000 ppm
凫	Ventilation status		i	Side inlet 1-6	49 %
			i	Air outlet 1/2	80 %
			i	Stepless 1/2	70 %
			i	Side stage fan 1-16	OFF
			i	MultiStep 1-8	OFF

2.2.3 • Ventilation

Table 3: Outline of the ventilation menu (changeable values are highlighted in bold types)

The house ventilation consists of an air intake and an air outlet. Apart from supplying fresh air to the house, the ventilation is to remove humidity and excess heat, if any.

Viper continuously adjusts the ventilation according to a calculation of the current ventilation requirement. Thus, the computer will increase or limit ventilation according to whether the inside temperature and air humidity are too high or too low.

When you want to adjust ventilation, the question is primarily which limits you want to set for how much or how little the ventilation is to run.

All menu items in the ventilation menu can be set by			
	\rightarrow pressing the menu key		
 Main menu Climate Production Management Alarms Technical 	\rightarrow select Climate, and press		
 	\rightarrow select Ventilation , and press		

2.2.3.1 Minimum Ventilation

The minimum ventilation function supplies exactly the amount of air required in the house to ensure an acceptable air quality. The function is particularly relevant during periods of cold weather when it is not necessary to ventilate in order to reduce the inside temperature.

Viper calculates the necessary minimum ventilation based on the animals' requirement for fresh air. You can read the minimum ventilation either as a percentage of the ventilation system capacity or as m^3/h per animal. The system will never ventilate less than the indicated minimum ventilation.

2.2.3.1.1 Setting the Minimum Ventilation per Animal

The animals' requirement for fresh air varies, depending on breed and weight. You must state the requirement as cubic metre air per hour (m^3/h) per animal. You can find the correct figure in the technical literature or ask your adviser if in doubt.

Please note that the correct number of animals must be set in the Management menu.

When you want to ... set minimum ventilation per animal, open the Climate/ventilation menu, and

2.2.3.1.2 Setting the Minimum Ventilation

When you want to ... set minimum ventilation as a percentage of the ventilation system capacity open the Climate/ventilation menu, and

ြာ 🕂 Ventilation	
Return Ventilation requirement 100.0% Min.ventilation 0.1% Max.ventilation 300% B Zone inlets	\rightarrow select Min. ventilation, and press
Min. ventilation	
0.1%	\rightarrow set a value, and when Yes is highlighted, press to save the change
Minimum : 0.0 Maximum : 100.0	

2.2.3.2 Maximum Ventilation

The maximum ventilation function sets a limit to how much of the ventilation system capacity (in per cent) the computer can activate. 100 % ventilation corresponds to the animals' calculated requirement, while ventilation utilising the total capacity of the system may reach, for example 160 % (see also the section regarding extra ventilation).

The function can be relevant to use during very high outside temperatures where ventilation utilising the total system capacity would make the inside temperature exceed the required setting. The function can also prevent, for example, small animals from being exposed to excessive ventilation.

When you want to ignore the function, you must set Max. ventilation to 300 % (factory setting). This way, you make sure that no limit has actually been set for how much of the ventilation system capacity that can be used.

2.2.3.2.1 Setting the Maximum Ventilation

When you want to ... set maximum ventilation, open the Climate/ventilation menu, and

The ventilation is mainly to remove the water vapour, which comes from animals and manure, among other things. At the same time, the ventilation removes heat. However, this heat loss is necessary to be able to reduce the air humidity.

2.2.3.3 Zone Control – Air Intake

This section is relevant only to houses with zone controlled air intake.

Viper can control the air intake in up to six zones. Side inlets outside the active grow zone will be closed. With zone control, the zone air intake can be regulated independently of the general house air intake.

2.2.3.3.1 Setting Maximum Deviation

When Viper registers temperature deviations from the set temperature, **Temperature** setpoint, the computer regulates the position of the zone air intake.

In the Max. deviation menu, set the temperature deviation required before the zone air intake is regulated to its maximum deviation, which is a deviation from the position of the general air intake of the house (see Max. change). Viper activates the Max. change function when temperature deviations are equal to or higher than the number of degrees set in Max. deviation.

At temperature deviations lower than the number of degrees set in Max. deviation, the zone inlet position is regulated too. Viper calculates the regulation of the air intake based on your settings in Max. deviation.

Example 11: Zone air intake position	
Set Max. deviation:	1.0 °C
Set Max. change:	20 %
Temperature deviation:	0.5 °C
Deviation of zone air intake position:	10 %

When you want to ... set maximum deviation, open the Climate/Ventilation/Zone inlets menu, and

2.2.3.3.2 Setting Maximum Change

In the Max. change menu, you are to set a limit for how much the zone intake position is allowed to deviate from the position of the general house air intake.

When you want to ... set maximum change open the Climate/Ventilation/Zone inlets menu, and

2.2.3.4 Zone Control – Air Outlet

This section is relevant only to houses with the MultiStep system.

Viper can control air outlet with the MultiStep system in two zones with one stepless exhaust unit and four ON/OFF exhaust units in each zone.

2.2.3.4.1 Reading the Ventilation Requirement

When you want to ... read the ventilation requirement of a zone open the Climate/ventilation/2-zone outlets menu, and

企	2-zone outlets	
	Return	
i	Ventilation Z1	68.1%
i	Ventilation Z2	62.6%
-34	Max. deviation	
		3.0°C
-34	Max. change	30×

 \rightarrow read the required menu item

2.2.3.4.2 Setting Maximum Deviation

When Viper registers temperature deviations from the set temperature of the zones, the computer regulates the position of the zone air outlet.

In the Max. deviation menu, set the temperature deviation required before the zone air outlet is regulated to its maximum deviation, which is a deviation from the position of the general air outlet of the house (see Max. change). Viper activates the Max. change function when temperature deviations are equal to or higher than the number of degrees set in Max. deviation.

At temperature deviations lower than the number of degrees set in Max. deviation, the zone outlet position is regulated too. Viper calculates the regulation of the air outlet based on your settings in Max. deviation.

Example 12: Zone air outlet position	
Set Max. deviation:	3.0 °C
Set Max. change:	30 %
Temperature deviation:	1.5 °C
Deviation of zone air outlet position:	15 %

When you want to ... set maximum deviation open the Climate/ventilation/2-zone outlets menu, and

企 2-zone outlets	
Return Ventilation Z1 100.0% Ventilation Z2 100.0% Max. deviation 3.0°C Max. change 30%	\rightarrow select Max. deviation, and press
Max. deviation	
3.0°C	→ set a value, and when Yes is highlighted, press to save the change
Minimum : 0.0 Maximum : 10.0	

2.2.3.4.3 Setting Maximum Change

In the Max. change menu, you are to set a limit for how much the zone outlet position is allowed to deviate from the position of the general house air outlet.

When you want to ... set maximum change open the Climate/Ventilation/2-zone outlets menu, and

2.2.3.5 CO₂ Minimum Ventilation

The CO_2 minimum ventilation is active when minimum ventilation is active. Viper's CO_2 function either increases or limits the minimum ventilation and the current ventilation level, depending on the CO_2 content of the house air, i.e. whether or not it is higher or lower than the CO_2 setpoint.

When the ventilation level of the house is higher than Min. ventilation, the CO_2 function is in principle disconnected, but if the CO_2 content of the house air exceeds the CO_2 setpoint, the CO_2 function increases the ventilation.

Minimum ventilation is reduced, if the CO_2 level is below the CO_2 setpoint.

In order to prevent a defective CO_2 sensor from causing a ventilation level which is far to low or high, Viper disconnects the CO_2 function and activates **Min**. **ventilation** when the CO_2 values from the sensor are either too high or too low in relation to what is realistic. Viper also disconnects the CO_2 function if the temperature in the house cannot be maintained due to malfunctioning heaters.

2.2.3.5.1 Connecting or Disconnecting Minimum Ventilation

When you want to ... connect or disconnect CO_2 minimum ventilation, open the Climate/ventilation/CO₂ min. ventilation menu, and

企	C02	min.	vent	ilation
	R	eturn	1	
Ŋ	Act	ive		
i	C02			3000ppm
i	CO2	mini	mum	
	ven	tilat	ion	30.00%
-34	C02	setp	oint	2000ppm

 \rightarrow select Active, and press to connect or disconnect

2.2.3.5.2 CO₂ and CO₂ Minimum Ventilation

In the CO_2 menu, you can see the content of CO_2 in the house air. The CO_2 minimum ventilation menu indicates how large a percentage of the system capacity that is used to maintain the CO_2 setpoint.

When you want to ... read CO_2 and CO_2 minimum ventilation, open the Climate/Ventilation/CO₂ min. ventilation menu, and

2.2.3.5.3 Setting the CO₂ Setpoint

In CO_2 setpoint, set the maximum CO_2 level allowed in the house. Viper will make sure to ventilate so that the CO_2 content of the house air does not exceed the CO_2 setpoint.

When you want to ... set the CO₂ setpoint, open the Climate/Ventilation/CO₂ min. ventilation menu, and

 CO2 min. ventilation Return ✓ Active i CO2 3000ppm i CO2 minimum ventilation 30.00% ※ CO2 setpoint 2000ppm 	\rightarrow select CO ₂ setpoint, and press
CO2 setpoint 2000ppm ^{Minim} 10000	→ set a value, and when Yes is highlighted, press to save the change

2.2.3.6 Ventilation Status

2.2.3.6.1 Stepless and MultiStep Position

The air outlet in the house consists partly of one or more stepless exhaust units, and partly of groups of ON/OFF exhaust units. The stepless exhaust unit is variable as the computer can adjust the motor performance and flap opening of the fan while the fans in the other exhaust units are either on or off.

The ventilation system starts by connecting the stepless exhaust unit. When the ventilation requirement exceeds the capacity of the stepless exhaust unit, a group of the other exhaust units are connected while the output of the stepless exhaust unit is reduced. This way, the computer ensures stepless transition from one ventilation level to the next. If the ventilation requirement is further increased, the stepless exhaust unit will again run up to its maximum until it reduces its output when the next group of ON/OFF exhaust units is connected.

All exhaust units in the house are marked to indicate whether it is a stepless or an ON/OFF exhaust unit. Thus, the latter are numbered according to which MultiStep they belong. This way, it is possible to recognize the individual exhaust units and compare their actual output with the status that you can read in the **Ventilation** menu. This is particularly relevant in connection with fault finding.

2.2.3.6.2 Flap Opening

The flap opening is a percentage indication of how much the flaps of both the air intake and the air outlet are open. If you are in doubt about the actual ventilation output, you can compare the reading of the ventilation status in the ventilation menu with the output that you can actually observe in the house. Thus, the percentage indications are particularly relevant in connection with fault finding.

When you want to ... read the ventilation status, open the Climate/Ventilation menu, and

企	🖶 Ventilation	
-34	Max. ventilation	300%
出	Zone inlets	
圮	2-zone outlets	
昂	CO2 min. ventila	tion
圮	Ventilation stat	us
企	Ventilation stat	tus
	Return	
i	Side inlet 1	82%
i	Side inlet 2	82%
i	Side inlet 3	82%
i	Side inlet 4	82%
	Air outlet 1	825

- \rightarrow select <code>ventilation status</code>, and press
- \rightarrow read the required menu item

2.2.4 🖾 Tunnel

1 st level			2 nd level	
i Current air speed	0.0 m/s			
Min. air speed	0.6 m/s			
i Max. air speed	3.0 m/s			
Current chill factor	2.5			
Outside temp. limit	21 °C			
i Current tunnel start temp.	0.0 °C			
i Current tunnel stop temp.	lim. 0.0 °C			
Heat allowed in tunnel				
면 Pad cooling		i	Cool demand	0 %
		i	Pad temperature	28.0 °C
		84	Start speed	1.50 m/s
		84	Stop speed	1.20 m/s
		84	Cool temperature	2.0 °C
		84	Humidity limit	85 %
다. Tunnel status		i	Tunnel inlet 1-2	0 %
		i	Tunnel stage fan 1-16	OFF
		i	Tunnel MultiStep 1-8	OFF

Table 4: Outline of the tunnel menu (changeable values are highlighted in bold types)

This section is relevant only to houses with tunnel ventilation.

Tunnel ventilation is used at high temperatures and when the air intake through wall outlets and curtains is insufficient to keep the animals chilled. For tunnel ventilation, air is taken in through a pad cooling system located at one end of the house. Air is vented out through several gable fans at the other end of the house, which makes the air move in a lengthwise direction in the house. The gable fans ensure high air speed in the house and with the effect of the pad cooling the temperature in the house is reduced. Pads are kept moist through recirculation of water, and the gable fans automatically draw fresh air through the moist pads and absorb water vapour from them.

The high air speed at tunnel ventilation makes the measured temperature feel colder, making it more comfortable for the animals.

All menu items in the Tunnel menu can be read and set by		
	\rightarrow pressing the menu key	
 Main menu Climate Production Management Alarms Technical 	\rightarrow select Climate , and press	
 Climate Return Temperature Humidity Ventilation Tunnel 	\rightarrow select Tunnel , and press	

2.2.4.1 Air Speed

Viper continuously calculates the current air speed in the house; you can read the speed in the **Current air speed** menu.

In **Min. air speed**, set the lowest air speed, which can be accepted in tunnel mode. If the speed is too low, the temperature difference between the two ends of the house will be too high. Therefore, there is a lower limit for the air speed in tunnel mode.

When you want to ... read the current air speed or set the minimum air speed, open the Climate/Tunnel menu, and

2.2.4.2 Maximum Air Speed

The Viper computer calculates the maximum air speed, which can be achieved in tunnel mode.

When you want to ... read the maximum air speed, open the Climate/Tunnel menu, and

企	🔊 Tunne l		
	Return		
i	Current air spe	ed	\rightarrow read Max. air speed
		0.0m/s	
- 543	Min. air speed	0.6m/s	
i	Max. air speed	0.0m/s	

2.2.4.3 Setting the Chill Factor

Under **Current chill factor**, indicate the degree of chill, which the animals will feel at an air speed of 1 m/s on the current day number.

The chill factor depends on the age and breed of the animals; the younger the animals are, the colder they feel the temperature at a given air speed. For full-grown animals, chilling at an air speed of 1.5 m/s will, for example feel like: $1.5 \text{ m/s} \times \text{chill factor } 3 = 4.5 \text{ °C}$. For day-old chickens, chilling will feel like: $1.5 \text{ m/s} \times \text{chill factor } 8 = 12 \text{ °C}$.

When you want to ... set the current chill factor, open the Climate/Tunnel menu, and

2.2.4.4 Outside Temperature Limitation and Current Tunnel Start Temperature

The Viper computer calculates which outside temperature is required before tunnel ventilation can be activated. The outside temperature must be equal to or higher than the **Outside temp**. limit.

In **Current tunnel start temp.**, you can see at which inside temperature tunnel ventilation is activated.

The computer also calculates which inside temperature is required before tunnel ventilation can be stopped. The inside temperature must be equal to or lower than the **Current tunnel stop temp**. lim.

Tunnel ventilation cannot be activated until both the outside and inside temperatures are sufficiently high.

2.2.4.5 Connecting or Disconnecting Heat Allowed in Tunnel

When heating is required in houses ventilated by means of tunnel ventilation only, you can connect the **Heat allowed in tunnel** function.

When you want to ... connect or disconnect Heat allowed in tunnel, open the Climate/Tunnel menu, and

2.2.4.6 Pad Cooling

2.2.4.6.1 Cool Demand and Pad Temperature

Cool demand indicates the current cooling demand in tunnel ventilation. Cool demand is a value calculated between 0 and 100 %.

Pad temperature indicates the current temperature on the inside of the moist pads.

2.2.4.6.2 Setting the Air Speed at Start and Stop of Cooling

In the **Start speed** menu, set the air speed required before pad cooling is to start. In **Stop speed**, indicate the air speed required before pad cooling is to stop.

When you want to ... set the start and stop speed, open the Climate/Tunnel/Pad cooling menu, and

2.2.4.6.3 Setting the Cooling Temperature

In the **Cool temperature** menu, you can set an additional number of degrees by which the inside temperature is to increase before pad cooling is activated. The additional number of degrees set in **Cool Temperature** will be added to the **Temperature** setpoint + (Start speed x Chill factor).

Example 13: Start of pad cooling		
Temperature setpoint:	23 °C	
Start speed:	3.0 m/s	
Chill factor:	2.5	
Cool temperature:	2 °C	
Calculation:	$23 + (3.0 \times 2.5) + 2$	
Start of pad cooling:	32.5 °C	

When you want to ... set cool temperature, open the Climate/Tunnel/Pad cooling menu, and

- \rightarrow select Cool temperature, and press
- \rightarrow set a temperature, and when **Yes** is highlighted, press to save the change

2.2.4.6.4 Setting Stop Cooling - Humidity Limit

When the house humidity is equal to or higher than the setting for Humidity limit, Viper stops the pad cooling.

When you want to ... set Humidity limit, open the Climate/Tunnel/Pad cooling menu, and

Pad coolingi Cool demand0%i Pad temperature 28.0°CX Start speed1.50m/sStop speed1.20m/sCool temperature 2.0°CX Humidity limit852	\rightarrow select Humidity limit, and press
介 Humidity limit	
85%	\rightarrow set a value, and when Yes is highlighted, press to save the change
Minimum : 0 Maximum : 125	

The combination of a high house temperature and high air humidity can be life threatening to the animals. Pad cooling should, therefore, be disconnected when the air humidity is very high as cooling will increase the air humidity further.

2.2.4.7 Tunnel Status

Tunnel ventilation consists partly of one or two stepless air intakes, and partly of a number of ON/OFF exhaust units. The flap opening is a percentage indication of how much the air intake is open (Tunnel inlet 1/2). At Tunnel stage fan or Tunnel MultiStep, the exhaust units are either on or off (ON/OFF).

When you want to ... read the Tunnel status, open the Climate/Tunnel menu, and

企	🏠 Tunne l		
	Current tunnel stop temp.lim. 23.5°C Pad cooling Tunnel status	\rightarrow select Tunnel status , and press	
٦	Tunnel statusReturnTunnel inlet 153%	read the required many item	

2.2.5 **U** Pressure Control

陷	1 st level		2 nd level
	i Pressure demand	0 %	
	Pressure setpoint	20 Pa	
	i Pressure regulator actual value	20 Pa	

 Table 5: Outline of the pressure control menu (changeable values are highlighted in bold types)

This section is relevant only to houses with pressure sensors.

By means of a pressure sensor, the Viper computer can control the pressure level in the house. On the basis of the sensor measurements, Viper controls the opening of the flaps; this way, it maintains the required pressure level in the house (**Pressure setpoint**).

All menu items ... in the **Pressure control** menu can be set and read by

	\rightarrow pressing the menu key
 Main menu ● Climate 哈 Production ○ Management ● Alarms ● Technical 	\rightarrow select Climate, and press
 ↑ Climate Temperature <i>↓</i> Humidity Ventilation <u>↓</u> Tunnel Pressure control 	\rightarrow select Pressure control , and press

2.2.5.1 Reading the Pressure Demand

The **Pressure demand** menu item is a percentage indication of how much the flaps in the active grow zone are to be open to maintain the **Pressure setpoint**.

When you want to ... read the pressure demand, open the Climate/Pressure control menu, and

2.2.5.2 Setting and Reading the Pressure Level

In the **Pressure setpoint** menu, indicate the pressure level which Viper is to maintain. You can read the current pressure level in the house under the menu item **Pressure regulator actual value**.

When you want to ... set the pressure or read the pressure level, open the Climate/Pressure control menu, and

- $\rightarrow\,$ select <code>Pressure setpoint</code>, and press
- \rightarrow set a value, and when **Yes** is highlighted, press to save the change
- \rightarrow read the menu item

S		
	1 st level	2 nd level
	다. Aux. sensor 1-4	CO ₂ sensor 3000 ppm
		Trend aux. sensor 1-4
		i Press. sensor 20 pa
		Trend aux. sensor 1-4
		i NH ₃ sensor 0 ppm
		Trend aux. sensor 1-4
		C ₂ sensor 0 ppm
		Trend aux. sensor 1-4
		Temperature sensor 22.0 °C
		Trend aux. sensor 1-4
		Humidity sensor 74.0 %
		Trend aux. sensor 1-4
		Air speed sensor 1.5 m/s
		Trend aux. sensor 1-4
		Wind direction sensor 0
		Trend aux. sensor 1-4

2.2.6 / Auxiliary Sensors

Table 6: Outline of the auxiliary sensors menu

This section is relevant only to houses with auxiliary sensors.

Viper regulates the ventilation in the house on the basis of the registrations it receives from the installed auxiliary sensors. The Aux. sensors menu gives you a quick overview of Viper's registrations from the auxiliary sensors.

Depending on the content of CO₂, NH₃, O₂ and humidity in the house air, as well as the pressure and temperature, Viper will either increase or limit ventilation in the house. Furthermore, you can connect air speed and wind direction sensors that allow you to measure the wind direction and air speed outside the house. Viper can be connected to up to four auxiliary sensors; the Aux. sensors menu display depends on which types of auxiliary sensors you install.

All menu items in the Aux.	sensors menu can be read by
	\rightarrow pressing the menu key
 Main menu Climate Production Management Alarms Technical 	\rightarrow select Climate, and press
Climate Humidity Ventilation Tunnel Pressure control Aux. sensors	\rightarrow select Aux. sensors, and press

2.2.6.1 Reading the Auxiliary Sensors

When you want to ... read the current value of an auxiliary sensor; open the Climate/Aux. sensors menu, and

🏦 🛛 🖉 Aux. sensors	
Return 원 Aux. sensor 1 원 Aux. sensor 2 원 Aux. sensor 3 원 Aux. sensor 4	\rightarrow select Aux . sensor 1 , and press
 Aux. sensor 1 Return CO2 Sensor 3000ppm ✓ Trend aux. sensor 1 	\rightarrow read the sensor registration
_	

Repeat the reading for the installed number of sensors.

2.2.6.2 Auxiliary Sensor Curve

The auxiliary sensor trend curve indicates the registrations from the auxiliary sensor during the last 24 hours.

When you want to ... read the trend curve, open the Climate/Aux. sensors/Aux. sensor 1, and

企 Aux. sensor 1	
Return i CO2 Sensor 3000ppm <u> Y</u> Trend aux. sensor 1	\rightarrow select Trend aux. sensor 1 , and press
⚠ 🗠 Trend aux. sensor 1	
	\rightarrow press the arrow keys to read the exact time and figure values
08:30 ppm	\rightarrow press the enter key to return to the Aux . sensor 1 menu
20.0ppm	

Repeat the reading for the installed number of sensors.

	umption		
	4 st lough		ond level
· —	1 level		2 level
Ventilation	This 4-hour period	78 %	
consumption	Previous 4-hour period	d 88 %	
	These 24 hours	110 %	
	Previous 24 hours	107 %	
	Total this batch	35.3 H	

2.2.7 🕆 Consumption

Table 7: Outline of the consumption menu

Viper Climate and Production Computer enables you to follow the development of the ventilation consumption. You can read both the current consumption and the consumption in relation to previous consumption indications.

All menu items ... in the consumption menu can be read by

2.2.7.1 Ventilation Consumption

Ventilation consumption is calculated as the average output for the previous four hours and for the previous 24 hours. This output is converted into an average figure for the number of hours with 100 % ventilation during the entire batch process.

The short periodic calculations enable you to analyse deviations in the ventilation process at an earlier stage; this is particularly useful in connection with fault finding.

When you want to ... read the ventilation consumption, open the Climate/Consumption menu, and

企	Consumption		
Re	turn		
飞 Vent	ilation	\rightarrow	sele
CONS	amperon		
企	Ventilation		
Re	turn		
i This	4-hour period O	.00%	read
i Prev	ious 4-hour per 98	riod .00%	

- \rightarrow select <code>Ventilation</code> consumption, and press
- \rightarrow read the various statements

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