

## HOME – THE RED LIGHT IS ON/BLINKING - TROUBLESHOOTING STEPS

Please try the following solutions for the listed causes.

| Cause  | Solution   |
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| <p>The Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) has been triggered.</p> | <p>Determine the blinking pattern:</p> <p><b>Solid red light</b> – press the on/off button to reset the GFCI.</p> <p>If the red light on your unit is located at the TOP or on the RIGHT side of the thermostat and the red light does not turn off, this indicates that there is a ground fault in the heating system. Contact your electrician or installer to verify the wiring and test the system with a digital multimeter.</p> <p><b>Slow blink</b> - Press the on/off button to reset the GFCI.</p> <p><b>Fast blink</b> - This indicates that there is a ground fault in the heating system. Call your electrician or installer to verify the wiring and test the system with a digital multimeter.</p> |

*\*Please note: if the **GFCI Test Button** was pressed, the screen will display “GFCI Error – Ground fault detected” and the **RED** light will be activated. This is normal. Cancel the error message by pressing the Reset Button (on the right side of the thermostat) once.*

If the causes above do not solve the issue, please follow the instructions below.

### Steps for Homeowner:

1. At the thermostat location, press the reset button located on the bottom right side of the thermostat faceplate once to see if the error message and **RED** light will reset ([click here to open the Operating Manual for reference](#)).
  1. If the error message and **RED** light disappear, set the thermostat to ‘Heat’ and allow the floor to heat up.
    1. If the floor heats and the error message and **RED** light do not reappear, continue to operate the system normally.
    2. If the thermostat trips the GFCI as soon as the heating indicators are displayed on the screen, please call your electrician and proceed to electrician troubleshooting (Step 2).
  2. If the error message and **RED** light do not disappear, turn **OFF** the circuit breaker controlling the floor heating circuit. Leave the breaker **OFF** for 10 Seconds, then turn the breaker back **ON**.

1. If the thermostat resets and the floor heats up, continue to operate the system normally.
2. If the thermostat displays the error message and **RED** light as soon as the power is turned back **ON**, contact an electrician and have them come to the site to perform steps 2 to 6.

### Steps for Electrician:

1. At the breaker panel, turn **OFF** the circuit breaker controlling the floor heating circuit.
  1. Confirm the supply breaker is a standard breaker (not GFCI)
    1. If the breaker is a GFCI, replace with a standard breaker and attempt to heat the floor.
  2. Confirm if the supply breaker is a dedicated line, only connected to the floor heating system.
    - If the line is shared with other appliances, correct the wiring to comply with installation requirements (dedicated circuit).
2. At the thermostat location, remove the faceplate (there is a small screw at the bottom of the faceplate – loosen the screw but do not remove it) and remove the thermostat base from wall.
3. Disconnect the mat/cable (load) wires connected to terminals 1 & 4 on the thermostat backplate.
4. Using a digital multimeter with a fully charged battery set to 200 Ohms, perform the **Resistance** and **Insulation** tests. Instructions for how to perform these tests can be found in the HOME Manual [here](#).

### **Testing notes:**

*Ensure all **Insulation** and **Resistance** testing is done at the factory cold lead location. If the mat or cable cold lead (load wire) has been terminated in a junction box (other than the thermostat location), you will need to access and test from the factory cold lead location.*

*If there are multiple cold leads (load wires) from the floor, test each mat/cable cold lead separately and record your findings for each.*

*For 240 V mats or cables that are 20 sq. ft. or smaller, you will need to set your digital multi-meter to 2K ohms*

1. If the ohms reading for the **Resistance** test is outside the testing parameters (more than 10% above / 5% below or showing an open line) then the heating element has been affected and will need to be inspected by a technician.
  - Measure the voltage on the line side of the thermostat and ensure that it is the same voltage the load is rated for.
    - If the line voltage matches the load voltage, click [here](#) to fill out a repair request form.

- If the line voltage measured is higher than the voltage rating for the load, the heating element is not repairable.
2. If the ohms reading for the **Insulation** test is outside the testing parameters (any ohms reading other than an open line) then the heating element has been affected and will need to be inspected by a technician.
    - Measure the voltage on the line side of the thermostat and ensure that it is the same voltage the load is rated for
      - If the line voltage matches the load voltage, click [here](#) to fill out a repair request form.
      - If the line voltage measured is higher than the voltage rating for the load the heating element is not repairable.
5. If the **Insulation** and **Resistance** tests pass inspection (Step 5), the next step is to test the thermostats built-in GFCI.
    1. At the breaker panel, turn **OFF** the circuit breaker controlling the floor heating circuit.
      - Disconnect the mat/cable (load) wires connected to terminals 1 & 4 on the thermostat backplate.
      - Turn **ON** the circuit breaker controlling the floor heating circuit.
      - If it did not come on by itself, press & hold the **ON/OFF** button (located on the bottom right side of the thermostat faceplate) for 4 seconds.
      - Set the thermostat to '**Heat**' the floor
    2. If the thermostat **trips the GFCI with no load attached**, then the thermostat's GFCI will need to be replaced. Click [here](#) to complete the Thermostat Backplate Replacement Form.
    3. If the thermostat **DOES NOT trip the GFCI**
      - Reattach the mat/cable (load) wires to thermostat terminals 1 & 4 and set the thermostat to a '**Heat**'.
        - If the thermostat trips the GFCI only when a load is attached then the issue is in the floor and a site visit from a repair technician is required. Click [here](#) to fill out a repair request form.