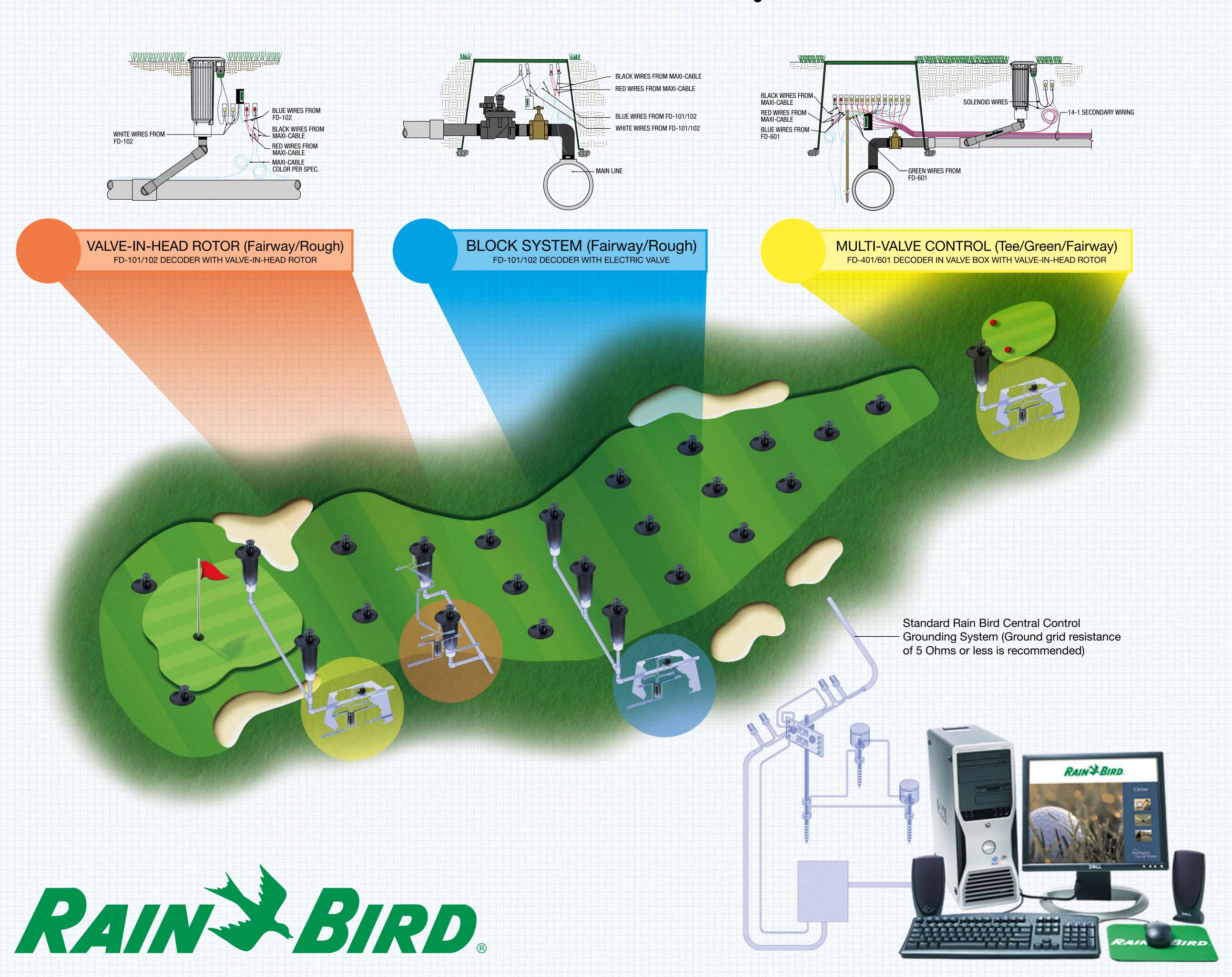
## Rain Bird® Decoder Systems



## Benefits

- Easy, cost-effective installation with up to 80% less wire.
- Simple to troubleshoot with built-in diagnostics at the central control.
- Easy expandability, aesthetically pleasing and reduced opportunity for vandalism.

Maximum Critical Path Lengths for Two-Wire Paths					
		Maximum Length for Critical Path			
Nominal Wire Ohms/1000'		Loop		Star	
Size	Ohms/Km	Km	Miles	Km	Miles
2.5 mm <sup>2</sup>	15.00 Ohms/Km	12.0	7.5	3.0	1.8
14 AWG	2.58 Ohms/1000'	15.2	9.6	3.8	2.4
12 AWG	1.62 Ohms/1000'	24.4	15.2	6.1	3.8
10 AWG	1.02 Ohms/1000'	39.2	24.4	9.8	6.1

Characteristic Table for Various Decoder Models					
Decoder Model	Number of Addresses Per Decoder	Maximum Number of Solenoids Per Address	Maximum Addresses Operating at Once	Current Draw (mA) at Rest Per Decoder	
FD-101	1	1	1	0.5 mA	
FD-102	1	2	1	0.5 mA	
FD-202	2	2	2	1.0 mA	
FD-401 <sup>†</sup>	4	1	4	1.0 mA	
FD-601 <sup>†</sup>	6	1	4	1.0 mA	
†Has LSP-1 surge protection built-in.					

Design Criteri	Design Criteria for Decoder Systems				
Condition	CIRRUS	NIMBUS II	STRATUS II	STRATUS L	
Maximum resistance in critical path	33 Ohms	33 Ohms	33 Ohms	33 Ohms	
Maximum number of addresses per wire path <sup>†</sup>	250	250	250	200	
Maximum number of addresses per MDI/LDI	500	500	500	300	
Maximum number of addresses per SDI	200	200	200	200	
Maximum number of active solenoids per wire path	20	20	20	15	
Interface unit	LDI/MDI	LDI/MDI	LDI/MDI	SDI	
Maximum number of active solenoids per interface <sup>1</sup>	40	40	30	15	
Current draw at rest (mA)					
FD-101	0.5 mA	0.5 mA	0.5 mA	0.5 mA	
FD-102	0.5 mA	0.5 mA	0.5 mA	0.5 mA	
FD-202	1.0 mA	1.0 mA	1.0 mA	1.0 mA	
FD-401	1.0 mA	1.0 mA	1.0 mA	1.0 mA	
FD-601	1.0 mA	1.0 mA	1.0 mA	1.0 mA	
Active solenoid current draw (mA)					
Golf (green coil)	20 mA	20 mA	20 mA	20 mA	
"B" (white wires)	25 mA	25 mA	25 mA	25 mA	
"DV" (black wires)	15 mA	15 mA	15 mA	15 mA	
Hybrid system max number of interfaces per system (LDI, MDI, SDI)	8	3	2	1	

<sup>†</sup>The number of decoders on a large system with long wire runs may reduce the number of active decoders that you will be able to operate at one time before the interface maximum current draw is exceeded and the interface shuts down (disconnects from the field wiring).

The basic data for a decoder system is as follows:			
500 maximum <sup>†</sup>	Decoder (addresses) per MDI/LDI interface unit		
200 maximum	Decoder (addresses) per SDI interface unit		
250 maximum	Decoder (addresses) per two-wire path		
40 maximum	Active solenoids per LDI or MDI (with 20 mA current draw each)		
15 maximum	Active solenoids per SDI (with 20 mA current draw each)		
20 maximum	Active solenoids per two-wire path on LDI or MDI (with 20 mA current draw each)		
15 maximum	Active solenoids per two-wire path on SDI (with 20 mA draw current each)		
9 Volts	Maximum allowable voltage drop per two-wire path		
15 mA (total)*	For LDI or SDI Lights		
0.5 mA each	For each inactive FD-101 or FD-102 decoder		
1.0 mA each	For each inactive FD-401, FD-202 or FD-601 decoder		
15 mA each	For each active DV solenoid coil with black wires		
20 mA each	For each active Golf (green) solenoid coil		
25 mA each	For each active B solenoid coil with white wires		
LSP-1 Installation	No more than 8 decoders between two LSP-1 surge arrestors or no more than 500ft., whichever is less. LSP-1 ground grid resistance of 50 Ohms or less is recommended.		

<sup>‡</sup>Although the MDI and LDI can supply 1,100 mA, to allow some safety factor, design to 1,000 mA. \*Although the SDI can supply 500 mA, to allow some safety factor, design to 450 mA.

5 Ohms or less — Most effective central control grounding grid resistance.
50 Ohms or less — Most effective LSP-1 grounding grid resistance.

 ${}^{\dagger}\text{Please}$  refer to Rain Bird Decoder System manual for full design details.

Maximum Wire Lengths for Secondary Path Wire Runs			
	Secondary Wire Run Lengths		
Wire Size	Meters	Feet	
1.5 mm <sup>2</sup>	100	328	
2.0 mm <sup>2</sup>	133	436	
2.5 mm <sup>2</sup>	166	545	
16.0 AWG	88	289	
14.0 AWG	139	456	
12.0 AWG	220	720	