



# ZoningBOX 6 / ZoningBOX 4

## Ducted Air Zoning Actuator for 6 / 4 Zones

ZCL-ZB6

ZCL-ZB4

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 ZoningBOX 6 / ZoningBOX 4

ZoningBOX 6 and ZoningBOX 4 from Zennio are two versatile KNX actuators intended for the climate management of rooms (or zones) where the air flow inputs are regulated through motorised gates or grilles.

The most outstanding features of the device are:

- **6 or 4 output channels** for the connection of the motorised grilles (at 12V or 24V) of up to six or four zones.
- **Manual control** over the different grilles through the on-board push buttons.
- **LED indication** of the output channels status and for error notification.
- **Zoning module**, responsible for managing the logic between the external thermostats, the HVAC machine and the grille control module.

The control orders addressed to the HVAC machine will be sent to the KNX bus as communication objects, so they can be managed by specific interfaces, depending on the HVAC machine type.

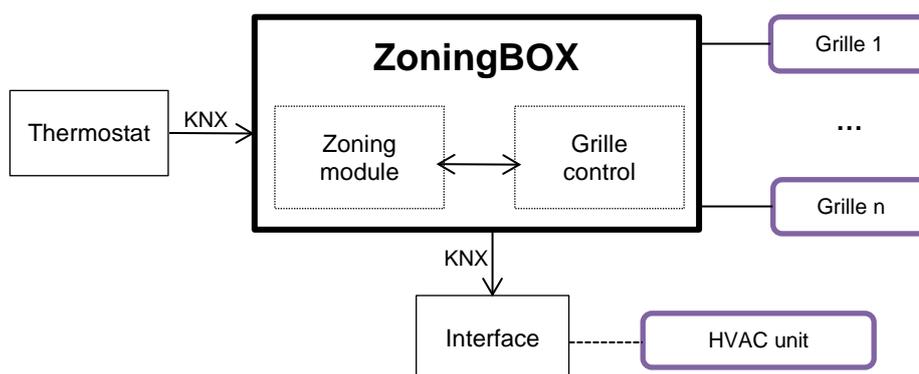


Figure 1. ZoningBOX Architecture

## 1.2 INSTALLATION

ZoningBOX connects to the KNX bus through the on-board KNX connector. Once the device is provided with power from the KNX bus, both the individual address and the associated application program may be downloaded.

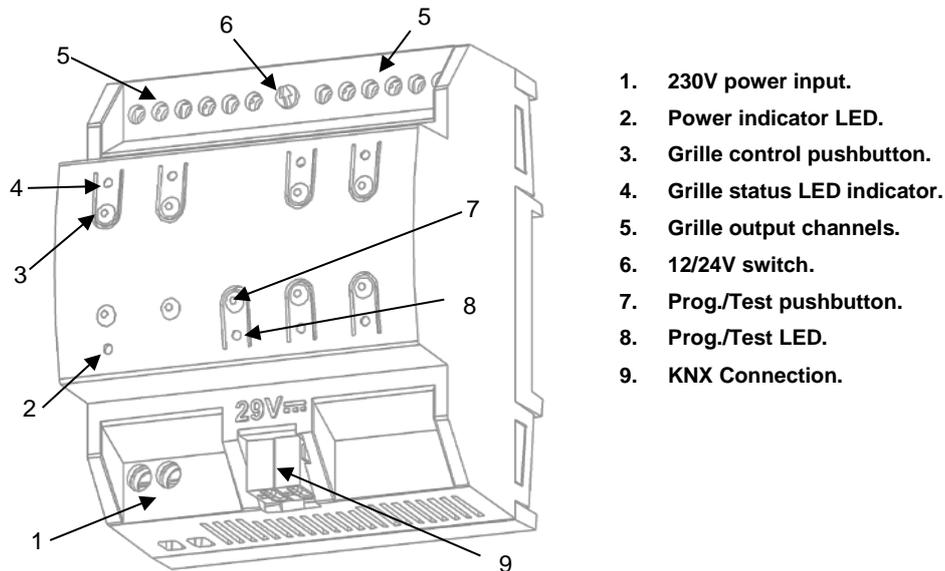


Figure 2. Element diagram (ZoningBOX 6)

The main elements of the device are described next.

- **Prog./Test Pushbutton (7):** a short press on this button sets the device into the programming mode, making the associated LED (3) light in red.

**Note:** if this button is held while plugging the device into the KNX bus, the device will enter into **safe mode**. In such case, the LED will blink in red every 0.5 seconds.

- **Output channels (5):** output ports for the insertion of the stripped cables of the grilles being controlled by the actuator. Please secure the connection by means of the on-board screws.
- **Phase and neutral inputs (1):** ports for the connection of the voltage cables (phase and neutral) that will power the grilles during operation.
- **Voltage selector 12V / 24V (6):** switch for the selection of the grille type (12V or 24V).

To get detailed information about the technical features of this device, as well as on the installation and security procedures, please refer to the corresponding **Datasheet**, bundled with the original device packaging and also available at [www.zennio.com](http://www.zennio.com).

### **1.3 START-UP AND POWER LOSS**

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Depending on the configuration, some specific actions may be performed during the device start-up. For example, the integrator can set whether the grilles should switch to a particular state and whether the device should send certain objects to the bus after the power recovery, as explained later in this document.

On the other hand, when a bus power failure takes place, ZoningBOX will interrupt any pending actions, and will save its state so it can be recovered once the power supply is restored.

## 2 CONFIGURATION

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### 2.1 GENERAL

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After importing the corresponding database in ETS and adding the device into the topology of the desired project, the configuration process begins by right-clicking into the device and selecting *Edit Parameters*.

#### **Important:**

- *The subsequent sections of this document usually refer to the output channels as grilles, although up to two grille can be connected to the same output channel as long as they are the same model. In such case, for practical purposes please consider them as a sole grille.*
- *This document and its figures are generally referred to ZoningBOX 6. However, note that all functions are entirely analogous in ZoningBOX 4.*

#### **ETS PARAMETERISATION**

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The only parameterisable screen available by default is General. From this screen it is possible to activate/deactivate all the required functionality.

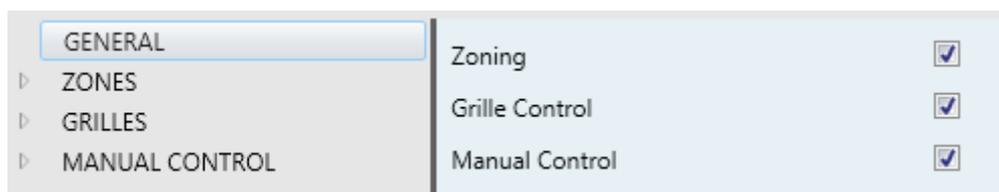


Figure 3. General Screen

- Once activated, **Zoning**, **Grille Control** and **Manual Control** bring additional tabs to the tree on the left. These functions and their parameters will be explained in later sections of this document.

## 2.2 ZONES

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ZoningBOX incorporates a zoning logic module responsible for communicating with the external thermostats, the HVAC unit and the grille control module, which in sum makes it possible to perform an independent climate control in the rooms (or zones) of an installation equipped with air ducts (and air flow outputs towards the different zones through motorised gates or grilles).

### 2.2.1 CONFIGURATION

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ZoningBOX 6 / 4 can control **up to 12 climate zones**, which can be grouped into **one or two groups**, depending on whether there is **one or two HVAC units** in the installation.

The state of each zone is defined in terms of the following:

- **On/Off state.**
- **Temperature setpoint**, i.e., the desired target temperature for the room.
- **Reference temperature**, i.e., the current temperature in the room.
- **Control signal** from the thermostat.

One communication object is provided for the reception of each of the above values, being it possible to link these objects with those from the **room thermostat**.

**Switching a zone off** (i.e., disabling that zone) implies that the corresponding grille will be automatically closed and that the setpoint of such zone will not be considered by the zoning module. Nevertheless, it will still store any further setpoint values received from the thermostat, which will be applied once the zone is switched on.

On the other hand, in parameters it is possible to set the specific behaviour (under the heating or cooling modes) for the particular situation of having **only one grille open**:

- **HVAC Control**: the control signal received from the external thermostat will be applied directly over the HVAC unit (with no logic involved), and the grille will remain open. As soon as another grille is opened, the normal grille control will be resumed. This option is the recommended one for the **heating mode**.

**Note:** *even if the HVAC unit has been configured to remain always on (see below), in this case the unit will be switched on or off according to the control signal received from the thermostat.*

- **Grille Control:** the actuator will keep controlling the grille normally, according to the thermostat control signal.
- **Adjust Setpoint:** the grille will remain open and the HVAC unit on, although it will be possible to increase or decrease the current setpoint by a certain value when only one grille remains open. This option is recommended for the **cooling** mode.

ZoningBOX 6 / 4 also permits configuring one **bypass** (or two, if the zones have been grouped into two groups) in case the installation is equipped with it. A bypass helps avoiding overpressures in the air ducts, for example if all grilles are closed. The number of closed grilles that will trigger the bypass activation is parameterisable.

Depending on whether a bypass is available or not and on the desired behaviour in case of having only one grille open, it is possible to define how the HVAC unit should remain **once all the grilles are being closed:**

- **Off:** the HVAC unit will be switched off, and the bypass will be closed after a customisable delay. If no bypass is available, such delay will be applied to the last grille being closed.
- **Always On** (only if a bypass is available): the HVAC unit will remain on, and the bypass will stay open.

Moreover, it is also possible to apply an additional **delay before the HVAC unit can be switched on** again. This prevents the machine from being switched on and off too often, which may reduce its durability and cause unnecessary energy consumptions.

**Note:** *the above configuration can be particularised for each HVAC unit in case there are two groups.*

Finally, the following functions are also available within the general configuration of the zoning module:

- **Scenes:** see section 2.2.2.
- **Grilles Maintenance:** ZoningBOX can perform maintenance actions to prevent seize and dust in the grilles. This consists in automatically opening the grille once it is found to have been closed for more than one week. After thirty seconds it gets closed again.

## ETS PARAMETERISATION

**GENERAL**

- ▲ **ZONES**
  - Configuration
  - Mode
  - Fan
  - Temperature Setpoint
  - Reset
- ▷ **GRILLES**
- ▷ **MANUAL CONTROL**

**ZONE CONFIGURATION:**

Number of Groups: 1

Zones in Group 1: 1

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**BEHAVIOUR WITH ONLY ONE GRILLE OPEN:**

Control Type in Heat Mode: HVAC Control

Control Type in Cool Mode: Adjust Setpoint

Setpoint Increment: 2 °C

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**BYPASS:**

Enable Bypass in Group 1:

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**AUTO ON/OFF:**

**HVAC Unit 1:**

Turn HVAC Off if All Grilles Are Closed: Turn Off HVAC Unit

Delay to Close Last Grille: 1 x 1s

Delay to Turn On HVAC Unit: 1 x 1s

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**ADDITIONAL OPTIONS:**

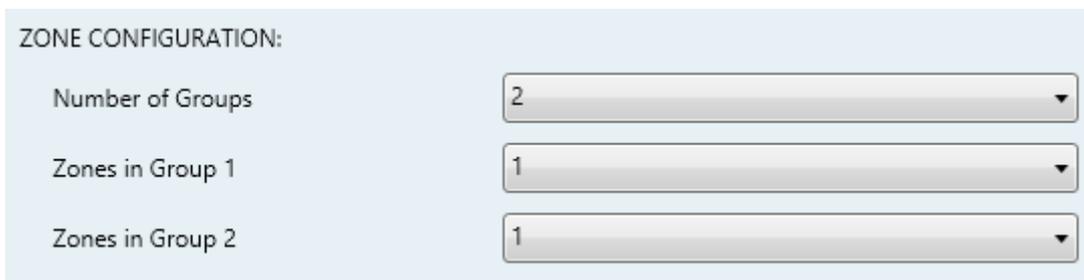
Scenes:

Grilles Maintenance:

Figure 4. Zones - Configuration

Once the zoning module has been activated in the General tab (see section 2.1), the tab tree will show a new entry named Zones. The general parameters of the zone control are contained in the Configuration window:

- **Number of Groups:** “1” or “2”, depending on whether all the zones belong to the same group (i.e., they are associated to the same HVAC unit) or not. For each group, the following objects will be available:
  - “[Unit x] On/Off HVAC Unit”: one-bit object that will be sent whenever ZoningBOX determines HVAC unit “x” must be switched on or off. This object must be grouped with the analogous object of the HVAC unit interface.
  - “[Unit x] On/Off HVAC Unit (Status)”: one-bit object to receive feedback about the on/off state of HVAC unit “x”. This object must be grouped with the analogous object of the HVAC unit interface.
  - “[Unit x] Global Temperature Setpoint”: two-byte object that will be sent whenever the temperature setpoint for HVAC unit “x” changes. This object must be grouped with the analogous object of the HVAC unit interface, so the HVAC unit adopts the new setpoint.
- **Zones in Group “x”:** defines the number of zones in group “x”. Note that the total number of zones cannot exceed twelve, regardless of the number of groups.



ZONE CONFIGURATION:

Number of Groups	2
Zones in Group 1	1
Zones in Group 2	1

Figure 5. Zoning - Zone Configuration

The following objects are provided for each zone:

- “[GZx][Zi] Setpoint Temperature”: two-byte object for the reception of the temperature setpoint (i.e., as set in the room thermostat) of the zone.
- “[GZx][Zi] Reference Temperature”: two-byte object for the reception of the ambient temperature in the zone (i.e., as measured by a sensor).

- “[GZx][Zi] **Disable/Enable Zone**”: one-bit object for the reception of the requests to enable or disable the zone (from a user interface in the room).
  - “[GZx][Zi] **Control Signal from Thermostat**”: one-bit object for the reception of the control variable of the zone thermostat.
  - “[GZx][Zi] **[Control] Open/Close Grille**”: one-bit object that will be sent when the grille corresponding of the zone needs to be opened or closed. This is typically to be grouped with the analogous object in the Grilles module (see section 2.3).
  - “[GZx][Zi] **[Control] Grille Status**”: one-bit object for receiving the feedback of the grille status. This is typically to be grouped with the analogous object in the Grilles module (see section 2.3).
- **Control Type in Heat/Cool Mode**: defines the behaviour of the system when there is only one open grille left (under the corresponding mode): ‘HVAC Control’, ‘Grille Control’ and ‘Adjust Setpoint’.

The latter entails configuring an additional parameter:

- **Setpoint Decrement/Increment**: sets the increment (in the cooling mode) or the decrement (in the heating mode), between 1° and 5°, that should be applied over the setpoint.

BEHAVIOUR WITH ONLY ONE GRILLE OPEN:

Control Type in Heat Mode	<input type="text" value="Adjust Setpoint"/>
Setpoint Decrement	<input type="text" value="2"/> <input type="button" value="↑"/> <input type="button" value="↓"/> °C
Control Type in Cool Mode	<input type="text" value="Adjust Setpoint"/>
Setpoint Increment	<input type="text" value="2"/> <input type="button" value="↑"/> <input type="button" value="↓"/> °C

Figure 6. Zoning - Behavior with only one grille open

- **Enable Bypass in Group “x”**: enables/disables the possibility of controlling the valve of a bypass in group “x”. If enabled, the “[Unit x] **Open/Close Bypass**” one-bit object will be available, so it can be linked to the analogous object of the interface that controls such valve.

- **Open if n° of Open Grilles is Less than or Equal to:** sets how many grilles, at least, must remain open so the bypass is not forced to be open as well. The options depend on the number of zones configured.

BYPASS:

Enable Bypass in Group 1

Open if n° of Open Grilles Is Less than or Equal to

Enable Bypass in Group 2

Figure 7. Zoning - Bypass

For each HVAC unit (1-2), it is also possible to configure:

- **Turn HVAC Off if All Grilles Are Closed:** sets the action to be performed once all zones are off. It is possible to send a switch-off order to the HVAC unit ("Turn Off HVAC Unit"), or to leave it on ("HVAC Unit Always On") by making use of the bypass air re-circulation (in case the bypass has been enabled).
- **Delay to Close Last Grille / Bypass:** sets a time delay (0 to 255 seconds) prior to closing the last grille or the bypass after switching off the HVAC unit.
- **Delay to Turn On HVAC Unit:** sets a time delay (0 to 255 seconds) before the HVAC unit can be switched back on in case of opening a grille. This avoids successively starting and stopping the unit, and the consequent energy consumption.

HVAC Unit 1:

Turn HVAC Off if All Grilles Are Closed

Delay to Close Last Grille  x 1s.

Delay to Turn On HVAC Unit  x 1s.

HVAC Unit 2:

Turn HVAC Off if All Grilles Are Closed

Delay to Close Bypass  x 1s.

Delay to Turn On HVAC Unit  x 1s.

Figure 8. Zoning - Auto On/Off

- **Scenes:** enables/disables the scenes management. See section 2.2.2.
- **Grilles Maintenance:** enables the grille maintenance function for long inactivity periods.



Figure 9. Zoning - Additional Options

## 2.2.2 MODE

Each HVAC unit works necessarily under one of the following operation modes at a time, which therefore is applied to all zones included in its group:

- **Heating:** the unit will generate hot air to warm the zones. The grille control will be intended to make the local reference temperature reach the zone setpoint temperature.
- **Cooling:** the unit will generate cold air to refrigerate the zones. The grille control will be intended to make the local reference temperature fall under the zone setpoint temperature.
- **Fan:** the unit will generate an air flow at the ambient temperature. The grilles of the enabled zones will remain open.
- **Dry:** the unit will generate a dry air flow to reduce the ambient humidity. The grilles of the enabled zones will remain open as in Fan mode.

The operation mode of the HVAC unit will depend on the user needs. The guests in the different zones may change it either through a mode selection control in a touchscreen, or indirectly by simply setting their desired setpoint temperature, which will make the zone thermostat send a mode change request to ZoningBOX. Therefore, ZoningBOX incorporates specific **input objects** for each zone, which can be linked to the above elements. It also incorporates **output objects** (status objects) to be linked with the gateways of the HVAC units, so whenever ZoningBOX receives a mode change order, it can be forwarded to the corresponding HVAC unit. These status objects are also provided to feed back the user interfaces in the zones.

The following diagram illustrates this configuration.

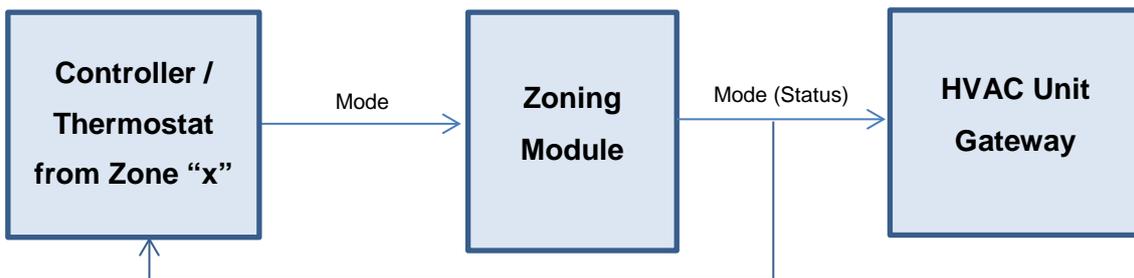


Figure 10. Mode control

The involved mode selection objects can be of different types:

- **Individual control (one bit):** one binary object is provided per mode, together with their corresponding status objects.
- **Joint mode (one byte):** a one-byte object is provided together with the corresponding status object, coded according to the following table.

Mode	KNX Value
Heating	1
Cooling	3
Fan	9
Dry Air	14

Table 1 Modes

- **Simplified mode (one bit):** a one-bit object is provided to allow simple changeovers between Cooling (value “0”) and Heating (value “1”). In case the Fan and Dry modes are activated through the above controls, the status object of this one will show the value “0”.

Every time a mode switchover takes place, all the enabled status objects will be sent, no matter if the HVAC unit is on or off.

By default, the HVAC unit is assumed to be in the Cooling mode.

### ETS PARAMETERISATION

The Mode configuration screen allows enabling the different mode control objects available.

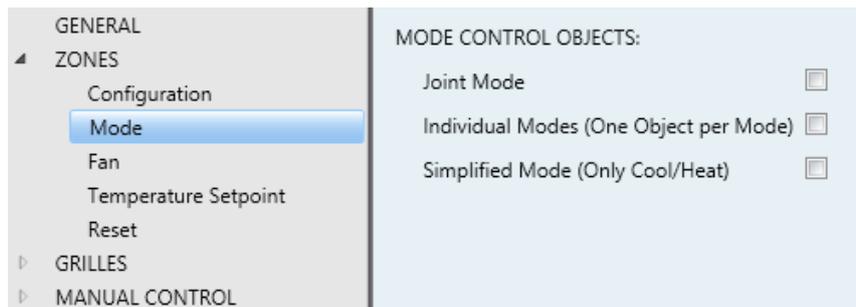


Figure 11. Zoning - Mode

- **Joint Mode:** enables the “[Unit x] Mode” and “[Unit x] Mode (Status)” one-byte objects.
- **Individual Modes:** enables the “[Unit x] Cool Mode”, “[Unit x] Heat Mode”, “[Unit x] Fan Mode” and “[Unit x] Dry Mode” one-bit objects, as well as their corresponding status objects.
- **Simplified Mode:** enables the “[Unit x] Simplified Mode” and “[Unit x] Simplified Mode (Status)” one-bit objects.

Please refer to the previous pages for the values accepted or sent by these objects.

### 2.2.3 FAN

ZoningBOX can handle **two or three different fan speeds**, which is set in parameters for each HVAC unit. As with the HVAC operation mode, the current fan speed is set according to the thermostatic requirements of the zones. Therefore, ZoningBOX 6 / 4 provides several input objects to set the fan speed, together with their corresponding output objects (status objects) to be sent to the gateways of the HVAC units and to feed back the user interfaces in the zones.

The desired fan speed can be, therefore, set through different communication objects, depending on the parameterisation:

- **One-bit objects (one per speed)**, which activate a particular speed level on the reception of the value “1”.
- **Step-control objects:** one-bit objects for increasing or decreasing the speed level sequentially, either **cyclically** (a further step once reaching the maximum level activates the minimum level again) or not.

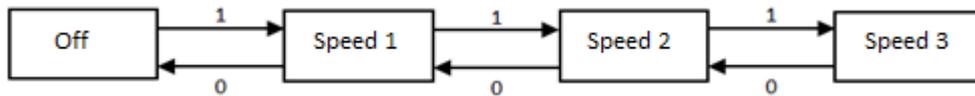


Figure 12. Non-cyclic step control

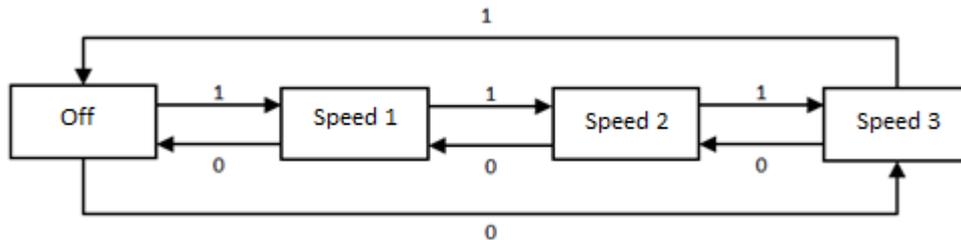


Figure 13. Cyclic step control

The “Off” state may be interpreted by the HVAC gateway as a switch-off order or as an order to switch to the automatic fan control, depending on its configuration.

- **One-byte enumerated object:** the speed switch will take place upon the arrival of the proper integer value (0, 1, 2, 3).
- **Percentage object:** the speed switch will take place upon the arrival of the proper percentage value; according to the KNX standard (see Table 2).

Available speeds	Speed	Percentage
Two speeds	0	0%
	1	0.4% – 50.2%
	2	50.4% – 100%
Three speeds	0	0%
	1	0.4% – 33.3%
	2	33.7% – 66.6%
	3	67% - 100%

Table 2 Percentage fan control

For all the aforementioned objects (with the exception of the step-control object) an **analogous status object** is available, making it possible to request the current fan speed at any time, even during the automatic control.

On the other hand, the air flow generated by each HVAC unit can be **limited according to the number of open grilles**. Therefore, it is possible to parameterise:

- Whether the minimum fan speed (speed 1) should be forced if the number of open grilles is found to be lower than a certain value.
- Only under a three-speed configuration: whether the medium fan speed (speed 2) should be forced if the number of open grilles is found to be lower than a certain value (different from the above one).

## ETS PARAMETERISATION

The options that can be parameterised from the Fan tab are:

The screenshot shows the ETS parameterisation interface for the Fan tab. The left sidebar contains a tree view with the following items: GENERAL, ZONES (expanded), Configuration, Mode, Fan (selected), Temperature Setpoint, Reset, GRILLES, and MANUAL CONTROL. The main content area is divided into two sections: CONTROL OBJECTS and STATUS OBJECTS. Each section contains four checkboxes, all of which are currently unchecked. Below these sections is a section for HVAC UNIT 1, which contains three input fields: Number of Fan Speeds (set to 3), Force MIN Fan Speed if n° of Open Grilles Is Less than or Equal to (set to 1), and Force MED Fan Speed if n° of Open Grilles Is Less than or Equal to (set to 1).

Figure 14. Zones – Fan

## CONTROL OBJECTS

- **Individual Control (1 bit)**: enables one binary object for each fan speed level available in each HVAC unit (either two or three; see below):
  - Two speeds: “[Unit i] Fan: Speed Minimum” and “[Unit i] Fan: Speed Maximum”.
  - Three speeds: as above, plus “[Unit i] Fan: Speed Intermediate”.

To trigger a particular speed, it is necessary to send the value “1” through its corresponding object.

- **Step Control (1 bit):** enables the “[Unit i] Fan: Step Control” binary object, intended to increase (value “1”) and to decrease (value “0”) then fan speed.
  - **Type:** indicates whether the step control will be cyclic or not.
- **Enumeration Control (1 byte):** enables the “[Unit i] Fan: Enumerated Control” one-byte object, which represents each fan level by integer values between 0 and 3 (or 0 and 2, when corresponding).
- **Percentage Control (1 byte):** enables the “[Unit i] Fan: Percentage Control” object, intended for the reception of the fan speed levels as percentage values, according to Table 2.

## STATUS OBJECTS

- **Individual Speed Objects (1 bit):** enables one binary object per fan speed available.
- **Enumeration Object (1 byte):** enables the “[Unit x] Fan: Speed Enumeration (Status)” one-byte object, which will adopt values between 0 and 3 (or 0 and 2) depending on the current fan speed.
- **Percentage Object (1 byte):** enables the “[Unit i] Fan: Speed Percentage” object, which will adopt percentage values according to Table 2.

## HVAC UNIT “i”

- **Number of Fan Speeds:** sets how many fan speed levels are implemented in the HVAC unit: “3” (maximum, intermediate, minimum) or “2” (maximum and minimum).
- **Force MIN Fan Speed if n° of Open Grilles is Less than or Equal to:** sets the minimum number of grilles (minus one) that must remain open before the fan speed can be set to levels greater than the minimum. The value “0” disables this function.
- **Force MED Fan Speed if n° of Open Grilles is Less than or Equal to:** sets the minimum number of grilles (minus one) that must remain open before the fan speed can be set to levels greater than the intermediate. The value “0” disables this function. This is only available for three-level configurations.

## 2.2.1 TEMPERATURE SETPOINT

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The global temperature setpoint ( $T_{GSP}$ , i.e., the temperature setpoint to be sent to the HVAC unit) takes into account the different local setpoints ( $T_{LSPi}$ ) from the zones that make up its group. This calculation consists in:

- **In the Heating mode:**  $T_{GSP}$  will be equal to the highest  $T_{LSPi}$ .
- **In the Cooling mode:**  $T_{GSP}$  will be equal to the lowest  $T_{LSPi}$ .
- **In the Fan mode:** as in the Cooling mode.
- **In the Dry Air mode:** as in the Cooling mode.

Once the global setpoint has been calculated, the following corrections will be applied in order (only in the **Cooling** and **Heating** modes), if configured, every time the setpoint of any of the zones changes.

- **Temperature range.**

If enabled in parameters, the temperature setpoint will be restricted to an upper ( $T_{max}$ ) and a lower ( $T_{min}$ ) restriction, so that  $T_{min} \leq T_{GSP} \leq T_{max}$ .

The first correction applied in the process consists in truncating  $T_{GSP}$  to comply with this parameterisation. An object is available to disable or re-enable this functionality dynamically, as well as two more objects to modify the limits originally parameterised.

- **Return temperature from an external sensor.**

If enabled in parameters and after having calculated  $T_{GSP}$  and having truncated it according to the above restriction, its value will be compared with the value ( $T_R$ ) sent from an external KNX temperature sensor (intended to be placed next to the air flow that returns to the HVAC unit), and will be re-calculated as follows:

- **Heating mode:**  $T'_{GSP} = 1 + \text{maximum}(T_{GSP}, T_R)$ .
- **Cooling mode:**  $T'_{GSP} = \text{minimum}(T_{GSP}, T_R) - 1$ .

This can be useful when the A/C unit is equipped with its own temperature sensor in the air return, being also possible that either the air return pipe or

the unit itself are conditioned by a punctual, external heat or cool source. In such circumstances (depending on the external source and on the length of the return pipe), the temperature measured by this sensor may differ from the actual ambient temperature of the zones, thus making the A/C unit consider, in some cases, that the latter is greater or lower than it actually is, and therefore provide less cool or heat than it should.

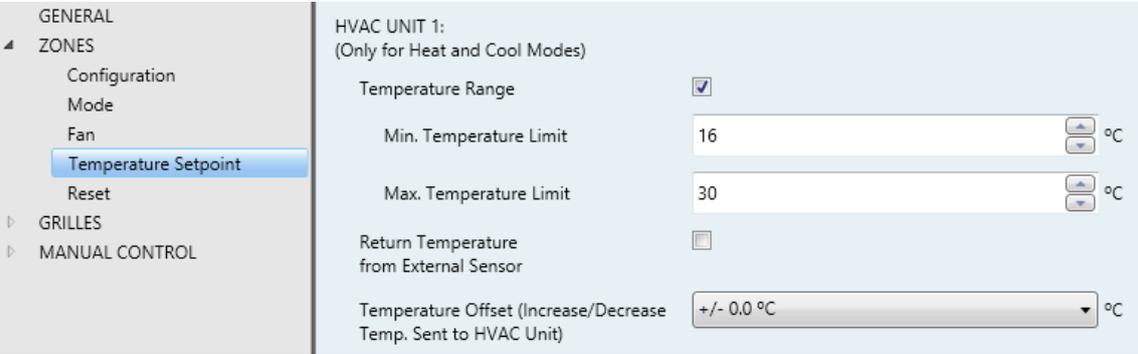
By making use of this function, ZoningBOX will be aware of the air return temperature and will compare it to  $T_{GSP}$  in order to compensate the aforementioned effects by modifying the setpoint sent to the A/C unit.

### ● Temperature offset

Finally, if configured,  $T_{GSP}$  will be applied an additional offset (of up to 2.5 °C), only in the heating or cooling modes. This offset is intended to ask the A/C unit an extra effort, so in the heating mode its value will be added to  $T_{GSP}$ , while in the cooling mode it will be subtracted from  $T_{GSP}$ .

## ETS PARAMETERISATION

The options that, for each HVAC unit, can be parameterised from the Temperature Setpoint screen are:



Parameter	Value	Unit
Temperature Range	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Min. Temperature Limit	16	°C
Max. Temperature Limit	30	°C
Return Temperature from External Sensor	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Temperature Offset (Increase/Decrease Temp. Sent to HVAC Unit)	+/- 0.0	°C

Figure 15. Zoning - Setpoint Temperature

- **Temperature Range:** enables the global setpoint restriction in the groups:
  - **Min. Temperature Limit:** minimum global setpoint allowed to be sent to the HVAC unit, between 16 and 30°C.
  - **Max. Temperature Limit:** maximum global setpoint allowed to be sent to the HVAC unit, between 16 and 30°C.

This function involves the following objects: “[Unit x] Temperature Restriction” (to activate or deactivate the temperature range restriction at any time) as well as “[Unit x] Min. Limit Temperature” and “[Unit x] Max. Limit Temperature” (to modify the lower and upper limits dynamically).

- **Return Temperature from External Sensor:** enables the global setpoint correction function, based on the temperature of the air returning to the A/C unit. To that end, the “[Unit x] Return Temperature” object is provided, which should receive the value of such temperature, as measured by an external probe located next to the A/C system.
- **Temperature Offset:** sets the value of the increment (in the heating mode) or the decrement (in the cooling mode) to be applied over the global setpoint, between 0.0 and 2.5 °C (with a resolution of 0.5 °C).

### 2.2.2 SCENES

It is possible to define up to six scenes in parameters, whose execution (on the reception of the corresponding scene number from the bus) will consist in setting a different HVAC mode and/or a specific fan speed level. It is also possible to define the zone group (i.e., the HVAC unit) each scene will apply to.

**Note:** ZoningBOX does not support scene saving.

### ETS PARAMETERISATION

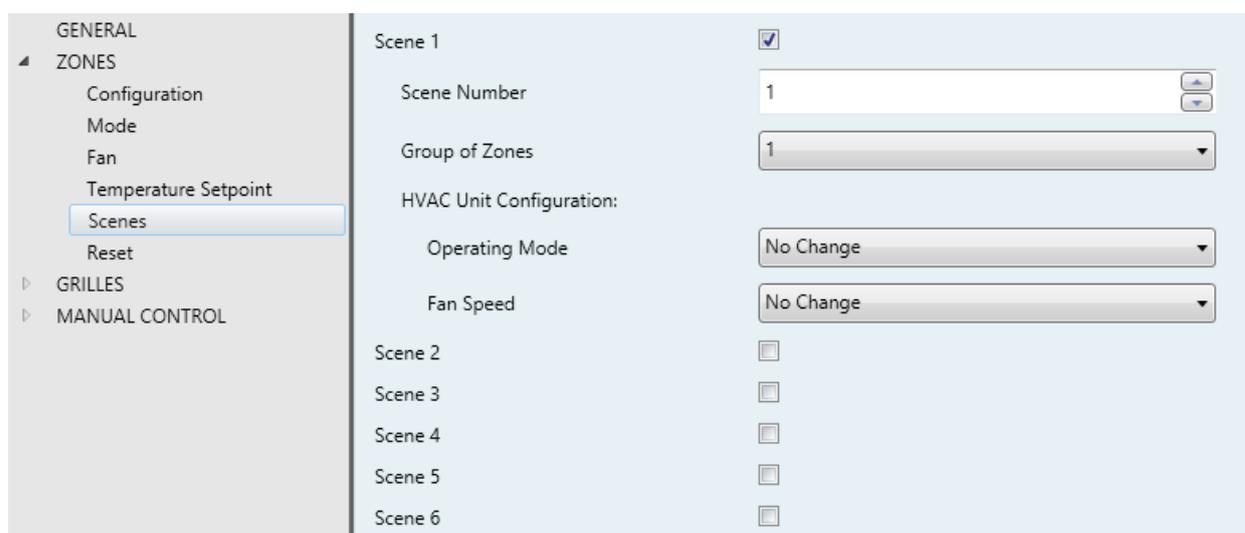


Figure 16. Zoning - Scenes

After having enabled the Scenes function from the Configuration tab (see section 2.2.1), the “**Scenes**” object will become available, together with the following parameters:

- **Scene n:** enables or disables scene “n” (up to six).
  - **Scene number:** value between 1 and 64 that will trigger the execution of the scene, if received through the “**Scenes**” object.
  - **Group of Zones:** zone group (1 or 2, if two groups have been parameterised; see section 2.2.1) the scene execution will apply to.
  - **Operating Mode:** HVAC mode to be set on the execution of the scene: “No Change”, “Heat”, “Cool”, “Fan” and “Dry”.
  - **Fan Speed:** fan speed level to be set on the execution of the scene: “No Change”, “Minimum”, “Intermediate”, “Maximum” (the actual options will depend on the fan configuration; see section 2.2.3).

### 2.2.3 RESET

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The Reset function allows sending certain objects (either status writings or status requests) to the KNX bus after a bus failure or a download from ETS.

- **Sending the grille control objects:** this option is intended to let ZoningBOX send the corresponding grille control objects after a reset:
  - [GZX] [ZY] Grille: Open / Close Grille.
- **Sending the status objects of the HVAC unit:** this option is intended to let ZoningBOX send the interface of the HVAC unit the last known status. To that end, the following status objects are sent to the KNX bus are:
 

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ [Unit x] On/Off HVAC Unit.</li> <li>➤ [Unit x] Global Temperature Setpoint.</li> <li>➤ [Unit x] Mode (Status)</li> <li>➤ [Unit x] Heat Mode (Status)</li> <li>➤ [Unit x] Cool Mode (Status)</li> <li>➤ [Unit x] Fan Mode (Status)</li> <li>➤ [Unit x] Dry Mode (Status)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ [Unit x] Simplified Mode (Status)</li> <li>➤ [Unit x] Fan: Speed Percentage (Status)</li> <li>➤ [Unit x] Fan: Speed Enumeration (Status)</li> <li>➤ [Unit x] Fan: Speed Minimum (Status)</li> <li>➤ [Unit x] Fan: Speed Intermediate (Status)</li> <li>➤ [Unit x] Fan: Speed Maximum (Status)</li> </ul>
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- **Sending status requests:** this option is intended to let ZoningBOX learn the status of the installation during the start-up. To that end, ZoningBOX sends reading requests through the following objects:

- [GZx][Zy] Enable/Disable Zone.
- [GZx][Zy] Setpoint Temperature.
- [GZx][Zy] Reference Temperature.
- [GZx][Zy] Control Signal from Thermost.
- [GZx][Zy] Grille Status.
- [Unit x] Temperature Restriction
- [Unit x] Min. Limit Temperature
- [Unit x] Max. Limit Temperature
- [Unit x] Return Temperature
- [Unit x] Mode
- [Unit x] Heat Mode
- [Unit x] Cool Mode
- [Unit x] Fan Mode
- [Unit x] Dry Mode
- [Unit x] Simplified Mode.
- [Unit x] Fan: Speed Percentage (Status)
- [Unit x] Fan: Speed Enumeration (Status)
- [Unit x] Fan: Speed Minimum (Status)
- [Unit x] Fan: Speed Intermediate (Status)
- [Unit x] Fan: Speed Maximum (Status)
- [Unit x] On/Off HVAC Unit (Status)

**Note:** enabling the last two options together (status and status requests) may cause contradictory situations if their delays are not properly configured. It is advisable to send the status requests prior to any other sending.

## ETS PARAMETERISATION

The Reset tab (available by default after enabling the Zoning function from the General tab; see section 2.1) provides the following parameters:

Send Grilles Control Objects After Reset	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Delay	0 x 1s.
Send Status to HVAC Unit After Reset	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Delay	0 x 1s.
Status Request After Reset	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Delay	0 x 1s.

Figure 17. Zoning - Reset

- **Send Grilles Control Objects After Reset:** sets whether the grille control objects should be sent to the KNX bus after a reset.
  - **Delay:** time before sending the objects, after the start-up. 0-255 seconds.
- **Send Status to HVAC Unit After Reset:** sets whether the status objects of the HVAC unit should be sent to the KNX bus after a reset.

- **Delay:** time before sending the objects, after the start-up. 0-255 seconds.
- **Status Request After Reset:** sets whether to send or not the status reading requests to the KNX bus after the reset.
- **Delay:** time before sending the objects, after the start-up. 0-255 seconds.

## 2.3 GRILLES

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### 2.3.1 CONFIGURATION

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This module is in charge of managing the motorised grilles that let the air flow enter the zones, when corresponding. Please refer to the **Datasheet**, bundled with the original device packaging and also available at [www.zennio.com](http://www.zennio.com), for details on the technical requirements to ensure compatibility with each particular grille model

It is important to take into account the following remarks:

- Prior to any other action, it is necessary to set the proper grille voltage (24V or 12V) in the **voltage switch** located on the front of the device.
- ZoningBOX operates its outputs (and therefore the grilles) sequentially, i.e., one by one – not at the same time.
- Each output in ZoningBOX will control a sole zone and therefore a sole grille. If two grilles are installed in the same zone, they will be also jointly controllable by the same output, as long as they are the same model.
- Grille control is performed by measuring their current demands, which allows detecting when they reach their target position (i.e., their end-of-stroke position). Nevertheless, an additional time can be parameterised, to allow further motion after the theoretical detection of the target position.

After a download or a bus failure, every output will be sent the order to open the grilles, so their position synchronises with their status. During synchronisation, the grille status will not be sent to the bus – it will be sent once the grilles stop, depending on the initial position that may have been parameterised.

## ETS PARAMETERISATION

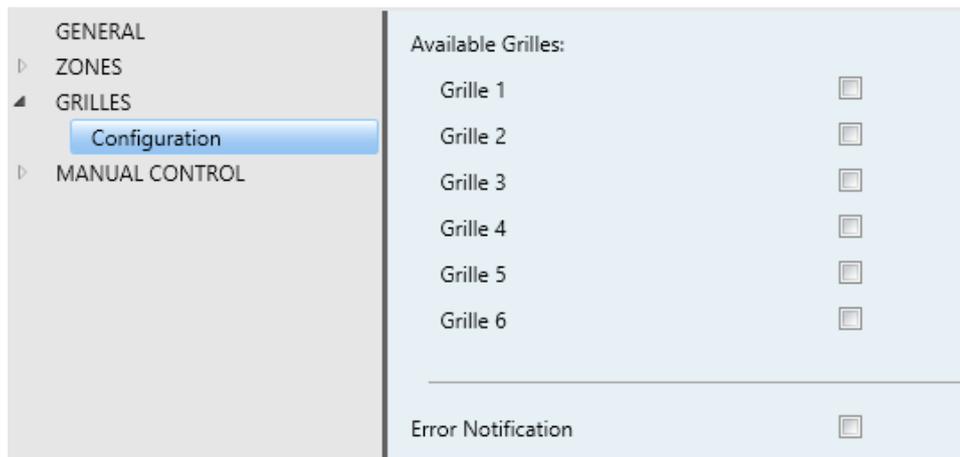


Figure 18. Grilles - Configuration

After enabling Grille Control from the General parameter screen (see section 2.1), the following options will be available for configuration:

- **Grille “y”**: sets how many grilles (i.e., zones) will be controlled by the device, up to six. By enabling a grille, the following objects will become available:
  - “[Gy][Actuator] Open/Close Grille”, which should be sent a “1” to open the grille and a “0” to close it. This object is typically to be grouped together with the corresponding object of the Zones module (see section 2.2).
  - “[Gy][Actuator] Grille Status”, which will report the current state of the grille whenever it changes. This object is typically to be grouped together with the analogous one of the Zones module (see section 2.2).
- **Error Notification**: see section 2.3.3.

### 2.3.2 GRILLE

The configuration of a grille entails setting up the following options:

- An **additional time**, to *force* further motion once the end-of-stroke position has been reached.
- The **initial position**, which will be adopted by the grille after a bus power failure or at the end of an ETS download.

- Whether the **lock function** is required. This function provides a binary object that lets the KNX installation lock the position of the grille, in other words, to make it ignore further orders to switch its position.

It is possible to parameterise a specific action to be performed by the grille on the arrival of the lock event. On the other hand, once the unlock event is received, it will recover its previous state.

## ETS PARAMETERISATION

Once a specific grille has been enabled (see section 2.3.1), the following options will be available:



Figure 19. Grilles - Grille “y”

- **Additional Time:** sets an extra time to extend the motion of the grille once the end-of-stroke position has been detected. The available range is 0 to 255 tenths of a second.
- **Initial Position:** sets the action to be performed by the grille after the start-up of the device: “No Change”, “Open” or “Close”.
- **Lock:** enables the lock function, and therefore the “[Gy] Lock” binary object. After this object receives the value “1”, the grille will start ignoring the upcoming requests to switch its position. And it will resume normal operation once the value “0” is received.
- **Lock Action:** sets whether the grille should perform a specific action when the lock event is triggered: “No Change”, “Open” or “Close”. Once the grille becomes unlocked, it will recover its previous position.

### 2.3.3 ERROR NOTIFICATION

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Enabling the error notification function allows ZoningBOX to report certain error events through the KNX bus:

- **Connection error:** it will be reported when either an open circuit or a short-circuit is detected in an output (i.e., in the grille wiring). When this happens, ZoningBOX interrupts the power supply to the output. The persistence of the error will be checked whenever a new request to operate the grille is received.
- **Overload:** this error is reported in case ZoningBOX detects the current demand is higher than expected during the synchronisation process (see section 2.3), which happens when more than two grilles are wired to the same output. Although the output will still respond to any position change requests, issues may be expected during the grille motion.
- **Maximum Safety Time:** this error takes place in case ZoningBOX considers the grille is taking too much time to complete motion, i.e., to reach the end-of-stroke position. In such case, the grille will be stopped.
- **Power supply failure:** this is reported in case the input voltage differs from 230 VAC. In such case, grille operation is immediately interrupted.
- **Overheating:** this is reported in the unlikely event that ZoningBOX detects an internal temperature of 75° C or more. In such case, all grilles will remain stopped until it lowers back to 65° C or less.

Note that the first three errors are reported per grille (one object is provided per enabled grille), while the latter two are not (a sole object is provided for each error, with independence of the number of grilles).

### ETS PARAMETERISATION

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Once the Error Notification function has been enabled in the Configuration screen (see section 2.3.1), a specific checkbox will be available per error type, which lets the integrator select which errors are required to be reported to the KNX bus.

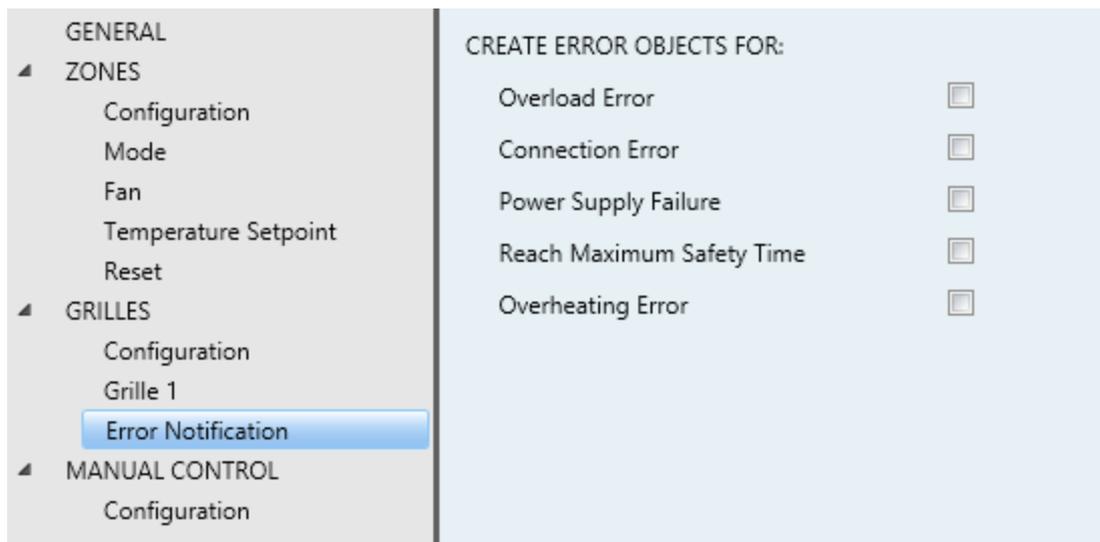


Figure 20. Error Notification

- **Overload Error:** enables the overload error objects (“**[Gy] Overload Error**”, one per grille), which are sent with value “1” as soon as the overload error is detected in the corresponding grille and with value “0” when the error is over.
- **Connection Error:** enables the connection error objects (“**[Gy] Connection Error**”, one per grille), which behaves analogously as above.
- **Reach Maximum Safety Time:** enables the maximum safety time error objects (“**[Gy] Max. Safety Time Error**”, one per grille), which behaves analogously as above.
- **Power Supply Failure:** enables the “**Power Supply Failure**” object, which is sent with value “1” when ZoningBOX detects an abnormal voltage input. It will be sent with value “0” once this situation is over.
- **Overheating Error:** enables the “**Overheating**” object, which is sent with value “1” when ZoningBOX detects the internal temperature is abnormally high. It will be sent with value “0” once this situation is over.

The error objects are sent periodically (every thirty seconds) while their value is “1”. However, once they adopt the value “0” they are only sent once.

**Note:** leaving these checkboxes disabled implies that these errors will not be reported to the KNX bus. However, ZoningBOX will still monitor them and perform the corresponding actions in case of detection.

## 2.4 MANUAL CONTROL

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ZoningBOX allows manually operating the the grilles through the respective pushbuttons on the top of the device (one push button per grille).

Contrary to other Zennio devices, ZoningBOX only provides manual operation in **Test On mode** (for testing purposes during the configuration of the device). This control mode allows direct control over the outputs with independence of the configuration and of the grille states, although some safety restrictions apply, as explained below.

Entering the **Test On mode** (unless disabled by parameter) is done by long-pressing the Prog./Test button (for at least three seconds), until the LED is no longer red and turns yellow. From that moment, once the button is released, the LED light will remain green to confirm that the device has switched to the Test On mode. After that, if the button is pressed again, the LED will turn yellow – and then off once the button is released, which means the device has left the Test On mode. Note that it will also leave this mode if a bus power failure takes place

Once in the Test On mode, any orders from the KNX that may affect the grilles **will be ignored** and no **status objects** will be sent either. Grille operation in the Test On mode is performed as follows:

- The **first push** on the button will close the relay corresponding to the opening of the grille, which will keep moving until the button is released.
- When the same button is **pressed again**, the grille will invert its motion and will keep closing until the button is released.

For safety reasons, entering the Test On mode will not be possible while the connection error, the power supply error or the overheating error are active (see section 2.3.3). Moreover, whenever one button is being pressed, the device will ignore any other buttons pressed simultaneous

From ETS it is possible to configure whether the manual control should be available. In such case, a binary object destined to lock or unlock the manual control in runtime can be activated as well.

**Important:** *the device is delivered from factory with all outputs disabled, but with the manual control (Test On) enabled.*

## ETS PARAMETERISATION

The **Manual Control** is configured from the Configuration tab itself under Manual Control, as long as this function has been enabled in General (see section 2.1)

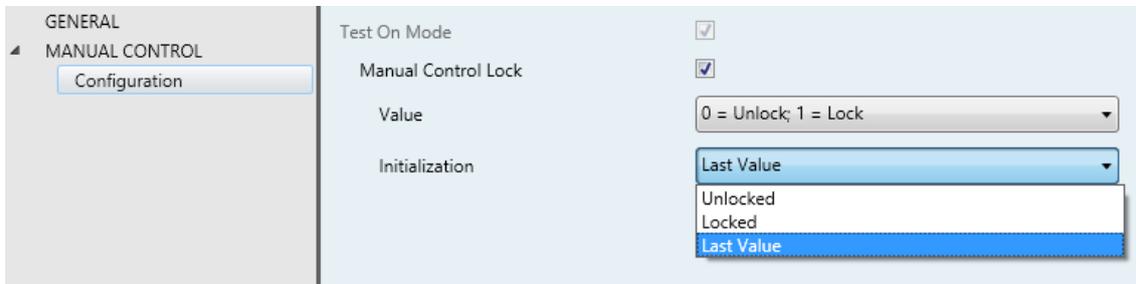
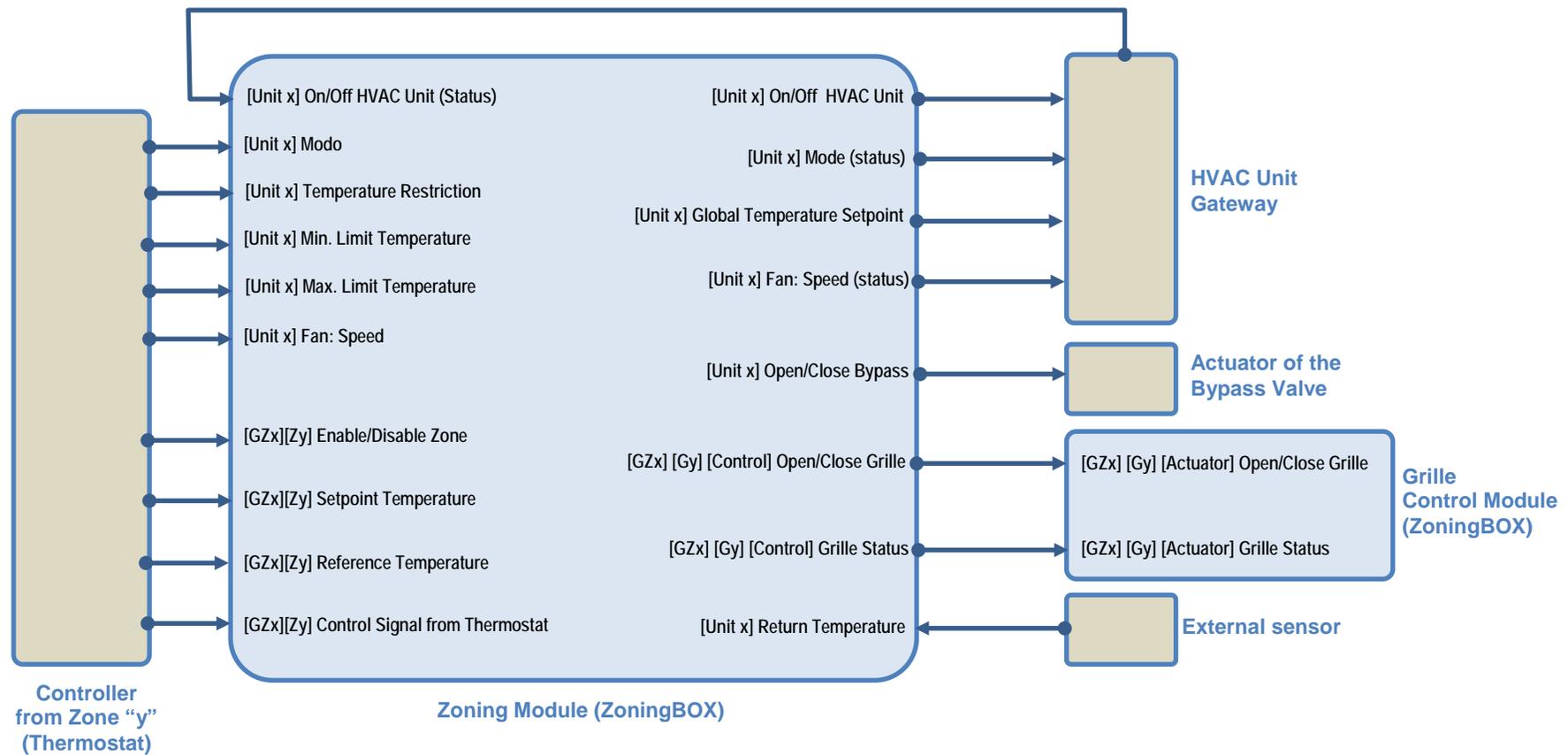


Figure 21. Manual Control

As the only manual control mode available in this device is the Test On mode, it will get enabled simply by enabling the manual control function. Thus, only one parameter must be parameterised:

- **Manual Control Lock:** provides an optional procedure for locking the manual control in runtime. When this checkbox is enabled, object “**Manual Control Lock**” turns visible, as well as two more parameters:
  - **Value:** defines whether the manual control lock/unlock should take place respectively upon the reception (through the aforementioned object) of values “0” and “1”, or the opposite.
  - **Initialization:** sets how the lock state of the manual control should remain after the device start-up (after an ETS download or a bus power failure): “Unlocked”, “Locked” or “Last Value” (default option; on the very first start-up, this will be Unlocked).

# ANNEX I. INTERACTION BETWEEN MODULES



## ANNEX II. COMMUNICATION OBJECTS

- **“Functional range”** shows the values that, with independence of any other values permitted by the bus according to the object size, may be of any use or have a particular meaning because of the specifications or restrictions from both the KNX standard or the application program itself.

Number	Size	I/O	Flags	Data type (DPT)	Functional Range	Name	Function
1	1 Bit	I	C - - W -	DPT_Switch	0/1	Manual Control Lock	0 = Lock; 1 = Unlock
	1 Bit	I	C - - W -	DPT_Switch	0/1	Manual Control Lock	0 = Unlock; 1 = Lock
2, 6, 10, 14, 18, 22, 26, 30, 34, 38, 42, 46	1 Bit	I	C T - W U	DPT_Enable	0/1	[GZx] [Zy] Disable/Enable Zone	0 = Disable; 1 = Enable
3, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27, 31, 35, 39, 43, 47	2 Bytes	I	C T - W U	DPT_Value_Temp	-273.00 - 670760.00	[GZx] [Zy] Setpoint Temperature	Setpoint Temperature
4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 32, 36, 40, 44, 48	2 Bytes	I	C T - W U	DPT_Value_Temp	-273.00 - 670760.00	[GZx] [Zy] Reference Temperature	Reference Temperature
5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, 29, 33, 37, 41, 45, 49	1 Bit	I	C T - W U	DPT_Switch	0/1	[GZx] [Zy] Control Signal from Thermostat	0 = Close; 1 = Open
50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72	1 Bit	O	C T R - -	DPT_Switch	0/1	[GZx] [Gy] [Control] Open/Close Grille	0 = Close; 1 = Open
51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73	1 Bit	I	C T - W U	DPT_Switch	0/1	[GZ1] [G1] [Control] Grille Status	0 = Closed; 1 = Open
74, 105	1 Bit	O	C T R - -	DPT_Switch	0/1	[Unit x] On/Off HVAC Unit	0 = Off; 1 = On
75, 106	1 Bit	I	C T - W U	DPT_Switch	0/1	[Unit x] On/Off HVAC Unit (Status)	0 = Off; 1 = On
76, 107	1 Byte	I	C T - W U	DPT_HVACContrMode	0 = Auto 1 = Heat 3 = Cool 9 = Fan 14 = Dry	[Unit x] Mode	HVAC Mode
77, 108	1 Byte	O	C T R - -	DPT_HVACContrMode	0 = Auto 1 = Heat 3 = Cool 9 = Fan 14 = Dry	[Unit x] Mode (Status)	HVAC Mode
78, 109	1 Bit	I	C T - W U	DPT_Trigger	0/1	[Unit x] Heat Mode	0 = Ignored; 1 = Activate Heat Mode
79, 110	1 Bit	O	C T R - -	DPT_Enable	0/1	[Unit x] Heat Mode (Status)	0 = Disabled; 1 = Enabled
80, 111	1 Bit	I	C T - W U	DPT_Trigger	0/1	[Unit x] Cool Mode	0 = Ignored; 1 = Activate Cool Mode
81, 112	1 Bit	O	C T R - -	DPT_Enable	0/1	[Unit x] Cool Mode (Status)	0 = Disabled; 1 = Enabled
82, 113	1 Bit	I	C T - W U	DPT_Trigger	0/1	[Unit x] Fan Mode	0 = Ignored; 1 = Activate Fan Mode

83, 114	1 Bit	O	CTR--	DPT_Enable	0/1	[Unit x] Fan Mode (Status)	0 = Disabled; 1 = Enabled
84, 115	1 Bit	I	CT-WU	DPT_Trigger	0/1	[Unit x] Dry Mode	0 = Ignored; 1 = Activate Dry Mode
85, 116	1 Bit	O	CTR--	DPT_Enable	0/1	[Unit x] Dry Mode (Status)	0 = Disabled; 1 = Enabled
86, 117	1 Bit	I	CT-WU	DPT_Switch	0/1	[Unit x] Simplified Mode	0 = Cool; 1 = Heat
87, 118	1 Bit	O	CTR--	DPT_Switch	0/1	[Unit x] Simplified Mode (Status)	0 = Cool; 1 = Heat
88, 119	2 Bytes	O	CTR--	DPT_Value_Temp	-273.00 - 670760.00	[Unit x] Global Temperature Setpoint	Setpoint to HVAC Unit
89, 120	1 Bit	I	CT-WU	DPT_Enable	0/1	[Unit x] Temperature Restriction	0 = Disabled; 1 = Enabled
90, 121	2 Bytes	I	CT-WU	DPT_Value_Temp	-273.00 - 670760.00	[Unit x] Min. Limit Temperature	Minimum in Range
91, 122	2 Bytes	I	CT-WU	DPT_Value_Temp	-273.00 - 670760.00	[Unit x] Max. Limit Temperature	Maximum in Range
92, 123	2 Bytes	I/O	CTRWU	DPT_Value_Temp	-273.00 - 670760.00	[Unit x] Return Temperature	Return Temp. from External Sensor
93, 124	1 Byte	I	CT-WU	DPT_Scaling	0% - 100%	[Unit x] Fan: Percentage Control	Stop = 0%; Min = 1 - 50%; Max = 51 - 100%
	1 Byte	I	CT-WU	DPT_Scaling	0% - 100%	[Unit x] Fan: Percentage Control	Stop = 0%; Min = 1 - 33%; Med = 34 - 67%; Max = 68 - 100%
94, 125	1 Byte	O	CTR--	DPT_Scaling	0% - 100%	[Unit x] Fan: Speed Percentage (Status)	Stop = 0%; Min = 33%; Med = 67%; Max = 100%
	1 Byte	O	CTR--	DPT_Scaling	0% - 100%	[Unit x] Fan: Speed Percentage (Status)	Stop = 0%; Min = 50%; Max = 100%
95, 126	1 Bit	I	CT-WU	DPT_Step	0/1	[Unit x] Fan: Step Control	0 = Decrease; 1 = Increase
96, 127	1 Byte	I	CT-WU	DPT_Value_1_Ucount	0 - 255	[Unit x] Fan: Enumeration Control	0 = Off; 1 = Min.; 2 = Max.
	1 Byte	I	CT-WU	DPT_Value_1_Ucount	0 - 255	[Unit x] Fan: Enumeration Control	0 = Off; 1 = Min.; 2 = Med.; 3 = Max.
97, 128	1 Byte	O	CTR--	DPT_Value_1_Ucount	0 - 255	[Unit x] Fan: Speed Enumeration (Status)	0 = Off; 1 = Min.; 2 = Med.; 3 = Max.
	1 Byte	O	CTR--	DPT_Value_1_Ucount	0 - 255	[Unit x] Fan: Speed Enumeration (Status)	0 = Off; 1 = Min.; 2 = Max.
98, 129	1 Bit	I	CT-WU	DPT_Trigger	0/1	[Unit x] Fan: Speed Minimum	0 = Ignored; 1 = On
99, 130	1 Bit	I	CT-WU	DPT_Trigger	0/1	[Unit x] Fan: Speed Intermediate	0 = Ignored; 1 = On
100, 131	1 Bit	I	CT-WU	DPT_Trigger	0/1	[Unit x] Fan: Speed Maximum	0 = Ignored; 1 = On
101, 132	1 Bit	O	CTR--	DPT_Switch	0/1	[Unit x] Fan: Speed Minimum (Status)	0 = Off; 1 = On
102, 133	1 Bit	O	CTR--	DPT_Switch	0/1	[Unit x] Fan: Speed Intermediate (Status)	0 = Off; 1 = On
103, 134	1 Bit	O	CTR--	DPT_Switch	0/1	[Unit x] Fan: Speed Maximum (Status)	0 = Off; 1 = On
104, 135	1 Bit	O	CTR--	DPT_Switch	0/1	[Unit x] Open/Close Bypass	0 = Close; 1 = Open
136	1 Byte	I	C--W-	DPT_SceneNumber	0 - 63	Scenes	Scenes
137, 143, 149, 155, 161, 167	1 Bit	I	C--W-	DPT_Switch	0/1	[Gy] [Actuator] Open/Close Grille	0 = Close; 1 = Open

138, 144, 150, 156, 162, 168	1 Bit	O	<b>C T R - -</b>	DPT_Switch	0/1	[Gy] [Actuator] Grille Status	0 = Closed; 1 = Open
139, 145, 151, 157, 163, 169	1 Bit	I	<b>C - - W -</b>	DPT_Enable	0/1	[Gy] Lock	0 = Unlock; 1 = Lock
140, 146, 152, 158, 164, 170	1 Bit	O	<b>C T R - -</b>	DPT_Alarm	0/1	[Gy] Overload Error	0 = No Error; 1 = Error
141, 147, 153, 159, 165, 171	1 Bit	O	<b>C T R - -</b>	DPT_Alarm	0/1	[Gy] Connection Error	0 = No Error; 1 = Error
142, 148, 154, 160, 166, 172	1 Bit	O	<b>C T R - -</b>	DPT_Alarm	0/1	[Gy] Max. Safety Time Error	0 = No Error; 1 = Error
173	1 Bit	O	<b>C T R - -</b>	DPT_Alarm	0/1	Power Supply Failure	0 = No Error; 1 = Error
174	1 Bit	O	<b>C T R - -</b>	DPT_Alarm	0/1	Overheating Error	0 = No Error; 1 = Error

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