

# BOOMPILOT<sup>®</sup>

## INSTALLATION MANUAL

Automatic boom section control installation manual  
for use with John Deere EL4 Controllers w/Matrix<sup>®</sup> Pro



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Do not leave a vehicle while the BoomPilot is engaged.

Be sure that the area around the vehicle is clear of people and obstacles before and during engagement.

The BoomPilot is designed to support and improve efficiency while working in the field. The driver has full responsibility for the quality and work related results.

Disengage BoomPilot before operating on public roads or when not in use to prevent loss of vehicle control.

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## REQUIRED COMPONENTS

Unpack the installation kit and identify the required parts for your installation.

Item	Part Number	Description	Quantity
A	90-xxxx*	Matrix Pro guidance controller kit .....	1
B	45-05845	Power/CAN/data cable .....	1
C	198-398	BoomPilot harness, John Deere Sprayers (9 sections + master) .....	1
D	78-05072	BoomPilot section driver module (SDM) .....	1
E	020-040	Installation manual, John Deere EL4 Controllers .....	1
F	98-05243	Matrix Pro BoomPilot setup guide .....	1

\*Part number is dependent on kit contents

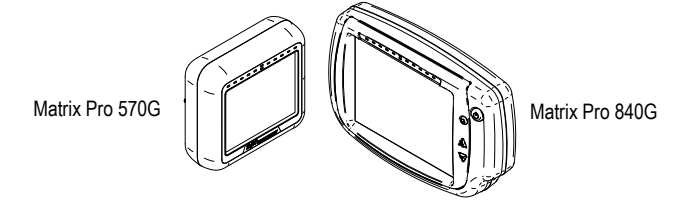
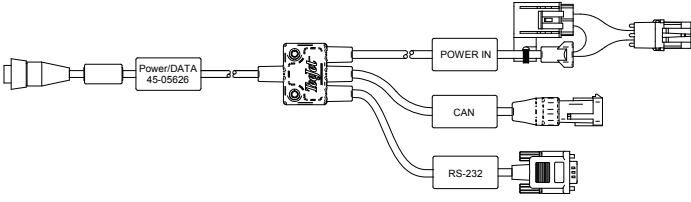
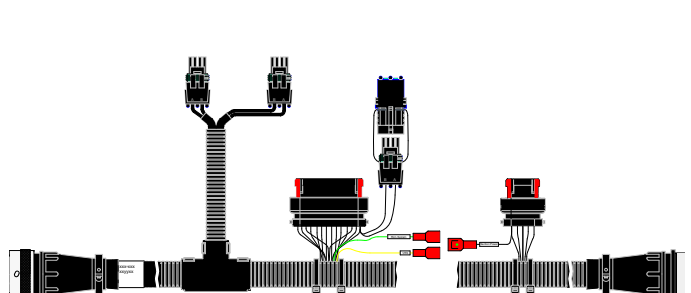
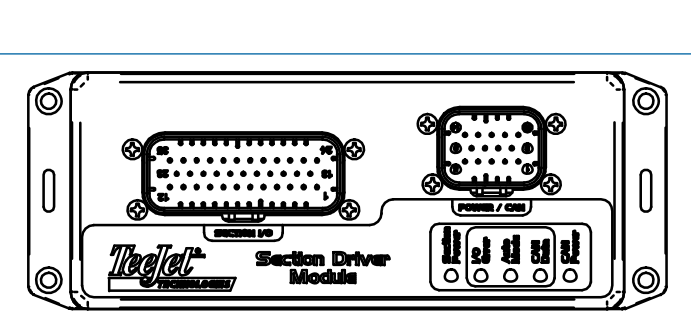
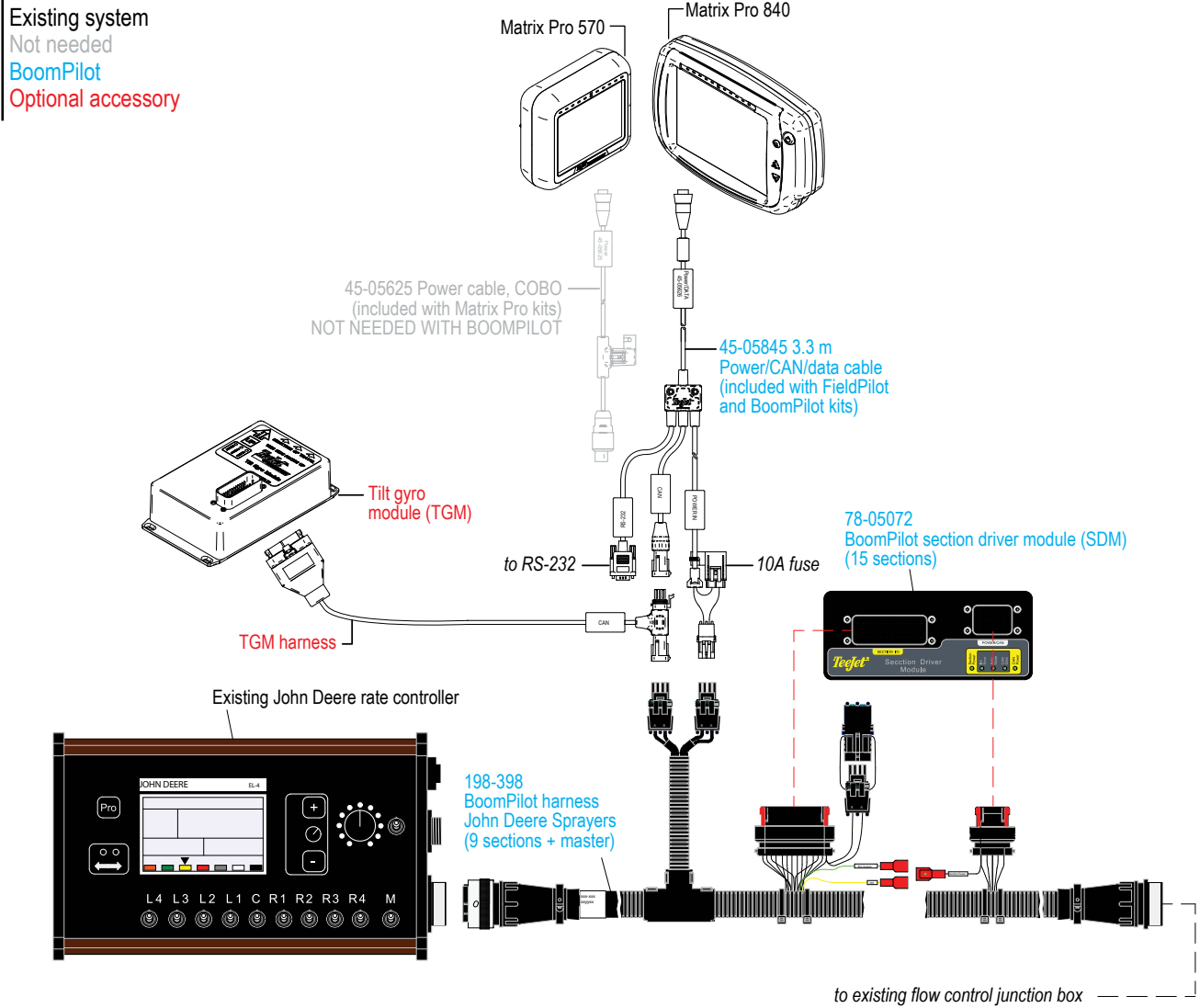
Item	Part #	Description	Illustration
A	Part number is dependent on kit contents	Matrix Pro guidance controller kit	 <p>Matrix Pro 570G      Matrix Pro 840G</p>
B	45-05845	Power/CAN/data cable	 <p>Power/DATA 45-05626      POWER IN      CAN      RS-232</p>
C	198-398	BoomPilot Harness, John Deere Sprayers (9 sections + master)	
D	78-05072	BoomPilot section driver module (SDM)	 <p>TagJet Section Driver Module      POWER / CAN</p>
E	020-040	Installation manual, John Deere EL4 Controllers	
F	98-05243	Matrix Pro BoomPilot setup guide	

Figure 1: System diagram



## PRINCIPLE OF OPERATION

The BoomPilot system controls the sections valves according to the GPS position. The GPS makes it possible to avoid overlaps or skips.

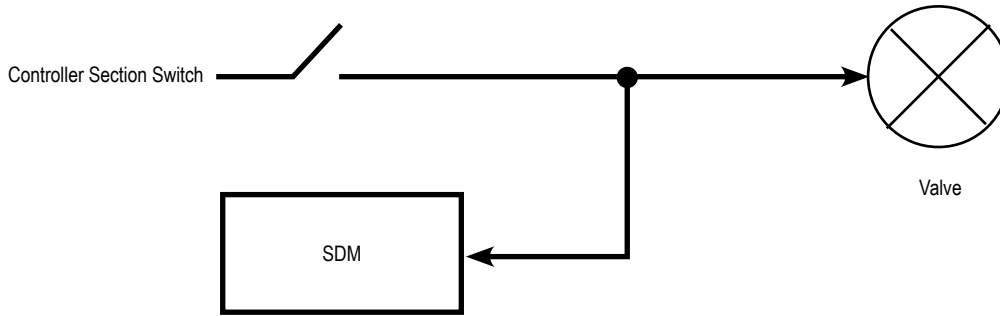
The Section Driver Module (SDM) is designed for switching active high when spraying. This means that a 12V signal is issued to control the corresponding section valve.

The SDM is connected in parallel with the controller section switches.

The BoomPilot controls the section valves in automatic mode, and the controller section switches should be set to off unless the operator wants to override the auto mode and thus force spraying.

The BoomPilot monitors the controller section switches that controls the valves in manual mode. The the Master switch can be used both in automatic mode as well as in manual mode.

Figure 2: Principle of operation



## INSTALLATION



If there are questions concerning the installation of the BoomPilot system on this vehicle, or due to the changes in component specifications the parts supplied in the kit are not exactly as presented in this document, please contact your dealer or TeeJet Customer service representative for clarification before installation. TeeJet Technologies is not responsible for misuse or incorrect installation of the system.

*NOTE: All references to left and right are stated as if the user is seated in the driver's seat.*

*NOTE: BE VERY CAREFUL TO ABSOLUTELY SECURE ALL CABLES AND HOSES SO THAT THEY DON'T INTERFERE WITH THE MANY MOVING PARTS OF THE MACHINE!*

### 1. LOCATE THE CONNECTION POINT FOR THE SDM HARNESS

Locate the existing system's flow control harness as it routes up to the side of the John Deere console.

### 2. MOUNT & CONNECT SDM

1. Mount SDM (E) as shown where LED's can be seen for troubleshooting.
2. Connect SDM (E) to BoomPilot Harness (C).

Figure 3: Connect SDM

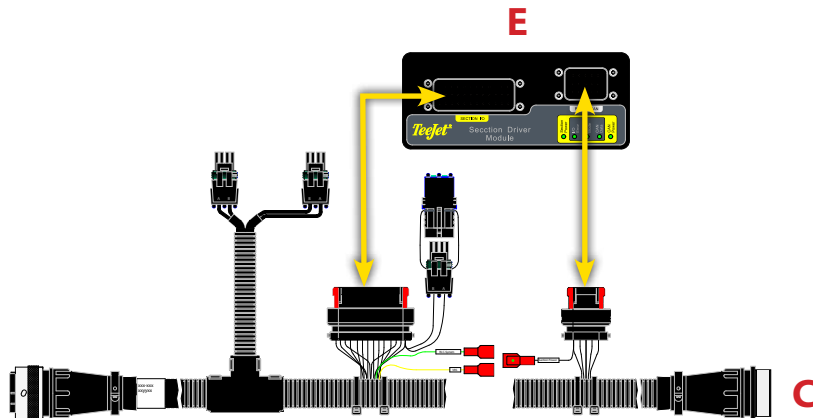
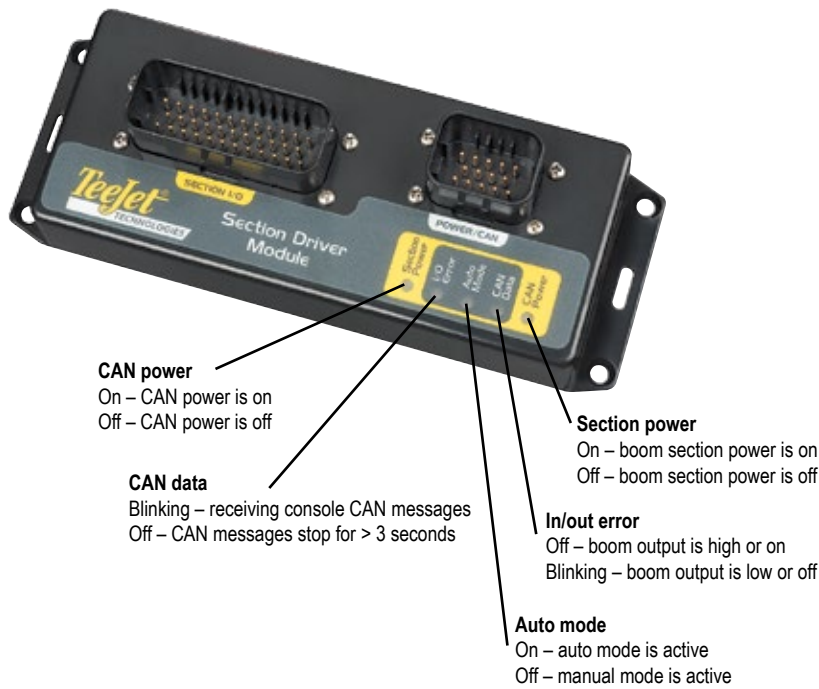


Figure 4: LED description



### 3. DISCONNECT & RECONNECT HARNESSSES & CABLES

The BoomPilot SDM harness (C) tees into the existing system's connection between the John Deere rate controller and flow control harness.

1. Disconnect existing connection at the side of the John Deere controller.
2. Connect BoomPilot harness (C) to John Deere controller.
3. Connect BoomPilot harness (C) to existing John Deere flow control harness.

Figure 5: Disconnect existing connection



Figure 6: BoomPilot harness to flow control harness

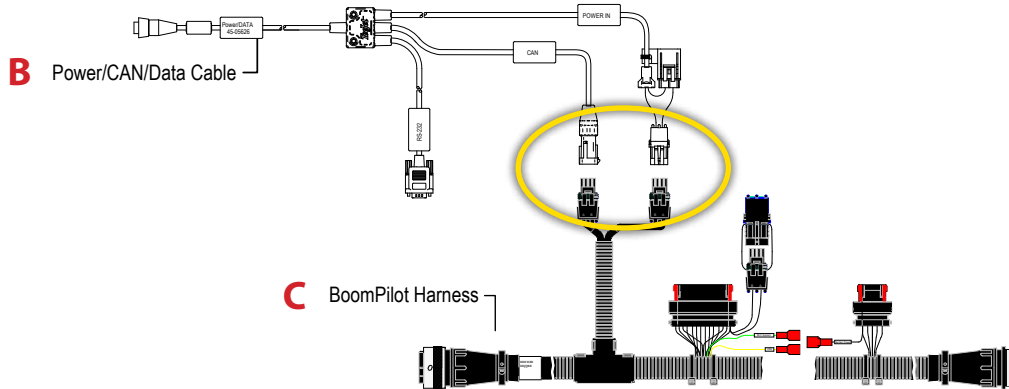
BoomPilot harness to controller



## 4. CONNECT POWER/CAN/DATA CABLE TO BOOMPILOT HARNESS

Connect Power/CAN/data cable (B) to BoomPilot harness (C).

Figure 7: Connect power/CAN/data cable to BoomPilot harness



## 5. SETTING CIRCULATION SYSTEM TYPE ON BOOMPILOT HARNESS

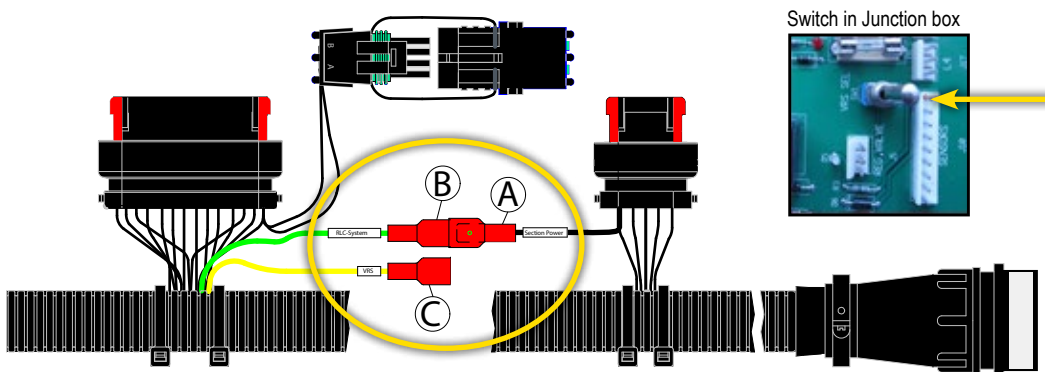
The BoomPilot Harness (C) covers two different John Deere Sprayer types:

- Sprayers with Ring Line Circulation System (RLC-System).
- Sprayers with Vacuum Re-circulation System (VRS).

### Ring Line Circulation System

Connect A to B (Section Power to RLC-System) 'VRS Switch' in position 'Non VRS'.

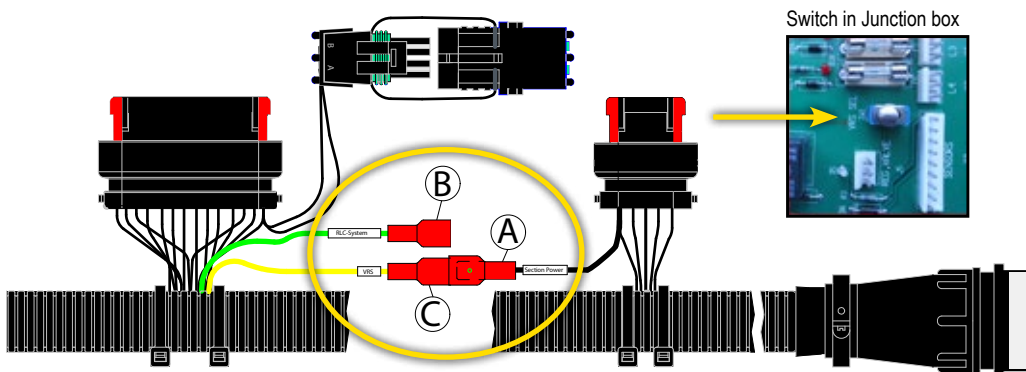
Figure 8: Ring Line Circulation System



### Vacuum Re-circulation System

Connect A to C (Section Power to VRS). VRS switch in position 'VRS'

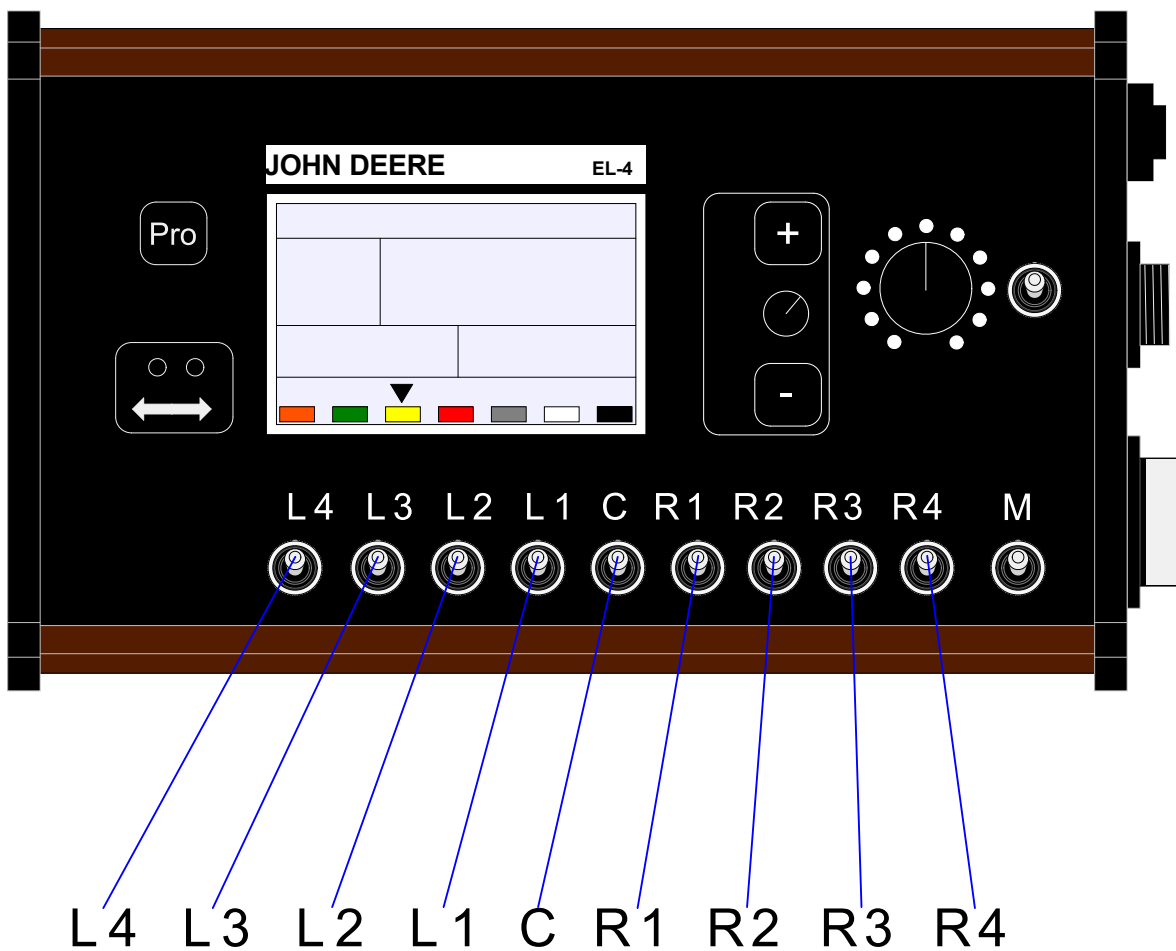
Figure 9: Vacuum Re-circulation System





### 6. ENCODE THE SECTION WIDTH IN THE MATRIX PRO:

The John Deere EL4 controller is always equipped with 9 section switches, but the number of sections on the sprayer boom will vary. This combined with the fixed 'Center section' on the EL4 controller will influence on how the number of section and the width's are encoded in the Matrix Pro.



### Example

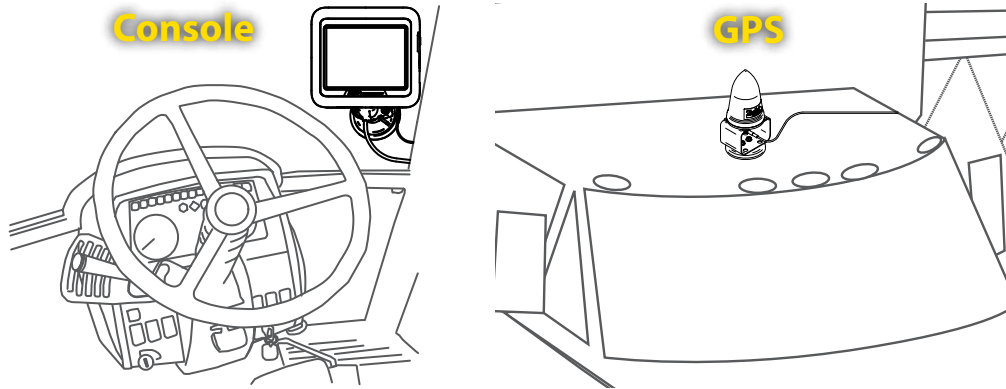
The sprayer has 7 sections - each 4 meter. Encode the Matrix Pro as shown below:

Matrix Pro	John Deere EL4	Width
Section 1	L4	0.01
Section 2	L3	4.00
Section 3	L2	4.00
Section 4	L1	4.00
Section 5	C	4.00
Section 6	R1	4.00
Section 7	R2	4.00
Section 8	R3	4.00
Section 9	R4	0.01

## 7. RECOMMENDED ELECTRONICS INSTALLATION

The control console can be mounted to the operator's preference. The GPS antenna should be mounted in the center on top of the cab on a metal surface of at least 10 cm square.

Figure 10: Recommended electronics installation



## 8. COMPLETE ELECTRONIC INSTALLATION

Refer to the Matrix Pro BoomPilot Setup Guide for further instructions on setting up and using your Matrix Pro for ABSC.

If not using a Matrix Pro, please refer to the owner's manual supplied with the guidance system to complete the electronic installation and setup.

## SYSTEM CHECK

After connecting the power connector, it is time to make a system check. To check the system, it is necessary to have full GPS signal. To obtain full GPS signal, the vehicle must be placed outside.

### Check AUTOMATIC mode:

*John Deere:*

Section switches should be in the OFF position when working in Automatic mode. The Master switch will control the sprayer and should be ON to enable automatic switching of the sections.

*Matrix Pro:*

- Turn on the Matrix Pro console
- Encode the number of sections and the width of each (Refer to the Matrix Pro user manual)
- Wait for GPS signal
- Set the BoomPilot mode to AUTOMATIC  
◀ Status Bar Icon will change to green ▲
- Drive forward (> 2 km/h)
- Observe that all valves open
- Check that the valves close when the Master switch is set to OFF

### Check MANUAL mode:

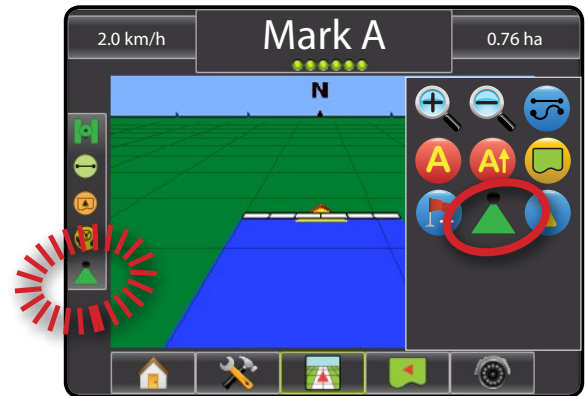
*John Deere:*

- Set the section switches to ON
- Set the Master switch to ON

*Matrix Pro:*

- Set the BoomPilot mode to MANUAL  
◀ Status Bar Icon will change to red ▲
- Check in the 'Vehicle View Screen' (Matrix Pro) that the section icons turn off and on according to the valve/switch status
- Observe that all valves are open

Figure 11: Automatic to all booms on mode





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## USER MANUAL

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A series of equipment-specific installation kits have been developed to work in conjunction with your automated boom section control system. This kit contains the necessary components and instructions to install ABSC on a John Deere EL4 Controller. Please review this manual thoroughly before beginning the installation process.

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