INSTALLATION GUIDE & OPERATION MANUAL
ASPEN R410a WALL MOUNT AIR HANDLERS

AFW/ABW SERIES – VERTICAL WALL MOUNT
AIR HANDLER - COPPER COIL (HYDRONIC HEAT)

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1. IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTION

Potential safety hazards are alerted using the following symbols. The symbol is used in conjunction with terms that indicate the intensity of the hazard. It is the responsibility of the owner and the installer to read and comply with the safety information and the instructions accompanying these symbols.

Read the precautions in this manual carefully before operating the unit.

Read the instructions in this manual carefully before operating the unit.

Read the instructions in this manual carefully before servicing the unit.

Read the instructions in this manual carefully before wiring the unit.

Warning or Caution

⚠ WARNING
This symbol indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which if not avoided, could result in serious injury, property damage, product damage or death.

⚠ CAUTION
This symbol indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which if not avoided, may result in moderate injury or property damage.

⚠ WARNING
Certified technicians or those individuals meeting the requirements specified by NATE may use this information. Property and product damage or personal injury hazard may occur without such background.
This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory, or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety. Children must be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance.
Product designed and manufactured to permit installation in accordance with local and national building codes. It is the installer's responsibility to ensure that the product is installed in strict compliance with the aforementioned codes. Manufacturer assumes no responsibility for damage (personal, product or property) caused due to installations violating regulations.

⚠ WARNING
Disconnect ALL power before servicing or installing this unit. Multiple power sources may be present. Failure to do so may cause property damage, personal injury, or death.

⚠ WARNING
This unit is not approved for outdoor installations.

⚠ WARNING

HAZARDOUS VOLTAGE!
Failure to follow this warning could result in property damage, severe personal injury, or death.
Disconnect ALL electric power, including remote disconnects before servicing. Follow proper lockout/tagout procedures to ensure the power cannot be inadvertently energized

⚠ WARNING

The unit is designed for operation with 120 V, single phase, 60 Hz power supply. Aspen will not be responsible for damages caused due to modification of the unit to operate with alternative power sources.

WARNING

When this unit is installed in an enclosed area, such as a garage or utility room with any Carbon Monoxide producing devices (i.e. automobile, space heater, water heater etc.) ensure that the enclosed area is properly ventilated.

⚠ WARNING

This product designed and manufactured to permit installation in accordance with local and national building codes. It is the installer's responsibility to ensure that product is installed in strict compliance with national and local codes. Manufacturer takes no responsibility for damage (personal, product or property) caused due to installations violating regulations. Installation of this unit shall be made in accordance with the National Electric Code, NFPA No. 90A and 90B, and any other local codes or utilities requirements.

⚠ WARNING

Do not bypass safety devices.

⚠ WARNING

PRESURIZED REFRIGERANT!
Failure to follow this warning could result in personal injury. System contains oil and refrigerant under high pressure. Recover refrigerant before opening the system. Do not use non-approved refrigerants or refrigerant substitutes or refrigerant additives.

⚠ WARNING

If any hot work is to be conducted on the refrigerating equipment or any associated parts, appropriate fire extinguishing equipment shall be available to hand. Have a dry powder or CO2 fire extinguisher adjacent to the charging area.

⚠ CAUTION

Only factory authorized kits and accessories should be used when installing or modifying this unit unless it is so noted in these instructions. Some localities may require a licensed installer/service personnel.

⚠ WARNING

This product can expose you to chemicals including lead, which are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.65Warnings.ca.gov

⚠ WARNING

Do not use means to accelerate the defrosting process or to clean, other than those recommended by the manufacturer.
The appliance shall be stored in a room without continuously operating ignition sources (for example: open flames, an operating gas appliance or an operating electric heater).
Do not pierce or burn.
Be aware that refrigerants may not contain an odor.

- This appliance shall be installed in accordance with national wiring regulations.
- The of the space necessary for correct installation of the appliance including the minimum permissible distance to adjacent structures is specified in Section 4 of this manual under "INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS AND CLEARANCES".
- For air handlers with supplementary heaters, the minimum clearance from the appliance to combustible surfaces is specified in Section 5 of this manual under "INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS AND CLEARANCES", the equipment was tested for 0" clearance.
- A wiring diagram with clear indication of the connections to external control devices and supply cord can be found in Section 15 of this manual.
- The range of external static pressure at which the appliance was tested (add-on heat pumps and ducted appliances with supplementary heaters only) is available in Section 11 of this manual.
- The method of connecting the appliance to the electrical supply and interconnection of separate components is detailed in Section 10, LOW VOLTAGE CONNECTIONS and in Section 15, WIRING DIAGRAMS.
- None of the components in this product family are designed or approved to be suitable for outdoor use.
- Refer to Section 13 of this manual for details of Hydronic Heat Kits that may be used in conjunction with the appliance.

This Air Handler unit is a PARTIAL UNIT AIR CONDITIONER, complying with PARTIAL UNIT requirements of Standard UL 60335-2-40/CSA 22.2 NO. 60335-2-40, and must only be connected to other units that have been confirmed as complying to corresponding PARTIAL UNIT requirements of this Standard.

This appliance is not intended for use at altitudes exceeding 2,000 meters.

2. INTRODUCTION & GENERAL INFORMATION

These air handlers are versatile multi-positional unit with the following standard features:

- **Application Versatility:** This unit is designed for use in front or bottom applications. Follow section 5 & 6 for installation and conversion instructions.

  Can be AHRI matched with most brands of air conditioners or heat pumps outdoor sections R22 or R410a REFRIGERANT when proper metering device is used.

- **Motor:** AFW models: Constant torque ECM speeds and torques are controlled by software embedded in the motor to

maintain constant torque. Motors are pre-programmed at the factory. ABW models: are equipped with a PSC motor.

- **Cabinet:** Sturdy, short, galvanized steel cabinet with painted front panels. Cabinet fully insulated with 1/2" faced insulation to prevent sweating and mold growth, to encapsulate glass fibers, and to provide excellent R-value. Stick pins ensure insulation remains in place. Units ship with disposable filter in filter rack.

- **Hydronic Coil:** Available with either circuit breakers or terminal blocks. Hydronic Coils come in 2, 3 and 4 row with the options of pump or no pump configurations.

- **Blower:** Direct drive multi-speed blowers circulate air quietly and efficiently. Motor speeds can be easily selected via motor terminals. Swing mounted blowers can be easily removed for service.

- **Electronic Circuit Board:** Electronic circuit board provides 30 sec. ON/OFF blower time delay extracting more heat/cool from the coil

- **DX Coil:** High efficiency rifled aluminum tubes and enhanced aluminum fins provide maximum heat transfer. All coils factory leak tested with two-stage pressure decay and mass spectrometer process then nitrogen pressurized, and factory sealed for maximum reliability. Coil mounted Schrader allows pre-installation pressure testing.Available with either check style flowrater or TXV metering device. Field-installable TXVs are also available. Rugged GLP drain pan holds minimal condensate while eliminating the possibility of corrosion. Drain pans are UV safe. GLP drain pans with bottom primary and secondary drain connections or alternate right-side primary. All connections 3/4" FPT. Access door allows for coil cleaning.

- **Warranty:** Five year limited parts warranty.

3. INSPECTION

On receiving the product, visually inspect it for any major shipping related damages. Shipping damages are the carrier's responsibility. Inspect the product labels to verify the model number and options are in accordance with your order. Manufacturer will not accept damage claims for incorrectly shipped product.

4. INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS AND CLEARANCES

This unit is designed for zero clearance installation on three sides and adequate clearance to provide access for service in the front. A minimum of 2.5 – 3.5 feet clearance is recommended on the front end (Fig 4.1).

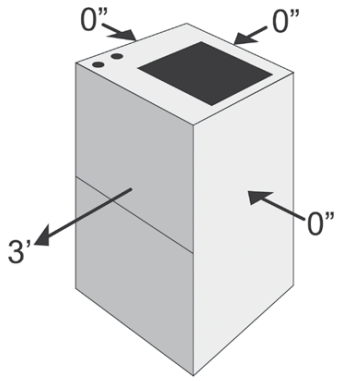

Fig 4.1. Minimum Clearance for Air Handler

4.1. Recess Mounting of Wall Mounting Options

These units are designed to be installed in a small room where they can be mounted above a water heater or recessed into a wall. The unit should be installed in Vertical Upflow position ONLY.

If installing the air handler into a recessed wall, the unit must leave clearance to allow the removal of the front panels (Fig 4.1.1). The bottom of the unit should also rest on a sturdy platform or floor. The unit must be level to allow condensate drainage.

These air handlers come with an offset mounting bracket that attaches the air handler to the wall when the unit is flush mounted to the wall.

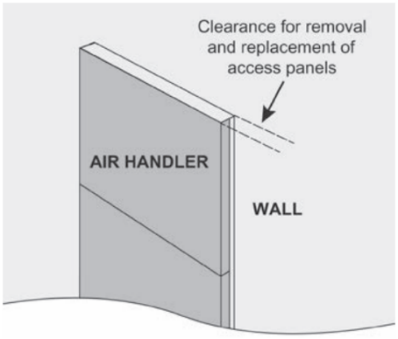

Fig 4.1.1

4.2. Condensate Drain Preparation

4.2.1. Condensate Drain

- Condensate drain is located at front as shown in picture with primary and secondary drain port.
- Pipe condensate system using proper PVC fittings.
- Ensure a minimum 2" trap is installed in the condensate drain. Locate the trap near to the connection opening on the air handler. See illustration.

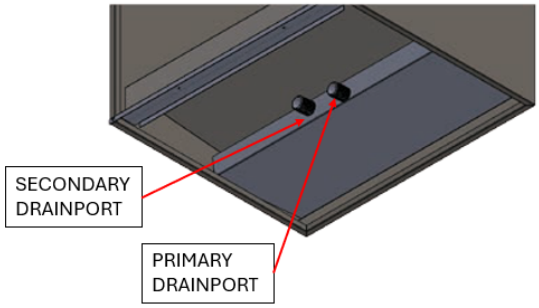

Fig. 4.2. Condensate Drain (Bottom View)

An auxiliary drain pan must be provided by the installer and placed under the entire unit with a separate drain line that is properly sloped and terminated in an area visible to the homeowner. The auxiliary pans provide extra protection to the area under the unit should the primary and secondary drain plug up and overflow. As expressed in our product warranty; **ASPEN WILL NOT BE BILLED FOR ANY STRUCTURAL DAMAGES CAUSE BY FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS INSTALLATION REQUIREMENT**. The drains from the auxiliary drain pan must be installed according to the local building codes.

⚠ CAUTION

Drain lines from the auxiliary drain pan should NOT be connected to the primary drain line of the coil.

The drain lines must be installed with ¼" per foot pitch to provide free drainage. A condensate trap MUST be installed on the primary drain line to ensure proper drainage of the condensate. The trap must be installed in the drain line below the bottom of the drain pan (Fig. 4.2b)

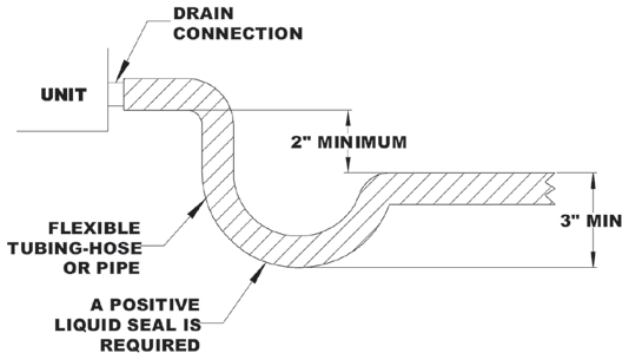

Fig. 4.2b Condensate Drain Trap

⚠ CAUTION

Since coil is upstream of the blower, all drains MUST be trapped or sealed. Failure to do so will result in condensate overflow from the drain pan. Aspen will NOT be responsible for any damages resulting from failure to follow these instructions.

⚠ CAUTION

If the drain pan is constructed of nylon or plastic; use Teflon tape to connect the drain lines to the threads in the drain pan. DO NOT USE SOLVENT BASED PIPE DOPE. THIS WILL REDUCE THE LIFE OF THE PAN.

The drain pan has primary (white) and secondary (red) drain connections. If a secondary drain line is required, it should be run separately from the primary and should terminate in a highly visible location.

Condensate disposal through the secondary drain line indicates that the primary drain line is plugged and needs cleaning. If a secondary drain line will not be provided, plug the secondary drain. Drain plugs are NOT to be reused without plumbers' tape or putty. Drain line connection should be finger tightened, then turned no more than one complete turn as needed to ensure a firm connection. DO NOT overtighten connection or damage may occur.

4.3. Ductwork

Duct systems should be installed in accordance with standards for air-conditioning systems, National Fire Protection Association Pamphlet No. 90A or 90B. They should be sized in accordance with National Environmental System Contractors Association Manual K, or whichever is applicable.

On any job, non-flammable flexible collars should be used for the return air and discharge connections to prevent transmission of vibration (Fig 5.3). Although these units have been specially designed for quiet vibration-free operation, air ducts can act as soundboards, can, if poorly installed, amplify the slightest vibration to the annoyance level.

Fig 4.3

All main supply and return air drops should be properly sized as determined by the designer of the duct system and should not necessarily be the size of the duct flange openings of the unit. (The duct size should never be smaller than the flange openings of the air handler supply and return air openings.)

These models have a bottom or front return. Discard the drain access panel in the bottom of the unit if this is a bottom return application (Fig 4.4). For front return applications, the front access panel should be removed and discarded.

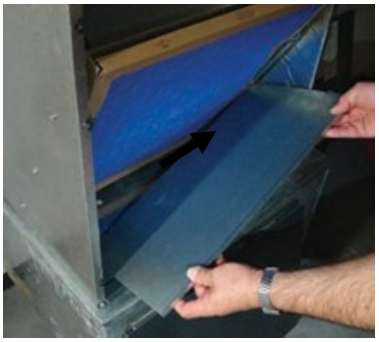

Fig 4.4

If an accessory grill is being used, the front access panel should be removed and discarded (Fig 4.5).

Fig 4.5

Filter sizes varies for each model (see spec sheet) that needs to be installed in the filter rack that is provided (Fig 4.6).
Inspect and clean or replace filter every month. A blocked filter reduces airflow to the coil and hinders the performance of the system.

Fig 4.6

It is recommended that wherever supply and return air sheet metal ducts pass through unconditional areas, they be insulated to prevent excessive heat loss during heating operation. When applied in conjunction with summer air conditioning, sheet metal duct routed through unconditioned areas should be insulated and have an outside vapor barrier to prevent formation of condensation.

5. INSTALLATION

⚠ CAUTION

Ensure that the unit is adequately sized. The tonnage of the outdoor unit should never exceed the tonnage of this unit.

⚠ WARNING

The coil was manufactured with a dry nitrogen pre-charge. Release the pressure through the Schrader valve test port prior to installation. If holding pressure is not present, return coil to distributor for exchange.

⚠ CAUTION

Some Aspen coils may include a Schrader valve on the suction manifold. Ensure that the Schrader valve and valve core (where present) are protected from heat during brazing and installation to prevent leakage. Use a core removal tool to temporarily remove the core when brazing. Replace the core once brazing is completed.

⚠ CAUTION

Insulation on the suction line MUST extend into the cabinet and continue as far as possible to eliminate condensate dripping onto the access door.

✓ Clean coil fins with degreasing agent or mild detergent and rinse fins clean prior to installation.

✓ The refrigerant line sizes should be selected according to the recommendations of the outdoor unit manufacturer.

✓ Care must be taken to ensure all connection joints are burr-free and clean. Failure to do so may increase chances of a leak. It is recommended to use a pipe cutter to remove the spun closed end of the suction line.

✓ To reduce air leakage, rubber grommets may be present where the lines pass through the coil case. To avoid damage, remove grommets prior to brazing by sliding over the lines. Use a quenching cloth or allow the lines to cool before reinstalling the grommets.

✓ Use of wet rags/quenching cloth is highly recommended to prevent weld-related damages to the casing and Schrader valve (if present).

5.1. Mounting Air Handler to Wall

5.1.1. Install the air handler in a level position side to side and front to back. If this step is not followed, condensate water damage may occur. (Both flush mount and recess mount configurations.)

5.1.2. Determine where the air handler is to be placed on the wall. Place the hanging bracket on the wall and align the holes of the bracket with the wall studs. Level the hanging bracket and mark the holes to drill pilot holes for the screws.

Fig 5.1

Fig 5.2

5.1.3. Drill the pilot holes.

5.1.4. Secure the bracket with screws sufficient to hold 4X the weight of the air handler.

Fig 5.3

5.1.5. Position the air handler on the wall with the bracket on the air handler slightly higher than the bracket secured on the wall. Lower the air handler so that the brackets engage. Check the unit for level, both side to side and front to back.

Fig 5.4

5.2. Connecting Ducting

5.2.1. Secure supply air ducting to the top of the air handler. Canvas connectors are recommended for reducing potential noise transmission.

5.2.2. If the bottom return air opening is being used, remove the bottom panel. If a front return is being used, this panel will remain in place.

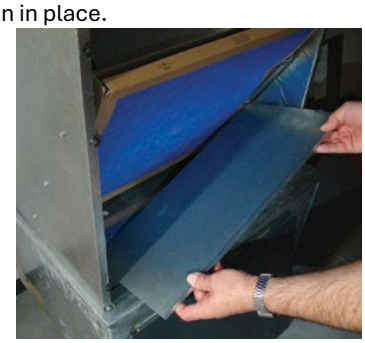

Fig 5.5

6. CONNECTING REFRIGERANT LINES

⚠ WARNING

The coil is manufactured with dry nitrogen pre-charge. Release the pressure through the Schrader valve test port prior to installation. If holding pressure is not present, return coil to distributor for exchange.

⚠ NOTICE

Refrigerant tubing must be routed to allow accessibility for service and maintenance of the unit.

Pipe-work including piping material, pipe routing, and installation shall include protection from physical damage in operation and service, and be in compliance with national and local codes and standards, such as ASHRAE 15, ASHRAE 15.2, IAPMO Uniform Mechanical Code, ICC International Mechanical Code, or CSA B52. All field joints shall be accessible for inspection prior to being covered or enclosed.

After completion of field piping for split systems, the field pipework shall be pressure tested with an inert gas and then vacuum tested prior to refrigerant charging, according to the following requirements:

The minimum test pressure for the low side of the system shall be the low side design pressure and the minimum test pressure for the high side of the system shall be the high side design pressure, unless the high side of the system, cannot be isolated from the low side of the system in which case the entire system shall be pressure tested to the low side design pressure.

Field-made refrigerant joints indoors shall be tightness tested. The test method shall have a sensitivity of 5 grams per year of refrigerant or better under a pressure of at least 0.25 times the maximum allowable pressure. No leak shall be detected. REFER TO SECTION 12 FOR SYSTEM CHARGING INSTRUCTIONS.

Clean coil fins with degreasing agent or mild detergent and rinse fins clean prior to installation.

The refrigerant line sizes should be selected according to the recommendations of the outdoor unit manufacturer.

Care must be taken to ensure all connection joints are burr-free and clean. Failure to do so may increase chances of a leak. It is recommended to use a pipe cutter to remove the spun closed end of the suction line.

To reduce air leakage, rubber grommets may be present where the lines pass through the coil case. To avoid damage, remove grommets prior to brazing by sliding over the lines. Use a quenching cloth or allow the lines to cool before reinstalling the grommets.

Use of wet rags/quenching cloth is highly recommended to prevent weld-related damage to the casing and Schrader valve (if present).

⚠ WARNING

The coils may include a Schrader valve on the suction manifold. Ensure that the Schrader valve and valve core (where present) are protected from heat to prevent leakage.

6.1. Release nitrogen holding charge by depressing the Shrader Valve on the coil. If no gas releases from the coil, contact distributor regarding potential leak.

Fig 6.1

6.2. Cut off the liquid line connection from the coil. Use a tubing cutter for this step. Clean the burr from the cut tubing to reduce the chance of future leaks. Connect the liquid line coming from the outdoor to the liquid line at the indoor unit.

Fig 6.2

6.3. Use a tubing cutter to cut the suction line connection at the air handler. Clean the burr from the cut tubing to reduce the chance of future leaks. Connect the suction line coming from the outdoor to the suction line at the indoor unit.

Fig 6.3

6.4. To avoid heat damage to grommets where present, remove these prior to brazing by sliding them over the refrigerant lines and out of the way.

6.5. Check to determine if the evaporator coil has a Shrader fitting on the suction manifold. If yes, remove the valve core to prevent heat damage during brazing. Replace the valve core once the piping has cooled.

6.6. If the air handler has a TXV metering device, remove the sensing bulb from the suction line prior to brazing to prevent heat damage from occurring. Replace the sensing bulb once the piping has cooled.

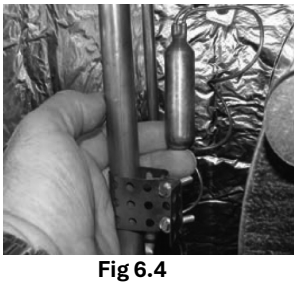

Fig 6.4

6.7. Flow nitrogen through the piping when brazing.

6.8. Braze both refrigerant line connections using proper brazing procedures.

6.9. When all line connections are brazed, perform a proper system evacuation procedure per the outdoor unit manufacturer instructions.

6.10. Seal the penetration openings where the lineset piping enters the air handler cabinet.

Fig 6.10

7. METERING DEVICES / LIQUID LINE CONNECTION

Aspen coils are available with two kinds of metering devices a) flowrater / fixed orifice, or b) TXV. The following instructions are separated into sections by the metering device.

7.1 Flowrater / Piston or Fixed Orifice

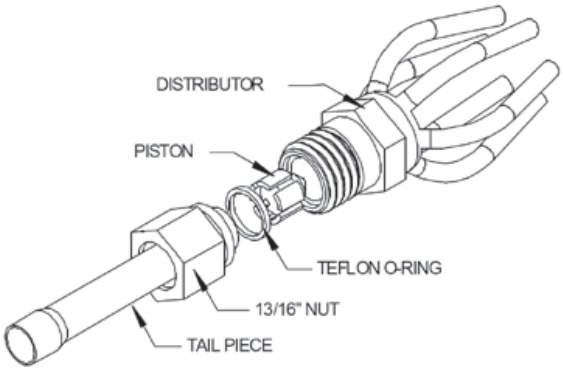

Fig 7.1 Flowrater assembly components

⚠ CAUTION

Use Piston sizes recommended by the outdoor unit manufacturer whenever possible. The piston should be sized according to the capacity of the outdoor unit.

⚠ WARNING

Failure to install the proper piston can lead to poor system performance and possible compressor damage.

7.1.1. Installation of Piston / Fixed Orifice

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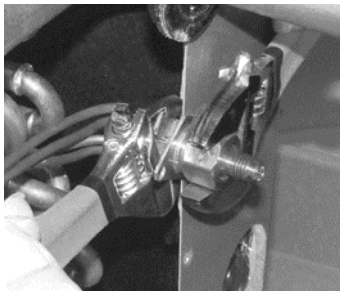

Fig 7.2

I-1. Disassemble flowrater body using two wrenches and unscrewing with a counterclockwise motion.

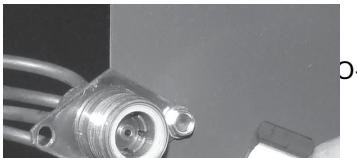

Fig 7.3

I-2. Replace the Teflon O-ring (located between the halves). Discard Schrader if present.

⚠ CAUTION
Be aware of the Teflon O-ring. Be sure to replace the O-ring to attain a proper seal. (The Teflon O-ring is located between the two halves of the flowrater).

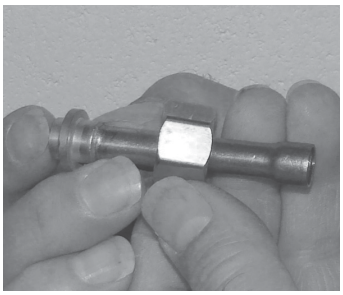

Fig 7.4

I-3. Slide the attachment nut onto the liquid line stub out.

I-4. Braze the stub-out portion to the liquid line and let cool.

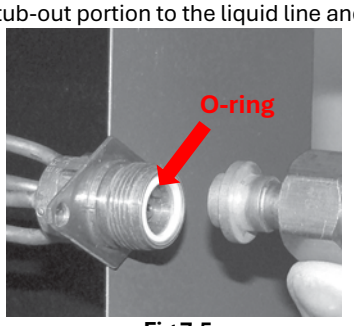

Fig 7.5

I-5. Taking care that the white Teflon seal is still in place inside the flowrater body, firmly seat the stub and screw the attachment nut to flowrater body.

I-6. Tighten nut using no more than 10 ft-lbs of torque. A flare nut open end wrench is recommended to evenly distribute the force across all six sides of the nut to ensure piston body is not deformed.

7.1.2. Piston Replacement

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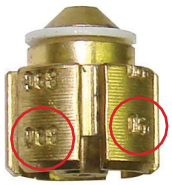


Fig 7.6

During some installations, a piston change may be required. If so, the installer MUST change the piston. Use piston sizes recommended by the outdoor unit manufacturer. If a sizing chart is not available, use the piston size chart provided below to size the required piston. The size of the piston is stamped on the piston body (Fig 7.6).

II-1. Evacuate the system as per manufacturer guidelines and recommendations.

II-2. Turn the 13/16” nut once to release any residual pressure in the coil.

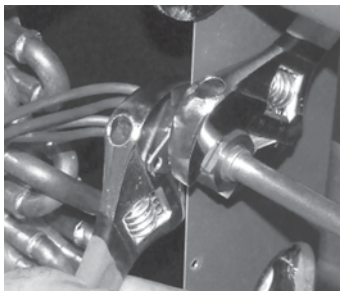


Fig 7.7

II-3. After ensuring that the coil is free of any residual pressure, disassemble the flowrater body completely using two wrenches. Take great care not to distort the feeder tubes. The wrench used to clasp the nut should be turned in counterclockwise direction to unscrew the nut.

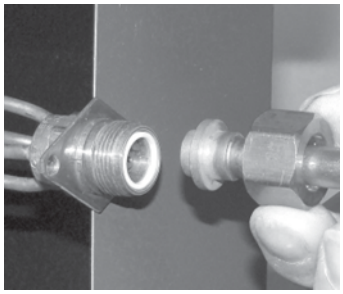


Fig 7.8

II-4. Slide the 13/16” nut over the lineset and separate the two halves of the flowrater.

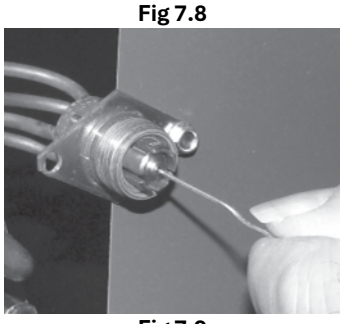


Fig 7.9

II-5. Pull the piston out using a small wire or pick. Verify the piston size (size is typically stamped on the body of the piston - Fig 7.6). If a different piston size is required by the outdoor unit manufacturer, replace the piston using the small wire provided with the piston kit.

II-6. Replace the piston with one of the correct size. Do not force the new piston into

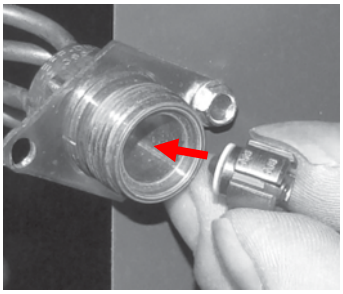


Fig 7.10

the body. Make sure the piston moves freely in body.

⚠ CAUTION

Pay close attention to the piston orientation. The pointed end of the piston MUST go into the distributor body, towards the coil. Failure to ensure this orientation will cause the piston to be bypassed during operation which might damage the outdoor unit.

II-7. Assemble the two halves correctly and ensure that the Teflon O-ring is present between the two halves (See I-5). Slide the 13/16" nut onto the distributor body.

⚠ CAUTION

Be aware of the Teflon O-ring. Be sure to replace the O-ring to attain a proper seal. (The Teflon O-ring is located between the two halves of the flowrater).

II-8. Tighten the nut to a torque of approximately 10 ft-lbs. Do NOT overtighten the nut. Overtightening could crack the nut and/or impede the piston movement during operation.

II-9. If present, slide the rubber grommet back to position to prevent air leakage.

7.2 TXV Coils

⚠ WARNING

The sensing bulb and TXV body MUST be protected from overheating during brazing. The sensing bulb and TXV body must be covered using a quench cloth or wet cloth when brazing. Pointing the brazing flame away from the valve and sensing bulb provide partial protection only.

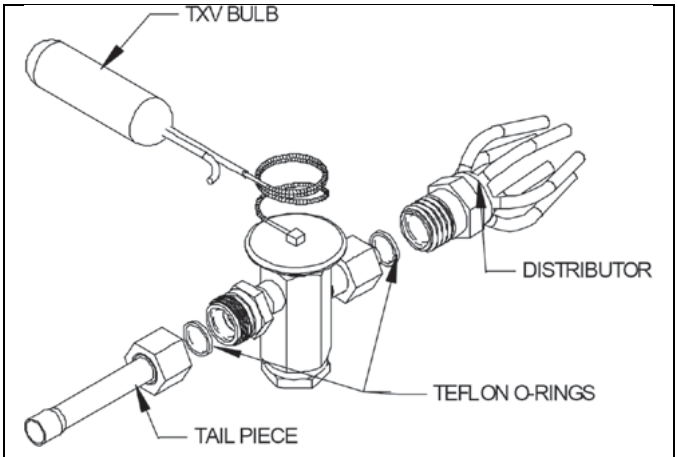


Fig 7.11 – Components of a Typical TXV Assembly

⚠ WARNING

Ensure that the TXV selected is compatible with the refrigerant used in the outdoor system. The TXV body is marked with R410a, or R22.

⚠ WARNING

The valves should be sized according to the capacity of the outdoor unit. Failure to install the right valve can lead to poor performance and possible compressor damage.

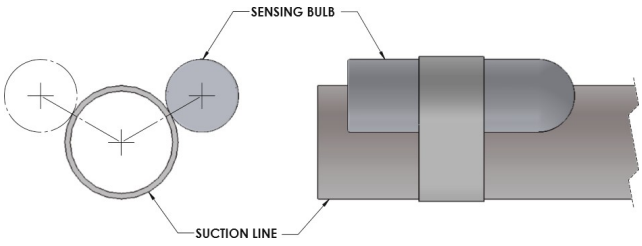
I. TXV Bulb Horizontal Mounting

The orientation and location of the TXV bulb has a major influence on the system performance.

⚠ WARNING

Ensure that the TXV bulb is in direct contact with the suction/vapor line. Gap between the bulb and tube should be avoided. Failure to do so will impair the proper functioning of the TXV valve.

It is recommended that the TXV bulb be installed parallel to the ground (on a horizontal plane). The bulb position should be at 2 o'clock or 10 o'clock. Fig. 7.12 shows the recommended position for the TXV bulb installation in the horizontal plane.



Bulb position at 2 o'clock or 10 o'clock

Fig 7.12. Recommended location for horizontal TXV bulb mount

The TXV sensing bulb SHOULD be mounted on the suction line approximately 6" from the TXV or coil housing using the metal clamp provided. In order to obtain a good temperature reading

and correct superheat control, the TXV sensing bulb must conform to ALL of the following criteria:

1. The sensing bulb MUST be in direct and continuous contact with the suction line.
2. The sensing bulb should be mounted horizontally on the suction line.
3. The sensing bulb MUST be mounted at the 2 o'clock or 10 o'clock position on the circumference of the suction line.
4. The sensing bulb MUST be insulated from outside air.

A properly mounted sensing bulb will prevent false readings caused by liquid refrigerant that may have formed inside the suction/vapor line. Insulation will protect the sensing bulb from false readings due to contact with warm air.

II. TXV Bulb Vertical Mounting

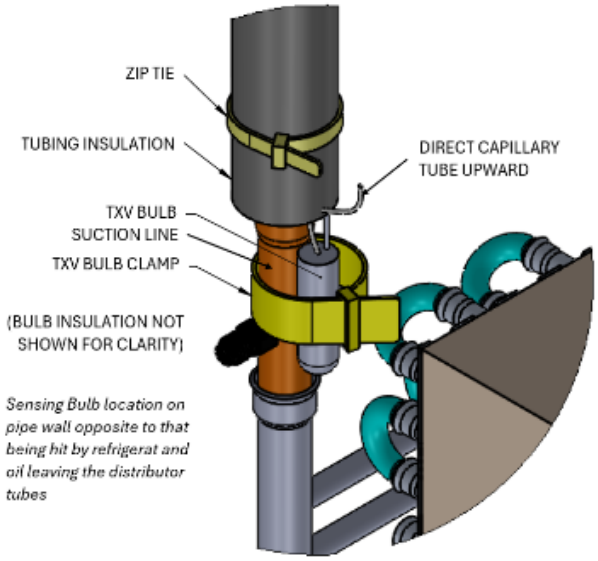


Fig 7.13.
Recommended location for vertical TXV bulb mount

As recommended in Section 7.2, the TXV sensing bulb should be mounted in a horizontal plane in relation to the suction/vapor line. However, some installation configurations may require that the sensing bulb be mounted vertically. In this instance, place the bulb opposite the piping wall being hit by refrigerant and oil leaving the distributor tubes, and with capillary tubes directed upwards as shown in Fig. 7.13.

⚠ CAUTION

If the TXV sensing bulb is mounted vertically; the capillary MUST be directed upwards. The bulb must be mounted on the wall opposite to that being directly hit by the refrigerant and oil leaving the distributor tubes.

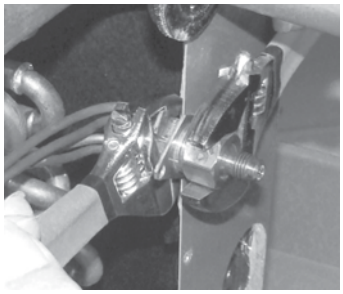
III. Field-Installed TXV Retrofit

Note: Photos are for basic illustration purposes only. Actual equipment configuration may differ from that shown.

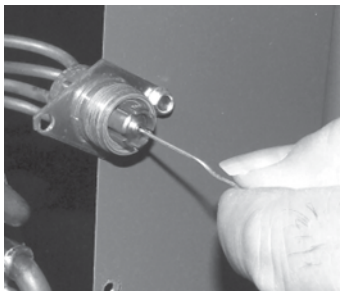
⚠ WARNING

Do not attempt to touch brazed joints while hot. Severe burns may result.

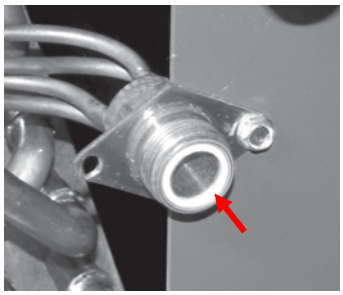
When installing an expansion valve, it is not necessary to slide the coil out of the housing.



III-1. Disassemble the flowrater body using two wrenches. Unscrew the body with a counterclockwise motion.

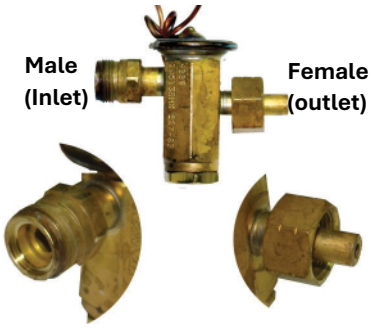


III-2. Remove the existing flowrater piston using a small wire or pick.

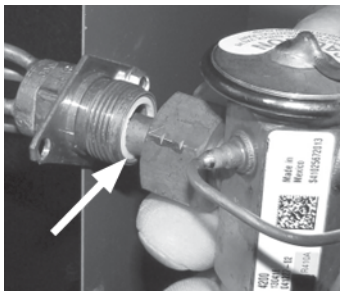


III-3. Replace the Teflon O-ring seal in place (located between the halves).

III-4. Inspect the TXV box to confirm that the valve is compatible with the refrigerant in the system.



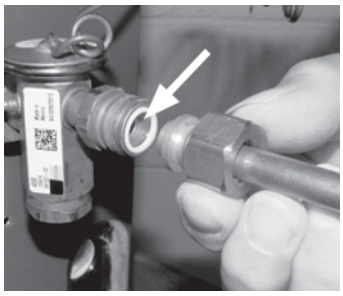
III-5. Remove the valve from the box and note the location of the inlet side (threaded male port) and the outlet side (female swivel nut port).



III-6. After ensuring that the Teflon O-ring seal is still in place inside the flowrater body, screw the female swivel nut onto the flowrater body.

III-7. Slide attachment the nut onto the liquid line stub out (See Section 7.1.1, I-3, Fig. 7.4)

III-8. Braze the stub-out portion to the liquid line and let cool.

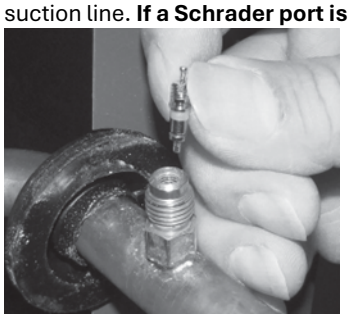


III-9. Remove the additional Teflon O-ring seal from the box and place on the shoulder just inside the TXV inlet port. Screw the nut attached to the stub-out portion of the flowrater body onto the inlet port of the TXV.

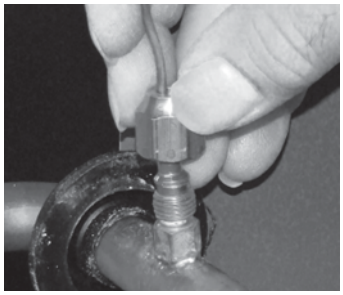
III-10. Tighten all connections taking care to use proper back up. Tighten the nut to a torque of approximately 10-30 ft-lbs.

III-11. Remove the valve identification sticker from the valve and place it adjacent to the Aspen model number on unit name plate.

III-12a. Some Aspen coils come with a Schrader valve on the suction line. **If a Schrader port is present:**



A. Remove the valve stem from the Schrader port mounted on the suction line.



B. Screw flare nut on TXV equalization tube on to the Schrader valve stem.

⚠ CAUTION

When handling or manipulating the equalizer tube, take great care not to kink or make extreme bends in the tubing.

⚠ CAUTION

Using a non-bleed expansion valve may require the use of a hard-start kit. Follow the outdoor unit manufacturer's guidelines.

8. LEAK CHECK / STANDING PRESSURE TEST / VACUUM TEST

8.1. Standing Pressure Test

1. Following outdoor unit manufacturer instructions and recommendations, Using dry nitrogen or dry helium, pressurize the field piping and indoor coil to the lower of the maximum operating pressures listed on the nameplates of the indoor and outdoor units (likely 600 psi).
2. The test pressure after removal of the pressure source shall be maintained for at least one (1) hour no decrease of pressure indicated by the test gauge, with the test gauge resolution not exceeding 30 psi.
3. Check for leaks by using a soapy solution at each field-made brazed joint and screw-on line connections. A leak will produce bubbles in the soap solution. No refrigerant shall be used for pressure testing to detect leaks.

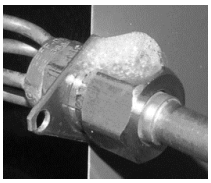


Fig 8.1

4. If any leaks are discovered, remove nitrogen pressure and repair leaks. Repeat steps 1-3.

8.2. Vacuum Test

Important: Do not open the service valves until the refrigerant lines and indoor coil leak check and evacuation are completed.

1. Evacuate until the micron gauge reads no higher than 350 microns, then close off the valve to the vacuum pump.
2. Observe the micron gauge. Evacuation is complete if the micron gauge does not rise above 500 microns in one (1) minute and 1500 microns in ten (10) minutes.
3. Once evacuation is complete, blank off the vacuum pump and micron gauge, and close the valve on the manifold gauge set.
4. All procedures for charging the system with refrigerant shall be according to the instructions provided by the manufacturer of the outdoor unit.

Important: Under no circumstances shall potential sources of ignition be used in the searching for or detection of refrigerant leaks.

After charging the system, all indoor field-made joints of the field piping shall be checked for refrigerant leaks using an electronic leak detector calibrated for R22 or R410a (depending on the application) having a sensitivity of 5 grams per year or better.

With no leaks or weak connections present, evacuate the system and charge as per the outdoor unit manufacturer instructions and specifications.

9. ELECTRICAL LINE VOLTAGE WIRING

⚠ WARNING

Disconnect ALL power before servicing or installing this unit. Multiple power sources may be present. Failure to do so may cause property damage, personal injury, or death.

⚠ WARNING

Before obtaining access to terminals, all supply circuits must be disconnected.

⚠ WARNING

A fused disconnect switch must be field provided for the unit to be in compliance with UL 60335-2-40 Clause 7.12.2.

These units are designed for single phase 120 volts, 60 HZ power supply. Wire selection and wiring must be in accordance with the latest edition of the National Electric Code, or in Canada the Canadian electrical Code, and local codes to determine correct wire sizing. Unit terminals are designed to accommodate copper and aluminum wiring. If aluminum wiring is used: All applicable local and national codes must be followed please observe special precautions relative to sizing, wire connections and corrosion protection.

Line voltage wiring should be routed through the access holes at the top of the air handler. To minimize air leakage, seal the wiring entry point on the outside of the unit. Proper electrical conduit connection fittings should be used. Connect the power wiring to the line side connections on the air handler. The electrical ground wire should be connected to the grounding lug. Ensure both the field supplied ground wire and air handler GREEN ground wire are both secured to the grounding lug of the air handler.

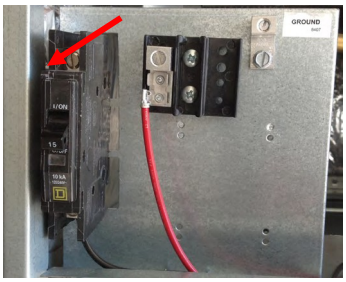


Fig 9.1

10. LOW VOLTAGE CONNECTIONS

A 24 V power supply is provided by an internally wired low voltage transformer that is standard on all models. (See Fig 10.2). See the Wiring diagram, Fig. 15

Fig 10.2

Connect the field wiring at the pigtails supplied with the air handler as specified in Wiring diagram, Fig. 15. To minimize air leakage, seal the wiring entry point at the outside of the unit.

⚠ NOTICE

All wiring must comply with local and national electrical code requirements. Read and heed all unit caution labels.

10.1 Single Stage Cooling with Hydronic Heat

The air handler comes factory setup for a single stage cooling system. The hydronic heat are preinstalled, and will also have a low voltage wire for field connection (Fig 10.1).

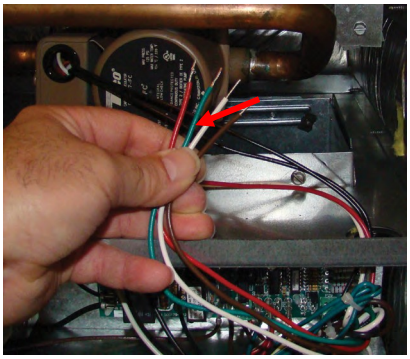


Fig 10.1

During cooling mode operation, the indoor blower G wire will energize a time delay relay inside the air handler. After a short time delay period, the time delay relay will send out a 24-volt signal to the low voltage terminal on the motor. Fan delay periods are 7 seconds ON delay and 65 seconds OFF delay. (See wiring in Section 15)

The Y wire from the thermostat is not connected at the air handler. This wire goes directly to the outdoor unit 24 volt wiring to turn on the outdoor condensing unit when a call for cooling takes place. The 24-volt common for the outdoor unit circuits is connected at the air handler Brown wire.

The hydronic heater low voltage wiring W terminal is wired directly from the thermostat to the air handler. The blower will delay on a heat call ON for a period of 5 seconds. The OFF-delay period is 60 seconds.

10.2 Two Stage Condensing Units

If the outdoor condensing unit is a two-stage model, a field provided Y2 wire can be connected to the motor using an electrical spade connector. The number 4 and 5 terminals on the motor are speed taps that will increase the blower speed for second stage cooling operation. Both the G and Y2 terminals will be energized at the same time during a call for second stage blower speed operation. The motor will run at the speed where the Y2 wire is connected (Fig 10.2).

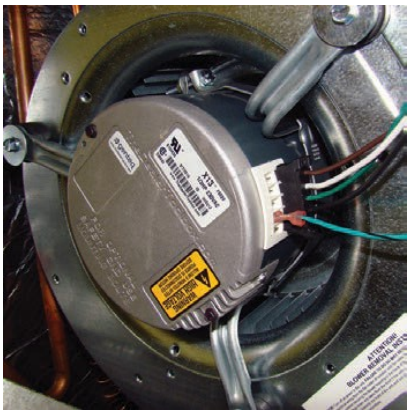


Fig 10.2

Operating CFM based upon each speed tap number is shown on the electrical wiring diagram of the unit. Final air volume adjustments should be made by referencing total external static pressure (Tables 11.2a and 11.2b below).

10.3 Jumper Placement – Control Board

The unit ships with a control board which controls the electrical functioning of the unit. An inspection of the controls is recommended prior to startup.

Fig.10.3 provides a schematic of the control board present in the unit. The unit ships from the factory with the aquastat jumper (AQ) in the OFF position (right two pins) and the heating selector in the HW position (right two pins). If an aquastat (AQ) is used in the application, the jumper should be changed to the ON position (left two pins). Terminals T and N located on the top right side of the board are not intended for field use and should be left disconnected.

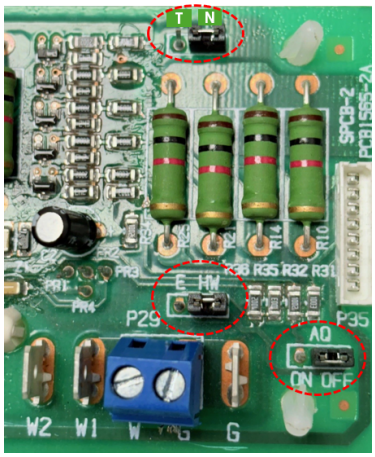


Fig 10.3

10.4 Pump/ Boiler/Valve Wiring

Pump (Factory Installed): If a unit is equipped with the pump (Fig 10.4), it will be energized on a call for heat.

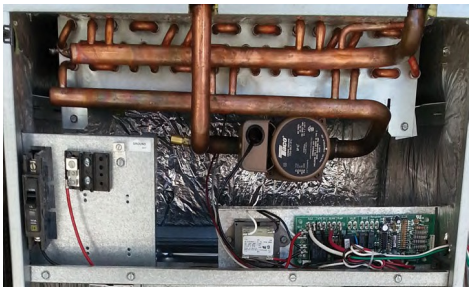


Fig 10.4

Boiler (Field Install): For field install boiler, connect two wires on the “BOILER” terminals marked as T T (Fig 10.4a). See wiring diagram Fig 15 for proper connections.

In an application where a valve or pump is used to regulate the hot water supply, the two wires connected on the “BOILER” T T terminals should be removed and placed on the two terminals marked as “VALVE 24V” (Fig 10.4a). These wires should be connected to a 24V valve or pump relay according to local requirements and instructions of the valve or relay manufacturer.

On a call for heat, 24V will be sent to the field-installed valve or pump relay, the valve will open or pump relay will close contacts allowing the pump to run. Water will circulate through the hydronic coil for 60 seconds prior to energizing the blower. After the thermostat is satisfied, the blower will continue to stay energized for a minimum of 30 seconds. The additional blower run time helps maximize heating efficiency.

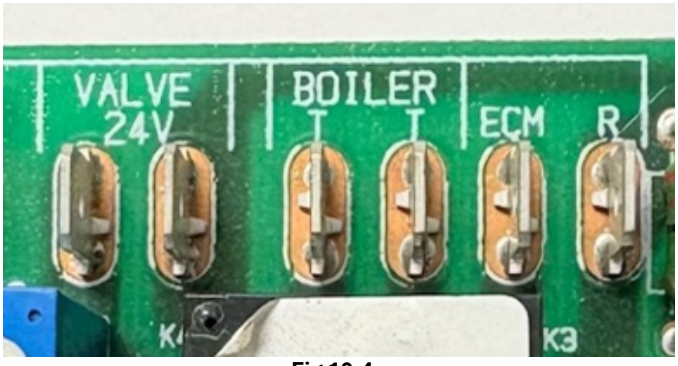


Fig 10.4a

10.5 Freeze Protection Sensor Wiring

The freeze protection sensor is connected to the “FP” and “R“ terminals (Fig 10.5). This sensor is normally open and will close when the sensor detects a temperature of less than 40ºF. The pump will operate and stay ON for a minimum of 30 seconds.

The board has a built-in timer which circulates hot water 6 times a day for 60 seconds to prevent the hydronic coil from freezing.

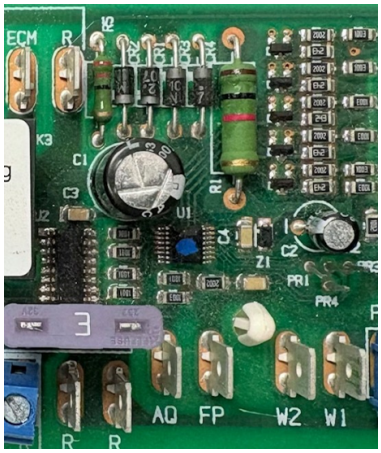


Fig 10.5

11 AIR VOLUME ADJUSTMENT

Air volume needs to be set to the level recommended by the outdoor unit equipment manufacturer. Most systems will require around 400 CFM of indoor air for every 1 ton of system cooling capacity. The air volume must be set prior to attempting system charge.

The AFW Series uses a constant torque ECM Motor. This motor will try to maintain proper motor torque to achieve programmed air volume levels at varying levels of external static pressure. The air volume level produced by the air handlers at varying external static pressure levels is shown in Table 11.2a.

Use a Magnehelic Gauge with a 1" scale and two static pressure tips to measure the static pressure during the air volume adjustment procedure (Fig. 11.1). The high port static pressure tip should be placed in the supply duct near the outlet of the air handler. The low port static pressure tip should be placed in the return air duct near the entrance to the air handler. The factory provided air filter should be in place inside of the air handler.

MODEL	SPEED TAP	CFM VS EXTERNAL STATIC				
		0.10	0.20	0.30	0.40	0.50
AFW 18/24	T5	900	851	800	742	682
	T4	652	630	591	556	530
	T3	500	476	452	421	400
	T2	400	381	360	339	312
	T1	900	851	800	742	682
AFW 30/36	T5	1150	1087	1030	975	910
	T4	1080	1048	1010	960	895
	T3	900	862	825	798	745
	T2	700	663	632	600	552
	T1	500	473	449	421	395

Fig 11.1

11.1.1 Select a starting speed tap from the CFM table. The blower motor has selectable speed taps labeled 1 through 5 (Fig. 11.2). The speed taps are energized by 24 volts received from the time delay relay. When two stage cooling units are used, both the first and second stage fan speed taps will be energized at the same time. The motor will run at the speed generated at the highest motor speed tap.

Fig 11.2

11.1.2 Call for fan only operation at the thermostat.

11.1.3 Read the external static pressure level on the Magnehelic gauge.

11.1.4 Make speed tap selection changes to get the air volume as close as possible to the required level.

11.1.5 If the static pressure is above 0.5" w.c., excessive turbulence or duct friction needs to be reduced. (Obstructions in the duct system can also cause excessive static pressure.)

11.1.6 When proper air volume is established, move on to the charging procedure.

The ABW Series uses a PSC type motor. The speed of this motor is set by placing the appropriate winding lead wire on the "MTR" terminal of the control board. Unused motor winding leads are to be placed on the "BLANK" terminals on the control board. The air volume level produced by the air handlers at varying external static pressure levels is shown in Table 11.2b.

TABLE 11.2a – AFW Airflow Table

MODEL	SPEED TAP	CFM VS EXTERNAL STATIC				
		0.10	0.20	0.30	0.40	0.50
ABW 18/24	LOW	772	736	690	633	574
	HIGH	829	784	732	663	600
ABW 23	LOW	1000	980	920	870	800
	HIGH	1210	1190	1160	1130	1070

TABLE 11.2b – ABW Airflow Table

NOTE:

- Airflow data indicated is at 120V, bottom return, dry coil conditions only; tested with hydronic coil & without filters.
- Air handler units are tested to UL60335-2-40 standards up to 0.5 in. w.c. external static pressure.
- The above charts are for information only. For optimal performance, external static pressures of 0.2 in. w.c. to 0.5 in. w.c. are recommended. Heating applications are tested at 0.5 in. w.c. external static pressure. For satisfactory operation, external static pressure must not exceed value shown.
- Airflow data shown is from testing performed at 120 Volts. The AFW units are equipped with a standard 5 speed ECM constant torque motor and the ABW are equipped with a standard 2 & 3 speed PSC motor.
- The above data can be used for airflow at other distribution voltages.

12 SYSTEM CHARGING

⚠ WARNING

Units designed for use with R410a refrigerant MUST be charged with R410a refrigerant.

⚠ CAUTION

An improperly charged system will likely cause loss in system performance and may damage the compressor.

⚠ CAUTION

Refer to outdoor unit manufacturer's charging guidelines and recommendations. The recommendations given below are general in nature and are NOT to supersede outdoor unit manufacturer specifications.

Where addition of charge is required to complete installation, interconnecting refrigerant piping length and diameter shall be taken into consideration.

1. Bring airflow up to the maximum CFM possible according to Table.
2. Evacuate refrigeration system to micron level required by outdoor unit manufacturer.
3. Release system charge from outdoor unit and call for cooling.
4. Use outdoor unit equipment manufacturer specific charging charts if available and make proper charge adjustment based upon outdoor unit instructions.
5. If outdoor unit instructions and charts are not available, use Aspen provided charts. Make certain indoor air temperature is near comfort level setpoint 75F, prior to establishing superheat and subcooling levels.

12.1 TXV Coils:

If the unit is equipped with a **fixed TXV**, add refrigerant until the subcooling measures at the outdoor unit liquid line matches the subcooling recommendations of the outdoor manufacturer. If the charge is unavailable charge the unit to a subcooling value of 8°F +/- 1°F.

If the unit is equipped with an **adjustable TXV**, add refrigerant until the subcooling measures at the outdoor unit liquid line matches the subcooling recommendations of the outdoor manufacturer. If the charge is unavailable charge the unit to a subcooling value of 8°F +/- 1°F.

⚠ NOTICE

When adjusting the TXV, the valve stem or adjusting screw should not be adjusted more than a ¼ turn at a time. To adjust superheat, turn the valve stem clockwise to increase and counterclockwise to decrease.

12.1.1 If subcooling and superheat are low, adjust TXV to 8°F +/- 1°F superheat, then check subcooling.
12.1.2 If subcooling is low and superheat is high, add charge to raise subcooling to 8°F +/- 1°F then check superheat.
12.1.3 If subcooling and superheat are high, adjust TXV valve to 8°F +/- 1°F superheat, then check subcooling.
12.1.4 If subcooling is high and superheat is low, adjust TXV valve to 8°F +/- 1°F superheat and remove charge to lower the subcooling to 8°F +/- 1°F.

The TXV should NOT be adjusted at light load / ambient conditions of 60°F or below.

12.2 Fixed Orifice / Piston - Flowrator Coils

Add refrigerant until the superheat measured at the outdoor unit suction/vapor line matches the superheat from the chart below.

Outdoor Temp		Superheat	
°F D.B.	Min	Nom	Max
65	30	35	40
70	26	30	34
75	21	25	29
80	17	20	23
85	12	15	18
90	8	10	12
95	4	5	7
100			

13. HYDRONIC HEAT

13.1 Hydronic Coil Connection

⚠ WARNING

The hot water (hydronic) coil and all water lines MUST be purged of air prior to starting the pump. Failure to do so

could result in pump damage. Aspen will not be responsible for any property or personnel damage caused by failure to follow this instruction.

⚠ WARNING

Hot water flowing to the coil should be in the range of 120º - 180º F. Water at these temperatures can cause first-degree burns. Use of proper safety gear while installing or servicing the equipment is strongly recommended as is installation of a water-tempering valve (for water temperatures of above 140ºF) to supply lower temperature water to fixtures in the house. N170L series or equivalent should be used.

⚠ WARNING

Installer MUST open water lines and run system to a.) ensure pump is primed and waterflow is constant and b.) ensure there are no leaks in the coils, connections, and/or water piping. Failure to do so could result in water leaks and property damage. Aspen will not be responsible for any damage caused by failure to follow this instruction.

⚠ NOTICE

Plumbing must be in compliance with state or local codes (Code CMR248 in Massachusetts)

⚠ NOTICE

Soldering Copper Tubing: The common method of joining copper tubing in hydronic heating systems is soft soldering. Plumbing codes do not allow solders containing lead to be usedfor domestic water service.

⚠ WARNING

USE NO-LEAD SOLDER for all piping systems that incorporate a domestic water supply.

Connect the hydronic coil to the water heater system by using flexible piping. Connect the hot water to “IN” from the water heater discharge and from the hydronic coil discharge water “OUT” back to water heater inlet as shown in Fig 13.1a. and Fig 13.1b

7/8” OD copper stubs are provided for plumbing connections. Bleed the air from the system through the bleeder port or optional valve and insulate all the pipes.

The hydronic heat air handler units have different top and heater box configurations. This configuration is not suitable for electric heat. DO NOT try to install a hydronic heater in a unit not equipped for it.

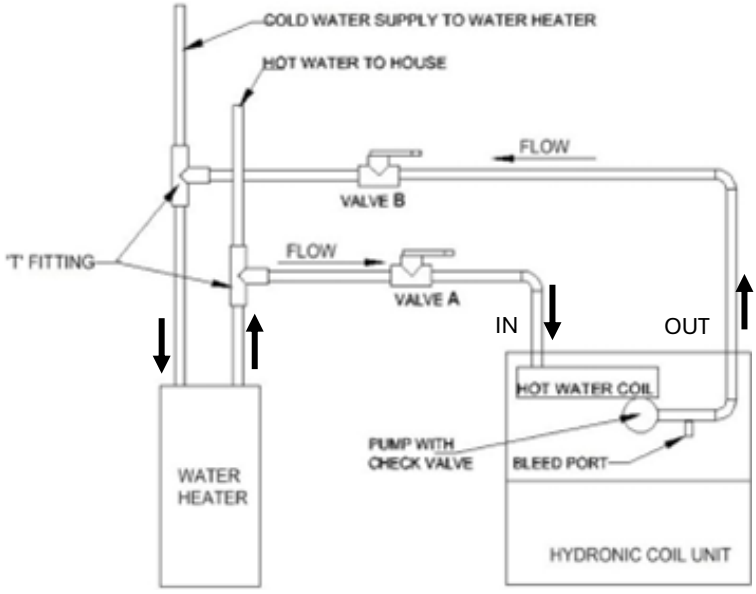


Fig 13.1a

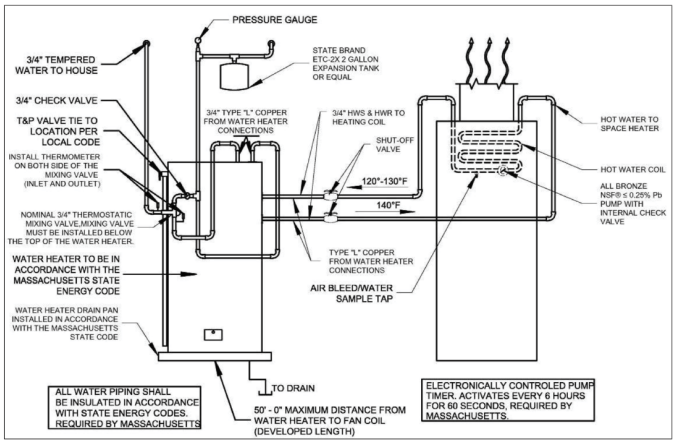


Fig 13.1b

13.2 Purging the System

1. Open air vent and allow water heater to fill with water. Close the air vent when the water heater is full, and all air has been purged.
2. Ignite water heater. Set the thermostat on the water heater to 140 degrees.
3. Close the valve on the hot water supply from the water heater (“A”) and open the valve on the cold water return to the water heater (“B”). Then open the air vent in the fan coil. Use bucket or hose to discard water during purging process at air bleed valve. Purge air completely from the line.
4. Once air is purged, close return valve (“B”) and open supply valve (“A”). Purge the coil and lines of air completely.
5. After air is purged from the system and filled with water, open the return valve (“B”). Then close the air vent in the fan coil.
6. Apply power to the fan coil and set the room thermostat on heat. Raise the temperature setting to activate the circulating pump.
7. Check the pump to ensure proper operation. The water inlet of the unit should be hot if the water temperature in the water heater has reached the set point. If water is

not being circulated through the coil but the pump is running, then open the air bleed valve in the unit and purge any air left in the system.

8. Adjust the water heater thermostat so that the water temperature entering the hot water coils is 120 – 180ºF depending on the amount of heat required by the structure. This is done with the unit energized and operating long enough for all temperatures to stabilize.

13.3 Heat Anticipator Adjustments

After all connections are made, start-up and check-out must be performed before proper evaluation of the entire system can be made. Make sure that the heat anticipator is properly set as noted on thermostat instructions.

Load requirements can vary in each residence, and it may be necessary for the installer or homeowner to make slight adjustments to the heat anticipator setting for longer or shorter cycles. It is recommended to change the setting to no more than plus or minus 0.05 amps at a time. Greater changes can cause the unit to rapid cycle or remain on excessively.

To properly check the unit's operation, the installer should have an electrical current measuring device (0-10 amp, Amprobe Fluke), air pressure measuring device (0-1.0 inch slope gauge), and a temperature-measuring device (0-200ºF thermometer).

Install the Amprobe to measure blower current, the slope gauge to measure static air pressure at the units and the temperature device to measure unit supply and return air temperature. Before taking measurements, be sure that all registers, grilles and dampers are open or are set to their proper positions. Be sure that clean filters are in place. Temperature measuring device must be installed to obtain average temperature at both inlet and outlet. For outlet, measure temperature of each main trunk at a location far enough away to avoid heater radiation and read the average temperatures. Airflow Table 11.2a for AFW and Table 11.2b for ABW shows the CFM that should be achieved at various external static pressures.

13.4 Checking Air Flow/Temperature Rise Method

Turn on the power supply. Set thermostat fan switch to on. Set the cooling indicator to maximum, heating to minimum. The system switch may be on heat or cool. Check slope gauge measurement against appropriate air flow chart. Make damper, register and motor speed adjustments to obtain required airflow.

Set thermostat fan switch to auto, system to heat and thermostat heating indicator to maximum heat. Blower should start and all heat be energized.

Check air flow using temperature rise method formula:

$$CFM = \frac{OUTPUT(BTUH)}{1.08 \bullet TEMP.RISE}$$

Note: BTUH output should be computed by 500 x Gallons Per Minute x System Temperature Change = BTUH OUTPUT.

13.5 Hydronic Related General Information

13.5.1 Equipment Sizing: Select an air handler with a heating output that exceeds the space heating loss of the structure and that has a cooling coil sized to match the outdoor condensing unit.

Note: The heating output of the air handler or hot water coil will not be greater than the output of the selected hot water heater. Therefore, if the water heater is undersized the heating BTUH of the air handler will be LESS than its rated output.

13.5.2 Water Heater Selection: The following sizing information should only be used as a basic guide to adequate water heater sizing because of variations in each family's domestic hot water requirements. For additional assistance in water heater sizing contact a professional engineer. Proper water heater sizing should consider both the gallon capacity and the BTU input of the water heater.

- To determine water heater GALLON CAPACITY: A minimum 40-gallon high recovery and/or high efficiency gas or oil-fired water heater is recommended. The following volume-sizing guide is satisfactory in most areas of the country, see Table 13.5.2

CFM	Min Water Heater
600-800	40 gal
1000-1200	50 gal
1400-1600	2x40 gallons piped together
	High input 50 gallons (63-75k Btu)
	72-75gallons
2000	105k Btu

Table 13.5.2

- To determine water heater BTU INPUT (assumes a water heater recovery efficiency of 76%): For mild climates: BTU INPUT=structure's heat loss x 1.51. For colder climates: BTU INPUT=structure's heat loss x 1.58

13.5.3 Pump Replacement:

1. Disconnect electrical power to the unit before servicing.
2. Remove access door to reveal pump. Close supply valve ("A") and return valve ("B"). Open the air bleed valve to release pressurize in the system and drain water.
3. Remove the metal pump housing by loosening the four screws on the pump. *Note: DO NOT UN-SOLDER PUMP.*
4. Replace the new pump housing assembly and reconnect components to the pump. Before you assemble, make sure that the runner on the o-ring is in place on the pump housing.
5. Purge the system of the air as described earlier and re-connect the electrical power.

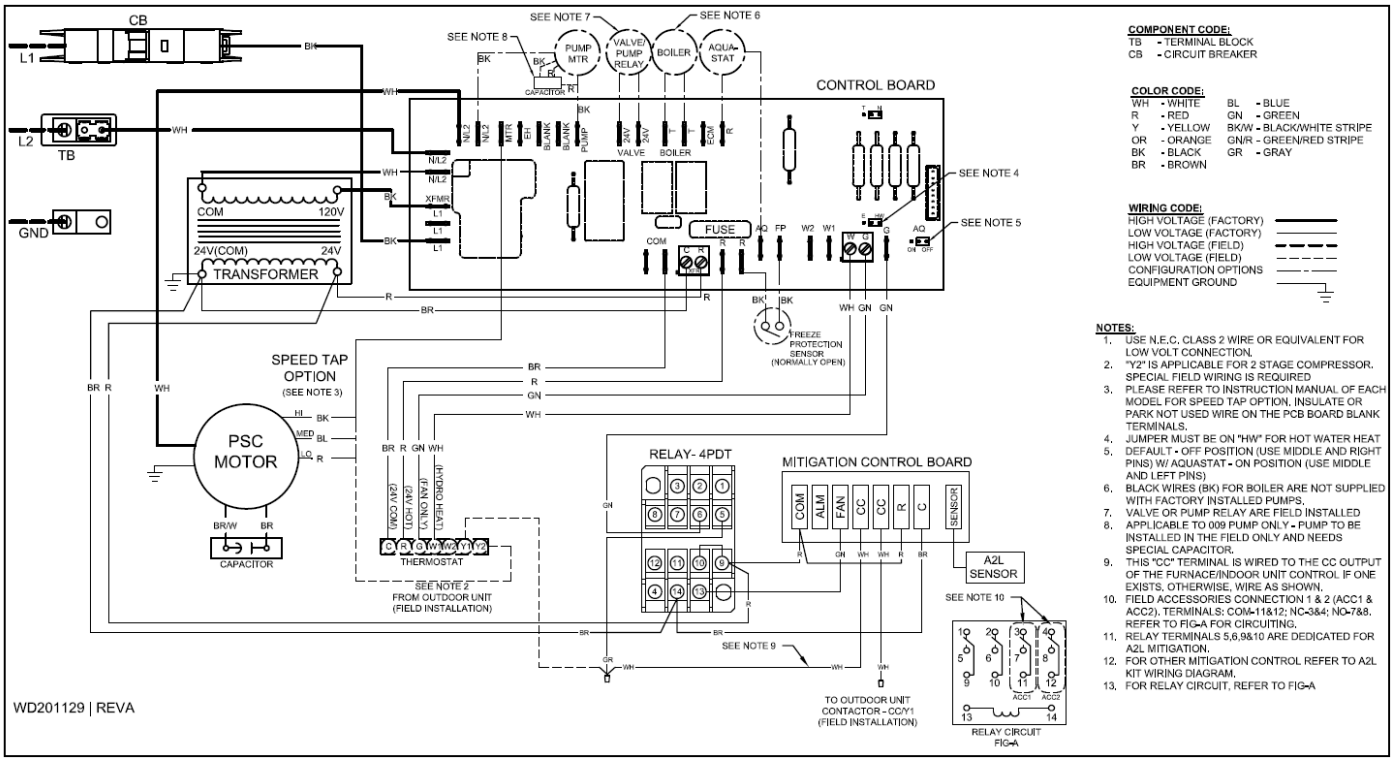
13.5.3 Trouble Shooting:

- Noisy Pump: System may not be totally purged of air. Purge the system again as described in the start-up section above.
- T&P valve on water heater weeps: This normally occurs when a backflow preventer has been installed in the cold water supply line to the water

heater. An expansion tank may be necessary to correct this problem. Please contact a qualified plumbing professional for assistance.

- Hot water is circulating through the water coil during cooling cycle: The check valve may be stuck open and allowing hot water to circulate through the coil.
- Little or no heat from water coil:
    - Purge the system.
    - The inlet connections may be reversed at the fan coil.
    - The water heater thermostat is not set at proper temp.
    - The water heater thermostat is not calibrated.
    - The dip tube in the water heater may not be installed correctly or could be restricted.
    - Look for restrictions in heating system from water heater to fan coil. Some water heaters are supplied with check valves, remove any extra check valves except for the one supplied with the fan coil.

15. WIRING DIAGRAMS



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NOTE: Wiring Diagram is subject to change. Always refer to the wiring diagram on the unit for the most up-to-date wiring.

Figure 15.1