HEAT CONTROLLER

INSTALLATION, OPERATION & MAINTENANCE MANUAL

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Inverter Single Zone Ductless Mini-Split

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▲ Caution

- · Contact an authorized service technician for repair or maintenance of this unit
- Contact an authorized installed for installation of this unit.
- Installation work must be performed in accordance with local and national electrical codes and standards by authorized personnel only

- Read the follow SAFETY PRECAUTIONS carefully before installation.
- Electrical work must be performed by a licensed electrician. Be sure to use the correct rating of the power cord and main circuit for the model to be installed.
- Incorrect installation due to ignoring the instruction will cause harm or damage.
 - The seriousness is classified by the following indications.

WARNING!	This symbol indicates the possibility of death or serious injury.
	This symbol indicates the possibility of injury or damage to property.

The items to be followed are classified by the symbols:

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WARNING! 1) Do not install without an authorized servicer/installer. 2) Install according to this installation instruction. If installation is defective, it can cause water leakage, or electrical shock/fire. Use the supplied accessories and specified parts for installation. 3) 4) Install the indoor unit on a wall strong enough to hold the unit's weight. Install the outdoor unit on a raised concrete pad or blocks to provide a solid, level foundation. In a location with high winds, anchor the unit and provide an air baffle. In snowy areas (for heat pump models), install the outdoor unit on a raised platform higher than drifting snow. Provide snow vents. 5) For electrical work, follow local and national electric codes and these installation instructions. An independent circuit and single outlet must be used. If electrical circuit capacity is not enough or defects are found in electrical work, it will cause electrical shock or fire. Use the specified cable and connect tightly. Clamp the cable so that no external force will stress the 6) connections. Loose wiring may overheat at the connection points and create a possible fire hazard. Wiring routing must be properly arranged so that control board cover is fixed properly. If control board 7) cover is not fixed perfectly, it will cause overheating at connection point of terminal, fire or electrical shock. When charging the unit, take care not to let air/substances other than the specified refrigerant 8) go into refrigeration cycle. Otherwise, it will cause lower capacity, abnormal high pressure in the refrigeration cycle, explosion and injury. Do not modify the length of the power supply cord or use an extension cord, and do not share 9) the single outlet with other electrical appliances. Otherwise, it will cause fire or electrical shock. **CAUTION!** This equipment must be grounded It may cause electrical shock if grounding work doesn't comply with 1) local/national electric codes. 2) Do not install the unit at place where leakage of flammable gas may occur. If gas leaks and accumulates near the unit, it may cause fire. Carry out drainage piping as mentioned in installation instructions. If not done correctly, water may 3) enter the room and damage personal belongings.

Selecting installation place

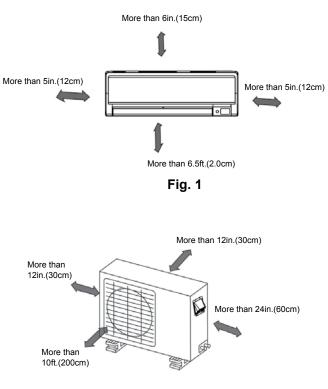
Choose a location that places the outdoor unit as close to the indoor unit as possible. The maximum unit separation and vertical lift (compressor above the evaporator) must be taking into account. Do not exceed allowable refrigerant line lengths.

Indoor unit

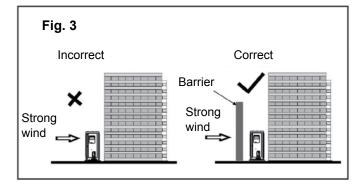
- Unit must be installed in a location that does not obstruct the flow of air and ensures clearances are maintained. (Fig. 1)
- The site must support the weight of the unit.
- The site must be easily accessible for cleaning or replacement of the air filter, maintenance and service.
- The indoor unit should be mounted as high up on the wall toward the ceiling, leaving a minimum of 6" (150mm) of space between the ceiling and the top of the indoor unit. (Fig. 1)
- Due to the possibility of electronic interference with other devices, it is recommended that there should be at least to 3 ft (1 meter) between the unit and other devices/appliances such as televisions or radios.
- The unit should be installed away from possible exposure to fire, smoke, of flammable gases and be protected from direct sunlight (sunlight can interfere with the signal between the unit and the remote controller.

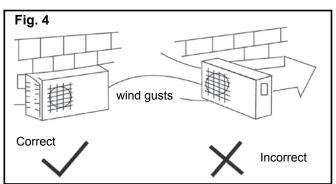
Outdoor unit

• If installation location allows the unit to be exposed to strong winds (such as coastal applications), ensure that the unit has a wind barrier. This will assist with preventing strong gusts of wind from entering the unit's cabinet and interfering with the fan operation. (Fig. 3 and Fig. 4)

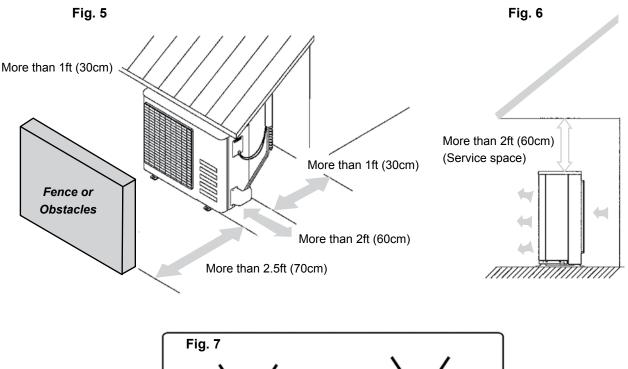


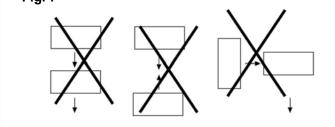






- Avoid areas where water, snow, or ice may fall from the roof onto the unit.
- In climates where snow is a consideration, locate the unit away from areas prone to drifting.
- Ensure the location of the unit will not be subject to snow drifts, heavy accumulation of snow or leaves or other seasonal debris. If unavailable, provide an awning for the unit. (Fig. 5 and Fig. 6)
 - 1. An awning can be built over the outdoor unit to prevent direct sunlight, rain exposure, or snowfall.
 - 2. Ensure that the awning does not impede the unit's required clearances or obstruct air flow.
 - 3. The awning should be at least 2 ft. (0.6m) away from the top of the unit's housing.
- Ensure free flow of air into and out of the unit. All air inlet/outlets should be free of obstructions such as walls and shrubs. Minimum clearances should be maintained. (Fig. 2)
- During heating and defrost modes (heat pump models only), the condensate should be properly drained away from the unit. Use the included drain joint and seal along with locally purchased hose to do so. (Fig. 8)
- Do not locate two or more units in any way that will block discharge air from one unit to another. Be certain that hot air from one unit will not blow into a nearby unit to prevent recirculation or discharge air. (Fig. 7)





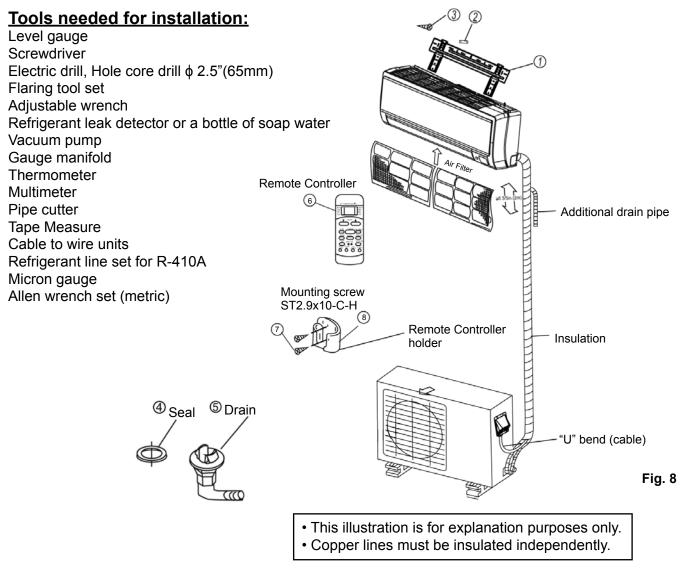
Rooftop installation

- If the outdoor unit is installed on a roof structure, be sure to level the unit.
- Ensure the roof structure and anchoring method are adequate for the unit location.
- · Consult local codes regarding rooftop mounting.
- If the outdoor unit is installed on roof structures or external walls, this may result in excessive noise and vibration, and may also be considered a non-serviceable installation.
- Oil traps must be made in the refrigerant line set (every 10 ft.) when the outdoor unit is located above the indoor unit.

Access	ories
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Number	Name of Accessories	Qty/unit
1	Wall Bracket	1
2	Plastic Dry Wall Anchor	5-8 depending on model
3	Self-tapping Screw A ST 3.9X25	5-8 depending on model
4	Seal (heat pump models only)	1 (Part 202720090001)
5	Drain Elbow (heat pump models only)	1 (Part 201101020011)
6	Remote Controller (with 2 AAA batteries)	1
7	Self-tapping Screw B ST2.9X10	2
8	Remote controller holder	1
9	Nano silver air filter (field installed, not shown)	2

Note: Except for the parts provided above, all other parts needed for installation must be purchased



Indoor unit installation

1. Wall Bracket Mounting

- A. There are two tabs on the back of the indoor unit that hold the wall bracket onto the unit. Press them down with a flat head screwdriver to release the wall bracket from the back of the unit.
- B. Mount the wall bracket flush on structural parts (studs) of the wall with proper unit clearances in consideration. (Fig. 1 and Fig. 9)
 NOTE: Any space between the unit and the wall may cause noise or vibration.
- C. Screw the wall bracket onto the wall with type "A" self-tapping screws. If the wall is made of brick, concrete or the like, drill 1/4" (5mm) diameter pilot holes in the wall. Use anchors in conjunction with mounting screws.

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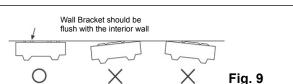
- Drill holes in the wall according to the stud locations and corresponding mounting points on the actual wall bracket that comes with your unit. Wall brackets may vary by model and specifications are subject to change.
- It is important to use all screws provided to seure the wall bracket to the wall.

2. Create Opening for refrigerant and condensate lines

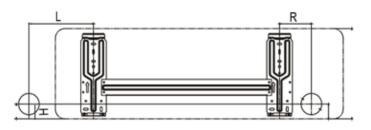
- A. Determine hole position according to the wall bracket that comes with your unit, the unit's required clearances (Fig. 1) and which direction (left/right) the lines will be routed from the back of your unit (Fig. 14). Drill 2.5"(65mm) hole angled downward (approx. 45°) toward the outdoors. (Fig. 11). **NOTE:** Ensure that neither studs nor plumbing are located directly behine the propsed hole location.
- B. Always use a conduit to route the piping though the hole in the wall. Properly seal the hole after routing the pipes through to prevent debris, insects, or small animals from entering.

3. Condensate Drainage

- A. Run the drain hose sloping downward. Do not install the drain hose as illustrated in Fig.12.
- B. When extending the drain hose, with locally purchased hose, insulate the connection with armaflex or similar pipe insulation material. (Fig. 13)



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Model	R	L	H	Hole Diameter
VMH 09	(4.3in) 110mm	(7.1in) 180mm		40 50 ·
VMH 12	(4.3in) 110mm	(5.5in) 140mm	(1.8in) 45mm	¢2.56 in (65mm)
VMH 18	(5.3in) 135mm	(10.2in) 260mm		(001111)



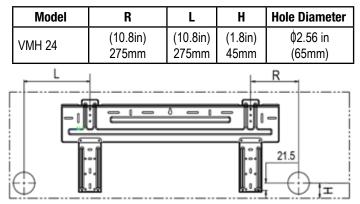
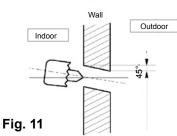


Fig. 10



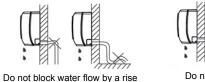
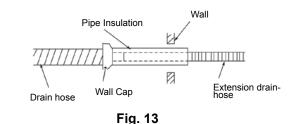




Fig. 12



4. Refrigerant Line Installation

- A. Remove the knockout from the desired side of the unit that the line set will be routed from. The lines from the unit can be routed either left or right, left back or right back (Fig. 14).
- B. Remove the clamp (Fig. 14) before attempting the bend the line set to prevent kinks. The clamp may be replaced and used to hold the line set in place, but this depends on the routing direction of the line set and whether it is needed, taking into account the line's bend radius.
- C. Loosley run the line set connections from the indoor unit through the hole in the wall.
- D. Hang the unit onto the top flanges of the wall bracket. Ensure the unit is properly seated. (Fig. 15)
- E. Keep the unit away from the wall to prevent the line set from being kinked or crushed, use a piece of styrofoam as a spacer between the back of the unit and the wall. (Fig. 16)
- F. Feed the condensate drain line and refrigerant line set through the hole such that the unit can sit flush against the wall then remove the spacer.
- G.Push the bottom of the unit up and onto the lower flanges of the wall bracket. Ensure that unit is properly sealed.
- H. Be sure that the overall installation of the indoor unit and installation plate and flush against the wall and level.

5. Piping and insulating

- A. Bundle the tubing, connecting cable*, and drain hose with tape or wire ties as shown in (Fig.17).
- B. Be sure to arrange the drain line such that it is at the lowest point within the bundle as they exit the unit and hole in the wall to the outdoors. (Fig. 17)
- C. Because the condensed water from rear of the indoor unit is gathered in the ponding. Do not put anything else in this area.
- E. Insulated the liquid line and suction lines separately.

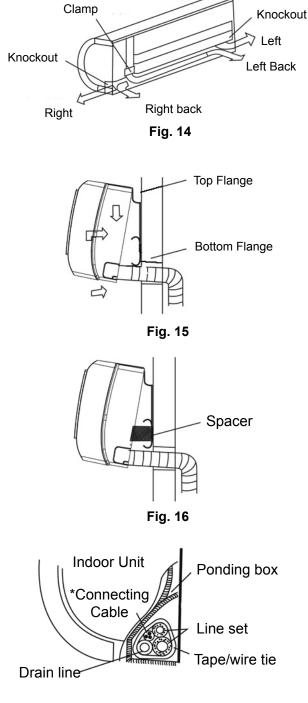


Fig. 17

Outdoor Unit Installation

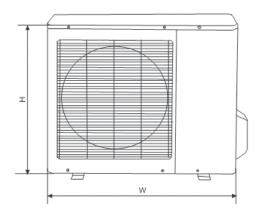
- Install the outdoor unit on a rigid base such a concrete slab to prevent increasing noise level and vibration.
- Use a raised concrete pad or concrete blocks to provide a solid, level surface. Securely anchor the unit down with bolts.
- In a snowy area, slab should be higher than drifting snow.
- See outdoor installation location information on page. 4 for more details and acquired clearances.

Anchoring outdoor unit

Anchor the outdoor unit to the concrete slab with lag bolts or similiar size, may vary by model.

NOTE: Lag bolts are field provided and do not come with the unit.

Refer to unit's mounting footprint for mounting hole locations A & B. (Fig. 18)



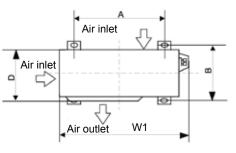


Fig. 18

Model	W	Н	D	W1	Α	В
VMH 09	29.9 in.	11.2 in.	23.2 in.	32.4 in.	20.9 in.	11.4 in.
VMH 12	(760 mm)	(285 mm)	(590 mm)	(823 mm)	(530 mm)	(290 mm)
VMH18	33.3 in.	12.6 in.	27.6 in.	35.7 in.	22.0 in.	13.2 in.
	(845 mm)	(320 mm)	(700 mm)	(908 mm)	(560 mm)	(335 mm)
VMH 24	36.7 in.	12.9 in.	35.1 in.	40 in.	24.1 in.	13.6 in.
	(900 mm)	(315 mm)	(860 mm)	(980 mm)	(590 mm)	(333 mm)

Condensate Drainage

- For heat pump models only.
- Condensate and defrosted water, created by the unit operating in heat mode, should be routed and drained away from the unit.
- Fit the seal onto the drain elbow, then insert the drain elbow into the hole on the base pan of the outdoor unit, rotate it 90° to secure into place. (Fig. 19)
- Connect a locally purchased drain and insulated hose to the hose barb end of the elbow.
- Route the hose to drain location away from the unit.

Note:

Some models may have more then one drain hole in the base of the unit.

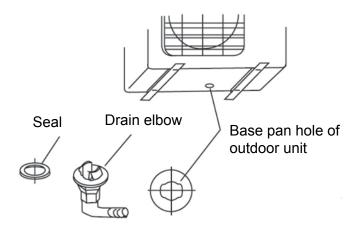


Fig. 19

Refrigerant Line Set Installation

Refrigerant Line Set Installation

- 1. Purchase line sets through a Heat Controller distributor with consideration of the minimum and maximum line lengths. (Fig, 20)
- 2. Ductless mini-splits require both-liquid and suction-lines to be insulated.
- 3. Connections are made via flare nuts.
- 4. The number of bends and length of refrigerant lines determine the pressure drop which affects capacity and efficiency of the system, as well as oil return. Minimize the length and number of bends when possible during installation.
- Minimum line set length must be maintained, even if the installation does not require it. Extra length that is unnecessary can be coiled up near the outdoor unit (Do not to block air inlets/outlets).
- 6. Choose a location that places the outdoor unit as close to the indoor unit as possible to minimize line set lengths.
- 7. Use only clean, refrigerant grade tubing suitable for R-410A.
- 8. Avoid installing refrigerant lines on wet/rainy days.
- 9. Always keep tube ends sealed until the final connections are to be made.
- 10. If line sets are being made at the time of installation, rather than being purchased, be sure to:
 - · Remove burrs from cut ends of the tubing
 - Use tube benders to prevent kinking.
 - Ensure tube cuts are square in relation to the end of the tube.
 - Use the proper diameter tube and flare nut sizes recommended by the manufacturer.
 - Insulate both lines with Amraflex of equivalent with a wall thickness if at least 3/8". Although the liquid line does not have to be insulated, it is recommended.

- Use copper tubing suitable to withstand pressures for R-410A refrigerant. We recommend a min. wall thickness of 0.027in. (0.7mm).
- 11. The tube size should always be the same diameter as the connections provided at the service valves of the outdoor unit. Note: On some models, a reducer or an expander may be shipped with the indoor unit in order to adapt the line set connection to the proper size to mate with the indoor unit's connection. Be sure to check for this part, should you discover that the outdoor units service valve sizes differ from the indoor unit. If this part is shipped with the indoor unit, then it is required to be used.
- 12.Up sizing/downsizing the refrigerant lines/ connections can result in inadequate oil return to the compressor or excessive refrigerant return and will void the warranty.
- 13.Do not over torque the connections, excessive force can break the flare nut.
- 14. When routing the line set between the outdoor and indoor units:
 - A. Support the tubing adequately to avoid sags that can trap the oil.
 - B. Isolate the tubing so it does not transmit noise from vibration into the structure of the building.
 - C. Avoid sharp edges that could cut the tubes.
 - D. Trap rises every 10 ft. (5-7m) with a 'p' trap. When outdoor unit mounted above indoor unit.

Fig. 20

Defrigerent Dining		Model No.			
Refrigerant Piping		VMH 09	VMH 12/18	VMH 24	
Liquid Side-Gas Side	Inch	1/4 - 3/8	1/4 - 1/2	3/8 - 5/8	
Max. Refrigerant Pipe Length Unit Separation*	Ft. (m)	82 (25)	82 (25)/ 98 (30)	98 (30)	
Max. Level Difference/Vertical Lift**	Ft. (m)	33 (10)	33 (10)/ 66 (20)	66 (20)	

*Minimum pipe length must not be less that 10 feet.

** Trap rises every 10 feet (5-7m) with a 'p' trap when outdoor unit is mounted above the indoor unit.

Leak Test, Evacuation & Release of Refrigerant

WARNING

It is illegal to discharge refrigerant into the atmosphere. Use proper reclaiming methods and equipment when working on the refrigerant containing parts of the unit. Service should be performed by a QUALIFIED service agency and certified technicians.

The condensing unit is supplied with a R-410a factory approximately 25 ft. (7.6m) of line charge, sufficient for most matching evaporator units. Charge must be added for interconnecting tubing. See Field Charging Section of this manual.

The unit's service valves are shipped in the closed position and should not be opened until final connections and evacuation are completed.

The recommended procedure for leak test, evacuation, and release of refrigerant is outlined below:

- 1. Complete the final piping connections to the indoor and outdoor units using high temperature brazing alloy.
- 2. Connect a charging manifold to the service ports provided at the service valves.
- Pressurize the lines and evaporator with nitrogen and leak check all connections with soap bubbles. Repair as necessary any faulty joints. If brazing is required be sure to RELEASE THE NITROGEN FIRST. Re-test as needed.
- 4. Connect a vacuum pump to the manifold center connection, start the pump and open the manifold valves.
- Evacuate to 500 microns or less for a minimum of 30 minutes. Close the manifold valves and shut off the pump. Note the vacuum reading and wait 15 minutes. Take a new vacuum reading. A reading of 800 microns or higher indicates the presence of moisture or a leak.
- 6. Repair as necessary and repeat steps 3, 4 & 5.
- 7. Confirm that manifold valves are closed and disconnect the vacuum pump.
- 8. Remove the caps from the services valves. Open the valves to the fully 'back-seat' position. Replace service valve caps and tighten.

Electrical Precautions

CAUTION

- 1. Refer to the unit's rating plate for power supply voltage. Ensure adequate electrical supply is available.
- 2. Ensure the air conditioner is properly grounded.
- 3. Connect wiring to the unit according to the electrical diagram located on the unit.
- 4. All wiring must comply with local and national electrical codes and be installed by a qualified electrician.
- 5. An individual branch circuit must be available.
- 6. Properly size the HACR breaker/fuse based on nameplate date.
- 7. Improper connections and inadequate grounding can cause injury or death.
- 8. Connect all wiring tightly. Loose wiring may cause overheating at connection points and create a possible fire hazard.
- 9. Match terminal strip numbers/labels and colors between indoor and outdoor wiring. Erroneous wiring may cause fire/shock.
- 10. Always use strain reliefs and outdoor cable cover to protect wiring.

WARNING

- Before performing any electrical work, ensure all power is off. Electrical shock may occur.
- All outdoor unit's capacitor's to discharge otherwise electrical shock hazard may occur.
- Ensure the unit is properly grounded.

ELECTRICAL WIRING AND SUPPLY VOLTAGE:

All electrical wiring must be done according to local codes. Additionally installations in the USA, must conform to the current National Electric Code (NEC) and Installations in Canada must conform to current Canadian Electric Code (CEC). Nameplate data indicates the operating voltage, phase, ampacity, maximum over current protection, and minimum voltage.

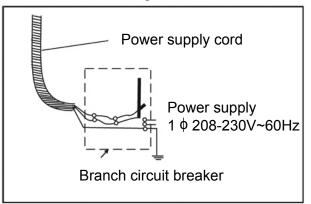
The contractor is to provide an individual branch circuit for over current protection for the unit as required by code. Some codes may require a disconnect between the indoor and outdoor unit. Run power supply wiring through a weatherproof disconnect box and conduit to the unit connection. Disconnects are required to be within sight and easy reach of the unit (usually within 3 feet). Circuit breakers and disconnect switches should be properly sized based on the required codes and the unit's nameplate requirements. (Fig.21)

Check the unit wiring diagram for the number of conductors required. Ensure that the proper AWG (gauge) and type of wired is used to comply with code and the unit's nameplate. Route neatly and protect from sharp edges and damage.

Inadequate wiring and/or improper electrical supply will likely result in failure of the compressor and other electrical components and voids the warranty.

Model	BTUH/H	9	12	18	24
POWER	PHASE	1 Phase	1 Phase	1 Phase	1 Phase
(outdoor)	VOLT	208/230V	208/230V	208/230V	208/230V
CIRCUIT BREAK	ER/FUSE (A)	15	15	20	25
MINIMUM CIRCU	IT AMPACITY	9	9	13	15

NOTE: Subject to change. Always refer to unit's nameplate.





Electrical Work

INDOOR/OUTDOOR COMMUNICATING CABLE

Indoor Wiring

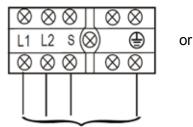
- 1. Wiring must conform to local and national electric codes
- 2. Lift the indoor unit's panel up, remove the electrical box cover by loosening the screw as shown in (Fig.22).
- 3. Connect each conductor to the terminal of the indoor unit (L1, L2, S and Ground) based on the labels of each terminal (Fig. 23).
- 4. Use strain relief to secure the cable (Fig. 23).
- 5. Ensure the wire color and location to and from each terminal are identical between the indoor and outdoor terminal strips.
- 6. Wrap any loose cables not connected with terminals with electrical tape, so that they will not touch any electrical components.
- 7. Refer to the wiring diagram located on the outdoor unit and/or under the front panel of the indoor unit for proper wiring
- Heat Controller recommends using 600V THHN 14AWG/4 conductor unshielded stranded copper cable, however local and national codes for wire should always be followed based on your specific application.

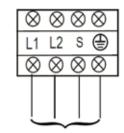


Fig. 22

Electrical box cover

Terminal block of indoor unit





To outdoor unit

To outdoor unit

Fig. 23

Electrical Work

Outdoor unit power and communication cable wiring

- 1. Remove the electrical control cover from the outdoor unit (Fig. 24).
- 2. Connect power supply wires to the right side of the outdoor unit's terminal strip. (Fig. 25)
- 3. Connect the green/yellow ground from the power supply wire to ground terminal. (Fig. 25)
- 4. Connect the communication cable from the indoor unit to the outdoor unit's terminal strip on the left side. (Fig. 25)
- 5. Connect the ground wire of the communication cable to the ground terminal. (Fig. 25)
- 6. To prevent water from entering in the unit, form a loop in the cable (Fig. 26).
- 7. Insulate any unused conductors with electrical tape, so that they do not touch any other exposed electrical or metal parts.

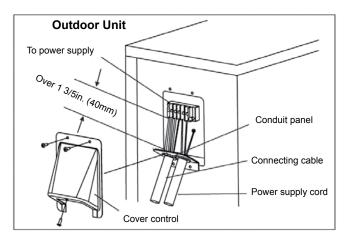
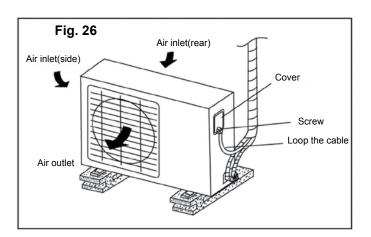
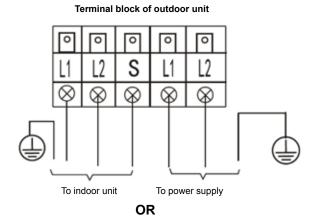
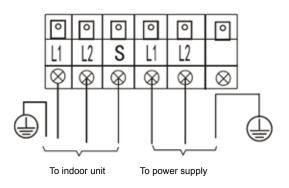


Fig. 24

Fig. 25







Initial Start-Up & Checks

Operation of the unit will depend on the setting of the thermostat on the unit or the remote control. Refer to the owner's manual and remote control manual for operating instructions.

IMPORTANT!

All panels must be installed, main power turned on and the wiring, refrigerant lines, and condensate drain lines properly connected before operating the unit.

Test-Run / Initial Start-up

- 1. Press the ON/OFF button on the remote control to turn the unit on.
- 2. Press the mode button on the remote control to check that each mode (Cool, Heat*, Auto, Dry and Fan only) works properly.
- 3. When the ambient temperature is too low (below 62°F/16°C) to run the unit in cooling mode to check the system, the unit can be placed in manual operation.
- 4. To place the unit in manual operation, gently lift up the lower left and right sides of the front panel unit it opens and clicks into a locked position where it props itself open.
- Under the unit's front panel the cover to the indoor electrical terminal strip has an oval shaped opening labeled "AUTO/COOL". Through this opening, the "AUTO/COOL" button can be accessed with a long, thin object, such as a pen/flathead screwdriver.
- 6. Press the "AUTO/COOL" button and manual operation will begin.
- 7. Manual operation will allow the unit to run for 30 minutes while any final inspections are made.

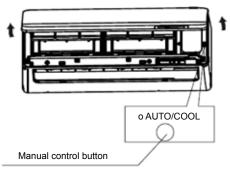


Fig. 27

FIELD CHARGING

Unit performance, efficiency, and life depends, to a large extent, on a proper system charge. Time spent on getting the charge right at start-up will payoff in the long run. Operating conditions such as voltage, air flow, evaporator coil size, and indoor and outdoor temperature and humidity all have an effect on the system pressures and superheat conditions.

Condensing units are factory charged for the outdoor and indoor unit with 25ft. (7.6m) of refrigerant lines. Charge must be added for the interconnecting tubing.

These units should be critically charged to ensure proper performance. Some systems may require additional charging of refrigerant, depending on line set lengths.

R = T X (L-25)ft

R(oz): Additional refrigerant to be charged L(ft): The length of the refrigerant line T(oz): The quantity of the charged refrigerant per additional foot.

Model	09, 12, 18	24
oz/ft	0.16	0.32

FINAL INSPECTION

Do a final visual inspection of the entire installation. Complete any final details and clean up.

Review Unit and Remote Control Operation with the homeowner/user.

Ensure homeowner/user is provided with all manuals, warranty cards, etc.

Due to ongoing product improvements, specifications and dimensions are subject to change and correction without notice or incurring obligations. Determining the application and suitability for use of any product is the responsibility of the installer. Additionally, the installer is responsible for verifying dimensional data on the actual product prior to beginning any installation preparations.

Incentive and rebate programs have precise requirements as to product performance and certification. All products meet applicable regulations in effect on date of manufacture; however, certifications are not necessarily granted for the life of a product. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the applicant to determine whether a specific model qualifies for these incentive/rebate programs.

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