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WARNING

1. BEFORE OPERATING THIS EQUIPMENT, CAREFULLY READ INSTRUCTION MANUAL.


3. THIS EQUIPMENT IS DESIGNED FOR A SPECIFIED AMOUNT OF VOLATILE. EXCEEDING THIS SPECIFIED AMOUNT COULD RESULT IN AN EXPLOSION. SEE DESIGN SPECIFICATION SIGN FOR EXACT AMOUNT OF VOLATILE, EXHAUST AND FRESH AIR REQUIRED.

4. HIGH VOLTAGE PRESENT ON THIS EQUIPMENT, SERVICE BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY.

5. DO NOT ATTEMPT ANY SERVICE ON THIS EQUIPMENT WITHOUT OPENING MAIN POWER DISCONNECT SWITCH.

6. IN CASE OF FIRE, LEAVE DOOR(S) AS THEY ARE. SHUT OFF ELECTRICITY. SHUT OFF FUEL. CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. STAY AWAY.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE WARNINGS CAN RESULT IN PROPERTY DAMAGE, INJURY, OR DEATH.
WARNING – READ BEFORE OPERATING UNIT

FAILURE TO HEED THIS WARNING CAN RESULT IN PROPERTY DAMAGE, SERIOUS BODILY INJURY OR DEATH

HI-LIMIT CONTROLS

We Recommend A Hi-Limit control for All Ovens and Furnaces

A HI-LIMIT CONTROL IS INCLUDED ON THIS UNIT, IT IS INSTALLED TO PROTECT THE EQUIPMENT.

The location of the Hi-Limit Sensor element is at the supply duct louver and has been chosen to supervise that temperature. The Hi-Limit instrument should be set approximately 10 to 20 degrees F., higher than the maximum operating temperature. This setting will eliminate nuisance shutdowns when operating at the maximum temperature of the unit and still give maximum protection to the oven or furnace.

DESPATCH INDUSTRIES CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR EITHER THE PROCESS OR THE QUALITY OF THE PRODUCT BEING PROCESSED.

If the product on which the equipment is being used is critical of over temperature the Hi-Limit should be used as a “Process Hi-Limit.” The sensor element is located on the supply duct where the hot air enters work chamber. The temperature setting on the “Process Hi-Limit” should be set somewhat below the temperature at which the product would be damaged. If the product has an ignition temperature at which it could ignite, the setting should be well below this temperature. It is recommended that a certified instrument be used to make the proper setting.

IT IS THE PURCHASER’S RESPONSIBILITY THAT THE “EQUIPMENT HI-LIMIT” AND/OR THE “PROCESS HI-LIMIT” BE SET PER THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS SHEET AND ALSO THE INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR THE PARTICULAR HI-LIMIT INSTRUMENT FURNISHED WITH THIS UNIT.
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1. About This Manual

1.1. Important User Information

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For here forward, unless noted otherwise the LFC nomenclature may be substituted for LAC, as LAC is the series or family of models upon which the LFC is built. Note the LAC may NEVER be operated with solvents present.

Before operating this equipment, carefully read instruction manual.

Values displayed on screens are examples only. Though those values may be typical, contact Despatch Industries for the final value.

Users of this equipment must comply with operating procedures and training of operation personnel as required by the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) of 1970, Section 5 and relevant safety standards, as well as other safety rules and regulations of state and local governments. Refer to the relevant safety standards in OSHA and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), section 86 of 1990.

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1.2. Manufacturer & Service
The LAC-8 Series oven is manufactured by Despatch Industries.

Despatch has specialized in thermal processing for over 100 years. Technical expertise gained over those years helps provide innovative solutions to critical applications in vertical markets and cutting edge technology worldwide. Despatch products are backed by a drive for long-term customer satisfaction and a strong sense of responsibility. The worldwide network of factory-trained Service Professionals is available to support your Despatch equipment. From full service preventive maintenance to routine repair and certified calibration and uniformity, the Despatch service network is positioned to respond to your business needs. Our service programs are customized to meet your specific needs using our Advantage Service Assurance Program (ASAP). For more information on ASAP, visit www.despatch.com.

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<th>Global Headquarters</th>
<th>Contact</th>
<th>Service &amp; Technical Support</th>
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1.3. Organization of this Manual
This owner’s manual contains the most comprehensive set of information for the Despatch LAC-8 Series ovens, including installation instructions, theory of operation, operating instructions, among other things.
1.4. Conventions

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<td>Danger is the signal word used to indicate a hazardous situation that, if not avoided, will result in death or severe injury.</td>
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<td><strong>Warning!</strong></td>
<td>Warning is the signal word used to indicate a hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in death or severe injury.</td>
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1.5. Specifications

1.5.1. Dimensions

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<th>LAC Model No.</th>
<th>Chamber Size in (cm)</th>
<th>Capacity feet³ (liters)</th>
<th>Overall Size in (cm)</th>
<th>Max. Number of Shelf Positions</th>
<th>Exhaust Diameter Located on Back of Chamber in (cm)</th>
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<td>LAC 1-38</td>
<td>18.75 (48)</td>
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<td>31 (79)</td>
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<td>24 (61)</td>
<td>6.6 (187)</td>
<td>36 (91)</td>
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* Allow 0.375" (0.95 cm) clearance on each side for shelf supports (3/4 in (1.9 cm) total).

The LAC-8 oven is not intended to process solvents or other volatile or flammable materials. Oven exhaust is intended for cooling purposes only.

The LFC is designed to handle solvents up to the stated ratings in this manual.

Warning!

Do not place this oven in an environment harmful to electrical components.

Placing this oven in an environment detrimental to electrical components (for example, environments where carbon fibers, coal dust or similar contaminants may be present) may result in component failure.

Do not use liquids in the oven. Do not set product or liquids on top of the oven. Liquids that may spill on the oven floor or top of oven may cause considerable damage to the oven.

Contact Despatch for options available to help prevent such failures.
### 1.5.2. Capacities

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<tr>
<th>LAC-8 Model Number</th>
<th>LAC1-38-8 120V &amp; 240V</th>
<th>LFC 1-38-8</th>
<th>LAC 1-67-8</th>
<th>LAC 2-12-8</th>
<th>LAC 2-18-8</th>
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<tr>
<td>Maximum Load</td>
<td>Lbs (Kg)</td>
<td>175 (79)</td>
<td>175 (79)</td>
<td>250 (113)</td>
<td>300 (136)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Maximum Shelf Load</td>
<td>Lbs (Kg)</td>
<td>50 (23)</td>
<td>50 (23)</td>
<td>50 (23)</td>
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<td>Exhaust</td>
<td>CFM</td>
<td>Adjustable to 12</td>
<td>Adjustable From 13 to 41</td>
<td>Adjustable to 12</td>
<td>Adjustable to 30</td>
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<td>Recirculating Fan</td>
<td>CFM</td>
<td>300</td>
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<td>¼</td>
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<td>¼ x 2</td>
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<td>Approx. Weight Net</td>
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<td>KG</td>
<td>84</td>
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<td>Shipping Weight</td>
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<td>KG</td>
<td>123</td>
<td>123</td>
<td>163</td>
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1.5.3. **Power**

If the line voltage for your LAC-8 Series oven varies more than 10% from the oven voltage rating, electrical components such as relays and temperature controls may operate erratically. Heater upgrade will change power requirements.

- If the line voltage is lower than the oven voltage rating, heat-up time may be significantly longer and motors may overload or run hot.
- If the line voltage is higher than the nameplate rating, motors may run hot and draw excessive amperage.

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<th>Model</th>
<th>Volts</th>
<th>Amps</th>
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<td>16.5</td>
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<td>240</td>
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<td>50/60</td>
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<td>22.7</td>
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<td>None, Hardwired. Branch circuit rated device 25A.*</td>
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<td>26.0</td>
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<td>None, Hardwired. Branch circuit rated device 35A.*</td>
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*The overcurrent protection means provided by the building mains supply circuit shall be a branch circuit rated protection device.

† The LAC Series oven designed for 240 volts (see oven nameplate) will operate satisfactorily on a minimum of 208 Volts, but will result in 25% reduced heater output. If your power characteristic is lower, contact Despatch Industries. An option is available to regain the full heater power when operating on 208V.

‡ The LAC 2-12 and LAC 2-18 must be hardwired to the electric supply using 10 AWG (8 AWG on LAC2-18-8 208V full power option) or larger wires suitable for at least 75 °C (167 °F).
1.5.4. Temperature

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<th>LAC-8 Model Number</th>
<th>LFC 1-38</th>
<th>1-38 120V</th>
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<th>1-67</th>
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<td>(approximate minutes)</td>
<td>40 °C – 100 °C</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>(with no load)</td>
<td>40 °C – 200 °C</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>22</td>
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<td>19</td>
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<td>40 °C – 260 °C</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>34</td>
<td>31</td>
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<td>Recovery Time - Door Open</td>
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<td>One Minute (approximate minutes with no load)</td>
<td>200 °C</td>
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<td>4</td>
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1.5.5. LAC-8 Series Oven Environmental Operating Conditions

The LAC-8 Series oven is for indoor use. Table 1 provides the operating conditions.

Table 1. Operating/Environmental Conditions (For indoor use).

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§ Figures are based on actual tests in an empty oven. Uniformity can vary slightly depending on unit and operating conditions.

$ Fluctuations in temperature can occur at elevated ambient temperature values.
2. Safety

2.1. Safety Information

Do not work on the LAC-8 Series oven without reading and understanding this section which contains important information and warnings. The LAC is not designed to handle any amount of solvents, while the LFC can handle up to the rated amount stated in this manual. Ignoring these warnings can result in death, serious injury or damage to the machine and product.

2.1.1. Lockout

Carefully follow the established Lock Out Tag Out policies of your company in all cases.

Danger!

An accidental start-up, while working on the LAC-8 Series oven, can result in serious injury or death.

Machine lockout places the LAC-8 Series oven into a zero energy state and prevents accidental machine start up. Always follow the Lockout Procedure described in this Section before cleaning, maintaining or repairing the LAC-8 Series oven. An accidental start-up, while working on the LAC-8 Series oven, can result in serious injury or death.

2.1.1.1. Lockout Requirements

1. Every power source that can energize any element of the LAC-8 Series oven must be shut off at the closest possible power source. This includes air, water and electricity, including the Disconnect Switch.
2. After energy sources are locked out, test to ensure circuits are de-energized.

2.1.1.2. Lockout Procedure

Personnel authorized to lockout equipment must have the necessary locks to perform the lockout.

1. Physically disconnect all electrical power to the machine or lockout the appropriate breaker or disconnects.
2. Close all valves and bleed off any pressure.
3. Test for power by attempting a start with the machine controls.
4. Identify the Lockout Condition with a tag on the electrical disconnect and pneumatic shut off valve.
5. When work is complete, remove all tags and restore the machine to its working state.

### 2.1.2. Door and Panel

A properly secured control panel on the LAC-8 Series oven protects against hazards. Operation without the control panel in place creates hazards that the control panel is intended to render safe for personnel.

### 2.2. Provisions for Lifting and Carrying

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2.3. **Maintenance**
Only qualified and trained personnel should perform maintenance or repair.

2.4. **Electrical Power**
Only qualified and trained personnel should perform electrical maintenance or electrical repair.

- Before performing maintenance, disconnect all electrical power from the machine. Use a padlock and lockout all disconnects feeding power to the machine.
- Never clean or repair the oven when in operation.
- Unauthorized alterations or modifications to LAC-8 Series oven are strictly forbidden. Never modify any electrical circuits. Unauthorized modifications can impair the function and safety of the LAC-8 Series oven.

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**Danger!**

*Contact with energized electrical sources may result in serious injury or death.*

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**Warning!**

*Do not place this oven in an environment harmful to electrical components.*

*Placing this oven in an environment detrimental to electrical components (for example, environments where carbon fibers, coal dust or similar contaminants may be present) may result in component failure.*

*Do not use liquids in the oven. Do not set product or liquids on top of the oven. Liquids that may spill on the oven floor or top of oven may cause considerable damage to the oven.*

*Contact Despatch for options available to help prevent such failures.*

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2.5. **Fire**
Keep the LAC-8 Series oven clean and free of scrap materials, oil or solvents to prevent the possibility of fire. In the event of fire, use a fire extinguisher as follows.
1. Leave door as it is.
2. De-energize the machine immediately by turning OFF the DISCONNECT SWITCH.
3. Turn off the remote main disconnect (customer supplied disconnect).
4. Shut off fuel.
5. Call the fire department.

**Danger!**
Always disconnect all power before extinguishing a fire. Attempting to extinguish a fire in a machine connected to electrical power can result in serious injury or death.

2.6. **Equipment Lockout Requirements**
To prevent injury or equipment damage during inspection or repair, the LAC-8 Series oven must be locked out.

2.6.1. **Emergency Stop**
When a risk of personal injury or damage to the LAC-8 Series oven exists, turn OFF the oven by removing/unplugging the cord. This shuts off all electrical power to the oven.

2.7. **Disconnecting Devices**

2.7.1. **Power Requirements**
Despatch recommends the LAC-8 have unobstructed access to a dedicated power source.

Use a power stabilizer if voltage fluctuation is greater than ±10% nominal voltage fluctuation.

2.7.2. **Disconnecting Hard-Wired Units**
LAC-8 permanently-connected (hard-wired) ovens include models LAC2-12-8 and LAC2-18-8. Permanently-connected and multi-phased equipment must employ a switch or circuit-breaker as means for disconnection. For permanently-connected equipment, installation instructions must specify a switch or circuit-breaker is included during the facility oven installation for complete isolation.

The disconnecting device must be installed in close proximity to the equipment and within easy reach of the operator. The disconnecting device must be marked as the disconnecting device for the equipment. If the unit is equipped with an ON/OFF switch, mark the ON/OFF position clearly.
2.7.3. Disconnecting Corded Units

LAC-8 cord-connected ovens include models LAC1-38-8 and LAC1-67-8. To disconnect a corded unit, unplug the cord from the power source.

2.7.4. Disconnecting Units with Optional Disconnect Switch

The LAC-8 Series oven has an optional Disconnect Switch (Figure 1). This Disconnect Switch is located on the front of the oven and connected to the load break switch behind the panel that disconnects or connects power from the main line. When a risk of personal injury or damage to the LAC-8 Series oven exists, turn off the Disconnect Switch. This shuts off all electrical power to the oven.

Figure 1. Disconnect Switch.
3. Theory of Operation

3.1. The LAC-8 Series Oven

The LAC-8 high-performance bench-top oven uses digitally-controlled, horizontal recirculating airflow to ensure uniform temperatures throughout the oven for fast-processing (Figure 2). A high-volume fan circulates air through perforated, stainless steel walls to create a constant horizontal airflow across all sections of the oven (Figure 3). The result is proven reliability in demanding production and laboratory applications such as curing, drying, sterilizing, aging and other process-critical procedures.

The LAC-8 oven is especially useful for testing, preheating, sterilizing, drying, aging and curing along with other production applications. The overall result is efficient productivity under strenuous conditions. The chamber can be densely loaded without interfering with the process. Air delivery temperature is within 1°C of the number appearing on the digital display. Fresh air intake is regulated by a panel-mounted damper control, while the exhaust opening is fixed. The exhaust port, on the back of the oven, is covered by a hat bracket.

![Figure 2. LAC High-performance Bench-top Oven.](image)

![Figure 3. Horizontal Airflow through the LAC Oven.](image)

**Warning!**

*Note that the LAC-8 Oven may not be used with flammable materials. If operating with flammable materials, please ensure that the nameplate states that the oven is an LFC, and follow the operating instructions for safe operation.*
3.2. **LFC Specific Operation**

The LFC Class A oven is built on the same principles as the LAC with the **MAJOR** exception that Class A ovens are specifically designed to meet NFPA 86 requirements. These ovens include a pressure relief panel, purge timer, airflow switch and exhaust fan. These measures are designed into the oven to safely handle volatile organics and other solvent byproducts.

The fresh air intake should never be blocked and is designed such that the minimum air allowed by NFPA 86 requirements are met in conjunction with having an exhaust fan which cannot be completely shut. This ensures that a sufficient amount of minimal air is being let into the system and mixed air is being removed from the work chamber. The purge timer and airflow switches are used as safety mechanisms to ensure that this airflow is not inadvertently cut off. An explosion relief panel is required based on the internal volume, temperature and allowable solvent rating (please see the specifications section) there is a safe and known outlet for additional energy caused by an explosion or other pressure build up.

### Warning!

Do not remove the hat bracket (located in rear of oven) as it distributes exhaust air and protects the exhaust opening from being completely covered.

### Danger!

Class A [LFC] ovens are designed for a specific amount of solvent. Exceeding this amount could result in an explosion. Do not process closed containers of any substance or liquid in this oven because they may explode under heat. In case of fire, leave door(s) as they are. Shut off electricity. Shut off fuel. Call the fire department. Stay away.

3.3. **Damper Control**

The LAC-8 oven is equipped with a manually-adjustable damper mechanism. The damper control arm is located on the front panel of the oven (Figure 1). The damper adjustment controls the fresh air opening which, due to pressurization of the oven chamber, controls the flow of exhaust. If the damper is in the full open position, the maximum exhaust rate is achieved. If the damper is in the fully closed position, the minimum exhaust rate is achieved.

3.3.1. **Determining Damper Settings**

The optimum setting for the damper depends on a variety of factors. These factors include ambient environment temperature, load conditions, load distribution, heat-up and cool-down.
rates, desired temperature uniformity and most importantly the desired operating temperature. Additionally, engineering tradeoffs for each factor must be carefully weighed. While considering each factor independently may be too daunting, guidelines provide a simpler way to determine damper settings.

In general, set the damper so the amount of fresh air flowing into and exhausting from the chamber agrees with the desired operating temperature conditions. The following outline provides practical considerations for various damper position settings (Figure 3).

### 3.3.1.1. Damper Full Closed Position

The damper in full closed position allows maximum attainable heat-up rates for the chamber. In addition, the chamber uses minimum power to operate at the desired temperature. In most cases, maintain the damper in the full closed position to efficiently operate at the maximum operating temperature for the chamber.

### 3.3.1.2. Damper Full Open Position

The damper in full open position allows minimum operating temperature for the chamber. Friction heat from the air recirculation system builds up in the chamber. This causes chamber temperature to rise slightly though the heating system is not ON. After the recirculation motor has been ON for an extended period of time, the chamber reaches a thermal equilibrium temperature.

When the damper is set to full open position, the chamber has no way to readily dissipate the heat generated by the friction. With the damper fully open, the thermal equilibrium temperature is the minimum operating temperature of the chamber.

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**Notice**

*For an LFC oven: with the damper in full closed position, a predetermined amount of fresh air enters the chamber via cutaways in the fresh air and exhaust dampers. This amount of fresh air meets NFPA86 Safety Guidelines for Class A ovens.*

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*Figure 4. Damper Positions.*

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**Notice**

*When the damper is in the full open position, the oven may not be able to heat to the maximum oven operating temperature.*

*Overpressurizing the chamber can cause hot air to blow out around the door seal and cause the area around the door to be hot to the touch. Stop this hot air from entering the room by closing the damper slightly until the air stops blowing.*
3.3.1.3. Exhaust Damper Control for LFC-8

Adjusting the exhaust damper aids in pressuring the oven chamber. The damper is designed so that it may never be fully closed.

3.3.1.4. Other Damper Settings

The damper can be set to several other distinct operating positions. In most cases the damper setting is influenced by two specific performance factors: uniformity and cool-down rates.

Chamber Uniformity
The system’s inside chamber pressure influences chamber uniformity. Pressure inside the chamber depends on the amount of fresh air flowing into the chamber. When a large volume of fresh air flows into the chamber, the chamber pressurizes slightly and overall temperature uniformity improves. The slightly pressurized chamber produces the effect of “pushing” air to the corners of the chamber. Typically the corners of the chamber improve with respect to temperature distribution while the core of the chamber maintains excellent uniformity characteristics regardless of damper position.

Pressurization of the chamber typically is a factor when the chamber is loaded heavily. The best uniformity results, with respect to the product, are achieved when no more than two-thirds of any inside chamber dimension are used. The best overall results are achieved when the product(s) are located in the center of the chamber.

Cool-Down Rates
The more open the damper, the faster the cool-down.
3.4. **The Protocol 3 Controller**

The Protocol 3 is a microprocessor based digital temperature controller designed for simple and flexible oven operation (Figure 5). The Protocol 3 controller operates as a dual-functioning controller/High Limit instrument. The control portion utilizes a time proportioning voltage signal to control heating devices with minimal temperature fluctuations.

The High Limit portion protects the product and/or the oven from overheating. If the product being processed has a critical high temperature limit, the High Limit setpoint should be set to a temperature somewhat below the temperature at which the product could be damaged. If the product does not have a critical high temperature limit, the High Limit setpoint should be set 5 to 15 degrees higher than the maximum programmed setpoint at which the oven will operate.

The Protocol 3 controller provides three primary operating modes:
- **Manual**: Oven operates continuously at a fixed temperature until turned off.
- **Timer**: Oven operates at a fixed temperature for a user-selected time period, and then automatically turns off.
- **Profile**: Temperatures increase or decrease as defined by 255 segments that can be allocated to 64 ramp and soak profiles. The profiles can be linked to provide additional temperature combinations.

Review the Protocol 3 Controller Owner’s Manual for more information.

![Protocol 3 Controller Operator Interface](image)
4. **Assembly & Setup**

Assembly and Setup provides directions for unpacking and installing your LAC-8 Series oven.

4.1. **Unpack & Inspect the LAC-8 Series Oven**

Remove all packing materials and thoroughly inspect the oven for any damage that might have occurred during shipment.

- Note condition of carton and plastic cover sheet inside carton.
- Observe all outside surfaces and corners of the oven for scratches and dents.
- Check oven controls and indicators for normal movement, bent shafts, cracks, chips or missing parts such as knobs and lenses.
- Check the door and latch for smooth operation.

**Caution!**

Do not tilt oven while lifting or lift oven using the door handle to prevent damage to the oven and/or personnel involved.

**Caution!**

Do not risk injury when lifting equipment. Take proper precautions when lifting, carrying or otherwise maintaining heavy items.

**Notice**

How to lift the different sizes of ovens:

- LAC1-38: Four people lift oven’s lower corners and place on wheeled transport pallet. Push pallet to desired site and lift oven from pallet, again using lower corners.
- LAC1-67, LAC2-12 & LAC2-18: Do not lift by hand. Lift with fork lift and transport pallet.

4.1.1. **If Damaged During Shipping**

If damage occurred during shipping:

1. Contact the shipper immediately and file a written damage claim.
2. Contact Despatch Industries (1-800-473-7373 or 1-952-469-8230 or service@despatch.com) to report your findings and to order replacement parts for those damaged or missing. Send a copy of your filed damage claims to Despatch industries (Despatch Industries, 8860 207th Street, Lakeville, MN 55044, USA).
3. Check the packing list to ensure you received all the specified components of the oven system. If any items are missing, contact Despatch Industries to have missing products forwarded to you. Your shipment should include:
   - One (1) Despatch oven
   - Two (2) Shelves

4.2. Set-Up the LAC-8 Series Oven

4.2.1. Select Oven Location/Operating Environment

The Despatch LAC-8 Series oven is designed to operate in an industrial setting. Despatch recommends the following environmental operating guidelines:

1. Place the oven on a flat, level solid foundation and secure it to prevent unintended movement.
2. Do not expose the oven to excessive external vibration.
3. Keep equipment away from flammable materials.
4. Do not remove electrical cabinet covers.
5. Where excessive particulate matter is present, such as on a construction site or coal processing, Despatch recommends periodic (usually monthly) cleaning of all electrical compartments.
6. Ensure the power supply meets Despatch specifications. If the facility power supply is not stable, Despatch recommends a line conditioner.

4.2.2. Set-up Procedure

**Warning!**

All grounding and safety equipment must be in compliance with applicable codes, ordinances and accepted safe practices.

**Warning!**

Do not use the oven in wet, corrosive or explosive atmospheres unless this oven is specifically designed for a special atmosphere.

**Caution!**

Do not tilt oven while lifting or lift oven using the door handle to prevent damage to the oven and/or personnel involved.
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1. Place oven on bench top or optional cabinet base.
   a. Ensure a minimum of six (6) inches (15.3 cm) clearance in the rear of oven to provide proper ventilation. The oven may be placed next to another cabinet, or next to another oven, with three (3) inch (7.6 cm) clearance (the doors will still open).
   b. Ensure oven is level and plumb for proper heat distribution and operation of all mechanical components.
2. Identify correct power source indicated on the specification nameplate.
3. Plug or hardwire oven directly to the electric supply.

### 4.2.3. Wiring & Power Connections

Read the Model LAC-8 name plate (top of oven or top of control area under the door) for proper power requirements before proceeding with wiring and power connections. See example below (Figure 6).

Danger!

All grounding and safety equipment must be in compliance with applicable codes, ordinances and accepted safe practices.
Models 1-38, and 1-67 come equipped with an appropriate plug and cord. Models LAC 2-12 and 2-18 must be hardwired to the electric supply using 10 AWG or larger wires suitable for at least 75 °C (167 °F).

4.2.3.1. Wire LAC-8 Models 2-12 and 2-18

For units that must be hardwired or where a power cord is shipped loose, run the power lines from the rear of the oven to the front control panel.

1. Run the wire through the clearly marked power cord access port. (Figure 7).

Figure 6. LAC2-18-8 Nameplate.

Figure 7. Rear Access Panel for Hard-Wired Connections.
2. Remove the top panel for easy access to power connection, remove controller if necessary for more room and easier access. (Figure 8).

![Figure 8. Control panel removal.](image)

3. Connect power at main circuit board, terminals L1 and L2 (Figure 9).
   a. Tighten terminals on the circuit board to 10.6 to 13.2 lb-in (1.2 to 1.5 Nm)
   b. Attach the ground wire to the ground buss on the panel.
   c. Close hinged control panel after attaching the power supply wires or cord.

![Figure 9. Power Connections at Main Circuit Board.](image)
5. Operation

Users and operators of this oven must comply with operating procedures and training of operating personnel as required by the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) of 1970, Section 5 and relevant safety standards, and other safety rules and regulations of state and local governments. Refer to the relevant safety standards in OSHA and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Section 86 of 1990.

Warning!
Do not use the oven in wet, corrosive or explosive atmospheres unless this oven is specifically designed for a special atmosphere.

Notice
Before using any cleaning or decontamination method except those recommended by the manufacturer, users should check with the manufacturer that the proposed method will not damage the equipment.

5.1. Load Oven

Despatch Industries cannot be responsible for either the process or process temperature used, or for the quality of the product being processed. It is the responsibility of the purchaser and operator to see that the product undergoing processing in a Despatch oven is adequately protected from damage.

Carefully following the instructions in this manual will help the purchaser and operator in fulfilling that responsibility.

Warning!
Do not use liquids in the oven. Do not set product or liquids on top of the oven. Liquids that may spill on the oven floor or top of oven may cause considerable damage to the oven.
Avoid spilling on the oven floor when loading the oven. Do not place the load on the oven floor plate. Placing the load on the oven floor may cause the load to heat unevenly. Use the shelves provided.

**Caution!**

*Always place loads on the shelves provided to avoid possible uneven heating and damage to the oven.*

The two shelves are designed to be pulled out about halfway without tipping. Do not overload the shelves (Refer to Support Capacity listed in Section 1.5.2). Distribute the workload evenly so airflow is not restricted. Do not overfill your oven. The workload should not take up more than two-thirds of any dimension of the inside cavity.

### 5.2. Pre-Startup Checklist

**Warning!**

*Do not use flammable solvent or other flammable material in the LAC oven. Do not process closed containers of any substance or liquid in this oven because they may explode under heat.*

*The LFC may be operated with solvents, but only up to the rating specified in this manual.*

- Know the system. Read this manual carefully. Make use of its instructions and explanations. Safe, continuous, satisfactory, trouble-free operation depends primarily on your degree of understanding the system and your willingness to keep all parts in proper operating condition.
- Check line voltage. Voltage must correspond to nameplate requirements of motors and controls. A wrong voltage can result in serious damage. Refer to Section 1.5.4 for more information.
- Check fresh air and exhaust openings. Do not be careless about restrictions in and around the fresh air and exhaust openings and stacks. Under no condition can they be permitted to become so filled with dirt that they reduce airflow.
- Ventilation. An exhaust opening in the rear of the unit is covered by a hat bracket. Do not remove the hat bracket as it protects the exhaust opening from being completely covered.
- For drying ovens, open vent to prevent buildup of moisture.
- For sample heating, close vent when no ventilation is required.
5.3. Operating Procedure

For fastest oven heat-up time, close the fresh-air vent. After the desired temperature is reached, the vent may be adjusted as needed.

5.3.1. Start Oven

1. Start fan
   a. Open oven door
   b. Press Power Switch to ON (Figure 1). Listen for the recirculating fan to start.
   c. Shut oven door
   d. Check that control display turns ON.
2. Operate temperature control as desired by following the control operation instructions to follow.

5.3.2. Working with Protocol 3 Operating Modes

Refer to the Protocol 3 Controller Owner’s Manual for specifics on working with the controller.
6. **Maintenance**

Only qualified and trained personnel should perform maintenance or repair. Maintenance tasks should be performed with appropriate proper personal protective equipment (PPE). Appropriate PPE includes safety glasses, rubber gloves for handling chemicals, high-temperature gloves for handling hot parts, and a dust mask for working with insulation.

### Danger!

*Use PPE and follow standard safety protocols when working with solvent and other chemicals.*

### Warning!

*Do not attempt any service on this oven before opening the main power disconnect switch.*

### Warning!

*Do not place this oven in an environment harmful to electrical components.*

Placing this oven in an environment detrimental to electrical components (for example, environments where carbon fibers, coal dust or similar contaminants may be present) may result in component failure.

*Do not use liquids in the oven. Do not set product or liquids on top of the oven. Liquids that may spill on the oven floor or top of oven may cause considerable damage to the oven.*

*Contact Despatch for options available to help prevent such failures.*

6.1. **Checklist**

- **Keep equipment clean.** Gradual dirt accumulation retards airflow. A dirty oven can result in unsatisfactory operation such as unbalanced temperature in the work chamber, reduced heating capacity, reduced production, overheated components, and the like. Keep the walls, floor and ceiling of the oven work chamber free of dirt and dust. Floating dust or accumulated dirt may produce unsatisfactory work results. Keep all equipment accessible. Do not permit other materials to be stored or piled against it.
• **Protect controls against excessive heat**—particularly controls, motors or other equipment containing electronic components. Temperatures greater than 51.5°C (125°F) should be avoided.

• **Inspect user interface areas** – Inspect door and door hardware periodically to insure safe operation.

• **Establish maintenance and checkup schedules.** Do this promptly and follow the schedules faithfully. Careful operation and maintenance will be more than paid for in continuous, safe and economical operation.

• **Maintain equipment in good repair.** Make repairs immediately. Delays may be costly in added expense for labor and materials and in prolonged shut down.

• **Practice safety.** Make it a prime policy to know what you are doing before you do it. Make caution, patience, and good judgment the safety watchwords for the operation of your oven.

### 6.2. Lubrication

Fan motor bearings are permanently lubricated. All door latches, hinges, door operating mechanisms and bearing or wear surfaces should be lubricated to ensure easy operation.

### 6.3. Cleaning and Decontamination

#### 6.3.1. Cleaning the LAC-8 Series Oven

- **Warning!**

  *Do not clean oven without first disconnecting power.*

For best product results, clean the oven monthly. To clean the oven:

1. Wipe all surfaces with a moistened towel or use a neutral cleaning agent.
2. Use a moistened towel to remove cleaning agents when finished.
3. Dry oven completely before turning it on again.

Clean stainless steel surfaces quarterly. To clean stainless steel surfaces:

1. Wash steel surface using a polyurethane cloth or sponge with clean water and liquid detergent.

- **Notice**

  *Clean quickly for maximum surface protection.*

  *Using water that contains chlorine or hydrochloric acid to clean may damage the oven. Choose a neutral cleaning agent instead.*
6.3.2. **Decontaminating the LAC-8 Series Oven**

**Warning!**

*Do not decontaminate oven without first disconnecting power. Ensure adequate personal safety while decontaminating oven.*

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**Notice**

*Before using any cleaning or decontamination method except those recommended by the manufacturer, users should check with the manufacturer that the proposed method will not damage the equipment.*

For best results, decontaminate the work zone daily.

1. Wipe all work surfaces with an appropriate disinfectant.
2. Use a neutral cleaning agent. Do not use acidic or chlorine cleaning detergents as they may damage or corrode the oven.

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**Danger!**

*Explosive gases may form during decontamination. Dry and ventilate oven before start-up to avoid explosions.*

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6.4. **Routine Tests**

Test LAC-8 Series oven functions regularly and carefully for best performance. Safety of personnel and maintenance of your equipment may depend on the proper operation of any of the temperature control functions.

- Check that the heater LED is cycling on and off, indicating the heater is working.
- Check the High Limit function to make sure it is working properly:
  1. Press **Select** and go to Manual Mode. Enter a control setpoint value at least 11°C (20°F) lower than the current process temperature.
  2. Press **Menu** and lower the High Limit setpoint to a value just below the current process temperature.
  3. Press **Run**.
  4. The High Limit alarm indicator will flash and a High Limit alarm message will display.
5. Press Stop.
6. Press Reset.
7. Return the control setpoint and High Limit setpoint values to their original values.

6.5. **Door Adjustment**

The LAC-8 utilizes a robust spring-loaded latch mechanism for securing the door against the seal. To optimize the user experience, and protect the contents of the oven, it is recommended the oven be secured to the table/bench on which it is placed. This can be accomplished by installing a fastener through the rear horizontal flange to the mounting surface. Alternately the shipping straps (straps engaged through the four oven feet and that secured the oven to the shipping pallet) can be used.

To increase or decrease latch tension slightly, or to gain a better door seal on the latch side:
- Turn the door strike in or out on its threads by loosening the Allen head set screw.
- If necessary, adjust the vertical alignment of the strike to increase or decrease latch tension.
  1. Loosen the two screws on the latch strike and sliding the strike up or down on its slots.
  2. After positioning the strike, tighten the screws.

If more robust tension is desired for the door actuation, the latch is modifiable by removing from the oven body and replacing with heavier springs. These parts are available on the service page of the Despatch website indicated below.
6.6. **Replacement Parts**

To order or return parts, contact Despatch Service & Technical Support. When returning parts, a Despatch representative will provide an MRA (Material Return Authorization) number. Attach the MRA number to the returned part for identification. When ordering parts, expedite the process by giving the model number, serial number and part number.

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**Warning!**

*Disconnect the main power switch or power cord before attempting any repair or adjustment.*

6.6.1. **Replace the Protocol 3 Controller**

Refer to the Protocol 3 Owner’s Manual for instructions on replacing the Protocol 3 controller.
6.6.2. **Replace Heater Unit**

Tools needed: 3/8" wrench, T20 Torx bit driver

1. Remove the ceiling plate.
   a. Remove the screws from the plate (Figure 14).
   
   ![Figure 14. Remove Screws to Remove Ceiling Plate.](image)

   b. Slide the ceiling plate out of the oven to expose heater panel/inlet cone (Figure 15).

   ![Figure 15. Heater Panel and Inlet Cone.](image)

2. Disconnect the heater leads from heater element with wrench.

   *Before disconnecting leads, carefully diagram (or note) which wires connect to which terminals.*
3. Unscrew the screws holding the heater frame to the oven body (Figure 16).
4. Remove heater and discard.
5. Screw down the new heater frame.
6. Attach the heater leads to appropriate terminals.
7. Replace and screw in interior ceiling panels.

6.6.3. Replace Fan Motor

Tools needed: T20 Torx bit driver, 5/32 inch Allen wrench, one quarter (¼) inch socket set

1. Open top panel to expose electrical cabinet.
2. Disconnect the motor leads from motor element with wrench.
3. Unscrew the screws holding the motor frame to the oven body.
4. Unplug the motor harness from the circuit board and remove motor ground wires from ground stud.

5. Remove the fan motor.
6. Install the fan motor.
   a. Insert shaft seal onto shaft.
   b. Insert the shaft into shaft collar.
   c. Fasten motor to plug assembly.
7. Install fan wheel onto motor shaft.
8. Replace and fasten the fan inlet cover.
9. Adjust the fan wheel for 3/16 inch clearance between the wheel and the inlet ring and tighten the set screws on the fan wheel. Check that the set screws hit the flats machined into the motor shaft.
10. Replace fan and heater plug assembly in oven body.
11. Connect motor wire harness and fasten motor ground wires to ground stud.
12. Replace panel and top cover.

Before disconnecting leads, carefully diagram (or note) which wires connect to which terminals.
7. Troubleshooting

7.1. Troubleshooting Symptoms

Table 2 lists symptoms, probable causes and suggested remedies. Table 3 shows how to troubleshoot the control panel mounted circuit board.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Symptom</th>
<th>Possible Cause</th>
<th>Next Step</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Failure to heat or heats to only 35-50</td>
<td>No power</td>
<td>Check power source and/or oven and wall fuses.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>degrees C</td>
<td>Broken or frayed cord</td>
<td>Replace with new cord.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Burned out heater</td>
<td>Replace heater (see Warranty Section 8.1).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Protocol 3 controller malfunction</td>
<td>Replace controller.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Loose wire connections</td>
<td>Disconnect power and check connections behind control</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Heater relay failure</td>
<td>Replace circuit board.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Door switch failure</td>
<td>Replace door switch.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Protocol 3 controller malfunction</td>
<td>Replace controller.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Slow heat-up</td>
<td>Improperly loaded</td>
<td>Reduce load or redistribute load in chamber.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Low line voltage</td>
<td>Supply sufficient power and proper connections. Check for</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Heating element(s) are burned out</td>
<td>circuit overload.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>240 volt oven is connected to a 208V line</td>
<td>Raise line voltage to a 240 volt line or modify oven for</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Fan motor failure</td>
<td>Refer to 208V operation (consult factory).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Frequent heater element out</td>
<td>Harmful fumes generated by load</td>
<td>Increase vent opening or discontinue process.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Splattering of material on heater elements</td>
<td>Disconnect power and clean oven chamber and elements.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Overheating oven</td>
<td>Check the High Limit.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Erratic or inaccurate temperature</td>
<td>Protocol 3 controller malfunction</td>
<td>Replace Protocol 3 controller.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Improper tuning parameters</td>
<td>Check tuning parameters.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Protocol 3 controller miscalibration</td>
<td>Recalibrate Protocol 3 controller (See Protocol 3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Improper offset</td>
<td>Check zone calibration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Excess surface or door temperature</td>
<td>Door seal deterioration</td>
<td>Replace door seal.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Improper airflow</td>
<td>Fan motor failure</td>
<td>Replace fan motor.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Fan wheel seated too low on fan shaft</td>
<td>Adjust fan wheel for 3/16&quot; clearance between wheel and</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Unbalanced fan wheel</td>
<td>inlet ring.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Excessive vibration</td>
<td>Dirty fan wheel</td>
<td>Clean fan.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Unbalanced fan wheel</td>
<td>Replace fan wheel.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oven will not control</td>
<td>High Limit set too low</td>
<td>Set the High Limit higher.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Protocol 3 controller</td>
<td>Replace controller.</td>
</tr>
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## Troubleshooting

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<tr>
<th>Symptom</th>
<th>Possible Cause</th>
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<tr>
<td>at setpoint malfunction</td>
<td>SSR malfunction</td>
<td>Replace SSR and/or check control output voltage.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Air friction of recirculation</td>
<td>Open exhaust air vent. Unit will not control below minimum operating</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>fan</td>
<td>temperature with vent closed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Heater does not shut down until temp.</td>
<td>Protocol 3 controller</td>
<td>Replace Protocol 3 controller.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>reaches the High Limit setting</td>
<td>malfunction</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SSR malfunction</td>
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### Danger!

*Table 3 lists troubleshooting steps that must be performed by a qualified electrician or electrical technician trained on electrical safety and the use of personal protective equipment.*

### Table 3. Troubleshooting with Control Panel Mounted Circuit Board.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>If LED is…</th>
<th>Check…</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 LED</td>
<td>Check Fuse Block 2F and 3F (Figure 17)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2LED</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 LED</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Not Lit</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lit</td>
<td>Check High Limit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Check optional door switch, if appropriate</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lit</td>
<td>Check Fuse Block 1F and 4F (Figure 17)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Check SSR</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Check heater</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Check heater relays</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lit</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
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**Figure 17. LAC-8 Circuit Board.**

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### 7.2. Troubleshooting Error Messages and Alarms

Table 4 lists the more common error messages, possible problems and remedies.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Alarm Status</th>
<th>Possible Problem</th>
<th>Next Step</th>
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<tr>
<td>HI LIMIT LED ON</td>
<td>• Problem with thermocouple</td>
<td>Once the problem has corrected, press RESET.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• High Limit setpoint has been exceeded.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DEV HOLD LED flashing</td>
<td>Oven temperature has not entered (or dropped out of) the Auto Hold band and the soak timer has stopped</td>
<td>Program a slower ramp rate or if oven is not heating check heater circuit.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Top PV displays OPEN</td>
<td>Control thermocouple is disconnected or broken</td>
<td>Repair or replace the thermocouple.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HLPV displays OPEN</td>
<td>High Limit thermocouple is disconnected or broken</td>
<td>Repair or replace the thermocouple.</td>
</tr>
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**Danger!**

*Electrical panels contain high voltage. Turning the power switch off on the oven does not de-energize the circuit board.*

*Disconnect and lock out the power supply before working on the circuit board. Failure to lock out the power supply can result in death or injury.*
8. Appendices

8.1. **Standard Products Warranty**

Also found in proposal and online at
APPENDICES

Standard Products

Product Warranty

Products Covered by this Warranty

This warranty (the “Warranty”) applies to the following Despatch products: LBB, LAC, LCC, LCD, RAD, RFD, RGD, RGD, TAD, TFD, RBC, PBC, PNC, PND, PRV0, PTC, PCC and products as specified in Despatch proposal.

Parts and Materials

Despatch warrants all parts and materials to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of:

1. five (5) years from date of shipment for laboratory oven electrical hardware;
2. two (2) years from date of shipment for Protocol 3 and DEG 2000 temperature controllers; and
3. one (1) year from the date of shipment, or 2,000 hours of operation, whichever occurs first, for all other components of products covered by this Warranty.

During the applicable Warranty period, Despatch will repair or replace, at Despatch’s option, parts and materials covered by this Warranty.

Labor

During the first one (1) year of the Warranty period, Despatch will pay labor costs incurred to remove defective parts and materials, and to reinstall repaired or replacement parts or materials, provided that Despatch’s obligation to pay such labor costs shall be subject to the limitation that the removal and/or reinstallation service must be performed by a Despatch-authorized technician from Despatch’s worldwide network of factory-trained professionals at a location within the contiguous United States.

Transportation Costs

All transportation costs to transport defective parts or materials to Despatch and to transport repaired or replacement parts or materials to Customer shall be the responsibility of the Customer.

Terms and Conditions

This Warranty shall be deemed valid and binding upon Despatch if and only if the Customer:

1. installs, loads, operates, and maintains the covered product supplied hereunder in accordance with the instruction manual provided upon delivery and product labeling affixed to the subject equipment;
2. if applicable, follows the Emergency Procedure set forth in this Warranty; and
3. contacts Despatch’s Helpdesk at 1-800-473-7373 for assistance in diagnosing and troubleshooting the problem immediately upon discovering any damage or malfunction.

Despatch’s reasonable determination as to whether a repair, replacement, or service is covered by this Warranty shall be final and binding.

Exclusions

This Warranty DOES NOT cover:

1. damage or malfunctions, or expenses incurred in the process of diagnosing and/or repairing damage or malfunctions, resulting from any of the following: operator error, misuse, abuse, inadequate preventive maintenance, normal wear and tear, service or modifications by other than Despatch authorized technicians, use of the covered product that is inconsistent with the operation manual or labeling, acts of nature (including, without limitation, floods, fire, earthquake, or acts of war or civil emergency), internal or external corrosion, or non-conforming utilities (including, without limitation, electrical, fuel supply, environmental and intake/exhaust installations);
2. repair or replacement of parts or materials designed and intended to be expendable or consumable, refrigerants, filters, lamps;
3. routine maintenance; or
4. labor costs incurred for troubleshooting, diagnostics, or testing (except for testing required to verify that a covered defective part or material has been repaired).

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Customer Furnished Equipment Warranty Limitation

This Warranty does not cover diagnosis or repairs of defects in or caused by, lack of performance of, or fitness for purpose of customer-supplied parts or equipment unless specifically noted in the Despatch written order acceptance confirmation.

Performance Commitment

Despatch provides no guarantee of process performance or fitness for purpose, unless specifically noted otherwise in Despatch written order acceptance confirmation. Despatch is providing equipment with design parameters specific only to its equipment.

Procedure Upon Discovery of Defects and Emergencies

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8.2. **LAC-8 Series Oven Options**

8.2.1. **Optional MRC5000 Recorder Setup**

Refer to instructions provided by the recorder manufacturer for more specific installation notes.

Temperature is retransmitted to the MRC5000 recorder from the controller. To set up the recorder:

1. Ensure hardware jumper JU1 is in place for the 5 VDC setting (Refer to MRC5000 Manual included).
2. Move MODE to **PROG/TEST/CAL** to display **Prog**.
3. Press ▼ twice to display **Inps**. Move to each Parameter Code using ▼ or ▲. Adjust each Parameter Code using the settings in Table 5.
4. After adjusting all settings, move **MODE** to **RUN**. Display on both the recorder and controller should read the same.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter Code</th>
<th>Degrees C</th>
<th>Degrees F</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Inps</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Icor</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>diSP</td>
<td>On</td>
<td>On</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dPOS</td>
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<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>EUU</td>
<td>400</td>
<td>752</td>
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<td>EUL6</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>32</td>
</tr>
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<td>ChUP</td>
<td>400</td>
<td>800</td>
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<td>ChLO</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DFF</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 5. MRC 5000 Settings.

6 These values must match the settings **RetOutLo** and **RetOutHi** on the Protocol 3 control page. For example, if **RetOutLo** is 32, **EUL** must read 32.

7 Change 0-400 chart paper to 0-800 chart paper. Depending on the equipment used, 0-600 paper may be used if the maximum temperature is 500°F.
8.2.2. **Optional Pneumatic and Electronic Door Lock**

The LAC-8 Series oven electronic door lock option prevents the door from being opened if a Protocol 3 controller event is active.

8.2.3. **Optional Interior Light**

The LAC-8 Series oven optional interior light allows users to see inside the oven during operation. The interior lights use a 50W bulb mounted inside the oven. Control the optional interior light using the ON/OFF switch mounted on the oven control panel (labeled “INTERIOR LIGHT”).

8.2.4. **Optional Door Interlock Switch (Controls Heater & Fan)**

The LAC-8 Series oven optional door interlock switch automatically shuts OFF either the heater only or both the heater and fan when the door is opened. This option provides an extra measure of safety for the user.

8.2.5. **Optional High Limit Alarm with Alarm Silence**

The LAC-8 Series oven optional High Limit Alarm provides an audible and visual alarm when the temperature exceeds the High Limit setpoint on the control. The alarm horn is typically located to the right of the control panel door.

When the chamber temperature exceeds the High Limit setting on the control, the heater shuts down, the alarm horn sounds and the red push button switch will illuminate.

To silence the alarm:

1. Depress the **Alarm Silence** switch.
   a. This silences the alarm horn.
   b. The red push button switch remains illuminated.

2. Clear the alarm by correcting the High Limit condition.


4. The red push button switch will go off, the heater switches on and the control is functioning correctly.

5. If the High Limit trips repeatedly, identify the cause and correct the problem.

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*When the alarm is triggered by the end of cycle, the alarm will continue to be active until another process is started.*
8.2.6. Optional Forced Exhaust
The LAC-8 Series oven optional forced exhaust allows increased cooling by using an extra fan. The forced exhaust is triggered by an event or by pressing Exhaust Fan on the control panel—or both. Find more information about exhaust and the LAC-8 Series ovens in Sections 3.1, 3.2, 5.2 and 8.2.7. If the oven is to be operated with CDA option in combination with a forced exhaust, please consult factory. The oven is safe to operate but measures can be taken to increase the life of electrical components.

Danger!
The exhaust fan is open on the top for the purpose of connection to ductwork. A duct or other means of protection must be put in place prior to operation to prevent fingers or other objects from contacting the moving fan.

8.2.7. Optional Clean Dry Air (CDA)/Nitrogen
The LAC-8 Series oven optional CDA/Nitrogen provides clean dry air or inert gas for moisture removal. CDA helps drive off moisture. Nitrogen helps drive off moisture and/or provide a light blanket of nitrogen. Using nitrogen does not create low oxygen content—since this is an air unit it always contains a small amount of fresh air exchange and the internal seams are not welded. Flow is controlled by a solenoid valve turned ON or OFF through an Event in the Protocol 3 controller. If the oven is to be operated with CDA option in combination with a forced exhaust, please consult factory. The oven is safe to operate but measures can be taken to increase the life of electrical components.

Danger!
Use care when working with nitrogen. Nitrogen presents an asphyxiation hazard. Handle nitrogen according the safe handling procedures listed in the material safety data sheet (MSDS).

Warning!
When used in conjunction with the optional forced exhaust fan, insure the exhaust-fan damper is in the open position to prevent the oven pressurization and overheating of electronics.
8.3. **Mechanical Drawings**

See mechanical facility drawings included on the manual CD. The drawings included are intended to be reference only and the latest revision may be found online at [www.despatch.com](http://www.despatch.com).

8.4. **Electrical Schematics**

See the electrical schematics included on the manual CD. The drawings included are intended to be reference only and the latest revision may be found online at [www.despatch.com](http://www.despatch.com).