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

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- if applicable, follows the Emergency Procedure set forth in this Warranty; and
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# PREFACE

This manual contains instructions for all accessories available on the Despatch 900 Series Environmental Bench Chamber. You may want to mark the parts of the manual that are applicable to your particular oven.

The INTRODUCTION provides a brief overview of options available for the Despatch 900 Series Environmental Bench Chamber.

The INSTRUCTIONS cover the installation and operation of the 900 Series Environmental Bench Chamber.

The THEORY OF OPERATION provides detailed technical information on the heating system, the cooling system, condensation and corrosion.

The MAINTENANCE section contains technical information and checklists for maintaining the equipment.

The APPENDIX contains tables for Troubleshooting, Temperature/RH%/Pressure Equations, Humidity Conversion Tables, Wet Bulb Depression - % RH Conversion Table and the Industrial Equipment Commercial Warranty.

- Revision B: Updated schematic diagrams
- Revision C: Update Despatch Product Warranty
- Revision D: Update Controller information, cover, warranty

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# INTRODUCTION

The Despatch Industries 900 Series Environmental Bench Chambers are designed for high performance and close temperature tolerance. A closed air flow system transfers heat to or from objects under test. The chamber is heated by a low- inertia coil heater and cooled by the injection and evaporation of a liquefied gas. An advanced control system holds chamber temperature to close tolerance.

Units are ideal for small lot qualification testing, burn-in, life test, temperature cycling or research and development. All models may be easily modified to add access ports, fixturing, instrumentation, etc., to meet special customer needs. All models are designed for continuous use with ease of operation and maintenance in mind.



Figure 1: 900 Series Environmental Chamber Bench Oven

# 230 Volt, 50/60 HZ Operation

All 920 and 930 series units are designed for 115 volt, 50/60 Hz. operation. An optional transformer kit is available to allow these units to be used on 230 volt power supply.

# **Specifications**

Model	924	934	925	935	926	936	
Test Volume in cubic feet (liters)	0.4 ft <sup>3</sup> (1 <sup>-</sup>	0.4 ft <sup>3</sup> (11.3)		0.78 ft <sup>3</sup> (22.1)		0.78 ft <sup>3</sup> (50.4)	
Workspace Dimensions (width x depth x height) inches (cm)	10 x 10 x 25 x 25 x		-	14.5 x 11 x 8.5 in 37 x 28 x 22 cm		11 in 28 cm	
Exterior Dimensions (width x depth x height) inches (cm)	17.5 x 18 44 x 47 x	8.5 x 11 in 28 cm	17.5 x 19 44 x 48 x	x 19.5 in 50 cm	35 x 24.5 x 89 x 62 x 3		
Temperature Range	<u>924, 925</u>	<u>, 926</u>		<u>934, 935</u> ,	<u>, 936</u>		
°F	-100 to +	525		-300 to +	392		
°C	-73.3 to +	+274		-184 to +	200		
Average Heat-up Rate <sub>1</sub> °/min °F	72		32		20		
°C	40		18		11		
Average Cool-down Rate <sub>1</sub> °/min °F	46	54	27	40	41	29	
°C	26	30	15	22	23	16	
Temperature Control <sub>2</sub> °F	±0.25	±0.25	±0.25	±0.25	±0.25	±0.25	
°C	±0.14	±0.14	±0.14	±0.14	±0.14	±0.14	
Live Load Capacity <sub>2</sub> Watte	500		700		1000		
Tomporoture	85	200	85	200	85	200	
Temperature	65	93	65	93	65	93	
Heater Capacity in kW	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Power Draw in Amps (120V-1ph-60Hz) <sub>3</sub>	18	23	20	24	20	24	
Air Flow	Horizonta	al	Vertical		Horizontal		
	50 CFM	(24 lps)	150 CFM	(71 lps)	175 CFM (82.5 lps)		
Approximate Weight Ibs	38	41	58	61	102	108	
k	17	19	26	28	47	49	

Cooling rates are approximate and represent the average rate achieved over the stated temperature range with an empty chamber. Actual cooling rate achieved may vary depending on the temperature range, the type of cooling, the pressure of the gas, and other factors. Additionally, all cooling rates stated are for the condition when the controller is not cycling the gas flow. The controller will slow the rate of cooling as the temperature nears set-point, so as to not overshoot the set-point.

<sup>2</sup> At steady state conditions.

<sup>3</sup> A three wire 6 ft (1.8m) power cord is provided (120V single phase)

# INSTRUCTIONS

## **Operator Training Requirements**

All users must be thoroughly trained under the supervision of experienced personnel. The operator must aware of the danger of:

- suffocation from nitrogen and carbon dioxide gases,
- frostbite from nitrogen or carbon dioxide as liquid or frozen gases,
- fire.

User(s) must demonstrate an understanding of the equipment and its operation to assure knowledge of and practice of safe and proper operating procedures. WARNING: Nitrogen and carbon dioxide gases can cause asphyxiation and death if used in confined, poorly-ventilated areas.

WARNING: Nitrogen and carbon dioxide as liquid or cold gases can cause freeze burns of the eyes and skin.

User(s) should receive regular re-training

and testing as required to maintain a high level of proficiency and effectiveness.

Training should include the:

- function of controls and safety devices,
- handling of special atmospheres (on units with LN2 or CO2 auxiliary cool).

## Installation

- 1. Remove all packing materials.
- 2. Inspect the oven for damage of any kind that could have occurred during shipment.
  - See whether the carton and plastic cover sheet inside carton are still in good condition.
  - Look at all outside surfaces and corners of the oven for scratches and dents.
  - Check the oven controls and indicators for normal movement, bent shafts, cracks, chips, and missing parts such as knobs and lenses.

Attention: Always refer to the electrical schematic for exact instructions on your equipment.

- Look inside the control cabinet for loose or broken parts.
- Open the chamber door and look at all the chamber surfaces to see that they are flat and smooth.
- Check the door and latch for smooth operation.
- 3. If anything is found to be out of order, check the rest of the oven very carefully for any other damage that could have occurred.
  - a. If there is damage that could have happened during shipment, contact the shipper immediately and file a formal, written damage claim.
  - b. After you have filed a written damage claim with the shipper, contact Despatch Industries to report your findings and to order replacement parts for those that were damaged or missing. Please send a copy of your filed damage claim to Despatch.
- 4. Set the unit on a level floor with clearances of at least 6 inches (15.2cm) on all ventilated sides.
- 5. Locate utility connections at the rear of the chamber.

6. Install the power cord.

The 920 series units are equipped with a 20 amp, 120 volt rated plug designed to be plugged into a Hubbell Model 5362, or equal, receptacle. This plug is required by the NEC and will provide necessary protection for this chamber installation.

The 930 series are equipped with a 30 amp, 120 volt rated plug designed to be plugged into a Hubbell Model 9308, or equal receptacle. This plug is required by the NEC and will provide necessary protection for this chamber installation.

WARNING: If your receptacle cannot accommodate these plugs, your wiring and/or receptacle must be upgraded to allow this plug to be used. If the plug is modified, this equipment will not meet code and could result in a wiring and/or receptacle overload. Failure to heed this warning can result in wiring and/or receptacle overheating, fire and/or property damage, personal injury or death.

- Connect the appropriate LN<sub>2</sub> or CO<sub>2</sub> supply to the fittings provided on the chamber.
- 8. CO<sub>2</sub>/LN<sub>2</sub> Venting. The room must be ventilated sufficiently to ensure that the oxygen level in the vicinity of the chamber will be maintained above 18% and the CO<sub>2</sub> level will be maintained below 0.5% at the expected N<sub>2</sub> or CO<sub>2</sub> usage levels. If critical ventilation cannot be maintained, the exhaust port must be connected to an exhaust system which will vent the nitrogen or CO<sub>2</sub> out of the facility. The exhaust port is on the rear of the unit. NOTE: exhaust temperature may reach as high as 150°C (300°F).

 $CO_2/LN_2$  consumption estimates are listed in the section titled "Performance Characteristics".

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WARNING: Nitrogen and carbon dioxide as liquid or cold gases can cause freeze burns of the eyes and skin.

## Installation of Cooling Gas

If the test chamber is to be cooled below chamber ambient temperature, it is necessary to provide a source of liquefied coolant gas. The type, quality, and handling of the gas is quite important as is the plumbing used to deliver the gas to the test chamber. Most test chamber operational problems are caused by improper gas use; thus, the installation procedures and precautions should be reviewed carefully before operating the chamber.

The liquid coolant gases should be used only after observing stringent safety considerations and practices.

Nitrogen is a non-toxic gas, but it can cause asphyxiation in a confined area that does not have adequate ventilation. Any atmosphere which does not contain enough oxygen for breathing (at least 18%) cold gases can cause freeze burns of the can cause dizziness, unconsciousness, or even death. Carbon dioxide affects the important acid-base balance within the

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body; the body can tolerate increased amounts of carbon dioxide only in limited concentration. This is recognized in OSHA standards where a Threshold Limit Value of 5,000 parts per million by volume (0.5% concentration) has been adopted. For safety, concentrations above this level should not be permitted; increased concentrations can cause bodily harm or death.

Nitrogen and carbon dioxide cannot be detected by the human senses and will be inhaled like air. If adequate ventilation is not provided, these gases may displace normal air without warning that a life-depriving atmosphere is developing. Store containers outdoors or in other well-ventilated areas. Never enter any confined area where these gases may be present until the area is purged with air and is checked for a breathable atmosphere.

Never use containers, equipment, or replacement parts other than those specifically designated for use in nitrogen or carbon dioxide service. Gaseous nitrogen or carbon dioxide should be released only in an outdoor open area if disposal is required. Liquid nitrogen or carbon dioxide should be dumped into an outdoor pit filled with clean, grease-free and oil-free gravel, where they will evaporate rapidly and safely.

## Installation of Carbon Dioxide

Before purchasing or installing  $CO_2$  gas supplies, insure that the test chamber is the correct model to use  $CO_2$  (High - 70 Kg/cm2 or 1,000 PSI or Low - 21 Kg/cm2 or 300 PSI) and that the desired low temperature can be reached by use of this gas. The following special  $CO_2$  requirements must be met:

- The liquid CO<sub>2</sub> should be furnished by a reputable source.
- The liquid CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder must be a siphon-type. Syphon tank will have a red neck.
- The interior of the cylinder must be clean and absolutely dry before being filled by the supplier.
- Use of welding grade CO<sub>2</sub> offers no assurance of trouble- free operation. The internal condition of the cylinder and its previous use are more important than the quality of the CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Never fully exhaust the cylinder after use or leave a cylinder which is to be returned to the supplier with the valve open. This will permit moisture or other contaminants to enter the cylinder and cause serious problems when the cylinder is reused later. If a cylinder is returned to the supplier without a positive pressure, it must be purged with dry nitrogen by the supplier before filling.

Other important factors are as follows:

 The interior of the liquid CO<sub>2</sub> pipe, tubing, hose and fittings used between the supply cylinder and the solenoid input valve of the temperature chamber must be kept clean and

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free of moisture at all times. Any moisture will turn to ice as the liquid  $CO_2$  flows through the lines; the ice can then lodge on the solenoid valve seat or plug the orifice of the valve and cause system malfunction.

- Any low-pressure CO<sub>2</sub> connecting hoses between the supply cylinder(s) and the chamber input valve should be kept as short as possible and should be insulated.
- If the connecting hose is removed often or has been stored for a period of time, the line and fittings must be examined for presence of chips, rust or any foreign substance which can jam the inlet valve or plug the valve orifice.

• A filter installed in the line must be checked for cleanliness every 50 hours of operation, or more often if necessary. Clean the filter in trichloroethylene and dry thoroughly using filtered, moisture-free compressed air at low pressure.

It is important that the CO<sub>2</sub> solenoid valve assembly and the orifice be kept clean.

### **Additional Precautions**

- Never install CO<sub>2</sub> supply pipe fittings or valves of a larger internal diameter than those used upstream [beginning at the supply cylinder(s)].
- Do not use fittings which allow undue expansion or restriction of the liquid CO<sub>2</sub>. This could cause the CO<sub>2</sub> to reach a critical point where it would expand in the line and cause icing.
- Do not use excessively long, small diameter supply hoses which might cause the liquid to change to gas in hot areas or during intermittent cycling conditions.
- Do not meter the CO<sub>2</sub> through any type of valve that has a smaller I.D. than the supply hose and CO<sub>2</sub> supply cylinder siphon tube. The cylinder supply valve should be fully open during use.
- It is not possible to use all of the CO<sub>2</sub> in a siphon-type cylinder. The ambient temperature at the cylinder will determine the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> available (about 95 percent of maximum). Thus, CO<sub>2</sub> usage may appear to be somewhat higher than it actually is.
- Never set the temperature controller below -100 °F (-73 °C). Excessive snowing occurs as you approach temperature below -100 °F (-73 °C) until the temperature reaches -109 °F (-78 °C) which is the freezing point of CO<sub>2</sub> at atmospheric pressure. At -109 °F (-78 °C) all discharged CO<sub>2</sub> could form snow which could cause damage to the chamber and its contents and if allowed to build up to the point of blocking off the pressure relief vent, could cause explosion of the chamber due to available pressure from the liquid carbon dioxide source.

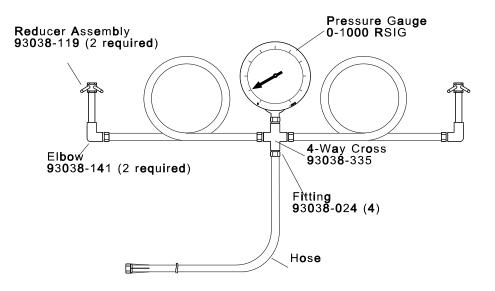
Temperature (°F)	Pressure (PSIA)	Temperature (°F)	Pressure (PSIA)
-140	3.19	-20	215.02
-130	5.39	-10	257.46
-120	8.85	0	305.76
-110	14.22	+10	360.4
-100	22.34	20	421.8
-90	34.05	30	490.6
-80	50.70	40	567.3
-70	74.90	50	652.7
-69.9	75.1 (triple point)	60	747.4
-60	94.75	70	852.5
-50	118.27	80	969.3
-40	145.87	87.8	1072.1
-30	177.97		

Pressure of Solid, Liquid and Saturated Vapor CO<sub>2</sub>

The solenoid valve used to inject the CO<sub>2</sub> coolant into the test chamber should "pulse" or actuate rapidly. If the CO<sub>2</sub> valve remains open for long periods of time after pull-down, the chamber may be leaking coolant, the test object may be introducing substantial amounts of heat beyond the capacity of the inlet valve orifice, or the temperature set-point may be set below -73.3 °C (-100 °F). These conditions can cause "snow" to be introduced into the chamber with resultant control problems and possible damage to the chamber and contents. Causes for these conditions should be located and corrected.

### Liquid CO<sub>2</sub> Cylinder Installation

For extensive use at low temperatures, it is recommended that two or more liquid  $CO_2$  cylinders be used in parallel.



This will increase operating time between cylinder changes. Install the liquid  $CO_2$  cylinder(s) as follows.

- 1. Turn off POWER switch and disconnect AC input power.
- 2. Position the cylinder in a safe and convenient location.
- 3. Secure the cylinder in an upright position with safety chains.
- 4. Carefully crack the cylinder valve slightly before connecting the hose assembly in order to blow out any loose scale or rust which may be in the cylinder.

WARNING: Always use heavy safety chains to hold gas cylinders securely in an upright position. A gas cylinder, damaged by hitting the floor, can become a dangerous projectile and cause serious damage or injury over a wide area.

- 5. Connect the hand wheel end of the hose assembly to the cylinder.
- 6. Connect the threaded fitting on the flexible hose to the threaded portion on the chamber bulkhead fitting. The bulkhead fitting must be held in place with a second wrench while the coolant hose is being attached.
- 7. When replacing the CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder,
  - a. Shut off chamber if controls call for cool (see LED L2 on the front panel).

- b. Shut off the valve at the cylinder.
- c. Crack the hose fitting slightly, and allow the residual CO<sub>2</sub> pressure in the hose to bleed off before disconnecting the hose.
- d. Connect hose to new cylinder.
- e. Open cylinder valve.
- f. "Crack" the fitting at the bulkhead to bleed off gas and moisture.
- g. Turn chamber on.

## **Installation of Liquid Nitrogen**

Some models of test chambers use pressurized liquid nitrogen  $(LN_2)$  so that lower test temperatures may be reached. Line pressure should be between 55 kPa (8 PSI) and 310 kPa (45 PSI).

- The following precautions should be observed in handling LN<sub>2</sub>:
- Liquid nitrogen is extremely cold (-196 °C or -320 °F) at atmospheric pressure and can damage skin or eyes on contact.
- Insulated gloves and safety goggles or face plates should always be used in handling LN<sub>2</sub>.
- Clean cotton clothes or lab coats should be worn where LN<sub>2</sub> spillage or prolonged contact with its vapors is a factor.
- Smoking should be prohibited in the immediate area were LN<sub>2</sub> is being handled.

WARNING: Nitrogen and carbon dioxide gases can cause asphyxiation and death if used in confined, poorly-ventilated areas.

 All handling equipment such as funnels, dewars, piping and tubing must be clean, dry and free of grease.

Nitrogen and carbon dioxide as liquid or cold gases can cause freeze burns of the eyes and skin.

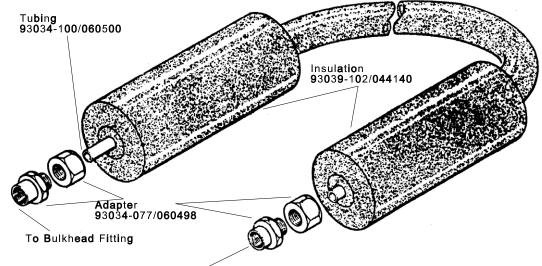
- All transfer tubes, valves and other equipment which reach liquid nitrogen temperatures should be properly insulated with a non-absorbent insulation which is properly contained within a vapor seal.
- Liquid nitrogen is not in itself explosive or combustible; however, its low temperature will cause condensation of the water vapor in the air and all the

gaseous constituents of the air which liquefy above -196 °C (-320 °F), including oxygen. Therefore, supply lines, clothes and equipment which are subject to this temperature can absorb or liquefy oxygen, which will cause a severe fire if ignited and which can become explosive when in contact with grease.

- LN<sub>2</sub> should not be left in sealed containers or hoses. When the LN<sub>2</sub> turns to nitrogen gas, it will build up very high pressure. Unless LN<sub>2</sub> is being actively used in test chamber operations, care should be taken that an adequate vent is provided and that excessive pressure is bled off.
- The concentration of liquid oxygen suspended in the LN<sub>2</sub> builds up as the LN<sub>2</sub> is used. Consequently, nearly empty LN<sub>2</sub> containers should be handled as if they were liquid oxygen containers. The presence of liquid oxygen in LN<sub>2</sub> can be determined by the milky appearance of the liquid. LN<sub>2</sub> is normally clear.
- If parts of the body are frozen by contact with these cold liquids, first-aid treatment for frostbite should be given, with slow thawing of the frozen parts. Severe cases should be referred to a physician for treatment.

## Liquid Nitrogen Cylinder

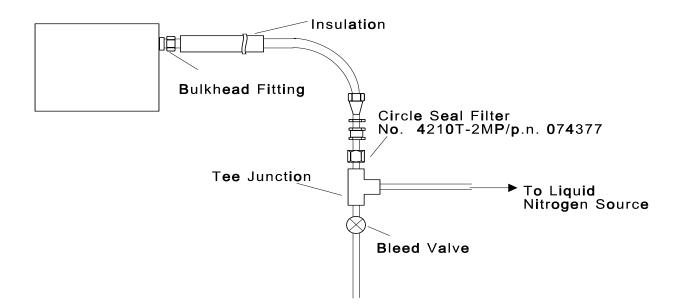
The liquid nitrogen cylinder is connected to the test chamber by the hose assembly.



To Coolant Source (1/4" pipe thread)

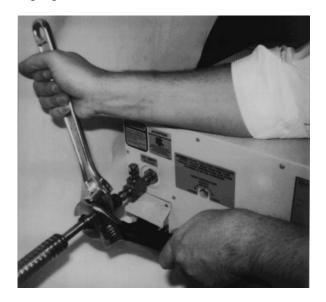
To prevent ice crystals in the coolant line from entering the test chamber, an ice filter (optional) may be connected between the  $LN_2$  cylinder and the test chamber.

Slide the insulation over the fittings after connecting to the bulkhead fitting and the coolant source.



The ice filter eliminates ice crystals and prevents them from freezing up valves or intruding into the test chamber. The ice filter should be cleaned periodically by a reverse purge using dry nitrogen. Install the  $LN_2$  cylinder as follows.

- 1. Turn off POWER switch and disconnect AC power.
- 2. Position the cylinder in a safe and convenient location.
- 3. Connect the cylinder to the test chamber as indicated. The large foam insulation sleeves (item 3) are pushed over the fitting after the connections have been made.
- 4. Use a second wrench to prevent the bulkhead fitting from turning when the connection is being tightened.



WARNING: Store and use liquid nitrogen only in a well-ventilated area.

# Operating

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

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

the relevant safety standards in OSHA and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Section 86 of 1990.

Chamber temperature is set and maintained by the control panel and control circuitry. This combination results in a constant, controlled, manually-selected chamber temperature. In addition, the controller can be programmed to obtain a series of preset temperatures and time durations. Also available are computer interface accessories which allow the chamber to be controlled from a host computer.

In the event of a controller malfunction, the chamber and test object are protected from excessive temperatures by two over-temperature safety thermostats. One of the over-temperature thermostats is adjustable and is located on the front panel of the chamber. The other over-temperature thermostat is factory calibrated and is mounted behind the chamber rear panel.

### **Controller Power Up**

Power to the controller is supplied through the chamber. The HEAT and COOL lights (LEDs 1 and 2) will come on and the controller will immediately begin to reach the set point temperature when the chamber POWER switch is turned on.

### Heating Only Operation

For heating only applications, when the chamber is heated only above chamber ambient, cooling gas supplies and plumbing are not needed. Operation of the chamber then requires setting the temperature control and over-temperature

Avoid adapters that will either unground the chamber or will permit connection to the wrong power source. Check the current rating of the circuit.

safety set-points. Refer to the manufacturers controller instructions to familiarize yourself with the operation of this control.

- 1. Attach the test fixture or tray to the chamber.
- 2. Insure that the POWER switch is off.
- 3. Plug the chamber power cord to the correct line power receptacle. (See Power Cord Installation)
- 4. Set the HI-LIMIT control to a temperature that is higher than the desired chamber temperature but lower than a temperature at which the test object might be damaged.
- 5. Toggle the POWER switch ON and allow the chamber to heat to the correct operating temperature.
- 6. Set the SET-POINT control to the desired temperature.
- 7. Over-temperature thermostat function should be verified each time the chamber is started.
  - a. Verify proper function of over-temperature thermostat by adjusting its set point lower than the chamber temperature. Power should be cut off to the heater(s) and fan motor(s).
  - b. An over-temperature trip or power outage requires manual reset by placing power switch to reset position.

Should a controller malfunction occur and the test chamber reaches the adjustable over-temperature set point, the over-temperature thermostat will automatically cut off the line power to the heaters.

## **Cooling Operation**

Cooling operations with the chamber are essentially the same as those for heating operations. Refer to the manufacturers controller instructions to familiarize yourself with the operation of this control.

- 1. Attach the test fixture or tray to the chamber.
- 2. Insure that the POWER switch is off.
- 3. Connect LN<sub>2</sub> supply.
- 4. Turn on supply valve.
- 5. Plug in the chamber power cord to the correct line power. Avoid adapters that will either unground the chamber or will permit connecting to the wrong power source. Check current rating of circuit.
- 6. Turn the POWER switch ON and allow the chamber to cool to the correct operating temperature. The HI-LIMIT control is not used during cooling operations.
- 7. Set the SET-POINT to the desired temperature.

A relief port has been included in the chamber to protect against excessive internal pressure.

The cooling system will operate efficiently only when there is no vapor lock in the coolant line. Vapor locks can be reduced by keeping the coolant cylinders and lines at the same temperature or by preventing the coolant lines from passing through areas of much higher temperature. It is also a good practice to keep the coolant lines as short as possible.

When the chamber is not in use, or when it is used for other than low temperature tests, the valves of the coolant cylinder(s) should be closed to prevent leakage.

After long periods of operation at low temperatures, a certain amount of moisture condenses inside the chamber in the form of snow and frost. Although the insulation in the test chamber is sealed against both internal and external accumulation of moisture, some moisture will eventually collect in the fiberglass insulation. The resulting loss in insulation efficiency tends to decrease cooling rate and increase coolant consumption.

To avoid moisture collection in the insulation after sustained operation at low temperatures, the test chamber should be operated for at least one hour at 205 °C (400 °F) to evaporate the moisture. Do not exceed this temperature with the cryogenic models which are insulated with high-temperature-resistant polyurethane (isocyanate) foamed-in-place resin. This insulation will be damaged if temperatures in excess of 205 °C (400 °F) are sustained.

## **Safety Information**

Operating and burst pressures for various hose assemblies are given in the following table.

Component	Operating	Pressure	Burst Pressure		
Component	kPa <sup>2</sup>	PSI	kPa <sup>2</sup>	PSI	
CO <sub>2</sub>	20685	3000	68950	10000	
LN <sub>2</sub>	310	45	2586	375	

### **Performance Characteristics**

The following tables list the performance characteristics for the test chambers. The tables are used topically as follows.

- 1. Find approximate temperature of test chamber in left-hand column.
- 2. Find temperature desired in second column from left.
- 3. Determine the CO<sub>2</sub> consumption from the right-hand column under CO<sub>2</sub> CONSUMPTION.
  - Column AIR lists the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> needed to bring the air temperature in the test chamber to the desired degree.
  - The AIR + WALLS column lists the associated amount of CO<sub>2</sub> needed to bring the air and the chamber walls to the desired temperature.
  - Column RATE/HOUR lists the hourly rate of CO<sub>2</sub> consumption needed to maintain the low temperature.
  - The CO<sub>2</sub> consumption in minutes may vary depending on the heat dissipated by the size and material of the test object.

- 4. Find the minutes needed to reach the desired temperature in the middle columns under MINUTES NEEDED TO REACH TEMPERATURE.
  - Column AIR lists the time required for the air in the chamber to reach the selected temperature.
  - The AIR + WALLS column lists the associated total time required for the air and walls to reach the selected temperature.

Temp. Set Poin	emp. Set Points		Minutes Needed to Reach Temp.		CO <sub>2</sub> Consumption	on in Pounds (900 psi)
°C	То	Air	Air + Walls	Air	Air + Walls	Rate/Hr.
+24 to -73	+75 to -100	4.0	13.0	5.0	5.5	8.5
+24 to -45 +24 to -18	+75 to -50 +75 to 0	3.0 .50	8.0 7.0	3.0 1.5	3.5 2.5	8.0 6.0
+24 to +38	+75 to +100	.75	5.0			
+24 to +93	+75 to +200	4.5	13.0			
+24 to +149	+75 to +300	9.0	18.0			
+24 to +204	+75 to +400	13.0	23.0			
+24 to +260	+75 to +500	17.0	27.0			
+71 to -73	+160 to -100	7.0	12.0	7.0	7.5	8.5
+71 to -45	+160 to -50	6.0	10.0	5.0	6.0	8.0
+71 to -18	+160 to 0	5.0	10.0	4.0	5.0	6.0
+93 to +24	+200 to +75	4.0	8.5	3.0	3.5	4.5
+149 to +24	+300 to +75	5.0	10.0	5.0	5.5	4.5
+204 to +24	+400 to +75	7.0	12.0	6.5	7.0	4.5
+260 to -59	+500 to -75	10.0	13.0	10.5	13.0	8.5
+260 to -73	+500 to -100	16.0	19.0	12.0	14.0	8.5
-73 to +24	-100 to +75	6.0	9.0			
-73 to +260	-100 to +500	22.0	32.0			

### Performance Characteristics, Model 925

### Performance Characteristics, Model 935

Temp. Set Poin	ts		nutes Needed Reach Temp.	LN <sub>2</sub> Consumption in Pound		
°C	°F	Air	Air + Walls	Air	Air + Walls	Rate/Hr. C
+24 to -18	+75 to 0	3.75	7.0	2.5	3.0	10.25
+24 to -45	+75 to -50	4.5	8.5	3.5	4.0	11.0
+24 to -73	+75 to -100	6.0	10.0	4.0	5.0	12.75
+24 to -100	+75 to -150	7.0	11.0	6.25	7.0	15.0
+24 to -129	+75 to -200	8.0	11.5	7.5	8.5	17.5
+24 to -150	+75 to -250	10.0	12.0	9.0	10.5	18.0
+24 to -184	+75 to -300	12.5	15.0	10.5	14.0	20.0
+24 to +38	+75 to +100	1.5	3.5			
+24 to +93	+75 to +200	3.5	6.0			
+24 to +149	+75 to +300	7.0	11.0			
+24 to +204	+75 to +400	12.0	23.0			
+93 to -73	+200 to -100	8.0	11.0	6.0	7.5	12.75
+93 to -129	+200 to -200	9.0	11.5	9.5	12.0	17.5
+93 to -184	+200 to -300	13.0	16.75	14.25	18.0	20.0
+93 to +24	+200 to +75	6.5	9.0	3.5	4.0	
+204 to -129	+400 to -200	15.5	18.0	13.5	15.0	17.5
+204 to -184	+400 to -300	17.5	20.0	19.0	20.0	20.0
-184 to +24	-300 to +75	13.5	16.5			
-184 to +204	-300 to +400	19.0	35.0			

Temp. Set Point					LN <sub>2</sub> Consumptio	n in Pounds
		to Reach Temp.		Amount by Stages	Total	Rate/Hr.
°C	°F	A (Air)	Air + Walls	A (Air)	Air + Walls	С
+24 to -18	+75 to 0	2.0	0.9	0.25	0.75	6.25
+24 to -45	+75 to -50	4.5	11.0	1.75	2.5	7.5
+24 to -73	+75 to -100	5.0	12.0	2.25	3	8
+24 to -100	+75 to -150	6.5	13.0	2.75	4	9.75
+24 to -129	+75 to -200	7.0	14.0	4	4.75	10.75
+24 to -150	+75 to -250	8.0	14.5	5	6.25	12
+24 to -184	+75 to -300	8.5	15.0	5.5	6.5	13
+24 to +38	+75 to +100	1.0	4.5			
+24 to +93	+75 to +200	3.5	16.0			
+24 to +149	+75 to +300	10.0	30.0			
+24 to +204	+75 to +400	12.0	41.0			
+93 to -73	+200 to -100	6.0	19.0	1.75	3.75	8
+93 to -129	+200 to -200	8.0	22.0	3.5	5.75	10.75
+93 to -184	+200 to -300	9.0	23.0	5.5	9	13
+93 to +24	+200 to +75	2.5	10.0	0.75	1	
+204 to -129	+400 to -200	11.0	24.0	7	10	10.75
+204 to -184	+400 to -300	13.0	26.0	8	11	13
-184 to +24	-300 to +75	3.5	13.0			
-184 to +204	-300 to +400	8.0	50.0			

#### Performance Characteristics, Model 934

### Performance Characteristics, Model 924

Temp. Set Point	ts	Minutes Needed to Reach Temp.		CO <sub>2</sub> Cons	umption in Pou	nds (900 psi)
				Amount by Stages	Total	Rate/Hr.
°C	°F	A (Air)	Air + Walls	A (Air)	Air + Walls	С
+24 to -73	+75 to -100	4.0	11.0	2.4	3.8	5.0
+24 to -45	+75 to -50	2.0	8.0	1.9	2.8	4.5
+24 to -18	+75 to 0	1.0	5.0	1.4	2.7	4.0
+24 to +38	+75 to +100	0.5	3.0			
+24 to +93	+75 to +200	2.0	12.0			
+24 to +149	+75 to +300	5.0	22.0			
+24 to +204	+75 to +400	8.0	26.0			
+24 to +260	+75 to +500	12.0	32.0			
+71 to -73	+160 to -100	6.0	21.0	3.6	6.4	5.0
+71 to -45	+160 to -50	4.0	14.0	2.2	4.2	4.5
+71 to -18	+160 to 0	2.0	8.0	1.8	2.1	4.0
+93 to +24	+200 to +75	2.0	11.0	1.1	1.4	
+149 to +24	+300 to +75	3.0	18.0	2.2	3.1	
+204 to +24	+400 to +75	5.0	38.0	3.0	4.5	
+260 to -59	+500 to -75	7.0	52.0	4.0	6.7	
+260 to -73	+500 to -100	12.0	67.0	8.3	10.5	5.0
-73 to +24	-100 to +75	3.0	8.0			
-73 to +260	-100 to +500	20.0	45.0			

Temp. Set Poin				LN	I <sub>2</sub> Consumption	in Pounds
		to	to Reach Temp.		Total	Rate/Hr.
°C	°F	A (Air)	Air + Walls	A (Air)	Air + Walls	С
+24 to -18	+75 to 0	3.0	12.0	1.75	3	5.25
+24 to -45	+75 to -50	5.0	13.5	3.25	5.25	8.75
+24 to -73	+75 to -100	6.0	16.0	5	7.5	12.25
+24 to -100	+75 to -150	7.5	18.0	7	9.75	15.5
+24 to -129	+75 to -200	8.0	20.0	8.5	12	18.75
+24 to -150	+75 to -250	10.0	22.0	10.74	15.25	22.25
+24 to -184	+75 to -300	12.0	24.0	13	18	25.75
+24 to +38	+75 to +100	1.5	9.0			
+24 to +93	+75 to +200	4.0	20.0			
+24 to +149	+75 to +300	9.0	38.0			
+24 to +204	+75 to +400	16.0	53.0			
+93 to -73	+200 to -100	10.0	26.0	6.5	11	12.25
+93 to -129	+200 to -200	15.0	31.0	13	19	18.75
+93 to -184	+200 to -300	18.0	36.0	19	26.25	25.75
+93 to +24	+200 to +75	7.0	19.0	2.25	3.25	
+204 to -129	+400 to -200	18.0	47.0	17.5	26	18.75
+204 to -184	+400 to -300	22.0	50.0	22	33	25.75
-184 to +24	-300 to +75	13.0	22.0			
-184 to +204	-300 to +400	28.0	65.0			

#### Performance Characteristics, Model 936

### Performance Characteristics, Model 926

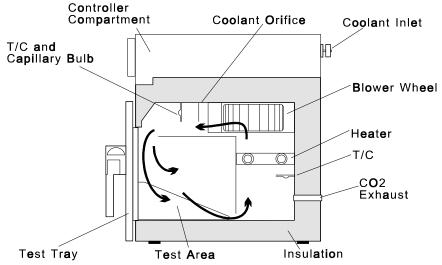
Temp. Set Poir	nts	Minutes Needed		CO <sub>2</sub> Consur	nption in Pound	ls (900 psi)
		to	to Reach Temp.		Total	Rate/Hr.
°C	°F	A (Air)	Air + Walls	A (Air)	Air + Walls	С
+24 to -73	+75 to -100	4.00	20.00	6.0	10.0	9.0
+24 to -45	+75 to -50	1.75	13.00	3.0	5.5	7.0
+24 to -18	+75 to 0	1.00	6.00	1.4	1.5	5.0
+24 to +38	+75 to +100	0.75	4.50			
+24 to +93	+75 to +200	4.00	22.00			
+24 to +149	+75 to +300	6.75	45.00			
+24 to +204	+75 to +400	11.10	64.00			
+24 to +260	+75 to +500	16.75	82.00			
+71 to -73	+160 to -100	4.30	21.00	7.5	13.0	9.0
+71 to -45	+160 to -50	3.50	18.00	4.5	9.0	7.0
+71 to -18	+160 to 0	1.75	14.00	2.7	7.0	5.0
+93 to +24	+200 to +75	1.80	10.00	2.0	9.0	
+149 to +24	+300 to +75	2.00	18.00	2.5	12.5	
+204 to +24	+400 to +75	3.00	26.00	6.5	15.5	
+260 to -59	+500 to -75	10.00	43.00	14.0	23.0	
+260 to -73	+500 to -100	12.00	50.00	15.0	25.0	9.0
-73 to +24	-100 to +75	3.25	32.00			
-73 to +260	-100 to +500	20.00	120.00			

# THEORY OF OPERATION

This section contains a functional as well as a detailed circuit description of the temperature control circuits in all models of these chambers.

# **Functional Description**

The Despatch 900 Series Environmental Bench Chamber uses a closed airflow system to transfer heat to or from objects under test. A low inertia electric coil heater is used for elevated temperatures in the chamber. Cooling of the chamber is accomplished by injecting liquid carbon dioxide or liquid nitrogen into the test chamber, where the coolant rapidly evaporates. The operating temperature of the test chamber is determined by the setting of the Watlow EZ-Zone PM control.



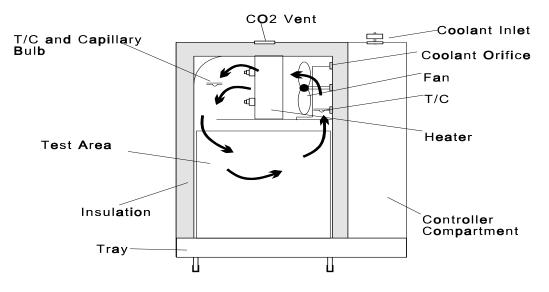
Temperature sensing elements in the chamber allow the control to automatically maintain chamber temperature at the value indicated on the set point switches. A dual PID control loop in the Watlow EZ-Zone PM control activates heating or cooling as necessary.

The dual output control ensures that only one function, heating or cooling, is in operation at any one time. This eliminates the possibility of the heat control circuit opposing the cool control circuit.

An over-temperature circuit protects the test chamber and test objects by removing power to heaters when the test chamber exceeds the maximum rating of the chamber (274  $^{\circ}$ C).

An adjustable high limit allows the maximum operating temperature to be selected or varied for each test. This dial type unit will interrupt the power to the heater if the chamber temperature exceeds the high limit setting.

The detailed description of the temperature control circuits is similar for all test chamber models; therefore, only the temperature control circuit for Model 924 is discussed in detail.



Basically the same as in 936 and 926 which also have horizontal air flow.

Models 935, 934 and 936 use two additional heaters: HTR2 located under the opening gasket of the chamber and HTR3 located on the shaft bushing of motor B1. The 935 has an additional heater HTR4 located on the shaft bushing of the second motor B2. Heater HTR2 is controlled by thermoswitch S5, which is set at +10 °F ±5 °F.

The thermoswitch is located on the rear of the Transite liner and senses the door opening temperature of the liner and door opening frame assembly. The heaters prevent the test tray door from frosting excessively, the door seal from freezing at temperatures of -300 F. When the temperature test chamber is not being operated at extremely low temperatures, thermal switch S5 is open, disabling HTR2. A factory set thermoswitch limits the chamber to the maximum chamber operating temperature.

The line power to the heaters is interrupted. The power will restart automatically when the temperature is dropped below the over-temperature set point.

### **High Limit Controller**

This chamber is equipped with a non-indicating high limit controller. Anytime the chamber temperature exceeds the limit set point, the control will trip, and conditioning will stop. Power will not be restored until the chamber temperature is within tolerance. Refer to the enclosed electrical schematic and the instrument instruction manual.

To reset the high limit controller after tripping, allow the chamber to cool below the high limit set point. Place the POWER switch to the RESET position and release.

The chamber may be equipped with an optional low limit temperature control. This is a non-latching control that will automatically reset once the chamber temperature has risen above the low limit set point. The low limit set point can be adjusted by changing the low temperature alarm setting on the Watlow EZ-Zone PM controller.

# Watlow EZ-Zone PM Controller

The process value appears in the upper display and the set point is in the lower display.

Keys and Displays	Description				
Upper Display	In the Home Page, displays the process value, otherwise displays the value of the parameter in the lower display.				
Temperature Units	Indicates whether the temperature is displayed in Fahrenheit or Celsius.				
Percent Units	ights when the controller is displaying values as a percentage or when the open-loop set point is displayed.				
Lower Display	Indicates the set point or output power value during operation, or the parameter whose value appears in the upper display.				
Zone Display	Indicates the controller zone. 1 to 9 = zones 1 to 9. A=zone 10, b=zone 11, C=zone 12, d=zone 13, E=zone 14, F=zone 15, h=zone 16.				
Channel Display	Indicates the channel for any given EZ-ZONE module.				
EZ keys	This key can be programmed to do various tasks, such as starting a profile.				
Infinity Key	Press to back up one level or press and hold for two seconds to return to the Home Page. From the Home Page clears alarms and errors if clearable.				
Advance Key	Advances through parameter prompts				
Up and Down Keys $\Delta \nabla$	In the Home Page, adjusts the set point in the lower display. In other pages, changes the upper display to a higher or lower value, or changes a parameter selection.				
Output Activity	Number LEDs indicate activity of outputs. A flashing light indicates output activity				
Profile Activity	Lights when a profile is running. Flashes when a profile is paused.				
Communication Activity	Flashes when another device is communicating with this controller.				

Refer to the manufacturer's instructions for additional information on displays and navigation and to familiarize yourself with the operation of this control.

## **Digital Communication**

Digital communication is available in the following formats:

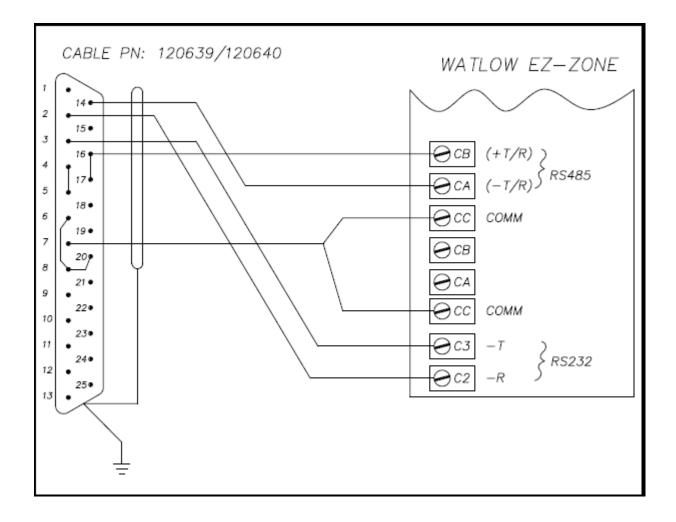
- RS-232 Modbus<sup>®</sup> RTU
- RS-485 Modbus<sup>®</sup> RTU

RS-232 is a common, unbalanced communication configuration. It is the type of communication supported by the typical COM1 and COM2 hardware of a standard PC. There are three main wires (negative transmit, negative receive, common). Some devices use other handshaking protocol wires (RTS, CTS, etc.), but Watlow controls do not.

RS-485 is a balanced communication configuration. This means that the transmit and receive lines are in pairs. Typical wiring is two wire: negative transmit/receive, and positive transmit/receive. Some instruments also have a common. The Watlow controls do have a common.

RS-485 supports up to 32 devices without repeaters. Since there is only one pair of wires, a control cannot listen and talk at the same time. Listen or talk state must be selected by either handshaking hardware or signal driven handshaking. The Watlow controls use signal driven listen/talk state enable. They are in listen state unless addressed by a master. See the Watlow manual information on the communication protocol for multiple devices. The RS-485 single pair wiring allows any or more than one device to be the master.

See the Watlow EZ-Zone PM manual, wiring section EIA-232/485 Modbus RTU Communications, for detailed instructions for installing. Additional hardware may be required (i.e. additional cables).



# MAINTENANCE

DO NOT service this equipment without first disconnecting the electrical power to this unit. Disconnect main power switch or power cord. There are live circuits and connections even with power switch off.

Repair of electrical systems should be performed by qualified mechanics only. Refer to the enclosed wiring and piping schematics with bills of materials for description and function of components.

**Keep equipment clean.** Gradual dirt accumulation impedes air flow. A dirty chamber can result in unsatisfactory operation such as non-uniform temperatures and/or humidity in the work chamber, reduced heating capacity, reduced production, overheated components, reduced refrigeration capacity, etc.

Keep the walls, floor and ceiling of the work chamber free of corrosion, dirt, and dust. Floating dust or accumulated dirt may produce unsatisfactory test results.

Keep all equipment accessible. Do not permit other materials to be stored or piled against chamber.

**Protect controls against excessive heat.** This is particularly true of controls, motors or other equipment containing electronic components. Temperatures in excess of 38 °C (100 °F) should be avoided.

**Establish maintenance and check-up schedules.** Recommended frequency for scheduled maintenance is included in each section.

Follow these promptly and follow them 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 prolong eventual shutdown.

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

**Check safety controls.** This should be done as indicated. Make these tests carefully and do them regularly. The safety of personnel as well as the equipment may depend upon the proper operation of any one of these controls at any time.

• Temperature Controllers (weekly)

Observe that the heater or cooling indicator lights (LEDs 1 or 2) flash every 1 to 2 seconds when the controls are operating at set point.

• High Limit Control (weekly)

With the oven operating at a given temperature, gradually turn the HI-LIMIT control down to the set point operating temperature. The HI-LIMIT should trip and shut off heater fan.

**Practice safety.** Make it a prime policy to know what you are doing before you do it. Make CAREFULNESS, PATIENCE and GOOD JUDGMENT the safety watchwords for the operation of your chamber.

**Ventilation.** There are fresh air and exhaust openings on the chamber that are always open to provide cooling for the chamber and control compartment.

**Door gaskets and ports.** Periodically inspect inner and outer door gaskets and port sealing for cracking, tearing, etc. If gaskets or seals are damaged, remove and replace. Strip old gasket from channel and force new gasket in.

**Preventative Maintenance Schedule.** The following pages contain a typical periodic maintenance schedule for the 900 Series test chamber.

## **Preventative Maintenance Schedule**

Insure trouble-free service by performing preventive maintenance when appropriate. Should service be required, specific procedures are described to locate and repair malfunctions.

Item Description		Reading	Months of Operation				
			1	3	6	9	12
1.	Inspect door seals checking for proper seating, damage or tears. Adjust and/or replace as necessary.				Х		
2.	Inspect the door operation. Should open and close easily.				Х		
3.	Inspect recirculation fan. Make sure it is clean and free of dust build-up.				Х		
4.	Measure and record the line voltage. If the voltage is not ±10% of the nameplate specification, discontinue use and take corrective action.				Х		
6.	Measure and record the recirculation fan motor current draw.				Х		
7.	Measure and record the amp draw of the air heater. Verify the actual amps with the amp draw listed on the electrical schematic.				Х		
8.	Make a visual inspection of the control panel area. Make sure the electrical components are clean and free of dirt or dust buildup. CAUTION: CLEAN ONLY AFTER TURNING OFF THE POWER AT THE POWER SOURCE.				Х		
9.	Inspect the equipment instrumentation. Check the controller, limit controller(s), and recorder calibration using a certified calibration standard. Update the calibration standards. Complete a certificate if required.				х		
10.	Check for proper operation of the High and Low limit controllers. Adjust the limits to assure they will "trip" in an over-temperature condition.				Х		
11.	Overall functional test. Operate the equipment and check the functionality of the heating, cooling (if equipped) systems. Adjust controller tuning if necessary.				Х		
12.	Record all parameters in the control instrument. Keep a copy on sight and send a copy to Despatch.				Х		

### **Test Equipment Required**

The following equipment is needed to perform maintenance and calibration operations on temperature test chambers.

- Temperature calibrator (minimum adjustment 0.1 °C or less).
- Multitester, 100k ohms/volt, or VOM.

### Chamber

The temperature test chamber should be inspected for conditions that might damage it or shorten its service life and should be cleaned at frequent intervals.

WARNING: Always disconnect the AC power to the test chamber before performing preventive maintenance.

Maintenance should be performed by qualified personnel only.

Temperature test chamber inspection consists of the following checks.

- Inspect the coolant cylinder valves to be sure they are properly closed.
- Inspect the inside of the test chamber for moisture. If moisture is found, operate the test chamber for one hour at 205 °C (400 °F) to evaporate the moisture.
- Check coolant lines for proper connections.
- Check the test chamber motor(s) at elevated temperatures for quiet operation. (This insures proper bearing condition.)

#### **Coolant Solenoid Orifice Assembly**

The coolant solenoid orifice assembly should be cleaned only when necessary. Frequent cleaning should not be required if contaminant-free  $CO_2$  is always used. Clean the coolant orifice as follows.

- 1. Disconnect AC power.
- 2. Disconnect coolant hose.
- 3. Remove vent screen from control unit compartment.
- 4. Open heater compartment.
- 5. Remove coolant solenoid assembly from control unit compartment.
- 6. Remove orifice tube from solenoid assembly.
- 7. Check position of orifice for reinstallation.
- 8. Carefully clean orifice using 0.46 mm (0.18 inch) diameter music wire.
- 9. Replace orifice tube in solenoid assembly, performing the removal procedure in reverse order.
- 10. Reinstall coolant solenoid assembly in control unit compartment.
- 11. Close control unit and heater compartment.
- 12. Connect coolant hose.
- 13. Turn on coolant cylinder valve and check for leaks.
- 14. Connect AC power.
- 15. Operate test chamber at low temperature set-point to insure correct cooling function.

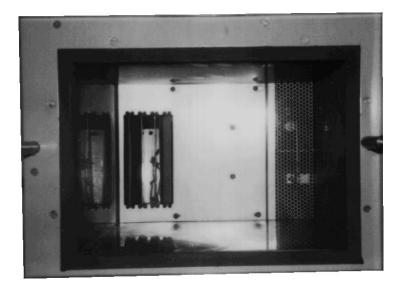
### CO<sub>2</sub> Filter

The  $CO_2$  filter should be cleaned every 30 days or 240 hours of operation, whichever occurs first. See Figure 2 in this manual. Clean the  $CO_2$  filter as follows.

- 1. To remove the filter, unscrew the hollow Allen head screw from the test chamber bulkhead fitting and slide the filter out from the fitting.
- 2. Wash filter in trichloroethylene.
- 3. Dry filter thoroughly with filtered, dry, compressed air at low pressure.

WARNING: Use trichloroethylene only in a well-ventilated area. Avoid inhaling fumes and excessive contact with the skin.

4. Reinstall filter in CO<sub>2</sub> bulkhead fitting.



## **Corrective Maintenance**

The purpose of corrective maintenance is to locate test chamber malfunctions and to apply proper repair procedures. The following procedure is used in troubleshooting the test chamber.

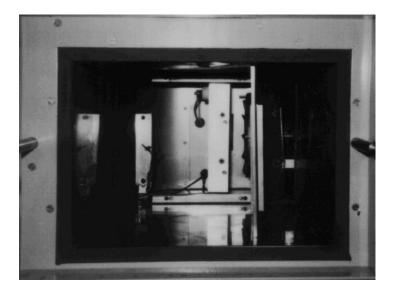
- 1. Insure that all switches are in the proper position.
- 2. Check first for blown fuses and proper AC power connection.
- 3. Check coolant lines for proper plumbing. Check that all line valves are open. Make sure that the coolant lines are not clogged.
- 4. Check the coolant cylinders to be sure that they contain an adequate coolant gas supply.

Components in the temperature test chamber are removed and replaced as follows: Repair is limited to the replacement of defective parts.

- 1. Disconnect AC power.
- 2. Remove screws holding plenum plate.

ATTENTION: Care should be taken not to damage or disturb the location of the thermocouples.

3. Carefully allow plenum plate away from the heater assembly.



- 4. Remove two Phillips-head screws at the back of the heater assembly.
- 5. Remove the two wires connected to the heater coil.
- 6. Carefully remove heater from chamber.
- 7. To replace heater assembly, perform the removal procedure in reverse order.

#### **Service Procedures**

#### **Main Blower Motor**

Remove the main blower motor as follows.

- 1. Disconnect AC power.
- 2. Remove screws holding plenum plate.
- 3. Carefully allow plenum plate to drop downward.
- 4. Loosen Allen set screw holding blower motor fan blade or blower wheel to motor shaft.

ATTENTION: Do not damage thermocouples or disturb placement.

- 5. Remove fan blade or blower wheel. In some cases, a gear puller will be needed for removal of the fan from the motor shaft.
- 6. Remove vent screws from control unit compartment.
- 7. Remove blower motor wires from terminal strip.
- 8. Remove three Phillips-head screws connecting the blower motor to this mounting platform.
- 9. On models 934 and 936, remove motor shaft pin.
- 10. Remove blower motor.
- 11. To replace blower motor, perform the removal procedure in reverse order.

#### **Electronic Control Chassis**

Remove the electronic control chassis as follows.

- 1. Disconnect AC power.
- 2. Remove vent screen from motor compartment.
- 3. Remove holding screw located above rear of Watlow 982 control within motor compartment. (On Models 934, 924, 936, and 926.)
- 4. Remove two holding screws on rear of chamber near the serial interface connector.
- 5. Remove holding screws (two on Models 934, 924, 936 and 926 on exterior bottom of chamber; three holding screws through chassis on Models 925 and 936).
- 6. Remove wires connected to terminal strip, or remove screws fastening terminal block to bulkhead.
- 7. Remove control chassis by sliding it towards the front of the chamber.
- 8. To replace the control chassis, perform the removal procedure in reverse order.

#### **HI-LIMIT** Thermoswitch

Adjust and test the factory calibrated HI-LIMIT thermoswitch as follows.

- 1. The thermoswitch was factory set and tested at the chamber maximum rated temperature within normal tolerance.
- 2. If necessary to reset the thermoswitch. It is accessible by removing the snap in closure button in the rear cover panel.
- 3. A screwdriver can be inserted through the hole to find the end of the slotted adjusting screw.
- 4. Turn screw clockwise to reduce temperature. Adjusting rate is approximately 90 °F per revolution.
- 5. To set a new temperature on the thermoswitch.
  - a. Set the chamber control to the desired trip temperature and allow temperature to stabilize.
  - b. The panel mounted over-temperature set point must be set at a higher temperature for this test.
  - c. Slowly turn adjusting screw clockwise until the thermoswitch trips and the chamber is shut down.
- 6. Test the set point.
  - a. Allow the chamber to cool.
  - b. Open and close the power switch to reset.
  - c. Set the chamber controller above the set point.
  - d. Observe the temperature at the time it is tripped.

The chamber with thermoswitch UE8625 will be reset automatically when the temperature drops below the over- temperature set point.

7. Reset the electronic over-temperature set point to the desired temperature.

# APPENDIX

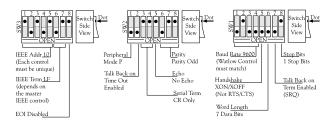
## **IEEE 488 Interface Converter Set-up**

Three DIP switches internal to the interface converter set the configuration of the interface.

Selectable functions are read ONLY at power-on and should only be set prior to applying power to the interface. The following lists the Despatch factory recommended conditions.

Serial Port 9600 Baud 7 Data Bits 1 Stop Bits Odd Parity Serial Terminator = CR Echo Disabled XON/XOFF Handshake IEEE Mode = IEEE488 Peripheral Address = 10 Bus Terminator = LF; EOI Disabled Talk-back on Terminator Enabled (SRQ) Talk-back on Time Out Enabled

(Watlow device must be configured same as above.)

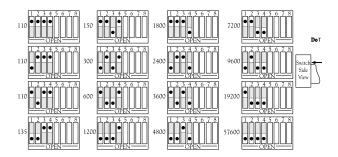


Note that the interface converter may be configured as an IEEE controller. In this mode the interface converter is designed to allow an RS-232 computer to communicate with an IEEE peripheral such as a plotter. This controller mode is described in detail in Section 3 of the Black Box instruction manual. Note that in this mode the address selected is that of the IEEE488 device that the converter is addressing.

The interface converter may also be configured as an IEEE peripheral. As an IEEE peripheral, the interface converter allows an IEEE controller to communicate with an RS-232 device (e.g., Watlow control). The peripheral mode of operation is described in detail in Section 4 of the Black Box manual. Note in this mode the address selected is for the IEEE488 converter itself. Each Watlow device must have its own converter with a unique address.

To modify any of these defaults, follow this simple procedure: Disconnect the power supply from the AC line and from the interface. Disconnect any IEEE or serial cables prior to disassembly. ATTENTION: Never open the interface converter case while it is connected to the AC line. Failure to observe this warning may result in equipment failure, personal injury or death.

Place the interface upside down on a flat surface. Remove the four (4) screws located near the rubber feet. Return the interface to the upright position and carefully remove the top cover. Modify those parameters which are appropriate for your installation and then carefully reassemble the interface using the reverse of the procedure described.

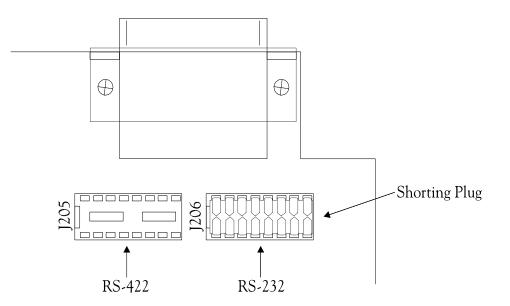


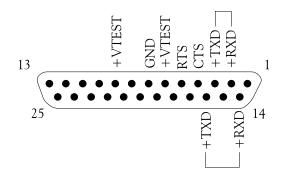
#### **IEEE 488 Interface Converter**

The interface converter has the ability to output signal levels that are compatible with either RS-232 or RS-422. An internal DIP shorting plug determines which electrical specification is chosen. If the interface is to be connected to an IBM PC/XT/AT/PS2 or compatible, the RS-232 level should be selected. If it will be connected to a Macintosh 512K/Plus/SE/II, the RS-422 level should be used. For connection to other computers, refer to the manufacturer's manual to determine which levels are supported. Most Watlow controls are available both in RS-232 and RS-422 hardware. Make sure to match your Watlow device. RS-232 is most common.

#### RS-232/RS-422 Signal Level Selection

The interface converter's factory default signal levels are compatible with RS-232. To select RS-422 levels, carefully remove the 8-position shorting plug with a small flat blade screwdriver from J106. Install the DIP jumper into J205, making certain that all of the pins on the shorting plug are inserted correctly. The RS-232 position generally works best with the Watlow controls.





#### **Serial Signal Descriptions**

The interface converter is equipped with a standard DB-25S connector on its rear panel and requires a standard DB-25P mating connector. The interface converter's connector is configured as DCE type equipment for RS-232 communications, which means the interface converter always transmits data on Pin 3 and receives data on Pin 2. The following lists and describes the RS-232 and RS-422 signals provided on the interface converter. The RS-422 pin outs are made similar to RS-530 DCE.

#### **Pinout Descriptions**

Pin Out		Description		
-RxD	Receive Data Input - Pin 2	This pin accepts serial data sent by the RS-232 or RS-422 host. The serial data is expected with the word length, baud rate, stop bits and parity selected by the internal switches. The signal level is low true.		
-TxD	Transmit Data Output - Pin 3	This pin transmits serial data to the RS-232 or RS-422 host. The serial data is sent with the word length, baud rate, stop bits and parity selected by the internal switches. The signal level is low true.		
стѕ	Clear to Send Input - Pin 4	The CTS input is used as a hardware handshake line to prevent the interface converter from transmitting serial data when the RS-232 host is not ready to accept it. When RTS/CTS handshake is selected on the internal switches, the interface converter will not transmit data out <b>-TxD</b> while this line is unasserted (low). If the RS-232 host is not capable of driving this line it can be connected to the <b>Vtest</b> output (Pin 6) of the interface converter. If XON/XOFF handshake is selected, the CTS line is not tested to determine if it can transmit data.		
RTS	Request to Send Output - Pin 5	The RTS output is used as a hardware handshake line to prevent the RS-232/RS-422 host from transmitting serial data if the interface converter is not ready to accept it. When RTS/CTS handshake is selected on the internal switches, the interface converter will drive the RTS output high when there are greater than 1,000 character locations available in its internal buffer. If the number of available locations drops to less than 1,000, the interface converter will unassert (low) this output. If XON/XOFF handshake is selected, the RTS line will be permanently driven active (high).		
Vtest	Test Voltage Output -Pin 6	This pin is connected to +5 volts through a 1K resistor. It is also common to Vtest on Pin 9.		
Gnd	Ground Pin 7	This pin sets the ground reference point for the other RS-232 inputs and outputs.		
Vtest	Test Voltage Output - Pin 9	This pin is connected to 5 volts through a 1K resistor. It is also common to Vtest on Pin 6.		
+RxD	Receive Data Plus Input - Pin 14	This pin accepts serial data sent by the RS-422 host. The serial data is expected with the word length, baud rate, stop bits and parity selected by the internal switches. The signal level is high true and only connected to this pin when RS-422 operation is selected. It is 180 degrees out of phase with <b>-RxD</b> .		
+TxD	Transmit Data Plus Output - Pin 16	This pin transmits serial data to the RS-422 host. The serial data is sent with the word length, baud rate, stop bits and parity selected by the internal switches. The signal level is high true and only connected to this pin when RS-422 operation is selected. It is 180 degrees out of phase with <b>-TxD</b> .		

#### **XON/XOFF Protocol**

Your Watlow control is selectable for use with one of two protocols:

- XON/XOFF, used when one master controls one Watlow.
- ANSI X3.28-1976 Sub 2.2 and A3, used to address multiple units in a single serial (RS-422/485) line.

The XON/XOFF protocol on the Watlow uses a <CR> as a message terminator. The ANSI X3.28... uses various control characters (e.g., ETX, EOT).

The black box converter is a "smart" converter, which automatically takes care of much of the IEEE488 parallel side protocol. However, it requires either a carriage return or line feed text terminator on the serial side (RS-232, 422) in order for the converter to know when to time certain functions. For this reason, the Watlow control must be configured for XON/XOFF protocol.

This also means that each Watlow device is going to need its own converter, and each converter will need a unique IEEE address.

### XON/XOFF Versus RTS/CTS Handshaking

Watlow interface ports do not support RTS/CTS handshaking so the black box converter must be configured for XON/XOFF also. (See dip switch settings.) Also, there must be a jumper between RTS and CTS pins in the black box DB25 serial connector. If you use Despatch-supplied cabling, the jumper is supplied within the cabling.

### Sample Program

For the Black Box 488 to 232 converter.

10	Program for H-P 85 with Hpib Interface and Black Box 488 to 232 Converter to Talk		
20	! To a Watlow 982 Control, Copyright Despatch March 28, 1995		
30	Clear 7		
40 50	on Timeout 7 Gosub 340		
50 60	Set Timeout 7; 3200 on Key# 1 Goto 220		
70	on Key# 2 Goto 160		
80	on Key# 3 Goto 410		
90	on Key# 4 Goto 270		
100			
110	Disp "K1 to Read Setpoint"		
120 130	Disp "K2 to Set Setpoint" Disp "K3 to End"		
140	Disp "K4 to Analyze R\$"		
150	Goto 150		
160	! Set Control Setpoint		
170	Disp "Enter New Set Point"		
180	Input P Output 710 : $-$ and $ (P) = -$		
190 200	Output 710 ; "= sp1 "&val\$(P)&chr\$(13) Print "Setpoint Changed to "; P		
210	Goto 100		
220	! Read Control Setpoint		
230	Output 710 ;"? sp1 "&chr\$(13)		
240	Enter 710 ; R\$		
250	Print "? Response = ";R\$		
260 270	Goto 150 ! String Analysis for R\$		
280	L=len(r\$)		
290	Print "# of Char in R\$ = ";L		
300	for I=1 to L		
310	Print "Char # "; I;" of String Has Value = ";Num(r\$[I])		
320 330	next I Goto 100		
340	! Print Status of Interface		
350	Print "Interface Timeout"		
360	for I=0 to 6		
370	Status 7, I; S(i)		
380	Print "Status Byte #"; I;" = ";S(i)		
390 400	next I Return		
400 410	Disp "End"		
420	End		

- HPIB interface is #7.
  - Black Box is set for Address 10.
  - Watlow control is set up for XON/XOFF.
  - (Prot = on) mode.

#### Sample Output

? Response =  $a\Omega 9.0$ Setpoint Changed to 5.5 ? Response =  $a\Omega a\Omega 5.5$ Setpoint Changed to 125 ? Response =  $a\Omega a\Omega 125.0$ Setpoint Changed to 2.5 ? Response = $a\Omega a\Omega 2.5$ 

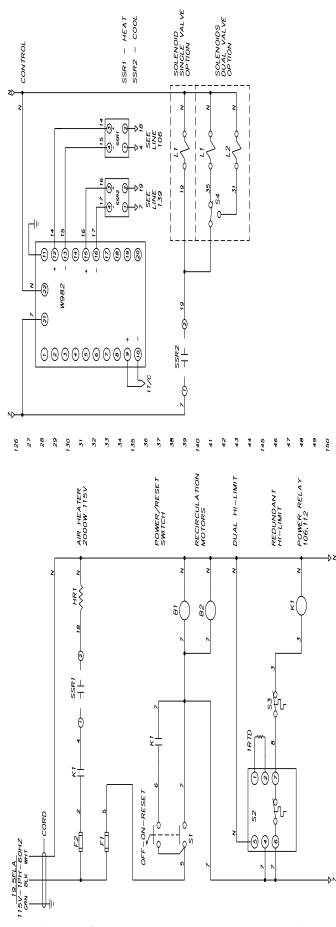
# Troubleshooting

TROUBLE	PROBABLE CAUSE
No controller display reading when power switch is on.	Loose wiring. Faulty transformer (240V or 208V units only). Faulty readout. Power cord not plugged into outlet. Outlet not powered. Defective line fuse (F1). Defective POWER switch (S1). Defective power cord.
Blowing line fuse when power switch is turned on.	Defective (grounded or shorted) heater (HTR-1). Defective motor(s) (shorted). Defective solenoid valve (shorted) (1). Short in filter, transformer (if installed) or control. Shorted wiring, or loose connection touching chassis.
Chamber temperature differs from set point indication.	Defective sensor (1 or both). Control input parameters incorrect. Control out of calibration. Defective control.
Lack of operation of appropriate heat (1) or cool (2) LED when control set point differs from display by more than 0.3°C.	Defective controller. Control output and PID parameters incorrect.
Failure to control at a low temperature when cool (2) LED is on.	Cylinder valve not open. Lack of liquid coolant. Clogged $CO_2$ filter. Clogged orifice. Clogged line. Solenoid valve will not open. Defective solid state relay (SSR2).
Failure of chamber to heat when heat (1) LED is on.	Faulty heater fuse (F2). High limit (Dial) set below chamber temperature. Defective solid state relay (SSR1). Defective contactors (K1 or K2). Defective heater (HTR-1). Defective heater cable. Solenoid valve will not close. Defective control.
Failure of solenoid valve to close when cool (2) LED is off.	Ice in valve. Defective valve. Defective solid state relay (SSR2). Defective control.
Failure of solenoid valve to open when cool (2) LED is on.	Defective valve. Defective solid state relay (SSR2). Defective control.

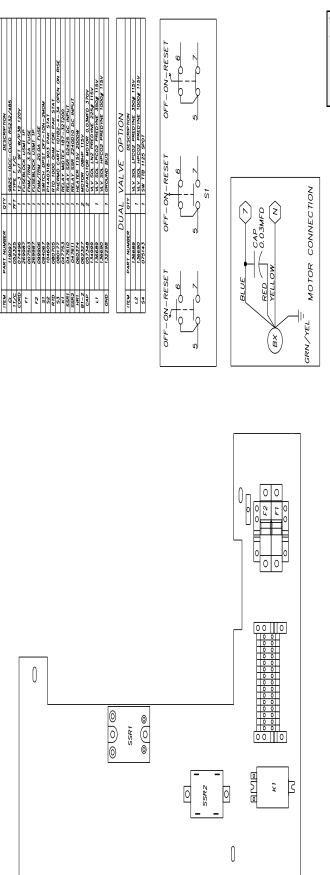
# **Schematic Diagrams**

See the Electrical schematics of the 924/934, 925/935 and 926/936 series that are provided with the equipment.

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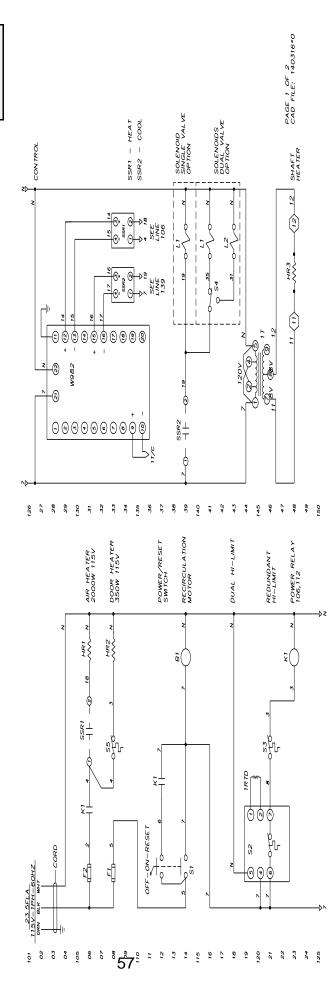


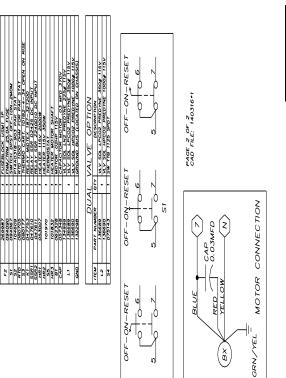
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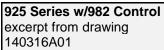
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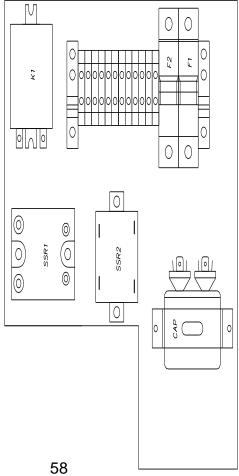


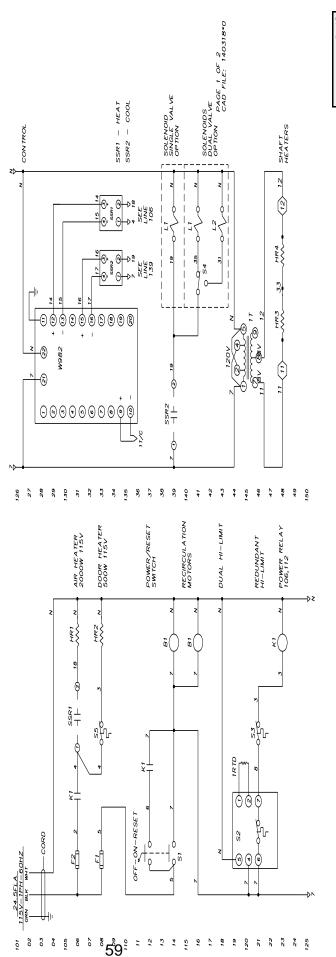


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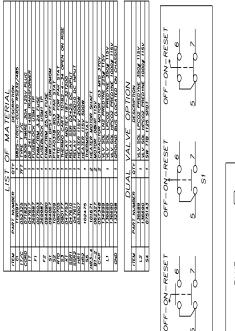


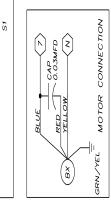




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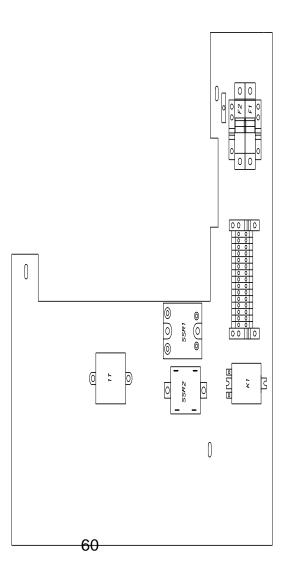
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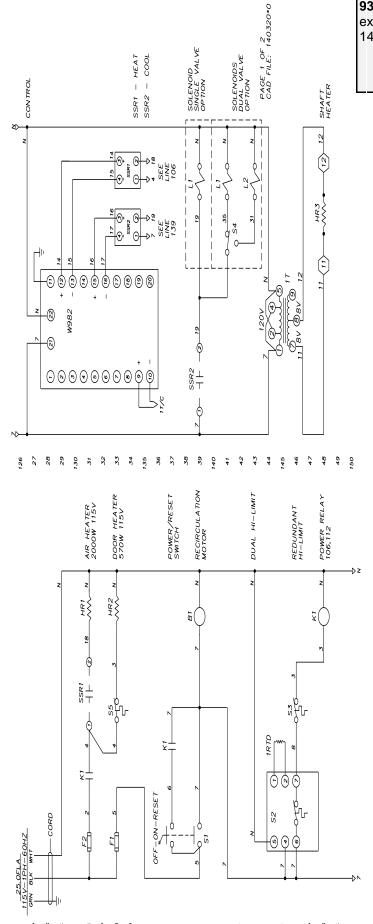




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