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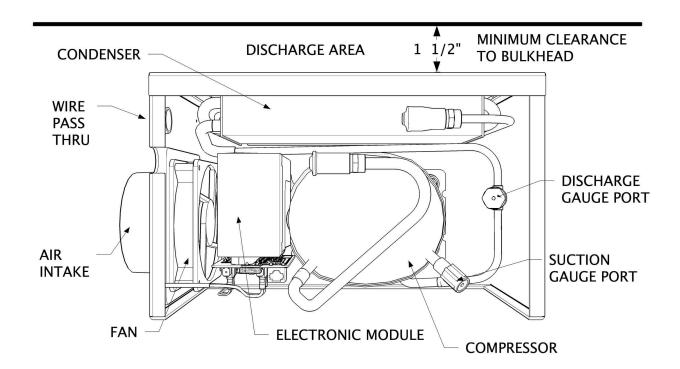
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### SEA FROST BD 12 OR 24-VOLT D.C. **XP WITH AEO AIR-COOLED SYSTEM**

#### CONDENSING UNIT LOCATION AND MOUNTING

The design of the Sea Frost BD allows placement in an enclosed space such as a cabin locker or sail locker. Intake air should be drawn in from the cabin area to insure the coolest, driest air supply. Standard 4" duct hose may be used. Discharge may need to be vented to allow warm air to escape. Intake ducting from the exterior of the boat may cause damp salt air to be drawn in which might reduce the life of your BD. This will also increase below deck moisture. ALLOW 1.5" CLEARANCE BETWEEN THE CONDENSER (BACK VENT AREA) AND ANY BULKHEAD TO INSURE PROPER AIRFLOW THROUGH THE CONDENSER.



An un-ducted unit in a poorly ventilated small space will heat the air, lowering the cooling capacity and possibly causing damage by overheating the compressor.

Service access and installation requires that the front, left end (inlet) and back (condenser) air outlet be exposed. A duct hose will require 4 inches of clearance past the end of the cabinet.

Mount the Sea Frost BD level with the compressor at the bottom. The BD may be platform mounted. Two holes have been drilled through the bottom for screw mounting to a shelf or bulkhead. If using the bulkhead mount bracket kit, follow directions supplied with the kit.

#### INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CONDENSING UNIT

- \* Never block the air inlet or the outlet.
- \* Provide for driest, coolest air for intake.
- \* Total air duct length for intake should not exceed six feet.
- \* Make sure the installation location is vented to allow warm discharge to escape.
- \* For intake through a finished panel, order black flange grill.

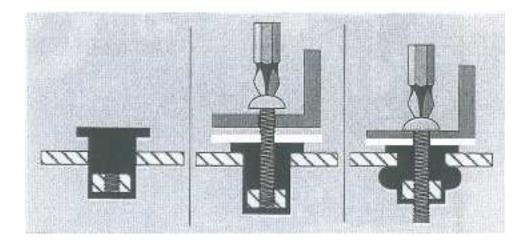
#### **MOUNTING A FREEZER BIN**

The Sea Frost Freezer Bin mounts with a Wellnut expandable neoprene blind hole fastener. A template or the stainless steel brackets should be used to locate the mounting holes. Drill 1/4" pilot holes then increase them to 1/2".

### MOUNTING THE EVAPORATOR PLATE

The plate should be mounted in the cabinet as high as possible to take advantage of thermal convection. It may be used as a shelf, mounted on the ceiling or any wall. There is no restriction as to position. Standard ice trays may be used for ice making if the plate is used as a shelf. If the plate is wall mounted a vertical ice tray kit is available. Before mounting the plate consider access to the thermostat.

The Sea Frost BD plate mounts with a Wellnut expandable neoprene blind hole fastener. A template or the plate itself should be used to locate the mounting holes. Drill a 3/16" pilot hole. Increase this hole to 3/8".



1. Place Well-nut insert all
the way into Pre-drilled hole
until flange is firmly against
mounting surface.

2. Pass Machine screw
through part to be fastened
and the white spacer
washer.

3. Tighten until snug.

#### **INSTALLING REFRIGERANT LINES**

Two copper lines connect the stainless steel evaporator plate and the compressor. One is 5/16" and the other is 1/8".

Run the lines behind any and all parts, which may require service. Avoid heated engine spaces. Do not coil excess tubing in an engine space. Protect the lines from being crushed, snagged or stepped on.

The quick connect fittings require a 1 inch diameter clearance hole and are staggered to allow passing through a bulkhead or insulated wall. Keep the plastic cap and shrink wrap protective cover in place until the connections are made.

# WORK CAREFULLY WITH THE COPPER TUBES TO AVOID PINCHING OR KINKING THE TUBES. ALL BENDS SHOULD BE SMOOTH WITH NO LESS THAN A 2" RADIUS.

Support the tubing every 18 inches as necessary using tie wraps fastened with self-tapping screws. Insulate at least 3' of the line set as it exits the refrigerator box. Seal both sides of the exit holes in the refrigerator box with permagum sealing compound.



### **WARNING:**

The Sea Frost BD system is shipped pre-charged with refrigerant. This refrigerant is under some pressure. Do not fiddle with the connectors or the service ports. You might get hurt! Wear safety glasses when connecting the compressor fittings.

#### **COMPRESSOR CONNECTIONS**

The connections in the BD system are self-sealing when connecting and disconnecting. It is very important to inspect (and clean if necessary) the surfaces and "o" ring seals before assembly. If dirt, moisture, or grit, is on these connectors the system may be contaminated or the seal may be ruined.

Working with one line at a time, remove the heat shrink material and the plastic caps. Connect the larger copper line to the compressor fitting. Connect the small copper line to the remaining fitting.

Use two wrenches to tighten the fittings wrench snug. DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN!

#### **WIRE SIZE**

12-volt installations use AWG #10 wire for distances up to 10 feet from battery supply (20' roundtrip), and #8 AWG wire for distances up to 25 feet from battery supply (50' roundtrip). **Fuse 30 Amps.** 

24 Volts: The module will self calibrate to the applied voltage and provide proper fan voltage. **Fuse 15 Amps.** 

If the polarity is reversed, the electronic module will not work.

In any application, use the next largest wire if in doubt to prevent a voltage drop. A fuse is preferred over a breaker as it has less potential voltage drop.

#### **CONNECTIONS**

For best performance, the electronic module must always be connected directly to the battery or battery selector switch. Connecting the module through the boat's breaker panel may cause a voltage drop; small wires and multiple connectors create resistance.

# FOR PROTECTION OF THE INSTALLATION, AN EXTERNAL FUSE MUST BE INSTALLED CLOSE TO THE BATTERY IN THE POWER SUPPLY (+) CABLE.

The fuse is not provided. Connect a red wire from 12 or 24 volts positive to the (+) terminal of the module. Connect a black wire from 12 or 24 volts negative to the (-) terminal of the module.

<u>Do not operate the BDxp directly from a charger without a battery</u>. Never apply power to any of the other terminals.

#### REFRIGERANT CHARGE

This system operates with refrigerant R-134a and is pre charged. The proper charge amount is 5-6 oz.

An automatic expansion valve regulates the evaporator pressure. This valve is factory adjusted to maintain a constant evaporator pressure of 0 to 2 psi. Do not remove the heat shrink tubing and plastic cap or turn the knob beneath it.

Technicians Note: Charge amount will not affect the evaporator pressure.

WARNING! Do not use refrigerant with any additives, including but not limited to: oil, dye, and leak stop.

#### THERMOSTAT WIRING CONNECTIONS

Connect the thermostat wires at the compressor module to terminals T & C using female 1/4" female crimp connectors. This is for AEO operation. There is no polarity requirement.

Standard BD thermostat wires ~ copper and silver.
Remote (snowflake panel) thermostat wires ~ red.
Electronic thermostat thermometer (version 1) wires ~ green and white
Electronic thermostat thermometer (version 2 & 3) cat 5 data cable with RJ 45
connector. Install a 3-amp ATC fuse in the fuse holder on the Module PCB board. The
PBC board fuse is required only if using Electronic Thermostat with the RJ-45
jack.

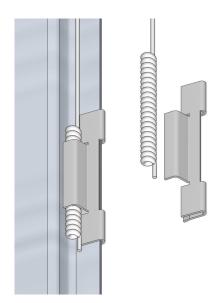
#### STANDARD THERMOSTAT OPERATION

The thermostat is attached to the plate. The wires follow the refrigerant lines to the compressor section. Protect these wires from cuts and chafe.

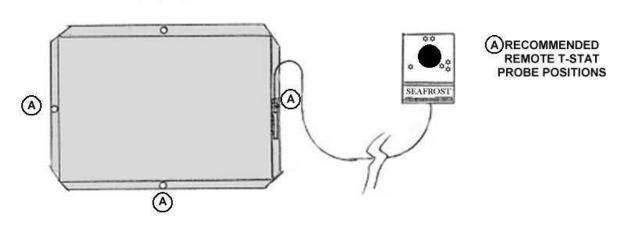
The BD thermostat is variable. Turning the knob fully counterclockwise turns the unit "OFF". The fully clockwise setting is the coldest. The thermostat may be adjusted to obtain any temperature desired in the cabinet and the thermostat may be calibrated should the warmest setting be too cold. To calibrate the thermostat remove the upper and lower screws on the stainless steel thermostat cover. Carefully move the stainless steel thermostat cover to reveal the white plastic cover, which is on the thermostat. Underneath the white plastic cover, locate the calibration screw. To lower box temperature, rotate this screw counter clockwise. One full revolution will change the box temperature approximately 6 degrees F. To raise the temperature in the box rotate the screw clockwise.

#### OPTIONAL REMOTE THERMOSTAT OPERATION

Slide the bulb clip onto the edge of the plate and over the sensing bulb. The sensing bulb must be in excellent thermal contact with the plate. We recommend that the probe be mounted on the plate in the one of the lower mounting positions as shown in the drawing below. This is best because these positions remain colder.

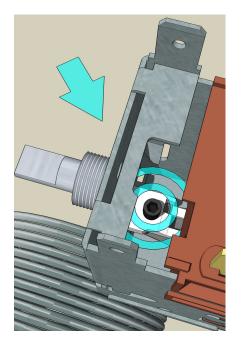


#### TOP OF BOX



The SEA FROST BD thermostat is variable. Turning the knob fully counterclockwise turns the unit "OFF". The fully clockwise setting is the coldest (three snowflakes). The thermostat may be adjusted to obtain any temperature desired in the cabinet. The thermostat may be calibrated should the warmest setting be too cold. To calibrate the thermostat remove the mounting screws and tip the panel forward. Remove the electrical tape to expose a black torx adjustment screw about an inch into the case.

To lower box temperature, rotate this screw counter clockwise. One full revolution will change the box temperature approximately 6 degrees F. To raise the temperature in the box rotate the screw clockwise. Make small adjustments. Record all adjustments.



#### **OPERATION DESCRIPTION**

Once installed the BD is started by turning the thermostat clockwise from the off position. The BD will run until the plate reaches the set temperature of the thermostat. Turning the thermostat counterclockwise lowers the temperature at which the BD will switch off. The BD will remain off until the plate temperature rises about 6 degrees. (The BD is either on or off. It will not cool faster with a colder setting.)

The SeaFrost BD is a small system. It is efficient in its electrical conversion of energy to heat movement. By being small it is quiet, compact, has low electrical starting requirements and running power draw, and is able to be air-cooled. It will take some time to cool a warm cabinet.

#### **DEFROSTING**

Excessive frost/ice build up on the plate will reduce the cooling effect by insulating the evaporator plate. Allowing the evaporator plate to warm above freezing is one method of defrosting. Boiling water or a scraper will also work.

#### **OPERATION INSPECTION**

Within a few minutes of starting the Sea Frost BD the tubing in close proximity to the valve mounted on the plate and the valve itself will be noticeably cold. **IF AFTER 20 MINUTES OF OPERATION, COOLING IN THIS AREA IS NOT OBSERVED DO NOT CONTINUE TO OPERATE THE SYSTEM.** 

#### **OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**

VOLTAGE	12 D.C. or 24 D.C.
AMP/HR DRAW	3.3 TO 14 @ 12 VOLTS
	2 TO 7 @ 24 VOLTS
LOW VOLTAGE CUT OFF	10.4 VOLTS @ 12 VOLTS
	22.8 VOLTS @ 24 VOLTS
WIRE SIZE TO BATTERY SUPPLY	AWG # 10 up to 10 FEET (20' roundtrip)
	AWG # 8 up to 25 FEET (50' roundtrip)
FUSE:	12-VOLT - 30 AMP STANDARD AUTOMOTIVE
	24-VOLT - 15 AMP STANDARD AUTOMOTIVE

**SERVICE NOTE:** The BD is intended to operate with the cover in place. When operating with a manifold gauge set, be sure to block off the top and front with cardboard and tape to maintain proper airflow to the condenser.

#### **TROUBLESHOOTING**

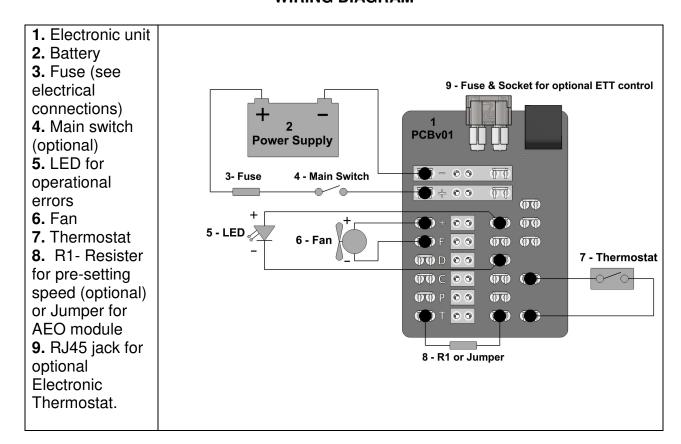
A light emitting diode (LED) is connected between terminals + and **D**. In case the electronic unit records an operational error, the diode will flash a number of times. The number of flashes depends on what kind of operational error was recorded. Each flash lasts 1/4 second. After the actual number of flashes there will be a delay with no flashes, the sequence for each error recording is repeated every 4 seconds. Flashes will only occur in the fault mode with the system on.

See additional trouble shooting information available at www.seafrost.com

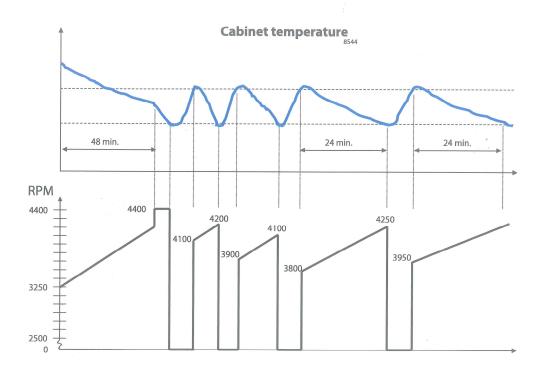
#### **OPERATIONAL ERRORS SHOWN BY LED**

Number of flashes	Error type
5	Thermal cut-out of electronic unit (If the refrigeration system
	has been too heavily loaded, or if the ambient temperature is high,
	the electronic unit will run too hot.)
4	<b>Minimum motor speed error</b> (If the refrigeration system is too
	heavily loaded, the motor cannot maintain minimum speed 1,850
	rpm.)
3	Motor start error
	<b>A.</b> (The system might be overcharged.) Has charge been added? <b>B</b> . Faulty module.
	C. This fault may also occur when the compressor is trying to start
	a warm system or on initial start up on a new system. Several
	attempts and then start up can be normal.
	Do not let out refrigerant until first contacting Seafrost!
2	Fan over-current cut-out (The fan is defective.)
1	Battery protection cut-out (The voltage is outside the cut-out setting. Low voltage.)

#### **WIRING DIAGRAM**



NOTE: When using the modular thermostat connection (#9) there are no connections on thermostat terminals (#7).



# **Adaptive Energy Optimization (AEO)** with High Speed Electronit Unit

#### Introduction

Herewith a description of a function in the high speed electronic unit. The unit contains a feature called Adaptive Energy Optimization (AEO). It is very suitable for systems with huge load variations and applications where energy is an important issue.

#### **Function**

Inital start up conditions

Every start up of the compressor takes place at low speed (soft start). The start up speed is equal to: the speed at thermostat cut out minus 300 rpm. After start up the speed of the compressor will be ramped up and adapted to the load. The ramp up speed is 9.4 rpm/min.

Adaptation of the capacity.

The software algorithm adapts the capacity of the compressor to the actual load of the system.

The unit regulates the capacity so that the compressor runtime is approximately 24 minutes. If the compressor does not reach cut out temperature within 48 minutes the speed is set to 4400 rpm.

Example how to determine the speed

Start up speed: 3250 rpm Runtime: 15 minutes Speed at cut out: 3250+(9.4x15)

~3390 rpm

Start up speed: 3390-300 = 3090 rpm Runtime: 20 minutes Speed at cut out: 3090+(9.4x20) ~3280 rpm

 Start up speed:
 3280-300= 2980 rpm

 Runtime:
 30 minutes

 Speed at cut out:
 2980+(9.4x30)

~3260 rpm

#### Curves

The graphs on page 2 show the relation between cabinet temperature and speed. After a power cut out the start speed will always be set to 3250 rpm.

After a thermostat cut out the start up speed is calculated as speed at stop minus 300.

The speed will be adapted automatically so that the thermostat runtime will be approximately 24 minutes.

#### **Benefits**

- Independent of load variations
- Energy savings
- Reduced number of compressor starts
- Prevents short cycling of the compressor
- Battery protection
- Soft start in tropical conditions

## **Our Repair Policy**

Your **Sea Frost BD** system is manufactured to the highest standards and thoroughly tested. If you experience problems with your system requiring technical service, return it to us freight prepaid.

When a system is returned to us we will fix manufacturing defects and failures occurring in normal operation for one year from the date of purchase or from the date of first usage/commissioning at no charge, and return it to you freight prepaid (surface freight) anywhere in the continental United States. Installation damage and damage to the electrical parts will be favorably considered however this damage is not our responsibility.

Improper wiring, improper voltage, corrosion, and water damage are not considered manufacturing defects. It is your job to install and maintain your system in a reasonable manner to prevent possible problems.

Proper installation and reasonable care will give you many years of excellent operation.

Please notify us before returning your system for repair.

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