SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

⚠️ WARNING

1. 120 Volts may cause serious injury from electric shock. Disconnect electrical power before starting installation or servicing. Leave power disconnected until installation/service is completed.
2. Dropping may cause personal injury or equipment damage. Handle with care and follow installation instructions.

⚠️ CAUTION

1. Read all instructions before beginning installation.
2. Improper installation may cause property damage or injury. Read instructions before installation, service or maintenance.
3. Do not use in pool applications. Pool chemicals can damage the dehumidifier.
4. Do not use solvents or cleaners on or near the circuit board. Chemicals can damage circuit board components.
5. Wait 24 hours before running the unit if it was not shipped or stored in the upright position.
6. Do not use dehumidification to prevent window condensation in the winter. To address window condensation, use ventilation to lower indoor humidity in the winter.

READ AND SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS
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SPECIFICATIONS

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**SET UP DEHUMIDIFIER FOR INSTALLATION**

⚠️ **IMPORTANT:** Cut the strap securing the compressor shipping support bracket and remove the strap, shipping bracket screws, and bracket. See Figure 1.

**LOCATION CONSIDERATIONS**

- Allow sufficient clearance for filter removal and to prevent airflow obstruction
- Electrical service access will require the removal of the side panel shown. Allow sufficient space for service on this side of the unit.
- If locating the unit in an attic or crawl space, a Model 76 Control mounted in the living space is recommended. Refer to Model 76 Installation Instructions and Owner’s Manual.
- Always install the dehumidifier in a condensate pan when locating in or over a finished space.
DRAIN INSTALLATION

The drain outlet on the dehumidifier can be hard piped using 3/4” nominal drain tubing or the provided fitting and 1/2” clear PVC tubing can be used to drain the dehumidifier. Always maintain a constant downward slope from the dehumidifier to the drain and do not allow soft tubing to curl up which may result in air lock.

LEVELING

A level surface is required to ensure proper drainage from the dehumidifier.

CONDENSATE PAN, CONDENSATE PUMP AND FLOAT SWITCH

Always install the dehumidifier in a condensate pan when locating in or above a finished space. Adhere to local codes regarding draining of the condensate pan. If a condensate pump is needed, install it in the condensate pan as well.

Install a condensate overflow safety switch (i.e. float switch) in the condensate pan, remove the factory installed jumper wire between the Float Switch terminals on the control and wire the float switch to the dehumidifier as shown in Figure 4. Overflow safety switches on condensate pumps can be wired to the Float Switch terminals in a similar fashion.
SETTING THE DESIRED HUMIDITY LEVEL

1. Press the ON/OFF button to turn the dehumidifier control ON. The display will show the current setting, and the dehumidifier blower will turn on to start sampling the air.

2. The UP and DOWN arrow buttons allow the humidity level to be set from 40% to 80% relative humidity. Use the ON/OFF button to turn the dehumidifier ON or OFF.

   Set the control at 55%RH when first installed. Allow the dehumidifier to run until it reaches the setting before deciding if you want to change the setting.

   • If you prefer the air to be more dry, decrease the humidity setting.

   • If you prefer the air to be less dry, increase the humidity setting.

   Your comfort is the best measure of how to adjust your setting. When first installed, your dehumidifier has to remove all the moisture that is initially in your home. The home acts like a sponge so the moisture in the materials of your home is at the same level as the air. After drying the air, the materials of the home will release moisture back into the air until they are again at the same level. As a result, it is not uncommon for the dehumidifier to operate for an extended period when first installed.

3. After three (3) minutes of sampling, the measured humidity will be compared to the setting:

   a. If the humidity is above the setting, the dehumidifier compressor turns on and “AIR SAMPLING” will be replaced by “DEHUMIDIFYING”.

      The compressor remains on until the measured humidity falls 3% RH below the setting.

   b. If the measured humidity is below the setting, the blowers turn off and the display returns to showing the RH setting.

4. The dehumidifier will sample again every 60 minutes, or at any time if the humidity setting is lowered.

Your dehumidifier is equipped with two features that protect against unwanted energy consumption. Defrost is a normal operating mode that helps to prevent significant ice formation on the refrigeration system coil. The dehumidifier display will show “DEFROSTING” when operating in this mode. This mode can occur when there is not enough air moving through the dehumidifier or if the temperature and/or humidity of the incoming air is too low. The second protection feature is the E8 code. E8 on the dehumidifier display indicates that the air entering the dehumidifier is below 50°F or above 104°F, or the dew point of the incoming air is below 40°F. There would be a significant reduction in dehumidifier efficiency if the dehumidifier operated outside of these conditions. Low dew point conditions can be seen in some basements or crawl spaces and usually occur in the Winter and Spring months. The dehumidifier continues to monitor the incoming air and when the conditions are within the operating range, E8 will be removed from the display and dehumidification will begin as needed.

ENERGY SAVINGS TIPS

Energy Savings Tip #1: Adjust the humidity setting to be as high as is comfortable to reduce dehumidifier run time. If it feels clammy or “smells musty”, lower the humidity setting. To save energy, turn the dehumidifier to OFF when you open your windows, just as you would with air conditioning.

Energy Savings Tip #2: If vacating your home for an extended period in the summer, set the RH at 55% and set your thermostat as high as you are comfortable setting it to in the cooling mode. Consult with appropriate professionals regarding the highest temperature that is safe for your pets or possessions. This will keep the humidity at a controlled level while minimizing the amount of cooling energy used.
MAINTENANCE

CLEAN OR REPLACE THE AIR FILTER

After initial installation the air filter should be checked and cleaned every 6 months. The CLEAN FILTER service reminder will display on the on-board control screen every 6 months. To clear the service message, press the UP and DOWN arrows simultaneously for 3 seconds.

Filter Cleaning Procedure
1. Turn the ON/OFF switch OFF.
2. Remove the filter access door from either side of the dehumidifier.
3. Slide the filter out of the dehumidifier.
4. Flush the filter with warm water and a mild detergent solution.
5. Shake off the excess water from the filter.
6. Replace the filter, making sure the filter is secured in both the top and bottom filter rails.
7. Replace the filter access door.
8. Turn the ON/OFF switch ON.
9. Press the UP and DOWN buttons simultaneously for 3 seconds to clear the service message.

CHECK THE DRAIN

The drain should be checked annually to ensure there are no blockages or air lock in the drain system. If the unit is not draining properly, have it checked by a qualified service professional.

⚠️ CAUTION

Do not use spray solvents or cleaners on or near the inlet side of the dehumidifier. If desired, apply cleaner to a cloth and use to clean the cabinet.
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CONTROL AND WIRING

When the dehumidifier is located in a crawl space, sealed attic, or other hard to access area, a Model 76 can be installed in the living space and will operate as a remote control. Refer to the Model 76 Installation Instructions and Owner’s Manual for installation and operating instructions.

**NOTE:** Use 18-22 AWG wire for control wiring.
**TROUBLESHOOTING**

Technical Support is available Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST, at (800) 334-6011. Use the guides on the following pages to identify and correct system faults. Contact Technical Support before replacing the unit or any components and for additional troubleshooting.

**DIAGNOSTIC CODES**

When an error occurs, the Diagnostic Code along with SERVICE REQUIRED will be displayed on the control screen.

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<td>E7</td>
<td>Float Switch Open</td>
<td>1. Empty the condensate pan. 2. Check the float switch connection at the control board. 3. If not using a float switch, verify jumper is between float switch terminals on dehumidifier control board. 4. If the problem persists, replace the float switch.</td>
<td>Self-Correcting</td>
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<td>E8</td>
<td>Inlet Air Temperature Out of 50°F – 104°F range, or dew point below 40°F</td>
<td>1. If temperature is out of range, no action, normal operation. 2. If air temperature is between 50°F – 104°F with a dewpoint above 40°F, contact Technical Support.</td>
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## TABLE 2 – Troubleshooting Guide

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<th>Possible Reason</th>
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| Dehumidifier does not turn on/run. | No power to unit. | • Check that the dehumidifier is plugged in.  
• Check that the power switch is turned ON.  
• Check that the control is turned ON.  
• Check that the circuit breaker has not tripped. |
| Dehumidifier blower is running but with little or no airflow. | Pressure drop across dehumidifier is higher than 0.6”w.c. | • Check dehumidifier air filter and wash or replace. |
| Dehumidifier blower is running but compressor is not. | Float switch open. | • If float switch installed, check connections at control board and empty condensate pan.  
• If no float switch installed check that the jumper is installed at the float switch terminals on the control board.  
• Lack of or reduced airflow. Check dehumidifier air filter and wash or replace.  
• Check that there is nothing blocking the inlet or outlet of the dehumidifier.  
• Inlet air conditions below 60°F. Increase the humidity setting. |
| Coil frosting. | Inlet air temperature is outside of the 50°F – 104°F range or the dew point is below 40°F and there is a demand for dehumidification. | • No action. The compressor will not run if inlet conditions are out of range. |
| Dehumidifier is not draining properly. | Drain line blocked or unit not level. | • Verify that the unit is level.  
• Check the drain line blockages and for a continuous downward slope. |
| Dehumidifier is producing hot air. | Normal function. | • Air is reheated across the condenser coil, resulting in a temperature rise between inlet and outlet. |
## SERVICE PARTS

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<td>Door, Filter Access, AA Deh</td>
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<td>Fan, 130pt Deh, with 8MFD Capacitor</td>
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LIMITED WARRANTY

Your Research Products Corporation Aprilaire® Dehumidifier is expressly warranted for five (5) years from date of installation to be free from defects in materials or workmanship.

Research Products Corporation’s exclusive obligation under this warranty shall be to supply, without charge, a replacement for any component which is found to be defective within such five (5) year period and which is returned not later than thirty (30) days after said five (5) year period by you to either your original supplier or to Research Products Corporation, Madison, Wisconsin 53701, together with the model number and installation date of the dehumidifier.

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