

# **Series 800 Steam Humidifier**

# **Installation & Maintenance Instructions**



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# **READ AND SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS**

# **A** CAUTION

#### ATTENTION INSTALLER

Read this manual before installing. This product must be installed by qualified HVAC and electrical contractors and in compliance with local, state, federal, and governing codes. Improper installation can cause property damage, severe personal injury, or death as a result of electric shock, burns, or fire.

## **READ ALL CAUTIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS**

Read this manual before performing service or maintenance procedures on any part of the system. Failure to follow all cautions and instructions could produce the hazardous situations described, resulting in property damage, personal injury, or death.

Failure to follow the instructions in this manual can cause moisture to accumulate, which can cause damage to structure and furnishings.

#### HOT SURFACES AND HOT WATER

This steam humidification system has extremely hot surfaces. Water in steam canister, steam pipes, and dispersion tube can be as hot as 212°F (100°C). Discharged steam is not visible. Contact with hot surfaces, discharged hot water, or air into which steam has been discharged can cause severe personal injury. To avoid severe burns, follow procedures in this manual when performing service or maintenance procedures on any part of the system.

#### DISCONNECT ELECTRICAL POWER

Disconnect electrical power before installing supply wiring or performing service or maintenance procedures on any part of the humidification system. Failure to disconnect electrical power could result in fire, electrical shock, and other hazardous conditions. These hazardous conditions could cause property damage, personal injury, or death.

Contact with energized circuits can cause property damage, severe personal injury, or death as a result of electrical shock or fire. Do not remove access panels unless electrical power is disconnected.

Follow the shutdown procedure in this manual before performing service or maintenance procedures on any part of the system.

#### **ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD**

If the humidifier starts up responding to a call for humidity during maintenance, severe injury or death from electrical shock could occur. Follow the procedures in this manual before performing service or maintenance procedures on this humidifier.

#### **EXCESSIVE SUPPLY WATER PRESSURE**

Supply water pressure greater than 120 psi may cause the humidifier to overflow.

## **SHARP EDGES**

Sharp edges may cause serious injury from cuts. Use care when cutting plenum openings and handling ductwork.

## **EXCESS HUMIDITY**

Do not set humidity higher than recommended. Condensation may cause damage to structure and furnishings.

# **MATERIALS LIST**

# **MODEL 800/800LC**

## **MATERIALS FURNISHED**

Humidifier

Model 62 Automatic Digital Humidifier Control

Dispersion tube

Steam hose (6 feet)

7/8" I.D. drain tubing (10 feet)

Hose clamps

Saddle valve

Mounting screws

## **NOT FURNISHED**

Main power disconnect switch

Wiring

1/4" O.D. supply water tubing

Boards for mounting (if required)

## **MODEL 801**

## **MATERIALS FURNISHED**

Humidifier

Dispersion tube

Steam hose (6 feet)

7/8" I.D. drain tubing (10 feet)

Hose clamps

Saddle Valve

Mounting Screws

## **NOT FURNISHED**

Model 63 Automatic Digital Modulating Control

Main power disconnect switch

Wiring

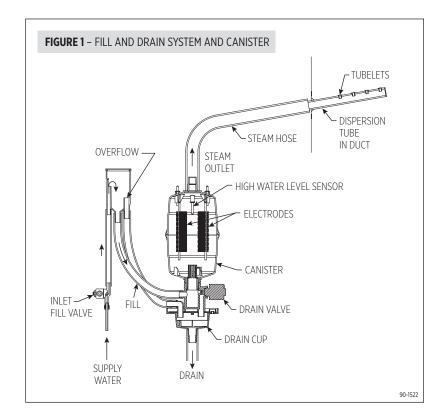
1/4" O.D. supply water tubing

Boards for mounting (if required)

# **PRINCIPLES & SEQUENCE OF OPERATION**

The Aprilaire® Steam Humidifier delivers humidity in the form of steam to the conditioned space via the HVAC system duct or the Fan Pack. The humidifier generates steam by energizing two electrodes that extend into a canister of water. Current flowing between the electrodes causes the water to boil, creating steam. Water is introduced to the humidifier through a fill valve to a fill cup located in the top of the cabinet. The fill cup serves as an overflow reservoir and provides an air gap between the humidifier and water source. The steam canister is filled from the bottom. The canister is seated in a drain cup assembly which includes a drain valve. The drain and fill valves work together to maintain water level in the canister to deliver the rated steam capacity based on the electrical conductivity of the water and to temper drain water. See **FIGURE 1** for representation of fill and drain system and canister.

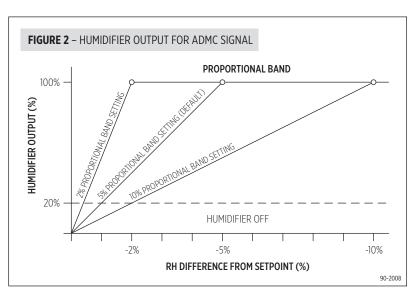
To control the Steam Humidifier as part of the HVAC system, the Model 62 Automatic Digital Humidifier Control (ADHC) is installed to detect the RH level in the duct. When the ADHC detects RH below the set point, and the humidifier and HVAC system blower are operating, the humidifier energizes the electrodes to provide steam. Steam is delivered into the duct work via the steam hose and through the dispersion tube. The dispersion tube



is fitted with "Tubelets™." The design of the dispersion tube and Tubelets distribute steam over a wide area in the duct and direct any condensed moisture back into the steam hose. The blower activation function on the ADHC allows the control to turn on the HVAC system blower to maintain the proper RH level even when the furnace or air handler is in stand-by mode. See ADHC installation manual.

Humidity can be distributed directly into the living space via the Fan Pack. When the Model 65 Manual Digital Humidistat detects RH below the set point, the humidifier energizes the electrodes to provide steam via the steam manifold at the bottom of the Fan Pack. Steam is dispersed by the fan located behind the grille above the steam manifold. The fan will operate for two minutes after the call for humidity ends, to disperse any residual steam.

To provide precise control to the Modulating Steam Humidifier, the Automatic Digital Modulating Control (ADMC) should be installed in the living space. The ADMC will vary the Modulating Steam Humidifier output based on the difference between set point and actual RH. The ADMC sends a proportional signal to the Modulating Steam Humidifier providing precise control of living space humidity. See **FIGURE 2** for Steam Humidifier output vs RH demand. The ADMC can be used in place of the ADHC and Manual Digital Humidistat to provide On/Off control to the Steam Humidifier not equipped with the modulating feature. See the ADMC installation and operating manual for details.



# **SPECIFICATIONS & DIMENSIONS**

This humidifier is able to produce steam at various capacities depending on the voltage and current applied. The unit can be wired to use an input voltage of 120, 208 or 240 Volts and input amperage can be set to 11.5 or 16.0 amps by changing a dip switch on the control circuit board (see the **ELECTRICAL POWER WIRING & SHUT OFF SWITCH** section on page 13). Configure the unit appropriately for the application (see **TABLE 1** for capacity specifications).

ABLE 1 – HUMIDIFIER CAPACITIES AND RECOMMENDED HOME SIZES							
		Maximum steam canasity	Maximum recommended home size in ft <sup>2*</sup>				
Amperage	Voltage Maximum steam capacity (gal/day)	Tight	Average	Loose			
	120V	11.5	2,500 sq ft	1,500 sq ft	1,000 sq ft		
11.5	208V	20.5	4 F00 cg ft	2 F00 ca ft	1500 co ft		
	240V	23.3	4,500 sq ft	2,500 sq ft	1,500 sq ft		
	120V	16.0	3,500 sq ft	2,000 sq ft	1,500 sq ft		
16.0	208V	30.0	C 000 as ft	4.000 on ft	2500 00 #		
			6,000 sq ft	4,000 sq ft	2,500 sq ft		

<sup>\*</sup>Assumes 8 ft ceiling height, adjust as necessary for higher ceilings. For homes with multiple furnaces/air handlers a humidifier should be installed on each.

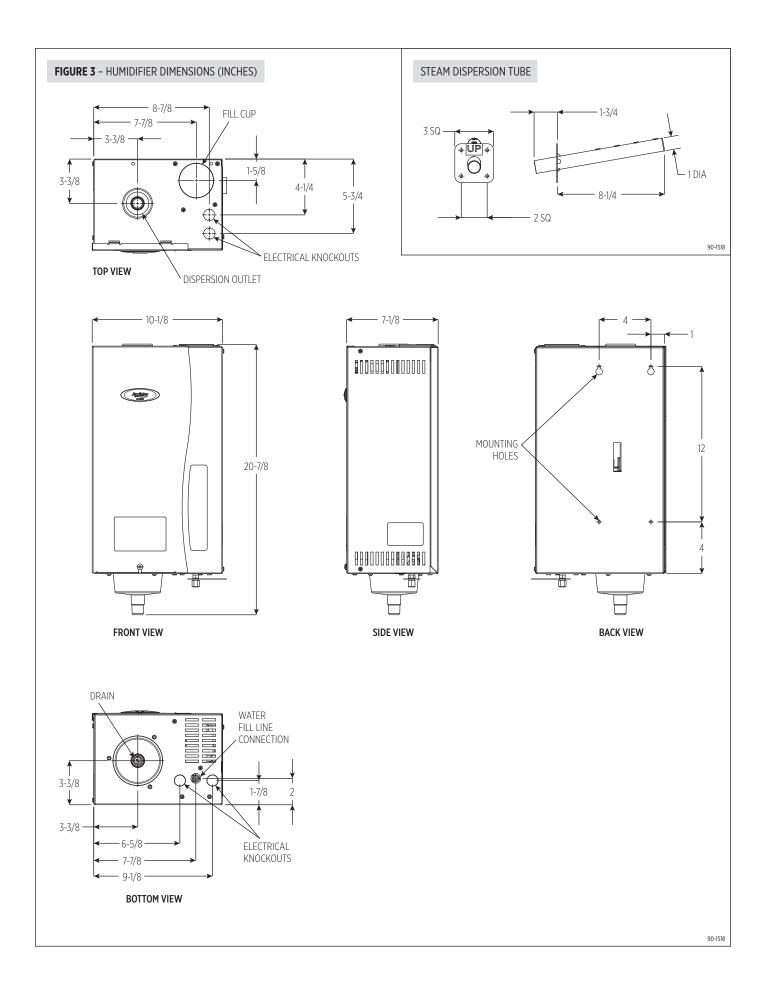
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Model 800 Series Shipping Weight: 28 lbs

Model 865 Shipping Weight: 39 lbs
Humidifier Operating Weight: 23 lbs\*\*

240V

<sup>\*\*</sup>As minerals precipitate, unit weight can increase to approximately 30 lbs.



## **WATER QUALITY**

Minerals that are naturally found in water contribute to water's electrical conductivity; water conductivity is measured in microsiemens per centimeter (uS/cm). Mineral content, also described as "water hardness" is usually measured in grains per gallon. Variation is found among water samples but generally the higher the mineral content, the higher the conductivity.

The Steam Humidifier is designed to operate on water with conductivity between 100 and 1,250 uS/cm. This correlates loosely with water hardness between 3 and 36 grains/gallon. Water that is considered "hard" and softened water work well in the Steam Humidifier. The humidifier makes steam when plumbed to low-conductivity water but it takes longer to reach nominal current.

Two canisters are available for use with the Steam Humidifier. The Model 80 canister is used in most installations and is optimized for "hard" and softened water. The Model 80 typically works best when the Steam Humidifier is installed at 208 or 240 VAC. If the Steam Humidifier has a yellow **Steam** light in the first two weeks of running with a new canister, the Steam Humidifier is taking a long time to reach its nominal current; changing to the Model 80LC canister will prevent this from happening in the future.

The Model 80LC canister is optimized for use in areas where the water conductivity is less than 300 uS/cm or when the Steam Humidifier is installed at 120VAC. The Model 80LC should not be used with softened water. If the Steam Humidifier is draining too frequently, the water conductivity is too high; changing to the Model 80 canister will reduce the drain frequency.

As water in the canister boils and turns into steam, minerals are left behind. Minerals remaining in solution increase the conductivity of the water. Minerals also deposit onto the submerged portions of the electrodes rendering those areas ineffective. As this occurs, the level of water in the canister rises to expose uncoated electrode surface.

There are benefits and trade-offs to consider when the application allows a choice between hard and softened water:

HARD WATER: The benefit of hard water is less frequent draining and filling than with soft water, which results in better energy and water efficiency and more consistent steam output. However, canister replacement could be more frequent with hard water, because mineral deposits coat the electrodes. The harder the water, the more frequent the need for a new canister.

**SOFTENED WATER:** The benefit of softened water is longer canister life (depending on water chemistry) than with hard water, because softened water does not coat the electrodes nearly as much as hard water. However, softened water ions stay in solution to much higher concentrations than hard water ions. This requires more frequent draining and filling, which results in lower energy efficiency, higher water consumption and less consistent steam output.

TABLE 2 – WATER QUALITY GUIDELINES								
Conductivity			Recommended Canister by Voltage					
(uS/cm)	Grains/Gal	Hardness	120VAC	208VAC	240VAC			
75-100	0-3	Naturally Soft	Installation Not Recommended	80LC	80LC			
100-300	3-9	Naturally Soft	80LC	80LC	80LC			
300-500	9-15	Slightly Hard	80LC	80	80			
500-650	15-20	Moderately Hard	80LC	80LC 80				
650-850	20-25	Hard	80LC	80LC 80				
850-1250	25-36	Very Hard	80LC 80		80			
above 1250	above 36	Extremely Hard	Installation Not Recommended					
		Softened	80	80	80			

# **INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

# **A** CAUTION

Each humidifier requires its own steam hose and dispersion tube. Do not connect steam hoses from more than one humidifier together. Backpressure from one humidifier can lower the water level in the canister in the other humidifier and cause operational problems.

Do not install the dispersion tube in a duct with greater than 2 in. wg static pressure. High duct pressure can cause back-pressure in the canister which can result in unstable unit operation.

Do not mount humidifier in a location where operating ambient temperatures exceed 140°F or where freezing temperatures may occur.

#### **CHOOSING A LOCATION**

#### **DISPERSION TUBE LOCATION**

When choosing a location for the dispersion tube three things must be considered: Location in duct, elevation with respect to the humidifier, and distance from humidifier to dispersion tube.

#### **Duct Location and Absorption Distance**

Absorption distance, the unobstructed straight line distance needed for steam to be fully absorbed, is dependent on air velocity, air temperature and relative humidity in the duct. Determine absorption distance based on the lowest duct temperature, lowest air velocity and highest humidity that the system will see. The dispersion tube must be located in a straight section of duct far enough upstream of any obstructions or bends in the duct. Use **TABLE 3** to determine the appropriate absorption distance.

Operation during AC calls is not recommended because of the potential for condensation in the ductwork. Configure controls to lock out the humidifier during AC calls and use the blower activation feature on the ADHC to allow the humidifier to run with the blower only. Call Aprilaire Tech Support at 1-800-334-6011 for additional information on steam absorption.

The dispersion tube must be mounted with the plate on a vertical surface with the tube angled up as shown in **FIGURE 4**. The steam tubelets must face up regardless of the airflow direction in the duct. The plate is labeled "UP" to indicate proper orientation. On horizontal duct runs install the dispersion tube low in the duct, on vertical runs center the tube on the duct.

If the dispersion tube is mounted on insulated ductwork, make sure insulation is not more than 2" thick at tube location to prevent insulation from blocking first steam outlet.

NOTE: If dispersion tubes for two humidifiers are installed in one duct, double the dispersion distances. If three dispersion tubes are installed, triple the dispersion distance. Position dispersion tubes so one does not discharge directly onto another.

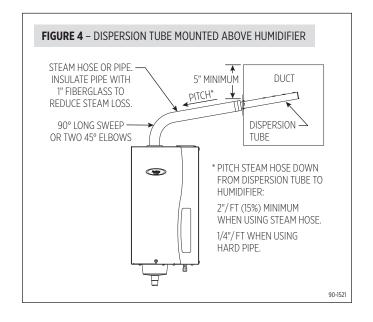
TABLE 3 - ABSORPTION DISTANCE (MINIMUM DISTANCE FROM DISPERSION TUBE DOWNSTREAM TO ANY OBSTRUCTION OR BEND IN DUCT)

Humidifier Output (gal/day)	Airflow Velocity*	70°F & 30% RH Setpoint	70°F & 45% RH Setpoint	65°F & 45% RH Setpoint	45°F & 45% RH Setpoint
	300 fpm	13"	19"	23"	30"
Up to 16.0	600 fpm	6"	10"	12"	18"
Up to 16.0	1200 fpm	3"	5"	6"	13"
	1800 fpm	2"	3"	4"	10"
	300 fpm	15"	23"	28"	45"
20.5 – 25.0	600 fpm	6"	12"	13"	26"
20.5 - 25.0	1200 fpm	5"	6"	7"	19"
	1800 fpm	3"	4"	5"	16"
	300 fpm	24"	31"	36"	60"
25.0 – 35.0	600 fpm	17"	22"	26"	48"
23.0 - 33.0	1200 fpm	12"	15"	18"	25"
	1800 fpm	10"	13"	15"	20"

<sup>\*</sup>Velocity in feet per minute = Duct airflow volume in cubic feet per minute / duct area in square feet. **Example:** 1,200 cfm through 16" x 12" duct = 1,200/(12 x 16/144 sq. in./sq ft.) = 1,200/1.333 = 900 fpm

#### **ELEVATION**

The preferred location for the dispersion tube is higher than the humidifier so that the steam hose has a constant downward slope of at least 2" per foot from the dispersion tube to the humidifier. If hard pipe is used, the slope can be 1/4" per foot. With the constant downward slope, any condensation that forms in the steam hose will drain back into the steam canister. See FIGURE 4.



## **NOTICE**

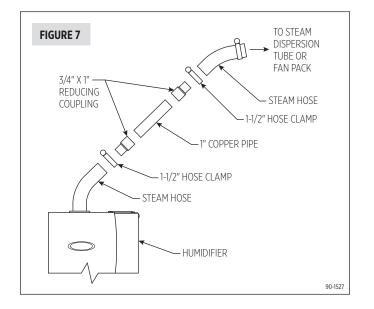
#### CONTROL CONDENSATE FLOW AND COLLECTION.

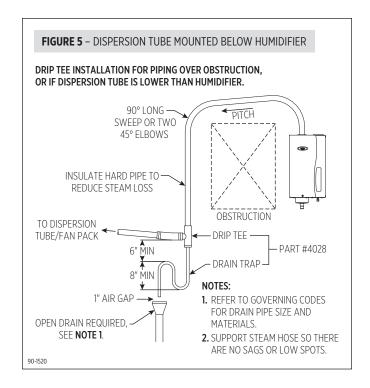
Failure to follow steam hose recommendations in this manual can result in reduced or erratic performance, increased noise and condensate in the duct.

If the dispersion tube must be mounted below the humidifier or if the steam hose needs to run up and over an obstruction, a drip tee with drain trap, Part #4028, must be installed as shown in **FIGURE 5**. When using the Fan Pack, install Part #4028 close to the humidifier outlet to help prevent noise from gurgling as shown in **FIGURE 6**.

#### DISTANCE FROM HUMIDIFIER TO DISPERSION TUBE/FAN PACK

The capacity of the humidifier is reduced by the length of the steam hose or pipe due to condensation. The maximum recommended length of steam hose is 6 feet. Use hard pipe insulated with 1" thick insulation rated for 212°F or higher for lengths greater than 6 feet. **TABLE 4** provides humidifier capacity with various lengths of steam hose and pipe. If 6-foot steam hose does not reach from humidifier to dispersion tube, splice in 1" copper pipe using 3/4" x 1" reducing couplings as shown in **FIGURE 7**.





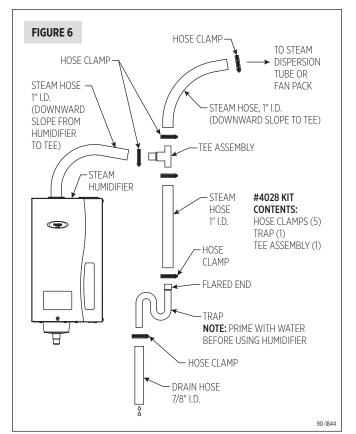


TABLE 4 - S	TABLE 4 - STEAM HUMIDIFIER CAPACITY IN GALLONS/DAY											
Steam	Steam 120 Volts				208 Volts			240 Volts				
Hose or Insulated	11.5 Amps		16.0 Amps		11.5 Amps 16.		16.0 Amps		11.5 Amps		16.0 Amps	
Pipe Length	Steam Hose	Insulated Pipe	Steam Hose	Insulated Pipe	Steam Hose	Insulated Pipe	Steam Hose	Insulated Pipe	Steam Hose	Insulated Pipe	Steam Hose	Insulated Pipe
< 2 ft.	11.5	11.5	16.0	16.0	20.5	20.5	30.0	30.0	23.3	23.3	34.6	34.6
2 ft.	11	11	15.5	15.5	20	20	29	29.5	23	23	34	34
4 ft.	10	11	14.5	15.5	19	20	28	29.5	22	23	33	34
6 ft.	9	11	13.5	15	18	20	27	29	21	22	32	33
8 ft.		10		14		19		28		22		33
10 ft.		10		14		19		28		22		33
12 ft.		10		14		19		28		22		33
14 ft.		9		13		18		27		21		32
16 ft.		9		13		18		27		21		32
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#### **HUMIDIFIER LOCATION**

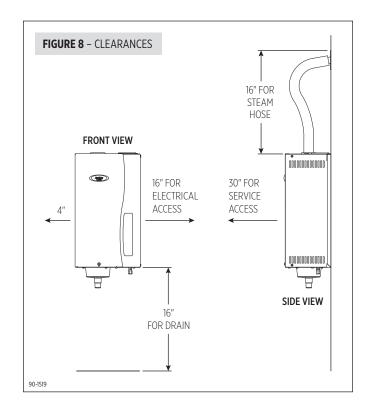
Do not mount humidifier in a location where operating ambient temperature exceeds 140°F or where freezing temperatures may **occur.** Extreme temperatures may cause the humidifier to leak which can damage furnishings or structure.

Mount humidifier in a location that allows access for servicing, and clearance to remove front panel for replacing the canister and side panel for access to the electrical components during installation. See **FIGURE 8** for minimum clearances around humidifier.

The humidifier should be mounted as close to the dispersion tube as possible. **TABLE 4** shows how capacity is reduced as the distance between the humidifier and dispersion tube increases. If the humidifier is mounted on the duct directly below the dispersion tube, allow space for a bend in the steam hose. Allow a minimum of 2" of steam hose to extend straight out of the humidifier before beginning any bends; this will help ensure a tight connection with the top of the canister.

The humidifier can be mounted to a wood surface, or to sheet metal ductwork if it is structurally stable. Do not mount humidifier to fiber duct board. Sound isolation may be desired when mounting to sheet metal ductwork.

The humidifier must be mounted to a vertical surface and must be mounted level in the upright position.



#### PREPARE HUMIDIFIER FOR MOUNTING

Unpack carton. Open front panel by removing screw and lifting panel up and away from humidifier. Disconnect three wires from top of canister by pulling straight up. The two large wires are the electrode conductors. The smaller wire is connected to the high water level sensor. Remove canister by pulling it up and out of drain assembly. Remove two screws on right side of humidifier and lift side panel off housing to expose electrical compartment.

#### **INSTALL STEAM DISPERSION TUBE**

Make sure steam dispersion tube is mounted higher than the humidifier so that condensation that forms in the steam hose runs back into the canister. If the dispersion tube cannot be mounted higher than the humidifier or if the steam hose must extend up from the humidifier then down to the dispersion tube due to an obstruction, a drip tee and drain trap system (Part #4028) must be installed as shown in **FIGURE 5**.

Drill a 1-1/4" diameter hole in a vertical surface of the duct at the location chosen for the dispersion tube. Position the dispersion tube so it is angled up, regardless of airflow direction. UP is stamped on the mounting bracket to aid in proper installation. Secure with four sheet metal screws provided.

#### **MOUNT HUMIDIFIER**

Secure humidifier to a sturdy wall using screws provided, or to sheet metal duct. Humidifier initially weighs 23 lbs with a full canister, but will increase in weight over time due to the precipitation of minerals inside the canister. Make sure mounting system will support weight. If mounting to stud frame wall, install two spanner boards to study and fasten humidifier to spanner boards. Make sure humidifier is mounted plumb.

#### **INSTALL STEAM HOSE**

Six feet of steam hose is provided with the humidifier. If the steam hose must be cut, use a hacksaw. If additional length is required, use 1" O.D. metal or copper pipe. Do not use PVC pipe for steam line. Insulate pipe with 1" thick insulation rated for 212°F or higher to reduce steam loss. See TABLE 4 for humidifier capacity at various lengths of steam hose and pipe.

Use the steam hose provided. Other hoses may have impurities which can cause foaming in the canister. Foaming can cause water level inaccuracies, reduced steam production and water sputtering into the duct. When using pipe, remove all traces of residual materials used to connect the pipe to prevent foaming.

Verify that the O-ring is in place in the groove in the drain assembly. Dampen the O-ring with water (DO NOT use oil, grease, or any lubricant besides water), then reinsert the canister with the caution label positioned toward the front of the unit.

Attach steam hose to dispersion tube and then to top of canister using hose clamps provided. Make sure steam hose has a constant slope of at least 2" per foot between the dispersion tube and the humidifier. Any and every low spot in the steam hose or pipe must have a drip tee and drain trap. Fill drain trap with water before making final connections. Support the steam hose in multiple locations over its span to prevent sagging.

Attach and fully seat the electrode conductors (interchangeable) and the high water level sensor wire to the top of the canister.

#### **SUPPLY WATER**

Plumb the humidifier to cold, hard or softened water. Do not use hot water because unheated supply water is used to cool water draining from the humidifier. Do not use demineralized or reverse osmosis water. For proper operation, supply water pressure must be between 25 psi and 120 psi. Hard or softened water may be used provided it has conductivity between 125 microS/cm and 1250 microS/cm. See TABLE 2.

Supply water piping must be free of oils, lubricants, solder flux and other contaminants, which can cause foaming.

**Follow local plumbing codes.** An external backflow preventer may be needed.

Install the saddle valve according to the instructions printed on the bag. Run 1/4" copper tubing from the saddle valve to the humidifier. Connect it to the fill valve. Double wrench to prevent leaking and damage to valve. Addition of a stainless steel braided water line can help reduce valve noise.

NOTE: Adding an inline particulate filter can increase canister life in areas with high levels of suspended solids. DO NOT use filters that release scale inhibitors, filters of this type can significantly decrease canister life.

## **DRAIN LINE**

Attach the 7/8" I.D. drain tubing provided to the drain assembly at the bottom of the humidifier. Secure with the hose clamp provided. Do not over tighten.

Make sure the drain line has a constant downward slope from the humidifier to the drain and is not kinked or blocked.

If floor drain is not available, use condensate pump (Part #4856) to route water to a suitable drain. Provide at least 16 inches for of drain line between the Steam Humidifier and the condensate pump.

**NOTE:** The humidifier uses cold water to temper drain water to less than 140°F.

#### **ELECTRICAL POWER WIRING & SHUT-OFF SWITCH**

# **A** CAUTION

Only qualified electrical personnel should perform field wiring procedures. Improper wiring or contact with energized circuits can cause property damage or severe personal injury.

All wiring must be installed in accordance with all governing electrical codes and with the wiring diagram provided inside the front panel.

Do not loop power wiring.

Do not use aluminum wire.

A safety grounding system that meets all governing electrical codes is required. The ground connection must be made with solid metal to metal connections. Ground wire must be the same size as the power wiring.

With factory settings, the Steam Humidifier draws 11.5 amps +/- 10%. Use a minimum 20 amp dedicated circuit when installing to operate at 11.5 amps. The Steam Humidifier can be set to draw 16.0 amps +/- 10% by repositioning dip switch #1 on the control circuit board (see **FIGURE 9**). When set to 16 amps, use a minimum 25 amp dedicated circuit. For both applications, size wire according to local codes.

The Steam Humidifier is shipped from the factory wired for 240 VAC operation, but it can operate on 120, 208 or 240 VAC. **If using 120V or 208V, move the black/white jumper wire to the proper tab on the control circuit board.** See **FIGURES 10, 11, 12**.

#### WIRING INSTRUCTIONS

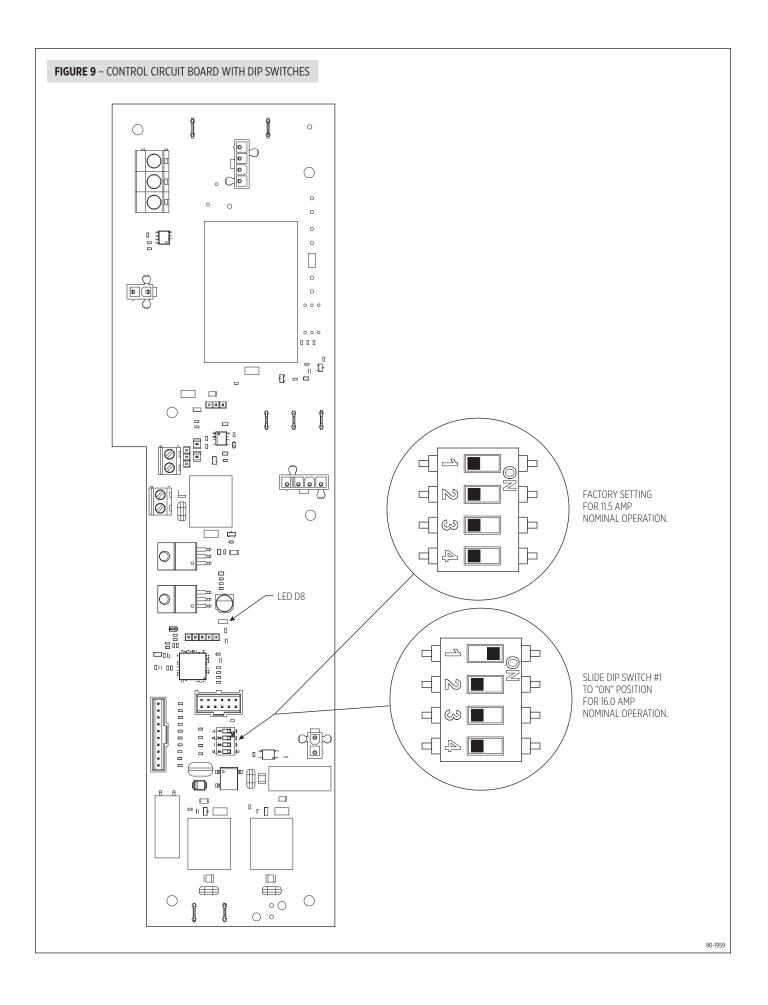
Install disconnect switch (not provided) between line power source and humidifier.

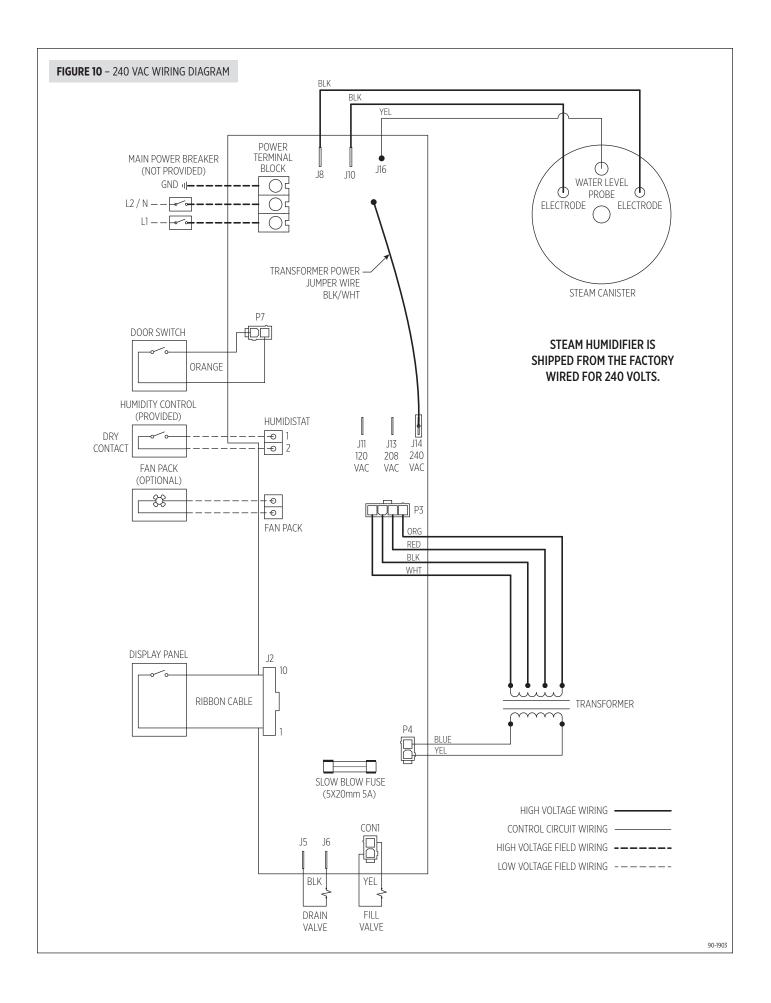
Knock-outs for power wiring and low voltage control circuit wiring are provided.

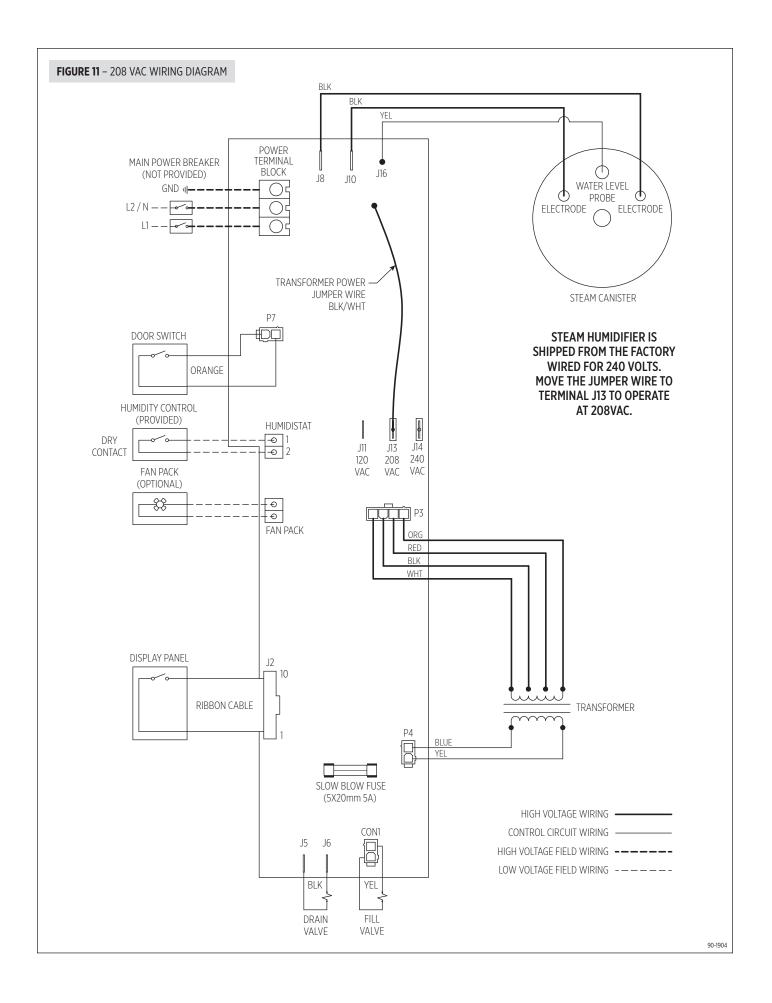
Connect power and ground wiring as shown in appropriate wiring diagram.

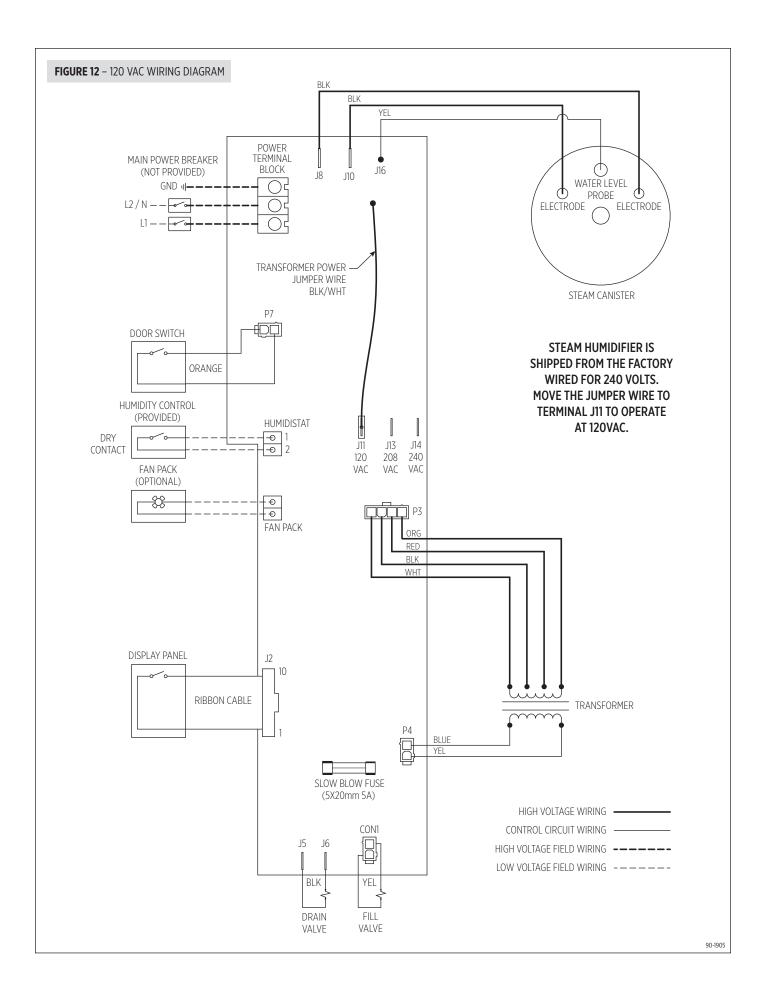
- 240 VAC FIGURE 10
- 208 VAC FIGURE 11
- 120 VAC FIGURE 12

Do not run high voltage power lines over internal circuit boards.









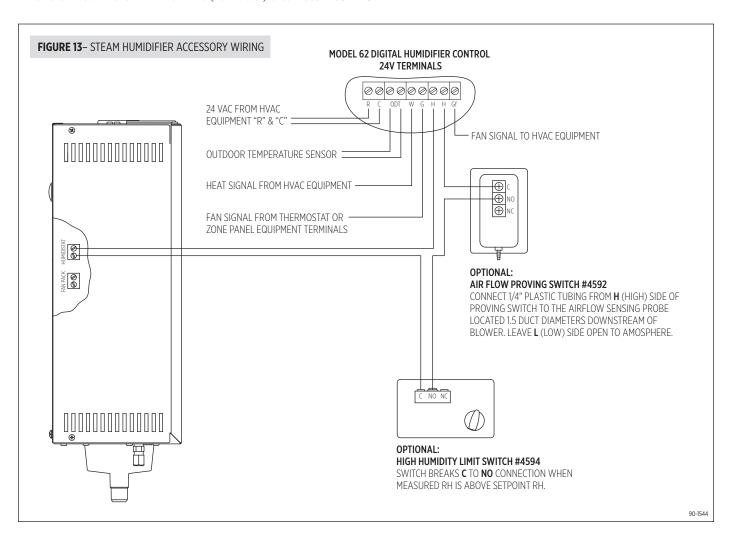
#### **AUTOMATIC DIGITAL CONTROL & ACCESSORY WIRING (MODEL 800)**

The control circuit operates on 24VAC.

The ADHC (Automatic Digital Humidifier Control) Model 62 must be mounted in the return air duct at least 6" upstream of any fresh air intake ducts. or sources of moisture and at least 12" upstream of the steam dispersion tube if it is mounted in the return. Follow instructions provided with the control. Connect "H" terminals on ADHC to "HUMIDISTAT" terminals on humidifier circuit board. The "H" terminals on the Model 62 provide a dry contact switch to energize the humidifier.

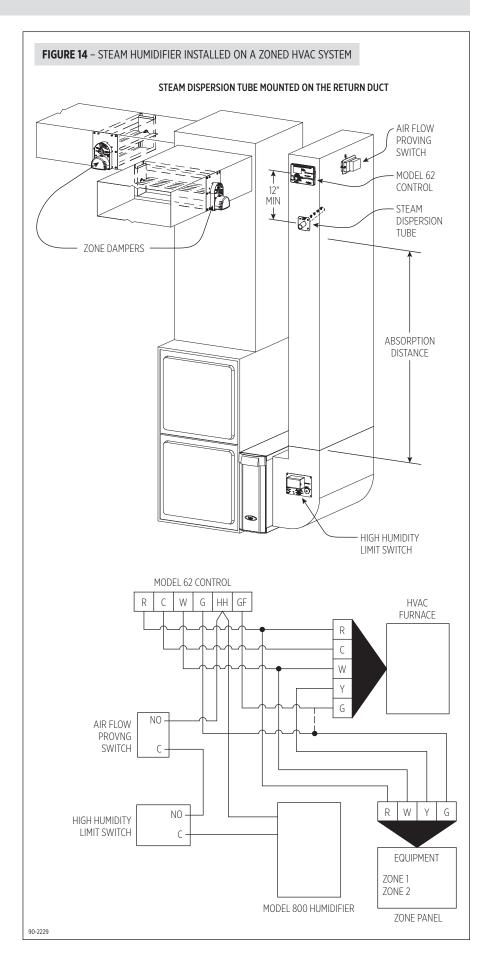
If the application requires a wall-mounted humidistat in the conditioned space, use Manual Humidistat Part #4655, Digital Manual Humidistat Part #65, Automatic Digital Modulating Humidistat Part #63 or any Aprilaire thermostat with integrated humidifier control functionality. Use Blower Activation Relay Part #4851 with Aprilaire Manual and Digital Manual Humidistats in order to allow the humidifier to turn on the HVAC system blower when humidity is required.

If protection from over-humidification is desired, install optional high humidity limit switch Part #4594 at least 4 feet downstream of the dispersion tube. If airflow verification is desired, install optional airflow proving switch Part #4592 in duct. The high humidity limit switch and the airflow proving switch are wired in series with the ADHC (humidistat) circuit. See **FIGURE 13**.



## THERMOSTAT IN A ZONED HVAC SYSTEM

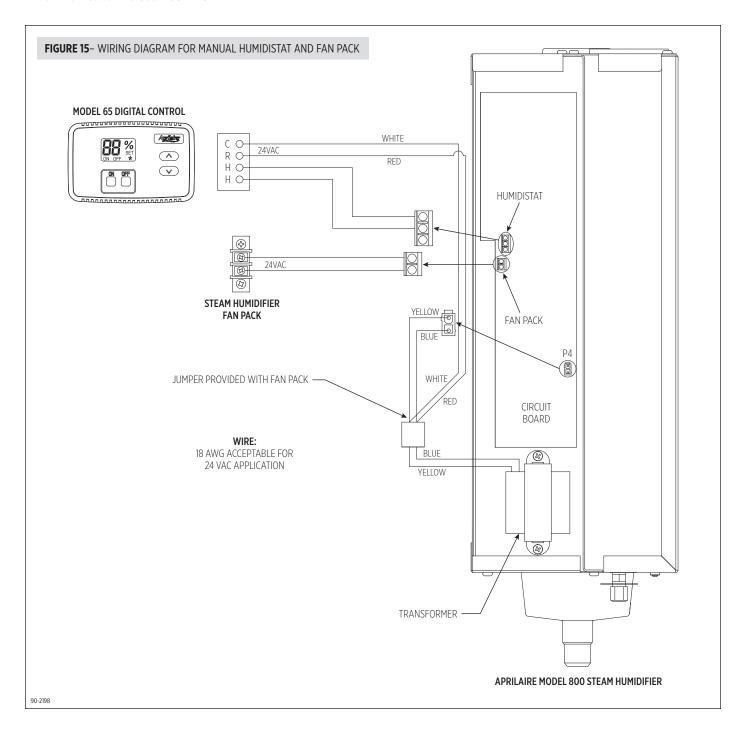
Mount the steam dispersion tube in the return duct. Each individual zone must be able to handle the full load from the Steam Humidifier without condensation issues. Mount the Model 62 ADHC and the air flow proving switch (recommended) upstream of the dispersion tube. A high humidity limit switch installed 4 to 5 feet downstream of the dispersion tube is recommended. Absorption distance must be calculated for the lowest air velocity (when all zones are calling) and when smallest zone is calling (bypass air can decrease the velocity in the return). Wire humidistat to the equipment terminals on the zone panel.



## MANUAL DIGITAL HUMIDISTAT & FAN PACK WIRING (MODEL 865)

Mount the Digital Manual Humidistat in the area to be humidified according to installation instructions included with control. Install the humidistat in the same room or area as the Fan Pack discharge, but at least ten feet away. Wire the Digital Manual Humidistat to the Steam Humidifier using standard 24 volt thermostat wire. See FIGURE 15.

Disconnect all power to the Steam Humidifier before wiring the Fan Pack terminals to the FAN PACK terminals on the Steam Humidifier. Use standard 24 volt thermostat wire. See FIGURE 15.



## **AUTOMATIC DIGITAL MODULATING CONTROL WIRING (MODEL 801 OR 866)**

The Automatic Digital Modulating Control (ADMC) that ships with Model 63 and Model 5558 must be mounted on an interior wall in the living space. Follow instructions provided with the control.

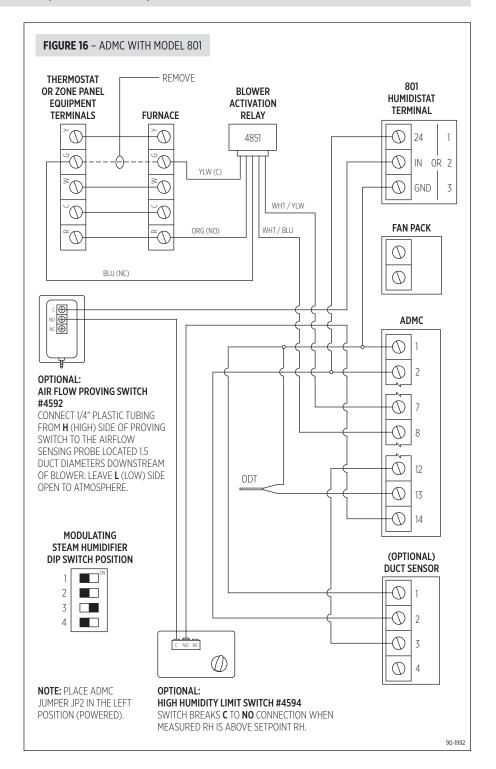
If the ADMC cannot be mounted in the living space, the duct humidity sensor can be used as the primary humidity sensor and the ADMC can be installed in a convenient location. Install the duct humidity sensor in the supply duct at least 6" upstream of any fresh air intake ducts or sources of moisture and at least 12" upstream of the steam dispersion tube. Configure the ADMC to use the duct sensor as primary humidity sensor. See **PROGRAM MODE** Step #17 in the ADMC installation manual.

If protection from over-humidification is desired, install the duct humidity sensor in the supply duct at least 4 feet downstream of the dispersion tube. Configure the ADMC to use the duct sensor as a high humidity limit sensor. See **PROGRAM MODE** Step #17 in the ADMC installation manual. The ADMC must be installed in the living space. See **DETERMINE LOCATION FOR CONTROL** section of the ADMC installation manual.

If airflow verification is desired, install optional airflow proving switch Part #4592 in duct and wire in series with the ADMC humidistat circuit. See **FIGURE 16**.

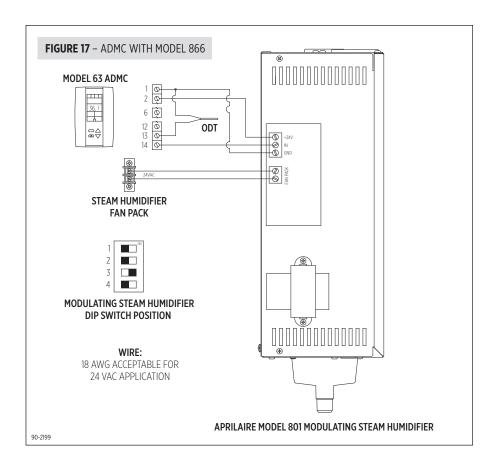
**NOTE:** When installing with a thermostat in a zoned HVAC system, place the dispersion tube downstream of the damper in the largest zone to allow for optimal distribution. An airflow proving switch must be installed in the supply of the same trunk line to prevent condensation damage.

When wiring the humidistat to the zone board equipment terminals, the steam dispersion tube must be placed in the return to prevent condensation damage. Absorption distance and zone square footage should be sized appropriately for the Steam Humidifier capacity.



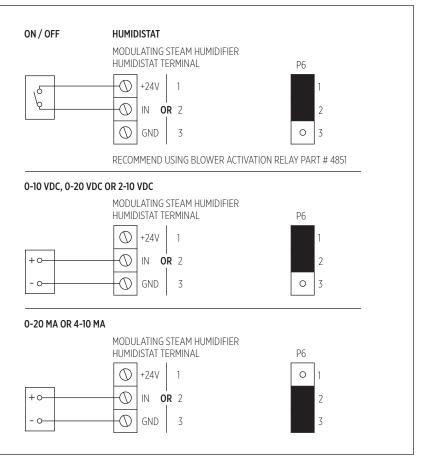
When the Modulating Steam Humidifier is installed with the Fan Pack, wire the ADMC as shown in **FIGURE 17**.

The Aprilaire Automatic Digital Modulating Control is the recommended humidity controller for the Model 801 and Model 866 Modulating Steam Humidifier. However, the Modulating Steam Humidifier can accept a number of different control signals. If using a third party control, configure the Modulating Steam Humidifier internal controller for the third party control signal. See **FIGURE 18** for configuration options.



#### FIGURE 18 - THIRD PARTY CONTROL SIGNALS

CONTROL DIP SWITCH SETTINGS								
DIP2	DIP3	Humidistat Signal Type						
OFF	OFF	ON / OFF						
ON	OFF	0-20 VDC						
OFF	ON	0-10 VDC or 0-20 mA						
ON	ON	2-10 VDC or 4-20 mA						



# **START-UP PROCEDURE**

- 1. Once the supply water, drain, steam hose, electrical power and control wiring connections are complete, make sure canister is fully seated into drain valve and three wire connectors on top of canister are secure. (High water probe wire and two interchangeable electrode wires.)
- 2. Attach side panel and front door.
- **3.** Open saddle valve allowing water to flow to humidifier. Check for leaks.
- **4.** Turn Automatic Digital Control knob to OFF.
- 5. Close main power switch energizing humidifier.
- **6.** Press On/Off button on humidifier. The **On/Off** light will illuminate green.
- 7. Make sure the HVAC blower is operating and adjust the ADHC dial up to initiate a call for humidity. If installed with the Fan Pack, turn On the Model 65 Digital Manual Humidistat. Adjust the humidity set point with the up and down arrows.

**NOTE:** The ADHC can be placed into TEST mode to force a call for humidity but this only lasts for one minute.

The Steam light will illuminate green indicating a call for humidity and the Fill light will illuminate green indicating the fill valve is open allowing the canister to fill. You should also hear the water flowing. If water flows down drain while humidifier is filling, check for kinks or obstructions in the fill hose or fill cup and make sure the O-ring in the drain valve is properly seated in the groove and not damaged or deformed.

- 8. Once the Fill light turns off, to verify that the humidifier will drain properly, press the On/Off button to turn humidifier off. You may hear the fill valve open allowing cold water to flow into the canister to cool the water in the canister. The **Drain** light will flash green for 15 seconds then turn green for four minutes while the canister drains. Once the **Drain** light turns off, the drain cycle is complete.
- **9.** Set ADHC to proper level.
- 10. Press On/Off button to turn humidifier on.
- 11. If installed with the Fan Pack, ensure the Fan Pack fan operates.
- 12. Ensure the steam outlet of the Fan Pack is not blocked.

## **A** CAUTION

The front of the Fan Pack will be hot. Steam may not always be visible. Do not touch the front of the Fan Pack or place hand in front of the steam discharge manifold.

# **OPERATING MODES**

When the humidifier is powered and turned on, the **On/Off** light is illuminated green.

During fill cycles, the **Fill** light illuminates green.

When the humidifier is turned on, any time the Humidifier Control sends a call for humidity, the **Steam** light illuminates green.

Any time the drain valve is activated, the **Drain** light illuminates green.

During initial start up with a new canister, the humidifier may run through a series of fill/drain cycles until the conductivity of the water is in a range that allows the humidifier to generate steam at the rated capacity. If the conductivity of the water is low, it may take a week or more for the humidifier to generate steam at the rated capacity. The rated capacity is achieved when the humidifier is detecting a nominal current of either 11.5 or 16.0 amps between the electrodes. If the humidifier has not reached capacity after 168 hours of operation, the Steam light will illuminate yellow on a call for humidity. The humidifier will continue to operate with a yellow **Steam** light, and may satisfy the humidity requirements. Once rated capacity is reached, the **Steam** light will illuminate green.

The internal controller adjusts water level in the canister to maintain the nominal current between the electrodes. As minerals build up on the electrodes, their effectiveness decreases, so the controller will increase the water level to submerge more of the electrode surface. When the water has reached the high level probe in the canister and the internal controller no longer detects nominal current, the **Service** light will flash red indicating that the canister needs to be replaced.

If the humidifier attempts to fill the canister and cannot, the drain and fill valves will pulse on and off for four seconds to dislodge minerals which may be blocking the drain valve ports. The **Drain** and **Fill** lights will flash on and off when this occurs.

Any time power is disconnected or humidifier is turned off, the internal timer for start-up and drain cycles is reset.

If the humidifier has operated 168 hours without a drain cycle, the drain valve will open and drain the canister. Normal operation will continue.

If the humidifier is operating and a power failure occurs, once power is restored, the **On/Off** light will flash green for one minute, then the humidifier will turn on.

#### **END OF SEASON/PERIOD OF INACTIVITY SHUT-DOWN**

The humidifier does not need to be turned off at the end of the humidification season. If 72 hours elapses without receiving a call for humidity, the canister will automatically drain. The **Drain** light will remain lit for 24 hours. This may also occur during periods of inactivity during the humidification season. The humidifier will resume normal operation when a call for humidity is made.

# **SHUT DOWN PROCEDURE**

To turn humidifier off, push On/Off button once. Humidifier will begin its four-minute drain cycle. Fill valve will open to temper drain water. The Drain light will flash green for 15 seconds then turn green for four minutes while the canister drains. Once the Drain light turns off, the drain cycle is complete and the humidifier is off.

# **DISPLAY PANEL**

Green lights indicate normal operation.

Yellow Steam light indicates humidifier is operating at less than rated capacity.

Flashing red **Service** light indicates canister is near the end of its life and should be replaced if the humidity in the space cannot be maintained.

Solid red lights indicate humidifier has shut down and requires service.

Disconnecting power to humidifier resets internal timers.

TABLE 5 - DISPLAY	TABLE 5 – DISPLAY PANEL							
Indicator	Light	Function						
	Off	Humidifier is turned off or power is disconnected.						
	Solid green	Humidifier is turned on.						
On/Off	Flashing Green	Humidifier is preparing to turn on. Occurs if power to humidifier was turned off when humidifier was on. Humidifier turns on after light flashes for one minute.						
	Off	Fill valve not energized.						
	Solid Green	Fill valve is energized, filling or replenishing canister with water. (During drain cycle when fill valve is open allowing cold water into canister to temper drain water, the <b>Fill</b> light does not illuminate.)						
Fill	Flashing Green	Fill and drain valves are pulsing to dislodge mineral deposits from drain. Flashes 10 times in 4 seconds. Occurs if high water probe detects water during drain cycle.						
	Solid Red	Humidifier cannot fill canister. Humidifier stops operating. Occurs after fill valve has been energized for 40 minutes and high water probe does not detect water.						
	Off	Humidifier is not producing steam						
<u>∰†</u> † ∰	Solid Green	Humidifier is turned on and receiving a call for humidity from the control.						
Steam	Solid Yellow	Humidifier is producing steam but at less than the rated capacity. Occurs if humidifier has operated for 168 hours and has not reached nominal current.						
	Off	Drain valve not energized.						
	Solid Green	Drain valve is energized, allowing water to drain from canister.						
Drain	Flashing Green	Humidifier is preparing to drain. Flashes for 15 seconds indicating fill valve is open allowing cold water into canister.						
	Flashing Red	Canister has reached end of life. Humidifier continues to operate but at reduced capacity. Occurs after humidifier has operated for 168 hours plus another 24 hours at less than 75% of the maximum operating current level between electrodes.						
Service	Solid Red	Humidifier is not operating and requires service.						

# **MAINTENANCE**

# **WARNING**

ELECTRIC SHOCK HAZARD. Disconnect main electrical power to the humidifier at the circuit breaker and drain the water from unit before servicing. Hot surface inside.

# **NOTICE**

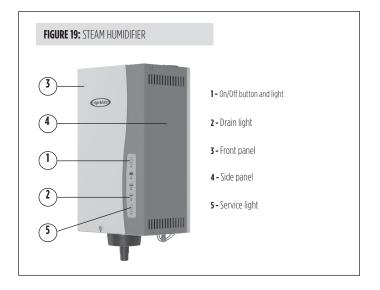
- · Service should be performed by an HVAC technician.
- Use only genuine AprilAire replacement parts.

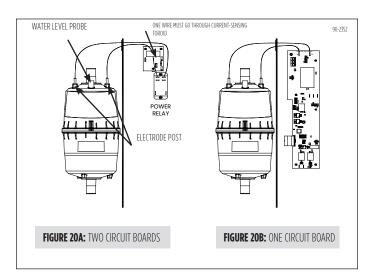
#### INSPECT HUMIDIFIER WHEN SERVICING

- Replace canister and 0-ring annually
- Clean drain valve and fill valve screen annually
- Replace electrode wires every 3 years or as needed (see step 3 of **CANISTER** REPLACEMENT AND DRAIN VALVE SERVICE)

#### **SERVICE SHUTDOWN PROCEDURE**

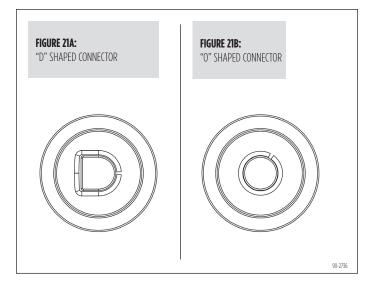
- Press **On/Off** button to turn humidifier off (see **FIGURE 19**). 1.
- Allow humidifier to drain. 2.
- When the green **Drain** light (see **FIGURE 19**) stops flashing, disconnect main electrical power to humidifier at the circuit breaker.
- 4. Allow the unit to cool.
- Shut off water supply to unit.





#### **CANISTER REPLACEMENT AND DRAIN VALVE SERVICE**

- Remove front panel (see **FIGURE 19**).
- Pull three wires off posts on top of canister (two electrode wires and one water level probe wire, shown in **FIGURE 20A** and **FIGURE 20B**).
- Inspect the two electrode wires (see **ELECTRODE WIRE REPLACEMENT** section for detailed instructions). Replace them if they are:
  - Not tightly fitting
  - Damaged
  - Over 3 years old or age is unknown
  - Have D shaped connectors (see **FIGURE 21A**)
- Loosen hose clamp at top of canister. Slide steam hose off top of canister (see FIGURE 22).

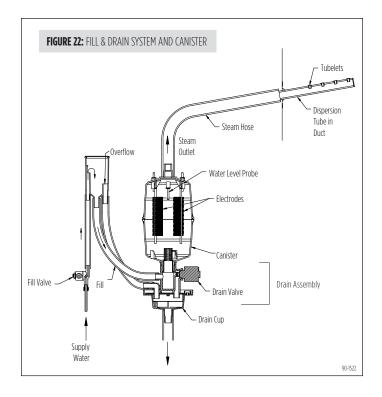


# **MAINTENANCE**

- Slide canister up and out of drain assembly (see **FIGURE 22**). Discard old canister.
- 6. Remove O-ring from drain assembly using small screwdriver. Discard old O-ring.
- With your finger, swirl the fluid/precipitate mixture in the bottom of the drain valve reservoir (see FIGURE 22).
- Using a sponge or paper towels, soak up the water in the reservoir. If necessary, use a wet/dry vacuum to remove residue.
- Clean the inside of the drain port (where coil projects out) by gently swabbing with a bent cotton swab or other soft implement.
- Rinse the drain valve reservoir with clean water and vacuum as necessary.
- Insert new 0-ring (Part #5258) into slot in drain assembly. Dampen 0-ring with water before inserting canister. Do not use oil, grease, or any lubricant besides water.
- 12. Make sure strainer is inserted into bottom of new canister.
- Insert new canister into drain assembly (see **FIGURE 22**).
- 14. Slip steam hose over top of canister and tighten hose clamp (see **FIGURE 22**).
- 15. Reconnect the electrode wires and water level probe wire to the posts on top of the canister (see Figure 20A and Figure 20B). Electrode wires are interchangeable and can be placed on either of the two electrode posts on top of the canister. Ensure connectors are fully seated.

#### **ELECTRODE WIRE REPLACEMENT**

- Remove front panel (see **FIGURE 19**).
- Remove side panel (see **FIGURE 19**).
- Remove the electrode wires (see **FIGURE 20A** and **FIGURE 20B**).
  - a. For units with one circuit board: Use needle nose pliers to pull the spade connectors off spade terminals J8 and J10 on the circuit board.
  - b. For units with two circuit boards: Use needle nose pliers to pull the spade connectors off the spade terminals on the power relay.
- Ensure the two replacement electrode wires (Part #4978) have "0" shape connectors (see FIGURE 21B). Do not use replacement wires with "D" shape connectors (see FIGURE 21A).
- Attach the new electrode wires (see **FIGURE 20A** and **FIGURE 20B**).
  - a. For units with one circuit board: Use a pair of needle nose pliers to attach the spade connectors to the spade terminals J8 and J10 on the circuit board. Electrode wires are interchangeable and can be placed on either of the two terminals.
  - b. For units with two circuit boards: Use a pair of needle nose pliers to attach the connectors to the spade terminals on the power relay. **One wire, either one** but not both, must go through current-sensing toroid (see FIGURE 20A). Electrode wires are interchangeable and can be placed on either of the two terminals.



#### **FILL VALVE SERVICE**

- Disconnect water supply line from fill valve inlet (see FIGURE 22).
- Remove in-line strainer from the fill valve inlet port using a #8 or #10 sheet metal or wood screw with a minimum length of 0.5".
- Clean or replace in-line strainer (Part #4004).
- Reconnect water supply line to fill valve inlet (see Figure 22).

#### **RESTORE UNIT TO SERVICE**

- Replace side panel if removed (see **FIGURE 19**).
- Replace front panel (see **FIGURE 19**).
- Inspect drain hose to make sure it is not blocked and has constant downward slope. Clean or replace if necessary.
- Inspect and clean condensate pump (if used).
- Inspect steam hose to make sure it has no low spots and has constant upward slope from humidifier to dispersion tube in duct. If dispersion tube is mounted below humidifier, inspect drip tee and drain trap.
- Restore main electrical power to humidifier at circuit breaker.
- Turn humidifier on and verify green **On/Off** light is illuminated (see **FIGURE 19**).
- Check system operation and inspect all plumbing connections and piping for signs of cracks or leaks.

# **TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE**

# **A** CAUTION

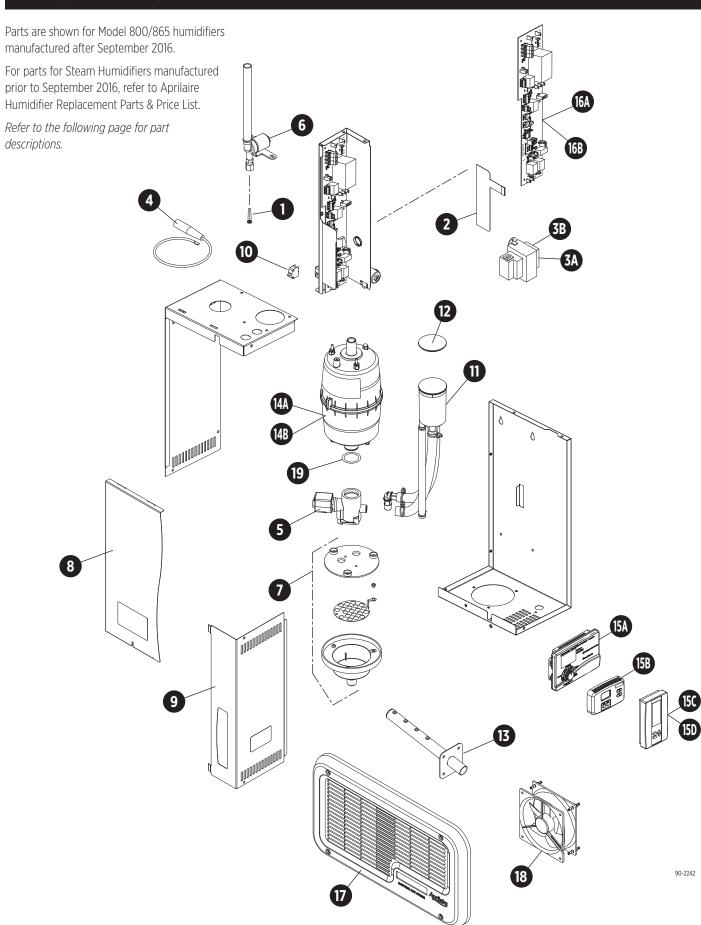
Contact with electrical circuits can cause property damage, personal injury or death. Service and Troubleshooting must be performed by qualified electrician.

The following troubleshooting guide is intended to help diagnose and resolve general operational problems with the Steam Humidifier and optional Fan Pack. If a problem persists, call Aprilaire Tech Support toll-free at 1-800-334-6011. Please be prepared to describe the exact nature of the problem. For general operational problems, check to make sure humidifier is installed correctly.

Droblom	Possible Cause	Action
Problem	Possible Cause	Action
		Verify L1, N/L2 and ground connections are properly wired and appropriate voltage is present.
	Field-wired terminal connections.	Check HUMIDISTAT and (if used) FAN PACK terminal connections are tight and properly wired.
		HUMIDISTAT terminals must be connected to an on/off device.
		Check wiring connections and settings on Accessory items such as high limit switch and airflow proving switch.
		Check electrode and high water probe connections on the top of the canister.
General operating problems.	Internal connections.	Make sure ribbon cable from membrane switch is securely plugged into control circuit board.
Humidifier will not turn on or turn off.		Make sure black/white wire is attached to terminal that matches input voltage.
turri ori.		Check main power supply and switch.
	No power to humidifier.	Ensure breaker is sized appropriately for the amperage draw.
		Check for proper voltage across L1 and N/L2 terminals.
	Humidifier not turned on.  No power to 24 volt control circuit.	Make sure front cover is attached to engage safety interlock switch. Press On/Off button.
		Make sure ribbon cable from membrane switch is not damaged and is securely plugged into the control circuit board.
		Check fuse on PCB (replace with 5 amp slow burn fuse if necessary).
		With humidifier energized, check that LED light D8 is energized on the circuit board. If the LED is lit, replace the membrane switch, if not, replace the circuit board.
Character Carlot along a set to many and	Call for humidity not being	Check humidistat wiring and setting. (Do not leave ADHC in TEST mode.)
<b>Steam</b> light does not turn on.	received.	Check wiring and settings of high RH limit switch and airflow proving switch.
		Check water supply connection at fill valve inlet. Tighten as needed.
Makenie leeling form	Loose plumbing connections.	Check internal hose clamp connections. Reposition clamps and tighten as needed.
Water is leaking from humidifier.		Check steam hose connection on top of canister. Tighten clamp as needed.
	Hoses are blocked.	Check internal hoses and eliminate kinks or blockage.
	Drain hose is blocked.	Make sure drain hose has constant downward slope and is not blocked.
	Debris in drain valve preventing it from closing.	Remove canister and clean debris from drain valve.
	O-ring in drain valve is not properly seated in groove.	Remove canister and check O-ring for damage. Replace O-ring as necessary. Ensure O-ring is properly seated in its groove.
Water constantly runs down drain.	Water is flowing from fill cup overflow port.	Check internal hoses and eliminate kinks or blockage.
	High static pressure in duct is	Make sure dispersion tube is not discharging into duct with greater than 2.0 in.wg static pressure.
	causing back pressure in canister.	Make sure dispersion tube tubelets are pointed up.
Humidifier is filling and water is flowing down drain but <b>Drain</b> light is not on.	High static pressure in steam line is causing back pressure in canister.	Install a tee and drain trap in any low points in the steam line. See <b>FIGURE 5</b> .
Humidifier drains frequently.	Model 80LC canister used on water that is too conductive.	Change to a Model 80 canister.

TABLE 6 – HUMIDIFIER TROUE	BLESHOOTING GUIDE	1
Problem	Possible Cause	Action
		Install Tee and Trap Model 4028 as shown in <b>FIGURE 6</b> .
Humidifier makes gurgling sound.	Excess condensation in steam hose.	Make sure steam hose has constant downward slope to humidifier or to tees and traps in low spots of hose.
		If hard pipe is used for dispersion system, make sure it is insulated.
		Make sure water supply line does not contact ductwork.
Fill valve makes banging	Water hammer from line pressure.	Install shock arrestor.
sound.	water nammer from the pressure.	Install section of 1/4" braided fill line. Conform to local codes.
		If water supply pressure is greater than 120 psi, install pressure reducer.
Humidifier will not fill.	Saddle valve not open or pipe not pierced.	Make sure saddle valve is properly installed and the valve is open.
	Hoses are blocked.	Check internal hoses and eliminate kinks or blockage.
Humidifier will not drain.	Debris in drain valve blocking outlet port.	Remove canister and clean debris from drain valve.
	Dispersion tube installed incorrectly.	Install dispersion tube with tublets facing straight up.
Water in duct.	Impurities in steam hose or pipe causing foaming.	Rinse canister, fill hose and fill cup with clean water.
	Insufficient absorption distance.	Determine absorption distance per <b>TABLE 3</b> .
		Remove canister and rinse with clean water.
Service light flashing red	Canister full of mineral deposits.	Plumb humidifier to filtered water.
before end of humidification		Plumb humidifier to softened water.
season.	Humidifier runs in short cycles (does not reach capacity).	Use blower activation feature on ADHC or run constant HVAC fan. Allowing the humidifier to run for longer cycles to concentrate minerals and increase water conductivity.
		Plumb humidifier to softened water.
		Use blower activation feature on ADHC or run constant HVAC fan.
		Operate humidifier on 208/240 volts.
Yellow <b>Steam</b> light.	Humidifier operating below rated capacity. (Normal operation for systems plumbed to low conductivity water and systems that operate for short cycles.)	To determine operating current, attach clamp-on ammeter to one of the electrode wires on top of canister.
Tellow Stedin light.		Unless the unit is operating on softened water, switch to the Model 80LC canister if currently using the Model 80 canister.
		Dissolve one teaspoon of salt into one cup of hot water. Add to the fill cup in 1/4 cup increments until unit operates properly. Yellow <b>Steam</b> light will clear after first fill valve cycle at nominal amperage operation. Do not over salt. System will drain and refill with clean water due to over current fault.
	Control setting is too low.	Adjust control to higher setting.
Humidifiar is not satisfying	Control mounted in wrong location.	See Installation Instructions with control for correct mounting location.
Humidifier is not satisfying demand.	Short run times.	Use blower activation feature on ADHC or run constant HVAC fan.
	Humidifier capacity limited by	Operate humidifier on 208/240 volts.
	input power (120V).	Increase capacity to 16.0 amps. Make sure breaker is appropriately sized.
Excess humidity.	Control setting is too high.	Adjust control to lower setting.
Excess narmany.	Control mounted in wrong location.	See Installation Instructions with control for correct mounting location.
	Fill valve has been filling for 40 minutes.	Make sure high water pin wire is securely installed.
Solid red <b>Fill</b> light.	Low spot in steam hose collecting water.	Support steam hose along its length ensuring 2" per foot slope from the dispersion tube to the humidifier.
	High static pressure in the duct is causing back pressure in the duct.	Make sure dispersion tube is not discharging into a duct with greater than 2.0 in.wg. static pressure.
		Make sure dispersion tube tubelets are pointed up.
Solid red <b>Service</b> light.	Unit senses current 120% above nominal and cannot lower amperage after three drain cycles.	Rinse canister to remove mineral deposits or install a new canister.

# **REPLACEMENT PARTS**



Item No.	Description	Part No.
1	Fill Valve In-line Strainer	4004
2	Membrane Switch	5532
3A	Universal Transformer, Model 865, 866 (75 VA)	5306
3B	Universal Transformer, Model 800, 801 (40 VA)	5529
4	Electrode Wires (2)	4978
5	Drain Valve	4983
6	Fill Valve	5531
7	Drain Cup Assembly	4985
8	Front Panel & Screw	4986
9	Electrical Access Panel & Screws	4987
10	Safety Interlock Switch	4988
11	Fill Cup and Hoses	5590
12	Fill Cup Cap	4990
13	Steam Dispersion Tube & Screws	4991
14A	Steam Canister and O-Ring	80
14B	Steam Canister and O-Ring	80LC
15A	Automatic Digital Control for Model 800	62
15B	Digital Manual Humidistat	65

Item No.	Description	Part No.					
15C	Automatic Digital Modulating Control (ADMC) for Model 801						
15D	Automatic Digital Modulating Control (ADMC) for Model 866	5558					
16A	Control Board, Model 800, 865	5530					
16B	Modulating Control Board, Model 801, 866	5554					
17	Fan Pack Grille	5662					
18	Fan Pack Fan	4999					
19	O-ring	5258					
NOT SHOWI	NOT SHOWN						
Saddle Valve	4001						
Drain Trap &	Drain Trap & Tee						
Airflow Prov	ing Switch	4592					
High Humidi	ity Limit Switch	4594					
Blower Activ humidistats)	4851						
Condensate	4856						
Steam Hose	4973						
Drain Hose (	(10 ft.) & Clamps	4974					