

WMHP / WHHP Series

R410a Heat Pump

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

****WARNING TO INSTALLER, SERVICE PERSONNEL AND OWNER****

Altering the product or replacing parts with non authorized factory parts voids all warranty or implied warranty and may result in adverse operational performance and/or a possible hazardous safety condition to service personnel and occupants. Company employees and/or contractors are not authorized to waive this warning. Current **Maintenance Program** is available at www.firstco.com under "Product Information".



NOTE: Read the entire installation instruction manual before starting the installation.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

Improper installation, adjustment, alteration, service, maintenance, or use can cause explosion, fire, electrical shock, or other conditions which may cause personal injury or property damage. Consult a qualified licensed installer, service agency, or your distributor for information or assistance. The qualified licensed installer or service agency must use factory-authorized kits or accessories when modifying this product. Refer to the individual instructions packaged with kits or accessories when installing.

Follow all safety codes. Wear safety glasses and work gloves. Use quenching cloth for brazing operations. Have fire extinguisher available. Read these instructions thoroughly and follow all warnings or cautions attached to the unit. Consult local building codes and National Electrical Code (NEC) for special requirements.

Recognize safety information. This is the safety-alert symbol . When you see this symbol on the unit and in instructions manuals, be alert to the potential for personal injury.

Understand the signal words DANGER, WARNING, CAUTION, and NOTE. These words are used with the safety-alert symbol. DANGER identifies the most serious hazards which will result in severe personal injury or death. WARNING signifies hazards which could result in personal injury or death. CAUTION is used to identify unsafe practices which would result in minor personal injury or product and property damage. NOTE is used to highlight suggestions which will result in enhanced installation, reliability, or operation.

GENERAL

The manufacturer assumes no responsibility for equipment installed in violation of any code requirement. The information presented here has been prepared to assist in the proper installation of the air conditioning system. Improper installation can result in unsatisfactory operation and/or dangerous conditions, and can cause the related warranty to be voided.

Read these instructions and any instructions packaged with separate equipment required to make up the system prior to installation.

Material in this shipment has been inspected at the factory and released to the transportation agency in good condition. When received, a visual inspection of all cartons should be made immediately. Any evidence of rough handling or apparent damage should be noted on the delivery receipt and the material inspected in the presence of the carrier's representative. If damage is found, a claim should be filed against the carrier immediately.

WARNING: Before installing or servicing unit, always turn off all power to unit. There may be more than one disconnect switch. Electrical shock can cause personal injury or death.

INSTALLATION PRECAUTIONS

Installation of this equipment should only be performed by properly trained personnel to ensure proper installation and the safety of the installer.

Compressor start assist devices (capacitor and start potential relay) may be required for installations with long line length, unusually high or low ambient operating conditions, thermostatic expansion valves or any other situation which can lead to slow off cycle pressure equalization and excessive compressor starting problems.

UNIT LOCATION

This unit is intended to be used in a thru-the-wall application with the coil surface side of the unit exposed to the outside of the structure and the unit access panel exposed inside the structure. A wall opening of sufficient size to allow sliding the unit through must be provided with framework sufficient to support the unit to the wall. The unit cabinet must not be relied on to provide wall support. Mounting angles are provided for use in attaching the unit cabinet to the framework on the inside surface of the opening. In attaching the angles to the unit cabinet take care that no screws are driven into the refrigerant tubing inside the cabinet. The opening around the unit must be caulked and sealed to prevent rain leakage. Use silicone sealant or other high grade non hardening sealing compound approved for exterior use. (See figure 1) Care must be taken not to block the drain holes provided at the bottom of the unit. These holes allow for drainage of any rain that may be blown into the unit.

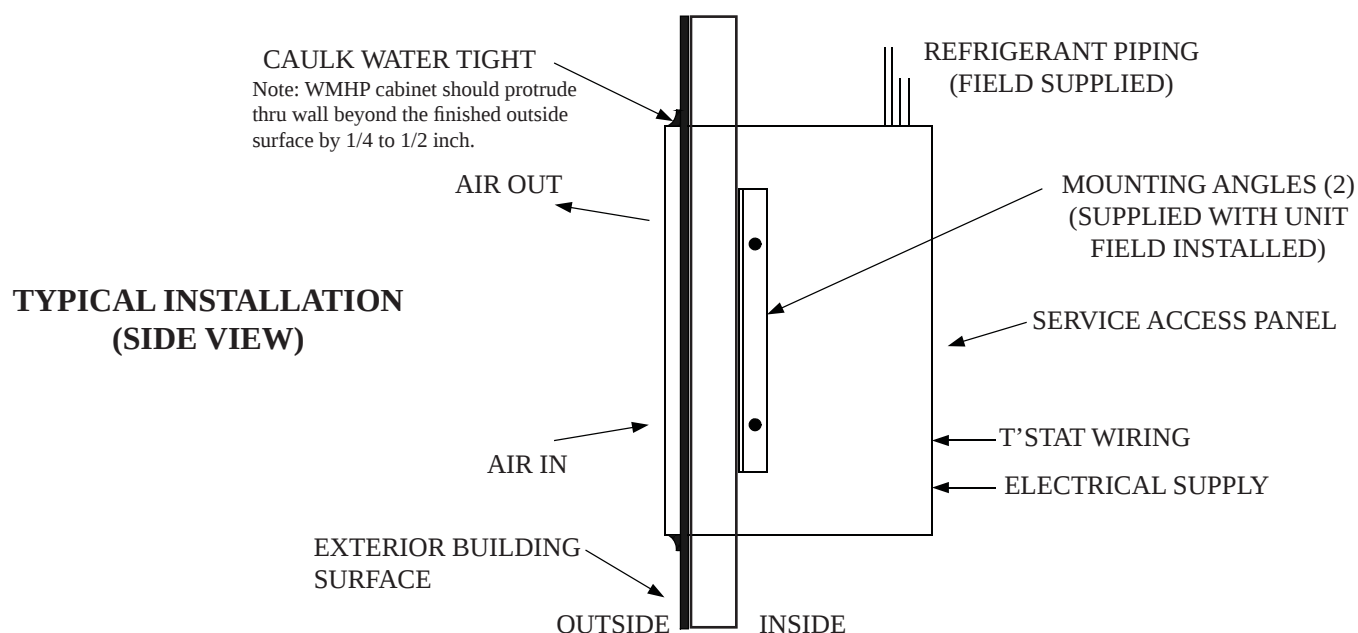


FIGURE 1

The WMHP unit is designed to be installed into a wall with the outside surface of the unit plumb with the wall. Ensure that the top of the cabinet is level. The bottom pan is pitched so it cannot be used to judge the level. If the unit is not level the drain will not function properly.

CAUTION: If a reduction of air flow or a recirculation of air flow occurs the unit performance will decrease. This condition will cause premature equipment failure and void all warranties.

For the unit to function properly, there must be no restriction to free circulation of the condenser air. If architectural design considerations make it necessary to locate the unit behind a decorative grille the unit performance will be reduced if a reduction of air flow or a recirculation of air flow occurs. It may be necessary to provide a baffle between the face of the unit and the decorative grille to prevent recirculation of the hot discharge air back into the coil face. The added grille must be as open as possible to achieve the best performance.

If more than one WMHP unit is to be installed in the same area a minimum of 36" spacing on the vertical and 18" on the horizontal is recommended between units to minimize recirculation of condenser exhausted air.

For units that are to be installed in the interior of a building or in return air spaces care should be taken to seal any openings in the cabinet that would allow hot condensing unit air into the conditioned space. Failure to seal these openings may result in erratic system operation and in driving rain situations may allow water infiltration into the structure.

In cold climate areas, units installed in interior and return air spaces may require that insulation be added to the exterior of the unit cabinet to reduce heat loss thru the cabinet and possible condensation on the cabinet surfaces which could result in water damage.

The unit is equipped with a drain pan located beneath the coil to catch any condensate produced during the heating mode. This pan must be connected to a drain to remove the condensate from the cabinet. A 3/4" female pvc fitting is provided for field drain connection and a hole is located at the rear of the unit for routing the drain line. Retain the plastic snap plug for later use.



CAUTION: The drain line will be exposed to freezing conditions. To prevent line freezing, heat tape and insulation is recommended on the drain line both inside and outside of the cabinet. Failure to prevent line freeze up will result in ice formation within the cabinet and on the exterior of the building which will lead to hazardous conditions.

R410a INFORMATION



CAUTION: R410a systems operate at substantially higher pressures than R22 systems. Do not use R22 service equipment or components on R410a equipment.

Tools Required for Installing and Servicing R410a Units

Manifold Sets

Up to 800 psig High Side

Up to 250 psig Low Side

Caution: R410a is not a direct replacement for R22. Only evaporators approved for use with R410a may be used with these heat pump units. Expansion valves and orifices must be calibrated and sized for use with R410a.

If this heat pump is a replacement for a R22 system the evaporator and refrigerant line sets must be replaced or thoroughly cleaned to remove residual refrigerant oil and contaminants. **Orifices and expansion valve must be replaced with the proper R410a replacement.**

REFRIGERANT LINE

In keeping with the need to eliminate recovery of excess refrigerant charge, this unit is provided with a reduced factory charge. At installation, it may be necessary to add a small amount of refrigerant. See the charging instructions regarding the final charge level required.

Do not open the service valves until the entire evaporator section and connecting tubing has been installed, leak tested, and evacuated. Only when the unit is ready for operation should the service valves be opened.

In routing the lines from the evaporator coil to the heat pump unit keep the length as short as possible. Maximum allowable line length is 50 feet. Knockouts are provided on the unit cabinet at both upper corners and on each side for line entry into the cabinet. Knockout only the openings to be used. Any unused openings in the cabinet must be sealed to prevent air from entering or leaving the cabinet since this will reduce the amount of air being drawn over the condenser coil. The service valves provide for sweat connections of the lines. Take care not to overheat the service valve. Use a wet cloth on the valve to protect it while sweating the line connection. In routing the lines, take care not to block removal of the motor or fan (pulls out through the access panel) or to block removal of the access panel.

The suction line must be insulated to prevent condensation. A minimum insulation wall thickness of 3/8" with adequate vapor barrier must cover the suction line from the evaporator coil to the heat pump unit cabinet. The insulation should penetrate the unit cabinet by a few inches to be certain any condensation formation will be contained inside the unit cabinet where it can do no damage.

PURGING AND LEAK TESTING

Connect the suction and liquid hoses from a gauge manifold to the service ports on the service valves. A hole covered by a plastic snap plug is provided to allow entry of the gauge hoses. By using this hole the unit access panel can be put back on the unit without disturbing the gauge hoses. This will be necessary once the unit is ready for operation. When the gauge hoses have been removed, be sure to return the plastic plug to cover the service hole.

Connect a cylinder of dry nitrogen to the gauge manifold and open both liquid and suction manifold valves. Once the system has balanced pressure, leak test all sweat fittings. If a leak is found repair the leak and repeat the procedure.



Caution: Do not use R410a refrigerant for the leak test as the mixture of air and R410a becomes combustibile at pressures greater than one atmosphere.

EVACUATION

Since the heat pump unit will not have to be evacuated unless it has lost its charge, leave the service valves closed and recover the refrigerant in the evaporator coil and connecting tubing only. Next connect the vacuum pump to the charging port on the gauge manifold, start the vacuum pump and open the suction hand valve on the gauge manifold. Allow the pump to operate until a vacuum of 300 microns is achieved. Shut off the pump and observe the pressure. If the system pressure rises above 500 microns continue the

pumping until the 500 micron pressure can be maintained. Close the hand valves at the gauge manifold, remove the vacuum pump and open the service valves on the heat pump units. The refrigeration system should now be ready to operate.

CHARGING

WMHP heat pump units should be attached to evaporators which are fitted with a thermostatic expansion valve designed and calibrated for use with R410a. As a result all charging or charge adjustments must be made by measuring sub-cooling. Even though the outdoor unit is factory precharged, the charge must be checked and adjusted if required.

Allow sufficient running time, 20 to 30 minutes, for the system to balance. Then check the sub-cooling of the liquid refrigerant at the outdoor unit to ensure a proper liquid seal is present at the expansion valve. This measurement should be made 2 to 4 inches above the WMHP cabinet by measuring the temperature of the liquid line and the high side pressure. At outdoor conditions between 80 to 95 degrees the system should be charged to a sub-cooling level of 14 to 16 degrees at the outdoor unit. Superheat should be measured at the same distance from the suction service valve and should be stable in the range of 15-20 degrees. In the event that superheat is unstable increase the system charge by one ounce. Re-measure superheat and continue adding charge until superheat is stable.

Should the heat pump unit lose its charge, the whole system will have to be evacuated as described and any leaks repaired before recharging. When recharging, start by weighing in a charge amount equal to that shown on the unit nameplate then check the sub-cooling and adjust the charge as required.

ELECTRICAL POWER SUPPLY

The electric installation must be in accordance with the National Electric Code and any local codes or ordinances. Use a separate branch circuit for this unit and locate a disconnecting means within sight of the unit and readily accessible for service personnel.

Minimum circuit ampacity and maximum circuit breaker size information is shown on the unit nameplate. Use copper conductors only. NOTE: A Compressor Time Delay Relay may be required and will need to be field installed if rapid cycling of the compressor occurs.



WARNING: Disconnect all power to unit before servicing field wires or removing control package. Make sure that a disconnecting means is within sight from, and is readily accessible from, the unit. Disconnect all power to the unit before performing any maintenance or service on it. Lock out and tag weitches with a suitable warning label. Failure to follow this WARNING can cause electrical shock, fire, personal injury or death.



CAUTION: Operation of unit on improper line voltage constitutes abuse and could affect unit reliability and operation. See unit rating plate. Do not install a system where voltage or phase imbalance may fluctuate above or below permissible limits. If low voltage conditions exist, use of Start Assist Device may be required.

THERMOSTAT WIRING

Run a thermostat cable of at least 5 - wires between the heat pump unit and the indoor unit. Pigtail leads are provided at the heat pump unit. Make connections using wire nuts and tape for security. (See figure 2)

DEFROST CONTROL

The WMHP is equipped with a defrost control which is activated by a temperature input and terminated by either a temperature input or a time limit. When the control receives a temperature input from the coil temperature sensor it will initiate a demand defrost cycle which will last a maximum of 10 minutes. Every 30, 60 or 80 minutes (user selectable; 80 min default) the defrost cycle will be repeated as long as the sensor is closed. Once the coil temperature sensor is satisfied the defrost period will end and time accumulation will stop. The timer is reset at the end of each defrost period.

SEQUENCE OF OPERATION

Cooling Mode

When the thermostat is placed into the cooling mode the reversing valve will be energized. On a call for cooling the contactor will be energized and the compressor and condenser fan will operate until the thermostat is satisfied.

Heating Mode

When the thermostat is placed into the heating mode the reversing valve will not be energized. On a call for heat the contactor will be energized and the compressor and condenser will operate until the thermostat is satisfied.

Defrost Mode

The defrost control is a time/temperature device which provides a field selectable time period (30, 60 and 80 minutes) between defrost cycles. The control is factory set at 80 minutes. To change the time period move the white quick connector to the desired terminal.

The timer and defrost cycle are active only when the contactor is energized and the defrost thermostat is closed.

The defrost cycle can be initiated as follows:

1. Turn off power to the outdoor unit.
2. Disconnect the outdoor fan motor lead from DF2 on the defrost control.

3. Restart the unit in the heating mode, allowing frost to accumulate on the outdoor coil.
4. Place a screwdriver blade to short between the test terminals on the defrost control to speed up the timing sequence.
5. Immediately after the reversing valve changes position remove the screwdriver from the terminals to allow the unit to defrost the coil.
6. The unit will remain in defrost mode for up to 10 minutes or until the defrost thermostat resets due to line temperature.
7. Turn off power to the outdoor unit and reconnect the fan motor lead to the DF2 terminal.

SERVICE & MAINTENANCE

Keep the inside of the unit clean and be certain the drain holes in the base of the pan are open to assure rain drainage from the unit. Keep the condenser coil clean. Any restriction of the condenser air flow can seriously effect the system performance.



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CAUTION: Failure to keep the condensing coil clean and free of blockage will result in system damage and may cause hazardous conditions.



CAUTION: When servicing equipment do not vent refrigerant to the atmosphere. Recover all refrigerant before performing any service to the refrigerant system.

PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

To achieve maximum performance and service life of each piece of equipment a formal schedule of regular maintenance should be established and maintained. This maintenance should be performed on an annual basis by a certified technician.

Maintenance Updates

For a current copy of the Maintenance Program log onto www.firstco.com and look under “Product Information”.