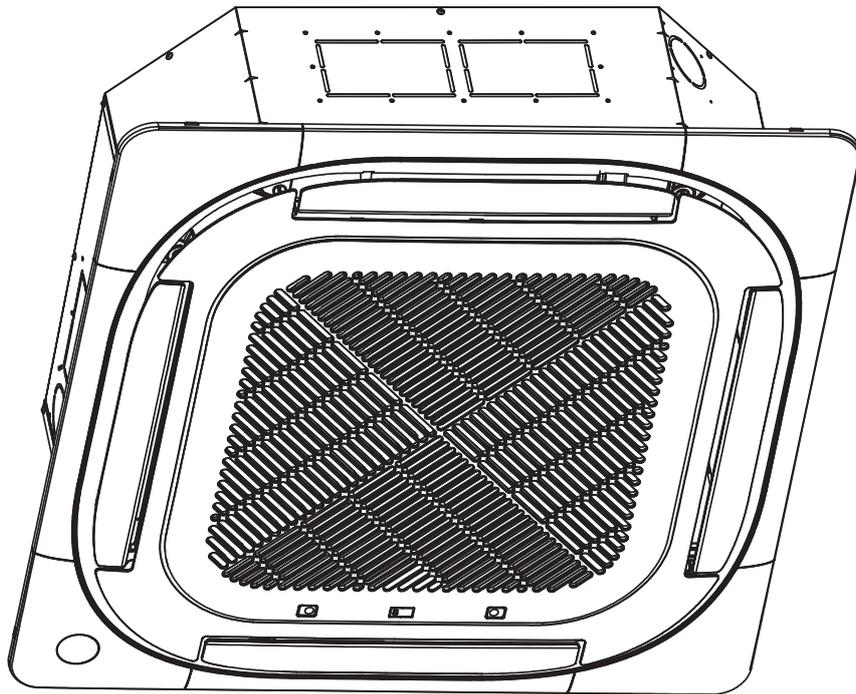


INSTALLATION MANUAL

**CEILING CASSETTE INDOOR UNIT  
SPLIT-STYLE AIR CONDITIONER**

DRAC24F1B



Model Number:

Serial Number:

Purchase Date:

Installing Contractor Company Name:



**TIP**

Capture relevant information about your Durastar mini-split equipment before it is installed and write it above for future reference.

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## INTRODUCTION

To better serve you, please do the following before contacting customer service:

- If you received a damaged product, immediately contact the retailer or dealer that sold you the product.
- Read and follow this owner's manual carefully to help you use and maintain your air conditioner.
- Read the troubleshooting section of this manual as it will help you diagnose and solve common issues.
- Visit us on the web at [www.durastar.com](http://www.durastar.com) to download product guides and up-to-date information.
- If you need warranty service, our friendly customer service representatives are available via email at [questions@durastar.com](mailto:questions@durastar.com) or by telephone at 1-888-320-0706.

## WARNINGS

### Symbols Used in This Manual



The warning symbol indicates cautionary information for the user. Extra care and precautions should be taken to ensure the user's safety.



The pencil indicates any manufacturer notes relating to surrounding content. These may include further clarifications or call-outs.



A light bulb symbol indicates suggested manufacturer tips for the user to get the most out of the Durastar equipment and to accommodate the best user experience.

## IMPORTANT SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Improper handling can cause serious damage or injury. Please read the following safety information in its entirety.



### **Operation, Cleaning, and Maintenance Safety Precautions**

- Children and people with reduced physical, sensory, or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, should only use this air conditioner if they are given supervision or instructions concerning use of the air conditioner in a safe way and understand the hazards involved.
- Children should not play with the air conditioner.
- Never stick fingers or any other body parts into the air conditioner openings. The internal fan may be rotating at high speeds, and may result in injury.
- After removing the filter, do not touch the fins in order to avoid injury.
- Maintenance must be performed by qualified professionals. Otherwise, you may experience personal injury or damage to the air conditioner and surrounding property.
- Do not repair the air conditioner by yourself. It may cause electric shock or damage. Please contact a qualified service representative when you need to repair the air conditioner.
- Do not block the air outlet or air inlet. This could cause a malfunction.
- Do not spill water on the remote control as this can permanently damage the remote.
- If the below problems occur, please turn off the air conditioner and disconnect power at the circuit breaker immediately. Then contact your dealer or a qualified professional for service.
  - The power cord is overheating or damaged.
  - There is an abnormal sound during operation.
  - The circuit breaker trips frequently.
  - The air conditioner gives off a burning smell.
  - The indoor unit is leaking.
- If the air conditioner operates under abnormal conditions, it may cause malfunctions, electric shock, or fire hazard.
- When turning the unit on or off via the emergency operation switch, press the switch with an insulated object other than metal.
- Do not step on the top panel of the unit, or put heavy objects on the top panel. This could cause damage or personal injury.
- Cleaning and user maintenance should not be performed by children without supervision.
- Do not spray water on the indoor unit. This could cause electric shock or a unit malfunction.
- Do not use flammable materials such as hair spray, lacquer, or paint near the air conditioner as they may catch fire.
- Do not operate the air conditioner in places near combustible gases. Emitted gases may collect around the air conditioner and cause an explosion.
- Do not use fire or a hair dryer to dry the filter. This could cause a deformation or fire hazard.
- Do not wash the air conditioner with water as this could cause an electric shock.
- Disconnect the power supply by turning it off at the circuit breaker when cleaning the air conditioner. Otherwise, you could risk electric shock.



## **Electrical Safety**

- Do not modify the length of the power supply cord or use an extension cord to power the unit.
- If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer, a service agent, or a similarly qualified person in order to avoid a safety hazard.
- Do not share the electrical outlet with other appliances. Improper or insufficient power supply can cause fire or electrical shock.
- The product must be properly grounded at the time of installation, or electrical shock may occur.
- For all electrical work, follow all local and national wiring standards and regulations. Connect cables tightly, and clamp them securely to prevent external forces from damaging the terminal. Improper electrical connections can overheat and cause fire, and may also cause shock. All electrical connections must be made according to the Electrical Connection Diagram located on the panels of the indoor and outdoor units.
- All wiring must be properly arranged to ensure that the control board cover can close properly. If the control board cover is not closed properly, it can lead to corrosion and cause the connection points on the terminal to heat up, catch fire, or cause electrical shock.
- The air conditioner's circuit board (PCB) is designed with a fuse to provide overcurrent protection. The specifications of the fuse are printed on the circuit board.

## Installation Safety

- Installation must be performed by an authorized dealer or specialist. Improper installation can cause water leakage, electrical shock, or fire. (In North America, installation must be performed in accordance with NEC and CEC requirements by authorized personnel only.)
- Installation must be performed according to the installation instructions. Improper installation can cause water leakage, electrical shock, or fire.
- This air conditioner shall be installed in accordance with national and local wiring regulations.
- Contact an authorized service technician for repair or maintenance of this unit.
- Only use the included accessories, parts, and specified parts for installation. Using non-standard parts can cause water leakage, electrical shock, fire, and can cause the unit to fail.
- Install the unit in a firm location that can support the unit's weight. If the chosen location cannot support the unit's weight, or the installation is not done properly, the unit may fall and cause serious injury and damage.
- Install drainage piping according to the instructions in the installation manual. Improper drainage may cause water damage to your home and property.
- For units that have an auxiliary electric heater, do not install the unit within 3 feet (1 meter) of any combustible materials.
- Do not install the unit in a location that may be exposed to combustible gas leaks. If combustible gas accumulates around the unit, it may cause a fire.
- Do not turn on the power until all work has been completed.
- When moving or relocating the air conditioner, consult experienced service technicians for disconnection and re-installation of the unit.

## Additional Precautions

- Turn off the air conditioner and disconnect the power if you are not going to use it for a long time.
- Turn off the unit during electrical storms to avoid damaging the unit.
- Make sure that water condensation can drain unhindered from the unit.
- Do not operate the air conditioner with wet hands. This may cause electric shock.
- Do not use this device for any other purpose than its intended use.
- Do not climb onto or place objects on top of the outdoor unit.
- Do not allow the air conditioner to operate for long periods of time with doors or windows open, or if the humidity is very high.

## OPERATING TEMPERATURES

Your air conditioner is designed to operate in the following indoor and outdoor temperatures. When your air conditioner is used outside of the following temperature ranges, certain safety features may activate and turn off the unit to protect it from damage.

### TEMPERATURE RANGES

	<b>COOL mode</b>	<b>HEAT mode</b>	<b>DRY mode</b>
<b>Indoor Air Temperature</b>	60°F – 90°F (16°C – 32°C)	32°F – 86°F (0°C – 30°C)	50°F – 90°F (10°C – 32°C)
<b>Outdoor Air Temperature</b>	5°F – 122°F (–15°C – 50°C)	–13°F – 75°F* (–25°C – 24°C)*	32°F – 122°F (0°C – 50°C)

\* The minimum operating temperature depends on the outdoor unit. Low ambient models have a minimum operating temperature in heat mode of –22°F (–30°C).

To further optimize the performance of your unit, do the following:

- Keep doors and windows closed.
- Limit energy usage by using TIMER ON and TIMER OFF features.
- Do not block air inlets or outlets.
- Regularly inspect and clean air filters.

**NOTE**

 Your Durastar air conditioner's outdoor unit is equipped with a base pan heater, allowing it to continue to operate at freezing temperatures as low as –22°F (–30°C). When outdoor air temperatures are at or below 32°F (0°C), we strongly recommend keeping the unit plugged in at all times to ensure smooth ongoing performance.

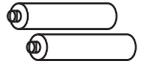
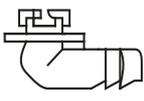
**NOTE**

 Keep the room's relative humidity below 80%. If the air conditioner operates in excess of this, the surface of the air conditioner may attract condensation. To help prevent condensation from forming and dripping, set the vertical airflow louver to its maximum angle (vertically to the floor) and set the fan to HIGH.

# ACCESSORIES

## INCLUDED INSTALLATION ACCESSORIES

The air conditioning system comes with the following accessories.

Accessory	Quantity	Image	Accessory	Quantity	Image
Manual	1-2		Remote Control	1	
Drain Pipe Insulation Sleeve	1		Battery	2	
Gas Pipe Insulation Sleeve	1		Liquid Pipe Insulation Sleeve	1	
Drain Pipe Worm Clamp	2		Remote Control Holder	1	
Copper Nut	2		Remote Control Holder Mounting Screw	2	
Drain Joint	1		Installation Template	1	
Drain Joint Seal	1				

## FIELD SUPPLIED INSTALLATION ACCESSORIES

The following installation accessories are required and must be purchased separately.

- Refrigerant piping (line set)
- Indoor and outdoor connection wire
- Outdoor power supply cord
- Drain pipe
- Pipe and cable wrapping tape
- Wall hole sleeve and cover
- Putty
- Suspension bolts and necessary hardware to hang indoor unit
- Wiring u-lugs

## **TOOLS NEEDED**

The following tools are required for installation.

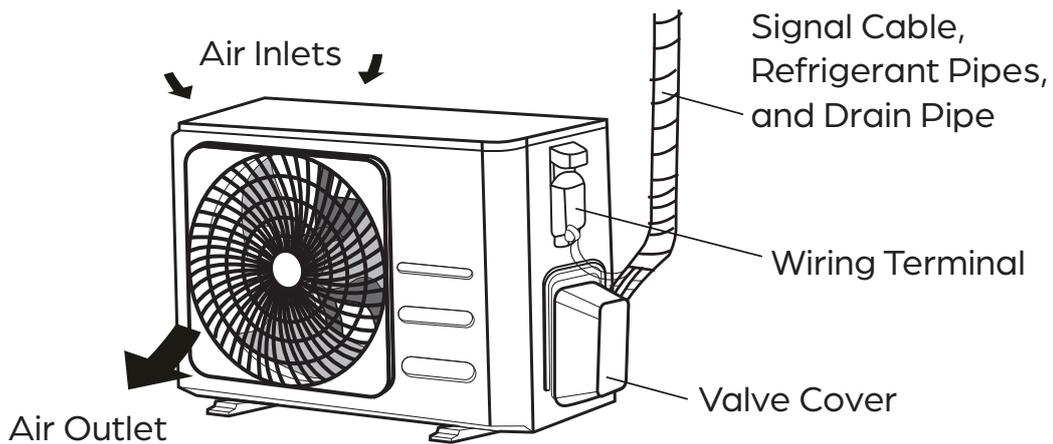
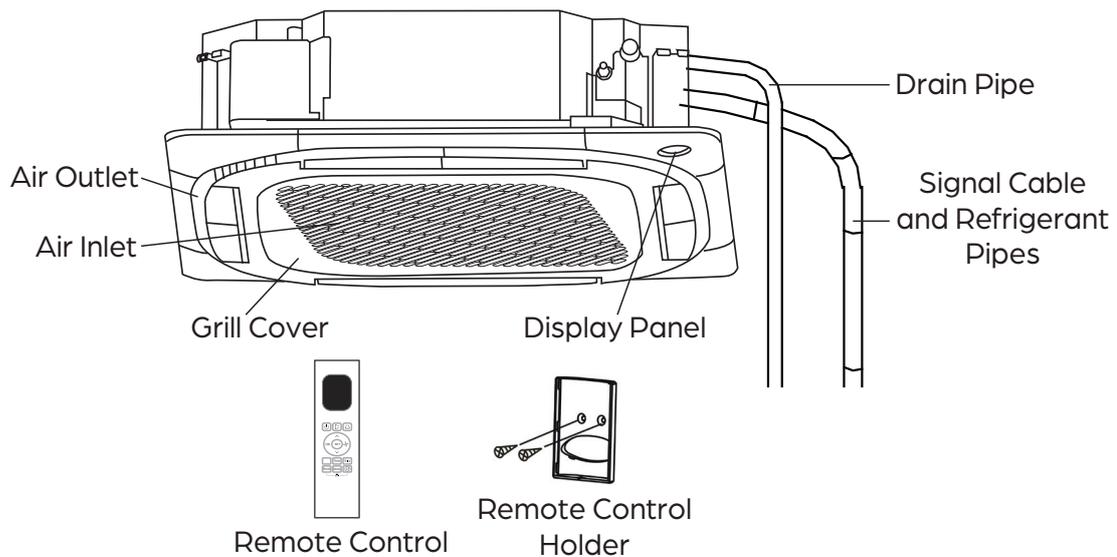
- Phillips screwdriver
- Drill with 2 1/2" or 3 1/2" (indoor unit model depending) core bit
- Vacuum pump
- HVAC manifold gauge set
- Micron Gauge
- Refrigerant leak detector
- Copper pipe cutter
- Flaring tool
- Burr reamer
- Crescent or spanner wrench
- Hexagonal wrench set
- Torque wrench
- Multimeter
- Electroprobe
- Level
- Hammer
- Wire strippers
- Wire crimper

## PARTS IDENTIFICATION



### NOTE

The installation must be performed in accordance with the required local and national standards. The installation may be slightly different in different markets.



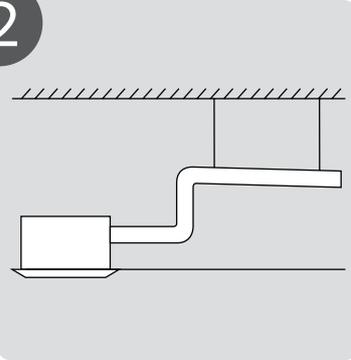
### NOTE

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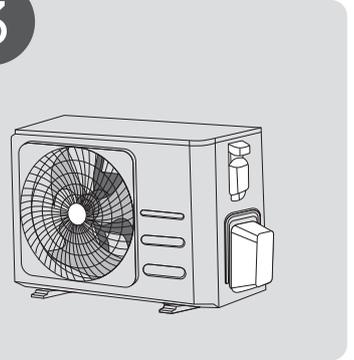
## INSTALLATION OVERVIEW – INDOOR UNIT

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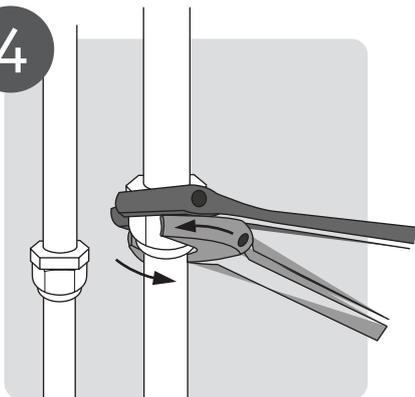
Install the indoor unit

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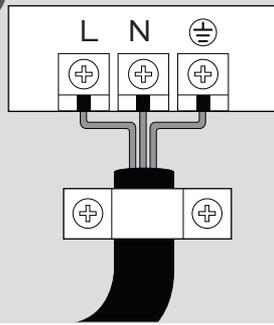
Install the drain pipe

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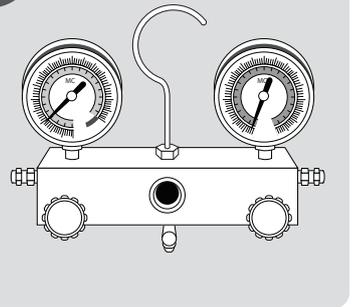
Install the outdoor unit

**4**

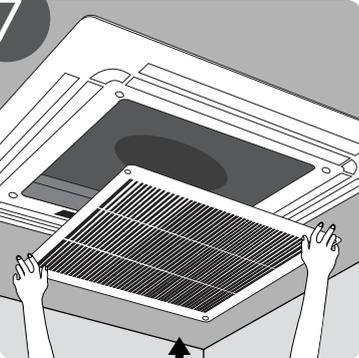
Connect the refrigerant pipes

**5**

Connect the wires

**6**

Evacuate and charge the refrigeration system

**7**

Install the panel

**8**

Perform a test run

## INDOOR UNIT INSTALLATION

### STEP 1: SELECT INSTALLATION LOCATION

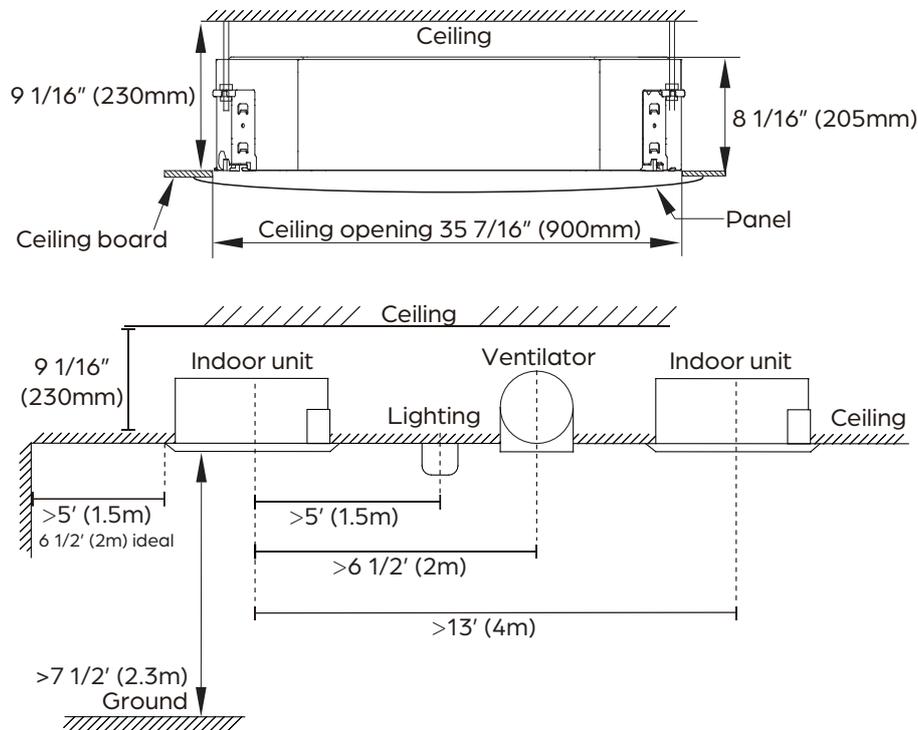
Before installing the indoor unit, you must choose an appropriate location. The following standards must be met for an appropriate location for the unit:

- Good air circulation
- Convenient drainage
- Noise from the unit will not disturb other people
- Firm and solid – the location will not vibrate
- Strong enough to support the weight of the unit
- A location at least five feet (1.5m) from all other electrical devices (e.g., lights, speakers)

DO NOT install unit in the following locations:

- Near any source of heat, steam, or combustible gas
- Near flammable items such as curtains or clothing
- Near any obstacle that might block air circulation
- Near a doorway
- In a location subject to direct sunlight

Refer to the following diagrams to ensure proper distance from walls, ceiling and other units:

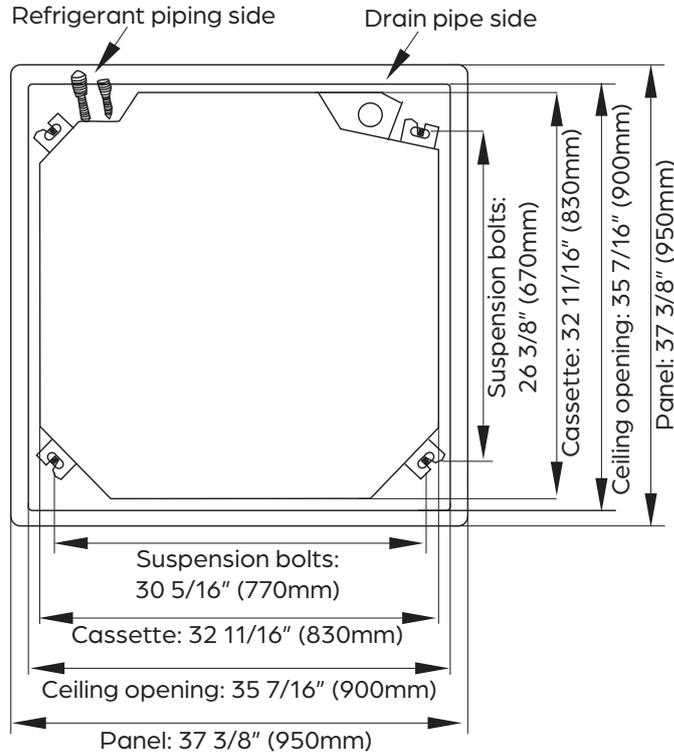


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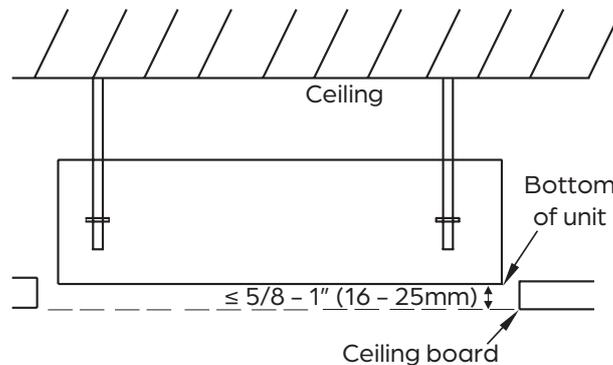
 If there is no pre-existing refrigerant piping, when choosing a location, leave ample room for a wall hole (see *Step 3: Drill Wall Hole for Connective Piping*) for the signal cable and refrigerant piping that connect the indoor and outdoor units.

## STEP 2: HANG INDOOR UNIT

1. Use the included paper template to cut a square hole in the ceiling, leaving at least 5' (1.5m) from the walls on all sides. For optimal performance increase distance from walls to 6 1/2' (2m). The ceiling opening must be slightly larger than the cassette body and smaller than the panel for the components to install correctly. Carefully measure and mark the locations where the ceiling holes will be drilled for the suspension bolts.



2. Drill four holes at least 5" deep in the internal ceiling for each of the required suspension bolt anchors (field supplied). Make sure to hold the drill at a 90° angle to the ceiling.
3. Using a hammer, insert the suspension bolt anchors into the pre-drilled holes.
4. Install the four suspension bolts.
5. Mount the indoor unit. Using two people to lift and secure it, insert the suspension bolts into the unit's hanging bracket holes and secure in place with washers and nuts. Make sure the unit is level and the bottom of the unit is 3/8"-1" (10-25mm) higher than the ceiling board to accommodate the unit's panel.

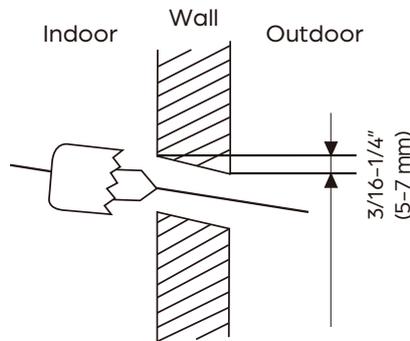


### WARNING

Ensure that the indoor unit is completely level. Improper installation can cause the drain pipe to back up into the unit and water leaks.

## STEP 3: DRILL WALL HOLE FOR CONNECTIVE PIPING

1. Determine the location of the wall hole based on the location of the outdoor unit.
2. Using a 3 1/2" (90mm) core drill, drill a hole in the wall. Make sure that the hole is drilled at a slight downward angle, so that the outdoor end of the hole is lower than the indoor end by about 3/16 - 1/4" (5mm to 7mm). This will ensure proper water drainage.

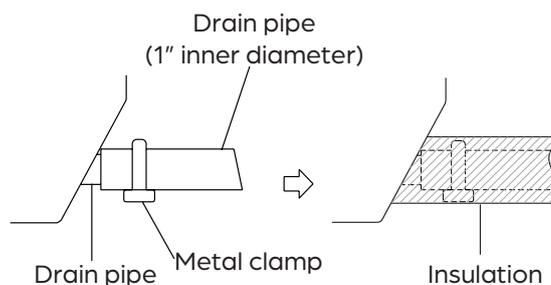


3. Place the protective wall hole sleeve (field supplied) into the hole. This protects pipes and cables from sharp edges and will help seal the opening when you finish the installation process. After the sleeve is inserted through the wall, connect the wall hole sleeve cover to the wall sleeve on the outside end. Make sure the cover is flush with the outside wall.

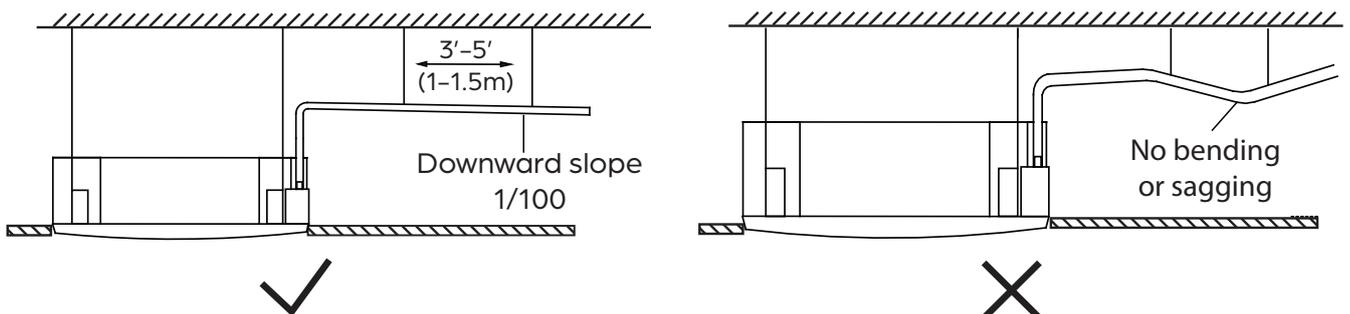
## STEP 4: CONNECT DRAIN PIPE

The drain pipe is used to drain condensate water away from the unit. Improper installation may cause leaks and unit or property damage.

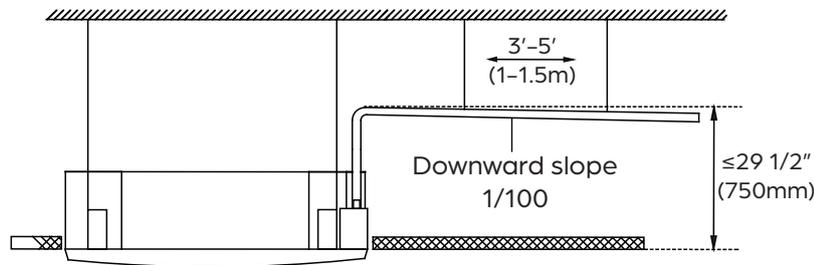
1. Connect a 1" drain pipe (field supplied) to the unit's connecting port using a metal worm clamp. Make sure it is secured tightly and can not be easily pulled loose.
2. Insulate the connecting port and pipe with the accessory sheath (sleeve) provided.



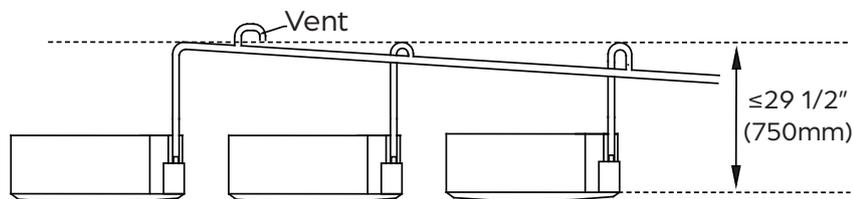
3. The drain pipe must be installed with a downward slope of at least a 1/100 gradient to prevent water from flowing back into the unit. To keep the drain pipe from sagging, install hanging wires every 3-5'. Do not allow the drain pipe to bend or sag and trap condensation.



- This unit is equipped with a drain pump that allows the outlet of the drain pipe to be higher than the pipe's connecting port. The vertical lift pipe must be installed no higher than 29 1/2" (750mm) from the ceiling board. Install hanging wires every 3'-5' to keep the drain pipe from sagging, and wrap the indoor portion of the pipe with foam pipe insulation to prevent condensation. Incorrect installation can cause water to flow back into the unit and leaks.



- If connecting multiple drain pipes, install the pipes as illustrated below.



- Pass the drain pipe through the wall hole to the outside. The end of the pipe should be at least 2" (50mm) above the ground. If it touches the ground, the pipe may become blocked. Make sure the water drains to a safe location where it will not cause water damage or a slipping hazard.

## STEP 5: CONNECT SIGNAL CABLE

### BEFORE PERFORMING ANY ELECTRICAL WORK, READ THESE REGULATIONS

- All wiring must comply with local and national electrical codes and regulations, and must be installed by a licensed electrician.
- All electrical connections must be made according to the Electrical Connection Diagram located on the panels of the indoor and outdoor units.
- If there is a serious safety issue with the power supply, stop work immediately and contact a licensed electrician. Do not continue with the installation until the safety issue is properly resolved.
- Power voltage should be within 90–110% of rated voltage. Insufficient power supply can cause malfunction, electrical shock, or fire.
- If connecting power to fixed wiring, install a surge protector and main power switch with a capacity of 1.5 times the maximum current of the unit.
- If connecting power to fixed wiring, a switch or circuit breaker that disconnects all poles and has a contact separation of at least 1/8" (3mm) must be incorporated in the fixed wiring. A qualified technician must use an approved circuit breaker or switch.
- Only connect the unit to an individual branch circuit outlet. Do not connect another appliance to that outlet.
- Make sure to properly ground the air conditioner.

9. Every wire must be firmly connected. Loose wiring can cause the terminal to overheat, resulting in product malfunction and possible fire.
10. Do not let wires touch or rest against refrigerant tubing, the compressor, or any moving parts within the unit.
11. If the unit has an auxiliary electric heater, it must be installed at least 40" away from any combustible materials.
12. To avoid getting an electric shock, never touch the electrical components soon after the power supply has been turned off. After turning off the power, always wait 10 minutes or more before you touch the electrical components.

**WARNING**

Before performing any electrical or wiring work, turn off the main power to the system.

The signal cable enables communication between the indoor and outdoor units. You must first choose the right cable size before preparing it for connection.

**USE THE RIGHT CABLE**

- Indoor Power Cable / Signal Cable: 14/4 stranded, unshielded
- Outdoor Power Cable: Determined by the amperage of system and the local codes in your area.

**CABLE SIZING**

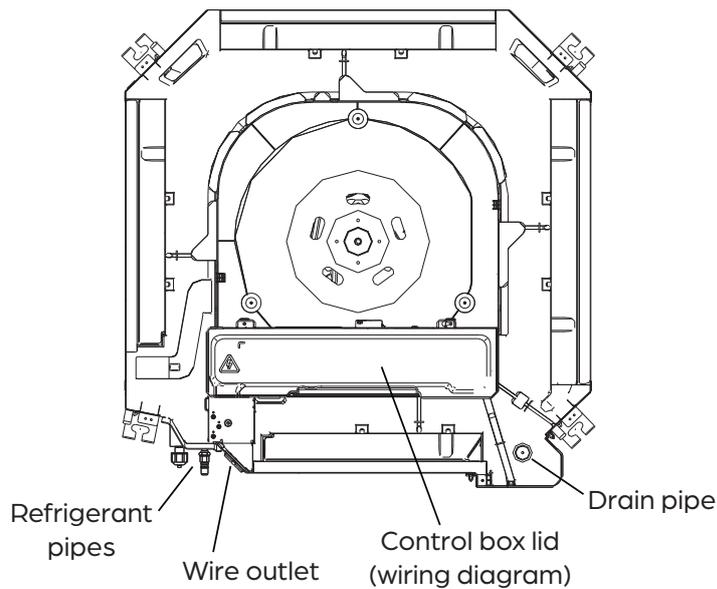
Use a minimum of 14 AWG for power and signal cables connected to and between the indoor and outdoor units.

**Choose the correct size of cable**

The size of the power supply cable, signal cable, fuse, and switch needed is determined by the maximum current of the unit. The maximum current is indicated on the nameplate located on the side panel of the unit. Refer to this nameplate to choose the right cable, fuse, or switch.

**Wiring the Indoor Unit (see image on next page)**

1. Prepare the cable for connection:
  - Using wire strippers, strip the jacket from both ends of the cable to reveal about 6" of the wires.
  - Strip the insulation from the ends of the wires.
  - Using a wire crimper, crimp u-lugs to the ends of the wires.
2. Open the control box lid of the indoor unit. Reference the wiring diagram located on the lid.
3. Unscrew the cable clamp below the terminal block and place it to the side.
4. Feed the cable through wire outlet hole on the side of the unit.
5. Refer to the wiring diagram and connect the u-lugs to the terminal block. Firmly screw the u-lug of each wire to its corresponding terminal.
6. After checking to make sure every connection is secure, use the cable clamp to fasten the signal cable to the unit. Screw the cable clamp down tightly.
7. Replace the control box lid.



**WARNING**

All wiring must be performed strictly in accordance with the wiring diagram located on the inside of the control box lid.

**STEP 6: PREPARE REFRIGERANT PIPING**

1. If pre-existing refrigerant piping is already embedded in the wall, proceed directly to *Step 8: Install Panel*.
2. If there is no pre-existing piping, connect the indoor unit's refrigerant piping to the connective piping that will join the indoor and outdoor units. Refer to the *Refrigerant Piping Connections* section of the outdoor unit's installation manual for detailed instructions.



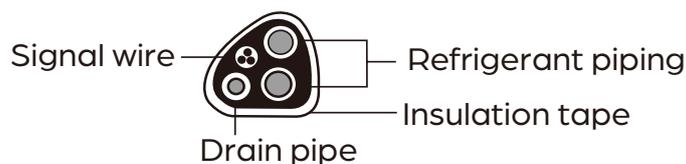
**WARNING**

Be extremely careful not to dent or damage the piping while bending them away from the unit. Any dents in the piping will affect the unit's performance.

**STEP 7: WRAP PIPES AND CABLE**

Before passing the refrigerant piping, drain pipe, and the signal cable through the wall hole, you must bundle them together to save space, protect them, and insulate them.

1. Bundle the drain pipe, refrigerant pipes, and signal cable as shown below:



**NOTE**  
The drain pipe **MUST** be at the bottom of the bundle. Putting the drain pipe at the top of the bundle can cause the drain pan to overflow, which can lead to fire or water damage.

**NOTE**  
**DO NOT** intertwine the signal cable with any of the other wires while bundling these items together.

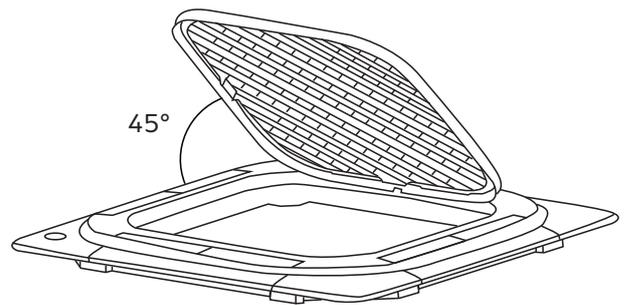
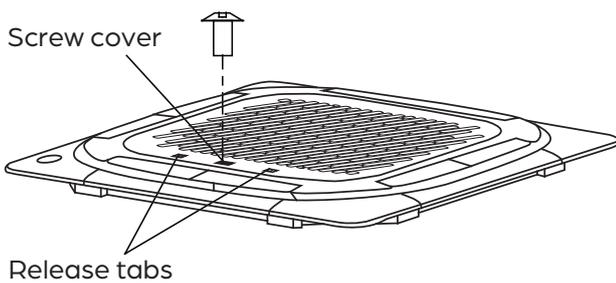
- Using adhesive vinyl tape, attach the drain pipe to the underside of the refrigerant pipes.
- Using insulation tape, wrap the signal wire, refrigerant pipes, and drain pipe tightly together. Double-check that all items are bundled.

**NOTE**  
When wrapping the bundle, keep the ends of the piping unwrapped. You need to access them to test for leaks at the end of the installation process (refer to the *Electrical and Gas Leak Checks* section of the outdoor unit's installation manual).

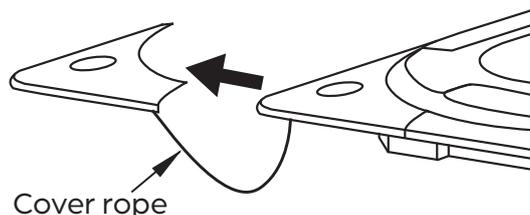
## STEP 8: INSTALL PANEL

**WARNING**  
**DO NOT** place the panel face down on the floor, against a wall, or on uneven surfaces. Damage to the panel may result.

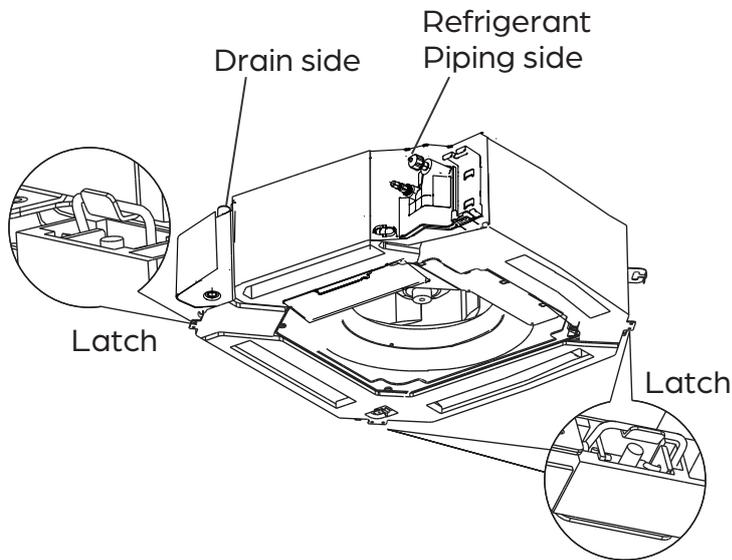
- Remove the inner panel.
  - Push down on one side of the screw cover to expose and remove the grill screw.
  - Push both of the release tabs towards the middle simultaneously to unlock the latch on the panel.
  - Hold the panel at a 45° angle, lift it up slightly, and detach it from the main panel body.



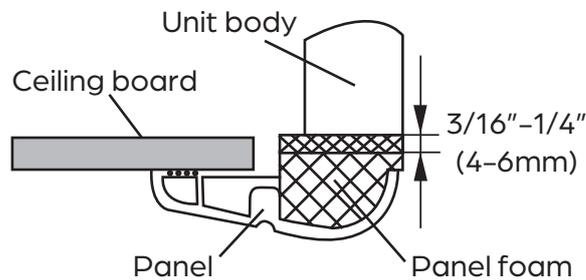
- Remove the installation covers at each of the four corners in order to access the hooks on the main body when hanging the panel. Short ropes will keep the corners attached to the panel.



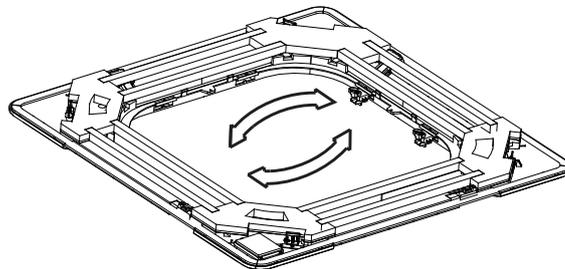
3. Install the main panel body by aligning the panel with the unit, taking into account the position of the refrigerant piping and drain sides. Hang the four latches of the main panel from the hooks on the unit.



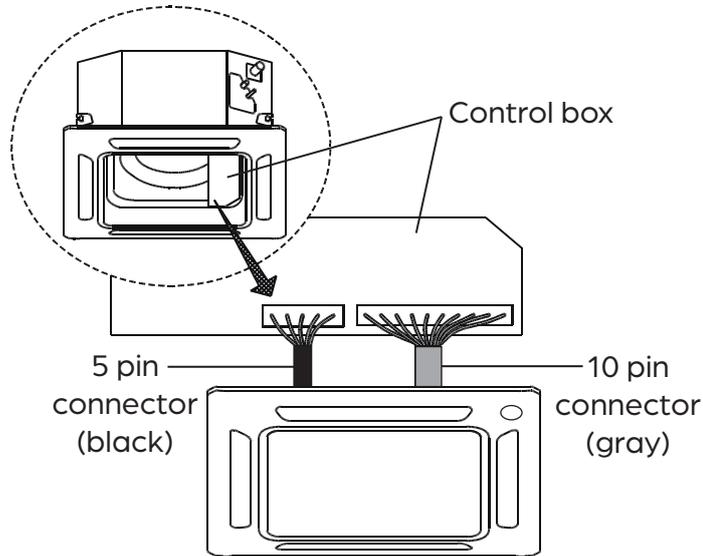
4. Tighten the panel hook screws evenly at the four corners so that the foam seal between the main panel and unit compacts to 3/16" - 1/4" (4-6mm). The edge of the panel should be in contact with the ceiling board.



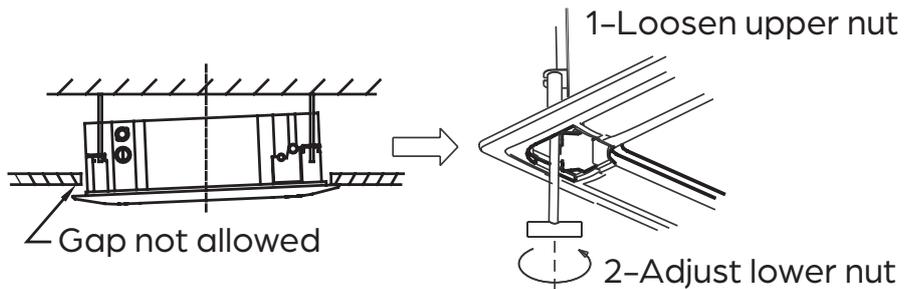
5. Carefully adjust the panel so that the ceiling opening is completely covered.



6. Connect the louver and display control cables to their corresponding sockets in the control box. If using a wired thermostat, you will need to connect the additional third wire (5 pin plug marked with blue tape).



7. Remove the foam stops from inside the fan.
8. Attach and hang the inner panel from the panel main body.
9. Close the inner panel.
10. Reattach the installation covers at all four corners by snapping their fastener tabs into the corresponding slots on the panel.
11. Ensure that there is no space between the unit and panel. Any gaps may allow air to leak through and cause condensation leaks. If necessary, the height can be adjusted by loosening the upper nut, and adjusting the lower nut at each of the corners. Make sure the internal wiring and drain pipe are not affected by this adjustment.



# TROUBLESHOOTING

## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

If ANY of the following conditions occurs, turn off your unit immediately!

- The power cord is damaged or abnormally warm
- You smell a burning odor
- The unit emits loud or abnormal sounds
- A power fuse blows or the circuit breaker frequently trips
- Water or other objects fall into or out of the unit

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FIX THESE YOURSELF! CONTACT AN AUTHORIZED SERVICE PROVIDER IMMEDIATELY!

## COMMON ISSUES

The following problems are not a malfunction and in most situations will not require repairs.

ISSUE	POSSIBLE CAUSES
<b>Unit does not turn on when pressing ON/OFF button</b>	The Unit has a 3-minute protection feature that prevents the unit from overloading. The unit cannot be restarted within three minutes of being turned off.
<b>The unit changes from COOL/HEAT mode to FAN mode</b>	The unit may change its setting to prevent frost from forming on the unit. Once the temperature increases, the unit will start operating in the previously selected mode again.
	The set temperature has been reached, at which point the unit turns off the compressor. The unit will continue operating when the temperature fluctuates again.
<b>The indoor unit emits white mist</b>	In humid regions, a large temperature difference between the room's air and the conditioned air can cause white mist.
<b>Both the indoor and outdoor units emit white mist</b>	When the unit restarts in HEAT mode after defrosting, white mist may be emitted due to moisture generated during the defrosting process.
<b>The indoor unit makes noises</b>	A rushing air sound may occur when the louver resets its position.
	A squeaking sound may occur after running the unit in HEAT mode due to expansion and contraction of the unit's plastic parts.

ISSUE	POSSIBLE CAUSES
<b>Both the indoor unit and outdoor unit make noises</b>	Low hissing sound during operation: This is normal and is caused by refrigerant gas flowing through both indoor and outdoor units.
	Low hissing sound when the system starts, has just stopped running, or is defrosting: This noise is normal and is caused by the refrigerant gas stopping or changing direction.
	Squeaking sound: Normal expansion and contraction of plastic and metal parts caused by temperature changes during operation can cause squeaking noises.
<b>The outdoor unit makes noises</b>	The unit will make different sounds based on its current operating mode.
<b>Dust is emitted from either the indoor or outdoor unit</b>	The unit may accumulate dust during extended periods of non-use, which will be emitted when the unit is turned on. This can be mitigated by covering the unit during long periods of inactivity.
<b>The unit emits a bad odor</b>	The unit may absorb odors from the environment (such as furniture, cooking, cigarettes, etc.) which will be emitted during operations.
	The unit's filters have become moldy and should be cleaned.
<b>The fan of the outdoor unit does not operate</b>	During operation, the fan speed is controlled to optimize product operation.
<b>Operation is erratic, unpredictable, or unit is unresponsive</b>	Interference from cell phone towers and remote boosters may cause the unit to malfunction. In this case, try the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disconnect the power, then reconnect.</li> <li>• Press ON/OFF button on remote control to restart operation.</li> </ul>

**NOTE**



If problem persists, contact a local dealer or your nearest customer service center. Provide them with a detailed description of the unit malfunction as well as your model number.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

When troubles occur, please check the following points before contacting a repair company.

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSES	SOLUTION
<b>Poor Cooling Performance</b>	Temperature setting may be higher than ambient room temperature.	Lower the temperature setting.
	The heat exchanger on the indoor or outdoor unit is dirty.	Clean the affected heat exchanger.
	The air filter is dirty.	Remove the filter and clean it according to instructions.
	The air inlet or outlet of either unit is blocked.	Turn the unit off, remove the obstruction and turn it back on.
	Doors and windows are open.	Make sure that all doors and windows are closed while operating the unit.
	Low refrigerant due to leak or long-term use.	Check for leaks, re-seal if necessary and top off refrigerant.
	Excessive heat is generated by sunlight.	Block sunlight in installation area. Close windows and curtains during periods of high heat or bright sunshine.
	Too many sources of heat in the room (people, computers, electronics, etc.).	Reduce amount of heat sources.
<b>Poor Heating Performance</b>	The outdoor temperature is extremely low.	This model is designed to work down to -13°F, however, heating performance is impacted at temperatures below freezing.
	Cold air is entering through doors and windows.	Make sure that all doors and windows are closed during use.
	Low refrigerant due to leak or long-term use.	Check for leaks, re-seal if necessary, and top off refrigerant.
<b>The unit starts and stops frequently</b>	There's too much or too little refrigerant in the system.	Check for leaks and recharge the system with refrigerant.
	Incompressible gas or moisture has entered the system.	Evacuate and recharge the system with refrigerant.
	The compressor is broken.	Replace the compressor.
	The voltage is too high or too low.	Install a manostat to regulate the voltage.

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSES	SOLUTION
<b>The unit is not working</b>	Power failure.	Wait for the power to be restored.
	The power is turned off.	Turn on the power.
	The fuse is burned out.	Replace the fuse.
	Remote control batteries are dead.	Replace the batteries.
	The Unit's 3-minute protection has been activated.	Wait three minutes after restarting the unit.
	Timer is activated.	Turn timer off.
<b>Indicator lamps continue flashing or error code appears</b>	<p>The unit may stop operation or continue to run safely. If the indicator lamps continue to flash or error codes appear, wait for about 10 minutes. The problem may resolve itself.</p> <p>If not, disconnect the power, then connect it again. Turn the unit on.</p> <p>If the problem persists, disconnect the power and contact your nearest customer service center.</p>	



**NOTE**

If your problem persists after performing the checks and diagnostics above, turn off your unit immediately and contact an authorized service center.



## ERROR CODES

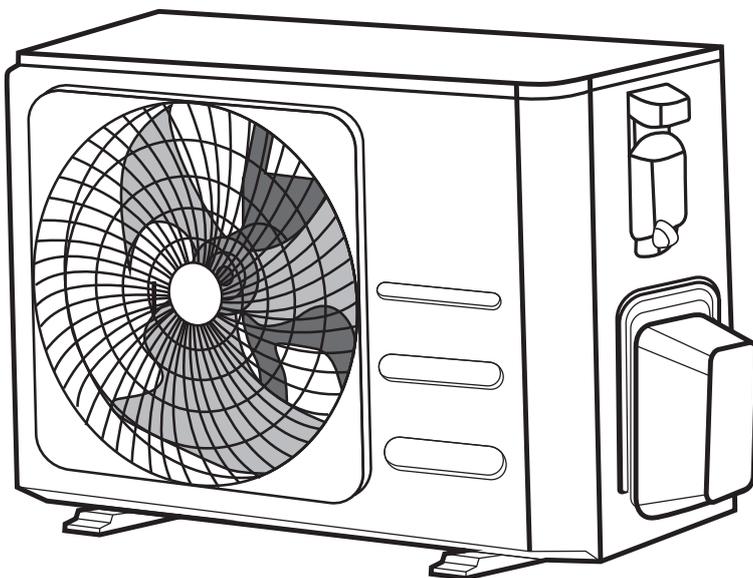
Display	Malfunction & protection indication
EH00	Indoor EEPROM malfunction
EH0A ✘	Indoor EEPROM parameter error
EL01	Communication malfunction between indoor and outdoor units
EL11	Communication malfunction between main unit and secondary units
EH12	Main unit or secondary units malfunction
EH03	Indoor fan speed malfunction
EC50	Outdoor temperature sensor error
EC51	Outdoor EEPROM malfunction
EC52	Condenser coil temperature sensor (T3) malfunction
EC53	Outdoor ambient temperature sensor (T4) malfunction
EC54	Outdoor unit exhaust temperature sensor error
EC05 ✘	Outdoor Temperature Sensor Error or EEPROM Error
EC0d ✘	Outdoor unit malfunction or Protection
EH60	Indoor Room Temperature Sensor T1 Error
EH61	Indoor Evaporator coil Temperature Sensor T2 Error
EH62 ✘	Air inlet temperature sensor Error
EH63 ✘	Indoor air outlet temperature sensor Error
EC07	Outdoor DC fan speed malfunction
EH0b	Indoor PCB and display board communication error
EHb1 ✘	Indoor display board and adapter board communication error
EHb2 ✘	Wiring error of 24V wire controller
EHb3 ✘	Communication malfunction between Wire and master control
EL0C	Refrigerant leakage detection
EH0E	Indoor water level warning Error
FH0P ✘	WIFI module self-check malfunction
FL09 ✘	New and old platform match malfunction
PH11 ✘	Over low voltage protection of indoor unit
PH12 ✘	Over high voltage protection of indoor unit
PC00	Inverter module (IPM) protection
PC01	Over high voltage or over low voltage protection
PC02	High temperature protection of compressor top/ IPM Temperature protection
PC04	Inverter compressor drive Error
PC60	Discharge high temperature Error
PC03 ✘	Low pressure protection
PC0L	Low temperature protection of outdoor unit
---- ✘	Indoor units mode conflict
Note: DF (defrost) and FC (forced cool) are normal operating states, not malfunctions.	
[ ✘ ] Applicable to some units only.	

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**INSTALLATION MANUAL****SINGLE ZONE OUTDOOR UNIT  
SPLIT-STYLE AIR CONDITIONER**

DRA1U09S1B, DRA1U12S1B, DRA1U18S1B, DRA1U24S1B



Model Number:

Serial Number:

Purchase Date:

Installing Contractor Company Name:

**TIP**

Capture relevant information about your Durastar mini-split equipment before it is installed and write it above for future reference.

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## INTRODUCTION

To better serve you, please do the following before contacting customer service:

- If you received a damaged product, immediately contact the retailer or dealer that sold you the product.
- Read and follow this owner's manual carefully to help you use and maintain your air conditioner.
- Read the troubleshooting section of this manual as it will help you diagnose and solve common issues.
- Visit us on the web at **WWW.DURASTAR.COM** to download product guides and up-to-date information.
- If you need warranty service, our friendly customer service representatives are available via email at **QUESTIONS@DURASTAR.COM** or by telephone at **1-888-320-0706**.

## WARNINGS

### Symbols Used in This Manual



The warning symbol indicates cautionary information for the user. Extra care and precautions should be taken to ensure the user's safety.



The pencil indicates any manufacturer notes relating to surrounding content. These may include further clarifications or call-outs.



A light bulb symbol indicates suggested manufacturer tips for the user to get the most out of the Durastar equipment and to accommodate the best user experience.

## IMPORTANT SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Improper handling can cause serious damage or injury. Please read the following safety information in its entirety.



### **Operation, Cleaning, and Maintenance Safety Precautions**

- Children and people with reduced physical, sensory, or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, should only use this air conditioner if they are given supervision or instructions concerning use of the air conditioner in a safe way and understand the hazards involved.
- Children should not play with the air conditioner.
- Never stick fingers or any other body parts into the air conditioner openings. The internal fan may be rotating at high speeds, and may result in injury.
- After removing the filter, do not touch the fins in order to avoid injury.
- Maintenance must be performed by qualified professionals. Otherwise, you may experience personal injury or damage to the air conditioner and surrounding property.
- Do not repair the air conditioner by yourself. It may cause electric shock or damage. Please contact a qualified service representative when you need to repair the air conditioner.
- Do not block the air outlet or air inlet. This could cause a malfunction.
- Do not spill water on the remote control as this can permanently damage the remote.
- If the below problems occur, please turn off the air conditioner and disconnect power at the circuit breaker immediately. Then contact your dealer or a qualified professional for service.
  - The power cord is overheating or damaged.
  - There is an abnormal sound during operation.
  - The circuit breaker trips frequently.
  - The air conditioner gives off a burning smell.
  - The indoor unit is leaking.
- If the air conditioner operates under abnormal conditions, it may cause malfunctions, electric shock, or fire hazard.
- When turning the unit on or off via the emergency operation switch, press the switch with an insulated object other than metal.
- Do not step on the top panel of the unit, or put heavy objects on the top panel. This could cause damage or personal injury.
- Cleaning and user maintenance should not be performed by children without supervision.
- Do not spray water on the indoor unit. This could cause electric shock or a unit malfunction.
- Do not use flammable materials such as hair spray, lacquer, or paint near the air conditioner as they may catch fire.
- Do not operate the air conditioner in places near combustible gases. Emitted gases may collect around the air conditioner and cause an explosion.
- Do not use fire or a hair dryer to dry the filter. This could cause a deformation or fire hazard.
- Do not wash the air conditioner with water as this could cause an electric shock.
- Disconnect the power supply by turning it off at the circuit breaker when cleaning the air conditioner. Otherwise, you could risk electric shock.



## **Electrical Safety**

- Do not modify the length of the power supply cord or use an extension cord to power the unit.
- If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer, a service agent, or a similarly qualified person in order to avoid a safety hazard.
- Do not share the electrical outlet with other appliances. Improper or insufficient power supply can cause fire or electrical shock.
- The product must be properly grounded at the time of installation, or electrical shock may occur.
- For all electrical work, follow all local and national wiring standards and regulations. Connect cables tightly, and clamp them securely to prevent external forces from damaging the terminal. Improper electrical connections can overheat and cause fire, and may also cause shock. All electrical connections must be made according to the Electrical Connection Diagram located on the panels of the indoor and outdoor units.
- All wiring must be properly arranged to ensure that the control board cover can close properly. If the control board cover is not closed properly, it can lead to corrosion and cause the connection points on the terminal to heat up, catch fire, or cause electrical shock.
- The air conditioner's circuit board (PCB) is designed with a fuse to provide over-current protection. The specifications of the fuse are printed on the circuit board.

## Installation Safety

- Installation must be performed by an authorized dealer or specialist. Improper installation can cause water leakage, electrical shock, or fire. (In North America, installation must be performed in accordance with NEC and CEC requirements by authorized personnel only.)
- Installation must be performed according to the installation instructions. Improper installation can cause water leakage, electrical shock, or fire.
- This air conditioner shall be installed in accordance with national and local wiring regulations.
- Contact an authorized service technician for repair or maintenance of this unit.
- Only use the included accessories, parts, and specified parts for installation. Using non-standard parts can cause water leakage, electrical shock, fire, and can cause the unit to fail.
- Install the unit in a firm location that can support the unit's weight. If the chosen location cannot support the unit's weight, or the installation is not done properly, the unit may fall and cause serious injury and damage.
- Install drainage piping according to the instructions in the installation manual. Improper drainage may cause water damage to your home and property.
- For units that have an auxiliary electric heater, do not install the unit within 3 feet (1 meter) of any combustible materials.
- Do not install the unit in a location that may be exposed to combustible gas leaks. If combustible gas accumulates around the unit, it may cause a fire.
- Do not turn on the power until all work has been completed.
- When moving or relocating the air conditioner, consult experienced service technicians for disconnection and re-installation of the unit.

## Additional Precautions

- Turn off the air conditioner and disconnect the power if you are not going to use it for a long time.
- Turn off the unit during electrical storms to avoid damaging the unit.
- Make sure that water condensation can drain unhindered from the unit.
- Do not operate the air conditioner with wet hands. This may cause electric shock.
- Do not use this device for any other purpose than its intended use.
- Do not climb onto or place objects on top of the outdoor unit.
- Do not allow the air conditioner to operate for long periods of time with doors or windows open, or if the humidity is very high.

## OPERATING TEMPERATURES

Your air conditioner is designed to operate in the following indoor and outdoor temperatures. When your air conditioner is used outside of the following temperature ranges, certain safety features may activate and turn off the unit to protect it from damage.

### TEMPERATURE RANGES

	<b>COOL mode</b>	<b>HEAT mode</b>	<b>DRY mode</b>
<b>Indoor Air Temperature</b>	62°F - 90°F (17°C - 32°C)	32°F - 86°F (0°C - 30°C)	50°F - 90°F (10°C - 32°C)
<b>Outdoor Air Temperature</b>	5°F - 122°F (-15°C - 50°C)	-13°F - 75°F (-25°C - 24°C)	32°F - 122°F (0°C - 50°C)

To further optimize the performance of your unit, do the following:

- Keep doors and windows closed.
- Limit energy usage by using TIMER ON and TIMER OFF features.
- Do not block air inlets or outlets.
- Regularly inspect and clean air filters.

#### NOTE

 Your Durastar air conditioner's outdoor unit is equipped with a base pan heater, allowing it to continue to operate at freezing temperatures as low as -13°F (-25°C). When outdoor air temperatures are at or below 32°F (0°C), we strongly recommend keeping the unit plugged in at all times to ensure smooth ongoing performance.

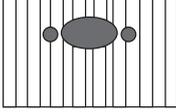
#### NOTE

 Keep the room's relative humidity below 80%. If the air conditioner operates in excess of this, the surface of the air conditioner may attract condensation. To help prevent condensation from forming and dripping, set the vertical airflow louver to its maximum angle (vertically to the floor) and set the fan to HIGH.

## ACCESSORIES

### INCLUDED INSTALLATION ACCESSORIES

The air conditioning system comes with the following accessories.

Accessory	Quantity	Image	Accessory	Quantity	Image
Owner's Manual	1		Rubber Foot	4	
Drain Joint	1		Drain Joint Seal	1	

### FIELD SUPPLIED INSTALLATION ACCESSORIES

The following installation accessories may be required and must be purchased separately.

- Refrigerant piping (line set)
- Indoor and outdoor connection wire
- Outdoor power supply cord
- Drain pipe
- Pipe and cable wrapping tape
- Wall hole sleeve and cover
- Putty
- Wiring u-lugs

### TOOLS NEEDED

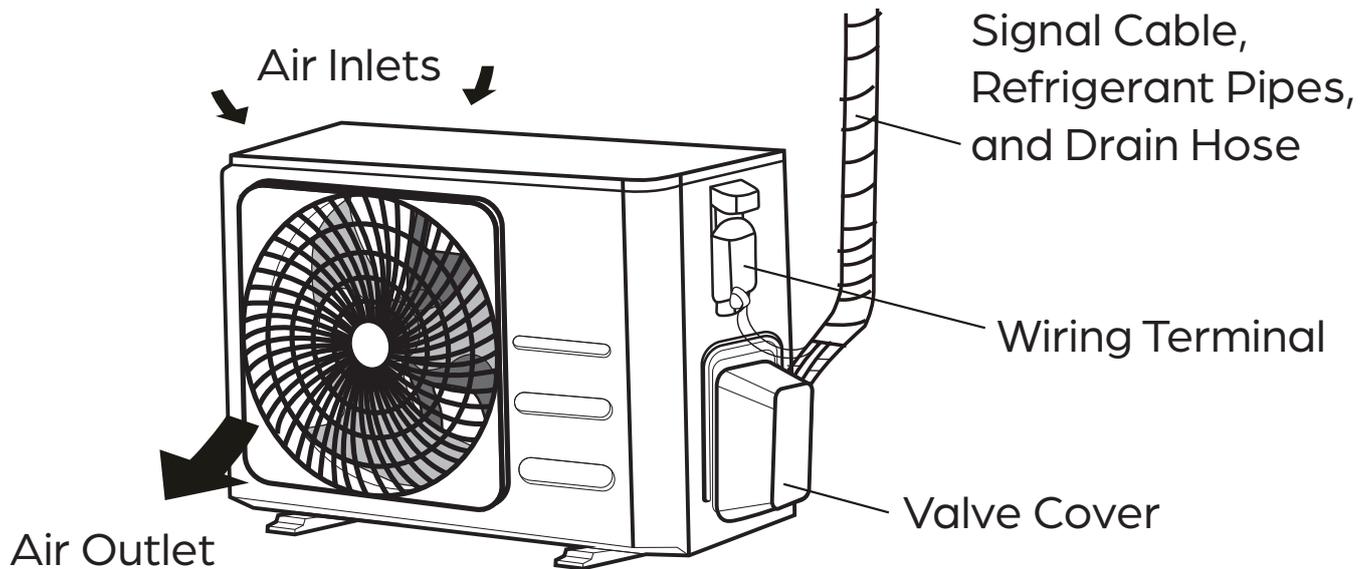
The following tools are required for installation.

- Phillips screwdriver
- Drill with 2 1/2" or 3 1/2" (indoor unit model depending) core bit
- Vacuum pump
- HVAC manifold gauge set
- Micron Gauge
- Refrigerant leak detector
- Copper pipe cutter
- Flaring tool
- Burr reamer
- Crescent or spanner wrench
- Hexagonal wrench set
- Torque wrench
- Multimeter
- Electroprobe
- Level
- Hammer
- Wire strippers
- Wire crimper

## PARTS IDENTIFICATION

**NOTE**

The installation must be performed in accordance with the required local and national standards. The installation may be slightly different in different areas.

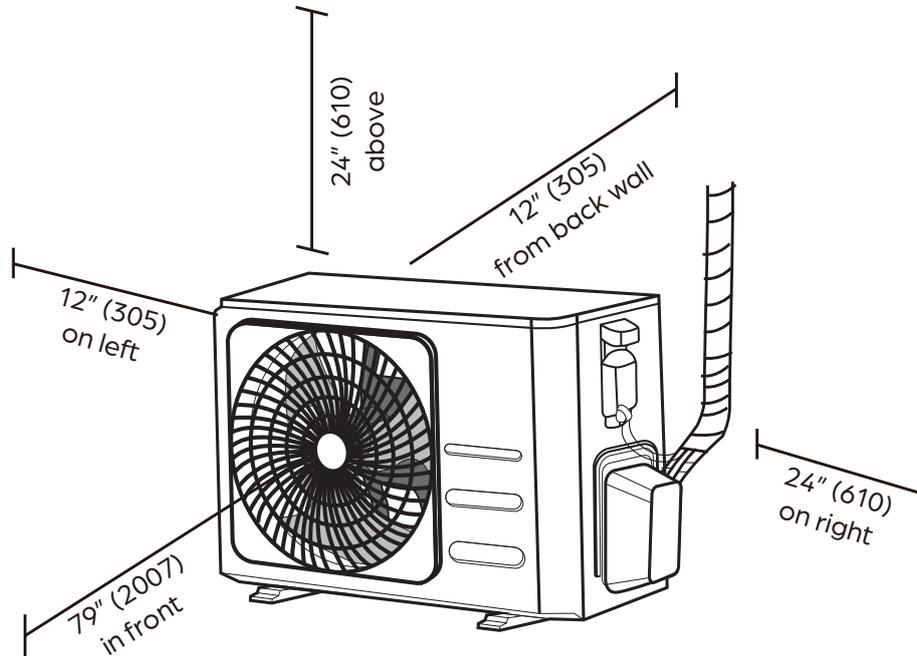
**NOTE**

Illustrations in this manual are for explanatory purposes. The actual shape of your mini-split equipment may vary slightly.

## OUTDOOR UNIT INSTALLATION

### Installation Instructions

Install the unit following local codes and regulations. These may differ slightly between regions.



### STEP 1: SELECT INSTALLATION LOCATION

Before installing the outdoor unit, you must choose an appropriate location. The following are standards that will help you choose an appropriate location for the unit.

#### Proper installation locations meet the following standards:

- Meets all spatial requirements shown in installation space requirements above.
- Good air circulation and ventilation.
- Firm and solid location—the location can support the unit's weight and will not vibrate.
- Noise from the unit will not disturb others.
- Protected from prolonged periods of direct sunlight or rain.



#### NOTE

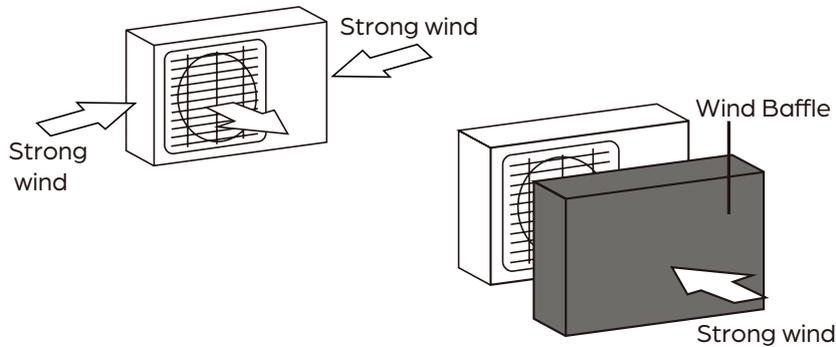
Where snowfall is anticipated, raise the unit above the base pad to prevent ice buildup and coil damage. Mount the unit high enough to be above the average accumulated area snowfall. The minimum height must be 18 inches.

#### DO NOT install unit in the following locations:

- Near an obstacle that will block air inlets and outlets.
- Near a public street, crowded areas, or where noise from the unit will disturb others.
- Near animals or plants that will be harmed by hot air discharge.
- Near any source of combustible gas.
- In a location that is exposed to large amounts of dust.
- In a location exposed to an excessive amount of salty air.

### Special considerations for extreme weather

If the unit is exposed to heavy wind, install unit so that the air outlet fan is at a 90° angle to the direction of the wind. If needed, build a barrier in front of the unit to protect it from extremely heavy winds. See figures below.

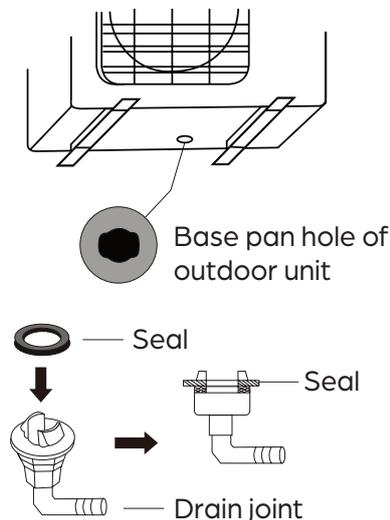


### If the unit is frequently exposed to heavy rain or snow

Build a shelter above the unit to protect it from rain or snow. Be careful not to obstruct airflow around the unit.

### STEP 2: INSTALL THE DRAIN JOINT

1. Fit the rubber seal on the end of the drain joint that will connect to the outdoor unit.
2. Insert the drain joint into the hole in the base pan of the unit.
3. Rotate the drain joint 90° until it clicks in place facing the front of the unit.
4. Connect a drain hose extension (not included) to the drain joint to redirect water from the unit during heating mode.



#### NOTE

In cold climates, make sure that the drain hose is as vertical as possible to ensure swift water drainage. If water drains too slowly, it can freeze in the hose and flood the unit.

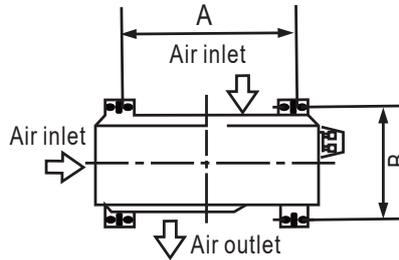
## STEP 3: MOUNT THE OUTDOOR UNIT

### Anchoring the Unit

The outdoor unit can be anchored to the ground or to a wall-mounted bracket (sold separately) with bolts (M10). Mount the unit on a cement slab, condenser mounting pad, or other level surface able to support the unit's weight. **Do not place the unit directly on the ground.** If using a wall-mounting bracket, make sure the attached structure can support at least four times the unit's weight.

### Unit Mounting Dimensions

The distance between their mounting feet varies by outdoor unit. Prepare the installation base of the unit according to the dimensions below. In most cases, it may be easier to place the outdoor unit in its correct location and mark the exact placement for the anchor holes.



Outdoor Unit - Dimensions W x H x D inches (mm)	Mounting Dimensions	
	Dist. A inches (mm)	Dist. B inches (mm)
DRA1U09S1B - 30 1/8" x 21 7/8" x 11 15/16" (765 x 555 x 303)	17 13/16" (452)	11 1/4" (286)
DRA1U12S1B - 30 1/8" x 21 7/8" x 11 15/16" (765 x 555 x 303)	17 13/16" (452)	11 1/4" (286)
DRA1U18S1B - 35 1/16" x 26 1/2" x 13 7/16" (890 x 673 x 342)	26 1/8" (663)	13 15/16" (354)
DRA1U24S1B - 37 1/4" x 31 7/8" x 16 1/8" (946 x 810 x 410)	26 1/2" (673)	15 7/8" (403)

### Installing multiple outdoor units

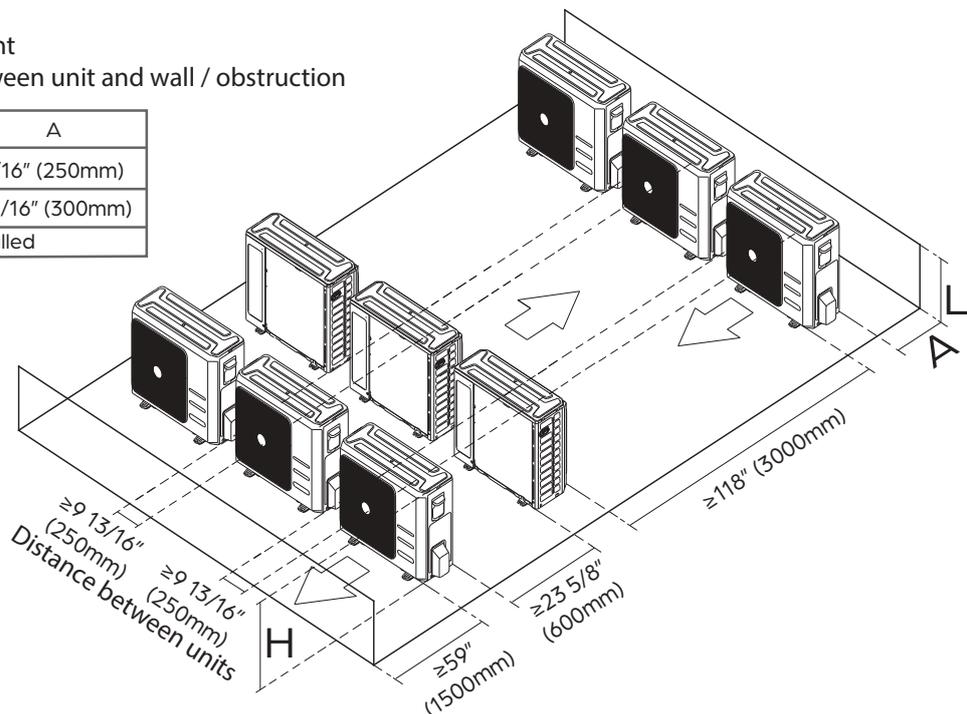
If installing multiple outdoor units, refer to the diagram below for proper clearances.

H = Outdoor unit height

L = Wall / Obstruction height

A = Required distance between unit and wall / obstruction

	L	A
L ≤ H	L ≤ 1/2H	≥9 13/16" (250mm)
	1/2H < L ≤ H	≥11 13/16" (300mm)
L > H	Can not be installed	



#### STEP 4: CONNECT THE SIGNAL AND POWER CABLES

The outside unit's terminal block is protected by an electrical wiring cover on the side of the unit. A comprehensive wiring diagram is printed on the inside of the wiring cover.

**WARNING**

Before performing any electrical or wiring work, turn off the main power to the system.

#### USE THE RIGHT CABLE

- Indoor Power / Signal Cable: 14/4 stranded, unshielded
- Outdoor Power Cable: Determined by the amperage of system and the local codes in your area.

#### CABLE SIZING

Use a minimum of 14 AWG for power and signal cables connected to and between the indoor and outdoor units.

#### Choose the Correct Size of Cable

The size of the power supply cable, fuse, and switch needed is determined by the maximum current of the unit. The maximum current is indicated on the nameplate located on the side panel of the unit. Refer to this nameplate to choose the right cable (stranded wire preferred), fuse, or switch.

#### Prepare the cable and wires for connection:

- Using wire strippers, strip the rubber jacket from both ends of cable to reveal about 1.5" (38-40mm) of the wires inside.
- Strip the insulation from the ends of the wires.
- Using a wire crimper, crimp u-lugs on the ends of the wires.

**WARNING**

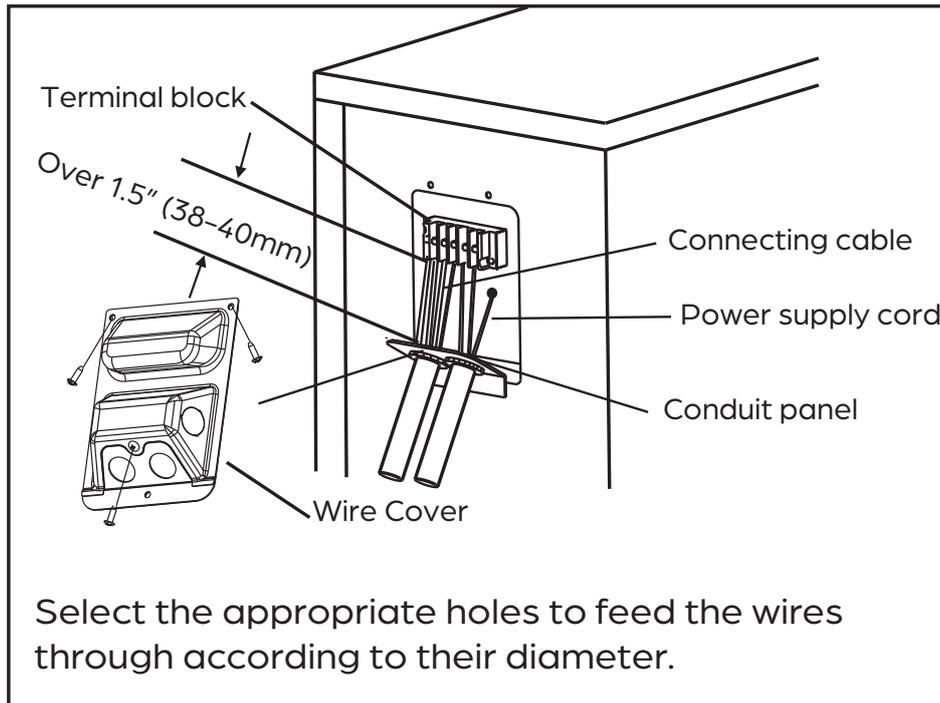
Pay attention to the live wire. While crimping wires, make sure you clearly distinguish the Live ("L") Wire from other wires.

**WARNING**

All wiring work must be performed strictly in accordance with the wiring diagram located inside the terminal cover of the outdoor unit.

1. Remove the electrical wiring cover.
2. Remove the caps on the conduit panel.
3. Temporarily mount the conduit tubes (sold separately) onto the conduit panel.
4. Properly connect both the power supply and low voltage lines to the corresponding terminals on the terminal block.
5. Ground the unit in accordance with local codes.
6. Be sure to cut the wire several inches longer than the required length for future maintenance.
7. Permanently secure the conduit tubes to the conduit panel.
8. Replace the wire cover on the side of the unit, and screw it in place.

(See image on next page.)



## REFRIGERANT PIPING CONNECTIONS



### WARNING

When connecting refrigerant piping, do not let substances or moisture other than specified refrigerant enter the unit or pipes. Run nitrogen through the refrigerant tubing when brazing to avoid carbon build up. The presence of foreign materials will lower the unit's capacity and can cause abnormally high pressure in the refrigeration system. This can result in explosion and personal injury.

### REFRIGERANT PIPE LENGTH

The length of refrigerant piping will affect the performance and efficiency of the unit. Nominal efficiency is tested with a pipe length of 25 feet (7.6 meters). A minimum pipe run of 10 feet (3 meters) is required to minimize vibration and excessive noise.

Refer to the table below for specifications on the maximum length and drop height of refrigerant piping.

Capacity (BTU/h)	Maximum Length Feet (Meters)	Maximum Drop Height Feet (Meters)
< 15,000	82 Ft. (25 M)	33 Ft. (10 M)
≥15,000 and < 24,000	98.5 Ft. (30 M)	66 Ft. (20 M)
≥24,000 and <36,000	164 Ft. (50 M)	82 Ft. (25 M)

## OIL TRAPS

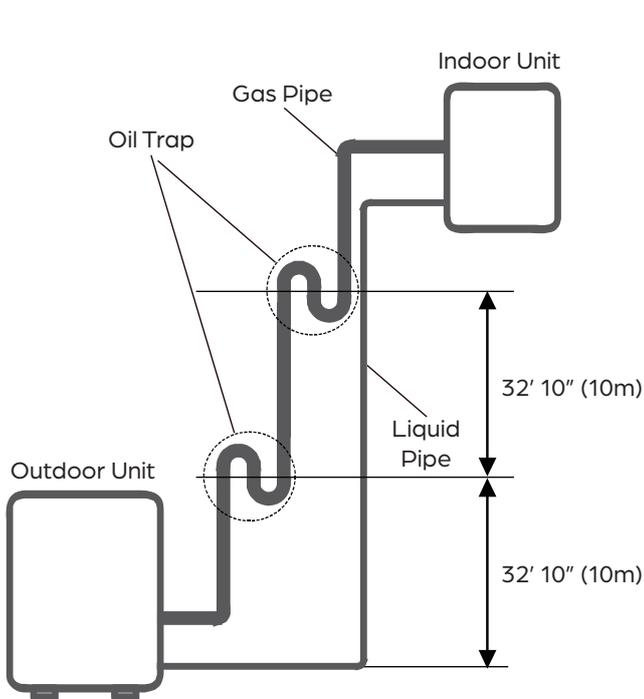
Oil traps are necessary for the continued performance of the system if the indoor and outdoor units are installed at significantly different heights.

### If the indoor unit is installed higher than the outdoor unit:

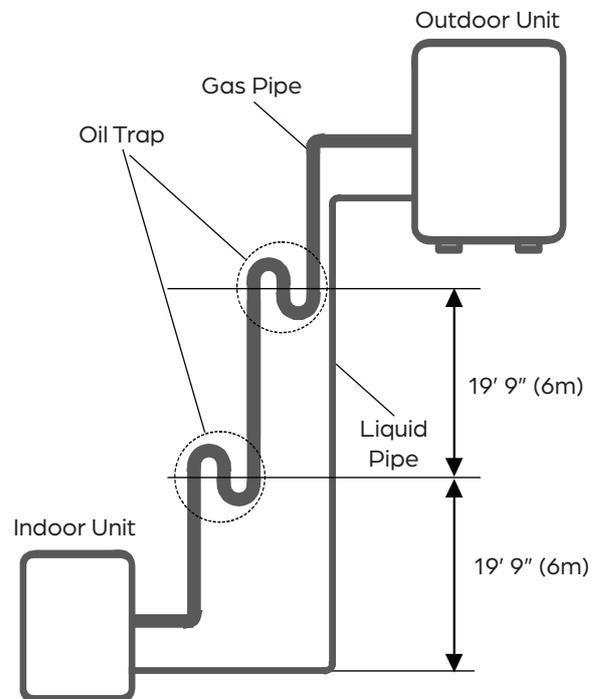
Oil may flow back into the outdoor unit's compressor and cause liquid compression. This will lead to deterioration of performance and shorten the life of the compressor. Oil traps in the rising gas piping can prevent this and should be installed every 32'10" (10m) of vertical rise.

### If the outdoor unit is installed higher than the indoor unit:

Proper oil return to the compressor must be maintained with the suction gas velocity. If velocities drop below 1500fpm, oil return will be decreased and lead to deterioration of performance and shorten the life of the compressor. Oil traps in the rising gas piping can prevent this and should be installed every 19'9" (6m) of vertical rise.



Required distance between oil traps when the indoor unit is installed higher than the outdoor unit.



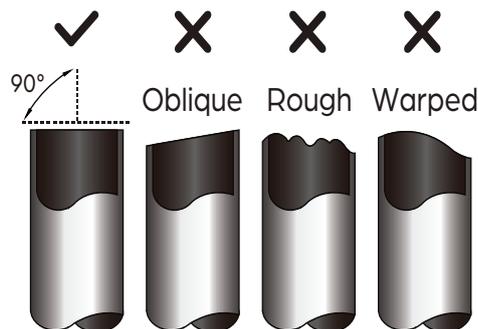
Required distance between oil traps when the outdoor unit is installed higher than the indoor unit.

## REFRIGERANT PIPE CONNECTION INSTRUCTIONS

### STEP 1: CUT PIPES

When preparing refrigerant pipes, take extra care to cut and flare them properly. This will ensure efficient operation and minimize leaks and the need for future maintenance.

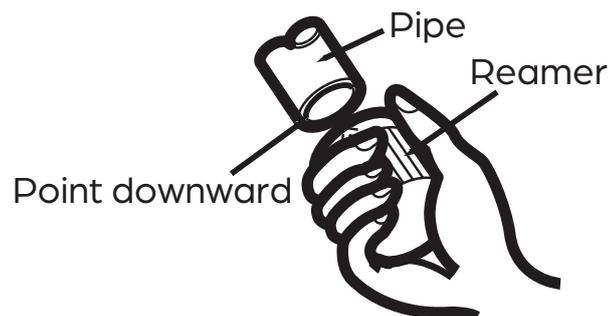
1. Measure the distance between the indoor and outdoor units.
2. Using a pipe cutter, cut the pipe length a little longer than the measured distance.
3. Make sure that the pipe is cut at a perfect 90° angle.
4. Do not damage, deform, or dent the pipe while cutting.



### STEP 2: REMOVE BURRS

Burrs can affect the airtight seal of the refrigerant piping connection and must be completely removed.

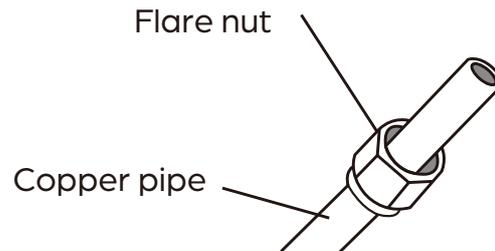
1. Hold the pipe at a downward angle to prevent burrs from falling into the pipe.
2. Using a reamer or deburring tool, remove all burrs from the cut section of the pipe.



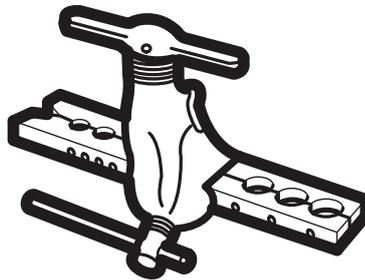
### STEP 3: FLARE PIPE ENDS

Proper flaring is essential to achieve an airtight seal.

1. After removing burrs from cut pipe, seal the ends with PVC tape to prevent foreign materials from entering the pipe.
2. Sheath pipe with insulating material.
3. Place flare nuts on both ends of the pipe. Make sure they are facing in the right direction as you cannot change their orientation after flaring.

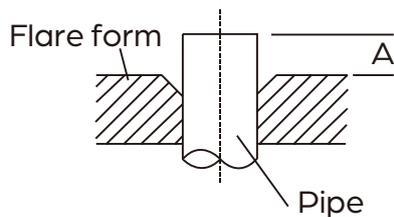


4. Remove PVC tape from ends of pipe when ready to perform flaring.
5. Clamp flare form on the end of pipe. The end of the pipe must extend beyond the edge of the flare form in accordance with the pipe extension table on the next page.



## PIPE EXTENSION BEYOND FLARE FORM

Outer Diameter of Pipe Inches (mm)	"A" Minimum Extension Inches (mm)	"A" Maximum Extension Inches (mm)
∅ 1/4" (6.4mm)	0.0275" (0.7mm)	0.05" (1.3mm)
∅ 3/8" (9.5mm)	0.04" (1.0mm)	0.063" (1.6mm)
∅ 1/2" (12.7mm)	0.04" (1.0mm)	0.07" (1.8mm)
∅ 5/8" (15.9mm)	0.078" (2.0mm)	0.086" (2.2mm)
∅ 3/4" (19.1mm)	0.078" (2.0mm)	0.094" (2.4mm)



### TIP: THICKNESS COMPARISON

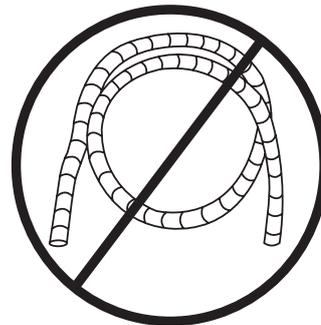
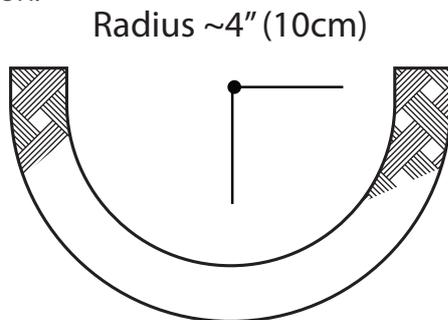
- 0.0275" = A Thumbnail
- 0.04" = A Dime
- 0.078" = A Nickle

- Place flaring tool onto the form.
- Turn the handle of the flaring tool clockwise until the pipe is fully flared.
- Remove the flaring tool and flare form, then inspect the pipe for cracks and even flaring.

## STEP 4: CONNECT PIPES

When connecting refrigerant pipes, be careful not to use excessive torque or to deform the piping in any way. You should first connect the low-pressure pipe, then the high-pressure pipe.

When bending connective refrigerant piping, the minimum bending radius is 4 inches (10cm). Do not leave coils in the refrigerant line sets. Remove excess line length to ensure proper system operation.

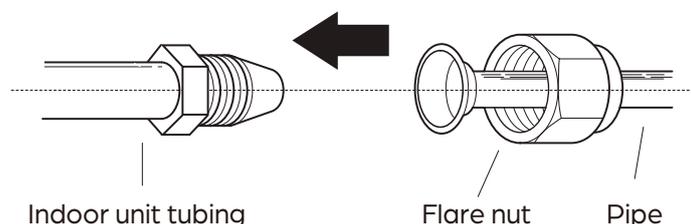


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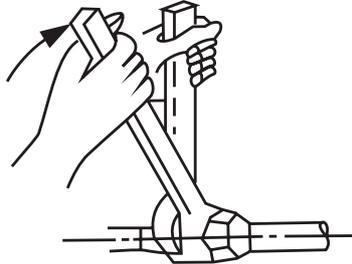
Do not leave coils in the refrigerant line sets. All excess line length must be removed to ensure proper system operation.

## CONNECTING PIPING TO INDOOR UNIT

- Align the center of the two pipes that you will connect.



2. Tighten the flare nut as tightly as possible by hand.
3. Using a spanner, grip the nut on the unit tubing.
4. While firmly gripping the nut on the unit tubing, use a torque wrench to tighten the flare nut according to the torque values in the table below. Loosen the flaring nut slightly, then tighten again.



Outer Diameter of Pipe Inches (mm)	Tightening Torque lb-ft (Nm)	Flare Dimension "B" Inches (mm)	Flare Shape
Ø 1/4" (6.4mm)	13.3~14.8 (18~20)	0.33~0.34 (8.4~8.7)	
Ø 3/8" (9.5mm)	23.6~28.8 (32~39)	0.52~0.53 (13.2~13.5)	
Ø 1/2" (12.7mm)	36.1~43.5 (49~59)	0.64~0.65 (16.2~16.5)	
Ø 5/8" (15.9mm)	42~52.4 (57~71)	0.76~0.78 (19.2~19.7)	
Ø 3/4" (19.1mm)	49.4~74.5 (67~101)	0.91~0.93 (23.2~23.7)	

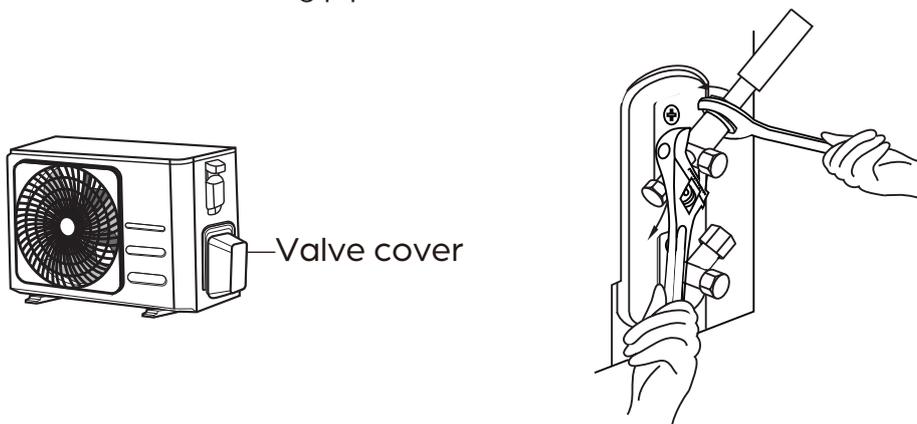


**WARNING**

Do not use excessive torque. Excessive force can break the nut or damage the refrigerant piping. You must not exceed the torque requirements shown in the table above.

**CONNECTING PIPING TO OUTDOOR UNIT**

1. Remove the valve cover on the side of the outdoor unit.
2. Remove the protective caps from the ends of the valves.
3. Align flared pipe end with each valve and tighten the flare nut as tightly as possible by hand.
4. Using a spanner, grip the body of the valve. Do not grip the nut that seals the service valve.
5. While firmly gripping the body of the valve, use a torque wrench to tighten the flare nut according to the correct torque values in the table above.
6. Loosen the flare nut slightly, then tighten again.
7. Repeat steps 3-6 for the remaining pipe.



## SYSTEM EVACUATION

### PREPARATIONS AND PRECAUTIONS

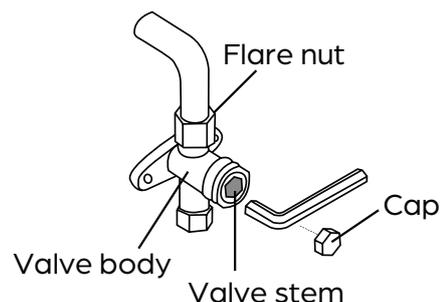
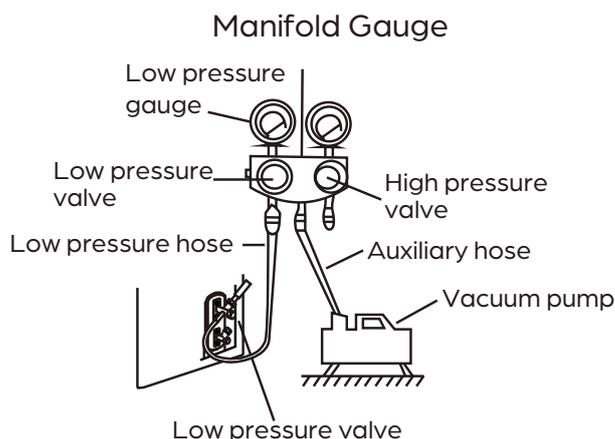
Air and foreign matter in the refrigerant system can cause abnormal rises in pressure, which can damage the air conditioner, reduce energy efficiency, and cause injury. Use a vacuum pump and manifold gauge to evacuate the refrigerant system, removing any non-condensable gas and moisture from the system. Evacuation should be performed upon initial installation and if unit is relocated.

### BEFORE PERFORMING EVACUATION

1. Check to make sure the refrigerant pipes connecting the indoor and outdoor units are connected properly and leak free.
2. Check to make sure all wiring is connected properly.

### EVACUATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Connect the high pressure side hose of the manifold gauge to the service port on the outdoor unit's service valve.
2. Connect the hose from the auxiliary port of the manifold gauge to the nitrogen tank.
3. Open the high pressure side of the manifold gauge. Keep the low pressure side closed.
4. Open the nitrogen tank valve and pressurize the system to 600PSIG.
5. Close nitrogen tank valve and high pressure side of the manifold gauge.
6. Wait 15 minutes, then check that there has been no change in pressure.
7. If pressure loss is greater than 5PSIG, a leak may be present. Using the Soap and Bubble Method, locate and fix all leaks. Start back at step 1 once all leaks have been fixed.
8. If there is no change in pressure, remove the auxiliary port of the manifold gauge from the nitrogen tank.
9. Release the pressure in the system by opening up the high side of the manifold gauge.
10. Once pressure has been released, remove the high pressure side hose of the manifold gauge from the service port and replace it with the low pressure side hose.
11. Connect the hose of the auxiliary port of the manifold gauge to the vacuum pump and a MICRON GAUGE.
12. Turn on the vacuum pump to evacuate the system.
13. Run the vacuum until the micron gauge reads 250 microns.
14. Once the micron gauge reads 250 microns, close the low pressure side of the manifold gauge and turn off the vacuum pump. System must hold below 500 microns for 15 minutes with the vacuum pump off.
15. If there is a change in pressure, a leak may be present. Using the Soap and Bubble Method, locate and fix all leaks. Start back at step 1 once all leaks have been fixed.



16. If there is no change in pressure, remove the manifold gauge auxiliary hose from the vacuum pump.
17. Remove the caps from the unit's valve bodies, and open the system's valves gently with a hex wrench by turning it counterclockwise until they reach their stopping point. Do not try to force the valves to open further.

**NOTE ON ADDING ADDITIONAL REFRIGERANT**

Each outdoor unit is factory charged with enough refrigerant to support up to 25' (7.5m) per zone. This is based on a one way liquid line measurement from the outdoor unit to the indoor unit. Systems with line sets that exceed this length will require additional refrigerant (see the following chart). The refrigerant should be charged from the service port on the outdoor unit's low pressure valve. Additional refrigerant information can be found in the **SUBMITTALS DOCUMENTS** at **WWW.SERVICE.DURASTAR.COM**. Additional refrigerant can be calculated using the following formula:

Liquid Side $\varnothing$ 1/4" (6.35mm)	Liquid Side $\varnothing$ 3/8" (9.52mm)
(Actual pipe length – Standard pipe length) x 0.16oz/ft or (Actual pipe length – Standard pipe length) x 15g/m	(Actual pipe length – Standard pipe length) x 0.32oz/ft or (Actual pipe length – Standard pipe length) x 30g/m



**WARNING**  
DO NOT mix refrigerant types.

## FINAL CHECKS

### BEFORE THE TEST RUN

Only perform the test run after you have completed the following steps:

- Electrical Safety Checks – Confirm that the unit's electrical system is connected and operating correctly.
- Gas Leak Check – Check all flare nut connections and confirm the system is not leaking.
- Confirm that the low and high pressure valves are fully open.
- Check grounding work by measuring the grounding resistance by visual detection and with a multimeter. The grounding resistance must be less than 0.1  $\Omega$ .

### ELECTRICAL SAFETY CHECKS

After installation, confirm that all electrical wiring is installed in accordance with local and national regulations, and according to this installation manual.

### DURING TEST RUN

Using your multimeter, verify the voltage of the main power entering the system. If the main power voltage is greater than  $\pm 10\%$  of the name plate voltage, turn off the unit and immediately call a licensed electrician to find and resolve the cause.



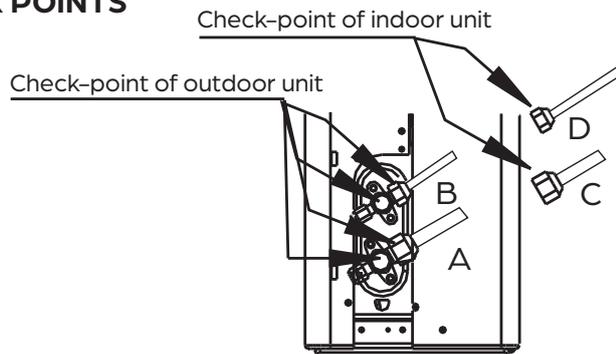
**WARNING**  
RISK OF ELECTRICAL SHOCK – All wiring must comply with local and national electrical codes, and must be installed by a licensed electrician.

## GAS LEAK CHECK

There are two methods to check for gas leaks:

1. Soap and Water Method – Using a soft brush, apply a soapy water or liquid detergent to all pipe connection points on the indoor and outdoor unit. The presence of bubbles indicates a leak.
2. Leak Detector Method – If using a leak detector, refer to the device's operation manual for proper usage instructions.

## GAS LEAK CHECK POINTS



A: Low pressure stop valve  
 B: High pressure stop valve  
 C & D: Indoor unit flare nuts



### TIP

Use the Durastar Job Site Information Sheet at the end of this manual as a commissioning report to record your start up readings.

## TEST RUN

### TEST RUN INSTRUCTIONS

You should perform the test run for at least 30 minutes.

1. Connect power to the unit.
2. Press the ON/OFF button on the remote controller or wired thermostat to turn the unit on.
3. Press the MODE button to scroll through the following functions, one at a time:
  - COOL – Select lowest possible temperature.
  - HEAT – Select highest possible temperature.
4. Let each function run for 5 minutes and perform the following checks:

LIST OF CHECKS TO PERFORM	[ X ]
Unit is Properly Grounded	[ ]
All Electrical Terminals are Properly Covered	[ ]
Indoor and Outdoor Units are Solidly Installed	[ ]
All Pipe Connection Points Do Not Leak	[ ]
Water Drains Properly from Drain Hose	[ ]
All Piping is Properly Insulated	[ ]
Unit Performs COOL Function Properly	[ ]
Unit Performs HEAT Function Properly	[ ]
Indoor Unit Louvers Move Properly	[ ]
Indoor Unit Responds to Remote Controller or Thermostat	[ ]

5. Double check all pipe connections. During operation, the pressure of the refrigerant system will increase. This may reveal leaks that were not present during the initial leak check. Take time during the test run to recheck all pipe connection points. Refer to *Gas Leak Check* section for instructions.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

### SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

If ANY of the following conditions occurs, turn off your unit immediately!

- The power cord is damaged or abnormally warm
- You smell a burning odor
- The unit emits loud or abnormal sounds
- A power fuse blows or the circuit breaker frequently trips
- Water or other objects fall into or out of the unit

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FIX THESE YOURSELF! CONTACT AN AUTHORIZED SERVICE PROVIDER IMMEDIATELY!

### COMMON ISSUES

The following problems are not a malfunction and in most situations will not require repairs.

ISSUE	POSSIBLE CAUSES
<b>Unit does not turn on when pressing ON/OFF button</b>	The Unit has a 3-minute protection feature that prevents the unit from overloading. The unit cannot be restarted within three minutes of being turned off.
<b>The unit changes from COOL/HEAT mode to FAN mode</b>	The unit may change its setting to prevent frost from forming on the unit. Once the temperature increases, the unit will start operating in the previously selected mode again.
	The set temperature has been reached, at which point the unit turns off the compressor. The unit will continue operating when the temperature fluctuates again.
<b>The indoor unit emits white mist</b>	In humid regions, a large temperature difference between the room's air and the conditioned air can cause white mist.
<b>Both the indoor and outdoor units emit white mist</b>	When the unit restarts in HEAT mode after defrosting, white mist may be emitted due to moisture generated during the defrosting process.
<b>The indoor unit makes noises</b>	A rushing air sound may occur when the louver resets its position.
	A squeaking sound may occur after running the unit in HEAT mode due to expansion and contraction of the unit's plastic parts.

ISSUE	POSSIBLE CAUSES
<b>Both the indoor unit and outdoor unit make noises</b>	Low hissing sound during operation: This is normal and is caused by refrigerant gas flowing through both indoor and outdoor units.
	Low hissing sound when the system starts, has just stopped running, or is defrosting: This noise is normal and is caused by the refrigerant gas stopping or changing direction.
	Squeaking sound: Normal expansion and contraction of plastic and metal parts caused by temperature changes during operation can cause squeaking noises.
<b>The outdoor unit makes noises</b>	The unit will make different sounds based on its current operating mode.
<b>Dust is emitted from either the indoor or outdoor unit</b>	The unit may accumulate dust during extended periods of non-use, which will be emitted when the unit is turned on. This can be mitigated by covering the unit during long periods of inactivity.
<b>The unit emits a bad odor</b>	The unit may absorb odors from the environment (such as furniture, cooking, cigarettes, etc.) which will be emitted during operations.
	The unit's filters have become moldy and should be cleaned.
<b>The fan of the outdoor unit does not operate</b>	During operation, the fan speed is controlled to optimize product operation.
<b>Operation is erratic, unpredictable, or unit is unresponsive</b>	Interference from cell phone towers and remote boosters may cause the unit to malfunction. In this case, try the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disconnect the power, then reconnect.</li> <li>• Press ON/OFF button on remote control to restart operation.</li> </ul>

**NOTE**



If problem persists, contact a local dealer or your nearest customer service center. Provide them with a detailed description of the unit malfunction as well as your model number.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

When troubles occur, please check the following points before contacting a repair company.

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSES	SOLUTION
<b>Poor Cooling Performance</b>	Temperature setting may be higher than ambient room temperature	Lower the temperature setting
	The heat exchanger on the indoor or outdoor unit is dirty	Clean the affected heat exchanger
	The air filter is dirty	Remove the filter and clean it according to instructions
	The air inlet or outlet of either unit is blocked	Turn the unit off, remove the obstruction and turn it back on
	Doors and windows are open	Make sure that all doors and windows are closed while operating the unit
	Excessive heat is generated by sunlight	Close windows and curtains during periods of high heat or bright sunshine
	Low refrigerant due to leak or long-term use	Check for leaks, re-seal if necessary and top off refrigerant
	Excessive heat is generated by sunlight	Block sunlight in installation area
	Too many sources of heat in the room (people, computers, electronics, etc.)	Reduce amount of heat sources
<b>Poor Heating Performance</b>	The outdoor temperature is extremely low	This model is designed to work down to -13°F, however, heating performance is impacted at temperatures below freezing
	Cold air is entering through doors and windows	Make sure that all doors and windows are closed during use
	Low refrigerant due to leak or long-term use	Check for leaks, re-seal if necessary, and top off refrigerant
<b>The unit starts and stops frequently</b>	There's too much or too little refrigerant in the system	Check for leaks and recharge the system with refrigerant
	Incompressible gas or moisture has entered the system	Evacuate and recharge the system with refrigerant
	The compressor is broken	Replace the compressor
	The voltage is too high or too low	Install a manostat to regulate the voltage

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSES	SOLUTION
<b>The unit is not working</b>	Power failure	Wait for the power to be restored
	The power is turned off	Turn on the power
	The fuse is burned out	Replace the fuse
	Remote control batteries are dead	Replace batteries
	The Unit's 3-minute protection has been activated	Wait three minutes after restarting the unit
	Timer is activated	Turn timer off
<b>Indicator lamps continue flashing or error code appears</b>	<p>The unit may stop operation or continue to run safely. If the indicator lamps continue to flash or error codes appear, wait for about 10 minutes. The problem may resolve itself.</p> <p>If not, disconnect the power, then connect it again. Turn the unit on.</p> <p>If the problem persists, disconnect the power and contact your nearest customer service center.</p>	

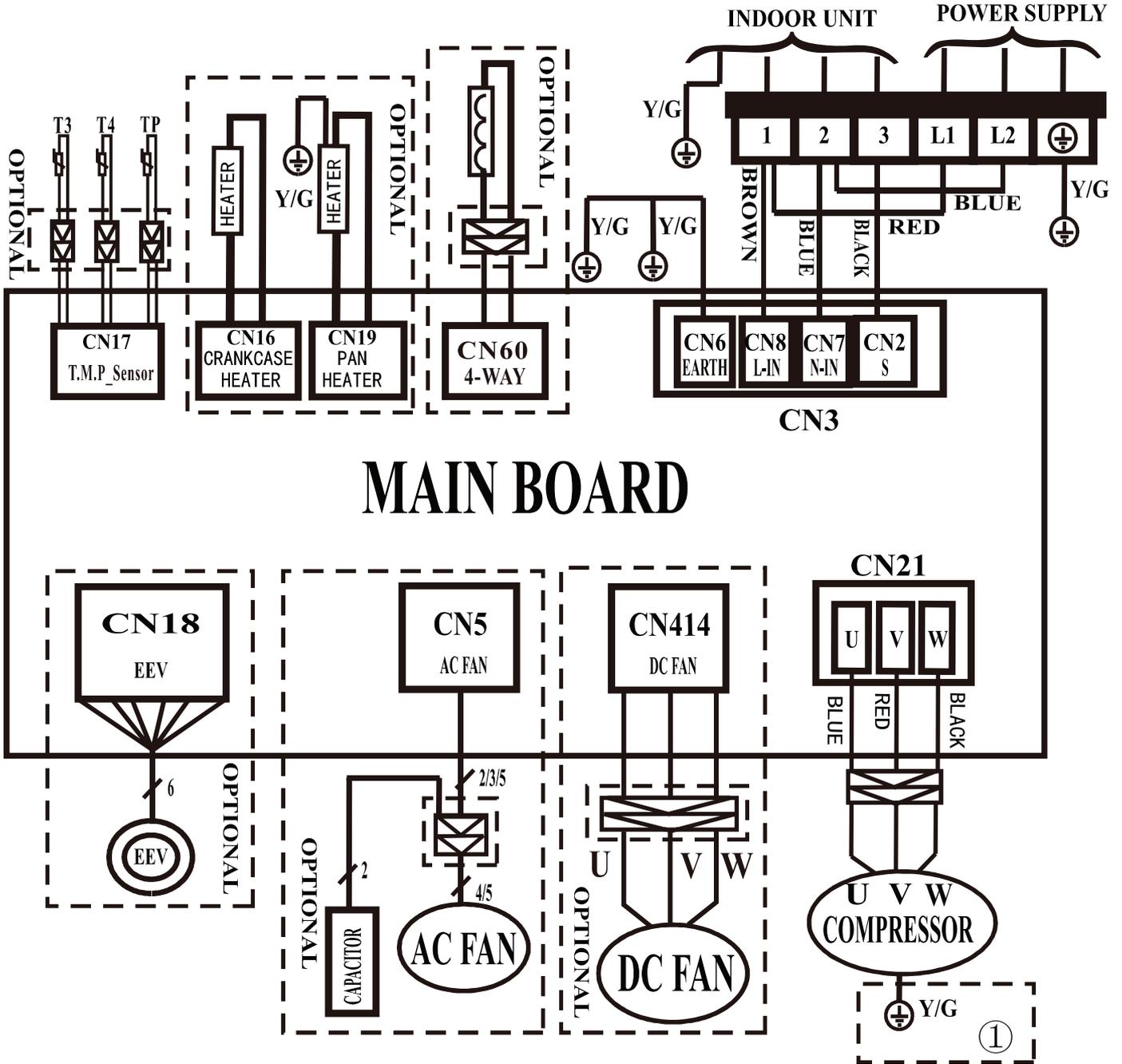


**NOTE**

If your problem persists after performing the checks and diagnostics above, turn off your unit immediately and contact an authorized service center.



## DRA1U18S1B & DRA1U24S1B



⎓ Dotted line indicates this component is optional. Your configuration may vary.

① The D box contains the ground wire for the compressor. The other boxes do not.

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## ERROR AND OPERATING CODES

Running Lamp	Timer Lamp	Display	Information
--	--	dF	Defrost *
--	--	SC	Self clean *
--	--	CL	Filter cleaning reminder(power on display for 15 seconds) *
--	--	CL	Active clean(for some units) *
--	--	rF	Filter replacement reminder(power on display for 15 seconds) *
--	--	FP	Freeze protection heating 46°F/54°F (8°C/12°C) *
--	--	FC	Forced cooling *
--	--	AP	AP mode of WIFI connection *
--	--	CP	Remote switched off *
1 time	OFF	EH 00/EH 0A	Indoor unit EEPROM parameter error
2 times	OFF	EL 01	Indoor/outdoor unit communication error
3 times	OFF	EH 02	Zero-crossing signal detection error
4 times	OFF	EH 03	The indoor fan speed is operating outside of the normal range
5 times	OFF	EC 51	Outdoor unit EEPROM parameter error
5 times	OFF	EC 52	Condenser coil temperature sensor T3 is in open circuit or has short circuited
5 times	OFF	EC 53	Outdoor room temperature sensor T4 is in open circuit or has short circuited
5 times	OFF	EC 54	Compressor discharge temperature sensor TP is in open circuit or has short circuited
5 times	OFF	EC 56	Evaporator coil outlet temperature sensor T2B is in open circuit or has short circuited(for free-match indoor units)
6 times	OFF	EH 60	Indoor room temperature sensor T1 is in open circuit or has short circuited
6 times	OFF	EH 61	Evaporator coil middle temperature sensor T2 is in open circuit or has short circuited
12 times	OFF	EC 07	The outdoor fan speed is operating outside of the normal range
9 times	OFF	EH 06	Indoor PCB/Display board communication error
8 times	OFF	EL 0C	Refrigerant leakage detection
7 times	FLASH	PC 00	IPM malfunction or IGBT over-strong current protection
2 times	FLASH	PC 01	Over voltage or over low voltage protection
3 times	FLASH	PC 02	Top temperature protection of compressor or High temperature protection of IPM module or High pressure protection
5 times	FLASH	PC 04	Inverter compressor drive error
1 time	FLASH	PC 08	Current overload protection
6 times	FLASH	PC 40	Communication error between outdoor main chip and compressor driven chip
7 times	FLASH	PC 03	Low pressure protection
1 times	ON	--	Indoor units mode conflict(match with multi outdoor unit)

\* Normal operating codes, not malfunctions.

## JOB SITE INFORMATION SHEET

### Site Information

Job Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Installation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Contractor Information

Contractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Technician Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Outdoor Unit (ODU) Information

ODU Model #: \_\_\_\_\_ ODU Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Location: \_\_\_\_\_

### Indoor Unit (IDU) Information

IDU Model #: \_\_\_\_\_ IDU Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Refrigerant Line Size (Circle Liquid and Gas Line):    1/4"    3/8"    1/2"    5/8"

Line Set Length: \_\_\_\_\_

**Outdoor Electrical Readings**

Line Power Wire Color: L1 \_\_\_\_\_ L2 \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_

Line Voltage (Power Off): L1 to L2 \_\_\_\_\_ L1 to G \_\_\_\_\_ L2 to G \_\_\_\_\_

Line Voltage (Power On): L1 to L2 \_\_\_\_\_ L1 to G \_\_\_\_\_ L2 to G \_\_\_\_\_

**Outdoor to Indoor Electrical Readings**

IDU Power/Control Wire Color: 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Voltage Readings: 1-2 \_\_\_\_\_ AC      2-3 \_\_\_\_\_ DC

**Outdoor Thermal Readings**

ODU Discharge: \_\_\_\_\_ °F      OD Ambient: \_\_\_\_\_ °F

Gas Line Saturation: \_\_\_\_\_ °F      Liquid Line Saturation: \_\_\_\_\_ °F

**Indoor Electrical Readings**

IDU Power/Control Wire Color: 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Voltage Readings: 1-2 \_\_\_\_\_ AC      2-3 \_\_\_\_\_ DC

**Indoor Thermal Readings**

Return Air: \_\_\_\_\_ °F      Supply Air: \_\_\_\_\_ °F      Room Air: \_\_\_\_\_ °F

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