

# HRV / ERV INSTALLATION AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

# **Compact Unit**

model:

RHRV-C100A Aluminum Core

RHRV-C100P

Polypropylene Core

RERV-C100

Enthalpy Core



RHRV - 80 P RERV - 80







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### IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS READ AND SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

### 🛆 WARNING 🛆

#### TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE, ELECTRIC SHOCK OR INJURY, OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. Read all the instructions carefully before installation, operation or maintenance of the unit. Failure to comply with instructions could result in personal injury and/or property damage.
- 2. Installation of the unit and the corresponding electrical wiring must be done by a qualified person and be in accordance with all municipal and national electrical codes and pertinent industry standards should be verified before installation.
- 3. Use this unit only in the manner intended by the manufacturer. If you have any questions, contact the manufacturer.
- 4. Moving Parts, Disconnect Power supply before opening. ensure that all the nuts and screws are securely fastened before restarting the unit.
- 5. Before servicing or cleaning the unit, switch power off at service panel and lock the service disconnecting means to prevent power from being switched on accidentally. When the service disconnecting means cannot be locked, securely fasten a prominent warning device, such as a tag, to the service panel.
- 6. When cutting or drilling into wall or ceiling, make sure that you do not damage electrical wiring and other hidden utilities.
- 7. To reduce the risk of fire, use only metal ductwork. Do not use any accessories not recommended by the manufacturer.
- 8. When performing installation, servicing or cleaning these unit, it is suggested to wear safety glasses and gloves.
- 9. Do not use this unit for commercial purpose.
- 10. For residential use only. The unit must be grounded.
- 11. Do not install in a cooking area.
- 12. This unit is not designed to exhaust combustion and/or dilution air for fuel burning appliances.

### $\triangle$ CAUTION $\triangle$

- 1. Turn the unit OFF during construction or repair to avoid filter blockage.
- 2. Exhaust air outside Do not intake / exhaust air into spaces within walls, crawl spaces, garage, or into attics.
- 3. Unit has to be installed in accordance to National and Local Building Code.
- When leaving house for a long period of time (more than two weeks), a responsible person should check if unit operates adequately.

### PACKAGING INSPECTION

Open the box and check to make sure all the parts and accessories are present and in good condition. If you find any parts missing or any shipping damage please contact factory or our distributor immediately.

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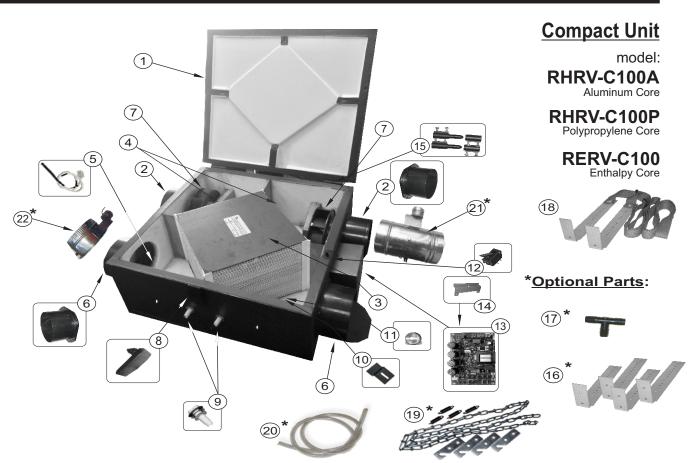
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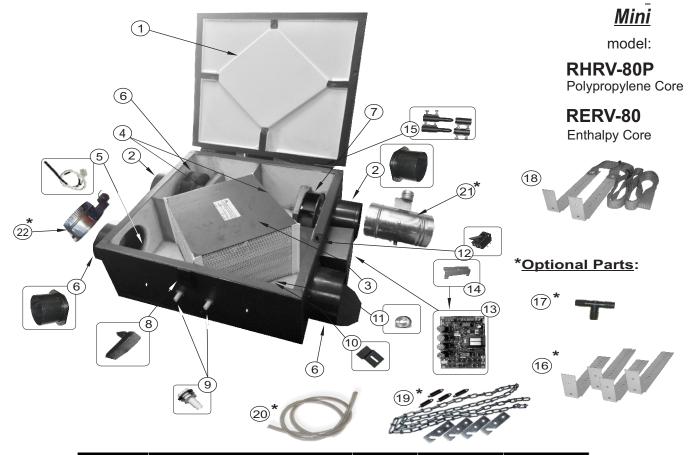
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# Parts List



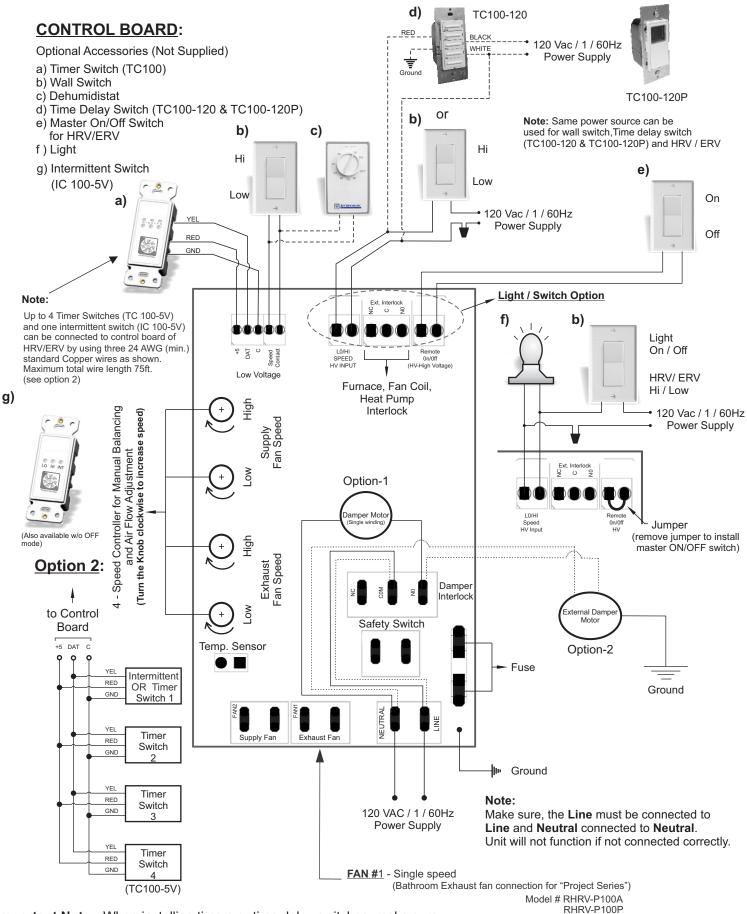
5 (	Description	Part no.	RHRV-C100A	RHRV-C100P	RERV-C100
Reference			QTY.	QTY.	QTY.
1	HRV / ERV - lid, Pan Assembly	9315	1	1	1
2	Polypropylene collar 5" Dia.	014043C	2	2	2
	Aluminum Core	9312	1	n/a	n/a
3	Polypropylene Core	9313	n/a	1	n/a
	Enthalpy Core	9314	n/a	n/a	1
4	Filter 7" x 12" (MERV - 4)	9358	2	2	2
5	Temperature Sensor	9326	1	1	1
6	5" Polypropylene Backdraft Damper	014043	2	2	2
7	Blower - Supply / Exhaust	9360	2	2	2
8	Adjustable Door Latch	9319	1	1	1
9	Drain Spout Assembly	9320	2	2	2
10	Core Locking Bracket	9321	1	1	1
11	Core Locking Nut	014016	1	1	1
12	Safety Switch	9322	1	1	1
13	Main control Board	9361	1	1	1
14	Main Control Board Bracket	9355	2	2	2
15	Door Hinges	9328	1 Set	1 Set	1 Set
16*	Mounting Brackets	011135	4	4	4
17*	"T" Connector	9330	1	1	1
18	Webbing/Brackets/Ladder Locks	9332	2 Sets	2 Sets	2 Sets
19*	Chains/Springs/Brackets	9354	1 Set	1 Set	1 Set
20*	Drain Pipe	9331	1	1	1
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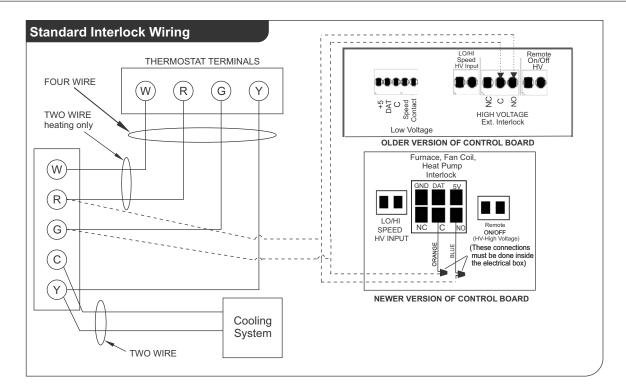
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Important Note:- When installing timers or time delay switches, make sure that they are for appropriate HRV/ERV models.

### Furnace / Fan-Coil / Heat Pump Interlock:

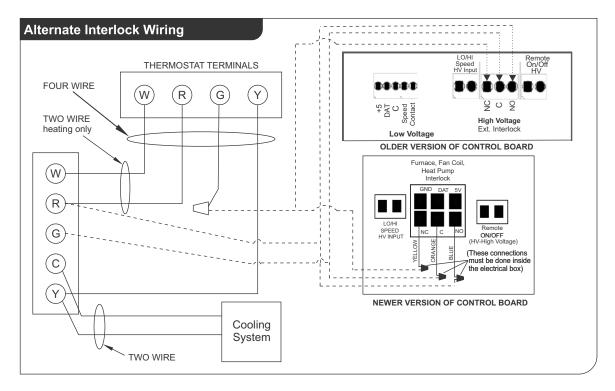
### <u>//</u> W A R N I N G //

Never connect a 120 volt AC circuit to the terminals of the furnace/fan-coil/heat pump interlock (Standard Wiring). Only use the low voltage class 2 circuit.



### For a furnace connected to a cooling system:

On some older thermostats, energizing the R and G terminals at the furnace has the effect of energizing Y at the thermostat and thereby turning on the cooling system. If you identify this type of thermostat, you must use the "Alternate Interlock Wiring".



# **HRV and ERV Typical Installations**

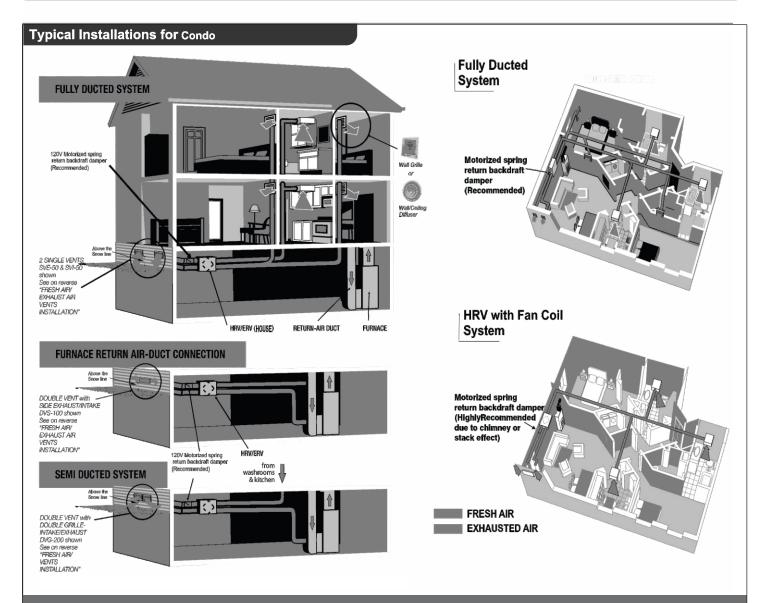
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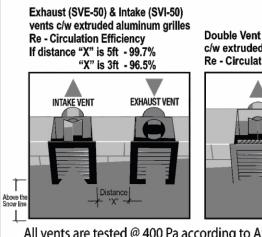
(DVG-200)

#### **Typical Installations for House Fully Ducted System Fully Ducted System** This is a stand alone HRV/ERV system which is not connected to a force air system. Stale air is drawn from key areas of the home (bathroom, kitchen) while fresh air is supplied to main living areas. 2 Single Vents SVE-50 and SVI-50 FRESH AIR Shown. "Fresh Air/ Exhaust Air EXHAUST/STALE AIR HEATED AIR Vents Installation Wall Cap Exhaust/Intake WCE-5, WCI-5 HRV/ERV shown \*Re - circulation Efficiency Distance FURNACE RETURN-AIR DUCT If distance "X" is 5 ft- 99.7% motorized damper "X" is 3 ft- 96.5% Note: · It is recommended that the furnace blower run Semi Ducted System continuously or HRV/ERV operation be interlocked Double Vent with Extruded Aluminum Grille DVG200 shown "Fresh Air/Exhaust Air Vent installation" with the furnace blower to evenly distribute the fresh air throughout the house (for semi ducted & furnace return air duct connection). motorized damper (Highly Recommended) from washrooms and kitchen · A motorized backdraft damper is recommended in the fresh air supply side to prevent outdoor air entering into the system when the Furnace / Air handler fan is running and the HRV/ERV is in Standby HRV/ER or OFF or in defrost mode. • All vents must be installed above the snow line. - This installation enables stale air to be vents to be installed drawn from the poorest air quality areas above snow line of the home (washrooms & kitchen) **Furnace Return Air Duct Connection** motorized damper (Highly Recommended) For Furnace Return Air duct connection The HRV/ERV must be balanced. DVS100 Check your local building codes before installation. Double Vent with hood shown "Fresh Air/Exhaust The duct configuration may change depending on Air Vent Installation the HRV/ERV model. HRV/ERV **Optional venting:** NOTE: All Exhaust vents must be installed min. 5 ft away from sidewalls. Double vents with hood

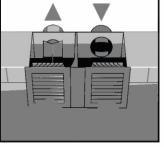
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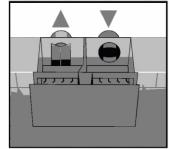
### FRESH AIR / EXHAUST AIR VENTS INSTALLATION



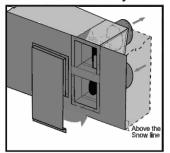
Double Vent (DVG-200) c/w extruded aluminum grilles Re - Circulation Efficiency - 95%



Double Vent (DVS-100) c/w side Exhaust / Intake hood Re - Circulation Efficiency - 98%



Double Vent (DVV-100C) c/w vertical Exhaust / Intake hood Re - Circulation Efficiency - 98%



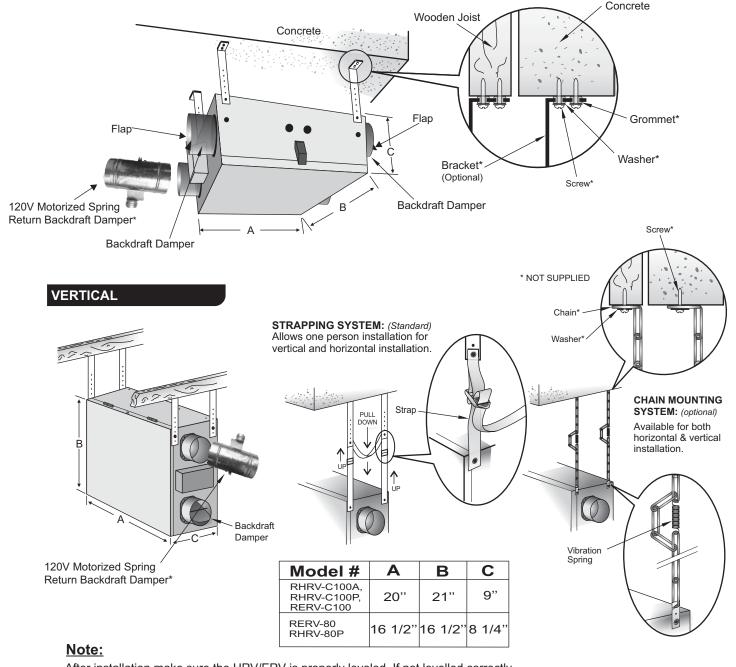
#### \*Specially designed for Project Condo units.

All vents are tested @ 400 Pa according to ASTM E547-00 for water Penetration test. (tested @ 5-10 mph wind velocity) Note: All Exhaust Vents must be installed min. 5 ft away from sidewalls.

#### HORIZONTAL

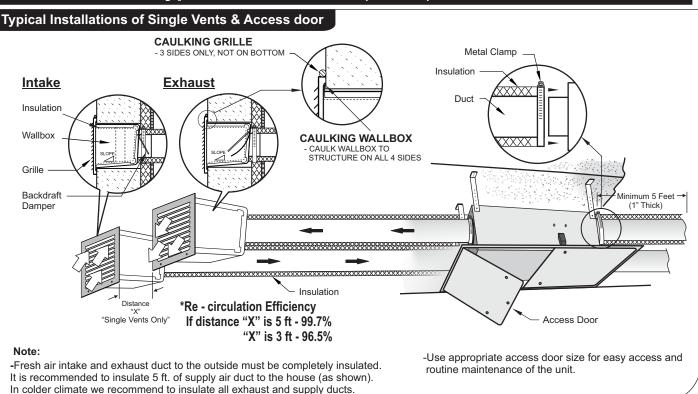
#### Note:

- ·26" clearance is recommended for cleaning of the core/servicing the unit.
- Dampers are installed for horizontal installation. For vertical installation both dampers have to be turned so they can open properly and close when there is any backdraft.
- Make sure no screw will interfere the function of the backdraft damper flaps while installing the duct work to the HRV/ERV.



After installation make sure the HRV/ERV is properly leveled. If not levelled correctly, then defrost will not perform effectively and/or unit may frost in winter.

# HRV and ERV Typical Installations (cont'd)



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#### **Drain Connection**

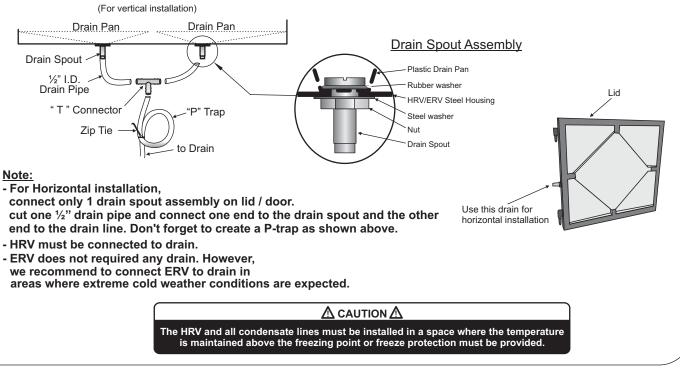
When the outside temperature drops below -5°C, the HRV / ERV Supply Fan cycles ON / OFF depending on the outside temperature. The exhaust fan always operates normally at all times regardless of the outside air temperature.

During defrost cycle the HRV unit may produce some condensation and the water should flow into a nearby drain.

The HRV cabinet has pre-punched holes for the drain, in order to keep the drain pan intact hand tighten the 2 plastic drain tube to the unit using the gasket and nuts.

#### **For Vertical installation**

Cut two sections of ½" drain pipe and connect the other ends to the drain tube then connect to "T" connector. Connect a drain line and create a **P-trap** to prevent the unit from unpleasant odours from drain source. Tape or fasten base to avoid any bends.



### **Air Flow Balancing**

#### Balancing Procedure

It is required to have balanced air flows in a HRV/ERV. The volume of air brought in from the outside must equal the volume of air exhausted by the unit while running at normal speed. If the air flows are not properly balanced, then:

- The HRV/ERV may not function at its maximum efficiency
- · A negative or positive air pressure may occur in the house
- The unit may not defrost properly

#### Prior to balancing, ensure that:

- 1. All the HRV/ERV's components are in place and functioning properly.
- 2. All sealing of the ductwork system has been completed.
- 3. Set the unit to normal speed.
- 4. Air flows in branch to specific areas of the house should be adjusted first prior to balancing the unit.5. After taking reading of both stale air and fresh air, the duct with the lower CFM reading should be left alone
- while the duct with the higher airflow should be slower down to match the lower reading by adjusting dial/speed controller on control board (see Fig.1).
- 6. Return unit to appropriate fan speed for normal operation.
- 7. Follow step-5 to balance the flow in high speed.

#### **Pitot Tube Airflow Balancing**

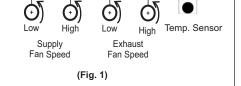
The following is a method of field balancing a HRV/ERV using a Pitot tube advantageous in situations when flow stations are not installed in the ductwork. Procedure should be performed with the HRV/ERV on normal speed.

The first step is to operate all mechanical systems on most desire speed, which have an influence on the ventilation system, i.e.the forced air furnace or air handler if applicable. This will provide the maximum pressure that the HRV/ERV will need to overcome, and allow for a more accurate balancing of the unit.

Drill a small hole in the duct (about 3/16"), three feet downstream of any elbows or bends, and one foot upstream of any elbows or bends. These are recommended distances but the actual installation may limit the amount of straight duct.

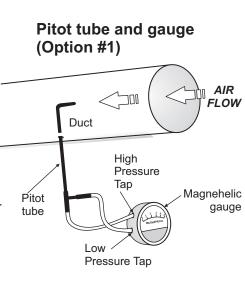
The Pitot tube should be connected to a magnehelic gauge capable of reading from 0 to 0.25 in. (0-62 Pa) or other digital airflow meter. The tube coming out of the top of the pitot is connected to the high pressure side of the gauge/meter and the tube coming out of the side of the pitot is connected to the low pressure or reference side of the gauge/meter.

Insert the pitot tube into the duct; pointing the tip into the airflow, as shown in option #1. For general balancing, it is sufficient to move the pitot tube around in the duct and take an average or typical reading. Repeat this procedure in the other duct. Determine which duct has the highest airflow (highest reading on the gauge). Then slower down that motor speed by adjusting dial/speed controller on control board to match the lower reading from the other duct. The flows should now be balanced. Actual airflow can be determined from the gauge/metre reading. The value read on the gauge is called the velocity pressure and on the flow meter is called air velocity(FPM). The Pitot tube comes with a chart that will give the air flow velocity based on the velocity pressure indicated by the gauge. This velocity will be in either feet per minute or metres per second. To determine the actual airflow, the velocity is multiplied by the cross sectional area of the duct being measured.



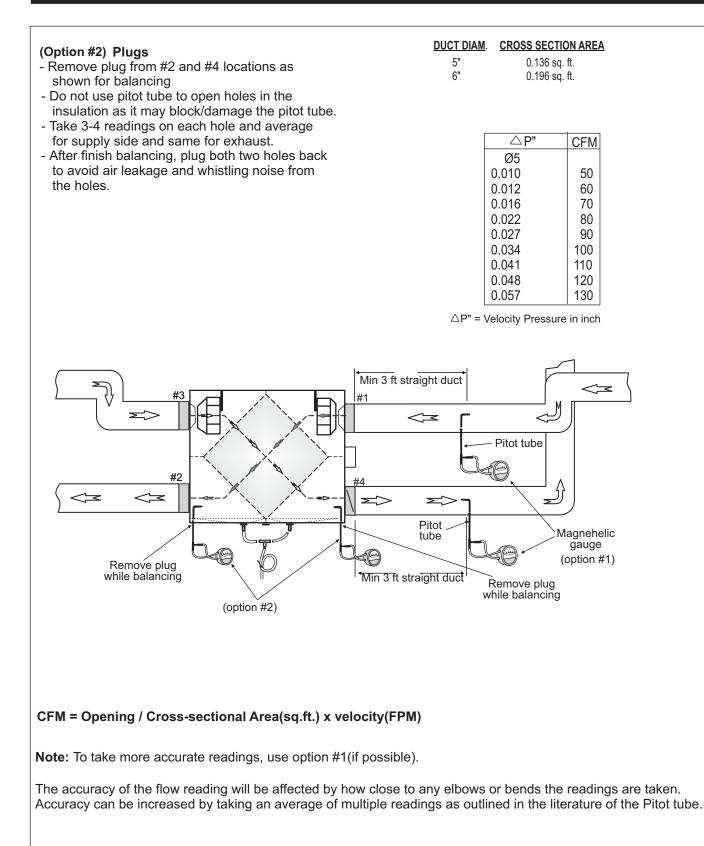
counter clockwise as shown in Fig.1

Note: To reduce the air flow, turn the Knob



#### NOTE:

Place the magnehelic gauge on a level surface and adjust it to zero.



### Maintenance

#### Regular Maintenance

- 1. Turn the unit off and disconnect the power supply.
- 2. Unlatch the door and lift the door panel towards you, hold it firmly and slide it to the left.
- 3. Clean the inside of the door and drain pan with a damp cloth to remove dirt and debris
- that may be present. 4. Clean the *filters:* (twice a year)
  - Remove the filters.
    - Vacuum to remove most of the dust.
    - Wash with a mixture of warm water and mild soap. Rinse thoroughly and shake filters to remove water and let dry.
- 5. Oil defrost damper levers and hinges.
- 6. Check the exterior fresh air supply hood:
  - Make sure there are no leaves, twigs, grass, ice or snow that could be drawn into the vent. *Partial blocking of this air vent could cause the unit to malfunction.*
- 7. Reassemble the components, Filters and Door (The door is secured when you hear a click.)
- 8. Reconnect the power and turn on the unit.

#### Annual Maintenance

Repeat steps 1 to 5 from the previous section and continue with the following steps:

#### 1. Clean the HRV and ERV core:

- Remove filters
- Loosen the core locking bracket
- Remove the core, carefully grip ends of core and pull evenly outward
- *HRV Core* > remove dust using vacuum cleaner or rinse with cold water
  - > Soak and rinse the HRV core in warm soapy water
- ERV Core > remove dust using vacuum cleaner
- 2. Motors Maintenance Free, permanently lubricated



- Do not use cleaning solution for the HRV/ERV core
- Do not use pressure washer on the HRV/ERV core
- Do not place the HRV/ERV core in dishwasher
- Do not use bleach or chlorine
- 3. Drain Tube and Drain Pipe Inspect drain tube, drain pipe and "P" trap for blockage, mold or kinks. Flush with warm soapy water and replace if worn, bent or unable to clean.
- 4. Clean Duct Work if Required Wipe and vacuum the duct once every year. The duct work running to and from HRV/ERV may accumulate dirt. You may wish to contact a heating / ventilation company to do this.
- 5. Cleaning the Fans Fans may accumulate dirt causing an imbalance and/or excessive vibration on the HRV/ERV. A reduction in the air flow may also occur. In new construction this may result within the first year due to heavy dust and may occur periodically after that over time depending on the outdoor conditions.
  - unplug the HRV/ERV
  - open the service door
  - remove the core
  - disconnect the fan motor wires
  - remove the screws securing fan assembly
  - pull the fan assembly out of unit
  - check for any accumulation on the blades
  - clean with a small brush if necessary:
    - scrub individual fan blades until clean
    - vacuum and wipe
  - put the components back in place
  - reconnect the power supply and turn the unit back on.

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Electrical shock hazard. Can cause injury or death. Before attempting to perform any service or maintenance, always disconnect the unit from its power source.

# Troubleshooting

PROBLEMS	POSSIBLE CAUSES	SOLUTIONS
1. Air flow is low	<ul> <li>HRV/ERV airflow improperly balanced</li> <li>filter clogged</li> <li>core obstructed</li> <li>exterior fresh air supply blocked</li> <li>damper is closed (if supplied)</li> <li>ductwork is restricting</li> <li>power supply low (Low Voltage)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>have professional balancer or contractor balance the unit</li> <li>remove and clean filter</li> <li>remove and clean core</li> <li>remove and clean the blockage</li> <li>check damper</li> <li>inspect duct installation</li> <li>switch off the unit immediately and call the electrician to check the voltage</li> </ul>
2. Senses cold air from Supply	<ul> <li>Exhaust hood outside the house is blocked</li> <li>HRV/ERV airflow improperly balanced</li> <li>outdoor temperature is extremely cold</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>remove the blockage and clean the hood</li> <li>have contractor balance the unit</li> <li>placement of furniture or closed doors is restricting the movement of air in the home</li> <li>install a duct heater</li> </ul>
3. Water in the bottom of HRV	<ul> <li>drain pans, drain tube, drain pipe and "P" trap are clogged</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>check for blockage and for kinks in line</li> <li>check connections</li> <li>make sure water drains properly</li> </ul>
<ol> <li>Timer switch 20/40/60 minute / intermittent Switch light doesn't stay on</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>loose connection</li> <li>the switch may be defective</li> <li>turn off the HRV/ERV bracker</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>check connection</li> <li>replace the timer switch</li> <li>reset the main controller</li> </ul>
5. Unit is not defrosting properly	<ul> <li>fresh air duct maybe frozen</li> <li>HRV/ERV airflow improperly balanced</li> <li>Temp. sensor maybe defective</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>check and remove the ice</li> <li>have professional balancer or contractor balance the unit</li> <li>replace the Temp. sensor</li> </ul>
6. All 3 LEDs of timer switch blinks	<ul> <li>Control board reports error</li> <li>lost communication with main control board</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>refer to problem 4.</li> <li>check all wire connections on timer switch and main control board</li> </ul>
7. LED's on the Main Control board and the remote wall mount Timer Switch will flash 0.5 second On then 2 seconds Off then repeat the cycle	<ul> <li>Exhaust fan open circuit:</li> <li>a) motor burned</li> <li>b) fan overheated</li> </ul>	- replace motor - call technician (if possible replace fan)
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<ul> <li>11. LED's on the Main Control board and the remote wall mount Timer Switch will flash:</li> <li>0.5 sec On/0.5 sec Off/</li> <li>0.5 sec On, then 2 seconds Off, then repeat the cycle</li> </ul>	- temperature sensor failure (both motors shuts off)	- replace temperature sensor

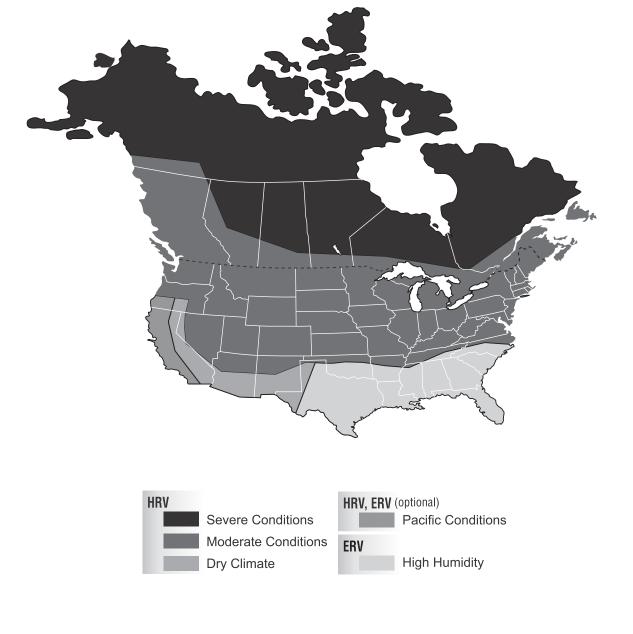
Note :- Lightning, high power surge or high frequency radio signals could cause HRV/ERV goes into safe mode (unit completly shuts off and timer switches blinks either two or four times in a raw every 0.5 seconds). If this happens, turn "off" the main power of the HRV/ERV and restart the unit. If still unit does not come on, please call service technician.


# **Climate Zone**

### Select HRV/ERV for your Climate Zone

HRVs are recommended for colder climates.

**ERV**s are designed for warm-humid climates with long cooling seasons.



U.S. Department of Energy climate zones map



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