



# INSTALLATION OPERATION MANUAL

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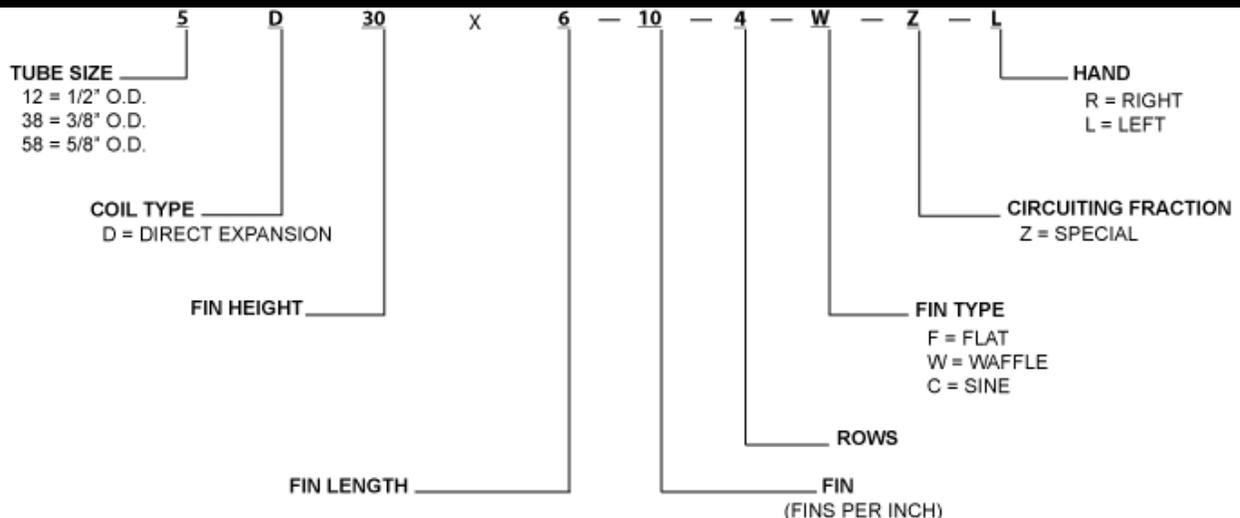
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## CAUTION

*The instructions included in this IOM are provided as guidance to the installer and service provider. All personnel working with the equipment should be qualified to do so and should perform work in accordance with all standard practices. Safety precautions should also be taken. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of gloves, steel toe boots, hard hats, and safety glasses.*

## 2.0 NOMENCLATURE



## 3.0 RECEIVING

### 3.1 INITIAL INSPECTION

Immediately upon receipt, the following should be checked:

- Bill of Lading / Original Purchase Order
- Crate
- Coil

The accuracy of the bill of lading must be checked against the physical shipment. Any loose parts are specified on the bill as separate line items. Any inaccuracies must be documented immediately on the carrier's freight bill and signed by the driver. In addition, the original purchase order and bill of lading should be equivalent. If any difference is perceived, the factory sales representative should be contacted immediately. The above nomenclature breakdown can be used to clarify any discrepancies between the physical product, the bill of lading, and the original purchase order with regards to the coils geometry.

Crates are designed to protect their contents under reasonable shipping conditions. All coils are shipped in vertical configuration and fully enclosed. Upon arrival, packaging should be inspected for broken boards. Broken boards can be an indicator of potential product damage and should be documented.

The appearance of the coil should be visually inspected upon receipt. Even though the packaging is robust, the crating is constructed with wood planks that are gapped. This slating does allow for the potential of foreign objects to contact coil surfaces (i.e. chain falls, ratcheting straps, road debris, etc.).

### 3.2 HANDLING

Always wear gloves when handling coils. The fins and sheet metal edges are very sharp and can seriously injure unprotected hands. All coils should be handled by the casing. Do not attempt to move, support, or lift the coil by the connection headers, tubes, fin face or other non-casing components of the coil.

### 3.3 UNPACKING/CLEANING

If the coil is to be stored, it should be stored in its original packaging. Once the coil is needed, it should be transported as close as possible to the point of use before unpacking.

It is recommended to disassemble the top and sides of the crating before removing its contents. Care should be taken not to damage the coil fin surfaces. If minor localized trauma does occur, then fin combs can be purchased from a HVAC supply house to re-orient the fins. If damage is localized, but extends to the refrigeration circuits, the integrity of the copper tubes must be checked. If damage to the fin surface is extensive, the coil's performance will suffer and should be corrected or replaced.

It is standard practice to insert cardboard between the outer, finned surface of the coil grouping and the inside crate surface. This helps keep the surfaces clean by reducing the threat for air and foreign debris to become embedded in the fins. However, since coil performance is dependant on air flow across the coil fins, it is recommended that all coils are cleaned before installation with a commercially available coil cleaner.

### 3.4 LIFTING/RIGGING

Rigging and lifting methods may include slings or other suitable devices. All slings, devices, and apparatus should be of a rating suitable for the loads they will be subjected to during the lift. Additionally, the lifting means must ensure that no deformation of the coil casing occurs.

Spreader bars must be used to hold cables or sling straps vertical and away from the coil to prevent damage to coil components.

If the coil is an unbalanced load, use all lifting points and adjust cables/slings and cable/sling lengths for proper balance.

Recommendation: Lifting and rigging attachments are used on a crane or hoist between the hook and the item to be lifted. Lifting and rigging attachments must be properly configured for the weight of the load, the type of crane or hoist and the type of chain, rope, or hook being used to lift the load. A load leveler, or end fitting, is commonly used as a sling attachment to stabilize the load. A hoist attachment that works between the hook and the load includes a coil lifter, tongs, spreader beams and pallet lifters. Maximum load capacity, maximum lifting volume, applications, and uses are important specifications to consider.

RAE assumes no responsibility for lifting apparatus, devices, and methods used by others for rigging and lifting. Do not lift the coil from the headers.

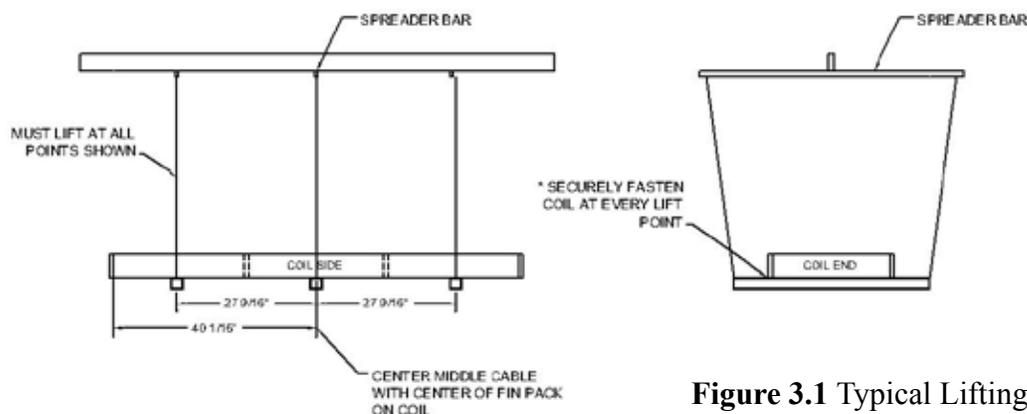


Figure 3.1 Typical Lifting Apparatus

## 4.0 INSTALLATION

### 4.1 MOUNTING

Position the coil such that the suction header is at the entering air-side of the coil and the distributor tubes are at the leaving air-side of the coil. This orientation provides counter flow heat exchange which is required for proper coil performance.

The suction connection is located at the lowest point on the coil when properly installed.

**NOTE: It is illegal to discharge refrigerant into the atmosphere. Use proper reclaiming methods when installing or servicing this coil.**

### 4.2 CLEARANCE

Proper clearance should be maintained between the coil and other structures, such as the fan filter racks, transition areas, etc. These clearances are typically application specific and should be based on experience. Proper clearances should result in airflow distribution tolerances listed in this IOM.

### 4.3 DIRECT EXPANSION NOTES

- All incoming coils should be inspected for concealed or visible damage.
- Piping should be in accordance with accepted industry standards and local codes.

- Dehumidifying applications must be provided with a drain pan.
- For maximum performance coils must be piped with liquid connection (distributor) on the air leaving side of the coil and the return connection (suction header) on the air entering side of the coil thus providing a counter flow arrangement.
- It is recommended that face velocities be maintained between 450 and 550 FPM. Face velocities above 550 FPM could cause significant moisture carry-over.
- Larger evaporator coils are normally supplied with liquid distributors for the specific circuiting requirements. Thermostatic Expansion valves should be sized accordingly to distributor and load conditions.
- DX coils are frequently exposed to temperature and mechanical stresses during installation and operation. It is imperative that the system is checked for leaks before, during and after start-up.
- DX coils should be inspected on a monthly basis at the distributor, valves and return bends for wear and/or corrosion. Check coil casing and support bracing as well for excessive vibration.
- Control systems should be inspected on a weekly basis to ensure no icing conditions are present and that all circuits are operating properly.
- Periodically check and clean the fin surface, if necessary.

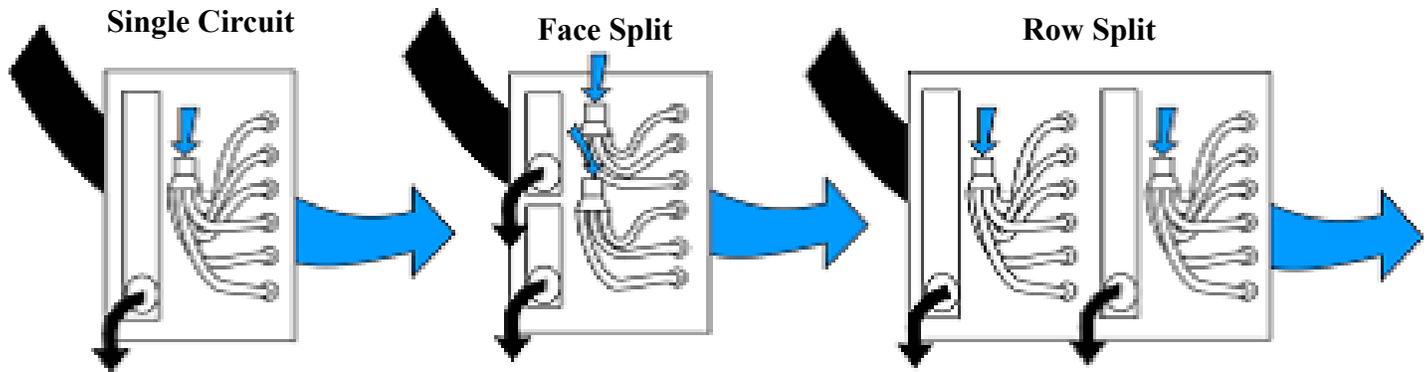
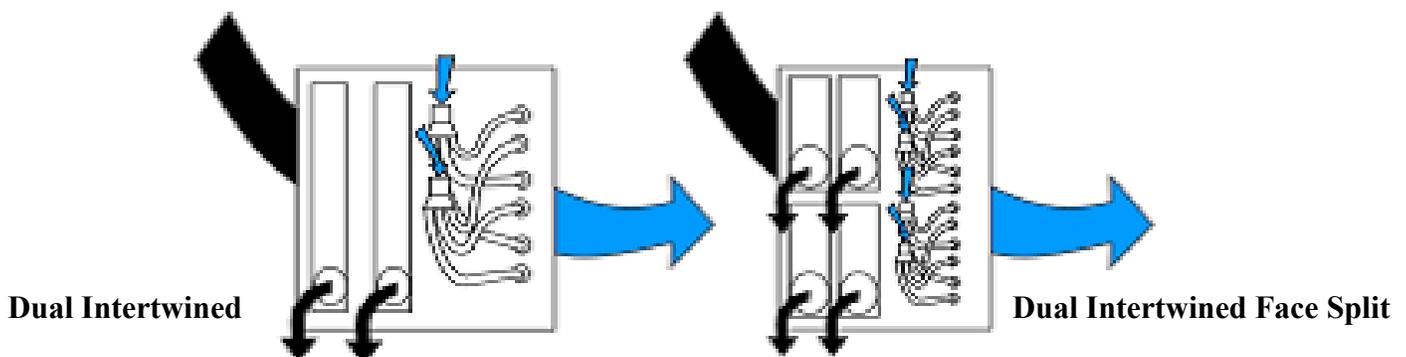


Figure 4.1 Mounting



## 5.0 PIPING

### 5.1 GENERAL NOTES

All field brazing and welding should be performed using high quality materials and an inert gas purge, such as nitrogen, to reduce oxidation of the internal surface of the coil.

Connect the suction line and suction connection.

Install the expansion valve to the liquid line if one is not already installed to avoid damaging the valve.

The expansion valve's remote sensing bulb should be securely strapped to the horizontal run of the suction line at the 4 or 8 o'clock position and insulated.

Connect the liquid line to the expansion valve.

Design discharge lines to ensure refrigerant drop is minimized and a sufficiently high gas velocity to carry oil through to the condenser coil and receiver at all loading conditions is maintained.

### 5.2 PIPING STARTUP

- After installation of the coil, it should be pressurized to 100 psig with dry nitrogen. The pressure should be held for at least 10 to 15 minutes to ensure that there are no leaks. If the coil itself is found to be leaking, contact your local sales representative for warranty authorization. **Unauthorized repair to coil will void the warranty.**
- Use a vacuum pump to evacuate the coil-measure in the piping using a micron gauge located as far from the pump as possible. Evacuate the coil in 500 microns or less.
- The system is ready to be charged or refrigerant pumped down in another portion of the system (can be opened to the coil).
- All field piping must be self supporting.
- During initial startup, tighten all bolted casing connections once the system stabilizes.

## 6.0 OPERATIONS

Proper air distribution is vital to coil performance. Air velocity anywhere on the coil face should not vary by more than 15%.

Air velocities should be maintained between 200 and 800 feet per minute.

NOTE: Coils with latent capacity should have less than 500 feet per minute to prevent water carry over.

The drain pan should be designed and installed so that there is no standing water.

## 7.0 MAINTENANCE

Inspect the coil and piping for corrosion and leaks on a regular basis. Repair and replacement of the coil and the connecting piping should be performed as needed by a qualified individual.

The coil should be cleaned regularly utilizing commercially available coil cleaning fluids. Caution should be exercised in selecting the cleaning solution as well as the cleaning equipment. Improper selection can result in damage to the coil and/or health hazards. Be sure to carefully read and follow the cleaner manufacturer's recommendations before using any cleaning fluid. Clean the coil from the leaving air side so that foreign material will be washed out of the coil rather than pushed further in.

Filters should be inspected and changed on a regular basis. Maintaining clean filters is a cost-effective way to help maintain maximum coil performance and service life.

The use of filter-dryers in the system piping along with a sight glass that has a moisture indicator is recommended. Replace the filter as needed.

Periodic inspection of the coil for signs of corrosion and for leaks is recommended. Small leaks can be detected by using halide torch. Repair and replacement of the coil and connecting piping should be performed by a qualified individual.

If there are filters, mist eliminators, or louvers in front of the coil they should be inspected and cleaned or changed as required regularly.

Look for signs of corrosion and leaks regularly. If a leak is suspected, a soap bubble test should be performed. Repair and replacement of the coil including piping connections or valves should be performed by a qualified individual.

If coil surface needs cleaning, chemicals can be used, but be careful in selection of these chemicals. Only chemicals with proven success without damaging the coils shall be used. Soapy water can be used with a garden hose. Be careful not to bend any coil fins.

Always clean the coil from the leaving air side; this way the dirt or foreign material that is trapped will be pushed back out of the coil, instead of being pushed farther into the coil.

## 8.0 STORAGE

If coils are to be stored, they should be drained of any fluid and compressed air or an inert gas should be blown throughout the headers to assist in drying the coil.

If coils are to be stored, it is preferred that they are stored indoors in a clean, dry location that is level and sturdy. If they are stored outdoors, the coil should be stored off the ground and wrapped fully with a tarp or plastic.

It is recommended that the fin surface be protected by some means to prevent accidental damage.



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### 3. Specific Limitations to Warranty

#### *Parts Only*

This warranty is limited to repair or replacement of defective parts only and does not include labor. RAE Corp., at its sole discretion, may preauthorize the inclusion of labor expense. No claim for labor charges will be allowed without a written preauthorization from RAE Corp.'s service department. Prior written approval from RAE Corp. is required, in the event RAE Corp. has authorized the customer to purchase replacement parts for any warranted parts; and, such replacement parts must be obtained directly from a manufacturer's representative or RAE Corp. Claims for replacement parts obtained locally will be disallowed unless accompanied by a RAE Corp. purchase order for such replacement parts.

Orders for warranty replacement parts will be shipped ground transportation prepaid using the most appropriate transportation method.

Any premium transportation service will be at the cost of the requestor.

***Export Equipment***

Equipment exported outside the United States will be covered under the same parts only warranty as non exported equipment; provided that, all warranty transactions must take place within the territorial United States. Parts covered under warranty must be paid for in advance of any parts shipment. The customer will be reimbursed upon return of the warranty part and after the part has been inspected and determined defective. All exporting paperwork and shipping costs, including crating, will be the responsibility of the party ordering the part.

***Initial Inspection***

RAE Corp. will not be responsible for shipping damage, or for parts lost in transit, or for any claims of concealed damage. It is the responsibility of the receiving party to thoroughly inspect the equipment upon delivery for damage, or dry nitrogen pressure loss in transit, and to verify that any loose parts have been included in the shipment. The bill of lading will indicate if parts are shipped loose in the unit. If shipping damage has occurred, or loose parts are missing, the receiving party must resolve the issue through the claim process with the company responsible for transporting the equipment.

**4. Notice to RAE Corporation**

To contact and/or notify RAE Corporation Service Department the following contact information must be used:

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