

VACUUM OVEN

MODEL: 1425, 1445 & 1465

INSTALLATION AND OPERATION MANUAL

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This unit is a special purpose oven for professional, industrial or educational use where the preparation or testing of materials is done at approximately atmospheric pressure and no flammable volatile or combustible materials are being heated or placed near or on top of unit. This unit is not intended for hazardous or household locations or use.

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing our vacuum oven. These units are not intended for use at hazardous or household locations.

Before you use the unit, read this entire manual carefully to understand how to install, operate, and maintain the unit in a safe manner. Your satisfaction with the unit will be maximized as you read about its safety and operational features.

Keep this manual on-hand so it can be used by all operators of the unit. Be sure all operators of the unit are given appropriate training before you put the unit in service.

Note: Use the unit only in the way described in this manual. Failure to follow the guidelines and instructions in this manual may be dangerous and illegal.

General Safety Considerations

Your oven and its recommended accessories have been designed and tested to meet strict safety requirements.

For continued safe operation of your incubator, always follow basic safety precautions including:

- Read this entire manual before using the oven.
- Be sure you follow any city, county, or other ordinances in your area regarding the use of this unit.
- Use only approved accessories. Do not modify system components. Any alterations or modifications to your incubator may be dangerous and will void your warranty.
- Always plug the unit's power cord into a grounded electrical outlet that conforms to national and local electrical codes. If the unit is not grounded, parts such as knobs and controls may conduct electricity and cause serious injury.
- Do not connect the unit to a power source of any other voltage or frequency beyond the range stated on the power rating on the data plate inside the door of the unit.
- Do not modify the power cord provided with the unit. If the plug does not fit an outlet, have a proper outlet installed by a qualified electrician.
- Avoid damaging the power cord. Do not bend it excessively, step on it, place heavy objects on it. A damaged cord can easily become a shock or fire hazard. Never use a power cord after it has become damaged.
- Do not position the equipment in such a manner as to make it difficult to disconnect power cord or coupler.
- Do not attempt to move the unit while in operation or before the unit has been allowed to cool.

RECEIVING AND INSPECTION

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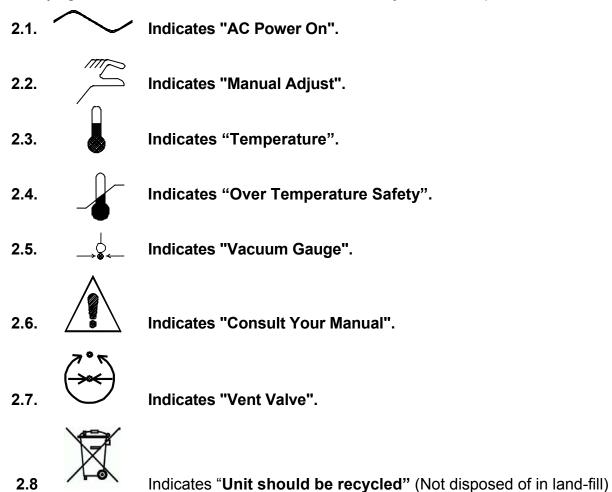
Your satisfaction and safety require a complete understanding of this unit, including its proper function and operational characteristics. Be sure operators are given adequate training before attempting to put unit in service. NOTE: This equipment must be used only for its intended application; any alterations or modifications will void your warranty.

- **1.1 Inspection:** The carrier, when accepting shipment, also accepts responsibility for safe delivery and is liable for loss or damage claims. On delivery, inspect for visible exterior damage. Note and describe on the freight bill any damage found and enter your claim on the form supplied by the carrier.
- **1.2** Inspect for concealed loss or damage on the unit itself, both interior and exterior. If any, the carrier will arrange for official inspection to substantiate your claim. Save the shipping crate until you are sure the unit has been delivered in good condition.
- **1.3 Return Shipment:** If for any reason you must return the unit, contact your customer representative for authorization. Supply the complete data plate information when requesting return authorization. Please see the manual cover for information on where to contact customer service.
- **1.4 Accessories:** Verify that all of the equipment indicated on the packing slip is included with the unit. Carefully check all packaging before discarding. The model 1425 is equipped with two (2) deep shelves and one (1) shallow shelf. The model 1445 is equipped with two (2) deep shelves, one (1) shallow shelf and four (4) adjustable feet. The model 1465 is equipped with three (3) shelves and four (4) adjustable feet.



GRAPHIC SYMBOLS

Your oven has been provided with a display of graphic symbols which should help in identifying the use and function of the available user adjustable components.



INSTALLATION

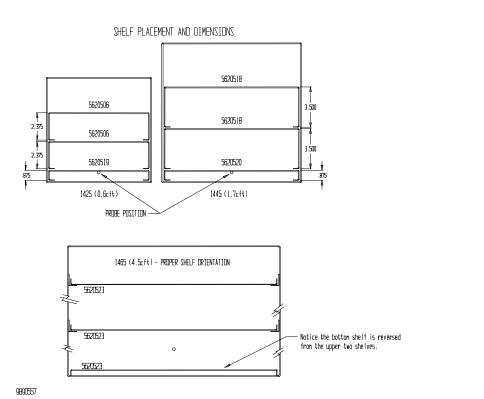
Local city, county, or other ordinances may govern the use of this equipment. If you have any questions about local requirements, please contact the appropriate local agency. Installation may be performed by the end user.

Under normal circumstances these units are intended for use indoors, at room temperatures between 5° and 40°C, at no greater than 80% relative Humidity (at 25°C) and with a supply voltage that does not vary by more than 10%. These ovens should not be operated at an altitude exceeding 2000 meters. Installation category is CAT-II Pollution Degree 2. Customer service should be contacted for operating conditions outside of these limits.

- 3.1 Power Source: The unit power requirements are listed on the data plate. PLUG THE UNIT INTO A PROPERLY GROUNDED AND RATED RECEPTACLE OF THE CORRECT STYLE. THE VOLTAGE OF THE RECEPTACLE SHOULD NOT VARY MORE THAN 10% FROM THE DATA PLATE RATING. A separate circuit is recommended for this unit to prevent loss of product due to overloading or circuit failures caused by other equipment.
- **3.2 Location:** When selecting a site for the unit, consider conditions which may affect performance, such as heat from radiators, ovens, autoclaves, etc. Avoid direct sun, fast-moving air currents, heating/cooling ducts, and high-traffic areas. To ensure air circulation, allow a minimum of 30 cm between the unit and any walls or partitions which might obstruct free air flow.
- **3.3** Lifting / Handling: These units are heavy and care should be taken to use appropriate lifting devices that are sufficiently rated for these loads. Units should only be lifted from their bottom surfaces. Doors, handles and knobs are not adequate for lifting or stabilization. The unit should be completely restrained from tipping during lifting or transport. All moving parts such as shelves and trays should be removed and doors need to be positively locked in the closed position during transfer to prevent shifting and damage.
- **3.4 Leveling:** The unit must sit level and solidly. Model 1425 has four (4) rubber feet that are already attached to the unit and are not adjustable. Leveling feet are supplied with models 1445 and 1465 and must be installed in the four holes at the

base of the unit. With the unit standing upright, turn the leveling feet counterclockwise to raise the level of that corner. Adjust each foot until the unit stands solid and level. If the unit must be moved, turn the leveling feet in all the way to prevent damage while moving.

- **3.5 Cleaning:** The unit chamber should be cleaned and disinfected prior to use. The operating conditions and appropriate protocol will determine the correct procedure for decontamination. A typical decontamination procedure that is adequate for many situations has been described below. As well, certain steps are listed that will help reduce the likelihood of contamination and the necessity of decontamination. Whatever process is appropriate, it needs to be done on a regularly scheduled basis. Depending on usage and protocol, this may be monthly, quarterly or otherwise. Regardless of the decontamination procedure used, certain precautions will need to be taken:
 - **A.** Always disconnect the unit from the electrical service when cleaning. Assure all volatile or flammable cleaners are evaporated and dry before reconnecting the unit to the power supply.
 - **B.** Special care should be taken when cleaning around sensing heads to prevent damage.
 - **C.** If you use chlorine-based bleaches or abrasive cleaners this will modify the stainless steel interior finish. DO NOT USE hard tools such as metal wire brushes or steel wool. Use non-abrasive cleaners and soft tools such as plastic brushes.
 - **D.** In the event hazardous material is spilled onto or into the equipment, appropriate decontamination must be carried out. If there is any doubt about the compatibility of decontamination or cleaning agents with parts of the equipment or with material contained, please contact the manufacturer or his agent. No decontamination or cleaning agents should be used which could cause a hazard as a result of a reaction with parts of the equipment or with the material contained in it.
- **3.6 Shelves:** See Figure below. Place items on shelves. <u>DO NOT</u> place items directly on the floor of the chamber.



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PRECAUTIONS

NOTE: THIS IS NOT AN EXPLOSION PROOF OVEN

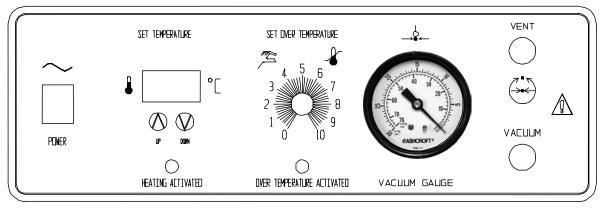
- 4.1 The bottom surface of the chamber should not be used as a work surface.
- **4.2** Do not place or use explosive, combustible, or flammable materials in the oven.
- **4.3** Do not use sealed containers in the oven chamber.
- **4.4** Do not modify the power cord provided with the unit. If the plug goes not fit an outlet, have a proper outlet installed by a qualified electrician.
- **4.5** Disconnect the unit from the electrical power source before attempting any repairs or component replacements.
- **4.6** If a mercury thermometer is used and breakage should occur, make sure <u>all</u> the spilled mercury is removed from the chamber.
- **4.7** This oven is <u>NOT</u> suitable for use in Class I, II, or III locations as defined in the National Electric Code of the United States of America, NFPA 70.
- **4.8** This oven is not intended, nor can it be used, as a patient connected device.

CONTROL PANEL OVERVIEW (Figure 2)

- **5.1 POWER SWITCH:** This is the main power I/O (On/Off) switch. It must be in the ON position before any systems are operational.
- **5.2 MAIN TEMPERATURE CONTROL:** This is the Main Temperature control consisting of the digital display and UP/DOWN arrow pads for adjusting set point temperatures and calibration.
- **5.3 HEATING LIGHT:** This green indicator light is on whenever the MAIN TEMPERATURE CONTROL has activated the heating elements to reach and maintain set point.
- **5.4 SET OVER TEMPERATURE:** This control is completely independent of the MAIN TEMPERATURE CONTROLLER and guards against any failure which would allow temperature to rise past the Temperature set point. Setting adjustments for this control require a flat-edged tool to eliminate accidental changes. The control has a dial that is marked from 0 to 10 and is adjustable across this scale. If the set point is exceeded, the Set Over Temperature will limit the rise to approximately 10°C above the set point selected.
- **5.5 OVER TEMPERATURE LIGHT:** This red indicator light is on whenever the temperature has exceeded the set point of the MAIN TEMPERATURE CONTROL and the SET OVER TEMPERATURE is activated and taken control of the oven. Under normal operating conditions this pilot light should never be on.
- **5.6 FUSE:** Mounted on the rear wall next to the power cord, provides protection for the unit's electrical circuitry against power fluctuations. The fuse, when blown, must be replaced before the unit can continue operation. Match the fuse ratings with those on the fuse data plate.
- **5.7 VACUUM:** This adjustment handle allows opening and closing of the vacuum valve to an external vacuum pump or system.
- **5.8 VENTILATION:** This adjustment handle controls the vacuum release valve. This valve must be closed (completely clockwise) when the unit is in the vacuum mode.
- **5.9 VACUUM GAUGE:** This gauge indicates the chamber operating pressure in inches and centimeter of mercury.

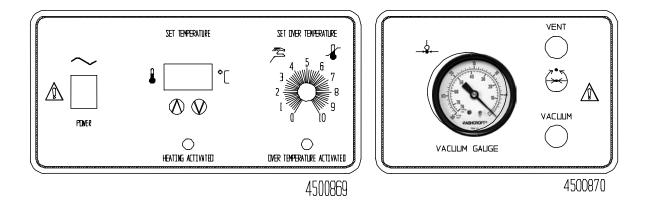
Figure 2

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VACUUM OPERATION

6.1 A pump with a pumping capacity four times greater than the chamber volume is commonly used. When working below vacuums of 1mm, a diffusion type pump will be needed. See Section 9.0 for chamber capacities

6.2 IT IS IMPORTANT TO USE VACUUM TUBING FOR ALL THE VACUUM HOOKUPS. OTHER TYPES OF TUBING MAY COLLAPSE AND PREVENT COMPLETE EVACUATION.

- **6.3 To Apply Vacuum To The Chamber:** Attach the hose from the vacuum pump to the 3/8" hose connection on back of the oven. Close the VENTILATION valve (clockwise) and open the VIDE valve. Latch the door shut and start the vacuum pump. This action will hold the door shut and against the gasket until the pump creates a vacuum in the chamber. Once a good vacuum seal is accomplished, the door will hold itself shut and sealed until the chamber is returned to atmospheric pressure.
- **6.4** Watch the **VACUUM GAUGE** and when the required vacuum is obtained, close the vent valve and turn pump off. The vacuum gauge is incremented from 0 to 76 cm of mercury and 0 to 30 inches of mercury where 0 represents present atmospheric pressure. With a suitable vacuum pump, the oven can be evacuated to pressures as low as 10 microns.
- **6.5** Vacuum Release: To return the chamber to atmospheric pressure, open the VACUUM valve very slowly and allow the chamber to re-pressurize. The speed of pressurizing can be controlled by how much the valve is opened.

NOTE: A 1 inch sealed pipe is provided at the back of the unit. This access port can be used to plumb the chamber to a larger, faster roughing pump or as a conduit for other service applications. Any use of this pipe requires the operator to assure the attachment is vacuum tight.

OPERATION

- **7.1 Power Supply:** Connect the service cord to a grounded outlet if supplied with a detachable cord set. Plug the female end into the inlet of the unit and the male end into the supply. Assure that units requiring a fuse have a fuse installed. This fuse may be at the inlet or part of the cord set male plug. Switch the unit to the ON position.
- 7.2 Turn the Set Over Temperature control to its maximum position (clockwise).
- **7.3** Place a certified reference thermometer inside the chamber where it can be easily viewed through the window. Vacuum down the chamber as described in Section 5.0
- **7.4 Setting Main Temperature:** To enter set point mode on the control, press either the UP or DOWN arrow pad one time. The digital display will start to blink from bright to dim. While blinking, the digital display is showing the set point. To change the set point, use the Up or Down arrow pads. If the arrow pads are not pressed for five (5) seconds, the display will stop blinking and will read the temperature of the unit. The Heating Light will come on indicating that the oven is heating. Allow the unit several hours to reach and maintain set point
- **7.5 Calibrating the Main Temperature:** It is recommended that calibration is done once the unit is installed in its working environment. The unit should be stable at set point for several hours and under vacuum. Compare the reading of the reference thermometer with the digital display. If there is an unacceptable difference, put the display into calibrate mode by pressing both the UP and DOWN buttons at the same time until the decimal points start to blink. While blinking, the display can be changed to match the reference thermometer by pushing the UP or DOWN buttons until the display reads the correct value. If no buttons are pushed for five (5) seconds the display will revert back to reading the temperature in the chamber. Allow for the oven temperature to stabilize again and recalibrate if necessary.
- **7.6** Setting the Set Over Temperature: Once the Main Temperature is stabile at set point, set the Set Over Temperature control. Previously set to its maximum position, turn the control knob counterclockwise just until the OVER TEMPERATURE LIGHT comes on. Next turn the control knob clockwise just until

the light goes off. Then turn the control knob clockwise two (2) minor scale divisions on the dial past the point where the light went out. The Set Over Temperature control will now be set approximately 10°C above the Main temperature set point.

When starting a new oven, allow the oven to operate two hours, or until it has started cycling normally before you begin using it.

NOTE: Slight vapor or smoke may occur in the initial heat-up. This is the dissipation of protective coatings that have been added to the oven elements.

MAINTENANCE

NOTE: Prior to any maintenance or service on this unit, disconnect the service cord from the power supply.

8.1 Cleaning: Disinfect the oven interior on a regular basis. to prepare the oven for cleaning remove the shelves and door gasket. The shelves and door gasket are autoclavable. When washing the gasket, handle carefully so as not to impair the positive seal.

First, clean the removed parts and interior with soap and water. To decontaminate use a disinfectant that is suitable for your application. DO NOT USE chlorinebased bleaches or abrasives as this will damage stainless steel surfaces. DO NOT USE spray cleaners that might leak through openings and cracks and get on electrical parts or that may contain solvents that will harm the coatings.

WARNING: Never clean the unit with alcohol or flammable cleaners with the unit connected to the electrical supply. Always disconnect the unit from the electrical service when cleaning and assure all volatile or flammable cleaners are evaporated and dry before reattaching the unit to the power supply.

- **8.2 Storage:** if the oven is to be shut down for storage or transporting, remove shelves, dry chamber and latch door closed. Screw the leveling feet in. See Section 2.3 for transport procedures.
- **8.3** There is no maintenance required on the electrical components. If the oven fails to operate as specified, see troubleshooting before calling for service.

TROUBLESHOOTING AND SERVICE

TEMPERATURE

Temperature too high	
	1/ controller set too high
	2/ controller failed on – call Customer Service
	3/ wiring error – call Customer Service
Display reads "HI" or "400"+	
	probe is unplugged, is broken or wire to sensor is broken – trace wire from display to probe; move wire and watch display to see intermittent problems
Chamber temperature spikes over set point and then settles to set point	
	recalibrate
Temperature too low	
	 Set Over Temperature too low Main control set too low
	3/ unit not recovered from door opening – wait for display to stop changing
	 4/ unit not recovered from power failure or being turned off 5/ element failure – see if Heating light is on; compare current draw to data plate
	6/ Main controller failure – confirm with front panel lights that controller is calling for heat
	 7/ Set Over Temperature failure – confirm with front panel lights Set Over Temperature is operating correctly 8/ wiring problem – check all functions and compare wiring to wiring schematic in manual - especially around any areas
	recently worked on 9/ loose connection – check shadow box for loose
	connections
Display reads "LO"	
	 Main sensor is plugged in backwards – reverse sensor wires to controller if ambient room temperature is lower than range of unit – compare set points and ambient temperature to rated specifications in section 9.0, Unit Specifications
Unit will not heat over a temperature that is below set point	
	1/ confirm that Set Over Temperature Control set point is set above the Main Temperature set point.

Linit will not boot up at all	2/ check connections to sensor3/ check calibration – using independent thermometer
Unit will not heat up at all	 1/ verify that controller is asking for heat by looking for Heating light – if pilot light is not on continuously during initial start up, there is a problem with the controller 2/ check amperage – amperage should be virtually at maximum rated (data plate) amperage 3/ do all controller functions work? 4/ is the Set Over Temperature Control set high enough? – for diagnostics, should be fully clockwise with the Over Temperature light never on 5/ has the fuse blown? Check fuse at inlet. 6/ Units will need at least some vacuum in chamber to keep unit air tight - verify with Vacuum Gauge is above "0"
Indicated chamber temperature unstable	
	 1/ ± 1. may be normal 2/ is ambient room temperature radically changing – either door opening or room airflow from heaters or air conditioning ? – stabilize ambient conditions 3/ sensor miss-located, damaged or wires may be damaged - check mounts for Main and Controller sensors, then trace wires or tubing between sensors and controls 4/ calibration sensitivity – call Customer Service 5/ Controller set too low – be sure that it is more than 5 degrees over desired set point; check if Over Temperature light is on continuously; turn controller knob completely clockwise to see if problem solved then follow instructions in section 6.6 for correct setting 6/ electrical noise – remove nearby sources of RFI including motors, arcing relays or radio transmitters 7/ bad connection on temperature sensor or faulty sensor – check connectors for continuity and mechanical soundness while watching display for erratic behavior; check sensor and wiring for mechanical damage 8/ bad connections or faulty solid state relay – check connectors for mechanical soundness and look for corrosion around terminals or signs of arcing or other visible deterioration
Will not maintain set point	1/ assure that set point is at least 5 degrees over ambient
	room temperature 2/ see if ambient room temperature is fluctuating
Display and Reference thermometer don't match	
	 calibration error Main temperature sensor failure – evaluate if Heating light is operating correctly Main controller failure – evaluate if Heating light is

	operating correctly 4/ allow at least two hours to stabilize 5/ verify that reference thermometer is certified
Can't adjust set points or calibration	
	 turn entire unit off and on to reset if repeatedly happens, call Customer Service
Calibrated at one temperature, but not at another	
	This can be a normal condition when operating temperature varies widely. For maximum accuracy, calibration should be done as close to the set point temperature as possible.
M	ECHANICAL
Glass door not sealing	
	1/ check physical condition of gasket2/ assure that gasket clamps are in original location
Outer door not sealing	
	 see if hinges are out of adjustment Confirm that unit has not been damaged and body is not out of square.
Oven won't hold vacuum	
	 check door gasket for alignment and damage, wear or lack of compliance assure all vent and feed valves are closed tightly
	3/ assure tight connections to pump
	OTHER
controller on at all times - "locked-up"	
	1/ turn unit off and on to reset
	2/ if cannot change any condition on the front panel, call Customer Service
front panel displays are all off	
	 1/ check connections to the temperature display control board and assure that all are tight and in the correct orientation. 2/ Check for wire damage.
unit or wall fuse/circuit breaker is blown	-
	 check wall power source compare current draw and compare to specs on data plate see what other loads are on the wall circuit
unit will not turn on	
	 1/ check wall power source 2/ check fuse/circuit breaker on unit or in wall 3/ see if unit is on, e.g., heater, and just controller is off 4/ check all wiring connections, esp. around the on/off switch.

Unit is smoking – Out of box	
	This is not uncommon during initial operation. Put unit under vent and run at full power for one hour.
Contamination in chamber	
	 1/ see cleaning procedure in operator's manual 2/ develop and follow standard operating procedure for specific application; include definition of cleaning technique and maintenance schedule

If this product should require service, contact your local Shellab distributor. If return of the product is necessary, an authorization number must be obtained and the product shipped according to your representative, to the proper service center. To insure prompt handling, the return authorization number should be placed on the outside of the package or container. Make sure a detailed explanation of the reason for return is enclosed with the item.

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PARTS LIST

Description		115V	220V
Controller knob		4450506	4450506
Outer Door Glass	1425	3550522	3550522
	1445	3550521	3550521
	1465	3550523	3550523
	1425	700027	700027
Door Glass	1445	110107	110107
	1465	3550586	3550586
	1425	9570867	9570868
	1445	9570843	9570843
Elements	1465 upper lower	9570729	9570729
	1465 sides		
EMI Filter, T16A 250V		N/A	2800502
Fuse, T16A 250V		3300513	3300513
Fuse Holder		3300501	3300501
Door Gasket		3450534	3450534
I/O Switch		103351	103351
Pilot Light, green		200021	200021
Pilot Light, red		200020	200020
Power Cord		1800510	104192 (US) 1800500 (EURO)
RTD / Probe		103070	103070
Safety Controller		1750648	1750648
	1425	1750661	1750662
Temperature Controller	1445	1750663	1750664
	1465	1750665	1750666
Vacuum Gauge		9990618	9990618
Ventilation Valve		9530507	9530507
Vacuum Valve		9530536	9530536

UNIT SPECIFICATIONS

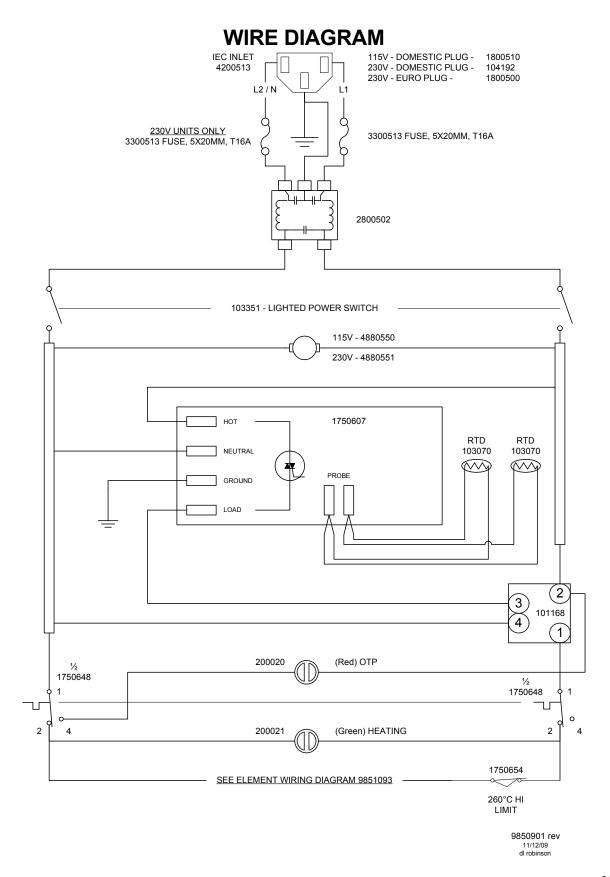
Weight	Shipping	Net
1425	145 lbs.	105 lbs.
1445	220 lbs.	179 lbs.
1465	400 lbs.	360 lbs.

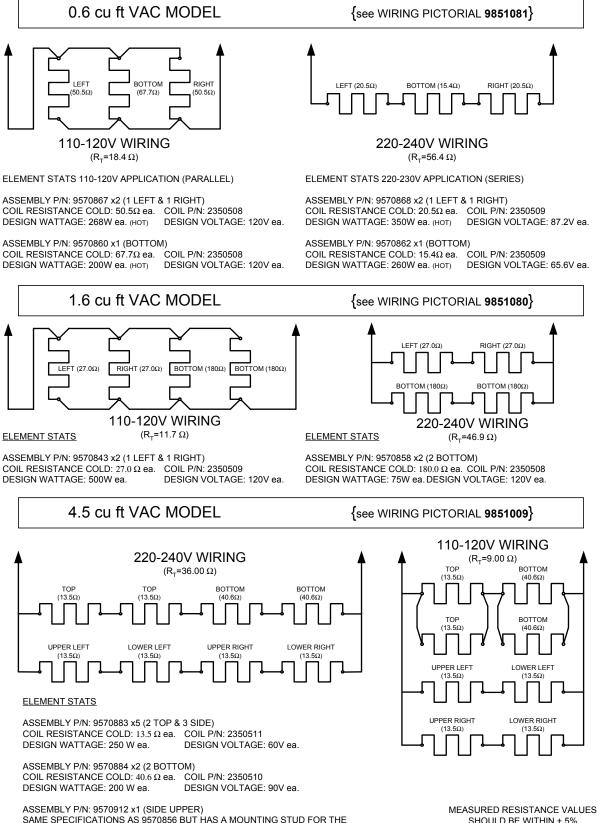
Dimensions	Exterior W x D x H (in.)	Interior W x D x H (in.)
1425	17 x 22.3 x 23.5	9 x 12 x 9
1445	20.5 x 28.2 x 26.25	12 x 20 x 12
1465	26.5 x 35 x 32.5	18 x 24 x 18

Capacity	Cubic Feet	
1425	0.6	
1445	1.7	
1465	4.5	

Temperature	Range	Sensitivity
1425 1445	Amb. +10° to 240°C	1.0°C
1465		

MODEL	VOLTS	AMPS	CYCLE
1425	110-120 VAC	7.0 A	50/60hz
	208-240 VAC	4.5 A	50/60hz
1445	110-120 VAC	10 A	50/60hz
	208-240 VAC	5.5 A	50/60hz
1465	110-120 VAC	13 A	50/60hz
	208-240 VAC	7.0 A	50/60hz





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