



**RV Products Division**

# **INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

**FOR**

**8330\*733\***

# **FLUSH MOUNT CEILING PLENUM**

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## 1. WARNINGS

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

These instructions are for the use of qualified individuals specially trained and experienced in installation of this type equipment and related system components.

Installation and service personnel are required by some states to be licensed. **PERSONS NOT QUALIFIED SHALL NOT SERVICE THIS EQUIPMENT.**

### WARNING

Improper installation may damage equipment, can create a hazard and will void the warranty.

The use of components not tested in combination with these units will void the warranty, may make the equipment in violation of state codes, may create a hazard and may ruin the equipment.

### WARNING – SHOCK HAZARD

To prevent the possibility of severe personal injury or equipment damage due to electrical shock, always be sure the electrical power to the appliance is disconnected during installation.

**CAREFULLY FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS IN THIS BOOKLET TO AVOID DAMAGE TO THE EQUIPMENT, PERSONAL INJURY OR FIRE.**

### NOTE

**The words “Shall” or “Must” indicate a requirement which is essential to satisfactory and safe product performance.**

**The words “Should” or “May” indicate a recommendation which is not essential and not required but which may be useful or helpful.**

## 2. PACKAGE CONTENTS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Wirebox Assembly</li> <li>1) Duct Divider Board – Not Found With 8330-7333 or 8330-7332 Ceiling Assembly (Purchased Separately)</li> <li>1) Insulated Duct Plate</li> <li>1) Return Air Grille</li> <li>1) Return Air Filter</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Mount Frame</li> <li>1) Small Parts Package Consisting Of:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4) Bolts</li> <li>7) Screws</li> <li>1) Strain Relief</li> <li>2) Wing Nuts</li> </ul> </li> <li>Some Packages May Contain:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3) Wire Nuts</li> <li>1) Evaporator Freeze Sensor</li> <li>4) Washers</li> <li>4) Springs</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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### 3. GENERAL INFORMATION

The flush mount ceiling plenum is designed for application in systems that utilize field fabricated (OEM supplied) cold air ducting. The ducting must be routed through the ceiling cavity (between the interior ceiling and roof). Ducting specifications are given in the section labeled "Supply Ducting and Registers".

This system utilizes a single, non-ducted centrally located return air opening. The return air opening is contained within the ceiling plenum. The ceiling plenum must be located directly below the roof opening used for mounting the roof top unit.

All manual controls have been removed from the ceiling plenum. They have been replaced with control relays. The relays are mounted in the electrical box of the ceiling plenum. The relays contact 12 VDC coils (which are energized by a wall mounted thermostat), with contacts that control the 115 VAC used to power the roof top unit.

All air conditioning functions are controlled by the low voltage wall mounted thermostat. The thermostat controls a 12 VDC electrical circuit which is used to energize the relays in the ceiling plenum. The thermostats that Airxcel, Inc. provides for the system are combination (Heat/Cool) thermostats. These thermostats are capable of operating both the roof top air conditioner and any furnace with a 12 VDC control circuit of 1 amp or less (continuous current).

All air conditioning equipment is subject to freeze up when evaporator air flow is sufficiently reduced. Ducting of any length creates potential for reduced evaporator air flow and

system freeze-up. To protect both the installer and Airxcel, Inc. from conditions that promote reduced air flow and system freeze-up, Airxcel, Inc. has equipped the ceiling plenum compressor control circuit with a low temperature probe. The low temperature probe monitors the temperature of the air conditioner evaporator coil. When the temperature of the evaporator coil drops below 31 degrees F, the switch will open, stopping compressor operation. Compressor operation will resume once the evaporator warms to 55 degrees F.

#### IMPORTANT

**The low temperature sensor is part of the ceiling plenum electrical circuit. The probe must be inserted into the evaporator coil of the roof top unit by the installer when bolting the ceiling plenum to the roof top unit.**

This flush mount ceiling plenum will mount to and operate all 48200 and 49200 series roof top air conditioners. Regardless of which roof top unit is used, this system will operate with only two fan speeds; low and high.

The ceiling plenum comes equipped with the following:

- 1) all hardware required for mounting and securing the roof top unit
- 2) a means of attaching the field fabricated ducting
- 3) the return air grille and filter

### 4. CEILING PLENUM INSTALLATION REQUIREMENT

1. The ceiling plenum must be installed under the roof opening.

The ceiling plenum bolts below the roof top unit. Compression of the framed ceiling cavity between the roof top unit and the ceiling plenum is what holds both components in place.

2. Ceiling cavity depth (the measurement from the ceiling to the roof – maximum 6").
3. The 115 VAC service for the roof top unit must be routed into the ceiling plenum. To prevent wire pinching and to promote ease of installation, allowances must be made for routing the 115 VAC supply wiring into the front of the roof opening.
4. Thermostat wiring must be run from the wall thermostat mounting location to the wirebox low voltage terminals. To prevent wire pinching and to

promote ease of installation, allowances must be made for routing the low voltage wiring into the front of the opening.

5. The wirebox has a 9 pin socket extending from the front. This mates with the roof top unit 115 volt electrical conduit. When making this connection, verify that the plugs are properly aligned and have snapped together securely.
6. A low voltage terminal strip on the front of the box connects to the thermostat wires. The wires connect by 1/4" quick connects.
7. Provided with the ceiling plenum is a divider board which is used to separate the warm return air from the cold supply air.

Plenum Terminal Designation	Thermostat Wire Connection	Function Of Low Voltage Terminal Extending From Ceiling Plenum
B	BLUE	Completes -12 VDC circuit for all relays
Y	YELLOW	Energizes coil on Compressor Relay
GH	GREEN	Energizes coil on High Fan Relay
GL	GRAY	Energizes coil on Low Fan Relay
FREEZE* FREEZE*	WHITE	Evaporator Freeze Sensor Connections

\* May be pre-wired on some models.

## 5. SUPPLY DUCTING AND REGISTERS

### A. Ducting

1. The field fabricated supply ducting must attach to both sides of the ceiling plenum. A minimum of two ducts are required, with one duct attached to each side of the plenum (See Figure 1).
2. Each duct must have a minimum height of 1 1/2", maximum height cannot exceed 4 inches. Total free area inside each duct must be no less than 10 square inches.

#### NOTE

To decrease restriction and increase air flow, the ducting should make as few bends and turns as possible. When corners or turns are required, we recommend that you radius the corners to keep air flow at a maximum.

Ten (10) square inches of free area per duct is the minimum requirement, larger ducting will improve air flow and system performance.

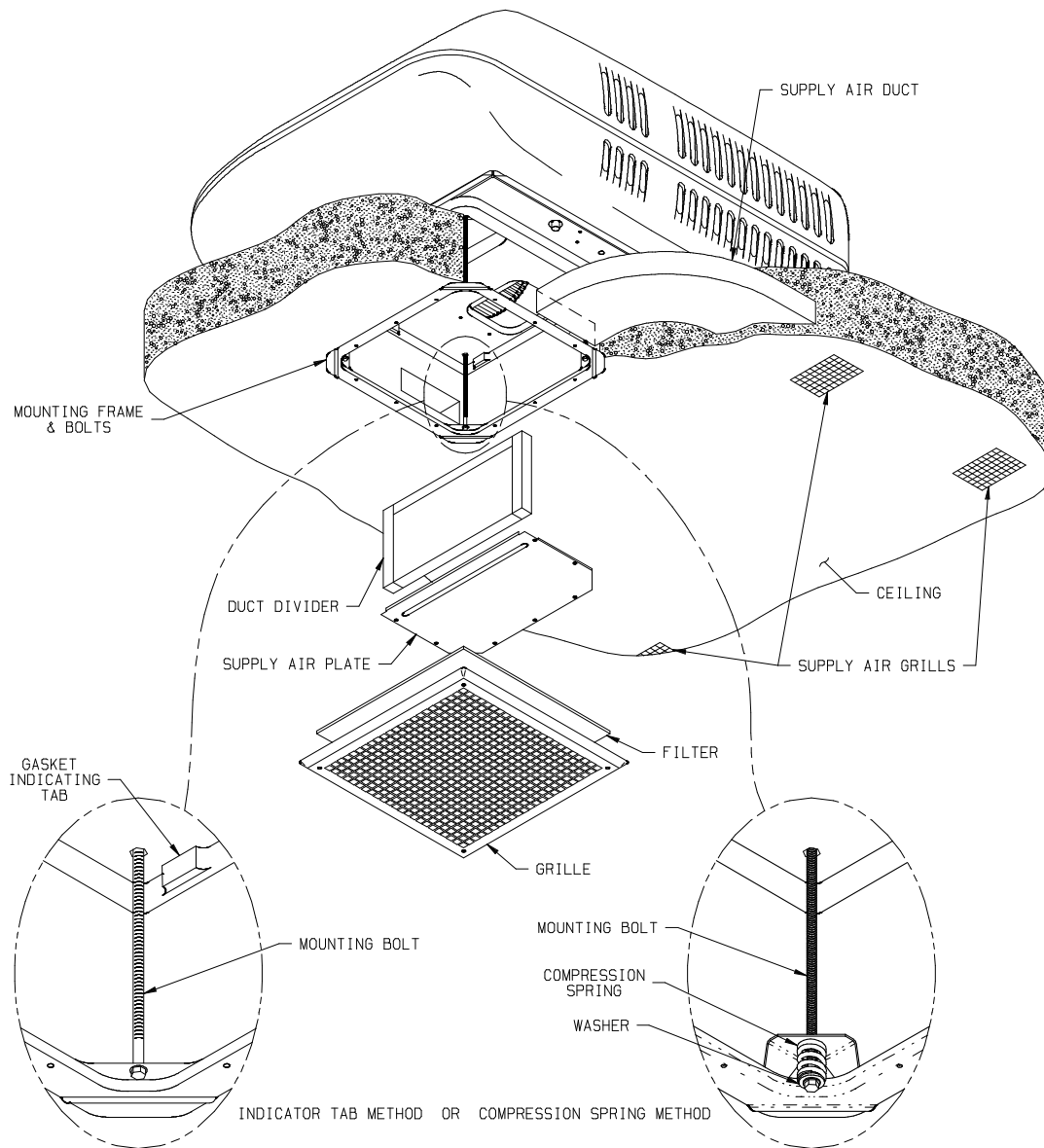
3. Where ducting secures to the ceiling plenum, maximum width is 8 inches.
4. All field fabricated cold air supply ducting must be insulated and must have a vapor barrier.

#### IMPORTANT

**Insulating reduces cooling loss and helps prevent water staining of the vehicle ceiling due to moisture condensation.**

### B. Registers

Supply (cold air) registers should have a minimum discharge area of 48 square inches per system, or 24 square inches per duct.



**FIGURE 1**

## 6. ROUTING THERMOSTAT WIRING

1. Following the instructions packed with the thermostat, determine a location for thermostat mounting.
2. Following Airxcel, Inc. low voltage wiring specifications and all local and national electrical codes:
  - A. Route the thermostat 12 VDC supply wiring from the power source to the thermostat mounting location.

Two wires are required:

One supply lead must be +12 VDC and red in color.

The second supply lead must be -12 VDC and blue in color.

- B. To protect the wall mount thermostat from over-current damage, a 2 amp fuse has been provided with the thermostat.

- C. Route the thermostat control wiring from the thermostat mounting location into the front of the ceiling plenum opening.

Four (4) wires are required. These wires are as follows:

- (1) Blue wire for -12 VDC circuit
- (1) Yellow wire for compressor circuit
- (1) Green wire for high fan circuit
- (1) Gray wire for low fan circuit

3. Airxcel, Inc. low voltage wiring specifications:

- A. All low voltage wiring should be no smaller than 18 gauge.
- B. Low voltage wiring must be routed into the front side of the ceiling plenum opening.

## 7. ROUTING 115 VAC WIRING

Following Airxcel, Inc. high voltage wiring specifications and all local and national electrical codes, route the roof top unit 115 VAC supply wiring from its power source and into the front of the roof top opening. To allow attachment to ceiling plenum high voltage connections, extend approximately 12" of the wiring into the opening.

2. To prevent voltage drops greater than 10% during starting loads, adhere to the following guideline:

For lengths greater than 50', use #10 AWG.

Circuit Protection – Refer to upper unit nameplate.

### High Voltage Wiring Specifications

1. U.L. approval requires the power supply to be copper conductors only with minimum sizing utilizing #12 AWG.

## 8. CEILING PLENUM MOUNTING

### A. Mounting (Refer to Figure 1)

A mounting frame is supplied with the ceiling assembly. Follow the steps below to secure the air conditioner to the roof.

1. Locate the air conditioner mount gasket over the 14" to 15" square opening in the roof.
2. Install the ceiling assembly mount frame using the four bolts found with the ceiling assembly.
3. Proper tension has been achieved for each bolt when any portion of each gasket indicating tab has been pulled down even with the roof. The upper unit has now been properly installed with optimum gasket compression. Some models include compression springs that should be tightened just until springs achieve closure.

### IMPORTANT

**When connecting the 115V electrical conduit:**

- a) **Make any adjustments required to relieve pinched or stressed wiring.**
- b) **Verify that the "ridged" side of both plugs are properly aligned. Verify that the connectors have snapped together on both sides. Do not use excessive force when joining the connectors.**

Insert the freeze circuit thermistor probe into the roof top unit evaporator coil. Verify that the probe is located in the coil properly (See Figure 2).

### B. Refer to Figure 1

1. Measure the distance between the ceiling and the upper unit basepan, add 1/2" to this measurement and using this calculated value, cut the duct divider to this height if necessary. **ALWAYS CUT OFF THE BOTTOM EDGE (THE EDGE WHICH IS NOT PROVIDED WITH A FOAM STRIP).**

2. Carefully wedge this divider between the walls of the roof opening and up against the upper unit basepan. The upper unit mount gasket has a locator block on each side which locates the divider board.
3. Attach the insulated duct plate to the mount frame using the screws found in the small parts package.

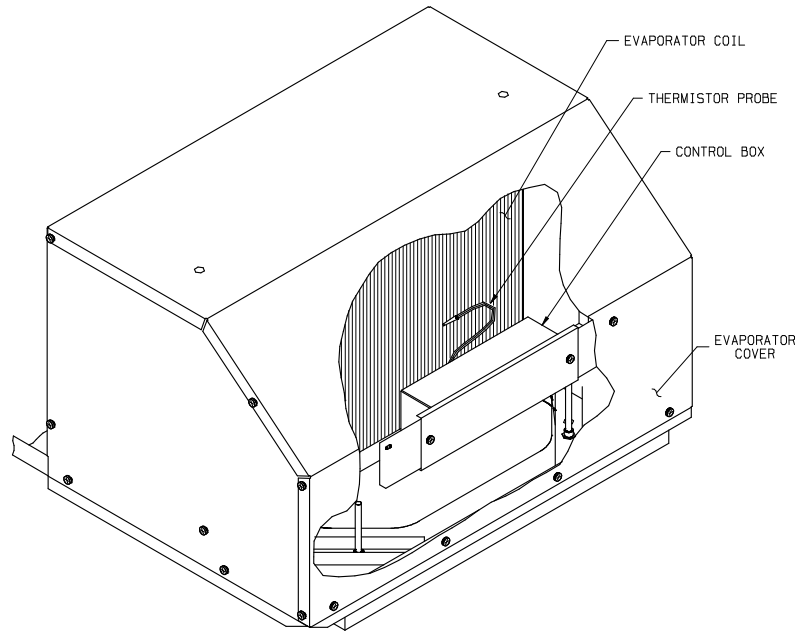


FIGURE 2

## 9. CONNECT 115 VAC WIRING

### 1. WARNING – SHOCK HAZARD

To prevent the possibility of severe personal injury or equipment damage due to electrical shock, always be sure the electrical power is disconnected or off before beginning installation.

2. Complying with the “Danger” notice below, bring the 115 VAC supply wiring previously routed into the frame of the roof opening, through the strain relief atop the electrical box and into the high voltage wiring area.

### DANGER

**WHEN USING NON-METALLIC SHEATH SUPPLY CABLES (ROMEX, ETC.), STRIP SHEATH BACK TO EXPOSE 4-6 INCHES OF THE SUPPLY LEADS. STRIP THE INDIVIDUAL WIRE LEAD ENDS FOR WIRE CONNECTION (ABOUT 3/4" BARE WIRE). INSERT STRAIN RELIEF INTO ELECTRICAL BOX. INSERT THE SUPPLY WIRES THROUGH THE STRAIN RELIEF.**

**IF OTHER THAN NON-METALLIC CABLES ARE USED FOR SUPPLY CONDUCTORS, APPROPRIATE STRAIN RELIEF CONNECTORS OR CLAMPS SHOULD BE USED.**

**IN NO CASE SHOULD CLAMPING OR PINCHING ACTION BE APPLIED TO THE INDIVIDUAL SUPPLY LEADS (NEUTRAL AND “HOT” WIRES).**

3. Connect supply conductors to control box. Some models will terminate to lugs on the p.c. board marked “Black”, “White” and “GND”. Some models will terminate to “pigtail” leads with provided wire nuts. Black to black, white to white and ground to green.
4. Gently fold all wiring into the electrical box while verifying that it is not either pinched or cut.
5. Complying with the warnings listed below, connect the 115 VAC supply wiring to its power source. Be sure all power remains off until beginning checkout procedure.

**DANGER**

**TO PREVENT THE POSSIBILITY OF SHOCK INJURY FROM APPLIANCE OPERATION:**

**THE WHITE WIRE MUST BE CONNECTED TO NEUTRAL IN THE SERVICE BOX ENTRANCE AND THE MECHANICAL GROUND MUST BE CONNECTED TO A GROUNDING LUG IN THE SERVICE BOX OR THE MOTOR GENERATOR COMPARTMENT.**

**10. CONNECT THERMOSTAT WIRING**

**A. Ceiling Plenum Connections**

1. Bring the thermostat wiring previously routed into the roof opening to the low voltage terminal board extending from the front of the ceiling plenum electrical box.

These low voltage ceiling plenum designations complete the following circuits:

- B -12 VDC for all relay coils
- Y +12 VDC for compressor relay coil
- GH +12 VDC for hi fan relay coil
- GL +12 VDC for low fan relay coil

**B. Mounting the Wirebox (See Figure 2)**

1. Mount control box inside upper unit evaporator cover. Position the control box over the existing screws and secure with two wing nuts provided.
2. Install the filter and grille – installation is now complete.

Ceiling Plenum Low Voltage Wire Designations	Mate With	Wall Thermostat Control Wiring
B		Blue
Y		Yellow
GH		Green
GL		Gray