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900 Series Non-CFC Ultra-Low Temperature Upright Freezers

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#### **Read this Instruction Manual**

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Caution: All internal adjustments and maintenance must be performed by qualified service personnel.

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### **Section 1 - Receiving**

#### 1.1 Preliminary Inspection

This item was thoroughly inspected and carefully packed prior to shipment and all necessary precautions were taken to ensure safe arrival of the merchandise at its destination. Immediately upon receipt, before the unit is moved from the receiving area, carefully examine the shipment for loss or damage. Unpack the shipment and inspect both interior and exterior for any in-transit damage.

#### 1.2 Visible Loss or Damage

If any loss or damage is discovered, note any discrepancies on the delivery receipt. Failure to adequately describe such evidence of loss or damage may result in the carrier refusing to honor a damage claim. Immediately call the delivering carrier and request that their representative perform an inspection. Do not discard any of the packing material or move the shipment from the receiving area.

#### 1.3 Responsibility for Shipping Damage

For products shipped F.O.B. Marietta, Ohio, the responsibility of Forma Scientific, Inc. ends when the merchandise is loaded onto the carrier's vehicle.

On F.O.B. Destination shipments, Forma Scientific's and the carrier's responsibility ends when your Receiving Department personnel sign a free and clear delivery receipt.

Whenever possible, Forma Scientific, Inc. will assist in settling claims for loss or intransit damage.

### Section 2 - Installation and Start-Up

#### 2.1 Introduction

The 900 Series Forma Scientific non-CFC, Ultra-Low Temperature Freezers feature front-to-back air circulation for cooler compressor temperatures, increased performance and reliability and longer compressor life. In this unique system, ambient air enters the front grill of the freezer and passes through the filter, condenser and compressor housing, exiting out of the rear of the unit.

An enlarged condenser and two cooling fans also contribute to better efficiency and help extend compressor life. Cleaning the air filter and condenser fins is done from the front of the unit.

#### a. Non-CFC, non-HCFC and non-Flammable Refrigerants

Committed to a safer, healthier environment, Forma Scientific has phased out the use of ozone depleting CFC (chlorofluorocarbons) in all ultra-low temperature freezers. Forma also uses non-CFC foamed-in-place urethane insulation and all packaging materials used in shipping are non-CFC.

#### **b.Peak Control System**

Due to the increased demands on today's refrigeration systems, Forma Scientific has engineered a compressor protection system called PEAK Control. In this system, a pressure switch senses excessive compressor discharge pressure. When the discharge pressure exceeds the design limit, a solenoid valve opens allowing refrigerant to enter an expansion tank.

The refrigerant returns to the system through a capillary tube. The PEAK Control System continues to monitor system pressures, insuring they stay within design limits to help extend compressor life.

#### c. "Smart" Condenser Fans

For maximum compressor protection, all Forma ULT freezers include two tube axial fans in the compressor housing. When both compressors are running, both fans operate to pull ambient air through the condenser and over the compressors. When both compressors are off, one fan remains ready to cycle on when the thermostat senses a temperature rise above 32°C.

#### d. Built-In Automatic Voltage Compensation

A built-in, automatic voltage compensator is built into every Forma 900 Series non-CFC, Ultra-Low Temperature Freezer to detect and respond to high or low voltage situations. Voltage from the incoming power supply is monitored and adjusted by the automatic voltage compensator, ensuring compressor operation within design parameters. A light on the front of the control panel indicates when incoming voltage is being corrected.

#### 2.2 Environmental Conditions

Forma 900 Series ULT Freezers are designed to operate in the following environmental conditions:

- Indoors
- Altitude up to 2,000 meters
- Temperature  $5^{\circ}$ C to  $40^{\circ}$ C
- Humidity 80% rh at or below 31°C, decreasing linearly to 50% rh at 40°C
- Mains Supply Fluctuations Operating Voltage Range
- Installation Category II<sup>1</sup>
- Pollution Category 2<sup>2</sup>
- Class of Equipment I
- Climatic Class T (Tropical)<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Installation category (overvoltage category) defines the level of transient overvoltage which the instrument is designed to withstand safely. It depends on the nature of the electricity supply and its overvoltage protection means. For example, in CAT II which is the category used for instruments in installations supplied from a supply comparable to public mains such as hospital and research laboratories and most industrial laboratories, the expected transient overvoltage is 2500 V for a 230 V supply and 1500 V for a 120 V supply.

<sup>2</sup> Pollution degree describes the amount of conductive pollution present in the operating evironment. Pollution degree 2 assumes that normally only non-conductive pollution such as dust occurs with the exception of accasional conductivy caused by condensation.

<sup>3</sup> Class T (Tropical) means that the freezers are electrically safe in a 43°C ambient.

#### 2.3 Unpacking List

A small bag containing the following accessories is packed inside the freezer:

Qty.	Stock #	Description	Purpose
2	510016	1/4-20 x 5-1/2" Bolt	Wall Bumper
2	380520	Neoprene Cap	Cap Protector
1	430263	Cord Set	Electrical Connector

#### 2.4 Location

Locate the freezer on a firm, level surface in an area of minimum ambient temperature fluctuation.

#### 2.5 Installing the Wall Bumpers

The parts bag contains two (2)  $1/4-20 \ge 5-1/2$ " bumper bolts and two (2) neoprene caps. Install the bolts into the tapped holes on the back of the compressor section. Install a neoprene cap on each bolt.

To allow for proper ventilation and air flow, a minimum of 5" of clear space is required behind the freezer. An additional 5" (minimum) of clear space is also required on both sides of the freezer. When locating the back of the freezer toward a wall or obstacle(s), make sure that the wall bumpers are installed.

#### 2.6 Connecting the Performance Monitor/Alarm Battery

Note: This section does not apply to factory-option S/N 400998.

- 1. To gain access to the battery, remove the four screws securing the Performance Monitor/Alarm panel.
- 2. Attach the battery tray electrical connector to the circuit board as shown in Figure 2-1. Both front panel lights will flash and the alarm will sound until the freezer is connected to electrical power and turned on. Turn the Normal/Standby Switch on the monitor control panel to Standby to silence the alarm.
- 3. Reinstall the Performance Monitor/Alarm panel.



#### 2.7 Connecting the Water Supply to the (optional) Water Cooled Condenser



- 1. Insert a 1/2" OD copper water line into the cold water inlet (top) and tighten the compression fitting.
- Insert a 1/2" OD drain line into the water outlet (bottom) and tighten the compression fitting. Direct the drain line to a suitable drain.

**Note:** The condensing units must be provided with enough water for adequate cooling. The units require approximately 1 GPM of 65°F (18.3°C) of tap water per horsepower, or 3 GPM of 85°F (29.4°C) water per horsepower.

#### 2.8 Attaching the Power Cord

Plug the cord set (item C in the illustration at the right) into the back of the unit below the power switch. Secure it with the screw provided and identified by the circle. The line cord retainer (B) is secured to receptacle (A) by the factory with the two screws shown.



Figure 2-3

#### 2.9 Connecting Power to the Freezer

**Note:** All optional equipment must be installed with electric power off and locked out and the freezer cabinet at ambient temperature.



Forma Scientific, Inc. recommends that the freezer be operated on a dedicated electrical circuit to avoid the possibility of a circuit overload and to ensure product safety.

With the power switch turned off, connect the freezer to a *grounded* electrical outlet. Refer to the data plate on the side of the unit, to the electrical schematics in Section 9, or to the Specifications Chart in Section 6.

#### 2.10 Main Power Switch (mains disconnect)

The main power switch is located on the back of the refrigeration unit, directly above the line cord set.

$$Off = (o) \qquad On = (|)$$

#### 2.11 Setting the Operating Temperature

Note: Install all optional equipment before applying power to freezer.

- 1. After reading and completing Sections 1 through 3 (if unit has optional CoBex recorder), turn the power switch ON.
- **Note:** The temperature inside of the freezing cabinet will be displayed in the LED window.
- 2. Pushing the Press-to-Set button displays the operating temperature set point.
- 3. If an operating temperature other than that displayed in the LCD window is desired, turn the temperature set point screw while pressing the Press-to-Set button. Use the adjustment screwdriver provided on the bottom frame of the freezer. Clockwise adjustment of the SET screw will lower set point temperature. Counterclockwise adjustment will raise set point temperature.

## Note: Forma Scientific recommends setting the cabinet temperature no colder than necessary for product storage.

Avoid opening the door for extended time periods. Room air, which is higher in humidity, will replace chamber air and cause frost to develop.

This freezer is not a "quick-freeze" device. Freezing large quantities of liquid, or high-water content items, will temporarily increase the temperature and will cause the low stage compressor to operate for a prolonged time period.

#### 2.12 Preparing the (Optional) CoBex Temperature Recorder

#### a. Installing the chart recorder battery

The seven-day circular chart recorder is located on the bottom front of the freezer cabinet and is protected by a glass door.

To prepare the recorder for operation, open the glass door and snap the connector onto the 9-volt battery as shown in Figure 2-4. If the freezer is operating, the green LED will show a steady light. If the freezer is not turned on, the LED will flash.

If the battery is weak or not connected, the green LED will flash. If power is lost to the cabinet, the LED will also flash as the freezer goes into the alarm state.



Figure 2-4

#### b. Installing the chart paper

(Refer to Figure 2-5) Press and hold button #3 for about one second until the pen begins to move to the left. Unscrew the knob at the center of the chart and install the paper, positioning the chart so the correct time line coincides with the time line grove on the chart plate.

Replace the knob and press the #3 button until the pen begins to move to the right.



Figure 2-5

#### c. Changing the recorder range



The chart recorder contains eight temperature ranges and is factory-programmed for the freezer. To select another range, press and hold button #3 until the pen moves off of the chart paper. Press and hold for five seconds either button #1 or button #2. Release

the button and the green LED will begin to flash. The number of flashes corresponds to the temperature ranges as shown in the table below.

r rogram N	0.	Nang	ge
Program 1	-40°C	to	30°C
Program 2	0°C	to	60°C
Program 3	-100°C	to	38°C
Program 4	-5°C	to	50°C
Program 5	0°C	to	100°C
Program 6	-100°C	to	-200°C
Program 7	-115°C	to	50°C
Program 8	-10°C	to	70 <sup>°</sup> C

Program No. Range

#### d. Calibrating the chart recorder

Place an accurate thermometer in the chamber next to the recorder's probe. After about three minutes, compare the thermometer with the chart recorder. If an adjustment is necessary, press either the #1 or #2 button to move the pen left or right. The button must be held about five seconds before the pen begins to move. Release the button when the pen matches the thermometer.

The felt-tip pen will require periodic replacement. Usually the ink will appear to fade before replacement becomes necessary. Additional pen tips may be purchased from Forma Scientific, Inc.

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#### e. Recorder outlet

The 115 VAC recorder outlet is located at the end of the relay enclosure. Refer to Figure 2-6. The outlet is to be *only* used with the CoBex recorders that are supplied by Forma.

#### 2.13 Remote Alarm Connector

For installations requiring the freezer to be connected to a remote alarm system, normally open and normally closed dry relay contacts are provided on all Forma 900Series Freezers. Figure 2-1 identifies the location of the remote alarm connector.





The NO and NC are dry contacts and require that 300 volt jacketed cable must be used, when wiring to an external alarm monitoring system. A cable exit hole is provided on the back of the freezer.

The alarm contacts are rated: .5A at 30 VDC, 15 watts maximum .6A at 24 VAC, 14 watts maximum



## IMPORTANT USER INFORMATION

Caution! Stored product should be protected by an activated alarm system capable of initiating a timely response 24 hours/day. Forma Alarms provide interconnect for centralized monitoring.

#### 2.14 Chamber Temperature Probes and Vacuum Relief Assembly

The chamber temperature, temperature alarm, and temperature recorder (if installed) probes are located at the base of the left side wall and are protected by a stainless steel cover (Refer to Figures 2-7 and 2-8).



Figure 2-7 Chamber Probe Cover and Vacuum Relief Assemblies



Figure 2-8 Installing the Performance Alarm Monitor and Temperature Recorder Probes



## **Section 3 - Operation**

#### 3.1 The Control Panel

#### a. Temperature Controller/Monitor

The electronic Temperature Controller/Monitor provides a constant display of the freezer's temperature. The numerical LED display provides a readout of the actual freezer chamber temperature in increments of one Degree Celsius.

8	Voltage Compe	nsation		× /
	Over Temp	– <i>E</i>	76	0
	Low Battery	Temperat	ture °C	Condenser Hot
	Normal		0	
~	Standby	Press-To-Set	Set	0

Figure 3-1 Temperature Controller with Performance Monitor/Alarm

The numerical LED display indicates the temperature set point when the Press-To-Set button is pressed. To adjust the temperature set point, press the Press-To-Set button and adjust the Set Point set screw using the adjustment screwdriver. Refer to Figure 3-3 for the screwdriver location.

The Condenser Hot indicator lights when the thermostat on the condenser reaches  $40^{\circ}$  C, which indicates typically a dirty air filter, a clogged condenser or a fan failure. Operating the freezer at high ambient temperatures will also cause the Condenser Hot indicator to light.

**Note:** It is important to maintain air filter cleanliness to prevent condenser clogging. Refer to Sections 4.2 and 4.3 for information for maintaining the air filter and cleaning the condenser.

## The Voltage Compensation indicator lights when the voltage compensation system is in operation. Refer to Section 3.8 for information regarding this system.

The Temperature Controller/Monitor board controls power to the compressors and cooling fans.

The Temperature Controller/Monitor must be set and maintained within the normal temperature specifications of  $-50^{\circ}$  C to  $-86^{\circ}$  C. The Temperature Controller/Monitor must never be set below  $-86^{\circ}$  C.



Adjustment of the temperature controller below the normal temperature specification  $(-86^{\circ}C)$  will void the warranty.

#### b. Performance Monitor/Alarm

The electronic Performance Monitor/Alarm (Figure 3-1) provides a constant monitor of freezer operation. The Performance Monitor/Alarm is powered by three rechargeable AA Ni-Cad Batteries. The batteries are automatically charged when the freezer is connected to an electric power source.

The Performance Monitor/Alarm consists of:

- 1. Normal/Standby Switch
- 2. **Overtemp** Indicating Light
- 3. Low Battery Indicating Light
- 4. Remote Alarm Contacts
- 5. Audible Alarm

In the event of an over temperature condition, an audible alarm will sound and the red Over Temp light will flash. Refer to Section 3-5 for adjusting the Over Temp set point of the Performance Monitor/Alarm.

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#### 1. Normal/Standby Switch

A two position slide switch (Normal and Standby) activates the audible alarm system and indicating light.

- **Normal Position:** If the chamber temperature rises above the Over Temp Alarm setting, the audible alarm will sound and the Over Temp light will flash.
- **Standby Position**: This switch position silences the audible alarm during initial startup and silences the audible alarm during an over temperature condition. The Over Temp light will continue to flash until the chamber temperature is below the Over Temp setting.

#### 2. Over Temp Indicating Light

The red Over Temp light is normally off and will flash when the chamber temperature rises above the Over Temperature Alarm setting.

#### 3. Low Battery Indicating Light

The red LOW BATTERY light flashes when the battery needs to be replaced. A replacement battery pack may be purchased through the Forma Scientific Service Department, telephone 1-800-848-3080. Ask for Part No. 400116. For battery location, refer to Figure 2-3. For the battery replacement procedure, refer to Section 4.7.

#### 4. Audible Alarm

The audible alarm system operates with the Normal/Standby switch, OverTemp indicating light and Low Battery indicating light. The audible alarm system alerts the user when an abnormal condition has occurred.

#### 3.2 The Control Panel (with factory-option S/N 400998)

The freezer may be ordered from the factory with the Performance Monitor/Alarm deleted. If this option was ordered, the control panel will appear as illustrated in Figure 3-2 and all manual references to the Performance Monitor/Alarm do not apply.



#### **3.3** Main Power Switch (Mains Disconnect)

The main power switch is located on the rear of the refrigeration unit, directly above the line cord.

OFF Position= (o) and ON Position= (|).

#### 3.4 Set Point Adjustment Screwdriver

A small screwdriver, located on the bottom left side of the freezer base is provided for setting the temperature set point. To remove the screwdriver from its holder, pull down on the black knob. The knob is the handle of the screwdriver. See Figure 3-3.

#### 3.5 Adjusting the Performance Monitor/Alarm Over Temperature Set Point

- 1. Adjust the freezer temperature to the desired operating set point. Refer to Section 2.11. Allow the freezer temperature to stabilize.
- 2. Remove the four screws and lock washers securing the Performance Monitor/Alarm control panel.
- 3. Pull the control panel out and locate Set Pot R 9 on the bottom left corner of the Performance Monitor/Alarm circuit board. (See Figure 3-4)



Figure 3-3 900 Series Freezers, Front View

 Set the Normal/Standby switch to Normal. Turn R 9 counterclockwise to *lower* the over temp set point (Example: -75, -80) or clockwise to *raise* the over temp set point (Example: -60, -55) until the Performance Monitor alarm is activated. Then adjust R 9 the opposite direction until the alarm silences. The alarm should now be set a few degrees above the normal operating temperature set point of the freezer.



Figure 3-4 Performance Alarm/Monitor Circuit Board and R9 Control Location

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#### 3.6 Double Door Freezers (Factory-Built Option)

Double door models of the Forma ULT freezers are available as a factory-built option. These freezers reduce the amount of temperature loss by allowing longer term material to be stored in the bottom portion of the freezer, and more frequently accessed, short term material to be stored on the upper shelves. Operation of the double door freezers is the same as single door models.

Stock# 189758 - 13 cu. ft. and 17.3 cu.	ft. Models, 120 VAC
Stock# 189760 - 13 cu. ft. and 17.3 cu.	ft. Models, 220 VAC

Inventory rack ordering information is listed below.

Order No.	Description	Max Qty per Chamber
189771	Rack includes (9) 3" boxes for top chamber	8
189795	189795 Rack includes (12) 2" boxes for top chamber	
	Dimensions: 5.5" W x 9.7" H x 16.1" F-B	
	(14.0cm x 24.6cm x 40.9cm)	
820009	Rack includes (9) 3" boxes for bottom chamber	8
820015	Rack includes (15) 2" boxes for bottom chamber	8
	Dimensions: 5.5" W x 10.9" H x 16.5" F-B	
	(14.0cm x 27.4cm x 41.9cm)	

#### Inventory Racks for 13 cu. ft. (368 Liters) freezers

#### Inventory Racks for 17.3 cu. ft. (490 Liters) freezers

Order No.	Description	Max Qty per Chamber
189471	Rack includes (12) 3" boxes for top chamber	8
189495	Rack includes (16) 2" boxes for top chamber	8
	Dimensions: 5.5" W x 9.7" H x 22.1" F-B	
	(14.0cm x 24.6cm x 56.1cm)	
820017	Rack includes (12) 3" boxes for bottom chamber	8
820018	Rack includes (20) 2" boxes for bottom chamber	8
	Dimensions: 5.5" W x 10.9" H x 22.1" F-B	
	(14.0cm x 27.7cm x 56.1cm)	

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Order No.	Description	Max Qty per Chamber
189471	Rack includes (12) 3" boxes for top chamber	10
189495	Rack includes (16) 2" boxes for top chamber	10
	Dimensions: 5.5" W x 9.7" H x 22.1" F-B	
	(14.0cm x 24.6cm x 56.1cm)	
820017	Rack includes (12) 3" boxes for bottom chamber	10
820018	Rack includes (20) 2" boxes for bottom chamber	10
	Dimensions: 5.5" W x 10.9" H x 22.1" F-B	
	(14.0cm x 27.7cm x 56.1cm)	

#### Inventory racks for 23 cu. ft. (652 Liters) freezers

#### 3.7 CoBex Temperature Recorder (Optional)

Operation of the recorder chart drive is automatic when power is applied to the freezer. In the event of a power failure, the 9 Volt back-up battery will allow the recorder to sense and record temperature for about 24 hours. Refer to Section 2.12 and the CoBex booklet included with this manual.

#### 3.8 Automatic Voltage Compensation System

The Forma Biological Storage Freezer is equipped with an automatic line voltage compensation system located in the refrigeration compartment. The system monitors incoming electrical power and automatically adjusts the voltage directed to the freezer. This compensation system ensures that the compressor operates within specification and provides an additional margin of product protection.

A green LED indicating light, labeled "Voltage Compensation", indicates when the system is in operation. The light is located on the front of the compressor section, lower left corner of the freezer cabinet. (See Figure 3-3)

### **Section 4 - Routine Maintenance**

#### 4.1 Cleaning the Cabinet Exterior

Clean the freezer exterior with soap and water and a general-use laboratory disinfectant. Rinse with water.

#### 4.2 Cleaning the Condenser



De-energize all potential sources of energy to unit and lockout/ tagout the de-energized controls.

The CONDENSER HOT light comes on when the thermostat in the refrigeration compartment reaches 40° C, which typically indicates a clogged condenser or a fan failure.

The efficiency of the refrigeration unit is directly related to the temperature of the air entering the air-cooled condenser. Dust in the condenser fins slows the rate of heat dissipation and increases compressor operating temperature (thereby decreasing compressor life). A dirty condenser reduces the overall performance of the refrigeration system in terms of recovery time and set point control accuracy, **or may ultimately cause compressor failure.** 

The air-cooled condenser (the finned surface located in the center area of the refrigeration compartment) should be cleaned, as often as necessary, to ensure efficient compressor operation. A minimum of twice a year is recommended, depending upon laboratory cleanliness.

To clean the condenser, remove the front grille by grasping the assembly at the corners and gently pulling it away from the frame. Clean the compressor housings and condenser fins with a vacuum cleaner or air-hose. Other refrigeration system parts are cleaned by removing the back and side panels.

Before replacing the grille, inspect the air filter for cleanliness and clean or replace if necessary. Refer to Section 4.3.

Compressors and fan motors are permanently lubricated and do not require servicing.

After cleaning the refrigeration system, remove lockout/tagout devices and reenergize system per O.S.H.A. regulation, Section 1910-147.

#### **4.3 Cleaning the Air Filter** (Refer to Figure 4-1)

A foam type air cleaner is located at the front of the compressor panel. When the filter appears dirty it can be easily removed for cleaning. The filter and grill assembly are held in place by snap fasteners on each corner of the grill.

- 1. Remove the grill by grasping the assembly at the corners and gently pulling it away from the frame. Remove the filter.
- 2. Clean the filter by washing it with a mild detergent and dry by pressing it between two towels.
- 3. Should the filter become torn or excessively dirty, a replacement may be ordered from Forma Scientific, Inc.

#### 4.4 Defrosting the Chamber

The type of frost formed in the chamber is generally very soft and may be easily removed with a soft cloth. *Do not* use any type of abrasive brushes. A complete defrosting may occasionally be required.

To completely defrost the chamber:

- 1. Remove the product and place it in another freezer.
- 2. Disconnect the freezer from the power supply.
- 3. Open all doors.
- 4. Place towels on chamber floor.
- 5. Allow frost to melt and become loose from the chamber interior.
- 6. Remove frost with a soft cloth.
- 7. After defrosting is complete, wipe interior chamber dry with a clean cloth.

#### 4.5 Cleaning the Door Gasket

Routinely (monthly) check the door gasket for any perforations that will cause air leaks. Frost will form around all leakage areas. Frost accumulation on the door gasket may be removed with a soft cloth.



#### 4.6 Cleaning the Vacuum Relief Port (Figures 4-1 and 4-2)

The vacuum relief port on the Model 900 Series is located in the lower left front of the chamber interior. Routinely check the vacuum relief port for frost accumulation and clean as necessary, using a soft cloth.

Caution: The vacuum relief port contains a small heating element to reduce frost build-up. If the freezer is not disconnected from the electrical supply or turned off at the power switch, the heating element continues to operate and may cause injury to personnel cleaning the freezer chamber.

#### 4.7 Replacing the Performance Monitor/Alarm Battery Pack



For a consistent and dependable charge, replace the battery every 2-3 years. Replacement batteries must be of a re-chargeable type and are available from Forma Scientific, Inc. Refer to the parts list for stock number and description of the replacement batteries.

Dispose of the used batteries in a safe manner and in accord with good environmental practices.

- 1. Turn off electrical power to the freezer.
- 2. Remove the four screws and lock washers securing the Performance Monitor/Alarm panel.
- 3. Unplug the battery-to-circuit board connector and remove the battery pack. It is attached to the circuit board metal plate by a Velcro strip.
- 4. Align the replacement battery pack with the red and black wires toward the connector and press the pack onto the Velcro.
- 5. Plug in the battery pack and replace the Monitor/Alarm panel.



Figure 4-1 Detail View of the Vacuum Relief Port and Chamber Probe Cover



Figure 4-2 Detail View of the Vacuum Relief Port and Chamber Probe Assembly

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### **Section 5 - Service**

Caution: Servicing must be performed by qualified service personnel only!



#### 5.1 Servicing the Refrigeration System

In the event of a unit malfunction, check all electrical components including starting relays, thermal protectors, and starting capacitors for the compressors.

Electrical schematics and drawings with parts for the refrigeration system are included with this manual.

## Caution: Repair work should be performed only by personnel who have had prior experience with cascade refrigeration systems.

**Note:** A service manual entitled "Ultra-Low Refrigeration System Service Guide" is available from Forma Scientific, Inc. Call or write for details.

#### 5.2 Troubleshooting Guide

The following chart is intended as guide to troubleshooting the system. Servicing of the freezer must be performed by qualified service personnel only.

Symptom	Possible Cause
No Power Light.	<ul> <li>Power line cord disconnected.</li> <li>Circuit breaker tripped/open.</li> <li>Main power switch OFF.</li> <li>Main fuses open.</li> </ul>
Chamber Temp Deviates from Set Point.	<ul> <li>Too much warm product added.</li> <li>Door open too long.</li> <li>Insufficient voltage.</li> <li>Inadequate air circulation.</li> <li>Calibration.</li> <li>Dirty condenser</li> <li>High Ambient Temperature</li> </ul>
Too Much Frost Build-Up.	• Door not properly sealed.
Freezer not Being Refrigerated (Unit is receiving Power).	<ul> <li>Compressor thermal overload open.</li> <li>Defective temp control.</li> <li>Defective high pressure cut-off.</li> <li>Low stage compressor locked up.</li> <li>Loss of refrigerate.</li> <li>Main fuses open.</li> </ul>
Display Problems in General.	• Defective temp control board.

## **Section 6 - Specifications**

#### **Upright -86°C Freezers**

Specification	Models 916 and 917
Temperature	-50° C (-58°F) to -86° C (-123°F)
Exterior	33.25" W x 79.0" H x 37.0" F-B
Dimensions	(85 cm x 198 cm x 94 cm)
	Add 3" (7.6 cm) to width for handle/hinge
	Add 7" (17.8 cm) to F-B for control panel/wall spacer
Interior Dimensions	23.0" W x 51.5" H x 25.25" F-B
	(58 cm x 131 cm x 64 cm)
Capacity	17.3 Cu. Ft. (490 liters)
Refrigeration	Two, 1/2 HP Compressors (Cascade System)
Insulation	Type: Non-CFC foamed-in-place urethane
	<b>Sides:</b> 5" (12.7 cm)
	<b>Door:</b> 4.5" (11.3 cm)
Electrical	<b>916:</b> 120VAC, 1PH, 60 Hz, 15.5 FLA
	Operating Range: 108VAC - 130VAC
	<b>917:</b> 230VAC, 1PH , 60 Hz, 12 FLA
	Operating Range: 208VAC - 240VAC
Breaker	<b>916:</b> 20 Amp, 120 VAC
Requirements	<b>917:</b> 15 Amp, 220 VAC
(Dedicated Circuit)	120V Dedicated Circuit
	20 Amp Time Delay Breaker
Automatic	Low: Cut In: 110V, Cut Out: 115V, Volts Boost: 10
Voltage	Cut In: 210V, Cut Out: 220V, Volts Boost 18
Compensation	High: Cut In: 125V, Cut Out: 120V Volts Buck: 10
	Cut Out: 235V, Cut Out: 225V, Volts Buck: 18
Shipping Weight	<b>Ocean:</b> 925 lbs. (420 kg)
(nominal)	Air/Container: 800 lbs. (363 kg)
	<b>Motor:</b> 675 lbs. (306 kg)

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Specification	Models 925 and 926						
Temperature	-50° C (-58°F) to -86° C (-123°F)						
Exterior	33.25" W x 79.0" H x 31.0" F-B						
Dimensions	(85 cm x 198 cm x 79 cm)						
	Add 3" (7.6 cm) to width for handle/hinge						
	Add 7" (17.8 cm) to F-B for control panel/wall spacer						
Interior Dimensions	23.0" W x 51.5" H x 19.25" F-B						
	(58 cm x 131 cm x 49 cm)						
Capacity	13.0 Cu. Ft. (368 liters)						
Refrigeration Type	Two, 1/2 HP Compressors (Cascade System)						
Insulation	Type: Non-CFC foamed-in-place urethane						
	<b>Sides:</b> 5" (12.7 cm)						
	<b>Door:</b> 4.5" (11.3 cm)						
Electrical	925: 208-230VAC, 1PH , 60 Hz, 12 FLA						
	Operating Range: 208VAC - 240VAC						
	<b>926:</b> 120VAC, 1PH, 60 Hz, 15.5 FLA						
	Operating Range: 108VAC - 130VAC						
Breaker	<b>925:</b> 15 Amp, 220 VAC						
Requirements	<b>926:</b> 20 Amp, 120 VAC						
(Dedicated Circuit)	120V Dedicated Circuit						
	20 Amp Time Delay Breaker						
Automatic	Low: Cut In: 110V, Cut Out: 115V, Volts Boost: 10						
Voltage	Cut In: 210V, Cut Out: 220V, Volts Boost 18						
Compensation	High: Cut In: 125V, Cut Out: 120V Volts Buck: 10						
	Cut Out: 235V, Cut Out: 225V, Volts Buck: 18						
Shipping Weight	<b>Ocean:</b> 935 lbs. (424 kg)						
(nominal)	Air/Container: 850 lbs. (386 kg)						
	<b>Motor:</b> 724 lbs. (328 kg)						

Specification	Model 923
Temperature	-50° C (-58°F) to -86° C (-123°F)
Exterior	40.75" W x 79.0" H x 37.0" F-B
Dimensions	(103.5 cm x 198 cm x 93.9 cm)
	Add 3" (7.6 cm) to width for handle/hinge
	Add 7" (17.8 cm) to F-B for control panel/wall spacer
Interior Dimensions	30.57" W x 51.5" H x 25.25" F-B
	(77.7 cm x 131 cm x 64 cm)
Capacity	23.0 Cu. Ft. (652 liters)
Refrigeration	Two 3/4 HP Compressors (Cascade System)
Insulation	Type: Non-CFC foamed-in-place urethane
	<b>Sides:</b> 5" (12.7 cm)
	<b>Door:</b> 4.5" (11.3 cm)
Electrical	230VAC, 1PH , 60 Hz, 12 FLA
	Operating Range: 208VAC - 240VAC
Breaker	15 Amp, 220VAC
Requirements	
(Dedicated Circuit)	
Automatic	Low: Cut In: 110V, Cut Out: 115V, Volts Boost: 10
Voltage	Cut In: 210V, Cut Out: 220V, Volts Boost 18
Compensation	High: Cut In: 125V, Cut Out: 120V Volts Buck: 10
	Cut Out: 235V, Cut Out: 225V, Volts Buck: 18
Shipping Weight	<b>Ocean:</b> 970 lbs. (440 kg)
(nominal)	<b>Air/Container:</b> 880 lbs. (399 kg)
	<b>Motor:</b> 880 lbs. (379 kg)

Stock #	Description
190764	Temperature Control Board
400101	Thermostat 40C
400116	Battery, Dryseal pk., 3.6V, AA (rechargeable)
400123	Performance Monitor, 900 Series
290041	Temperature Monitor Probe
214006	Oil Separator
209003	Dryer 3/8 ODF
209006	Dryer 1/4 ODS (Non-CFC)
250111	Solenoid Valve (120V Models)
250115	Solenoid Valve (220V Models)
207008	Pressure Switch, Cutout
900111 (2)	Tubeaxial Fan, 220V (923, 925 and 917)
900113 (2)	Tubeaxial Fan, 120V (916 and 926)
760163	Air Filter, 15.8" x 17.8"
195520	(5) 760163 Air Filters
132041	Door Heater, 115V, for (optional) Double Door Freezer
132042	Door Heater, 230V, for (optional) Double Door Freezer
420101	Transformer, 20 VA
230110	1Amp Fuse, Slo-Blow, (transformer)
285613	15Amp Fuse, Slo-Blow (230V)
285614	20Amp Fuse, Slo-Blow (120V)
230115	.15Amp Fuse, Slo-Blow (vacuum relief port heater)
290041	Control Probe

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#### **Refrigeration Replacement Parts**

Stock #	Description
1990009	Low Stage Compressor with Z erol 150T, 115V, 1/2 HP
	(Models 916, 926)
2990009	High Stage Compressor with Ester Oil, 115V, 1/2 HP
	(Models 916, 926)
1990004	Low Stage Compressor with Z erol 150T, 230V, 1/2 HP
	(Models 917, 925)
2990004	High Stage Compressor with Ester Oil, 230V, 1/2 HP
	(Models 917, 925)
1990014	Low Stage Compressor with Z erol 150T, 230V, 3/4 HP
	(Model 923)
2990014	High Stage Compressor with Ester Oil, 230V, 3/4 HP
	(Model 923)
970023	Refrigerant R-134A, High Stage, 70# cylinder
970022	Refrigerant R-23, Low Stage, 70# cylinder
970009	Propane, 14.5 oz
970010	Propane Tank Adapter
143021	Zerol 150T, 1 gallon

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**Section 8 - Refrigeration Drawings** 

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**Section 9 - Electrical Schematics** 

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#### INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND SERVICE INSTRUCTIONS

#### FOR CIRCULAR CHART RECORDERS

## COBEX RECORDERS, INC.

## CAUTION: IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THESE INSTRUCTIONS BE READ BEFORE INSTALLING THE INSTRUMENT. KEEP THESE INSTRUCTIONS ON FILE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

#### **RECEIVING INSPECTION**

As soon as the recorder is received, visually inspect the shipping container for signs of damage. If there is evidence of rough handling, inspect the recorder immediately to make certain that it is intact and has not been damaged in shipment.

#### **TRANSIT LOSS**

All COBEX instruments are insured against transit loss by breakage. To make this insurance effective, all claims must be filed with the carrier at the destination within one week of receipt of merchandise. No claims, regardless of the nature of same, will be accepted beyond this period.

#### UNPACKING

Each recorder is shipped with the standard accessory items listed below. When unpacking the recorder make certain that all of the items are accounted for.

- 1. Charts: One box (where applicable).
- 2. Battery (for optional battery backed-up units).
- 3. Installation manual.

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#### **RECORDER CASE LOCATION**

Upon unpacking, find a suitable location to mount the unit before plugging it in. After the recorder has been connected to the main AC power supply, connect the battery to the battery strap and place the battery in its holder (if your unit is equipped with an optional battery back-up).

Select a location that is well lighted, free from dust, dirt and corrosive fumes. The instrument should not be located near any sources of heat or be subjected to sudden or extreme temperature changes. It should be mounted on a rigid support that is not subject to vibration. Refer to Figures 7 and 8 for recorder case dimensions.

#### **POWER SUPPLY**

The recorder uses AC power when the unit is operating normally. If the AC power were to fail and the battery back-up option is installed, then the green LED light will begin "flashing" to indicate that there is an interruption in the main power. Otherwise, the green LED light glows continuously.

The recorder will have either an AC power cord or a wall mounted transformer for connection to the main AC power supply. If a permanent connection to the main AC power supply is to be accomplished in the field, then refer to Figures 6A, 6B, 6C and 6D for diagrams showing the connection to a 115VAC 50-60Hz or a 230VAC 50-60Hz main power supply.

#### **CONNECTING A PROBE**

Most of the temperature recording units will already have a temperature indicating probe installed. If the recorder has a Temperature/Humidity type probe, make sure to remove the protective cap when the recorder is in use and replace the cap whenever the environmental chamber is to be rinsed.

If you will be supplying your own probe input device, then this next section will contain some important information concerning the connection of the probe to the recorder.

This recording unit is capable of accepting input from either a CURRENT source (such as 4-20mA), a VOLTAGE source (such as 0-1 Volt, 0-5 Volts, 1-5 Volts or 0-10 Volts) or a 100 ohm RTD probe. **Note:** The recorder is programmed (at the factory) to accept a specific probe input range. Connecting a probe that supplies the recorder with a current or voltage that is not within the specified range will give unpredictable results and may damage the recorder. If you are not sure of the probe type or input range for your recorder, please contact COBEX Recorders before continuing.

In order to connect the probe input device to the recorder, you must first gain access to the main microprocessor PC board that is mounted to the back of the chart plate.

**CAUTION!** DO NOT TOUCH the terminals of the transformer while the unit is connected to the main AC power supply. To avoid the risk of possible electric shock, unplug or disconnect the recording unit from the main power supply before attempting to open the recorder. If the recorder is installed with the battery back-up option, disconnect the 9 Volt battery to avoid damaging the recorder and draining the battery.

On 6" inch recording units mounted in a metal enclosure, the chart plate on the recorder case is held by four (4) screws. Unscrew and gently remove the chart plate to expose the main microprocessor PC board of the recording unit. Otherwise, your recording unit will have a hinged chart plate held in place by two (2) screws located in the upper and lower right hand corners of the chart plate. Remove these two screws and open the hinged chart plate. On 8" enclosures, there is a single screw along the right hand edge that secures the chart plate inside of the enclosure. Loosen this screw and open the hinged chart plate.

If you are not sure how to access the back of the chart plate, please contact COBEX Recorders before continuing.

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Next, you will need to determine the *type* of microprocessor controller PC board that is installed in your recorder. Refer to Figures 1A, 1B and 1C and compare these figures to the microprocessor controller PC board that is installed in your recorder.

#### **TYPE "A" CONTROLLER PC BOARD**

If your recorder has a **Type A** microprocessor controller PC board installed, then locate screw terminal blocks J6 and JP5. Screw terminal block J6 is normally used when connecting an RTD temperature probe and JP5 is normally used to supply a signal input to the recorder from a VOLTAGE or CURRENT type probe. JP5 may also be used when connecting a second RTD temperature probe (on a two pen recorder). Refer to Figure 1A for the location of J6 and JP5 on the microprocessor PC board.



Figure 1A: Microprocessor PC Board (Type "A").

#### **TYPE "B" CONTROLLER PC BOARD**

If your recorder has a **Type B** microprocessor controller PC board installed, then locate screw terminal blocks J3 and J4 on the microprocessor PC board. These screw terminal blocks are used to provide signal input to the recorder for up to two pens. Refer to Figure 1B for the location of J3 and J4 on the micro-controller PC board. VIN (located on screw terminal block J4) is used to provide a signal input to the recorder from a VOLTAGE type probe, +5V can be used to power an external probe.

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Figure 1B: Micro-Controller PC Board (Type B).

#### **TYPE "C" CONTROLLER PC BOARD**

If your recorder has a **Type C** microprocessor controller PC board installed, then locate screw terminal block J3 on the microprocessor PC board. This screw terminal block is used to provide a signal input to the recorder for one pen. Refer to Figure 1C for the location of J3 on the micro-controller PC board.



Figure 1C: Micro-Controller PC Board (Type C).

#### **CHANGING THE CHART PAPER**

Press and hold the "change chart" button (#3) for approximately one (1) second until the pen begins to move to the left of the chart and then release the button. Wait until the pen has moved completely off of the chart. To remove the chart paper, unscrew (counter-clockwise) the chart "hub" knob at the center of the chart. Remove the old chart paper and position the new one so that the correct time line coincides with the time line groove on the chart plate. Refer to Figure 5 for the location of the time line groove.

Re-attach the chart "hub" knob and screw securely (by hand) against the chart. Press and hold the "change chart" button (#3) again for approximately one (1) second until the pen begins to move back onto the chart and then release the button. Check to make sure that the pen is marking on the chart paper. If it is not, then carefully adjust the pen arm to establish contact with the paper.

#### MARKING SYSTEMS: MARK-A-MATIC II INKING SYSTEM

This type of pen consists of a self contained ink reservoir with a porous plastic stylus which is snapped around the outer edge of the metal pen arm.

A pen cap is provided to extend the life of the ink pen during shipping or when the recording unit is not in service. To remove the pen cap, gently lift the pen arm away from the chart paper. Remove the black plastic pen cap to expose the fiber tip of the ink pen and gently place the pen back onto the chart paper. Do not let the pen arm "snap" back onto the chart paper. This will flatten the fiber tip of the pen and will no longer give you a fine line marking on the chart paper. Place the pen cap in a safe place for future use.

If the stylus does not touch the chart, adjustment can be made by slightly bending the metal pen arm in the center towards the chart paper. Do not use more pressure than is necessary to create a fine line marking on the chart paper. **Note:** As the pen ink supply runs

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out, the pen color will become lighter. This indicates that the pen should be replaced.

#### **REPLACEMENT OF PEN**

**Note:** In non-inking units, (that is, when using pressure sensitive recording chart paper) replacement of the pen is not necessary.

Recorders that are equipped with fiber tipped cartridge pens will have a cartridge that is color coded "red" to designate pen number one (1) and an optional cartridge that is color coded "blue" to designate pen number two (2). The pen cartridge is securely fastened to the metal pen arm using a special "U" clip tab.

For ease of replacement, it is suggested that the two (2) screws that hold the pen arm be loosened and the pen cartridge and metal pen arm be removed as an assembly. Refer to Figure 5 for the location of the pen arm screws. Unsnap the plastic "U" clip tab of the pen cartridge from the metal pen arm, remove and discard the old pen cartridge. Replace the new cartridge by opening the hinge and snapping it securely around the metal pen arm. Refer to the following figure.



Figure 2: Pen Arm Assembly.

#### PEN ARM CALIBRATION

To check and/or adjust the recording pen(s) calibration to the outer most temperature graduation of the chart, press and hold the "change chart" button (#3) until the pen begins to move off of the chart. Once the pen(s) has moved off of the chart, again press and hold the "change chart" button (#3) until the pen begins to move back onto the chart. The pen

should briefly stop at the outer most temperature graduation of the chart before continuing onto the chart to begin recording. If the pen does not stop exactly at this location on the chart, it can be adjusted or "calibrated" by using the left (#1) or right (#2) arrow buttons (refer to Figure 3).

When the pen moves back onto the chart and briefly stops, you will have approximately five (5) seconds in which to adjust the pen's position using the left and right arrow buttons of Figure 3.

On multiple pen recorders, each pen will move (oneat-a-time) onto the chart briefly stopping at the outer most temperature graduation of the chart at which time the pen's position can be adjusted by using the left (#1) or right (#2) arrow buttons. When the time to adjust the position of the first pen has expired, the second pen will move onto the chart briefly stopping at the outer most temperature graduation of the chart at which time the second pen's position may be adjusted.

Each time the chart paper or fiber tip pen cartridge is changed, you should make sure that each pen stops at the outer most temperature graduation of the chart paper. Otherwise, this pen *offset* will cause the unit to record an incorrect temperature on the chart.

#### TEMPERATURE RECORDER CALIBRATION CHECK

This recorder has been accurately calibrated at the factory. Before making any adjustments, this instrument should be in service for 24 hours. Thereafter, if any adjustment is required, perform the following procedure. Important: DO NOT immerse a Temperature/Humidity probe in any solution.

- 1. Place a Certified Test Thermometer(s) in a solution bottle(s) alongside the recorder's sensor probe(s).
- 2. Once the temperature has leveled out, compare the position of the pen on the recorder to the test thermometer's reading.

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- 2a. For two (2) pen recorders, also compare the second thermometer's reading to the second pen of the recorder.
- 3. If an adjustment is required, use the left (#1) and right (#2) arrow push buttons on the recorder to calibrate (or move) the pen's position on the chart to correspond to the temperature of the solution. The arrow buttons must be held for approximately five (5) seconds before the pen will begin to move.
- 3a. For two (2) pen recorders, you must first select the pen that you wish to calibrate. This is done by pressing the left (#1) arrow button to select the red pen or the right (#2) arrow button to select the blue pen. The arrow button must be held down until the green LED light goes out. After the green LED light goes out, follow the instructions in step #3 above. (Refer to the following figure for a diagram of the push buttons).



Figure 3: Push buttons.

## **OPTIONAL FEATURES**

#### **BATTERY BACK-UP**

The green LED light remains a constant green color indicating that both the battery and the main power to the unit are good. Refer to Figure 5 for the location of the green LED indicating light. If the AC power were to fail or the battery becomes weak, then the green LED light will begin "flashing" indicating that either you have lost the main power to the unit or it is time to replace the battery. Having a 9 volt DC battery back-up in place, will allow the recorder to continue to function normally for approximately 24 hours in the event of a power failure.

#### BATTERY LOCATION AND REPLACEMENT

#### 4", 6" AND 10" RECORDERS

To replace the battery, first open the recorder door. The battery will be located in the upper right hand corner of the unit. Refer to Figure 5 for the location of the battery. **Note:** Use only NEW 9 volt alkaline replacement batteries.

#### **8" RECORDERS**

**CAUTION!** DO NOT TOUCH the terminals of the transformer while the unit is connected to the main AC power supply. To avoid the risk of possible electric shock, unplug or disconnect the recording unit from the main power supply before changing the battery.

To replace the battery on an 8" recorder, first open the recorder case door. Next, loosen the single screw located on the right hand side of the chart plate and open the hinged chart plate. The battery strap and battery holder are located on the back of the chart plate. **Note:** Use only NEW 9 volt alkaline replacement batteries.

#### **OPTIONAL ALARM/CONTROL RELAY CONNECTION TO THE RELAY**

**CAUTION!** DO NOT TOUCH the terminals of the transformer while the unit is connected to the main AC power supply. To avoid the risk of possible

electric shock, unplug or disconnect the recording unit from the main power supply before attempting to access the terminals of the relay. If the recorder is installed with the battery back-up option, disconnect the 9 Volt battery to avoid damaging the recorder and draining the battery.

On 6" inch recording units mounted in a metal enclosure, the chart plate on the recorder case is held by four (4) screws. Unscrew and gently remove the chart plate to expose the relay that is mounted to the back of the chart plate. Otherwise, your recording unit will have a hinged chart plate held in place by two (2) screws located in the upper and lower right hand corners of the chart plate. Remove these two screws and open the hinged chart plate. On 8" recording units, there is a single screw along the right hand edge that secures the chart plate inside of the enclosure. Loosen this screw and open the hinged chart plate to expose the relay terminals. If you are not sure how to access the relay terminals of your recording unit, please contact COBEX Recorders before continuing.

The relays that are used in this recording unit are *latching* type relays. That is, the contacts of the relay will remain either closed or open (even when there is no power applied to the recorder) until the relay is pulsed with a signal from the recorder to change the position of the contacts.

Refer to Figures 1B, 1C and 6B for the location of the screw terminal connections for the relays. **Note:** A **RED**, **BLACK** and **WHITE** set of wires may already be provided as an external connection to the relay's terminal block. The terminal position NC will be *closed* when the pen is positioned to the right of the control point and will be *open* when the pen is positioned to the left of the control point.

The relays are rated for the following maximum values:

2.0 AMP at 30V DC 0.6 AMP at 125V AC 0.6 AMP at 110V DC

**Warning**: Damage to the recording unit may result if the ratings for the relays are exceeded.

#### SETTING THE CONTROL POINT FOR THE RELAY

To set the position of the pen on the chart that will determine when the relay contacts will open or close, follow these instructions:

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Press and hold the "change chart" button (#3) until the pen arm begins to move off of the chart and then release the button. Wait until the pen has moved completely off of the chart. When the "change chart" button (#3) is pressed again, the pen will begin to move back onto the chart briefly stopping at the outermost graduation of the chart.

The pen arm will then move to the first control point position and the green LED light will turn off. The pen will remain at this position for a period of approximately five (5) seconds during which time the control point can be adjusted using the left arrow (#1) or the right arrow (#2) push buttons. Refer to the following figure for a diagram of the push buttons. When the time has expired for adjusting the control point, the green LED light will turn back on and the unit will begin recording.



Figure 4: Push buttons.

When the pen has two control points, the pen then moves to the second control point at which time the second control point may be adjusted. Having two control points (per pen) allows you to define HIGH and LOW temperatures that will open or close the relay contacts. Approximately five (5) seconds after you have finished adjusting the control point(s), the LED light will turn solid green and the pen arm will move to indicate the probe's temperature and the unit will begin recording.

### **CHART "RANGE" SELECTION**

If the recorder that you are using has a *range sticker* (that lists several temperature ranges) mounted on the front of the chart plate, then the following section will apply to you.

This recording unit has the option for the user to select from several temperature "ranges" that are programmed into the recorder. **Note:** The chart paper that is used on the recording unit must match the *range* that is selected for the recorder. Otherwise, the pen's position on the chart paper will not correspond to the temperature that is measured.

Also, if the pen moves to the center or outer edge of the chart and remains there while the unit is powered on, then this maybe an indication that the current range that is selected for the unit is not correct. The recorder has a built-in safety mechanism that will always move the pen to the highest temperature on the chart when the current temperature that is measured is not within the selected range.

The recording unit can have up to eight (8) user selectable ranges programmed into the unit. To select from one of the available ranges, follow these instructions:

After the recording unit has been powered-on and is operating normally (recording temperature), press and hold the "change chart" button (#3) until the pen arm begins to move off of the chart. Once the pen has moved off of the chart, press and hold the left arrow (#1) or right arrow (#2) button for approximately eight (8) seconds and then release the button. Refer to Figure 4 for a diagram of the buttons.

**Note:** If your recorder has a **Type A** microprocessor controller PC board installed, then the current range that the recorder is operating in will be altered when this *change range* mode is entered. For example, if the recorder is currently operating in range #1 and the left arrow (#1) button is pressed for the eight second period as described above and then released, the current range will be advanced to range #2 and the LED light will begin flashing two (2) times. Refer to Figure 1A to determine if you have a **Type A** microprocessor controller PC board installed.

The green LED light will begin flashing one (1) time if range #1 is selected or will flash two (2) times if range #2 is selected and so on. Press the left arrow button (#1) to increase the range number or press the



right arrow button (#2) to decrease the range number that is selected for the recorder. When you have finished selecting the range, press and hold the "change chart" button (#3) until the pen begins to move back onto the chart and the selected range will be saved into the recorder's permanent memory.

#### **RECORDER SPECIFICATIONS**

#### INPUT

Nominal Input Voltage: Single Phase 115/230VAC. Nominal Input Current: 40mA/20mA Nominal Input Frequency: 50-60 Hz.

#### **BATTERY (Optional)**

Battery Type: 9 Volt Alkaline Low Battery Signaling: Flashing LED

#### **OPERATING ENVIRONMENT**

0°C-40°C (32°F-104°F); 0-95% RH, Non-condensing Pollution Degree: 2 Installation Category: II



Figure 5: Recorder Assembly (Front View).

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Figure 6A: Recorder Assembly "Type A" (Rear View).



Figure 6B: Recorder Assembly "Type A" with Electric Contact Option (Rear View).

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Figure 6C: Recorder Assembly Type "B" (Rear View).



Figure 6D: Recorder Assembly Type "C" (Rear View).

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Figure 7: 6" Recorder Case Dimensions.





Figure 8: 8" Recorder Case Dimensions.

For all physical dimensions and panel cut-out dimensions for *skeleton* and *skeleton with door* recorders, please contact COBEX Recorders, Inc.

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