

DRYER BOOSTER / DBA-4HP

INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

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READ AND SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS



IMPORTANT NOTICE! TO PREVENT THE POSSIBILITY OF DRYER FAN CAVITATION AND/OR EXHAUSTING EXCESS HEAT REQUIRED FOR THE DRYING CYCLE AND COMPROMISING DRYING TIMES, BOOSTER FAN AIRFLOW MUST NOT EXCEED THE DRYER FAN CAPACITY.

Please note: A Series inline fans **are not** explosion proof. **Do not use the fans if a potentially explosive situation may exist. DO NOT USE with heated air in excess 140°F (60°C).**

Fan and Switch Mounting

The recommended location of the booster fan is a minimum of 15 linear (not equivalent) feet of duct from the dryer outlet. If the fan is mounted closer than the recommended 15 feet, it may develop enough pressure to lift wet lint into the fan impeller resulting in excessive lint loading in the fan. The best location for the fan to be mounted is as close as possible to the termination of the duct work. Exception: If a secondary lint filter is installed between the dryer and the booster fan, the booster fan may be mounted within the minimum distance otherwise recommended (See illustration on left). A mounting bracket (included) attached to a rafter or joist should be used to stabilize the fan. Although not recommended, a vertical rigid duct may support the fan if the duct is securely stabilized. (Consult local codes prior to supporting the fan in the duct alone.) It is recommended that duct work be attached to the inlet and

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outlet of the fan by means of vibration isolation clamps (optional) to permit periodic inspection of the blower. Refer to maintenance instructions for inspection recommendations. All duct connections should be properly sealed to prevent leakage and loss of fan performance. Flex duct connections between the dryer duct connection and exhaust duct should be stretched as smooth as possible.

Pressure Sensor Switch Operation

The DB10 is a positive pressure sensing switch that recognizes dryer operation and activates the booster fan from an independent electrical circuit. This eliminates connections through the dryer circuit, which may void the manufacturers' warranty as well as manual systems which require the attention of the operator or costly current/ temperature sensing systems.

Power to the booster fan is connected in series through a normally open terminal on the switch. A pressure tap is connected to a teat on the side of the switch. When the dryer begins operation, positive pressure in the duct causes the switch diaphragm to expand closing the circuit to the booster fan. An integral delay-onbreak timer in the switch will cycle the fan on for intervals of 10 minutes. Cycle will reinitiate after a few seconds as long as the dryer is operating. This will continue until the dryer has stopped and the timer delay period has lapsed. Drying cycles, the booster fan, the delay timer and the pressure switch are not adversely affected by the starting/stopping intervals.

Fan Installation

Step 1. Selecting Fan Location Fan must be mounted a minimum of 15 feet from the dryer outlet. If the fan is mounted closer than the recommended 15 feet, it may develop enough pressure to lift wet lint into the fan impeller resulting in excessive lint loading in the fan. *Note: See exception on the front page of these instructions. In any application, the fan should be mounted is as close as possible to the termination of the duct work. In order to perform recommended maintenance, fan location should allow sufficient access for service. Refer to dimensional drawings shown below.

Step 2. Mount Bracket

Using the wood screws provided, attach the mounting bracket to a support beam at the selected location. Bracket is provided with gaskets in order to isolate any vibration and prevent the transmission of sound through the structure. Be careful not to over tighten. Fan mounting can be in any angle, however, vertical mounting is recommended to reduce condensation buildup in the fan. If a horizontal installation is necessary and condensation buildup may pose a problem, a 1/4" hole drilled in the bottom of the housing (along with an NPT insert and drain tubing) will allow condensation to drain.

Step 3. Mount Fan

For optimum sensitivity, the switch diaphragm should be positioned vertically. (Illustrations below show diaphragm position for horizontal, vertical and ducts installed at an angle.) Wiring box should be positioned for easy access. Attach fan to the mounting bracket with the self tapping screws provided. Care should be taken not to strip the housing. Although screw pilot holes are not required, 3/32" (or smaller) pilot holes are recommended.

(NOTE: Steps 2 & 3 may be reversed.)









Mounting Bracket & Screw Locations

Pressure Switch Positioning





Installing Grommet and Tubing

First, drill a 5/16 inch to 3/8 inch diameter hole in the duct wall. Carefully insert the grommet into the hole. (Drilling a metal duct may produce burrs. Be careful not to be cut or pricked by the burrs or the duct.) Next, force one end of the tubing over the teat on the switch. It may be necessary to use a lubricant in order to slide the tubing over the entire nipple. Make a mark a distance of 1/2 inch from the other end of the tubing. Slide this end of the tubing through the center of the grommet up to the mark as illustrated. Do not use a lubricant on this end of the tubing.

In order to increase the switch sensitivity for installations in regions of higher elevations, it may be necessary to rotate the diaphragm as illustrated. The diaphragm should be located below the horizontal axis. Please note that due to gravity, the switch may not release when the diaphragm is fully inverted. The diaphragm should be rotated in increments and cycled to be certain that the switch will release thereby breaking power to the fan. An alternate approach may be to insert the "pressure tap" in the upstream side of an elbow. Additional tubing may be required. In the event that additional tubing is required, be certain that the tubing connections at the duct wall and the switch are as air-tight as possible by sealing with a caulking material.

Electrical Connection DO NOT CONNECT POWER SUPPLY UNTIL FAN IS COMPLETELY INSTALLED. MAKE SURE ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO THE FAN IS LOCKED IN "OFF" POSITION.

- This unit has rotating parts and safety precautions should be exercised during installation, operation and maintenance.
- CAUTION: "For General Ventilation Use Only. Do Not Use To Exhaust Hazardous or Explosive Materials and Vapors."
- 3.WARNING: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE, ELECTRIC SHOCK, OR INJURY TO PERSONS - OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING:

a. Use this unit only in the manner intended by the manufacturer. If you have questions, contact the factory.

b. Before servicing or cleaning, switch power off at service panel and lock service panel to prevent fan from being switched on accidentally. When the service disconnecting means cannot be locked, securely fasten a prominent warning device, such as a tag, to the service panel.

c. Installation work and electrical wiring must be done by qualified person(s) in accordance with all applicable codes and standards, including fire-rated construction.

d. The combustion airflow needed for safe operation of fuel burning equipment may be affected by this unit's operation. Follow the heating equipment manufacturer's guidelines and safety standards such as those published by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) and the local code authorities.

e. When cutting or drilling into wall

or ceiling, do not damage electrical wires or other hidden utilities. f. Ducted fans must always be vented

- to the outdoors.
- g. Install fan at least five feet above the floor.
- WARNING! Check voltage at the fan to see if it corresponds to the motor nameplate.

GUARDS MUST BE INSTALLED WHEN FAN IS WITHIN REACH OF PERSONNEL OR WITHIN SEVEN (7) FEET OF WORKING LEVEL OR WHEN DEEMED ADVISABLE FOR SAFETY.

Wiring Procedure

Please Note: The fan motor, capacitor and pressure switch connections are pre-wired from the factory. Remove the screws securing the terminal

box cover. A 3/8" romex type cable

restraint connector will be needed to secure the wiring through the knockout provided on the side of the terminal box.

Bring incoming electrical service through the romex connector and the fan knockout. Be sure to place the connector nut over the wiring coming into the terminal box. There are three open ports on the terminal strip. Using a small regular screwdriver, tighten the Neutral (White) wire of the incoming supply under the open terminal labeled "N". Tighten the Line (Black) wire of the incoming supply under the open terminal labeled "L". Tighten the Ground (Green) wire of the incoming supply under the open terminal marked " \pm ". for reference, a wiring diagram is shown.

Secure the romex connector. Secure the incoming supply with the romex connector. Replace the fan terminal box cover.



WARRANTY and MAINTENANCE Recommended Maintenance

- Since fan bearings are sealed and provided with an internal lubricating material, no additional lubrication is necessary.
- 2. Fan impeller may accumulate lint. Periodic inspection, based upon dryer usage, should be performed to ensure that the fan impeller is not obstruced or loaded with lint. Under normal conditions, fan should be inspected a minimum of every Six (6) Months. Note: Excessive booster fan noise or vibration may be an indication of lint buildup on the impeller:
 - a. Disconnect the incoming power supply at the source.
 - b. Remove the duct from the fan inlet and remove any lint buildup on the impeller.
 - c. Reconnect the duct to the fan. Turn power supply on.

Troubleshooting

Important Notice: Prior to performing Steps 1-4, be certain that the electrical supply to the fan/switch is turned off.

If fan fails to start when the dryer cycle begins, please follow the procedure listed below:

- Check the incoming supply for proper voltage.
 Consult schematic shown on Page 3 of these
- instructions to ensure proper connection.
 If possible, use a meter to test for continuity across the fan motor leads. In order to do this, the capacitor and pressure switch must be disconnected (do not test the capacitor it will not meter continuity). If motor leads show continuity, rewire the fan, capacitor and pressure switch.

THREE (3) YEAR WARRANTY THIS WARRANTY SUPERSEDES ALL PRIOR WARRANTIES

DURING THE ENTIRE WARRANTY PERIOD:

American ALDES will repair or replace any part which has a factory defect in workmanship or material. Product may need to be returned to American ALDES factory, together with a copy of the bill of sale and identified with RMA number.

FOR FACTORY RETURN YOU MUST:

1) Have a Return Materials Authorization (RMA) number. This number may be obtained by calling AMERICAN ALDES VENTILATION CORPORATION at 941-351-3441. Please have Bill of Sale available.

2) The RMA number must be clearly displayed on the outside of the carton, or delivery will be refused.3) All parts and/or product being returned must be

shipped prepaid and be accompanied with a copy of the Bill of Sale.

4) Product will be replaced/repaired and shipped back

4. Turn on the electrical supply and restart the dryer cycle. Check to be certain that fan starts.

If fan still fails to start after performing Steps 1-4, continue following the procedure as listed below:

- 5. Verify that the pressure switch diaphragm is vertical as illustrated on Page 2 of these instructions. If the diaphragm is not vertical, reposition the pressure switch and check for fan operation against another dryer cycle.
- Verify that the tubing is not crimped and that the tubing connector nipples are not obstructed.

Switch Operation Verification

7. If switch diaphragm is vertical and fan stills fails to start with the electrical supply on:

- a. Remove the tubing from the duct and blow gently into the tubing;
- b. If fan starts, consult American ALDES for additional technical support.

Motor Operation Verification

- If fan fails to start after blowing into the tubing:
 a. Disconnect incoming power supply at the source.
 - b. Remove the pressure switch leads from the wiring terminal block.
 - c. Connect the incoming power supply directly to the fan motor as shown in "DBA-4HP Schematic" diagram below.
 d. Turn on power to fan.
- If fan fails to start, please consult American ALDES for additional technical support.

DBA-4HP Schematic

Wiring - Fan Only - Reference for Troubleshooting Step 8.c.



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The Distributor may place an order for the warranty part and/or product and is invoiced. The Distributor will receive a credit equal to the invoice only after product is returned prepaid and verified to be defective. AMERICAN ALDES WARRANTY TERMS DO NOT PROVIDE FOR REPLACEMENT WITHOUT CHARGE PRIOR TO INSPECTION FOR A DEFECT. REPLACEMENTS ISSUED IN ADVANCE OF DEFECT INSPECTION ARE INVOICED, AND CREDIT IS PENDING INSPECTION OF RETURNED MATERIAL. DEFECTIVE MATERIAL RETURNED BY END USER SHOULD NOT BE REPLACED BY THE DISTRIBUTOR WITHOUT CHARGE TO THE END USER. AS CREDIT TO DISTRIBUTORS ACCOUNT WILL BE PENDING INSPECTION AND VERIFICATION OF ACTUAL DEFECT BY AMERICAN ALDES.

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- improper consumer procedures such as:
 - a) Improper Maintenance, b) Misuse, abuse, abnormal use, or
 - accident, or
 - c) Incorrect electrical voltage or current.
 - d) Removal or alterations made on the AMERICAN ALDES label control number
 - or date of manufacture.

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The end user must keep a copy of the Bill of Sale to verify purchase date.

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