

CON THERM

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

CAT 5000 VLEC
LOW TEMPERATURE
ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMBER

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WARRANTY STATEMENT

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Should a malfunction occur or condition develop beyond reasonable acceptance the company will accept responsibility for returning the unit to its factory specification at no cost to the Purchaser providing that the operating instructions have been observed and the defect is due solely to faulty design, material and workmanship. That the defective part be returned, freight paid to the nearest sales service office, the Company shall service the affected component and dispatch, freight prepaid, within ten working days of receipt. Units outside the warranty period will be accepted and repairs will be covered under an extension of the above for 90 days.

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IMPORTANT

All electrical servicing **must** be carried out by suitably qualified personnel only.

SECTION 1 DEFINITION OF TERMS

For the purpose of our standard specifications the following definitions shall apply:

a) WORKING SPACE

That portion of the internal space which is above the lowest shelf and not less than 5cm from any wall (including roof).

b) CABINET TEMPERATURE

That temperature at the centre of the working space.

c) SPATIAL VARIATION

The difference between the midrange of all measured temperatures obtained at one site and that at another site for those sites which give the greatest difference.

d) TEMPORAL VARIATION

The maximum value of the temperature range obtained for the standard site with the greatest range throughout the test interval.

e) TEMPERATURE DRIFT

Any long term changes in cabinet temperature during continuous operation of the closed cabinet.

f) TEMPERATURE OVERSHOOT

Any excess of actual over desired cabinet temperature during a heating up period.

g) TEMPERATURE REPRODUCIBILITY

Temperature regained without alteration to controls.

h) TEST INTERVAL

Interval of time to which the steady state characteristics apply (Max 1 hour).

NB: All the above apply with an **empty** chamber.

For definitions and test methods refer: **AS2853 : 1986** (and Appendices)

SECTION 2 INTRODUCTION AND SPECIFICATIONS

The CONTHERM CAT 5000VLEC Environmental Chamber has been expressly designed to give the widest choice of operating conditions consistent with high reliability and low cost, the addition of microprocessor control gives additional versatility and resolution while improving the degree of temperature control.

All specifications are quoted for a cabinet temperature of 20°C with an ambient temperature of 20°C with any lighting off.

- **Construction** - Combination of High quality stainless steel and zinc plated mild steel epoxy coated exterior, fibreglass insulation, High quality stainless steel interior with full access door and magnetic door catch.
- **Safety** - Fitted with an independent factory set Hi-Limit and user adjustable Hi-Limit completely separate from normal controls.
- **Convection** - All units come with mechanical convection fan systems.
- **Electrical** - Designed to NZS6200 / NZS/AS3100:1994 240V AC M.E.N
- **EMC** - Complies with AS/NZS 2064: 1997
- All performances quoted at 20°C - PLCS5 Precision Control System.

PERFORMANCE:

a) Temperature:	
Nominal Range	-40°C - +70.0°C
Temporal Variation	± 0.5°C
Spatial Variation	± 2.0°C
Initial Overshoot	+2.0°C
Reproducibility	±0.2°C
Dial resolution	0.1°C
Operating Ambient	10°C - 35°C
Mains Voltage Range	210-250 AC 50Hz

NB: The lowest temperature performance is only achievable in a maximum ambient of +20°C

b) Viewing Light:
Semi-Automatic control (max ON time limited to 5 minutes) with selection For ON and OFF.

c) Relative Humidity: NB: No Humidity control above +70°C
Display Resolution: 1% RH
Display Range: 0 - 100%RH
Control Range: (Typical) 40 - 95%RH
Accuracy: (typical @ 20°C, 50 - 90%RH) ± 5%RH
NB: Decrease max allowable humidity by 1.5%RH for every 1°C above +50°C

d) Timer:
Timing Range: 1 minute - 99hours 59 minutes
Timing Resolution: 1 minute

Manual or Timed operation:

NB: The symbol '|:' means run continuously.

e) Refrigeration:
Automatic control, Hot and Cold cycle.

Used for Dry temperature control and Dehumidification with automatic Hot Gas Defrost. Defrost may be programmed to occur automatically or manually.

f) Programmable:
Up to nine user programs may be set and run in conjunction with a 999 or continuous cycle counter.

g) Computer:
An RS232C computer connection is provided. Contherm PLCSCOMM Communications program sold separately.

SECTION 3 INSTALLATION

The 5000 Series of Environmental Chambers are designed to be installed into a suitable ventilated room with a minimum clear space of at least 600mm on all sides to allow access for servicing.

The cabinet requires a 240Volt 50HZ 25Amp Single phase EARTHED electricity supply.

Total electrical load is upto 5.5Kw.

The approximate heat load is 3.0Kw.

The cabinet should be thoroughly inspected for any signs of mechanical damage that may have occurred in transit before any attempt is made to apply power to the unit.

WARNING: To prevent FIRE or SHOCK hazard, DO NOT expose this product to rain or any type of moisture.

FOR YOUR SAFETY

To ensure safe operation the cabinet must be wired to a suitable 25A 240V single phase supply and be effectively earthed through the normal building wiring.

The fact that the equipment operates satisfactorily does NOT imply that the power supply is earthed and that the installation is completely safe. For your safety, if in any doubt about the effective earthing of the cabinet, consult a qualified electrician.

NB: This cabinet is fitted with refrigeration SUMP heater, this heater is **POWERED** at ALL times, even when the main **RCD/SWITCH** is turned **OFF**. Please **ENSURE** that the cabinet power is **SWITCHED OFF** at the **WALL SUPPLY BEFORE** working on any **SUMP** heater circuitry, this includes replacing the 2Amp fuse on the inside main wiring panel, or working inside the refrigeration system wiring box..

SECTION 4 OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

To set up unit for operation after unpacking and checking for damage proceed as follows:

- 1) Follow any installation procedures (See SECTION 3).

OPERATING CONTROLLER:

- 1) Fill HUMIDITY water tank. If humidity operation is attempted without filling tank a LOW WATER ALARM ('06') will sound.
- 2) **To fill tank:** Lift off front RHS access cover, Remove lid from tank and carefully fill to within 75mm of tank top with distilled or Deionised water. Replace lid. If cabinet is fitted with **MAINS WATER SUPPLY ENSURE** that the **INLET** water pressure is **60PSI MAXIMUM**. ENSURE that the **DRAIN OUTLET**(overflow) is connected to a suitable drain – if this is **NOT** done **FLOODING** may result.
- 3) Apply power at wall main switch.
- 4) Turn on RCD switch at monitor panel on front of cabinet - The mains neon should now be on and the green LED displays on the control panel will be illuminated.
- 5) When power is FIRST applied to the cabinet the display will most likely show an '**03**' (Preset) Alarm. This is due to the fact that power has been removed from the cabinet for more than 48 hours. Use the method described on page 9 of this manual to cancel the special '**03**' Alarm.
- 6) Set program(s) to desired operating parameters.
- 7) Confirm factory calibration by monitoring the temperature, Humidity etc with your own calibrated instruments and make adjustments as per the CALIBRATION section if necessary.

Operating with 'LIVE LOADS'

Special precautions **MUST** be taken when operating the chamber with a 'Live Load' inside (A 'live load' is any internal test apparatus that is adding heat to the chamber). In particular the live load **MUST** be disconnected if power to the chamber is lost, or if the chamber turns OFF for ANY reason. Depending on the size of the 'Live Load' **SERIOUS DAMAGE** could occur to either the apparatus under test OR the actual test chamber if the chamber temperature rises above allowable operating limits.

If damage to the chamber occurs due to heat from a 'live load' any Contherm

warranty is voided.

EXAMPLE: A test is being performed on an item of electronic equipment which is powered ON and dissipates 400W. Let's assume the test is being carried out at 0°C. The test is programmed to run overnight and when left the chamber was stabilised at 0°C. Sometime during the night a fault occurs such that the 'RCD' device on the chamber trips disconnecting the chamber from electrical power. The device under test (being powered from a source external to the chamber) continues to dissipate its 400W of heat causing the chamber temperature to rise to 120°C where it stabilises. The apparatus inside thus 'bakes' at a temperature well above its normal operating range and is severely damaged (possibly also resulting in a 'fire' inside the chamber), additionally the chambers foam insulation is impaired due to the excessive temperature rise. (Possibly resulting in the chamber being unable to be repaired.).

The severity of the problem will depend on the terminal temperature reached, determined predominately by the amount of heat being dissipated by the 'live load' in the chamber.

Also note that any refrigeration system while perhaps having the capacity to HOLD the 'live load' at a specified temperature MAY NOT be able to REDUCE the chamber temperature from a higher temperature to a lower one. **I.E** A chamber that may comfortably hold a 'live load' at +10°C may well be UNABLE to lower the temperature (with the 'live load' ON from +50°C to +10°C, this is due to the refrigeration system having less capacity at the higher temperature, additionally if the fridge 'looses' the 'live load' at the higher temperature and instead of the temperature being lowered from +50°C to +10°C it RISES to say +60°C the refrigeration system will TURN OFF resulting in the temperature **rising even further** to a value as high as if the chamber was disconnected.

It is IMPORTANT that the above scenario's (and others) are carefully considered before leaving any 'live load' unattended in a chamber.

Contherm does offer a 'live load' disconnect feature at additional cost, which offers protection against the above problems. This option must be fitted to the chamber at time of ordering.

ALARMS

There are TWO main types of alarm used in the PLCS5 control system.

a) **STANDARD ALARMS:** 01,02,04,05,06,07,08,10,11,12

These alarm numbers indicate a problem with cabinet control, **IE** over-temperature, low water, faulty sensor etc.

To **CANCEL** these alarms press the DIAGNOSTIC select button THREE times. (Some of these alarms can also be cancelled by pressing ANY button). ENSURE that note is taken of the alarm indication and that any indicated problem is attended to,

b) **03 & 09 ALARMS:** 03,09

These alarms are SPECIAL and can **ONLY** be cancelled by using the SPECIAL procedure outlined below. These alarms indicate EITHER that the cabinet MAY have lost some of its settings ('03') most likely due to being disconnected from the power for more than 48 hours, or that INTERFERENCE ('09') to the cabinets internal operating system has occurred, due to external electrical interference or electronic system malfunction.

To ensure that the required settings and CALIBRATION factors are checked it is necessary to EXAMINE ALL the program settings and TEMPERATURE and HUMIDITY calibration factors. If there was more than one program running the settings for the additional programs should also be checked but this is NOT essential in order to cancel the alarm.

The following procedure is recommended:

1) Press the 'SELECT' button adjacent to the green temperature display and confirm the SET POINT is correct, if not then adjust it using the 'UP' and 'DOWN' buttons. Press 'SELECT' again if the 'SET' LED above the display is ON so that it goes OFF. - REPEAT for all the other Green display parameters (TIME, HUMIDITY, LIGHT etc).

2) Press the 'SELECT' button adjacent to the red 'DIAGNOSTICS/ALARMS' display and using the 'UP' button obtain diagnostic No20 (Calibrate Temp), check that the current value is correct. (Check against the Factory Cal Factor - on front cover of manual, or other known Cal Factor), if NOT correct press 'SELECT' again and adjust Cal Factor using the 'UP' and 'DOWN' buttons. Press the 'SELECT' button a third time to exit the DIAGNOSTIC routines.

3) Press the 'SELECT' button adjacent to the red 'DIAGNOSTICS/ALARMS' display and using the 'UP' button obtain diagnostic No21 (Calibrate RH), check that the current value is correct. (Check against the Factory Cal Factor - on front cover of manual, or other known Cal Factor), if NOT correct press 'SELECT' again and adjust Cal Factor using the 'UP' and 'DOWN' buttons. Press the 'SELECT' button a third time to exit the DIAGNOSTIC routines.

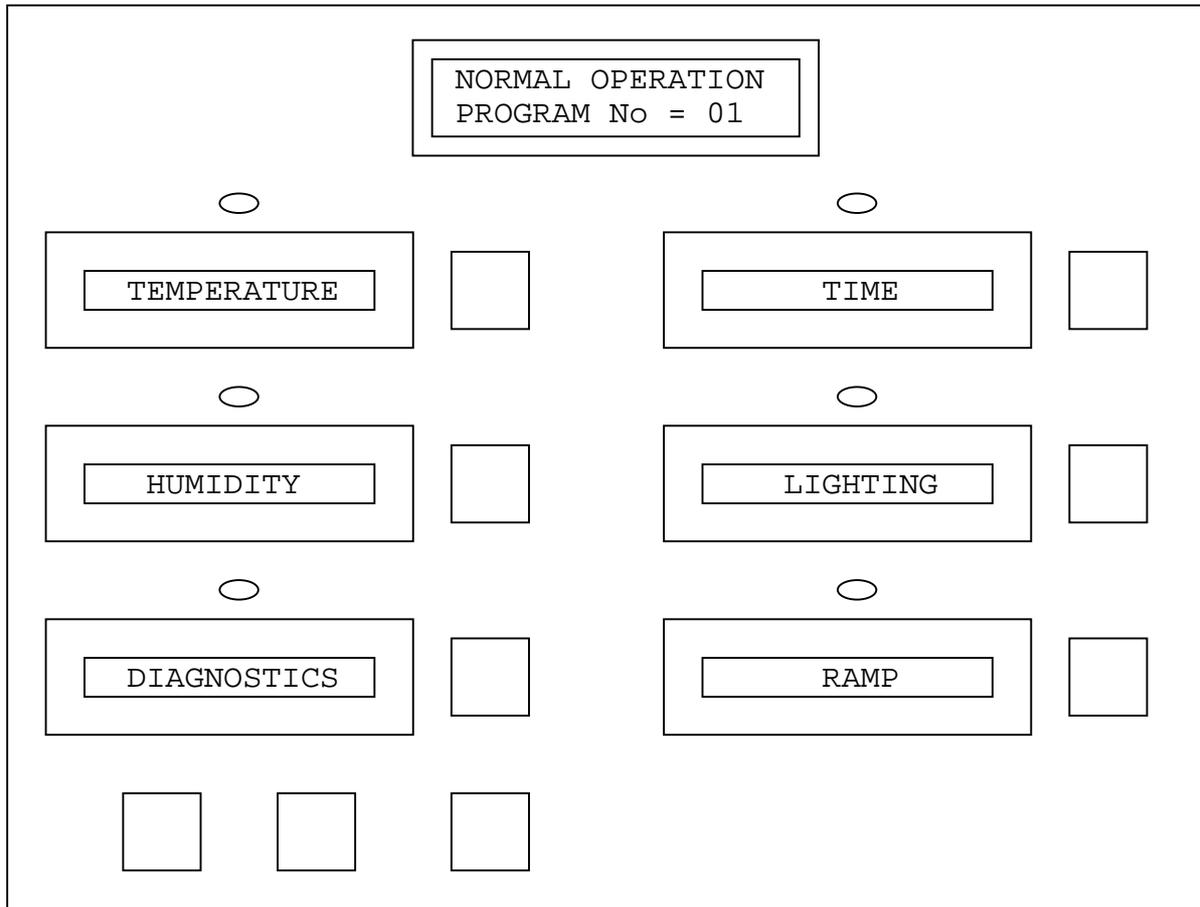
4) Press the 'PROG' button adjacent to the 'UP' button and step through the three program settings (Select program, Set cycle counter and Set max PROG number).

5) Having carried out all of the above pressing any parameter button will now cancel the alarm. (IE, press the 'TEMPERATURE' select button. If the red LED above the 'TEMPERATURE' parameter display is ON press the 'SELECT' button again.

SPECIAL NOTES

1) To ensure correct refrigeration operation and longest life, the fridge condenser **MUST** be kept free of dust by regular cleaning, at least once every 3 months (use a nylon brush). If this is NOT done and the condenser becomes blocked it may result in refrigeration compressor failure.

2) Unless changed by the customer an automatic defrost cycle will be started every four hours when running at low temperatures. This defrost is necessary to keep the refrigeration evaporator free of ice buildup which would otherwise impair the ability of the cabinet to maintain its operating temperatures. The defrost sequence is designed to minimise any changes to the cabinet temperature during the defrost period but some change in conditions cannot be avoided.



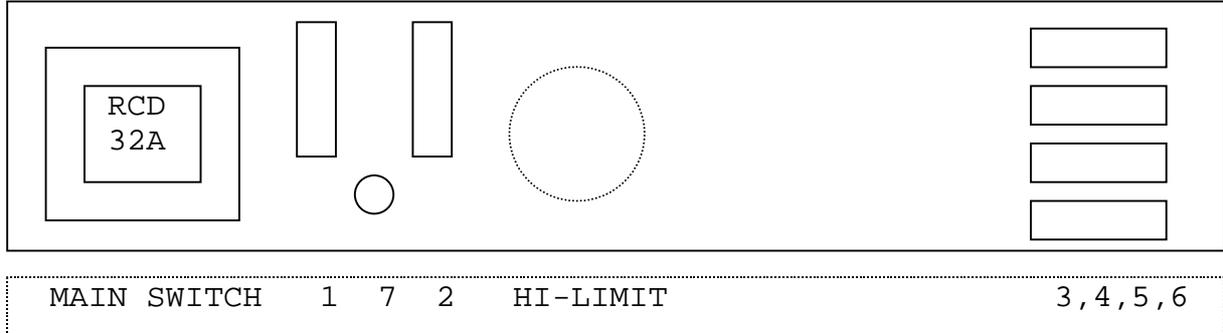
CONTROLLER OPERATION:

The PLCS5 Control System is Contherm's latest offering in a series of Microprocessor based Control Systems. The front control panel is fitted with a two line by 16 character LCD display to allow the controller to be easily setup for all operations. An additional recessed Control/Monitor Panel is fitted at the top RHS of the cabinet.

- 1) The LCD display shows information on the current status of the cabinet (NORMAL OPERATION, DEFROSTING, STOPPED, FAULT etc) and also displays prompts when setting parameters, changing programs etc.
- 2) In NORMAL operation the values displayed in the boxes for the installed parameters represent the current value measured by the Controller.
- 3) The `UP' and `DOWN' buttons below the DIAGNOSTIC/ALARM display are used to make any adjustments to the Controller set points.
- 4) The `SET' led will illuminate above any parameter selected for adjustment.
- 5) The `SELECT' buttons are used to `select' a parameter for adjustment.

CONTROL / MONITOR PANEL

Additional Neon indicators and switches are fitted to the monitor panel (located above the main control panel) to provide overall control of various functions and to give a visual indication of cabinet operation.



A) **MAIN SWITCH & RCD** allows power to flow to the cabinet. The RED neon (1) will be illuminated when this switch is ON and the cabinet is connected to the Main power supply. Inside the main panel is an RCD (Residual Current Device) which should be tested once per month or at least when the cabinet is about to be setup for the next experimental run. Test the RCD device by pressing the 'TEST' button - the RCD circuit breaker should switch to the OFF position. **NB:** The whole cabinet will be switched OFF. (It is best to conduct this test with the lighting OFF).

To RESET the circuit breaker push the lever to the 'ON' position. If the lever will not stay in the 'ON' position an electrical fault is present.

If the RCD trips with the small white 'flag' showing this means that the tripping was due to excessive 'earth leakage'. The cause **MUST** be investigated **DO NOT** attempt to BYPASS the RCD device.

B) **HI-LIMIT & MONITOR NEON.** This RED neon (2) will illuminate when the user HI-LIMIT has tripped. When this neon is on NO POWER will be applied to the HEATING ELEMENT (This acts as an additional safety to prevent cabinet overheating). The HI-LIMIT should be set to trip JUST above the maximum allowable temperature of any samples.

C) **HOT GAS NEON.** Neon 3 is illuminated when the refrigeration HOT-GAS (HOT CYCLE) solenoid is energised. When this solenoid is energised the refrigeration is trying to HEAT the cabinet, in normal operation this solenoid may be energised on a regular cycle. The solenoid may be tested via the DIAGNOSTIC system by selection number 4 (TEST HOT SOLN).

D) **COLD LIQUID NEON.** Neon 4 is illuminated when the refrigeration LIQUID solenoid (COLD CYCLE) is energised. When this solenoid is energised the refrigeration system is trying to COOL the cabinet.

The solenoid may be tested via the DIAGNOSTIC system by selection number 5 (TEST COLD SOLN).

When the refrigeration system is operating it MAY cycle the **HOT GAS** solenoid (Red Neon 3 will come on) OR the **COLD LIQUID** solenoid (Green neon 4 will come on) to achieve the desired temperature and humidity.

E) - **HEATER NEON.** This neon will be illuminated whenever power is being applied to the HEATING ELEMENTS. When the cabinet has stabilised at Temperature this neon is usually pulsing at a steady rate.

F) - **HUMIDITY NEON** (If HUMIDITY CONTROL FITTED). The GREEN neon will be illuminated whenever power is applied to the humidity spray pump. The pump will inject water into the internal circulating fan system air which will then be rapidly dispersed into the chamber in order to RAISE the Relative Humidity level. The pump may be tested via the DIAGNOSTIC system by selection number 3 (TEST RH INJECT).

G) - **LIGHTING** switches (If Fitted).

These switches allow the cabinet LIGHTS to function ('P6' Option only). If all switches are OFF the LIGHTING will NOT function.

H) - **PRINTER PORT**.

This is a simplified interface for connecting to a CONTHERM printer (if fitted). The communication rate is 2400 BAUD. This interface will **ONLY** work with a CONTHERM THERMAL printer.

I) - **RS232 PORT**. (Cabinet RHS rear)

This is a simplified RS232 Communications interface - suitable for connecting to a standard IBM compatible PC.

Software for use with this port is available from CONTHERM at extra cost.

REFRIGERATION SYSTEM SUMP HEATER

The Amber neon (7) will be on whenever the cabinet is connected to the mains wall supply, this indicates that power is being supplied to the refrigeration system sump heater via a bracket mounted 2amp fuse.

ENSURE that the mains power is REMOVED from the wall supply BEFORE working on any SUMP Heater components (including replacing the fuse).

SETTING UP

The following example shows how to set the cabinet for the shown conditions:

Program No 1

Temperature = 20.0°C
Humidity = 70.0%
Time = 6:00 (SIX HOURS)
Lights = OFF

Program No 2

Temperature = 15.0°C
Humidity = 70.0%
Time = 6:00 (SIX HOURS)
Lights = ON

No of Cycles = 10

NB: If a PASSCODE has been entered (Diag No 35) Then this must be re-entered to allow changes to be made to any settings.

1) Press the button marked `PROG' (adjacent to the UP & DOWN buttons), the LCD display will say `SELECT PROGRAM', use the UP & DOWN buttons to adjust the Program Number to `01'. Press the `PROG' button AGAIN, the LCD display will then say `SET CYCLE COUNT', use the UP & DOWN buttons to set the cycle counter to `00'. (This ensures that the cabinet will stay OFF until we are ready to run it!). Press the `PROG' button a third time, the LCD display will say `SET MAX PROG No'. Since we are going to have TWO Programs, use the UP & DOWN buttons to set the MAX PROG No to `02'. This will allow only Programs 1 & 2 to be considered when running the cabinet. Press the `PROG' button once more (or just wait for 20 seconds) to return the Controller to its `NORMAL OPERATION' mode.

NB: The number of cycles is the number of times the Controller will swap from Program No 1 to Program No 2. After each Program swap the number of cycles is decremented. When the Cycle Counter reaches 00 the Controller will switch the cabinet OFF.

When the Program advances from one Program to the next it continues to select the next highest Program number until it EXCEEDS the MAXIMUM SET PROGRAM number at which time it DECREMENTS the Cycle Counter and selects Program number 1 again.

All of the selected parameters change SIMULTANEOUSLY when the Program changes from one to the next, and the TIME setting for each Program starts to DECREMENT IMMEDIATELY.

SET UP PROGRAM NUMBER 1:

a) Set TEMPERATURE

Press the `SELECT' button adjacent to the TEMPERATURE display - The display will blank for 2 seconds, the `SET' led above the display will turn on (indicating that this parameter is now in the set mode) and the Current Set Point will be displayed. The LCD display at the top of the panel will be showing `SET TEMPERATURE'.

Use the `UP' and `DOWN' buttons (below the Diagnostic/Alarm display) to adjust the Set Point to 20.0°C. When the adjustment is complete you can exit the Temperature Set mode by pressing the `SELECT' button again OR just wait (20 seconds) without pressing any buttons and the Controller will automatically return to normal operation.

b) Set TIME

The TIME display shows how long the cabinet will run this Program before it changes to the second Program.

Press the `SELECT' button adjacent to the TIME display - The display will blank for 2 seconds, the `SET' led above the display will turn on (indicating that this parameter is now in the set mode) and the Current Set Point will be displayed. The LCD display at the top of the panel will be showing `SET TIMER'. Use the `UP' and `DOWN' buttons (below the Diagnostic/Alarm display) to adjust the set point to 6:00. When the adjustment is complete you can exit the Timer Set mode by pressing the `SELECT' button again OR just wait (20 seconds) without pressing any buttons and the Controller will automatically return to normal operation.

NB: The `|:' symbol means `run continuously' and if this symbol is selected the Timer will stay at this setting INDEFINITELY.

c) Set HUMIDITY. (If HUMIDITY CONTROL option fitted – VLEC Models ONLY).

Press the `SELECT' button adjacent to the HUMIDITY display - The display will blank for 2 seconds, the `SET' led above the display will turn on (indicating that this parameter is now in the set mode) and the Current Set Point will be displayed. The LCD display at the top of the panel will be showing `SET HUMIDITY'. Use the `UP' and `DOWN' buttons (below the Diagnostic/Alarm display) to adjust the set point to 70.0.

When the adjustment is complete you can exit the humidity set mode by pressing the `SELECT' button again OR just wait (20 seconds) without pressing any buttons and the Controller will automatically return to normal operation.

NB: To set the HUMIDITY to OFF (i.e. NO Humidity Control attempted) set the RH set point = 0.0, this will also disable the LOW WATER alarm from sounding again even if the water level is LOW. This MUST be done on non-humidity Models.

d) Set LIGHTING. (Only if fitted with 'P6' or other lighting option)

Press the 'SELECT' button adjacent to the LIGHTING display. The display will blank for 2 seconds, the 'SET' led above the display will turn on (indicating that this parameter is now in the set mode) and the Current Set Point will be displayed. The LCD display at the top of the panel will be showing 'SET LIGHTING'. Use the 'UP' and 'DOWN' buttons (below the Diagnostic/Alarm display) to adjust the set point to 'OFF' (00 μ E)

When the adjustment is complete you can exit the Lighting Set mode by pressing the 'SELECT' button again OR just wait (10 seconds) without pressing any buttons and the Controller will automatically return to normal operation.

CAUTION: If your cabinet has been fitted with a SPECIAL lighting arrangement as requested by you please observe any extra specified precautions, especially note that **ULTRA-VIOLET** and **HI-INTENSITY** lights are **HARMFUL** to the eyes and **MUST NOT** be viewed directly or for extended periods.

RAMP

The 'RAMP' parameter allows the user to set the desired rate at which the cabinet attempts to change from one program temperature to another. Effective control can only be obtained at very low RAMP rates (0.1 to 0.3°C/minute). If it is desired to move **AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE** from one temperature to another (for example **STRESS TESTING** of components) the RAMP rate may be set to 9.9. NB:This will result in considerable overshoot at some settings.

The **RECOMMENDED** rate for all normal modes of operation is 0.0. This means **RAMPING** is effectively **DISABLED**.

When the cabinet is running the RAMP display shows the **AVERAGE** temperature change (°C/minute) over the last **TWO** minutes.

SETUP PROGRAM NUMBER 2:

Before the Set Points for the next Program can be entered the Program number must be changed to Program number 2.

SELECT PROGRAM No 2

Press the `PROG' button (at the bottom of the panel adjacent to the `UP' and `DOWN' buttons) and look at the LCD display (top of the panel), the display will show the words `SELECT PROGRAM'. Use the `UP' and `DOWN' buttons to adjust the Program number (shown on the lower line of the LCD display) until it reads `No = 02'.

Press the `PROG' button AGAIN. The top line of the LCD display will now show `SET CYCLE COUNT' and the lower line will show the number of cycles on the Cycle Counter. The number of Cycles was set earlier and so the LCD should display `No CYCLES = 00'. Press the `PROG' button TWICE to return to normal operation, you should now adjust the set points for Program Number 2 in the same way as for Program Number 1.

You must now decide which Program (1 OR 2) that you wish the cabinet to START on, let us say it is Program No 1.

Press the `PROG' button and use the Up & Down buttons to select Program Number 1.

Press the `PROG' button again and set the number of cycles = `10' (using the Up & Down buttons), press the `PROG' button twice more and the cabinet should start running from Program Number 1.

The cabinet will run Program Number 1 for the Set Timer duration and then change to Program Number 2 and run it also for its Set Timer duration, after which the Cycle Counter will be decremented by one and the Cycle repeated until the Cycle Counter becomes = `00' when the cabinet will turn OFF.

NB: When the lighting display is set for `On' (or if display is in μE , any figure greater than 00) this means the lights will be turned ON for the duration of this Program, a setting of `OFF' (00 μE) will turn the lights OFF.

Any **MANUAL** light switches must be in the appropriate position for the lights to function correctly.

The main lighting switch must also be ON for the lights to work.

If the chamber is fitted with AUTOMATIC lamp control, the rate at which the lights will turn ON or OFF is determined by the lighting ramp rate (DIAG No 39).

If HUMIDITY CONTROL is NOT fitted or desired the HUMIDITY set point **MUST** be set to 0.0%RH to avoid any attempt by the refrigeration system to control the humidity.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING HINTS

It is possible to use one of the Programs ABOVE the maximum program number to act as a PRECONDITIONING Program. If say, the MAX PROGRAM NUMBER is set at 02, this would mean that as the Program changes from one program to the next any Program number ABOVE 02 would NOT be selected. We could, therefore, setup Program Number 3 as a Preconditioning Program and when starting the Program run, start with this Program Number. This Program would run and stabilise the cabinet at its selected settings and when the timer for Program Number 3 expired the Controller would automatically select Program Number 1 to run, Program Number 3 would NOT RUN AGAIN however, because its number is ABOVE the MAX program number.

When setting up Program Set points from the Controller it is best to FIRST set the Cycle Counter to '00' to ensure the Program does NOT change as you are entering the new settings.

SECTION 5 CALIBRATION

Final calibration for the PLCS5 range of cabinets is achieved by adjusting the CALIBRATION FACTORS for TEMPERATURE and HUMIDITY, these adjustments are made through the front panel DIAGNOSTIC section.

The CAL FACTORS are stored in the internal memory of the controller and are held up by a SUPERCAP which will store the factors for a maximum of 72 hours in the absence of power, if power to the controller has been interrupted for a prolonged period (more than 48 hours) the CAL FACTORS should be checked to see if they are still valid, this should ALWAYS be done if a PRESET alarm ('03') has occurred.

If the CAL FACTORS are lost the controller will set them to the default value (50). This could result in a temperature error of up to $\pm 5.0^{\circ}\text{C}$ or a humidity error of up to $\pm 5\%$ RH.

The factory CAL FACTORS for the cabinet are noted on the inside front cover of the instruction manual and also on the test report that comes with the cabinet.

To CALIBRATE the control system use the DIAGNOSTIC controls. These services are attained by Pressing the 'SELECT' button adjacent to the 'DIAGNOSTICS/ALARMS' display and following the instructions on the LCD (top of panel) display.

When first entered the 'DIAGNOSTICS/ALARMS' display may be blank indicating that no diagnostics features have yet been selected, by using the 'UP' and 'DOWN' buttons various diagnostic tests may be carried out.

When you have made your selection - Press the 'SELECT' button again to move to the 'ADJUST VALUE' mode, and if required adjust the CAL FACTOR value, press the 'SELECT' button a THIRD time to exit the DIAGNOSTIC mode.

20 - CALIBRATE TEMPERATURE. This selection will allow the internal calibration VALUE to be changed, this in turn will change the temperature calibration for the cabinet, the minimum value is `00' and the maximum value is `99' when calibrated this value should be NOTED and WRITTEN down so that it may be replaced if the controller loses the value (this will occur if power has been removed from the controller for more than 72 Hours!). Use the up & down buttons to adjust the calibration value.

EG: If the display was reading 2.0°C too low, then INCREASE the calibration value by 20 (20=2.0°C) to obtain the correct calibration. ALWAYS calibrate with any lighting set to OFF.

21 - CALIBRATE HUMIDITY. This selection will allow the internal humidity calibration VALUE to be changed, this in turn will change the HUMIDITY calibration for the cabinet, the minimum value is `00' and the maximum value is `99' when calibrated this value should be NOTED and WRITTEN down so that it may be replaced if the controller loses the value (this will occur if power has been removed from the controller for more than 72 Hours!). Use the up & down buttons to adjust the calibration value.

EG: If the display was reading 2.0% too low, then INCREASE the calibration value by 20 (20=2.0%) to obtain the correct calibration. This calibration value is normally 50, and must only be used to make SMALL adjustments to the humidity calibration. If large adjustments are required they should be performed using the screwdriver adjustment on the sensor box to alter the capacitive trimmer on the ZP10a PCB. ALWAYS calibrate with any lighting set to OFF.

* 22 - CALIBRATE CARBON DIOXIDE. (If cabinet is fitted with a CO₂ sensing system) This selection will force the cabinet to perform a CO₂ MANUAL-CAL. To Force a MANUAL-CAL change the VALUE from 00 to 01.

The MANUAL-CAL will take place as soon as the cabinet reaches the current temperature set point. The MANUAL-CAL will assume that there is NO carbon dioxide gas in the cabinet!.

The temperature should be recorded on a daily basis by placing a thermometer in the work space so that it can be read and the long term temperature performance can then be plotted to give an assurance of correct temperature performance.

SECTION 6 THEORY OF OPERATION

The key to the versatility of operation of the PLCS5 controller is based on the use of a Microprocessor Control System and multiplexed analog inputs controlled by this system.

Analog input information is amplified by conventional circuitry and filtered before being sent to an eleven channel multiplexer/AD converter.

The Microprocessor, on direction of its ROM based program, selects an input to be converted by the A/D converter to digital form. The information obtained is then acted upon to up-date the display, control heaters, solenoids, etc and the next input is then selected. This sequence of events is repeated continuously unless interrupted by a special event or by user intervention.

Time pulses for timed events are obtained from the internal crystal controlled microprocessor clock.

BASIC OPERATION

The PLCS5 is a microprocessor based control unit capable of measuring and controlling temperature, relative humidity, carbon dioxide concentration and lighting.

The temperature in the cabinet is sensed by a solid state temperature sensor and controlled by a PID algorithm to a resolution of 0.1°C.

The humidity conditions are sensed by a capacitive sensor probe which will control the relative humidity in the cabinet by fog-jet mist injection and by varying the refrigeration evaporator temperature to obtain the desired humidity.

After first turning on power to the unit a RESET operation is performed, this operation tests the condition of retained data in the RTC RAM (Random Access Memory) which contains any set points, correct factors, etc and by computing a CHECKSUM determines if the data has been held by the SUPERCAP or corrupted (if cabinet has been turned off for more than 48 hours).

If the data is incorrect, all the control points are set to their "Preset" values and all CALIBRATION FACTORS are set to their defaults.

Every 1/100th second after initial turn on a TIMER Interrupt occurs, this signal is derived from the RTC clock and is used for timekeeping functions.

The unit is now "IDLING" and measures the correct parameters in turn about once every 0.6 seconds.

SECTION 6 DIAGNOSTICS

The PLCS5 controller has a limited number of diagnostic services inbuilt. These services are attained by Pressing the `SELECT' button adjacent to the `DIAGNOSTICS/ALARMS' display and following the instructions on the LCD (top of panel) display.

When first entered the `DIAGNOSTICS/ALARMS' display may be blank indicating that no diagnostics features have yet been selected, by using the `UP' and `DOWN' buttons various diagnostic tests may be carried out.

When you have made your selection - Press the `SELECT' button again to move to the 'ADJUST VALUE' mode, and if required adjust the test value, press the 'SELECT' button a THIRD time to exit the DIAGNOSTIC mode and execute the selected test.

01 - Test CO₂ INJECT. This selection will force the CO₂ solenoid (if fitted) to turn on for a duration of 10 seconds to enable its operation to be confirmed.

02 - Test FAN PAUSE. This selection will stop the internal circulating fans (and the heating elements) for a period of 30 seconds.

03 - Test RH INJECT. This selection will run the HUMIDITY pump continuously for a period to enable the pump system to fully prime. The length of time the pump will run for may be changed by `adjusting' the value, a value of 30 represents about 5 seconds of spray time.

04 - Test HOT SOLN. This selection will cause the HOT refrigeration solenoid to be energised for a period of ten seconds, the COLD solenoid will be turned OFF during this period.

05 - Test COLD SOLN. This selection will cause the COLD solenoid to be energised for a period of ten seconds, the HOT solenoid will be turned OFF during this period.

06 - Test DEFROST. This selection will set the next defrost to occur immediately, the defrost will work as an entirely standard defrost. When a defrost occurs the internal circulating fans will stop and the refrigeration system will enter a 'full hot gas' cycle for 4 minutes, during this time the 'HOT GAS SOLENOID' will be energised. After the 4 minutes the 'COLD LIQUID' solenoid will be energised for 30 seconds to PRE-COOL the evaporator, the fans will then start and normal operation will resume. The LCD display will alternate between 'NORMAL OPERATION' & 'DEFROSTING NOW' during the defrost period.

07 - Test FRIDGE PULLDOWN. This selection will cause the fridge to turn the COLD solenoid on and keep the circulating fan running, all other functions (except for lighting which can be turned on or off as desired) are inhibited. The fridge will continue to pull down to its lowest possible temperature until this test is cancelled!. When the test is running the LCD display will show `FRIDGE PULLDOWN' and a warning `BEEP' will sound every minute until the test is cancelled.

To run this test, CHANGE the VALUE to 01. To CANCEL the test change the value to 00. The default value is 00 and this will be set whenever the mains power is turned off.

08 - Test FRIDGE GAS CHARGE. This selection will cause the fridge to turn the COLD solenoid on and STOP the circulating fan. all other functions are inhibited!. The fridge evaporator will go as cold as possible and the gas charge can be observed after a period of 20 - 30 minutes by how far the evaporator has frosted. **NB:** The evaporator drain tray must be lowered to clearly see the evaporator. (See refrigeration charging section). When this test is running the LCD display will show `FRIDGE GAS CHARG' and a warning `BEEP' will sound every minute until the test is cancelled.

To run this test, CHANGE the VALUE to 01. To CANCEL the test change the value to 00. The default value is 00 and this will be set whenever the mains power is turned off. DO NOT use this test on RLT/ RHSLT Models.

09 - TEST ELECTRONICS. This selection will allow various components on the PLCS5 INTERFACE and DISPLAY PCB's to be tested. The particular test performed depends on the VALue selected.

VALue	Test carried out	FAIL ALARM
00	No tests carried out	none
01	Test real time clock tick (IC 8583)	91
02	Test RTC RAM storage (IC 8583)	92
03	Test CPU RAM storage (IC 68HC705C9)	93
04	Test EEROM storage (IC 24C02 or 2814)	94
05	Test A/D Converter (IC 145051)	95
06	Test Output porta (IC 2803,OPTO's)	none
07	Test LED displays - VISUAL TEST ONLY	none
08	Test RS232 Computer port	none
09	Test AUDIBLE alarm	none
10	Perform ALL of the above tests	various
11	Test serial printer	none

If a test with a fail alarm is performed and the test fails the fail alarm code will be displayed on the DIAGNOSTIC led's.

If there is more than one failure mode (running test value 10),the intermediate fail alarms will be only displayed briefly and the last failure alarm will stay on the display.

If a test fails the operation of the IC in that area should be investigated, IE a **91 FAIL ALARM** could mean that the crystal for the RTC clock chip (8583) has broken OR that the chip itself is faulty.

10 - RAW CO2 VOLTAGE. This selection will place the value of the RAW voltage coming from the CO₂ sensor (same as test point #6) onto the CO₂ display for about 1 second, **NB:** A reading of 56.1 represents a voltage of 0.561 Volts DC. The value should be between 0.400 Volts (40.0) and 1.600 Volts (160.0).

To run this test, CHANGE the VALUE to 01.

20 - CALIBRATE TEMPERATURE. This selection will allow the internal calibration VALUE to be changed, this in turn will change the temperature calibration for the cabinet, the minimum value is `00' and the maximum value is `99'. When calibrated this value should be NOTED and WRITTEN down so that it may be replaced if the controller loses the value. (this will occur if power has been removed from the controller for more than 3 days!). Use the up & down buttons to adjust the calibration value.

EG: If the display was reading 2.0°C too low, then **INCREASE** the calibration value by 20 (20=2.0°C) to obtain the correct calibration.

21 - CALIBRATE HUMIDITY. This selection will allow the internal humidity calibration VALUE to be changed, this in turn will change the HUMIDITY calibration for the cabinet, the minimum value is `00' and the maximum value is `99'. When calibrated this value should be NOTED and WRITTEN down so that it may be replaced if the controller loses the value (this will occur if power has been removed from the controller for more than 3 days!). Use the up & down buttons to adjust the calibration value.

EG: If the display was reading 2.0% too low, then **INCREASE** the calibration value by 20 (20=2.0%) to obtain the correct calibration. This calibration value is normally 50, and must only be used to make SMALL adjustments to the humidity calibration, if large adjustments are required they should be performed using the screwdriver adjustment on the sensor box to alter the capacitive trimmer on the ZP10a PCB.

NB: Ensure that the Humidity Probe Temperature correction factor (See DIAG No 42) has been set. (Standard ZP10a Philips Capacitive sensor = 2).

22 - CALIBRATE CARBON DIOXIDE. (If cabinet is a CO₂ cabinet). This selection will force the cabinet to perform a CO₂ MANUAL-CAL.

To Force an MANUAL-CAL change the VALUE from 00 to 01.

The MANUAL-CAL will take place as soon as the cabinet reaches the current temperature set point. The MANUAL-CAL will assume that there is **NO** carbon dioxide gas in the cabinet!.

30 - AUDIBLE ALARM - This selection allows the AUDIBLE alarm to be DISABLED or ENABLED. A value of 00 = DISABLED, 01 = ENABLED.

The DEFAULT setting is ENABLED (01).

31 - DEFROST INTERVAL - This selection allows the DEFROST INTERVAL to be varied, or DISABLED altogether.

The DEFAULT value is 04, this give a defrost lasting four minutes every at 4HR intervals.

The INTERVAL may be set from 01 to 99 hours.

The defrost may be INHIBITED altogether by setting the VALUE to 00.

32 - DOOR HEATER. - This selection allows the DOOR HEATER to be ENABLED or DISABLED. A value of 00 = DISABLED, 01 = ENABLED.

The DEFAULT setting is ENABLED (01).

33 - DOOR SWITCH? - This selection allows the DOOR AJAR SWITCH to be ENABLED or BYPASSED. A value of 00 = BYPASSED/DISABLED, 01 = ENABLED.

The DEFAULT setting is ENABLED (01). When this switch is BYPASSED the cabinet cannot detect the outer door being opened.

34 - PRINTING INTERVAL - This selection allows the standard interval (in minutes) between lines of recorded data being output to the serial printer (if fitted). If this interval is set for 00, all output to the printer will be inhibited.

NB: If the interval is set for any value up to and including 90 the interval is in MINUTES, if the value is from 91-99 inclusive the interval is in HOURS, IE, 94 = 4 hours, 91 = 1 hour, 90 = 90 minutes, 60 = 60 minutes.

35 - SETUP PASSCODE - This selection allows the user to prevent unauthorised access to the cabinet's set points by using a PASSCODE (00 - 99). If the cabinet has been removed from the mains power for more than 72 hours the current passcode will be 00 (This will allow access without entering a PASSCODE).

TO SETUP A PASSCODE: Use this selection to select your desired passcode BEFORE changing or examining a SETPOINT, once this is done that same number MUST be entered before any future access will be allowed to change any settings. The PASSCODE number will be automatically returned to 00 two minutes after any buttons have been pressed. Once a PASSCODE is in effect it will remain so until cancelled (using Diagnostic routine 36) **or** by discharging the SUPERCAP backup device (This occurs after 72 hours without power).

36 - CANCEL PASSCODE - This selection allows the user to REMOVE a passcode from use and revert back to a no passcode condition. To use this selection the original passcode (if any) must be known.

TO CANCEL A PASSCODE: Set the value = 01.

37 - SET REAL CLOCK - This selection allows the user to SETUP the internal REAL TIME CLOCK to the true time of day. Use the UP & DOWN buttons to set the value to the correct time. (MUST be done before using REAL TIME MODE).

38 - SET TIMER MODE - This selection allows the user to choose between ELAPSED (mode 0) time and REAL (mode 1) time. REAL time settings are ONLY applicable to programmable cabinets (NOT CO₂). When using the REAL TIME mode the program changeovers can be synchronised to the actual time of day.

ELAPSED TIME MODE: Set the value = 00 (Default setting).

REAL TIME MODE: Set the value = 01.

39 - LIGHT RAMP RATE - This selection allows the user to SETUP the rate at which the lighting (If Fitted!) will be turned ON or OFF (in $\mu\text{E} / \text{min}$). A higher setting for this value will cause the lights to come on (or go off) at a faster rate.

A value of 00 means DO NOT turn the lights ON.

40 - SET LIGHT MODE - If set to 00 the lights will switch to the amount set in one step, if set to 01 the lights will RAMP up or down to the desired setting at the RATE set by DIAG routine No 39.

41 - USE FRIDGE? - This selection allows the user to DISABLE the refrigeration system. When the fridge is DISABLED there will be NO DEHUMIDIFICATION as this function is handled by the refrigeration system, the cabinet will also take a much longer time to drop in temperature and the lowest achievable temperature will depend on the ambient room conditions. A value of 00 means DISABLE the fridge, a value of 01 means ENABLE the fridge.

42 - RH PROBE CORRECT - This selection allows the user to set a TEMPERATURE CORRECTION factor for the Capacitive Humidity Probe. The factor may be set from 0 to 5. A setting of 2 means that a correction of 0.2%RH will be removed from the current humidity reading for every degree above 20.0°C. The recommended setting for the standard probe is 2. Increasing this factor will INCREASE the humidity in the chamber at elevated temperatures. If cabinet is **HI-TEMP** (+100°C) set factor to 0.

43 - CPU VERSION No - This selection allows the user to view the current FIRMWARE version fitted to the CPU. This is a READ ONLY value and is set into the CPU when it is programmed in the factory.

44 - HUMIDITY EFFORT - This selection allows the user to alter the characteristics of the ULTRASONIC humidity dispersion system (if Fitted) usually set to 6.

SECTION 7 TROUBLESHOOTING AND MAINTENANCE

If a FAULT/ALARM code is displayed on the RED led display, consult the FAULT CODE section first to see if there is an easy remedy.

1) NO MAINS NEON WHEN MAINS SWITCH TURNED ON.

- Cabinet not connected to mains
- Main RCD circuit breaker tripped (call service engineer and ask to check inside main control panel.) If trip is due to excessive earth leakage ensure cause is investigated.
- No power at electrical supply.

2) MAINS NEON ON - No LCD/LED Display.

- Internal preset HI-LIMIT tripped (Hi-Limit warning neon on front panel will be illuminated) - inside cabinet RHS panel.
- Interface power supply failure.(look at LED's)
- Cable to display unit unplugged.
- Call Service Engineer

3) CONTROLLER ON - But will not operate correctly

- Check that SET POINTS are correct.
- Check for INTERNAL fan operation.
- Check that Fridge is ENABLED (DIAG No 41)
- CHECK DETAILED TROUBLESHOOTING SECTION

4) NO LIGHTS - Lights must be set for normal operation, check that lighting switches are in the ON position and that the light intensity is set to other than 00. Check that if the lighting mode is 01 (DIAG No 40) then a light ramp rate (DIAG 39) is set to other than 00.

The Humidity Spray pump system should be cleaned out and checked for leaks and wear every 12 months. Also ensure that the water tank and hoses are kept free of bacterial contamination. ALWAYS remove ALL power from the cabinet BEFORE working on the Humidity Spray System Pump.

NB: When the need arises to contact a Service Engineer always note the type of Cabinet, i.e., CAT 5000VLEC, and Program Version, i.e., VERS6.2, also Cabinet Serial Number. (Appliance No).

(The Program Version, etc. will be indicated on the inside front cover of this manual.

and also via Diagnostic No 43)

DETAILED TROUBLESHOOTING SECTION

NO DISPLAYS OR LEDS (Mains NEON on)

- if HI-Limit warning neon ON then NON-RESET Hi-Limit Tripped (inside RHS cabinet side panel)
- Power Supply Failure on Interface PCB.

1) Reset HI-LIMIT . – Remove cabinet top RHS cover (Authorised personnel ONLY) Hi-limit is mounted on a stainless plate directly below fridge piping. - press small RED button to see if HI-Limit has tripped.

if Hi-Limit is OK then look at interface board. The heartbeat led (nearest 40pin IC) should be pulsing at about a two second rate, if not then look at the power supply leds.

Both Red power supply LEDs should be on, if not, then one of the power supplies has failed - if **NO LEDS** are on then Check the 100mA transformer fuse on the interface PCB. REMOVE ALL power from cabinet BEFORE checking any fuses.

DISPLAY ON BUT NOTHING ELSE WORKING

- Check that cabinet has not turned OFF (Look at LCD display). If so ensure TIMER has been set for a time (also program counter if running multiple programs).
- PLCS5 INTERFACE PCB Fuse has blown. REMOVE ALL POWER from cabinet and remove RHS cover check 2Amp fuse on interface PCB.

DISPLAY ON BUT SHOWING RUBBISH!

The only power supplied to the display PCB comes from the 5 volt regulator on the interface PCB. If the LED displays are illuminated it is a good indication that the 5v power supply is present.

- Bad connection in cable from interface pcb.
- Ingress of moisture onto display PCB.

There are two separate data links to the display PCB, the SPI data link (works the led displays) and the IIC data link (works the LCD display). The SPI link uses the connections SLT, MOS, SCK, the IIC link uses SCL & SDA. Check the wiring connections for the appropriate area. The cabinet should be able to operate without the display PCB connected.

- If the TOP line of the LCD is showing ALL segments and the BOTTOM line is blank, suspect either the SCL or SDA wires between the Interface PCB and the display PCB.
- Faulty Reset (turn Mains power off for 10 sec)

ALARM SOUNDING AND FAULT LED DISPLAYING '01'

- Hi/Lo limit alarm
- Measure temperature inside cabinet and ensure temperature is less than 20C above/below set point. Could be caused by faulty triac or heater element, this condition can also be caused by addition of any `live' load addition to cabinet interior. Check also that fridge evaporator has not iced up. This condition may also occur under some setting where the temperature is programmed to rapidly rise or fall to a new setting.

CABINET WILL NOT HEAT/COOL TO TEMPERATURE

- Door open, OUTER DOOR AJAR.
- Check for correct SET POINTS esp timer (|=manual)
- Faulty element/fridge
- Already at temperature
- Look at state of CONTROL panel neons.
- Check that element is coming on (look at `Heat' NEON on cabinet).

REFRIGERATION PROBLEMS

Ensure Fridge condenser is kept free from dust build-up.

Ensure main cabinet circulation fans are running!.

- Main Fridge does not come on

(Under normal circumstances the CONDENSER fan motor will be on when the fridge is running)

- Ensure Fridge is ENABLED (See DIAG No 41)
- Cabinet not in use (Timer = 0:00 OR cycle counter set to 0).
- Refrigeration evaporator has ICED UP.
- Faulty fridge solenoid

NB: At least ONE of the refrigeration solenoids **MUST** be ON in order for the refrigeration system to operate. Look at the state of the neons on the CONTROL panel.

- Faulty low pressure cutout in fridge compartment.
- Refrigeration system has lost some/all refrigerant.
- Fault on interface board.

FRIDGE IS ON BUT LITTLE/NO COOLING EFFECT

- Check that power is not being applied to main heating element. (Look at heater NEON)- if so is Temperature set point correct?
- Check that Internal fans are operating.
- Check that refrigeration evaporator is not ICED UP.
- Check that COLD solenoid is ON and HOT solenoid goes OFF.
- Check fridge condenser for dust buildup.
- Possible loss of refrigerant.
- Compressor not working (Thermal overload)

FRIDGE DOES NOT GO OFF

NB: The refrigeration SHOULD be on under most circumstances unless the refrigeration has been DISABLED via DIAGNOSTIC No41.

The fridge will NOT turn off unless BOTH refrigeration solenoids (HOT & COLD) are OFF. (Both neons should be off!).

- Allow more time for Fridge to pump down. (esp low temps)
- Faulty low pressure cutout in fridge compartment
- Faulty fridge solenoid(s) (Check using DIAGNOSTIC No4 & No5)
- Faulty interface board

CONTROL PARAMETERS NOT RETAINED AFTER MAINS FAILURE

- Supercap discharged. (After 48 hours with no power)

The SUPERCAP will keep the real time clock chip (RTC) and any set points in memory for about 48hours without external power being supplied.

TEMPERATURE CONTROL NOT TIGHT ENOUGH

- Circulation Fan stopped or airflow impaired
- Check that refrigeration evaporator has not ICED UP.
- Sensor faulty or airflow through sensor box impaired.

Sensor unit relies on good airflow for correct operation, unit must be correctly attached to RHS chamber wall.

INACCURATE READINGS ON ANY PARAMETER

- Not correctly calibrated
- Out of range (% RH only between 15-60°C)
- Faulty sensor
- Component failure

NB: If the TEMPERATURE is NOT correctly calibrated see the DIAGNOSTIC tests (TEST No 20) to calibrate the cabinet, the calibration should be carried out EITHER at 20.0°C OR for CRITICAL APPLICATIONS at the temperature of interest. **NB:** All lighting MUST be off.

In particular the calibration factors should be checked if power has been removed from the cabinet for more than 48 hours.

The cabinet may have difficulty achieving some HUMIDITY settings (especially if the ambient temperature is high and the lights are ON) if in doubt reset the cabinet for more easily achieved Temperatures/Humidities.

Ensure that if any Humidity probe Temperature Correction Factor required has been entered. (See DIAG No 42)

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE No1

This schedule should be carried out at intervals of about **2000** running **hours**, in adverse conditions the cleaning procedures should be carried out more frequently. After 2000 hours of running a maintenance alarm (No13 or 14) may occur. Cancel the alarm and then carry out the following procedures.

- Turn the chamber **OFF** using the '**TEST**' button on the **RCD** circuit breaker, this checks operation of the **RCD** device.
- Remove the chamber power cable from the wall socket.
- Open the front lower door and using a brush or vacuum cleaner, clean any dust buildup from the refrigeration condenser fins (the water tank may have to be removed to gain clear access to the condenser).
- Drain any water from the water reservoir system and clean and inspect the tank and hoses for leaks and deterioration, replace / clean as necessary.
- If pump system then remove pump main inlet filter, inspect and clean then replace.
- If pump system then remove center spray nozzle access cover (two knurled nuts), push inside cover **GENTLY** to one side so that the nozzle can be seen, remove spray nozzle, ensure small length of black rubber hose is fitted, clean nozzle and reassemble.
- Restore power to the system.
- if pump spray system fitted : with nozzle removed use DIAGNOSTIC No3 to **FLUSH** the humidity system with clean water (the water tank and hoses must be restored first). Ensure small black rubber piece is removed from nozzle pipe before flushing else this may be lost!. Ensure rubber is refitted to nozzle pipe when reassembling.
- If pump system then replace spray nozzle and rubber, use DIAGNOSTIC No3 to test spray delivery system. A fine conical mist of spray should be seen from the nozzle.

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE No2

At intervals of about 8000 running hours the following procedures should be carried out in **ADDITION** to the procedures listed above.

- If a pump type delivery system is fitted the pump should be **OVERHAULED** (brushes, diaphragms etc) to ensure ongoing reliability.

- All plastic hoses should be REPLACED.

REFRIGERATION SYSTEM

The Refrigeration System is designed to operate continuously.

The System is started when either the HOT or COLD solenoid valves are opened by the PLCS5 control system. Opening either of these valves will allow refrigeration Pressure into the Cooling Coil and Low Pressure Switch which will close and allow the Refrigeration Compressor and Condenser Fan Motor to start up.

After the initial start up period (approx one 20 seconds) depending on whether a cooler or warmer temperature is required the Hot Gas Solenoid Valve will open and close to help in achieving the required Cabinet Temperature.

The Hot Gas solenoid operates on a 16 second cycle, i.e., if the Hot gas solenoid is on for 10 seconds it will be off for 6 seconds. When the Hot gas solenoid is on for 16 seconds it will stay on ALL the time (Off time = 0 seconds), this is FULL HOT GAS.

If the fridge is DISABLED via DIAGNOSTIC No41 then both Solenoid Valves will close and the Refrigeration Compressor will automatically pump down and turn off on the Low Pressure Switch. This could take up to 5 minutes.

It is also possible should the Pressure inside the Cooling Coil rise during a Hot Cabinet temperature period for the Refrigeration System to turn on automatically and pump itself out and stop again on the Low Pressure Switch (neither Solenoid Valve will open).

IMPORTANT

As the Refrigeration Unit located under the Cabinet is Air cooled it is essential that an unimpeded Air Flow over the unit is maintained.

Allow **AT LEAST** 100mm of clear space **ON ALL SIDES** of the cabinet.

Air is drawn through front Grille of the cabinet over the Condenser Fins, through the Fan, over the Compressor and exhausted through the rear of the cabinet.

Dust and dirt will collect on the Air Entry side of the Condenser Fins so it is essential that once every three months the Front Grille is removed and the Condenser Fins brushed downwards with a small hearth brush.

If the cabinet is located in a dusty position this procedure should be carried out more regularly. Failure to keep the Condenser clean will result in the overheating of the Refrigeration Unit.

REFRIGERANT CHARGE

The refrigeration system is charged with **R404a** refrigerant, for a quick check of the refrigeration gas charge a moisture indicating sightglass is located in the liquid line in the refrigeration unit compartment, this is only intended as an indicator and an accurate reading should be undertaken by a qualified refrigeration engineer.

The air cooled condenser is located behind the lower front door (grille), to properly clean or inspect open the door, the condenser fins should be brushed vertically with a soft brush (hearth type) with the excess dust/dirt being vacuumed away.

LOW SAFETY PRESSURE CONTROL

This control is wired in Series with the Refrigeration Compressor and condenser fan motor, and the low part as such is only used as a pump- out control when the PLCS Controller is set outside the refrigeration limits. Its function is not to cycle the Refrigeration Compressor to maintain cabinet temperature.

Temperature control is achieved by the PLCS Controller pulsing the Hot Gas Valve.

The HI part as such is used as a high pressure safety cutout in the event of a high pressure buildup (IE, condenser fan motor failure, clogged condenser).

Pressure Control Settings should be –

LOW PART		HIGH PART	
Cut In	25 psi	Cut Out	300psi
Differential	30 psi	Differential	FIXED

REFRIGERATION COMPONENTS

UNIT:	2HP AIR COOLED SEALED HOT GAS
COMPRESSOR:	L'UNITE FH2480Z
FAN MOTOR:	ZIEHL EBM
REFRIGERANT CHARGE:	2.5Kg R404a
REFRIGERANT CONTROL:	DANFOSS TUAE5
LIQUID LINE DEHYDRATOR:	MUELLER Model 052 3/8 ODS
CONDENSER:	AIR COOLED C5503
LIQUID RECEIVER:	R/E MODEL CARLY 513
LIQUID SOLENOID VALVE:	SPORLAN XUP RAPID ACTION
HOT GAS SOLENOID VALVE:	SPORLAN XUP RAPID ACTION
COMPRESSOR PRESS VALVE:	SPORLAN CRO 6
HI/LOW SAFETY CONTROL:	RANCO model 017-8711

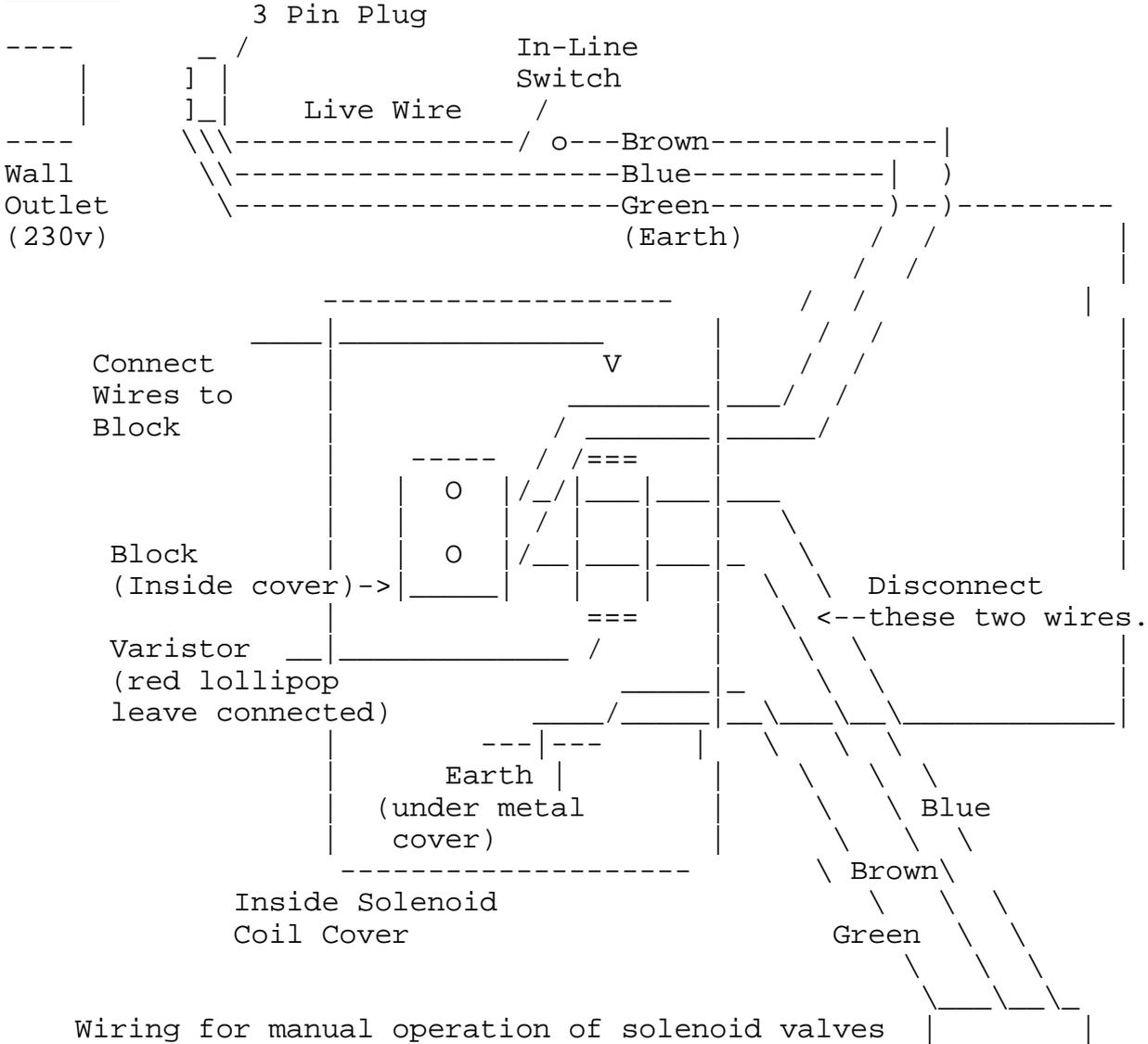
EVACUATION OF REFRIGERATION SYSTEM

To evacuate the system EITHER the liquid OR the hot gas solenoid must be energised to allow the complete system to be exposed to the vacuum pump.

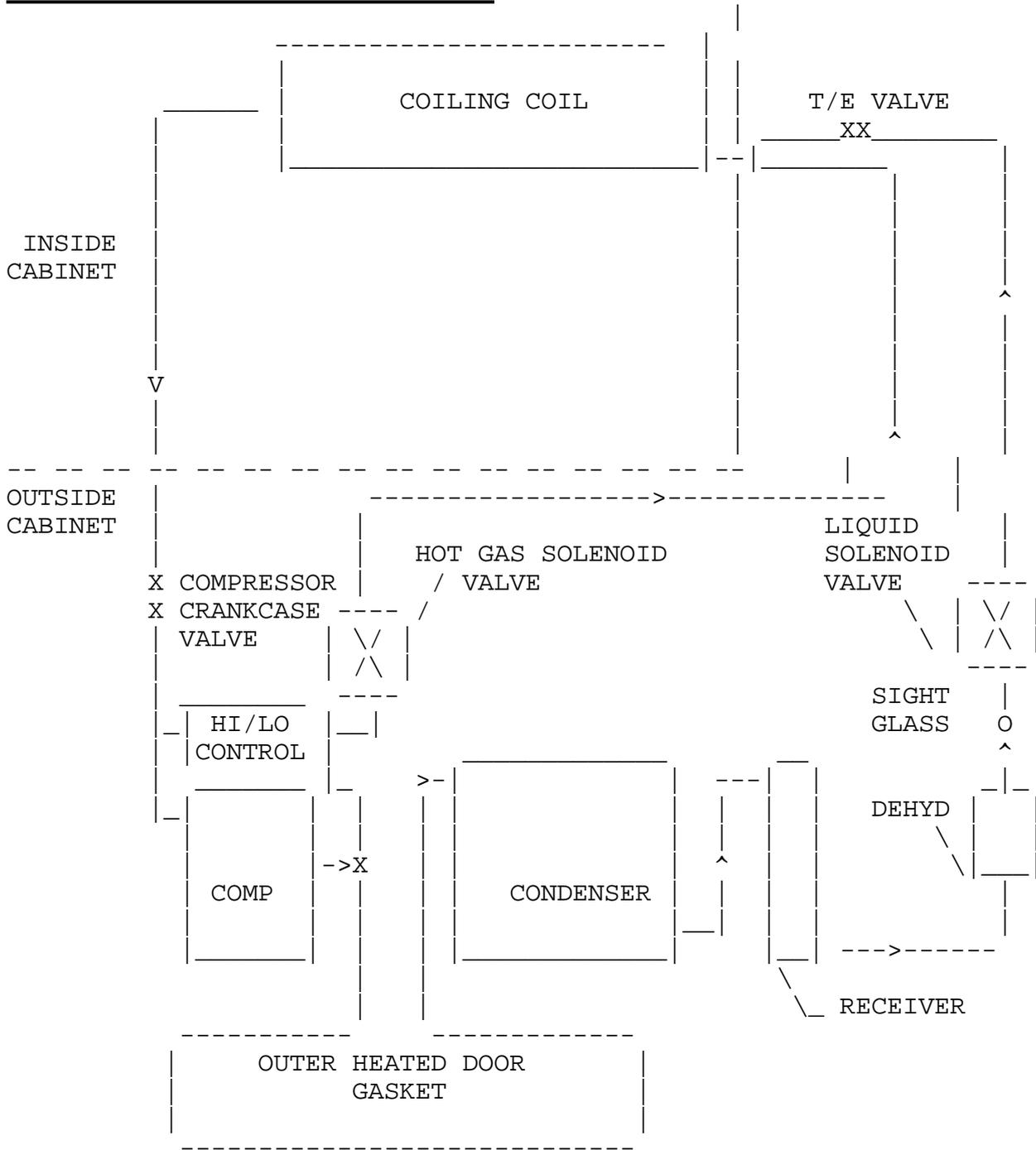
TO ENERGISE either solenoid valve to facilitate evacuation of the system:

- 1) Turn unit OFF at Mains and remove Mains Plug.
- 2) Remove cover from either solenoid coil and disconnect 2 (brown and blue) wires from connector block inside cover.
- 3) Wire plug from Mains (230v) with an In-line switch to connector strip inside solenoid cover, connect earth to metal of solenoid
- 4) To energise solenoid - plug wire into outlet and switch on!
- 5) System can now be evacuated with either solenoid open.

CAUTION: ONLY TO BE CARRIED OUT BY QUALIFIED SERVICEMEN.



REFRIGERATION SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM



SECTION 9 PARTS LISTS

<u>DESC</u>	<u>CONTERM</u>
<u>REF</u> Micro Parts PLCS5 SET	CPU - LPLANT
Shelves: Pressed Stainless	
Fan Motor: 1/2HP	
Elements: 1x 1800W	P???
Humidity Pump - Flojet 12V DC 2100-131 12Volt	P1188
Pump Pressure switch - 02095-101	P1183
Filter -	
Spray Nozzle - 1 x SF2TIP or copper strip	P1184
Hi-Limit Switch (non-Reset)	P132
Hi-Limit Switch (Resetable)	P021
Fuse 2Amp Fast Blow (Controller)	
RCD Circuit Breaker 32A (30mA Leakage trip)	CIRCUT BRK8

SECTION 10 FAULT/ALARM CODES

These codes will be shown on the Controller ALARM Display, the RED DISPLAY will come on and the buzzer will sound. Read the information to see if further action is required.

To cancel the alarm, Press the 'DIAGNOSTIC/ALARM' button.

Code Problem	Remedy
01 Over/Under Temp fault - temperature in cabinet more than 2°C above/Below the set point.	Alarm will stop when fault is removed.
02 Low CO ₂ in Cabinet - Not enough CO ₂ to maintain CO ₂ set point.	Check bottle, hoses, for blockage or faulty solenoid.
03 Cabinet now running on <u>Preset</u> Values. (Most likely due to power being removed for more than 48 Hours).	If Preset values are your working values, cancel the alarm else update the set points. CHECK CAL FACTORS.(See CAL SECTION)
04 Main temperature sensor (in sensor box) broken or damaged.	Call Service Engineer. Check sensor with meter. Could also be electronic fault in controller, or broken sensor wire, etc.
05 Humidity sensor (in sensor box), broken or damaged.	Call Service Engineer. Check sensor with meter. Could also be electronic fault in controller or broken sensor wire, etc.
06 Low water level in Humidity Reservoir.	Top up level in Humidity Reservoir, open bottom RHS door to top up.
07 CO ₂ Sensor. Damaged or broken, or out of calibration range (20-170%) raw CO ₂ .	Call Service Engineer. Check thermistor sensors and wiring to sensor box.

08 Moderate Noise

Check wiring of Mains.
If only very occasional
alarm will not cause any
problems.

09 Severe Noise on Mains
check mains wiring and
outside interference.

As above but serious,
earthing. Look for
CHECK CAL FACTORS.

13 Maintenance Service
No1 Due (Occurs every
2000 running hours).

Carry out Standard
Maintenance Schedule
And cancel alarm.

14 Maintenance Service
No2 Due (Occurs every
8000 running hours).

Carry out Comprehensive
Maintenance Schedule
And cancel alarm.

CONTHERM SCIENTIFIC LTD
CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMANCE

This certifies that the CONTHERM equipment specified below has been tested according to our standard methods and procedures and has been approved for despatch.

CAT. No:5000VLEC

APPLIANCE No:

DATE:.....

TEST RESULTS

Test Temperature:

Probe Position:

Date of Test:

Actual Recorded Temperature

Temporal Variation

ELECTRICAL TESTS

Earthing: [] Ω Insulation: [] **M Ω**

Flash: [] Leakage: [] **Ma**

The electrical tests are satisfactory: []

Signature of Test Personnel

CONTHERM SCIENTIFIC LIMITED
NEW ZEALAND

CONTHERM SCIENTIFIC
CUSTOMER INSTALLATION REPORT

Please fill in and return to:

CONTHERM SCIENTIFIC LIMITED
DEVELOPMENT SECTION
P.O. BOX 30605
LOWER HUTT
NEW ZEALAND

1) Did your cabinet arrive in good condition? **YES / NO**

2) Any difficulties experienced in setting up? **YES / NO**
Comments:

3) Is this your first CONTHERM purchase? **YES / NO**

4) Any previous problems of a specific nature with CONTHERM products? **YES / NO**
Comments:

5) Any suggestions for improvements or special features you would like to see -
Comments:

6) **Cabinet Details** **Catalogue No:** **CAT 5000VLEC**

Appliance No:

Date Installed:

Company:

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COUNTRY:

Contact Name:

PHONE: **FAX:**

PACKING INSTRUCTIONS
(Leave with Cabinet)

CAT.No. 5000VLEC
(Environmental Chamber)

Date:/...../.....

- 1) Ensure cabinet has been fully tested and approved for packing . []
- 2) Ensure rear data plate is fitted. []
- 3) Clean interior and exterior. []
- 4) Parts to be packed with cabinet:
 - a) Manual []
 - b) Shelf runners []
 - c) Shelves []

PACKED BY