

A MULTI-USE EVAPORATIVE AIR COOLING MACHINE

## **OWNER'S GUIDE**

## USE AND CARE MANUAL MODEL CTV0 / CTV1

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- \* Safety
- \* Maintenance
- \* Installation
- \* Trouble Shooting
- Operation
- \* Parts Replacement



<u>Congratulations:</u> You have purchased a product of superior performance and design, which will give the best service when properly operated and maintained. This cooler can be used as a convenient, roll-around spot cooler.

This guide was designed to provide you with the information needed to assemble the unit for roll-around spot-cooling use. It also contains information on how to safely operate, inspect, maintain and troubleshoot your CoolTool evaporative air cooler.

The Assembly section contains instructions to prepare your cooler for roll-around portable service. The Maintenance section contains operational and maintenance instructions to aid in keeping your unit in good working order, while Troubleshooting includes information to help diagnose and repair commonly encountered problems.

## **READ THIS FIRST!**

**WARNING -** TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE, ELECTRIC SHOCK, OR INJURY TO PERSONS, OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING.

# READ AND SAVE THESE IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- Read all instructions carefully before installation.
- This cooler must be connected to 120 voltAC, 60 Hz (cycle) power only.
   NOTE: Improper voltage will void the pump and/or motor warranties and may cause serious personal injury or property damage.
- This cooler must be plugged into a GFCI protected receptacle, which
  has been properly installed in accordance with all local and national
  codes. If you are not sure that the receptacle is GFCI protected, consult
  with a qualified electrician.
- This cooler is equipped with a power cord having an equipment grounding conductor and grounding plug. Do not attempt to defeat this safety device by removing the grounding pin.
- Do not step on or rollover power cord with heavy or sharp objects. Do not operate if plug or cord is damaged in any way. If the unit is damaged or malfunctions, do not continue to operate it.
- Remove the plug from the electrical receptacle by pulling on the plug and not the cord.
- Always disconnect electrical power to unit before attempting to work on or service your cooler.
- Do not operate near open containers of flammable liquids or gases.

- Do not operate this cooler (fan motor) with any solid-state speed control device.
- Do not operate this unit with pad frame(s) and/or air outlet grille removed, this may cause the fan motor to overload and damage the motor.
- Never wash your cooler cabinet with a garden hose, water may harm motor and pump.

#### NOTE:

- Do not use indoors on carpet or wood floor. Unit may leak water and could damage flooring or create a slip hazard.
- Do not locate or operate cooler near exhaust or vent pipes as odors or fumes may be drawn into unit.
- Your warranty does not cover shipping damage. Report all shipping damage at once to store making the delivery.
- For future reference, record the serial number and purchase date of your evaporative cooler here:

Serial #
Purchase Date:
Place of Purchase:

THE USE OF ANODE DEVICES, CHEMICAL

ADDITIVES, OR COOLER CLEANER TREATMENTS
IN THIS COOLER WILL VOID THE WARRANTY.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Your CoolTool evaporative air cooler was thoroughly tested and inspected before leaving the factory. This is your guide to economical, trouble free comfort cooling over the years with reasonable care and regular maintenance. Failure to follow these instructions may damage your cooler, impair its operation and/or void the warranty. **Read it carefully.** 

#### PREPARATION FOR ASSEMBLY

#### Unpacking the unit

Remove the pad frames by slightly lifting the pad frame from the bottom, pull outwards until clear of cabinet bottom pan, then downwards until frame clears cabinet top. Remove the following items from the cooler:

- Box containing swivel casters and attachment hardware (for roll around use)
- Plastic bag containing small parts, float valve, standpipe and drain bushing. (used in both cooler model options)
- 3. Bag with hose adapter for float valve (roll-around use)
- 4. Bleed-off tubing (for permanent installations)

#### Gather tools required to assemble & install unit

The following tools are required to assemble the unit:

7/16" box or open end wrench 6" crescent wrench 3/8" box or open end wrench 1/4" nut driver

#### SETUP FOR ROLL-AROUND USE

#### Attach swivel casters to legs

- 1. Locate unit on level working surface.
- Note position of hardware attaching stand angles to cooler corners. Detach stand angles and save this hardware for reassembly later.
- Open parts box and remove casters and parts bag. Assemble (1) each caster per stand angle using supplied 1/4-20 nuts & carriage bolts as shown in figure 1.
- 4. Re-attach stand angles/caster assemblies to cooler corners, place the casters with brakes on the front of the unit. Use the 1/4-20 nuts & bolts saved in step 2 and additional 1/4-20 nuts and bolts from the parts bag on each corner (3 each angle/corner, see Fig 1). Apply brakes before lifting cooler upright to complete assembly.

#### Install drain bushing and standpipe

Install overflow drain bushing in bottom of cooler. Slide rubber washer over drain bushing, push drain bushing through bottom of cooler, and tighten nut. Screw plastic overflow standpipe into the drain bushing and tighten snugly (hand-tight) to prevent leakage. Where conditions allow for drainage, connect a drain line (garden hose) to drain bushing and drain in accordance with local codes (see Fig 2).

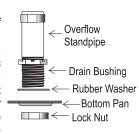
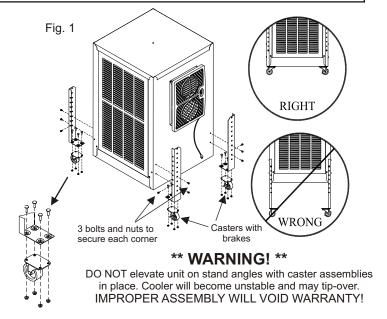


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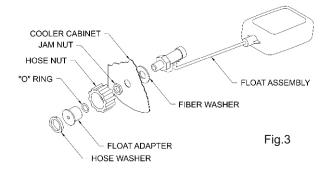
#### Install float valve and hose adapter

Attach the float valve to the cabinet as shown in figure 3. The garden hose adapter attaches to the brass inlet fitting on the float valve (see figure 3). NOTE: verify that the hose washers are correctly in place.

#### Water connection and float adjustment

Move cooler to desired location (this should be a level area for proper operation of the cooler).

- Connect to water supply using a commercial grade of water hose (not supplied with cooler, obtained separately) to the adapter on the float valve and turn water on. CAUTION: water inlet pressure should be limited to a maximum of 65 PSI to avoid rupturing the water hose. If pressure exceeds this value, an inline pressure regulator should be installed (obtainable from a local plumbing or hardware store).
- 2. Check that all connections are tight by visually inspecting hose, float valve, etc. for leakage.
- Set float valve for a water depth of 2". The float is adjusted lightly bending the float rod.



#### Cooler checkout and first time start-up

Congratulations, once you re-install the pad frames, your roll-around CoolTool cooler will be complete and ready for use. Please proceed to the Pre-startup inspection checklist on page 5 before starting unit for the first time.

#### Motor and blower wheel check

- Check motor mounting to be sure all screws and nuts are tightened down properly.
- Rotate blower wheel by hand to see that it moves freely without rubbing against housing.

#### **Belt Adjustment**

Correct belt tension and alignment is important as it cuts power consumption and prolongs life of belt and motor. When installing or adjusting belt, loosen the motor adjustment bolts and adjust for proper tension. Align belt vertically by centering motor pulley in-line with blower pulley.



#### **Electric Power**

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#### GENERAL INSPECTION

#### **Pre-Start-up Inspection Checklist**

Before start-up of the cooler motor and pump for the first time, or at the beginning of each cooling season, make sure all connections and adjustments have been made.

#### For roll-around coolers:

- Cooler is on a level surface, casters locked to prevent unnecessary movement (prevent spillage).
- √ Power supply cord is plugged into a GFCI protected receptacle; cord is secure from accidental damage.
- Drain and float valve installed.
- Water hose connected securely without leaks. Water faucet or supply is turned on.
- Float adjusted for proper water level.
- ✓ Pad frames and air outlet grille correctly installed.
- ✓ Pump impeller turns freely. Remove impeller cover (see "Cleaning Pump", page 6) and check rotation.
- ✓ Blower wheel, shaft, pulley and motor sheave set bolts/screws are snug. (see page 6)
- Motor sheave / Blower pulley alignment okay; belt tension okay (see page 4 for instructions).

#### Start-up Checklist

<u>CAUTION:</u> Never operate unit with pad frame(s) and/or air outlet grille removed. This will result in an overloaded condition and may damage the fan motor. The motor and pump have an internal automatic thermal overload switch that will shut the motor and/or the pump off if it overheats! The motor and/or pump can restart automatically when they cool down.

To verify and check out the cooler installation on initial start-up, the following procedure should be followed.

- ✓ Push "COOL" switch to ON position (pump on).
- √ Verify that pump starts and pads are evenly wet.
- ✓ Open windows, doors or vents in building.
- ✓ Push "FAN" switch to LOW position (low speed on).
- Observe that motor starts and runs. Check high-speed function by turning "FAN" switch to HIGH (high speed on).

In case of trouble in any of these stages, refer to the Troubleshooting Chart on page 6.

#### **Cabinet Inspection Checklist**

After initial start-up and during periodic inspections, check for and/or observe the following: Refer to the Troubleshooting Chart on page 8 if necessary.

- ✓ Leaks from water lines, pad frames, cabinet, etc.
- √ Observe cooler pads for uneven wetting
- ✓ Confirm water level setting is correct.
- ✓ Verify full, even flow in water distribution system.
- ✓ Blower wheel / motor rotates freely.
- ✓ Belt condition / tension / alignment.
- ✓ Check that set screws on pulleys, blower wheel are tight.
- ✓ Check motor mounting and cabinet hardware.

#### **Extended Shut-down (winterizing) checklist**

Any time the unit will not be used for an extended period:

- Drain all of the water out of the cooler, water supply line and drain line when not used for prolonged periods, particularly at the end of the season (winter).
- Unplug the cooler power supply cord and secure it out of the way to avoid damage.

#### **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **Guidelines and location**

Always make sure that the roll-around unit is operated on a solid, level surface strong enough to hold its weight (unit can weigh 225 lbs when full). Make sure the two locking casters have been locked to prevent the cooler from accidentally moving while in use. Use caution when rolling the unit to avoid splashing or spilling of water. Unless the move is for a short distance, it is best to drain the unit, move it and then refill it in its new location.

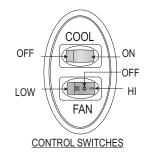
#### For best results:

- Turn pump on a few minutes before starting the fan, this allows the pads to pre-wet and avoids a blast of warm air.
- Turn pump off a few minutes before turning the fan off. This will allow the pads to dry out, helping to prevent stale or musty odors the next time the unit is started.
- Whenever possible, operate the fan on low speed for maximum cooling.
- When cooling is not required, you can operate this unit by turning on the fan only (leaving the pump turned off).

#### **Controls**

Rocker-type control switches are used to select the operating mode of the cooler. These switches control fan speed (FAN-HIGH/OFF/LOW) and the pump operation (COOL-ON/OFF).

To eliminate a rush of warm air when starting the cooler, be sure to turn the pump (COOL) on for a few minutes before turning on the blower motor (FAN) in low or high speed.



#### **Maintenance Schedule**

Regular maintenance and periodic inspection is a key to long and successful service of your Cool Tool Cooler. The cooler should be serviced at least once a year, or more often if required. For maximum efficiency, longer life and appearance, every two months during operation, the cooler should be inspected and cleaned.

#### Note: Do Not Undercoat the Water Reservoir

Your cooler's water reservoir is finished with our Peblar XT® appliance-type finish. It is so hard that asphalt-type cooler undercoating will not stick to it. Undercoating will break free, clogging the pump and water distributor.

<u>NOTE:</u> Do not use cooler cleaners, cooler treatments or other chemical additives in this evaporative cooler. Use of any additives or water treatment other than bleed-off will void your warranty and impair the life of the cooler.

Before starting any maintenance operation, read thoroughly all operating and maintenance instructions and observe all cautions and warnings.

## <u>CAUTION</u>: Disconnect all electrical power to the cooler by removing plug from receptacle before attempting to install, open, or service your cooler.

Even while routinely inspecting or servicing the inside, the cooler can be accidentally started. Keep all personnel away from the cooler and electrical supply when you are working on it. Before servicing or cleaning unit, switch "COOL" and "FAN" to the OFF position and remove power cord from receptacle.

#### Cleaning

<u>CAUTION:</u> Never wash your cooler cabinet with a garden hose; water may harm motor and pump or seep into ductwork. Motors damaged by water are NOT covered under warranty.

All foreign materials, scale, salt deposits, lime, etc. can and should be removed from louvers, bottom pan, and other components. Your cooler's long lasting finish can be brought to like-new condition by using warm water and a soft cloth.

NOTE: Avoid using scouring pads, steel wool or wire brushes, as these will damage the finish and encourage corrosion.

#### **Maintenance & Inspection**

**CAUTION:** Disconnect all electrical power to the cooler by removing the plug from the receptacle before attempting to install, open, or service your cooler.

<u>IMPORTANT:</u> Before operating cooler at beginning of each cooling season, turn blower wheel, cooler motor and pump motor shafts by hand to make sure they turn freely. Failure to do so may result in burning out motor.

Periodic inspection of your cooler will enhance the chance for long, trouble-free service life. For maximum efficiency, every two months during operation, or any time the cooler is opened, the cooler should be inspected. Some suggested items:

- ✓ Check for leaks from pad frames, cabinet, etc.
- ✓ Are there any dry spots on the media when cooler is in operation?
- ✓ Are bolts, nuts and set screws snug?
- ✓ Are the bearings making unusual noises?
- ✓ Does the blower wheel turn freely?
- √ Is float level set correctly?
- √ Is water in the bottom pan clean?
- ✓ Belt condition / tension / alignment?

#### Set Screws, Bolts and Nuts

Check torque on set screws and cabinet hardware:

- ✓ Motor and Blower Pulley set screws (95 in-lbs.)
- ✓ Blower Wheel set screws (1 per side, 150 in-lbs)
- ✓ Cabinet hardware (25 in-lbs)

#### **Adjust Belt Tension**

<u>CAUTION:</u> Disconnect all electrical power to the cooler and insure that belt is not rotating before adjusting belt tension

Each time you inspect your cooler, be sure to check belt tension on motor/blower assembly. Check belt condition and replace it if frays or cracks appear. Check alignment of blower pulley with motor pulley (see page 4 for detailed steps).

#### **Cleaning Water Pump & Hose**

<u>CAUTION:</u> Do not allow pump to fall over and become submerged; water will damage pump motor.

Clean water pump and hose assembly as follows:

- Unplug pump cord, remove mounting bracket screw and remove pump from cooler. Shake gently to remove water.
- 2. To prevent breakage, carefully release and remove impeller base plate from the pump body. (see figure 9)

3. Using a mild detergent solution and clean cloth, clean deposits from pump screen, around impeller and base plate.

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Fig. 9

- 4. Spin impeller to dislodge any foreign material.
- Remove any foreign material in the adapter between the pump and hose, or between the hose and the water distributor assembly.
- 6. Rinse and reinstall impeller base plate.
- 7. Reinstall pump and reconnect pump cor

#### **Draining**

Drain the cooler cabinet (with power off a panels removed) as follows:

- 1. Connect a drain hose to the drain fitting on the bottom of the reservoir, if not already connected to drain line.
- 2. Remove overflow standpipe from the drain fitting.
- 3. Drain, clean and dry reservoir.

#### Touch-Up

The hardness, adhesion and smoothness of the internal and external finish on your cooler makes it extremely unlikely that scratches or chipping will occur. In the event that finish damage does occur, it should be promptly repaired by the following procedures:

- 1. Sand the area around bare metal spots.
- 2. Prime and paint with a quality paint.

Do not use asphalt type cooler undercoat material in water reservoir. Undercoat will break free, clogging the pump and water distributor.

#### **LUBRICATION**

#### **Motor Bearings**

CoolTool motors have oil ports for lubricating the motor and are oiled at the factory. They should be checked after 20-30 days of operation. If the need for oiling is indicated, see the motor nameplate for specific instructions on re-lubricating the motor. Under normal use, these motors require oiling about every 12 months of operation. **Do Not Over-Oil**.

#### **Blower Shaft Bearings**

Blower shaft bearings need periodic lubrication. The oil cups on the bearings should be filled with a good grade of SAE 30W non-detergent oil when necessary. Under normal use, oiling is required every three months of operation. *Do Not Over- Oil.* 

#### **Pump Bearings**

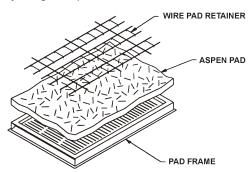
The pump motor bearings are permanently lubricated

#### **Changing Cooler Pads**

Your cooler pads should be changed at least twice a year... at the beginning of a season and midway through. However, your pads may need to be changed more frequently, depending on local air and water conditions. For instance, in areas where mineral content of the water is high, deposits may build up in the cooler pads, restricting airflow. Replace pads as follows:

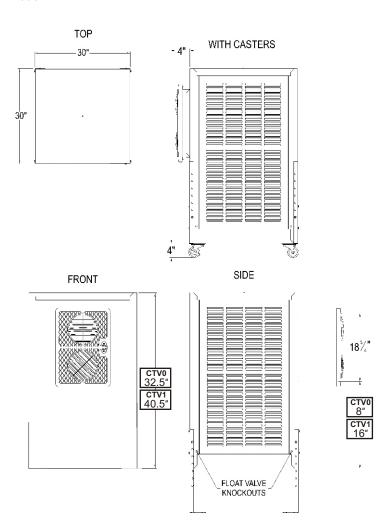
- 1. Remove pad assembly from cabinet.
- Remove pad retainers from frame, using caution as retainers can spring back. Carefully remove all aspen from retainers. Remove and discard old pads.
- 3. Using a mild detergent, wash dirt and scale from pad frames. Wire brushing is not recommended. If finish is damaged or

- rusting is noted, repair area as noted in the "Touch-Up" section. Rinse with fresh water.
- 4. Lay new pad in frame, starting at trough end, making sure pad is snug against trough and outer edges with no air spaces. *Note:* Pad must completely fill frame or hot air may enter building.
- 5. Pad thickness should be uniform across the frame.
- Replace pad retainers and lock under edge of frame. Sharp points must be buried into pad (holds pad in place and prevents sagging).
- 7. Pre-soak pads and check for air gaps along edges, reinstall pad frames into unit.
- 8. Start pump and allow troughs to fill... check water level in troughs by slightly tilting each pad frame out.

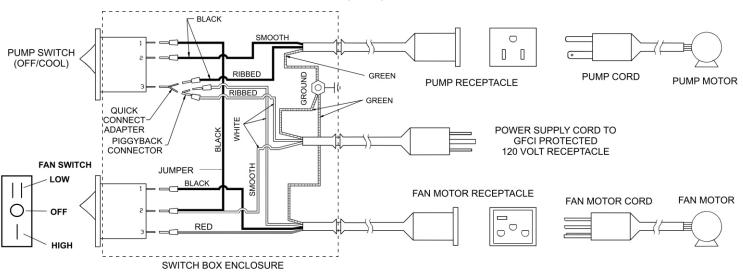


#### Replacement parts

When ordering replacement parts, always refer to the serial and model number of your cooler. Use the part numbers listed in the accompanying parts list, as illustrated in the diagrams for your model.



#### WIRING DIAGRAM



#### TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE:

Should an obvious problem occur with your cooler consult the following table. If you cannot correct the problem, or if it persists, contact qualified service personnel.

PROBLEM / SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	CORRECTIVE ACTION		
Water draining from unit	Float valve out of adjustment	Adjust float to 2 1/2" water depth		
	Float movement obstructed	Free float from obstruction		
	Float valve non-functional	Replace float assembly		
Dry pads	Pump intake clogged	Remove obstruction		
	Water pump non-functional	Replace water pump		
	Clogged water line	Locate and free obstruction		
	Pad trough clogged	Clear debris from trough		
	Switch non-functional	Replace switch		
	Wiring non-functional	Repair or replace non-functional wiring		
	Water turned off to cooler	Turn on water supply		
Motor does not start or no air delivery	Electrical power disconnected	Check power receptacle and cord		
	Belt too loose or too tight	Adjust belt tension		
	Non-functional motor	Replace motor		
	Non-functional switch	Replace switch		
	Broken belt	Replace belt		
Inadequate air delivery	Insufficient air exhaust	Open windows to increase air flow		
	Belt too loose	Adjust belt tension or replace is needed		
	Pads plugged	Replace pads		
Motor cycles on & off	Low voltage	Check voltage		
	Excessive belt tension	Adjust belt tension		
	Blower shaft tight or locked	Oil or replace bearings		
	Bearings dry	Oil bearings		
	Pad frame(s) or air outlet grille removed	Re-install pad frame(s) or air outlet grille		
Noisy operation	Blower rubbing on housing	Reposition wheel		
	Motor sheave or blower set screws loose	Tighten set screws		
Excessive humidity in house	Inadequate exhaust	Open doors and windows to increase ventilation		