# Elite Steam

Residential Steam Humidifiers



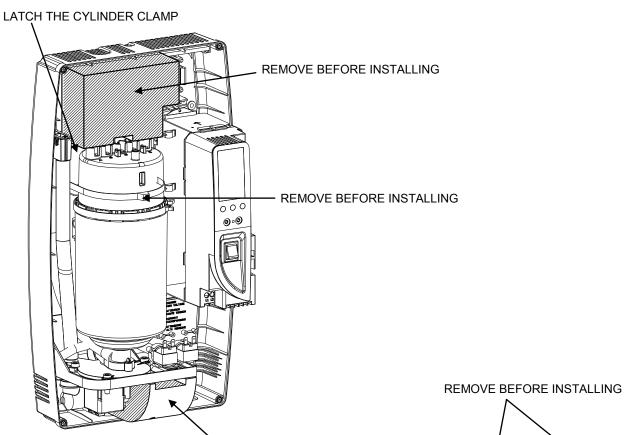


# **User manual**

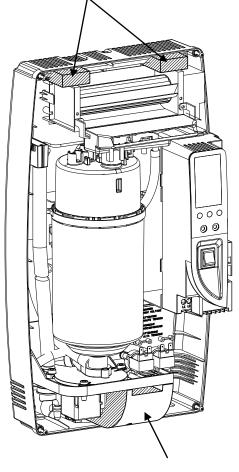
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# Warning If present, remove the following items:



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### IMPORTANT WARNINGS



We wish to save you time and money! We can assure you that the thorough reading of this manual will guarantee correct installation and safe use of the product described.

BEFORE INSTALLING OR HANDLING THE HUMIDIFIER PLEASE CAREFULLY READ AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS AND SAFETY STANDARDS DESCRIBED IN THIS MANUAL AND ON THE LABELS ATTACHED TO THE Elite Steam.

### CAUTION: ALWAYS DISCONNECT THE MAIN POWER BEFORE OPENING OR SERVICING THE HUMIDIFIER!

*Elite Steam* produces non-pressurized steam by means of electrodes immersed in the water contained in the plastic steam generator cylinder. Electric current passes through the water between the electrodes, heating the water into steam, which is then used to humidify the air.

The quality of the water used affects the operation of this unit, so the Elite Steam may be supplied with untreated water, as long as this is drinkable and not softened or demineralized. The water converted into steam is automatically replaced through an electric fill valve. Periodically, based on the water quality, the unit will also drain some water to dilute the build-up of minerals in the steam generator. In cases of high water mineral content, an activated carbon filter is series with a particulate filter, no more than 5 microns is suggested.

This humidifier has been designed exclusively to directly humidify rooms or ducts, using a distribution system. The installation, use and maintenance operations must be carried out according to the instructions contained in this manual and on the labels applied internally and externally.

IMPORTANT: BEFORE beginning installation:

- Check for shipping damage to cartons. Mark the shipping waybill accordingly.
- Open cartons and check for any hidden damage. Mark the shipping waybill accordingly.
- Check packing slip to ensure all items have been received. Notify GENERAL FILTERS, INC. of any shortages or damaged parts. You must notify General Filters, Inc. within 5 working days of any shortages.

CAUTION: ELECTRIC SHOCK HAZARD! The humidifier has components under power inside!

CAUTION: SCALDING HAZARD! The humidifier has hot parts (100°C/212°F)

WARNING: Install the humidifier out of the reach of children.

The humidifier must be installed in accordance with all local and national standards.

All service and/or maintenance operations must be performed by qualified personnel who are aware of the necessary precautions and are capable of performing the operations correctly.

Disconnect the humidifier from the main power supply before accessing any internal parts.

The conditions of the environment and the power supply voltage must comply with the specified values listed on the data label in the humidifier.

All other uses and modifications made to the humidifier that are not authorized by the manufacturer are considered incorrect, and the manufacturer assumes no liability for the consequences of any such unauthorized use.

Please note that the humidifier contains powered electrical devices and hot surfaces.

The humidifier is made of metallic and plastic parts. All parts must be disposed of according to the local and national standards for waste disposal.

WARNING: Your humidifier requires water to operate. Do NOT mount it above materials or machinery that could be damaged if a leak occurs. General Filters, Inc. assumes no responsibility for consequential or inconsequential damage as a result of any leaks.



<u>Disposal of the parts of the humidifier:</u> the humidifier is made up of metallic and plastic parts. All parts must be disposed of according to the local standards on waste disposal.

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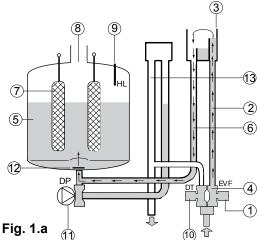
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### 1. HOW THE ELITE STEAM WORKS

### 1.1 Basic Operation

*Elite Steam* is an electrode humidifier. It produces steam for humidification by passing electric current through the water between metal electrodes in the plastic steam generator cylinder. There are no heating elements. Steam output is directly proportional to the conductivity of the water, and the amount of electrode immersed in the water.

On a call for humidity, the *Elite Steam* controller will open the water fill valve (1) and allow water to enter the cylinder. A flow restrictor (4) prevents the unit from filling too quickly or with too much pressure. The water flows up the fill tube (2) and into the fill cup (3). Water then flows over the dam in the fill cup (3), which creates a 1" air gap to prevent backflow of contaminated water into the feed lines, and through the fill tube (6) and into the bottom of the steam cylinder (5). Any backflow or overflow of water travels through the overflow hose (13) to the drain.



As the water fills the cylinder, it will reach the electrodes (7) and current will Fig. 1.a begin to flow. As the water continues to fill the cylinder, the current will

increase, and this is monitored by an amperage transformer connected to one of the power wires and located on the electronic controller. When the desired current is reached, the fill valve will close (1) and the water will then begin to warm and produce steam. If the water reaches the cylinder full probes (9) or if current rises too much, the drain pump (11) will be activated to drain away some water and reduce the current flow to acceptable levels. Note that, any time the drain pump is activated, the tempering valve (10) will be opened for tempering the hot drained water down to 140 degrees F / 60 degrees C in accordance to local and national standards.

Periodically, based on the incoming water conductivity, the unit will run drain pump (11) and drain some water to reduce the mineral concentration. Every 120 hours the unit automatically drains to remove mineral sediment on the bottom of the cylinder. A strainer (12) in the cylinder helps to prevent mineral debris from jamming the drain pump (11). In case Elite Steam remains powered but idle, i.e. without producing steam, for more than 72 hours (3 days), the cylinder will be emptied to not have stagnant water inside.

If there is no water in the cylinder, there will be no current flow and no steam production. The electrodes do not burn out, but they will eventually become completely coated with mineral and the cylinder will then need to be replaced. Cleaning cylinders may cause electrode damage, therefore voiding its warranty. See 7.2.2 maintenance section on page 21.

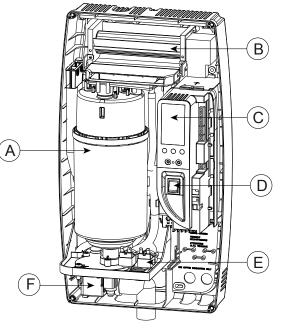


Fig. 1.b

| No.      | Description                     |
|----------|---------------------------------|
| Α        | Steam generator cylinder        |
| В        | Room blower/manifold (optional) |
| С        | User interface/display          |
| D        | On/Off, SET buttons             |
| Е        | Fill & tempering valves         |
| F        | Drain pump                      |
| <u> </u> | Drain pamp                      |

#### 1.2 Cylinder Life

### 1.2.1 Basics of the Steam Cylinder

The Steam Cylinder is the engine of the humidifier. As the humidifier operates water is evaporated and minerals are left behind. Much of these minerals are removed through the cylinder drain. Some are deposited on the walls of the cylinder and the cylinder electrodes. When a lower section of the electrodes develop a thick coating, the water level is raised to expose clean electrode surface. Eventually minerals cover the electrodes' entire length with a thick coating and little electrical current can pass between them resulting in poor steam output. The humidifier can sense the low amperage and will display the E6 Cylinder Exhausted error code. There are several factors that influence cylinder life.

### 1.2.2 Water

Characteristics of water influence cylinder life and can vary greatly from place to place. Total mineral content of the water is important. Equally important is what minerals are present in the water. Most water conditions result in flaky scale that eventually fills the bottom of the cylinder until it can no longer function. Water with high silica content can result in a thin glass-like coating on the electrodes that is highly insulating resulting in shorter cylinder life. Only cold water is to be used. Water conductivity that is not matched to the correct cylinder will shorten cylinder life.

### 1.2.3 Water Filtration

Typically additional filtration of the incoming water supply is not necessary. If, however, mineral content is known to reduce cylinder life excessively or if cylinder life proves insufficient then water filtration can be added. In most cases the addition of a two element water filter can improve cylinder life. The filter should contain an activated carbon element and a particulate filter element rated for 5 microns or less. Micron is a size measurement. The filter system should have a flow rate of at least 2 gpm. The activated carbon will absorb much of the mineral content while the particulate filter will catch any granular material or sediment. It is important to remember that the increase in cylinder life will be accompanied by the need to replace filter elements with each cylinder change.

### 1.2.4 Humidity Load and Cylinder Life

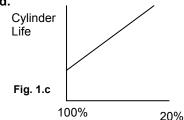
Humidity load demands have an effect on cylinder life. Normal installations where humidity capacity is properly sized require only intermittent periods where full humidifier capacity is required. This allows the water level in the cylinder to be increased only as electrode segments become insulated. This tends to maximize cylinder life.

Extraordinary installations that require constant operation at full capacity reduce cylinder life. The water level in the cylinder is, on average, much higher, and the electrodes become completely insulated more quickly. Installations like this may result in cylinder life of less than 1000 hours.

### The importance of providing adequate humidifier capacity should not be underestimated.

### 1.2.5 Maximum Production

Another factor affecting cylinder life is the maximum production setting. A higher production rate will result in a shorter cylinder life. For this reason DS-25 and RS-25 units are preset from the factory at 70%. Further reductions in Maximum Production will extend cylinder life. See Figure 1.c.



### 1.2.6 Structures Under Construction

In high end construction projects, humidification is often required while the structure is being finished. Humidification is necessary to protect and stabilize wood floors, trim and decoration. Humidification load, however, in an unfinished structure may be five to eight times higher than when finished. Elite Steam humidifiers may be operated while construction is underway but, reduced cylinder life is to be expected and budgeted for. Good practice dictates that the steam cylinders also be replaced once the project is complete.

#### 1.3 Calculating Humidity Load

### 1.3.1 Steps to Determine Humidity Load

Total Square Footage

x Average Ceiling Height

x Factor From Table 1.2

x 1.05 for each Fireplace

Humidity Load in lbs./hour

x 2.88 convert to gallons/day

Gallons per Day Humidity Load

Table 1.2 Pounds of Moisture / Hour / Cubic Foot \*

|   | Indoor Air<br>Temp °F | 35%     | Indoor RH%<br>40% | 45%     | 50%     |
|---|-----------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|---------|
| ſ | 68                    | 0.00015 | 0.00018           | 0.00021 | 0.00024 |
|   | 70                    | 0.00017 | 0.00020           | 0.00023 | 0.00026 |
| Ī | 72                    | 0.00019 | 0.00022           | 0.00025 | 0.00028 |

<sup>\*</sup> Based on .5 air charges per hour.

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# 2. MODELS

There are two basic models available in two voltages. Duct models require selection of an additional kit.

### **Duct Steam Injection**



Fig. 2.a

### Room Steam Discharge



Fig. 2.b

## MODEL LIST

| PART NUMBER | DESCRIPTION                                | PARTS INCLUDED                                                |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| RS 15P      | Room steam dicharge, 15 gallons            | Complete Humidifier. GFX3 humidistat, code valve, water fill  |
| Fig. 2.b    | per day (5.5 Lbs per hour) 115-120v        | connector, water supply tubing                                |
| RS 25       | Room steam dicharge, 35 gallons            | Complete Humidifier. GFX3 humidistat, code valve, water fill  |
| Fig. 2.b    | per day (12 Lbs per hour) 220-240v         | connector, water supply tubing                                |
| DS 15P      | Duct steam injection 15 gallons Humidifier | Humidifier only, Kit selection required                       |
| Fig. 2.a    | only, Kit selection required per day (5.5  |                                                               |
|             | Lbs per hour) 115-120v                     |                                                               |
| DS 25       | Duct steam injection 35 gallons            | Humidifier only, <b>Kit selection required</b>                |
| Fig. 2.a    | per day (12 Lbs per hour) 220-240v         |                                                               |
| DMNKIT      | Duct mount kit                             | 8 ft. steam hose, nozzle, GFX3 humidistat, code valve,        |
| (not shown) |                                            | water fill connector, condensate hose, water supply           |
|             |                                            | tubing, air proving pressure switch.                          |
| RMB 15      | Remote mount blower                        | 12 ft. steam hose, GFX3 humidistat, code valve, condensate    |
| (not shown) | kit for DS 15                              | hose, water fill connector, water supply tubing, and thru-the |
|             |                                            | wall sleeve with 120v blower and grille pkg.                  |
| RMB 35      | Remote mount blower                        | 12 ft. steam hose, GFX3 humidistat, code valve, condensate    |
| (not shown) | kit for DS 25                              | hose, water fill connector, water supply tubing, and thru-the |
|             |                                            | wall sleeve with 240v blower and grille pkg.                  |
| EDMK4       | Economy Duct mount kit                     | 4 ft. steam hose, nozzle, 5 ft. condensate hose, fill         |
| (not shown) |                                            | connector, air proving pressure switch (Humidistat not        |
|             |                                            | included)                                                     |

### Positioning

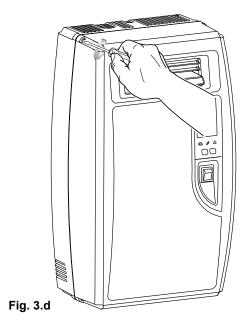
The *Elite Steam* has been designed for wall mounting and, since it is an atmospheric steam humidifier, should be placed close to the point where the steam will be used, to minimize the steam hose length (and the amount of condensate). Certain clearances must be maintained around the unit for safety and maintenance.

### 3.2 Mounting

#### 3.2.1 Removing the front cover

The front cover is secured by four screws located at the four corners of the unit. Use a phillips head screwdriver to remove the four cover screws. Then simply pull the front cover away from the back part of the unit. Return it in reverse order.

Be careful not to over-tighten the screws.



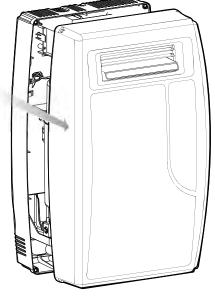
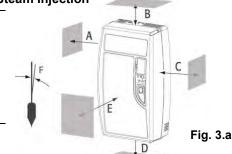


Fig. 3.e

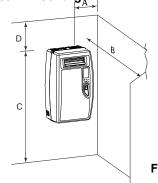
### **Duct Steam Injection**



|   | Millimeters | Inch |
|---|-------------|------|
| Α | (150 mm)    | 6"   |
| В | (150 mm)    | 6"   |
| С | (150mm)     | 6"   |
| D | (150 mm)    | 6"   |
| Е | (600 mm)    | 24"  |
| F | max.        | 0.2° |

Tab. 3.a

### Room Steam Discharge



| Fig. | 3.b |
|------|-----|
|------|-----|

|   | Millimeters | Inch |
|---|-------------|------|
| Α | 150 mm      | 6"   |
| В | 1800 mm     | 72"  |
| С | 1800mm      | 72"  |
| D | 600 mm      | 24"  |

Tab. 3.b

### **Unit Dimensions: Duct and Room Units**



Fig. 3.c

|                             | Millimeters | Inch    |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---------|
| A                           | 341 mm      | 13.5"   |
| В                           | 204 mm      | 8.1"    |
| С                           | 600 mm      | 23.7"   |
|                             | Kilograms   | Pounds  |
| Weight empty                | 8kg         | 18 lbs  |
| Weight packaged             | 10kg        | 22 lbs  |
| Weight installed with water | 12kg        | 26 lbs  |
| -                           | _           | Tah 3 c |

Tab. 3.c

### 3.2.2 Fastening to the wall

Drill the wall according to the drilling template supplied; then secure Elite Steam firmly to the wall by the screws and anchors supplied.

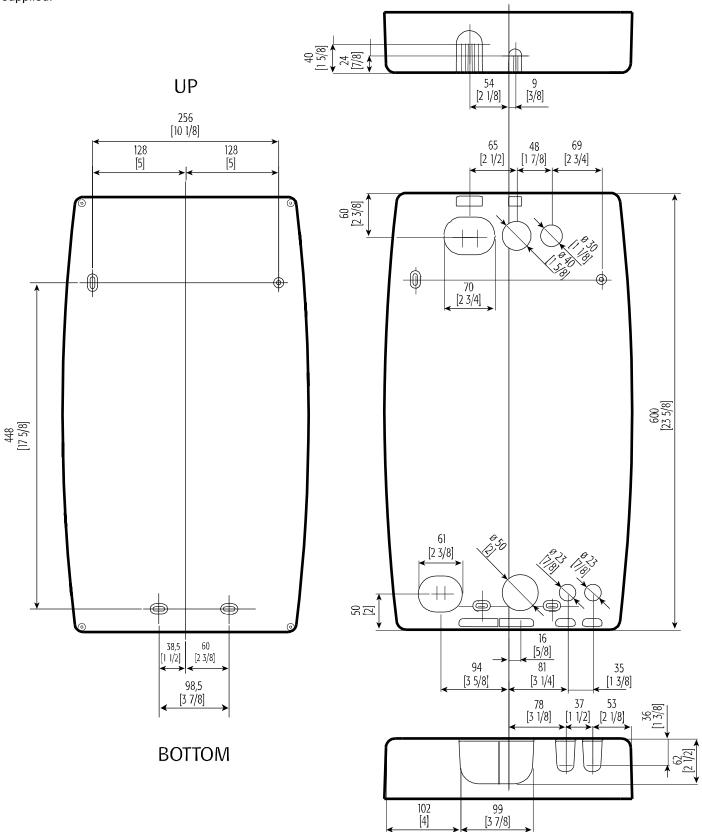


Fig. 3.f

#### 3.3 Plumbing

#### 3.3.1 Water Characteristic Requirements

The humidifier must be supplied with water with the following characteristics:

- pressure between 20psi and 110psi or 0.1 and 0.8 MPa (1 and 8 bar)
- temperature between 33°F and 104°F or 1°C and 40°C
- flow-rate minimum of 0.45 L/min or 0.21gpm
- hardness no greater than 40°fH (equal to 400 ppm³ of CaCO), conductivity: from 125 to 1250 µS/cm
- absence of organic compounds
- the characteristics of the water of supply must fall within the following limits:

### LIMIT VALUES FOR LOW SALT CONTENT WATER

|                                | Units                   | Min   | Max |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------|-----|
| Hydrogen ions (pH)             |                         | 7     | 8.5 |
| Specific conductivity (R,20°C) | μS/cm                   | 300   |     |
| Total dissolved solids (c R)   | mg/l                    | (*)   | (*) |
| Dry residue at 180°C           | mg/l                    | (*)   | (*) |
| Total hardness                 | mg/l CaC <sub>3</sub> O | 150   | 400 |
| Temporary hardness             | mg/l CaC <sub>3</sub> O | =     | 200 |
| Iron + Manganese               | mg/l Fe + Mn            | =     | 0.2 |
| Chlorides                      | ppm Cl                  | =     | 30  |
| Chlorides                      | mg/Si₂O                 | =     | 20  |
| Chlorine residue               | mg/l Cl-                | =     | 0.2 |
| Calcium sulphate               | mg/l CaS₄O              | =     | 100 |
|                                |                         | Tab.3 | .d  |

### LIMIT VALUES FOR LOW NORMAL WATER

|                                | Units                | Min | Max |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----|-----|
| Hydrogen ions (pH)             |                      | 7   | 8.5 |
| Specific conductivity (R,20°C) | μS/cm                | 125 | 500 |
| Total dissolved solids (c R)   | mg/l                 | (*) | (*) |
| Dry residue at 180°C           | mg/l                 | (*) | (*) |
| Total hardness                 | mg/l CaC₃O           | 0   | 200 |
| Temporary hardness             | mg/l CaC₃O           | =   | 150 |
| Iron + Manganese               | mg/l Fe + Mn         | =   | 0.2 |
| Chlorides                      | ppm Cl               | =   | 20  |
| Chlorides                      | mg/Si <sub>2</sub> O | =   | 20  |
| Chlorine residue               | mg/l Cl-             | =   | 0.2 |
| Calcium sulphate               | mg/l CaS₄O           | =   | 60  |

Tab.3.e

(\*) Values dependent on the specific conductivity: in general: cR~=0.65\*σR, 20°C; R180~=0.9\*σR, 20°C Note: There is no relationship between the hardness and conductivity of water.

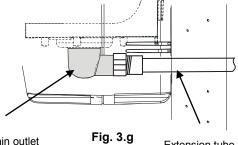
Water Conductivity must be matched by specifications of the steam cylinder. Check or know the water conductivity of the proposed site before installation. Replace the steam cylinder before startup if not correct. See Table 3.f right.

| ELITE STEAM models                     | Conductivity µS/cm | Steam Cylinder |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| DS25, RS25, DS25LC, RS25LC, DS35, RS35 | 300-1250           | 35-14          |
| DS25, RS25, DS25LC, RS25LC, DS35, RS35 | 125-500            | 35-15          |
| DS15P, RS15P, DS15, RS15               | 125-1250           | 15-14          |
| DS20A, RS20A                           | 300-1250           | 20-14A         |
| DS20A, RS20A                           | 125-500            | 35-14          |

Tab.3.f

### The following water types are not acceptable:

- 1. Softened water as this will lead to foam, electrode corrosion and greatly shortened cylinder life.
- 2. Water containing disinfectants or corrosion inhibiters, as these are potential irritants.
- 3. Industrial water, boiler water or water from cooling circuits.
- 4. Any potentially chemically or bacteriologically contaminated water.
- 5. Heated water.

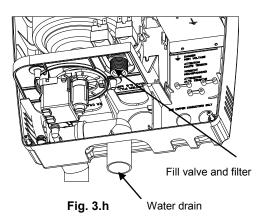


Water drain outlet

Extension tube

### 3.3.2 Water Supply Connection

We recommend the connection between the fill valve and the water supply line by a soft poly hose capable of absorbing the water hammering in order to avoid damage to the fill valve itself. The water line may be routed through the back or through the bottom of the unit. With poly tubing, a tubing support must be used to prevent tubing collapse and leaks. The fitting then threads onto the fill valve inlet located on the bottom of the humidifier using a 3/4" G connection. Note that there is a strainer built into the fill valve fitting underneath the unit, which will require periodic cleaning, so be sure to allow clearance for access.

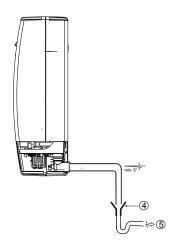


### 3.3.3 Water Drain

The Elite Steam also requires a connection to a drain. The drain line may be routed out the back or bottom of the unit using the included angle fitting. The drain line can be 1-1/4" PVC, CPVC or polypropylene. The drain line is not glued or otherwise attached to the humidifier so it must be supported by itself. A coupling should be used. The Elite Steam includes a drain tempering valve that runs whenever the drain pump runs and flushes cool water into the drain line to insure the drain water temperature never exceeds 60°C or 140°F. The drain water characteristics are:

- Drain Flow Rate See Technical Specifications (Section 8 / pg 24)
- Connection 32mm or 1 1/4"
- Temperature 60°C or 140°F

NOTE: Drain line must be trapped under the unit to prevent flash steam from condensing in the unit cabinet.



### 3.3.4 Drain Connections

When using a rear outlet drain passing through drywall, we suggest using a 1 1/4" extension tube type SJ (see Fig. 3.f). When using a bottom outlet drain, attach the included 90° fitting to the drain outlet. The drain outlet may be rotated. Then connect a 1 1/4" trap adaptor to connect to drain pipe.

IMPORTANT WARNING: The drain pipe must be free without back pressure. We recommend an external anti-flooding device not supplied to protect from faults of external hydraulic circuits.

### 3.4 Steam distribution

### 3.4.1 Duct steam injection (Additional kit required)

The maximum allowed duct static pressure is 2 in WC.

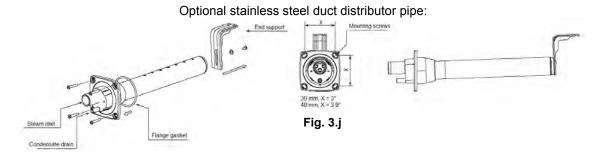
The *Elite Steam* duct injection models include a plastic duct injection nozzle. See Fig. 3.i

| A<br>B<br>C<br>D<br>E<br>F | Millimeters 31.5 mm 50 mm 56 mm 57.5 mm 100 mm Ø 8 mm Ø 22 mm | 1.24" 1.96" 2.20" 2.26" 3.93" Ø 0.31" Ø 0.86" | A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A | B Z C C D E | steam inlet                            | # | H————————————————————————————————————— |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------------|
| H                          | Ø 30 mm                                                       | Ø 1.18"                                       |                                       | 7           | condensate drain                       | G | condensate drain_                      |
| <u> </u>                   | 12 or 22 mm                                                   | 0.47 or 0.87"                                 | Fi                                    | ig. 3.i     |                                        |   | steam met                              |
|                            | Airflow 1000 cfm/min 8" min 24" min Upstrea                   |                                               | ream                                  | Fig. 3.j    | Airflow<br>1000 cfm min.<br>1/3 Height |   | Min 8"  rf low  Airflow 1000 cfm min.  |

### 3.4.2 Duct Distribution (Additional kit required)

If a duct steam distribution nozzle is to be used, select an accessible location on the duct, allowing at least 36" of straight duct (no elbows or obstructions) after the point where the nozzle will be installed and the clearances can be maintained as per the following drawings. See Fig.3.j To mount the steam nozzle, cut or drill a 2-1/2" hole in the duct. Apply caulk to the to the mounting plate of the nozzle. Attach the nozzle to the duct using 4 #10 sheet metal screws (supplied). Nozzle must be level or vertical with condensate outlet to the bottom.

IMPORTANT: Allow 1 M ( 3 feet ) of straight duct downstream of the distributor pipes and nozzles for absorption of the steam. Always allow 0.6M (2 feet) of straight duct upstream of the distributor pipes for evaporation of the steam. Turbulent air flow may require longer lengths.

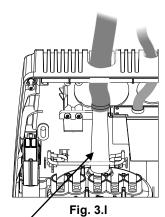


To install the distributor pipes:

- 1. Cut a round hole in the side of the duct to match the steam pipe and condensate return.
- 2. Apply silicone sealant to the mounting plate and insert the pipe through the hole and secure it with sheet metal screws. See Fig. 3.k
- 3. Connect the steam and condensate hoses using the hose clamps supplied. (Note: end support bracket supplied only with 36" and longer distributors.)

### 3.4.3 Return Condensate Connection

The return condensate hose from the nozzle, etc. must be trapped. Coil the hose into a vertical loop and secure it below the nozzle, etc. This trap prevents steam from being released into the cabinet. The hose end may be run through the knockout at the top of the humidifier and be inserted into the hole located on top of the fill cup. The hole may be enlarged to suit. See Fig.3.I.

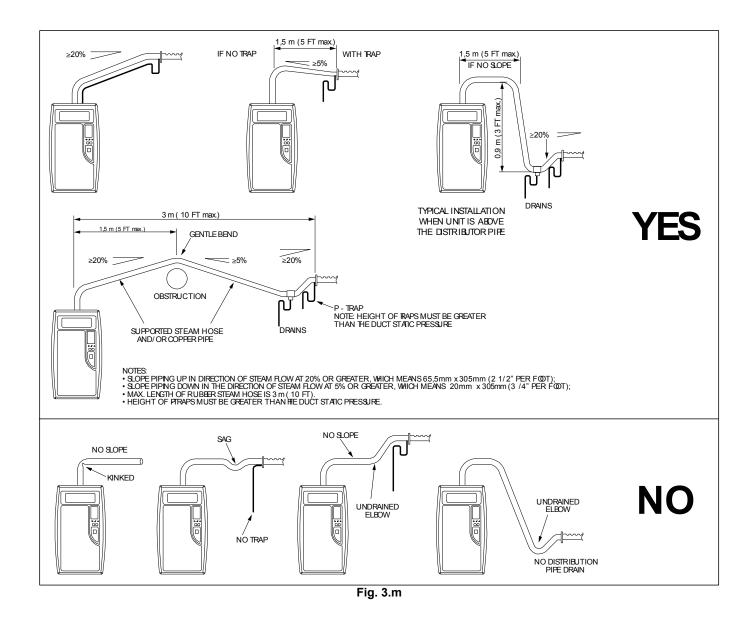


25-12 STEAM CYLINDER HOSE ADAPTER

### 3.4.4 Steam Hoses

IMPORTANT WARNING: NINETY PERCENT (90%) OF ALL OPERATION PROBLEMS ARE CREATED BY IMPROPER STEAM PIPING FROM THE HUMIDIFIER UNIT TO THE DUCT DISTRIBUTOR PIPES.

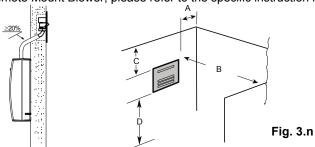
To avoid these problems, remember one simple fact when running the steam hose: steam naturally flows up hill, and condensate naturally flows downhill. Run the steam hose or piping to avoid any kinks, sharp elbows, or low spots that could collect or restrict the flow of steam to the distributor pipe, or the flow of condensate back to the humidifier. Support the hose adequately to avoid sags. The following diagrams are to provide you with some guidelines. If you have a situation you are unsure of, *please* contact the factory for instructions.



IMPORTANT: Maximum length of rubber steam hose is 4m (12 feet.). Insulated copper tubing may be up to 6m(20feet) in length. In all cases, minimize sharp bends and elbows. Use 2 - 45° elbows instead of 90°s. Hose inner diameter = 7/8" (22 mm); Hose outer diameter = 1-1/4" (30 mm).

### 3.4.4 Remote Mount Blower

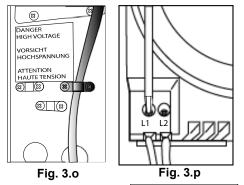
Remote Mount Blowers, are used to distribute the steam directly into the room. The drawings show the **minimum recommended distances** to avoid the flow of humidified air from coming into direct contact with persons, lights, electrical appliances, and surfaces before the steam has been totally absorbed by the environment. For further details on the assembly, the electrical connections and the use of a Remote Mount Blower, please refer to the specific instruction manual.



|   | Millimeters | Inch |
|---|-------------|------|
| Α | 150 mm      | 6"   |
| В | 1800 mm     | 72"  |
| С | 600 mm      | 24"  |
| D | 2100 mm     | 84"  |

**Tab. 3.g** 

### 3.5 Power wiring



Check that the power supply voltage to be connected matches the value indicated on the rating plate inside the electrical panel.

Insert the power and ground connection cables into the electrical panel compartment using the strain reliefs supplied, and connect to the terminals. An external fused disconnect must be installed. See Fig. 3.o

All wiring must be in accordance with local, state and national electric codes.

NOTE: to avoid unwanted interference, the power cables should be kept separate from any control wiring.

**NOTE**: Tolerance allowed on main voltage =-15% to +10%.

Connect power wires to the power terminal block located at the bottom left of the control module, polarity does not matter. See Fig. 3.p

Connect the ground wire to the unit's chassis ground, located just behind the power wiring terminal block. See Fig. 3.g

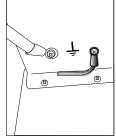


Fig. 3.q

| Model | Power supply (single phase) | Steam Output<br>(lbs/hr) | Steam Output<br>(kg/h) | POWER<br>(kW) | CURRENT<br>(A) | EXTERNAL POWER WIRES | EXTERNAL FUSE (A)<br>OR BRAKER |
|-------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| DS15  | 110Vac 50/60Hz              | 5.5                      | 2.5                    | 1.80          | 16.40          | AWG10                | 25                             |
| RS15  | 110Vac 50/60Hz              | 5.5                      | 2.5                    | 1-80          | 16-40          | AWG10                | 25                             |
| DS25  | 230Vac 50/60Hz              | 12                       | 5.4                    | 3.89          | 16.95          | AWG10                | 25                             |
| RS25  | 230Vac 50/60Hz              | 12                       | 5.4                    | 3.89          | 16.95          | AWG10                | 25                             |
| DS35  | 230Vac 50/60Hz              | 12                       | 5.4                    | 3.89          | 16.95          | AWG10                | 25                             |
| RS35  | 230Vac 50/60Hz              | 12                       | 5.4                    | 3.89          | 16.95          | AWG10                | 25                             |

#### 3.6 Control wiring

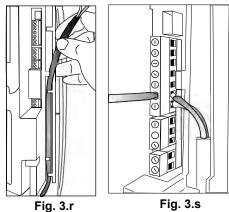


Fig. 3.s

Elite Steam allows connection of any simple or automatic humidistat, and safety devices such as high-limit humidistat, air flow proving switch, and remote on/off. The humidifier is operated by the closing of a mechanical humidistat H, or by the closing of a voltage-free remote contact, or alternatively by a combination of both. The most common is a combination of a humidistat and pressure switch. The diagrams in the figures show the connections to be made on the terminal block, in case of:

Fig. 3.u Operation performed by a simple enabling contact;

Fig. 3.t Operation controlled by an external mechanical humidistat;

Fig. 3.v A combination of both humidistat and pressure switch (most common). Contact AB-AB:

- closed: humidifier enabled to produce steam (production starts when humidistat closes):
- open: steam production is immediately stopped.

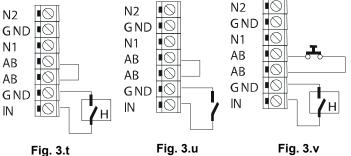
The remote on/off contact is usually a series of external potential-free contacts that enable the humidifier to produce steam when all of them are closed, indicating the

> duct/AHU is ready to accept steam. Connect the 12500 Pressure Switch NO and C terminals to the AB-AB contacts. For example.

- · fan contact closes when fan is running;
- downstream cooling coil contact closes when coil is off;

Contact IN-GND:

- · closed: steam production starts if contact AB-AB is closed
- open: steam production is stopped after 5 sec.



### 3.6.1 Connect the GFX3 Humidistat for On/Off Operation:

- Remove the humidistat from the base, squeeze the louvered base at the top and bottom. To remove the humidistat from the wall, lift up on the humidistat and pivot top away from wall.
- Before wall mounting, please remove the black foam gasket.
- 3. Before return air duct mounting, please remove the breakout piece.
- If return air duct mounting, route wires between humidistat and base.
- Mount the sensor outside the house. Do not mount on South side of the house or in direct sunlight. Place at least 4 feet away from any exhaust vent. If in air intake, place 1 foot or closer to outside wall. Place at least 6" higher than possible snow. Do not route sensor wire near high voltage wires.
- Connect the GND-IN terminals on the humidifier to the HUM terminals on the GFX3 Humidistat. Connect the GND-24V terminals to the ACL-ACN terminals on the GFX3 Humidistat. see Fig.3.x

### 3.6.2 Modulating Operation

Connect an external 0...10 Vdc modulating input between terminals IN-GND. Connect any Safety Switches (high-limit, air flow switch, remote on/off) in series to terminals AB-AB. If no safety switches are used, then a jumper must be installed between AB-AB. DO NOT apply any voltage to AB-AB.

### 3.6.3 Connect the GFX50 humidistat for Modulating Operation

N1

IN

Ф Ф GND

Φ ΑB

m

 $\Theta \Theta$ GND

Φ

Φ С

Φ NC

С

⊕ No

(II) GND ⊕ 24V

To select signal modulating see Fig 3.y Connect the power supply to the GFX50 G and G O terminals, using the terminal GND and 24V on the Elite Steam. Note MODULATING OPERATION requires a change in signal type. See SEC. 5.1.1 page 19.

Connect an external signal to the GFX50 using the terminal IN from the Elite Steam and AOUT in GFX50.

See the diagram below.

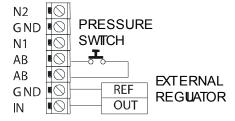


Fig. 3.w

### **GFX3 HUMIDISTAT**

### **GFX50 HUMIDISTAT**

ADCD DIP SWITCH SETTINGS FOR HUMIDISTAT ONLY OPERATION

ON

OFF

OFF

ON

5-G 0

7-AOUT 8-G 0

9-NTCE

10-D IN

6-G

### AIR CONDITIONER RELAY INTERLOCK FURNACE BLOWER OPERATION

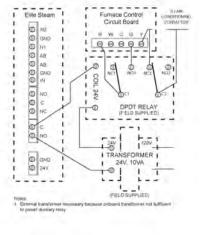


Fig. 3.z

### Elite Steam N2 ♥◎ GND •◎ **□**-N1 AB CLIMA GND 00 IN ΝO ÑС EXT FAN ΝO 24V FOR GND O

Fig. 3.x

### Fig. 3.y

### 3.6.4 Safety and High Limit Switches

Remove the jumper between terminals AB-AB and connect any simple high-limits, air flow switch, 12500 pressure switch, and remote contacts in series to terminals AB-AB; otherwise, if no such dry contacts are available, the jumper must remain in place between terminals AB-AB. DO NOT apply any voltage to AB-AB.

Thread the control wiring through the bottom of the unit, and the strain relief (see photo at top of previous page), and then up the side of the control module to the top right wiring terminal blocks. Connect the control wiring to the control wiring terminal blocks found at the top right side of the control module.

### 3.6.5 Air Conditioner Relay Interlock

Auxiliary DPDT safety relay: Use this method in the following situations:

- 1. To prevent the air conditioner from running when there is a call from humidity. The DPDT relay will open the "Y" circuit and close the "G" circuit for operation while a call for humidity is present. Demand for humidity will override call for cooling.
- 2. In systems using a thermostat where G and Y are a single circuit. The DPDT relay will allow blower operation to occur without back-feeding the compressor.

Do not use this method when simultaneous humidification and cooling will be desired. Use a high limit humidistat in to avoid condensation in ductwork.

The humidistat should be set to OFF during the air conditioning season if humidification is not desired.

For variable speed or DC systems, consult furnace manufacturer.

### 3.7 Wiring Connections:

| Terminals     | Functions                                              | Electrical specifications                                                                                  |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| L1-L2 -GROUND | Power supply and Ground connections                    | Power supply 110 VAC 1-phase 50-60Hz 1.86kW or 230VAC 1-phase 50-60Hz 4.05kW                               |
| KEY           | Programming port                                       | Connecting to Programming port or supervisor                                                               |
| AB-AB         | Remote enabling input                                  | Imposes an external NO contact; Rmax=300 Ohm; Vmax=33 Vdc; Imax=6mAdc; humidifier enabled = contact closed |
| IN-GND        | Control signal input                                   | If programmed 010V: Input impedance 10 kohm If programmed ON-OFF: Vmax 33Vdc Imax = 5mA Rmax = 300 Ohm     |
| NC-C-NO       | NC alarm contact Common alarm contact NO alarm contact | 250V; 8Amp max with resistive load; 4 Amp max with inductive load                                          |
| NO-C          | External fan relay                                     | 250V; 8Amp max with resistive load; 4 Amp max with inductive load                                          |
| 24GND         | Power for external humidistat                          | Power supply for external humidistat 24 Vac; 2 Watt                                                        |

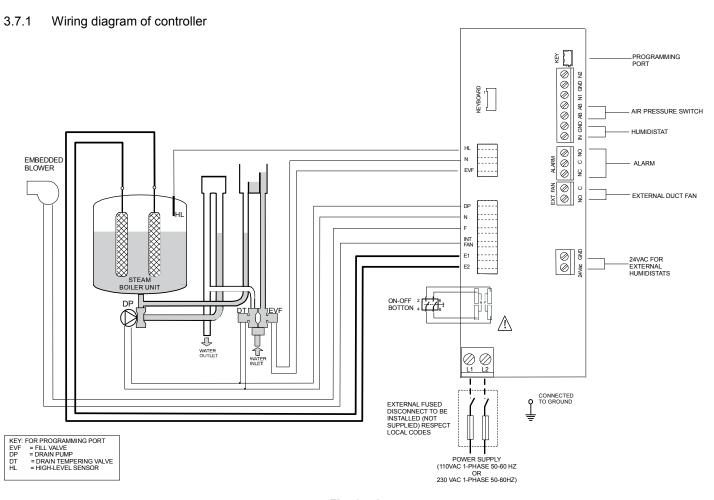


Fig. 3.z.1

### 4. START-UP

### IMPORTANT WARNINGS:

- 1. Before starting, check that the humidifier is in perfect condition, that there are no water leaks and that the electrical parts are dry;
- 2. Do not connect power if the humidifier is damaged or even partially wet!

When installation is completed, flush the supply pipe for around 10 minutes by piping water directly into the drain, without sending it into the humidifier; this will eliminate any scale or residues that may cause foam when boiling.

### 4.1 Startup Checklist

Before starting the humidifier, the following should be checked:

- Water is connected, the line has been flushed, and external valves are open.
- Drain is connected, run to an open drain, and has a trap under the unit.
- Electricity is connected in accordance with instructions, local codes and data labels in the unit.
- The power fuses are installed and intact.
- All control wiring is done and tested.
- Airflow switch is wired to open on air flow loss.
- Hi-limit humidistat is wired to open on humidity rise above set point.
- Unit wires have been checked to make sure they and all connectors are tight from shipping.
- The steam hose(s) are run correctly with no sags or kinks and sloped properly according to the manual.
- · Condensate hoses are run correctly with no sags or kinks and sloped properly according to the manual.

### 4.2 The Elite Steam Controller

The Elite Steam controller features a comprehensive information display that shows the operation of the system at a glance:

| 1.        | Display is % of nominal capacity                                             |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2.<br>3.  | Maintenance                                                                  |
| 3.        | Display is amperage (default)                                                |
| 4.<br>5.  | Steam is being produced                                                      |
| 5.        | Cylinder filling                                                             |
| 6.<br>7.  | Foaming                                                                      |
| 7.        | Water presence inside the cylinder                                           |
| 8.        | Cylinder draining                                                            |
| 9.<br>10. | LEDs indicate: power (yellow), operation (green) and alarms (red)            |
| 10.       | Drain button for manual draining of cylinder and confirming parameter values |
| 11.       | ON/OFF button                                                                |
| 12.       | Reset button to reset alarms and access parameters                           |
| 13.       | Level of output: 33%, 66%, 100%                                              |
| 14.       | Fan relay is activated                                                       |

The Elite Steam is now ready to operate.

### 4.3 Starting Elite Steam

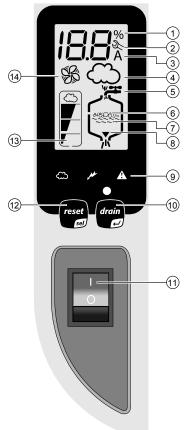
- Insure that the external power is turned on.
- Push the top part of the On/Off button so that the I part is in. The yellow Power LED will be lit. The Elite Steam is now ready to operate.
- When there is a call for humidity, Elite Steam will close its power relays and send power to the electrodes in the plastic steam generator. The green Operation LED will light, indicating that operation has begun.

### 4.4 Starting with a new cylinder

When starting with a new cylinder, you should activate the cylinder cleaning function as follows:

- 1. Switch Elite Steam off.
- 2. Press and hold both buttons, "**reset**" and "**drain**", and switch Elite Steam back on. When the wrench blinks then release the two buttons.
- 3. Press and hold "reset" until the display shows 04.
  - **WARNING**: DO NOT confirm any value higher than 04. If 05 or higher is displayed, press "**reset**" until the display goes back to the normal operating mode and restart from step
- 4. Press "drain" (minimum 1 second): the cleaning starts and the display shows PC.

During the cleaning, the electrodes are powered and water is filled in until it touches the high-level sensor or the phase current equals 20A, whichever occurs first. After either of the events is detected, the boiler is fully discharged with the electrodes un-powered (the drain pump and the drain tempering valve are activated for 3 minutes). Warming the filling water helps washing out any mould release or dirt. General Filters, Inc. recommends doing two cleanings when starting a new boiler. After the cleaning ends, the humidifier starts the regular duty. When starting the unit with a new or empty cylinder, it may take a significant amount of time (hours) for the unit to build up enough mineral concentration to reach rated capacity. This time can be shortened by the addition of Alka-Seltzer through the steam outlet on top of the cylinder.



### 5. OPERATING ELITE STEAM

### 5.1 Displaying Information

By pressing the "**reset**" button for 2 seconds, the display will loop from amperage to production in % of the maximum production to the hour counter and back to amperage:



Fig. 5.a

- 1. Amperage: it is the value of the current that flows through the water making it boiling off (default display)
- 2. **Production** %: it is the current production expressed as a percentage of the humidifier's capacity
- 3. **Hour counter**, expressed in tens; for instance, when the display shows 13 the real hour value will be between 130 and 139 hours.

### 5.1.1 Select Signal Type

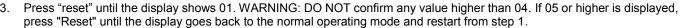
The Elite Steam is preset for the included GFX3 humidistat (signal type 0). If the included humidistat is used, this section may be omitted. If another humidistat is used, review this section to see if changes are needed.

- 1. Switch Elite Steam off.
- 2. Press and hold both buttons "reset" and "drain" and switch Elite Steam back on. When the wrench blinks, release the 2 buttons.
- 3. Press "Reset" until the display shows 02. WARNING: DO NOT confirm any value higher than 04. If 05 or higher is displayed, press "Reset" until the display goes back to the normal operating mode and restart from step 1.
- 4. Press "drain" (minimum 1 second) to confirm: the display shows "P1" then the current signal type and "set"
- 5. Press "Reset" to change signal type between 0 and 1:
  - 0 = On-Off humidistat such as the GeneralAire "M" or "GFX" series humidistat.
  - 1 = external 0...10 Vdc modulating signal such as the GeneralAire ADCD series humidistat
- 6. Press "drain" (mininimum 1 second) when done to confirm the new value of P1 and exit to the normal operating mode.
- 7. Switch Elite Steam off: you can now proceed with connecting the control wiring.

### 5.2 Changing The Maximum Production

The maximum production can be adjusted between 20% to 100% of the nominal production in steps of 5% in order to suit the environmental characteristics. DS25 and RS25 Maximum production is factory set at 70%.

- Switch Elite Steam off.
- Press both and hold both buttons "Reset" and "Drain", and switch Elite Steam back on. When the wrench blinks; release the 2 buttons.



- 4. Press "drain" (minimum 1 second) the display shows "P0" then the current Maximum Production Percent and "set".
- 5. Press "reset" to change the Maximum Production in steps of 5% between 20% and 100%.
- 6. Press and hold "drain" (minimum 1 second) when done to confirm the new Maximum Production and exit to the normal operating mode.

### 5.3 Activating Manual Drain

Press and hold the "drain" button on the front of the unit until the cylinder is drained. Note: Water will continue to flow from the tempering valve after the cylinder is empty.

### 5.4 Resetting the hour counter

The hour counter should be reset every time the cylinder is changed in order to reset and restart the internal maintenance timer:

- Switch Elite Steam off.
- 2. Press and hold both buttons "Reset" and "Drain" and switch Elite Steam back on. When the branch buttons.
- 3. Press and hold "reset" until the display shows 03. WARNING: DO NOT confirm any value higher than 04. If 05 or higher is displayed, press "reset" until the display goes back to the normal operating mode and restart from step 1.
- 4. Press "drain" (minimum 1 second) to confirm: the hour counter will be reset at once and Elite Steam will go back to the normal operating mode.

### 5.5 Using the GFX3 Humidistat

Press to select **OFF**, **MANUAL** or **AUTO mode** (if outdoor sensor is connected). **OFF mode:** The humidifier is turned off.

**MANUAL mode:** The GFX3 will work to maintain the single humidity selected. You can set your desired humidity level by pressing ▲ or ▼. The humidifier will turn ON or OFF according to your manual setting. (The humidifier will operate when the measured relative humidity falls more than 2% below the set point.) Humidity will have to be lowered when weather is colder or if condensation is suspected.

| Suggested | Outdoor      |
|-----------|--------------|
| Setting   | Temperatures |
| 15%       | -20°F -29°C  |
| 20%       | -10°F -23°C  |
| 25%       | 0°F -18°C    |
| 30%       | +10°F -12°C  |
| 35%       | +20°F - 7°C  |
| 40%       | +30°F - 1°C  |

AUTO mode: The GFX3 will automatically raise the humidity as the outdoor temperature

increases. This provides the highest possible humidity. The GFX3 will automatically lower the humidity as temperatures drop. This minimizes the risk of condensation on cold surfaces like windows. You can adjust the Auto Humidity Index Set Point from 0 (low) to 10 (high) by pressing ▲ or ▼. The Humidity Index is based on the outdoor temperature and indoor humidity. The humidifier will switch ON/OFF according to the calculated auto humidity index set point. Lower Index settings are for older homes with less insulation and vapor barriers. Higher Index settings are for newer homes with complete vapor barriers, triple pane windows and high R value insulation. If condensation occurs reduce Index setting by 2 points until condensation stops.

NOTE If the outdoor temperature sensor fails, it flashes and the unit will default to MANUAL mode.

To toggle between indoor / outdoor temperature and indoor humidity: Press **5**. To change the temperature unit: Press **c** / °F.

To set the temperature / humidity offset in MANUAL or AUTO mode:

- 1. Simultaneously press ▲ and ▼ when viewing the temperature or humidity reading.
- 2. Use ▲ or ▼ to change the setting (-3 to 3).
- 3. Press ▲ and ▼ simultaneously or wait 5 seconds to confirm and move onto the next setting.

WARNING: Do not allow excess humidification. Excess humidity can cause condensation and enable mold and mildew growth.

### 5.6 Alarms

In the event of an alarm, the red alarm LED will flash, the alarm relay will close, and the alarm code will flash in the display. Multiple alarms will flash in sequence, alternating with the main display. Pressing the sel button for 2 seconds will reset the alarms, although still active alarms will continue to display.

| Dis<br>play | Description                                                                               | Action                                                                                                                                                               | Red<br>Led | Alarm<br>Relay | Notes                                                                                                                |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|             | Remote on-off open                                                                        | Unit disabled                                                                                                                                                        | Off        | Off            |                                                                                                                      |
| EE          | Internal memory error                                                                     | Unit disabled                                                                                                                                                        | On         | On             |                                                                                                                      |
| E0          | Control board configuration not valid                                                     | Unit disabled                                                                                                                                                        | On         | On             | Turn off, check control board, reprogram                                                                             |
| E1          | High current alarm                                                                        | Unit disabled                                                                                                                                                        | On         | On             | Turn off, check connections, check cylinder (no limescale bridges between electrodes, no electrodes short-circuited) |
| E2          | Low production, low supply water conductivity or excessive foam/limescale in the cylinder | Unit disabled. Press "reset/set" key for 1 seconds to reset.                                                                                                         | On         | On             | Check supply water conductivity (too low?), replace the cylinder.                                                    |
| E3          | Cylinder almost exhausted, already used for 2000 hrs                                      | Press "reset/sel" key for 1 seconds to reset.                                                                                                                        | Off        | Off            | Change cylinder (not urgent)                                                                                         |
| E4          | Fill alarm, unable or slow fill (current does not increase within timeout)                | Press " <b>reset/sel</b> " key for 1 seconds to reset, otherwise the warning will be reset automatically every 10 minutes until the supply water is available again. | On         | On             | Check water supply and fill valve; check drain pump for leakage                                                      |
| E5          | Drain alarm, unable to drain<br>(current does not decrease within<br>timeout)             | Press "reset/sel" key for 1 seconds to reset                                                                                                                         | On         | On             | Check drain pump and drain connection                                                                                |
| E6          | Cylinder exhausted (critical performance detected)                                        | The warning is automatically reset if Elite Steam can produce the demand, otherwise turn off and then on.                                                            | Off        | Off            | Change cylinder (urgent)                                                                                             |
| E7          | Foam detected                                                                             | Press "reset/sel" key for 1 seconds to reset                                                                                                                         | Off        | Off            | If it continues, do some cleaning cycles (read chap. "Starting with a new cylinder")                                 |
| E8          | Cylinder lifetime expired (3000 hours)                                                    | Unit disabled: Reset the hour counter (read chap. Resetting the hour counter")                                                                                       | On         | On             | Change the cylinder if necessary                                                                                     |
| E9          | High controller temperature (above 176 °F / 80 °C)                                        | The warning is automatically reset if the temperature decreases below 176 °F / 80 °C.                                                                                | Off        | Off            | Check the ambient temperature, replace the controller.                                                               |

# 6. TROUBLE SHOOTING

| Problem                                                 | Causes                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Solutions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| The humidifier does not turn on                         | No electrical power     On/off switch of the humidifier in position 0 (open)     Control connectors improperly connected     Blown fuses     Transformer failure                                                                     | Check the safety devices upstream from the humidifier and the presence of power     Close the switch on the panel: position I     Check that connectors are properly inserted in terminal block     Check the condition of fuses     Check that the proper voltage is connected and turned on |
| The humidifier does not start operation                 | Remote ON/OFF contact open     The humidistat has not been connected correctly     Humidistat failure     Control signal not compatible with the type set     Value measured by the sensor/s higher than the corresponding set point | Close ON/OFF contacts     Check the external connection     Replace the humidistat                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| The humidifier fills with water without producing steam | High steam back pressure     Fill valve strainer clogged     Mineral in the fill cup     Drain pump valve leaking                                                                                                                    | Check that the steam hose is not kinked or sagging, trapping condensate     Clean the fill valve strainer     Clean the fill cup     Check for voltage at the drain pump valve and/or drain pump replacement                                                                                  |
| The humidifier wets the duct                            | The distributor is not installed correctly (too near the top of the duct or the condensate return is blocked)     Air flow rate is too low     Humidifier active when the fan in the duct is off                                     | Check that the steam distributor is installed correctly     Increase air flow in duct or decrease PO maximum steam production setting     Check the connection of the device (flow switch or differential pressure switch) controlling the humidifier to the ventilation in the duct          |
| The humidifier wets the floor below                     | The humidifier drain is blocked     The supply water or overflow circuit has leaks     The condensate drain pipe does not bring the water back to the drain pan     The steam hose is not properly fastened to the cylinder          | Clean the drain assembly and pan     Check the entire water circuit     Check the correct position of the condensate drain hose in the drain pan     Check the fastening of the hose clamps on the steam outlet                                                                               |

Tab. 6.a

| Problem                       | Causes                                               | Solutions                                                       |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Water in the cylinder turns   | 1. Minerals in the cylinder have over-               | 1. Check for sags & kinks that could trap condensate in the     |  |  |  |  |
| black                         | concentrated and are deteriorating the               | steam hoses that could cause a back pressure on the             |  |  |  |  |
|                               | electrodes.                                          | cylinder.                                                       |  |  |  |  |
|                               |                                                      | Check the duct static pressure.                                 |  |  |  |  |
|                               |                                                      | Check the fill valve and inlet strainer.                        |  |  |  |  |
|                               |                                                      | 4. Check the drain pump operation.                              |  |  |  |  |
|                               |                                                      | Correct installation problems and replace cylinder.             |  |  |  |  |
| Heavy arcing occurs within    | 1. The feed water contains large amounts of Iron,    | 1. Contact the factory for an optional drain timer to force     |  |  |  |  |
| hours of startup              | Copper or other conductive contaminants.             | additional drains to control the minerals.                      |  |  |  |  |
|                               |                                                      | <ol><li>If you are using a softener. Discontinue use.</li></ol> |  |  |  |  |
|                               |                                                      | 3. Check the electrodes in the cylinder to be sure they were    |  |  |  |  |
|                               |                                                      | not damaged in shipping.                                        |  |  |  |  |
| Humidifier continuously fills | Mineral has bridged between the electrodes.          | Clean or replace the cylinder.                                  |  |  |  |  |
| and drains without producing  | 2. There is back pressure from the steam hoses       | 2. Check the steam hoses for kinks or gullies that might be     |  |  |  |  |
| steam                         | or duct.                                             | trapping condensate.                                            |  |  |  |  |
|                               | 3. The flow regulator in the fill valve is broken or | Replace the fill valve.                                         |  |  |  |  |
|                               | out of place.                                        | 4. Consider using a mix of demineralized water with raw         |  |  |  |  |
|                               | Water conductivity is very high.                     | water.                                                          |  |  |  |  |
|                               | <ol><li>Water is foaming excessively.</li></ol>      | 5. Check cylinder - replace if exhausted. If feed water         |  |  |  |  |
|                               |                                                      | contains silica or nitrates, install a 1 micron water filter.   |  |  |  |  |

Tab. 6.b

### 7. MAINTENANCE

### 7.1 Periodic checks

- After one hour of operation: Check that there are no significant water leaks.
- Every fifteen days or no more than 300 operating hours: Check operation, that there are no significant water leaks and the general condition of the cylinder. Check that during operation there is no arcing between the electrodes.
- Every three months or no more than 1000 operating hours: Check operation, that there are no significant water leaks and, if necessary, replace the cylinder. Check that there are no blackened parts of the cylinder. If there are blackened parts of the cylinder, check the condition of the electrodes, and if necessary replace the cylinder.
- Annually or no more than 2500 operating hours: Replace the cylinder.

CAUTION: ALWAYS DISCONNECT THE MAIN POWER BEFORE DOING MAINTENANCE!

CAUTION: always disconnect the main power before touching the cylinder in the event of leaks, as current may flow through the water.

### 7.2 Cylinder maintenance

The life of the cylinder depends on a number of factors, including: the amount and type of mineral in the water, the correct use and sizing of the humidifier, and the output, as well as careful and regular maintenance. Another factor affecting cylinder life is Maximum Production, the higher the production rate the shorter the cylinder life; for this reason the DS-25 and RS-25 are preset from the factory at 70%. Further reductions in maximum production will extend cylinder life. See figure 7.a IMPORTANT WARNINGS

The humidifier and its cylinder contain live electrical components and hot surfaces, and therefore all service and/or maintenance operations must be performed by expert and qualified personnel, who are aware of the necessary precautions. Before performing any operations on the cylinder, check that the humidifier is disconnected from the power supply. Remove the cylinder from the humidifier only after having drained it completely using the manual "drain" button or procedure. Check that the model and the power supply voltage of the new cylinder correspond to the data on the rating label.

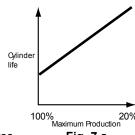


Fig. 7.a

7.2.1 Replacing the cylinder

IMPORTANT WARNING: the cylinder may be hot. Allow it to cool before touching it or use protective gloves.

To replace the cylinder:

1. Completely drain the cylinder by pressing and holding the "drain" button until the cylinder is empty;

2. Turn the humidifier off and disconnect the main power;

- 3. Remove the cover;
- 4. DS Models:
  - o Remove the steam hose from the cylinder;
  - o Flip up the cylinder holding bracket and lift the cylinder out of the unit;
  - o Disconnect the steam hose adapter from the cylinder and lift the cylinder out of the unit.
- 5. RS Models:
  - Undo the 2 bolts of the embedded fan;
  - Flip up the cylinder holding bracket:
- 6. Disconnect the distributor from the cylinder and lift the cylinder out of the unit;
- 7. Disconnect the electrical connections from the top of the cylinder;
- 8. Install the new cylinder in the humidifier by performing the previous operations in reverse

CAUTION: Do not tighten the 7/8" hose clamp so tight that it crushes the cylinder outlet WARNING: Electrical connections to the cylinder must be tight or possible fire hazard may result. Threaded nuts on power wires must be connected with 44 in-lbs  $\pm$  10% (5 Nm  $\pm$  10%).



Fig. 7.b

# 7.2.2 Maintenance of the other plumbing components IMPORTANT WARNINGS:

- External power must always be disconnected when performing any maintenance on the humidifier.
- When cleaning the plastic components do not use detergents or solvents;
- Scale can be removed using a solution by using vinegar or a weak solution of acetic acid and a soft brush; then rinse the
  cylinder thoroughly with fresh water.

### Cleaning the fill valve:

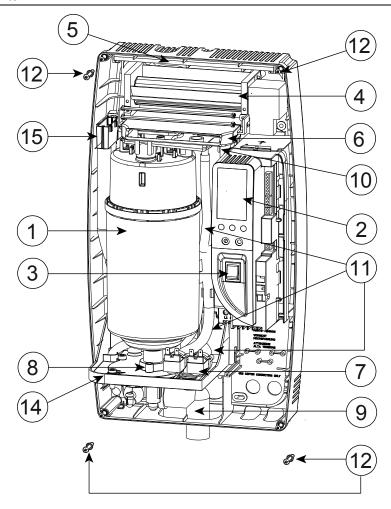
After having disconnected the cables and the hoses, remove the valve and check the condition of the inlet filter; clean if necessary using the same cleaning solution as for the steam cylinder and a soft brush.

### Cleaning the drain pump:

Remove the valve body, clean if necessary using the same cleaning solution as for the steam cylinder and a soft brush. Cleaning the drain pan:

Clean the pan of any mineral deposits and check that the water flows freely from the pan to the drain at the drain pump. Cleaning the supply, fill, overflow pipes: Check that these are clear and clean or replace if necessary.

IMPORTANT WARNING: after having replaced or checked the plumbing, check that components have been reconnected correctly with the proper seals. Re-start the humidifier and perform a number of cleaning cycles (from 2 to 4, read chap. "Starting with a new cylinder"), then check for any water leaks.



| ltem                                 | Part No.            | Description                                                     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1                                    | See the table below | Steam generator cylinder                                        |
|                                      | 7800                | 25-1 CONTROL MODULE 5.4 kg/h 230V WITH DRAIN PUMP               |
| 2                                    | 7801                | 15-5 CONTROL MODULE 2.5 kg/h 110V WITHN DRAIN PUMP              |
| 3                                    | 7551                | 35-18 ON/OFF SWITCH FOR CH SERIES                               |
| 4                                    | 7534                | 15-2 ROOM BLOWER ASSEMBLY 110/1 FOR CH SERIES                   |
| 4                                    | 7535                | 35-2 ROOM BLOWER ASSEMBLY 230/1 FOR CH SERIES                   |
| 5                                    | 7544                | 35-19 BLOWER FILTER KIT FOR CH SERIES                           |
| 6                                    | 7536                | 35-20 INTERNAL STEAM DISTRIBUTOR MANIFOLD FOR CH SERIES         |
| 7                                    | 7802                | 15-6 FILL SOLENOID VALVE + DRAIN TEMPERING 110 V FOR DRAIN PUMP |
| 7 7803 25-3 FILL SOLENOID VALVE + DI |                     | 25-3 FILL SOLENOID VALVE + DRAIN TEMPERING 230 V FOR DRAIN PUMP |
|                                      | 7804                | 15-7 KIT FOR DRAIN PUMP 110V                                    |
| 8                                    | 7805                | 25-7 KIT FOR DRAIN PUMP 230V                                    |
| 9                                    | 7542                | 35-21 90 DEGREE DRAIN ADAPTER FOR CH SERIES                     |
| 10                                   | 7806                | 25-2 FILL TANK + PLUG FOR DRAIN PUMP                            |
| 44                                   | 7807                | 25-4 ROOM TUBING KIT FOR DRAIN PUMP                             |
| 11                                   | 7808                | 25-5 DUCT TUBING KIT FOR DRAIN PUMP                             |
| 12                                   | 7553                | 35-25 COVER HOLDING SCREWS FOR CH SERIES                        |
| 14                                   | 7809                | 25-6 BOTTOM TANK FOR DRAIN PUMP                                 |
| 15                                   | 7810                | 25-8 DRAIN TANK + PLUG FOR DRAIN PUMP                           |
|                                      | 7811                | 25-50 WIRING KIT FOR UNIT WITH DRAIN PUMP                       |
|                                      | 7815                | 25-12 STEAM CYLINDER HOSE ADAPTER                               |

# 8. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

| Steam flows, VAC, kW                       | 5.5 lbs/hr (2.5 kg/h): 110 VAC 1-phase 50-60 Hz, 1.86 kW 12 lbs/hr (5.4 kg/h): 230 VAC 1-phase 50-60 Hz, 4.05 kW                                                                                                       | Notes                                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Steam pressure                             | 3.81 in WC / 950 Pa                                                                                                                                                                                                    | For duct only                                                                |
| Dimensions (mm )                           | 24" x 14" x 8" (600 x 341 x 204 mm)                                                                                                                                                                                    | (Height x Width x Depth)                                                     |
| Weight empty/packaged/installed with water | 18/22/26 lbs. (8/10/12 kg)                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                              |
| IP class                                   | IP20                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                              |
| Electrode power cables                     | 12 AWG                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                              |
| Power relays                               | 2 x 30 Amp                                                                                                                                                                                                             | on board                                                                     |
| Ground connection                          | Screw                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                              |
| Input water type                           | Potable water                                                                                                                                                                                                          | no demin. or softened water                                                  |
| Conductivity range                         | 125-1250 μS/cm                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Special cylinders for cond. < 350                                            |
| Water fill connection                      | 1/4" O.D. Compression                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Adapter to ¾" FPS                                                            |
| Water fill - instant flow                  | 0.09 – 0.16 gpm<br>(0.35 – 0.60 l/min)                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                              |
| Drain connection                           | 32 mm O.D. (1.25")                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Adjustable from horizontal to vertical.  May be from back or bottom of unit. |
| Drain water temp                           | < 140°F<br>(< 60°C)                                                                                                                                                                                                    | drain tempering device                                                       |
| Drain flow                                 | Initial Max drain rate - 7 gpm (26.2 l/min) (w/ full cylinder – for the first 10-15 seconds of drain cycle)  Average drain rate - 3.1 gpm (11.7 l/min) (measured over a one minute period starting with full cylinder) |                                                                              |
| Embedded fan flow                          | 71 cfm<br>(120 m³/hr)                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Direct Room Discharge Only                                                   |
| Serial communication                       | RS485                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                              |

### 9. LIMITED WARRANTY

DS and RS Residential Humidifiers, if properly registered by the return of the page 25 warranty registration to General Filters, Inc., are warranted to the consumer against defects in materials and workmanship for a period of two years from the date of installation, so long as the product has been installed and operated in accordance with all appropriate manuals and wiring diagrams in a residential structure.

Installation in commercial, industrial or office building will void all warranties. Installation to a water source that does not meet unit specification will void all warranties. Replacement of routinely replaceable parts such as steam cylinders and gaskets, are not covered by this limited warranty or any other warranties.

Any other defective parts will be repaired without charge except for removal, reinstallation and transportation costs. To obtain repair service under this limited warranty, the consumer must send the defective part to General Filters, Inc.

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Any questions pertaining to this limited warranty should be addressed to General Filters, Inc. General Filters, Inc. has elected not to make available the informal dispute settlement mechanism which is specified in the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act.

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