



# INSTALLATION OPERATION MANUAL

## COILS

*Standard Steam and Steam Distribution*

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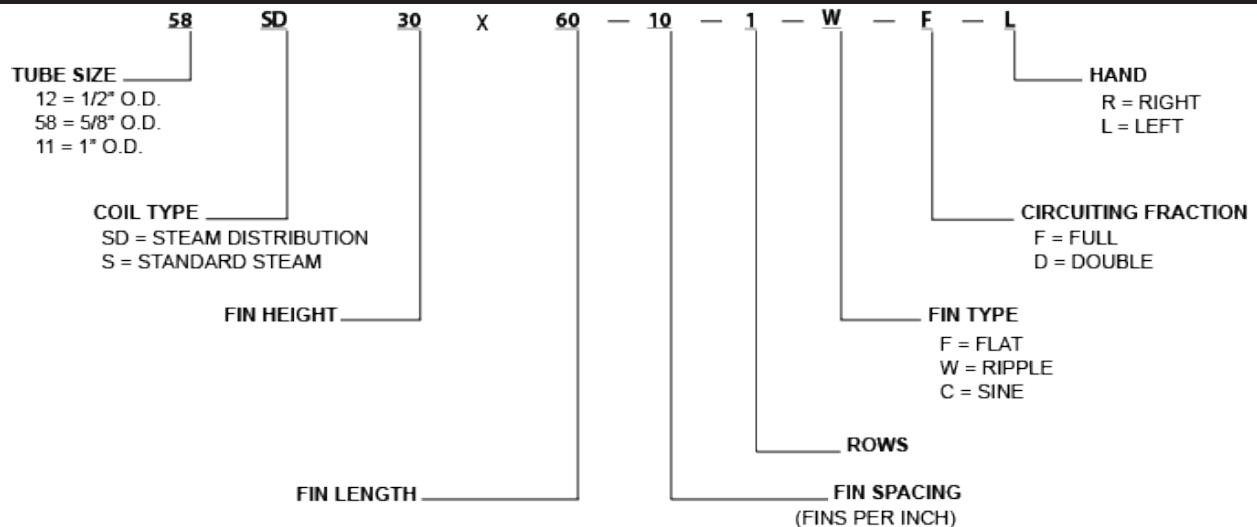
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## CAUTION

*The instructions included in this IOM are provided as guidance to the installer and service provider. All personnel working with the equipment should be qualified to do so and should perform work in accordance with all standard practices. Safety precautions should also be taken. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of gloves, steel toe boots, hard hats, and safety glasses.*

# 2.0 NOMENCLATURE



## 3.0 RECEIVING

### 3.1 INITIAL INSPECTION

Immediately upon receipt, the following should be checked:

- Bill of Lading / Original Purchase Order
- Crate
- Coil

The accuracy of the bill of lading must be checked against the physical shipment. Any loose parts are specified on the bill as separate line items. Any inaccuracies must be documented immediately on the carrier's freight bill and signed by the driver. In addition, the original purchase order and bill of lading should be equivalent. If any difference is perceived, the factory sales representative should be contacted immediately. The above nomenclature breakdown can be used to clarify any discrepancies between the physical product, the bill of lading, and the original purchase order with regards to the coils geometry.

Crates are designed to protect their contents under reasonable shipping conditions. All coils are shipped in vertical configuration and fully enclosed. Upon arrival, packaging should be inspected for broken boards. Broken boards can be an indicator of potential product damage and should be documented.

The appearance of the coil should be visually inspected upon receipt. Even though the packaging is robust, the crating is constructed with wood planks that are gapped. This slating does allow for the potential of foreign objects to contact coil surfaces (i.e. chain falls, ratcheting straps, road debris, etc.).

### 3.2 HANDLING

Always wear gloves when handling coils. The fins and sheet metal edges are very sharp and can seriously injure unprotected hands. All coils should be handled by the casing. Do not attempt to move, support, or lift the coil by the connection headers, tubes, fin face or other non-casing components of the coil.

### 3.3 UNPACKING/CLEANING

If the coil is to be stored, it should be stored in its original packaging. Once the coil is needed, it should be transported as close as possible to the point of use before unpacking.

It is recommended to disassemble the top and sides of the crating before removing its contents. Care should be taken not to damage the coil fin surfaces. If minor localized trauma does occur, then fin combs can be purchased from a HVAC supply house to re-orient the fins. If damage is localized, but extends to the refrigeration circuits, the integrity of the copper tubes must be checked. If damage to the fin surface is extensive, the coil's performance will suffer and should be corrected or replaced.

It is standard practice to insert cardboard between the outer, finned surface of the coil grouping and the inside crate surface. This helps keep the surfaces clean by reducing the threat for air and foreign debris to become embedded in the fins. However, since coil performance is dependant on air flow across the coil fins, it is recommended that all coils are cleaned before installation with a commercially available coil cleaner.

### 3.4 LIFTING/RIGGING

Rigging and lifting methods may include slings or other suitable devices. All slings, devices, and apparatus should be of a rating suitable for the loads they will be subjected to during the lift. Additionally, the lifting means must ensure that no deformation of the coil casing occurs.

Spreader bars must be used to hold cables or sling straps vertical and away from the coil to prevent damage to coil components.

If the coil is an unbalanced load, use all lifting points and adjust cables/slings and cable/sling lengths for proper balance.

Recommendation: Lifting and rigging attachments are used on a crane or hoist between the hook and the item to be lifted. Lifting and rigging attachments must be properly configured for the weight of the load, the type of crane or hoist and the type of chain, rope, or hook being used to lift the load. A load leveler, or end fitting, is commonly used as a sling attachment to stabilize the load. A hoist attachment that works between the hook and the load includes a coil lifter, tongs, spreader beams and pallet lifters. Maximum load capacity, maximum lifting volume, applications, and uses are important specifications to consider.

RAE assumes no responsibility for lifting apparatus, devices, and methods used by others for rigging and lifting. Do not lift the coil from the headers.

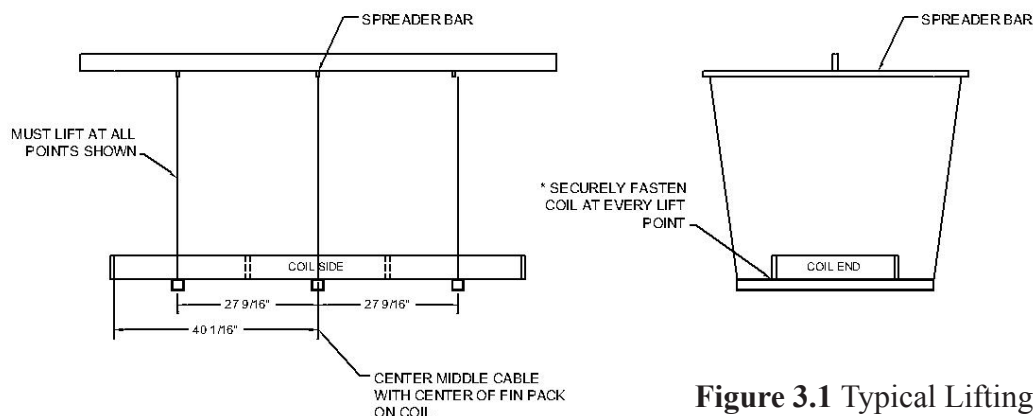


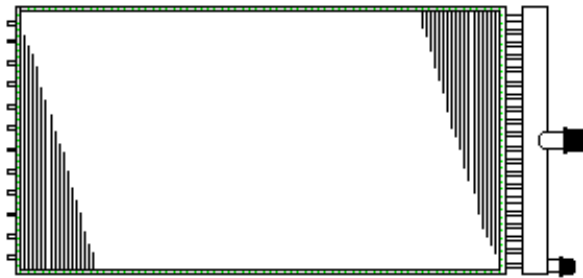
Figure 3.1 Typical Lifting Apparatus

## 4.0 INSTALLATION

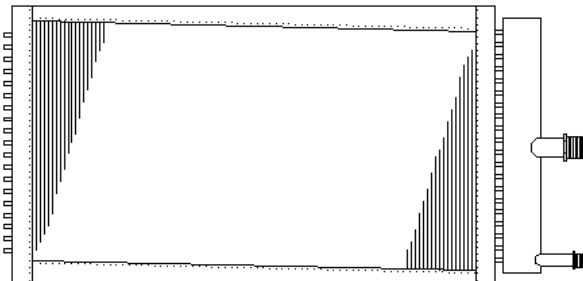
### 4.1 MOUNTING

Steam coils must be properly mounted to aid in the removal of condensate. Failure to do this can cause property damage and personal injury. Improper installation can cause water hammer, bursting of the coil, freezing of the condensate, reduced capacity, and can cause corrosive substances to collect in the tubes.

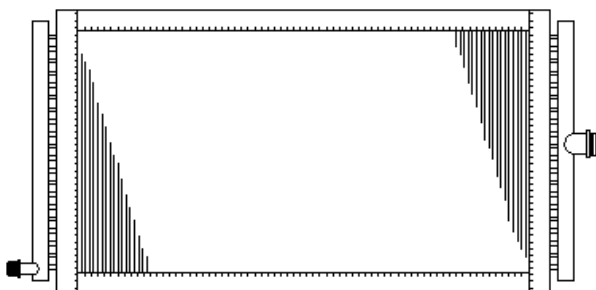
Steam coils may arrive with a pitched casing or an unpitched casing depending on the type of steam coil and the customer's preference. Descriptions and illustrations are given below for the most common coil types. If pitching the coil in the field is required, it should be toward the coils condensate connection not less than 1/8" per foot. If the specific coil arrangement is not listed below contact your local sales representative for assistance.



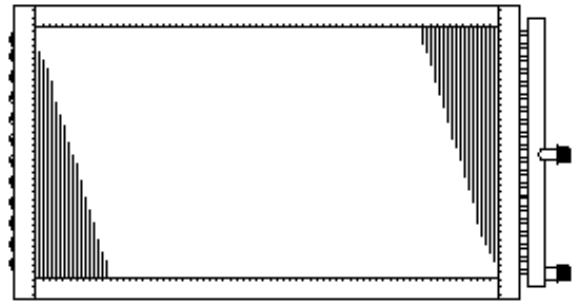
**Figure 4.1**  
Steam Distribution Coil  
No Pitch in Casing  
Same End Connection  
Pitch Coil Tubes at Install



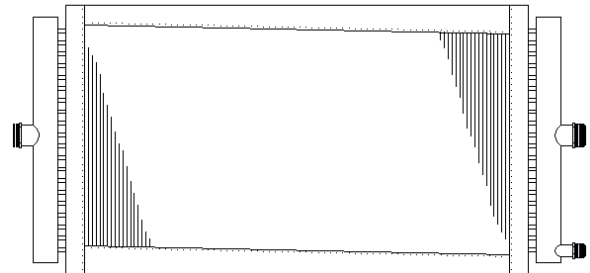
**Figure 4.2**  
Steam Distribution Coil  
Pitch in Casing  
Same End Connection  
Install Casing Level (Pitched Tubes)



**Figure 4.3**  
Standard Steam  
No Pitch in Casing  
No Return Bends (One Pass)  
Opposite End Connection  
Pitch Coil / Tubes at Install



**Figure 4.4**  
Standard Steam  
No Pitch in Casing  
Return Bends (Two + Pass)  
Install Casing / Tubes Level



**Figure 4.5**  
Steam Distribution Coil  
Pitch in Casing  
Dual Supply Connections  
Install Casing Level (Pitched Tubes)

#### NOTES:

- All coils are factory tested, inspected and crated in such a way to help ensure you have received a quality product.
- However, damage can occur after they have left the factory. Therefore, all coils should be inspected for shipping damage immediately upon receipt. Freight bills should also be checked against items received to ensure complete delivery.
- Damaged and/or missing items should be noted on the carrier's freight bill and signed by the driver.
- Carefully remove the coil from the shipping package to avoid damage to the finned surface area. Damaged fins can be straightened using an appropriately sized fin comb.
- It is recommended that the coil be cleaned with a commercially available coil cleaner prior to installation.
- Check the coil hand designation to ensure that it matches the system.
- Standard coils must be mounted level to ensure they may be drained.
- Proper clearance should be maintained between the coil and other structures such as the fan filter racks, transition areas, etc.
- After installation, the coil should be charged with nitrogen, or other suitable gas, to 15 psig for at least 10 minutes for leaks.



- If the coil itself is found to be leaking, contact your sales representative. Unauthorized repair to the coil will void the warranty.
- All field brazing and welding should be performed using high quality materials and on inert gas purge, such as nitrogen, to reduce oxidation of the internal surface of the coil.
- All piping must be fully supported at sites other than the coil and flexible enough to allow for thermal expansion and contraction. Do not support piping from coil or headers.
- Vent each coil at its highest location to ensure the exit of gases and to promote proper drainage.
- Piping should be no smaller than the inlet and outlet connections.
- For threaded pipe connections, use only good quality fittings with tapered threads. Use of liquid Teflon type pipe joint compound is recommended. Threaded piping hook-ups should always be made using two wrenches.
- Manual service valves should be installed to isolate the coil for servicing.

### ***IMPORTANT! Replacement Coil Installation Notes!***

Replacement Standard Steam and Steam Distribution coils require the connecting piping to be thoroughly cleaned and flushed before the coil is put into operation. Failure to do so can lead to extensive damage to the coil which can affect warrantability in the case of failure. If at all possible the piping should be cleaned and flushed before the replacement coil is installed to prevent contaminants from entering the coil.

Factors that cause steam coil failure in existing coils as well as damage to replacement coils include:

- Scale, rust, and other contaminants can build within the piping to your steam coil causing mechanical damage, erosion of tube surfaces, loss of heat transfer, and malfunctioning traps and vents. These contaminants can be knocked loose during removal and installation of coils and subsequently enter your new coil under pressure causing mechanical damage.
- The steam quality of your system can degrade over time allowing oxygen, “wet” steam, and other contaminants into your coils causing corrosion, washout, and hammering.
- Older steam systems may have malfunctioning, or not be equipped with, drains, traps, vents, and vacuum breakers. These issues can cause hammering, corrosion, erosion, and other functional problems.
- Velocity and pressure may have been changed over the life of an existing coil in order to compensate for the effects of age and use on existing coils. If these are not checked and reset for a new coil they can cause a variety of issues including hammer and erosion as well as affecting the heat rejection characteristics of your coil.

Cleaning the piping going to your replacement coil, checking that the steam system is up to date and functional, and checking the quality of your steam are all fundamental steps necessary to provide you with worry free operation.

## **4.2 CLEARANCE**

Proper clearance should be maintained between the coil and other structures, such as the fan filter racks, transition areas, etc. These clearances are typically application specific and should be based on experience. Proper clearances should result in airflow distribution tolerances listed in this IOM.

## **4.3 TESTING**

After installation, the coil should be charged with nitrogen, or other suitable gas, to 15 psig for at least 10 minutes to check for leaks.

If the coil itself is found to be leaking, contact your local sales representative for warranty authorization. Unauthorized repair to the coil will void the warranty.

# **5.0 PIPING**

## **5.1 GENERAL NOTES**

All field brazing and welding should be performed using high quality materials and an inert gas purge, such as nitrogen, to reduce oxidation of the internal surface of the coil.

All piping must be fully supported at locations other than the coil. The piping should be flexible enough to provide no forces on the coils due to thermal expansion. Do not support piping from coil or headers.

Vent each coil at its highest location to ensure the exit of gases and to promote proper drainage.

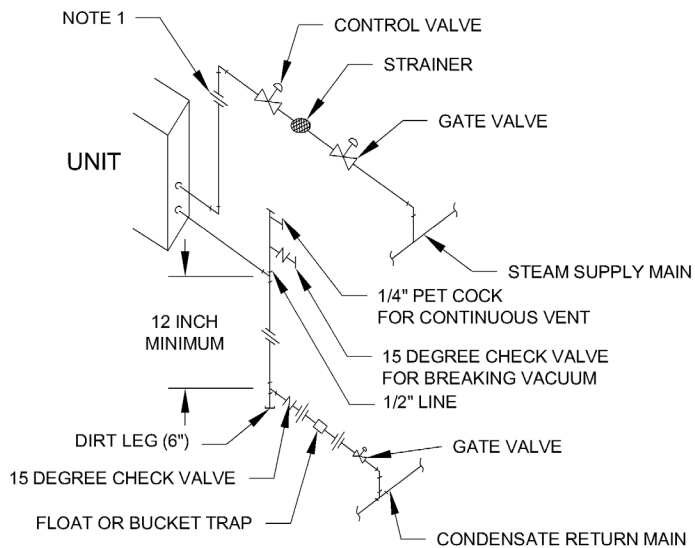
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Manual service valves should be installed to isolate the coil for servicing.

## 5.2 PIPING SCHEMATIC



- The flange or union is located to facilitate coil removal
- Flash trap may be used if pressure differential between steam and condensate return exceeds 5 psi.
- Dirt leg may be replaced with a strainer. If so, tee in drop can be replaced by a reducing elbow.
- The petcock is not necessary with a bucket trap or any trap which has provision for passing air. The great majority of high or medium pressure returns end in hot wells or deaerators which vent air.
- All coils in a system should be piped separately. It is not recommended to put multiple coils on a common trap.
- Vacuum breakers and air vents should be piped to a drain or other suitable location where discharged steam cannot lead to personal injury.

## 6.0 OPERATIONS

Proper air distribution is vital to coil performance. Air velocity anywhere on the coil should not vary by more than 15% from the average velocity.

- Air velocities should be maintained between 200 and 1500 feet per minute.

Operating pressures must be at or below the maximum operating pressure for the coil at steam temperature. Pressure and temperature limitations can be determined through RAE's Pressure and Temperature program. Contact your local sales representative for assistance.

## 7.0 MAINTENANCE

Scheduled plant maintenance should include the draining and flushing of the condensate drip legs and sediment traps as well as inspection of condensate traps, vacuum breakers, air vents, and valves. Boiler water analysis should also be performed on a regular basis.

To continually deliver full heating capacity, both the external and internal heat transfer surfaces must be maintained as clean and corrosion free as possible. The finned surface can be maintained by the use and constant inspection of pre-filters. The filters should be replaced as needed.

Should the finned surface become fouled, the coil can be cleaned using commercially available coil cleaning fluids. Caution should be exercised in selecting the cleaning solution as well as the cleaning equipment. Improper selection can result in damage to the coil and health hazards. Be sure to carefully read and follow the cleaner manufacturer's recommendations before using any cleaning fluid. Clean the coil from the leaving airside so that foreign material will be washed out of the coil rather than pushed further in.

Internal coil maintenance consists primarily of preventing scale and corrosion. This is accomplished through aggressive boiler water treatment, removal of dissolved oxygen, and the removal or non-condensable gasses such as carbon dioxide.

## 8.0 STORAGE

If coils are to be stored, they should be drained of any fluid and compressed air or an inert gas should be blown throughout the headers to assist in drying the coil.

If coils are to be stored, it is preferred that they are stored indoors in a clean, dry location that is level and sturdy. If they are stored outdoors, the coil should be stored off the ground and wrapped fully with a tarp or plastic.

It is recommended that the fin surface be protected by some means to prevent accidental damage.



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It is agreed that in the event of breach of any of the express warranties described herein, the liability of RAE Corporation shall be limited to repairing or replacing the non-conforming goods, or, in RAE Corporation's sole discretion, repayment to the Purchaser of the purchase price paid upon return to RAE of the non-conforming goods. RAE Corporation will repair or replace, free of cost to Purchaser-User, F.O.B. factory, any part or parts that in RAE Corporation's judgment is defective. Upon RAE Corporation authorization, the said part or parts should be returned to RAE Corporation, transportation prepaid, for inspection and judgment. RAE Corporation assumes no responsibility for the expense of labor, materials, or incidental costs necessary to remove a defective part or install repaired or new parts.

The Express Limited Warranty is subject to the terms and conditions described herein.

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### 3. Specific Limitations to Warranty

#### *Parts Only*

This warranty is limited to repair or replacement of defective parts only and does not include labor. RAE Corp., at its sole discretion, may preauthorize the inclusion of labor expense. No claim for labor charges will be allowed without a written preauthorization from RAE Corp.'s service department. Prior written approval from RAE Corp. is required, in the event RAE Corp. has authorized the customer to purchase replacement parts for any warranted parts; and, such replacement parts must be obtained directly from a manufacturer's representative or RAE Corp. Claims for replacement parts obtained locally will be disallowed unless accompanied by a RAE Corp. purchase order for such replacement parts.

Orders for warranty replacement parts will be shipped ground transportation prepaid using the most appropriate transportation method.

Any premium transportation service will be at the cost of the requestor.

***Export Equipment***

Equipment exported outside the United States will be covered under the same parts only warranty as non exported equipment; provided that, all warranty transactions must take place within the territorial United States. Parts covered under warranty must be paid for in advance of any parts shipment. The customer will be reimbursed upon return of the warranty part and after the part has been inspected and determined defective. All exporting paperwork and shipping costs, including crating, will be the responsibility of the party ordering the part.

***Initial Inspection***

RAE Corp. will not be responsible for shipping damage, or for parts lost in transit, or for any claims of concealed damage. It is the responsibility of the receiving party to thoroughly inspect the equipment upon delivery for damage, or dry nitrogen pressure loss in transit, and to verify that any loose parts have been included in the shipment. The bill of lading will indicate if parts are shipped loose in the unit. If shipping damage has occurred, or loose parts are missing, the receiving party must resolve the issue through the claim process with the company responsible for transporting the equipment.

**4. Notice to RAE Corporation**

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