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1.0 **GENERAL**

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- 1.2 Receiving Instructions
- 1.3 Safety
- Water Treatment 1.4
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- 1.7 Components



1.1 INTRODUCTION

- **A.** This manual covers cooling tower cells from 45 to 270 tons in the Power Tower G3 Series of fiberglass cooling towers. Consult the factory if you have questions about the operating temperature range of your cooling tower.
- B. The intent of this manual is to serve as a guide in the installation, operation and maintenance of your cooling tower. Improper installation can lead to equipment damage and poor performance. Failure to follow the installation, operation and maintenance instructions may result in damage to the unit that is not covered under the limited warranty. This manual is for standard products. The information contained in this manual is intended to be general in nature. The information is typical only and may not represent the actual unit purchased.
- C. When calling for assistance from the Manufacturer's Service Department, it is important to know the model and serial number of the particular unit. The model number includes critical unit information which is helpful when troubleshooting operating difficulties. The serial number allows the service team to locate manufacturing and testing records which can have additional information relating to a particular unit.

1.2 RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS

- A. Some cooling towers are shipped horizontal, skid mounted and wrapped in plastic prior to shipment. Other cooling towers are shipped upright and attached to the supporting base frame. Check the overall condition of the equipment prior to accepting delivery.
- **B.** Inlet louvers and other miscellaneous parts are shipped in a separate box.
- **C.** Check for visible damage and document any evident damage on the delivery receipt. Shipping damage is the responsibility of the carrier.
- **D.** In order to expedite payment for damages, should they occur, follow proper procedures and keep detailed records. Take photographs of any suspected damage.

1.3 SAFETY

- **A.** It is important to become thoroughly familiar with this manual and the operating characteristics of the unit.
- **B.** It is the owner's responsibility to assure proper operator training, installation, operation, and maintenance of the unit.
- C. Observe all warning and safety placards applied to the chiller. Failure to observe all warnings can result in serious injury or death to the operator and severe mechanical damage to the unit.
- **D.** Observe all safety precautions during installation, startup and service of this equipment due to the presence of high voltage and a rotating fan. Only qualified personnel should install, startup and service this equipment.
- **E.** When working on this equipment, observe precautions in literature and on tags, stickers and labels located on the equipment. Wear work gloves and safety glasses. Follow all required lockout tagout procedures before starting work.



1.4 WATER TREATMENT

- **A.** The use of untreated or improperly treated water in a cooling tower may result in scaling, erosion, corrosion, algae, slime and the potential for Legionella.
- **B.** It is recommended that the services of a qualified water treatment specialist be engaged to determine what water treatment is required.
- **C.** Advantage assumes no responsibility for equipment failures which result from untreated or improperly treated water. See Section 2.3 for additional information.
- **D.** The water used in the cooling tower must be filtered.



WARNING: Improper water treatment will void unit warranty.

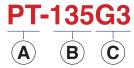


WARNING: This equipment contains hazardous voltages that can cause severe injury or death. Disconnect and lock out incoming power before installing or servicing the equipment.

1.6 MODEL DESIGNATION

- **A.** The Serial Number identifies the exact configuration of your unit and should be available when contacting the Factory for service or information.
- **B.** There may be additional numbers and letters at the end of the model number to indicate additional configuration options on the machine.

Model Designator for Power Tower[®] Cooling Towers



- **A** Cooling Tower
- (B) **Tons of Capacity** 3 gallons per minute per ton from 95°F to 85°F at a 78°F entering wet bulb temperature
- © Factory Identifier



1.7 WARNING LABELS

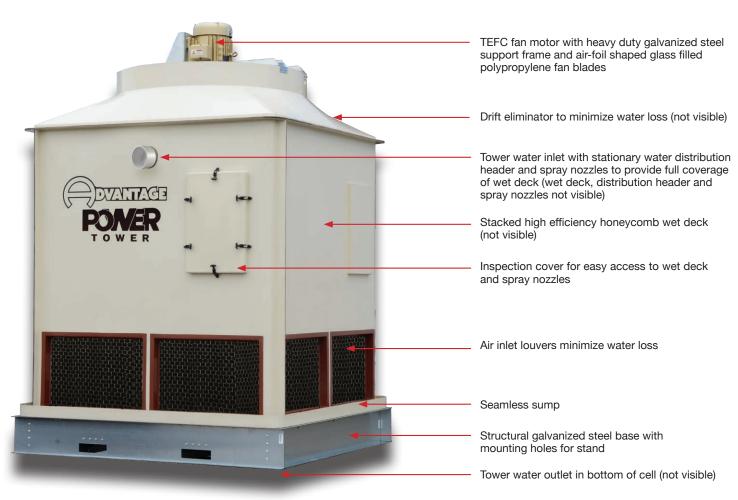
- 1. Alerts users to the danger of high voltage.
- **2.** Alerts user to the danger of the rotating fans.





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1.8 COMPONENTS



TC-135F 135 ton cooling tower shown







2.0 INSTALLATION AND OPERATION

- **2.1** Outdoor Location and Installation
- 2.2 Starting The System
- 2.3 Water Treatment
- 2.4 Year Round Operation in a Freeze Climate



2.1 OUTDOOR LOCATION AND INSTALLATION

- **A.** The Power Tower Cooling Tower is designed to be installed outside. Considerations when locating and installing a cooling tower:
 - 1. AIR: Atmospheric conditions that include an unusual amount of industrial smoke, chemical fumes, salt and dust that may be introduced to the tower can create a corrosive solution and conditions that foul the tower wet deck and process heat transfer surfaces.

WATER: Impurities in the water can be alkaline or acidic and can result in scaling or fouling of the wet deck surface and plant heat transfer surfaces reducing the tower's effectiveness.

- 2. A cooling tower should be located away from windows or vents through which air or water noise could be transmitted. Consider nearby neighbors that might be exposed to the tower noise especially when windows are open.
- 3. The tower should be located so that a minimum clearance of 3' is available on all sides and nothing above the tower. The tower should not be installed in a pit.
- **B.** A water treatment system must be part of any cooling tower system installation. The services of a professional qualified water treatment company is required. Water quality control is critical for tower operation. Water quality control consists of controlling scaling, corrosion, biological and bacterial growth. Failure to control the quality of the water can result in premature unit failure, fouling of plant wide heat transfer surfaces, bacterial and biological growth that can cause sickness and death. See Section 2.3 for more information.



WARNING: A water treatment system must be part of any cooling tower system installation. The services of a professional qualified water treatment company is required to prevent scale, corrosion, bacterial and biological growth.

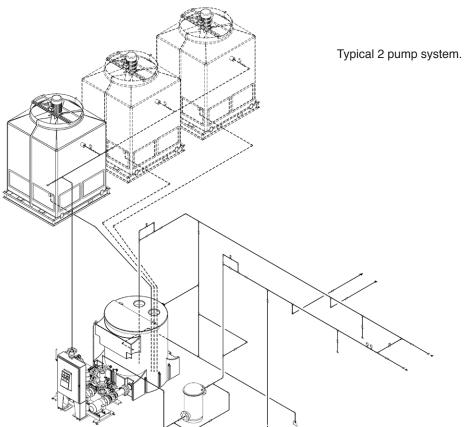
- C. The tower should be carefully leveled and anchored on steel or wooden beams, concrete pad or a firm surface capable of bearing the load. Space for maintenance should be left of all sides.
- **D.** The fan and direct drive motor assembly is shipped mounted to the cooling tower.
- **E.** Some models require removing the unit from the skid and rigging final assembly. See instructions shown elsewhere in this manual.
- F. Inlet louvers are boxed and shipped separate from the tower cell. The louvers are cut to fit the inlet openings. Simply set the louver into the opening and press to set into place. Inlet louvers should fit tight and snug. Note: be certain the louvers are oriented so the inside angle is pointing down.
- G. Tower Piping Connection
 - 1. The "tower water inlet or tower supply" connection is schedule 40 PVC pipe and can be connected using the proper size coupling. Installation of a balancing valve & valved pressure gauge is recommended.



- 2. The "tower water outlet or from tower or tower drain" connection is located at the bottom of the cooling tower and is a flexible boot type for easy connection.
- 3. All connecting piping must be externally supported or the tower may be damaged. Do not use the tower connection to support the weight of the piping.

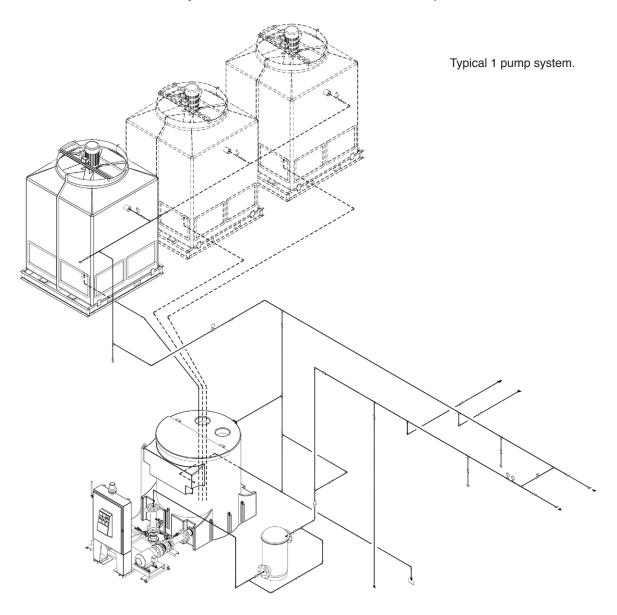
2.2 STARTING THE SYSTEM

- A. The cooling tower cell is generally part of a larger system that requires start-up by a technician with knowledge about the entire system. Other system components that generally accompany the cooling tower cell include an indoor reservoir, process and cooling tower pumps, a water filtering system, a control system and a water treatment system.
- B. Establish proper flow to the cooling tower. The approximate pressure drop required at the tower inlet is 8 PSI to provide full spray coverage over the tower cell wet deck. When a bottom outlet tower is used with an indoor reservoir proper flow will show when there is about 1-2" of water in the base of the tower and continuous flow. If the basin of the tower fills beyond this the flow rate is too high and needs to be adjusted.
 - 1. A system using a dedicated process pump and independent tower water recirculating pump is the preferred system. This system is often referred to as a 2-pump system. In this system the process pump delivers the cooled water to the process while a second pump delivers the returned warm water to the cooling tower. The process and tower flow are independent of each other. This allows the tower pump to be set at the correct flow rate for the tower which does not change while the process flow can vary.





2. A 1-pump system has a single pump that delivers the cooled water to process and directly back to the cooling tower for cooling. The flow to the tower can vary in this system which decreases the overall tower performance.





WARNING: Do not connect the unit to a voltage supply not equal to the unit's voltage requirements as specified on the unit's data plate. Use of incorrect voltage will void the unit's warranty and cause a significant hazard that may result in serious personal injury and unit damage.

C. Once the proper flow is established the tower fan can be engaged to promote cooling. Very little cooling is accomplished when the fan is off.



- The fan is typically controlled by a thermostat or other means of temperature control that monitors the process water temperature and turns the fan on and off to maintain a desired setpoint temperature or varies the speed of the fan to do the same thing.
- 2. With the fan running confirm that the tower fan is turning the correct direction. The fan is turning in the correct direction when air is drawn through the tower inlet louvers and out the top. An easy test is to hold a piece of paper near the louver inlet. If the paper is drawn to the louver the fan is turning in the correct direction. If the fan is not turning in the correct direction, stop the fan, disconnect power following all lock-out, tag-out procedures, switch any two power leads at the power disconnect. Re-apply power and check rotation again as described above.
- 3. Following all safety procedures, check the amp draw on all three legs of the fan motor when it is running and compare the reading to the motor rating. The amps read should be at or below the fan motor nameplate reading on all legs and the difference between legs should have a variance of 10% or less.
- **D.** Once operating your cooling tower should provide trouble free performance. The motor must be lubricated every 6 months and proper water quality must be maintained. Periodically check the water flow rate.

2.3 WATER TREATMENT

- A. A water treatment system must be part of any cooling tower system installation. The services of a professional qualified water treatment company is required. A water treatment system typically consists of a plan to control scaling, corrosion and biological growth. Failure to control the quality of the water can result in premature unit failure, fouling of plant wide heat transfer surfaces and biological growth that can cause sickness and even death.
- B. Keeping the water in a cooling tower system clean has benefit by reducing scale and fouling and ensuring that the cooling process is operating efficiently. Fouling can lead to a loss of plant performance.
- **C.** Advantage assumes no responsibility for equipment failures or other results from untreated or improperly treated water.
- D. Legionella. Cooling towers must be treated for and protected from Legionella. Follow all local codes and/or ASHRAE Standard 188P and/or CTI Guidelines WTB-14B, and/or OSHA Guidelines Section III Chapter 7 and/or the recommendation of your professional water treatment expert to prevent Legionella in your tower. Failure to prevent Legionella may result in sickness or death.



2.4 YEAR-ROUND OPERATION IN A FREEZE CLIMATE

- **A.** The Power Tower is designed to provide year-round service for industrial cooling.
 - 1. In a freezing climate, the cooling tower must be elevated and the water must gravity drain to a reservoir located in a non-freeze location. It is highly recommended that a 2-pump style system be used so that both the tower fan and pump circulating water to the tower can be controlled to minimize the chance of freezing. Piping from the tower outlet to the indoor reservoir should be sloped at an angle of about 10% to promote free flow draining. The distance between the outdoor cooling tower and indoor reservoir should be kept to a minimum and the reservoir must be selected to hold the entire amount of water contained in the tower and piping to and from the tower when off.



3.0 TECHNICAL INFORMATION

- **3.1** Assembly & Rigging Instructions
- 3.2 Inlet Louver Retaining System
- 3.3 Typical Tower Cell Support Stand
- **3.4** Tower Stand Mounting Options
- 3.5 Typical 1 Pump Tower System Configuration
- 3.6 Typical 2 Pump Tower System Configuration
- **3.7** Typical Vacuum Breaker
- 3.8 Expandable Tower Cell Installation
- 3.9 Recommended Operation and Maintenance Schedule



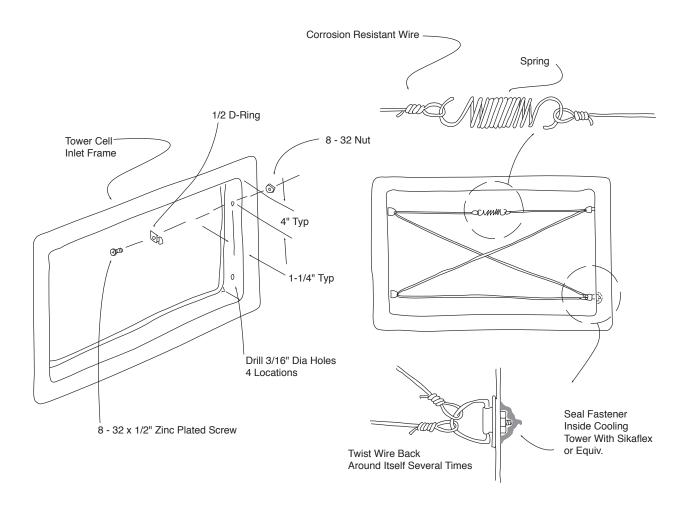
3.1 RIGGING AND ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Contact factory for details.



3.2 INLET LOUVER RETAINING SYSTEM

- A. Cooling tower cells should not be operated without all of the air intake louvers properly installed. The air inlet louvers serve several important purposes including keeping airborne debris from entering the tower and minimizing water loss caused by high winds.
- **B.** The louvers in the cooling tower are friction fit into position. They can be removed without tools for inspection of the tower sump.
- C. If your tower is or will be located in an extremely windy location or if you want your louvers to be less easily removed, the factory recommends the use of a simple physical louver retaining system as described below. This retaining system can be factory or field installed.
- **D.** All parts described below are available at any local home improvement store.





3.3 TYPICAL TOWER CELL SUPPORT STAND

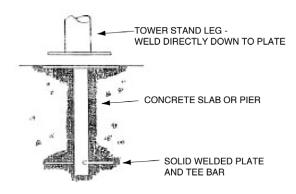
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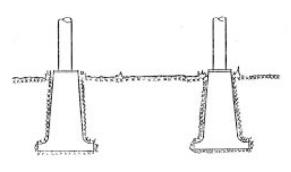
3.4 TOWER STAND MOUNTING OPTIONS

- **A.** The tower stand must be adequately secured. Several general options are shown below.
- **B.** Consult a local engineering company for requirements for your stand based on the tower size, weight, stand height, wind loading, seismic conditions, soil conditions and any other conditions unique to your installation.

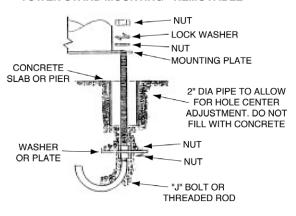
TOWER STAND MOUNTING - PERMANENT



TOWER STAND MOUNTING - PIER MOUNTING



TOWER STAND MOUNTING - REMOVABLE



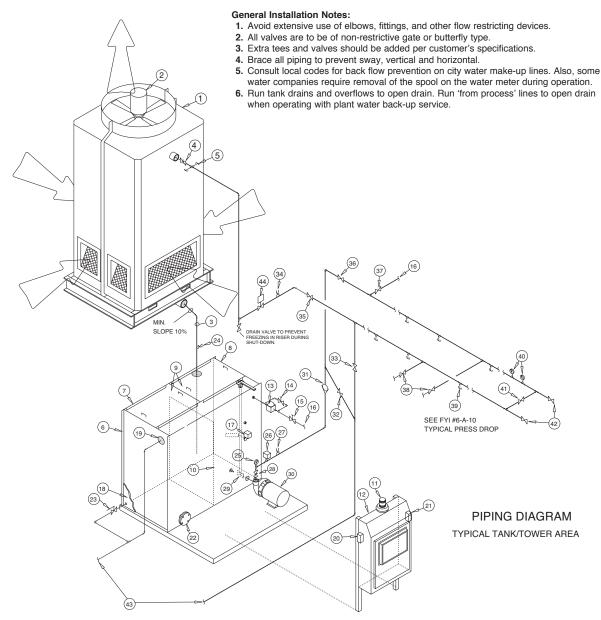
TOWER STAND MOUNTING - SLAB MOUNTING



SEE WEIGHTS OPERATING FOR LOAD REQUIREMENTS. DIMENSIONS VARY WITH CAPACITY AS WELL AS GEOGRAPHIC REGION AND TYPE OF SOIL.



3.5 **TYPICAL 1 PUMP TOWER SYSTEM CONFIGURATION**



1-PUMP TOWER SYSTEM

*Items included with typical ATS ^Options

- tower cell
- tower fan motor
- tower return line to tank 8-10" from bottom
- tower balance valve
- capped tees for future add'l tower cells
- PTS pump tank assembly tank hot side from process * 6
- tank cold side to process
- ۸ 9 tank lid - hinged or lift-off *10 tank haffle
- system temperature and ^11 pressure alarm
- ^12 'SCC' system control console
- automatic water make-up

- ^14 manual fill valve
- 15 tank make-up service valve
- 16 from plant water service
- water level control
- ^ 18 tank insulation recommended for outdoors applications in freeze areas
- * 19 tank overflow port
- * 20 tower fan thermostat
- alarm thermostat extra port for future pump -
- * 22 capped
- * 23 tank drain valve
- * 24 'tower out' temperature probe
- system supply pressure gauge
- ^ 26 alarm pressure switch
- 'to process' temperature

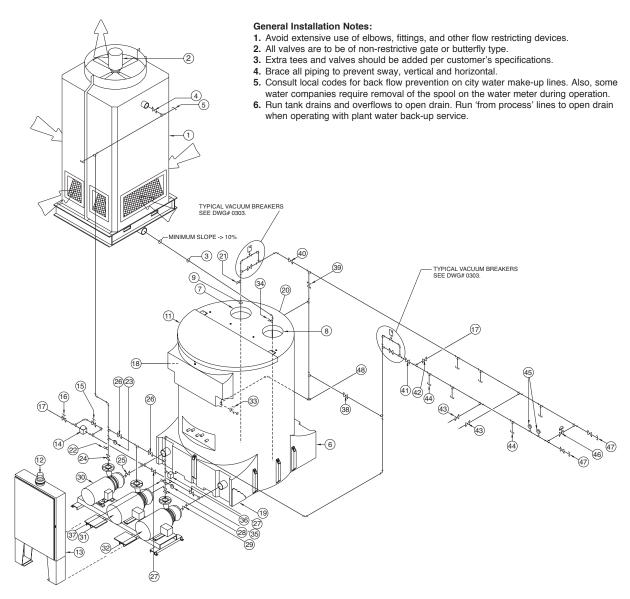
- * 28 process pump discharge
- 29 process pump suction valve
- 30 process pump
- 31 check valve required only if header system is run above tank level to retain water in piping during shut-down
- tower bleed valve set at 2 gpm per ton of tower capacity
- emergency operation drain
- * 34 'from process/tower in' temperature probe 35 main header valve - from
- 36 main header valve - to
- process emergency operation water supply valve

- 38 valves at header branches to provide service flexibility and balance flow
- 39 tees at existing and future machine drops
- 40 temperature and pressure gauges at header end to monitor performance
- system balance valve sized per system capacity. Use CASH ACME K-20, K-5 or equivalent
- 42 valve or cap header ends to allow for future expansion
- 43 to plant open drain 44 motorized ball valve need ed when the header is equal to or above level of tower inlet - close on system shutdown



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3.6 TYPICAL 2 PUMP TOWER SYSTEM CONFIGURATION



TWO PUMP TOWER SYSTEM

- * Items included in typical ATS ^Options
- Tower cell
- 2* Tower fan motor
- 3 Tower return line to tank; 12"-18" from bottom
- Tower balance valve
- Capped tees for future tower cells
- "TTK" pump tank assembly
- Tank hot side from process
- 8 Tank cold side - to process
- From process header; 12"-18" from bottom
- 10* Tank baffle (not shown inside tank)
- 11* Hinged tank lid
- 12^ System pressure &

- temperature alarm
- 13^ System control console
- 14^ Automatic water make-up solenoid
- 15^ Manual fill valve
- Tank make-up service valve
- From plant water service
- 18^ Water level control
- 19[^] Tank insulation recommended for out-door application in freeze areas
- 20* Tank overflow port
- 21* From Process temperature probe
- 22* Tower In temperature probe
- 23* Tower pump discharge pressure gauge 24* Tower pump discharge valve
- 25* Tower pump suction valve
- 26^ Stand-by pump discharge

valves

- 27^ Stand-by pump suction valves
- 28* Process pump discharge valve
- 29* Process pump suction valve
- 30* Tower pump
- 31^ Stand-by pump
- 32* Process pump
- 33* Tank drain valve
- 34* Tower Out temperature probe
- 35* System supply pressure
- 36^ Alarm pressure switch 37* To Process temperature
- probe Tower bleed valve - set at
- 2gpm/ton of tower Emergency operation drain
- valve
- Main header valve from

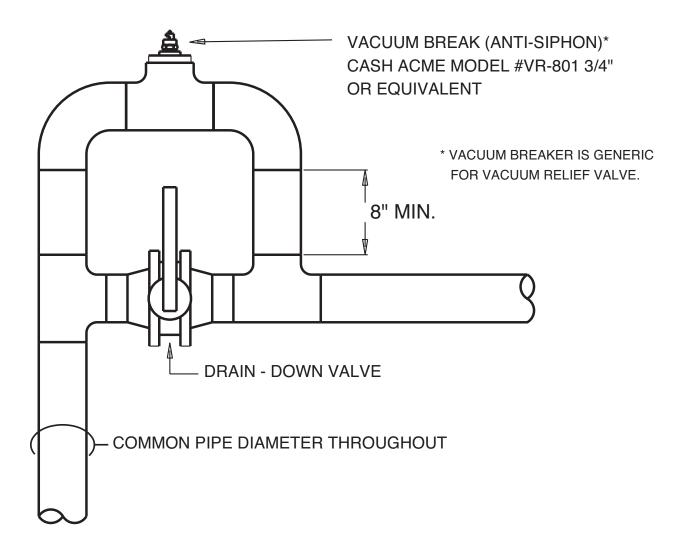
- process
- Main header valve to process
- Emergency operation water supply valve
- Valves at header branches to provide service flexibility and balanced flow
- Tees at existing & future machine drops
- 45 Temperature & pressure gauges at header end to monitor performance
- System balance valve sized per system capacity. Use Cash ACME K-20, K-5 or equiv.
- Cap & valve header ends to allow for future expansion

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To plant open drain



3.7 TYPICAL VACUUM BREAKER / ANTI-SIPHON SYSTEM

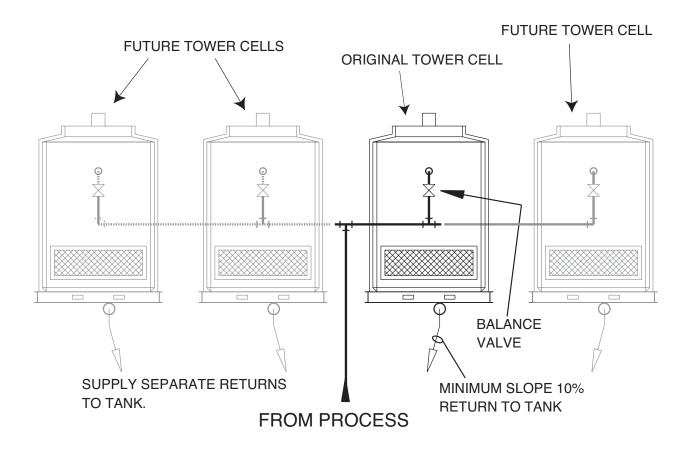


INSTALLATION NOTES:

- 1. The purpose of the vacuum breaker/anti-siphon (also called a drain-back dam), is to retain water in the header system during shut-down, and to eliminate air purge and shock to plumbing during start up.
- 2. It is necessary to duplicate this arrangement on both the supply and return lines. If a check valve is installed in the "to process" line the vacuum breaker system may not be required in the line though check valves may not seal entirely over time allowing piping drain back.
- **3.** The drain-down valve allows header drainage for system maintenance and is closed during normal operation.
- **4.** The vacuum breaker must be located at the highest point in the system, nearest to the tank to be most effective. A nipple length of 8 inches minimum is required to create sufficient vacuum to open the Cash Acme model VR-801.



3.8 MULTIPLE COOLING TOWER CELLS - PLANNING FOR EXPANSION



NOTES:

- 1. Size tower supply piping for total system flow rate including anticipated expansion.
- 2. Install balance valve and pressure gauge at each tower inlet.
- 3. Install capped tees for future tower cells. Balance valves will be required at each tower inlet.
- **4.** When operating with more than one tower cell, adjust balance valve at each tower to divide flow rate.
- 5. Indoor reservoir and pumping system must be capable of supporting anticipated future expansion.



3.9 RECOMMENDED OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

SERVICE	START-UP	MONTHLY	6 MONTHS	SHUT DOWN	YEARLY
Inspect general condition of unit	Х	Х			
Clean debris from unit	Χ	Χ		Х	
Clean and flush sump	Χ	Χ		Χ	
* Check and adjust sump water level	Х	Х			
Inspect heat transfer section (fill)	Χ	Χ			
Inspect spray nozzles	Х	Х			
Check and adjust bleed rate	Х	Х			
*Check operation of make-up valve	Х	Х			
Check unit for unusual noise or vibration	Х	Х			
Check motor voltage and current	Х		Х		
Lubricate fan motor bearings	Х	Х			
Check fan for roation without obstruction	Х				
Check fan and pump motor for proper rotation	Х				
Drain sump and piping	Х				
Inspect protective finish					Х
Lubricate fan motor			Х		

*For units without a remote sump

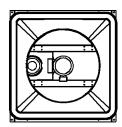


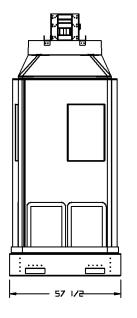
4.0 PHYSICAL DRAWINGS

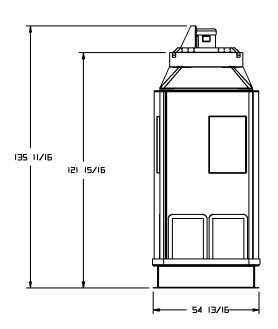
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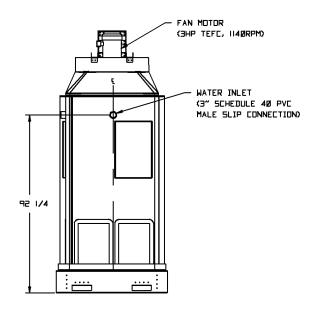


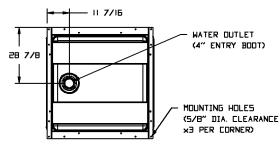
4.1 PT-45G3 PHYSICAL



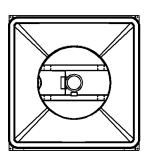


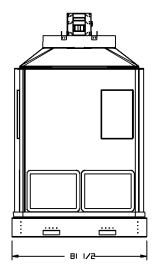


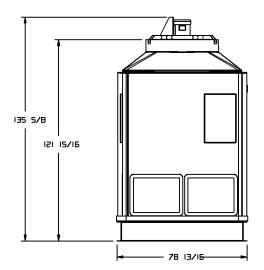


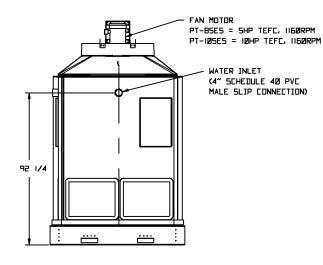


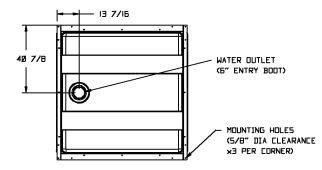
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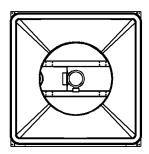


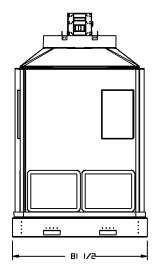


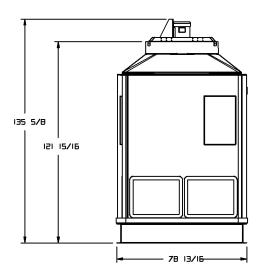


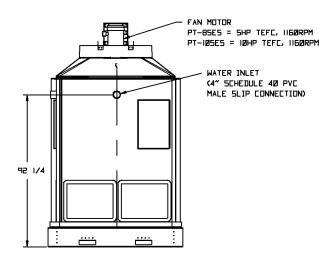


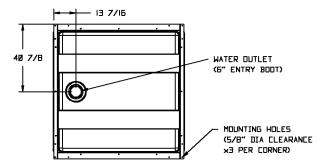
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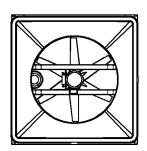


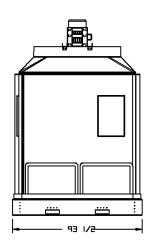


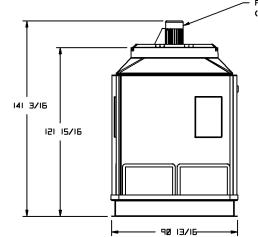


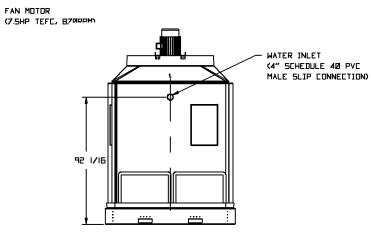


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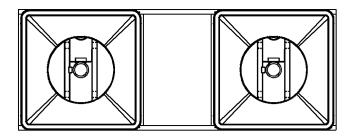


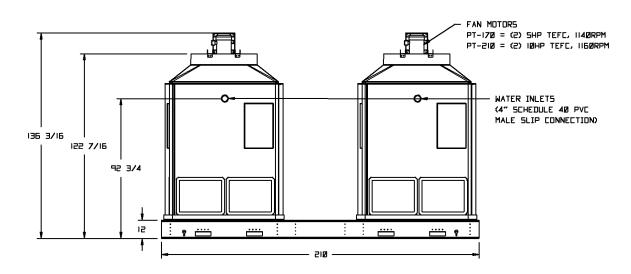


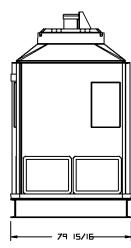


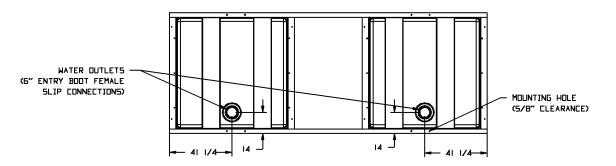
MOUNTING HOLES
(5/8" DIA. CLEEARANCE
X3 PER CORNER)

4.5 PT-170G3 PHYSICAL

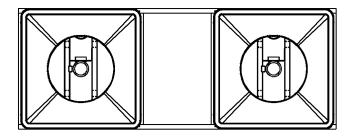


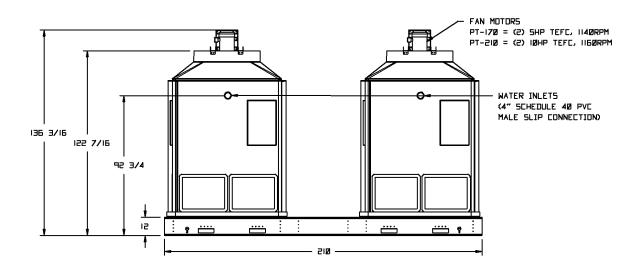


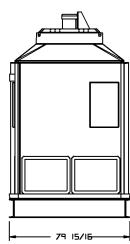


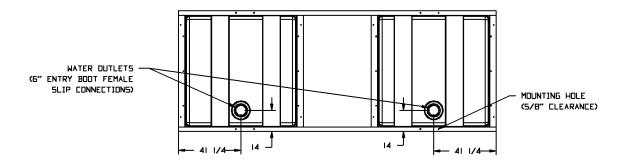


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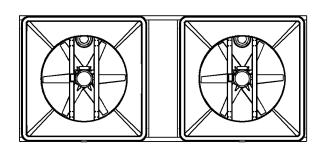


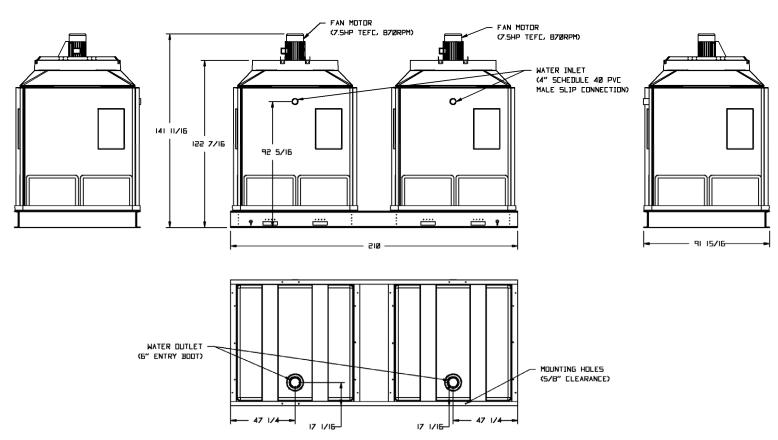






4.7 PT-270G3 PHYSICAL







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