

# MR050B SERIES DEHYDRATOR

# **USER MANUAL**

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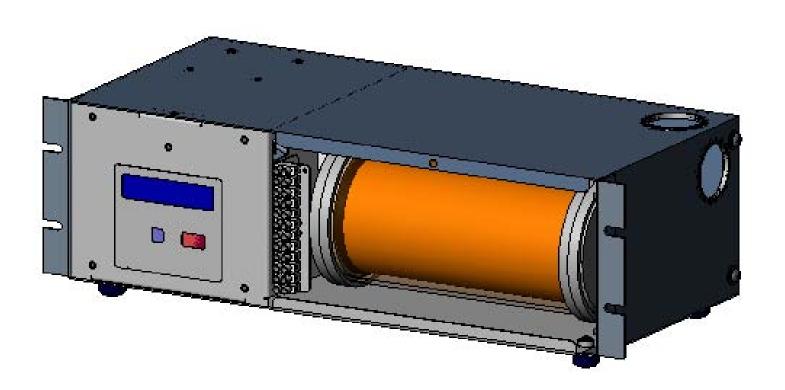


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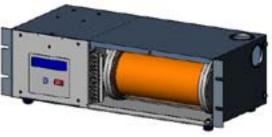
# Section 1 General Information

# 1.1 Introduction

This manual contains the information you need to install, operate, and maintain your MR050B Series dehydrator. Please take the time to read this manual before attempting to operate or service the unit.

This appliance is not intended for access by the general public.

This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety.



#### 1.2 Description

MR050B Series dehydrators provide dry air for pressurizing small (up to 280 liters, or 10 cubic feet, in volume) antenna and transmission line systems. The dehydrators produce -40°C (-40°F) dew point dry air at a nominal rate of 1.4 liters (0.05 cubic feet) per minute up to a total of 8495 liters (300 cubic feet) on a single desiccant canister.

Each dehydrator consists of an electrically-driven air compressor, a desiccant canister, an automatic transmission line pressure sensing system, and alarm outputs housed in a rigid metal chassis. It is designed to mount directly to the rack, directly on a wall, or as a free-standing unit. The front panel features a control interface with display for alarms and pressure. For easy serviceability, power connections, alarm output connections, and the desiccant canister are easily accessible from the front of the unit.

The MR050B maintains transmission line

pressures between 2.0 and 3.4 kPa (0.3 and 0.5 psig). It is intended for use with high performance microwave antennas and earth station antennas.

# 1.3 Operation

MR050B series dehydrators include a compressor, color indicating desiccant, high and low-pressure sensors, and a low-pressure alarm sensor.

When system pressure falls to a preset low limit, the low-pressure sensor activates the compressor. Air is channeled through a desiccant canister, where moisture is adsorbed. The air exits the drying canister at -40°C (-40°F) dew point. It is then channeled directly to an internal 4-port manifold

When system pressure reaches a preset high limit, the high-pressure sensor shuts off the compressor. A check valve prevents system dry air from retreating back through the compressor.

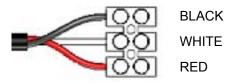
If system pressure falls significantly below the low-pressure trigger point, the low-pressure alarm sensor will activate an alarm contact. This alarm is an indication of a significant system leak or a dehydrator failure.

#### 1.4 Alarms

The MR050B offers Low Pressure and Excess Run alarms as a standard feature. Indicated on a summary alarm connection. The discrete alarm option includes Low Pressure, Excess Run and Power Fail alarms which report through discrete contacts. Alarm conditions are indicated on the display. The alarms are Form C dry contacts and have connection options for Normally Open (NO) or Normally Closed (NC) configuration.

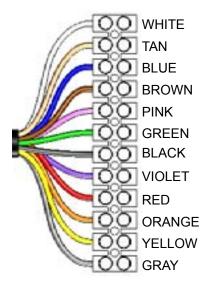
The external alarm monitoring system (supplied by others) is connected to the terminal strip located on the front of the unit. A small slotted screwdriver is necessary to make the connections.

Refer to Figure 1 and 2 for correct locations and colors of the wires on the alarm terminal strip.



WIRE FUNCTION REFERNCE						
WIRE TERMINAL	COLOR	ALARM FUNCTION				
1	BLACK	SUMMARY NC				
2	WHITE	SUMMARY COM				
3	RED	SUMMARY NO				

**Figure 1 Summary Alarm Terminal** 



WIRE FUNCTION REFERNCE				
WIRE TERMINAL	COLOR	ALARM FUNCTION		
1	WHITE	EXCESS RUN NO		
2	TAN	EXCESS RUN COM		
3	BLUE	EXCESS RUN NC		
4	BROWN	SUM NO		
5	PINK	SUM COM		
6	GREEN	SUM NC		
7	BLACK	POWER FAIL NO		
8	VIOLET	POWER FAIL COM		
9	RED	POWER FAIL NC		
10	ORANGE	LOW PRESSURE NO		
11	YELLOW	LOW PRESSURE COM		
12	GRAY	LOW PRESSURE NC		

**Figure 2 Discrete Alarm Terminal** 

#### **Alarm Definitions:**

**Summary:** Activates when the High Pressure

(only indicated on summary contacts), Excess Run, and/or Low Pressure alarms are triggered. The summary alarm does not report

Power Fail.

**Power Fail:** Activates open when power is

removed from the dehydrator. This includes turning the power off at the

switch.

**Excess Run:** Factory strapped run time set in

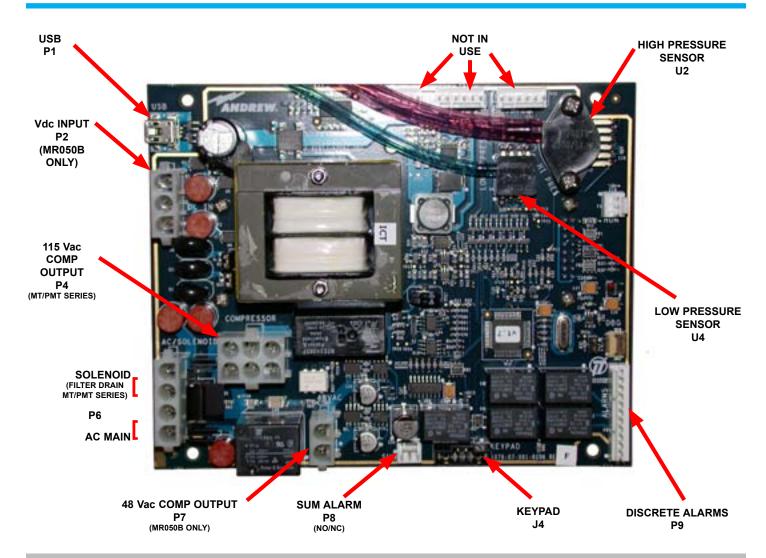
accordance with the normal run time for the dehydrator application. Selectable times are 1, 10, 30, 120 and 240 minutes, with the 10 minute selection used on the MR050B as

the default setting.

**Low Pressure:** If system pressure falls below the

low-pressure trigger point (factory set on the MR050B), the low-pressure alarm sensor will activate an alarm contact. This alarm is an indication of a significant system leak or a dehydrator failure.

Note: All of the alarms clear and reset automatically, but can be manually reset in the display menus. However, if the alarm condition still exists, the alarm will return immediately after being reset.



**Figure 3 Control Board** 

# 1.5 Specifications MR050B Dehydrator

Cut Out Pressure, kPa (psig)	3.5 (0.5)	Output Connectors	3/8" polytube, compression
Cut In Pressure, kPa (psig)	2 (0.3)	Dimensions	Height, cm (in) 13.2 (5.2)
Output capacity	85 SLPH , 1.4 SLPM (3.0 SCFH; 0.05 SCFM)		Width, cm (in) 43.9 (17.3) Depth, cm (in) 20.3 (8.0)
	(total, approx.)	Net weight, kg (lb)	7.26 (16)
Output Dew Point,	-36°C (-33°F) or better		Alarms
- p - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1	1° to +40° C	Power Fail Alarm	loss of input power
	(34° to +104° F)	Excess Run Alarm	10 minutes, factory set
Electrical Input	24/48 Vdc 115/240 Vac, 50/60 Hz	Low Pressure Alarm	factory set
	(with ac-to-dc adapter)	High Pressure Alarm	factory set
Power Consumption	11 watts continuous		

# Section 2 Installation

# 2.1 Unpacking and Inspection

**Open Carton** 

Remove the top piece of foam packaging. Carefully remove the installation accessories, manual, and dehydrator. Check the dehydrator for shipping damage such as dents or loose parts.

# 2.2 Controls and Displays

Default password is 1111

Familiarize yourself with the controls and displays prior to installing or testing the dehydrator.



# **Keypad Controls:**



Advances display (scrolls ahead) to the next display or program mode with out changing the values in the microprocessor memory.



Numerically increase displayed settings in display window. When depressed longer than 1/2 second scrolling will occur at a faster rate.



Numerically decrease displayed settings in display window. When depressed longer than 1/2 second scrolling will occur at a faster rate.



Enters into the microprocessor memory the values displayed in the window and advances display (scrolls ahead) to the next program or display mode.



Used to allow the user quick access to the system event log.

# 2.3 Installing the Dehydrator

# 2.3.1 19" Rack Mounting or set on shelf

MR050B can be mounted in standard 19 inch equipment rack, mounted to a wall with ear's or placed on an optional shelf.

#### 2.4 Power Connections

Confirm your dehydrator electrical input matches the available power.

Ensure an electrical safety ground is installed on the ground stud located adjacent to the power input connector. (It is intended to be customer installed in the field to your halo grounding system.)

115 Vav 60 Hz/240 Vac 50 Hz 24 Vdc/48 Vdc

#### 2.4.1 AC Power

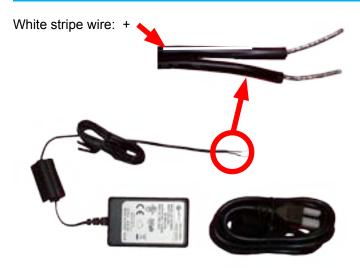
AC units can be connected into a standard 15 Amp power receptacle of the proper voltage via the power supply. Make sure the power circuit is properly grounded. Two power cords are supplied, one 115 Vac American and one 240 Vac International.

#### **CAUTION:**

Proper electrical connection is required. It is suggested a licensed electrician be contracted to connect the AC wiring to the unit, if it is connected directly to the mains. Failure to properly connect the power wires could result in a dangerous electrical shock hazard.

#### **CAUTION:**

This unit is designed for connection to a single phase power source. Connection to a 3 phase power source will cause significant damage to internal components.



#### 2.4.2 Safety Ground

Ensure an electrical safety ground is installed on the ground stud located adjacent to the power input connector. (It is intended to be customer installed in the field to your halo grounding system.)

# 2.4.3 Test the Dehydrator

Turn the dehydrator ON and check the output port on the rear of the unit to make sure air is flowing.

# 2.5 Connecting the Alarm Outputs

To connect the alarms, locate the alarm output terminal block on the front of the unit.

(See section 1.4 for alarm location)

# 2.6 Connecting Dehydrator to the Transmission Line

#### **CAUTION:**

Check the antenna and transmission line system pressure rating before connecting the dehydrator to the system.

Insert one end of the 3/8" polytube feed line tubing into the compression fitting on one of the dehydrator output ports. Tighten securely with a 9/16" wrench. Be careful not to over tighten. Connect the other end of the polytube to the transmission line.

#### Note:

If the transmission lines have not been purged, continue with section 2.7. Otherwise proceed to section 3.

#### 2.7 Purging the Transmission Line

Air in the transmission line system must be replaced with dry air to ensure satisfactory operation of the transmitted signal.

- 1. Determine the total system volume.
- 2. Divide the system volume by the flow rate of the dehydrator (3.0 SCFH) to determine the number of hours needed for the purge cycle.
- Open the far end of the transmission line.
- 4. Operate the dehydrator for three purge cycles.

If it is not possible to open the far end of the transmission line, follow these steps:

- Connect the dehydrator to the transmission line and pressurize the system. The system pressure should reach 0.5 psig.
- Wait 15 minutes while the air absorbs moisture in the system, then disconnect the dehydrator from the transmission line and allow the air to vent.
- 3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 twelve times to purge the system.

# Section 3 Maintenance

#### 3.0 Maintenance

The MR050B Dehydrator requires relatively little maintenance to ensure satisfactory operation over long periods of time. This section outlines the recommended annual preventive maintenance for the unit and the suggested overhaul for every 3000 hours of compressor operation.

#### 3.1 Preventive Maintenance

The annual maintenance of a MR050B consists of a preventative maintenance inspection of the dehydrator.

These tasks can easily be performed in the field with the unit connected to the transmission line system.

In addition to the annual inspection, a complete overhaul is recommended every 3000 hours or sooner if local conditions warrant.

# 3.2 Desiccant Canister Replacement

As the desiccant becomes saturated over time, it will change from blue to pink or orange to green. When the desiccant is exhausted, there will be a degradation of performance. In order to replace the desiccant, simply turn the unit off, disconnect the desiccant canister from the pneumatic lines, and replace the entire canister.

# 3.3 Annual Inspection

Inspection includes checking for loose or damaged hoses, fittings, and electrical connections. Remove the desiccant canister and verify that there are no leaks in the pneumatic lines.

#### Warning:

Electrical Hazard! Unplug power cord before servicing unit.

#### 3.4 Check the electrical connections.

Check the screw at the power input connector to ensure that the ac power cord is securely terminated. Check the screw-in alarm terminals to ensure that all wire connections are tight.

A loose or damaged connection may result in erratic operation and unnecessary downtime. Refer to the troubleshooting section if an electrical problem is encountered.

# 3.5 Check the duty cycle.

Check the hour meter on the front panel to determine the duty cycle of the dehydrator.

If the dehydrator has been running for more than 10% of its installed time, check the systems for leaks.



#### 3.6 Parts Replacement

When the MR050B dehydrator unit is in need of service, the main components are simply replaced. The compressor, desiccant canister, and control module are all meant to be replaceable parts. The parts can be purchased from CommScope for field replacement, or the unit can be sent to the repair center for component replacement.

#### 3.7 Unit Shutdown and Removal

In order to perform an overhaul on the MR050B, the unit must be turned off and removed from service. As this is being done, the low pressure alarm may activate through a reporting alarm system. Personnel monitoring such an alarm should be notified in advance so that they are aware of the fact that service is being performed. It is also necessary to disconnect the dehydrator dry air output from the waveguide system during the overhaul.

Remove the chassis top and front panels for overhaul.

- 1. Unplug the unit from the power supply.
- 2. Follow the instructions included in the compressor replacement kit. When the replacement is complete, reinstall.

# 3.8 Service Restoration

# RECOMMENDATION:

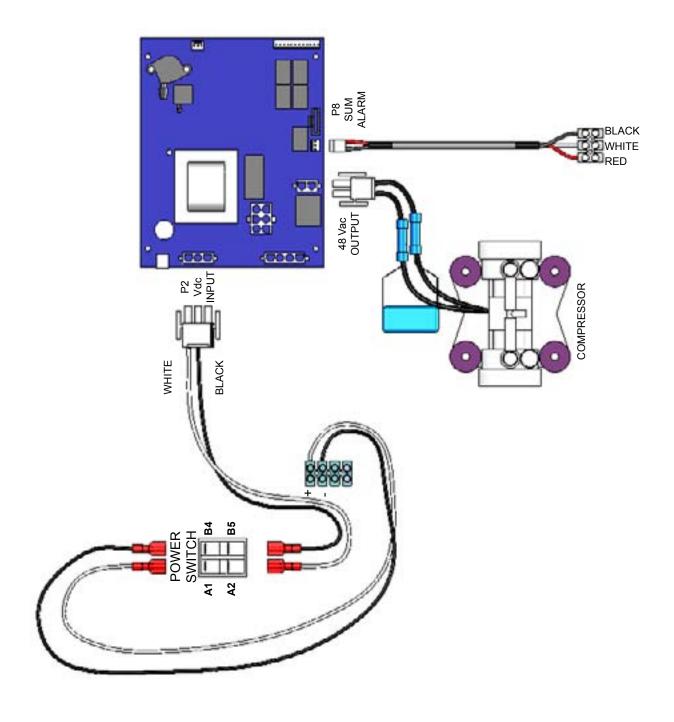
Verify unit operates normally and return to service.

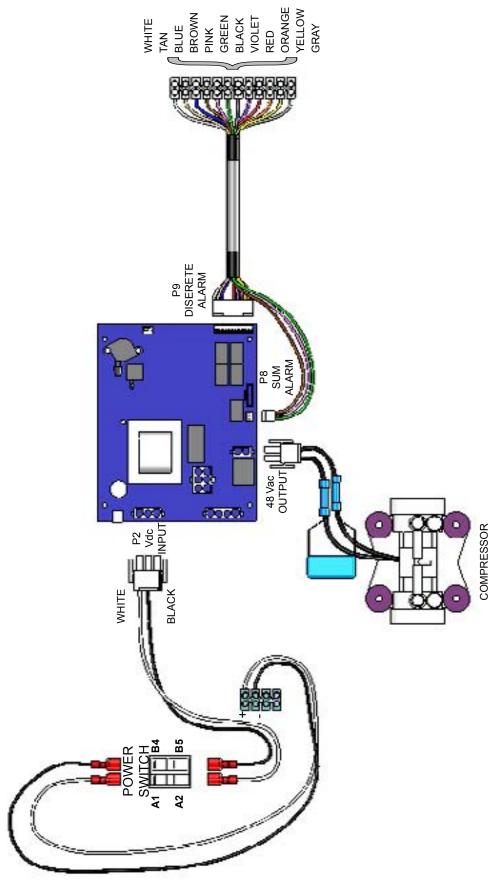
# Section 4 Troubleshooting

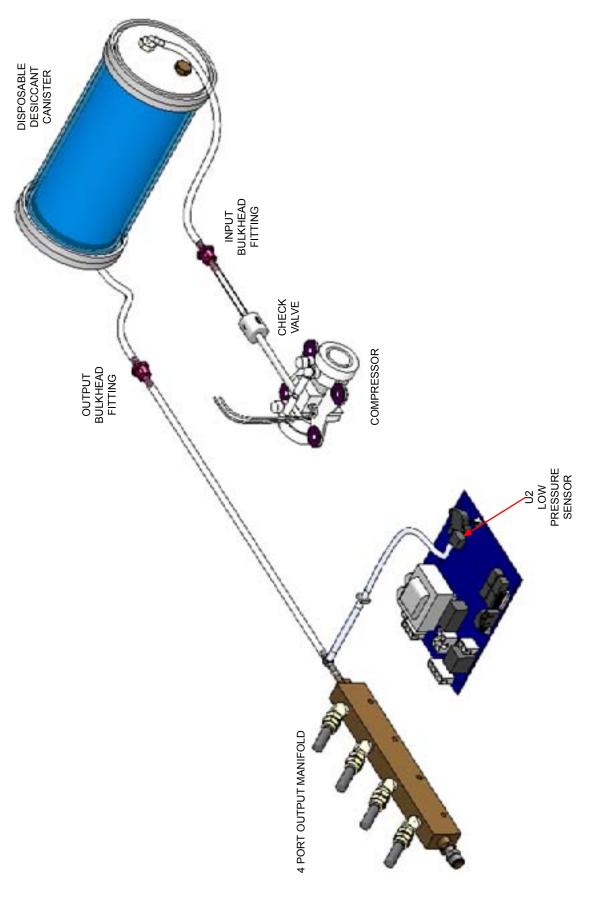
If you experience difficulty with your dehydrator, use the troubleshooting procedures described below.

# Caution: Electrical troubleshooting requires access to potentially dangerous voltages and should only be performed by a licensed electrician

Problem/Condition	Solution	
	If the display light fails to light, make sure the unit is plugged in and power outlet is operating.	
Dehydrator display does not light, unit does not run.	If you still have no light, unplug the unit, remove the unit cover and check for loose connections. Refer to the wiring diagram for proper connections.	
	Check to assure that the fuse is OK.	
	Check to assure that proper ac voltage is being supplied to the input.	
	Plug the unit output with finger and observe pressure gauge. The pressure gauge line should read approximately 0.5 psig and the alarm should clear. If alarm does not clear, remove cover and verify tubing and wiring connections are secure.	
Low-pressure alarm activated.	If the pressure does not remain constant after plugging the output, apply leak detector to isolate the leak in the dehydrator (exercise care when applying solution not to wet wiring or electronics).	
	If the problem persists contact CommScope Customer Service.	
Compressor does not turn OFF.	Check for leaks.	







# Section 5 Replacement Parts

Go to commscope.com eCatalog for the most current parts available for your dehydrator.

http://www.commscope.com/Product-Catalog/#market-wireless



**Desiccant Kit MR050B-KIT-DSCNT** 



Compressor Kit MR050B-KIT-CPRSR

# Section 6 Customer Service

#### 6.0 Introduction

CommScope provides in-warranty and outof-warranty repairs as well as dehydrator and compressor overhauls from several Repair Centers. Coordination of these services is provided through the nearest Sales Office or Customer Service Center. The Center is also prepared to help you with the following: Technical Assistance Troubleshooting Repairs Loaner Units Spare Parts Installation Materials System Accessories.

#### 6.1 In Case of Trouble

The first step you should take if trouble develops using a dehydrator is to read the operators manual and follow the trouble isolating procedures given in it.

If the steps in the manual do not identify and remedy the problem, then contact an CommScope Customer Service Center for 24-hour telephone assistance. Record the Model Number (e.g. MR050B) and Serial Number from the product label, as you will be asked for these when you call. Two main locations are currently available to help:

#### COMMSCOPE

3 Westbrook Corporate Center, Suite 900 Westchester, IL 60154 USA

#### **From North America**

Telephone: 1-800-255-1479 Fax (U.S.A.): 1-800-349-5444

# International

Telephone: +1-779-435-6500 Fax Number: +1-779-435-8579

#### **Web Access**

Internet: www.commscope.com **Email:** #prc@commscope.com

# 6.2 Initial Steps by CommScope

When your call or fax communication is received, the CommScope staff will work with you to pinpoint the possible cause of trouble. If the pressurization equipment is suspect, they will:

- ask for your unit Model Number and Serial Number
- check the warranty status of the unit
- · advise the availability of a loaner unit
- provide an estimate of the cost for inspection and repairs, if the unit is out—of—warranty
- fax a Return Material Authorization Sheet to you.

### 6.3 Repair Center Process

A method of Payment must be provided prior to issuing of RMA regardless of warranty status.

IN-WARRANTY REPAIR: Most CommScope pressurization products carry a warranty of one to three years, depending upon model number. Warranty details are available on our web page. If your unit falls within its warranty period, inspection and repairs will be performed at no charge and the unit will be promptly returned to you. If a warranty unit is deemed no problem found an inspection fee and freight will be charged to the customer.

**OUT-OF-WARRANTY REPAIR:** We will inform you with the cost of repair and obtain your approval to proceed with repairs or, if you elect not to have the unit repaired, your instructions on disposition of your unit. When repairs are complete, we will return your unit and invoice you for the inspection charge, materials used for the repair and labor applied to complete the repair. If you elected not to repair the unit, we will invoice you for the inspection and freight charge if unit is to be returned.

**LOANER UNITS:** Loaner units are available from the repair center to maintain your system

while repairs are being performed. If you feel you need a loaner, please contact us at (817) 864-4160. A P.O. for the full value of the unit must be issued prior to shipment. Also contact us when the loaner is ready to be returned so that we can issue a NEW RMA number to identify your return and create the appropriate credit to your account. Damages to loaner will be deducted from the P.O.

PACKING INSTRUCTIONS: Pack your unit securely for shipment to the Repair Center. If you received a loaner unit, we suggest you use the box and packing materials to return your unit. Otherwise we have factory packing materials available for a nominal fee. Enclose a completed copy of this form inside the box and clearly mark your Company Name and RMA: XXXXXXX on outside of the box. Address the box to the following Ship—To Address:

COMMSCOPE PRESSURIZATION SERVICE CENTER RMA# XXXXXXX 11312 S. PIPELINE RD. EULESS, TX. 76040-6629

Please note, Units received with Biological/ animal contamination will be returned unrepaired or scraped after notification and you will be invoiced for inspection and freight.

**CONTACT NUMBERS:** If you have any questions about the repair process or status of your unit, please contact us directly through one of the following methods – Telephone (below)

TEL: 817-864-4150

817-864-4155

FAX: 817-864-4179