# Owner's Manual SCT Series Portable Air Conditioner





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#### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you for choosing Spot Cooling System's SCT series of portable air conditioners. Spot Cooling is a solutions-based manufacturer dedicated to the development of high-performance air conditioners.

**Please read This Manual** which will describes the unit features and explains how to set-up, operate and maintain your SCT series air conditioner.

If you have comments or suggestions on how to improve the SCT series of portable air conditioners please let us know. Our most important source of information for product improvement is from our customers. Please give us a call at 972-242-0007 or email us, sales@extracooler.com.

#### Warning!

Improper installation, adjustment, alteration, service, or maintenance can cause injury or property damage. Please read this instruction manual before installing, operating or servicing the Extracooler SCT Series unit.



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#### **UNIT SPECIFICATIONS**

#### **Rating Information**

Specification	SCT-14	SCT-18	SCT-30	SCT-42	SCT-83 SCT-83B
Cooling Capacity, BTU/hr¹ (Ton)	14,000 (1T)	17,600 (1.5T)	29,700 (2.5T)	42,200 (3.5T)	83,500 (6.9T)
Power Supply <sup>2</sup> , volt/hertz/phase/amps	115/60/1/15	115/60/1/15	230/60/1/20	230/60/1/30	230/60/1/60 460/60/3/20
Thermostat Control	Mechanical	Mechanical	Mechanical	Mechanical	Mechanical
Metering Device	TX Valve	TX Valve	TX Valve	TX Valve	TX Valve
Total Power Consumption, kW	1.3	1.4	2.9	4.2	8.7 9.3
Current Consumption, amps	11.7	12.0	12.5	18.3	37.8 13.2
Recommended Circuit amps	15	15	20	30	60 20
NEMA plug type	5-15P	5-15P	6-20P	6-30P	Hard wired
Energy Efficiency Rating	10.4	12.8	10.3	10.0	8.9 8.3
Evaporator CFM, free discharge	350	600	750	1,200	2,300
Condenser CFM	500	1,000	1,000	1,500	3,900
Compressor Type	Hermetic rotary	Hermetic rotary	Hermetic rotary	Hermetic rotary	Hermetic scroll
Maximum esp, in wc	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.50
Maximum Duct Length, ft	40	40	40	40	40
Condensate-pump head, ft	15	15	15	15	15
Operating Limits (min-max) °F	65-105	65-110	65-105	65-105	65-110
Sound Level, dB	57	63	63	67	71
R-22 Charge, oz	32	52	54	80	110
L x W x H, in	26 x 20 x 34	29 x 28 x 41	29 x 28 x 41	30 x 28 x 51	42 x 30 x 70
Weight, net/ship lb	163/205	232/286	251/305	336/395	650/685
1—Rating conditions: 95°F at 60% RH. 2—Electrical ratings based on UL 484.					

#### WARRANTY

## Limited Warranty

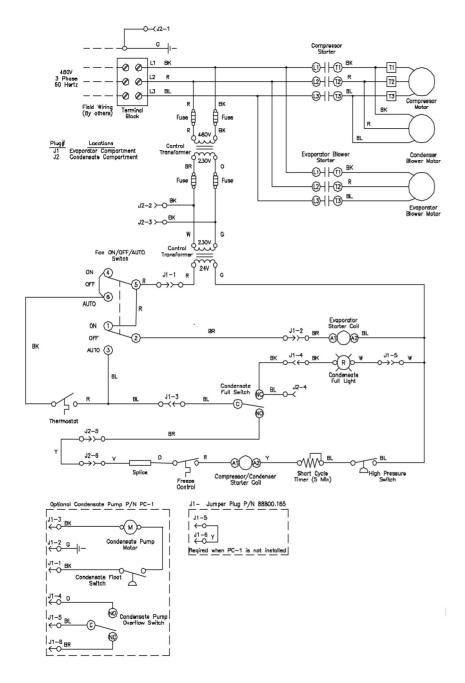
Spot Cooling warrants to its authorized distributor or end-user, each new SCT series portable air conditioner to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of one (1) year from date of purchase. The sole obligation of Spot Cooling under this warranty will be to furnish, without charge, a replacement part for a defective part.

This warranty does not include installation, transportation, or postage costs associated with installing the replacement part. This warranty does not apply to equipment that has been damaged by accident, negligence, or misapplication or has been altered or modified in any way. This warranty only applies to the original purchaser.

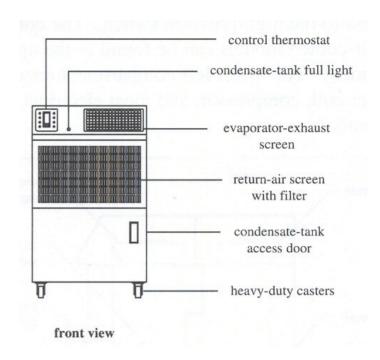
In order for this warranty to become effective, the warranty registration card, delivered with the unit, must be completed and returned to Spot Cooling within 30 days of purchase and delivery. Any claim under this warranty should be first presented to and processed by the authorized distributor from whom the equipment was purchased.

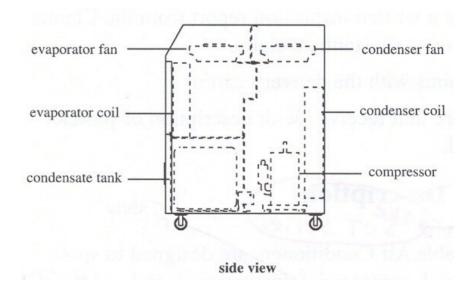
To the extent permitted by law, this warranty is expressly in lieu of any other warranties, either expressed or implied, made by Spot Cooling, Incorporated. Spot Cooling assumes no liability in any event for lost profits or revenue, loss of equipment, loss of use of equipment, loss of software, loss of data, costs of substitutes, claims by third parties, or otherwise. This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights, which may vary from state to state.

### **SCHEMATIC (SCT-83B)**



#### **SCT SERIES COMPONENTS**





#### **EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST**

## General Description

The SCT series portable air conditioners are designed to spot cool industrial, commercial, institutional, and construction sites. Five models provide 14,000 to 83,000 BTU/hr. Options include discharge nozzles to direct conditioned air precisely where needed, and flexible duct to transfer condenser hot air either outside or to an adjacent area.

The SCT series are completely self-contained and housed within an insulated cabinet. The unit's exterior is constructed of galvanized steel and protected with a tough powder-coated, polyester finish. All models are equipped with standard heavyduty casters for portability. For simplicity and reliability, all models are supplied with a manual temperature control.

#### General Requirements

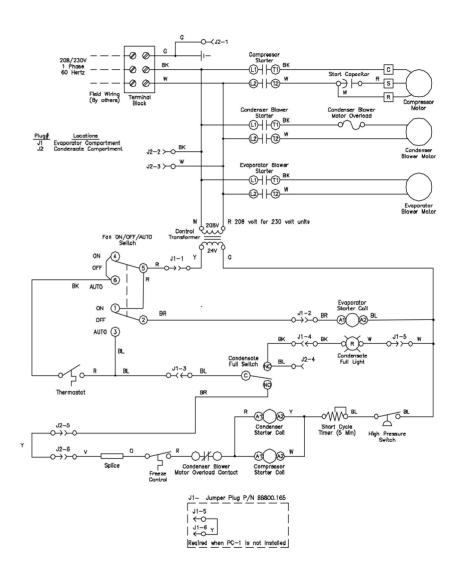
The SCT series are designed for ease of operation an drugged dependability. Follow installation and maintenance instructions completely.

#### Serviceability

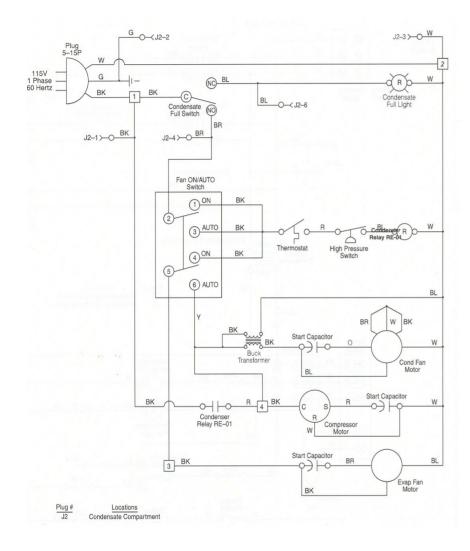
The SCT series portable air conditioners have removable side panels for easier servicing from all sides.

The interior of the unit is divided into four sub-compartments. The upper right encloses the evaporator coil and fan, and provides access to the thermostat and fan switch. The lower right contains the condensate tank and access to the high-pressure switch. The condenser fan on air-cooled models can be found in the upper left compartment. The lower left compartment encases the condenser coil, compressor, and most electrical components.

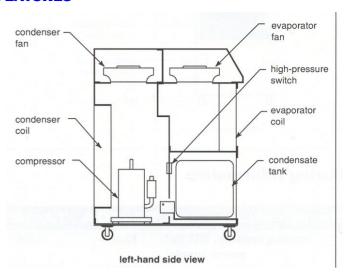
#### **SCHEMATIC (SCT-83)**



#### **SCHEMATIC (SCT-18)**



#### **STANDARD FEATURES**



## High-Pressure Safety Switch

All models feature a manual reset, high-pressure switch. If refrigeration circuit pressure exceeds control limits, power shuts off to protect the compressor and other critical components.

NOTE:

Wait four minutes to restart unit after highpressure safety switch trips.

#### Freeze Protection Control

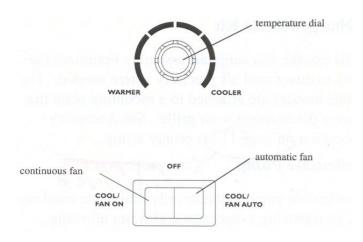
The SCT-14, 30, 42, and 83 models are equipped with an automatic freeze protection control. This control turns the compressor off if moisture on the evaporator coil freezes and blocks the coil. Normal cooling operation resumes when the temperature rises and the ice melts.

#### Short Cycle Protection Timer

The SCT14, 30, 42, and 83 models are equipped with a short cycle protection timer. The timer provides a five-minute delay before the refrigerant compressor restarts. Under normal conditions, no adjustments are necessary.

#### STANDARD FEATURES

Manual Temperature-Control System The manual temperature control system allows you to set the desired temperature by simply rotating the WARMER/ COOLER dial either left or right. The supply air fan can be set to run continuously whether the cooling circuit cycle is on and off, or can be set to cycle on and off with the cooling circuit.



Filter

All units are equipped with removable, washable, aluminummesh air filters. Located behind the return-air and discharge-air grills, these can be removed and easily cleaned.

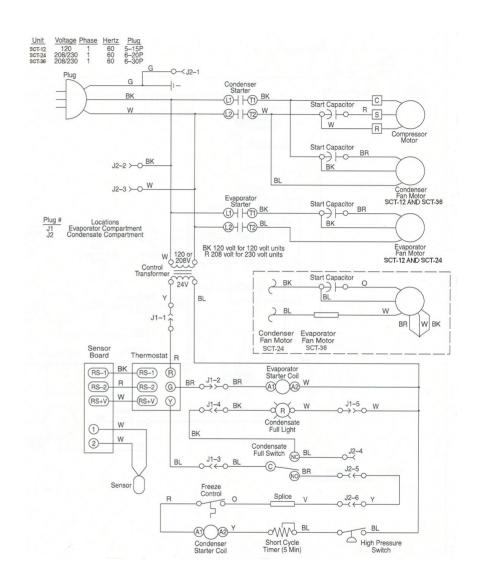
#### Condensate Tank

A five-gallon, polyethylene tank in the lower-front compartment of the unit collects evaporator-coil condensate moisture. When full, the weight of the tank activates a cutout switch, turning the refrigeration circuit OFF and illuminating the condensate tankfull light on the unit's front. The tank is readily accessible behind a hinged door. Simply remove, drain, replace, and restart.

**NOTE:** 

The unit will not operate unless the tank is drained periodically. An optional condensate pump is available for continuous operation.

#### **SCHEMATIC (SCT-14, 30, 42)**



#### **ACCESSORIES**

Call 800-683-7768 to order accessories.

-		SCT SERIES					
Part	Description		18	30	42	83	
NK-1	Two, 4-in nozzles with attachment kit	X					
NK-2	Two, 6-in nozzles with attachment kit		X	X	X		
NK-3	Two, 8-in nozzles with attachment kit					X	
CK-1	10-in ceiling discharge kit	X					
CK-2	14-in ceiling discharge kit		X				
CK-3	14-in ceiling discharge kit			X	X		
CK-4	20-in ceiling discharge kit					X	
PC-1	Condensate pump, 115V	X	X				
PC-2	Condensate pump, 208/230V			X	X	X	
CP-1	10-in condenser return-air plenum	X					
CP-2	14-in condenser return-air plenum		X	X			
CP-3	14-in condenser return-air plenum				X		
CP-4	20-in condenser return-air plenum					X	
EP-1	10-in evaporator return-air plenum	X					
EP-2	14-in evaporator return-air plenum		X	X			
EP-3	14-in evaporator return-air plenum				X		
EP-4	20-in evaporator return-air plenum					X	
DA-6	6-in cold air supply duct adapter	X					
DA-10	10-in cold air supply duct adapter		X	X	X		
DA-14	14-in cold air supply duct adapter					X	
CD-60	6-ft NEMA 6P-50 cord kit					X	

#### **OPTIONAL FEATURES**

Several optional features are available for the SCT series portable air conditioners. Refer to the Accessories section on page 16.

#### Ceiling Discharge Kit

The optional ceiling discharge kit comes complete with flexible duct and a 2-ft by 2-ft ceiling-tile adapter which allows condensed air to be vented to the plenum area above a suspended ceiling.

Condenser discharge air can be removed from the conditioned space with flexible duct. Use 40-ft maximum for all models. Allow six feet for every 90 degrees bend. Do not exceed 0.10-in wc (water column) external static pressure at the condenser.

#### Condenser Return-air Plenum

The optional condenser return-air plenum attaches to the rear of the unit and provides an adapter to connect flexible duct.

## Supply Duct Adapter

The optional supply duct adapter attaches to the evaporator air grill and allows the ability to connect a flexible duct.

#### Nozzle Kit

A dual-nozzle, discharge-air assembly optimizes the ability to direct cool air precisely where needed. The flexible nozzles are attached to a mounting plate that fits over the evaporator-air grille.

#### Evaporator Return-air Plenum

The optional evaporator return-air plenum attaches to the front of the unit and provides an adapter to connect flexible duct.

#### Condensate Pump Kit

A condensate pump automatically drains the condensate tank by removing evaporator-coil water allowing continuous operation. The pump is connected to the condensate drain and to the air conditioner's power supply. A hose runs from the unit to a convenient drain or outdoor location.

## Cord Kit (SCT-83)

The cord kit simplifies wiring for model SCT-83 by providing a plug and socket assembly that is wired directly to the unit and the main power source. This allows the use to plug and unplug the unit for maintenance or storage.

#### **INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

## Before Installing

Check unit for damage. Air conditioners are inspected at the factory. If any damage has occurred, save the packaging and file a claim with the delivering carrier within fifteen working days. The SCT series requires minimal installation. Plug unit in proper NEMA receptacle, and it begins to cool immediately.

Model	Plug Configuration		Receptacle	
SCT-14 SCT-18 115V	5-15P	15A/115V NEMA 5-15P	NEMA 5-15R	
SCT-30 208/230V	6-20P	20A/230V NEMA 6-20P	NEMA 6-20R	
SCT-42 208/230V	6-30P	30A/230V NEMA 6-30P	NEMA 6-30R	
SCT-83 460/3	Hardwired			

#### Electrical Supply

Determine the proper power by checking unit's rating plate. Refer to the Specifications section on page 1 for voltage and fuse requirements. Use wall outlets and receptacles found in the table above.

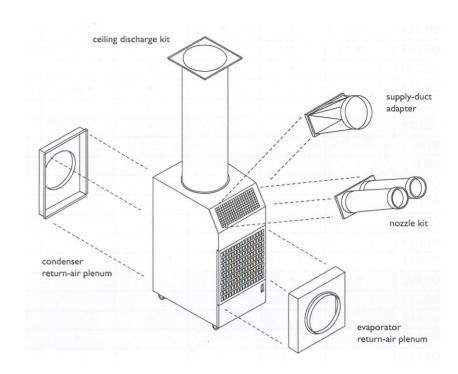
Operating unit on improper voltages voids the warranty.

#### **NOTE:**

Extension cords may be used if rated at a minimum 120V, 20-amp for models SCT-14 and SCT18 - or - 230V, 30-amp for model SCT-42.

Extension cords can NOT be used with the SCT-83.

#### **ACCESSORIES**





#### **INSTALLING REPLACEMENT PARTS**

#### **Fan Motors** (SCT-14 thru SCT-42)

- 1. Disconnect power from unit.
- 2. Remove cabinet's side panels.
- 3. Disconnect evaporator motor wires at the connector plug.
- 4. Disconnect condenser motor wires at the connector plug.
- 5. Remove unit's top and disconnect thermostat at the connector plug.
- 6. Remove screws securing blower mounts. All screws are external and visible.
- 7. Remove motors and blower and assemblies.
- 8. Remove blower and fan assembly.
- 9. Install new motors, reversing the removal process.

#### **Fan Motors** (SCT-83)

- 1. Disconnect power from unit.
- 2. Remove cabinet's side panels.
- 3. Disconnect wires from motor that needs to be replaced.
- 4. Disconnect belt from drives.
- 5. Remove bolts holding motor onto motor mount.
- 6. Remove sheave from motor.
- 7. Install new motor, reversing the removal procedure.
- 8. Adjust sheave and belt tension as outlined in preventative maintenance.

#### **Red Indicator** Light

- 1. Disconnect power from unit.
- 2. Disconnect wires from control panel, bend tinnerman clip holding light, and pull out.
- 3. Install new light, reversing the procedure.

#### **UNIT OPERATION**

Fan

- 1. Place unit on level surface.
- 2. Plug unit in.
- 3. Press the COOL/FAN on switch for continuous fan operation. The cooling circuit will cycle on and off.
- 4. Press the COOL/FAN AUTO switch for cycling the fan operating on and off with the cooling circuit.

Cooling Cycle 1. Set the desired temperature by adjusting the WARMER-COOLER dial from 68°F - 115°F.

NOTE:

Wait 4 minutes between turning cooling

mode off and on.

#### PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

The SCT series provides maximum performance and reliability with minimum maintenance. The refrigeration and electrical circuits of the system should be serviced by qualified technicians only. To prolong the life of the unit, perform regular maintenance as described below.

#### **Filters**

A clogged filter causes the unit to operate at reduced efficiencies. Inspect filter every six weeks, or more, if operating in a dirty environment. The evaporator's washable-aluminum filter is located behind the return-air grille, and can be easily removed by pulling out the grille, opening the return-air grille and slowly lift towards hinge.

The condenser's washable aluminum filter is located in the lower back of the unit. Remove by releasing the retaining clip and pull out. Wash filters periodically by placing them in a dishwasher, or soak in a solution of warm water and detergent for ten minutes. Rinse clean with hot water, shaking excess moisture from filter to dry.

#### **Blower Motors**

The blower motor has permanently lubricated ball bearings and require no lubrication. Inspect fan for buildup of dirt on blades. Clean as needed.

#### **Coil Cleaning**

Clean evaporator and condenser coils using compressed air.

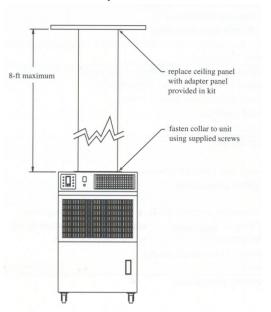
## Condensate Pump

- Disconnect unit from power source before attempting to service or remove any component.
- 2. Be sure floats move freely. Clean as necessary.
- Remove floats and check for obstructions. Clean as needed.
- Clean tank with warm water and mild soap when mineral deposits are visible.
- 5. Check inlet and outlet piping. Clean as necessary. Be sure there are no kinks in the lines that can inhibit flow.
- Clean exterior with a damp cloth. Do not allow water to enter condenser fan outlet or the thermostat.

#### **INSTALLING REPLACEMENT PARTS**

#### Ceiling Panel Duct Kit

- 1. Secure one end of the duct to the ceiling panel adapter and the other end over the unit's duct collar.
- 2. Place the ceiling panel adapter under suspended ceiling panel's framework directly above unit.



#### Condensate Pump

- 1. Unplug unit from power source. Remove condensate tank and hose from drain pan.
- Place condensate pump on condensate tank shelf. Align holes in shelf with mounting slots in molded tank. Secure pump to condensate tank shelf using two supplied sheet metal screws.
- 3. Remove electrical plug and jumper wire from receptacle located on bulkhead next to the service fittings.
- 4. Connect condensate pump's power plus to receptacle.
- 5. Install hose from drain pan to the pump inlet.
- 6. Remove plug from hole in side of unit.
- Install drain hose from condensate pump outlet through hole in side of unit to a convenient drain or outdoor location.

#### **TROUBLESHOOTING** continued

Problem	Cause	Remedy
Water leaks from pan	Leaky drain pan	Replace pan.
	Drain plugged	Check and clear obstruction.
	Loose evaporator, drain, or condensate pump hose	Tighten connection.
	Defective condensate pump or excessive lift n pump	If elevation exceeds 15-ft, a larger pump is required. Pump does not operate properly if combination of height and length of drain exceeds 15-ft. Change pump, if defective.
	Unit not on level surface	Level.
Evaporator coil freezing and shuts unit down	Evaporator exhaust screen obstructed	Remove obstruction.
	Freeze protection control not operating correctly (SCT-14, 30, 42, and 96)	Check that control is securely attached to evaporator coil's outlet and that insulation is in place. Check wiring connections to freeze protection control.
Unit not delivering proper airflow (SCT-83)	Drive belt damaged or not adjusted correctly	Check condition and adjustment of evaporator and condenser fan belts and sheaves. Adjust belts for 3/16-in deflection.

#### **PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE**

## Belt Tension (SCT-83)

The SCT-83 is equipped with adjustable sheaves on the evaporator and condenser fans. Conditioned-air and condenser-air are controlled by using double-inlet, forward-curved fans driven by belt and sheave combination.

Adjust belt tension for 3/16-in deflection, with 2 lbs force.

The evaporator-fan and condenser-fan sheaves are factory preset and should not be adjusted. Periodically check that sheaves are securely fastened to blower shafts by tightening the set -screw on the stationary half of sheave.

#### Sheave Adjustment

If necessary, adjust pitch by loosening the set screw on the adjustable half of the sheave. Turn sheave clockwise until it touches the stationary shaft.

#### To adjust evaporator motor sheave:

Turn sheave counterclockwise 3-1/2 turns and tighten set screw.

#### To adjust condenser motor sheave:

Turn sheave counterclockwise 4 turns and tighten set screw.

## Maintenance Frequency

The following table shows maintenance items and frequency.

Item	Frequency	Maintenance Action
Filters	Monthly	Inspect. Replace/wash if dirty or clogged.
Blower motor	Monthly	Inspect for buildup of dirt on blades. Clean as needed.
Evaporator / condenser coil	Monthly	Inspect for buildup. Blow with compressed air as needed.
Condensate pump	Monthly	Inspect float operation. Inspect for mineral deposits. Clean as needed.
Belt (SCT-960)	Monthly	Check tension. Adjust as needed.
Sheave	Monthly	Inspect sheaves are securely fastened. Tighten as needed.

#### **TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE**

Problem	Cause	Remedy
Unit does not run	Power interruption	Check external power supply. Look for blown fuses or tripped circuit breakers. Reset or replace.
	Thermostat inoperable	Setting may be too high. Check and reset. Thermostat may be out of calibration or defective. Replace.
	Electrical Panel	
	• 24-Volt transformer defective (SCT-14, 30, 42, and 83)	Check output of transformer. If not supplying 24 volts, replace.
	Contactor coil defective	Replace.
	Contacts stuck open, burned or dirty	Correct or change.
	Wires loose	Tighten connections.
Evaporator fan runs, but com- pressor and condenser fan do not start	Low voltage	Check power supply for voltage outside the range of 106 to 126-V on 115-V units and 187 to 253-V on 208/230-V units.
	Thermostat	Examine control unit for loose wires and tighten. Wait four minutes before restarting.
	High-pressure control switch turning unit off	Clean condenser coil filter. Clean condenser discharge screen. Check for defective condenser fan motor. Replace if necessary. Restricted duct.
	Short cycle timer not timed out (SCT-14, 30, 42, and 83)	Wait 5 minutes for timer to allow compressor to restart.
	Compressor contactor open or burned	Replace.
	Refrigerant leak—no freon	Locate leak and repair. Evacuate unit and recharge.
	Loose or defective wires	Check for loose or shorted conductors. Secure contact between wires and connectors. Repair or replace as nec- essary.
	Defective compressor	Check for shorts, opens, and grounds. Compressor replacement should be done by a service technician.
	Tank-full, cut-out switch defective	Check and replace.

#### **TROUBLESHOOTING** continued

Problem	Cause	Remedy
(continued)	Condensate tank full, or red indicator light defective	Check tank and replace red indicator light if defective.
Evaporator fan runs, but com- pressor and condenser fan do not start	Shorted or open run capacitor(s)	Replace.
Compressor runs, but fan	Open fan motor coil circuit	Replace fan motor.
does not run	Shorted or open fan motor capacitor	Replace capacitor.
	Loose or defective wires	Trace and repair.
	Overload relay tripped (SCT-83)	Open rear access cover, push in red manual reset button on overload relay, wait 5 min for compressor to restart.
Insufficient cooling	Insufficient airflow through evaporator coil due to:	See Preventive Maintenance section of this manual.
	Dirty air filter in unit	Clean filter
	Dirty evaporator coil	Clean filter with vacuum cleaner and hose.
	Ice on evaporator coil	Defrost. Run on fan only.
	Obstructed air intake	Remove obstruction.
	Low refrigerant	Repair leak in system.
	Unit improperly sized	Check to assure unit is sized for load. Add supplemental unit if required.
Noisy operation	Copper tubing vibrating	Adjust by bending slightly to firm position. Separate tubes touching cabinet or each other.
	Loose cabinet or internal component	Check and tighten loose screws.
	Machine vibrating-out of level	Level unit base.
	Blower motor bearing defective	Replace blower motor.