

# Maritime Geothermal Ltd.

NORDIC® models EM (DX) 45-55-65

# Installation Manual

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## *Direct Expansion Energy Module Heat Pumps*

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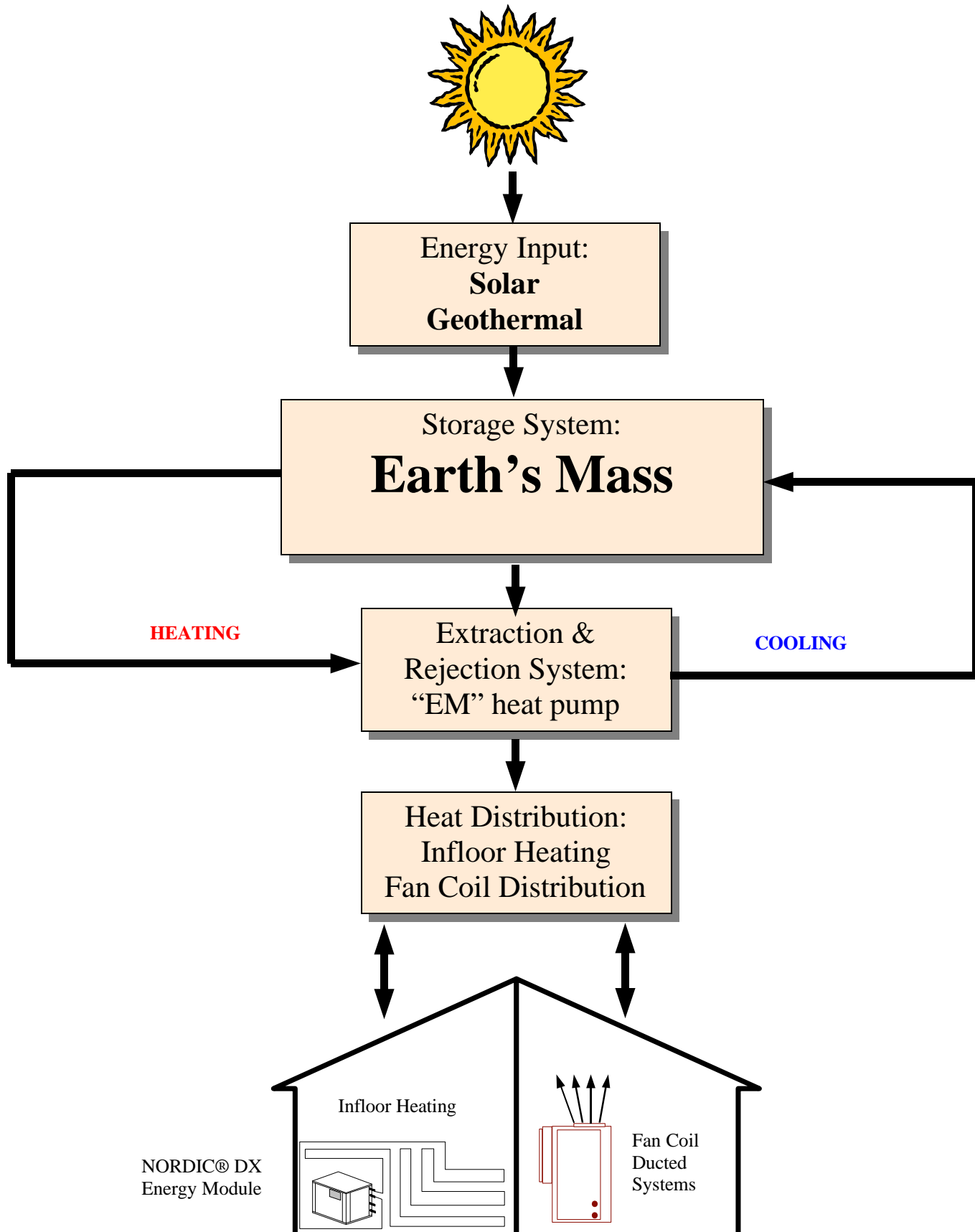


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# A NORDIC® Direct Expansion Heat Pump System



# NORDIC® EM (DX) System Prerequisites

**There are four specific parts or sub-systems to a EMDX heat pump installation:**

1. The source of energy ..... Solar & Geothermal
2. The storage media ..... The Earth's mass
3. Converting the energy to a useable form ..... Heat Pump
4. Distributing the heat ..... Hot Water / radiant slab – fan coils

## Horizontal Loop Fields



The successful application of a EMDX heat pump depends on sizing the machine correctly for the home or area to condition and providing enough land area or volume of earth from which to extract or reject heat.

EMDX heat pumps react with the earth much like a **conventional reversing**

**heat pump and closed loop plastic earth heat exchanger.** Heat that is available to the unit must travel through the earth and therefore the conduction capability of the earth in the location of the heat exchanger is very important. A unit used primarily for heating will have no problem with conduction and heat transfer since it will be cooling the loop during heating mode. Cooling the soil draws moisture towards the coils since they are colder than the surrounding ground. Horizontal loop fields should be laid out so that the copper coils have good cross-sectional influence on the minimum areas listed in

Model	# of Loops	Area Req'd	Trench Layout
EMDX-45	(3) x 106	750 m <sup>2</sup>	1.3 x 53 m
EMDX-55	(4) x 106	930 m <sup>2</sup>	1.3 x 53 m
EMDX-65	(5) x 106	1160 m <sup>2</sup>	1.3 x 53 m

Note: These are minimum loop field requirements based on an earth temperature of 7° C.

**Table 1**

Table 1. As a general rule, wider spacing between the loops so that they do not influence one another, will result in improved performance of the heat pump.

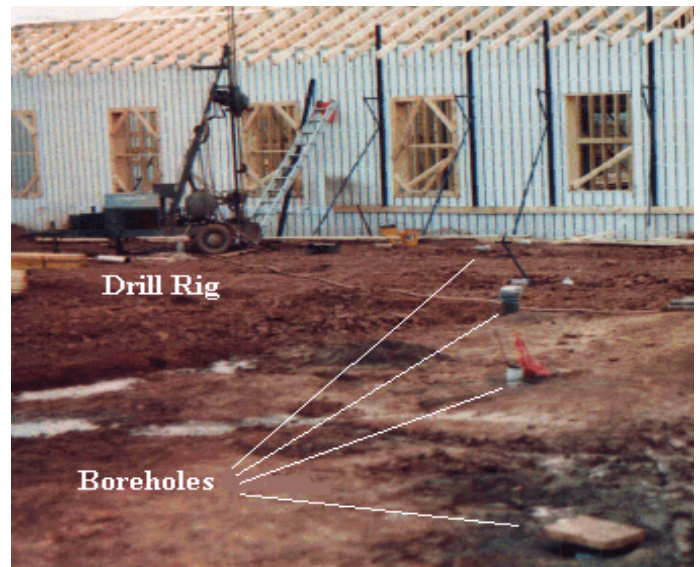
Unless you are sure there will be sufficient moisture present in the loop field area during the summer, a **soaker hose** is recommended in all horizontal trench systems which will be used for air conditioning purposes.

## Vertical Bore Systems

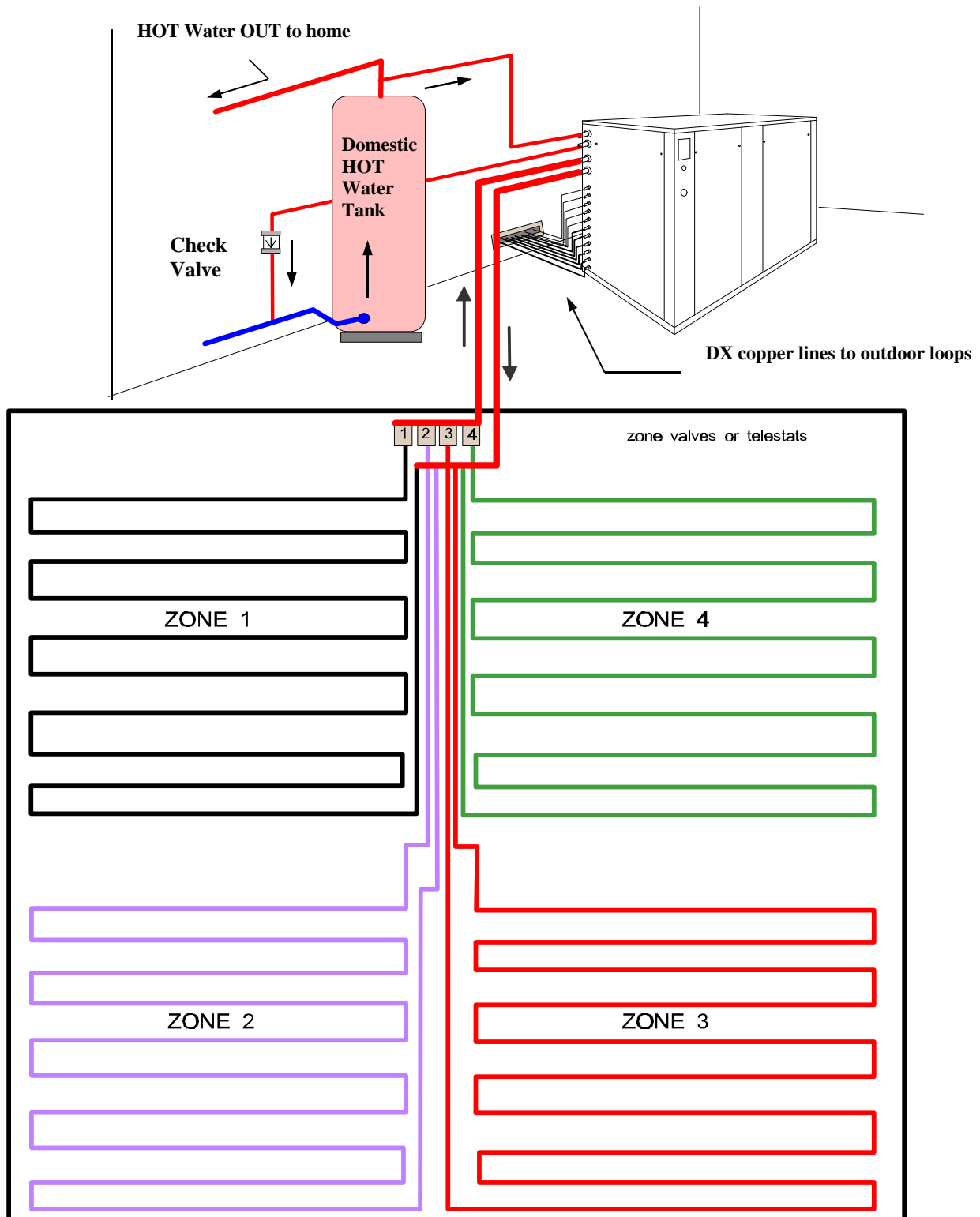
Vertical bores (76 mm x 30 m holes) provide an alternate method of installing a EMDX unit. A high water table in

Nordic® EMDX-45 will heat up to 140 m<sup>2</sup>  
 Nordic® EMDX-55 will heat up to 200 m<sup>2</sup>  
 Nordic® EMDX-65 will heat up to 260 m<sup>2</sup>  
 Assuming at least R-20 walls and R-40 ceiling

the borehole area (6 to 9 m) will insure that there is adequate conduction with the earth and although the loop length per ton is shorter than the horizontal design, the vertical orientation and moisture in the boreholes provides very uniform conduction both winter and summer.



# NORDIC® EMDX Series Typical Plumbing



## Introduction to EMDX Technology

Direct earth coupled heat pump or "EMDX" heat pump is one that has its refrigerant evaporator / condenser in direct thermal contact with the earth from which heat is either extracted *from* during the heating mode or introduced *to* during the cooling mode of operation.

## Energy Machine Overview

As a result of direct urging from the engineering community, Maritime Geothermal Ltd. has developed a unique new heat pump solution specifically targeted at buildings which employ infloor heating as the primary energy distribution system in the building.

The need for an integrated package liquid-to-water or DX®-to-water heat pump became apparent as mechanical engineers who were designing the buildings found that the complexity of setting up a mechanical room with suitable heat pumps, circulator pumps, storage tanks, aquastats and other controls seemed to pose a confusing demand on the installation contractors, plumbers and electricians.

This complexity usually required repeated consultations on site with the designing engineer and various tradesmen involved in carrying out the heat pump installation and with companies involved in integration of the building management system.

To address this situation Maritime Geothermal Ltd. Designed the "**Energy Machine**" with all mechanical components required to mate successfully with an infloor heating system built into the heat pump enclosure. The plumber need only connect the supply and return to the floor header system and the electrician makes a single wiring connection to the unit for heat pump, circulator pumps and back-up electric heat.

An **Energy Machine** includes the following components.:

- Compressor
- Earth heat exchanger or provision for DX connection to the ground.
- Insulated 40 gal. 316 SS distribution tank with integrated refrigerant condenser and domestic hot water generator.
- Expansion tank, PRV, Boiler feed valve, pressure gauge.
- Electronic 2-stage aquastat.
- 12 kw back-up heat
- Floor distribution circulator pump (Standard Taco® 0011 or you spec head and volume).
- All controls prewired and ready to use.

With a typical water-to-water HP most of these components were outside the heat pump and had to be procured and installed by the plumber.

## Energy Machines are superior to a built-up system in the following ways:

1. Installed first cost is cheaper.
2. Building controls are simpler requiring less control points.
3. Higher efficiency.
4. Hotter output temperature.
5. Year around domestic hot water capability.
6. Fewer moving parts - less maintenance.
7. Simple integration to an infloor heating system.
8. Back-up heat built in.
9. Stainless Steel storage tank.
10. Accurate temperature regulation.

1. Cost of purchasing the individual components and building the mechanicals on site are higher than purchasing an integrated package such as the NORDIC® EM.

2. Costs associated with the control points in a building management system are also reduced since the machine only has to be put in the "ON" or "OFF" mode requiring 1 point. The energy machine operates all its internal pumps and circulators automatically.

3. Because the condenser of the heat pump is built into the distribution tank, there is no need for an intermediate water loop and associated pump system. This integration saves the first cost of the circulation pump and the costs of operating and maintenance on the pump over the years.

4. The maximum output water temperature can be up to 52°C (125°F) whereas a conventional water-to-water heat pump will normally have a maximum output temperature of 46°C (115°F).

5. A conventional heat pump can only supply hot water during regular floor heating cycles unless there is an auxiliary heat exchanger installed. The EM has a heat exchanger embedded in the tank which can produce domestic hot water year around.

6. The EMDX has fewer moving parts than a conventional heat pump and requires no servicing or maintenance of any kind.

7. A two point connection to the floor header system is all that is required.

8. External back-up boiler or electric hot water tank is not required since the EM tank is equipped with 9-15 Kw of back up electric heat prewired and activated as the second stage of a 2-stage digital aquastat.

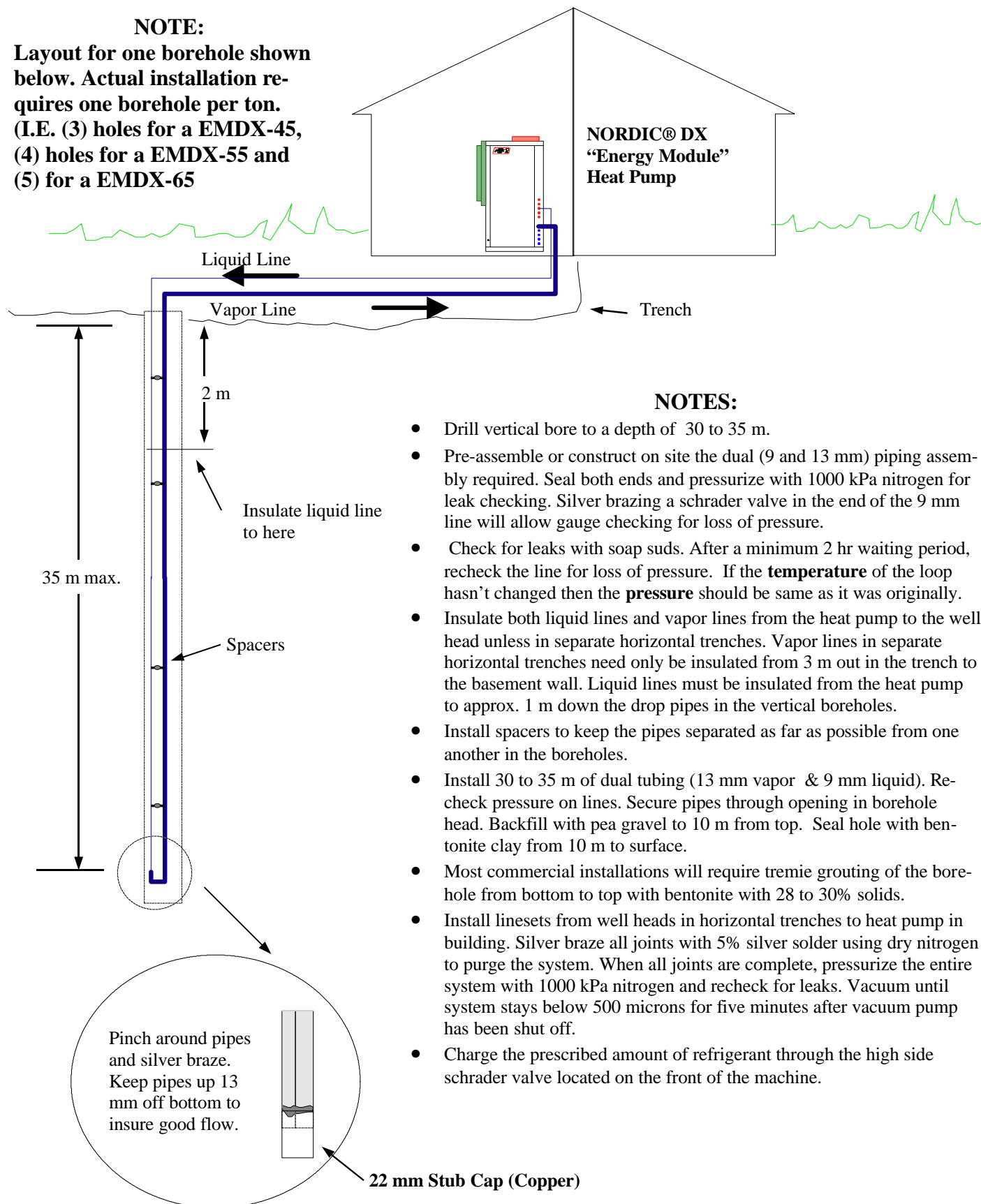
9. The integrated storage tank is fabricated from type 316 Stainless Steel which will last the life of the building.

10. The EM is controlled with a digital 2 stage thermostat with individually adjustable setpoints and differentials. First and second stages will not overlap unless set to do so.

# NORDIC® Vertical EMDX - Typical Loop design

## NOTE:

Layout for one borehole shown below. Actual installation requires one borehole per ton. (I.E. (3) holes for a EMDX-45, (4) holes for a EMDX-55 and (5) for a EMDX-65





## Refrigeration Cycle

The general refrigeration cycle of our EMDX machine is similar in nature to a conventional water-to-air or water-to-water heat pump in that there exist a compressor, expansion device, reversing valve, and refrigerant-to-air heat exchanger.

Conventional technology concerned with heat pumps relies upon the transfer of heat from the ground by means of a secondary heat exchanger system and working fluid, e.g., water, which is pumped to the geothermal unit located in the heated structure. The conventional heat pump has it's own internal primary heat exchanger which extracts heat (heating mode) or rejects heat (cooling mode) from this water, which is then pumped back to the earth to be reheated or cooled.

EMDX systems similarly use a ground coil system, however, the working fluid is a refrigerant and the copper ground-loop is the primary heat exchanger. Such geothermal heat exchange is an efficient and effective way of achieving heat exchange in heating and air conditioning systems, and especially heat pump type systems. Since the ground temperature is relatively constant at 7 °. at a depth 2 m below the frost line, the available heat is constant.

The elimination of the secondary earth heat exchanger (typically plastic in nature) and its associated working fluid reduces the temperature difference required between the ground and the evaporating refrigerant yielding a higher suction pressure than a conventional system under similar circumstances and thus a higher efficiency.

Many attempts have been made in the past to develop successful direct coupled heat pumps for residential and commercial uses. These attempts have failed adequately to meet a number of requirements associated with an economically and functionally viable system. Some of the shortcomings included:

1. Inadequate oil return to the compressor primarily in the heating mode.
2. Inadequate evaporator length and spacing for properly extracting heat from the earth resulting in low capacity and low efficiency of the systems.
3. Refrigerant charges in the range of 10 times greater than a similar capacity conventional geothermal heat pump.
4. Approximately 3 times as much refrigerant required in the cooling mode as is required in the heating mode.
5. Lack of a proper means to store additional refrigerant required during the cooling operation but not needed during the heating mode.
6. Inefficient and ineffective method to account for vastly varying condenser capability depending on ground temperature.
7. Difficulty in providing an easy to install system of earth exchanger loops.

The NORDIC® solution has been to start with a clean new concept and to design a unit from the ground up. We started by developing an evaporator system that would yield the best performance to pressure drop factor and which would impact enough area to maintain a minimum suction pressure above 276 kPa The current horizontal groundloop comprises

107 m per ton of 13 mm OD copper tubing. A 3 ton system would have 3 such loops working in parallel during the heating mode. Refrigerant charge had been determined to be 1.8 kg. of refrigerant per loop. These 13 mm copper loops maintain sufficient velocity at all times to insure adequate oil return. During cooling mode the machine automatically selects one or more loops based on discharge pressure to act as the condenser. As the discharge pressure builds to a predetermined point, the on-board computer selects the most appropriate combination of groundloops to dissipate the heat at the lowest cost to the homeowner. By intelligently controlling the manner in which the condenser is utilized our total system charge does not have to be altered nor does an excess charge have to be stored anywhere.

## EMDX Better than Current Technology

There are several advantages of "EMDX" technology that are superior to conventional geothermal heat pumps of both the "open loop" and "closed loop" variety. Listed below are some of the reasons why "EMDX" technology is becoming more attractive to Homeowners, Dealers and Utilities.

### More Reliable.

- Fewer parts to the system.
- Does not require a supply and return well.
- Does not require a well pump or circulation pumps.
- No water heat exchanger and associated valving to corrode, freeze and break.

### More Efficient

The direct expansion principle allows the refrigerant to come directly into contact with the earth, separated only by copper tubing. During winter, maximum heat transfer takes place at higher temperature than conventional groundloop technology without the maintenance and electrical cost of circulation pumps.



### Less Maintenance

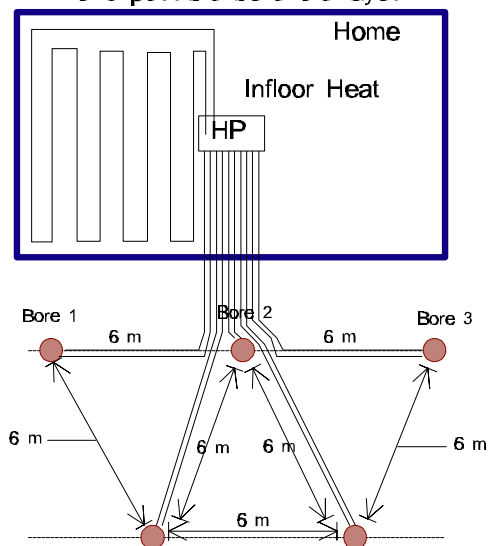
Only a sealed refrigeration circuit to maintain.

### More Versatile

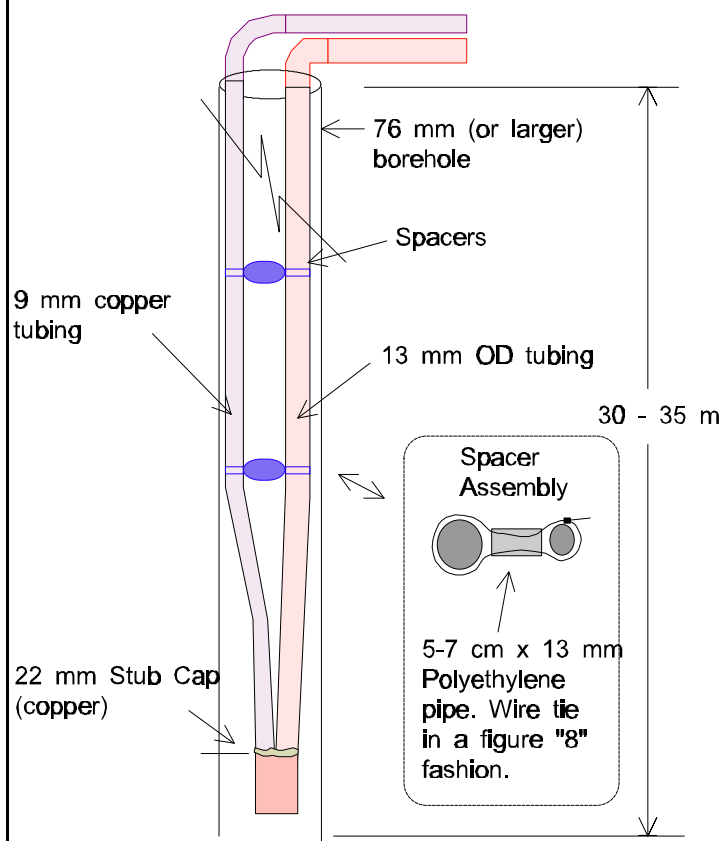
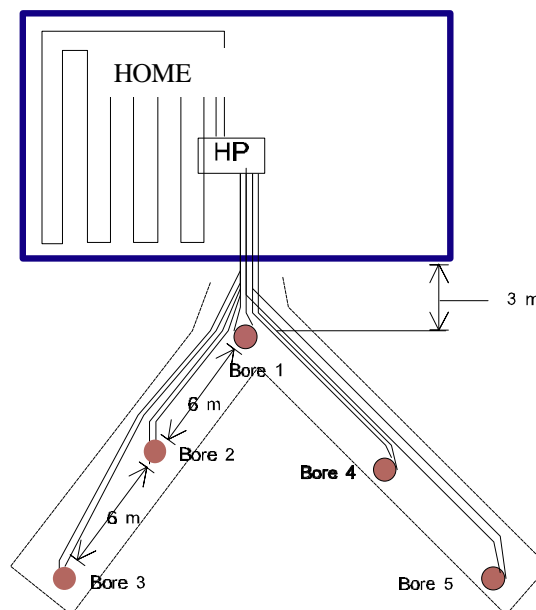
"EMDX" systems can be installed in a more confined area than a conventional groundloop system, primarily because the heat exchanger coil is much more efficient at transferring heat

# Piping Layout of Vertical Style DXW Vertical Loop

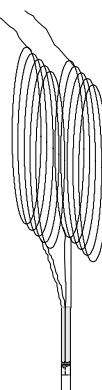
Typical 5 ton (5 loop) Vertical System with one possible borehole layout.



Another possible borehole layout.



Schrader Valve  
Pressure Gauge



30 m pre-made loops of 9 mm liquid line and 13 mm vapor line copper tubing.

Charge to nitrogen.  
Check pressure again before inserting into borehole and after insertion.

Loops can be taken to jobsite in coiled up formation and then uncoiled just before insertion into borehole.

Boreholes should be backfilled up to approx. 10 m from the surface with 6 mm pea gravel, thereafter to the surface with bentonite clay.

Pea gravel is used for backfilling material because it allows any water that may be in the borehole to circulate freely thus improving the heat transfer characteristics of the hole.  
The bentonite clay seals the top 10 m of the hole from surface contamination thus posing no problem to the aquifer.



to the refrigerant than a plastic earth exchanger. Normal loop lengths for a "EMDX" machine are nominally 107 m per ton as opposed to 140 to 150 m per ton for a plastic earth exchanger.

Similarly, vertical systems require only a 75 mm borehole to a normal depth of 30 m per ton.

## Easier to sell

Systems can be quoted more accurately and easily since there is less outside subcontracting involved.

Excavation or drilling contractors know in advance what is required and can quote definite prices whereas with well drilling for open loop systems, the well price may eliminate the sale entirely.

## Installation Instructions

### Unpacking

When the heat pump reaches its destination it should be unpacked to determine if any damage has occurred during shipment. Any visible damage should be noted on the carrier's freight bill and a suitable claim filed at once.

The heat pump is strongly constructed and every effort has been made to insure that it will arrive intact, however, it is in the customer's best interest to examine the unit thoroughly when it arrives.

### Optimum Placement

The location of liquid-to water heat pump inside the home should be determined by:

1. The ease at which piping runs can be connected to the infloor heating headers on the output side of the unit.
2. Space availability in a mechanical room for the hot water distribution tank and associated pumps etc.
3. Ease of access to the water well supply and discharge lines or groundloop lines.

If possible the four main service doors should remain clear of obstruction for a distance of .6 m so that servicing and general maintenance can be carried out with a minimum of difficulty. Raising the heat pump off the floor a few inches is generally a good practice since this will prevent unnecessary rusting of the bottom panel of the unit.

We recommend that the heat pump be placed on a piece of 50 mm Styrofoam covered with 6 mm plywood. The Styrofoam will smooth out any irregularities in the cement floor while the plywood will distribute the weight of the NORDIC® unit evenly over the Styrofoam. This process will also deaden the compressor noise emitted from the bottom of the cabinet.

As an alternative, several pieces of 50 mm lumber can be placed under the unit running from the electrical connection

side to the filter rack side of the heat pump. Laying the wooden pieces in this manner will give the best support since they will be at right angles with the internal steel compressor and heat exchanger supports.



### Materials supplied by NORDIC®

NORDIC® supplies the EMDX heat pump with all internal valving and headering pre-assembled, pressure tested and

ready to be installed to the customers infloor system and underground copper exchanger loops. The underground coil assemblies can be purchased with the unit – pre-tested and sealed with 700 kPa nitrogen pressure. A EMDX system may comprise from 2 to 5 underground loops. One loop is required for each nominal "ton" of compressor capacity. The standard loops are 13 mm OD type "L" or "K" copper tubing. When the dealer unpacks the coils the integrity of the loops can easily be checked by attaching a suitable pressure gauge to the 6 mm schrader valve on the coil assembly. The pressure read at room temperature should be approx. 700 kPa (+/- 30 kPa) If a loop is not within this tolerance, it should be set aside for re-testing or returned to NORDIC® for replacement. Under no circumstances should a copper groundloop be used if there is any question that it may not be pressure tight.



The EMDX heat pump unit has been high pressure tested for leaks and has a holding charge of 200 kPa (nitrogen) when the dealer receives it.

### Materials you will need (inside)

A lineset is required to connect the heat pump to the underground coils

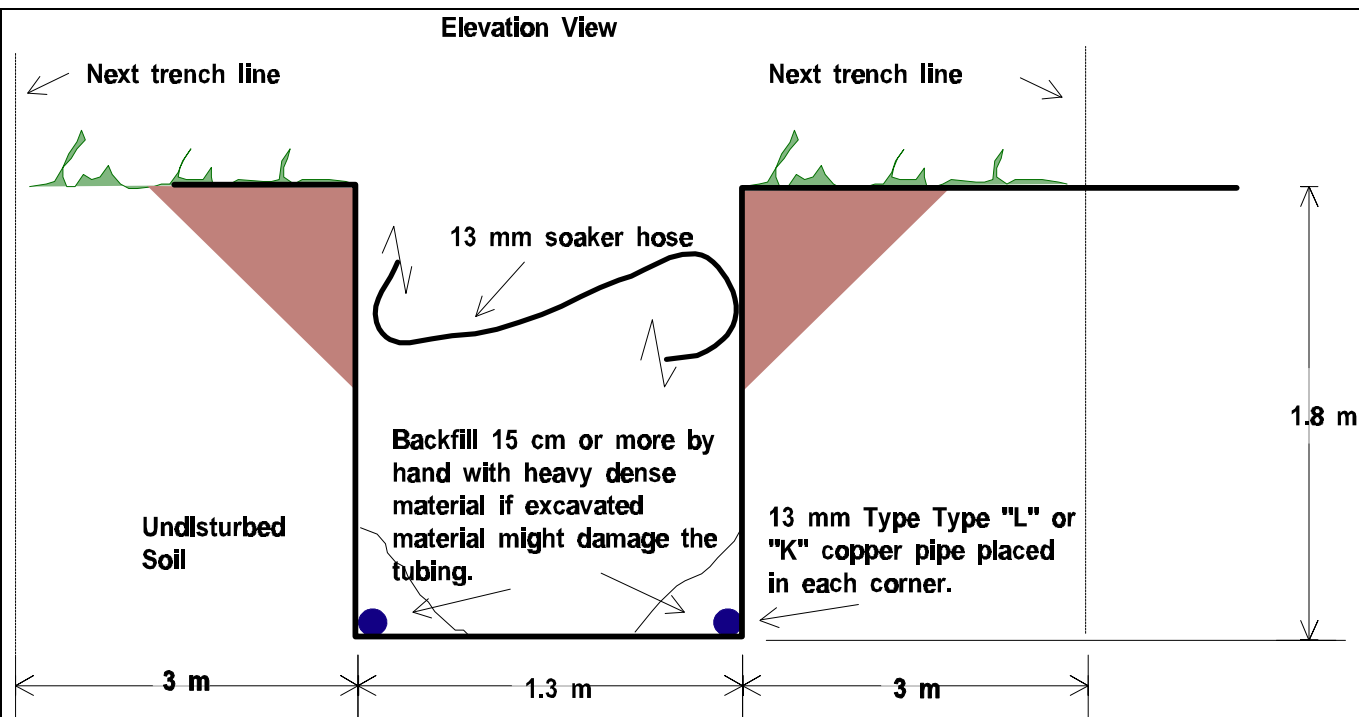
which will be installed outside the structure. This lineset consists of one 9 mm liquid line and one 13 mm gas line for each "ton" or loop installed. The dealer will be required to silver braise (5% silfos) the required indoor linesets from the point of entry to the basement or installation area to the heat pump.

### Horizontal Trench Requirements

The EMDX heat pump requires one ground coil or "loop" per nominal ton of capacity.

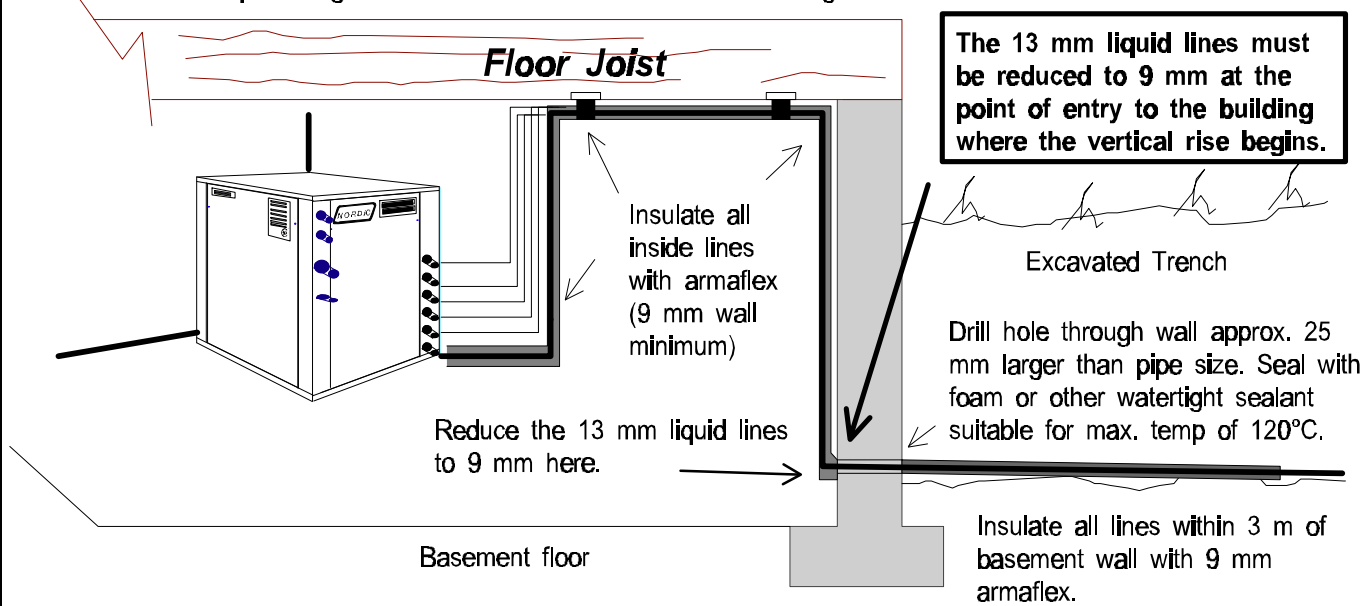
Trenching for the EMDX heat pump can be best accom-

# NORDIC® EMDX Horizontal Trench Design



## IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Horizontal style pipe runs should be placed 1.8 m deep x minimum of 1.3 m wide trench as shown above. Hand backfilling in the area just over the copper pipe is recommended to prevent crushing or pinching of the pipe during backfilling operations. Individual trenches (1 per ton) should be spaced a minimum of 3 m apart to allow the best performance of the groundfield.
- Install a "Soaker hose" in all trenches as per the diagram to assist in initial compaction around the copper loops and also to heat conductive moisture to the ground during cooling mode if required by the system.
- Experience has shown that groundloop fields with the piping laid in a relatively horizontal fashion or with a slight incline uphill will have better performance in the cooling mode due to considerations concerning the flow of liquid refrigerant back to the air handler when cooling.



plished with a tracked excavator equipped with a 1 to 1.3 m bucket. If a wider bucket is available and you can afford the extra cost, the trenches could be wider for improved performance. ***The object, of course, is to allow the copper loops to contact earth which has not been influenced by the proximity of another loop.*** The trenches are dug from 1.5 to 2 m deep to a total length of 55 m. Each of the EMDX loops is 107 m long and when laid in the form of a U down each side of the trench the turn at the end will occur at 54 m allowing for a small degree of error by the excavator operator. Take special care that the bottom of the trench is kept as smooth as possible to reduce the chance of pinching or crushing the copper tubing when backfilling the trench. If rocky conditions are encountered it is recommended that the bottom of the trench, especially the corners where the pipe will lay, be covered by hand with limestone tailings, or some other heavy dense material to provide a relatively smooth resting place for the copper pipe. Unlike plastic pipe, the copper tubing will stay where you put it when unrolled rather than arguing with you, as plastic does, on a cool day. Once the pipe has been unrolled and placed, backfilling by hand to a depth of 152 mm



with fill as described above will ensure that the pipe is protected from falling rock etc. during the machine backfilling procedure.

Other excavating devices such as a ditch-witch (chain digger) or a regular back-hoe can be used if ground conditions permit however you will have to dig a U shaped trench with spacing 2 to 3 m. We have found that the greater speed of the tracked excavator in most soil conditions and the fact that you only have to dig one trench (which is excellent width for a man to work in) more than compensates for it's extra rental or operational costs.

An alternative technique for burying the underground copper tubing would be to dig a large shallow pit with a bulldozer. This pit would have to be large enough to accommodate all the loops required in the system. The copper tubes should have a spacing of at least 2 m minimum. A wider spacing would lead to slightly greater efficiency.

## Entering dwelling

The copper groundloops must enter the dwelling at some location typically through the concrete foundation just above the poured floor. An alternate method would be to run the pipe (insulated) up the outside wall making a 90 degree turn above ground and entering the dwelling between the floor joists just below the first floor. These pipes should be insulated with a minimum of 13 mm closed cell weatherproof insulation. There will be two 13 mm OD copper tubes for each nominal ton of capacity of the heat pump being installed. For example a 3-ton unit would have 3 groundloops and thus 6 ends to go through the concrete wall. We recommend that you drill these holes to a diameter large enough to allow for the insertion of a plastic sleeve, (see drawing ) and the tubing with it's insulation jacket. Suitable measures must be taken to seal the installation from water penetration before the trench is backfilled.

## Unrolling & Placing the Tubing

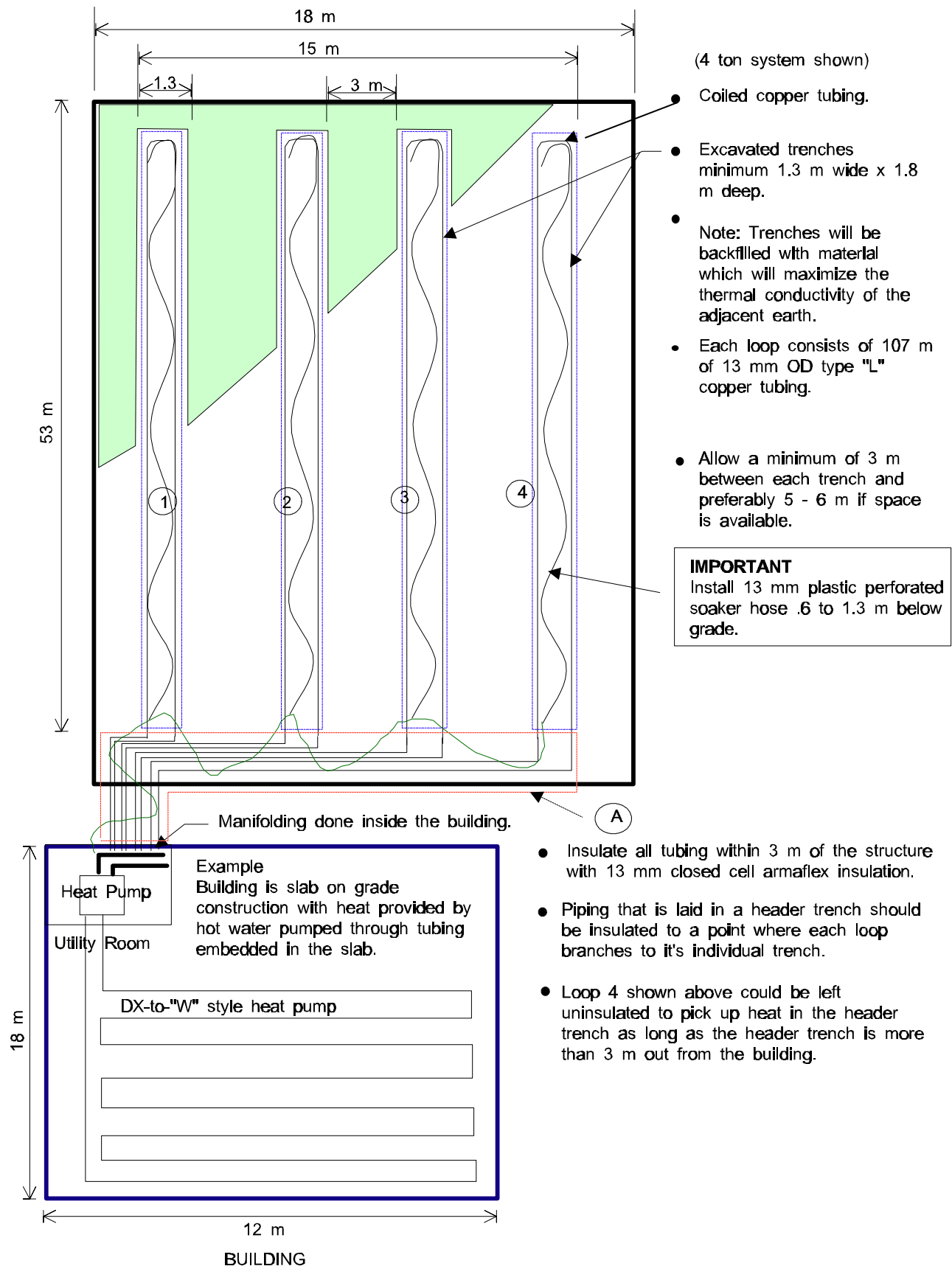
Each 15 m roll of tubing is taped both individually and to the next roll in the group so that at any one time only 15 m of the 107 m is free to unroll. This allows for easier unrolling and prevents kinking the pipe. Observe how the taping is done so that you know which side of the loop to start unrolling first.

To begin, unroll approximately 4 m of copper tubing. Slide three 2 m lengths of armaflex closed cell insulation with wall thickness of at least 13 mm over the end of the tubing and insert it through the plastic sleeve of hole # 1 approximately 20 cm into the basement. It is good practice to label this line "**loop 1 - gas**" to identify it when interconnecting linesets inside the building. Unroll the copper tubing down one corner of the trench. When 53 m of tubing has been laid out make your turn and proceed back the other side of the trench to the foundation of the building. Slide two 2 m lengths of armaflex insulation onto the tubing and insert the stub end through hole # 2 in the wall to match the other end of the loop. Label this end of the line "**loop 1 - liquid**" so that the complete loop can be identified later. Manually backfill the loop with fill to a depth of 15 cm for protection during the machine backfill process. Duplicate the process described above applying labels to identify the two ends of successive loops (loop 2,3,4 etc.) until all required loops are in place.

## Insulation Placement Near Foundation

It is important to apply closed cell insulation to the copper groundloops as they come within 3 m of the building to prevent the possible build up of ice near the foundation of the home. Applying 13 mm wall closed cell waterproof insulation to the tubing as described above will insure that very little heat is absorbed from the ground near the basement wall thus avoiding possible frost damage to the structure.

## Horizontal EMDX Loop Field (Plan View)





## Pressure testing linesets

Using the 6 mm schrader valve supplied on each loop the installer can again check the pressure on each lineset with his refrigeration gauge set before releasing the pressure and cutting the loop stubs coming into the basement to the proper lengths.

## Interconnecting tubing

Once the outside loops have been installed it is necessary to interconnect the "gas" and liquid lines of each loop coming into the building to its corresponding line on the heat pump. Each set of two pipes is labeled on the EMDX heat pump as "loop 1 liquid", "loop 1 vapor", etc. depending on the tonnage of the heat pump. The larger of the two pipes is the "gas" line (13 mm OD) while the smaller line is the "liquid" line (9 mm OD). The dealer must install a 13 mm OD "gas" line from each of the gas lines on the heat pump to the corresponding gas lines of each groundloop. Similarly a 9 mm OD "liquid" line must be run from each heat pump "liquid" line to the corresponding liquid line of each groundloop.

Note that there is a transition in size from 9 mm to 13 mm as the liquid line attaches to the groundloop stub coming into the basement. A suitable reducing coupling can be purchased from any refrigeration wholesaler.

The tubing used for this procedure must be refrigeration tubing (cleaned & dehydrated) suitable for the job. Every effort must also be made to insure that the tubing does not become contaminated during installation. We recommend that caps be placed on the open ends of tubing immediately after cuts are made and that these caps are only removed after all bends have been made and the pipe fixed in its permanent location ready to make the silver soldered joints. It is very important to keep a refrigeration system perfectly clean and dry therefore removing the caps just prior to silver soldering will insure that the tubing is exposed for a minimal time to the atmosphere and the associated moisture contained therein.

## Insulating linesets

All tubing inside the basement must be insulated with 9 mm wall armaflex or equivalent insulation to prevent condensation and sweating during winter operation.

## Silver soldering linesets

Once all the tubing runs have been routed, insulated and fastened in place the caps can be removed, couplings applied (or alternately the tubing can be "swaged") and the joints silver soldered with 5% silfos. **NORDIC® absolutely requires that dry nitrogen be bled through the system during all silver soldering procedures so that no oxidation occurs on the inside of the copper tubing.**

## Vacuumping system

When silver soldering is finished the entire system should be pressurized to 700 kPa with dry nitrogen and all joints

made by the installer checked for leaks using soap suds or some other technique that the installer feels comfortable with. It is important not to bypass this step since vacuuming the system with a leak will be impossible and attempting to do so will introduce moisture to the system making the process take much longer to vacuum after the leak has been found and repaired.

Vacuum the system until the reading on an electronic vacuum gauge stays below 500 microns for a period of 5 minutes after the vacuum pump is shut off and the system sealed.

## Charging system

Once the system has been vacuumed refrigerant can be added by weighing in 1/3 of the prescribed refrigerant charge into the low side of the system. Start the heat pump in the heating mode and continue to add refrigerant as a liquid at a rate of no more than .5 kg per minute until the prescribed charge is reached.

Alternately, before the machine is started, the entire charge can be weighed into the system through the high side schrader valve.

## Hot Water Connections

Connection to the hot water generator feature of the heat pump is accomplished by teeing into an electric or oil fired hot water tank with a capacity of 180 litres minimum. A typical piping diagram is shown elsewhere in this manual. Be sure to note the position of the check valve and the direction of water flow.

One should be sure the tank is filled with water and is under pressure before activating the heat pump to insure proper lubrication of the circulator pump. Slightly loosen the copper union on the hot water discharge pipe to allow air to escape from the system before the unit is started. This step will make certain that the water circulator is flooded with water when it is started. Since the pump is water lubricated, damage will occur to the pump if it is run dry for even a short period. The union on the discharge water line may have to be purged of air several times before good circulation is obtained. A hand placed several feet down the line will sense when the water is flowing.

The thermostats on the hot water tank should be set to 38 °C. since the heat pump will transfer energy, via an internal heat exchanger, from the main internal tank normally maintained at 45°C. By setting the tank thermostats as described, the heat pump will try to keep the tank above the cut-in point of the electric element settings thus generating hot water from the heat pump only. During periods of high demand, the electric elements could energize to help make hot water.

## Safety Controls

The NORDIC® heat pump has two built in safety controls which are designed to protect the unit from situations which could damage it.

### 1. Low pressure control

The low pressure control is designed to shut the unit down



# NORDIC® EMDX Pit Heat Exchanger Layout

ONE LOOP PER "TON" REQUIRED

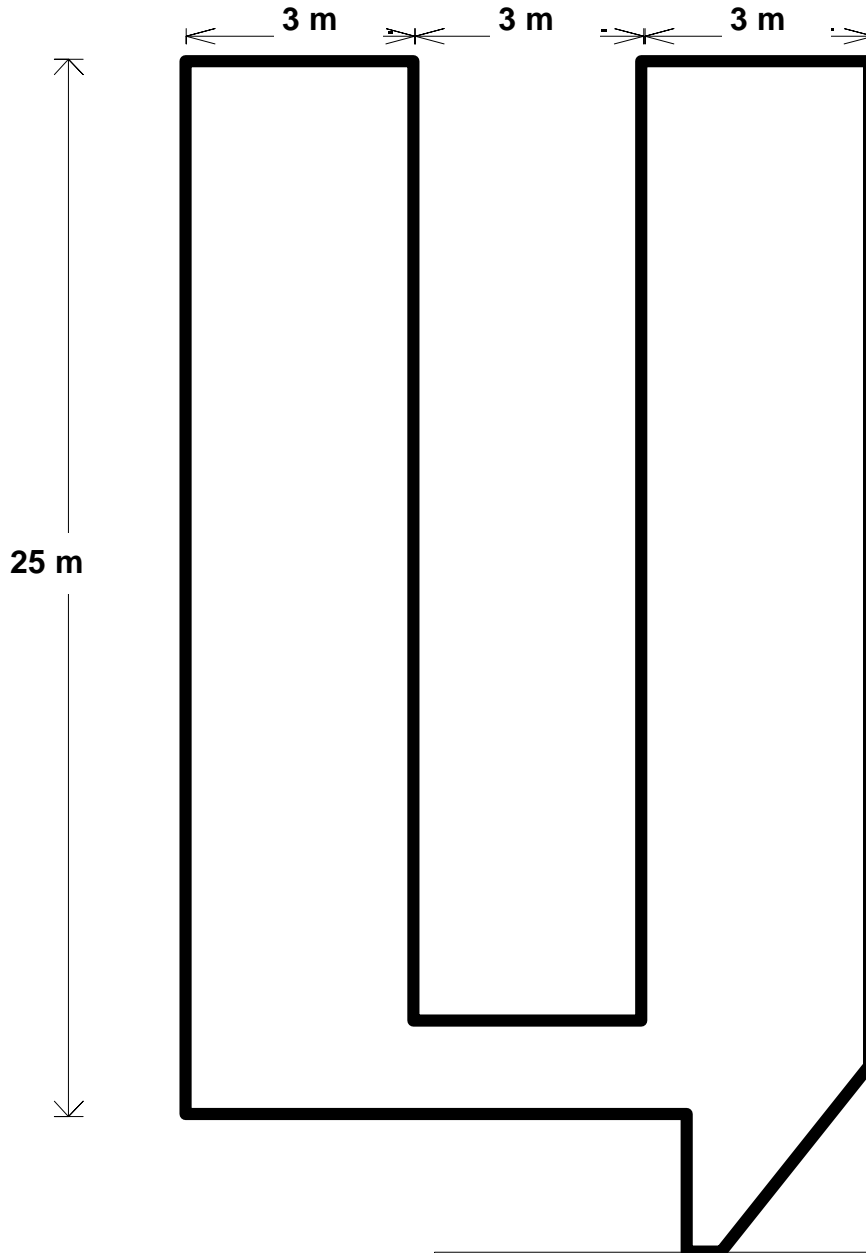


Diagram at left shows another possible configuration for a horizontal DX piping system.

- Each loop should encompass about 230 m<sup>2</sup> to 325 m<sup>2</sup> of land area per "ton" of heat pump.
- Each loop consists of 107 m of 13 mm copper tubing.
- The "pit" could be an excavated area or an existing area which needs to be filled as part of general excavation.
- Loops should be buried approximately 2 m underground for best performance.

## Example:

**Nordic DX-45 should have (3) loops as shown at left, a DX-55 (4) loops and a DX-65 (5) loops.**

Other configurations would work as well such as a 15 x 15 m pattern or a 18 x 14 m etc.

The object is to encompass at least the minimum area mentioned above with spacing no closer than 2.5 m between any two pipes.

**Home**

if the refrigerant evaporating pressure drops below 20 psig. Some possible causes for a trip out on low pressure are:

1. Ruptured or broken groundloop coil.
2. Low refrigerant charge.
3. Other refrigerant leak.

## **2. High pressure control**

The second safety control is a high pressure safety limit which monitors compressor discharge pressure. This device will not normally trip unless:

1. There is low or no water in the internal tank.
2. Aquastat is set too high. (Above 53°C)

If either of these controls trips it will activate a **lock-out relay** which prevents the unit from restarting until power to the control circuit is broken (by opening the 24v circuit between "R" and "T") or the electrical supply to the unit is broken by opening the heat pump breaker and then closing it again. If one of these controls trips there is a serious problem with the system and it must be rectified if the unit is to maintain good service.

## **Electrical**

The NORDIC® unit is supplied with an opening for 19 mm conduit nipple on the right side of the unit. An additional 13 mm knock-out is also supplied to accommodate accessories which may be attached to the heat pump's relays (such as circulator pumps etc.). Above the accessory knock-out is another 9 mm hole for the thermostat wire which controls the circulator pump. A wiring diagram is located on the electrical box cover for quick reference and although the connections to be made are quite simple, Maritime Geothermal Ltd. recommends that a properly qualified electrician be retained to make the connections and wire the thermostat.

## **Starting the Heat Pump**

BEFORE starting the heat pump the following areas should be rechecked to assure proper operation.

1. Check all high voltage field wiring and electrical connections inside the control box for good connection.
  2. Turn on the main power switch. The Ranco® 2-stage aquastat stage1 setpoint is set to 110°F with a 10°F differential from the factory. Stage2 of the aquastat is factory set at 100°F with a 5°F differential. This means that the unit will cycle on stage1 and stage2 when first powered up.
  3. Turn on the water supply to the hot water lines and check all plumbing for leaks.
  4. Check the hot water tank to be sure it is filled with water before energizing the circuit. Slightly open the pressure relief valve on the top of the hot water tank to make sure that all air is out of the system and the circulator pump is flooded with water.
  5. Vacuum out any dust and debris that may have collected in the unit during installation.
  6. Make sure the proper time-delay fuse or breaker has been installed in the electrical panel.
  7. Have the following tools on hand and know how to use them.
- *A refrigeration gauge set.*

- *An electronic or other accurate thermometer.*

- *An amprobe.*

1. Connect your refrigeration gauge set.
2. Turn on the power to activate the system. The Ranco aquastat will display the temperature in the tank and if below the setpoint – "S1" and "S2" will be displayed in the LCD window and the compressor will start.
3. Observe the readings on the high and low pressure gauge set. With an initial earth temperature of 7° to 10° C the suction pressure (blue gauge) should be approximately 315 to 400 kPa while the head or discharge pressure (red gauge) should be in the area of 1350 to 1900 kPa. Record this information on the warranty test card.
4. The temperature on the aquastat should show a steady rise as the internal distribution tank warms up. As the temperature rises above the electric back-up setting, "S2" will disappear from the display and only the heat pump will be operating.
5. If you wish to operate the unit without the electric back-up coming on then switch the internal electric heat breaker off.
6. At the electrical disconnect switch place the amprobe jaws around the supply wires and record the current in each conductor and record this current.
7. When the tank comes up to temperature you can open any valves on the hot water supply lines and the unit is ready to operate.

## **General Maintenance**

As with any piece of equipment there will eventually be some maintenance to be done on the heat pump however a EMDX heat pump is relatively maintenance free and only one item will need attention as follows:

⇒ Check contactors for burned or pitted points.

## **Theory of Operation**

The EMDX heat pump utilizes a typical vapor compression refrigeration cycle similar to many other common appliances. The only difference between a **Direct Expansion** heat pump and a conventional geothermal unit is the fact that the DX unit has its heat exchanger embedded in the ground. The EM machine also incorporates the condenser coil directly inside the internal hot water buffer tank

Due to some engineering obstacles involved with remote parallel evaporators some special equipment and techniques which are described below are required to allow such a system to work effectively. Some text below may also describe a heat / cool system. If your system is heat only or heat and hot water then skip over the cooling description sections.

## **4-Ton System Description Heating Mode**

All NORDIC® EMDX systems utilize multiple earth loops to transfer heat to and from the ground. One loop per ton of capacity is normally required and during the heating mode all the loops are active.

Liquid refrigerant passes from the air handler section through the bi-flow filter-drier and through the cooling TX valve which is fully open by virtue of its equalizer line being

connected to the common suction inlet line and it's controller bulb attached to the vapor inlet line (hot in heating mode) of the air handler. Liquid refrigerant then travels towards the liquid line header, solenoid valve and check valve assembly. Solenoid valve "A" is a normally open valve and is de-energized during the heating mode thus refrigerant can travel unrestricted through the heating check valves (B, C, D, E) towards the inlet of all the heating TX valves.

Each heating TX valve is equipped with a small bypass capillary tube which allows approximately 1/2 ton of refrigerant to flow regardless of the position of the TX valve. This by-pass is intended to perform 2 functions:

- Limits the amount of hunting done by the TX valve due to the long evaporator length.
- Prevents the heat pump from tripping out on a high pressure limit if all the heating TX valves decide to close at the same time.

The TX valves control the flow of liquid refrigerant to it's loop by virtue of the sensing bulbs being attached to each respective return vapor line and all the equalizer lines connected to the common suction inlet line. The sensing bulb of each TX valve is located just below the connection to the 3-way valves on the gas line header assembly.



**Excavate alongside each borehole so that the copper tubing can lay over into the trench.**

The liquid refrigerant coming in contact with the warm earth vaporizes to a gas and flows back to the heat pump via the 13 mm OD copper return vapor lines. System oil is entrained in by the velocity of the return gas and is continuously swept back towards the compressor. Refrigerant vapor normally picks up from 2 to 6°C superheat as it returns to the heat pump. Refrigerant vapor enters the 3-way valve header assembly at ports "F", passes straight through the valve to ports "G" where it exits to the vapor line header. From the vapor line header the refrigerant gas enters the reversing valve at point "H" and exits to the common suction line "I" where it travels to the accumulator and onward to the compressor. Hot, high pressure refrigerant gas enters the desuperheater coil, on

## **Vertical DX Borehole With Copper "U" Tube**



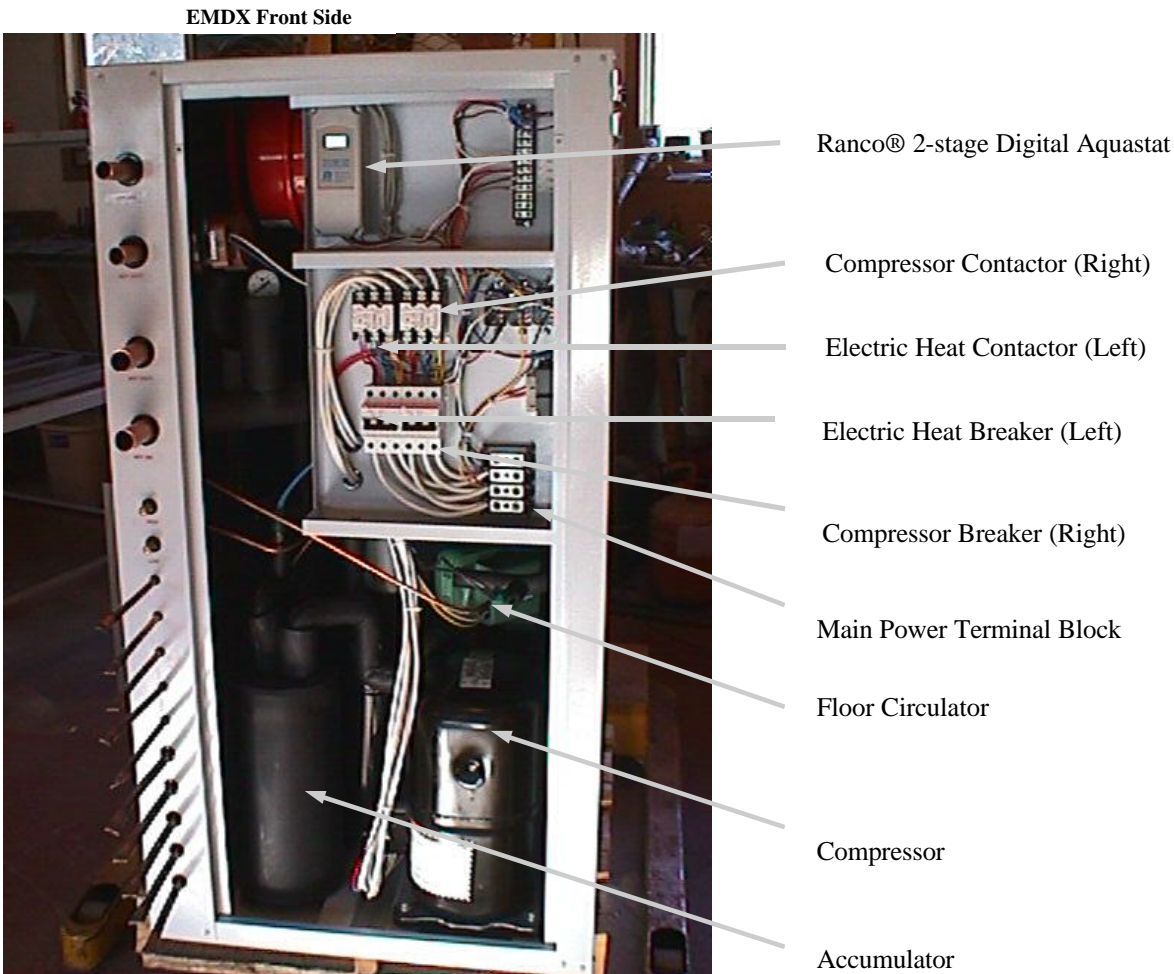
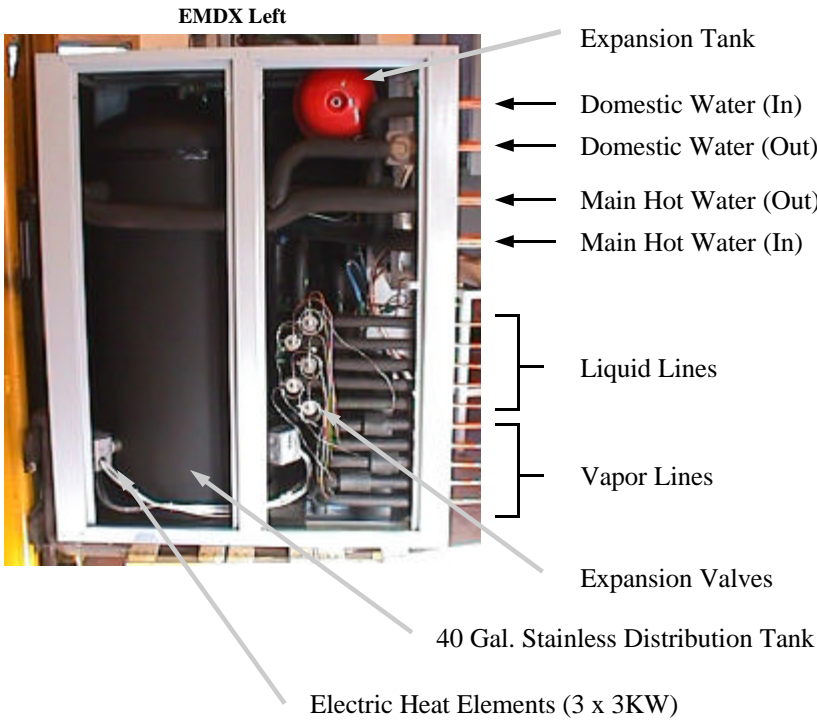
**Enough extra tubing has been supplied to reach into the building when temporary plastic casing is removed.**

units so equipped, where a small portion of its heat is removed in the production of hot water. The hot refrigerant then enters the air coil where the refrigerant vapor is condensed by the process of cool household air flowing across the air-to-refrigerant coil. Further sub-cooling of the refrigerant liquid takes place as the refrigerant reaches the bottom of the coil and begins another cycle.

1. It allows the machine to switch from heating to cooling mode without shut-off on it's low pressure control since refrigerant pressure is supplied to the intake of the compressor by the idle loops while the refrigerant is being repositioned to operate in another loop or loops.

Once the refrigerant enters the groundloop(s) it condenses giving up its heat and returns to its liquid state. Oil and liquid refrigerant are swept along the underground copper lines back to the liquid line header assembly where it flows through the cooling check valve(s) connected to the respective liquid lines and onward towards the cooling TX valve which meters refrigerant into the air coil as required. Liquid cannot enter any of the other liquid lines because of the orientation of the cooling check valves nor can it enter the heating section of the liquid line header by virtue of liquid line solenoid valve "A" being energized (closed) while in the cooling mode.





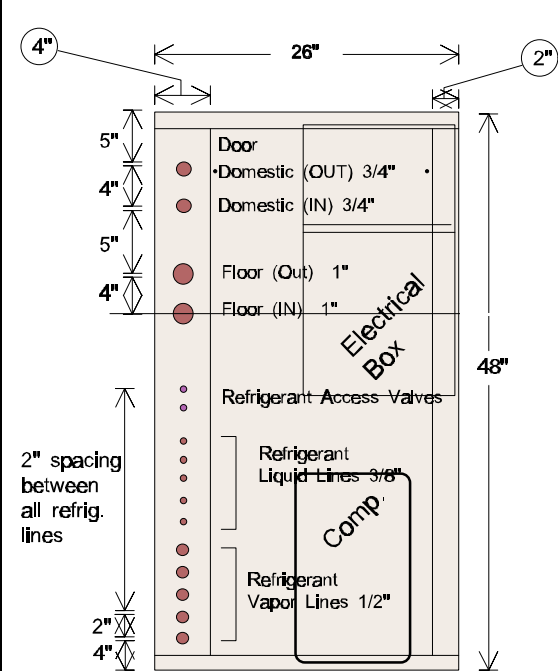
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**Engineering and Performance Data**

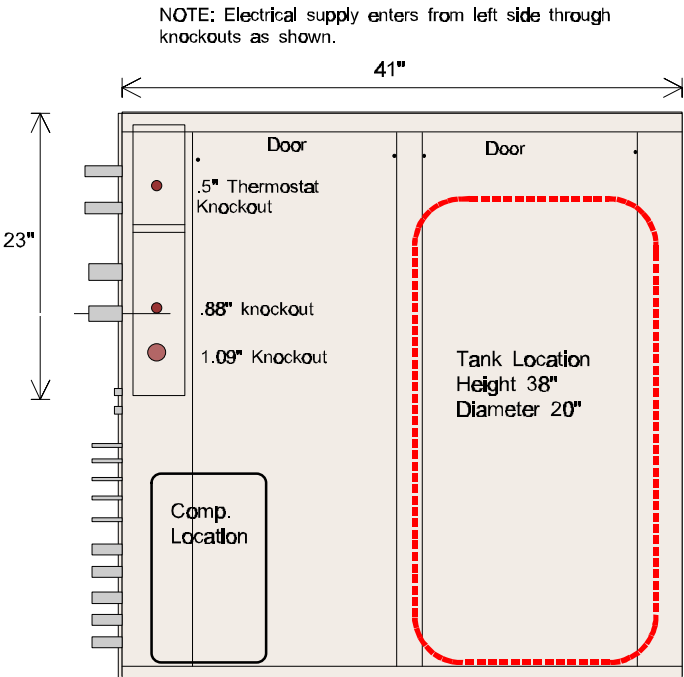
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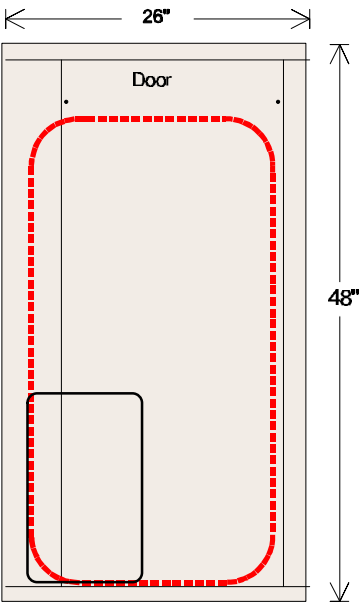
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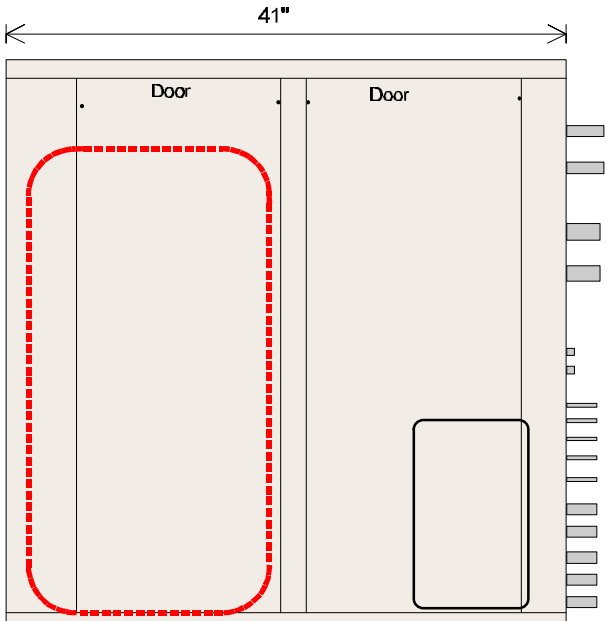
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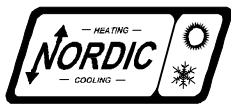


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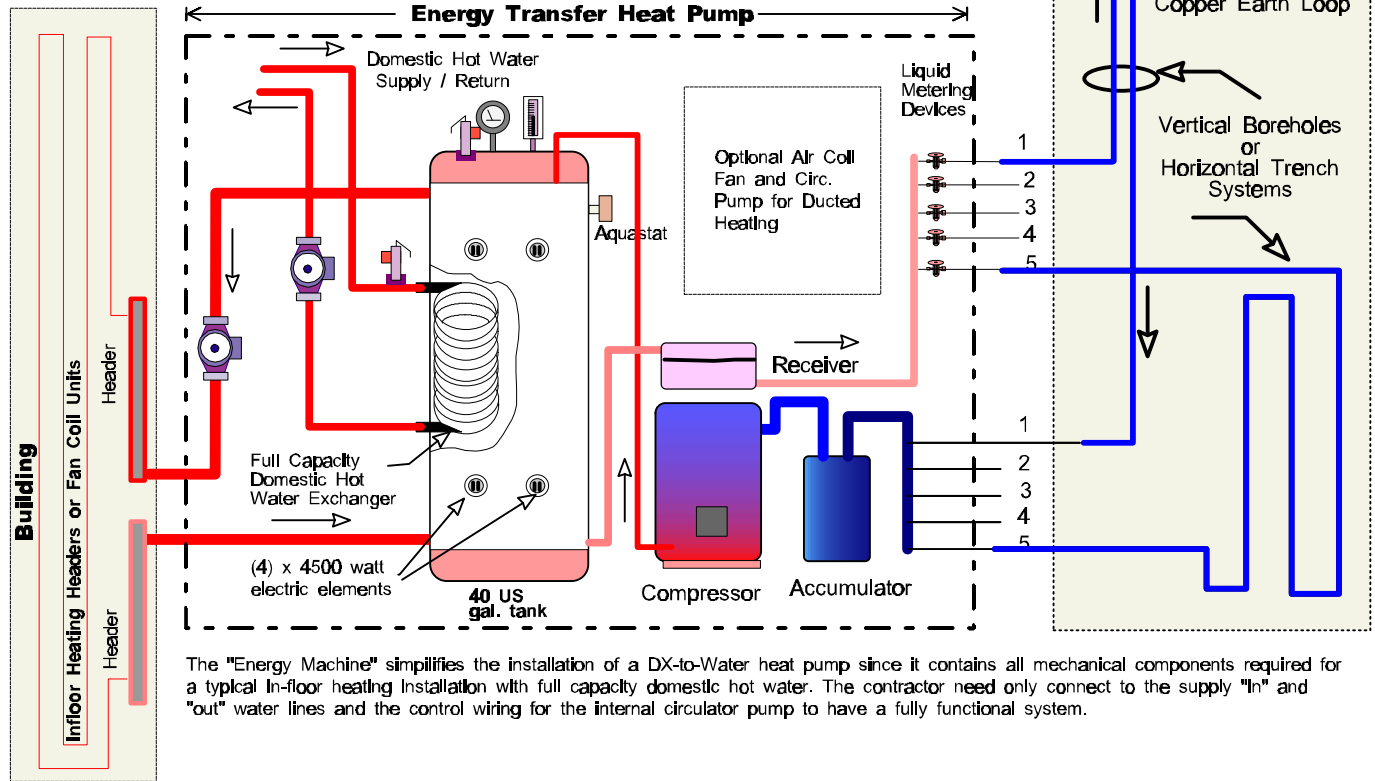
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## Self Contained Direct Expansion Energy Machine

### Energy Receiver



### Heat Pump Electrical Service Requirements

Second row lists requirements with 9KW internal back-up heat installed

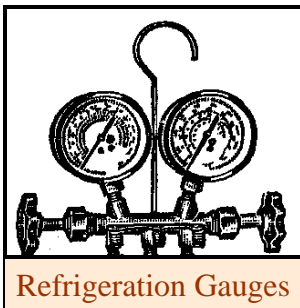
Model	EMDX-45-HW		EMDX-55-HW		EMDX-65-HW	
Voltage	230/1	208/3	230/1	208/3	230/1	208/3
Min. Circuit Ampacity	21 61 with Elec. back-up	15 50	28 64	20 53	34 70	23 56
Recommended Wire Size	8-3 3-3	10-3 6-3	8-3 3-3	10-3 6-3	6-3 3-3	10-3 6-3
TD Fuse or Breaker	40 70	20 60	40 100	30 60	50 100	30 60
Control Wire	18-3 thermostat wire (for all)					

# NORDIC® EMDX Heat Pump Trouble Shooting

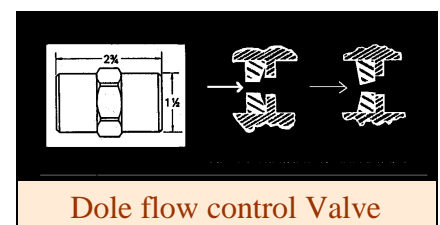
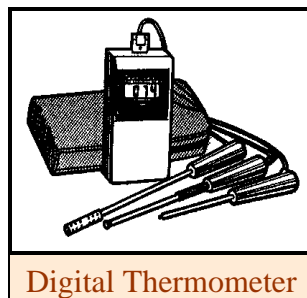
Fault	Possible Cause	Verification	Recommended Action
<b><u>Compressor not operating</u></b>	Power Failure	Electric circuit test shows no voltage on the line side of compressor contactor.	Check for blown fuse at heat pump's disconnect box or blown fuse
	Disconnect switch open	Voltmeter shows no voltage on the line side of the compressor contactor.	Determine why the disconnect switch was opened, if all is OK close the switch.
	Fuse blown	At heat pump disconnect box, voltmeter shows voltage on the line side but not on the load side.	Replace fuse with proper size and type. (Time-delay) type "D" Check total load on system.
	Low voltage	Voltmeter shows abnormally low voltage (Below 210 v) at heat pump disconnect switch.	Call power company.
	Burned out motor	Ohmmeter shows no resistance between common and run terminals or between common and start terminals. Note: Be sure compressor overload has had a chance to reset. If comp. is hot this may take several hours.	Determine cause and replace motor.
	Thermal overload on compressor tripped.	Ohmmeter shows reading when placed across R and S terminals and infinity between C & R or C & S. Make sure the internal overload has had time to reset.	If windings are open or overload is faulty, replace compressor.
	Faulty compressor contactor.	Voltage on line side with contactor held closed, but no voltage on one or both terminals on the load side. Points pitted or burned.	Replace contactor.
	Seized compressor due to locked or damaged mechanism.	Compressor attempts to start but trips it's internal overload after a few seconds.	Attempt to "rock" compressor free. If normal operation cannot be established, replace compressor.
	Faulty run capacitor.	Check with ohmmeter for shorts, open etc.	Replace if faulty.

<b>Fault</b>	<b>Possible Cause</b>	<b>Verification</b>	<b>Recommended Action</b>
<b><u>Compressor not operating</u></b>	Open control circuit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thermostat not calling for heat.</li> <li>• High or low pressure limit open.</li> <li>• Lock-out relay energized.</li> <li>• <u>Heat / Cool units only</u> control board shows hi or low pres. permanent lock-out.</li> </ul>	<p>Locate open control and determine cause. Replace faulty control if necessary.</p> <p><u>Heat / Cool Units Only</u> Microcontroller board shows “RED” high pres. or “GREEN” low pres. lockout flashing or glowing steadily.</p>
<b><u>Compressor “short cycles”</u></b>	Intermittent contact in electrical control circuit.	Normal operation except too frequent starting and stopping.	Check differential in aquastat is set for at least 3°C
<b><u>Unit trips off on “LOW” suction pressure control. HEATING</u></b>	Low refrigerant level.	Refrigeration gauges show suction pressure dipping below 138 kPa	Check refrigerant level. Add refrigerant slowly. Check for possible leaks. Normal charge is 1.8 kg per ton.
	Faulty low pressure ctrl.	Refrigerant pressure control should open on drop at approx. 138 kPa Normal suction is 275 – 400 kPa	Control should reset automatically. Heat pump can then be restarted by resetting the lock-out relay or ctrl. board. (Turn power off then back on) Replace faulty control if it will not reset.
	Faulty TXV's	Check individual suctions to verify that each TXV opening and closing cycle is approximately the same.	Replace TXV(s) if not operating properly.
<b><u>Unit trips off on “HIGH” pres. control. HEATING</u></b>	Aquastat setting too high. Eg. Above 50°C (122°F) TXV stuck closed Filter drier plugged. No or low water in tank.	Check for refrigerant flow through TXV and filter. Make sure tank is full of water and not above 50°C (122°F)	Replace filter or TXV if required. Fill tank with water.

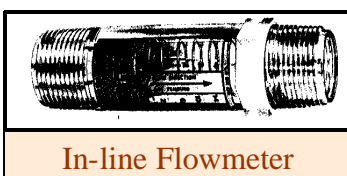
Fault	Possible Cause	Verification	Recommended Action
<b><u>DOMESTIC HOT WATER</u></b> Insufficient hot water.	Circulator pump not operating. Heat pump not operating. Switch set to "OFF" Valves shut off	Use an amprobe to measure current draw. Observe any shut-off valves for location.	Replace if faulty.
	Blockage or restriction in the water line or hot water heat exchanger.	Check water flow and power to pump. Check water lines for obstruction	Remove obstruction in water lines. Acid treat the domestic hot water coil.
	Thermostat (if equipped) is open.	Check contact operation. Should close at 40°C and open at 45°C.	Replace thermostat if faulty.
<b><u>Electric Elements in Storage Tank</u></b> not operating.	Disconnect switch open, or breaker open in electrical supply to heat pump.	Check both line and load sides of fuses or breakers. If switch or breaker is open determine why.	Replace blown fuse or breaker or close switch.
	Electric element breaker inside electric panel of heat pump shut off.	Check voltage at elements with multimeter. Check for grounded or open element.	Reset breaker.
	Second stage of aquastat on hot water tank set too low. Should be set at 38° to 40°C.	Visually inspect the setting. Temporarily adjust the setting up to see if the elements engage.	Readjust the setting to 40°C.



## Trouble Shooting Tools



The Dole® flow control is a simple, self-cleaning device designed to deliver a constant volume of water from any outlet whether the pressure is 15 psig or as high as 125 psig. The controlling mechanism consists of a flexible orifice that varies it's area inversely with pressure so that a constant flow is maintained.

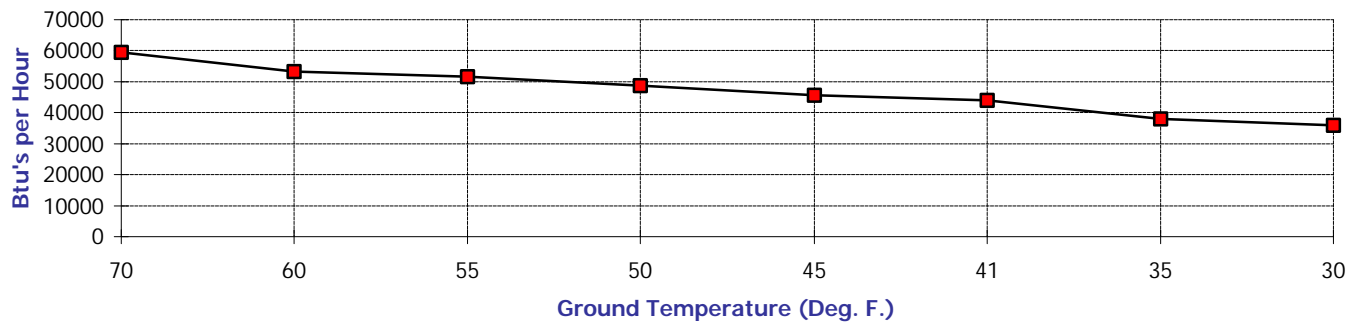
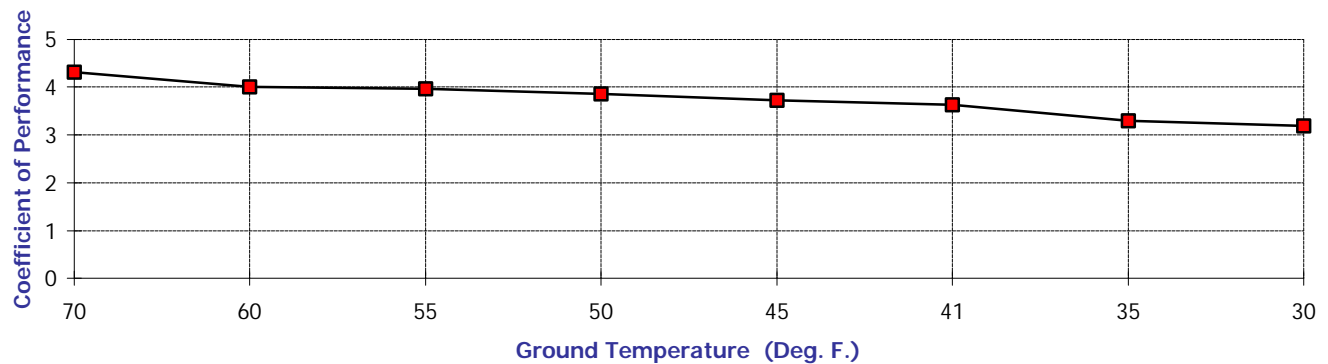




**Performance Specification Sheets****Model EMDX-45-HW****Heating Mode**

Soil Temp.	HAB	EWT	LWT	Flow	Btu's Out	Comp. Amps	Comp. Watts	Watts	COP	Suct. Pres.	Disch. Pres.
70	45163	100	109.9	10	59556	19.4	3640	4045	4.3	88	282
60	40104	100	108.9	10	53285	18.7	3489	3896	4.0	75	267
55	37560	100	108.6	10	51532	18.4	3393	3803	4.0	68	258
50	34335	100	108.1	10	48670	17.9	3296	3697	3.9	62	250
45	32607	100	107.6	10	45594	17.3	3178	3584	3.7	57	240
41	30635	100	107.3	10	43956	17.4	3129	3543	3.6	54	234
35	26674	100	106.3	10	38008	16.6	2963	3378	3.3	45	219
30	22677	100	106	10	35919	16.6	2877	3301	3.2	39	210

Water flow in IGPM Temperatures in °F

**Btu Output Vs. Ground Temperature Model EMDX-45****COP Vs. Ground Temperature Model EMDX-45**

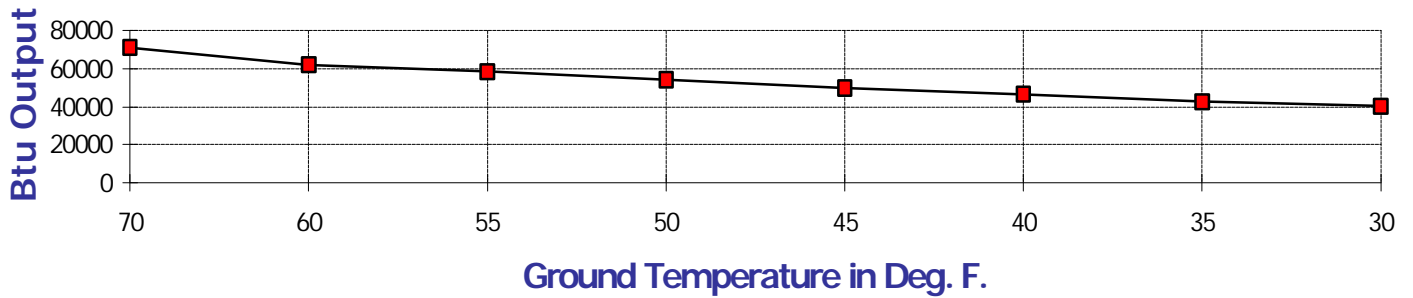
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## Heating Mode

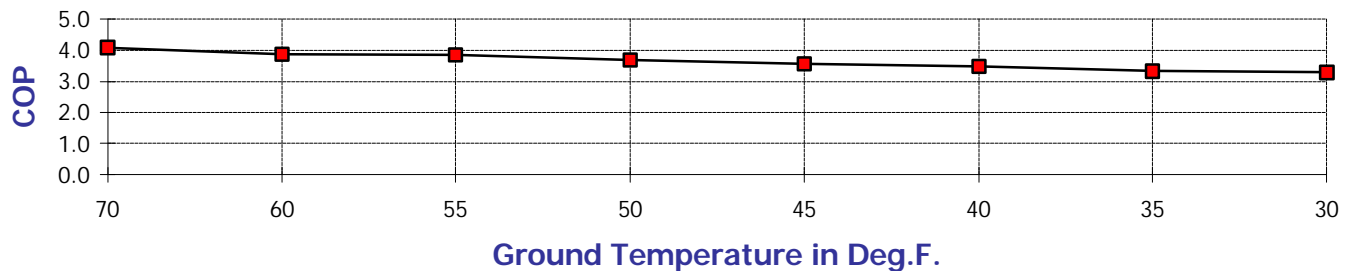
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70	60745	100	111.8	10	70897	23.0	4780	3.4	318	5089	4.1	84	302
60	50181	100	110.3	10	61739	20.7	4356	3.5	325	4673	3.9	72	276
55	46173	100	109.7	10	58374	19.5	4132	3.5	324	4447	3.8	65	262
50	42875	100	108.9	10	53868	18.8	3943	3.4	356	4288	3.7	60	250
45	38208	100	108.3	10	49602	18.4	3764	3.4	329	4083	3.6	54	240
40	35795	100	107.8	10	46611	17.6	3594	3.5	338	3923	3.5	50	230
35	31942	100	107.1	10	42399	16.5	3410	3.6	338	3738	3.3	44	220
30	29447	100	106.7	10	40126	15.9	3256	3.6	335	3581	3.3	41	212

Water flow in IGPM Temperatures in °F

### Btu Out Vs. Ground Temperature - Nordic EMDX-55



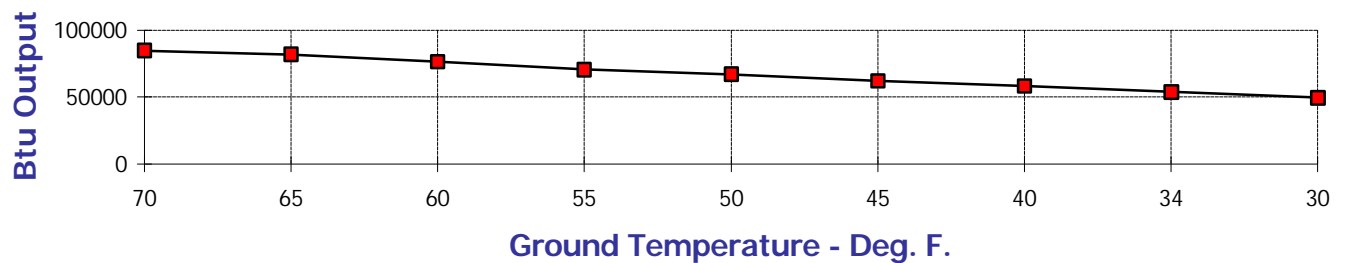
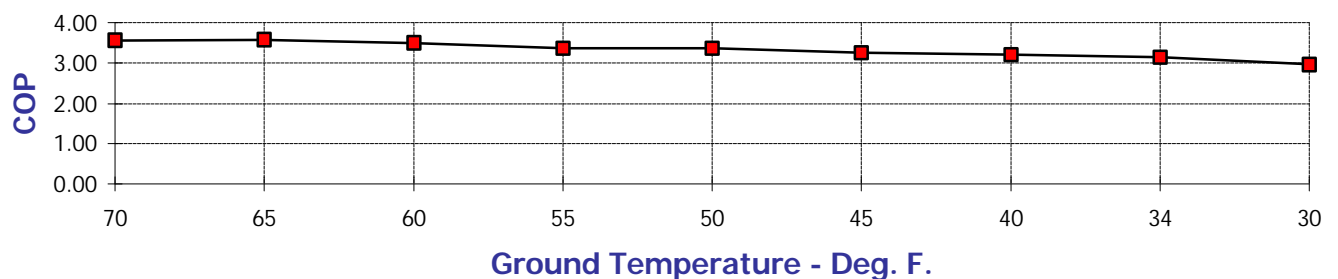
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**Performance Specification Sheets****Model EMDX-65-HW****Heating Mode**

Soil Temp	HAB	EWT	LWT	Flow	Btu's Out	Comp. Amps	Comp. Watts	Blower Amps	Blower Watts	TOTAL Watts	COP	Suct. Pres.	Disch Pres.
70	62860	100	114.1	10	84730	31.8	6551	4.2	414	6965	3.56	80.4	274
65	60207	100	113.7	10	82080	30.5	6299	4.3	420	6719	3.58	74.7	266
60	56347	100	112.8	10	76542	29.2	5990	4.3	415	6405	3.50	68.2	255
55	50459	100	111.8	10	70659	27.8	5721	4.2	413	6134	3.37	62.8	245
50	46511	100	111.2	10	67164	26.7	5428	4.1	414	5842	3.37	57.2	234
45	42117	100	110.4	10	62200	25.4	5173	4.1	415	5588	3.26	52.4	224
40	38521	100	109.7	10	58167	24.1	4904	4.2	410	5314	3.21	47.5	215
34	33010	100	109	10	53759	23.0	4611	4.1	412	5023	3.14	41.9	207
30	30341	100	108.3	10	49725	22.2	4491	4.2	412	4903	2.97	38.8	203

Water flow in IGPM Temperatures in °F

**Btu Output Vs. Ground Temperature - NORDIC EMDX-65****COP Vs. Ground Temperature - Nordic EMDX-65**

# Ranco® ETC Thermostat Controls

The Ranco® ETC is a microprocessor-based electronic temperature control designed to handle the OFF/ON functions of the NOR-DIC® EMDX unit. The ETC is equipped with an LCD display which provides a constant readout of the sensed temperature and a touch keypad that allows the user to easily and accurately select the setpoint temperatures and differentials for the first and second stages of operation.

## Programming Steps and Display

Step 1– To start programming, press the **SET** key once to access the Fahrenheit/Celsius mode. The display will show the current status, either F for degrees Fahrenheit or C for degrees Celsius. Then press either the **UP** arrow or **DOWN** arrow key to toggle between the F° or C° designation. For closer regulation of your PC temperatures we recommend you program in the Fahrenheit mode.

### STAGE 1

Step 2– Press the **SET** key again to access the stage1 setpoint. The LCD will display the current setpoint and the S1 annunciator will be blinking on and off to indicate that the control is in the setpoint mode. Then press either the **UP** arrow key to increase or the **DOWN** arrow key to decrease the setpoint to the desired temperature.

Step 3– Press the **SET** key again to access the stage1 differential. The LCD will display the current differential and the **Dif 1** annunciator will be blinking on and off to indicate that the control is in the differential mode. Then press either the **UP** arrow key to increase or the **DOWN** arrow key to decrease the differential to the desired setting.

Step4– Press the **SET** key again to access the



stage1 cooling or heating mode.

The LCD will display the current mode, either **C1** for cooling or **H1** for heating. Then press the **UP** or **DOWN** key to toggle between the **C1** or **H1** designation.

**(NOTE: For purposes both stages of both aquastat are set to the H1 or H2 designation.)**

### STAGE 2

Step 5– Press the **SET** key again to access the stage 2 setpoint. The LCD will display the current setpoint and the **S2** annunciator will

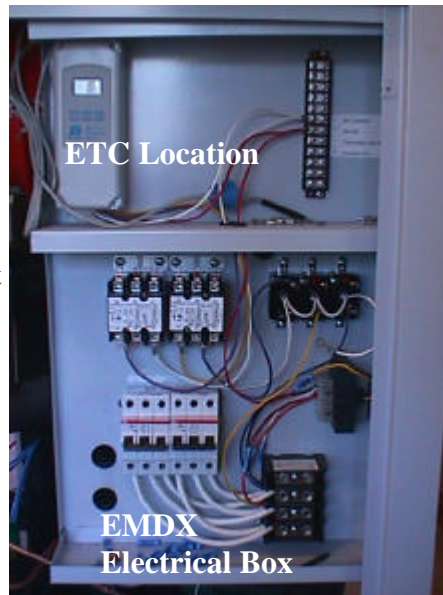
be blinking on and off to indicate the control is in the setpoint mode. Then press either the **UP** key to increase or the **DOWN** key to decrease the setpoint to the desired temperature.

Step 6– Press the **SET** key again to access the stage2 differential . The LCD will display the current differential and the **DIF 2** annunciator will be blinking on and off to indicate that the control is in the differential mode. Then press either the **UP** arrow key to increase or the **DOWN** arrow key to decrease the differential to the desired setting.

Step 7– Press the **SET** key again to access the stage 2 cooling or heating mode. The LCD will display the current mode, either **C2** for cooling or **H2** for heating. Then press either the up or down key to toggle between the **C2** and **H2** designation. Press the **SET** key once more and programming is complete.

NOTE: The ETC will automatically end programming if no keys are depressed for a period of 30 seconds. Any settings that have been input to the control will be accepted at that point.

All control settings are retained in non-volatile memory if power to ETC is interrupted for any reason. Re-programming is not necessary after power outages or disconnects unless different control set-



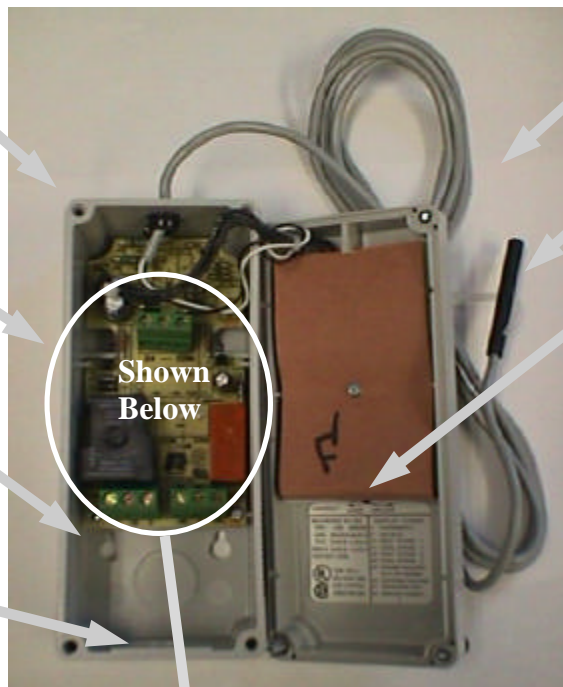
# Ranco® ETC PC Thermostats

Cover screws (4)

Circuit board

Mounting Holes

Conduit Opening



8 ft. extension cable

Temperature sensor

Locking switch

Shown  
Below

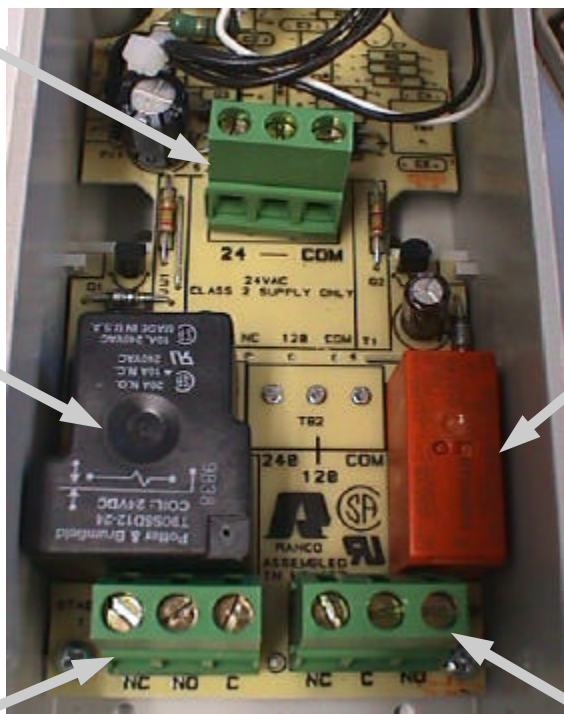
## NOTE:

The temperature “sensor” can be extended up to 400 ft. by cutting the sensor extension cable and splicing 22 gauge (2 conductor) copper wire in place. Regular telephone wire can be used for this operation.

24v Power Connection

Stage 1 relay

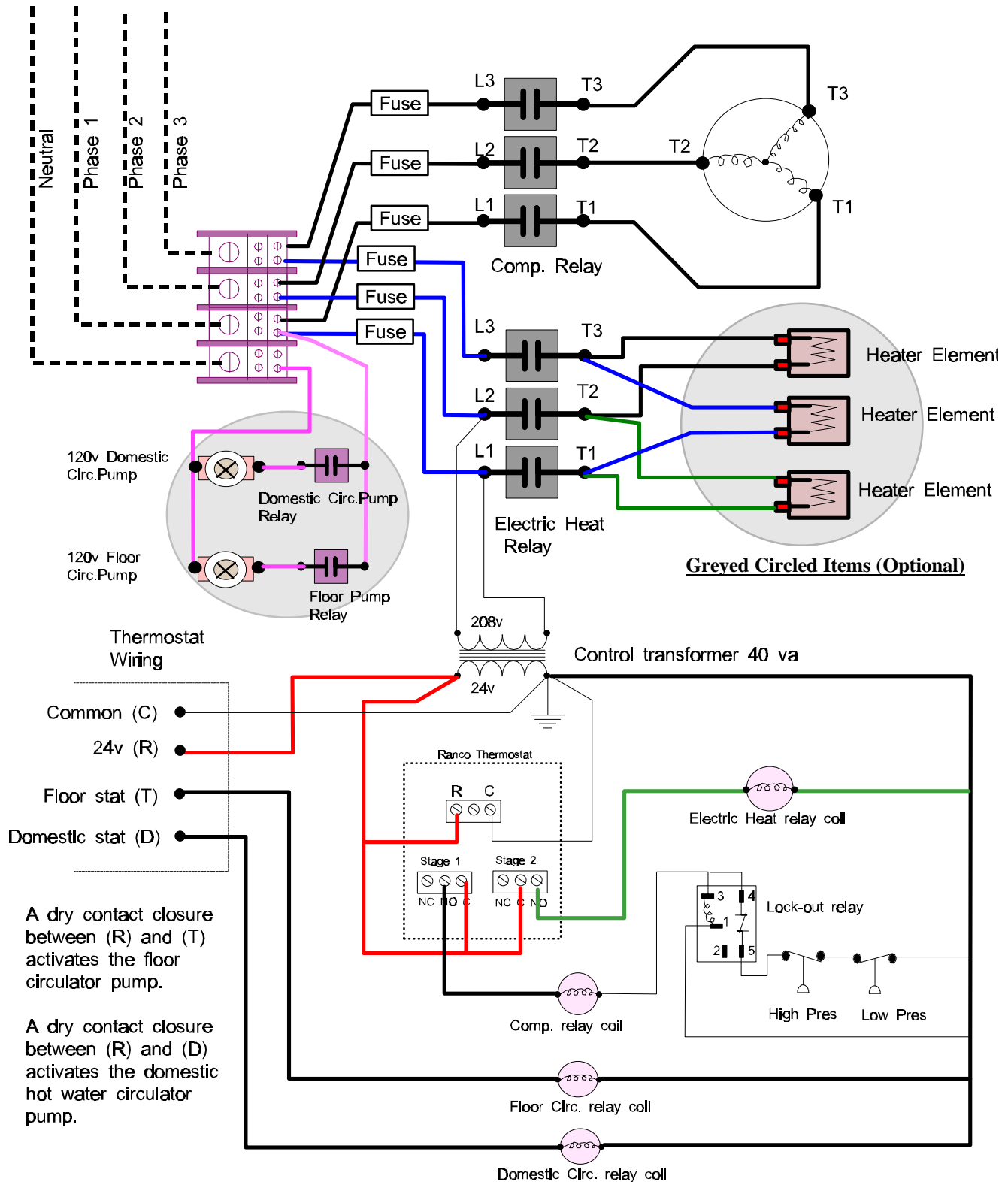
Stage 2 relay

Stage 1  
NC NO CStage 2  
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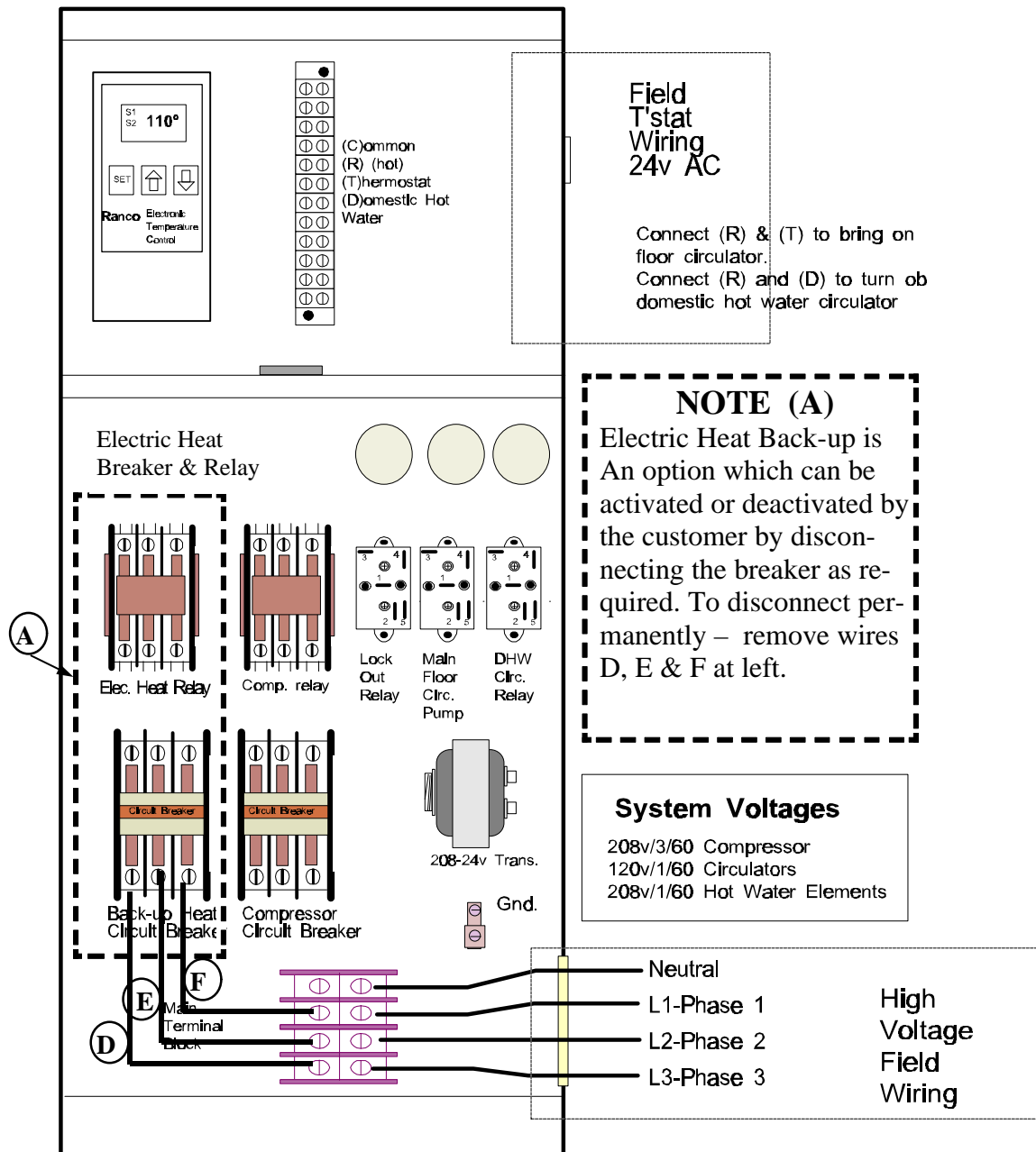
208v/3ph/60Hz



# NORDIC® EMDX-HW Series Electrical Box

208v/3/60 Box – Heating & Domestic Hot Water Versions

## Maritime Geothermal Ltd. - EM-Series Heat Pumps Electrical Box Connection Diagram



## L I M I T E D   W A R R A N T Y

MARITIME GEOTHERMAL LTD. warrants that the heat pumps manufactured by it shall be free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of (1) ONE YEAR after the date of installation or for a period of (1) ONE YEAR AND (60) SIXTY DAYS after the date of shipment, whichever occurs first. In addition MARITIME GEOTHERMAL LTD. warrants that the compressor shall be free of defects in materials and workmanship for an additional period of (48) FORTY-EIGHT MONTHS from said date.

MARITIME GEOTHERMAL LTD. shall, at its option repair or replace any part or parts covered by this warranty which shall be returned to MARITIME GEOTHERMAL LTD., transportation charges prepaid, which, upon examination proves to be defective in materials or workmanship. Replacement or repaired parts and components are warranted only for the remaining portion of the original warranty period.

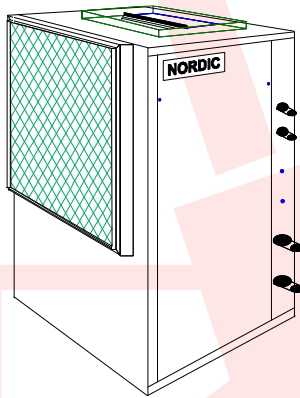
This warranty is subject to the following conditions:

1. The NORDIC® heat pump must be properly installed and maintained in accordance with MARITIME Geothermal LTD.'s installation and maintenance instructions.

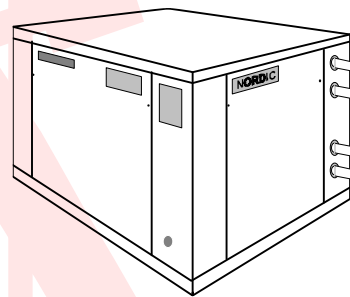
2. The installer must complete the “**Installation Data Sheet**”, have it endorsed by the owner and return it to Maritime Geothermal Ltd. within 21 days after the installation of the unit.

3. It is the responsibility of the building or general contractor to supply temporary heat to the structure prior to occupancy. These heat pumps are designed to provide heat only to the completely finished and insulated structure. Start-up of the unit shall not be scheduled prior to completion of construction and final duct installation for validation of this warranty.

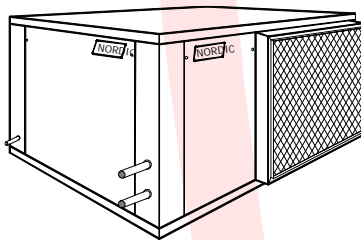
If the heat pump, manufactured by MARITIME GEOTHERMAL LTD. fails to conform to this warranty, MARITIME GEOTHERMAL LTD. 's sole and exclusive liability shall be, at its option, to repair or replace any part or component which is returned by the customer during the applicable warranty period set forth above, provided that (1) MARITIME Geothermal LTD. is promptly notified in writing upon discovery by the customer that such part or component fails to conform to this warranty. (2) The customer returns such part or component to MARITIME GEOTHERMAL LTD., transportation charges prepaid, within (30) thirty days of failure, and (3) MARITIME GEOTHERMAL LTD. 's examination of such component shall disclose to its satisfaction that such part or component fails to meet this warranty and the alleged defects were not caused by accident, misuse, neglect, alteration, improper installation, repair or improper testing.



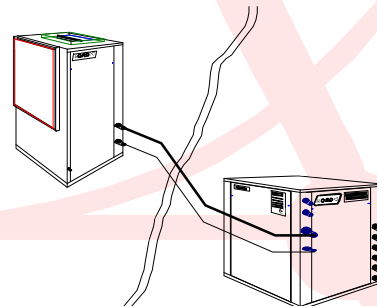
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