Ducting Guidelines

1800H Houdini



Do I need insulated or uninsulated ducting?

Cold-side ducting requires insulation to minimize heat loss through the ducting. Hotside ducting does not require insulation **unless the entire cooling unit is inside the cellar**, and the hot-side ducting begins inside the cellar. In this scenario, the following are required to minimize heat transfer inside the cellar from the ducting:

- The ducting must be insulated
- The hood must be insulated
- The openings at the bottom of the hood must be sealed

Can I reduce or change the size of the ducting?

The size of the ducting is stated in terms of diameter, and is specifically designed for each cooling unit. The size of the ducting cannot be reduced or restricted in any way, and must remain fully open from start to finish, including any turns.

Where should I place the cold-side exhaust and intake inside the cellar?

We recommend placing the cold-side intake and exhaust in the ceiling where they will be unobstructed and receive unrestricted airflow. The exhaust duct always should be near the ceiling inside the cellar, whereas the intake duct can be located near the top or the bottom of the cellar, whichever is most convenient. If possible, we recommend separating the exhaust and intake so that the exhaust does not enter the intake and cause the cooling unit to short-cycle.

Must I exhaust the hot-side exhaust to the exterior, or can I drop it into interior space?

Either will work. Assuming the space outside the cellar is at least as large as the cellar, you shouldn't feel a significant impact from the hot air exhaust. The other consideration is noise, which should be relatively slight as the length of the duct run increases.

Can I pull hot-side fresh air intake from exterior?

Different cooling units can handle different fresh-air intake temperatures, so it's always best to pull the hot-side fresh air intake from a temperature-controlled environment (other than the cellar - **the hot-side intake must never come from the cellar**), and if the hot-side exhaust

will be exhausted to a different location, always make sure that both spaces are sufficiently voluminous so that you don't run into issues with negative pressure. If you must pull the hot-side air intake from the exterior and temperatures drop below 40F in your locale, make sure to order the cooling unit with a compressor heater (which is automatically included with exterior units.)

How do I decide between Low RH vs High RH duct kits?

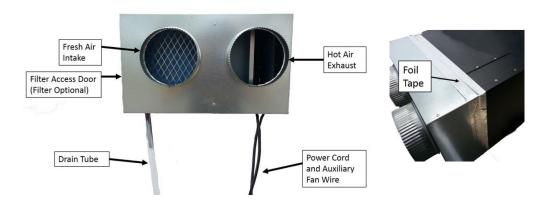
If you live in a humid or moderately humid location, you should purchase the High-RH duct kit, because it includes extra insulation on the front half of the cooling unit, as well as on the duct adapters, to mitigate the formation of condensation on the outside of the cooling unit.

How do I know when the hood is correctly attached to the cooling unit? Inside the hood is a plenum that separates the hot-side air intake and exhaust. In order to work effectively, the hood must be pushed until this plenum comes into solid contact with the rear of the cooling unit, so that air bypass (from the hot-side exhaust to the

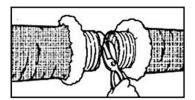
How do I install rear ducting on 1800 units?

fresh air intake) doesn't occur.

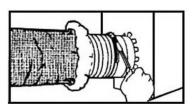
- Minimum size ducting is 6" diameter. Reducing the airflow will reduce efficiency and potentially damage the compressor.
- Attach the rear drain tube to the rear drain plug located on the bottom-rear of the unit, if ordered (optional).
- Place the rear duct hood behind the cooling unit, such that the two 1-1/2" holes are on the bottom.
- Thread the power cord and the auxiliary fan wire through right bottom hole. Thread the drain tube through the other hole (optional).
- Slide the duct hood over the cover of the unit, and use aluminium tape around all four sides. Aluminium foil tape, UL 273 listed with acrylic pressure sensitive adhesive, VentureTape 3520CW or equivalent is recommended. This is to prevent leaks and secure the connection between the hood and the unit.



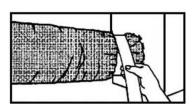
- Install the ducting fully extended to maximize efficiency of the airflow, then trim any excess ducting.
- Always attach the duct fan on the exhaust side, so that it pulls the hot exhaust away
 from the cooling unit. Secure the connections by using a method which does not
 obstruct the flow of air (i.e. sheet metal screws, aluminium tape, etc.). Take note the
 direction of air flow. Since the fan is put on the hot air exhaust line, the air flow should
 be away from the unit.
- Attach the auxiliary fan wire cord to the ducting fan. Secure all three connections using the wire nuts provided.
- The intake should be able to hold a piece of cardboard when placed against the inlet with the duct fan running.



 After desired length is determined, cut completely around and through duct with knife or scissors. Cut wire with wire cutters.



2. Pull back jacket and insulation from core. Slide at least 1"(25mm) of core over collar, pipe or fitting. Tape core with at least two wraps of duct tape. Secure with clamp.



3. Pull jacket and insulation back over cores. Tape jackets together with at least 2 wraps of duct tape.

Figure A: Proper duct connection methods



Figure B: Radius at center line shall not be less than one duct diameter.

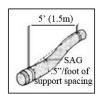


Figure C: Maximum permissible sag is about .5" per foot of spacing between supports

