



**INSTALLATION AND TROUBLE SHOOTING
MANUAL RFU7300 Nova Kool
Refrigerators and Freezers.**

Thank you for choosing Nova Kool for your refrigeration needs. For over 20 years we have been providing quality DC & AC/DC products for mobile, off power grid and energy conscious installations around the world.

Each unit goes through a battery of tests to ensure strict compliance with our quality policy “Strive for continual improvement of all business processes while involving all associates in the management of quality”. Your unit has been run test at the plant for a minimum of 12hrs, followed by a series of inspections and electrical tests to ensure the quality, the reliability and the safety of your unit.

All Nova Kool units are covered by a 2-year parts warranty that commences upon delivery of the unit to the end user customer.

Please take the time to fill in the information below which can be found on the inside of your new refrigerator. This will help when phoning for service or warranty information.

Model # _____

Serial # _____

Date of Purchase: _____

Date of Del of Vessel: _____

(Or vehicle where applicable)

Selling dealer: _____

Our service department can be reached at 604-523-6515 ext 104, or at support@novakool.com from 7:00am to 5:00pm PST

Thermostat operation:

All Nova Kool units are supplied with a wide range thermostat that is designed to sense the evaporator (cold plate) temperature. The coldest position on the thermostat is reached by turning the knob to the right (clockwise); conversely turning the thermostat knob to the left (counterclockwise) yields a warmer setting.

The OFF position is reached by turning hard counterclockwise past the click. The reference point is shown with an indicator sticker beside the knob.



Refrigerator thermostat



Freezer thermostat

Start-up:

The unit is ready to run as shipped. After following the electrical installation information found in this manual, turn the power on and set the thermostat between 3 and 4. You can make further adjustments to suit your personal requirements after the box has cooled down. Allow the refrigerator to come down to temperature before loading with product. Setting the thermostat to a higher setting i.e. 7, will not decrease the time required for the unit to cool down to its normal operating temperature. AC/DC units cool at the same rate on DC as on AC.

Defrost & Cleaning:

Very Important: After defrosting or while the unit is not running you must leave the doors open to allow the refrigerator and freezer to dry out. Leaving the doors closed could increase premature rusting or mold to build up inside the unit.

The frequency of defrost is dependant on the number of door openings, the ambient temperature and the humidity level. Typically, it is a good practice to defrost once there is ¼” of frost buildup on either side of the evaporator (cold plate). When defrosting, the unit is shut off at either the breaker panel or by turning the thermostat counterclockwise to the OFF (0) position. Prop the door open. We suggest placing a towel in the bottom of the refrigerator to catch excess moisture.

Speeding up the process with a knife or scraper is strongly discouraged due to the likelihood of rupturing the refrigerant circuit; in the event this happens give us a call 604-523-6515 ext.104.

Now that the unit has been defrosted, the interior can be clean with a non-abrasive cleaner. Do not use “brilo” or “sos” type brasive pads, as they will score the surfaces. Baking soda is recommended.



Installation Considerations:

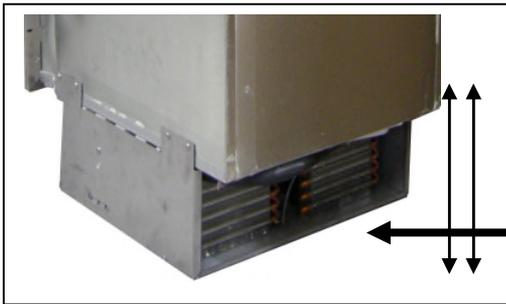
1. Ventilation:

Ventilation should be one of your first major installation considerations. All refrigerators, regardless of make, are heat transfer machines which transfer heat from the inside of the box thru the evaporator, compressor and refrigerant to the condenser on the outside of the box, to be dissipated to the air. The cavity where the condenser is located **MUST** be adequately ventilated.

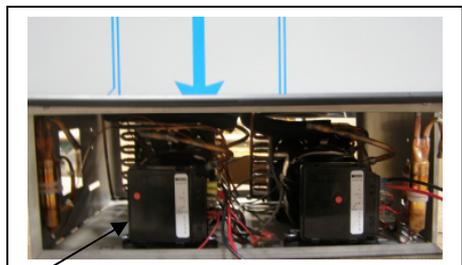
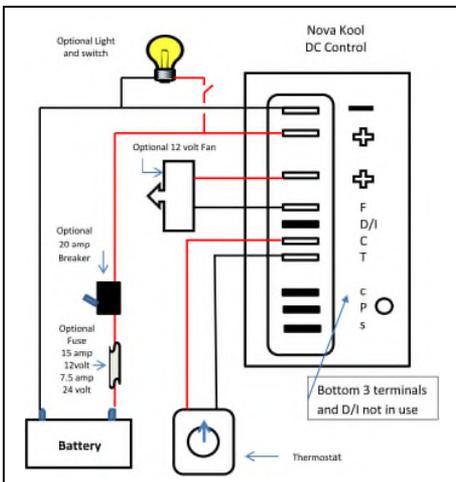


The ventilation on this unit is blown out the front grill by fans installed in the unit. The most efficient ventilation design is for the back to be open to allow cooler air to be drawn over the condensers and out through the front.

Over time the condensers may become plugged with lint, hair or dirt. To clean remove the unit and gently brush or vacuum with a soft brush in an up and down motion. Do not brush left and right (against the grain) as the condenser fins may bend and limit air flow.



Use a soft brush to clean condenser, using an up and down action gently removing surface dirt.



To remove module loosen philips head screw located on the left side of the module, and pull module straight out.

2. Electrical:

When fitted with the optional AC/DC module, both AC & DC power can be connected to the module at the same time. The unit will always run on AC when AC is available. Should the AC be disconnected there is a 1 minute time delay before the unit continues running on DC. If AC power is reestablished there is no delay, and the unit will immediately resume running on AC.

2. Electrical: (cont'd)

The DC models are 12 & 24 VDC

The AC/DC models work on both 12 & 24 VDC as well as from 100-240 VAC 50/60hz. Both modules "auto" sense the supply voltages so no wiring adjustments are necessary other than following the guidelines for DC fuse sizing;

DC breaker & fuse sizing

- 20-amp breaker (main switch) for both 12 & 24VDC applications
- 15 Amp fuse for 12VDC
- 7.5 Amp fuse for 24VDC

AC (optional) breaker and fuse sizing (100-240VAC 50/60 Hz)

- 6 Amp breaker (main switch)
- 4 Amp fuse (included with unit)

3. DC Wire Sizing:

Ensuring the correct wire sizing will eliminate premature shut down due to low DC voltage at the refrigerator. Please follow these guidelines.

Nova Kool product is designed to stop running at 10.6 vdc and cut back in at 11.7 vdc, to protect your batteries.

Size AWG Gauge	mm	Max length 12 vdc		Max length 24 vdc	
		ft.	m	ft.	m
12	2.5	8	2.5	16	5
12	4	13	4	26	8
10	6	20	6	40	12
8	10	32	10	65	20

6. Installation into the Cabinet:

Nova Kool publishes its cut-out dimensions so that the unit will slide easily into the hole. The dimensions allow a little extra space so that the unit can be shimmed into place as well as providing extra air space behind where required. On most models, the mounting screws are installed and covered by supplied frame plugs (see bag with owner's manual, ice cube tray & frame plugs).

7. Door Swing:

Most models are shipped standard with the door hung on the right. The door swing can easily be reversed by simply removing the hinge pins and latches and installing them on the opposite side. All of the required hardware is supplied. Units can be factory ordered with the correct door swing (standard is right hinge: i.e. door swings from left to right).

8. Door panel:

The decorative door panels can easily be changed to match your interior by first removing the upper hinge pin, then pulling the door out and up. The door should pull off the lower hinge pin easily. Once removed, turn the door upside down and remove the two Phillips head screws. Then, roll the bottom extrusion towards the door gasket, careful so as not to dislodge the door gasket. You will see a $\frac{1}{4}$ " channel where you can slide in your panel material. (Thin door extrusion has a $\frac{1}{16}$ channel.)

9. Drawer removal

To remove the drawer from the drawer slides, pull open the drawer fully. On the left and right sliders, you will find a plastic arm which must be held down (both at the same time) to unlock the drawer while gently pulling the drawer out and away from the sliders.

To reinstall drawer carefully align the fixed slides that are screwed to the drawer with the slides in the freezer. Push the drawer closed to lock the drawer slides in place. Care must be taken when aligning the slides to each other when reinstalling.



To remove drawer push on the plastic releases on the outside of both the left and right drawer glide and gently pull the drawer towards you.

Trouble Shooting

Check DC operation first then check AC/DC starting at #17

		YES	NO
1	Turn DC power on and turn thermostat to "7" position	Go to #2	
2	Is the compressor running? (Put your hand on top to feel slight vibration to be sure).	Go to #14	Go to #3
		Yes	No
3	DC Breaker is in the "on" position & optional fuse is good?	Go to #5	Go to #4
4	Replace fuse or turn breaker "on". Does optional fuse or breaker blow?	Go to #6	Go to #5
5	Check voltage at the refrigerator "+" & "-" terminals on the black module. Is it over 12.2 vdc? (or 24.5vdc where applicable)	Go to #7	Go to #6
6	Check batteries, wiring and connections to the refrigerator for fault, corrosion, proper wire sizing and correct the problem.	Go to #1	
7	Put a jumper wire between terminals "C" & "T". Is the compressor running now?	Go to #11	Go to #8
8	Disconnect power. Remove electronic module (Philips screw beside terminal designation label will require removal). Disconnect the plug. Measure resistance (ohms) between each of the three compressor terminal pins. Is the measured resistance APPROXIMATELY the same?(it should be)	Go to #9	Go to #10
9	Replace Electronic Module.	Go to #1	
10	Have compressor replaced by qualified appliance technician who has the ability to evacuate and recharge the system. This is seldom necessary so please be sure and if possible contact Nova Kool for further instruction beforehand.		
11	Check wiring to thermostat with ohm meter to ensure there is continuity. (No broken or damaged wires or connectors). Is the wiring & speed resistor (if so equipped) okay?	Go to #13	Go to #12
12	Disconnect power. Repair or replace wiring or speed resistor (if so equipped) as necessary	Go to #1	
13	Replace thermostat.	Go to #1	
14	Have refrigerator in a well ventilated area (i.e. on cabin floor). After an hour is it refrigerating?	Go to #15	Go to #16

15	Check that adequate ventilation has been provided. 60 sq. in. for single door models and 120 sq. in. for 2-door models. See ventilation suggestion in this manual. Add ventilation as required.		
16	Have a qualified appliance technician determine if there is a refrigerant leak or a compressor with a mechanical problem.		
		Yes	No
17	Switch DC breaker off and AC breaker on. Does the compressor run?	Go to #14	Go to #18
18	Is there 110VAC or 220VAC available the AC plug on vessel?	Go to #19	Go to #23
19	Check Power on the “L” & “N” terminal on the electronic module (see AC/DC wiring diagram in this manual) is there 110vac or 220vac available?	Go to #7	Go to #20
20	Check 4 amp fuse on power plug on refrigerator (see picture), is it good?	Go to #18	Go to #21
21	Replace fuse 4 amp. Did it blow again?	Go to #22	Go to #19
22	Check wiring to “L” & “N” module, Is wire damaged or shorted out?	Go to #24	Go to #9
23	Check plug, wiring, breaker, shore power or genset for damage or fault. Repair or replace as required.	Go to #17	
24	Repair short or damage between plug & electronic module then GOTO #19		

Two-Year Limited Warranty

This refrigeration unit is warranted to be free from manufacturer's defects in both material and workmanship providing that the unit is used in a manner consistent with the intentions of Nova Kool.

The warranty is in effect from the final sale to the end-user (whether installed in a vehicle or sold separately) for a period of two years. Nova Kool will supply the required replacement part or parts at no charge.

This warranty does not cover problems out of the control of Nova Kool Mfg. inc. including but not limited to acts of God, acts of Government or misuse.

Before calling for warranty please review the troubleshooting in this guide and have your serial # and model # ready.

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