

TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

on the chapolator	Unit has ice forming on the evaporator	
Possible cause	Solution	
Evaporator coil is dirty	Clean the coil with a vacuum. If coil is very dirty, use a spray bottle with a small amount of liquid dish detergent or coil cleaner. Spray coil let set for five minutes, then flush with fresh water.	
There is something blocking the supply and/or return air	Remove blockage	
The evaporator fan is not turning on	Call a service tech to troubleshoot	
The unit has not gone through an Anti-Frost Cycle yet	Check the coil for surface ice. Melt with blow drier until coil is warm to the touch. Soak up water with a towel.	
The unit continues to ice	Observe ice formation pattern. If only part way up the coil face, unit could be low on refrigerant. If all the way up, the coil may be dirty or airflow is blocked.	
Unit does not run/power up		
Possible cause	Solution	
Unit is not plugged in	Make sure the unit is plugged into an outlet	
Power switch not on	Turn unit on by pressing the power button on the control	
Line voltage is incorrect rating for unit	Check line voltage to make sure there is 110V-120V	
Bottle at setpoint	Lower setpoint	
Thermostat not calling for cooling	Lower setpoint	
Faulty thermostat or wiring	Call Customer Service at 1-800-343-9463	
Cellar temperature is too warm		
Possible cause	Solution	
The temperature of the room to which the unit exhausts exceeds 110°F	Intake temperature needs to drop below 110°F	
The unit is undersized for the cellar	Order correct size unit	
There is something blocking the supply and/or return air on evaporator or condenser side of the unit	Remove airflow obstruction	
Unit is mounted too low in the cellar	Relocate unit so the distance from the ceiling and top of the unit or cold air supply duct is no more than 18"	
One or more of the fans is not turning on	Call Customer Service at 1-800-343-9463	
Compressor is not turning on	Call Customer Service at 1-800-343-9463	
Compressor keeps cycling on overload	Make sure all fans are working and there is no airflow obstruction	
Poor seal around door	Make sure there are no air gaps around the door. If door seal is damaged, replace it.	
Setpoint too high	Lower the setpoint	
Evaporator coil is frosted or iced up	Observe ice formation pattern. If only part way up the coil face, unit coul be low on refrigerant. If so, call Customer Service at 1-800-343-9463.	
System runs constantly		
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Unit leaks water	
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Unit is level	System should have a two-degree (2°) pitch towards the exhaust side
Drain line clogged or kinked	Check drain line to make sure water can flow freely
Drain is clogged, preventing water from escaping	1. Disconnect exterior drain line and clear it out; run provided drain line brush through the drain port and into the interior drain line. 2. Open access door and, using a flashlight, check drain line for blockage; drop a pan tab into the drip tray to prevent further blockages.
Drain line does not have a downward slope	Fix drain line so there is a downward slope from the unit to the drain
Coil is iced, causing drip tray to freeze and water to overflow	Melt ice with blow drier. Soak up with a towel.
Unit runs but does not cool	
Possible cause	Solution
Lack of airflow	Make sure fan is unobstructed and coil is clean
Compressor not running	Call Customer Service at 1-800-343-9463
Unit undersized	Call Customer Service at 1-800-343-9463
Compressor is overheating	Shut unit off for 1 hour to allow compressor to cool. Turn back on and check for cooler air to flow out. If compressor runs, check for and clean condenser coil as a possible cause of compressor overheating. If problem repeats, call Customer Service at 1-800-343-9463.
Evaporator fan runs but compressor does r	ot
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Running an Anti-Frost cycle	Check evaporator coil temperature
Compressor and/or starting components faulty	Call Customer Service at 1-800-343-9463
"Fan on" (FOn) setting has been increased, allowing fans to run after the compressor turns off	Lower the "fan on" (FOn) time
Compressor may have overheated	Shut unit off for 1 hour to allow compressor to cool. Turn back on and check for cooler air to flow out. If compressor runs, check for and clean condenser coil as a possible cause of compressor overheating. If problem repeats, call Customer Service at 1-800-343-9463.
Compressor runs but evaporator fan does i	not
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Faulty fan motor	Call Customer Service at 1-800-343-9463
Faulty controller	Call Customer Service at 1-800-343-9463
Compressor short cycles	
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Evaporator blows on bottle probe	Move bottle probe to a more central location
Unit low on refrigerant charge	Call Customer Service at 1-800-343-9463
Condensing fan motor/capacitor faulty	Call Customer Service at 1-800-343-9463
Compressor and/or starting components faulty	Call Customer Service at 1-800-343-9463
Humidity in cellar too low	
Possible cause	Solution
Not enough moisture	Install a humidifier or decorative fountain in the wine cellar