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FORCED AIR OVENS TFO-1 TFO-3 TFO-5
Installation and Operation Manual

Depicted on front cover, left to right: TFO-1, TFO-3, TFO-5



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110 – 120 Voltage

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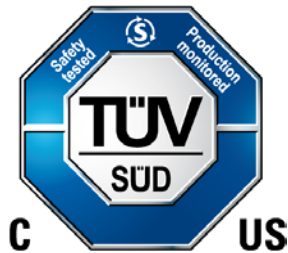
Cascade TEK Part ID Numbers:

| Model Name | TFO-1 | TFO-3 | TFO-5 |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Part ID | CTF123 | CTF323 | CTF523 |

Part ID designates the specific build type of the model.

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Safety Certifications



These units are CUE listed by TÜV SÜD as forced air ovens for professional, industrial, or educational use where the preparation or testing of materials is done at an ambient air pressure range of 22.14 – 31.3 inHg (75 – 106 kPa) and no flammable, volatile, or combustible materials are being heated.

The units have been tested to the following requirements:

- IEC 61010-1:2010
- IEC 61010-1:2010/AMD1:2016
- IEC 61010-2-010:2019
- UL 61010-1:2012/R:2023-06
- UL 61010-2-010:2019
- CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 61010-1:2012/U3:2023-06
- CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 61010-2-010:2019
- EN 61010-1:2010/A1:2019
- EN IEC 61010-2-010:2020

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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing a Cascade TEK oven. We know you have many choices in today's competitive marketplace when it comes to constant temperature equipment. We appreciate you choosing ours. We stand behind our products and will be here if you need us.

READ THIS MANUAL

Failure to follow the guidelines and instructions in this user manual may create a protection impairment by disabling or interfering with the unit safety features. This can result in injury or death.

Before using the unit, read the manual in its entirety to understand how to install, operate, and maintain the unit in a safe manner. Keep this manual available for use by all operators. Ensure all operators are given appropriate training before the unit begins service.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Follow basic safety precautions, including all national laws, regulations, and local ordinances in your area regarding the use of this unit. If you have any questions about local requirements, please contact the appropriate agencies.

SOPs

Because of the range of potential applications this unit can be used for, the operator or their supervisors must draw up a site-specific standard operating procedure (SOP) covering each application and associated safety guidelines. This SOP must be written and available to all operators in a language they understand.

Intended Applications and Locations

TFO forced-air ovens are engineered for constant temperature forced-air drying, curing, and baking applications in professional, industrial, and educational environments. The ovens are not intended for use at hazardous or household locations.

Power

Your unit and its recommended accessories are designed and tested to meet strict safety requirements.

- The unit is designed to connect to a power source using the specific power cord type shipped with the unit.
- Always plug the unit power cord into a protective earth grounded electrical outlet conforming to national and local electrical codes. If the unit is not grounded properly, parts such as knobs and controls can conduct electricity and cause serious injury.
- Do not bend the power cord excessively, step on it, or place heavy objects on it.
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- A damaged cord can be a shock or fire hazard. Never use a power cord if it is damaged or altered in any way.
- Use only approved accessories. Do not modify system components. Any alterations or modifications to your oven can be dangerous and void your warranty.

CONTACTING ASSISTANCE

Phone hours for Customer Support are 6 am – 4:30 pm Pacific Coast Time (west coast of the United States, UTC -8), Monday – Friday. Please have the following information ready when calling or emailing Customer Support: the **model number**, **serial number**, **part number**, and **part ID** (see page 13).

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MANUFACTURING WARRANTY

For information on your warranty and online warranty registration please visit:

<https://www.cascadetek.com/warranty/>

ENGINEERING IMPROVEMENTS

Cascade TEK continually improves all of its products. As a result, engineering changes and improvements are made from time to time. Therefore, some changes, modifications, and improvements may not be covered in this manual. If your unit's operating characteristics or appearance differs from those described in this manual, please contact your Cascade TEK dealer or customer service representative for assistance.

RECEIVING YOUR UNIT

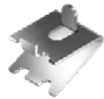
INSPECT THE SHIPMENT

- When a unit leaves the factory, safe delivery becomes the responsibility of the carrier.
- **Damage sustained during transit is not covered by the manufacturing defect warranty.**
- Save the shipping carton until you are certain that the unit and its accessories function properly.

When you receive your unit, inspect it for concealed loss or damage to its interior and exterior. If you find any damage to the unit, **follow the carrier's procedure for claiming damage or loss.**

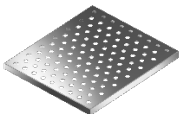
1. Carefully inspect the shipping carton for damage.
2. Report any damage to the carrier service that delivered the unit.
3. If the carton is not damaged, open the carton and remove the contents.
4. Inspect the unit for signs of damage. See the orientation depiction on the next page as a reference.
5. The unit should come with an Installation and Operation Manual and a Programming Guide.
6. Verify that the correct number of accessory items has been included. Included accessory items.
7. Carefully check all packaging for accessory items before discarding.

| Model | Shelves | Shelf Clips | Leveling Feet | Power Cord |
|-------|---------|-------------|---------------|------------|
| TFO-1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 1 |
| TFO-3 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 1 |
| TFO-5 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 1 |

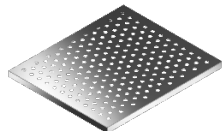


Shelves

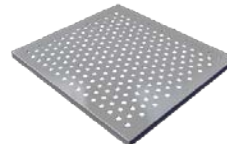
TFO-1



TFO-3



TFO-5

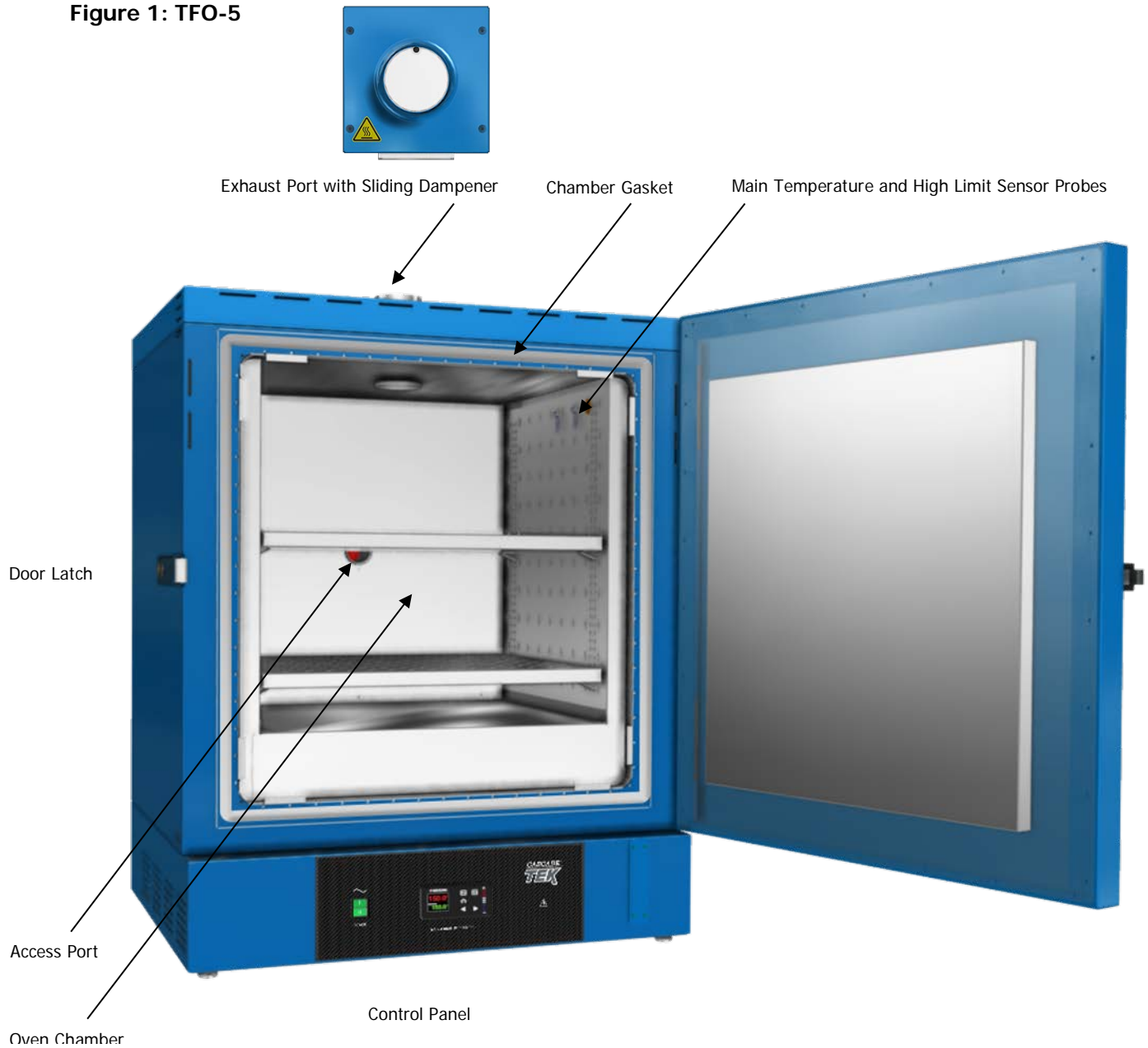


A high-temperature red access port stopper ships installed in the port located on the back of the oven.

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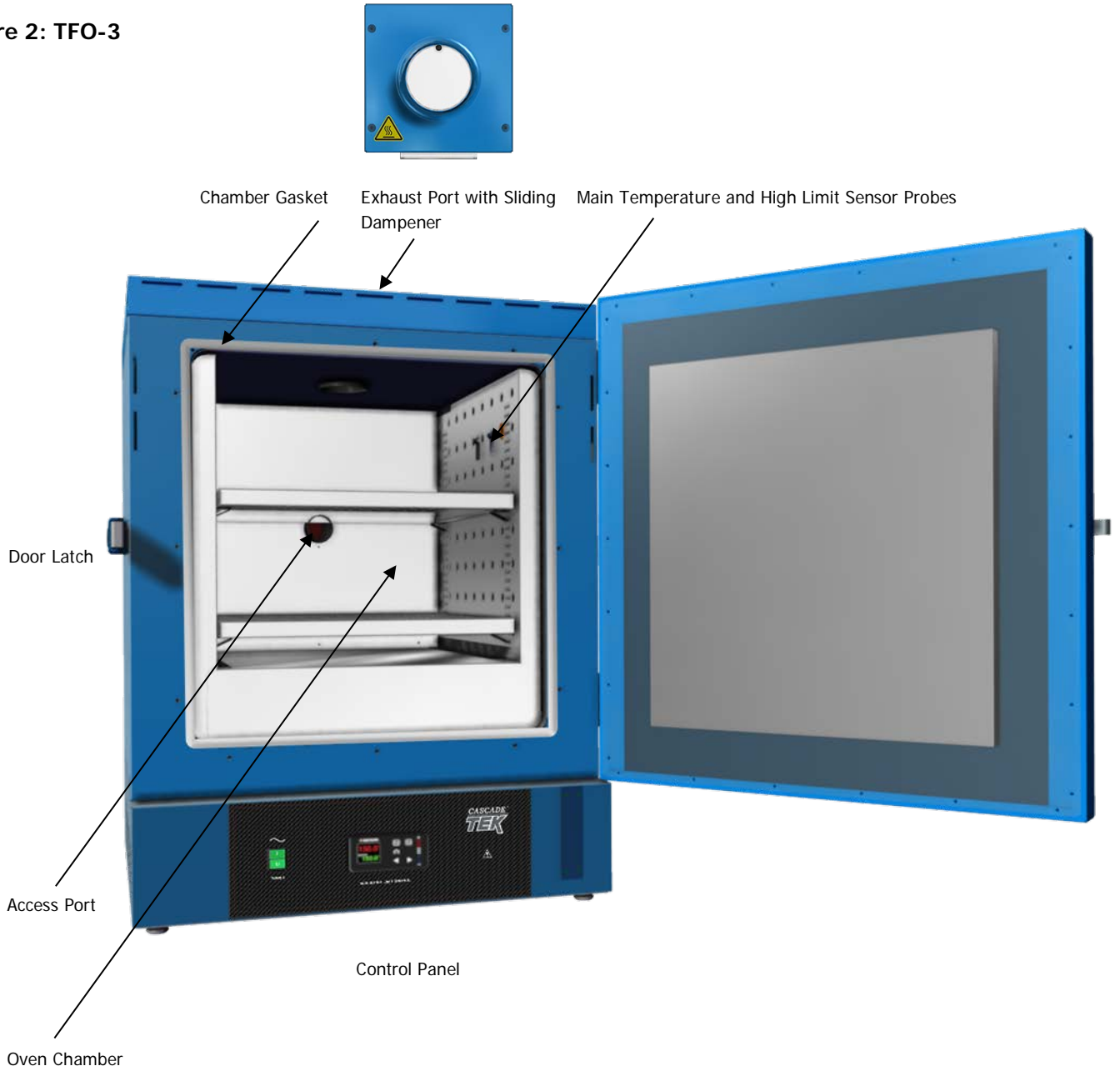
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Figure 1: TFO-5



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Figure 2: TFO-3



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Figure 3: TFO-1



Exhaust Port with Sliding Dampener Chamber Gasket Main Temperature and High Limit Sensor Probes (Under Shelf)

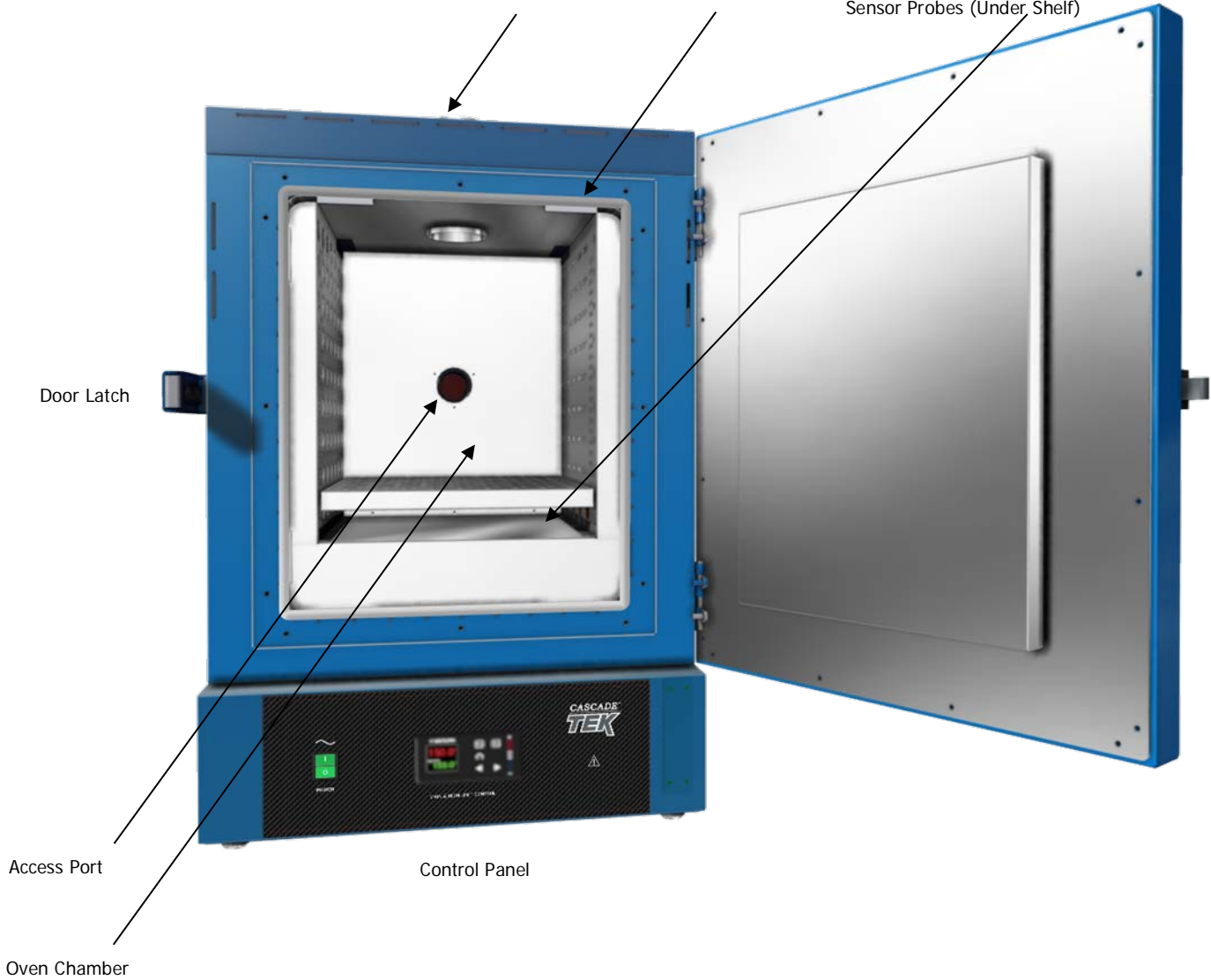
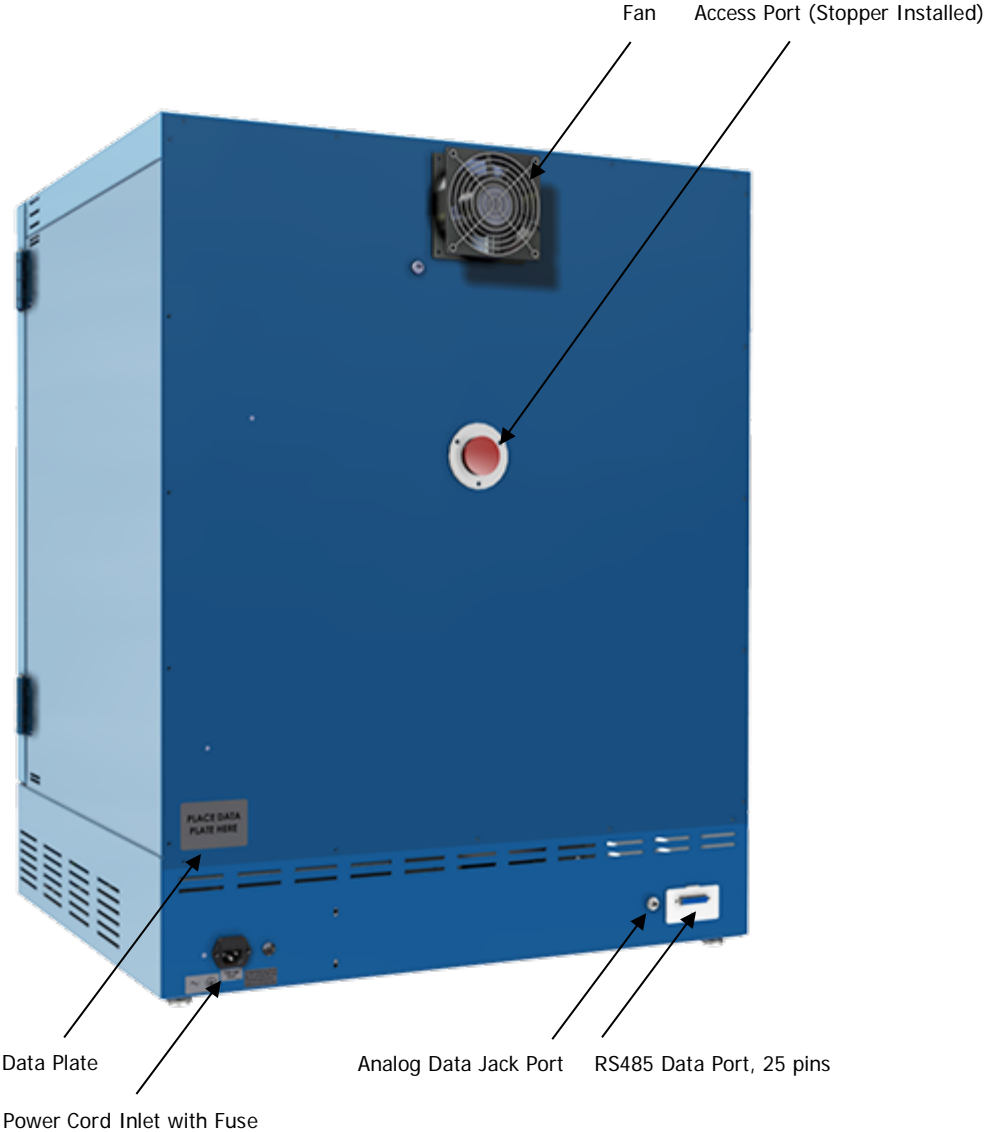


Figure 4: Unit Back



RECORDING DATA PLATE INFORMATION

The data plate contains the unit **model number** and **serial number**. Customer Support will need this information during any support call. Record it below for future reference.

- The data plate is located on the back of the oven above the power inlet.

Data Plate Information

| | |
|---------------|--|
| Model Number | |
| Serial Number | |

INSTALLATION PROCEDURE CHECKLIST

For installing the unit in a new workspace location.

Pre-Installation

- ✓ Check that the required workspace ambient conditions for the oven are met, page 15.
 - Unit dimensions may be found on page 46
- ✓ Check that the required ventilation and spacing requirements are met, page 15.
- ✓ Check that a suitable electrical outlet and power supply is present, page 16

Installing the oven

- ✓ Review the lifting and handling instructions, page 17
- ✓ Install the oven in its workspace location, page 17
- ✓ Make sure the oven is level, page 17

Set up the oven for use

- ✓ Clean the oven chamber and shelving if needed, page 17
- ✓ Install the shelving in the oven chamber, page 18
- ✓ Verify that the stopper is installed in the access port on the outside of the oven, page 18

INSTALLATION

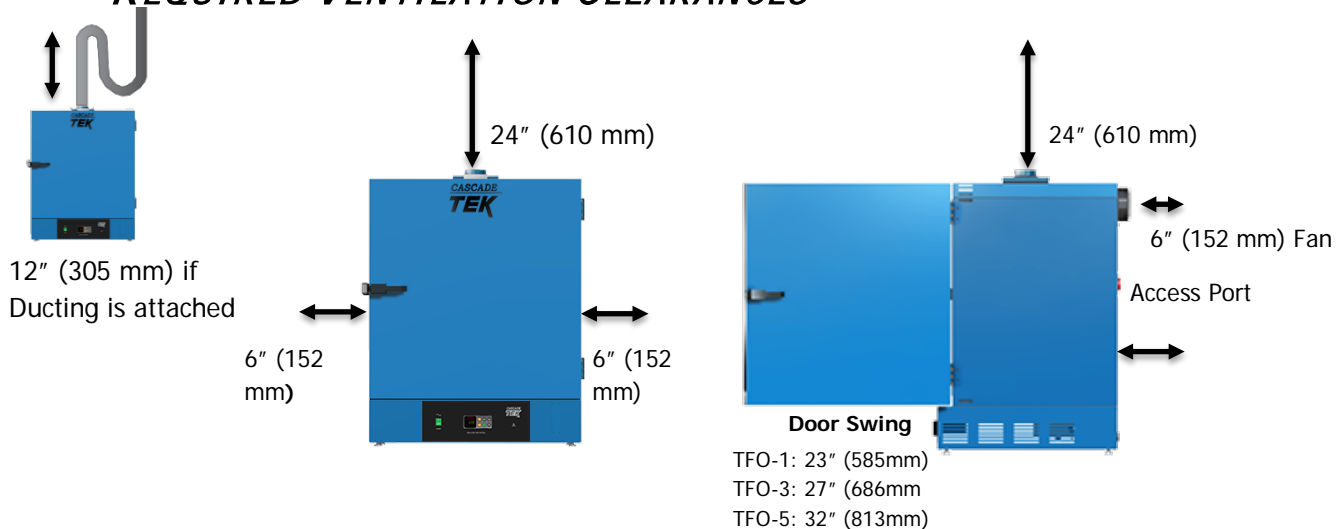
REQUIRED AMBIENT CONDITIONS

When selecting a location to install the unit, consider all environmental conditions that can affect its temperature performance. For example:

- Proximity to other ovens, autoclaves, and any device that produces significant radiant heat
- Heating and cooling ducts, or other sources of fast-moving air currents
- High-traffic areas
- Direct sunlight

This oven is intended for use indoors, at room temperatures between **59°F and 104°F (15°C and 40°C)**, at no greater than **80% Relative Humidity** (at 77°F / 25°C). Operating the unit outside of these conditions may adversely affect its temperature range and stability.

REQUIRED VENTILATION CLEARANCES



This spacing is required for the oven to operate safely and meet its stated temperature specifications:

- **24 inches (610 mm)** of headspace clearance is required between the exhaust vent and any overhead cover or partition.
 - **12 inches (305 mm)** of vertical headspace clearance suffices if the oven exhaust is vented from the workspace through a duct or other channeling.
- Do not place objects on top of the oven. Exception: A properly mounted power exhaust blower.
- Allow at least **6 inches (152 mm)** from the access port and fan vent on the back of the oven to the nearest wall or partition. Keep the fan unobstructed at all times.
- The chamber access port is located on the back of the oven. Leave sufficient room for easy access if oven operators will be using the port.

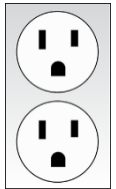
INSTALLATION

POWER SOURCE REQUIREMENTS

When selecting a location for the unit, verify that each of the following requirements is satisfied:

Power Source: The wall power outlet must meet the power requirements listed on the unit data plate. These units are intended for **110 – 120 VAC 50/60 Hz** applications at the following amperages:

| TFO-1 | TFO-3 | TFO-5 |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 12.0 Amps | 14.0 Amps | 14.0 Amps |



Standard
NEMA 5-15R
wall socket

- Wall power sources must be **protective earth grounded** and **single phase**.
- Wall power sources must conform to all national and local electrical codes.
- **Supplied voltage must not vary more than 10% from the data plate rating.** Damage to the unit may result if supplied voltage varies more than 10%.
- **The oven requires a dedicated 15-amp circuit.**
- Use a separate circuit to prevent loss of product due to overloading or circuit failure. The circuit must match or exceed the amperage requirement listed on the unit the data plate.



Power Cord: The unit must be positioned so that all end-users can quickly unplug the oven in the event of an emergency.

- The unit comes provided with a 125 volt, 15Amp, 9ft 5 in (2.86m) NEMA 5-15P power cord.
- Always use this cord or an identical replacement.

Fuse: Each oven ships with a 16 amp 250V 5x20mm fuse installed in the power cord inlet.

- The fuse must be installed and intact for the unit to operate.
- Always find and fix the cause of a blown fuse prior to putting the unit back into operation.

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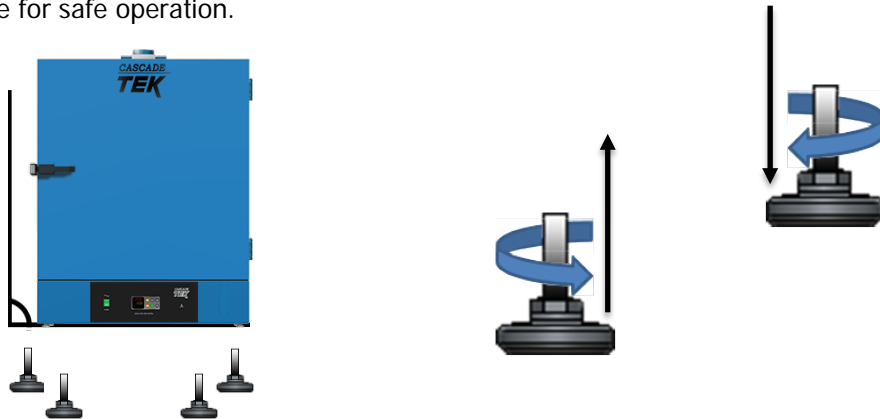
LIFTING AND HANDLING

The oven is heavy. Use appropriate lifting devices that are sufficiently rated for these loads. Follow these guidelines when lifting the oven:

- Lift the oven only from its bottom surface.
- Doors, handles, and knobs are not adequate for lifting or stabilization.
- Restrain the oven completely while lifting or transporting so it cannot tip.
- Remove all moving parts, such as shelves and trays, and lock the door in the closed position during transfers to prevent shifting and damage.

LEVELING

Install the 4 leveling feet with the 4 corner holes on the bottom of the oven. The oven must be level and stable for safe operation.



Note: To prevent damage when moving the unit, turn all 4 leveling feet so that the leg of each foot sits inside the oven.

INSTALL THE OVEN

Place the unit in a workspace location that meets the criteria discussed in the previous entries of the Installation section.

INSTALLATION CLEANING

The unit was cleaned at the factory but may have been exposed to contaminants en route during shipping.

- Remove all wrappings and coverings from shelving prior to cleaning and installation.
- See the [Cleaning and Disinfecting](#) topic in the User Maintenance section (see page 36) for more information on how to clean the oven chamber prior to putting the unit into operation.

INSTALLATION

SHELVING INSTALLATION

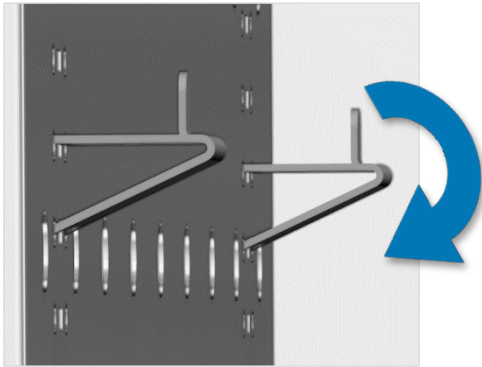


Figure 6: Install Clips

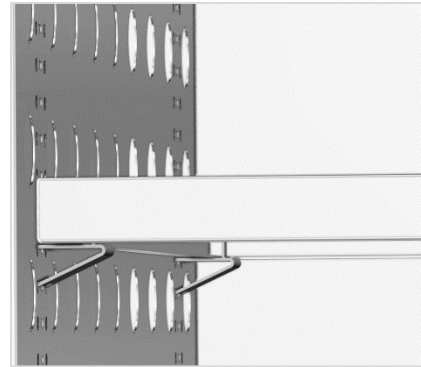


Figure 5: Place the Shelf

1. Install 4 clips for each shelf in the slots located on the sides of the chamber interior.
 - a. Squeeze each clip.
 - b. Insert the top tabs first, then the bottom tabs using a rocking motion.
2. Place the shelf on the clips.

ACCESS PORT STOPPER

Verify the port stopper is installed in the access port on the back of the unit. The oven will not meet its temperature performance specifications without the stopper installed.

The stopper must be installed on the outside of the oven. Installing the stopper on the inside of the oven risks damaging the stopper.

The intended use of the port is to introduce sensor probes into the oven chamber.




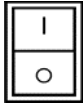







**Figure 7: Port
Stopper in Access
Port**



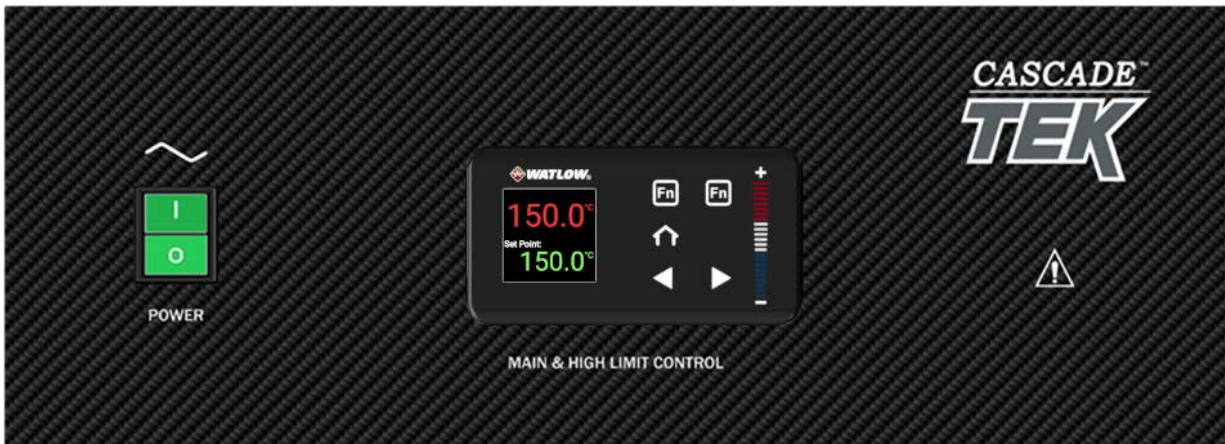
GRAPHIC SYMBOLS

The oven is provided with multiple graphic symbols on its external and internal surfaces. The symbols identify hazards and the functions of the adjustable components as well as important notes found in the user manual.

| Symbol | Definition |
|---|---|
|  | Consult the user manual. Consulter le manuel d'utilisation |
|  | Indicates adjustable temperature Indique température réglable |
|  | AC Power Repère le courant alternatif |
|  | I/ON O/OFF I indique que l'interrupteur est en position marche. O indique que le commutateur est en position d'arrêt. |
|  | Protective earth ground Terre électrique |
|  | Indicates UP and DOWN, respectively Indique UP et DOWN respectivement |
|  | Potential shock hazard Risque de choc électrique |
|  | Recycle the unit. Do not dispose of in a landfill. Recycler l'unité. Ne jetez pas dans une décharge. |
|  | Caution hot surface Attention surface chaude |



CONTROL PANEL OVERVIEW



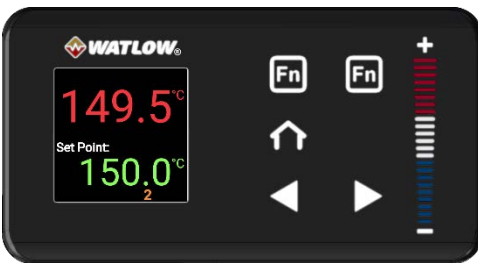
Control Panel

Power Switch

The switch illuminates when in the ON (I) position.



Temperature Controller - Display on Homepage



- Top Line (Red): Present chamber shelving temperature
- Middle Line (Green): The constant temperature setpoint
- Bottom Line: Flashing "2" indicates active heating.

The Home button allows immediate navigation back to the home screen, where it displays the current temperature and the set temperature.



While on the homepage, use the (+) and (-) buttons or swipe up or down on the +/- bar to alter the constant temperature setpoint. On Operations pages, these controls are used to select Operation options, modify the high limit setpoint, adjust calibration offsets, and configure program variables.



From the homepage, pressing the **forward arrow** button progresses through various parameter option pages, such as Event 1 and Units of Measurement (Celsius or Fahrenheit). This button is also used for advancing through menus and parameter lists while programming a temperature recipe.



The **back arrow** button takes the display back to the previous page or menu. Continuously pressing this button will eventually navigate the display back to the homepage.



Pressing the **left Fn** button activates Profile Program 1. Pressing it again during its execution will stop Program 1. Similarly, the **right Fn** button initiates Profile Program 2 (Step 11) and pressing the button a second time while it is running will halt Program 2





OPERATION

Safe operation of the oven is dependent on the actions and behavior of the oven operators. Operating personnel must read and understand the Operating Precautions in this section prior to operating the oven. The operators must follow these instructions to prevent injuries and to safeguard their health, environment, and the materials being treated in the oven, as well as to prevent damage to the oven. Failure to adhere to the Safety Guidelines and Operating Cautions, deliberately or through error, is a hazardous behavior on the part of the operator.



Le fonctionnement sûr du four dépend des actions et du comportement des opérateurs du four. Le personnel d'exploitation doit lire et comprendre les consignes de sécurité et les précautions d'utilisation de cette section avant d'utiliser le four. Les opérateurs doivent suivre ces instructions pour prévenir les blessures et protéger leur santé, leur environnement et les matériaux traités dans le four, ainsi que pour éviter d'endommager le four. Le non-respect des consignes de sécurité et des précautions d'utilisation, délibérément ou par erreur, est un comportement dangereux de la part de l'opérateur.



OPERATING PRECAUTIONS

- Do not use this oven in unsafe improper applications that produce flammable or combustible gases, vapors, liquids, or fuel-air mixtures in quantities that can become potentially explosive.
- Outgassed byproducts may be hazardous to or noxious for operating personnel. Exhaust should be vented to a location outside the workspace in a safe manner in accordance with all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations. Do not operate the oven in an unsafe area with noxious fumes.
- Do not use this oven for applications heating hazardous fibers or dust. These items can become airborne and come into contact with hot surfaces.
- Individual ovens are not rated to be explosion proof. Follow all building certification requirements and laws for Class I, II, or III locations as defined by the US National Electric Code.
- The bottom surface of the chamber should not be used as a work surface. It runs hotter than the shelf temperatures. Never place samples or product on the oven chamber floor.
- Do not place sealed or filled containers in the oven. These may burst open when heated.
- Do not place alcohol or mercury thermometers in the oven. These devices may rupture under heat or other improper uses.
- Do not move the oven until it has finished cooling.

Warning: The vent dampers may be hot to the touch. These areas are marked with Hot Surface labels. Proper PPE should be employed to minimize risk to burn.

Avertissement: Les clapets d'aération peuvent être chauds au toucher. Ces zones sont marqués avec des étiquettes de Surface chaude. Les EPI approprié devraient être employée pour réduire au minimum le risque de brûler.



THEORY OF OPERATIONS

Heating



When powered, the TFO oven heats the oven chamber atmosphere to the current constant temperature set point. The oven can also be programmed with multi-step automated heating recipe profiles. When launched, a profile overrides the constant temperature set point. In its default setting, the oven resumes heating to the constant temperature set point after a profile completes or is aborted.

Along with storing set points and profile steps, the temperature controller monitors the oven chamber air temperature using a solid-state probe located in the airstream on the right wall of the chamber. When the processor detects that the chamber temperature has dropped below the currently active temperature set point, it pulses power to a heating element in a recirculation air duct space located below the oven chamber.

The controller uses proportional-integral-derivative analytical feedback-loop functions when measuring and controlling the chamber air temperature. PID-controlled heating pulse intensities and lengths are proportional to the difference between the measured chamber temperature and the current set point. The frequency of pulses is derived from the rate of change in the difference. The integral function slows the rate of pulses when the temperature nears the set point to avoid overshooting.

TFO ovens rely on natural heat radiation for cooling.

When the oven is powered, the chamber air temperature cannot operate below the ambient room temperature **plus** the internal waste heat of the oven. Waste heat is generated primarily by the operation of the blower fan motor and the resulting air compression in the duct spaces.

The heating rates given in the Unit Specification chapter of this manual are for a 25°C environment. The ambient temperature of the workspace around the oven affects its heating and cooling performance.

Heating Profiles



The oven temperature controller stores the constant temperature set point and 40 programmable heating recipe steps. The steps come allocated to 4 ten-step profiles, but successive profiles may be combined to run sequentially as one profile. Step types include timed-interval ramping (heating or cooling), soaking (constant temperature), and ending states. Please see the *EZ-Zone Profile Programming Guide* included with this oven for more details.

Air Circulation



The oven continually circulates air internally while powered in order to maintain temperature uniformity and stability in the oven chamber and to speed drying rates. Air is forced through vent holes on the right side of the chamber, blows across the shelf space, and is then pulled into a duct that makes up the left chamber wall. From there, the air is drawn downward into a heating duct by the action of the blower fan. The oven is intended to be run as a closed air-cycle system.

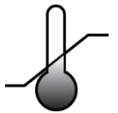
Exhaust Vent

The oven is provided with an exhaust vent that may be opened or closed using the dampener slide located on the vent body. The dampener is intended to be opened **after** the heat treatment or bake out phases of an application are complete. Opening the dampener vent during a baking application may speed the rate of material drying depending on the nature of the sample material, outgassed byproducts, and ambient conditions. However, running the oven with the vent open introduces a flow of cool air into the chamber while allowing heated air to exit. This will impact the temperature uniformity and stability of the chamber and lower the operational temperature ceiling.



High Limit Control System

The temperature controller contains a heating cutoff system with independent circuitry connected to a redundant solid-state temperature sensor probe inside the oven chamber. This high limit system depowers the oven heating elements whenever the chamber air temperature exceeds the current limit setting. This safeguards the oven in the event of a failure of the main temperature control circuitry or main temperature sensor probe.



The high limit is set by the end-user to a minimum of 10°C above the highest temperature of the application process the oven is currently being used for. Failure to set the high limit control system voids the oven manufacturing defect warranty in the event of an overtemperature event.

OPERATION

PUT THE OVEN INTO OPERATION

Perform the following steps and procedures to put the oven into operation after installing it in a new workspace environment.

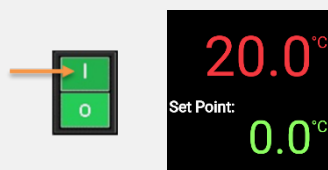
1. Plug in the power cord



Attach the power cord that came with the unit to the power inlet receptacle on the back of the oven.

Plug the power cord into the workspace electrical supply outlet.

2. Power the oven



Place the oven **Power Switch** in the on (I) position.

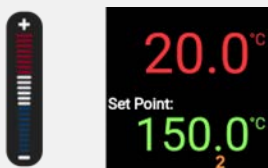
- The controller display will illuminate, show the current firmware revision number, and then default to the homepage.

3. Set the High Limit Temperature heating cutoff point



See the [Set the High Limit](#) procedure on page 28.

4. Set the operating temperature



- [Set the constant temperature set point](#). See page 29.

OR

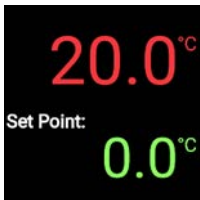
- [Program multistep heating recipe profiles](#). See page 29.

SET THE HIGH TEMPERATURE LIMIT

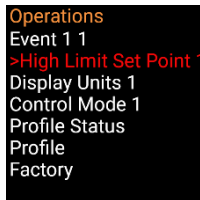


Note: Test the high limit system once per year for functionality.

Set the high temperature limit at least 10°C above the highest temperature the oven will run at during your recipe program or constant-temperature application.



Goto
Operations



Select
High Limit
Set Point



Advance



Adjust value



Return Home

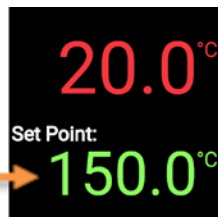
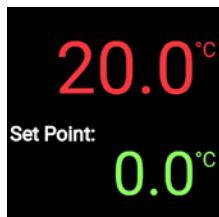


End of Procedure



SETTING THE CONSTANT TEMPERATURE SET POINT

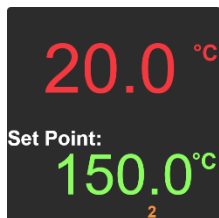
Adjust the constant temperature setpoint on the homepage



Stay 10°C below the high limit setpoint.

Press and hold the (+/-) buttons, or swipe up or down on the bar, to adjust the temperature setpoint.

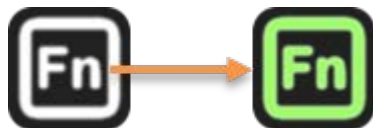
Saving new setpoint.



If there is no change in the setpoint for 3 seconds, the setpoint value will flash green and save the new setting.

HEATING PROFILES

Please see the *Programming Guide –EZ-Zone Heating Profiles* document for instructions on how to program automated heating recipe profiles. The guide comes included with the oven and provides illustrated explanations for all major heating profile functions and programming steps.



Pressing the **left FN** button activates heating Program 1, turning the button green to indicate it is in use. Pressing the button again during operation will terminate Program 1.



Pressing the **right FN** button activates heating Program 2 (Step 11), turning the button green to indicate it is in use. Pressing the button again during operation will terminate Program 2.

OPERATION

HIGH TEMPERATURE LIMIT ACTIVATED

The High Limit system cuts off heating in the oven whenever the chamber temperature meets or exceeds the Limit setting. Heating remains disabled until the oven operator clears the Limit cutoff.



Indicators

When heating is cut off, the oven display flashes two alternating alert screens. Additionally, an illuminated "4" on the bottom display level specifies that the oven should be routing electricity away from the heating elements.

Possible Causes of High Limit Activation

- The oven temperature is set above or near the High Limit cutoff setting. The High Limit should be set at least 10°C above the highest intended temperature of your heating application.
- A heat source in the oven chamber is pushing the oven temperature above the limit setting.
- Significant outgassing in the chamber may be interfering with the measured temperature.
- Attempting to heat a significant mass of product or samples may trigger a temperature overshoot and subsequent Limit cutoff.
- The oven temperature controller circuitry or sensor probe has failed.

If you suspect an ignition event in the oven chamber or a hardware failure **wait for the oven to cool to room temperature before opening the chamber door.**

Contact [Customer Support](#) for assistance.

Clearing the High Limit Heating Cutoff

- Clearing the cutoff restores power to the oven heating elements.
- The oven chamber temperature must be below the High Limit cutoff setting before clearing the cutoff.
- Always verify it is safe to resume heating before clearing the High Limit cutoff.

If the oven temperature falls to at least 2°C below the High Limit Setting, pressing the Home button will enable heat and turn off the alert.

Alternating Alert Screens



Attention Screen



Heating Off



DATA PORT AND DATA JACK



The 25-pin RS485 data port, located on the back of the oven, connects to the oven temperature controller. It is primarily intended for updating the controller software but can be used for data logging and graphical profile programming. Accessing the controller with a computer requires a 25-pin RS485-to-USB converter cable and driver software.

Applications and Utility Software

- **National Instrument LabView** and **Watlow Specview** — Temperature monitoring and data logging in graphical user interface environments.
- **Watlow's Composer** — Programming heating profiles in a drop-down menu environment. Configurator can also be used to copy and save the controller configuration file, which includes the currently programmed heating profiles.
 - Configurator is available for free on the Watlow website.



Jack Port

The jack port accepts standard audio jacks (phono jacks) and outputs an analog signal (0 – 10 volts) corresponding to the current temperature of the oven chamber (0 - 306° C).

CHANGE UNIT OF MEASUREMENT

The controller display can show temperatures in either Celsius or Fahrenheit.

The diagram illustrates the process of changing the unit of measurement on the controller display. It shows four sequential screens and the corresponding navigation actions:

- Screen 1:** Shows a current temperature of 22.3 °C and a set point of 20.0 °C. A play button icon is shown below, labeled "Goto Operations".
- Screen 2:** Shows a menu with "Display Units" highlighted in red. A list icon is shown below, labeled "Select Display Units 1".
- Screen 3:** Shows the menu with ">F" highlighted in green. A play button icon is shown below, labeled "Advance".
- Screen 4:** Shows the current temperature as 72.2 °F and the set point as 68.0 °F. A plus/minus icon is shown below, labeled "Adjust value".

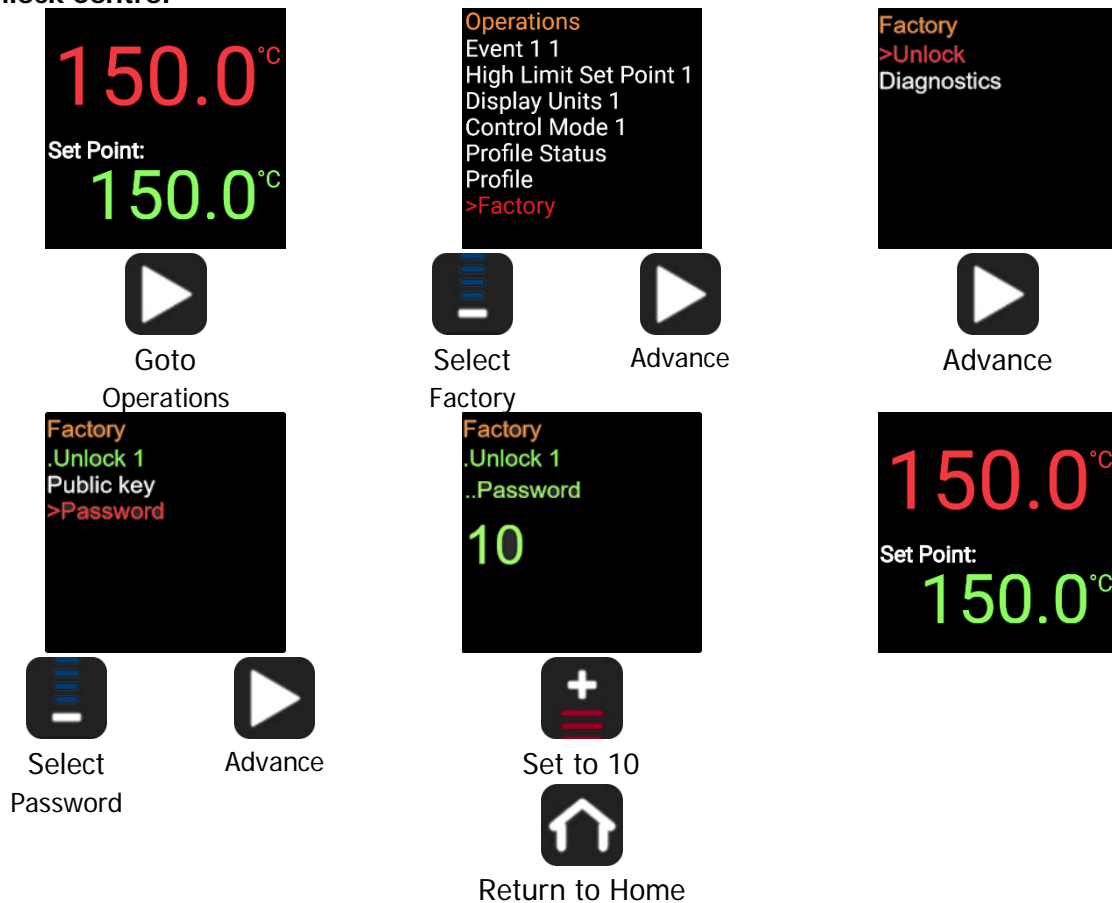
Below the fourth screen, a home icon is shown, labeled "Return Home". At the bottom right of the diagram, the text "°C → °F" indicates the successful change of units.

OPERATION

UNLOCK CONTROL

Caution: Unlocking the control grants access to configurations that, if adjusted improperly, could render the control non-functional or cause issues with the control and overall functions of the chamber. Exercise utmost caution to avoid making incorrect modifications. In the event that incorrect modifications are made, our customer service team will help you to the best of their ability. However, in the event that they are unable to rectify the issue, it might be necessary to remove the control and send it back to the factory for reprogramming. Please be aware that this could involve expenses that the customer will need to cover.

Unlock Control



Relocking the Controller

Once you have completed the secured process from the Operations menu, it is important to re-secure the controller. This can be done by simply switching the unit off and then turning it back on.

AUTO TUNING

The auto tuning function runs the oven for a period of hours to optimize the controller PID parameters. This optimization is intended for use **only** if the oven temperature is lagging, overshooting, or failing to achieve the set point when **large volumes** or **significant masses of product** are present in the oven chamber

Auto tuning will not allow the oven to exceed its maximum specified heating rates. The oven will use the optimized PID settings until the controller is either tuned to different conditions or restored to its factory configuration.

Setting Up the Auto Tune Conditions

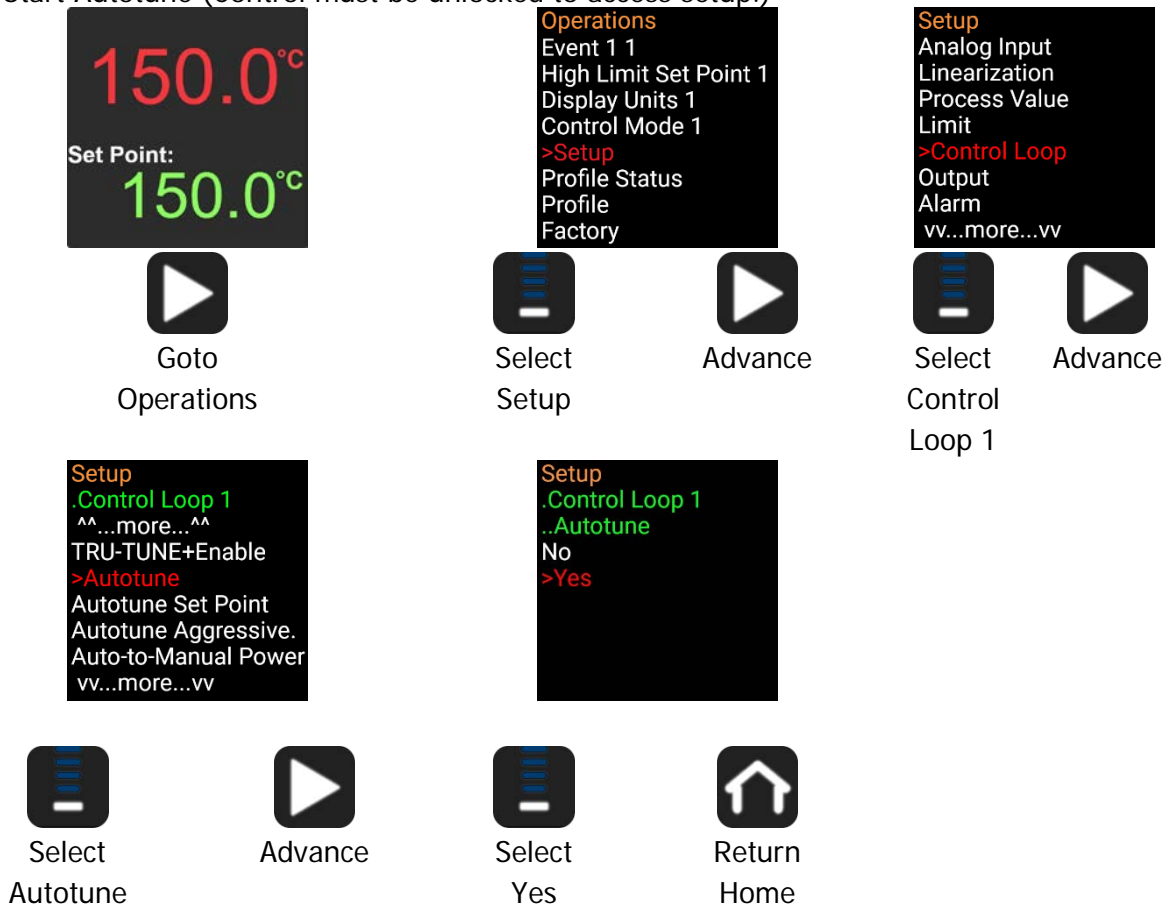
Prior to auto tuning, set up the oven to match the conditions of your heating application.

- The oven should be turned off and resting at room temperature prior to starting the auto tuning.
- Set the oven intake and exhaust vent to match your process configuration (closed, both open, one slightly open, etc.).
- Product or samples must be present in the chamber in the volume, mass, and distribution (spacing) of your recipe or heat application process.
 - Depending on the heat levels involved, temperature spikes may occur in the chamber. The manufacturer strongly recommends using wasting or sacrificial product for the auto tuning.

OPERATION

Carry Out the Auto Tuning

- Turn on the oven.
- Unlock Control page 32.
- On the homepage, set the constant temperature set point to the temperature you wish to optimize for.
- Start Autotune (Control must be unlocked to access setup.)



While Autotune is active, the Home screen will switch back and forth between the Tuning message and the Home Display.

The oven will increase to the set point and then decrease from it five times. The overall duration of the auto-tuning process varies based on the oven temperature and the mass of the product being heated.

To terminate Autotune before it finishes on its own, repeat the steps above and set Autotune to NO.



OPERATION

Note: Allow the oven to cool or use appropriate PPE and tools when adjusting the chamber gasket seating.

HIGH EXTERIOR TEMPERATURES

If the chamber gasket comes out of alignment, oven chamber air may be drawn into the insulating baffle spaces. This can result in heating of the oven exterior surfaces.

If the oven's exterior is unusually warm or hot, push the chamber gasket inward along its entire length to restore the integrity of the seal.

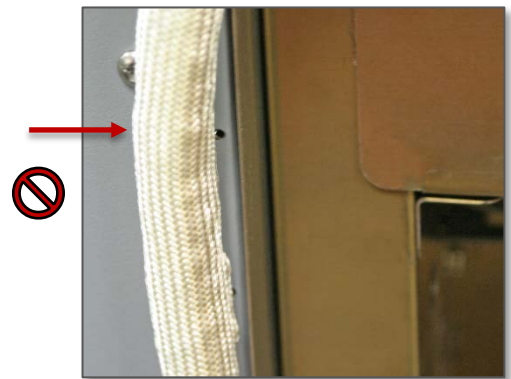
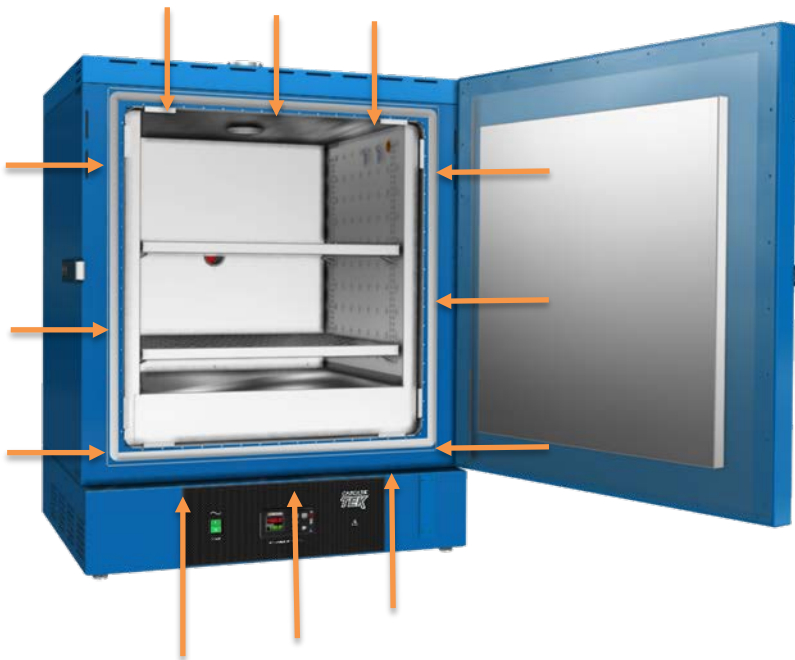


Figure 9: Chamber Gasket Misaligned

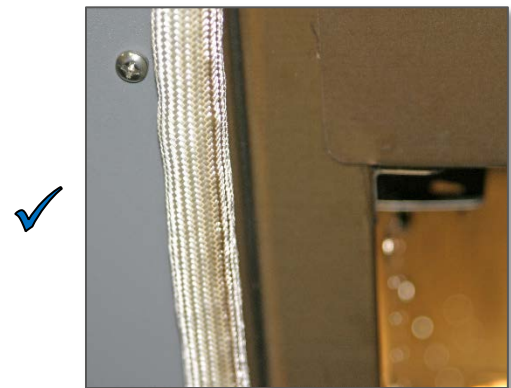


Figure 8: Chamber Gasket Aligned

OPERATOR MAINTENANCE

Warning: Disconnect the unit from its power supply prior to performing maintenance or services.

Avertissement: Avant d'effectuer toute maintenance ou entretien de cet appareil, débrancher le cordon secteur de la source d'alimentation.



CLEANING

If a hazardous material or substance has spilled in the unit, immediately initiate your site's Hazardous Material Spill Containment protocol. Contact your local Site Safety Officer and follow instructions per the site policy and procedures.

- The unit chamber should be cleaned prior to first use.
- Periodic cleaning is required.
- Do not use spray on cleaners or disinfectants. These can leak through openings and coat electrical components.
- Consult with the manufacturer or their agent if you have any doubts about the compatibility of decontamination or cleaning agents with the parts of the equipment or with the material contained in it.
- Do not use cleaners or disinfectants that contain solvents capable of harming paint coatings or stainless steel surfaces. **Do not use chlorine-based bleaches or abrasives; these will damage the chamber liner.**

Warning: Exercise caution if cleaning the unit with alcohol or flammable cleaners. Always allow the unit to cool down to room temperature prior to cleaning and make sure all cleaning agents have evaporated or otherwise been completely removed prior to putting the unit back into service.

Avertissement: Soyez prudent lorsque vous nettoyez l'appareil avec de l'alcool ou des produits de nettoyage inflammables. Laissez toujours refroidir l'appareil à la température ambiante avant le nettoyage et assurez-vous que tous les produits de nettoyage se sont évaporés ou ont été complètement enlevés avant de remettre l'appareil en service.



Cleaning

1. Remove all removable interior components such as shelving and accessories.
2. Clean the unit with a mild soap and water solution, including all corners. **Do not** use an abrasive cleaner that will damage metal surfaces. **Do not use deionized water to rinse or clean with.**
3. Rinse with distilled water and wipe dry with a soft cloth.
4. Take special care when cleaning around the temperature sensor probes in the chamber to prevent damage. Do not clean the probes.

GASKETS AND CHAMBER INTEGRITY

Periodically, inspect the door latch, trim, catch, and the gasket for signs of deterioration. Failure to maintain the integrity of the door system shortens the life span of the oven.

These ovens use snap-in fiberglass chamber gaskets. The only tool required for swapping out these gaskets is a cutting implement for tailoring the length of the new gasket. Use proper PPE for handling exposed fiberglass when making the cuts.

ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS

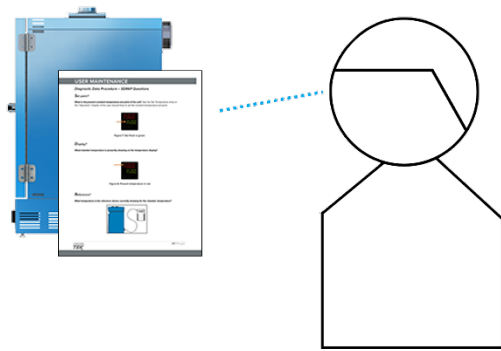
Electrical components do not require maintenance. If the oven fails to operate as specified, please contact your oven distributor or Customer Support for assistance.

DIAGNOSTICS - HEATING ISSUES

If the unit is experiencing heating issues, use the following guide to gather information prior to contacting Customer Support. Gathering and sharing this information with Customer Support significantly increases the chance a service technician will be dispatched with the parts needed to fix your unit during the first visit.

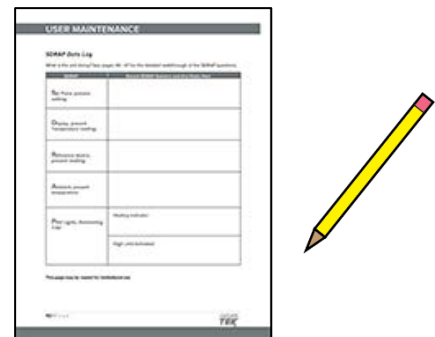
Steps

1



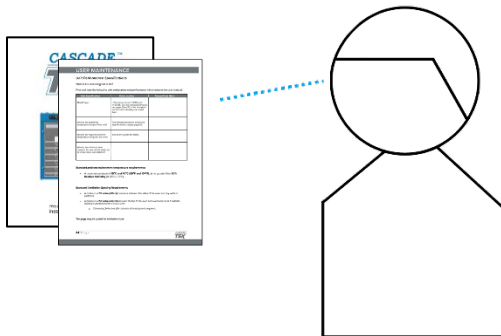
Read the SDRAP diagnostic questions on pages 43 and 44 and observe the unit in operation.

2



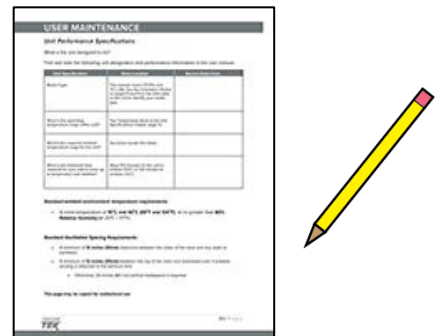
Record the observations in the SDRAP Data Log on page 39.

3



Read the Unit Performance Specification questions on page 40 and consult the user manual for answers.

4



Record the answers in the Unit Specifications Log on page 40.

5 Share this information with Customer Support!

SDRAP Data Log

What is the unit doing? See pages 43 - 44 for the detailed walkthrough of the SDRAP questions.

| SDRAP | Record SDRAP Answers and Any Notes Here |
|---|---|
| S et Point, present setting: | |
| D isplay, present Temperature reading: | |
| R eference device, present reading: | |
| A mbient, present temperature: | |
| P ilot Lights, illuminating Y/N? | Heating Indicator: |
| | High Limit Activated: |

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Unit Performance Specifications

What is the unit designed to do?

Find and note the following unit designation and performance information in the user manual.

| Unit Specification | Data Location | Record Data Here |
|---|---|------------------|
| Model Type: | This manual covers TFO-1, TFO-3, and TFO-5. See the Orientation Photos on pages 9 through 11 or the data plate on the unit to identify your model type. | |
| What is the operating temperature range of the unit? | The Temperature block in the Unit Specifications chapter, page 47. | |
| What is the required ambient temperature range for the unit? | See below (under this table). | |
| What is the minimum time required for your unit to come up to temperature and stabilize? | Allow 15 minutes for the unit to achieve 150°C or 31 minutes to achieve 306°C. | |

Standard ambient environment temperature requirements:

- A room temperature of **15°C – 40°C (59°F and 104°F)**, at no greater than **80% Relative Humidity** (at 25°C / 77°F).

Standard Ventilation Spacing Requirements

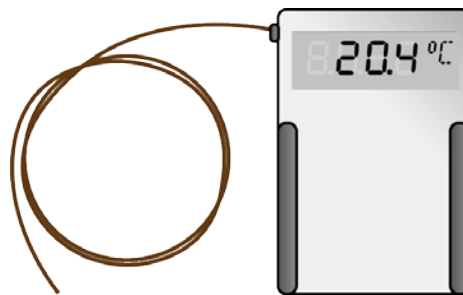
- A minimum of **6 inches (152 mm)** clearance between the sides of the oven and any walls or partitions. **12 inches (305 mm)** between the back of the oven and any partition.
- A minimum of **12 inches (305 mm)** between the top of the oven and overhead cover if suitable ducting is attached to the exhaust vent.
 - Otherwise, **24 inches (610 mm)** vertical headspace is required.

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Required Items

You must have the following items on hand to answer the diagnostic questions.

A temperature reference device – A calibrated digital thermometer with at least one thermocouple sensor probe. The device must be at least accurate to 0.1°C.



A copy of the user manual for the unit – Must be available in the same room as the unit for use.

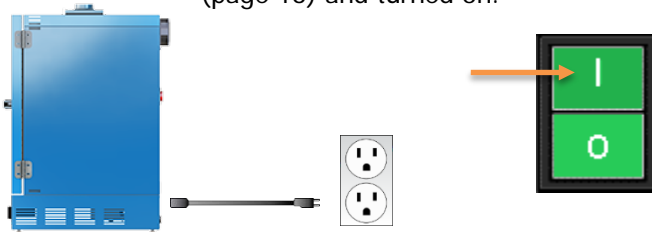


MAINTENANCE

Note: Does the car actually have gas in the tank? Have you physically verified the computer is plugged in? Yes, we are going to ask some very basic questions. Please bear with us. Methodical verifications and the elimination of assumptions are often the quickest means of getting a unit back into operation.

Before Starting

1. The unit must be connected to a power source that meets the requirements in the Installation chapter (page 16) and turned on.



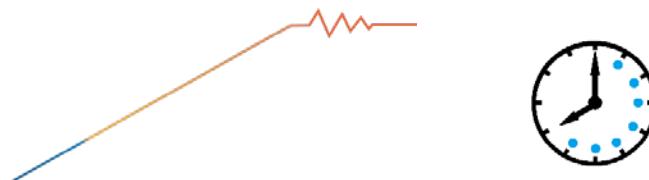
2. At least one reference temperature device sensor probe must be placed in the chamber.
 - Place the probe as close to the geometric center of the chamber as possible.



3. The oven chamber door must be closed and latched. The exhaust vent must be closed.



4. The unit must have adequate time to come up to temperature and stabilize at a constant temperature set point. **Failure to wait will result in an inaccurate diagnosis.**



- Please see the Time to Temperature specification block on page 47 for the time required for the oven to reach your set point temperature.
- Start the "Diagnostic Data Procedure" when the allotted time has passed **even if the unit fails to achieve the set point temperature.**

Diagnostic Data Procedure – SDRAP Questions

Set point?

What is the present constant temperature set point of the unit? See the Set Temperature entry in the “Operation” chapter of the user manual for how to set the constant temperature set point.



Figure 10: Set Point in green

Display?

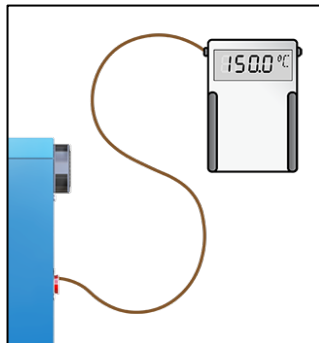
What chamber temperature is presently showing on the temperature display?



Figure 11: Present temperature in red

Reference?

What temperature is the reference device currently showing for the chamber temperature?

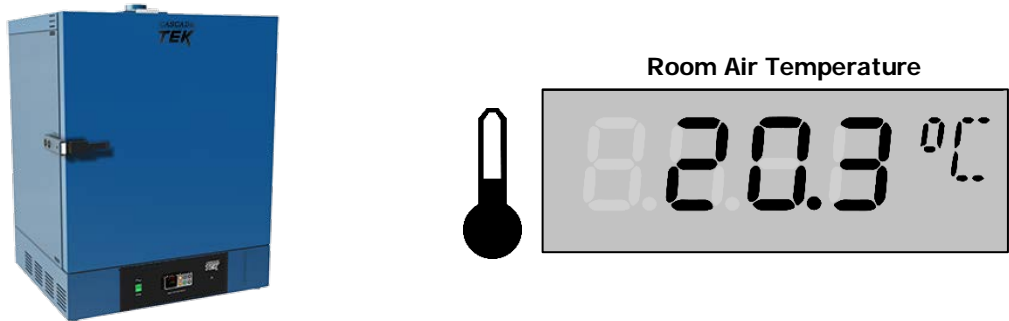


MAINTENANCE

Ambient?

What is the room temperature?

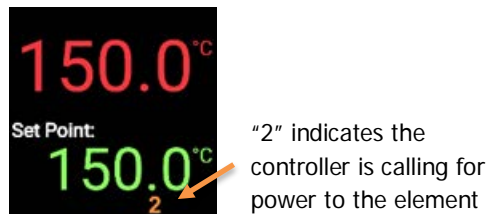
- For best results, measure the temperature in the same section of the room where the unit is located, but do not place your thermometer on the unit!



Pilot Lights?

1) Is the heating active indicator on the control panel flashing or otherwise illuminating.

Figure 12: Heating Indicator



2) Is the high limit heating cutoff activating? Answer yes if the limit is on continually or activating periodically.



Alternating alert screens flash when the high limit heating cutoff is active

Share!

Share the SDRAP and Unit Specifications data with Customer Support. This data is crucial for offsite personnel making accurate remote diagnoses. The information is used to help ensure service techs are dispatched with the tools and parts needed to fix your unit during their first visit.

Facilities Technicians

SDRAP and Unit Specifications data are also useful to any institutional repair technicians at your facility who may be responsible for servicing of out-of-warranty units.

End Diagnostic Data Procedure

UNIT SPECIFICATIONS

These ovens are 110 – 120 volt units. Please refer to the oven data plate for individual electrical specifications.

Technical data specified applies to units with standard equipment at an ambient temperature of 25°C and nominal voltage. The temperatures specified are determined in accordance to factory standard following DIN 12880 respecting the recommended wall clearances of 10% of the height, width, and depth of the inner chamber. All indications are average values, typical for units produced in the series. We reserve the right to alter technical specifications at all times.

WEIGHT

| Model | Shipping Weight | Unit Weight |
|-------|-----------------|--------------------|
| TFO-1 | 167 lb / 77 kg | 126.5 lb / 57.4 kg |
| TFO-3 | 216 lb / 98 kg | 170.5 lb / 77.3 kg |
| TFO-5 | 258 lb / 117 kg | 208.0 lb / 94.3 kg |

DIMENSIONS

By Inches

| Model | Exterior W × D × H | Interior W × D × H |
|-------|--------------------|--------------------|
| TFO-1 | 22.7 x 23.5 x 31.5 | 12.1 x 13.7 x 14.5 |
| TFO-3 | 26.9 x 28.6 x 34.0 | 16.5 x 19.5 x 16.2 |
| TFO-5 | 31.4 x 28.1 x 38.8 | 21.0 x 19.4 x 20.7 |

By Millimeters

| Model | Exterior W × D × H | Interior W × D × H |
|-------|--------------------|--------------------|
| TFO-1 | 577 x 597 x 800 | 307 x 349 x 368 |
| TFO-3 | 683 x 727 x 840 | 419 x 495 x 412 |
| TFO-5 | 798 x 714 x 984 | 533 x 494 x 527 |

CAPACITY

| Model | Cubic Feet | Liters |
|-------|------------|--------|
| TFO-1 | 1.4 | 39.4 |
| TFO-3 | 3.0 | 85.0 |
| TFO-5 | 4.9 | 138.0 |

UNIT SPECIFICATIONS

SHELF CAPACITY BY WEIGHT

| Model | Per Shelf | Max Total Load | Max No. Shelves |
|-------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| TFO-1 | 50.0 lb / 22.6 kg* | 100.0 lb / 45.3 kg** | 6 Shelves |
| TFO-3 | 50.0 lb / 22.6 kg* | 200.0 lb / 91.3 kg*** | 7 Shelves |
| TFO-5 | 50.0 lb / 22.6 kg* | 200.0 lb / 91.0 kg*** | 9 Shelves |

*50 lb / 22.7 kg with weight evenly distributed across the shelf.

**100 lb / 45.0 kg total load for the TFO-1 shelves. Exceeding this limit risks damaging the chamber liner.

***200 lb / 91.0 kg total load for the TFO-3 and TFO-5 shelves. Exceeding this limit risks damaging the chamber liner.

TEMPERATURE

Range and Stability

| Model | Operating Range | Stability |
|-------|----------------------|----------------|
| TFO-1 | Ambient +20 to 306°C | ± 0.2°C @150°C |
| TFO-3 | Ambient +20 to 306°C | ± 0.3°C @150°C |
| TFO-5 | Ambient +20 to 306°C | ± 0.3°C @150°C |

Uniformity

| Model | Uniformity @80°C | Uniformity @150°C | Uniformity @306°C |
|-------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| TFO-1 | ± 1.0°C | ± 2.3°C | ± 4.7°C |
| TFO-3 | ± 1.0°C | ± 1.8°C | ± 5.0°C |
| TFO-5 | ± 0.75°C | ± 1.8°C | ± 4.5°C |

Time to Temperature: From an ambient temperature of 20°C.

| Model | Heat Up to 80°C | Heat Up to 150°C | Heat Up to 306°C |
|-------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| TFO-1 | 8 Minutes | 20 Minutes | 52 Minutes |
| TFO-3 | 6 Minutes | 27 Minutes | 124 Minutes |
| TFO-5 | 9 Minutes | 28 Minutes | 130 Minutes |

Temperature continued on next page

UNIT SPECIFICATIONS

Recovery Time: From a 30-second door opening.

| Model | Recovery to 80°C | Recovery to 150° | Recovery to 306°C |
|-------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| TFO-1 | 1.5 Minutes | 4.5 Minutes | 14.0 Minutes |
| TFO-3 | 1.5 Minutes | 2.0 Minutes | 18.0 Minutes |
| TFO-5 | 2.0 Minutes | 4.0 Minutes | 45.0 Minutes |

Recovery Time: From a 60-second door opening.

| Model | Recovery to 80°C | Recovery to 150° | Recovery to 306°C |
|-------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| TFO-1 | 4.0 Minutes | 6.0 Minutes | 20.0 Minutes |
| TFO-3 | 2.0 Minutes | 4.5 Minutes | 36.0 Minutes |
| TFO-5 | 3.5 Minutes | 6.0 Minutes | 57.0 Minutes |

AIR FLOW PERFORMANCE

Ventilation Rates

| Model | Cubic Feet per Minute @80°C | Liters per Minute @80°C |
|-------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| TFO-1 | 5.6 | 158.6 |
| TFO-3 | 11.3 | 320.0 |
| TFO-5 | 15.2 | 430.4 |

Air Changes per Hour

| Model | @80°C |
|-------|-------|
| TFO-1 | 330 |
| TFO-3 | 225 |
| TFO-5 | 180 |

Air Velocity Across Shelf Space


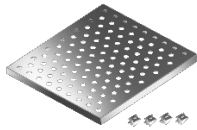

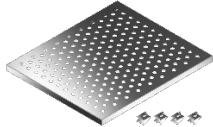

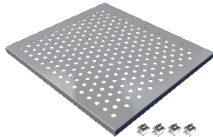

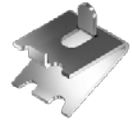

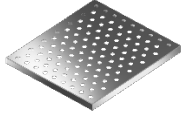

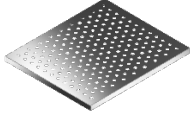

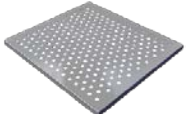
| Model | Linear Feet per Minute | Meters per Minute |
|-------|------------------------|-------------------|
| TFO-1 | 125 | 38.1 |
| TFO-3 | 140 | 42.7 |
| TFO-5 | 145 | 44.2 |

UNIT SPECIFICATIONS

POWER

| Model | AC Voltage | Amperage | Frequency |
|-------|------------|----------|-----------|
| TFO-1 | 110 – 120 | 12.0 | 50/60 Hz |
| TFO-3 | 110 – 120 | 14.0 | 50/60 Hz |
| TFO-5 | 110 – 120 | 14.0 | 50/60 Hz |

REPLACEMENT PART LIST

| Description | Parts Number | Description | Parts Number |
|--|--|---|---|
| Adjustable Leveling Feet, TFO-1 |  2700512 | Shelf Assembly, 12 x 13", with 4 mounting clips, TFO-1 |  9751227 |
| Door Gasket, TFO-1, sold by 1 foot, requires 5.4ft (1.65 meters) |  3450767 (1.5ft) | Shelf and 4 Shelf Clips, TFO-3 |  9751228 |
| Door Gasket, TFO-3, sold by 1 foot, requires 7.5ft (2.3 meters) |  3450767 (1.5ft) | Shelf and 4 Shelf Clips, TFO-5 |  9751229 |
| Door Gasket, TFO-5, sold by 1 foot, requires 8.1ft (2.5) meters |  3450767 (1.5ft) | Shelf Clip, Individual (1) |  1250512 |
| Fuse, T16A 250V 5x20mm |  3300513 | Shelf (no Clips), TFO-1 |  5130887 |
| Power Cord 125 volt, 15Amp, 9ft 5 in (2.86m) NEMA 5-15P |  1800510 | Shelf (no Clips), TFO-3 |  5130888 |
| Port Stopper, High Temperature |  7750572 | Shelf (no Clips), TFO-5 |  5130890 |

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