



## MV & DHK SERIES

### USER MANUAL

#### WARNING: READ BEFORE CONTINUING

To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock or injury to persons using this freezer, read all instructions and follow basic safety precautions before using the unit, including the following:

|  |   |
|--|---|
|  | Do not modify the plug provided with the unit. If it will not fit the outlet, have a proper outlet installed by a qualified electrician.  |
|  | Do not position equipment so it is difficult to disconnect from the power supply.   |
|  | While under warranty, do not attempt to repair or replace any part of the freezer for servicing without first contacting the Service Department.  |
|  | <b>BEFORE CALLING THE MANUFACTURER'S TECHNICAL SUPPORT DEPARTMENT</b><br>Please have the model number of the unit, box identification number, and serial number ready as well as the problem description. The model, serial number and box id number can be found on the serial tag, which is located on the interior left upper wall, or back of the unit. |

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# APPLIES TO MODELS

## REFRIGERATION SPECIFICATIONS

| <u>REFRIGERATOR MODELS:</u> | ENERGY STAR RATED | RATED AMPS | SETPOINT TEMPERATURE RANGE             | REFRIGERANT TYPE                        |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------|--|---|
| MV4-2UCRDA                  | ☆                 | .95A       | 2°C TO 8°C                             | R600A – 0.63 OZ.                        |
| MV4-2UCRGDDA                | ☆                 | 1.24A      | 2°C TO 8°C                             | R290 – 0.63 OZ                          |
| MV4-6UCRDA                  | ☆                 | 1.66A      | 2°C TO 8°C                             | R290 – 0.92 OZ.                         |
| MV4-6UCRGDDA                | ☆                 | 2.28A      | 2°C TO 8°C                             | R290 – 0.92OZ                           |
| DHK4-10GD                   | ☆                 | 3.83A      | 2°C TO 8°C                             | R290 – 2.12 OZ.                         |
| DHK4-14SD                   | ☆                 | 3.77A      | 2°C TO 8°C                             | R290 – 2.12 OZ.                         |
| DHK4-23GD                   | ☆                 | 5.77A      | 2°C TO 8°C                             | R290 – 3.88 OZ.                         |
| DHK4-49GD                   | ☆                 | 10.55A     | 2°C TO 8°C                             | R290 – 5.29 OZ.                         |
| <u>FREEZER MODELS:</u>      |                   |            |  |   |
| MV30-4UCF                   | ☆                 | 1.66A      | -10°C TO -25°C                         | R600A – 1.94 OZ.                        |
| MV40-4UCF                   | ☆                 | 4.19A      | -20°C TO -40°C                         | R290 – 1.59 OZ.                         |
| DHK25-10SD                  | ☆                 | 2.51A      | -10°C TO -25°C                         | R600A – 3.42 OZ.                        |
| <u>COMBINATION MODELS:</u>  |                   |            |  |   |
| DHK-10RFC                   | ☆                 | 3.55A      | REF: 2°C TO 8°C<br>FRE: -10°C TO -25°C | R600A<br>REF: 0.71 OZ.<br>FRE: 1.59 OZ. |
| DHK-20RFC                   | ☆                 | 3.39A      | REF: 2°C TO 8°C<br>FRE: -10°C TO -25°C | R290<br>REF:1.09 OZ.<br>FRE:2.12 OZ.    |







\*SPECIFICATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE


## STARTING GUIDE: READ BEFORE CONTINUING

### **DO NOT LOAD PRODUCT INTO THE UNIT UNTIL THE SETPOINT TEMPERATURE HAS BEEN REACHED.**





**Starting the unit:** After plugging the power cord into the outlet, on the back of the unit turn the power switch and the battery switch to the on position. The unit will then power on and the control will go through the control initialization. During this time the data recording quick setting menu is displayed and the alarm will be audible. **Take this time to set the data logging parameters.** (If the display is flashing the alarm code "PF" this stands for power failure. Check that the unit is plugged into the outlet and that the power switch in the back of the unit is turned to the on position)

| Menu | Data logger quick setting menu  | Range                            |
|------|---|----------------------------------|
| n    | Set data logger <u>year</u>   | 10~50                            |
| y    | Set data logger <u>month</u>  | 1~12                             |
| r    | Set data logger <u>day</u>  | 01~31                            |
| S    | Set data logger <u>hour</u>   | 00~23                            |
| F    | Set data logger <u>minute</u>   | 00~59                            |
| Pt   | Print interval ( <b>NOT USED</b> )  | 0~240                            |
| SCY  | Data recording intervals. ( <b>Factory default is set to 10. Data will be recorded every 10 minutes</b> ) | 0~240<br>0= data logger disabled |

Press  or  to scroll through the menu, Press the  key to select the menu parameter you wish to change. Use the  or  to adjust the setting. Press the  key to accept the new value of the setting.

The  (set/mute) button will not be functional to silence the alarm until after the data logging parameters are set and the control sits untouched for 60 seconds after the initial power on. Once the display switches to the current temperature inside the unit you can now silence the alarm by pressing the set/mute button.

If the unit is displaying code "LoF", this means the data logger needs to be started by following the below steps. (if "LoF" is not displayed, skip the below steps as the data logger is already active.)

1. Unlock the control by pressing the up and down arrow together for 3-4 seconds.
2. The display will read 0000, press the  arrow until it reads 0005
3. Press the  (set/mute) button, now the control is unlocked.
4. Press the  (set/mute) button and the up  for 3-4 seconds, "LoF" will then disappear, and the data logger is started.


**Temperature Alarms:** The temperature alarm will sound once the unit has been out of range for 10 minutes. Once silenced by pressing the set/mute button, the alarm will sound again if the unit is still out of range 10 minutes after silencing the alarm.


1. **High Temperature alarm** (The set point of the unit + the value of setting H = high temperature alarm setpoint). The high alarm is preset to 5. This means that the high temperature alarm will activate if the unit temperature inside the unit reaches 5 degrees higher than what the value of the setpoint is on the unit.
  2. **Low Temperature alarm:** (The set point of the unit + the value of setting L = low temperature alarm setpoint). The low alarm is preset to 4. This means that the low temperature alarm will activate if the temperature inside the unit reaches 4 degrees lower than what the value is to the setpoint of the unit.
- With the factory settings of SP = 5°C, L = 4, H = 5. The unit would engage low temperature alarm at 1°C. The high temperature alarm would engage at 10°C. The alarm will clear by itself once the unit gets back within the alarm range. (Any alarms will be logged in the data logger on the unit and can be downloaded in PDF form via a USB drive by plugging the USB drive into the USB port the front of the unit. Further instruction can be found in the manual)



## Exporting the USB data from the unit:

**Automatic export of data from the USB:** Connect the USB to the USB interface on the control, the data of this month and last month will generate automatically to a PDF file that is downloaded to your USB, the unit will beep once after the data transmission is completed.


**Manually exporting data from the USB:** make sure the keypad is unlocked, connect the USB, wait for the unit to beep, on will briefly appear on the screen followed by end. After the unit starts to display the temperature again, press the up button for 3 seconds, the display should read "d01", Press the up button or down button to adjust the month for which you wish to download the data (d01- d12, d01 being January). Press the set button once you have selected the download period, The USB will generate a PDF file that is saved to your USB. If the display is changed to (d00) this generates the data recorded for the previous 12 months.


 In setting mode, move to the previous parameter or decrease the value of the parameter. (Long press the key to quickly decrease the value of the parameter.)

 In setting mode, move to the next parameter or increase the value of the parameter. (Long press the key to quickly increase the value of the parameter.)

 is the button for set/mute, when there is no alarm displayed and the keypad is locked, press , this will display ambient temperature for 5 seconds then return to normal display.

If the keypad is unlocked, press  for 3 seconds to enter the user menu.

When the alarm becomes audible with the keypad locked in the locked, press  to silence the alarm.

(the unit will continue to alarm if another alarm occurs) When the keypad is unlocked, the  button is used as the set button. With the keypad unlocked and, in the parameter, setting mode, press this key to display the value of the parameter on the screen. To save a new parameter setting, press the set button, the setting is now saved.

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# CLEARANCE AND PLACEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

## PRE-INSTALLATION INFORMATION

### RANGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS FOR WHICH THIS EQUIPMENT IS DESIGNED

- Climatic Class N
- Ambient temperature operating range: 16°C~32°C
- Humidity: 40% maximum, non-condensing.
- Electrical Supply: 110~127V/60Hz
- Altitude: 300 Meters MSL (Mean Sea Level)
- Usage: This product is intended for use indoors only

### PLEASE READ ALL REQUIREMENTS BEFORE USING THIS EQUIPMENT

- 1) **Ambient Temperature** - Unlike a household refrigerator, this equipment is designed for scientific / medical application. Many components are heavy duty and extra sized, to meet the ultimate temperature performance. Therefore, the sounds generated from its operation may not be accepted by everyone in the room. Please take the operations sound factor into consideration and locate this refrigerator accordingly. Please ensure the ambient temperature is climate controlled between 60°F to 85°F to achieve the ultimate temperature performance.
- 2) **Floor Load** - The floor on which the unit is located must be even and level, free from vibrations, and strong enough to support the combined weights of the unit and maximum product load.
- 3) **Ventilation** - Grille area at front must be free and clear of any object or wall.
- 4) **Power Outlet** - Dedicated power outlet is located within the length of the unit's power cord. This is a cord-connected unit and must be connected to its own dedicated power supply. Check the data plate on the unit to confirm the voltage and per the data plate use the correct fuses or HACR circuit breakers.
- 5) **Power Cord** - This 115-volt model is equipped with a cord and 5-15P plug. Unit pre-wired at the factory. If the power cord becomes damaged, it must be replaced with an identical cord. This Unit Must Be Grounded.
- 6) **Shelf weight limit** – 40 Lbs. per shelf evenly distributed.


## CAUTION



**DO NOT CONNECT TO GFI / GFCI OUTLETS. CONNECTION TO THAT TYPE OF OUTLET CAN RESULT IN PRODUCT LOSS DUE TO UNSAFE CABINET TEMPERATURE WHEN GFI DEVICE TRIPS FROM MOISTURE.**

**DO NOT USE EXTENSION CORDS AND DO NOT DISABLE OR BY-PASS GROUND PRONG ON ELECTRICAL PLUG**

# SPECIFICATIONS

| VOLTAGE   | AMPERAGE                               | PLUG  |
|---|--|---|
| <b>115 VOLTS</b><br>60 HERTZ<br>1 PHASE<br><br>(SUPPLY VOLTAGE SHOULD NOT VARY<br>MORE THAN 5% FROM SERIAL PLATE<br>RATINGS.) | <b>15 AMP</b><br><u>DEDICATED LINE</u> | <br><b>NEMA 5-15</b><br>UNIT IS PRE-WIRED AT FACTORY |

## OPERATIONAL TEMPERATURE RANGE

**REFRIGERATOR: 1°C TO 10°C / FREEZER: -10°C TO -25°C, -20°C TO -40°C**

## MOISTURE DURING THE SUMMER SEASON

Due to the increase in ambient humidity in most locations during the summer season, the amount of moisture, condensation, or high humidity related issues may increase during this period.

Please note that in most cases, seasonal humidity related issues will resolve on their own when the ambient humidity levels around the unit reach under 40%.

Also, please note that the refrigeration system does not generate moisture; but instead condenses the moisture that is already in the chamber from the humidity in the air.

To prevent excess seasonal humidity related issues, please see the following.

- 1) Keeping the unit in an air conditioned, low humidity space.
- 2) Check that the door gasket is sealing properly and limit the frequency of door openings.

## RELEASE OF LIABILITY

**IF THIS EQUIPMENT IS BEING USED TO STORE IRREPLACEABLE AND / OR HIGH VALUE PRODUCTS, YOU (THE USER) MUST TAKE PROPER PRECAUTIONS TO ENSURE THAT PRODUCT IS NOT LOST.**

SO-LOW WILL NOT BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR, CONSENT TO HAVE OBLIGATION TO, OR INHERIT RESPONSIBILITY OF PRODUCTS STORED INSIDE THE FREEZER / REFRIGERATOR REGARDLESS OF WARRANTY STATUS. THIS PERTAINS TO ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT LOSSES (PHYSICAL OR ECONOMIC). PLEASE CONSULT THE WARRANTY OF THIS PRODUCT FOR ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION.

Before this Refrigerator / Freezer can be placed into operation, complete all the applicable tasks listed below. You may need to consult your own departments for additional assistance with these tasks.

- 1) Connect your company remote alarm contacts system, or auto dialer, to the refrigerator's alarm system. If your model does not have an alarm system, you can install your 3rd party alarm into the access porthole on the side of the unit.
- 2) **Develop an emergency backup plan, and designate a separate back-up refrigerator, freezer, or similar appropriate device to store your product, if this equipment has an unforeseen issue.**

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**PLEASE NOTE THE ALARM WILL BE AUDIBLE FOR THE FIRST 60 SECONDS UPON INTIAL POWER UP AND CANNOT BE SILENCED UNTIL AFTER THE UNIT IS DISPLAYING TEMPERATURE.**



**(The data logger has been preset to eastern standard time.)**

Take this time during the startup period to set the data logging parameters if you need to change them to your time zone, or any of the data logger settings.







**To turn off the data logger change the setting SCY to 0.**

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If the unit is displaying code “LoF”, this means the data logger needs to be started by following the below steps. (if “LoF” is not displayed, skip the below steps as the data logger is already active.)

1. **Unlock the control by pressing** the  and  buttons together for 3-4 seconds while the unit is displaying the temperature inside the unit.
2. The display will read 0000, press the  button until it reads 0005
3. Press the  (set/mute) button, now the control is unlocked.
4. Press the  (set/mute) button and the up  for 3-4 seconds, “LoF” will then disappear, and the data logger is started.



# TEMPERATURE CONTROL - TYPE B



## HOW TO UNLOCK THE CONTROL

1. Unlock the control by pressing the and arrow together for 3-4 seconds.
2. The display will read 0000, press the arrow until it reads 0005.
3. Press the (set/mute) button, now the control is unlocked.

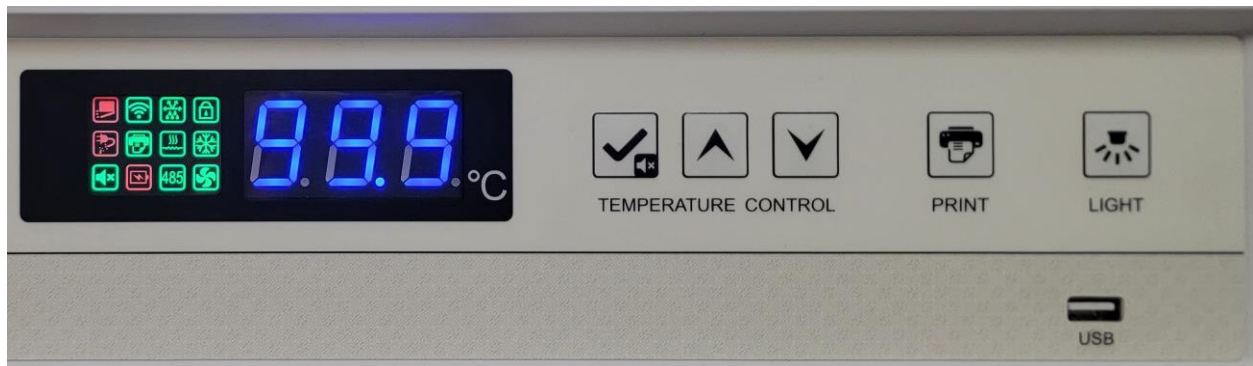
| ALARM CODES | DESCRIPTION             | CONTROL BUTTONS | FUNCTION          |
|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| H1          | High temperature        |                 | SET / MUTE BUTTON |
| L1          | Low temperature         |                 | UP ARROW          |
| Do          | Door open               |                 | DOWN ARROW        |
| PF          | Power Failure           |                 | PRINT (NOT USED)  |
| BL          | Low battery             |                 |                   |
| LoF         | Data logger not started |                 |                   |

### Remote alarm terminal and RS485 interface:





The remote alarm terminal is installed in the back of the refrigerator.  
The terminal bearing capacity is SELV DC 30V, 2A.




**Alarm back up battery specifications** - 12V Nominal Capacity (20HR) 4.0AH

# TEMPERATURE CONTROL - TYPE A



## HOW TO UNLOCK THE CONTROL

1. Unlock the control by pressing the  and  arrow together for 3-4 seconds.
2. The display will read 000, press the  arrow until it reads 005.
3. Press the  (set/mute) button, now the control is unlocked.

| ALARM CODES | DESCRIPTION             | CONTROL BUTTONS   | FUNCTION          |
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| L1          | Low temperature         |  | UP ARROW          |
| Do          | Door open               |  | DOWN ARROW        |
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# CONTROL MENU PARAMETERS

| Menu       | DESCRIPTION                            | Range         | Default |
|------------|--|---------------|---------|
| <b>b1</b>  | Hardware version                       | -             | -       |
| <b>b2</b>  | Software Version                       | -             | -       |
| <b>SET</b> | Set point of the unit                  | 0~240         | 5.0     |
| <b>H</b>   | High Temperature alarm differential    | 0-10          | 5.0     |
| <b>L</b>   | Low Temperature alarm differential     | 0-10          | 5.0     |
| <b>Pt</b>  | Print interval (NOT USED)              | 0-240         | 20Min   |
| <b>tH1</b> | High ambient temperature alarm         | 20.0°C-50.0°C | 40.0    |
| <b>MAX</b> | Highest Temperature since last cleared | -             | -       |
| <b>MIN</b> | Lowest Temperature since last cleared  | -             | -       |
| <b>CLR</b> | Clear Max/Min Temperature              | -             | -       |
| <b>P1</b>  | Automatic heating mode (NOT USED)      | -             | -       |
| <b>PS1</b> | Password setting                       | 0000-9999     | 0005*   |

\*(enter password "0099" to restore the password back to the default "0005")

1. To access the menu above, unlock the control, press  and release after 3 seconds. (Quick pressing and releasing the  button will display the ambient temperature.)
2. Press  or  to scroll through the values
3. Press the  to display the corresponding value
4. Press  or  to increase or decrease the value
5. Press the  to accept the modified value and return to the parameter menu.
6. If you need to modify other parameters in the menu, repeat steps 1-4.

To return to the main screen displaying the current temperature or you can let the control sit for 60 seconds or exit the setting menu by pressing  for 3-4 seconds.

# TEMPERATURE ALARMS

**Temperature Alarms:** The temperature alarm will sound once the unit has been out of range for 10 minutes. Once silenced by pressing the set/mute button, the alarm will sound again if the unit is still out of range 10 minutes after silencing the alarm.

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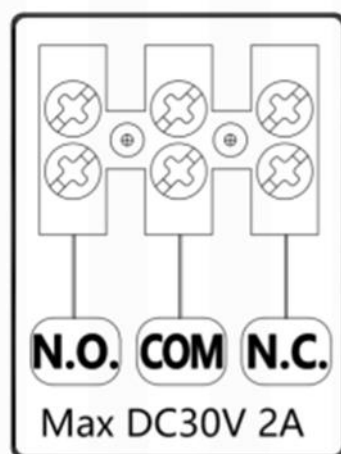
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## Remote alarm terminal and RS485 interface

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# MAINTENANCE & DOOR GASKET REPLACEMENT

## **BEFORE PERFORMING MAINTENANCE**

To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock or injury to persons using this unit, read all instructions and follow basic safety precautions.



### **CAUTION**

DISCONNECT THIS UNIT FROM THE POWER SUPPLY BEFORE PERFORMING MAINTENANCE ON THE UNIT.

## **CLEANING PROCEDURE**

- Wipe down the exterior of the unit with a soft cloth and spray type polish.
- If excessive ice builds up in the evaporator, the unit should be defrosted.

## **DEFROST PROCEDURE**

1. Remove any product in the unit and store it in a back-up unit or elsewhere.
2. Unplug the unit and open the front door.
3. The evaporator drain pan will catch the water that drips from the evaporator and funnel it to the drain pan. (The drain pan may overflow depending on the amount of ice buildup.)
4. Air out the unit for 8-12 hours, allowing the unit to reach room temperature.
5. Take a rag and wipe up all the excess water in the unit.
6. After the defrost plug your unit back in.
7. Once the desired temperature is reached, add the product back into the unit.

## **DOOR GASKET REPLACEMENT**

1. Remove existing gasket from mounting track.
2. Verify mounting track is free of any remaining gasket material.
3. Align the new gasket with the mounting track and press firmly in place.
4. Open and close the door, checking for proper gasket seal without pinching against refrigerator.

## **MONITOR PROBE FOR FIELD INSTALLATION**

Each refrigerator or freezer is equipped with a 1/2" probe access port hole for your independent probe installation. The port hole is generally located in the back of your refrigerator or freezer. Simply remove the black cap, run your probe through, and seal the hole with black cap, or electrical putty to prevent air from getting into chamber.

### **DO NOT RUN YOUR PROBE THROUGH THE DOOR GASKET**

Doing so may cause serious condensation or frozen evaporator issue. The port hole is specifically designed to allow you to install the monitor probe.

# Circuit diagram

