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# VAPORMIST® and VAPORMIST DI ELECTRIC STEAM HUMIDIFIERS

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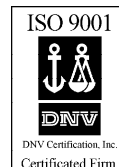


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Thank you for purchasing our VAPORMIST® humidifier. We have designed and built this equipment to give you complete satisfaction and trouble-free service for many years. Familiarizing yourself with this manual will help ensure proper operation of the equipment for years to come.

This manual covers the installation and maintenance procedures for both VAPORMIST and VAPORMIST DI humidifiers.

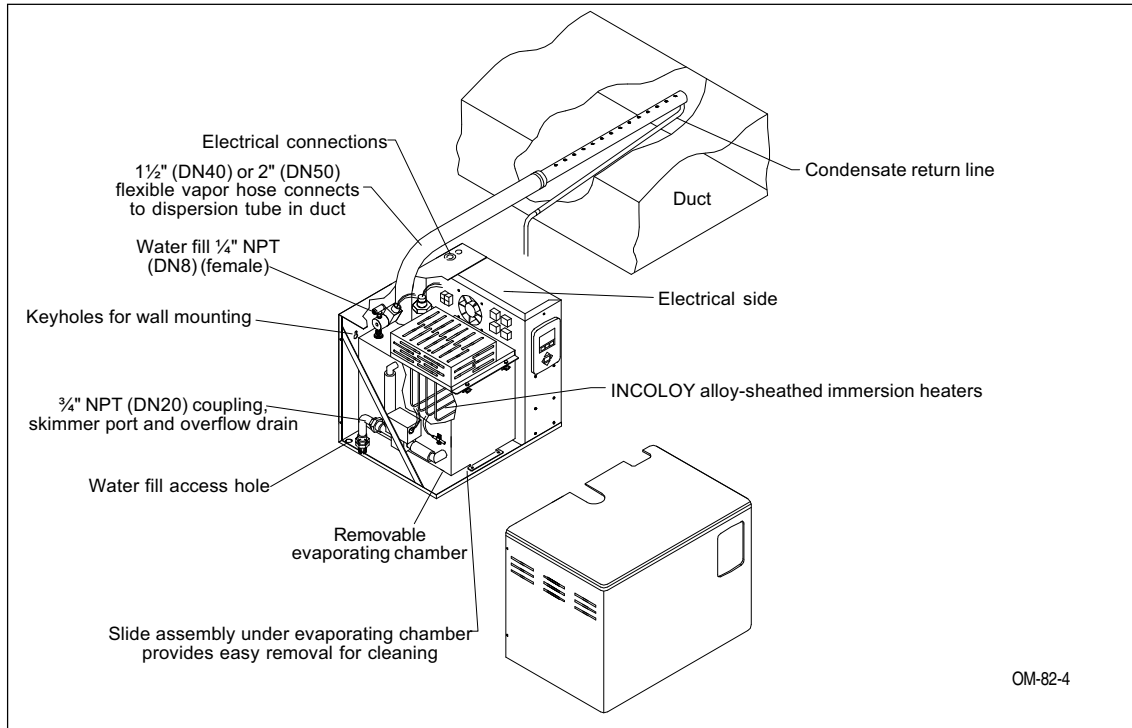
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# VAPORMIST® HUMIDIFIER

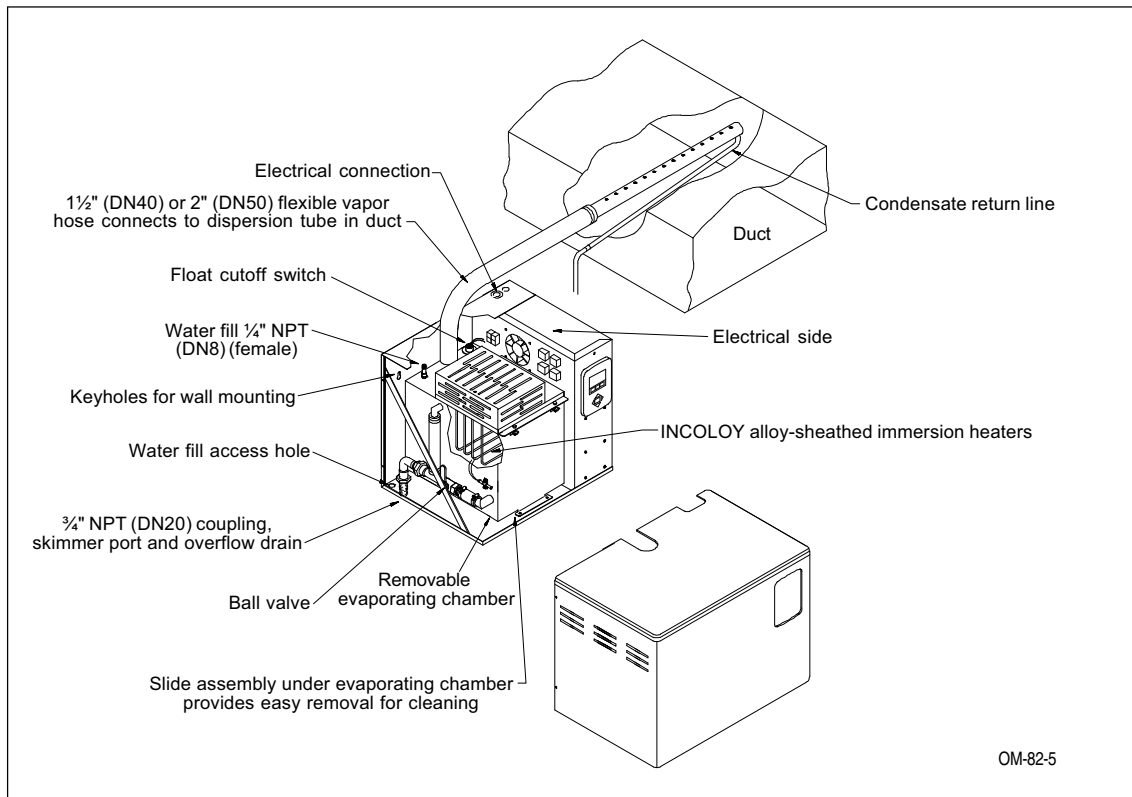
**Figure 3-1: VAPORMIST humidifier (standard water)**

The standard VAPORMIST unit requires water conductivity of at least 100 micromhos/centimeter (2 grains per gallon) to operate. It will not operate with water treated by reverse osmosis or deionization processes. (See DI model below.)



**Figure 3-2: VAPORMIST DI humidifier (deionized water)**

The VAPORMIST DI humidifier shown here is specifically designed for use with deionized or reverse osmosis water.



# INSTALLATION

## Locating and mounting the VAPORMIST® humidifier

The VAPORMIST humidifier is designed to lag bolt to the wall, and it should be installed in a space located near an air duct system.

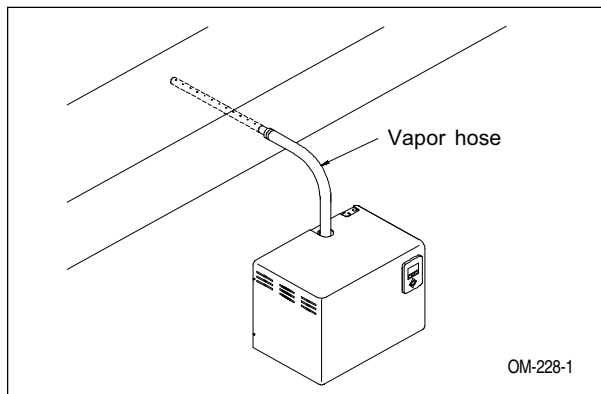
Consider the following when selecting the location of the humidifier:

- Convenient access to duct
- Electrical and plumbing connections
- Required clearances

The mounting location should provide a minimum clearance of 36" (915 mm) to the front and 24" (610 mm) to the right side of the unit. This clearance is required for removing the evaporating chamber and accessing the electrical compartment. Also, a minimum clearance of 6" (150 mm) to the left side is required for louvers and enclosure fasteners.

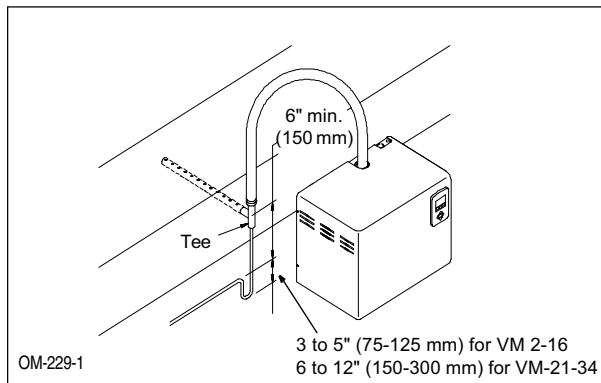
## Examples of mounting the dispersion tube

Figure 4-1: Mounted horizontally in duct



Vapor hose and dispersion tube(s) should be pitched back to the humidifier with a minimum gradual slope of 2" per foot (15%). **A single dispersion tube cannot be used with VM-30 or VM-34.**

Figure 4-2: Mounted horizontally in duct and lower than VAPORMIST unit



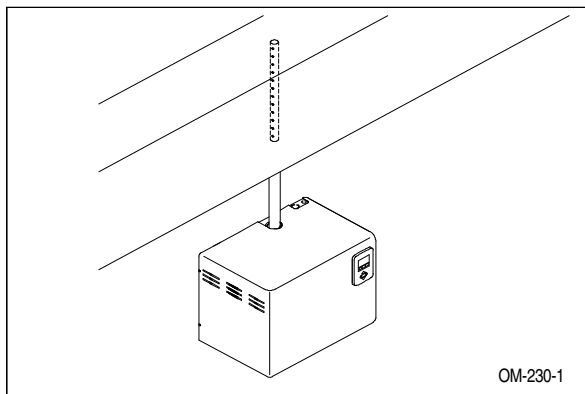
A water seal must be located in drain line as shown to maintain steam pressure. **A single dispersion tube cannot be used with VM-30 or VM-34.**

Electrical power supply, water makeup piping and drain piping must also be considered. Electrical power supply connections are made at the lower or upper right rear corner of the unit. Water makeup and drain piping connections are made at the lower left rear corner.

When mounting on a stud wall (studs 16" [400 mm] on center), locate studs and position lag bolts in place so that each of the two lags will center on a stud. Mark hole locations and predrill 1/4" (6 mm) diameter pilot holes using mounting template on VAPORMIST box. Secure frame to wall with lag bolts provided.

For hollow block or poured concrete wall mounting, position template in place and mark the holes. Drill appropriate pilot hole for two 3/8" (10 mm) toggle bolts or two 3/8" (10 mm) machine bolt lead anchors. Secure frame in place.

Figure 4-3: Mounted vertically (optional)



**This is not recommended on models VM-10 through VM-34.**

**IMPORTANT NOTES:** When duct is located more than 10 feet away from unit, vapor hose is not recommended; 1½" minimum I.D. (DN40) hard pipe should be used instead. VM-30 and VM-34 must use a multiple tube steam dispersion system.

## Vapor hose sizing

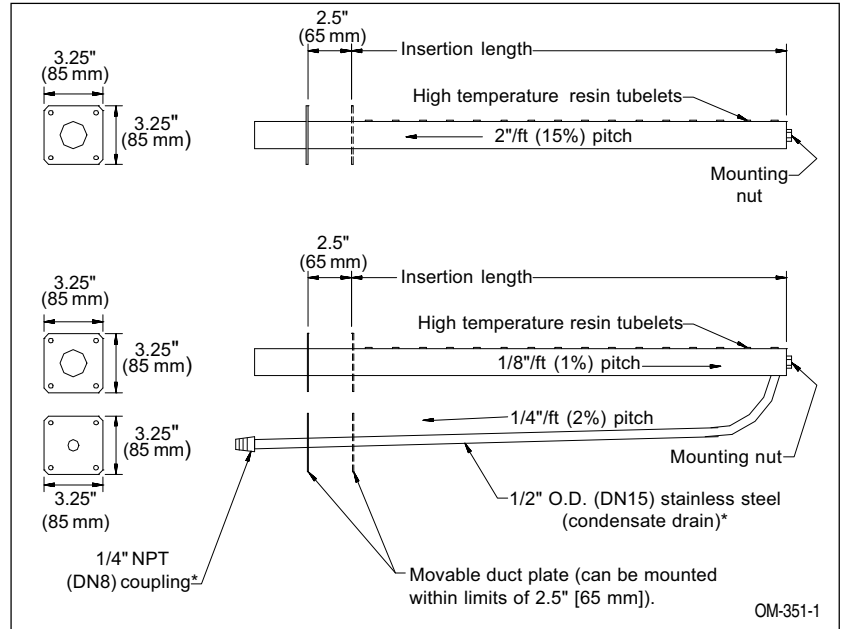
| Model    | Capacity lbs/hr                                | Capacity kg/hr | Vapor hose inches          | Vapor hose DN               |
|----------|--|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| VM 2-10  | up to 30                                       | up to 13.5     | 1½" hose kit without drain | DN40 hose kit without drain |
| VM 12-16 | up to 57                                       | up to 26       | 1½" hose kit with drain    | DN40 hose kit with drain    |
| VM 12-16 | over 57  | over 26        | 2" hose kit without drain  | DN50 hose kit without drain |
| VM 21-25 | up to 85                                       | up to 38.5     | 2" hose kit with drain     | DN50 hose kit with drain    |
| VM 30-35 | These models require multiple tube assemblies. |                |                            |                             |

# INSTALLATION

## Mounting dispersion tube without condensate drain

- Connection can be made to the humidifier with vapor hose or hard piping.
- Hard piping should have a minimum I.D. of 1½" (DN40).
- A minimum pitch of 2"/foot (15%) back to the humidifier should be maintained.
- Short sweep 90° elbows are not recommended; use two 45° elbows 12" (300 mm) apart or long sweep 90° elbows instead.
- Thin-walled tubing will heat up faster than heavy-walled pipe, causing less steam loss at start-up.
- Insulating hard piping will reduce the steam output loss caused by condensation.
- When mounting the humidifier above the level of dispersion tube, see Figure 4-2 on Page 4.

Figure 5-1: Single-Tube

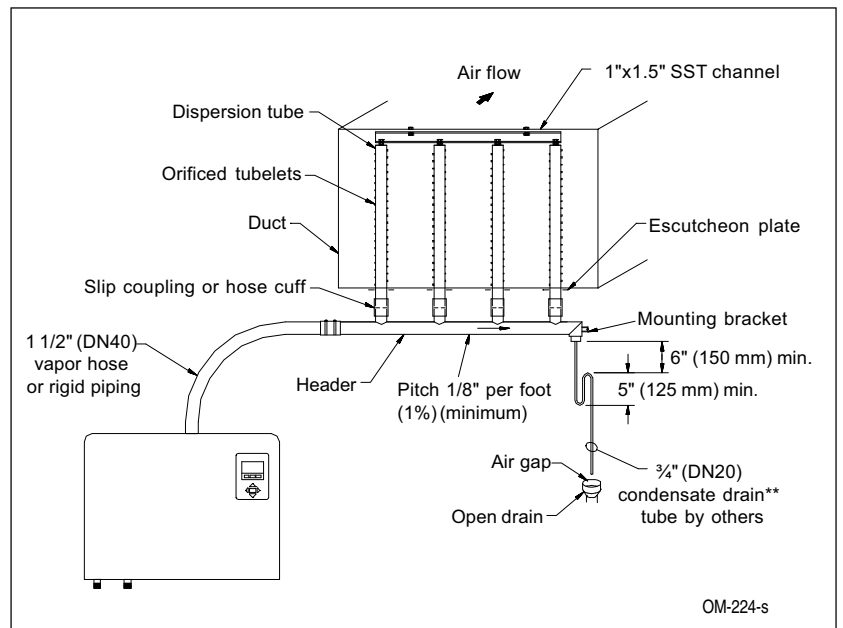


## Mounting dispersion tube with condensate drain

- Mount dispersion tube level.
- Orient dispersion tube so that tubelets are pointed straight up.
- The dispersion tube must be pitched a minimum of 1/8"/ft (1%) back to the humidifier when using a condensate drain.
- Condensate drain tubing must be pitched a minimum of 1/4"/ft (2%) back to the humidifier.
- Condensate drain is not provided when steam flow is 34 lbs/hr (15 kg/hr) or less.

Failing to follow these recommendations may result in excessive back pressures being imposed on the humidifier. This may lead to dispersion tube(s) spitting, steam blowing through water seals, or leaking gaskets. When the distance between humidifier and the dispersion tube(s) exceeds 20 feet (6 m), consult factory for recommendations.

Figure 5-2: RAPID-SORB® with condensate wasted to floor drain



## Mounting a RAPID-SORB dispersion panel

For RAPID-SORB mounting dimensions, please see the drawing at right.

### Notes:

\* When steam flow is 34 lbs/hr (kg/hr) or less, condensate drain tubing is not provided by DRI-STEEM. A minimum pitch of 2"/ft (15%) back to the humidifier must be maintained in the dispersion tube when there is no separate condensate drain.

\*\* Condensate drain tubing material must be suitable for 212 °F (100 °C) water.

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## PIPING AND WIRING

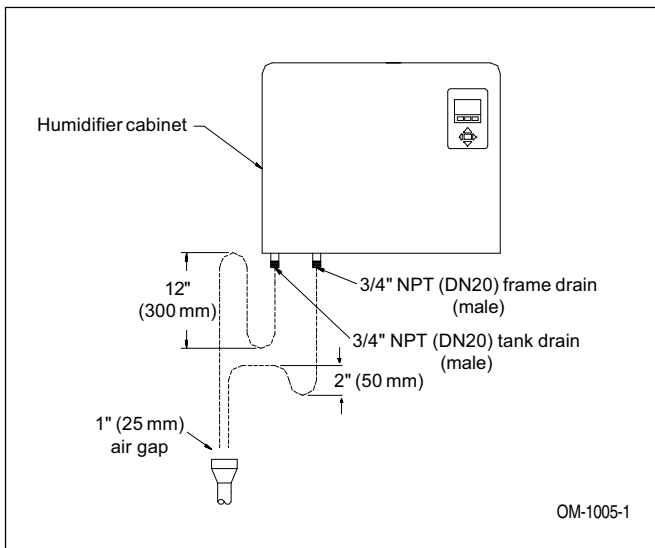
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Water makeup piping may be of any code-approved material (copper, steel, or plastic). The final connection size is 1/4" NPT (DN8). In cases where water hammer may be a possibility, a shock arrestor should be considered.

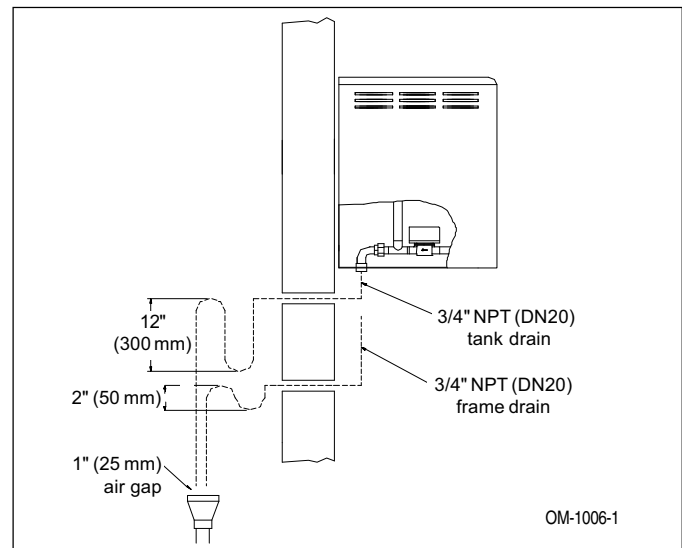
Drain piping may be of any code-approved material (copper, steel, or plastic rated for 212 °F [100 °C] minimum). If drainage by gravity is not possible, a small lift pump should be used (DRI-STEEM part #400280).

The final connection sizes are 3/4" NPT (DN20) for the tank drain fitting and the frame drain fitting. This connection size should not be reduced. (See Figures 6-1 and 6-2 for proper drain piping configurations.) The tank drain should be piped to discharge into a floor drain. Combining the tank and frame drain pipes into a single drain line may result in the backflow of drain water into the humidifier cabinet, causing the unit to malfunction.

**Figure 6-1: Drain adjacent to wall**



**Figure 6-2: Drain through or in wall**



**Note:** Locate the frame drain line exit away from the tank drain line exit, if possible. This will prevent water vapor from migrating up the frame drain line. Extending the frame drain line may be effective also.

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## WIRING

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All wiring must be in accordance with all governing codes, and with the VAPORMIST® or VAPORMIST DI wiring diagram. The diagram is located in the removable subpanel cover on the right side of the humidifier cabinet.

The use of semiconductor fusing sized per the National Electric Code is recommended with the SSR option.

# ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS, CAPACITIES, DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHTS

**Table 7-1: Electrical specifications, capacities and weights**

| Model number | Steam capacities per hour |      | Current draw (amps) |              |          |              |      |      |               |        |        |        |        | kW | Weight |    |      |    |
|--------------|---------------------------|------|---------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|------|------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----|--------|----|------|----|
|              | lbs                       | kg   | Single-phase        |              |          |              |      |      | Three-phase** |        |        |        |        |    | Empty  |    | Full |    |
|              |                           |      | 120V                | 208V 3-wire* | 230V *** | 240V 3-wire* | 480V | 600V | 208V 4-wire*  | 240V   | 400V   | 480V   | 600V   |    | lbs    | kg | lbs  | kg |
| VM-2         | 6                         | 2.7  | 16.7                | 9.6          | 8.0      | 8.3          | 4.2  | 3.3  | --            | --     | --     | --     | --     | 2  | 72     | 33 | 82   | 37 |
| VM-4         | 12                        | 5.4  | 33.3                | 19.2         | 16.0     | 16.7         | 8.3  | 6.7  | 16.7**        | 14.4** | 8.7**  | 7.2**  | 5.8**  | 4  | 73     | 33 | 83   | 38 |
| VM-6         | 18                        | 8.2  | --                  | 28.8         | 24.0     | 25.0         | 12.5 | 10.0 | 25.0**        | 21.7** | 13.0** | 10.8** | 8.7**  | 6  | 94     | 43 | 122  | 55 |
| VM-8         | 24                        | 10.9 | --                  | 38.5         | 31.9     | 33.3         | 16.7 | 13.3 | 33.3**        | 28.9** | 17.3** | 14.4** | 11.5** | 8  | 94     | 43 | 122  | 55 |
| VM-10        | 30                        | 13.6 | --                  | --           | 39.9     | 41.7         | 20.8 | 16.7 | 29.1**        | 25.3** | 15.2** | 12.6** | 10.1** | 10 | 98     | 45 | 139  | 63 |
| VM-12        | 36                        | 16.3 | --                  | --           | 47.9     | --           | 25.0 | 20.0 | 33.3          | 28.9   | 17.3   | 14.4   | 11.5   | 12 | 98     | 45 | 139  | 63 |
| VM-14        | 42                        | 19.1 | --                  | --           | --       | --           | 29.2 | 23.3 | 38.9          | 33.7   | 20.2   | 16.8   | 13.5   | 14 | 98     | 45 | 139  | 63 |
| VM-16        | 48                        | 21.8 | --                  | --           | --       | --           | 33.3 | 26.7 | 44.4          | 38.5   | 23.1   | 19.2   | 15.4   | 16 | 98     | 45 | 139  | 63 |
| VM-21        | 63                        | 28.6 | --                  | --           | --       | --           | 43.8 | 35.0 | --            | --     | 30.3   | 25.3   | 20.2   | 21 | 101    | 46 | 152  | 69 |
| VM-25        | 75                        | 34.0 | --                  | --           | --       | --           | --   | 41.7 | --            | --     | 36.1   | 30.1   | 24.1   | 25 | 101    | 46 | 152  | 69 |
| VM-30        | 90                        | 40.9 | --                  | --           | --       | --           | --   | --   | --            | --     | 43.3   | 36.1   | 28.9   | 30 | 105    | 48 | 156  | 71 |
| VM-34        | 102                       | 46.2 | --                  | --           | --       | --           | --   | --   | --            | --     | 49.1   | 40.9   | 32.7   | 34 | 105    | 48 | 156  | 71 |

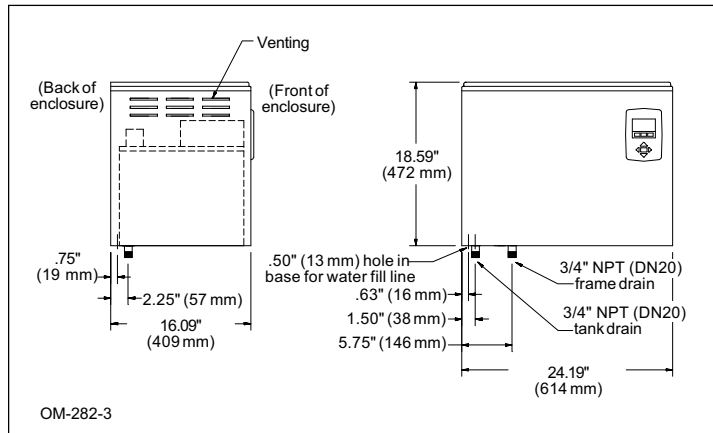
\* On 208/240 single-phase (3-wire) and 208 3-phase (4-wire) supplies, the neutral line may be utilized for 120 volt when used in conjunction with SDU fan unit.

\*\* For wire sizing, the highest leg draw is shown due to current imbalance in some cases. All VAPORMISTs operate at 50/60 Hz.

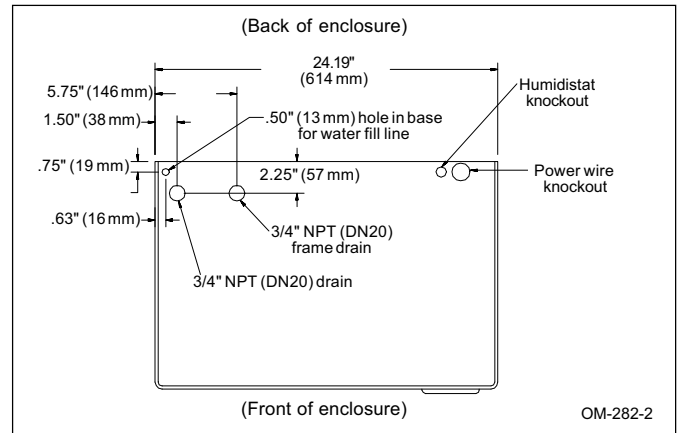
\*\*\* Output capacity and kW derate of 7%.

**Figure 7-1: VAPORMIST® unit dimensions**

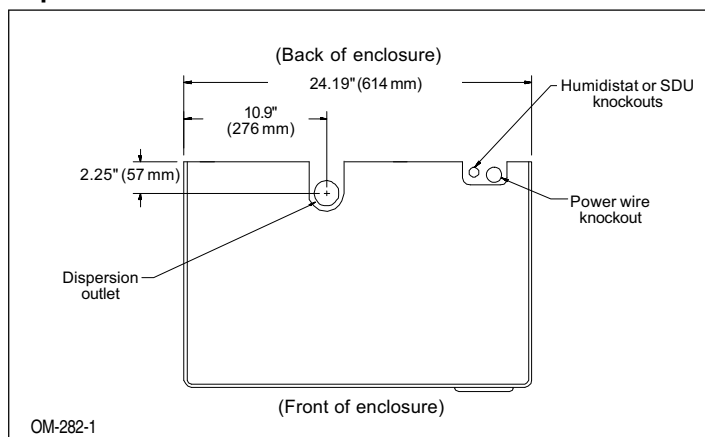
**Back view**



**Bottom view**



**Top view**



# AREA-TYPE APPLICATION USING SPACE DISTRIBUTION UNITS

Space distribution units (SDUs) convert a VAPORMIST® duct humidifier into an area-type humidifier. Instead of the steam dispersion tube being located inside an air duct, the dispersion tube is built into a fan unit. A fan draws in room air and blows it across the dispersion tube, where it disperses moisture into the room. There are two types of SDUs: SDU-E (external), which can be used with all VAPORMIST models, and SDU-I (internal), which can be used on models VM-2 through VM-10.

## Mounting the SDU

The SDU may be mounted on a wall above the VAPORMIST cabinet or mounted on a wall remote from the VAPORMIST. Use the mounting template on the box for correct placement. Two 3/8" lag bolts are provided with each fan unit. (See Page 4 for mounting instructions.)

## Rise, throw and spread (SDU-E)

As steam is discharged from the humidifier, it quickly cools and turns to a visible fog that is lighter than air. As this fog is carried away from the humidifier by the airstream, it tends to rise toward the ceiling. If this fog

contacts solid surfaces (columns, beams, ceiling, pipes, etc.) before it disappears, it could collect and drip as water. The greater the space relative humidity, the more the fog will rise, throw and spread before disappearing. The distances the fog travels before it disappears are given in Table 8-1.

Table 8-1 lists the recommended minimum vertical (rise), horizontal (throw) and width (spread) clearances for SDU-E area-type humidifiers at 40%, 50% and 60% RH in the space.

The SDU-E contains a 545 cfm blower (120V/1Ø/60 Hz) and an air flow proving switch field wired to the VAPORMIST humidifier electrical panel. A wiring diagram of the SDU-E is included with the unit.

On a call for humidity, the humidifier will begin producing steam and the start relay will energize the SDU blower. Time-delay is controlled by the VAPOR-LOGIC<sub>3</sub> microprocessor.

**Table 8-1: SDU-E visible vapor travel**

| Humidifier size | 40% RH @ 70°F |              |               | 50% RH @ 70°F |              |               | 60% RH @ 70°F |              |               |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
|                 | Rise (ft/m)   | Throw (ft/m) | Spread (ft/m) | Rise (ft/m)   | Throw (ft/m) | Spread (ft/m) | Rise (ft/m)   | Throw (ft/m) | Spread (ft/m) |
| VM-4            | 1.0 / .30     | 5.0 / 1.5    | 1.0 / .30     | 1.5 / .50     | 6.5 / 2.0    | 1.5 / .50     | 2.5 / .80     | 7.5 / 2.3    | 2.5 / .80     |
| VM-6            | 1.0 / .30     | 5.0 / 1.5    | 1.0 / .30     | 1.5 / .50     | 6.5 / 2.0    | 1.5 / .50     | 2.5 / .80     | 7.5 / 2.3    | 2.5 / .80     |
| VM-8            | 1.0 / .30     | 5.5 / 1.7    | 1.0 / .30     | 1.5 / .50     | 6.5 / 2.0    | 1.5 / .50     | 2.5 / .80     | 7.5 / 2.3    | 2.5 / .80     |
| VM-10           | 1.5 / .50     | 6.0 / 1.8    | 1.5 / .50     | 2.0 / .60     | 7.0 / 2.1    | 2.0 / .60     | 3.0 / 1.0     | 8.0 / 2.5    | 3.0 / 1.0     |
| VM-12           | 1.5 / .50     | 6.0 / 1.8    | 1.5 / .50     | 2.0 / .60     | 7.0 / 2.1    | 2.0 / .60     | 3.0 / 1.0     | 8.0 / 2.5    | 3.0 / 1.0     |
| VM-16           | 2.0 / .60     | 7.0 / 2.1    | 2.0 / .60     | 2.5 / .60     | 7.0 / 2.1    | 2.5 / .60     | 3.0 / 1.0     | 9.0 / 2.7    | 3.0 / 1.0     |
| VM-21           | 2.0 / .60     | 7.5 / 2.3    | 2.0 / .60     | 2.5 / .60     | 10 / 3.0     | 2.5 / .60     | 3.0 / 1.0     | 12.0 / 3.7   | 3.0 / 1.0     |
| VM-25           | 2.0 / .60     | 8.0 / 2.5    | 2.0 / .60     | 2.5 / .80     | 10.5 / 3.2   | 2.5 / .80     | 3.5 / 1.1     | 12.5 / 3.8   | 3.5 / 1.1     |
| VM-30           | 2.0 / .60     | 8.0 / 2.5    | 2.0 / .60     | 2.5 / .80     | 10.5 / 3.2   | 2.5 / .80     | 3.5 / 1.1     | 12.5 / 3.8   | 3.5 / 1.1     |
| VM-34           | 2.0 / .60     | 8.0 / 2.5    | 2.0 / .60     | 2.5 / .80     | 10.5 / 3.2   | 2.5 / .80     | 3.5 / 1.1     | 12.5 / 3.8   | 3.5 / 1.1     |

## Table 8-1 notes:

Table 8-1 states the vertical (rise), horizontal (throw) and width (spread) dimensions that can be expected with the VAPORMIST with SDU-E.

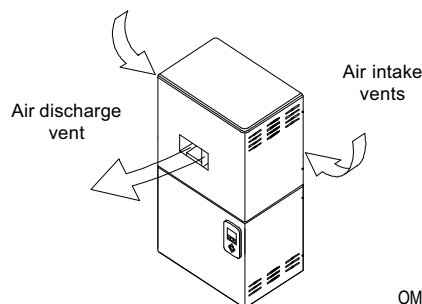
Surfaces cooler than ambient temperature, or objects directly in the path of visible vapor discharge, may cause condensation and dripping.

**Rise:** Maximum height visible vapor rises above the discharge grill of the SDU-E.

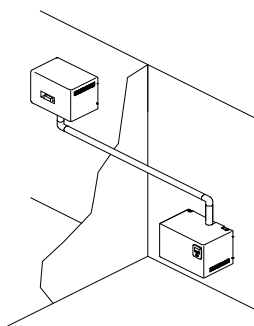
**Throw:** Maximum horizontal distance visible vapor travels from the discharge grill of the SDU-E.

**Spread:** Maximum width visible vapor spreads out from the discharge grill of the SDU-E.

**This optional fan unit can be mounted on a wall directly above the VAPORMIST cabinet (SDU-E).**



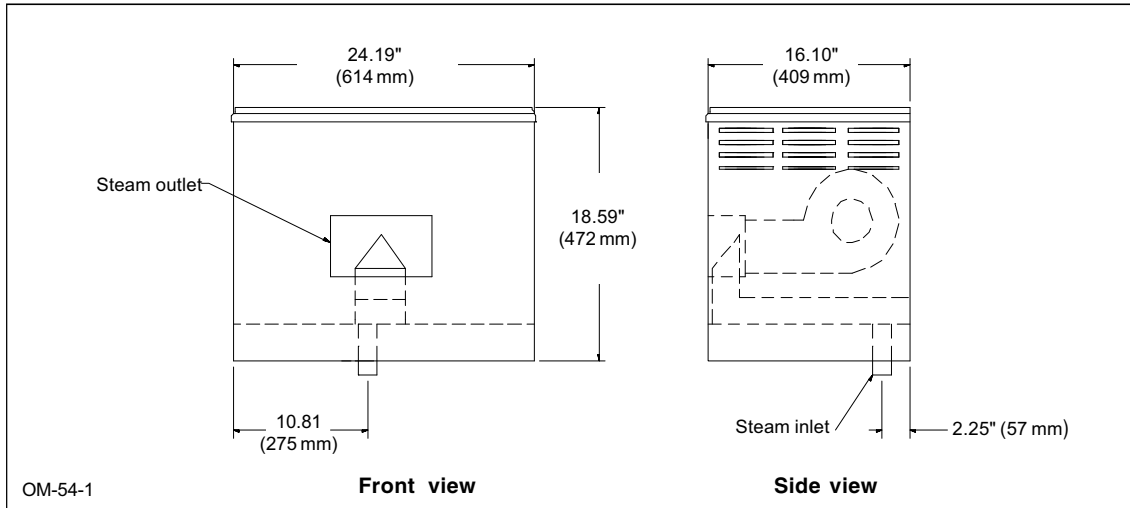
**If necessary, the fan unit can be mounted on a wall, allowing the VAPORMIST to be remotely located.**





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**Figure 9-1: SDU-E mechanical detail**



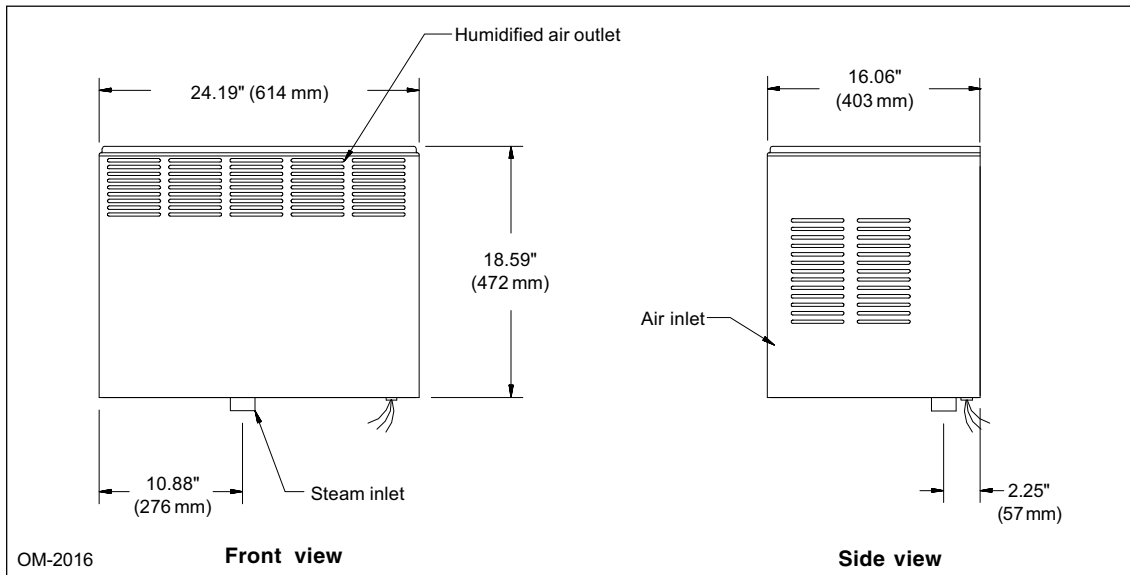
Field wiring is required to connect the SDU fan and air flow proving switch terminals to the respective VAPORMIST® electrical panel terminals. Refer to the external connections diagram in the package shipped with your unit.

## **SDU-I: Instant absorption, no visible vapor**

The SDU-I (space distribution unit internal absorption) is available for models VM-2 through VM-10.

Room air is drawn into the unit by a fan, where it is humidified with steam generated by electric heating elements, and then discharged back into the room with no visible vapor trail. Water vapor is instantly absorbed into the air making the VAPORMIST with an internal absorption SDU (SDU-I) ideal for application in finished spaces.

**Figure 9-2: SDU-I mechanical detail**



If the SDU-E or SDU-I is immediately above the VAPORMIST, disconnect both hose clamps on the steam hose, grip the hose and rotate it to break it loose from the tubing, and then slide the hose up onto the SDU steam tube until sufficient clearance is provided to move the tank.

# START-UP AND OPERATION

## Introduction

After the system has been properly installed and connected to both electrical and water supplies, it may then be started.

## Start-up and checkout procedures

### Mounting

Check mounting to see that the unit is level and securely supported before filling with water.

### Piping

Verify that all piping connections have been completed as recommended and that water pressure is available.

#### • Standard makeup water piping (VAPORMIST)

Use cold or hot makeup water. If the water pressure is above 60 psi (414 kPa) and/or water hammer would be objectionable, a pressure-reducing valve or shock arrester should be installed. Even though the VAPORMIST has an internal 1" (25 mm) air gap, some local codes may require a vacuum breaker. **Important:** Minimum water supply pressure is 25 psi (172 kPa).

#### • DI makeup water piping (VAPORMIST DI)

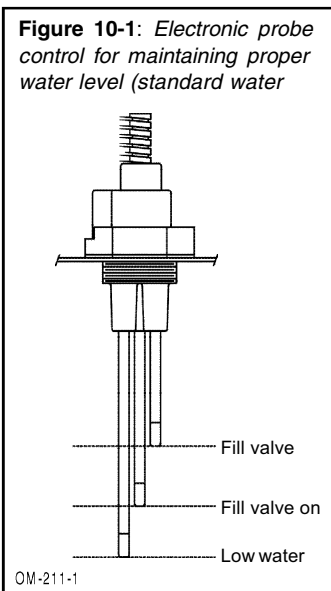
In this unit the electronic probe control is replaced by a float valve control. A float switch provides heater protection in the event of a low-water condition and is common to all DI humidifiers. The wiring diagram is located inside the electrical panel cover.

## Electrical

Verify that all wiring connections have been made in accordance with all governing codes and the enclosed VAPORMIST® wiring diagram. The external connections diagram will be found with this manual.

**Caution: Only qualified electrical personnel should perform start-up procedure.**

**Figure 10-1:** *Electronic probe control for maintaining proper water level (standard water)*



A three-probe conductivity sensor cycles a solenoid-operated water fill valve to maintain the proper water levels.

**VAPOR-LOGIC<sub>3</sub> control**  
VAPOR-LOGIC<sub>3</sub> is the standard controller for the VAPORMIST. For more information regarding the operation of the VAPOR-LOGIC<sub>3</sub> microprocessor, see the VAPOR-LOGIC<sub>3</sub> Installation and Operation manual.

## Control system start-up/checkout

1. Confirm that proper grounding and an approved earth ground are provided.
2. Confirm that the control signal being connected to the VAPOR-LOGIC<sub>3</sub> system is compatible with the VAPOR-LOGIC<sub>3</sub> program. Identify the VAPOR-LOGIC<sub>3</sub> program code on the wiring diagram. Refer to the VAPOR-LOGIC<sub>3</sub> manual to decipher the code using the nomenclature description.
3. Confirm all wiring is correct per wiring diagram.
4. Confirm J17, J18 and J19 shunt connectors on VAPOR-LOGIC<sub>3</sub> board are in their correct position per wiring diagram. See Page 3 of the VAPOR-LOGIC<sub>3</sub> manual for the physical locations.
5. Confirm that the keypad is mounted on the VAPORMIST with modular cable routed away from high voltage circuits and connected to J2 female connector on the control board.
6. Turn on water supply. Confirm drain valve is closed.
7. Turn on power. The keypad will display the introduction of VAPOR-LOGIC<sub>3</sub> and will then enter AUTO mode.
8. System will initiate filling of the tank with water. The keypad will display "Filling" as part of the idle screen information.
9. Airflow switch input must be closed.
10. High limit humidistat input must be closed or variable air volume (VAV) control system high limit transmitter must be connected.
11. Sufficient water in the tank, air flow switch closed, high limit humidistat closed, door interlock circuit (optional) closed and a call for humidity will activate the heat output. **If the tank does not contain water and the heat output is activated by the VAPOR-LOGIC<sub>3</sub> control system, a serious failure will result. Immediately remove power from the system and verify that all wiring has been completed per the wiring instructions in the manual and the unit wiring diagram.**
12. During normal operation, the keypad will display humidifier operating status. See the VAPOR-LOGIC<sub>3</sub> manual for descriptions to change any of the operating parameters.

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## MAINTENANCE

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The best way to determine how often your particular system will need maintenance is to remove the cover and inspect it after its first three months of duty. Potable water carries a variety of minerals and other materials in a mix that varies from location to location. This variation in water quality, combined with hours of operation and duty cycle, will determine your own unique maintenance schedule.

### Water quality makes a difference

1. Light to moderately hard water (2 to 10 grains hardness per gallon) requires:
  - annual cleaning
  - regular skimming
2. High mineral content water (more than 10 grains hardness per gallon) requires:
  - cleaning frequency determined by use and water quality
  - regular skimming
  - periodic drain and flush cycles
3. DI/RO water (Model VMDI) requires:
  - no regular cleaning (although regular inspections are advised)
  - no regular skimming or drain and flush cycles
  - regular verification that water processing equipment is operating correctly. The presence of chlorides in improperly processed DI water will eventually cause pitting and failure of the tank and its components.
4. To dramatically reduce mineral accumulation inside the evaporating chamber, softening of the makeup water is recommended. (Solids, like silica, are not removed in the softening process.)

### Standard water models (VAPORMIST®)

#### Proper skimming, draining and flushing

1. Skimming will remove most water impurities at the surface, ensuring proper surface tension and an even boil. Skimming will remove most entrained contaminants that have not yet precipitated as scale.
2. Draining and flushing will completely remove entrained contaminants and assist in removing precipitated contaminants like scale and silica.

#### To inspect and service

1. Remove the evaporating chamber:
  - Remove the two fasteners on each side of the cover enclosure.
  - Remove the enclosure.
  - **Do not remove the electrical panel cover or heater terminal cover until electrical power is disconnected. Safety first.**

- If the VAPORMIST has an SDU mounted directly above it, the SDU cover must be removed before removing the unit cover.
  - If the tank is hot, cool it down by moving the valve lever located on the back of the drain valve to the manual open position – the fill valve will eventually open allowing cool water to run through the tank until it is cool enough to handle.
  - Shut off the water supply.
  - Shut off the electrical supply.
  - Allow the tank to completely drain.
  - Disconnect the fill line at the supply side of the fill valve.
  - Disconnect the electrical plugs between the tank components and the back of the electrical panel (includes: power plug, fill plug, drain plug, water level control plug, tank temperature sensor plug and thermal trip plug). **DISCONNECT BY PULLING ON PLUG HOUSING. DO NOT DISCONNECT BY PULLING ON CORD OR WIRES.**
  - Disconnect the drain union on the back left corner of the frame.
  - Disconnect the steam supply hose from the top of the tank.
  - Lift the tank foot above the frame flange and slide the tank assembly forward to remove.
2. Loosen the four cover bolts and remove the cover assembly from the tank.
  3. Clean the tank interior using a putty knife or similar flat instrument.
  4. Unplug probe plug assembly. Leave ground wire connected to tank. Unscrew the probe rod assembly and clean the plastic probe housing, ensuring that all passageways are clear. Clean the probe rods using steel wool or a similar mild abrasive material. Inspect the composite plastic probe housing for any signs of cracking, roughness, or deterioration and replace if needed.
  5. Install the probe and probe plug assembly. Verify ground wire.
  6. Secure the chamber cover, making sure the cover gasket is seated and the chamber is sealed.
  7. Reinstall the evaporating chamber:
    - Reconnect the fill line.
    - Reconnect the electrical plugs.
    - Reconnect the drain union.
    - Reconnect the vapor hose.
  8. Move the drain valve lever back to the auto position.
  9. Turn on the water supply.
  10. Turn on the electrical power.

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# MAINTENANCE

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## Standard water models (VAPORMIST, cont.)

### Off-season shut-down procedure

1. Switch off electrical power.
2. Remove enclosure.
3. Shut off water supply to makeup valve.
4. Drain evaporating chamber, and clean if necessary (see "To inspect and service" on previous page).
5. Replace enclosure.
6. Leave chamber dry, the power off and the water shut-off valve closed until the next humidification season.

### DI water models (VAPORMIST DI)

The VAPORMIST DI unit uses DI/RO water. Because these water types are mineral-free, cleaning of the evaporating chamber should not be necessary. However, there are some simple maintenance steps that should be followed to ensure all parts of the unit are in working order.

### To inspect and service

1. Remove the evaporating chamber.
  - Remove the two fasteners on each side of the cover enclosure.
  - Remove the enclosure.
  - **Do not remove the electrical panel cover or heater terminal cover until electrical power is disconnected. Safety first.**
  - If the VAPORMIST has a space distribution unit (SDU) mounted directly above it, the SDU cover must be removed before removing the unit cover.
  - If the tank is hot, cool it down by opening the manual ball valve on the side of the tank. The float valve will open allowing cool water to run into the tank until it is cool enough to handle.
  - Shut off the water supply.
  - Shut off the electrical supply.
  - Allow the tank to drain completely.
  - Disconnect the fill line at the fill fitting.
  - Disconnect the electrical plugs between the tank components and the back of the electrical panel (includes: power plug, low water switch plug, tank temperature sensor plug and thermal trip plug). **DISCONNECT BY PULLING ON PLUG HOUSING. DO NOT DISCONNECT BY PULLING ON CORD OR WIRES.**

- Disconnect the drain union on the back left corner of the frame.
  - Disconnect the steam supply hose from the top of the tank.
  - Lift the tank foot above the frame flange and slide the tank assembly forward to remove.
2. Loosen the four cover bolts and remove the cover assembly from the tank.
  3. Inspect the tank interior for debris or pitting.
  4. Inspect the valve inlet for debris.
  5. Check the operation of the float valve and the condition of the float seat.
  6. Check the low water switch for free operation.
  7. Secure the chamber cover making sure the cover gasket is seated and the chamber is sealed.
  8. Reinstall the evaporating chamber:
    - Reconnect the fill line.
    - Reconnect electrical plugs.
    - Reconnect drain union.
    - Reconnect the vapor hose.
  9. Close the drain valve.
  10. Turn on the water supply.
  11. Turn on the electrical power.

### VAPORMIST DI off-season shut-down procedure

1. Switch off electric power.
2. Remove enclosure.
3. Shut off water supply to makeup valve.
4. Drain evaporating chamber by opening the drain valve. For units with end-of-season drain, please refer to the VAPOR-LOGIC<sup>®</sup> manual.
5. Replace enclosure.
6. Leave chamber dry, power off and the water shut-off valve closed until the next humidification season.

# VAPORMIST® TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

| PROBLEM  | POSSIBLE CAUSE  | RECOMMENDED ACTION  |
|--|---|---|
| <b>Humidifier does not heat.</b>                                     | Incorrect or nonexistent supply voltage to unit         | Check main line safety switch.<br>Check main line fuses.<br>Check for proper supply voltage.  |
|  | Incorrect or nonexistent control voltage                | Reset control transformer circuit breaker.<br>Check for 24 VAC control circuit voltage at T-1 and T-2 on the control board.   |
|  | Humidistat not calling                                  | Set humidistat to call. Inspect for faulty humidistat.  |
|  | Safety controls open                                    | Check safety controls, air flow switch, and high humidistat.  |
| <b>Humidifier will not fill.</b>                                     | No water pressure at valve                              | Check water supply/shut-off valves.   |
|  | Faulty water fill valve                                 | Check for 24 volts at the fill valve.   |
|  | Plugged strainer  | Check strainer.   |
|  | Plugged valve   | Check valve.  |
|  | Faulty control board                                    | Verify control voltage across the fill valve output.  |
| <b>Humidifier does not stop filling.</b>                             | Lack of tank to probe electrical continuity             | Water conductivity must be 100 micromhos/cm (2 gr/gal) or 34.2 mg/liter.<br>Add salt to the tank. If this solves the problem, consult factory for further advice.   |
|  | Fill valve stuck open                                   | Check valve for foreign matter.   |
|  | Drain valve not closed<br>Fill valve installed backward | Check for correct water flow through valve by noting arrow.   |
|  | Autodrain mode  | Humidifier may be in periodic drain and flush. Check controller display.  |
| <b>Low output</b>  | Electric drain valve not seating                        | Correct the cause of leakage or replace valve.  |
|  | Fill valve stuck open                                   | Check valve for foreign matter.   |
| <b>Unit short-cycles.</b>  | Controller cycle rate set too low                       | Review controller cycle set point.  |
| <b>Reduced or no output even though water is at the proper level</b> | Heater malfunctioning                                   | Verify that proper voltage is being applied to heaters. Check heater amp draw and compare to wiring diagram ratings.  |
|  | Malfunctioning control system                           | Replace heater contactor if not functioning. Verify auxiliary limit controls (humidistat, air flow proving switch, etc.) and reset, replace or calibrate as needed. |

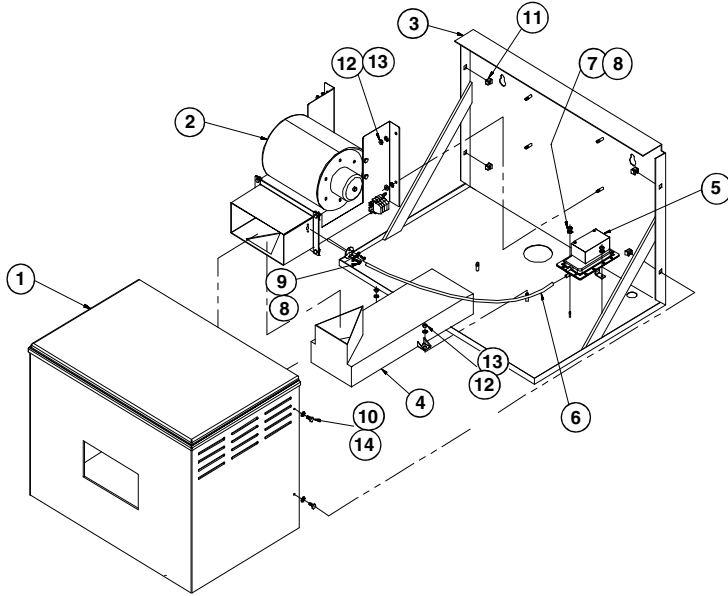
**NOTE:** Probe rod corrosion or probe head material aging may cause level control system failure. This generally does not occur in the first two years of operation.

## VAPORMIST® DI TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

| PROBLEM  | POSSIBLE CAUSE                | RECOMMENDED ACTION  |
|--|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>Humidifier will not heat.</b>                                     | Control transformer           | Reset control transformer circuit breaker.  |
|  | Humidistat is not calling     | Set humidistat to call. Inspect for faulty humidistat.  |
|  | Safety controls open          | Check safety controls, air flow switch, high limit humidistat, etc.   |
|  | Low water cutoff              | Check at board 32 and 33. Measure 0 volts for closed switch, approximately 2.5 volt for A.C. open switch.   |
| <b>Humidifier will not fill.</b>                                     | No water pressure at valve    | Check manual water supply valve for minimum 25 psi (172 kPa) water pressure.  |
|  | Malfunctioning float switch   | Check to make sure that float moves freely on stem.   |
|  | Plugged fill valve            | Check fill valve inlet.   |
| <b>Humidifier does not stop filling.</b>                             | Open drain valve              | Obstruction in drain valve will not allow complete closure. Clean or replace valve.   |
|  | Manual drain valve not closed | Close drain valve.  |
|  | Fill valve stuck open         | Check valve for foreign matter, water-logged float, broken float arm worn valve stopper.  |
| <b>Reduced or no output even though water is at the proper level</b> | Heater malfunctioning         | Verify that proper voltage is being applied to heaters. Check heater amp draw and compare to wiring diagram ratings.  |
|  | Malfunctioning control system | Replace heater contactor if not functioning. Verify auxiliary limit controls (humidistat, air flow proving switch, etc.) and reset, replace or calibrate as needed. |

# REPLACEMENT PARTS

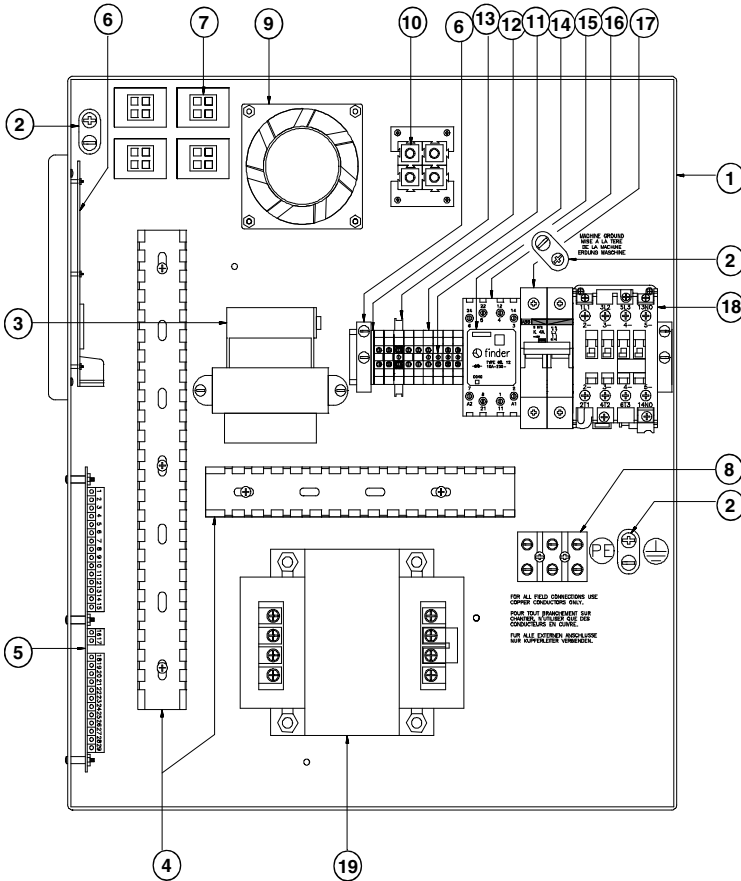
**Table 15-1: Space Distribution Unit (SDU-E)**



| No. | Description                           | Qty. | Part No.   |
|-----|---------------------------------------|------|------------|
| 1   | Cabinet base, VM99                    | 1    | 330000-003 |
| 2   | Blower, SDU99 external assembly       | 1    | 409540-003 |
| 3   | Frame, SDU external                   | 1    | 165542     |
| 4   | Dispersion chamber, SDU99 w/ 1½" out  | 1*   | 160445-001 |
| 4   | Dispersion chamber, SDU99 w/ 2" out   | 1*   | 160445-002 |
| 5   | Switch, air flow                      | 1    | 406190     |
| 6   | Tubing, 3/8" OD x .060 clear vinyl    | 1    | 405722     |
| 7   | Nut, 8-32 x 3/8"                      | 2    | 700200-002 |
| 8   | Star washer, 8-32                     | 6    | 700200-003 |
| 9   | Screw, self tapping 8-32 x 3/8"       | 4    | 700170-001 |
| 10  | Screw, 8-32 x 1/2" panhead Phillips F | 4    | 700170-001 |
| 11  | Cage clip, 8-32                       | 4    | 409593-001 |
| 12  | Lock washer, 1/4"                     | 6    | 700300-005 |
| 13  | Nut, 1/4-20 hex                       | 10   | 700300-016 |
| 14  | Cap, black                            | 4    | 409593-002 |

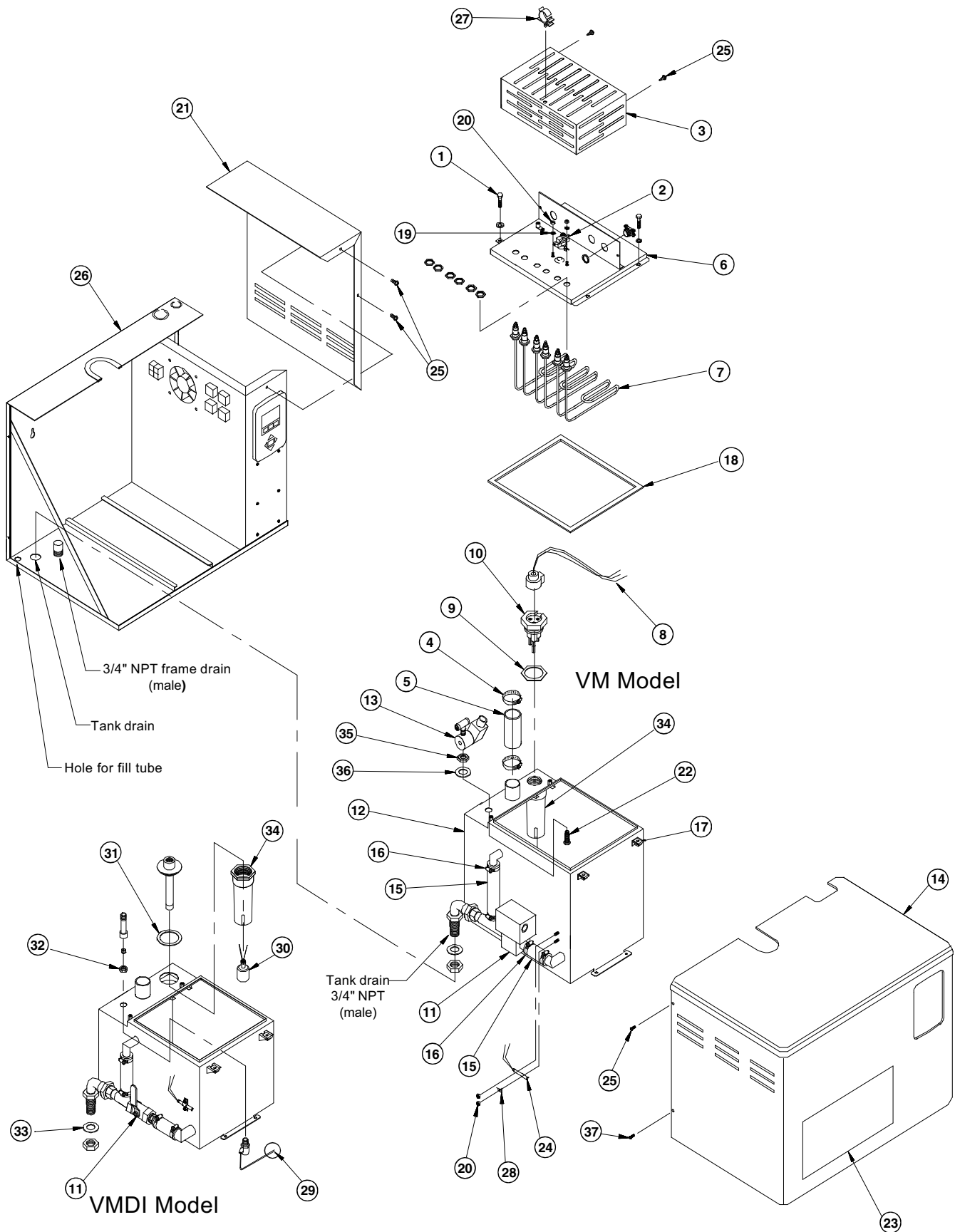
\*Specify model size when ordering

**Table 15-2: VAPORMIST® subpanel with SDU-E**



| No. | Description                        | Qty. | Part No.   |
|-----|------------------------------------|------|------------|
| 1   | Subpanel, VM99 barrier             | 1    | 120801     |
| 2   | Ground lug, L-35 10-14 GA CP-8     | 1    | 409250-017 |
| 2   | Ground lug, L-70 6-8 GA CP-4       | 1    | 409250-018 |
| 3   | Transformer, 600V                  | 1    | 408896     |
| 3   | Transformer, 120/240/480/208       | 1    | 408965-001 |
| 4   | Channel, wire with cover           | 2    | 408999-003 |
| 5   | Main board, VL-3                   | 1    | 408490-001 |
| 6   | Display board, VL-3 with enclosure | 1    | 408490-002 |
| 7   | Plug, 4-prong female               | 4    | 409585-008 |
| 8   | 3-pole, 3-phase, power block       | 1    | 408300-002 |
| 8   | 2-pole 1-phase, power block        | 1    | 408300-001 |
| 9   | Fan, 24 Volt                       | 1    | 408677-001 |
| 10  | Power plug                         | 1    | 409585-001 |
| 11  | Terminal                           | 8    | 408252-001 |
| 12  | Terminal, ground                   | 1    | 408252-010 |
| 13  | Terminal, end plate                | 1    | 408252-005 |
| 14  | Terminal, jumper                   | 2    | 408252-008 |
| 15  | Relay, 24V                         | 1    | 407900-016 |
| 16  | Relay socket                       | 1    | 407900-011 |
| 17  | Breaker 1-pole 1.6A 480V           | 2    | 406775-001 |
| 17  | Breaker, 1-pole 1.5A 600V          | 2    | 406775-003 |
| 18  | Contactors, 60A                    | 1    | 407001-021 |
| 18  | Contactors, 32A                    | 1    | 407001-020 |
| 19  | Transformer, 480V 300VA            | 1    | 408991     |
| 19  | Transformer, 575V 300VA            | 1    | 408982     |
| 19  | Transformer, 480V 500VA            | 1    | 408996-008 |
| 19  | Transformer, 600V 500VA            | 1    | 408996-009 |

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See tables on pages 17 and 18.

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## REPLACEMENT PARTS

**Table 17-1: VAPORMIST® (see drawing on Page 16)**

| No. | Description   | Qty. | Part No.    |
|-----|---|------|-------------|
| 1   | Head bolt, large Phillips, ¼ - 20 x 1"  | 4    | 700300-013  |
| 2   | Thermo cut-out  | 1    | 409560-001  |
| 3   | Cover, heater terminal  | 1    | *           |
| 4   | Hose clamp, 2" ID   | 2    | 700560-200  |
| 5   | Hose cuff, 1½" ID, VM 2-16  | 1    | 305390-006  |
| 5   | Hose cuff, 2" ID, VM 21-34  | 1    | 305391-006  |
| 6   | Cover, tank   | 1    | *           |
| 7   | Heater element  | *    | *           |
| 8   | Probe assembly cord and plug  | 1    | 406050-005  |
| 9   | Probe assembly gasket   | 1    | 309750-004  |
| 10  | Probe assembly, VM 2-4  | 1    | 406270      |
| 10  | Probe assembly, VM 6-34   | 1    | 406275      |
| 11  | Valve, ¾" electric, 24V, VM 2-34  | 1    | 505400-001  |
| 11  | Valve, ½" SST ball, VMDI 2-34   | 1    | 505000-003  |
| 11  | Drain, ¼" NPT E.O.S., 24V solenoid SST with DIN plug (not shown), VMDI 2-34 w/EOS drain | 1    | 505086-003  |
| 12  | Tank weldment   | 1    | *           |
| 13  | Valve, ¼" solenoid, 24V with DIN plug   | 1    | 505084-001  |
| 14  | Cabinet enclosure   | 1    | 330-000-001 |
| 15  | Hose, ¾" ID   | 1    | 307020-002  |
| 16  | Hose clamp, ¾" ID   | 4    | 700560-075  |

\* Specify humidifier model and serial numbers when ordering.

**NOTE:** More replacement parts are listed on the next page.

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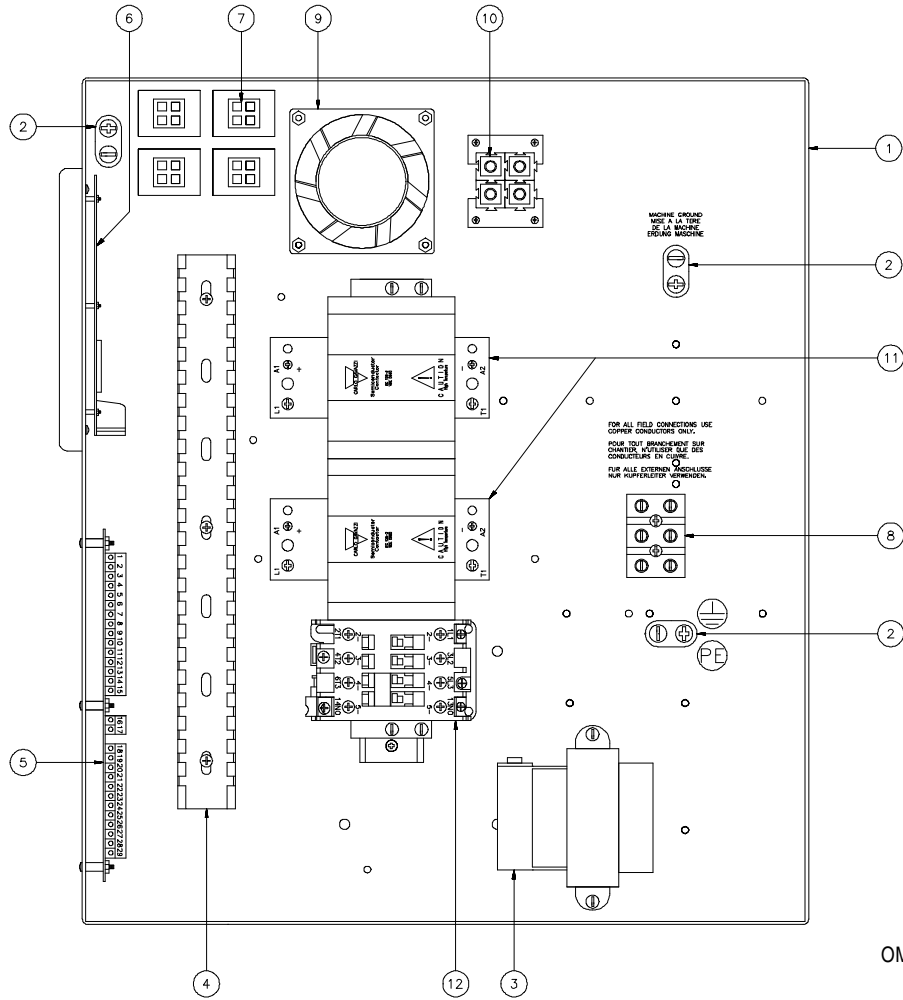
**Table 17-1 continued: VAPORMIST® (see drawing on page 16)**

| No. | Description                                   | Qty. | Part No.   |
|-----|---|------|------------|
| 17  | Nut assembly, ¼-20, VM/VMDI 2-4               | 4    | 700650     |
| 17  | Nut assembly, ¼-20, VM/VMDI 6-34              | 2    | 700650     |
| 18  | Gasket, tank cover                            | 1    | *          |
| 19  | Washer, #8 external tooth, plated             | 2    | 700200-003 |
| 20  | Nut, #8-32 hex, plated                        | 6    | 700200-002 |
| 21  | Cover, subpanel                               | 1    | 120277     |
| 22  | Fill adapter, VM 2-4                          | 1    | 160226-041 |
| 22  | Fill adapter, VM 6-16                         | 1    | 160224-041 |
| 22  | Fill adapter, VM 21-34                        | 1    | 160224-052 |
| 23  | Panel, insulation                             | 1    | 309845-003 |
| 24  | Sensor, temperature                           | 1    | 405760     |
| 25  | Screw, Phillips head, #8-32 x ½"              | 8    | 700170-007 |
| 26  | Frame assembly, chassis                       | 1    | 165541     |
| 27  | Clip, wire harness                            | 1    | 405892-001 |
| 28  | Clip, temperature sensor                      | 1    | 408251     |
| 29  | Valve assembly, float                         | 1    | 505310     |
| 30  | Switch, float, 1/8" NPT                       | 1    | 408420-002 |
| 31  | Gasket, 2.50 OD X 1.90 ID                     | 1    | 309750-004 |
| 32  | Seal ring, ¼"-18 NPT                          | 1    | 306365     |
| 33  | Gasket, bulkhead, 1.60 OD X 1.15 ID           | 1    | 309750-005 |
| 34  | Probe housing, nylon, VM                      | 1    | 308500     |
| 35  | Nut, VM heater .475 dia                       | 1    | 409601-001 |
| 36  | Gasket, VM heater .475 o-ring, 5/8" EPDM #016 | 1    | 300400-009 |
| 37  | Cap, black                                    | 4    | 409593-002 |

\* Specify humidifier model and serial numbers when ordering

# REPLACEMENT PARTS

Table 19-1: VAPORMIST® subpanel with SSR



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| No. | Description                    | Qty. | Part No.   |
|-----|--------------------------------|------|------------|
| 1   | Subpanel, VM99 barrier         | 1    | 120801     |
| 2   | Ground lug, L-35 10-14 GA CP-8 | 1    | 409250-017 |
| 2   | Ground lug, L-70 6-8 GA CP-4   | 1    | 409250-018 |
| 3   | Transformer, 600V              | 1    | 408986     |
| 3   | Transformer, 120/208/240/480   | 1    | 408965-001 |
| 4   | Channel, wire with cover       | 2    | 408999-003 |
| 5   | Main board, VL-3               | 1    | 408490-001 |
| 6   | Keypad board, VL-3             | 1    | 408490-002 |
| 7   | Plug, 4-prong female           | 4    | 409585-008 |
| 8   | 3-pole 3ø, power block         | 1    | 408300-002 |
| 8   | 2-pole 1ø, power block         | 1    | 408300-001 |
| 9   | Fan, 24 volt                   | 1    | 408677-001 |
| 10  | Power plug                     | 4    | 409585-001 |
| 11  | SSR, 480 VAC 50 AMP 1-pole     | 2    | 408677-002 |
| 12  | Contacteur, 60A                | 1    | 407001-021 |
| 12  | Contacteur, 32A                | 1    | 407001-020 |

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