

D. DUCT AND VENTING

D.1. Air Flow and Static Pressure

See **Appendix C** towards the end of this manual for Air Flow Performance Data. For Air Flow adjustment and set up, see section **J.3. Checking and Adjusting Air Flow.**

D.2. Duct Requirements and Best Practices

The installation contractor should fabricate ductwork in accordance with local codes.

Use industry manuals as a guide when sizing and designing the duct system.

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⚠ WARNING: DO NOT, under any circumstances, connect return ductwork to any other heat producing device such as fireplace insert, stove, etc. Unauthorized use of such devices may result in fire, carbon monoxide poisoning, explosion, personal injury, property damage or death.

Place the unit as close to the conditioned space as possible allowing clearances as indicated. Run ducts as directly as possible to supply and return outlets. Use of non-flammable weatherproof flexible connectors on both supply and return connections at unit to reduce noise transmission is recommended.

On ductwork exposed to outside temperature and humidity, use a minimum of 2" of insulation and a vapor barrier. Distribution system in attic, furred space or crawl space should be insulated with at least 2" of insulation. Half-inch to 1" thick insulation is usually sufficient for ductwork inside the air-conditioned space.

Provide balancing dampers for each branch duct in the supply system.

Properly support ductwork from the structure.

IMPORTANT: In the event that the return air ducts must be run through an "unconfined" space containing other fuel burning equipment, it is imperative that the user/business owner must be informed against future changes in construction which might change this to a "confined space." Also, caution the user/business owner against any future installation of additional equipment (such as power ventilators, clothes dryers, etc.), within the existing unconfined and/or confined space which might create a negative pressure within the vicinity of other solid, liquid, or gas fueled appliances.

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D.2.1. Supply Duct Systems

A properly designed supply duct system, meeting all local codes and best practices, must be installed to ensure proper air flow and minimize the static pressure on the blower.

The supply duct opening for roof curb installations is 28 3/4" x 14 1/4", the supply duct opening for horizontal ducted installations is 28 3/8" x 13 7/8". See **Figure B.3.6. – A and – B** for reference.

The installer is responsible for verifying all dimensions before unit installation.

D.2.2. Return Duct Systems

A properly designed return duct system, meeting all local codes and best practices, must be installed to ensure proper air flow and minimize the static pressure on the blower.

The return duct opening for roof curb installations is 36 5/8" x 12 7/8", the return duct opening for horizontal ducted installations is 36 3/8" x 12 5/8". See **Figure B.3.6. – A and – B** for reference.

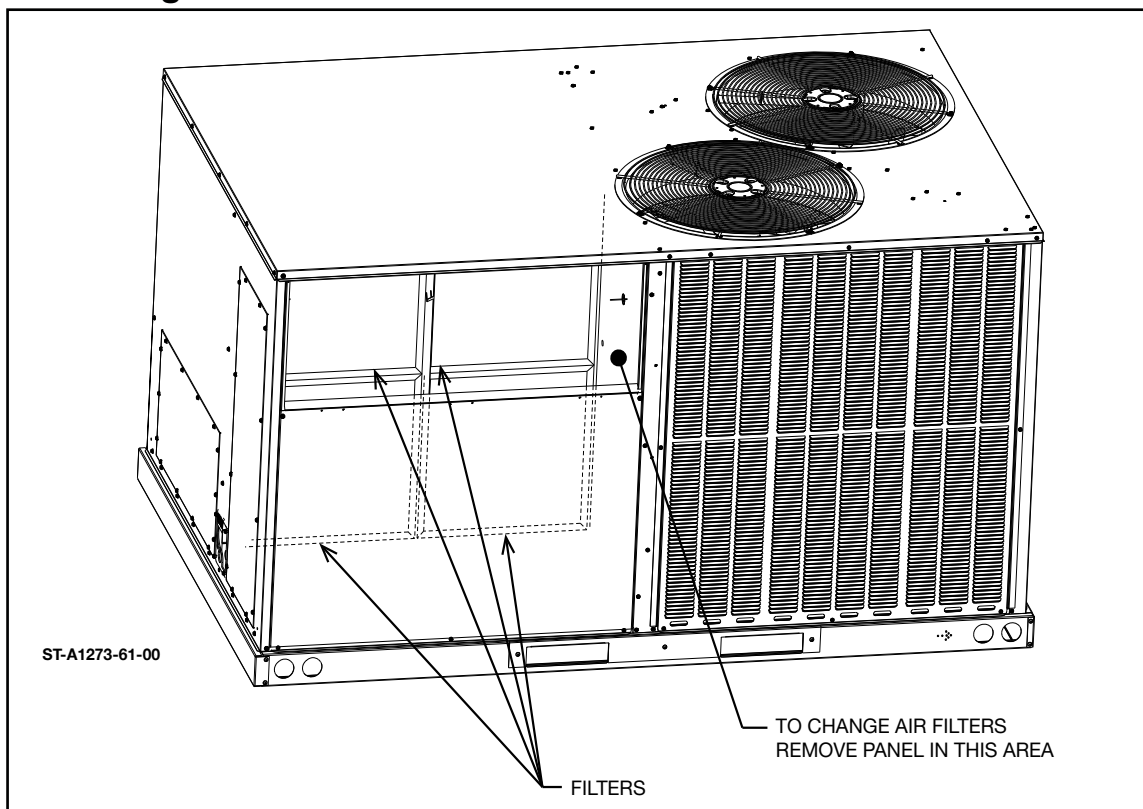
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D.2.3. Isolation for Noise Abatement

Noise from operational vibration can occur with this equipment, the use of flexible duct adapters and vibration damping curb adapters maybe required depending upon the building type and use. Consult with a local mechanical engineer on the duct and building design to determine if any noise abatement solutions need to be considered before installation.

D.3. Filters

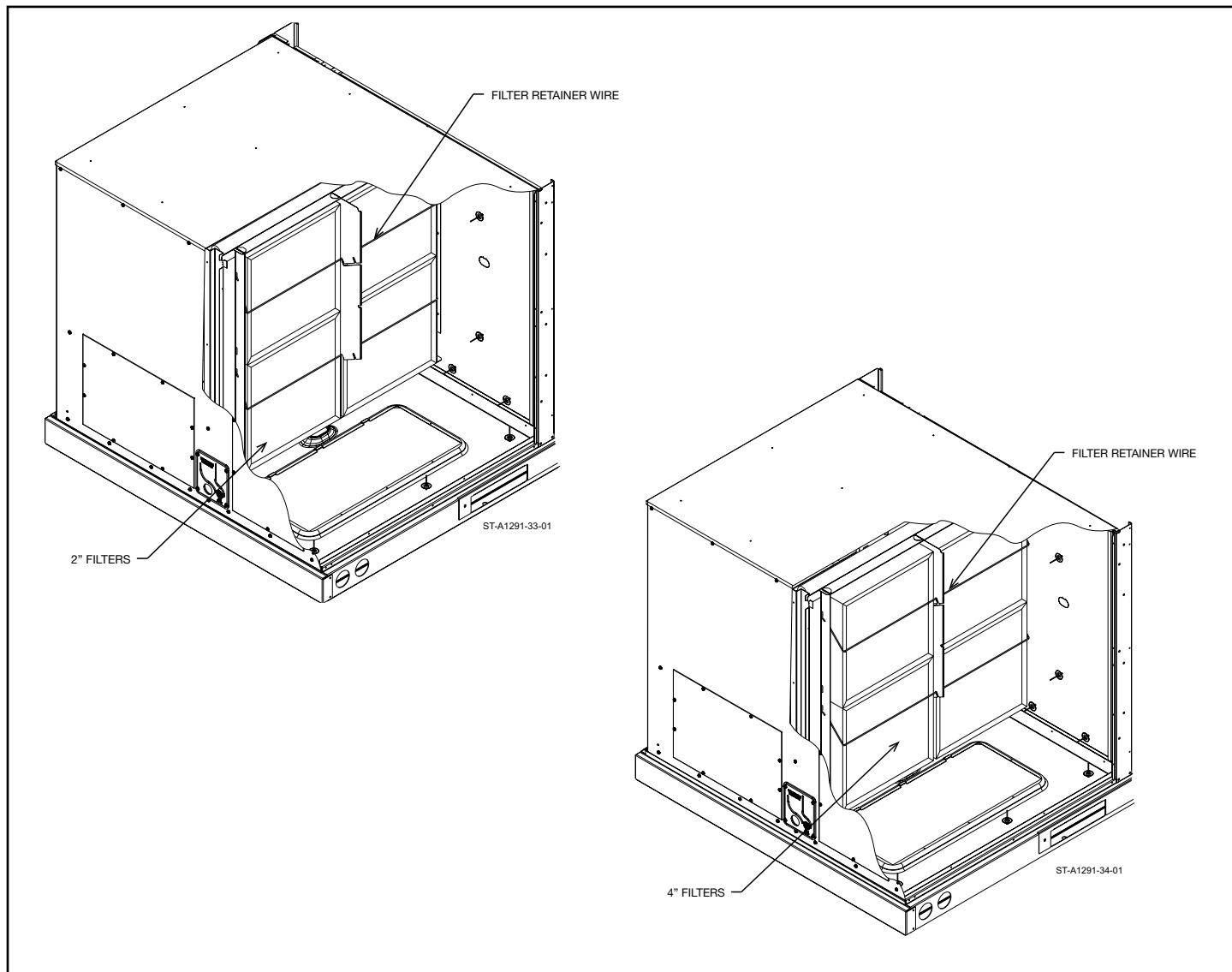
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D.3. Filters

D.3.1. Installing Filters (Cont.)



This product will accept both 2" and 4" filters. A new unit ships with four 2" x 20" x 20" filters. For units with an economizer, only use 2" filters due to fitment clearances. To replace filters, follow these steps:

1. Remove "Filter Access" panel.
2. Pull downwards on retainer wire and rotate upwards to unlock filters.
3. Secure retainer wire in notch.

4. Remove and discard current filters.
5. Install new filters with airflow arrow pointing towards evaporator coil.
6. Rotate retainer wire downward to original position and secure in notch.
7. Install "Filter Access" panel.

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D.4. Economizers and Fresh Air Dampers

D.4.1. Economizer Information

ECONOMIZERS - Mechanical devices used to make the Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) unit more efficient by regulating the return air and outside air. Economizers for this product come in several configurations.

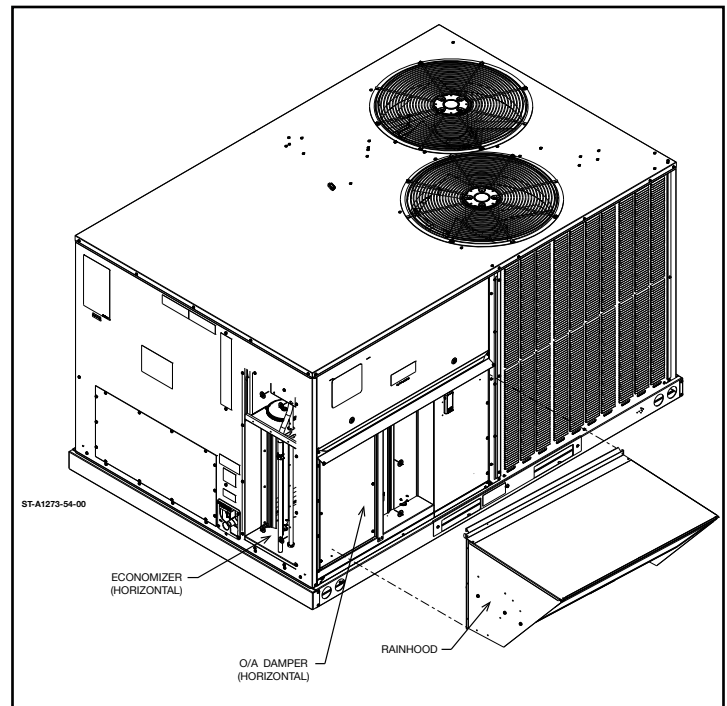
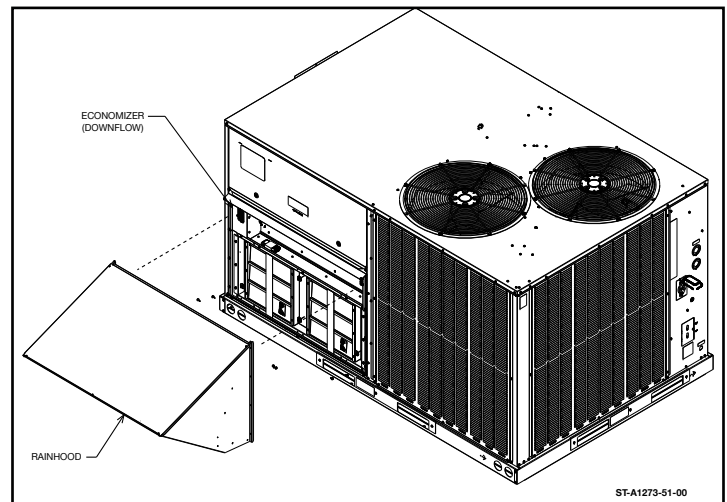
The Downflow Economizer is designed specifically for units setup in a downflow configuration. The downflow economizer fits inside the package unit and sits over the return-air opening along the bottom of the unit. All economizers are equipped with horizontal gear driven blades and a gravity relief damper (Barometric Relief).

The Horizontal Economizer is designed specifically for units setup in a horizontal flow configuration. The horizontal economizer utilizes independently actuated return-air and fresh air dampers to enable the most efficient handling of air achievable with this platform. The horizontal economizer also includes an externally-mounted (to the duct work) gravity relief damper.

All units with economizers come shipped from the factory with a parts bag and a separate document for Economizer Installation & Operation instructions. Refer to that document for information on how to install the economizer, connect the controls, and adjust the airflow. Accessory economizers purchased separately will also come with the parts bag and instructional document.

Refer to **Section J.1.1.1. Refrigerant Leak Detection System** for instructions on how to relocate the factory-installed A2L sensor when a field-installed economizer is installed in this unit.

Figure D.4.1. – A: Downflow Economizer with Hood



Note: Louver protections are optional

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D.4.2. Fresh Air Dampers

MANUAL DAMPER HOODS – Manual damper hoods are often installed as a low cost substitute for an economizer.

The idea is to manually set the blade located inside the hood to restrict the opening by introducing Static Pressure, thereby balancing the outside air with the return air entering the RTU.

The drawback to a manual damper is that it is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Therefore they introduce outside air during occupied and unoccupied modes increasing the load on the rooftop unit.

MOTORIZED DAMPER HOODS – A motorized damper is economical, and provides more comfort than a manually adjusted hood damper.

The motorized damper is coupled to an actuator, and designed to open when the RTU fan is running, and close when the fan is off. The advantage of the

motorized damper is that the outside air is no longer a factor once the RTU fan is cycled off.

By connecting a Timer, CO2 Sensor or Smoke Detector in series between the RTU fan (“G” on the Thermostat) and actuator, the damper can be controlled during “Unoccupied” hours, or allow the damper to only introduce outside air during “On-Demand Occupancy.”

Fresh Air Dampers come shipped with a separate document for Installation & Operation instructions. Refer to that document for information on how to install and adjust the dampers.

For reference, the Installation Instructions for Fresh Air Dampers may be found in the parts bag for the factory installed dampers, in the box for field installed dampers, or on the manufacturer’s website for the product.

Figure D.4.2. – A: Fresh Air Damper

