



# **PS-025 QuarterHorse Series 0.25 hp Portable Chiller**

Operation and Installation Manual

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# Safety Considerations

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PS Series Chillers are designed to provide safe and reliable operation when installed and operated within design specifications, following national and local safety codes.

To avoid possible personnel injury or equipment damage when installing, operating or maintaining this equipment, use good judgment and follow these safe practices:

- ☑ Follow all **SAFETY CODES**.
- ☑ Wear **SAFETY GLASSES** and **WORK GLOVES**.
- ☑ Use care when **LOADING, UNLOADING, RIGGING, or MOVING** this equipment.
- ☑ Operate this equipment within design specifications.
- ☑ **OPEN, TAG, and LOCK ALL DISCONNECTS** before working on equipment. It is a good idea to remove the fuses and carry them with you.
- ☑ Make sure the chiller is properly **GROUNDING** before switching power on.
- ☑ When welding or brazing in or around this equipment, be sure **VENTILATION** is **ADEQUATE**. **PROTECT** adjacent materials from flame or sparks by shielding with sheet metal. An approved **FIRE EXTINGUISHER** should be close at hand and ready for use if needed.
- ☑ The refrigeration system can develop refrigerant pressures in excess of **500 psi (3,450 kPa)**. **DO NOT CUT** into the system without first relieving pressure.
- ☑ Do not jump or bypass any electrical safety control.
- ☑ Do not restore power until all tools, test equipment etc. have been removed and the panels replaced.
- ☑ Only **PROPERLY TRAINED** personnel familiar with the information within this manual should work on this equipment.

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## 1-1 Introduction

PS Series Water Chillers are reliable, accurate, and easy-to-use air cooled chillers designed for use with water/glycol. Standard range of operation is 50°F to 70°F (10°C to 21°C). This PS chiller is a ¼ hp (187 W) model and has an internal one gallon (3.8 liter) reservoir. It is self contained, fully assembled, and shipped ready to use.

A properly installed, operated, and maintained PS Series Chiller will provide many years of reliable operation. To get the most satisfaction from your new chiller, read and follow the instructions in this manual.

## 1-2 Necessary Documents

The following documents are necessary for the operation, installation and maintenance PS Series Chillers. Additional copies are available from Application Engineering. Familiarize the appropriate personnel with these documents:

- This manual.
- The electrical schematic and connection diagram.
- The operation and installation manuals for installed accessories and options.

## 1-3 Models Covered

This manual provides operation, installation, and maintenance instructions for PS-025 QuarterHorse Series chillers. Model numbers are on the serial tag. Please know the model number, serial number and operating voltage of your chiller if you need to contact Application Engineering.

The PS QuarterHorse Series chiller model is designated by approximate compressor horsepower. An **PS025** chiller has a ¼ hp (187 W) compressor.

## 1-4 Available Options

PS Series chillers are available with options that tailor the unit to your requirements. Some are factory installed, some can be retrofitted in the field. Consult your local Application Engineering Sales Representative. Some of these options are:

### **Power Cord**

A 6 foot (1.8 m) power cord is available to speed PS installation.

### **Feet**

Four leveling feet are mounted to the base of the PS unit.

## 1-5 Uncrating Your New Chiller

PS Series chillers are shipped mounted on a skid, enclosed in a plastic wrapper, and open crated on all four sides and top.

- ☑ Pry the crating away from the skid and remove. Use a pry bar to remove the blocks securing the unit to the skid.
- ☑ Lift the unit off the skid with a fork truck. Insert forks between skid and chiller from the side until they protrude beyond the opposite side of the unit. The forks must be equidistant from the center line of the unit and the unit must be balanced on the forks.
- ☑ Lift slowly and only high enough to clear the skid. Use a pry bar if necessary to remove the skid from the unit.
- ☑ Lower slowly. The unit will land on its feet or casters and can be moved into position.



## 1-6 In the Event of Shipping Damages

### **Important!**

**According to the contract terms and conditions of the Carrier, the responsibility of the Shipper ends at the time and place of shipment.**

- Notify the transportation company's local agent.
- Hold the damaged goods and packing material for the examining agent's inspection. Do not return any goods to Application Engineering before the transportation company's inspection and authorization.
- File a claim against the transportation company. Substantiate the claim by referring to the agent's report. A certified copy of our invoice is available upon request. The original Bill of Lading is attached to our original invoice. If the shipment was prepaid, write us for a receipted transportation bill.

## 1-7 If the Shipment is Not Complete

Check the packing list. The apparent shortage may be intentional. Back-ordered items are noted on the packing list. You should have:

- PS Series Chiller
- Bill of Lading
- Packing list
- Operating and Installation packet

Re-inspect the container and packing material to see if smaller items have been missed during unpacking. Determine that the item was not taken from the area before the shipment was checked in. Notify Application Engineering immediately of the shortage.

## 1-8 If the Shipment is Incorrect

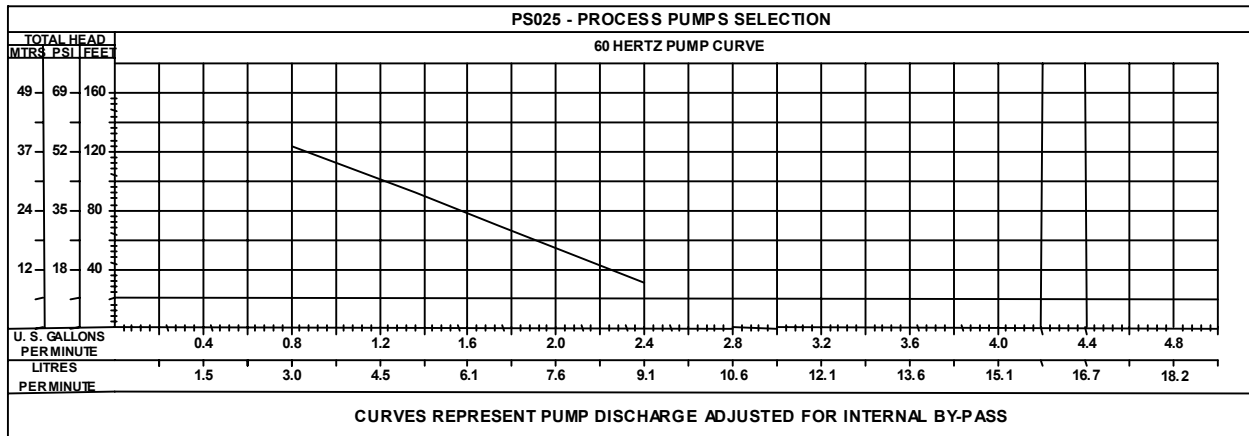
- If the shipment is not what you ordered, contact Application Engineering immediately. Include the order number and item.
- Hold the items until shipping instructions are received.

# 1-9 Returns

**Important!**

**Do not return any damaged or incorrect items until you receive shipping instructions from Application Engineering.**

Figure 1  
PS025 Process Pump Curve



Do not extrapolate pump curves.

Figure 2  
PS Series Chiller Specifications

PS Quarter-Horse Series PS-025	Cap. @ 65°F lwt, 90°F ambient	Nominal chilled water gpm	Compressor hp	Pump	Process connection inches NPT	Amp draw 230/1/60 running	Dimensions inches			Oper. weight lbs.	Ship. weight lbs.
	BTUH						L	W	H		
American standards	2,213	2	¼	1/3 hp, 2 gpm @ 50 psig	½	6.7 A	20	26	34	100	100

PS Quarter-Horse Series PS-025	Cap. @ 18°C lwt, 24°C ambient	Nominal chilled water lpm	Compressor watts	Pump	Process connection inches NPT	Amp draw 230/1/60 running	Dimensions cm			Oper. weight kg	Ship. weight kg
	watts						L	W	H		
Metric standards	64.8	7.6	187	224 watts, 7.6 lpm @ 345 kPa	½	6.7 A	48	32	66	46	46

## 2-1 Electrical Connections

Check serial tag voltage and amperage requirements and make sure your electrical service conforms. See Figure 2 on Page 10 for total running amps.

- Electrical connections must comply with all applicable electrical codes.
- The chiller must be grounded in accordance with NEC Article 250.
- Voltage must be within 10% of the chiller's nameplate rating.

## 2-2 Process Water Connections

- All external chilled water connections to the process must be of adequate size.
- See Figure 4 on Page 14 for sizing recommendations.
- The largest possible openings and passages should be provided for the flow of chilled water through platens, dies, molds or other pieces of equipment.

### Important!

**Keep any pressure drop in external process piping to an absolute minimum for optimum unit operation.**

#### To Process

Connect the **TO PROCESS** chilled water supply outlet to the process being cooled.

#### From Process

Connect the **FROM PROCESS** chilled water return inlet to the return from the process back into the chiller for cooling and recirculation.

- This chiller model has a strainer on the **FROM PROCESS** return line.

## Process Water Bypass

All PS chillers have an internal bypass device. If the process flow becomes blocked during chiller operation, this component allows water to flow through the chiller. This protects the chiller from freeze-up, excessive pressures, and pump damage, and allows other safety features to remain effective.

## 2-3 PS Condenser Air Supply

PS chillers use the surrounding air to cool the condenser.

- ☑ Condenser air entering the PS unit should be at least 65°F (18°C). Operation with air below 65°F (18°C) can cause the chiller to have low refrigerant pressure.
- ☑ Install the chiller in an area where there is free passage of air for condensing.
- ☑ Provide 18" (46 cm) or more clearance for the chiller's air intake.
- ☑ Make provisions to exhaust the heated air discharged from the chiller.
- ☑ Do not put the PS unit where steam, hot air or fume exhausts will be drawn into the condenser.
- ☑ Air-cooled condensers must be cleaned frequently. Neglect reduces capacity, increases operating costs, and leads to possible chiller failure. See Chapter 6 on Page 21 for cleaning instructions.
- ☑ Normal condensing pressure with 95°F (35°C) air is approximately 180 psi (1,241 kPa).

## PS Ambient Temperature Ranges

Ambient temperature range	Minimum temperature	Maximum temperature
Operation	65°F (18°C)	100°F (38°C)
Storage	40°F (4°C)	120°F (49°C)

## 2-4 Water Reservoir

During startup and when additional solution is required, see Figure 3 on Page 14 for the recommended ethylene glycol/water solution. This chart shows the proportions needed to provide freeze protection to 20°F/11°C below the desired process set point.

- ☑ Add a pre-mixed solution to provide freeze protection to a temperature 20°F/11°C below the normal operating temperature of the chiller.
- ☑ Use industrial quality (**not** automotive) ethylene glycol.
- ☑ A corrosion inhibitor suitable for the materials in the system should be added to the glycol/water solution.

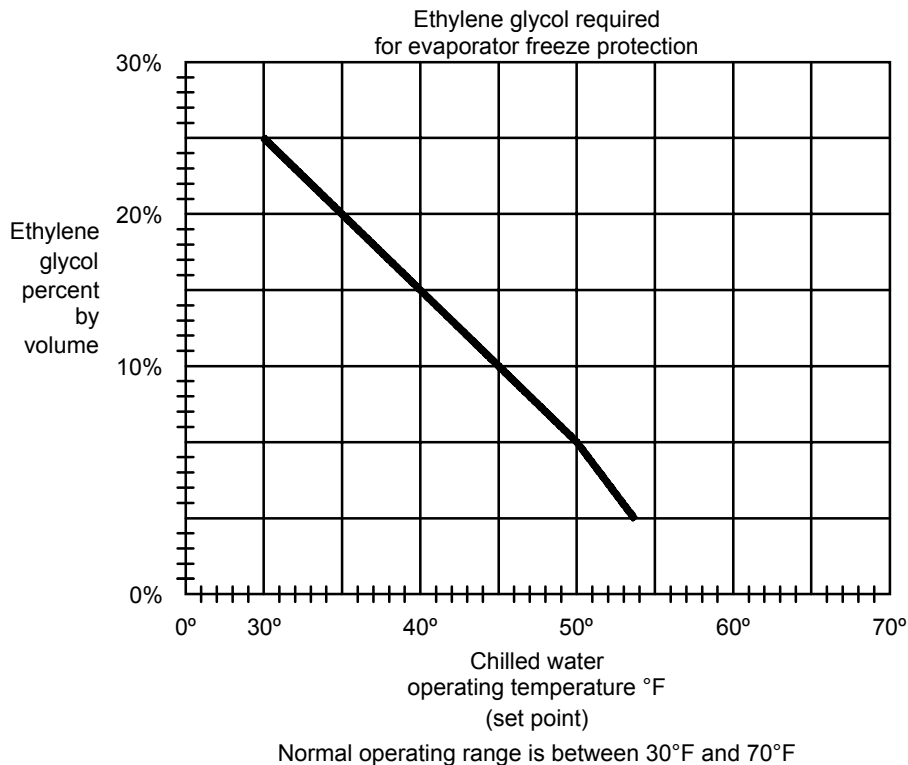
- ☑ If you want to use straight water, contact Application Engineering's, Engineering Department.
- ☑ The 1 gallon (3.8 liter) reservoir is **not** designed to withstand water pressure above 5 psi (34 kPa).
- ☑ The fill opening and vent line must be vented to the atmosphere for proper operation.

### Properly Venting and Filling the Reservoir Tank

To properly vent and fill the tank:

- Remove the side panel, then remove the bushing installed on the top of the tank.
- Install a pipe nipple and tee to the  $\frac{3}{4}$ " coupling on top of the tank.
- Use one side of the tee for the vent line and the other side for the fill line.
- Fill the tank.
- Remove the fittings and re-install the bushing
- Extend the vent line from the tank to a proper drain.
- Re-install the side panel.

Figure 3  
Ethylene Glycol Curve



## 2-5 Overhead Process Considerations

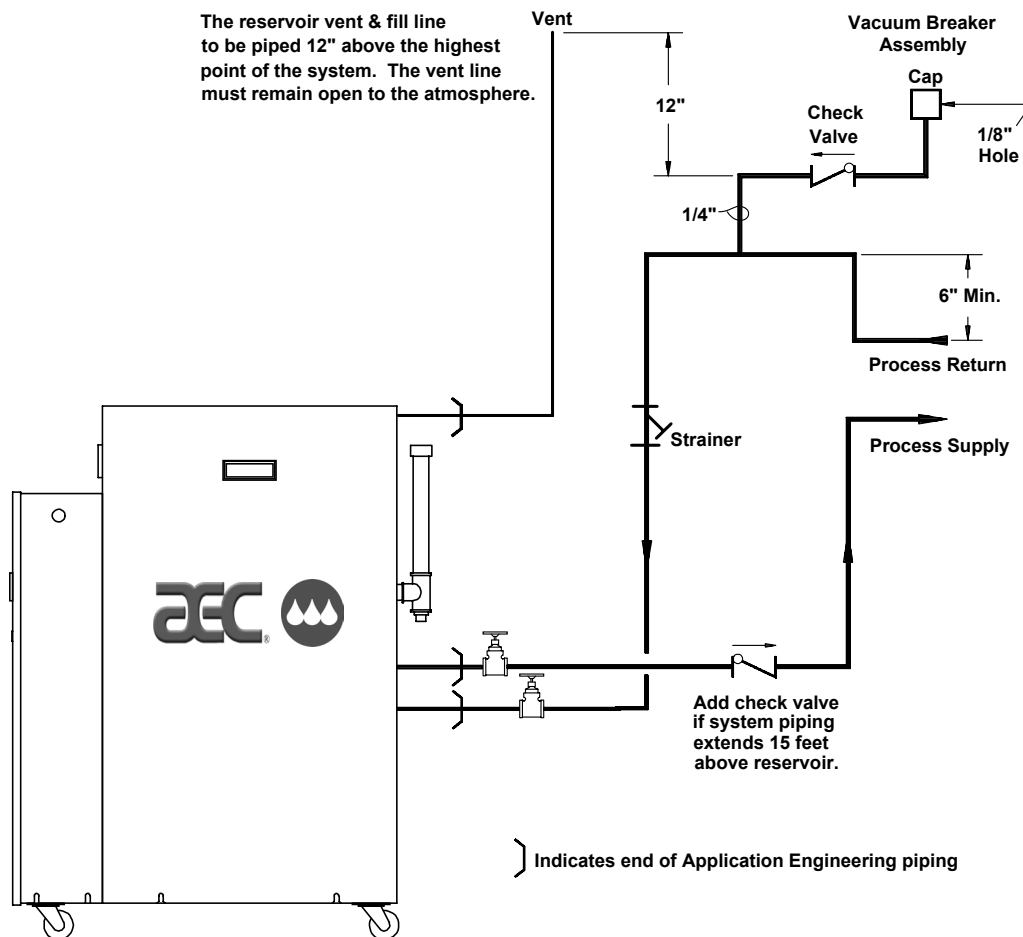
If your application has chilled water or process piping above the reservoir fill and vent level, install a standpipe to a point 1' (30 cm) above the highest point in the system.

In applications where the process or its piping is 15 feet (4.6 m) or more above the reservoir, you must take steps to prevent over-pressurization of the reservoir. This condition can occur on system shutdown when the water in the system drains into the reservoir.

To prevent this, install a check valve in the unit **TO PROCESS** line and a vacuum breaker at the high point of the return **FROM PROCESS** line. See Figure 4 below for more information.

**Note:** The reserve capacity of the reservoir can hold a volume equal to **20 feet (6.1 m) of 1-inch (2.5 cm) pipe.**

Figure 4  
Overhead Piping



**Important!**

The PS unit has a leaving water temperature range of 50°F to 70°F (10°C to 18°C).

Do not attempt to run the PS unit outside this temperature range or damage to the unit may occur.

## 3-1 Chilled Water Circuit

- ☑ Process cooling water supply and return connections are made at the pipe stubs at the rear of the chiller.
- ☑ Warm water returns from the process, passes through the strainer, and enters the reservoir tank.
- ☑ The process water is pumped through the evaporator where it is cooled.
- ☑ The coolant flows to the process and returns to repeat the cycle.
- ☑ A chilled water bypass assembly between the supply and return lines guarantees a constant flow through the evaporator during intermittent low or no-flow conditions.

## 3-2 Refrigeration Circuit

- Liquid refrigerant passes through the thermal expansion valve which allows the refrigerant to expand and cool the inside of the heat exchanger. The refrigerant flows through the suction line to the compressor.
- The refrigerant gives up its heat as it re-condenses to a liquid in the condenser and the cycle starts over again.

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## 5-1 Introduction

Standard PS Series chillers use a microprocessor based controller. The controller is a modular, self-contained unit that can slide from its mounting housing. It is factory set and adjusted; no field adjustment to the internal controls is necessary.

## 5-2 Setting the Process Water Temperature

- Press and hold the star key.
- While holding down the star key, press the arrow up or arrow down key to raise or lower the process water temperature set point.

## 5-3 Power Switch

### POWER

This switch energizes the control circuit; it also turns off the chiller.

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# *Routine Maintenance*

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## 6-1 Lubrication

Every three months, grease all fan motors and pump motors that do not have permanently sealed bearings. Remove grease relief plug (motors only) before adding grease. Failure to do so may result in dislodging the bearing grease retainer, eventually causing bearing failure.

Compressors are hermetically sealed; no oiling is required.

## 6-2 Condenser Maintenance

Dirty condenser heat exchange surfaces reduce system capacity.

Brush or vacuum light dirt accumulations. Avoid bending or damaging the fins. Heavy soil accumulations on the coil require professional steam cleaning; washing from the outside only makes matters worse.

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# Troubleshooting Guide

Problem	Possible cause	Solution
Chiller will not run.	No power.	Check main disconnect fuses, wiring, and power lead to the unit.
	Wrong voltage supplied to the chiller.	Voltage must be within plus or minus 10% of the nameplate rating.
	Defective on/off switch.	Replace.
	Control circuit fuse blown.	Replace, check the transformer.
	Defective control transformer.	Replace.
The leaving water temperature is too high.	Refrigerant is low.	Check the refrigerant charge.
	Improper water/glycol solution.	Make sure that the coolant solution is right for the process — must be 75% water and 25% glycol.  See Figure 3 on Page 13 for more information.
Pump pressure is low (see pump curve).	Check for foreign matter.	Clean the system.
Pump pressure is too high.	Restricted water flow.	Check for partially closed valves, etc. Be sure all lines are properly sized.
Pump runs, compressor will not.	Refrigerant is low.	Check the refrigerant charge.
	Defective fan motor.	Repair or replace.
	Compressor internal overload is open. Allow time to cool and reset.	Check for high/low voltage. Must be within plus or minus 10% of the nameplate rating. Check for poor compressor electrical connections.
	Broken wire in the compressor control circuit.	Locate and repair.
Unit runs continuously, but not enough cooling power.	Restricted condenser airflow.	Clean the condenser.
	Unit low on refrigerant.	Call Service.
	Inefficient compressor.	Call Service.
	Unit undersized for application.	Call Sales Representative.









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