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15301-E and 15501-E Two-Stage High Vacuum Pumps



Owner's Manual



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SAFETY PRECAUTIONS



WARNING! To prevent personal injury,



Wear goggles when working with refigerants. Contact with refrigerants may cause injury.



Incorrect use or connections may cause electrical shock hazards. Read and follow the instructions carefully, and take precautions to avoid electrical shock hazards. Confirm that all associated devices are grounded correctly before energizing circuits.



Normal operating temperature will cause certain external portions of the pump to be hot to the touch. Do not touch the pump housing or motor during operation.

For use on A/C-R systems using CFCs, HCFCs, and HFCs in conjunction with mineral oil, ester oil, alkylbenzene oil, and PAG oil as lubricants. Not for use with ammonia or lithium bromide systems. Not for use with flammable refrigerants.

VacuMaster® High Performance Vacuum Pumps

Congratulations on purchasing one of Robinair's top quality VacuMaster® vacuum pumps. Your pump has been engineered specifically for air conditioning and refrigeration service, and is built for fast, thorough evacuation.

You'll appreciate these key features . . .

High Vacuum Rating

The two-stage rotary vane design provides powerful, quiet, high vacuum capability and ensures moisture removal, while the high pumping capacity reduces evacuation time.

Lifetime Filtration

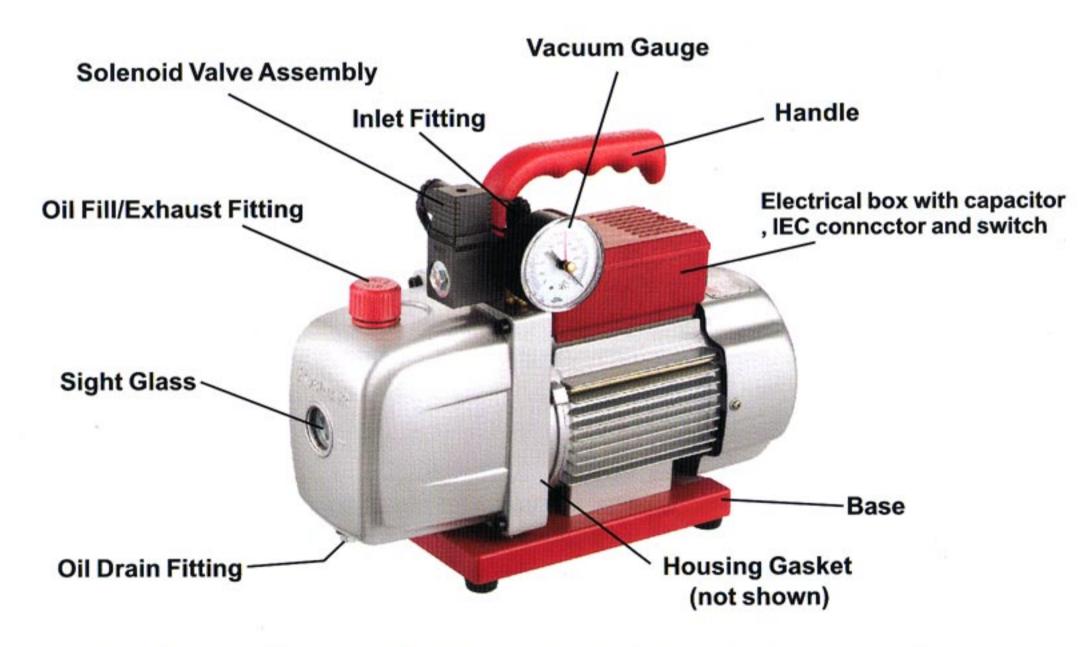
The intake screen prevents foreign matter from entering the pumping chamber, and an internal exhaust filter separates oil vapor from the exhaust flow.

Sure-Grip Handle

The ergonomically designed handle makes the pump easy to carry to and from job sites and stays cool to the touch during operation.

Compact Design

Aluminum housing and rotary vanes keep the pump weight low, making it easy to carry.



Inlet Fitting Adapter, 3/8" MFL x 1/4" FFL Included but not shown.

Before using your vacuum pump...

Note about Motor Voltage Connections:

In all cases, motors are designed for operating voltages plus or minus 10% of the normal rating (see *Pump Specifications*). Single voltage motors are supplied fully connected and ready to operate.

- Confirm that the voltage and frequency at the outlet match the specifications on the pump motor decal.
- Confirm the ON-OFF switch is in the OFF position before you plug the pump into an outlet.
- 3. The pump is shipped without oil in the reservoir. Before starting the pump, fill it with oil. Remove the red "Oil Fill" cap on the reservoir and fill the reservoir until the oil appears at the bottom of the sightglass. For oil capacities, refer to the *Specifications* Section in this manual.
- 4. Replace the oil fill cap.
- 5. Remove the cap from the inlet fitting.
- 6. Turn the motor switch to ON.
- 7. When the pump runs smoothly, replace the cap on the inlet port. This may take from two to 30 seconds, depending on the ambient temperature.
- After the pump runs for approximately one minute, check the sight glass for the correct oil level - oil should be even with the sight glass OIL LEVEL line. With the pump off, add oil if necessary.

Note: When the pump is running, the oil level should be even with the line on the sight glass. Underfilling will result in poor vacuum performance. Overfilling can result in oil blowing from the exhaust.

Your pump is now ready to evacuate air conditioning and refrigeration systems. Follow normal service procedures and the A/C-R manufacturer's instructions for connections to the system.

IMPORTANT: Before connecting your vacuum pump to an A/C-R system, remove refrigerant from the system in an accepted manner. Damage to the pump may occur if evacuation is started while the system is under high pressure. Robinair recommends use of our Refrigerant Recovery and Recycling equipment.

To shut down your pump after use...

To help prolong pump life and promote easy starting, follow these procedures for shutdown:

- 1. Close the manifold valve between the pump and the system.
- 2. Remove the hose from the pump inlet.
- Cap the inlet port to prevent any contamination or loose particles from entering the port.

To maintain your high vacuum pump...

Vacuum Pump Oil

For maximum performance, Robinair recommends changing vacuum pump oil after each use.

The condition and type of oil used in any high vacuum pump are extremely important in determining the ultimate attainable vacuum. Robinair recommends the use of our Premium High Vacuum Pump Oil. This oil has been specifically blended to maintain maximum viscosity at normal running temperatures and to improve cold weather starts.

Robinair Premium High Vacuum Pump Oil is available in handy quart containers or in convenient gallon containers. Order by part number:

13119 - Pint (shipped 12 pints per case)

13203 - Quart (shipped 12 quarts per case)

13204 - Gallon (shipped 4 gallons per case)

Oil Change Procedure

- Confirm the pump is warmed up: The pump should have run for approximately one minute.
- 2. Remove the OIL DRAIN cap. Drain contaminated oil into a suitable container and dispose of according to local, state, and federal regulations. Oil can be forced from the pump by opening the inlet and partially blocking the exhaust with a cloth while the pump is running. Do not operate the pump for more than 20 seconds using this method.
 - When the flow of oil has stopped, tilt the pump forward to drain residual oil.

Oil Change Procedure Cont'd.

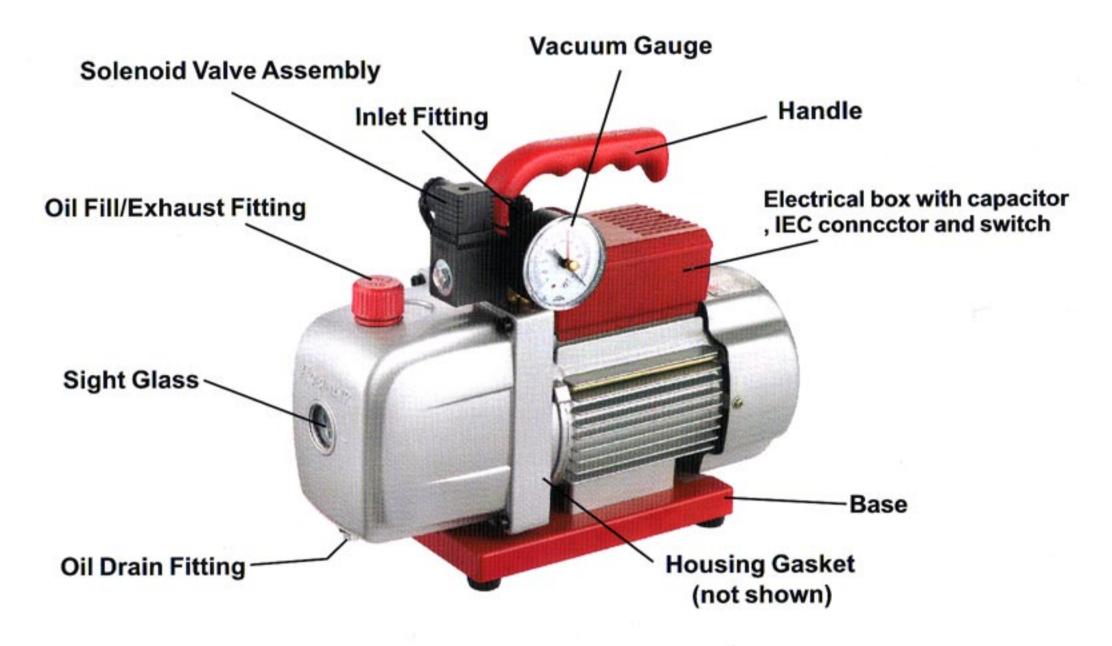
- 4. Replace the OIL DRAIN cap.
- 5. Remove the OIL FILL cap, and fill the reservoir with new vacuum pump oil until the oil appears at the bottom of the sight glass.
- 6. Verify the inlet ports are capped, then turn ON the pump. Allow it to run for one minute, then check the oil level. If the oil is below the sight glass OIL LEVEL line, add oil slowly (with the pump running) until the oil reaches the OIL LEVEL line. Replace the OIL FILL cap, and confirm the inlet is capped and the drain cap is tight.
- 7. a) If the oil is badly contaminated with sludge that forms when water is allowed to collect in the oil, you may need to remove the oil reservoir cover and wipe it out.
 - b) Another method of dealing with heavily contaminated oil is to force the oil from the pump reservoir. To do this, allow the pump to run until it is warmed up. While the pump is still running, remove the oil drain cap. Slightly restrict the exhaust. This will back-pressure the oil reservoir and force the oil from it, carrying more contaminants. When the oil ceases to flow, turn off the pump.

Repeat this procedure as required until the contamination is removed. Replace the OIL DRAIN cap, and refill the reservoir until the oil appears at the bottom of the sight glass with fresh pumop oil (see Step 4).

Cleaning the Pump

Clean the pump with soap and water only. Do not use commercial cleaners that contain degreasing agents.

Service Parts



Inlet Fitting Adapter, 3/8" MFL x 1/4" FFL Included but not shown.

Part No.	Description		
550101	Oil Drain Fitting		
550102	Handle		
550103	Electrical box with Capacitor, IEC connector and switch for model RA 15301E		
550104	Electrical box with Capacitor, IEC connector and switch for model RA 15501E		
550105	Oil Fill /Exhaust Fitting		
550106	Base		
550107	Housing Gasket for model RA 15301E		
550108	Housing Gasket for model RA 15501E		
550109	Inlet Adapter, 1/4" FFL x 3/8" MFL		
550110	Vacuum Gauge		
550111	Solenoid Valve Assembly		

Troubleshooting Guide

Your VacuMaster® pump has been designed for dependable use and long life. If something should go wrong, however, the following guide will help you get the pump back into service as quickly as possible.

If disassembly of the pump is required, please check your warranty. The warranty may be voided by misuse or customer tampering that results in the pump being inodcrable.

Failure To Start

Check the line voltage. Robinair pumps are designed to start at +/10% line voltage (loaded) at 0°C. At extremes, however, switching
between the start and run windings may occur.

Oil Leakage

- 1. Verify the oil is not a residual accumulation from spillage, etc.
- If leakage exists, the module cover gasket or the shaft seal may need replacing. If leakage exists in the area of the oil drain plug. you may need to reseal the plug using a commercial pipe thread sealer.

Failure To Pull A Good Vacuum

- Confirm the vacuum gauge and all connections are in good condition and leak-free. You can confirm leakage by monitoring the vacuum with a thermistor gauge while applying vacuum pump oil at connections or suspected leak points. The vacuum will improve briefly while the oil is sealing the leak.
- Verify the pump oil is clean. A badly contaminated pump may require several oil flushes. See OIL CHANGE PROCEDURE.
 - Note: Use only high vacuum pump oil such as Robinair's Premium High Vacuum Pump Oil. Other oils will prevent pull-down to a deep vacuum.
- 3. Verify the oil is at the correct level. For maximum pump operation, the oil must be even with the OIL LEVEL line on the sight glass when the pump is running. See OIL CHANGE PROCEDURE. Do not overfill: operating temperatures will cause the oil to expand, so it will appear at a higher level than when the pump is not running. To check the oil level, start the pump with the inlet capped. Check the oil level in the sight glass. Add oil if necessary.

When You Need Help

If these procedures do not correct the problem, contact your nearest Robinair distributor, or call Robinair's toll-free service line for further information:

Robinair Limited Warranty Statement

This product is warranted to be free from defects in workmanship, materials, and components for a period of one year from date of purchase. All parts and labor required to repair defective products covered under the warranty will be at no charge. The following restrictions apply:

- 1. The limited warranty applies to the original purchaser only.
- The warranty applies to the product in normal usage situations only, as described in the Operationg Manual. The product must also be serviced and maintained as specified.
- If the product fails, it will be repaired or replaced at the option of the manufacturer.
- warranty service claims are subject to authorized inspection for product defect(s).
- 5. The manufacturer shall not be responsible for any additional costs associated with a product failure including, but not limited to, loss of work time, loss of refrigerant, cross-contamination of refrigerant, and unauthorized shipping and/or labor charges.
- 6. All warranty service claims must be made within the specified warranty period. Proof-of-purchase date must be supplied to the manufacturer.

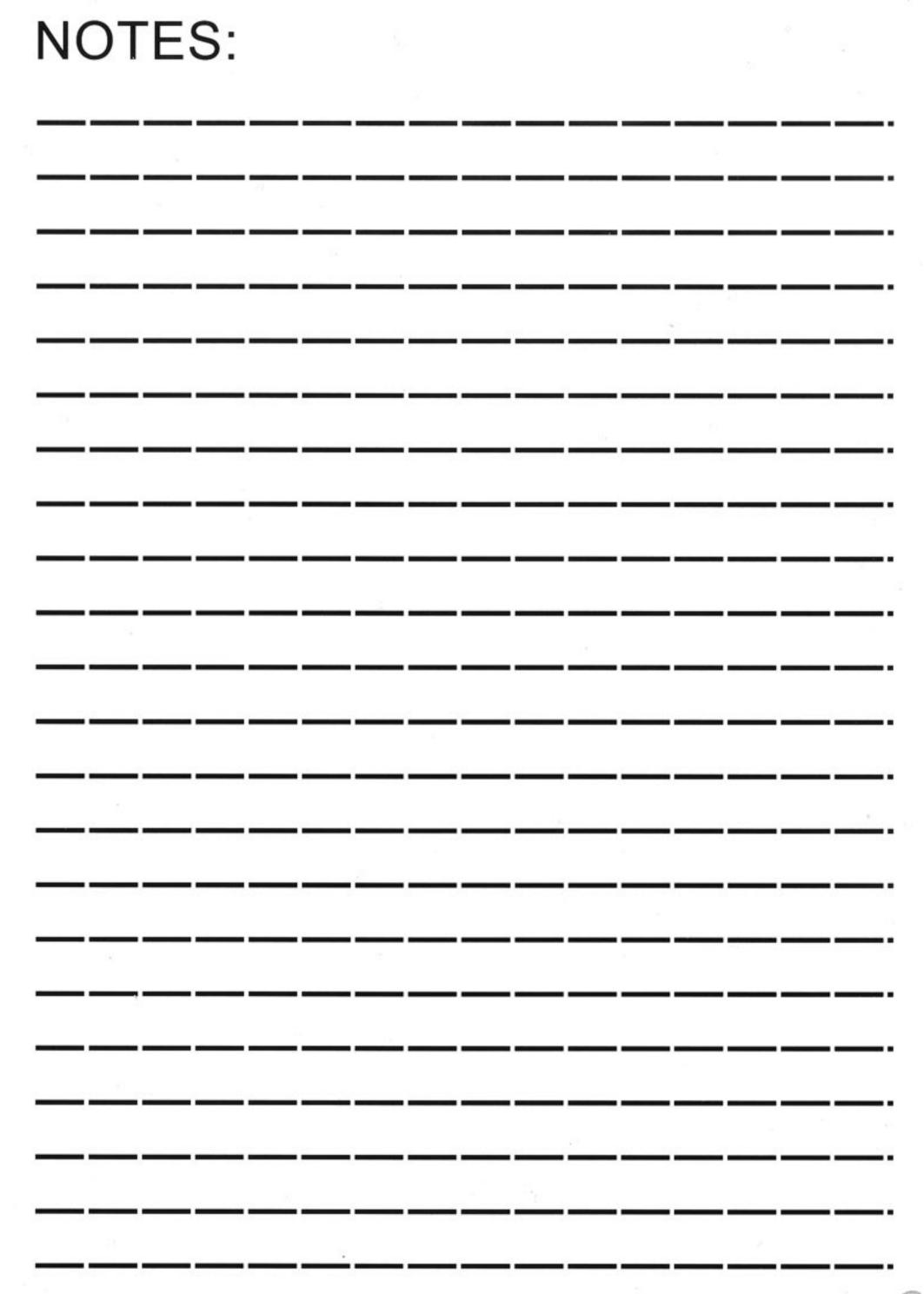
Out of Warranty

- This Limited Warranty does NOT apply if:
- The product is misused, tampered with, or modified.

• The product, or product part, is broken by accident.

VacuMaster Pump Specifications

	15301-E	15501-E
Voltage	230V/50Hz	230V/50Hz
Free Air Displacement	75 Liters/min	125 Liters/min
Ultimate Vacuum	30 Microns	30 Microns
Stages	2	2
Motor	1/3 HP	1/3 HP
Intake Port(s)	1/4 "MFL (3/8" MFL adapter included)	1/4 "MFL (3/8" MFL adapter included)
Oil Capacity	350mL	450mL
Power Cord Length	1,8 Meters	1,8 Meters
Dimensions	322X160X268MM	345X163X280MM
Net Weight	9.5KG	11.5KG



Due to ongoing product improvements we reserve the right to change or modify design, specifications and materials without notice.



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