

Atlas Copco Air dryers

FD90, FD110, FD130, FD170 and FD230

Instruction book

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This instruction book describes how to handle and operate the subject machine(s) to ensure safe operation, optimum working economy and long service life.

Read this book before putting the machine into operation to ensure correct handling, operation and proper maintenance from the beginning. The maintenance schedule contains a summary of the measures for keeping the dryer in good repair. The maintenance procedures are simple but must be carried out regularly.

Keep the book available for the operator(s) and make sure that the dryer is operated and that the maintenance actions are carried out according to the instructions. Record all operating data, maintenance work effected, etc. in an operator's logbook available from Atlas Copco. Follow all applicable safety precautions, amongst others those mentioned in this book.

Repair operations should be performed by trained personnel from Atlas Copco who can also be contacted if any further information is desired.

In all correspondence always mention the dryer type and the complete serial number, shown on the data plate.

For all specific data not mentioned in the text, consult sections "Maintenance" and "Principal data".

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1 LEADING PARTICULARS

1.1 General description

The FD air dryers remove moisture from compressed air by cooling the air to near freezing point. This causes water to condense. The condensate is automatically drained. The air is warmed up before leaving the dryer.

1.2 Air circuit (Fig. 1.2)

Compressed air enters heat exchanger (13) and is cooled by the outgoing, cold, dried air. Water in the incoming air starts to condense. The air then flows through heat exchanger/evaporator (11) where the refrigerant evaporates causing the air to be further cooled to close to the evaporating temperature of the refrigerant. More water in the air condenses. The cold air then flows through separator (3) where all the condensate is separated from the air. The condensate collects in condensate

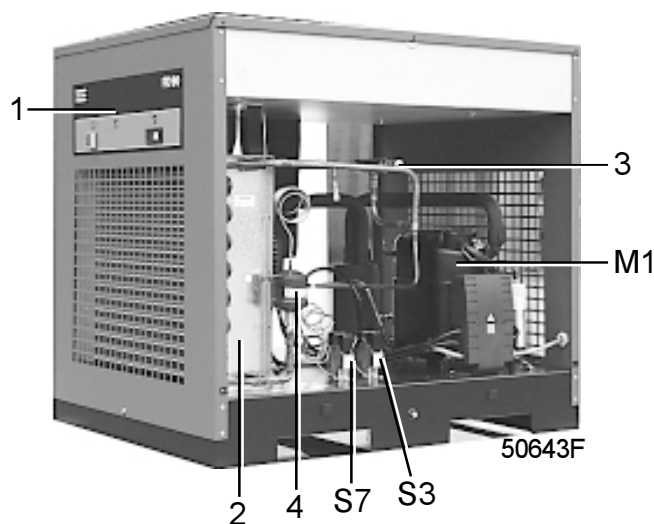
trap (4) and is automatically drained. The cold, dried air flows through heat exchanger (13), where it is warmed up by the incoming air to approx. 10 degrees Celsius below the incoming air temperature. Condensation in the air net cannot occur unless the air is cooled to below the pressure dewpoint indicated by gauge (1).

1.3 Refrigeration circuit (Fig. 1.2)

Compressor (M1) delivers hot, high-pressure refrigerant gas which flows through condenser (9) where most of the refrigerant condenses.

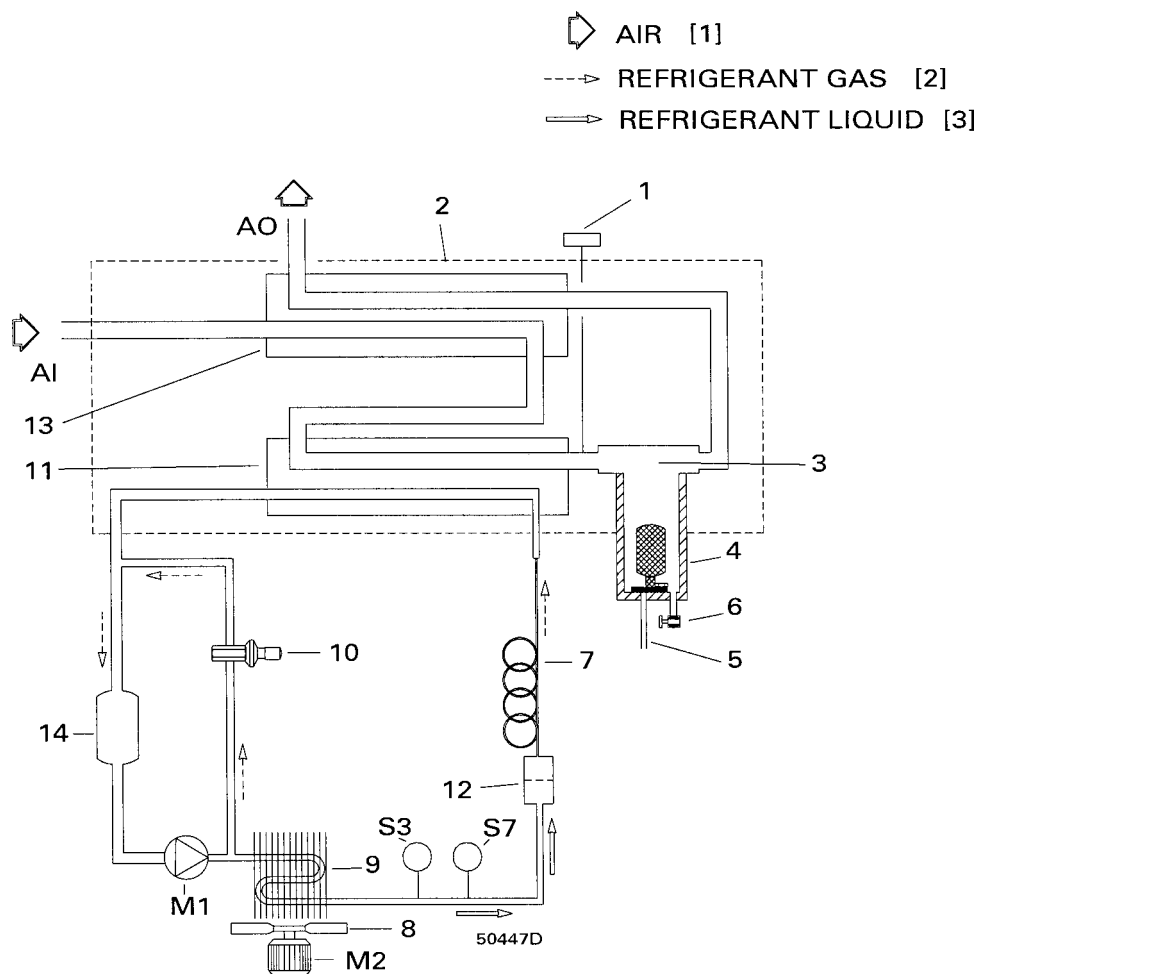
The liquid flows through liquid refrigerant dryer/filter (12) to capillary tube (7). The refrigerant leaves the capillary tube at evaporating pressure.

The refrigerant enters evaporator (11) where it withdraws heat from the compressed air by further evaporation at constant pressure. The heated refrigerant leaves the evaporator and is sucked in by the compressor via accumulator (14).



- M1. Refrigerant compressor
- S3. Fan control switch
- S7. High pressure shut down switch
- 1. Control panel
- 2. Condenser
- 3. Hot gas by-pass valve
- 4. Liquid refrigerant dryer/filter

Fig. 1.1 General view of FD90



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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| AI. Wet air inlet | 2. Insulating block | 9. Refrigerant condenser |
| AO. Dry air outlet | 3. Condensate separator | 10. Hot gas by-pass valve |
| M1. Refrigerant compressor | 4. Condensate trap | 11. Air/refrigerant heat exchanger/evaporator |
| M2. Condenser fan motor | 5. Automatic condensate drain hose | 12. Liquid refrigerant dryer/filter |
| S3. Fan control switch | 6. Manual condensate drain valve | 13. Air/air heat exchanger |
| S7. High pressure shut down switch | 7. Capillary tube | 14. Accumulator |
| 1. Pressure dewpoint gauge | 8. Condenser cooling fan | |

Fig. 1.2 Air and refrigerant flow diagram

1.4 Automatic regulation system (Fig. 1.2)

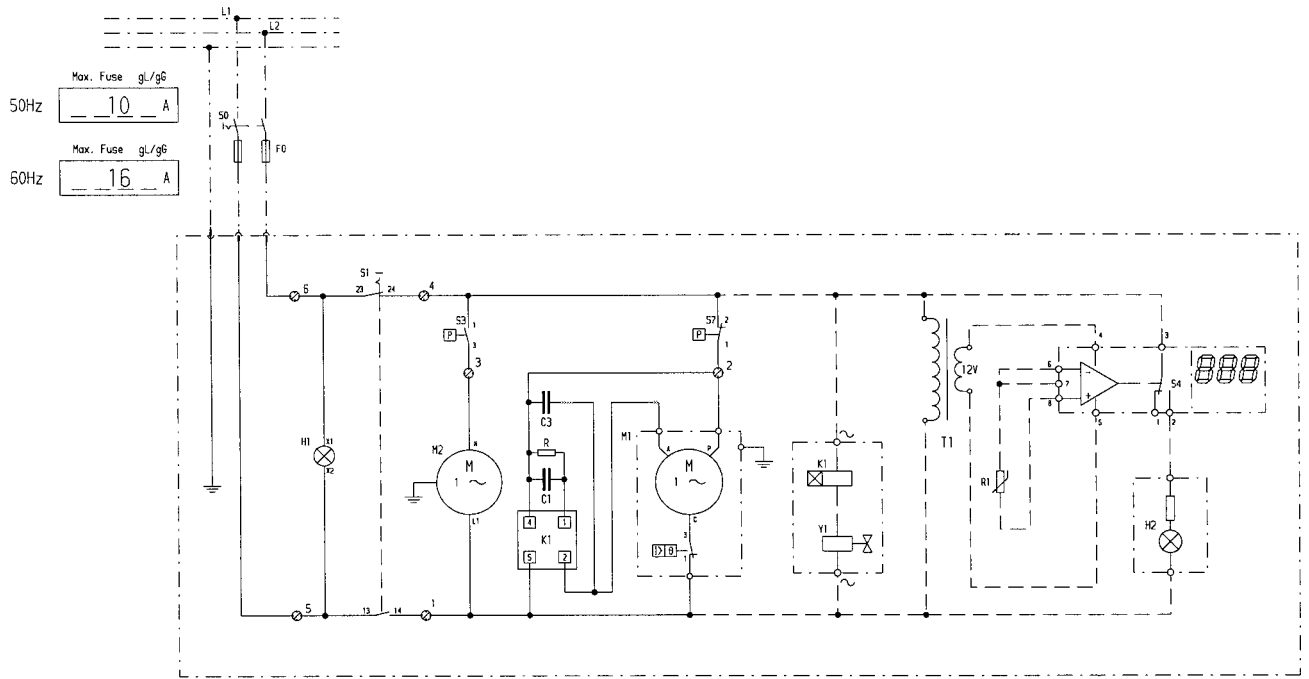
The condenser pressure must be kept as constant as possible to obtain stable operation, therefore, fan control switch (S3) stops and starts the cooling fan.

When, at partial or no load, the evaporator pressure drops to 2.25 bar(e), the by-pass regulator opens and hot, high pressure gas is fed to the evaporator circuit to prevent the evaporator pressure from dropping any further.

1.5 Electrical system (Figs. 1.3 up to 1.6)

FD170 60Hz and FD230 60Hz dryers are 3-phase units, all other FD dryers are single-phase units.

The refrigerant compressors (M1) of FD170 and FD230 dryers are equipped with a crankcase heater (Rs). When voltage is supplied, the heater is energized. It keeps the oil in the crankcase warm to prevent condensing of refrigerant in the compressor housing, which could result in serious damage of the compressor at start (liquid knock).



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(1) TYPE	(2) VOLTAGE	(3) FREQUENCY	(4) Compr. motor M1		(5) Fan motor M2		Pt. (kW)	I t. (A)
			Input (6)		Input (6)			
			Pe (kW)	In (A)	P (kW)	In (A)		
FD90	230V	50Hz	1.10	5.2	0.14	0.6	1.24	5.8
FD90	230V	60Hz	1.56	7.8	0.17	0.7	1.73	8.5
FD110	230V	50Hz	1.25	5.9	0.14	0.6	1.39	6.5
FD110	230V	60Hz	2.14	10.4	0.17	0.7	2.31	11.1
FD130	230V	50Hz	1.74	8.0	0.14	0.6	1.88	8.5
FD130	230V	60Hz	2.14	10.4	0.17	0.7	2.31	11.1

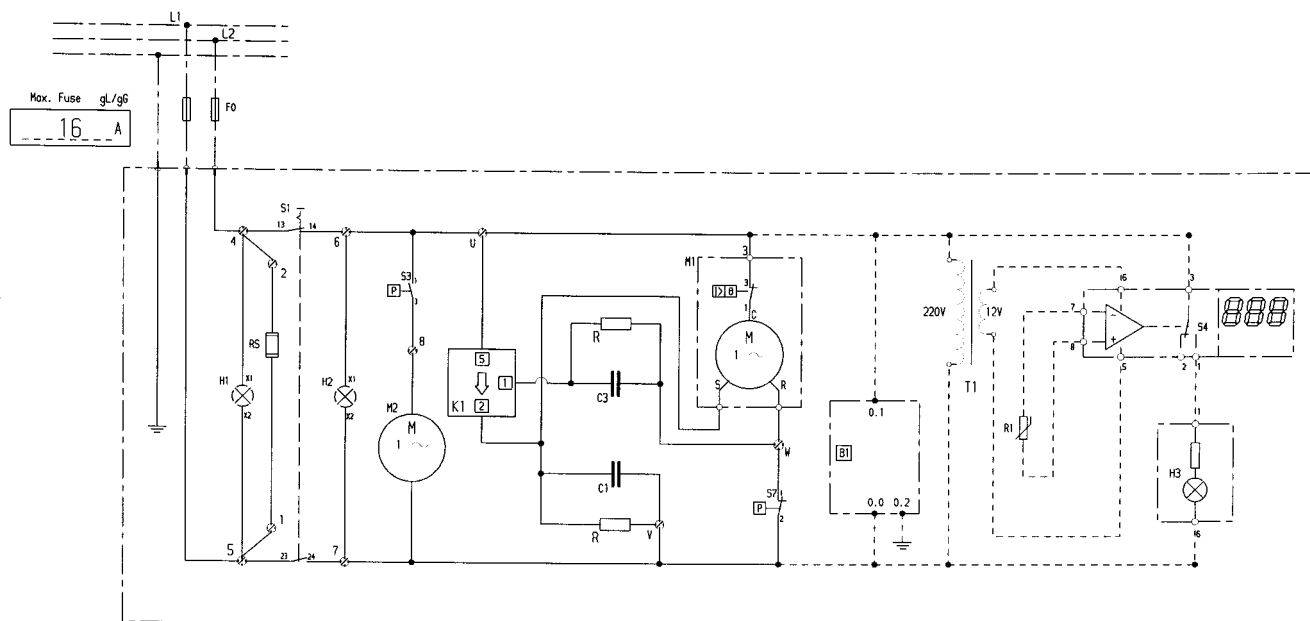
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| C1. Start capacitor | M1. Compressor motor | S3. Fan control switch |
| C3. Run capacitor | M2. Condenser fan motor | S4. Electronic thermostat with display (optional) |
| F0. Main fuses, local installation (customer's installation) | R. Resistor | S7. High pressure shut down switch |
| H1. Indicator lamp, VOLTAGE ON | R1. Temperature sensor, dewpoint (optional) | T1. Transformer (optional) |
| H2. Indicator lamp, DEWPOINT ALARM (optional) | S0. Main switch (customer's installation) | Y1. Solenoid valve, interval drain (optional) |
| K1. Timer (optional) | S1. Button, ON-OFF | |

Fig. 1.3 Electrical diagram of FD90 up to FD130

Fan control switch (S3) starts fan motor (M2) as soon as the condenser pressure reaches the upper set point of the switch and will stop the fan motor when the condenser pressure decreases to its lower set point.

High pressure shut-down switch (S7-Fig. 1.1) stops the compressor motor when the pressure in the refrigerant circuit reaches the upper set point of the switch. After tripping, it must be reset manually by pressing its reset knob.

The compressor motor has a built-in thermic protection. If the compressor motor stops without apparent reason, it will probably be the thermic protection which has tripped. In such case, the compressor will restart when the motor windings have cooled down, which may take up to 2 hours.



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(1) TYPE - VOLTAGE - FREQUENCY	(2)	(3)	(4) Compr. motor M1		(5) Fan motor M2		Pt (kW)	It (A)
			Input (6)		Input (6)			
			Pe (kW)	In (A)	P (kW)	In (A)		
FD170	230V	50Hz	1.7	8.3	0.2	0.9	1.9	9.2
FD230	230V	50Hz	2.2	11.3	0.2	0.9	2.4	12.2

- B1. Electronic condensate drain (optional)
- C1. Run capacitor
- C3. Start capacitor
- F0. Main fuses, local installation (customer's installation)
- H1. Indicator lamp, VOLTAGE ON
- H2. Indicator lamp, DRYER RUN
- H3. Indicator lamp, DEWPOINT ALARM (optional)
- K1. Start relay
- M1. Compressor motor
- M2. Condenser fan motor
- R1. Temperature sensor, dewpoint (optional)
- RS. Crankcase heater
- S1. Button, ON-OFF
- S3. Fan control switch
- S4. Electronic thermostat with display (optional)
- S7. High pressure shut down switch
- T1. Transformer (optional)

Fig. 1.4 Electrical diagram of FD170 50Hz and FD230 50Hz

- F0. Main fuses, local installation (customer's installation)
- F3/4. Fuses
- F8. Thermal overload, fan motor
- H1. Indicator lamp, VOLTAGE ON
- H2. Indicator lamp, DRYER RUN
- H3. Indicator lamp, DEWPOINT ALARM (optional)
- K1. Contactor, compressor motor
- K2. Contactor, fan motor
- M1. Compressor motor
- M2. Condenser fan motor
- Q1. Circuit breaker
- Q2. Circuit breaker
- R1. Temperature sensor, dewpoint (optional)
- RS. Crankcase heater
- S0. Main switch (customer's installation)
- S1. Button, ON-OFF
- S2. High pressure shut down switch
- S3. Fan control switch
- S4. Electronic thermostat with display (optional)
- T1. Transformer (optional)
- 1x1. Terminal strip
- 1x2. Terminal strip

Figs. 1.5 and 1.6

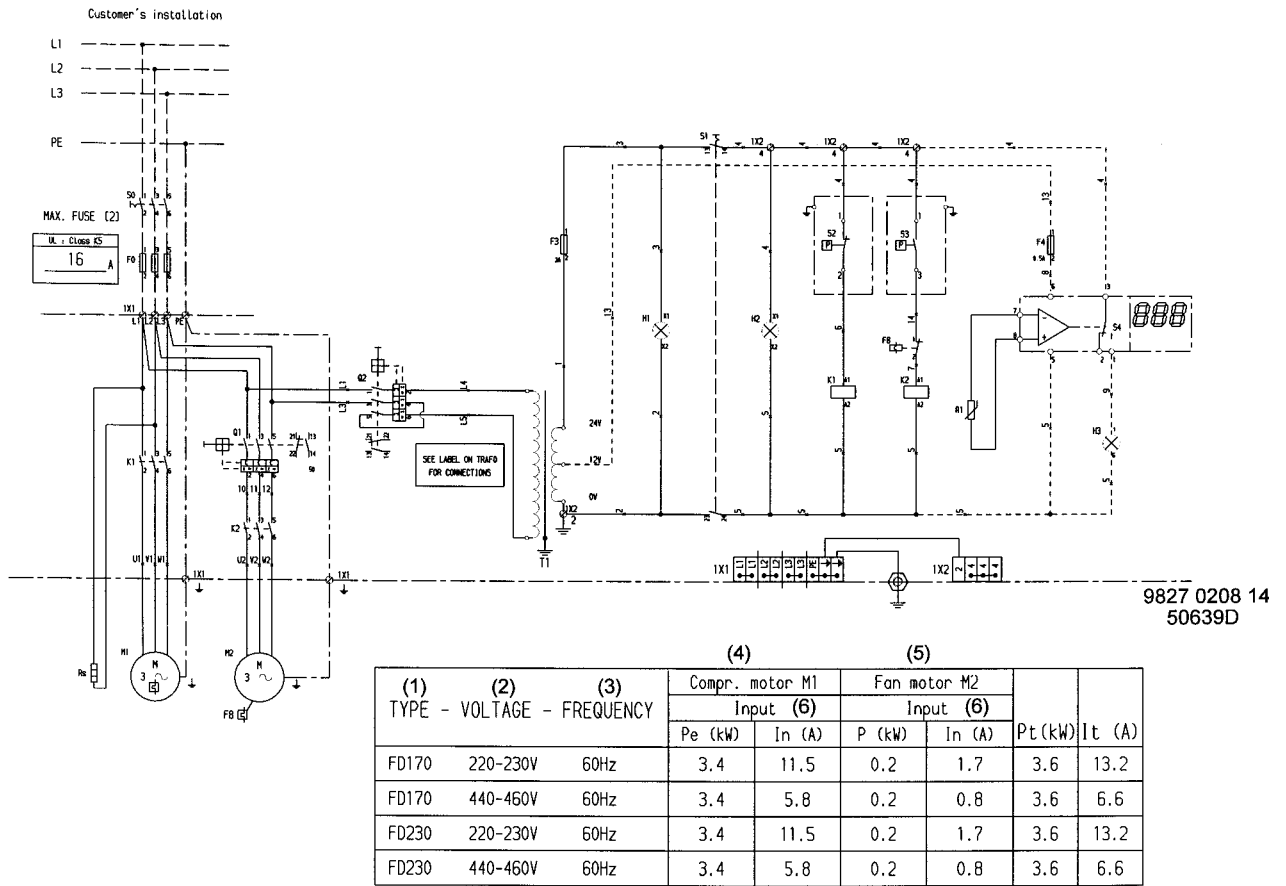


Fig. 1.5 Electrical diagram of FD170 220/440V/60Hz and FD230 220/440V/60Hz

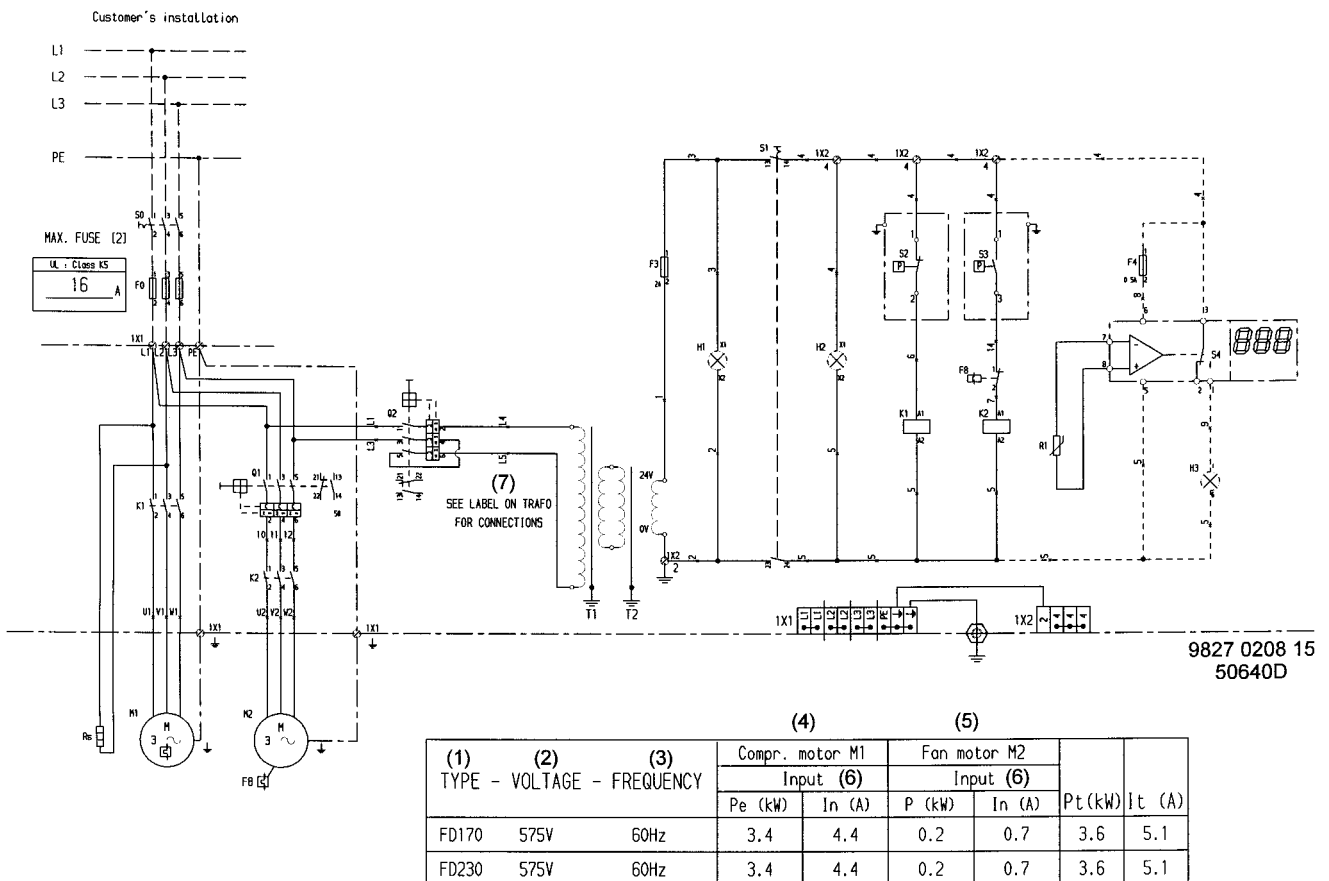


Fig. 1.6 Electrical diagram of FD170 575V/60Hz and FD 230 575V/60Hz

An electronic thermostat (Fig. 1.7) with display and alarm functions is available as an option. Display (3) shows the pressure dewpoint. The set point value, i.e. the pressure dewpoint at which the alarm indicator lamp lights up, can be checked by pressing key (5); the value will blink for approx. 5 seconds on the display. The differential value, i.e. the temperature difference between alarm on and alarm off, can be checked by pressing key (4); the value will blink on the display for approx. 5 seconds.

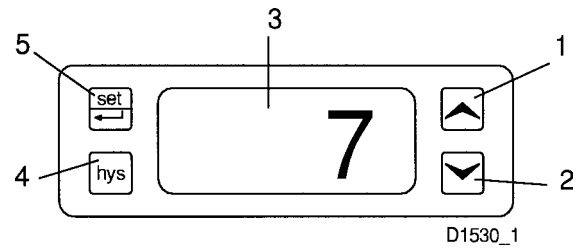
Altering the set point value (indicated "L1")

- Press key (5); the current value blinks on the display.
- Press the up (1) or down (2) key until the desired value is reached.
- To store the new value, press key (5) or wait a few seconds.

Altering the differential value (indicated "HY1")

- Press key (4); the current value blinks on the display.
- Press the up (1) or down (2) key until the desired value is reached.
- Press key (5) or wait a few seconds to store the new value.

If the temperature increases above the preset value, the alarm indicator lamp will light up.



1. Key, value up
2. Key, value down
3. Display
4. Key, differential value
5. Key, set point of maximum pressure dewpoint

Fig. 1.7 Detail of electronic dewpoint indicator (optional)

2 INSTALLATION

2.1 Dimension drawings (Figs. 2.1 and 2.2)

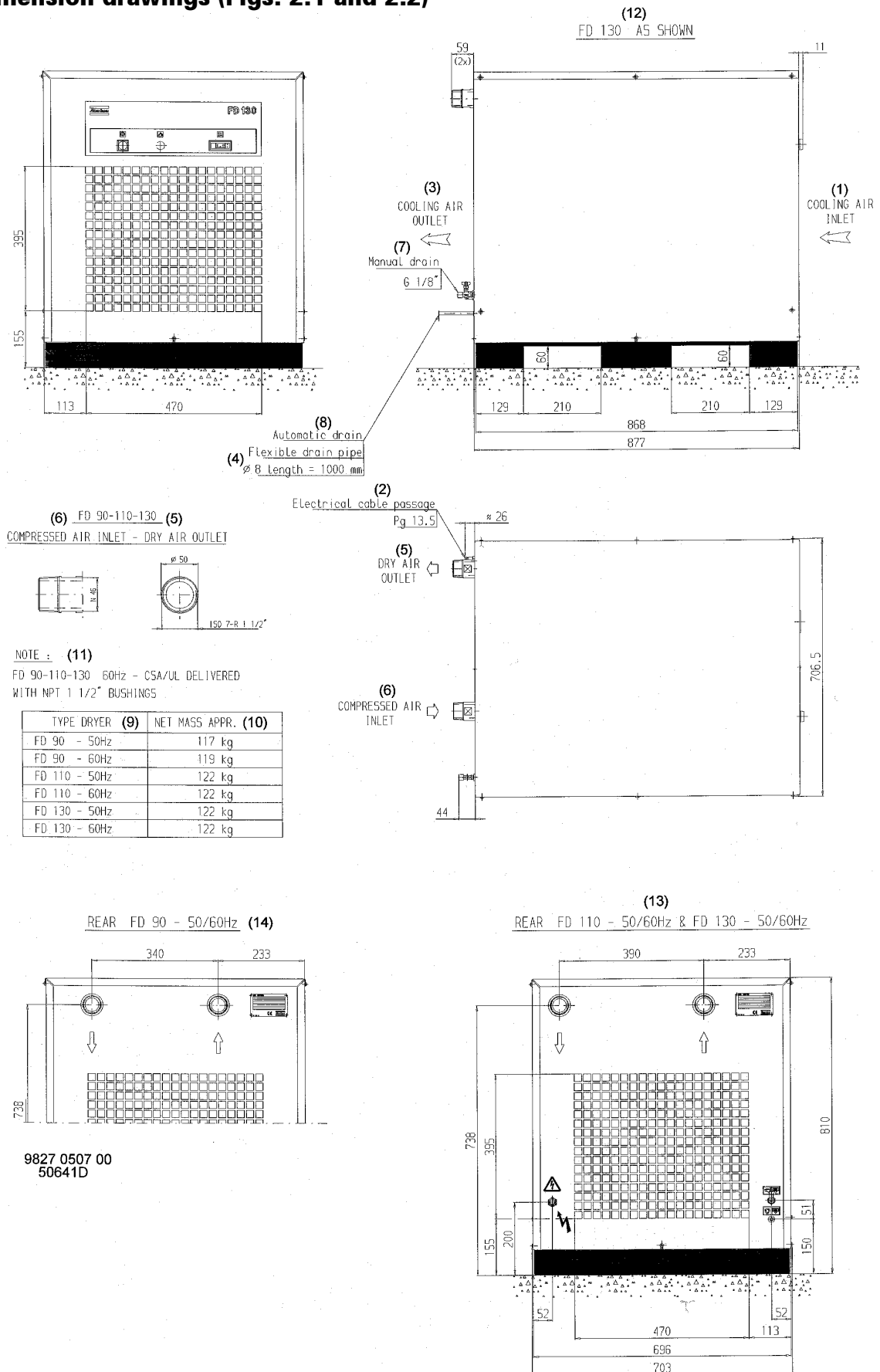


Fig. 2.1 Dimension drawing of FD90 up to FD130

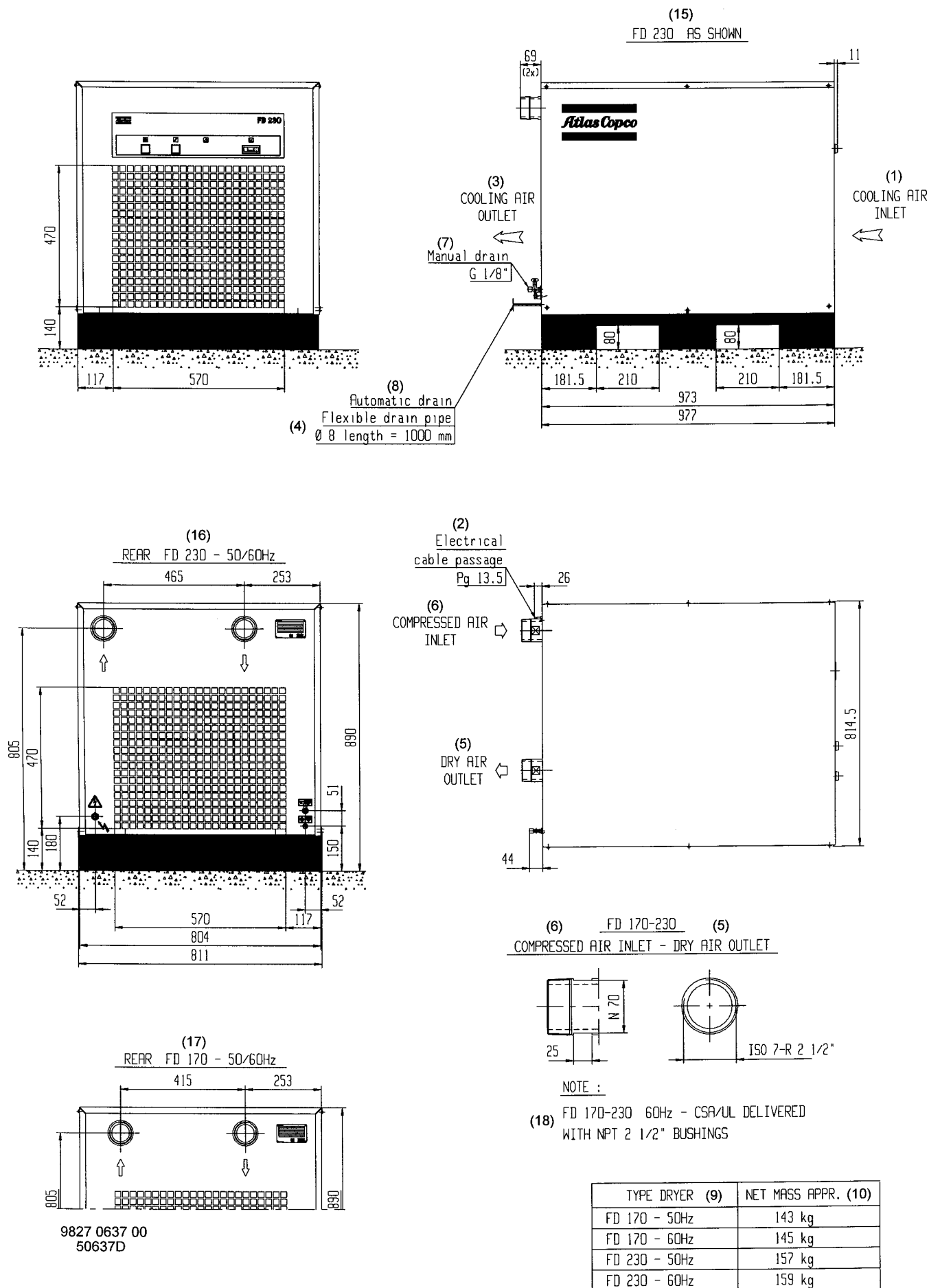
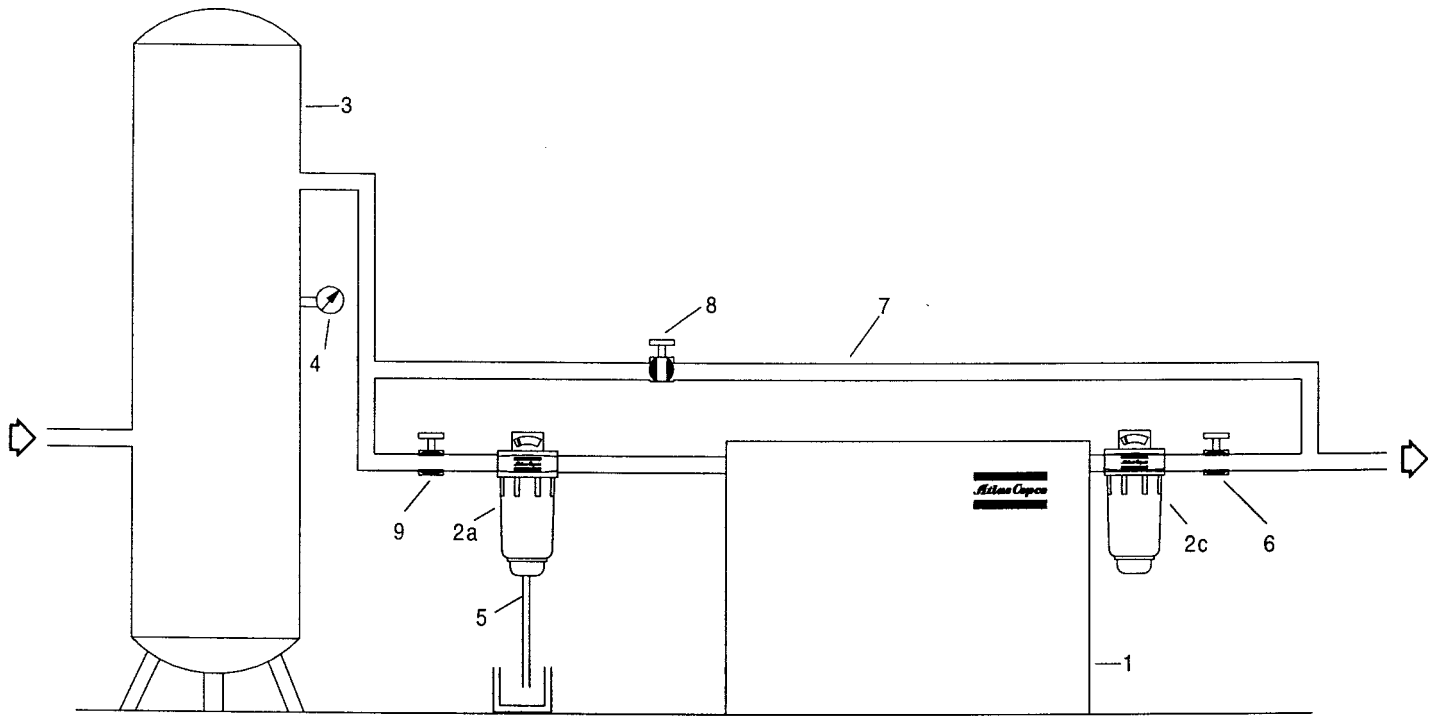


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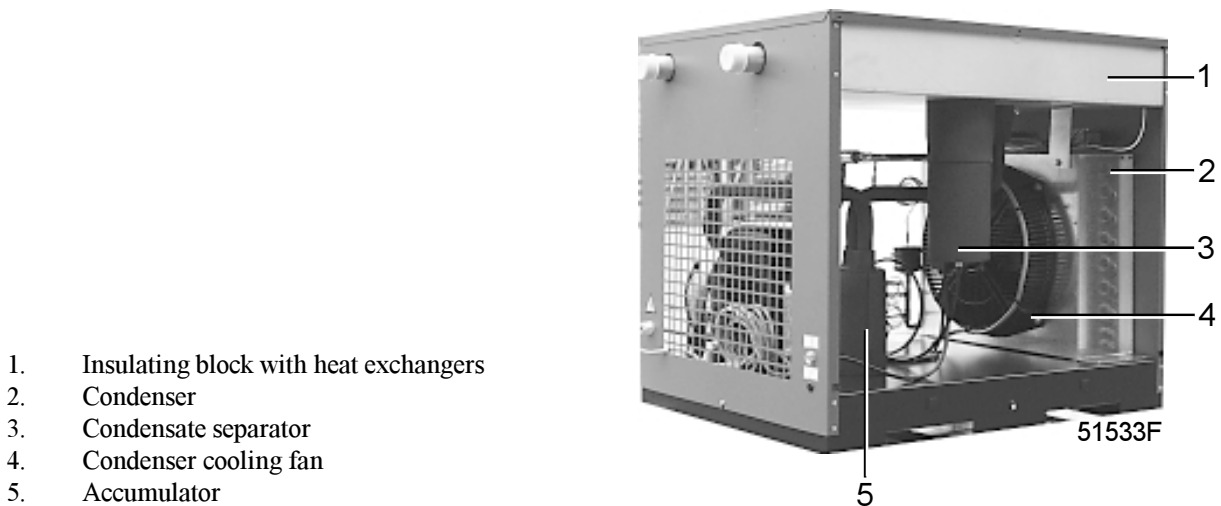
2.2 Installation proposal (Fig. 2.3)



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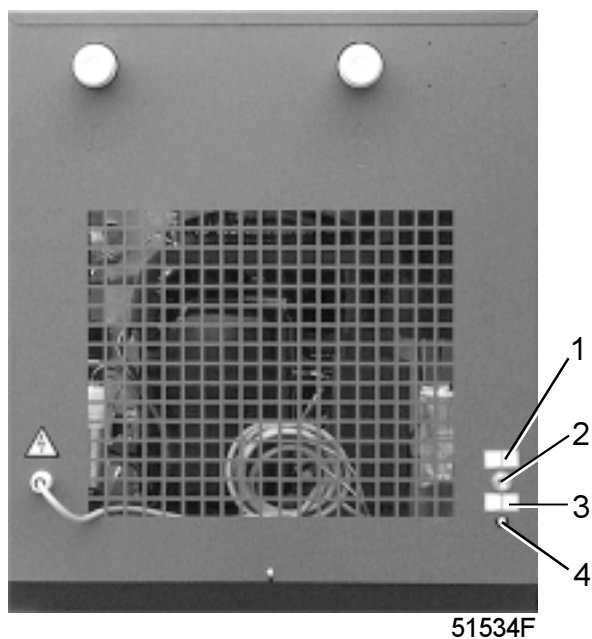
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| 1. FD dryer | 4. Pressure gauge | 7. By-pass system |
| 2a. DD-type general-purpose prefilter | 5. Drain pipe | 8. By-pass valve |
| 2c. PD-type afterfilter | 6. Dryer outlet valve | 9. Dryer inlet valve |
| 3. Air receiver with condensate drain | | |

Fig. 2.3 Installation proposal



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| 1. Insulating block with heat exchangers |
| 2. Condenser |
| 3. Condensate separator |
| 4. Condenser cooling fan |
| 5. Accumulator |

Fig. 2.4 Side view



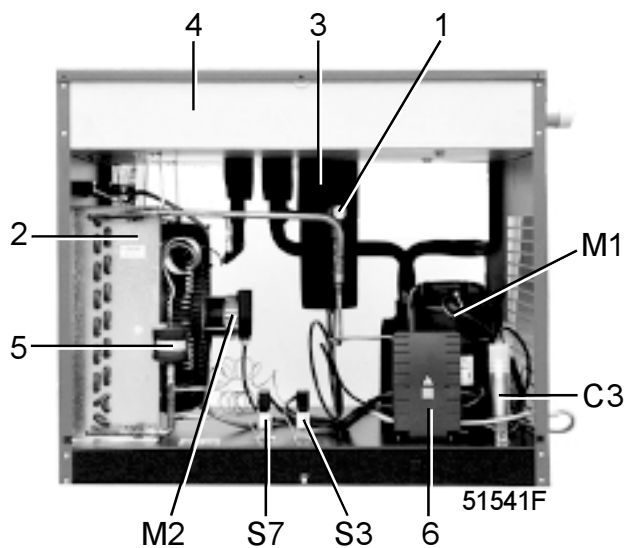
1. Pictograph, manual condensate drain
2. Manual condensate drain valve
3. Pictograph, automatic condensate drain
4. Automatic condensate drain

Fig. 2.5 Rear view

2.3 Installation instructions

1. Install the dryer where the ambient air is as clean as possible and where the temperature of the air will never exceed the limits (see section 7). Keep the ventilation gratings of the dryer free.
If necessary, take action to avoid external influences (wind, draughts, etc.) through the ventilation gratings of the dryer, as they may disturb the cooling air flow.
2. Connect the compressed air lines to the marked inlet and outlet pipes of the dryer (Figs. 2.1 and 2.2). Provide an air inlet valve and outlet valve. If a by-pass pipe and valve are installed, the dryer can be serviced while by-passing the dryer.
3. Fit manual condensate drain valve (2-Fig. 2.5).
Lay out the condensate drain hoses via a funnel towards a drain collector to allow visual inspection. The hoses must slope downwards. For draining of pure condensate, install an oil/water separator; consult Atlas Copco.
If the condensate drain has been led down outside the compressor room where it may be exposed to freezing temperatures, it must be insulated.

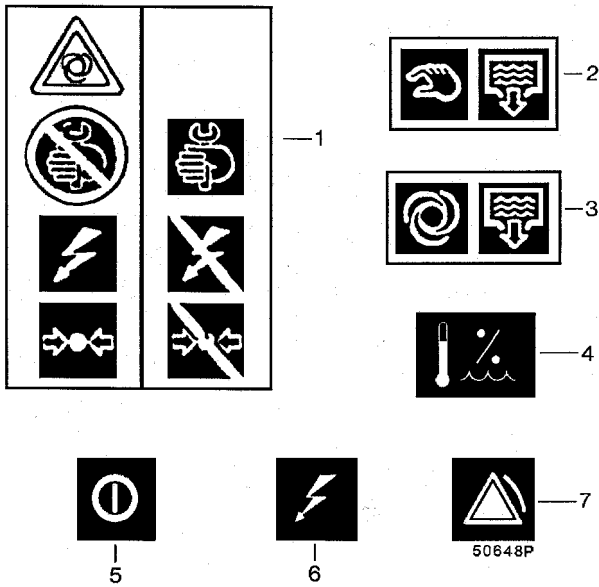
4. A sticker dealing in short with the operating instructions and explaining the pictographs is delivered with the literature set. Affix the sticker next to the control panel. Make yourself familiar with the instructions and pictographs explained.
5. **On single-phase dryers:** Fit the electric plug to the voltage supply cable. Plug in the dryer.
On 3-phase dryers: Check that the primary side connections of transformer (T1-Figs. 1.5 and 1.6) correspond with the supply voltage.
Check that the electrical installation corresponds to the local codes. The dryer must be earthed and protected against short circuits by fuses of the inert type in all phases. An isolating switch must be installed near the dryer.



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| C3. | Run capacitor |
| M1. | Refrigerant compressor |
| M2. | Condenser fan motor |
| S3. | Fan control switch |
| S7. | High pressure shut down switch |
| 1. | Hot gas by-pass valve |
| 2. | Condenser |
| 3. | Condensate trap |
| 4. | Insulating block with heat exchangers |
| 5. | Liquid refrigerant dryer/filter |
| 6. | Cubicle |

Fig. 2.6 Side view

2.4 Pictographs (Fig. 2.7)



1. Switch off and depressurize the dryer before starting maintenance or repairs
2. Manual condensate drain
3. Automatic condensate drain
4. Pressure dewpoint
5. Dryer on-off
6. Voltage on
7. Dewpoint alarm

Fig. 2.7 Pictographs

3 OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Safety precautions

The operator must apply all relevant safety precautions, including those mentioned in this book.

Altitude operation

Consult Atlas Copco if operating above 3000 m.

3.1 Initial start

1. At least 4 hours before starting, the mains supply to the dryer must be switched on to energize the crankcase heater of the refrigerant compressor.
2. **On 3-phase dryers** (see section 1.5), press on-off button (S1-Fig. 3.2). Check that the sense of rotation of fan motor (M2-Fig. 2.6) is correct. Cooling air must be drawn in through the condenser and blown over the refrigerant compressor to outside the dryer. If wrong, switch off the voltage and reverse two of the three phase connections at the mains terminals.

3.2 Starting (Figs. 3.1 and 3.2)

1. **On FD170 and FD230**, switch on the voltage 4 hours before starting to energize the crankcase heater. Voltage on lamp (H1) is alight.
2. If installed, close the dryer by-pass valve.
3. Press on-off button (S1).
4. Open the dryer air inlet valve (customer's installation).
5. Approx. 5 minutes later, open the dryer air outlet valve (customer's installation).
6. Approx. 10 minutes later, the nominal dewpoint will be reached.

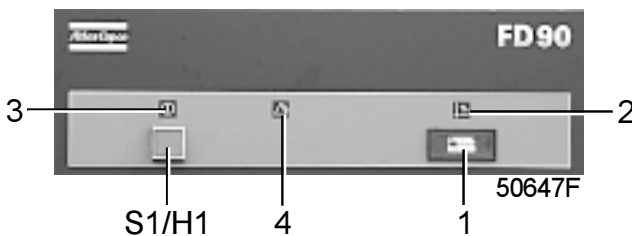


Fig. 3.1 Control panel of FD90 up to FD130 (typical example)

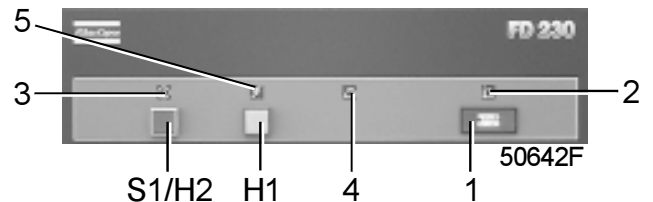


Fig. 3.2 Control panel of FD170 and FD230 (typical example)

- H1. Indicator lamp, VOLTAGE ON
- H2. Indicator lamp, DRYER RUN
- S1. Button, ON-OFF

- 1. Pressure dewpoint indicator
- 2. Pictograph, pressure dewpoint
- 3. Pictograph, dryer on-off
- 4. Pictograph, dewpoint alarm
- 5. Pictograph, voltage on

Figs. 3.1 and 3.2

3.3 During operation

Regularly check:

1. Pressure dewpoint indicator (1-Figs. 3.1 and 3.2). **1)**
2. That condensate is discharged (4-Fig. 2.5). The amount depends on the operating conditions.
3. Regularly open manual drain valve (2-Fig. 2.5) for approx. 10 seconds to discharge condensate and possible impurities.

3.4 Stopping (Figs. 3.1 and 3.2)

1. Close the dryer inlet and outlet valves (customer's installation).
2. Press on-off button (S1). The dryer stops. Voltage on lamp (H1) remains alight. **On FD170 and FD230**, the crankcase heater remains switched on. Leave the voltage on if the dryer has to remain stand-by.

4 MAINTENANCE

Cooling dryers of FD type contain refrigerant HFC.

Safety precautions

When handling refrigerant R404a, all applicable safety precautions must be observed. The following points are stressed:

- Contact of refrigerant with the skin will cause freezing. Special gloves must be worn and in case of contact, the skin should be rinsed with water. On no account may clothing be removed.
- Fluid refrigerant will also cause freezing of the eyes; therefore, **safety glasses** are a must.
- Refrigerant R404a is poisonous. Do not inhale refrigerant vapours. Check that the working area is adequately ventilated.

Local legislation may impose that:

- work in the refrigerant circuit of the cooling dryer or on any equipment which influences its function should according to the law be executed by an **authorized control body**.
- the installation should according to the law be checked once a year by an **authorized control body**.

General

- Keep the dryer clean.
- Brush or blow off the finned surface of condenser (2-Fig. 1.1) regularly.
- Once every six months inspect and clean the inner components of condensate trap (3-Fig. 2.6).

5 SETTINGS

The regulating and safety devices are factory-adjusted to obtain optimum performance of the dryer. Do not alter the setting of any of the devices.

6 PROBLEM SOLVING (Fig. 1.2)

1. Pressure dewpoint too high

- a. Air inlet temperature too high
 - a. Check and correct; if necessary, install a pre-cooler
 - b. Ambient temperature too high
 - b. Check and correct; if necessary, draw cooling air via a duct from a cooler place or relocate dryer
 - c. Air inlet pressure too low
 - c. Increase inlet pressure
 - d. Dryer capacity exceeded
 - d. Reduce air flow
 - e. Shortage of refrigerant
 - e. Have circuit checked for leaks and recharged
 - f. Refrigerant compressor (M1) does not run
 - f. See 3
 - g. Evaporator pressure too high
 - g. See 6
 - h. Condenser pressure too high
 - h. See 2

2. Condenser pressure too high or too low

- a. Fan control switch (S3) out of order
 - a. Replace
 - b. Fan or fan motor out of order
 - b. Check fan/fan motor
 - c. Ambient temperature too high
 - c. Check and correct; if necessary, draw cooling air via a duct from a cooler place or relocate dryer
 - d. Condenser externally clogged
 - d. Clean condenser

3. Compressor stops or does not start

- a. Electric power supply to compressor is interrupted
 - a. Check and correct as necessary
 - b. Thermic protection of refrigerant compressor motor (M1) has tripped
 - b. Motor will restart when motor windings have cooled down

4. Condensate trap remains inoperative

- a. Automatic drain system clogged
 - a. Flush the assembly by opening manual drain valve. Have system inspected

Footnote chapter 3

- 1) The pressure dewpoint will deviate from nominal if the air inlet conditions or volume flow differ from nominal.

5. Condensate trap continuously discharges air and water

- a. Automatic drain system out of order
- a. Have system checked

6. Evaporator pressure is too high or too low at unload

- a. Hot gas by-pass valve incorrectly set or out of order
- a. Have hot gas by-pass valve adjusted
- b. Condenser pressure too high or too low
- b. See 2
- c. Shortage of refrigerant
- c. Have circuit checked for leaks and recharged

7 PRINCIPAL DATA

7.1 Limitations/nominal conditions

		50 Hz	60 Hz
Nominal conditions			
Compressed air inlet pressure	bar(e)	7	7
Compressed air inlet temperature	Celsius	35	38
Ambient temperature	Celsius	25	38
Inlet relative vapour pressure		1	1
Pressure dewpoint	Celsius	3	4
Cooling air inlet temperature	Celsius	25	38
Limitations			
Maximum compressed air inlet pressure	bar(e)	13	13
Min.-max. ambient air temperature	Celsius	0-45	0-45
Min.-max. compressed air inlet temperature	Celsius	0-55	0-55

7.2 Specific data of FD90, FD110 and FD130 1)

		FD90	FD110	FD130
Volume flow at dryer inlet at nominal conditions	50 Hz	90	110	130
	60 Hz	92	113	135
Pressure drop through dryer at nominal conditions, approx.	bar	0.16	0.15	0.21
Electric power input	50 Hz	1.30	1.40	1.90
	60 Hz	1.80	2.30	2.30
Refrigerant				
Tetrafluoroethane CH ₂ FCF ₃		R404a	R404a	R404a
Total charge, approx.	50 Hz	0.80	1.00	1.10
	60 Hz	1.00	1.10	1.10

7.3 Specific data of FD170 and FD230 1)

			FD170	FD230
Volume flow at dryer inlet at nominal conditions	50 Hz	l/s	170	230
	60 Hz	l/s	175	235
Pressure drop through dryer at nominal conditions, approx.	50 Hz	bar	0.22	0.22
	60 Hz	bar	0.25	0.22
Electric power input	50 Hz	kW	1.90	2.40
	60 Hz	kW	3.60	3.60
Refrigerant				
Tetrafluoroethane CH ₂ FCF ₃			R404a	R404a
Total charge, approx.	50 Hz	kg	1.80	1.80
	60 Hz	kg	1.60	1.70

Footnote chapter 7

1) At nominal conditions.

8 CONVERSION LIST OF SI UNITS INTO BRITISH UNITS

1 bar = 14.504 psi	1 l = 0.220 Imp gal (UK)	1 mbar = 0.401 in wc
1 g = 0.035 oz	1 l = 0.035 cu.ft	1 N = 0.225 lbf
1 kg = 2.205 lb	1 m = 3.281 ft	1 Nm = 0.738 lbf.ft
1 km/h = 0.621 mile/h	1 mm = 0.039 in	x degrees Celsius = (32 + 1.8x) degrees
1 kW = 1.341 hp (UK and US)	1 m ³ /min = 35.315 cfm	Fahrenheit 1)
1 l = 0.264 US gal		

Footnote chapter 8

1) A temperature difference of 1 degree Celsius = a temperature difference of 1.8 degrees Fahrenheit