



## DEHUMIDIFIERS



# FDK54

## USE AND MAINTENACE MANUAL



## 1. SAFETY WARNINGS

- The FDK54 Series Dehumidifier must always be connected using the grounded electrical connection as required from all electrical appliances. The warranty is voided and all responsibility for the operation is born by the owner if non-grounded wiring is utilized.
- The FDK54 Dehumidifiers must only be maintained and serviced by a qualified technician.
- The FDK54 Dehumidifiers are intended only for operation when oriented with the unit sitting on its feet and level. Any other orientation could cause water to come in contact with the electrical components. Remove plug before moving dehumidifier. If any water may have spread throughout unit, the unit should be opened and allowed to dry thoroughly before reconnected to electric and restarting.
- For proper operation, neither the inlet or discharge should be positioned against a wall. The inlet requires a minimum of 12" clearance and the discharge needs a minimum of 24" clearance.
- For proper diffusion of air throughout the room, the dehumidifier should be positioned with the sides against a wall and the inlet and discharge perpendicular to the wall.
- Do not insert any objects into the inlet or discharge. If service is required, call a qualified technician. All work on unit should be down with the unit "off" and unplugged.
- Do not use water to clean unit exterior. Only use a damp cloth with unit unplugged.
- Do not use unit as shelf or device to hang clothes. This could cause damage to unit.
- The inlet filter generally needs cleaned once per month. Check unit on a weekly basis to ensure that more frequent cleaning is not required.

### Identification:

For future reference, write down the model, serial number, date of purchase and use this information whenever corresponding concerning your dehumidifier.

Model Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Purchase \_\_\_\_\_

### **Warning**

115 Volts AC may cause serious injury from electric shock.

1. Disconnect electrical power before servicing
2. Plug unit only into grounded electrical outlet
3. Do not use extension cord
4. Do not use plug adapter

Power Supply: 115V, 60 Hz  
AC Only 1 Phase  
Outlet Requirement: 3-Prong  
Circuit Protector: Only compressor thermal and overload relay protector  
Circuit Breaker Fuse on PCB supply

## **2. DESCRIPTION OF THE MACHINE**

### **Functioning**

This dehumidifier is a refrigerating cycle dehumidifier: its functioning is based on a physical principle according to which the air, coming into contact with a cooled surface, wets the surface by covering it with humidity in the form of condensed drops, or ice with low ambient temperature. What really happens is that a refrigerating machine maintains in a refrigerated state the coil through which is conveyed the incoming air that, in this way, is cooled and dehumidified. Then the air, passing through a warm heat-exchanger, heats up and returns in the room dehumidified and at a slightly higher temperature.

The FDK54 Dehumidifier is a refrigerating machine which utilizes its Electronic Board for Room Humidity control and Defrosting Device control. When the relative humidity goes above the selected set point, the dehumidifier will energize. Air, moved by an electric fan, is drawn across an evaporator coil. The evaporator coil is cooler than the dew point of the air so moisture will condense out of the air.

Air is then reheated through the condenser coil and distributed back into the room at a little bit higher temperature and lower Relative Humidity.

If the room temperature is lower than about 32°F, the condensed moisture become ice; In this case every roughly 30 minutes, a defrost device allows, tanks a Solenoid Valve, hot gas supplied by the compressor enter the evaporator melting the ice.

## **3. INSTALLATION**

The area to be controlled should be sealed with a vapor barrier. If installed in a crawlspace, all vents should be sealed.

- Place dehumidifier on level surface

**CAUTION** – Once unit is positioned, if the machine didn't remain always in vertical position, wait minimum 5 hours before turning the unit "on." The Electronic board manages the compressor start and stop to prevent the compressor starts too close.

- Route drain line (3/4" ID tubing) to drain condensed water outside of the area.
- Plug unit into 10 amp grounded outlet.
- To operate unit, press Power key until unit energizes.
  - Confirm compressor is running and allow to run for minimum of 15 minutes
    - If under 70°F, a layer of ice will form on evaporator coil
    - If over 70°F, a layer of frost or water droplets will form on coil
- After you've confirmed satisfactory operation of unit, humidistat should be set at desired position for automatic operation.

**NOTE:** Humidistat settings are approximate only. For critical applications, you may want to confirm actual settings with a psychrometer and adjust according.

### 3. CONTROL

#### Signalling panel

Units are provided with signalling light panel that indicates unit operational status. Below is reported a brief description of their meaning.

#### Control panel

The Electronic card with microprocessor, control many functions:



POWER

**Power LED;** it's on when the machine is in the ON state.



ALARM

**Alarm LED;** it's on when an alarm comes on. It turns off if the alarm is reset.



WORKING

**Working LED;** the LED is on when the compressor is running, blinks when the dehumidifier is waiting to restart or is in defrost. It's switched off when, in the ON state, the set of desired humidity has been reached.

**ON/OFF function;** plugged into the outlet (with ground wire!), the display turns on and shows the relative humidity in the room.

The machine is in the OFF state when the Power LED is off. It's in the ON state when the Power LED is on.

When OFF, to switch on the dehumidifier, simply press the POWER key and depending on the relative humidity set the machine starts working.

When the machine reaches the level of required moisture goes into stand-by mode: automatically stops but remains in the ON state (POWER LED on).

If the humidity goes above the set point the dehumidifier starts again.

When ON to put the dehumidifier in OFF just press the POWER button (the display continues to indicate the humidity in the room).

Note: putting the machine OFF and immediately ON, the compressor does not start immediately and the Run led starts to flash. After a time of 210 seconds the machine restarts.



POWER

**HUMIDITY/TEMPERATURE SET function;** press one of the SET-/+ : the display starts flashing to indicate the humidity set; continuing to press SET-/+ you can bring to the set of required moisture (from 30% to 80%). After 4 seconds the display stops flashing and the new set of moisture is detected by the control unit.





It's possible to make the machine works regardless of the degree of moisture holding SET- until the message "Cont" appears.



HOURS

**HOUR COUNTER:** to show on the display the machine operating time push switch HOURS.

## **4. UNIT ALARMS**

<b>PROBLEM</b>	<b>PROBABLE CAUSE and CORRECTIVE ACTION</b>
 ALARM + "Lo t"	It occurs for two possible reasons: the environment temperature is too low or the defrost cycles are not able to melt the ice in the battery. To reset put the dehumidifier above 50°F, if not reset put the dehumidifier off with POWER button and unplug the machine.
 ALARM + "LoPt"	Possible lack of gas in the circuit. The alarm resets automatically after 210 seconds. If the alarm does not reset simultaneously press and SET HOURS + for 10 seconds. If the problem occurs again, call for service.
 ALARM + "HI t"	Combination of temperature and humidity too high. The alarm resets automatically when the temperature drops.
"Prob"	Malfunction humidostat. In any case, the machine continues to operate. Contact the service to replace the humidostat.
 ALARM + "Pro1" o "Pro2" o "Pro3"	Malfunction of one of the three temperature probes. The dehumidifier goes into stand-by mode. Contact the service to replace the probes.

## **5. FIRST STARTING OF MACHINE**

Before starting the dehumidifier, make sure that the machine has been standing in vertical position for at least 5 hours. If one fails to observe this procedure, irreparable damage may be caused to the compressor. Then one can proceed and connect the dehumidifier plug to a 115 V - one phase power socket. If the dehumidifier is still off, set a lower value of humidity on the control panel . After about 3 minutes the dehumidifier **will start dehumidifying**.

## **6. PERIODICAL MAINTENANCE**

### **Air Filter Cleaning**

The only required periodical maintenance is the cleaning of the filter **once every month**, or more often if the environment is very dusty or the dehumidifier is working for many hours every day. The cleaning must be done by placing the filter under a water jet with the drilled panel facing the floor so that the water jet may push the filter towards the drilled panel. After a few years running, may be necessary to make a cleaning of the warm heat exchanger (condenser) by using compressed air. This operation must be done by a specialized technician. This cleaning will improve the performances and the long life of the machine.

**Note: You can require spare filters from your dealer's service.**

**Warning:** Never apply an external source of heat to melt ice off coil.

Maintenance – Annual Inspection of Coils and drain line is required.

1. Unplug Unit
2. Filter may be cleaned by
  - a. Vacuuming
  - b. Washing with warm, soapy water. Rinse and shake dry.
3. Coils may be cleaned by
  - a. Vacuuming the external surfaces of coil
  - b. Blowing compressed air from behind coils. Hold air nozzle 6" away from coil to avoid damage.

**Warning:** Do not steam clean refrigerant coils.

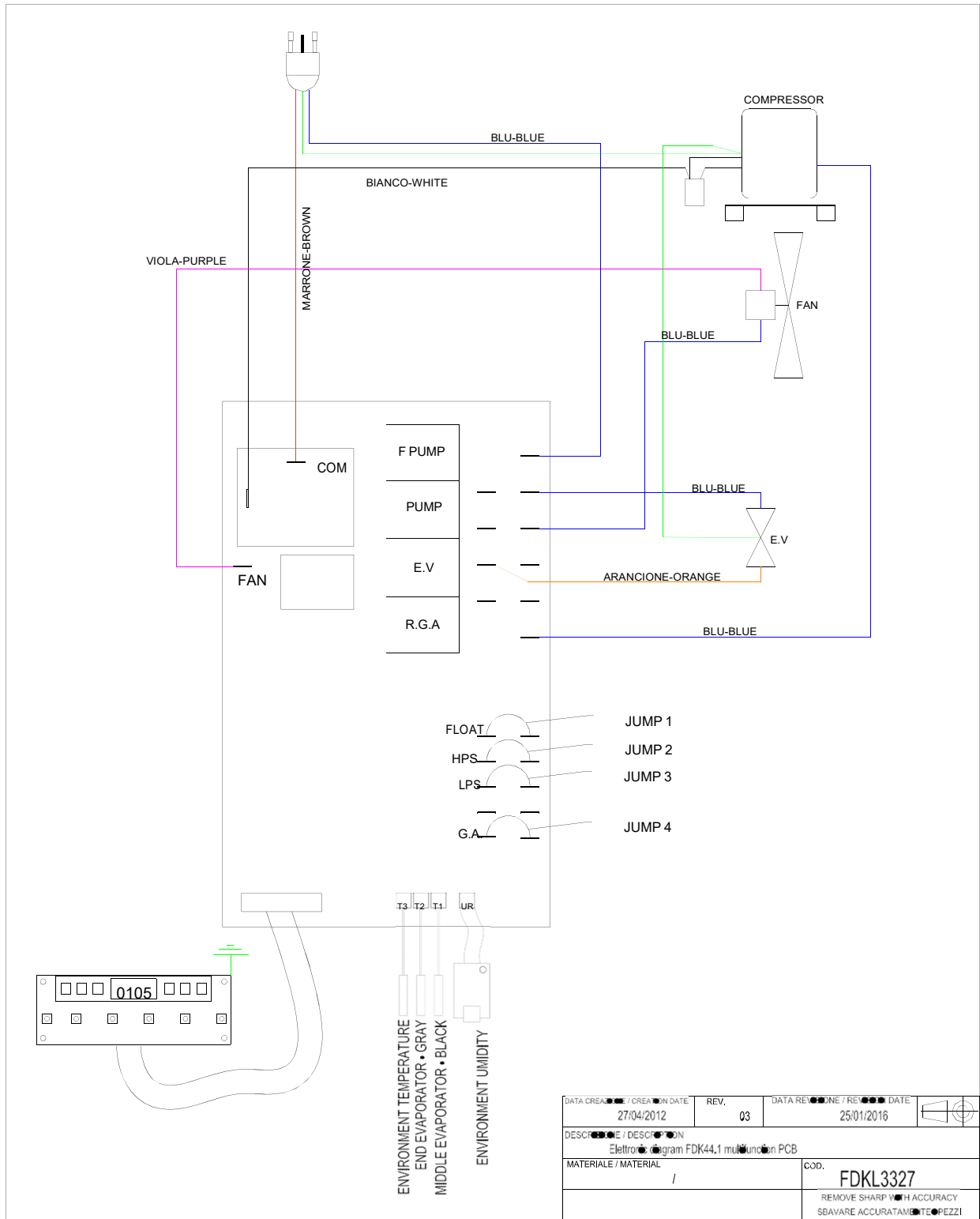
4. Plug in Unit
5. Test Refrigerant Charge
  - a. Confirm compressor is running and allow to run for minimum of 15 minutes
    - i. If under 70°F, a layer of ice will form on evaporator coils
    - ii. If over 70°F, a layer of frost or water droplets will form on coil
6. Test Defrost System
  - a. Leave unit running for approximately 30 minutes (45-55 minutes). The unit should enter a defrost mode for approximately 5 minutes. The unit will enter a defrost mode with the compressor operating and fan off to defrost the coil. If the unit will not defrost, either
    - i. Control board may be defective
    - ii. Bypass valve may be defective
7. After routine maintenance has been completed, return humidistat to desired setting.

If any problems occur during routine maintenance, contact your contractor or the factory.

## 7. TECHNICAL DATA

Rated Average Power Consumption	(at 68°F, 60% R.H.)	480 W
Max. Absorbed Current	(at 95°F, 70% R.H.) F.L.A.	6.7 A
Air Flow		280 cfm
Refrigerant		R410A
Standard Defrosting Control System		electronic
Hot gas defrosting control system		termost./ electronic
Condensed Water Draining Pipe Connection		3 / 4 " M
Functioning Relative Humidity Range (Temperature range 33,8°F-89,6°F)		35 - 99 %
Functioning Relative Humidity Range (Temperature range 89,6°F-96,8°F)		35 - 78 %
Rated Condensation Capacity	(at 80°F-60%)	54 ppd
Weight		75 lb
Dimensions LxDxH		14,2 x 22,85 x 16,5 in
Voltage :		115V / 1ph / 60Hz

## 8. ELECTRIC DIAGRAM





## LIMITED WARRANTY (FRAL FDK54, FDK70 AND FDK100 MODELS)

Customer should not repackage and ship the Fral FDK 54, FDK70 and/or FDK100 (the “*Product*”) unit due to possibility of irreparable damage. For warranty service, please contact Aerus Customer Service by calling 1-888-764-0693 or via email at support@aerusonline.com.

### WHAT IS COVERED BY THIS WARRANTY

Aerus is pleased to pass through to customers the warranties provided to Aerus by Fral, SRL. Specifically, the Product is warranted to the Customer, subject to the conditions herein, as follows: (i) the Product will be free of material defects in workmanship and material, for a period of **Two (2) years** following the date of initial purchase of such Product by an original customer from an authorized reseller (“*Customer*”); and (ii) the Product’s condenser, evaporator, and compressor will be free of material defects in workmanship or materials for a period of **five (5) years** following the date of initial purchase of such Product by a Customer.

### LIMITATION OF REMEDIES.

CUSTOMER’S SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY UNDER THIS LIMITED WARRANTY AND AERUS’ ENTIRE LIABILITY HEREUNDER, SHALL BE, AT THE SOLE OPTION OF AERUS, REPLACEMENT OR REPAIR OF SUCH PRODUCT OR ITS COMPONENTS (“*COMPONENTS*”) BY AERUS OR AERUS’ AGENTS ONLY. REFRIGERANT, PIPING, SUPPLIES, TRANSPORTATION COSTS, LABOR COSTS INCURRED IN REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF SUCH COMPONENTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THIS DISCLAIMER AND EXCLUSION SHALL APPLY EVEN IF THE EXPRESS WARRANTY AND LIMITED REMEDY SET FORTH HEREIN FAILS OF ITS ESSENTIAL PURPOSE. CUSTOMER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE OF AERUS OR OF ITS AFFILIATES OR RESELLERS IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY ON BEHALF OF AERUS OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES OR RESELLERS THAT IS NOT IN THIS WARRANTY.

### WARRANTY LIMITATIONS

This warranty is expressly conditioned upon proper installation, operation, cleaning, and maintenance, all in accordance with the Owner’s Manual. Failure to meet any of these requirements will void this warranty. Servicing of the Product by parties other than Aerus’ authorized representatives and/or using parts other than genuine parts will also void this warranty. Not for commercial use. Ordinary wear and tear shall not be considered a defect in workmanship or material. These warranties do not apply for loss or damage caused by accident, fire, abuse, misuse, improper installation, leaking, modification, misapplication, weather, freezing, lack of normal care, failure to follow written instructions or any repairs other than those provided by our authorized Service Center. This warranty is non-transferable and does not cover consumable items such as filters.

### CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

As a further condition to obtaining warranty coverage hereunder, the Customer must send a valid warranty claim to Aerus such that Aerus receives such claim prior to the end of the applicable warranty period. Aerus shall have no obligation hereunder with respect to any claim received by Aerus after the expiration of the applicable warranty period. As a further condition to obtaining warranty coverage hereunder, the Customer must present forms of invoices evidencing proof of purchase of a Product. If such invoices do not clearly indicate the date of initial purchase by a Customer, the applicable Product’s date of manufacture will be used instead of the date of initial purchase for the purpose of calculating the commencement of the applicable warranty period. Warranty service must be performed by Aerus or a servicer authorized by Aerus. In order to obtain warranty service, the Customer should call Aerus at 1-888-764-0693 or via email at support@aerusonline.com, which will then arrange for applicable warranty service. Warranty service will be performed during customary, daytime working hours. If the Product must be shipped for service, Customer shall be solely responsible for properly packaging the Product, for all freight charges, and for all risk of loss associated with shipment.

## **HOW TO OBTAIN WARRANTY SERVICE**

Customer must contact Aerus Customer Service by calling 1-888-764-0693 or via email at support@aerusonline.com and provide proof of purchase within the above time periods. We will repair or replace and return the product, without charge and within a reasonable period of time, subject to the conditions herein, if our examination shall disclose any part to be defective in workmanship or material. If we, in our discretion, are unable to repair the product after a reasonable number of attempts, we will provide either a refund of the purchase price or a replacement unit, at the company's option. We reserve the right to inspect and/or require conformation of installation method.

## **UNAUTHORIZED CHANNELS**

Warranties are voided if a product is purchased through unauthorized channels; this includes websites that are not authorized to use our trademarked names, images, and logos as well as Internet auction sites (e.g. eBay and Craigslist). To confirm warranty coverage prior to purchasing a product, contact Customer Service with the product serial number.

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WE SHALL NOT IN ANY CASE BE LIABLE FOR SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES ARISING FROM BREACH OF EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES, CONDITIONS, GUARANTEES, OR REPRESENTATIONS, BREACH OF CONTRACT, NEGLIGENCE, OR ANY OTHER LEGAL THEORY. Such excluded damages include, but are not limited to, loss of profits or revenue, and loss of the use of the products, and any loss caused by leaks or other water damage.

## **FOR U.S. APPLICATION ONLY**

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state. Some states do not allow limitations on warranties, or on remedies for breach. In such states, the above limitations may not apply to you.

## **FOR CANADIAN APPLICATION ONLY**

Exclusion of Subsequent Owners: Except as otherwise required by applicable legislation, this warranty is not transferable. This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights which vary from province to province. Some provinces and territories do not allow limitations on warranties, or on remedies for breach. In such provinces or territories, the above limitations may not apply to you.

If any provision of this warranty or part thereof is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions or parts thereof will not in any way be affected or impaired within the jurisdiction of that court. This entire warranty shall continue to be valid, legal, and enforceable in any jurisdiction where a similar determination has not been made.

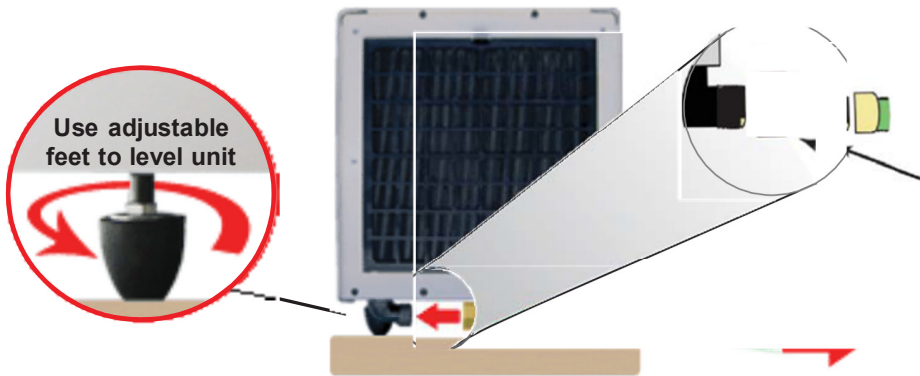
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Bristol, VA 24201

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# GRAVITY DRAIN INSTALLATION

## Step 1 Level Unit



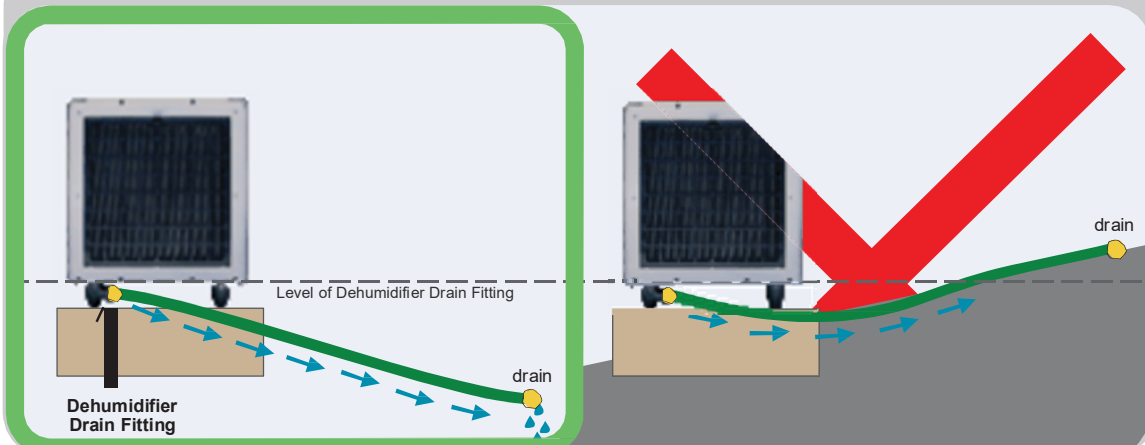
Screw female end of drain line onto Fral drain. The Fral dehumidifier comes with a fixed drain outlet underneath the machine, it is a standard garden hose thread" (GHT), which is 3/4" diameter straight

Run line down to drain, condensate pump or sump pump.

Note well: If the machine does not have adjustable feet, check that it is properly leveled.

## Step 3 Run Drain Line

### Option 1: Gravity Drain Installation

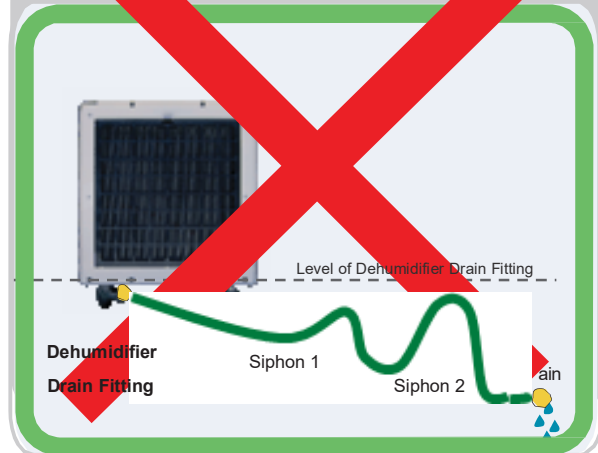


**IMPORTANT:** The drain hose must run downward and stay below the level of dehumidifier drain fitting.

**WARNING:** No part of hose can be above level of dehumidifier drain fitting. Water will not go above this level and will flood the dehumidifier.

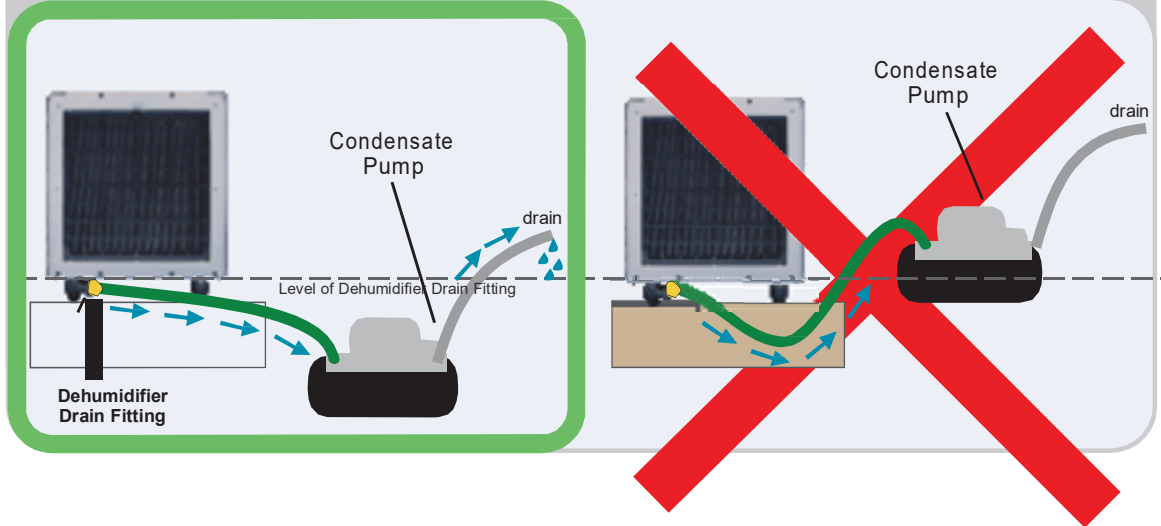
**NOTICE:** It is very important to get a *constant gravity flow* from the unit to the condensate pump. Make sure no part of the hose is higher than the bottom of the drain fitting. **Note:** The drain elbow is spot welded to the base of the unit to allow proper venting of drain line. If any water leaks at this joint, please check for restrictions or low spots in drain line

### Option 2: Gravity Drain Installation



**WARNING:** Double siphon is not allowed because it not allow correct drainage of water

## Option 2: Condensate Pump Installation



**IMPORTANT:** The drain hose from dehumidifier to pump must run downward and stay below the level of dehumidifier drain fitting. Tubing line from pump can run up to 20 feet upward and out into drain.

**WARNING:** Hose line going from dehumidifier into pump must run downward. Water will not go above the level of dehumidifier drain fitting and will flood the dehumidifier.