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BEFORE INSTALLING THE UNIT:

Model Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_  
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## MODEL 59146

### Roof-Top Heat Pump used with Air Distribution Box Kit

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THIS UNIT IS DESIGNED FOR OEM OR AFTER MARKET INSTALLATION  
ALL INITIAL INSTALLATIONS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE SALES DEPT.

#### **DANGER**

This unit must be serviced by an authorized serviceman. Modification of the appliance can be extremely hazardous and could lead to serious injury or death.

#### **DANGER**

Cet appareil doit être réparé seulement par un réparateur autorisé. Modification de l'appareil pourrait être extrêmement dangereuse, et pourrait causer mal ou mort.



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## INSTALLATION & OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

## MODEL 59146

## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. The roof top heat pump was designed to operate in a MILD GEOGRAPHICAL AREA for heating where the heat loss is minimum. The Heat Pump will operate down to an outside ambient temperature of 40 degrees. At 40 degrees, the outdoor thermostat will turn off the heat pump circuit. As long as the temperature remains below 40 degrees, the main furnace will heat your home. As the outside temperature increases to 45 degrees, the outdoor thermostat switches back to the heat pump circuit.

The advantages of the Heat Pump Air Conditioner are:

- 1) User friendly- only one unit for both heating and cooling.
- 2) When used in mild climates where the outdoor temperature range is 40 degrees or higher, an L.P. furnace is not needed.
- 3) Heat pump heating uses the campsite electrical hookup; therefore, you save on trips to refill L.P. tanks.

**NOTE: Geographical location usage should be determined before omitting a central furnace.**

B. This air conditioner is designed for:

- 1) Installation on a recreational vehicle at the time the vehicle is manufactured or aftermarket installations.
- 2) Mounting on the roof of a recreational vehicle.
- 3) Connection to an air distribution box system.
- 4) Roof construction with rafters/joists on minimum of 16 inch centers.
- 5) Minimum of 1.75 inches and maximum of 4.50 inches distance between roof to ceiling of recreational vehicle. Alternate installation methods will allow for roofs more than 4.50 inches thick.
- 6) **Read installation and operating instructions carefully before starting your air conditioner installation.**
- 7) The Dometic Corporation will not be liable for any damages or injury incurred due to failure in following these instructions.
- 8) Installation **must** comply with the National Electrical Code and any State or Local Codes or regulations.
- 9) **DO NOT** add any devices or accessories to this air conditioner except those specifically authorized by Dometic.
- 10) **This equipment must be serviced by qualified personnel and some states require these people to be licensed.**

## SPECIFICATIONS

MODEL NO.	59146
Nominal Capacity (BTU/HR)	15,000
Electrical Rating	115 VAC, 60 Hz., 1 PH.
Compressor Rated Load Amps	12.9
Fan Motor Rated Load Amps	2.5
Compressor Locked Rotor Amps	71.0
Fan Motor Locked Rotor Amps	12.8
Power, Cooling (KW)	1.95
SCFM-High Speed Max./Min.	450/300
Refrigerant (R22) oz.	34.5
Minimum Wire Size *	12 AWG Copper Up to 24 ft.
Circuit Protection	20 Amp Time Delay Fuse or HACR Circuit Breaker
Installed Weight (Pounds)	110
Minimum Generator Size **	1 Unit 3.5 KW 2 Units 5.0 KW

\* For distances over 24 ft. consult the National Electrical Code.

\*\* The Dometic Corporation gives **GENERAL** guidelines for generator requirements. These guidelines come from experiences people have had in actual applications. When sizing the generator, the total power usage must be considered. Also keep in mind generators lose power at high altitudes and from lack of maintenance.

## 2. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### A. CONTROLS:

- 1) The Selector Switch controls fan speed, heating mode, and cooling modes.
- 2) The thermostat controls the compressor ON/OFF operation in a temperature range of 65° to 90°F.

### B. COOLING OPERATION:

- 1) Set the thermostat at the desired temperature level.
- 2) Select the fan speed that best satisfies your needs:
  - a) **HIGH COOL:** Selected when maximum cooling and dehumidification required.
  - b) **LOW COOL:** Selected when room at desired comfort level and needs to be maintained. Normally this speed used for night time operation.

**NOTE:** The blower runs continuously to circulate air and maintain an even temperature. The compressor will come on as cooling is required to maintain the selected temperature level.

**⚠ WARNING**

**AFTER SHUTTING THE AIR CONDITIONER DOWN WITH EITHER SELECTOR SWITCH OR THERMOSTAT, WAIT AT LEAST TWO (2) MINUTES BEFORE RESTARTING. THIS ALLOWS THE REFRIGERANT PRESSURE TO EQUALIZE AND COMPRESSOR TO RESTART EASILY. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS INSTRUCTION MAY CAUSE CIRCUIT BREAKER OR FUSE TO OPEN.**

**C. FAN OPERATION:**

This will circulate the air in your RV without cooling or heating. There are two positions: HIGH FAN or LOW FAN to select from, depending upon personal choice and model.

**D. HEATING OPERATION:**

**NOTE:** The heat pump will not replace a furnace for heating your RV in cold weather. The intent is to warm the coach during mild winter weather.

- 1) Turn the selector switch to:
  - a) High heat
  - b) Low heat
- 2) Set the thermostat to your comfort level.
- 3) The fan and compressor will come on and begin heating.
- 4) When the desired temperature level is reached, the compressor will cycle as required to maintain selected temperature. The blower will run continuously to circulate air and maintain an even temperature.

**E. "OFF" POSITION:** This is to turn Unit off.

**3. MAINTENANCE**

**A. AIR FILTER:**

Periodically remove the return air filter located above the removable panel in the air box. Wash the filter with soap and warm water, let dry and the reinstall.

**NOTE:** Never run the air conditioner without return air filter in place. This may plug the unit evaporator coil with dirt and may substantially affect the performance of the unit.

**B. AIR BOX HOUSING:**

Clean air box housing and control panel with a soft cloth dampened with a mild detergent. Never use furniture polish or scouring powders.

**C. FAN MOTOR:**

Factory lubricated and requires no service under normal use.

**D. FROST FORMATION ON COOLING COIL:**

Under certain conditions, frost may form on the evaporator coil. If this should occur, inspect the filter and clean if dirty. Make sure air louvers are not obstructed.

Air conditioners have a greater tendency to frost when the outside temperature is relatively low. This may be prevented by adjusting the thermostat control knob to a warmer setting (counter clockwise). Should frosting continue, operate on HIGH FAN setting until the cooling coil is free of frost.

**4. REDUCING HEAT GAIN**

The ability of the air conditioner to maintain the desired inside temperature depends on the heat gain of the RV. Some preventative measures taken by the occupants of the RV can reduce the heat gain and improve the performance of the air conditioner. During extremely high outdoor temperatures, the heat gain of the vehicle may be reduced by:

- A. Parking the RV in a shaded area
- B. Using window shades (blinds and/or curtains)
- C. Keeping windows and doors shut or minimizing usage
- D. Avoiding the use of heat producing appliances

Starting the air conditioner early in the morning and giving it a "head start" on the expected high outdoor ambient will greatly improve its ability to maintain the desired indoor temperature.

**NOTE**

The manufacturer of this air conditioner will not be responsible for damage caused by condensed moisture on ceilings or other surfaces. Air contains moisture and this moisture tends to condense on cold surfaces. When air enters the RV, condensed moisture may appear on the ceiling, windows, metal parts, etc. The air conditioner removes this moisture from the air during normal operation. Keeping doors and windows closed when this air conditioner is in operation will minimize condensed moisture on cold surfaces.

**5. SERVICE - Unit Does Not Operate**

If your unit fails to operate or operated improperly, check the following before calling your service center.

- A. If RV connected to motor generator, check to be sure motor generator is running and producing power.
- B. If RV connected to power supply by a land line, check to be sure line is sized properly to run air conditioner load and it is plugged into power supply.
- C. Check your fuse or circuit breaker to see if it is open.
- D. After the above checks, call your local service center for further help. This unit must serviced by qualified service personnel only.

**When calling for service, always give the following:**

1. **Air Conditioner Model and Serial Number found on rating plate located on base pan of air conditioner bottom.**
2. **Air Distribution Box Kit Part and Serial Number found on rating plate located on ceiling template. Observe this rating plate through the air discharge louver of Air Distribution Box.**

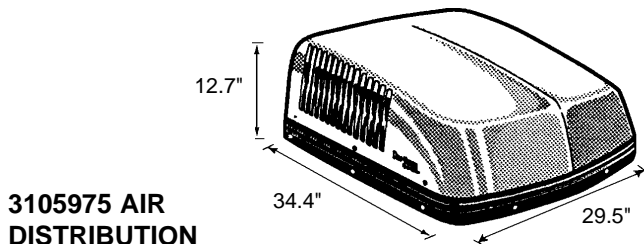
## 6. INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

### A. PRECAUTIONS

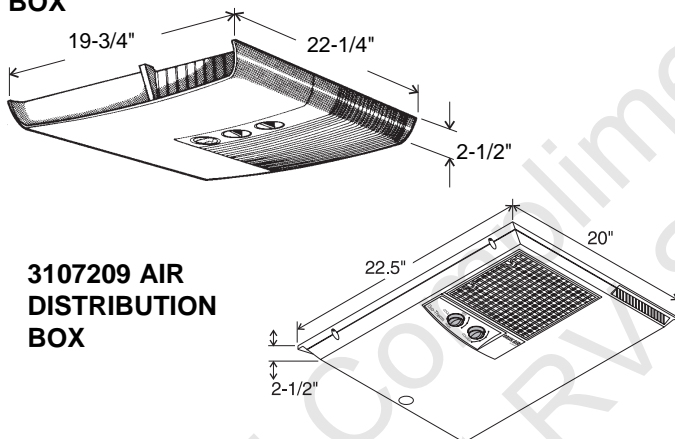
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**IMPROPER INSTALLATION MAY DAMAGE EQUIPMENT, COULD ENDANGER LIFE, CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.**

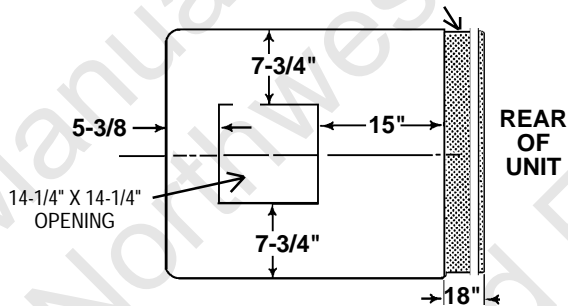
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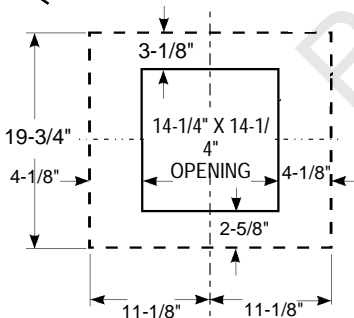


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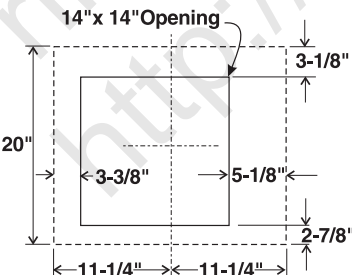


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### B. CHOOSING LOCATION FOR THE AIR CONDITIONER

This air conditioner is specifically designed for installation on the roof of a recreational vehicle (RV).

#### 1) **NORMAL LOCATIONS:**

The air conditioner is designed to fit over an existing roof vent opening. When the vent is removed, it normally creates a 14" x 14" opening.

#### 2) **OTHER LOCATIONS:**

When no roof vent is available or another location is desired, the following is recommended:

**For one unit installation:** The air conditioner should be mounted slightly forward of center (front to back) and centered from side to side.

**For two unit installations:** Install one air conditioner 1/3 and one air conditioner 2/3's from front of RV and centered from side to side.

It is preferred that this air conditioner be installed in a relatively flat and level roof section measured with the RV parked on a level surface; however,

- a) Up to a 15° slant to either side or front-to-back is acceptable on 591 Series Heat Pumps.

#### 3) **AFTER LOCATION SELECTION:**

- a) Check for obstructions in the area where air conditioner will be installed.
- b) The roof must be designed to support 130 pounds when the RV is in motion. Normally a 200 lb. static load design will meet this requirement.
- c) Check inside the RV for air box obstructions. (i.e. door openings, room dividers, curtains, ceiling fixtures, etc.)



## C. ROOF PREPARATION

### 1) ROOF VENT REMOVAL:

- Unscrew and remove the roof vent.
- Remove all caulking compound around opening.
- Seal all screw holes and seams where the roof gasket will be located. Use a good grade of all weather sealer.

### 2) NEW OPENING:

(Installations Other Than Vent Openings)

#### **⚠ WARNING**

**DISCONNECT ALL POWER SUPPLIES AND THE POSITIVE (+) TERMINAL FOR THE SUPPLY BATTERY. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS INSTRUCTION MAY CREATE A SHOCK HAZARD.**

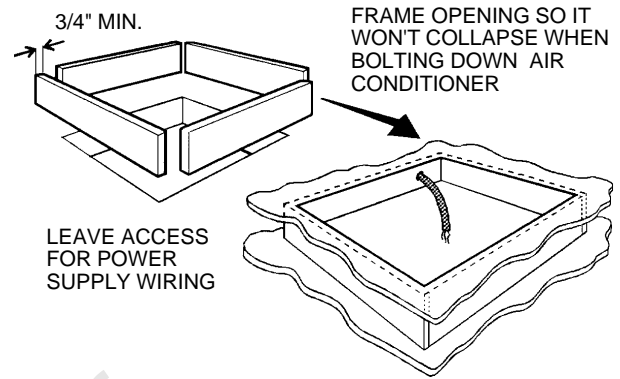
- A 14-1/4" x 14-1/4" opening must be cut through the roof and ceiling of the RV. It is recommended this opening be located between roof reinforcing members.
- Mark a 14-1/4" x 14-1/4" square on the roof and carefully cut the opening.
- Using the roof opening as a guide, cut the matching hole in the ceiling.

#### **⚠ WARNING**

**There may be electrical wiring between the roof and ceiling.**

### 3) OPENING PREPARATION:

- If the opening exceeds 14-1/2" x 14-1/2", it will be necessary to install spacers.
- If the opening is less than 14-1/4" x 14-1/4", it must be enlarged.
- Route a copper 12 AWG, with ground, supply line from the fuse or circuit breaker box to the roof opening.
  - The power supply must be on a separate 20 amp Time Delay Fuse or HACR Circuit Breaker.
  - Wiring must comply with all National, State and Local wiring codes.
  - Make sure at least 20" of wire extend into the roof opening. This insures easy air conditioner attachment.
  - If vent fan was removed, the existing wire may be used provided it is of proper size and correctly fused.
- The opening must be framed to provide adequate support and prevent air from being drawn from the roof cavity. Lumber 3/4" thick or more and long enough to bridge the opening must be used. Remember to provide and entrance hole for the power supply wire.



#### **⚠ CAUTION**

**NEVER create a LOW SPOT on the roof where water will collect. Water standing around the air conditioner may leak into the RV interior.**

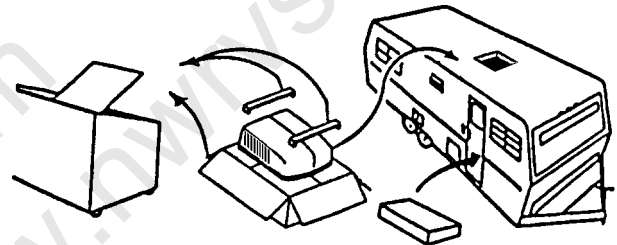
- The 14-1/4" x 14-1/4" roof opening is part of the return air duct and must be finished in accordance with NFPA standard 501C, Standard for Recreational Vehicles, Section 2-7.

## D. PLACING THE AIR CONDITIONER ON THE ROOF

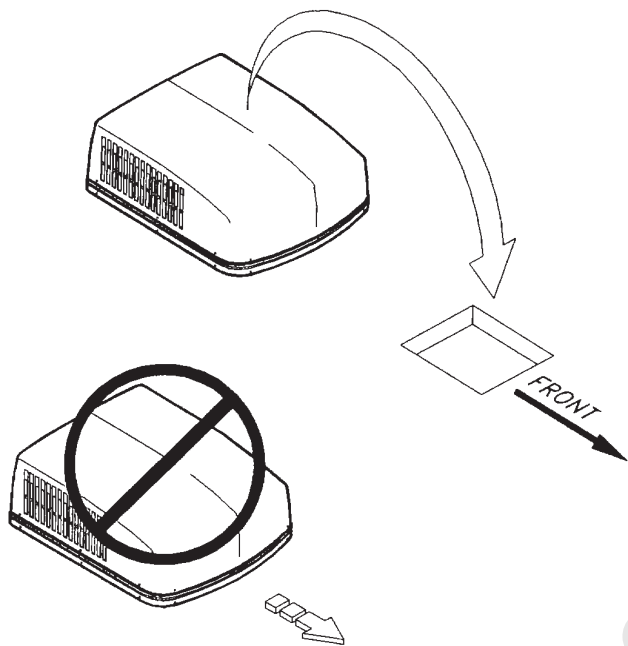
- Remove the Air Conditioner from the carton and discard the carton.
- Place the air conditioner on the roof.

#### **⚠ WARNING**

**Use care in lifting.  
This unit weighs approximately 100 pounds.**



- Lift and place the unit over the prepared opening using the gasket as a guide. The condenser coil goes toward the rear of the RV.



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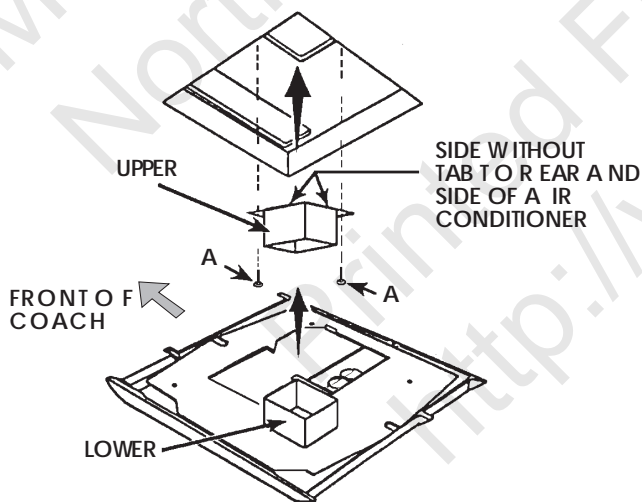
**DO NOT** slide the unit. This may damage the neoprene gasket attached to the bottom and create a leaky installation.

- 4) Place the Air Box Kit inside the RV. This box contains mounting hardware for the air conditioner and will be used inside the RV.

This completes the outside work. Minor adjustments can be done from the inside if required.

## **E. DISCHARGE DUCT AND CEILING TEMPLATE**

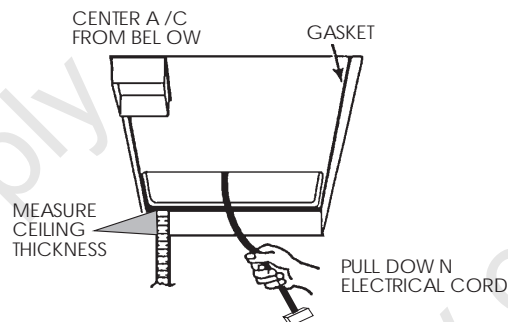
- 1) Remove air box and mounting hardware from carton. The upper duct is shipped inside the lower duct which is part of the ceiling template.



- a) Remove upper duct from ceiling template and locate it over blower discharge.

**NOTE: Edges without flanges install toward REAR and SIDE of opening.**

- b) Use two (2) sharp pointed #10 x 1/2" sheet metal screws (A) to hold duct to base pan. Holes provided in bottom of basepan for these screws to go into.
- 2) Check for correct alignment and adjust the unit as necessary (Roof Gasket centers over 14" opening).
- 3) Reach up into return air opening of the air conditioner and pull the unit electrical cord down for later connection.
- 4) Measure the ceiling to roof thickness:



- a) If distance is 1"-2", remove perforated tabs from both upper and lower ducts.
- b) If distance is 2"-3", remove perforated tabs from bottom duct only.
- c) If distance is 3"-4", install ducts as received.
- d) If distance is 4"-6", use optional duct adaptor, Part No. 313606.000 and Bolt Kit, Part No. 3100895.006.

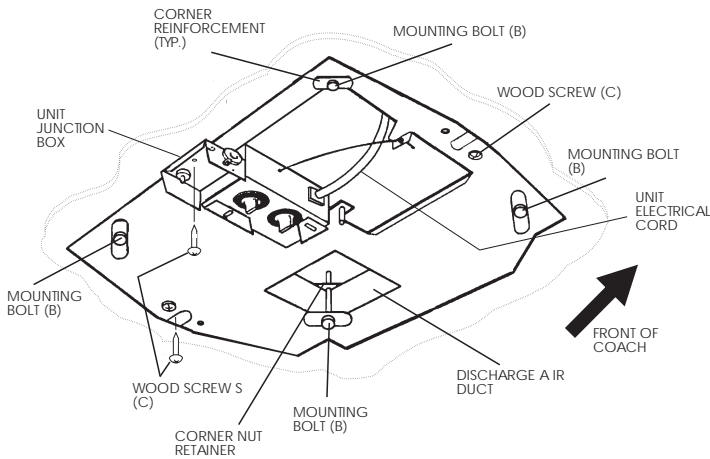
- 5) Install ceiling template by sliding lower duct over upper duct.
- 6) Start each mounting bolt by hand before tightening any of them. The four (4) threaded inserts in the base pan can be seen to aid in starting the bolts. **EVENLY TIGHTEN MOUNTING BOLTS TO A TORQUE OF 40 TO 50 INCH POUNDS.** This will compress the roof gasket to approximately 1/2". The bolts are self locking so over tightening is not necessary.
- 7) Install wood screws (C) in each end of ceiling template and into junction box. This insures a tight fit of air box to ceiling.

## **F. CONNECTION OF POWER SUPPLY**

**NOTE: All wiring must comply with the National Electrical Code and any State or Local Codes or regulations.**

- 1) Route supply line into junction box thru provided Romex Connector. Six (6) inch leads are sufficient for connection to unit wires and ground screws.

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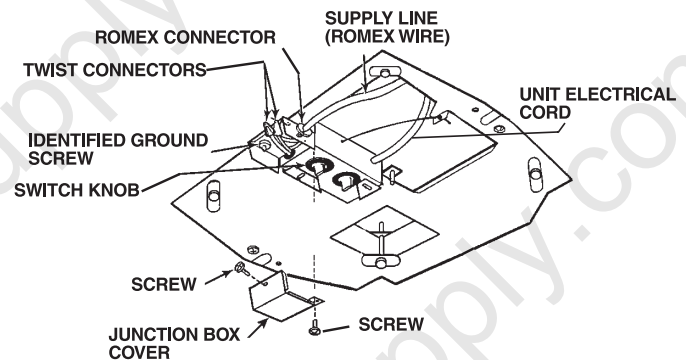
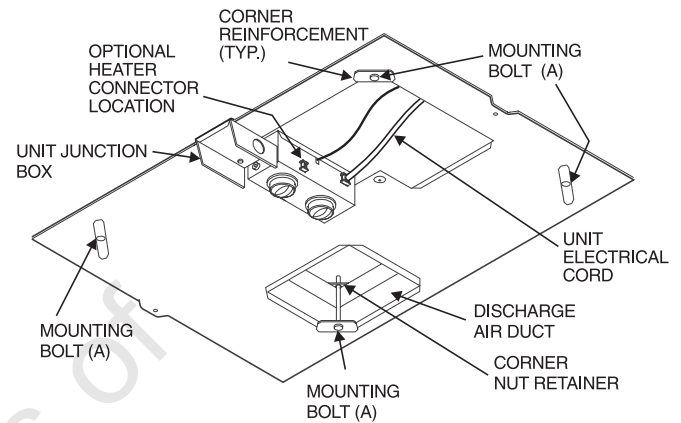
- 2) Connect white wire in junction box to white or neutral wire from supply line.
- 3) Connect black wire in junction box to black or hot wire from supply line.
- 4) Connect supply ground wire to identified ground screw in junction box.
- 5) Install junction box cover with two (2) blunt point screws.
- 6) Plug unit electrical cord into the mating connector on control box.

### G. INSTALL AIR BOX

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- 1) Remove return air grille from air box by pulling out on push/pull fasteners.
- 2) Install air box over two (2) weld studs on ceiling template and secure with nuts (G).
- 3) Install machine screw (F) in round air box hole.
- 4) Install four (4) wood screws (C) that hold air box tight to ceiling.
- 5) Reinstall return air grille and snap cover plate (H) into air box.
- 6) The air conditioner installation is now complete. Turn on power to the unit for operational check. Please read Unit Operating Instructions before proceeding.

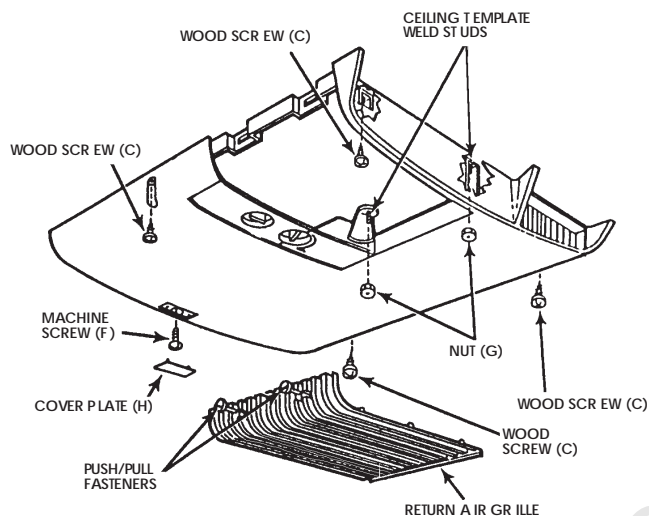
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- 1) Remove return air grille from air box by pulling in on half-round finger catches.
- 2) Hold air box up to ceiling template and install three (3) #10 x 3/8" screws at air box mounting point.
- 3) Snap hole plug (E) into place at rear of air box.
- 4) Install four (4) wood screws (B) that hold air box tight to ceiling if so desired.
- 5) Reinstall return air grille and filter into air box.
- 6) The air conditioner installation is now complete. Turn on power to the unit for operational check. Please read Unit Operating Instructions before proceeding.

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### MOUNTING PARTS

- A. (2) #10 x 1/2" long sharp point sheet metal screws.



- B. (4) 1/4" — #20 x 7" bolts



- C. (7) #8 x 5/8" long sharp point wood screws



- D. (4) #10 x 3/8" blunt point tapping screws



- E. (1) Romex connector



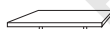
- F. (1) Machine screw, 3/8" long



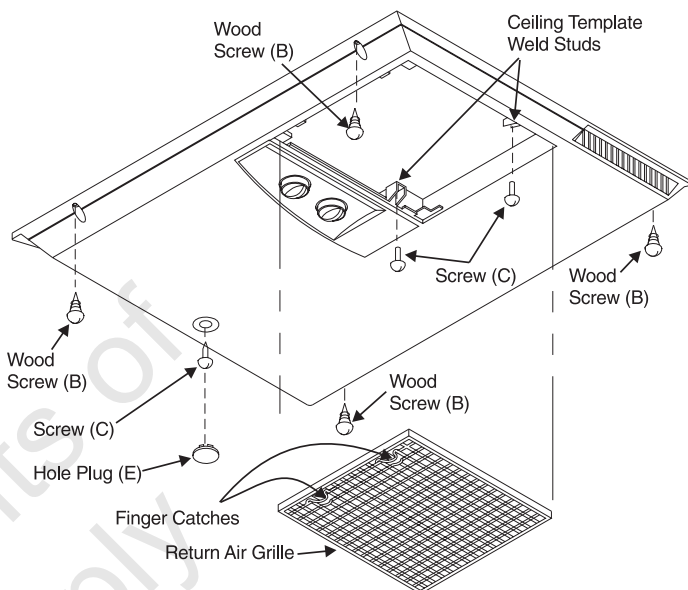
- G. (2) #10 — 24 Hex nuts



- H. Cover plate

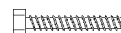


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### MOUNTING PARTS

- A. (4) 1/4" - 20 x 7" Bolts



- B. (4) #8 x 5/8" long sharp point wood screws



- C. (4) #10 x 3/8" blunt point tapping screws



- D. (1) Romex connector



- E. (1) Hole Plug

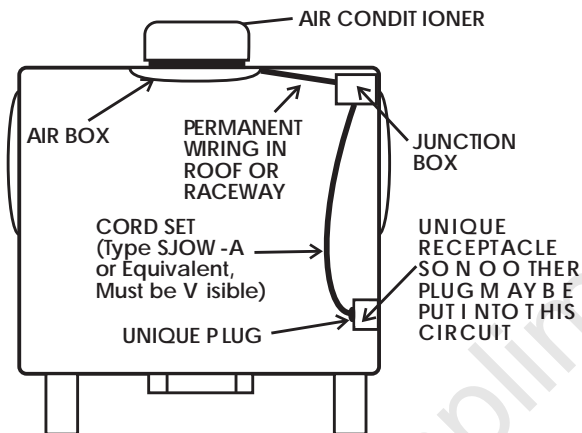


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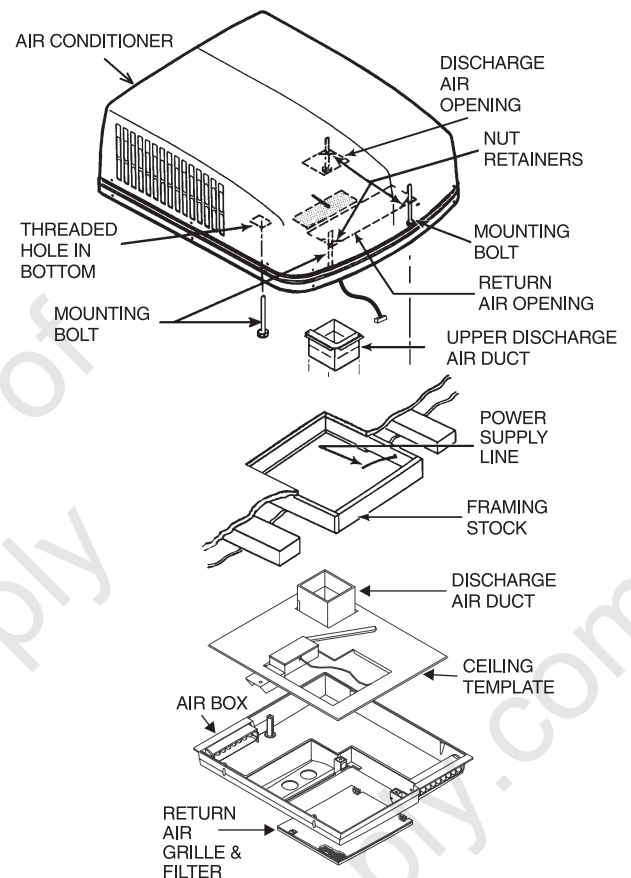
## H. INSTALLATION ON TENT CAMPER ROOF

- 1) The permanent wiring leading to unit junction box may originate in a flanged surface inlet located in roof section near the side wall.
- 2) A unique outlet receptacle for air conditioner should be located in the side wall of vehicle beneath the flanged surface inlet.
- 3) A cord set fabricated from an oil, water, and ozone resistant material, such as Type

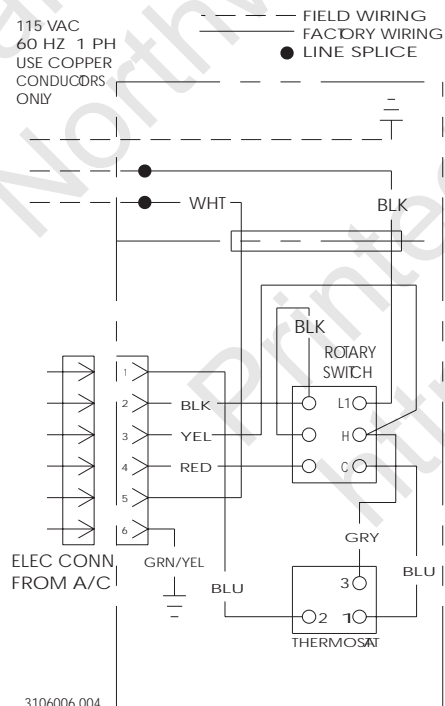


SJOW-A, shall be used to connect the flanged surface inlet and the air conditioning receptacle. This cord set shall be visible during use and shall not be installed in raceways or placed behind walls or cabinet panels.

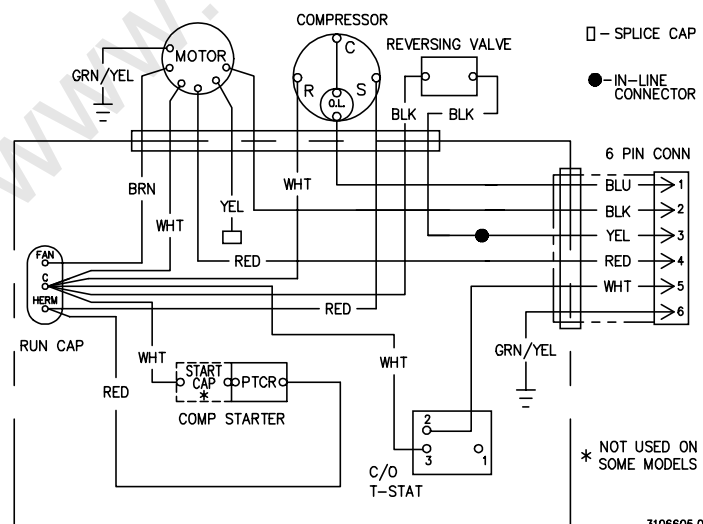
## AIR CONDITIONING UNIT



## AIR BOX WIRING DIAGRAM



## ELECTRICAL BOX WIRING DIAGRAM



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