

Users Manual

Model 125

Cryopump Compressor



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Preface

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1.1 About Austin Scientific

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You can find just what you need from our range of products and support services:

- New Equipment - cryopumps, compressors, cryocoolers, and cryopump controllers such as the Model 125 Cryopump Compressor described in this manual.
- Comprehensive range of accessories for the installation of whole systems and a complete range of spare parts to repair cryopumps and compressors.

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1.3 About this Manual

The purpose of this manual is to provide our customers using the Model 125 Cryopump Compressor with the information needed to safely and efficiently operate the compressor when operating as part of a cryogenic refrigeration system. Such a system is often comprised of the following equipment:

- Model 125 cryopump compressor unit



- Coldhead/cryopump
- Connecting Helium lines.

This manual describes the design, operation and maintenance of the M125 compressor unit.

1.4 Compatibility

The Model 125 Cryopump Compressor is compatible with the cryopumps and coldheads described in Table 1-1. Each Model 125 Cryopump Compressor can be used to run one such cryopump or coldhead.

Table 1-1. Compatible Configurations

Compressor Drive Circuit Configurations:	“Scott ‘T”
Cold Heads	350CS CTI 350CP
Cryopumps	CP8 CP8LP CT8

Safety Warnings

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2.1 Standards for the Use of Warnings and Cautions

Warnings are noted when there is a possibility of injury or death to persons operating the equipment or performing specific tasks or procedures noted in this manual.

Cautions are noted when there is a possibility of damage to equipment if the caution is ignored.

2.2 Warnings Applicable to All Aspects of the Operation of Model 125 Cryopump Compressor

2.2.1 High Voltage and Electrical Shock Warnings

Warning Potentially fatal voltages are present in the compressor unit. Before beginning any work on the compressor unit, the compressor needs to be switched off then isolated from the power supply.

Warning Connecting or disconnecting the line joining the compressor and its load (cryopump, coldhead, etc.) only after the compressor is switched off and separated from the power source. Otherwise, there will be electrical shock hazard and causing the compressor unit and its load being damaged.

Warning Always provide proper grounding to the compressor unit. All electrical connection and disconnection of the unit should be done by a qualified and licensed electrician.

Warning High Voltage is present within the system and can cause severe injury from electrical shock. Permit only qualified electrical technicians to open any electrical enclosure to perform electrical troubleshooting

Warning Disconnect the compressor from its power source before carrying out any troubleshooting or maintenance activities.

2.2.2 High Pressure Related Warnings

Warning High Gas Pressure is present within the system and can cause severe injury from propelled particles or pans. Vent the compressor before removing or opening any parts, except when disconnecting the Aeroquip self-sealing couplings.

Warning Do not recharge the system without using a pressure regulator.



2.2.3 Helium Gas-Related Warnings

Warning Helium gas can cause rapid asphyxiation and death if released in a confined and unvented area.

Warning Use a pressure reducing regulator when withdrawing Helium gas from a high pressure cylinder

Warning Detaching the helium flexlines when the compressor load is at low temperature may cause the pressure to rise in the system beyond the permissible level therefore creating a safety hazard.

2.2.4 Heat-Related Warnings

Warning The compressor motor may become hot after operating. Wait for the motor to cool down before working inside the compressor.

2.3 Operator Instructions

Follow standard Model 125 operating procedures as described in this Manual. If after reading this manual, you still have questions regarding the safe operation of the Model 125 Cryopump Compressor, please contact Austin Scientific Technical Support using the contact information found in [Chapter 1, Section 1.2](#).

Introduction

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3.1 General Information about the Model 125 Compressor

Austin Scientific offers industry-proven compressors such as the Model 125 Cryopump Compressor described in this manual, at highly competitive prices, and with flexible configurations. Model 125 compressors are available in low-voltage and in either air or water-cooled model.

3.1.1 Model 125 Features

Manufactured for over 15 years, the Model 125 compressor is designed for tens of thousands of hours of continuous operation. The main features of the Model 125 compressor are:

- Minimal maintenance requirements
- Removable top cover for easy maintenance
- No front or rear panels with which to struggle
- Rack mounting available, which is ideal for ion implanters, catscanners, and sputtering system applications.

3.1.2 Overview of Model 125 Compressor Design & Operation

Model 125 cryopump compressor is specifically designed to run a single CP-8 or CP-8LP (low profile) cryopump for 208/230 VAC and 60/50 Hz single phase operation.

The compressor itself consists of four main components:

- Compressor capsule
- Heat exchanger
- Oil mist (vapor) separator
- Adsorber

The *compressor unit* and the coldhead are connected by way of helium gas flexlines. The compressor unit, coldhead and helium lines are fitted with self-sealing couplings, and are charged with ultra high-purity (99.999%) helium gas.

The *heat exchanger* removes the heat generated from the process of compressing helium in the capsule. The heat generated by the capsule must be removed from the oil and the helium gas.

To remove heat from the compressor capsule, oil is used as lubrication and cooling medium. The helium gas as well as oil, are then pumped by way of differential pressure, out of the capsule through the water-cooled or air-cooled heat exchanger. The cooled oil returns to the capsule to lubricate and cool the capsule.



The helium gas purifying occurs after the heat removal and cooling process. Helium gas purification must occur because the heat exchanger still has a small amount of oil vapor mixed with it. If this helium gas gets to the cryopump with oil vapor in it, the oil will freeze and foul the cryopump. The function of the *oil mist (vapor) separator* is to rid the helium gas steam of this oil vapor. The condensate from the oil is then returned to the capsule. The helium gas still contains a small quantity of oil vapor at this point.

The *adsorber* then filters out the remaining oil vapor from the helium gas stream. Overtime, the *adsorber* may become saturated from the oil vapor. Thus, it is important the adsorber be replaced according to the recommended replacement interval.

3.1.3 Description of Subsystems

Along with the four main components, [Table 3-1](#) describes the subsystems that serve to monitor the operating condition of the compressor unit and to ensure its safe operation.

Table 3-1. Model 125 Cryopump Compressor Subsystems

Subsystem Name	Function
Thermal switch (TS1)	<i>Purpose:</i> Monitors helium temperature upstream of the heat exchanger. <i>Safety Function:</i> Will turn off the compressor if the helium temperature gets too high.
Thermal Switch (TS2)	<i>Purpose:</i> Monitors helium temperature downstream of the heat exchanger. <i>Safety Function:</i> Will turn off the compressor if the helium temperature gets too high.
Bypass valve	<i>Purpose and Safety Function:</i> Equalizes pressure within the compressor unit upon power interruption.
Fuses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fuses for the coldhead drive circuit • Fuses for the main input power • Fuses for the fan motors 	<i>Safety Function:</i> Over-current protection
Internal relief valve	<i>Purpose:</i> Opens a shunt between the high and low-pressure helium gas circuits. <i>Safety Function:</i> If the differential pressure exceeds a preset value, this valve opens to allow safe operation.
External relief valve	<i>Purpose and Safety Function:</i> Opens the helium gas circuit to atmosphere if the helium gas pressure exceeds 350 psi.

3.1.4 Operational Flow

The work flow of helium gas within the compressor follows these steps:

1. High-pressure helium gas is delivered from the compressor to the coldhead through the "Supply" helium flexline at 250~260 psi.

2. The helium gas is then compressed during the compression stroke of the cryopump.
3. The cryopump then expands the helium gas to expand during its expansion stroke. During this cycle of compression and expansion of the cryopump, the helium gas is forced through regeneration materials to increase the thermodynamic efficiency of the cycle.
4. With each successive cycle, the regeneration material becomes colder and colder. Eventually, the cryopump temperatures comes down to cryogenic range.
5. After expansion, the helium gas returns to the compressor through the "Return" helium flexline at 50~100 psi to begin the cycle again.

The helium flow between the Model 125 compressor's components is illustrated in [Figure 3-1](#) and [Figure 3-2](#), for the water-cooled and air-cooled version of the Model 125 compressor, respectively.

Figure 3-1. Flow Diagram for Water-Cooled Model 125 Compressor-

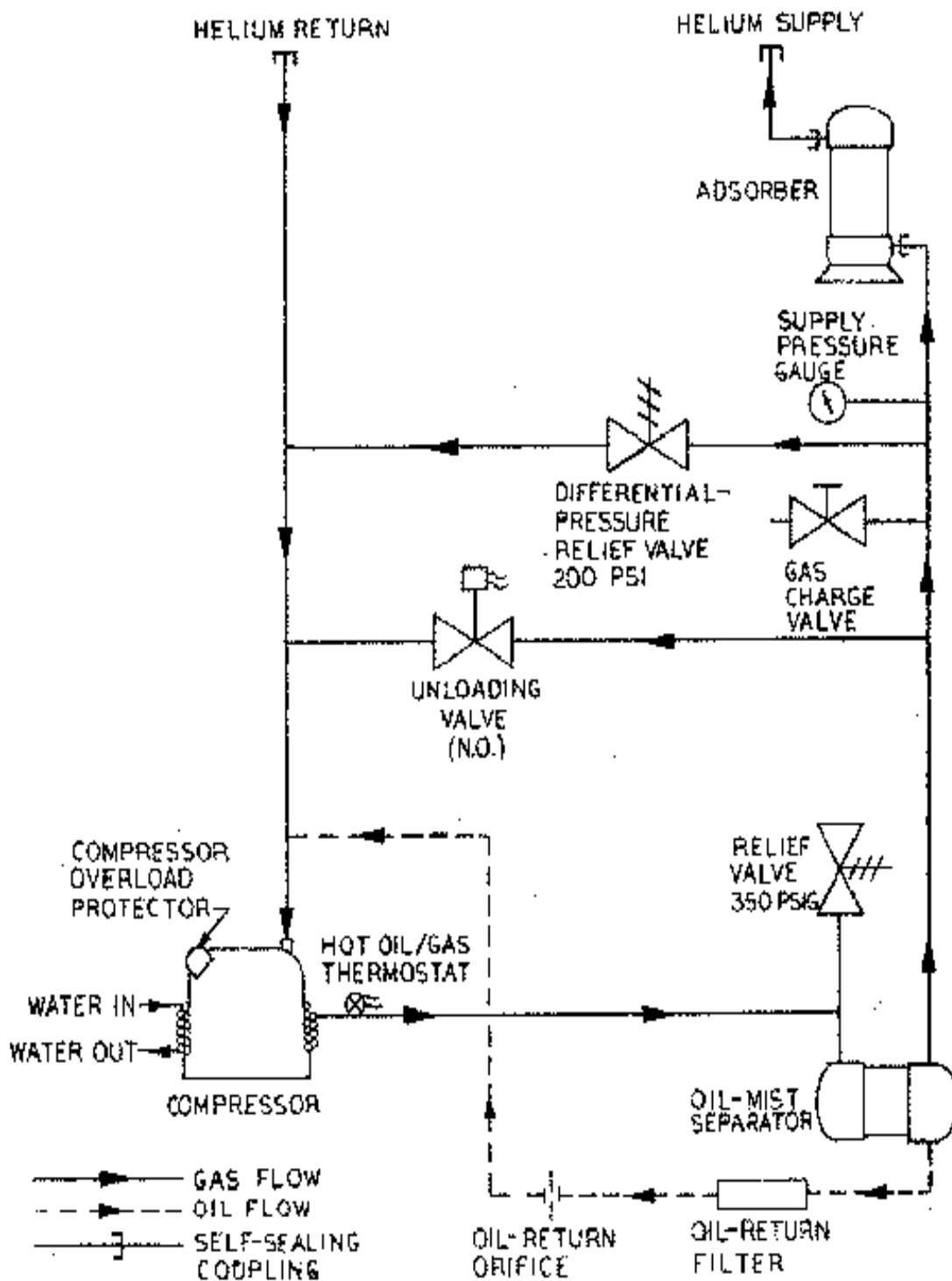
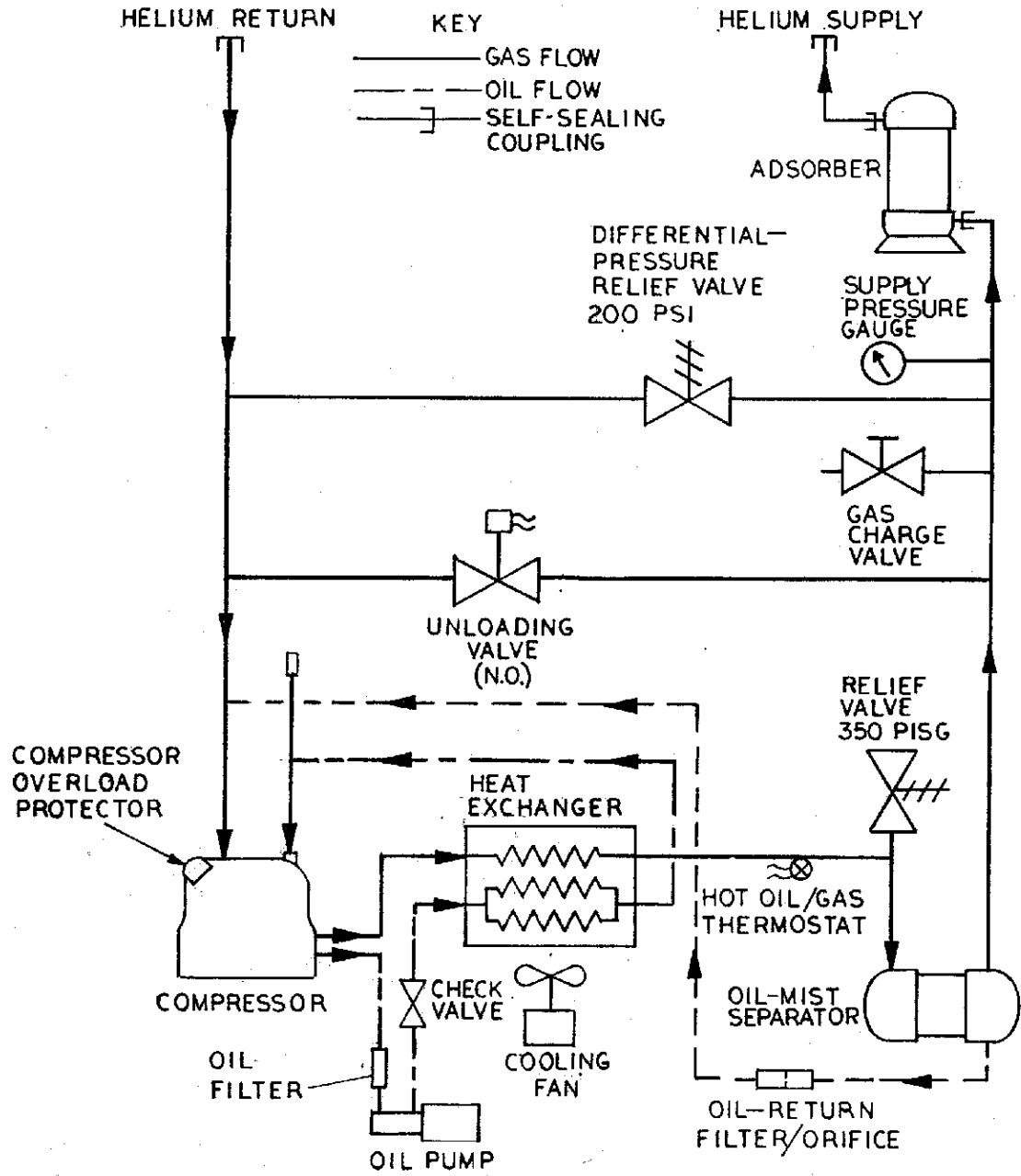


Figure 3-2. Flow Diagram for Air-Cooled Model 125 Compressor



3.2 Specifications

The Model 125 cryopump compressor specifications are listed in [Table 3-2](#) and [Table 3-3](#).

Table 3-2. Power Requirements for Model 125 Cryopump Compressor

P/N	Model	VAC	Hz	Phase	AMPs
91-00003-0LW	Model 125 Water Cooled	208/230	60/50	1	15
91-00003-1LA	Model 125 Air Cooled	208/230	60/50	1	15

Table 3-3. Model 125 Compressor Specifications

Feature/Component	Specification Description
Physical Dimensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length 19.00 inches (183 mm) Height 16.00 inches (406 mm) Width 19.50 inches (495mm)
Weight	150 lb. (68 kg)
Helium Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Static: 190 +/- 5 psig Operating: 250 +/- 10 psig (supply)
Interface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cold head power connector mates with ASC and CTI drive cables Compressor power cord is equipped with a Hubbell No. 5G66C plug Helium connections: 1/2 inch Male Aeroquip couplings
Adsorber Replacement Schedule	10,000 Hours (per elapsed time meter on the compressor)
Cooling Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0.4 gpm minimum flow rate 80° F maximum inlet water temperature 115° F maximum temperature Recommended chiller capacity: 1 ton/per unit Water line connector: 3/8" Swagelok
Air Cooling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air-cooled units must maintain a minimum clearance of at least 12 Inches at both the front and rear grills Maximum ambient temperature should not exceed 104° F

[Figure 3-3](#) shows the Model 125 compressor dimensions.

3.3 Ordering Information

Table 3-4 contains the ordering information for the Model 125 compressor unit.

Table 3-4. Model 125 Compressor Unit Ordering Information

Compressor Unit	Part Number
M125 Water cooled, Low voltage, Standard drive circuit	91-00003-0LW
M125 Air cooled, Low Voltage, Standard drive circuit	91-00003-1LA

Customers can also order the optional accessories and replacement parts listed in Table 3-5.

Table 3-5. Optional Accessories and Replacement Parts

Accessories/Replacement Parts	Part Number
Adsorber (for water-cooled model)	80034
Adsorber (for air-cooled model)	90-10009-000
Helium lines (10ft.*)	10418-10
Helium regulator	HR-580
Maintenance manifold, for helium clean up process on compressors and cryopumps	10134
Cryopump drive cable (10ft.), sends power to the cryopump motor from the compressor	10144-10

*Custom length available.

Installation

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4.1 Safety Warnings

Review the safety warnings in [Chapter 2](#) before beginning any installation activities.

4.2 Installation Steps

4.2.1 Unpacking and Inspection

Once the equipment is received, inspect the exterior of the shipping carton for any signs of damage. Report any damage to the shipping company immediately.

Remove the straps and packaging materials on the compressor unit, then lift or roll the unit out of the carton carefully. Inspect the exterior of the unit. If any damage is observed, inform the shipping company. Keep the original packaging materials in case the unit needs to be returned to the factory for service or other reasons.

Most shipping companies have a certain grace period for reporting damages due to shipping in order to process the insurance information in a timely manner. Therefore it is highly recommended that shipping carton be opened and the unit inspected whether or not it will be put into operation right away.

Caution: *When transporting or storing the compressor unit, make certain it is not tilted by more than 45 degrees to avoid the unit being tipped over.*

4.2.2 Mounting the Compressor

It is highly recommended that the compressor unit be installed on a level and steady surface.

If the unit must be installed in a tilted manner, the maximum tilting angle is 10 degrees. Tilting the unit more than this maximum allowable angle could result in damage and contamination in the system, and may void the warranty on the unit.

4.2.3 Preparing the Compressor for Operation

1. Connect the main power cable to a suitable connector or disconnect box, making sure that the compressor switch is off.
2. For water-cooled Model 125 units, connect the cooling water:
 - a. Typical municipal drinking water is recommended.
 - b. 0.4 to 0.5 gpm is required to achieve a maximum discharge temperature of 100 °F (with 80 °F considered ideal)



3. For air-cooled Model 125 units, make sure the front and rear grills have at least 12 inches of clearance from the nearest objects.
4. Verify that helium pressure is between 190 +/- 5 psig. If pressure is low, refer to [Chapter 7](#) for charging procedures.
5. Start the compressor and run for about 15 minutes to stabilize the compressor oil inventory.
6. The compressor is now ready to be connected to the cryopump.

4.2.4 Installation

4.2.4.1 Ambient Conditions and Coolant Connection

Ambient Conditions:

When the compressor is in operation, the ambient temperature should be between 5°C to 40°C (40°F to 104°F). The compressor unit should be set up in a non-condensing environment.

Coolant Connection:

Caution: *For water-cooled compressor models, the water used in the unit operation must meet the specifications indicated in [Section 3.2 Coolant Specifications](#).*

Caution: *Failure to comply with the coolant specifications may result in serious damage to the compressor and may void the warranty on the unit.*

Identify the inlet and outlet connection ports first before connecting the hoses. The water supply line should be connected to the inlet port on the compressor.

Periodically check the coolant flow rate and temperature to ensure the proper operation of the compressor unit.

4.2.4.2 Connecting the Helium Flexlines

Caution: *Attach or detach the helium flexlines only when the power to the compressor unit is switched off. Never twist the helium flexlines during the installation process.*

Before connecting the helium flexlines, follow these steps:

1. Identify the helium “Return” (low pressure) and “Supply” (high pressure) ports on the compressor front panel.
2. Clearly mark the helium flexline that will be used to connect to the corresponding “Supply” and “Return” port on the cryopump or coldhead,

Note: The helium flexlines are equipped with self-sealing couplings which can be attached and detached without helium escaping.

Follow these steps to connect the helium flexlines:

1. Unscrew the protective caps from the couplings and keep the caps for future use.
2. Check the connectors for cleanliness. When necessary, use lint-free clean cloth or soft brush to clean the connectors.
3. Check the flat seals on the male couplings and make sure they are properly placed. Replace any missing or defective seals.

4. Use only the open-wrenches supplied with the installation kit. For a ½" coupling, tighten with a 1-3/16" wrench and stabilize with a 1" wrench.
5. Tighten down all couplings as far as possible and then back off by one quarter turn to relieve strain.

If the flexlines need to be bent to a radii of less than 8" (20 cm), then a 90 degree helium elbow needs to be installed (see [Section 3.3](#) for the part number).

4.2.4.3 Filling the Compressor with Helium Gas

Caution: *All safety regulations related to handling pressurized gas cylinders must be observed. Only use helium with 99.999% or better purity when performing refill operation.*

Follow these steps:

1. Connect a pressure reducer and a helium flexline to a helium supply gas cylinder
2. Connect the open end of the helium flexline to the helium gas charge/vent valve on the rear panel of the unit, do not tighten the 1/4" flare connector on the end of the flexline
3. Open the valve at the cylinder
4. Set the pressure of the helium supply cylinder to the value specified in [Chapter 3, Table 3-3](#). Tighten the 1/4" flare connector on the end of the helium flexline to the gas charge/vent valve of the compressor
5. Open the pressure regulator valve slightly so that the helium flexline are purged with helium gas for at least 15 seconds.
6. Open the helium gas charge/vent valve and fill the compressor unit to the desired pressure value
7. Detach the coupling of the helium flexline from the helium charge/vent valve
8. Close the helium gas regulator on the supply cylinder
9. Seal the helium gas charge/vent valve on the compressor unit by properly securing with a protective cap.

4.2.4.4 Adjusting Helium Gas Pressure

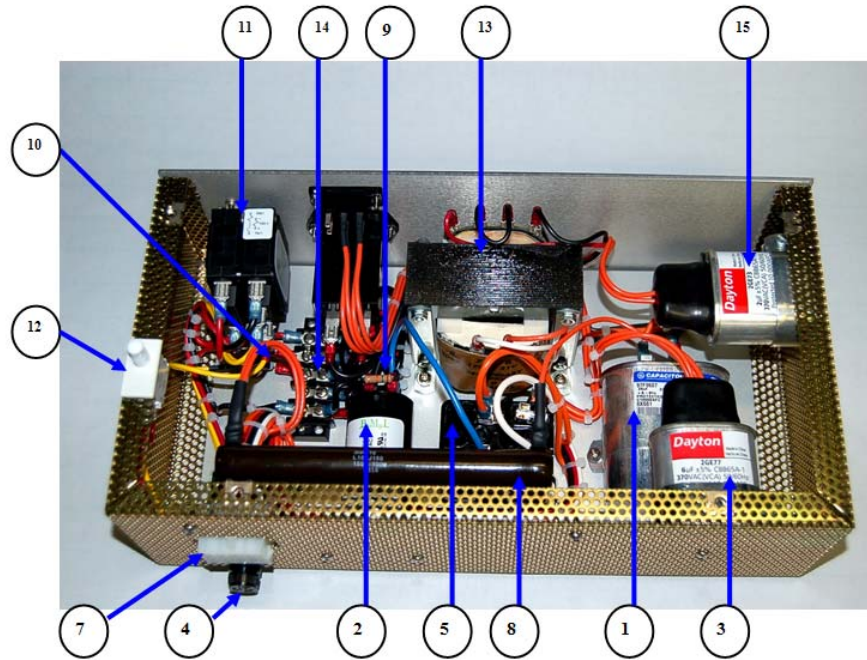
Refer to [Chapter 3, Chapter 3-3](#) for the required pressure specification of the compressor unit. If the pressure falls below that level, the helium gas refill procedure described in [Section 4.2.4.3](#) needs to be performed. On the other hand, if the pressure is too high, then the helium gas needs to be released in order to maintain the proper level.

4.2.5 Electrical Connection

Caution: *Before connecting power to the compressor unit, make sure the factory setting of the frequency switch on the front panel matches the frequency of the power supply where the unit is being installed. Failure to do so will result in performance degradation of the system.*

Electrical connections are to be made in accordance to the diagram in [Figure 4-1](#). [Figure 4-2](#) shows the Electrical Control Chassis and the components within.

Figure 4-2. Model 125 Electrical Chassis Components (Inside View)



LEGEND

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	REF. DESIG.	P/N
1	Capacitor, Run	C1	30016
2	Capacitor, Start	C2	30015
3	Capacitor, 60HZ	C3	30014
4	Fuse, 1 Amp. (not shown)	F1	50081
5	Relay, Start	K1	50085
6	Meter, Elapsed Time	M1	50089
7	Connector, 15 Pin Chassis	P2	50087
8	Resistor, 150 ohm, 100 watt	R1	20053
9	Resistor, 15K ohm, 2 watt	R2	20056
10	Resistor, 680 ohm, 1 watt	R3	20057
11	Switch, Compressor "ON-OFF"	SW1	50083
12	Switch, Safety Interlock	SW2	50155
13	Transformer	T1	50082
14	Terminal Block	TB1	50125

Operations

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5.1 Before Switching On the System

After the compressor unit and its load (cryopump, coldhead, etc.) are installed and connected, check the helium gas pressure as indicated by the pressure gauge mounted on the rear panel of the compressor unit. Refer to [Chapter 3, Section 3.2](#), for the proper static pressure readings for the compressor.

If the helium pressure needs to be adjusted, refer to [Chapter 7, Section 7.4.1](#) for procedures to release helium gas in order to reduce the pressure, or to fill the compressor with more helium gas to increase the pressure.

Do not remove the top cover of the compressor unit. Doing so will disable the unit due to the built-in safety interlock mechanism.

5.2 Normal Operation

Caution: *Do not turn on the compressor unit without having connected the helium flexlines and the compressor load (cryopump, coldhead, etc.). Failure to do so may cause damage to the compressor system.*

The load of the compressor can be powered through the power connectors located on the front panel of the compressor. To start operation of the compressor and its load, do the following:

1. Open the coolant supply (water-cooled compressor model only)
2. Switch on the main power source
3. Press the ON button to start the compressor. Both the compressor and its load should start simultaneously

During operation, check the coolant flow rate (water-cooled compressor) and the operating pressure frequently. Refer to [Chapter 3, Table 3-3](#) for required coolant flow rate. If it is too slow, make sure any problems associated with water supply or water outlet are resolved. Refer to [Chapter 3, Table 3-3](#) for proper helium pressure level for the compressor unit. If the helium pressure is too low, switch off the compressor unit. It may be necessary to perform a helium "topping-up" maintenance procedure as described in [Chapter 7, Section 7.4.1](#). If pressure drop-off happens frequently, there may be a substantial leak in the helium circuit of the compressor. In this case, contact Austin Scientific customer service immediately.

To shut down the compressor unit, press the OFF button on the front panel. After that, allow coolant to continue to circulate for at least 10 more minutes before shutting off flow.

Troubleshooting

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6.1 Troubleshooting Activities

Table 6-1 describes some problems that users might encounter while operating the Model 125 Cryopump Compressor and provides solutions to those problems.

If a compressor problem still persists after performing the corrective actions described in this section, please contact Austin Scientific Technical Support for further assistance. Refer to Chapter 1, Section 1.2 for contact information.



Table 6-1. Troubleshooting Procedures

Problem	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
<p>The compressors On/Off switch (SW1) remains in the On position when switched on, but the pump does not run.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No power is coming from the power source. 2. Incorrect or disconnected wiring within the compressor 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check service fuses, circuit breakers, and wiring associated with the power source. Repair as needed. 2. Check the compressor against the wiring schematic. See Chapter 4, Figure 4-1.
<p>The compressor On/Off switch (SW1) will not remain in the On position.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The safety interlock switch (SW2) is open. This will happen if the top cover of the unit is removed. 2. Thermal protection switch (TS1 and/or TS2) is open. 3. High current has activated the trip switch in the compressor's On/Off Switch. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Securing the compressor cover may correct the problem. If not, check for proper operation of safety interlock switch (SW2) located in the top right side of the electronic control chassis. See Chapter 4, Figure 4-2. 2. Confirm that switch TS1 and/or TS2 is closed. 3. Contact the Austin Scientific service department for assistance
<p>Compressor stops after several minutes of operation and remains off.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. High temperature of the compressor caused by insufficient cooling water (for water-cooled model), resulting in the opening of thermal protection switch (TS1 and/or TS2). For air-cooled model, the ambient temperature is too high. 2. When the compressor is not in operation, cold cooling water was left running through the compressor. 3. Insufficient helium static pressure. 4. High temperature helium gas tripped the thermal protection switch (TS1). 5. Low power source voltage. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirm that sufficient cooling water (for water-cooled model) is flowing to the compressor. For air-cooled model, provide additional cooling to the surrounding environment. 2. Turn the compressor on and off for several times to allow the oil temperature to rise. 3. Add helium, using the procedure described in Chapter 7, Section 7.4.1. 4. Check for proper cooling of the compressor unit. 5. Confirm that power source voltage is correct.



Table 6-1. Troubleshooting Procedures (Continued)

Problem	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
Compressor stops after several minutes of operation and remains off. (cont'd.)	6. Mechanical seizure	6. Contact the Austin Scientific service department.

Maintenance

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7.1 Maintenance Personnel Requirements

Only trained and qualified personnel should perform the maintenance procedures described in this chapter. All other maintenance work must be performed by Austin Scientific personnel in the factory. Please contact Austin Scientific to make arrangement for such work. See contact information in [Section 1.2](#).

7.2 Removing the Compressor from Service: Removal, Transport, and Storage

It is recommended that the Model 125 compressor be removed from service when carrying out the maintenance duties described in [Chapter 7, Section 7.3](#).

To remove the compressor unit from service, do the following:

1. Turn off the compressor unit by pressing the OFF button
2. Switch off the main power supply to the compressor
3. Separate the compressor unit from the main power source
4. Allow coolant to continue circulate for at least 10 more minutes (for water-cooled model)
5. Allow the compressor load (cryopump, coldhead, etc.) to warm up before detaching helium flexlines

Caution: *Loosening or detaching helium flexlines with the compressor load at low temperature without proper warming-up can result in loss of helium and/or pressure rise in the compressor unit beyond its designed maximum pressure level.*

When transporting the compressor unit, follow these guidelines:

- Make sure the appropriate protective caps are properly secured before shipping.
- Always store the compressor unit in a dry place. Refer to [Chapter 3, Chapter 3-3](#) for proper storage environment.
- If a freezing temperature environment is anticipated whether during shipping or under storage, make certain the coolant in the compressor circuit is properly drained.

Caution: *The compressor unit should never be tilted more than 45 degrees either during shipping or in storage.*

7.3 Scheduled Preventative Maintenance Activity

The only scheduled maintenance required on the Model 125 compressor is the replacement of compressor adsorber after every 10,000 hours of operation as indicated on the compressor elapsed time meter. When the compressor is used with 50 Hz power, the actual elapsed time will be 1.2 times of that shown on the meter.

The adsorber is used to keep the oil vapor out of the helium gas in the flow circuit of compressor unit and its load. After about 10,000 hours of operation, the effectiveness of the adsorber will decrease. It will then need to be replaced. Otherwise the oil particles could accumulate on the cold surface of the compressor load, reducing the cooling performance of the overall system. In severe cases of such oil contamination, the load (cryopump, coldhead, etc.) could cease to function completely.

To remove and replace the compressor adsorber, follow the steps described in [Chapter 7, Section 7.3.1](#) and [Chapter 7, Section 7.3.2](#).

Caution: *Use only Austin Scientific supplied adsorber for replacement. Refer to [Chapter 3, Section 3.3](#) for part number.*

7.3.1 Remove the Compressor Adsorber

To remove the compressor adsorber:

1. Turn off the compressor.
2. Use the two wrenches supplied with the Installation Kit to avoid loosening the body of the coupling from its adapter. Hold one wrench tight on the coupling half attached to the rear side of the compressor. Use the other wrench to loosen the coupling to the helium supply line.
3. Unscrew the two self-sealing coupling halves quickly to minimize minor gas leakage. [Chapter 7, Figure 7-2](#) contains an illustration of the self-sealing couplings.
4. Remove the top cover.
5. Remove the adsorber from the compressor shown in [Chapter 7, Figure 7-1](#). Save all nuts, bolts, and washers for installing the replacement adsorber.
6. The removed adsorber can be returned to Austin Scientific for credit. [Chapter 1, Section 1.2](#) provides the contact information.

7.3.2 Install Replacement Adsorber

To install the replacement adsorber:

1. Remove the dust caps from the self-sealing coupling halves at each end of the replacement adsorber.
2. Check the self-sealing connector flat rubber gasket to make sure that it is clean and properly positioned.
3. Place the adsorber back in the compressor using the nuts, bolts, and washers set aside during the removal process described in Step 5 of [Chapter 7, Section 7.3.1](#).
4. Install the two self-sealing coupling halves quickly to minimize minor gas leakage.
5. Use the two wrenches supplied with the Installation Kit, holding one wrench tight on the coupling half attached to the rear side of the compressor. Use the other wrench to tighten the coupling to the helium supply line.

6. Make the final turns by hand and then use the wrenches until the fittings bottom out.
7. Replace the cover and the flex lines. Make sure that the cover is installed so that it depresses the safety interlock switch. The compressor cannot be started until the switch is depressed.
8. Make sure the supply pressure gauge reads 190 +/- 5 psig. If the pressure is either too high or too low, follow the instructions in [Chapter 7, Section 7.4.1](#) to fill the helium gas to the proper pressure level.
9. Add 10,000 to the reading of the elapsed time meter and write this number on the decal provided with the replacement adsorber. This decal can be affixed to the foot of the compressor.
10. Restart the compressor.

Figure 7-1. Location of Adsorber in Model 125 Compressor

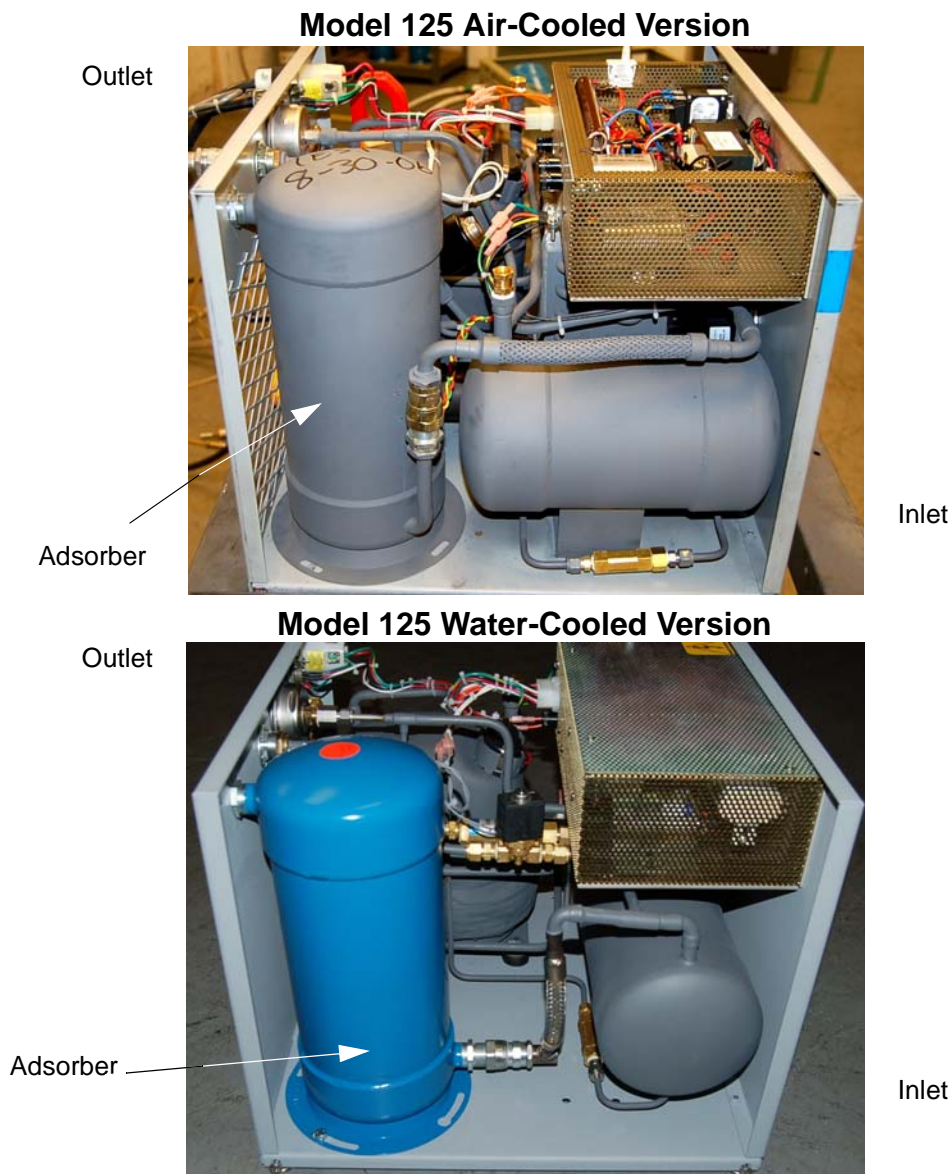
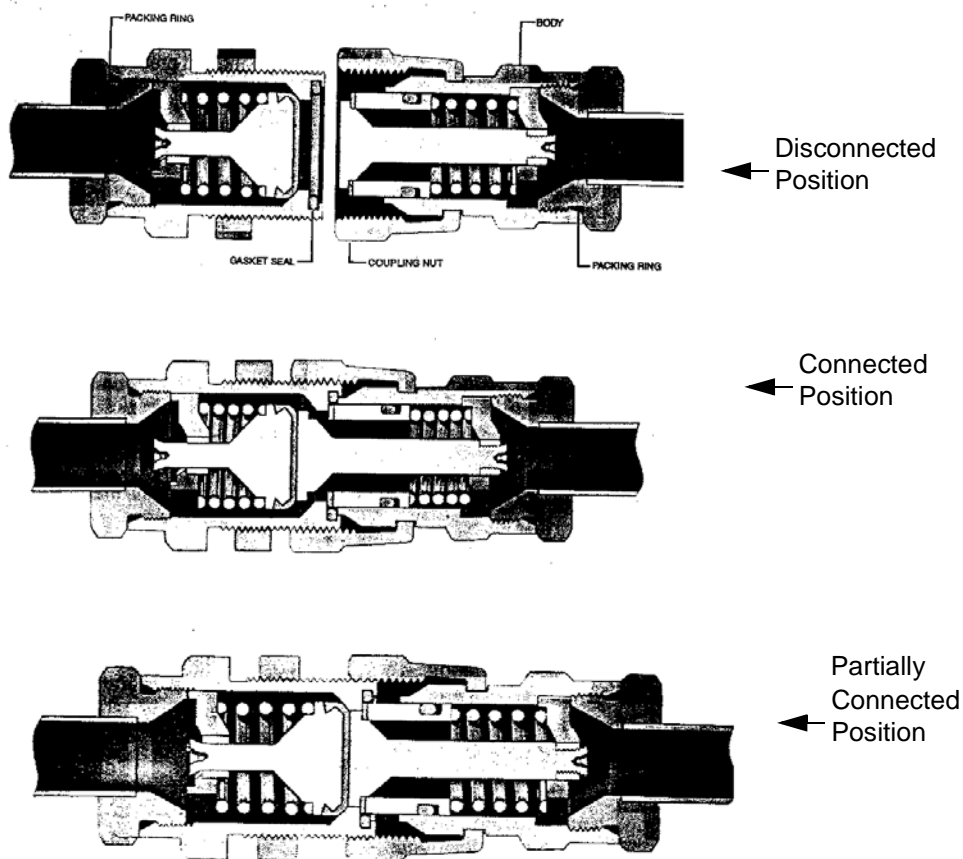


Figure 7-2. Self-Sealing Coupling in Disconnected, Closed, and Partially Closed Positions



7.4 Unscheduled Corrective Maintenance

The following corrective maintenance activities may be necessary should the helium gas circuit of Model 125 compressor becomes contaminated.

7.4.1 Adding Helium Gas

If a compressor unit needs to have helium gas added more than once every several months, check for leaks caused by improperly connected self-sealing connections or incorrectly sealed charge valve. If the compressor unit is connected to its load (cryopump, coldhead, etc.), check for leaks in the load also.

Use only 99.999% pure helium gas.

To add helium gas:

1. Remove the flare cap of the gas charge fitting on the rear of the compressor.
2. Loosely attaching a charging line from the helium pressure regulator on the helium pressure bottle to the 1/4 inch male flare fitting installed on the helium charge valve. A user-supplied helium charging line terminating in a 1/4 inch female flare fitting and a pressure regulator rated at 400 psig delivery pressure is required.

3. Set the helium pressure regulator to 10 to 25 psig. Allow helium gas to flow through the charging flare fitting for 30 seconds to purge the charging line of air. Then tighten the flare nut at the end of the charge line.
 - a. If the compressor is running under normal operating conditions, set the helium pressure regulator to 325 psig and slowly open the helium charge valve in the rear of the compressor. When the helium supply pressure gauge rises to 250 to 260 psig, tightly close the charger valve.
 - b. If the compressor is not running, set the helium pressure regulator to 250 psig and slowly open the helium charge valve. When the helium supply pressure gauge rises to 190 +/-5 psig, tightly close the charge valve.
4. Insure that the helium charge valve on the compressor is tightly closed. Then shut off the helium pressure regulator on the helium bottle. Remove the charging line from the male flare fitting and reinstall the flare cap.

7.4.2 Removing Helium Contamination

Helium contamination is usually indicated by irregular, noisy or intermittent operation (ratcheting), and sometimes seizure of the cryopump drive mechanism. This is caused by accumulation of frozen contaminants within the compressor load and resulting in interference. The source of the helium contamination is due to either

- Inadvertent introduction of ambient air into the system
- Use of helium with purity of less than 99.999%, such as helium gas used for leak detection and welding.

Steps to decontaminate the helium circuit:

Minor contamination can usually be removed by running the cold cryopump for several hours to trap contaminants in the cryopump, then shut down the compressor and immediately remove the helium lines at the compressor. Allow the cryopump to warm thoroughly, then perform the cleanup procedure as outlined in the cryopump manual.

7.5 Cleaning Equipment

Stubborn contamination involving water vapor requires decontamination of the compressor. One effective method involves supplying clean helium to the return side at appropriate pressure while venting a small amount of gas from the supply side; while the compressor is running. This is referred to as a "running purge". Contact Austin Scientific if such a procedure is needed.

Caution: *Do not use solvents to clean the connectors. The fittings should never be greased or oiled. Otherwise the helium circuit could become contaminated.*

7.6 Returning Equipment

Before returning any equipment, contact Austin Scientific to receive special instructions and to obtain a return authorization (RMA) number. See contact information in [Chapter 1, Section 1.2](#).