PRODUCT GUIDE FOR

HRA/DHRA Automatic
Hose Reel
INTRODUCTION

1. Prior to installation inspect all of the components received for shipping damage. If damage occurred immediately contact your Ventaire representative for assistance.

2. Read ALL the instructions before proceeding with any installation, operation, or maintenance.

INSTALLATION

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1. Inspect the hose reel thoroughly to make sure that no damage occurred while in transit.

2. Several mounting options are possible (See FIG 1 for details). Regardless of which orientation, the axis of the hose reel drum must be parallel to floor. Ceiling or floor mounted configuration is mandatory for hose reels with direct mounted exhaust fans. Contact factory for wall mounted reels with integral exhaust fan.

3. Raise the hose reel & fan (if applicable) off of the ground with a lifting mechanism (forklift, crane, etc.) and mount to a rigid structure at desired location being sure that the hose reel system will not interfere with any other equipment. Use 1/2” bolts/rods through the holes in the corners of the hose reel base.
4. Ensure rectangular support brackets are perpendicular to top L-brackets. A reel that is out of square will not rotate properly.

5. For hose reel with direct mounted fan, an additional support is required to support the fan. Run a ½” bolt/rod (not provided) down from overhead structure to the hole in the end of the rectangular steel fan to reel bracket and secure with locking fasteners. Reference FIG2A.

6. For hose reel ducted to remote fan, fasten the flanged outlet reducer provided to the reel through the flange/tabs (not the cone portion of the reducer). Reference FIG2B.

**CAUTION:** Do not drill through the axle pipe when mounting reducer flange. This will restrict the hose movement and may cause permanent damage to the hose reel.

7. Connect rigid duct to the outlet reducer or to the outlet of the direct mounted fan using industry standard methods.

**Flexible hose assembly**

8. See steps 9-11 for hose assembly. Typical configuration shown in FIG3.

![Flexible hose assembly diagram](image)

9. Fasten the exhaust adapter to one end of the flexible hose using the provided hose clamp. It is highly recommended to drill and rivet through the hose clamp and exhaust adapter to ensure a rigid connection is established, but this should be done only after the hose reel tension has been precisely adjusted.

10. For a hose assembly requiring an extension cable, securely attach the cable to the exhaust adapter or female disconnect fitting (where applicable).

**CAUTION:** Do not over tighten flexible hose stop. Over tightening the stop will cause the flexible hose to separate.
11. Each hose reel is provided with a hose stop that enables the user to stop retraction of the flexible hose at a predetermined point where the hose is not obstruct the work area and where the user can easily pull down the hose when needed. Position the adjustable hose stop on the flexible hose assembly at the desired location and tighten the internal gear clamp until the stop is secure being sure not to over tighten.

To reset spring tension

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12. Reset the tension on the hose reel by allowing the reel to slowly unwind. This is done by grasping the drum firmly and rotating the drum slowly until the locking mechanism unlocks. Then slowly let the reel rotate until the reel no longer spins on its own. To ensure all tension has been fully released, manually rotate the drum in the same direction until you hear the internal springs slip (they will make clunking noises).

13. The required hose reel tension varies due to the various flexible hose assemblies required for each unique application. The ideal tension must be determined with the hose assembly attached to the reel after the reel has been preloaded 5 rotations. This is performed by rotating the drum 5 turns in the direction which winds the internal springs and then engaging the latching mechanism on the reel.

14. Fasten the flexible hose assembly to the hose reel inlet elbow using the provided hose clamp. To ensure a rigid connection is established, drill and rivet the connections through the hose clamps and inlet elbow.

**CAUTION:** When adding wraps of hose, be careful not to exceed the winding mechanism’s spring capacity. Add just enough wraps of hose to achieve the desired tension. Damage to the winding mechanism or flexible hose may result if spring is over-tensioned.

15. Rotate the hose reel drum until the latch unlocks. With a firm grasp on the drum, allow the reel to slowly rotate in the opposite direction. The hose should retract slowly and smoothly onto reel. It is important to adjust the spring tension now.

16. Adjusting the tension is performed by adding or removing wraps of hose from the drum while the drum is locked into place.

**WARNING:** Do not over the tighten reel. This may permanently damage the spring in the winding mechanism. Ideally, the reel should be adjusted to wind up only as far as the desired height needed to reach the hose stop.

a. To increase tension, pull the hose down at least 10’ and let the hose retract slightly until the lock engages. With the reel locked into place, loop the 10’ of hose around the drum. You will need to remove the adjustable hose stop and may also need to remove the exhaust adapter. Repeat this procedure until reel retracts hose slowly to desired height. See FIG4 for adjustment illustration.
b. To decrease tension, rotate the drum so all the hose is on the drum and lock into place. With the reel locked into place, take a loop of hose off of the drum so the removed hose hangs vertically. You will need to remove the adjustable hose stop and may also need to remove the exhaust adapter. Repeat this procedure until reel retracts hose slowly to desired height. See FIG5 for adjustment illustration.

17. Once the spring tension has been adjusted, it is highly recommended to rivet the exhaust adapter to the flexible hose to ensure a rigid connection is established.
ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS (For Optional Direct Mount Fan):

18. Before connecting the motor to the electric supply, check the electrical characteristics as indicated on motor nameplate to ensure proper voltage and phase. Remember that a single-phase motor is connected only to a single-phase supply of proper voltage (three phase motor, three phase supply).

CAUTION: A ground wire must be run from the blower motor housing to a suitable electrical ground such as a properly grounded metallic raceway or a ground wire system.

19. It is recommended that in every motor connection, an overload device be installed between the current supply and motor, to protect the motor from under-voltage conditions and motor overloads.

20. Follow the wiring schematic located on the fan motor for specific wiring instructions.

21. After electrical connections are completed, apply just enough power to start the unit. Be sure that the rotation of the wheel is correct as indicated by the directional arrows on the unit. Rewire until the correct rotation has been achieved.

22. Apply full electrical power. With the air system in full operation and all ducts attached, measure the current input to the motor and compare with the nameplate rating to determine if the motor is operating under safe load conditions.

OPERATION

Complete operation of the automatic hose reel can be accomplished in nine simple steps.

Preparation of ventilation system prior to attaching to vehicle exhaust pipe:

1. Open any applicable air shut-off devices and turn on the exhaust fan.

2. Grasp the extension cable or the flexible hose firmly near the adapter.

CAUTION: Do not release hose assembly until the latching mechanism is engaged.

3. Slowly pull down on the flexible hose and bring the adapter down to the exhaust pipe. Allow for a few feet of slack in the hose.

4. Slowly let the hose retract until the latch mechanism on the reel engages. Be certain that the mechanism engages before proceeding to step 5.

5. Connect the adapter to the vehicle’s exhaust pipe and allow the flexible hose to hang freely.

After service on the vehicle is completed:

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6. Disconnect the hose adapter from the vehicle’s exhaust pipe.
7. Close the air shut-off devices (if applicable) and turn off the exhaust fan if fan is not venting any other systems.

8. Tug lightly on the flexible hose until the latch mechanism releases.

*WARNING:* Do not let go of hose assembly until all hose is coiled onto reel drum. Failure to do so may result in damage to system or personnel.

9. Slowly allow hose to wrap onto reel until it the hose stop on the hose contacts the hose stop bar on reel.

**MAINTENANCE**

1. Routinely check the flexible hose for wear to ensure proper airflow. If wear is apparent contact your Ventaire representative for replacement.

2. Periodically check all of the connections between the hose, hose reel, and rigid duct for leakage. Tighten if necessary.

3. For the exhaust fan use the instructions provided by the manufacturer.

4. If the reel locks and ceases to unwind or rewind, discontinue use immediately and contact representative. Do not pull or jerk on hose.

5. Lubricate grease fitting on spring pack arbor annually.

6. For problems not covered in these situations please contact your representative.
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Buyer’s failure to pay the full amount due within (60) days of invoice shall release seller from any and all liability or obligation to any warranty.

Before returning equipment for repair or replacement, a Return Authorization Number must be obtained from VENTAIRE (952-894-6637). The Return Authorization Number must be written on the outside of all shipping cartons. Items returned without a Return Authorization Number will be refused. Items returned should be in original condition in which it was received and must be accompanied with a written explanation of the reason(s) for their return.

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