Service Manual
Model 3163

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Part No.: 617898A (94-11)
Important Safety Information

**WARNING**

Read this information before attempting to perform service on this refrigerator.

Page 8 shows a wiring pictorial and diagram. Review both the wiring pictorial and diagram to understand the electrical circuits and the relationship to the individual components.

Understand the service procedures before performing the service.

Always apply the safety precautions listed below when servicing this refrigerator. Failure to follow these safety precautions can result in substantial property damage, severe personal injury, or death.

- Hazardous voltage can cause property damage, severe personal injury, or death. Disconnect both the AC and DC electrical sources to the refrigerator before performing service.
- To prevent short circuits, connect the positive battery lead to the refrigerator before attaching the negative lead.
- The 120 VAC circuit must be properly grounded. Never cut or remove the round grounding prong from the refrigerator’s AC power cord. Do not use a two-prong adapter. Do not use an extension cord.
- The use of improper rated fuses can lead to an electrical fire. In the event of a circuit overload, replace blown fuses with a fuse specified by Norcold. Fuse specifications are found in the "Specifications" section on page 2 of this manual. The correct fuse size is printed adjacent to the fuse on the refrigerator.
- Keep liquids away from electrical connections. Many liquids are electrically conductive and could cause serious arcing damage and, in some cases, fires.
- Never bend, drop, drill, weld, or hammer the cooling unit. Doing so can cause the cooling unit to rupture, releasing chemicals under high pressure. Contact with these chemicals may cause severe burns to the eyes or skin.
- Never attempt to repair or recharge the cooling unit. A defective cooling unit must be replaced.
- Hazardous vapors. Propane gas can cause an explosion, resulting in property damage, severe personal injury, or death. Use caution when working with or near a propane gas system. Do not smoke. Do not create sparks or use an open flame to check gas supply lines or gas connections.
- To prevent gas leaks and damage to the gas supply lines and fittings, use two wrenches when connecting or disconnecting gas fittings (See Figure 1 below).

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![Figure 1 - Double-Wrenching Gas Fittings](image)

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Specifications

Operating Limits
AC Mode: 132 volts AC max. - 108 volts AC min.
DC Mode: 15.4 volts DC max. - 11.5 volts DC min.
Gas Mode: 11” W.C. max. - 10.5” W.C. min.
15.4 VDC max. - 10.5 VDC min.

Current Draws
AC Heating Element - 1.3 amp @ 110 volts AC
1.4 amps @ 120 volts AC
DC Heating Element - 11.7 amps @ 12 volts DC
13.6 amps @ 14 volts DC
Ignition Relighter - 150 milliamps during ignition
100 milliamps steady state
Ventilation Fan - 240 milliamps

Ratings
LP Gas Mode: 640 BTU/Hr. Input
11” W.C. Gas Supply
.010” Orifice (LP10)
AC Mode: 110 volts AC - 140 watts
DC Mode: 12 volts DC - 140 watts

Fuse Replacement Data
AC Circuit: 3 amp Type 3AG (1/4” x 1/4”)
Norcold Part No.: 61654622
DC Circuit: 20 amp Type 3AG (1/4” x 1/4”)
Norcold Part No.: 61440522
Gas Circuit: 1 amp Type 3AG (1/4” x 1/4”)
Norcold Part No.: 618079

General Information

This refrigerator is not intended to be operated as a Free-Standing refrigerator (i.e. the products of combustion must be completely isolated from the living area) or installed in such a way as to conflict with these installation instructions. Unapproved installations could result in safety risks or performance problems.

The model 3163 is designed for built-in installation and operates on propane gas, 120 volts AC, or 12 volts DC.

Direct Vent Requirements

Interior Ventilation
The refrigerator’s cooling system requires a continual air flow to maintain proper refrigeration. An inlet and exhaust vent is required to insure adequate air flow. The refrigerator is equipped with an inlet vent located at the bottom front of the refrigerator. The installer is required to provide the exhaust vent. The exhaust vent must have a cross sectional area of 30 square inches minimum. The exhaust vent is to be installed above the top surface of the refrigerator so as not to trap hot air generated by the cooling unit. The refrigerator is equipped with a DC ventilation fan to assist the air flow across the refrigerator’s cooling system while operating the refrigerator in the Gas mode.

Ventilation Fan
A thermostat controlled mechanical fan is used to move air across the refrigerator’s cooling system. The thermostat is calibrated to activate the fan whenever the vehicle’s interior temperature reaches 85 degrees or higher.

When leaving the vehicle unattended, it is advisable to leave windows or roof exhaust vents open to maintain the vehicle’s interior temperature below 85 degrees. This will allow the refrigerator to operate efficiently, minimize fan operation, and limit current draw from the battery.

Installing the Vent-Air Intake/Exhaust Assy

Improper location and installation can cause injury or property damage. This refrigerator and it’s vents are design certified by the American Gas Association and the Canadian Gas Association. Any deviation or sub-
stitution will void the agencies’ certifications and the Norcold warranty. Refer to this manual for proper instructions. Install the refrigerator and vents as directed by Norcold without modification.

The clearance from the refrigerator’s left side (facing the front of the refrigerator) to the vehicle’s exterior wall is important. This is the area in which the inlet and outlet flexible piping will be connected to the vent terminal housing during installation. Refer to Figures 3 and 4 for maximum clearances from refrigerator cabinet to vehicle exterior wall.

The wall thickness the vent terminal housing will accommodate is .030” minimum to 1.250” maximum. Figure 2 illustrates the configuration of the opening for the vent terminal housing. Do not make the opening in the vehicle wall larger than required. The clearance should be enough for the terminal housing to pass through the opening. If the opening is too large, the outer gasket will not cover the vent housing opening.

Figure 2 - Air Intake/Exhaust Assembly

1. Mounting Screw 8. O Rings
2. Vent Cover 9. Intake Piping
3. Outer Disk 10. Exhaust Piping
4. Inner Disk 11. Locking Washer Screw
5. Rubber Gasket 12. Locking Washer
7. Vent Terminal Housing 14. Mounting Screw
6. Vent Terminal Housing 15. Mounting Screw

It is imperative that the wall opening for the vent terminal housing not be too low. The flexible piping (inlet and outlet pipes) must rise from the refrigerator to the terminal housing. There are two specific vent-air intake assembly kits available to accommodate most installations. Figures 3 and 4 illustrate two installations with the maximum flexible piping lengths and the vent terminal housing locations.

Figure 3 - Kit #617941 Flexible Piping & Vent Location

Figure 4 - Kit #617943 Flexible Piping & Vent Location
**Insulating the Flexible Exhaust Piping**

The flexible exhaust pipe must be insulated prior to installation into the vent terminal housing. The flexible exhaust pipe connects to the flue tube of the refrigerator’s cooling unit and routes to the bottom opening of the vent terminal housing. Use the non-combustible insulation material supplied with the vent-air intake/exhaust kit. **Do not insulate the Air Intake pipe.**

**Installing Refrigerator into the Enclosure**

Set the refrigerator into the enclosure and slide it back enough to connect the gas supply piping to the manual shut-off valve located at the top of the refrigerator. Connect the 12 volt DC supply to the terminal block also located at the top of the refrigerator. Connect the AC power cord to the receptacle. Place the “O” rings onto the ends of both flexible pipes. Bend the flexible pipes so they clear the top of the enclosure. Connect the piping as follows:

**Exhaust Pipe** - This pipe is insulated and connects to the flue tube of the cooling unit. Route and connect to the bottom opening of the vent terminal housing.

**Intake Pipe** - This pipe is *not* insulated and connects to the burner cover. Route and connect to the top opening of the vent terminal housing.

Secure both flexible pipes to vent terminal housing with locking washer and screw. Slide refrigerator completely into enclosure.

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**Propane System**

**Testing of the Vehicle’s Gas Supply Piping**

When installation is complete, the propane gas supply piping must be inspected and tested for leaks from the refrigerator to the main gas supply tank. Use a leak detection solution. **Do not test for leaks with an open flame.**

If compressed air is used for leak testing, the pressure must not exceed 1/2 psig (14 inches water column).

The appliance and its individual shutoff valve must be disconnected from the gas supply piping system during any pressure testing of that system at test pressure in excess of 1/2 psig (14 inches water column).

The appliance must be isolated from the gas supply piping system by closing its manual shutoff valve during any pressure testing of the gas supply piping system at test pressure less than or equal to 1/2 psig (14 inches water column).

Check the gas pressure to the refrigerator without other gas appliances operating. The pressure should not exceed 11 inches water column. With other appliances operating the pressure should not be less than 10.5 inches water column.

**Gas Burner Flame**

The operation of the refrigerator is controlled by the correct burner flame which supplies the heat input to the refrigerator’s cooling system. The correct burner flame is dependent upon correct input gas pressure and the burner and burner orifice being clean. The propane gas piping and the supply pressure must be inspected and tested at least twice a year. All inspections and tests must be performed by the propane gas supplier or a qualified service agency.

A visual check of the burner flame should be made regularly. The burner flame can be observed through the air inlet grille as shown in Figure 5.

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As illustrated in Figure 6, the flame should be sharp blue with a stable burning appearance. If there is a constant yellow component observed or if the flame appears erratic and unstable, perform the following inspection. Check the gas supply pressure to insure the pressure is between 10.5" W.C. min. - 11" W.C. max.. Inspect the Air Intake pipe between the burner and the vent terminal housing for obstructions. If the gas supply pressure is within specifications, and the Air Intake pipe is clear of obstructions, clean the burner, orifice, and cooling unit’s flue tube. Also observe the position of the flame; it must be centered under the flue tube without touching the inner wall of the tube.

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**Figure 5**

**Figure 6**
Check Out of Flame Failure Safety Device

1. To verify operation of the flame failure safety device, start the refrigerator in the gas mode (refer to lighting instructions on page 6) and verify the presence of a flame.
2. Turn off the gas at the manual shut-off valve or at the main gas supply tank.
3. The flame will go out and within 3 minutes the flame safety device will automatically close (an audible click will be heard as this device closes).
4. Turn the gas on at the manual shut-off valve.
5. Attempt to light the burner by placing the mode selection button to the gas mode. Do not push in the safety valve.
6. Without holding the safety valve in, the burner flame will not re-light. This indicates the flame failure safety device is functioning.

Description of Controls

(A) Safety Valve

The safety valve is designed so that any loss of flame will stop the gas flow to the burner. It is controlled by means of a thermocouple that is positioned in the flame. As long as a flame is detected by the thermocouple, the valve will remain open. Upon flame failure, the valve closes, shutting off the gas flow to the burner. During the gas ignition process, the safety valve button must be held in until a flame is established at the burner.

(B) Thermostat

The thermostat on the Norcold refrigerator controls both the gas and AC electric operations, thereby eliminating the necessity of resetting each time a different power source is selected. Rotate the thermostat knob clockwise to make the refrigerator cabinet colder.

(C) 120 Volts AC Operation

Pressing button (C) selects the AC mode of operation. When the AC mode is selected and AC voltage is supplied to the refrigerator, the refrigerator will operate on 120 volts AC.

(D) 12 Volts DC Operation

Pressing button (D) selects the DC mode of operation. When DC is selected and DC is available to the refrigerator, the refrigerator will operate at full cooling power. The DC operation is a continuous run (no thermostat control) mode.

(E) Gas Operation

Pressing button (E) selects the Gas mode of operation. The refrigerator is equipped with electronic ignition. When the gas mode is selected, the electronic ignition is energized and sparking is generated at the burner (Note: Push safety valve button in and hold until flame is present at burner). Spurring will continue until a flame is present at the burner. When a flame is sensed by the electronic ignition module, the sparking ceases and the flame indicator (G) illuminates indicating the refrigerator is operating on gas.

(F) Off

Pressing button (F) will interrupt all power sources and cease operation of the refrigerator.

The refrigerator’s operating controls are located on top of the refrigerator. The control panel is located on the top front surface directly above the refrigerator door.
Lighting and Start-Up Instructions

The Lighting and Start-Up Instructions are located on the top portion of the interior door liner. Refer to Figure 8 for location of the operating controls.

Notice: When warm humid weather conditions are observed, operate the refrigerator on either AC or DC electric for a minimum of five (5) minutes before attempting to follow the Start-Up Instructions for Gas operation.

AC Operation
1. Press mode selection button (C).
2. Set the thermostat (B) to the coldest (maximum) setting. Allow to operate at maximum setting for 6 to 8 hours before setting to mid range.

DC Operation
1. Press mode selection button (D). There is no need to set thermostat to any setting. The DC operation is a continuous run (no thermostat control) mode.

Gas Operation
1. Set thermostat (B) to the start setting.
2. Press mode selector button (E). Ignition spark will be present at the burner.
3. Push and hold the safety valve button (A) until the indicator lamp (G) glows steady. Continue to hold the safety valve button in for 15 seconds and then release. The indicator lamp should remain a steady glow. If the lamp turns off, repeat this step.

Notice: On initial start-up, it may take longer for the burner to light because of air being purged from the gas supply line.

WARNING
Do not hold gas valve in more than 30 seconds. If the flame is not indicated within this time, press selector switch (F), wait 2 minutes, and retry. Continuing to hold the gas valve in will cause gas to build up in the burner area and can result in an explosion which can cause property damage or severe personal injury.

1. Set thermostat to desired temperature setting.

Shut-Down: All Modes
Press mode selector button (F). This will interrupt all AC and DC power and stop operation of the refrigerator.
Norcold Limited Warranty Time Allowance Chart

**Rialta**

To gain access to the operating controls of the refrigerator, remove the drawer directly above the refrigerator. The interrupter can be replaced without removing the refrigerator.

**EuroVan**

To gain access to the operating controls of the refrigerator, remove the control panel assembly located directly above the refrigerator.

**Heater Wires**

To gain access to the AC and DC heater wires, remove the system cover located on the front left side of the refrigerator.

**Time Allowance**

Norcold will pay the time allowance multiplied by the service facility prevailing shop labor rate.

*Note: The time allowances which follow include diagnostic times, defective part replacement, refrigerator removal and reinstallation (when applicable), and gas leak test times.*

A gas leak test is required when gas connections, either the main supply line to the refrigerator or the refrigerator gas components, have been disconnected.

*Note: In the event of a cooling unit failure, the complete refrigerator will be replaced. The time allotted to remove and replace the defective refrigerator will be 1 hr.*

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Wiring Pictorial & Diagram

WIRING PICTORIAL - MODEL 3163

WIRING DIAGRAM - 3163

Part No.: 618099A
Important Safety Information - AC Circuit

Read this information before attempting to perform service on this refrigerator. Understand the service procedures before performing the service.

Always apply the safety precautions on page 1 and the precautions listed below. Failure to follow these safety precautions can result in substantial property damage, severe personal injury, or death.

- Use caution when performing the AC diagnostic procedures. Disconnect the AC electrical power source to the refrigerator before replacing any AC electrical component.
- Do not remove or cut the round grounding prong from the refrigerator’s AC power cord. Do not use a two-prong adapter.
- Replace blown fuses with a fuse specified by Norcold. Refer to “Specifications” section of this manual, or the fuse size printed adjacent to the fuse on the refrigerator.
- Keep liquids away from AC electrical connections. Liquids are electrically conductive and could cause fires.

WIRING PICTORIAL – AC CIRCUIT
MODEL 3163
**Specifications**

AC Voltage: 108 - 132 VAC  
Current Draw: 1.3 - 1.4 amps  
Heater Resistance: 81.7 - 90.3 ohms
Important Safety Information - DC Circuit

Read this information before attempting to perform service on this refrigerator. Understand the service procedures before performing the service.

Always apply the safety precautions on page 1 and the precautions listed below. Failure to follow these safety precautions can result in substantial property damage, severe personal injury, or death.

- Use caution when performing the DC diagnostic procedures. Disconnect the DC electrical power source to the refrigerator before replacing any DC electrical component.
- Replace blown fuses with a fuse specified by Norcold. Refer to "Specifications" section of this manual, or the fuse size printed adjacent to the fuse on the refrigerator.
- Connect the positive battery lead to the refrigerator first to prevent short circuits.
- Use caution when connecting or disconnecting the DC supply to the refrigerator. DC supply is close to the propane gas supply to the refrigerator. Arcing can occur and ignite a leak in the propane gas supply piping.

WARNING

Always apply the safety precautions on page 1 and the precautions listed below. Failure to follow these safety precautions can result in substantial property damage, severe personal injury, or death.

- Use caution when performing the DC diagnostic procedures. Disconnect the DC electrical power source to the refrigerator before replacing any DC electrical component.
- Replace blown fuses with a fuse specified by Norcold. Refer to "Specifications" section of this manual, or the fuse size printed adjacent to the fuse on the refrigerator.
- Connect the positive battery lead to the refrigerator first to prevent short circuits.
- Use caution when connecting or disconnecting the DC supply to the refrigerator. DC supply is close to the propane gas supply to the refrigerator. Arcing can occur and ignite a leak in the propane gas supply piping.

WIRING PICTORIAL - DC CIRCUIT
MODEL 3163
Specifications

DC Voltage: 11.5 - 15.4 VDC  Current Draw: 11.7 - 13.6 amps  Heater Resistance: 0.95 - 1.05 ohms
Important Safety Information - Gas Circuit

Read this information before attempting to perform service on this refrigerator. Understand the service procedures before performing the service.

Always apply the safety precautions on page 1 and the precautions listed below. Failure to follow these safety precautions can result in substantial property damage, severe personal injury, or death.

- Propane gas can cause an explosion. Use caution when working with or near a propane gas system. Do not smoke, create sparks, or use an open flame to check gas supply lines or gas connections.
- To prevent gas leaks and damage to the gas supply lines and fittings, use two wrenches when connecting or disconnecting gas fittings (See Figure 1 on page 1).
- Use caution when performing the gas diagnostic procedures. Disconnect both the AC and DC electrical sources to the refrigerator before replacing any gas component.
- Connect the positive battery lead to the refrigerator first to prevent short circuits.
- Replace blown fuses with a fuse specified by Norcold. Refer to “Specifications” section of this manual, or the fuse size printed adjacent to fuse on the refrigerator.
- Use caution when connecting or disconnecting the DC supply to the refrigerator. DC supply is close to the propane gas supply to the refrigerator. Arcing can occur and could ignite a leak in the propane gas supply piping.
- Keep liquids away from electrical connections. Liquids are electrically conductive and could cause a fire.

WIRING PICTORIAL — GAS CIRCUIT
MODEL 316.3
No Spark at Burner

- Is selector switch set to Gas? → YES: Set selector switch to Gas and start refrigerator. → NO: Set selector switch to Gas and start refrigerator.
- Is thermostat set to start? → YES: Set thermostat to Gas and start refrigerator. → NO: Set thermostat to Gas and start refrigerator.
- Is circuit breaker tripped or fuse blown? (DC to refrigerator) → NO: Replace 1 amp fuse and start refrigerator. → YES: Correct DC source to 1 amp fuse.
- Is 12 VDC at input of 1 amp fuse? → YES: Is 12 VDC at output of 1 amp fuse? → YES: Replace 1 amp fuse and start refrigerator. → NO: Correct DC source to 1 amp fuse.
- Is 12 VDC at input of 20 AMP fuse? → YES: Correct DC source to 20 amp fuse. → NO: Correct DC source to 20 amp fuse.
- Is 12 VDC present at terminal block? → YES: Correct DC source and start refrigerator. → NO: Correct DC source and start refrigerator.
- Is circuit breaker tripped or fuse blown? (DC to refrigerator) → YES: Reset breaker or replace fuse and start refrigerator. → NO: Correct DC source and start refrigerator.
- Is 12 VDC at output of selector switch? → YES: Establish DC supply to relighter. → NO: Replace selector switch and start refrigerator.
- Is selector switch set to Gas? → YES: Install short jumper wire from relighter to within 1/8" of ground. → NO: Remove spark electrode wire from relighter.
- Is 12 VDC at T1(+) & T3(-) of relighter? → NO: Replace electrode assembly. → YES: Replace electrode to 1/16" min. - 1/8" max. above burner.
- Is 12 VDC at T1(+) & T3(-) of relighter? → NO: Replace electrode assembly. → YES: Replace electrode to 1/16" min. - 1/8" max. above burner.
- Is 12 VDC at input of selector switch? → YES: Correct DC to switch and start refrigerator. → NO: Correct DC to switch and start refrigerator.
- Is relighter sparking? → YES: Check electrode continuity - must read ¥. → NO: Replace relighter. → NO: Replace relighter.
- Is electrode positioned 1/8" max. above burner? → YES: Replace electrode assembly. → NO: Replace electrode assembly. → NO: Replace electrode assembly.

Specifications

Gas Pressure: 10.5" W.C. - 11" W.C.  DC Voltage: 10.5 - 15.4 VDC

Note: If the negative DC supply connection is lost, the flame indicator light will remain on all the time, even without the flame present.
Note: If flame is burning but the flame indicator lamp is not illuminated, check for 2 Volts DC from the relighter to the lamp. If 2 Volts DC is present, replace flame indicator lamp. If 2 Volts DC is not present, replace the relighter.
Burner Ignites But Flame Will Not Hold

Is the DC voltage at terminal block between 10.5 - 15.4 VDC?
- NO: Correct DC voltage input.
- YES: Is the main gas supply on?
  - NO: Turn main gas supply on.
  - YES: Is refrigerator's manual shut-off valve on?
    - NO: Turn manual shut-off valve on.
    - YES: Is vent terminal housing free from obstructions?
      - NO: Clear vent terminal of obstruction.
      - YES: Is gas supply pressure at 10.5" - 11" W.C.?
        - NO: Adjust main gas pressure to 11" W.C..
        - YES: Set thermostat to maximum setting.

Is the DC voltage at terminal block between 10.5 - 15.4 VDC?
- NO: Correct DC voltage input.
- YES: Is the main gas supply on?
  - NO: Turn main gas supply on.
  - YES: Is refrigerator's manual shut-off valve on?
    - NO: Turn manual shut-off valve on.
    - YES: Is vent terminal housing free from obstructions?
      - NO: Clear vent terminal of obstruction.
      - YES: Is gas supply pressure at 10.5" - 11" W.C.?
        - NO: Adjust main gas pressure to 11" W.C..
        - YES: Set thermostat to maximum setting.

Remove white wires and jump interrupter terminals.
- YES: Does flame hold?
  - NO: Replace relighter.
  - YES: Secure wire connections.

Are white wires from relighter to interrupter secure & tight?
- NO: Tighten connection.
- YES: Is interrupter connection at safety valve tight?
  - NO: Reposition or clean thermocouple.
  - YES: Is tip of the thermocouple in flame and clean of carbon?
    - NO: Replace interrupter.
    - YES: Is gas pressure at pressure tap tee between 10.5 - 11" W.C.?
      - NO: Replace safety valve.
      - YES: Replace safety valve.

16 milli-volts on both terminals.
- Replace thermocouple.
10-15 milli-volts on both terminals.
- Replace safety valve.
16-30 milli-volts on one terminal, 0 milli-volts on the other.
- Replace interrupter.
16-30 milli-volts on both terminals.
- Replace safety valve.

Note: If the negative DC supply connection is lost, the flame indicator light will remain on all the time, even without the flame present.
Important Safety Information - DC Fan Circuit

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WARNING

Always apply the safety precautions on page 1 and the precautions listed below. Failure to follow these safety precautions can result in substantial property damage, severe personal injury, or death.

- Propane gas can cause an explosion. Use caution when working with or near a propane gas system. Do not smoke, create sparks, or use an open flame to check gas supply lines or gas connections.
- To prevent gas leaks and damage to the gas supply lines and fittings, use two wrenches when connecting or disconnecting gas fittings (See Figure 1 on page 1).
- Use caution when performing the gas diagnostic procedures. Disconnect both the AC and DC electrical sources to the refrigerator before replacing any gas component.
- Connect the positive battery lead to the refrigerator first to prevent short circuits.
- Replace blown fuses with a fuse specified by Norcold. Refer to "Specifications" section of this manual, or the fuse size printed adjacent to fuse on the refrigerator.
- Use caution when connecting or disconnecting the DC supply to the refrigerator. DC supply is close to the propane gas supply to the refrigerator. Arcing can occur and could ignite a leak in the propane gas supply piping.
- Keep liquids away from electrical connections. Liquids are electrically conductive and could cause a fire.

WIRING PICTORIAL – DC FAN CIRCUIT

MODEL 3163

[Diagram showing wiring connections: THERMOCOUPLE, SPARK ELECTRODE, INTERRUPTER, PRESSURE TAP, SAFETY VALVE, THERMOSTAT, SELECTOR SWITCH, VEHICLE’S 12 VDC SUPPLY WIRE, TERMINAL BLOCK, CHASSIS GROUND, FAN, T’STAT, RELIGHTER, FLAME INDICATOR]
Trouble Shooting - Ventilation Fan

Is the mode selection in the Gas position?

Set mode selection switch to gas.

Is 12 VDC present at input of 1 amp fuse?

Correct 12 VDC source to fuse.

Is 12 VDC present at output of 1 amp fuse?

Replace 1 amp fuse.

Is 12 VDC present at input of mode selection switch?

Correct 12 VDC source to mode selection switch.

Is 12 VDC present at input of mode selection switch?

Is 12 VDC present at output of mode selection switch?

Correct 12 VDC source to fan thermostat.

Replace mode selection switch.

Is 12 VDC present at input of mode selection switch?

Is 12 VDC present at output of mode selection switch?

Correct 12 VDC source to fan thermostat.

Replace thermostat.

Does fan operate?

Connect the two wires together.

Disconnect red wire from mode selection switch to thermostat.

Disconnect red wire from fan to thermostat.

 Trouble Shooting - Ventilation Fan Specifications

DC Voltage: 12 VDC

Current Draw: .240 millamps
Diagnosing Cooling Problems

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- Never bend, drop, drill, weld, or hammer the cooling unit. Doing so can cause the cooling unit to rupture, releasing chemicals under high pressure. Contact with these chemicals may cause severe burns to the eyes or skin.
- Never attempt to repair or recharge the cooling unit. A defective cooling unit must be replaced.

**Diagnostic Procedures**

1. Make sure the cooling problem occurs while operating the refrigerator in each mode of operation. If not, the cooling problem is not the cooling unit. Refer to Trouble Shooting sections to determine cause for insufficient cooling on identified mode of operation.
2. Make sure the interior venting is not obstructed and is providing air circulation across the cooling unit's absorber coils and condenser fins.
3. Make sure the 12 VDC ventilation fan is functional. The fan will operate whenever the vehicle's interior temperature reaches 85° or higher.

See pictorial and trouble shooting guide on pages 17 & 18.

4. An off-level situation, if the infraction is marginal, will allow the refrigerator to continue to operate at a reduced level of cooling until the refrigerator is leveled. Greater off-level situations will stop the refrigerant circulation and cease cooling. Normal vehicle leveling to provide comfort for the occupants is within the refrigerator's operating limits. The refrigerator's operating limits are 3 degrees off-level front-to-back and 6 degrees off-level side-to-side. Operating the refrigerator outside of these operating limits for an extended time will cause irreparable damage to the cooling unit.

5. Check the input voltages and gas pressure to insure correct heat input and voltage limits. The specifications are as follows:
   a. 120 VAC - 108 VAC min. to 132 VAC max.
   b. 12 VDC - 11.5 VDC min. to 15.4 VDC max.
   c. Gas - 10.5" W.C. min. to 11" W.C.
Correct input voltages and propane gas supply are critical for the cooling unit to function properly.

6. Check the area of the cooling unit for refrigerant leaks. The smell of ammonia is a positive sign of a refrigerant leak. When an ammonia smell is detected, the cooling unit must be replaced. Another sign of a refrigerant leak is the appearance of a yellow powder in the vicinity of the cooling unit. When this powder is observed, the cooling unit must be replaced.

7. Check the absorber coils; the bottom coil will be warm and the top coil will be cooler. If the coils are cold and the cooling units flue enclosure is too hot to touch, there is a blockage in the cooling unit and the cooling unit must be replaced.
Refrigerator Removal Procedures

**WARNING**

Improper removal and installation of the refrigerator can cause injury or property damage. Before attempting the procedures below, review the "Important Safety Information" on page 1 and the procedures below.

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1. Turn off the gas supply at the main tank.
2. Turn the refrigerator's mode selector to "OFF".
3. Remove the vehicle's middle bench seat.
4. Remove the refrigerator's system cover located on the left front of the refrigerator by removing 5 retaining screws.
5. Remove 5 retaining screws securing refrigerator to enclosure.
6. Remove the monitor panel located directly above the refrigerator by removing 6 retaining screws. **CAUTION:** It is not necessary to disconnect wiring from the monitor panel. Pull panel forward and away from the monitor panel's mounting bracket. Lay monitor panel on galley top. Take care not to scratch the galley and its surrounding surfaces, or the face of the control panel.
7. Remove the monitor panel's mounting (frame) bracket by removing four retaining screws. The retaining screws are located on both the left and right sides of the bracket.
8. Turn the manual shut-off valve located on top of the refrigerator to "OFF". See Figure 12.
9. Remove both the positive and negative leads from the vehicle's battery.
10. Disconnect the vehicle's 12 volt DC supply wires from the refrigerator's terminal block.
11. Disconnect the LP gas supply line from the refrigerator's manual shut-off valve. See Figure 12. **CAUTION:** To prevent gas leaks or damage to the gas supply lines and fittings, use two wrenches when connecting or disconnecting gas fittings.
12. Remove the three (3) screws securing the vent cover to the vehicle's exterior surface. See Figure 11.
13. Remove the two (2) screws securing the inner disk to the vent terminal housing. See Figure 11.
14. Carefully push the vent terminal housing inward until free from the vehicle's wall.
15. Carefully pull the refrigerator forward to gain access to the refrigerator's AC power cord. Disconnect the refrigerator's AC power cord from the wall receptacle.
16. Remove the refrigerator from its enclosure.
17. To re-install the refrigerator, reverse the removal procedure.
18. After connecting the vehicle's gas supply line to the refrigerator's manual shut-off valve, turn the valve on. Use a manometer and verify that the input gas pressure is at 11" W.C..
19. Turn off the gas supply at the manual shut-off valve. Observe the manometer and verify that the gas pressure is maintained. If not, locate the source of the leak, correct it, and re-test the unit.
20. Apply leak test solution to all gas fittings and verify that there are no leaks. **Do not test for gas leaks with an open flame.**
1. Turn off the gas supply at the main tank.
2. Turn the refrigerator's mode selector to "OFF".
3. Remove the refrigerator's system cover located on the left front of the refrigerator by removing 5 retaining screws.
4. Remove 5 retaining screws securing the refrigerator to the enclosure.
5. Remove the drawer directly above the refrigerator.
6. Turn the manual shut-off valve located on top of the refrigerator to "OFF". See Figure 12.
7. Disconnect the vehicle's 12 volt DC supply wires from the refrigerator's terminal block.
8. Disconnect the LP gas supply line from the refrigerator's manual shut-off valve. See Figure 12. **CAUTION: To prevent gas leaks and damage to the gas supply lines and fittings, use two wrenches when connecting or disconnecting gas fittings.**
9. Disconnect the refrigerator's AC power cord from the wall receptacle.
10. Open the cabinet door to the left of the refrigerator. Remove the access panel at the rear of the cabinet. This will allow access to the refrigerator's vent-air intake and exhaust piping.

![Figure 13 - Vent Terminal Housing](image)

11. Remove the phillips head screw and retaining washer which secure the vent-air exhaust and intake flexible vent piping to the vent terminal housing. See Figure 13.
12. Remove both the intake and exhaust vent piping from the vent terminal housing. **Care must be taken not to damage the "O" ring seals when removing the piping.**
13. Remove right dinette assembly cover panel to access the refrigerator retaining bracket. Reference "Right Dinette Assembly Cover Panel Removal" in the Interior Section.
14. Loosen and remove the refrigerator's retaining screws at rear base of the refrigerator.
15. Position the flexible vent-air intake and exhaust piping to remove the refrigerator from its enclosure.
16. To re-install the refrigerator, reverse the removal procedure.
17. After connecting the vehicle's gas supply line to the refrigerator's manual shut-off valve, turn the valve on. Use a manometer and verify that the input gas pressure is at 11" W.C..
18. Turn off the gas supply at the manual shut-off valve. Observe the manometer and verify that the gas pressure is maintained. If not, locate the source of the leak, correct it, and re-test the unit.
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