ACROSS INTERNATIONAL AT ECO SERIES VACUUM CHAMBER USER MANUAL







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1. SAFETY NOTES / ILLUSTRATED SYMBOLS

Thank you for choosing our AT Series. Please read this manual carefully before operating the unit. Keep this manual on-hand so it can be used by all operators of the unit. Across International is not responsible for any injury or damage caused by misuse.

Symbol	Explanation of Symbols / Explication des Symboles
	Watch out Important note
	Protective earth connection
4	Caution High Voltage
1	Danger: Situation is dangerous and may result in death or serious injury
	Attention: Beware of rotating objects
	Attention: Wear protective gloves and goggles to prevent personal injury

2. PRECAUTIONS

- ◆ THIS IS NOT AN EXPLOSION PROOF OVEN. THIS OVEN IS NOT SUITABLE FOR USE IN CLASS I, II, OR III LOCATIONS, AS DEFINED BY THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE NFPA 70.
- ◆ NEVER LEAVE YOUR OVEN UNATTENDED WHILE OPERATING.
- Across International is not responsible for any loss of material inside the unit.
- ◆ DO NOT try to heat combustible or explosive materials, or materials that may release corrosive/erosive gases.
- Never clean the unit with flammable cleaners. Assure that all cleaning agents are completely evaporated and dried before reconnecting the unit to the power supply.
- ◆ Keep the unit away from any electromagnetic interferences, vibrations, flammable materials, fire, or corrosive/erosive gases.
- ◆ In the event of spelled of hazardous material in the oven chamber, please decontaminate the chamber properly before using the oven. Consult the MSDS of the material used for cleaning process or call Across International.
- ◆ Avoid vibration or any corrosive/erosive gases around the oven.
- ♦ Always wear thermal gloves and protective goggles during operation.
- ◆ Always make sure your unit is on the correct power source (110V or 220V) and grounded properly. Always use the power cord that comes with the unit. Never modify the cable or power plug.



- ◆ The unit chamber should be cleaned and disinfected prior to use. There are many commercially available disinfectants available that are non-corrosive and non-abrasive and suitable for use on stainless steel surfaces.
- ◆ Do not use the unit as a positive pressure chamber.
- ◆ Do not position the equipment so that it is difficult to operate the disconnecting device.
- ◆ Consider conditions that may affect your oven's ability to accurately control its temperatures. Such as extreme heat from radiators, stoves, other ovens, autoclaves, etc. Avoid direct sun, fast-moving air currents, heating/cooling ducts, and high traffic areas.
- ◆ To ensure proper air circulation around the oven, allow a minimum of 12 inches between the oven and any walls or partitions.
- ◆ A separate circuit for the oven is strongly recommended to prevent possible loss of product due to overloading or failure of other equipment on a shared circuit.
- If the equipment is not used in a manner specified in this manual, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired
- Returning shipment: Save the shipping crate until you are sure your unit is consistently working properly. If for any reason you must return the unit, first contact AI for a return material authorization (RMA) number.

3. INTRODUCTION

Introducing the new Ai Eco series cubic foot oven, come standard with one-year warranty. Every one of our vacuum ovens goes through a 2-time 24-hour vacuum leak test and is 100% quality controlled in New Jersey or Nevada before leaving our facilities.

Features

- Oil-filled mechanical vacuum gauge provides more accurate reading, longer gauge life and minimizes shipping damage.
- ◆ Adjustable gas back fill capability with needle valve and vent port.
- 3rd gen LCD low proportional gain temperature controllers keep your oven temperature accurate
- Best choice for the curing and converting of oil extracts. With deep vacuum level, they can operate at temperatures which allow the degassing/purging process to occur rapidly, thus increase productivity and allow for the production of superior quality products with minimal processing time.
- ◆ Dual layer observation window with 1/2" tempered safety glass.
- 3" thermal insulation prevents heat loss and minimizes the enclosure's outer surface temperature.
- Easy-to-clean stainless steel interior for exceptional durability and ease of maintenance.
- Built-in alarm alerts you when oven has been shut down by safety circuitry due to out of range temperature.
- All ovens shipped from our New Jersey or Nevada location for quick delivery, and come with two year warranty and lifetime US-based parts and service support.
 - Every one of our vacuum chambers goes through a 2-time 24-hour vacuum leak test, and is quality controlled in New Jersey or Nevada before leaving our warehouses.

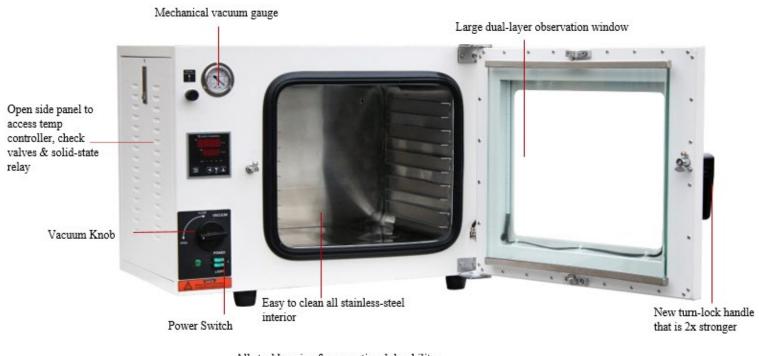
The chamber interior was cleaned at the factory, but not sterilized. Clean with a disinfectant that is appropriate for your application.

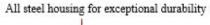
4. SPECIFICATIONS

Model		AT09e	AT19e	AT50e
Electrical requirements		110VAC ± 10%, 50/60Hz 1-PH	110/220 VAC ± 10%, 50/60Hz 1-PH	
Output Pow	er	15	00 W	3000W
Environmental Operation Conditions		 Indoor use and altitude up to 2000m Temperature 5-40°C Max. relative humidity 80% for temperatures up to 30°C decreasing linearly to 50 % relative humidity at 40°C Mains supply volt fluctuations up to ±10 % of the nominal voltage Transient overvoltage up to the levels of overvoltage category II (See Note 1). Temporary overvoltage occurring on the mains supply. Applicable pollution degree of the intended environment (pollution degree 2 in most cases (See Note 2). Note 1: These levels of transient overvoltage are typical for equipment supplied from the building wiring. Note 2: Manufacturers may specify more restricted environmental conditions for operation, nevertheless the 		
	T	equipment must be safe within th	nese normal environmental conditions.	T
Charahan	Size (WxDxH)	12 x 12 x 11"	16.5 x 14.5 x 14"	19.75 x 21.5 x 19.75"
Chamber	Material		Stainless steel	
	Capacity	0.9 cubic foot	1.9 cubic foot	5.0 Cubic foot
	Included	4 aluminum slide-in shelves	5 aluminum slide-in shelves	7 aluminum slide-in shelves
	Capacity	8 shelves max.	10 shelves max.	14 shelves max.
	Style	pan-shape	pan-shape	pan-shape
	Size	11.5 x 11.25"	16 x 14.25"	19.25 x 21"
Shelves	Maximum area	129.4 x 8 = 7 sq ft or 1035 inch ²	228 x 10 = 16 sq ft or 2,280 inch ²	404.25 x 14 = 5,660 inch ² or 39.3 sq ft
	Distance between shelves	one inch	one inch	1.25 inches
Temperature	e	ambient to 150°C (or 302°F)		
Vacuum		Ultimate vacuum level: better than Mechanical vacuum gauge range: 0 Mechanical vacuum gauge type: oi Vacuum port: KF25 flange x 1 Vent port: 1/4" Ball Valve x 1 Vacuum Pump: Sold Separately		sed on your altitude)
Door gasket	material		Silicone or Viton (Optional)	
Observation window			1/2" tempered safety glass	
Unit Weight		90 lbs.	140 lbs.	390 lbs.
Shipping Weight		155 lbs.	220 lbs.	620 lbs.
Unit Dimensions (WxDxH)		28 x 25 x 26"	32 x 28 x 29"	41 x 40x 47"
Shipping Dimensions (WxDxH)		29 x 29 x 29"	32 x 28 x 29"	38 x 37 x 38"
In-door light	ts	White LED (pre-installed)		
Compliance		CE		

IV	lodel	AT32e	
Electrical requirements		110/220 VAC ± 10%, 50/60Hz 1-PH	
Output Power		1,500 W 500 watts x 3, built into 3 aluminum shelves, for the fastest, most energy efficient and uniform heating.	
Environmental Operation Conditions		 Indoor use and altitude up to 2000m Temperature 5-40°C Max. relative humidity 80% for temperatures up to 30°C decreasing linearly to 50 % relative humidity at 40°C Mains supply volt fluctuations up to ±10 % of the nominal voltage Transient overvoltage up to the levels of overvoltage category II (See Note 1). Temporary overvoltage occurring on the mains supply. Applicable pollution degree of the intended environment (pollution degree 2 in most cases (See Note 2). Note 1: These levels of transient overvoltage are typical for equipment supplied from the building wiring. Note 2: Manufacturers may specify more restricted environmental conditions for operation, nevertheless the equipment must be safe within these normal environmental conditions. 	
	Size	18 x 18 x 18" (WxDxH)	
Chamber	Material	Stainless Steel	
	Capacity	3.2 cubic foot	
Temperature control		Controller: 3rd gen low proportional gain, microcomputer PID controlled Range: ambient to 150°C (or 302°F) Display units: Fahrenheit or Celsius Uniformity: +/- 5% of setpoint Dwelling timer range: 1 to 9999 minutes Warm-up time to 100°F: 35 minutes Warm-up time to 480°F: 60 minutes	
Shelves		Heated shelves: 3 non-removable aluminum shelves, 17.5 x 17.25" (WxD) each Optional stackable aluminum shelves: 17.5 x 17.25 x 2.25" (WxDxH) Total area without stackable shelves: 302 x 3 = 6 sq ft or 906 inch2 Total area with 3 stackable shelves: 302 x 6 = 12 sq ft or 1812 inch2 Distance between shelves (without stackable shelves): 4.75 inches Distance between shelves (with 3 stackable shelves): 2.25 inches Max. load capacity per shelf: 20 Lbs	
Vacuum		Ultimate vacuum level: better than 500 microns/millitorrs (may vary based on your altitude) Mechanical vacuum gauge range: 0 to 30" mercury. Mechanical vacuum gauge type: oil-filled Vacuum port: KF25 flange x 1 Vent port: 1/4" Ball Valve x 1 Vacuum Pump: Sold Separately	
Door gasket material		Silicone or Viton (Optional)	
Observation window		1/2" tempered safety glass	
Unit Weight		240 lbs.	
Shipping Weight		405 lbs.	
Unit Dimensions (WxDxH)		36 x 34 x 36"	
Shipping Dimensions (WxDxH)		36 x 33 x 35"	
In-door ligh	nts	White LED (pre-installed)	
Compliance		CE	

5. COMPONENTS







AT19e Model

6. INSTALLATION



Depending on what unit you bought, it is necessary for 2-3 people to assist in uncrating this unit. Crated unit can weigh up to 400 Lbs. and can be a little heavy for one person. Remember your safety is our concern, so please use all the safety equipment to move the crate such as a pallet jack and good gloves. When uncrating the unit, remove the bottom screws of crate and pull the crate up, remembering that 2-3 people will need to help. Next remove all foam and any plastic bags that come with unit.



Unit must be installed 2 feet away from the wall for easy access of main power switch.

6.1 Guidelines using the vacuum chamber

- 1. Remove the protective film from all the shelves
- 2. Place all the shelves with your samples inside the oven and close the door (DO NOT PLUG THE POWER CORD IN YET)
- 3. Make sure the vent and vacuum knobs are closed
- 4. Connect the vacuum pump to the chamber (refer to section 6.2 Vacuum Pump Set Up)
- 5. Turn the pump on and after 30 seconds, open the vacuum port on the chamber and watch the vacuum level on the vacuum gauge.
- 6. When desired vacuum level is reached, close the vacuum port FIRST, then turn the vacuum pump off (Based on your process, you may need to keep the pump on the whole time).
- 7. Length of drying time should be selected based on humidity level of your sample. In case drying time is long and vacuum level reduces, it is necessary to purge the chamber again to restore desired vacuum level
- 8. After drying process is done, turn the chamber off, open the vacuum port before opening the door. It is possible that the sealing gasket on the door may stuck on the door glass and the door cannot open easily. Wait until the gasket restores itself before trying to open the door gasket.

6.2 Vacuum Pump Set Up:

6.2.1 Barbed pump



- 1. Place the centering ring onto the chamber's vacuum port
- 2. Place KF-25 to 3/8" hose barb adapter chamber the centering ring
- 3. Use the quick clamp to seal the chamber's vacuum port and the adapter together
- 4. Connect one side of the silicone tubing to the hose bard adapter
- 5. Connect the other side of the silicone tubing to the pump's barb fitting

6.2.2 Flanged pump

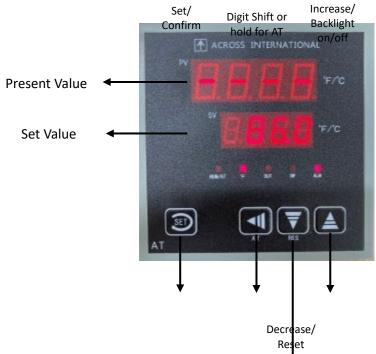


- 1. Place the centering ring onto the chamber's vacuum port
- 2. Place one end of the stainless-steel bellow over the centering ring
- 3. Use the quick clamp to seal the chamber's vacuum port and the bellow together
- 4. Place another centering ring onto the vacuum pump's inlet
- 5. Place the other end of the stainless-steel bellow over the pump's inlet
- 6. Use another quick clamp to seal the pump's inlet and the bellow together



We recommend using our T series cold trap in between your chamber and vacuum pump, to protect your pump from damage caused by solvent or other gases

7. OPERATION



[MAIN] mode: After the oven is first turned on, controller enters [MAIN] (running) mode.

[SET] mode: Hold and press "SET" button for 3 seconds in [MAIN] mode to enter the [SET] (setting) mode.

[AT] indicator: Light blinks when auto-tune is in progress. Blinking indicator stops when auto-tune is done.

[ALM] indictor: Light turns solid if over-temperature alarm is triggered. Flashes if under-temperature alarm sounds. Turns off when oven is under normal operation.

[HEAT] indicator: Turns on when oven is being heated.

[RUN/STOP] indicators: Turns off when dwelling time is completed.

7.1. Basic Settings: Target temperature and dwelling time

- 1. Plug the power cable in, switch the circuit breaker on in the back, set the over temperature knob to a temperature higher than your target temperature, and turn the switch on.
- 2. Press the "SET" button once. The controller will display "SP". Now use "Shift", "Decrease" or "Increase" button to set your target temperature.
- 3. Press "SET" again to confirm the temperature. The controller will display "ST". Use "Shift", "Decrease" or "Increase" button to set the dwelling time in minutes. You can set it to display in hours with the "Hn" setting. (The timer will start as soon as the actual temperature reaches target temperature.) If "ST" is set to zero, the oven will continue to run at the target temperature until it is turned off manually.
- 4. Press "SET" again to confirm all settings.
- 5. When the dwelling time is complete, the controller will display "End" and buzz for 60 (or value in EST) seconds. It can be muted by pressing any button.
- 6. Press and hold the "Dec/Rst" button for 3 seconds to restart oven operation.
- 7. During heating, if the alarm is set and the actual temperature is over that limit, a buzzer will sound continuously and the "ALM" light will come on. Press any key to mute it.

Prompt	Name	Description	Range (factory value)
SP	SP Target Set target temperature in °F or °C. use code "FC" to set temperature unit.		SPL to SPH (see parameter table #2)
ST	Dwelling time	0 = continuous heating. Use code "Hn" to set timing unit	0-9999 (0) minutes or hours

7.2. Switching the temperature display between Fahrenheit (°F) and Celsius (°C)

Under [MAIN] mode, press and hold the "SET" button for 3 seconds. The controller will display "Lc", shown below. Enter 27 and press "SET" to access the "FC" (temperature display) setting screen, also shown below.

Set "FC" to 0 to display the temperature in Celsius, or 1 for Fahrenheit. When done, press and hold "SET" for 3 seconds to save and exit to [MAIN] mode.







(0001 = Fahrenheit °F)

For optimal uniformity, allow 60 to 90 minutes for oven temperature to stabilize after target temperature Is reached.

8. AUTO-TUNE (AT) CALIBRATION

8.1. What is Auto Tune (AT)?

Auto tune is a process of optimizing your oven's performance. It helps increase heating rates, minimize temperature differences, and prevents overshooting. A set of optimal PID values will be saved automatically after AT is done.

8.2. When should you perform an AT?

- 1. If your target temperature is above 200 °F or higher, the first time you are using your oven. (If less than 200 °F, you can skip this process.)
- 2. If you've recently changed or replaced any parts inside your oven.
- 3. If you see a big temperature difference between controller display and actual oven temperature.

8.3. Calibration by Auto-Tune (AT)

Follow the steps below to perform a standard Auto Tune:

- 1. Under [MAIN] mode, press and hold the "Shift/AT" button for six seconds
- 2. Press the "Inc/BL" button and set AT to "on", then press "SET" to confirm. The controller will display a flashing [AT] light, indicating that auto-tune is in progress. After a few cycles of fluctuation, auto-tune will complete and the [AT] light will turn off. This could take a few hours. The "SET" button is disabled during this period.
- 3. If necessary, press and hold the "Shift/AT" button for six seconds during the auto-turn process to abort. The [AT] light will turn off.
- 4. A new set of optimized PID values will be automatically saved for future use.
- 5. Now set the target temperature. You are ready to use the oven.

8.4. Calibration by formula

Offset the temperature difference between temperature controller and your reference value manually.

1. First, calculate the offset value using the formula on the next page (in blue). Press and hold "SET" button for 3 seconds; controller will display "Lc" as below.



2. Enter 3 and press "SET". Continue to press "SET" until you see "PL", as shown below.



3. Use the formula below to calculate the offset value, then set PL to your calculated offset value.

Offset value = (temperature measured by exterior thermocouple(s) – temperature displayed by controller [PV]) x 1000 / temperature displayed by controller [PV]

4. Press and hold "SET" for 3 seconds to confirm and return to [MAIN] mode.

8.5. Calibration by adjusting PID manually (requires experience and practice)

After an auto-tune, if you still feel that temperature is unstable, you can manually adjust the PID values. PID adjustment is very useful for you to control the oven temperature in an acceptable range but requires some practice and patience.

- 1. "P" represents proportion adjustment. Increasing "P" reduces temperature overshooting, while decreasing "P" allows for a faster heating rate. (You may need to try this step a few times before you get the best result).
- 2. "I" represents integral time. Increase "I" to lower temperature fluctuation. It can be used to eliminate the steady state error after the system enters a steady state by correctly setting "P". In other words, "I" is often used after "P". Give "I" a big value before decreasing "P" a little, in order to get to a steady state, and then decrease I to eliminate errors under the steady state. Check if the PV is in your desired range. Continue to try to change "P" and "I" to get the best result.
- 3. "D" represents differential time, which can overcome the unstable and oscillating state. Adjust "D" to reduce temperature overshooting. It is usually set after the "I" adjustment. Firstly, set "D" to 0, then gradually increase it to check if you have an acceptable result (In this process, "P" and "I" may also be changed). "D" is usually set anywhere between 1/5 to 1/4 of the value of "I".



Every oven has been calibrated and tested before leaving our factory. Under normal circumstances, self-calibration is not necessary. However, if the temperature requirements are very strict, or if target temperature is set around the upper or lower limits of the oven temperature range, the measured temperature might not be accurate against the actual temperature in the oven.

Under [MAIN] mode, press and hold the "SET" button for 3 seconds. The controller will display "Lc" as shown on the next page. Enter 3, 9, 27 or 567 and press "SET to access the advanced setting tables on the following page Press and hold "SET" for 3 seconds to save and exit to [MAIN] mode.

9. ADVANCED SETTINGS

Table 1

Prompt	Name	Description	Range (factory value)
**************************************	Lc: Pass key	When Lc = 3, controller enters into the menu below	<u>3, 9, 27, 567 (0)</u>
AL H	ALH: Over-temp alarm	If SV>(SP+ALH), ALM light comes on, buzzer sounds, and oven stops heating.	0-180 (36) under °F mode 0-100 (20) under °C mode
ALL 0000	ALL: Under-temp alarm	If SV<(SP-ALL), ALM light will flash and buzzer will sound. Under-temp is not active if ALL is set to 0.	0-180 (0) under °F mode 0-100 (0) under °C mode
**************************************	P: Proportional	Increasing P may reduce temperature overshooting. Decrease P to allow for a faster heating rate.	1-540 (60) under °F mode 0.1-300 (60) under °C mode
" 1	I: Integral	Increase I to lower temperature fluctuation.	1-2000 (900) seconds
**************************************	d: Differential	Adjusted to reduce temperature overshooting. Usually set to 1/5 to 1/4 of "I" value.	0-1000 (450) seconds
**************************************	T: Control cycle	Heating control cycle in seconds.	1-60 (20) seconds
P6 0000	Pb: Ambient adjustment	Corrects the difference between ambient temperature and what the controller is reading. Pb = Temperature measured by the exterior thermocouple(s), vs. the temperature displayed by controller.	-90 to 90 (0) under °F mode -50 to 50 (0) under °C mode
PL 10000 mg	PL: Hot adjustment	Offset the temperature difference between the controller and actual reading inside the oven. (Use the calibration formula in section 6.4)	-999 to 999 (0)
Addr 000 i	Addr	Communication address.	1-32 (1)
0000	Loc: Lock	Temperature and time setting: 0 = enabled 1 = disabled	0-1 (0)

<u>Table 2</u> (Do NOT modify unless instructed by an AI technician.)

Prompt	Name	Description	Range (factory value)
6288	Lc: Pass key	When Lc = 9, controller enters into the menu below	3, 9, 27, 567 (0)
ndR 0000	ndA: Temp alarm mode	0: with over-temp alarm only 1: with over-temp alarm and under-temp alarm	0-1 (0)
nd[0001	ndT: Timer mode	O: no timer function 1: with timer function, SV window will display dwelling time after oven temperature reaches target temperature. 2: with timer function, SV window will always display dwelling time.	0-2 (1)
*Hn ****	Hn: Timer unit	0: displays timer in minutes 1: displays timer in hours	0-1 (0)

10.TROUBLESHOOTING

5 <i>P d</i>	SPd: Constant temperature deviation	When PV > SV – SPd, oven is under constant temperature state	0.1-180 (0.9) under °F mode 0.1-100 (0.5) under °C mode
** 5 P C ****	SPT: Constant temp state buzzing time	Set buzzing time in seconds when oven enters into constant temp state. Buzzer will sound constantly if SPT is set to 9999.	0-9999 (0) seconds
ESF 0060 ===	EST: Dwelling time up buzzing time	Set buzzing time in seconds when the dwelling time is up. Buzzer will sound constantly if EST is set to 9999.	0-9999 (60) seconds
EHER **	EH: Continue to heat after dwelling time ends	0: Turns off heating when dwelling time is over 1: Continues to keep the oven at constant temperature, even after dwelling time is over.	0-1 (0)
ndo	ndo: Output mode	0: Output after dwelling time over. 1: Output after over-temp 2: Output when oven enters into constant temperature state.	0-2 (0)
5PL 0320	SPL: Min temperature	Set minimum temperature the controller can go to.	-58 to 122 (32) under °F mode -50 to 50 (0) under °C mode
5 <i>PH</i> 5720	SPH: Max temperature	Set maximum temperature the controller can go to.	32-752 (572) under °F mode SPL to 400 (300) under °C mode

Table 3

Prompt	Name	Description	Range (factory value)
0023	Lc: Pass key	When Lc = 27, controller enters into the menu below	<u>3, 9, 27, 567 (0)</u>
FE	FC: Temperature display mode	0: Celsius 1: Fahrenheit	0-1 (0)

Table 4

Prompt	Name	Description	Range (factory value)
**************************************	Lc: Pass key	When Lc = 567, controller enters into the menu below	<u>3, 9, 27, 567 (0)</u>
-5F	rST: Factory reset	0: Do not reset to factory settings 1: Reset to factory settings	0-1 (0)

11. PRESSURE VS. VAPORIZATION

Issue	Reason	Solution	
No Power	Oven is turned off	Turn on oven	
	Broken power cord or Loose plug	Change or secure power cord	
	Circuit breaker is off	Turn on circuit breaker	
PV window displaying "", "LLL.L" or "HHH.H"	Faulty temperature sensor or loose connection	Check connection or change temperature sensor	
	Faulty temperature controller	If the temperature sensor is OK and connection is good, replace the temperature controller.	
	Dwelling time is over	Reset dwelling time and restart the oven	
Unit fail to heat	Loose connection on temp controller	Check and make sure all connection is secure	
	Faulty controller	Replace temperature controller	
	Faulty heating element	Replace heating elements	
	Parameter error	Reset all parameters to factory setting using parameter tables in section 8.	
Temperature Control Fail	Loose connection on temperature sensor	Check all connections	
	Faulty controller	Replace temperature controller	
	Target temperature too low	Set a higher target temperature	
Abnormal alarming	Faulty controller	Replace temperature controller	
Large temperature difference between oven display (PV) and temperature measured by yourself	Temperature and condition of your current working environment is different than the environment your oven was initially calibrated	Perform an Auto-Turn (AT) as described in section 7.	
	Oven was not turned on long enough	Perform temperature measurement 30 minutes after oven reaches its target temperature, this allows temperature inside the oven to stabilize.	
	Your temperature sensors were placed incorrectly	Place temperature sensors in the middle of the oven shelves.	
	Your infrared gun is not used correctly or not properly calibrated	Make sure your infrared gun is calibrated correctly. Shooting an infrared gun across the oven window glass may give you incorrect readings.	
	If solutions above, do not fix the difference	Perform a "Calibration by formula" as described in section 7.5 above	
	Parameter error	Reset all parameters to factory setting using parameter tables in section 8.	

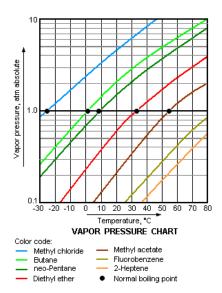
Vacuum evaporation is the process of causing the pressure in a vacuum chamber to be reduced below the vapor pressure of the liquid, causing the liquid to evaporate at a lower temperature than normal.

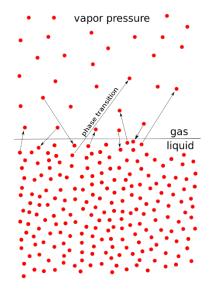
Liquids may change to a vapor at temperatures below their boiling points through the process of evaporation. Evaporation is a surface phenomenon in which molecules located near the liquid's edge, not contained by enough liquid pressure on that side, escape into the surroundings as vapor. On the other hand, boiling is a process in which molecules anywhere in the liquid escape, resulting in the formation of vapor bubbles within the liquid.

The vacuum evaporation treatment process consists of reducing the interior pressure of the vacuum chamber below atmospheric pressure. This reduces the boiling point of the liquid to be evaporated, thereby reducing the heat necessary/eliminated in both the boiling and condensation processes. In addition, there are other technical advantages such as the ability to distill other liquids with high boiling points and avoiding the decomposition of substances that are sensitive to temperature, etc.

The boiling point of a substance is the temperature at which the vapor pressure of the liquid equals the pressure surrounding the liquid and the liquid changes into a vapor. The boiling point of a liquid varies depending upon the surrounding environmental pressure. A liquid in a partial vacuum has a lower boiling point than when that liquid is at atmospheric pressure. A liquid at high pressure has a higher boiling point than when that liquid is at atmospheric pressure.

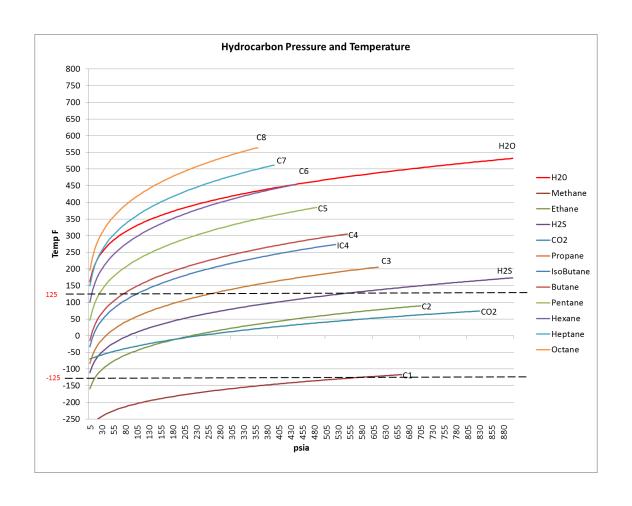
The normal boiling point (also called the atmospheric boiling point or the atmospheric pressure boiling point) of a liquid is the special case in which the vapor pressure of the liquid equals the defined atmospheric pressure at sea level, 1 atmosphere. At that temperature, the vapor pressure of the liquid becomes sufficient to overcome atmospheric pressure and allow bubbles of vapor to form inside the bulk of the liquid. The standard boiling point has been defined by IUPAC since 1982 as the temperature at which boiling occurs under a pressure of 1 bar.





Examples: the following table is a list of variety of substances ordered by increasing vapor pressure (in absolute units).

Substance	Vapor Pressure (SI units)	Vapor Pressure (Bar)	Vapor Pressure (Torr / mmHg)	Temperature
Tungsten	100 Pa	0.001	0.75	3203 °C
Ethylene glycol	500 Pa	0.005	3.75	20 °C
Xenon difluoride	600 Pa	0.006	4.50	25 °C
Water (H ₂ O)	2.3 kPa	0.023	17.5	20 °C
Propanol	2.4 kPa	0.024	18.0	20 °C
Ethanol	5.83 kPa	0.0583	43.7	20 °C
Methyl isobutyl ketone	2.66 kPa	0.0266	19.95	25 °C
Freon 113	37.9 kPa	0.379	284	20 °C
Acetaldehyde	98.7 kPa	0.987	740	20 °C
Butane	220 kPa	2.2	1650	20 °C
Formaldehyde	435.7 kPa	4.357	3268	20 °C
Propane ^[9]	997.8 kPa	9.978	7584	26.85 °C
Carbonyl sulfide	1.255 MPa	12.55	9412	25 °C
Nitrous oxide ^[10]	5.660 MPa	56.60	42453	25 °C
Carbon dioxide	5.7 MPa	57	42753	20 °C



12. MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION



12.1 Maintenance

Please take the time to review all aspects of the unit and possible wear and tear items that are not listed below.

- 12.1.1 It is incumbent for you as a customer to have someone competent to maintain and service your equipment in a safe manner. No certification or special licenses are needed to maintain this unit, however, due to ever increasing of Safety regulations and OSHA, some level or Risk Management is needed for you to safely maintain this unit.
- 12.1.2 Thermocouple It is important to clean the thermocouple after each use with alcohol.
- 12.1.3 Power Cord and Plug Do not modify or change the power cord or plug. A dedicated circuit should be established power output.
- 12.1.4 Gasket inspection The door gasket is considered a "high-wear" item. Heat and pressure will take its toll. If you notice a loss of vacuum, the gasket is the first item to check. It is always a good idea to have a spare gasket on hand.

12.2 Inspection

- 12.2.1 Every 3 6 months, qualified personnel should inspect the unit and keep any records of it maintenance for any City, State, or Federal Inspector.
- 12.2.2 Service Technician equipment being serviced should at least be shut down for 4 hours prior to the Service Technician arriving.
- 12.2.3 Product specific risks that may affect service personnel:
 - 12.2.3.1 Using Antistatic Gloves and or Grounding yourself is important so you won't get shocked.
- 12.2.4 Verification of the safe sate of the equipment after repair:
 - 12.2.4.1 Visual inspections of the unit is the first thing that will need to be done. Make sure that everything is adjusted or cleaned.
 - 12.2.4.2 Testing the unit to see if all the repairs have worked is the form of verification

13. WARRANTY

Across International (AI) warrants for the original user of this product in the U.S.A. only that this product will be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of one year from the date of delivery to the original user – the "Warranty Period".

During the warranty period, AI, at its election and expense, will repair or replace the product or parts that are proven to manufacturer's satisfaction to be defective, or at manufacturer's option, refund the price or credit (against the price of future purchases of the product) the price of any products that are proven to manufacturer's satisfaction to be defective.

This warranty does not include any labor charges if outside of the U.S.A. This warranty does not cover any damage due to accident, misuse, negligence, or abnormal use. This warranty is void in the event that repairs are made by anyone other than AI without prior authorization from AI.

Use of Al's product in a system that includes components not manufactured by Al is not covered by this warranty. Any alteration or removal of the serial number on Al's products will void this warranty. Under no circumstances will Al be liable for indirect, incidental, consequential, or special damages.

The terms of this warranty are governed by the laws of the states of New Jersey and Nevada without regards to the principles of conflicts of laws thereof. If any provision of this limited warranty is held to be unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this limited warranty will remain in full force and effect.

This warranty is in lieu of and excludes all other warranties or obligations, either express or implied. All expressly disclaims all implied warranties, including without limitation, the warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose.



After the warranty period, AI will continue to provide support and spare parts at a reasonable cost. Returning shipment: Save the shipping crate until you are sure your unit is consistently working properly. If for any reason you must return the unit, first contact AI for a return material authorization (RMA) number.

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