

Pulse Jet Filter Separator – Models 3179, 3888, 4596, 50108



Installation, Operations, & Maintenance Manual

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List of Acronyms

°F	Degrees Fahrenheit
AC	Alternating Current
Hg	Mercury
OD	Outside Diameter
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PJFS	Pulse Jet Filter Separator
PSIG	Pounds Per Square Inch Gauge Pressure
UoM	Unit of Measure
VAC	Voltage – Alternating Current

1.0 Introduction

Vacutec LLC, (**Vacutec**) thanks you for choosing us to fulfill your environmental control needs.

The **Vacutec** Pulse Jet Filter Separators (PJFS) provide an economical, low-maintenance, self-cleaning filtration system to efficiently separate particulates from an air stream. This manual serves to provide the basic information needed for the installation of a **Vacutec** PJFS and to provide a basic understanding of the filtration process to aid in the effective operation and maintenance of your **Vacutec** PJFS to ensure years of dependable service.

1.1 Receiving

Your **Vacutec** equipment should be visually inspected prior to unloading for dents, scratches, or other damage that may have been caused during shipment. Any observed damage should be photographed and documented with the transport company prior to their departure. Additionally, notification of damage should be made to **Vacutec** at the earliest opportunity. The equipment received should be compared to packing lists with any variances reported to **Vacutec**. It is the customer's responsibility to file damage claims and shortage reports with the carrier who is responsible for the equipment during transit.

1.2 Vacutec Pulse Jet Filter Separator Diagram

A diagram of your **Vacutec** PJFS is shown in Figure 1.1.

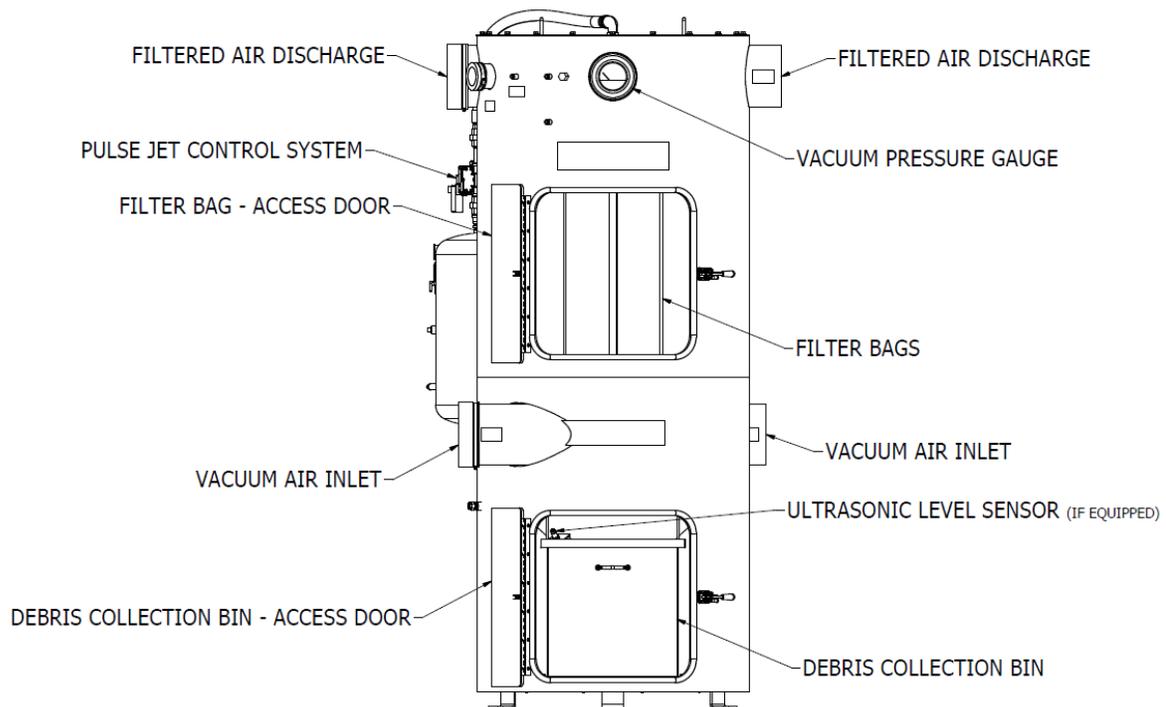


Figure 1.1 – Vacutec Pulse Jet Filter Separator Diagram

1.3 Purpose

This purpose of this manual is to facilitate installation, day to day operation, and maintenance of your PJFS system in a safe and effective manner.

Following a presentation of safety considerations, this manual provides a description of the filtration process followed by an operational sequence of the **Vacutech** PJFS. The document then presents basic installation requirements followed by operational and maintenance instructions. Finally, a list of replacement parts is provided followed by the **Vacutech** warranty and service information.

2.0 Safety Precautions

All **Vacutech** equipment must be installed and maintained by qualified personnel familiar with the equipment and this manual. **Vacutech** is not responsible for improper installation and maintenance. Site specific OSHA compliant safety procedures should be developed for your facility with proper training provided to personnel prior to installation, operation, maintenance, and service of your equipment.

Warning! When using electrical and pressurized equipment, basic safety precautions must always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electrical shock, and injury. Your company should develop site specific OSHA compliant procedures for proper isolation of all energy sources associated with your PJFS system with all operations and maintenance personnel appropriately trained.

Before startup or servicing of your **Vacutech** PJFS, the following safety items need to be considered:

- **Guarding:** Do not operate this equipment without all guards in place and access doors properly secured.
- **House Keeping:** The work area around the PJFS should be kept clean and free of flammable liquids, gases, and materials.
- **Airborne Particulate Inhalation:** There is a risk of inhalation of airborne particulates while accessing the PJFS. Your company's OSHA compliant procedures should be followed to ensure personnel safety.
- **Pressures:**
 - Do not start the system prior to installation being complete (with all ducting connected). High positive pressures associated with the pulse jet system and high negative pressures within the separator may result in bodily injury.
 - A lockable isolation valve must be installed between the source of compressed air and the pulse jet separator.
 - The compressed air isolation valve for the pulse jet must be closed and the pulse jet pressurized tank must be relieved of pressure and verified before accessing the system for service.

Warning! This equipment has automatic controls that could actuate the pulse jet system at any time if not properly isolated.

- **Electrical:**
 - A separate lockable electrical disconnect must be installed for the system in accordance with NEC and local codes.
 - Electrical troubleshooting and service must be performed by a certified electrician.
 - The electrical disconnect must be properly disconnected, locked out and tagged out, and verified prior to accessing any disconnect box or control panel.
- **Confined Space:** OSHA considers the separator a confined space. Proper procedures should be developed and followed to access the inside of the separator.
- **Inspections:** Inspections should be performed daily, prior to, and during startup to check for any damage. If any damage is observed the system should immediately be shut down and must be repaired by authorized personnel.
- **Parts: Warning!** Use of replacement parts from any source other than **Vacutech** could result in damage to your equipment and may void the equipment warranty.

3.0 System Overview

A filter separator provides economical and effective removal of solid particles from suspension which helps protect mechanical equipment and prevent discharge of the particulates to the environment. Filter separators may utilize a pulse jet as a method of cleaning the filter bags as part of the operational sequence to reduce the frequency of shutdowns for routing maintenance.

3.1 Filtration Process

Filtration is the process whereby solids (particulates) suspended in an air stream are separated from the air stream by placing a filter in the fluid path to prevent particulates from passing (Figure 3.1).

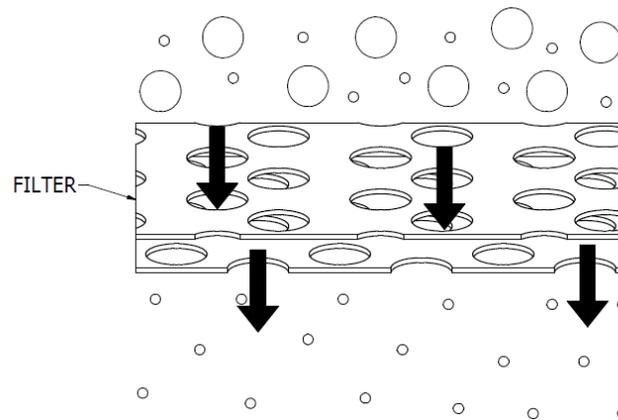


Figure 3.1 – Filtration Process

The Vacutech PJFS utilizes a tube-shaped filter bag for the FILTER media to separate particulates from the incoming air.

3.2 Pulse Jet Process Sequence

A Pulse Jet in a Filter Separator is a high-pressure blast of air used to remove dust from the filter bag. The blast enters the top of the filter bag tube which causes a wave of expansion to travel down the fabric. The flexing of the bag shatters and discharges the dust cake. Due to the rapid release, the blast of air does not interfere with the separation process. Therefore, Pulse Jets can operate without shutting down the dust collection system.

The **Vacutech** PJFS system operates by pulsing jets of air into the filter bags for the purpose of dislodging debris collected on the surface of the *Filter Bags* into the *Debris Collection Bin* located below the filter bags. The sequence of operation steps are as follows (refer to Figure 3.2):

1. Unfiltered air from a particulate collection system enters the **Vacutech** PJFS through the *Vacuum Air Inlet*.
2. The air passes through the *Filter Bags* filtering out particulates which are collected on the filter bag surface.

3. A signal from the control timer is sent to the normally closed *Solenoid Valve*.
4. The *Solenoid Valve* opens releasing a momentary pulse of pressurized air from the *Pressurized Air Tank* through the solenoid to *Pulse Jets* positioned over the center of each *Filter Bag*.
5. This momentary pulse sends a pulse wave down the filter bag releasing the dust cake from the surface of the *Filter Bags* which falls into the *Filter Hopper*.
6. Filtered air exits through the *Filtered Air Discharge* to the vacuum producer.
7. Particulates that fall into the *Filter Hopper* drop into the *Debris Collection Bin* for management as appropriate.
8. An *Ultrasonic Level Sensor*, if equipped, positioned above the *Debris Collection Bin* provides a means of monitoring the level of debris in the bin. The ultrasonic level sensor can be integrated into the facility control system.

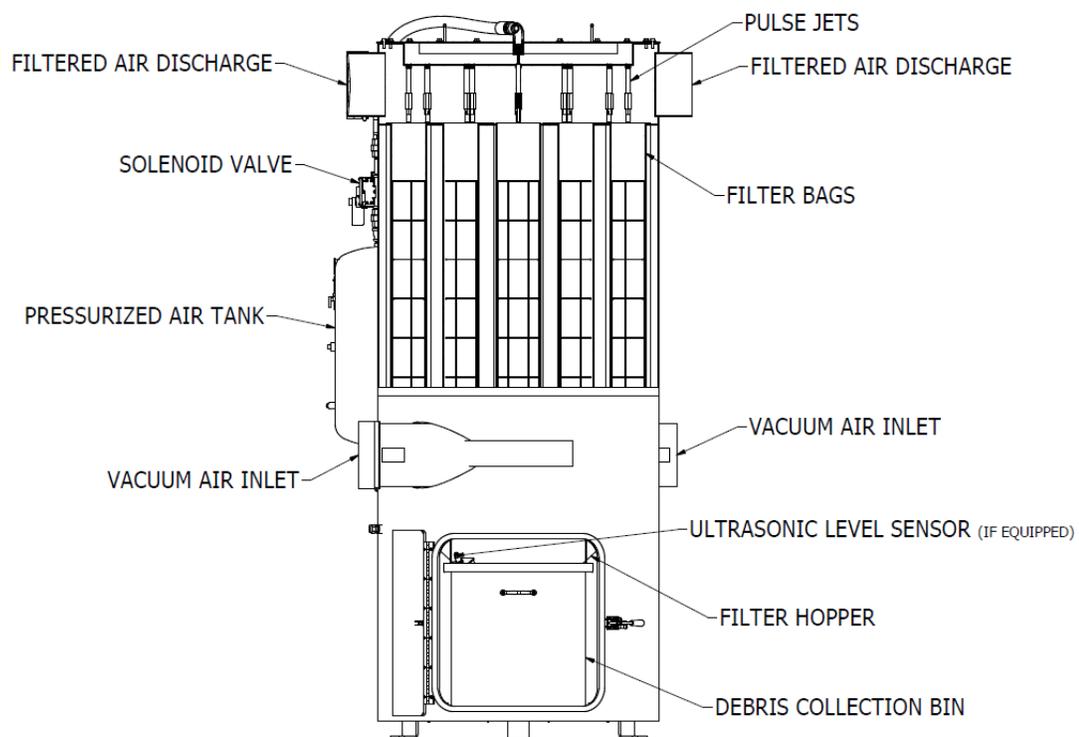


Figure 3.2 – Vacutech Pulse Jet Filter Separator Operation

4.0 Installation

All **Vacutech** equipment must be installed and maintained by qualified personnel familiar with the equipment and this manual. **Vacutech** is not responsible for issues or equipment failures resulting from improper installation and maintenance.

The **Vacutech** PJFS typically ships as a complete unit. Filter Bags are already installed but require a thorough inspection to verify Filter Bags remained in their proper position through the shipping and installation process (see Section 6.1 for instructions).

Mounting: The **Vacutech** PJFS weighs between 600 and 1750 pounds, depending on the PJFS model, and is equipped with three mounting feet to match up to 1/2" mounting hardware.

The Vacuum Air Inlet is either 6", 8", or 10" straight pipe ($6^{5/8}$ ", $8^{5/8}$ ", or $10^{5/8}$ " OD), depending on the PJFS model, and should be connected to the vacuum piping system with a vacuum compression coupling of the appropriate size. The Filtered air discharge is also 6", 8", or 10" straight pipe and should be connected to the Vacutech vacuum producer with a vacuum compression coupling of the appropriate size.

Vacutech PJFS units require AC power and compressed air.

Electrical Service:

Voltage: 110VAC
Connection Type: Plug
Electrical Power: 0.25 Watts

A local lockable disconnect is recommended for proper isolation during service.

Compressed Air: **Vacutech** PJFS require 90psi clean (40-micron filtration), dry (dew point -40 °F), compressed air with no air lubrication required.

5.0 Operation

The **Vacutech** PJFS requires minimal effort to start-up and operate. However, it is important to perform some simple pre-operational inspection steps prior to starting in order to protect your equipment. Some simple operational adjustments will optimize the performance of the **Vacutech** PJFS for your application.

5.1 Pre-Operation Inspection

Prior to startup, the following steps should be taken (refer to Figure 1.1):

1. Ensure that *Debris Collection Bin* has been emptied (Reference Section 5.4 for instructions).
2. Close and secure *Access Doors*.
3. Ensure electrical supply power and compressed air are on and at the proper level.

5.2 Normal Operation

Proper startup and shutdown procedures are very important in the successful operation of your PJFS system.

A typical startup of the PJFS system should follow this sequence of operation.

1. Ensure electrical supply power and compressed air are on and at the proper level.
2. Initiate Pulse Jet system by activating local air valve and electrical power switch.
3. Start the vacuum producer. Prior to starting additional equipment, allow vacuum producer to run long enough to allow the producer and the PJFS temperature to stabilize, generally 5 to 10 minutes.
4. Start operation of the collection system that feeds the PJFS.

Reverse order of the above sequence to shut down the Pulse Jet Separator System

1. Cease collection. Let system clear of solids and shut down collection system.
2. Shut down vacuum producer.
3. After continuing to let Pulse Jet System operate for approximately 1 to 2 minutes following shutdown of dust collection system, shut off the local air valve and electrical power switch.
4. Isolate electrical supply power and compressed air supply as determined by your company's OSHA compliant procedures.

5.3 Operational Adjustments

5.3.1 Timer Adjustments

The timer should initially be set to cycle the Pulse Jets every 15 minute for a purge time of 0.25 seconds.

Adjustment of the timer is not recommended until the filter has stabilized with a stable dust cake which may take several weeks of operation.

After this initial stabilization period, the time between pulses can be increased to reduce the energy required to operate the system or reduce the time between pulses to increase the effectiveness of the PJFS in keeping the Filter Bags clean. The top adjustment knob labeled, *Cycle Time Adjustment* (Figure 5.1) is rotated

clockwise to increase time between cycles and counterclockwise to reduce the time between cycles. Small incremental changes are recommended as the best method of evaluating the effectiveness of each change.

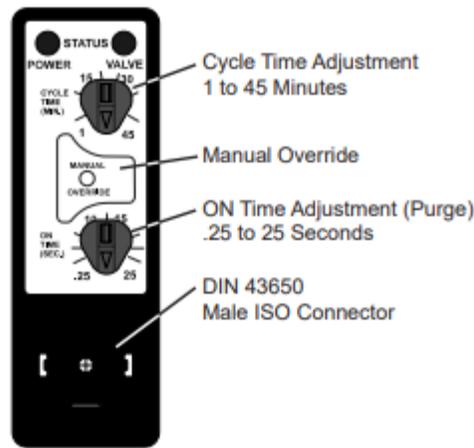


Figure 5.1– Pulse Jet Cycle Timer

It is generally recommended to keep the bottom adjustment knob to the lowest setting of 0.25 seconds to minimize air consumption.

There is also a manual override feature that allows for manual activation of the pulse jet if necessary, for troubleshooting.

5.4 Emptying the Debris Collection Bin

As outlined in the Pulse Jet System Sequence of Operation section, solids collect in the *Debris Collection Bin* which must be emptied at a frequency consistent with the rate at which they fill. It is common for this to be done at least daily. Failure to empty the *Debris Collection Bin* in a timely manner could make the task much more difficult and possibly damage system components such as; the Bin, the *Ultrasonic Level Sensor*(if equipped), the Filter Bags, as well as the Vacuum Producer.

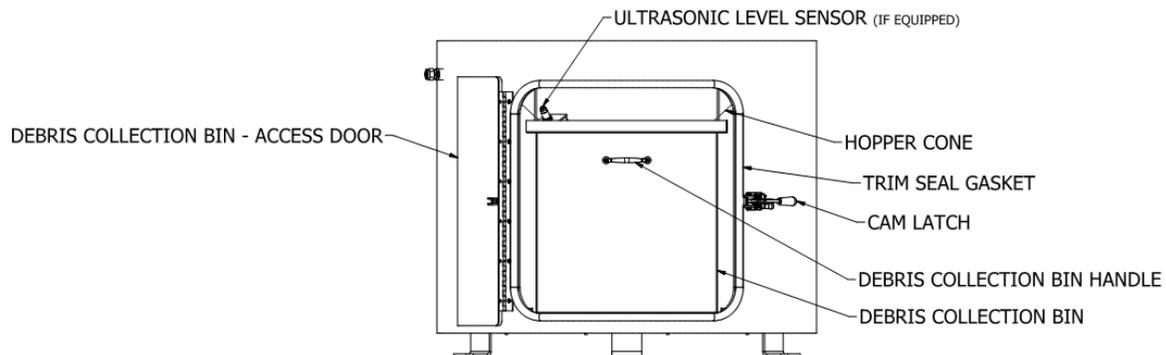


Figure 5.2 – Emptying Debris Collection Bin

Figure 5.2 illustrates the bottom section of the **Vacutech PJFS**.

Instruction Steps:

1. Shut down and isolate the PJFS electrical service and pressurized air in accordance with your company's OSHA compliant procedures to ensure personnel safety.
2. Open the Debris Collection Bin - Access Door by releasing the Cam Latch.
3. Slide *Debris Collection Bin* out by pulling on the *Debris Collection Bin Handle*. Note that the accumulated material may be very heavy and proper techniques should be used to prevent personal injury.
4. Empty the *Debris Collection Bin* which may be done manually or may require special equipment depending upon the weight of the debris collected. Company procedures should be developed and used for handling of the Debris Collection Bin.
5. Reinstall the *Debris Collection Bin*. Make sure it is positioned properly and centered below the Filter Hopper cone. Secure *Access Door* with *Cam Latch*.
6. Restart the PJFS system following **Normal Operation** instructions presented in Section 5.2.

6.0 Maintenance

The PJFS is designed to minimize maintenance, however over the life of the PSFS, the filter bags will need to be replaced and the door gaskets may become damaged and need replacement. Used only replacement parts from **Vacutech** for proper sizing and operation as well as to prevent damage to equipment.

Warning! – Use of replacement parts from any source other than **Vacutech** could result in damage to your equipment and may void the equipment warranty.

6.1 Filter Bag Replacement

Replacement of filter bags is recommended at least annually, if any of the filter bags are damaged, or if adjustment of the pulse jet timer does not provide sufficient system performance.

Instruction Steps:

1. Shut down and isolate of the PJFS electrical service and pressurized air in accordance with your company's procedures to ensure safety.
2. Access filter bags through the Filter Bag Access Door as shown on Figure 1.1 only after isolation of the PJFS system in accordance with your company's procedure.
3. Individual *Filter Bags* and *Filter Bag Cages* are removed as an assembly (Figure 6.1.1). Deforming the *Snap Ring* of the *Filter Bag* into the shape of a kidney bean (Figure 6.1.2) allows the filter/cage assembly to be removed by pulling or pushing it down and out of the *Bag Plate*.

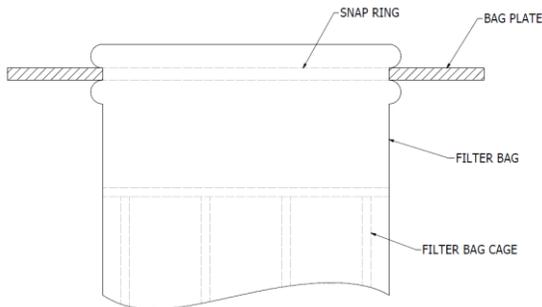


Figure 6.1.1



Figure 6.1.2

4. Remove wire cage from old filter bag and place cage into new filter bag.
5. Replace filter/cage assembly in the same manner as it was removed.
6. Repeat steps 3 through 5 for remaining filter bags.
7. Restart the PJFS system following **Normal Operation** instructions presented in Section 5.2.

6.2 Filter/Separator Door Gasket Replacement

Access doors use a Trim Seal type gasket that employs a trim to hold the gasket in place and a seal that makes the door airtight. The gasket is durable, but as an exposed flexible seal, over time, it has the potential of being damaged and is therefore made to be replaceable. In order to replace, use the following steps.

Tools Required:

- Rawhide or Rubber Mallet (Not Steel)
- Tin Snips
- Scotchbrite Scouring Pad (included with **Vacutech** replacement gaskets)

Instruction Steps:

1. Remove existing Separator door gasket.
2. Use Scotchbrite Scouring Pad to remove dirt, grease, and glue residue from the gasket mounting surface. (*Figure 6.2.1*) Use wet towel or rag to wipe away loose debris.



Figure 6.2.1

3. Place one end of the new gasket at the center of the opening on the hinge side. (*Figure 6.2.2*) Press the gasket firmly into place using your hands making sure the gasket is fully seated. Gasket adhesive is pre-installed in gasket channel.



Figure 6.2.2

4. Continue pressing the gasket firmly into place working your way from top to bottom. (*Figure 6.2.3*)



Figure 6.2.3

5. At the first corner press the gasket as firmly as possible into the corner by hand then use a rawhide or rubber mallet to *gently* press and/or tap the gasket firmly into the corner. (Figure 6.2.4) **Caution:** *Using the mallet to strike the gasket may cause leaks as a result of deformation of the gasket material. System leaks can lead to performance loss and potential for introducing water into the Separator.*



Figure 6.2.4

6. Continue this gasket installation process until you reach the starting point. Double check the entire gasket to ensure it is fully seated, especially in the corners. (Figure 6.2.5)



Figure 6.2.5

7. Overlap the two ends by about 1/4" and cut the gasket perfectly straight (Figure 6.2.5). Push the ends of the gasket back into the door opening (Figures 6.2.6). The finished gasket should be tight all the way around and the ends should meet without any gap. (Figure 6.2.7)



Figure 6.2.6



Figure 6.2.7

7.0 Replacement Parts

Table 1 presents replacement components for the **Vacutech** PJFS.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>UoM</u>
Door Cam Latch	2	Ea
Door Gasket w/ Glue	Model Specific	Ea
Pressurized Air Tank	1	Ea
Pressurized Air Tank Pressure Gauge	1	Ea
Pulse Jet Bag Cage	Model Specific	Ea
Pulse Jet Solenoid Valve	1	Ea
Pulse Jet Timer	1	Ea
Ultrasonic Sensor/Cable Assembly	1	Ea
Vacuum Pressure Gauge	1	Ea

Table 1 – Vacutech PJFS Replacement Parts

8.0 Warranty

Vacutech Limited Warranties

General Limited Warranty on Equipment: Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, Vacutech, LLC (“Vacutech”) warrants to the original purchaser (“Purchaser”) of Vacutech central vacuum systems (the “Equipment”) that, for a period of two (2) years from the date of shipment (the “General Warranty Period”), the Equipment will be free from material defects in parts and workmanship; provided, however, if Vacutech factory trained personnel install the Equipment, the foregoing General Warranty Period shall be extended for an additional one year period, for a total limited warranty period of three (3) years from the date of shipment (collectively, the “General Limited Warranty”). This General Limited Warranty does not cover Vac Star Direct Drive Turbines, variable frequency devices (VFDs) or Services, which are addressed separately below.

Limited Warranty on Turbines: Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, Vacutech warrants to a Purchaser of any Equipment containing a Vac Star Direct Drive Turbine (“Turbines”) that, for a period of three (3) years from the date of shipment, the Turbines will be free from material defects in materials and workmanship (the “Turbine Limited Warranty”).

Limited Warranty on Services: Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, Vacutech warrants to a Purchaser of installation services (the “Services”) that it shall perform the Services in a professional and workmanlike manner in accordance with industry standards for similar services (the “Services Limited Warranty”) and that such Services shall be warranted for a period of one (1) year from the final date of installation.

Manufacturer’s Warranty on Variable Frequency Devices (VFD): To the extent permitted, Vacutech hereby assigns to a Purchaser of a Variable Frequency Device (VFD) the manufacturer’s warranty for any such VFD, subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein (the “VFD Manufacturer’s Warranty”). Vacutech will provide Purchaser with a copy of such warranty upon request. Other than the foregoing assignment of warranty, VFDs ARE SOLD “AS-IS” AND VACUTECH MAKES NO WARRANTY FOR VFDs, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

Limited Warranty on Powdercoat. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Company warrants to Dealer, for a period of one (1) year from the final date of installation that the powdercoat will be free from material defects; provided, however that Vacutech will not be responsible for: (i) discoloration due to heat; (ii) rusting caused by chips or gouges on the powder coating surface; (iii) damage caused by improper use by customers or the owner or, (iv) damage caused by the use of abrasive cleaners, bleach or chemicals. Furthermore, products powdercoated using red, yellow, orange and purple are known to be more susceptible to color fade as a result of exposure to ultraviolet light and other environmental conditions. As a result, neither Vacutech, nor the powder coat manufacturer, can guarantee or warranty these color choices against color fade. In an effort to maximize the color and gloss retention characteristics, Vacutech uses the most advanced powder coat finishes available. The color and gloss retention characteristics can be prolonged by the regular use of an automotive wax with UV protection on all powder coated surfaces. Vacutech will not be responsible for the fading, color degradation, or other finish imperfections, which arise after installation as a result of the customer’s, color selection.

Limitations and Exclusions. The General Limited Warranty, the Turbine Limited Warranty, the Limited Services Warranty (collectively the “Limited Warranties”) and the VFD Manufacturer’s Warranty are only available to the original Purchaser and none of them are transferrable. The VFD Manufacturer’s Warranty is subject to terms and conditions, including limitations and exclusions, provided by the manufacturer. The Limited Warranties do not

cover any of the following: normal wear and tear; damage or accidents resulting from freight damage; damage or accidents arising from failure to follow precautionary safety measures; abuse, misuse or modification of the Equipment; improper electrical connections; misapplication; improper installation (if not installed by Vacutech); connection to separator not manufactured by Vacutech; dismantling or attempts to repair Equipment by any person not factory-trained and certified by Vacutech; or any defects, damage or other harm that is not the result of the acts or omissions of Vacutech. Routine maintenance of the Equipment is required. Purchaser and its representatives are solely responsible for testing and determining the suitability of the Equipment for the intended use and purpose, even if Vacutech may have suggested the Equipment, and Vacutech assumes no responsibility for use of the Equipment outside of the normal course of business or unintended use of the Equipment.

Remedies and Procedures. In the event of a breach of either the General Limited Warranty or the Turbine Limited Warranty which Vacutech determines to be covered by an applicable Limited Warranty, Vacutech will, at its option, (a) replace, or (b) repair, the defective Equipment or Turbine, as applicable. In the event of a breach of the Services Limited Warranty which Vacutech determines to be covered by the Services Limited Warranty, Vacutech will, at its option, (i) re-perform such Services or (ii) credit or refund the price of such Services for the price paid. Any claim regarding breach of a Limited Warranty must be received by Vacutech before the expiration of the applicable warranty period. Vacutech reserves the right to inspect and investigate the alleged breach prior to any remedy being provided. Vacutech may require Purchaser to return the allegedly defective Equipment or Turbine to Vacutech's factory for inspection, or Vacutech may elect to ship a new part to Purchaser; in either case, Purchaser is responsible for freight. If Vacutech determines that the claims are not covered by any applicable Limited Warranty, Purchaser will be notified and will be provided with the cost of repairs, replacement or re-performance, as applicable. Vacutech reserves the right to charge reasonable amounts for travel and labor associated with investigation of invalid claims. Warranty claims should be submitted via email to warranty@vacutechllc.com, or via phone at 1-800-917-9444.

Exclusive Remedies; Disclaimer. The Limited Warranties and the remedies set forth above are the sole and exclusive warranties and remedies for a breach therefore, and Vacutech shall have no other liability to Purchaser or any other person or entity. Any efforts by Vacutech beyond the obligations provided for herein will not in any way change the limitation of remedies and damages stated in this Limited Warranty, and no agent, reseller, or other representative of Vacutech is authorized to change any warranty, expressed or implied, of Vacutech. To the extent permitted by law, all express and implied warranties (including implied warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose and non-infringement) other than the express limited warranties set forth above are expressly disclaimed. Upon the expiration of the applicable limited warranty period, any and all applicable implied warranties are disclaimed.

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9.0 Customer Service

The **Vacutech** team wants your business to be successful. That's why we take a personal interest in your goals and your requirements when designing the custom central vacuum system you need.

We walk you through every step of the design process from your first call. And because installation is crucial in a system's success, we offer installation services.

Vacutech also provides warranties and options for continued system maintenance.

We can also service or repair most manufacturers' central vacuum equipment.

Contact us today to learn more about central vacuum system design, manufacturing, installation, warranties and servicing.

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