VOWA One-Way Cassette Units

VRF SYSTEMS -- Indoor Units
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IMPORTANT
The Clean Air Act of 1990 bans the intentional venting of refrigerant (CFCs, HCFCs and HFCs) as of July 1, 1992. Approved methods of recovery, recycling or reclaiming must be followed. Fines and/or incarceration may be levied for noncompliance. These units must be installed as a part of a matched system as specified in the Product Specifications (EHB) bulletin.

General
The VOWA one-way cassette indoor units are matched with an outdoor heat recovery or heat pump unit to create a VRF (variable refrigerant flow) system that uses HFC-410A refrigerant. VOWA indoor units are designed for indoor installation only.
Refer to the Product Specification bulletin (EHB) for the proper use of these indoor units with specific heat pumps, heat recovery units, mode switching devices, branch pipes, line sets and controls.
These instructions are intended as a general guide and do not supersede local or national codes in any way. Authorities having jurisdiction should be consulted before installation.

Shipping and Packing List
Check the components for shipping damage. If you find any damage, immediately contact the last carrier.
Package 1 of 1 contains the following:
1 - Assembled indoor cassette unit base
8 - Nuts
8 - Washers
7 - Cover panel screws
10 - Wire ties
1 - Condensate drain flexible pipe
1 - Condensate drain insulation sleeve
1 - Clasp
1 - Cable
2 - Refrigerant pipe insulation
2 - Brass flare nuts
2 - Adapter pipes
1 - Template
1 - Installation manual

WARNING
Improper installation, adjustment, alteration, service or maintenance can cause property damage, personal injury or loss of life.
Installation and service must be performed by a licensed professional HVAC installer, service agency or the gas supplier.
Failure to follow safety warnings and these instructions exactly could result in property damage, dangerous operation, serious injury, or death.
Any additions, changes, or conversions required in order for the appliance to satisfactorily meet the application needs must be made by a licensed professional HVAC installer (or equivalent) using factory-specified parts.
Do not use this system if any part has been under water. A flood-damaged appliance is extremely dangerous. Immediately call a licensed professional HVAC service technician (or equivalent) to inspect the system and to replace all controls and electrical parts that have been wet, or to replace the system, if deemed necessary.

CAUTION
As with any mechanical equipment, contact with sharp sheet metal edges can result in personal injury. Take care while handling this equipment and wear gloves and protective clothing.
To ensure proper system performance and reliability, Lennox does not recommend operation of VRF systems during any phase of construction. Construction debris, low temperatures, harmful vapors, and operation of the unit with misplaced filters can damage the units. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in the warranty being voided.

THIS MANUAL MUST BE LEFT WITH THE OWNER FOR FUTURE REFERENCE
These instructions are intended as a general guide and do not supersede local codes in any way. Consult authorities having jurisdiction before installation.
Safety Requirements

⚠️ WARNING

ELECTRICAL SHOCK, FIRE, OR EXPLOSION HAZARD.
Do not touch the unit or the controller if your hands are wet.
DO NOT spray water on the indoor unit for any reason.
Do not replace a fuse with a fuse of a different rating. Do not use a jumper wire to replace a fuse. Do not insert your hands, tools or any other item into the air intake or air outlet at either the indoor or outdoor unit.
Do not allow children to operate the system.

Model Number Identification

V OW A 012 H 4 - 3 P

Brand/Family
V = Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF)

Unit Type
OW = One-Way Cassette Indoor Models

Major Design Sequence
A = 1st Generation

Nominal Cooling Capacity - Btuh
007 = 7,000 Btuh
009 = 8,500 Btuh
012 = 12,000 Btuh
015 = 15,000 Btuh
018 = 18,000 Btuh
024 = 24,000 Btuh

Voltage
P = 208/230V-1 phase-60hz

Controls Protocol
3 = Phase 3

Refrigerant Type
4 = R-410A

Cooling Efficiency
H = High Efficiency

NOTE - Only Lennox VRF indoor units will work with Lennox VRF outdoor units and associated mechanical equipment. Lennox Mini Split indoor units are similar in appearance but must not be connected to a Lennox VRF refrigerant circuit. Please refer to model numbers to confirm compatibility. Model numbers for Lennox VRF units start with a “V” and model numbers for Lennox Mini-Splits start with a “M”.
VRF system piping is customized for each installation. The Lennox VRF Selection Software (LVSS) piping report is an engineered design that must be followed. The piping diagram or diagrams included within the LVSS report have been prepared based on the information provided to the Lennox VRF applications department. When the indicated lengths change from the figures stated within the report, it is imperative that prior to the commencement of the refrigerant pipe work installation, Lennox VRF applications department are informed of these proposed changes. Upon receipt of this new information the Lennox VRF applications department will confirm any changes that may be applicable to this installation. If changes are required, a new piping diagram will be produced and will supersede all other previously provided documents. Failure to provide this information regarding changes to the original design may lead to insufficient capacity, equipment failure, warranty being made void and the refusal to commission the system.
**Unit Dimensions - inches (mm)**

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**NOTE** - Horizontal installation only.
Clearances

**FRONT VIEW**

NOTE - Minimum Clearance to Floor: 90 inches (2286 mm)
Maximum Clearance to Floor: 160 inches (4064 mm)

**SIDE VIEW**

NOTE - No obstacles or restrictions in front of air outlet.

Typical unit shown, actual unit may vary.
Indoor Unit Placement

**WARNING**

Do not install the unit in an area where flammable materials are present due to risk of explosion resulting in serious injury or death.

Check suitability of structure to which the unit support mechanism will be fixed to. If structure is not capable of carrying the weight of the unit, unit may fall causing personal injury or equipment damage.

Use the provided and specified components when installing equipment. Failure to do so may result in unit falling, water leaking or electrical shocks, causing personal injury or equipment or property damage.

Consider the possibility of earthquakes in your area when installing the equipment. If the unit is not correctly secured, it may fall, causing personal injury or equipment damage.

Safely dispose of packing materials, which include nails, wood and other sharp objects, as well as plastic wrapping. Children playing with plastic wrap or bags risk the danger of suffocation.

**CAUTION**

Do not place items which may be damaged by water under or around the unit.

The unit should be installed between 90 in. (2286 mm) and 160 in. (4004 mm) above the floor to ensure maximum performance.

**AVOID**

Do not install the unit in the following locations:

- Areas exposed to salt or other corrosive materials or caustic gases
- Areas exposed to extreme voltage variations (such as factories)
- Tightly enclosed areas that may impede service of the unit.
- Areas exposed to strong electromagnetic forces
- Areas exposed to acids or alkaline detergents (laundry rooms)

**DO:**

- Locate the unit so that the supply air opening is facing the space to be conditioned.
- Locate the unit so that it is not exposed to direct sunlight.
- Locate the indoor unit so that the room can be uniformly cooled. Install unit at least 90 inches (2286 mm) above the floor, if possible, for best performance.
- Select a structural location that can support the suspended weight of the unit’s chassis.
- Select a location where condensate line will have the shortest run to a suitable drain per local codes.
- Install the unit level.
- Allow sufficient space around unit for proper operation and maintenance (filter must able to be removed from the bottom of the unit).
- Install the indoor unit a minimum of 3 feet away from any antenna, power cord (line), radio, telephone, security system, or intercom. Electrical interference and radio frequencies from any of these sources may affect operation.
Indoor Unit Installation

It is important to locate the unit with the supply air opening in the direction of the area that is being conditioned. This will provide the best air distribution.

1. If the unit is to be installed in an application that includes a drop-down tile ceiling, remove the ceiling tiles necessary to accommodate installation of the unit. **Make sure that the ceiling is supported before removing any of the support grid. It may be necessary to add extra support to maintain the structural integrity of the drop ceiling.**

2. If the unit is to be installed in an application that includes a sheet rock (plasterboard) ceiling, the installation site must be carefully measured and the sheet rock must be cut to accommodate the unit. First, identify the center point of the installed unit. Use a plumb line to transfer the center mark to the floor for future use. Use the provided template to mark the area of the required opening. Carefully cut the required opening. **Make sure that the removal of the required ceiling support does not affect the structural integrity of the ceiling. It may be necessary to add extra support.**

3. Use the unit as a template or use the provided paper template to mark the location of the hanging brackets on the floor. Use a plumb line or a laser to transfer the bracket positions to the main structural ceiling. See Figure 1 for ceiling opening size.

4. **NOTE** - Threaded rod (requirement of Lennox warranty program) is the ONLY acceptable method of suspending the unit; do not use chains or straps. See Figure 1.

5. Use either a mechanical lifting device or a minimum of two people to raise the unit and insert the threaded rods into the suspension brackets on the unit. Slide a washer and then a nut onto each rod below each suspension bracket. Use the leveling nut (beneath suspension bracket) to adjust the cassette base to the correct height. Remove the electrical tape holding the upper washers and nuts in place and tighten each of the four nuts above the brackets down onto the brackets. This will ensure that the unit remains level.

6. If the unit is being installed in an application that includes a sheet rock (plasterboard) ceiling, it is required that an access panel be installed in a suitable location. This will also allow access for future maintenance (requirement of Lennox warranty program).

7. Access is required during the system startup process to test the condensate disposal system (See Figure 10), to check the electronic expansion valve and associated flare nuts (See Figure 4), and to check the local disconnect. Ceiling framing should not restrict access.

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**Figure 2. Suspending Methods**

**Figure 3. Suspension Hardware**

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**Figure 1. Ceiling Opening Dimensions**
Refrigerant Piping Connections

**WARNING**

Refrigerant leaks are unlikely; however, if a refrigerant leak occurs, open a door or windows to dilute the refrigerant in the room. Turn off the unit and all other appliances that may cause a spark. Call a licensed professional HVAC technician (or equivalent) to repair the leak.

Use only R410A refrigerant to charge this system. Use of other refrigerant or gas will damage the equipment. Do not allow air or other contaminants to enter system during installation of refrigerant piping. Contaminants will result in lower system capacity and abnormally high operating pressures and may result in system failure or explosion.

Insulate all refrigerant piping. Refrigerant pipes may be very hot during unit operation. Do not allow contact between wiring and bare copper pipes.

After refrigerant piping connections have been completed, check the system for leaks per commissioning instructions.

Field piping consists of two copper lines connected to the indoor unit. Table 1 lists the connection sizes at the indoor unit. The connections are made using the provided brass flare nuts at the end of the refrigerant piping connections. **Both lines must be individually insulated.**

1. The seal on the unit refrigerant piping connections should remain in place until the last possible moment. This will prevent dust or water from getting into the refrigerant piping before it is connected.
2. Slowly loosen one of the flare nuts to release the factory nitrogen charge.
3. Remove the flare nuts from the connections on the unit and discard the seal from each of the piping connections.
4. Slide the flare nuts onto the ends of the field-provided refrigerant piping before using a suitable flaring tool to flare the end of the copper pipe.
5. Apply recommended HFC-410A refrigerant lubricant to the outside of the flared refrigerant lines (Figure 3-A).
6. Align the threaded connections with the flared refrigerant lines. Tighten the flare nuts lightly at first to obtain a smooth match (Figure 3-B).
7. Once snug, continue another half-turn on each nut which should create a leak-free joint. A torque wrench may be used to tighten flare nuts using Table 2 recommendations. See Figure 5. **Do not over-tighten a flared joint. Flared connections should always be accessible and must be insulated to prevent condensation.**
8. After refrigerant piping has been installed and checked for leaks, apply insulation over all flared joints ensuring an air tight seal has been made between unit connections and field supplied insulated piping. All field piping connections shall be insulated and air tight to prevent unwanted condensation build-up. Figure 6.

**IMPORTANT!**

The compressor in this unit contains PVE oil (Polyvinylether). PVE oil is formulated for hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) refrigerants, such as R-410a, which this system contains. While it may have some miscibility properties with mineral-based oil and POE oil (Polyolester), it is not recommended to mix PVE oil with any other type of refrigerant oil.

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<th>Nominal Capacity (Btuh)</th>
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<td>9000</td>
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Table 1. Refrigerant Piping Connections

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**Figure 4. Making Connections**

(Male to Female Connection)
Flared connections should always be accessible and must be insulated to prevent condensation. See Figure 6.

Table 2. Flare Nut Torque Recommendations

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<th>Outside Diameter</th>
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<td>Inches</td>
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<tr>
<td>1/4&quot;</td>
<td>15 ft.-lb.</td>
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<td>3/8&quot;</td>
<td>26 ft.-lb.</td>
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<td>1/2&quot;</td>
<td>41 ft.-lb.</td>
<td>7/8 turn</td>
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<td>5/8&quot;</td>
<td>48 ft.-lb.</td>
<td>1 full turn</td>
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Support ALL piping within 12 in. (305 mm) of any mechanical fitting such as a flared connection.
**Condensate Piping Connections**

**CAUTION**

Make sure that drain piping is properly routed and insulated in order to prevent both leaks and condensation.

1. Use the provided hose clamp to secure the provided flexible condensate drain connector to the drain line stub on the side of the cassette base. Wrap the flexible connector with the provided insulation. **NOTE - Take care not to over-tighten the hose clamp as this may damage the drain line stub.**

2. Make a water-tight connection between the field-provided condensate drain line and the flexible condensate connector. Use 1-1/2” OD PVC pipe for the drain line. The connection stub on the indoor unit is 1-1/4” OD. The drain pipe size cannot be reduced for the duration of the lift pump rise.

3. See Figure 7 for applications including a single unit and a single drain. In this case, ensure that the drain line is properly sloped (no less than 1/4 inch per foot) and condensate lines are routed to ensure moisture is drained away from the indoor unit.

4. See Figure 8 for applications including multiple units using the internal pump to provide lift into a single, correctly sized main drain. In this case, ensure that the main drain line is properly sloped (no less than 1/4 inch per foot) and that each individual drain is connected to the main drain exactly as shown.

5. Drain should be as short as possible and should not have any droops or kinks that would restrict condensate flow and shall be approved resistant pipe.

6. After system installation is complete, the condensate drain line must be checked for leaks and the condensate pumps must be checked to ensure proper operation. This check is part of the commissioning sequence. Pour water into the evaporator drain pan to ensure proper condensate drainage. See Figure 9. If a leak is found, shut down power to the unit at once and do not restore power to the unit until the problem has been resolved.

**IMPORTANT!**

Drain should have a slope of at least ¼ inch per foot and should be approved corrosion-resistant pipe. You must confirm operation of every drain and pump in the system as part of the commissioning procedure.

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**Figure 7. Sloped Condensate Drain -- Single Unit**

**Figure 8. Using a Main Drain to Serve Multiple Indoor Units**
WARNING

Isolate the power supply before accessing unit electrical terminals. Install unit so that unit disconnect is accessible. Follow all local and national codes, as well as this installation instruction, during installation. Do NOT overload electrical circuit, as this may lead to failure and possible fire. Use specified wiring and cable to make electrical connections. Clamp cables securely and make sure that connections are tight to avoid strain on wiring. Insecure wiring connections may result in equipment failure and risk of fire. Wiring must be installed so that all cover plates can be securely closed.

In the U.S.A., wiring must conform with current local codes and the current National Electric Code (NEC). In Canada, wiring must conform with current local codes and the current Canadian Electrical Code (CEC). Refer to unit nameplate for minimum circuit ampacity and maximum overcurrent protection size.

1. Remove the screws that secure the control box cover. Remove the cover and place it to the side where it will not be damaged.

CAUTION

This unit must be properly grounded and protected by a circuit breaker. The ground wire for the unit must not be connected to a gas or water pipe, a lightning conductor or a telephone ground wire. Do not connect power wires to the outdoor unit until all other wiring and piping connections have been completed. Install all wiring at least 3 feet away from televisions, radios or other electronic devices in order to avoid the possibility of interference with the unit operation. Do not install the unit near a lighting appliance that includes a ballast. The ballast may affect remote control operation.

2. Locate the terminal strip in the control box. Connect the power wiring (sized per NEC/CEC and local codes) and communications cable (per Figures 10, 11 and 12). Refer to unit nameplate for rated voltage.

 Typical wiring diagram. Refer to wiring diagram on the unit for actual wiring.

Figure 10. Typical Wiring Diagram VOWA007-012 Wiring Diagram
Typical wiring diagram. Refer to wiring diagram on the unit for actual wiring.

Figure 11. Typical Wiring Diagram VOWA015-024 Wiring Diagram
Indoor units and mode selection boxes on the same refrigeration circuit should have a common power supply but must have an independent disconnect switch installed adjacent to each item of equipment for servicing and maintenance purposes.

Indoor unit and mode selection box power supply MUST not be taken from the outdoor unit. Always follow NEC/CEC and Local Codes.

Figure 12. Typical Power Wiring Diagram (VRF Heat Recovery System Shown)
NOTE - Each communication wire from the MS box should follow the refrigerant piping for that port.

Figure 13. Typical Communication Wiring Diagram (VRF Heat Recovery System)
Tightening torque for the terminal screws

- Use the correct screwdriver for fighting the terminal screws. If the screwdriver blade is too small, the head of the screw might be damaged, and the screw will not be properly tightened.
- If the terminal screws are over tightened, screws might be damaged.
- Refer to the table below for the tightening torque of the terminal screws.
- After wiring, confirm all connections are correct; Then turn on power supply to the unit.

Table 2. Terminal Screw Tightening Torque

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>Terminal base of remote controller/Signal</td>
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<td>transmission wire (X2M)</td>
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<td>Terminal base of power supply (X1M)</td>
<td>0.87-1.06</td>
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<td>Grounding terminal (M4)</td>
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All shields of shielded cable connect to chassis GROUND terminal at Indoor Units.

18 GA., stranded, 2-conductor, shielded control wire (polarity sensitive).

Typical Wiring Diagram, NEC/CEC and Local Codes apply.

Figure 14. Typical Communication Wiring Diagram (VRF Heat Pump System)
**Cover Panel Installation**

**CAUTION**
Do not place the cover panel with the diffusers face down on the floor or other surface. Louvers will be damaged if pressure is applied to them.

**Remove Return Air Grille**

1. Press the two grille latch release buttons at the same time to release the grille. Tilt the return air grille outward at a 45° angle and lift the grille away from the panel. Carefully place the return air grille off to the side. See Figure 15.

![Figure 15. Remove Return Air Grille](image1)

2. Open the clips that secure the return air filters and remove the filters. See Figure 15.

3. Under louvers, open three (3) hinged clips and remove three (3) screws, close clips before removing cover. See Figure 16.

![Figure 16. Remove Filter & Screws](image2)

**Cover Panel Installation**

1. Slide the tabs on the cover panel into the slots on the unit. See Figure 17.

![Figure 17. Attach Cover Panel](image3)

2. Connect the five-pin harness plug from the swing motor to the matching five-pin plug, CN 21, on the unit control board in the electrical control box. Use the provided wiring routes and clips to secure the wires.

3. Connect the ten-pin harness plug from the display on the cover panel to the corresponding ten-pin harness plug. CN 15, on the unit control board in the electrical control box. Use the provided wiring routes and clips to secure the wires.

4. Use the provided screws (6 or 7 depending on model) to secure the cover panel to the unit. Be careful that wiring is not crimped by the panel before securing screws. See Figure 18.

![Figure 18. Attach Cover Panel](image4)

5. Reinstall the filters and the return air grille.

![Figure 18. Attach Cover Panel](image5)
Network Address and Commissioning

After the system has been installed, each indoor unit must be assigned an address as part of the commissioning procedure.
Troubleshooting

Receiver/Display

The indoor unit is equipped with a receiver that has a small panel with four LEDs that indicate system performance. When the unit is in fault or is turned off, the lights will be OFF. Refer to the connected controller to view detailed error code information.

Make note of the code (E1, EE, etc.), then reset the indoor unit by pressing the ON/OFF button on the unit controller.

Press the ON/OFF button a second time to reapply power to unit. If the code is still displayed on the controller, disconnect and restore power at the unit disconnect switch or circuit breaker. If the problem was temporary, the code will not reappear. If the error code reappears after power has been broken and restored at the disconnect switch or circuit breaker, call VRF Technical Support 1-844-438-8731.

Table 4. Fault Code Descriptions

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<td>E0</td>
<td>Mode conflict</td>
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<tr>
<td>E1</td>
<td>Communication error between indoor and main outdoor unit</td>
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<tr>
<td>E2</td>
<td>T1 (Room temperature sensor) malfunction</td>
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<tr>
<td>E3</td>
<td>T2 (Middle of evaporator sensor) malfunction</td>
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<td>E4</td>
<td>T2B (Outlet of evaporator sensor) malfunction</td>
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<td>E5</td>
<td>T2A (Inlet of evaporator sensor) malfunction</td>
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<td>E6</td>
<td>DC fan motor error</td>
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<td>E7</td>
<td>EEPROM failure</td>
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<td>Eb</td>
<td>EXV malfunction</td>
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<td>Outdoor unit Fault</td>
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Refer to the connected controller to view detailed error code information.
Download the app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play store.