



# Trouble Shooting Guide

PAA, 3-phase  
(D4977)



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| Problem             | Possible Cause   | Possible Remedy   |
|---------------------|--|---|
| Unit does not start | <p>No power to unit, breaker tripped</p> <p>Low voltage</p> <p>Refrigeration high pressure cut-out tripped</p> <p>Loose wire</p> <p>Defective contactor or coil</p> <p>Loss of refrigerant</p> <p>Compressor damaged</p>   | <p>Verify supply power is on, close breaker after correcting fault</p> <p>Check electrical service to unit</p> <p>Will automatically reset after correcting fault</p> <p>Check wiring after disconnecting power</p> <p>Repair or replace contactor or coil</p> <p>Repair leak, recharge with type and amount of refrigerant specified on serial tag</p> <p>Replace compressor - Call Affinity</p>                                 |
| Unit does not cool  | <p>Compressor internal thermostat tripped</p> <p>Compressor damaged</p> <p>Room temperature exceeds 85EF, causing cooling capacity to be derated</p> <p>Evaporator damaged</p> <p>Microprocessor failure</p> <p>Cooling load exceeds capacity of unit</p> <p>Microprocessor programmed incorrectly</p> <p>Loss of refrigerant</p> <p>Refrigeration solenoid coil failure</p> | <p>Allow time for compressor to cool and automatically reset</p> <p>Replace compressor - Call Affinity</p> <p>Improve ventilation/air-conditioning to maintain room temperature &lt; 85EF</p> <p>Call Affinity</p> <p>Replace microprocessor</p> <p>Reduce cooling load</p> <p>Call Affinity</p> <p>Locate and repair leak, recharge with type and amount of refrigerant specified on serial tag</p> <p>Replace solenoid coil</p> |

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| Unit does not cool          | <p>Solid State Relay failure</p> <p>Solenoid valve stuck in closed position</p> <p>Defective refrigeration low pressure cut-out</p> <p>Dirty condenser fins</p> <p>Malfunctioning thermal expansion valve</p> <p>Pump damaged, loss of flow</p> <p>Hot gas bypass valve setting too high</p> <p>Hot gas bypass valve stuck open</p> | <p>Replace Solid State Relay</p> <p>Repair or replace solenoid valve</p> <p>Repair or replace low pressure cut-out</p> <p>Gently clean condenser fins</p> <p>Replace thermal expansion valve</p> <p>Replace pump</p> <p>Call Affinity</p> <p>Repair or replace valve</p> |
| Pump leaks                  | <p>Faulty pump casing</p> <p>Shaft seal damaged</p> <p>Pump housing O-Ring damaged</p> <p>Improper fluid</p>  | <p>Replace pump assembly</p> <p>Replace shaft seal</p> <p>Remove pump and rebuild</p> <p>Call Affinity</p>   |
| Excessive noise on Start-Up | <p>Low voltage</p> <p>Wrong voltage taps used on transformer</p> <p>Contact or coil failure</p>   | <p>Check electrical service to unit</p> <p>Connect to proper taps</p> <p>Replace contactor or coil</p>   |
| Level light remains on      | <p>Low coolant level</p> <p>Reservoir level switch float stuck</p> <p>Time delay relay malfunction (when used)</p> <p>Level switch failure</p>  | <p>Check for leaks, then fill reservoir</p> <p>Clean reservoir and level switch</p> <p>Replace time delay relay</p> <p>Replace level switch</p>  |

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| Level light does not work | Time delay relay (where used)<br>Lamp burned out<br>Level switch failure   | Wait for time delay relay to time out<br>Replace lamp<br>Replace level switch   |
| Pump motor overheats      | Improper voltage supplied to unit  | Correct voltage   |
| Noisy compressor          | Flooding of refrigerant into crankcase<br><br>Worn compressor<br>Refrigeration high pressure cut-out set too high<br>Refrigeration low pressure cut-out set too low                      | Warm crankcase if unit has been off for a long period or has been left in a cool ambient for more than a few hours<br><br>Replace compressor - Call Affinity<br>Adjust setting<br>Adjust setting  |
| Fault light remains on    | Low coolant flow<br>No coolant flow<br>Flow switch sticking<br>Dirty condenser<br>Air flow to condenser blocked<br>Room temperature exceeds 85EF, causing cooling capacity to be derated | See Problem; Low coolant flow<br>See Problem' No coolant flow<br>Disassemble flow switch, clean and reinstall or replace<br>Clean condenser<br>Provide free space to allow air flow<br>Improve ventilation/air-conditioning to maintain room temperature < 85EF |
| Low coolant flow          | Pump suction strainer clogged<br><br>Pump rotating backwards   | Remove strainer, clean and reinstall or replace strainer<br><br>Reverse one electrical phase  |

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| Low coolant flow (continued)               | <p>Flow control valve not fully open</p> <p>Low coolant level in reservoir</p> <p>Pressure relief valve set too low (unless not adjustable)</p> <p>Restriction in coolant lines external to chiller</p> <p>Frozen evaporator</p> <p>Flow switch clogged</p>  | <p>Open flow control valve</p> <p>Fill reservoir to proper level</p> <p>Adjust pressure relief valve to specifications</p> <p>Eliminate restriction in coolant lines external to chiller</p> <p>Call Affinity</p> <p>Disassemble flow switch, clean and reinstall or replace</p>  |
| No coolant flow                            | <p>Pump not primed</p> <p>Pump suction strainer clogged</p> <p>No coolant in reservoir</p> <p>Pump overload tripped</p> <p>Pump motor shaft bound to seal</p> <p>Pump housing torqued improperly</p> <p>Damaged pump</p> <p>Frozen evaporator</p> <p>Clogged line or closed valve in external piping</p> <p>Leak(s) in external piping</p> | <p>Prime pump</p> <p>Remove and clean strainer, then reinstall or replace</p> <p>Check for leaks, then fill reservoir</p> <p>Wait 5 minutes for overload to reset</p> <p>Replace pump or renew seal</p> <p>Remove pump, torque to specification, test, and reinstall</p> <p>Replace pump</p> <p>Call Affinity</p> <p>Check external piping for dirt or closed valve</p> <p>Check for leaks and repair if needed</p> |
| Too much recirculating pressure to process | <p>Flow control valve set too high</p> <p>Pressure relief valve set too high (unless not adjustable)</p>   | <p>Throttle flow control valve</p> <p>Adjust pressure relief valve</p>  |

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| Unit shuts down during operation          | Refrigeration high pressure cut-out set too low<br><br>Refrigeration low pressure cut-out set too high<br><br>Excess refrigerant charge<br><br>Dirty condenser<br><br>Pump thermal overload set too low<br><br>Pump overload tripped<br><br>Low voltage | Adjust and reset refrigeration high pressure cut-out<br><br>Adjust and reset refrigeration low pressure cut-out<br><br>Remove excess refrigerant and charge with refrigerant to specifications on serial tag<br><br>Gently clean condenser<br><br>Adjust and reset pump thermal overload relay to specifications, or replace if faulty<br><br>Determine cause of trip, if pump is damaged, repair or replace<br><br>Check electrical service to unit |
| Compressor turns on and off automatically | Discharge pressure too high<br><br>Condenser fan(s) not on<br><br>Refrigeration high pressure cut-out set to automatic  | Check condenser for restrictions<br><br>Check motor(s) and wiring<br><br>Check settings  |
| Compressor does not run                   | Compressor internal thermostat tripped<br><br>Motor burned out  | Allow time for compressor to cool and automatically reset<br><br>Replace - Call Affinity   |
| Temperature display reads incorrectly     | Loose wire<br><br>Broken RTD<br><br>Microprocessor failure  | Disconnect power to unit, then check wiring<br><br>Replace RTD<br><br>Replace microprocessor   |

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| Microprocessor does not work | 5 second delay has not timed out      | Wait at least 5 seconds after turning on |
|                              | Microprocessor programmed incorrectly | Reprogram microprocessor - Call Affinity |
|                              | Microprocessor failure                | Replace microprocessor                   |