Installation, Operation and Maintenance Manual

TTXL Series
Modular Cooling Tower™

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Chapter One: About This Manual

1.1 Scope

Information described herein pertains directly to the installation, operation and maintenance of the Tower Tech TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower. The TTXL Series is a forced-draft, counter-flow design that allows modules to be arranged in a variety of configurations. The design also enables modules to be interconnected to accommodate virtually any cooling load. The design allows for the easy addition of new modules to a set of existing modules if the demand for cooling increases.

1.2 Use

Pay particular attention to the following symbols when reading this manual:

- **NOTE**
  Notes are intended to clarify or make the installation easier.

- **CAUTION**
  Cautions are given to prevent equipment damage.

- **DANGER**
  Danger warnings are given to alert installer and operators that personal injury and/or equipment damage may result if correct installation and operational procedures are not followed.

Read all parts of this manual before installation or operating the tower. Contact our Customer Service Department at (405) 979-2123 if you have any questions.

- **CAUTION**
  This product must be installed in strict compliance with the enclosed installation instructions and any applicable local, state, and national codes including, but not limited to building, electrical, and mechanical codes.

- **DANGER**
  Disconnect and lock out electrical power before attempting to inspect, repair, or perform maintenance on the module. Failure to follow installation instructions specified herein may create a condition whereby the operation of the product could cause personal injury, property damage, and/or death. Tower Tech assumes no liability for situations resulting from the failure to follow directions as specified in this manual.
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Chapter Two:  TTXL Series Features

2.1 Model Nomenclature

Cooling towers come in a variety of configurations. These configurations can vary according to the type of airflow encountered, the type of draft used, the tower erection site, and the materials of construction. These characteristics and myriad other design factors are what distinguish one cooling tower design from another.

The Tower Tech TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower is characterized as a forced-draft, counter-flow cooling tower. A 3-D section view displaying the internal components of a TTXL Series tower is depicted in Figure 1.

### Model Designation -
- **i2** = 2 Fans, 1 x 2 Configuration
- **i3** = 3 Fans, 1 x 3 Configuration
- **i4** = 4 Fans, 1 x 4 Configuration
- **04** = 4 Fans, 2 x 2 Configuration
- **i5** = 5 Fans, 1 x 5 Configuration
- **i6** = 6 Fans, 1 x 6 Configuration
- **06** = 6 Fans, 2 x 3 Configuration
- **08** = 8 Fans, 2 x 4 Configuration
- **10** = 10 Fans, 2 x 5 Configuration
- **12** = 12 Fans, 2 x 6 Configuration

### Fill Media Type -
- **19** = CF1900 * Cross-fluted fill media having a flute diameter of 19 millimeters is the basis of TTXL performance certification by Cooling Technology Institute (CTI). Other fill media types are available however their thermal performance may not certified by CTI.

### Motor Power -
- **22** = 2.2 kW / Fan
- **29** = 2.9 kW / Fan
- **30** = 3.0 HP / Fan
- **37** = 3.7 kW / Fan
- **45** = 4.5 kW / Fan
- **48** = 4.8 kW / Fan
- **50** = 5.0 HP / Fan
- **56** = 5.6 kW / Fan
- **75** = 7.5 HP / Fan

2.2 Modular Design
A counter-flow cooling tower, as opposed to a cross-flow cooling tower, is distinguished by the airflow and water flow moving in opposite directions (in relationship to one another) inside the tower. In a cross-flow tower, the air and water flow move perpendicular to one another. Figure 2 shows the layout of a Tower Tech counter-flow cooling tower compared to a typical cross-flow tower.
The Tower Tech TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower is characterized as a mechanical forced-draft cooling tower. Mechanical fans are used to provide a known volume of air through the tower. Forced-draft towers have the fan located in the cool, dry, ambient air stream on the entrance face of the tower, pushing air through the tower. Induced-draft towers have the fan located in the hot, moist air stream on the exit face of the tower, drawing air upwards through the tower. Neither the fans nor the motors on a forced-draft cooling tower are subjected to the harsh environment encountered in an induced-draft cooling tower. Figure 3 shows the layout of a Tower Tech mechanical forced-draft cooling tower compared to an induced-draft counter-flow cooling tower.

Figure 2 – TTXL versus Conventional Induced-Draft Cross-Flow Tower

Figure 3 – TTXL versus Conventional Induced-Draft Counter-Flow Tower
The Tower Tech TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower is also distinguished by its modular design, as shown in Figure 4. This enables the individual modules to be interconnected in numerous configurations to accommodate virtually any cooling capacity. This design is also quickly adaptable to accommodate future expansion of cooling tower capacity.

Note: Keep all vents clear and open. Stand pipes must be heat traced and insulated in cold climates.

Figure 4 – TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower Installation

Flow-Thru Basin and Water Collection System

The cold-water basin in the TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower is comprised of a unique, patented Flow-Thru Basin™ consisting of four perimeter box beams (Perimeter Basin Walls) interconnected to one or more transversal box beams (Mid-Basins). This structure forms the base of each tower module. A unique, patented Water Collection System™ located above the fan motors serves as an air-water separator, capturing cooled water falling from the fill media. The WCS channels the cooled water into the Flow-Thru Basin and is discharged into a sump located at the either end of the module. This unique enclosed system with its high flow velocity (~5-7 fps) contains no quiescent areas for water to stagnate and scrubs the basin walls and floor continually, thereby minimizing the problem of sediment accumulation that is common to all other cooling tower designs.

Figure 5 shows the placement of the WCS, Flow-Thru Basin, motors, and fans within a Tower Tech TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower.
2.3 Sump Design

Figure 5 – Water Collection System, Flow-Thru Basin, Mid Basin, Motors, Fans

Figure 6 – Sump Layout
Each Tower Tech modul is equipped with a terminally mounted outlet sump (shown in Figure 6) that is flanged for easy hook-up. Standard equipment for each sump includes a threaded make-up water connection, a mechanical float valve, a flanged overflow/ equalization connection, and a sump screen to collect large pieces of debris that may have entered the system.

Sump flange sizes vary depending upon the cooling tower model selected. Table 10 lists typical connection sizes for TTXL Series Modular Cooling Towers.

2.4 Make-Up Connection / Float Valve

The TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower can be supplied with either a one- or two-inch brass float valve (see Figure 7) or; no mechanical make up assembly when using an electronic level control or remote sump application. The fitting is Female National Pipe Thread (FNPT). All valve components are made of brass or stainless steel. The connection flange is made from high quality plastic to eliminate corrosion. The maximum rated operating pressure for the valve is 25 psi (1.76 kgf/cm²). **You must install a pressure reducer valve if operating pressure exceeds 25 psi (1.76 kgf/cm²).** The make-up water piping should contain an anti-siphon/breaker device before the sump connection: Refer to local codes for details.

![Figure 7 – Mechanical Float Valve](image-url)
2.5 Rotary Spray Nozzle

Tower Tech’s patented variable flow Rotary Spray Nozzle disperses water from the water distribution piping to the fill media. The nozzle requires less pressure to operate than a conventional nozzle, is virtually maintenance free, and improves tower performance.

The Rotary Spray Nozzle requires less pressure head to operate than a conventional nozzle by combining a low-profile spray pattern with a low-pressure orifice. Use of a lateral spray pattern allows the nozzle to be positioned as close as one inch above the surface of the fill material, saving several feet of pump head. In addition, the use of a turbine in the nozzle to atomize the flow is much more efficient than the atomization approach used in a conventional nozzle.

Debris that typically clogs conventional nozzles will pass directly through the Rotary Spray Nozzle. This is accomplished by the 4” (10.16 cm) nozzle throat/inlet coupled with the brisk rotating agitation action provided by the nozzle's turbine, which spins on a water bearing inside the nozzle. The water bearing minimizes wear of nozzle components thus providing years of virtually maintenance-free service.

Graph 1 – Nozzle Spray; Distance versus Flow

Significant increases in performance can be achieved with the use of the Rotary Spray Nozzle because of improved fill coverage and control of the flow pattern size. The nozzle orifice is shaped to provide a square spray pattern, thereby uniformly wetting the entire fill media. This improves tower performance and reduces the likelihood of scaling due to the occurrence of dry regions within the fill.
The nozzle is also equipped with a spring-loaded orifice to allow the nozzle to automatically adjust to changes in the water flow rate. As shown in Graph 1, the Rotary Spray Nozzle performs exceptionally well from approximately 100 GPM to 300 GPM (6.5-19.5 LPS), which is the approximate upper limit established by tower module hydraulics. Somewhat higher flows may be possible in some tower module sizes; contact Tower Tech engineering manager for specifics. Flows lower than 100 GPM (6.5 LPS) are never allowed.

This flexible capability is not present in fixed orifice spray nozzles; they must remain very near design flow to provide the required spray coverage. This innovation allows uniform water loading for a wide range of flow rates and significantly increases the part load performance as compared to other towers using conventional fixed orifice nozzles. (Refer to Section 9.4.1 “Cold Weather Operations” for important additional information about cold weather operations with a TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower.)

This uniform spray pattern is accomplished by using a spring-loaded orifice plate that provides a varying cross-sectional area as flow rate changes. This reduces the loss coefficient as flow increases and allows the total pumping pressure of the tower to remain nearly constant from 11-13 feet, or 3.4-4.0 meters, of head.

By eliminating the extreme pressure increases associated with increased flow rates, the Rotary Spray Nozzle is able to produce a much more consistent spray pattern as flow rates vary. Graph 2 illustrates the change in tower piping head pressure observed at varying flow rates when employing the Rotary Spray Nozzle.

Graph 2 – Tower Pressure versus Flow

As can be seen from the graphs above, the operating parameters of the Rotary Spray Nozzle must remain between 100 GPM and 300 GPM (6.5-19.5 LPS), which is the approximate upper limit established by tower module hydraulics. Somewhat higher flows may be possible in some tower module sizes; contact Tower Tech engineering manager for specifics. Flows lower than 100 GPM (6.5 LPS) are never allowed.
Variable Flow Advantages

Conventional water distribution in cooling towers sacrifices valuable energy saving opportunities. This fact is even more pronounced in today’s water filming style heat transfer media. The efficiency of evaporative heat transfer is affected by the air-to-water contact area and the mass flow liquid-to-gas ratio. In general, for a given heat load and water mass flow rate, the more surface area involved, the less required air velocity over the water surface, and consequently the less air-moving fan horsepower. If lower kW/ton is desired, one must purchase more air-to-water contact surface area.

Film media, such as the popular PVC cross-fluted corrugated film block, provided a breakthrough in cooling tower design. It greatly increases the contact surface area without increasing the size of the tower box. Adversely, it suffers quickly from scaling and biomass fouling in very compact air channels that negatively impact the flow of air.

Precise water treatment is required to prevent bio growth fouling and the fill must remain wetted to avoid evaporative scaling. Conventional water distribution uses fixed orifice spray nozzles that produce a round pattern above a rectangular fill pack. The nozzles are placed in a rectangular overlapping pattern to assure full wetting of the fill at the design water flow rate. Water flow rates below the design point will not produce a full spray pattern and void areas will start to appear. Any fill’s best efficiency is achieved when the liquid-to-gas ratio is evenly balanced throughout the fill media. Short patterns and overlapping patterns cannot accomplish it. When a conventional cooling tower system is faced with a variable water flow rate (i.e. multiple pump cycling or variable speed pumping) these pattern problems force the operator to isolate whole cooling tower cells to maintain proper water distribution under reduced load in the remaining on-line cells. If this is not done, the tower efficiency will suffer and the fill media will quickly foul. Isolating cells takes away air-to-water contact surface.

What is needed is a cooling tower water distribution system that is able to respond to variable flow rates and keep all of the fill media evenly wetted and in service. This requires a nozzle that responds to flow changes to keep a constant pattern. A square pattern that avoids overlap would be best. Putting such a system on a three-cell tower with three matched pumps would yield the following opportunities: A typical tower would operate at 0.06 kW/ton for the tower alone at full load, 0.06 kW/ton at 2/3 load (two cells operating at 100%), and 0.06 kW/ton at 1/3 load (one cell operating at 100%). Under the same conditions, a constant pattern, variable spray system with variable speed drives on the fan motors would operate at 0.06 kW/ton at full load, 0.024 kW/ton at 2/3 load (all cells operating at 2/3 load), and 0.005 kW/ton at 1/3 load (all cells operating at 1/3 load).

These energy savings can only be achieved through use of the constant pattern, variable flow distribution system found only in patented Tower Tech Modular Cooling Towers.
2.6 Motors

TTXL Series Modular Cooling Towers shipped after October 2010 are equipped with Baldor brand motors that are direct-drive, totally enclosed air over (TEAO), 8-pole, induction-type, inverter-ready, with Class H (Class F minimum) insulation, and L₁₀ sealed bearings rated for 100,000-hour life with sealed case. All Baldor motors on TTXL Modular Cooling Towers shipped after October 2014 also meet IP55 and NEMA MG-1 Parts 30 and 31 requirements. Standard available motor types:

60Hz 40°C. Available in 3.0 HP, 5.0 HP, or 7.5 HP. Available at 200V, 230V, 460V and 575V.

60Hz 50°C. Available in 3.0 HP, 5.0 HP (2.9kW) or 7.5 HP. Available at 230V, 380V or 460V.

50Hz 40°C. Available in 2.2 kW, 3.7 kW, 4.8 kW or 5.6 kW. Available at 190V-208V, 220V, 380V-415V or 440V.

50Hz 50°C. Available in 2.9 kW or 4.5 kW. Available at 190V-208V and 380V-415V.

Motor type and power level depends on tower model selected and required design conditions. Refer to Figure 8 for a view of motor mounted to fan shroud. Refer to Table 1 for motor data.

Figure 8 – Motor, Motor Support, Fan, Fan Shroud
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- SFA stands for Starting Full Load Amperage.
- Effy represents Efficiency.
- RPL is the Re-Start Power Load.
- S.F. stands for Service Factor.
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#### Model: Tower Tech Modular Cooling Tower™

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## Engineering Data

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**Note:**
- Table 1 – Motor Data (7 Pages)
- Tower Tech Modular Cooling Tower™
- Date: 12/5/2016
- MK9000-12 rev.3
- TTXL Series Installation, Operation and Maintenance Manual
2.7 Fans

High efficiency axial fans with a unique airfoil design are used on all TTXL Series Modular Cooling Towers (refer to Figure 9).

The fan blades are made of high-strength, fiberglass reinforced polypropylene held in place by a die cast aluminum-silicon alloy hub. The high-efficiency fan blades are adjustable-pitch and thus can be set at various pitch angles to allow for maximum performance. After installation, the fans are adjusted to allow a nominal 1/4” tip clearance from the throat of the fan shroud. Minimum balancing tolerances are based on ISO balancing standard TC/108, DR 1940. A G6.3 balancing grade is used at 860 RPM.

Three different fan models are used in the TTXL Series and vary based on motor horsepower (refer to Table 2).

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Table 2 – Fan Data for 60 Hertz Motors
2.8 Fan Shroud

![Fan Shroud Image]

*Figure 10 – Fan Shroud*

The fan shroud used on the TTXL Series towers is made using a hand lay-up process using fiberglass mat and chopped fiberglass strands, or a resin transfer molding process employing fiberglass mat. The shroud’s unique design radius (refer to figure 10) provides a smooth transition for the air entering the fan, maximizing fan efficiency and thereby reducing energy costs. Because of the fiberglass construction, the shroud is very lightweight, strong, and resists corrosion indefinitely.

2.9 Fill Media

The most important component of a cooling tower may be the heat transfer surface or fill. The fill's efficiency is a function of its ability to promote contact between the air and water with a minimum resistance/impedance to airflow. The fill used by Tower Tech meets the rigorous standards of the Cooling Technology Institute (STD-136[88]) by having uniform thickness and hole, air bubble, and foreign matter-free and free of other manufacturing defects which may adversely affect performance.

The standard TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower contains PVC film fill media stacked to a depth of five feet. The selection of the type of fill media used will vary from one installation to another due to variances in water quality and/or performance requirements.
• Comfort Cooling, Utility, and Industrial Applications:

Generally clean to medium quality water applications would benefit from the use of a cross-corrugated fill media with a standard flute size to minimize the potential for plugging while maintaining performance efficiency. (Refer to Table 3 for data on 19mm cross corrugated fill media.) Generally, the selection of CF-1900 is most suitable when:

1. Total suspended solids (TSS) are <25 PPM (TSS <100 PPM where bacterial activity is very low).
2. Make-up water is from uncontaminated sources.
3. Biological and scale control is good.
4. Cycles of concentration are low.
5. Airborne dust is minimal.
6. Oils and grease are not present in the recirculating water.

• Pulp, Paper and Steel Mills:

Applications with generally poorer water quality may specify vertical-flute fill media to minimize the potential for fill plugging. Such applications may have higher levels of TSS (>500 PPM with no upper limit, 1000 PPM if oil or grease are present or if there is no biological control), make-up water is from surface waters, biological or scale control is poor, and/or oils or grease may be present (up to 25 PPM) in recirculating water. (Refer to Table 3 for data on 38mm vertical flute fill).

• Entering Water Temperatures:

PVC fill media is recommended for applications in which the temperature of tower entering hot water does not exceed 130°F in continuous operation. HPVC fill media is required for applications in which the temperature of tower entering hot water ranges from 130°F to 140°F in continuous operation. PVC and HPVC fill media can tolerate temperature excursions of up to 15°F for up to two hours, if the excursion is supported by the fill media manufacturer’s recommendations.
The fill bearing capacity can be affected by the accumulation of silt, dirt, process leaks, and debris. The fill media is supported by Tower Tech’s patented Water Collection System. The load bearing capacity of the fill media is 25 lbs per square foot during tower operation. Occasional inspection of the fill surface area to assess fouling is recommended to assure that this bearing capacity is not exceeded.

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*Table 3 – Fill Media Data*

### 2.10 Drift Eliminators

The TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower utilizes a low-pressure sinusoidal-shaped drift eliminator that provides three distinct changes in flow direction to enhance the drift capturing capability of the drift eliminator. The PVC material is virtually impervious to rot, decay, or biological attack. An ultraviolet inhibitor manufactured into the product extends the life expectancy. Refer to Table 4 for drift eliminator data.

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*Table 4 – Drift Eliminator Data*
2.11 Safety Point Brackets

The Tower Tech Modular Cooling Tower was designed to reduce maintenance requirements and for routine inspections to be safely performed from ground level. The Tower Tech design does not require service personnel to enter the cooling tower for routine inspection or service. The maintenance schedule in Section 10.1 only requires service personnel to enter the tower for annual inspections.

OSHA regulations only require permanent platforms, stairways and walkways when routine maintenance is required for an individual more than 6ft of the ground. When service personnel have to enter the Tower Tech cooling tower, the modular walls served as a fall restraint for the personnel working inside the cooling tower. Even with safety being a top consideration in the design of the TTXL Modular Cooling Tower, certain service applications required the service technician to adhere to strict fall restraint requirements when accessing the top of the modular cooling tower.

TTXL modular cooling towers built after October 1, 2013 have a safety point bracket mounted inside the tower below each top corner cap. The safety point brackets have been tested and certified to hold 5,000 lbs. each. A certified engineer must design any fall restraint system to meet the customer’s requirements along with any local, state, federal and OSHA requirements. The safety bracket is a certified point to which a fall restraint system can be attached.

Figure 11 – Safety Point Bracket
2.12 Power and Control Wiring

Install a lockable disconnect switch in close proximity and within sight of the cooling tower to protect authorized service personnel. Ensure the switch is separate from all other circuits.

Do not perform service work on or near the fans without first ensuring the fan motor is electrically disconnected and locked out.

Only a licensed electrician should attempt to troubleshoot any electrical components on Tower Tech Modular Cooling Towers.

Field wiring to the module must conform to the provisions of the National Electric Code (NEC), ANSI / NFPA No. 70 (in U.S.A.), current Canadian Electric Code (CEC) A22.1 (in Canada) and/or local ordinances. The unit must be electrically grounded in accordance with the NEC and CEC (as specified above) and/or local ordinances.

The end-user is responsible for making all field wiring connections.

Each motor is factory pre-wired to a junction box located on the end of the tower module (as illustrated in Figure 13A). Optional rotary-type lockout disconnect switches may be specified (as illustrated in Figure 13B). All motor wiring is 12-4 AWG except 208/230V 7.5 HP motors or 190V 5.6 kW (7.5 HP) motors which use 10-4 AWG. Wiring is Alpha brand, variable-frequency drive compatible, liquid tight, oil resistant, quantum-shielded, flexible cable. A typical illustration of optional pre-wiring layout is shown in Figure 12. Optional pre-wiring of motors to pigtails may be specified (as illustrated in Figure 13C). Tower Tech also offers an optional pre-wiring of the motors to a motor protection panel (as described and illustrated in Section 4.3)

This Manual shows and describes standard power and control wiring and operating procedures only. Tower Tech will supply an appropriate technical supplement for non-standard power and control wiring and operating procedures upon request.
Figure 12 – Typical Wiring Layout

(Refer to Table 1 for amperage requirements at various motor power levels.)

**CAUTION**

Waterproof-type connectors **MUST** be used so that water and moisture cannot be drawn into the box or panel when connecting electrical power and control wiring to a junction box or control panel.

Figure 13A – Standard NEMA-4X Junction Box
Optionally available are rotary disconnect switches comprised of NEMA-4X enclosures with auxiliary contacts for remote monitoring (refer to Figure 13B).

![Figure 13B – Optional Rotary-Type NEMA 4X Lockout Disconnect Switches](image1)

It is important to follow the pre-wire sequence of the motors to the rotary disconnects as defined in tower submittal drawings. The order of each motor wiring is critical when connecting to motor starters to insure proper sequence and operation of the motors.

The Tower module can be pre-wired to pigtails (length to be specified) for onsite connection by others to electrical equipment (refer to Figure 13C).

![Figure 13C – Pre-wire to Pigtail](image2)
Chapter Three: Materials of Construction

3.1 Background

The Tower Tech TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower is factory pre-assembled. All walls, structural members, and internal components in wetted areas are non-corrosive fiberglass, various plastics (PVC is used exclusively in the hot water distribution system and in other non-structural members), and stainless steel hardware. Non-corrosive materials of construction provide long service life in the hostile chemical environments inherent to cooling towers.

Galvanized metal support systems (located in the hot moist air stream) and chemical wood treatments are major contributors to environmental and maintenance problems associated with conventional cooling towers. Galvanized metals can molecularly break down in the water due to high concentrations of acids and alkalis. Conventional wooden towers are often treated with potentially hazardous chemicals to prolong their life. These substances also leach into the cooling water.

The TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower minimizes these environmental problems by eliminating galvanized metal and treated wood from the wet areas of the cooling tower design. (The TTXL Series uses impervious plastic/pvc-coated steel fan guard screens; however, the fan guard screens are located in the non-wetted area below the tower module.)

3.2 Tower Walls

The tower walls provide a perimeter shell around the tower fill media and other internal components. The three sections that comprise the walls, the Perimeter Basin Wall, the Mid-Wall, and the Top-Wall are some of the largest pultruded components in the world. The Perimeter Basin Wall serves as both a structural member and a cold water reservoir. Walls are joined vertically by tongue and groove joints and are sealed using a polyurethane adhesive vibration dampener and sealant to prevent leaks. Transversal Perimeter Basin Walls are joined to longitudinal Perimeter Basin Walls using a fiberglass Corner Enclosure that provides further structural and sealing integrity to the tower box. Stainless steel fasteners are used to bolt the walls together and to join them to the Corner Enclosures. Coated stainless steel fasteners are employed in areas where water hold-up occurs. Refer to Table 5 for details on wall design specifications.
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**Table 5 – Wall Data**

#### 3.3 Fan Shroud

The fan shroud used on TTXL Series Modular Cooling Towers (refer to Figure 10) is made using a hand lay-up process utilizing fiberglass mat and chopped fiberglass strands, or a resin transfer molding process utilizing fiberglass mat. Its unique design radius provides a smooth transition for the air entering the fan thus maximizing the fan efficiency and energy savings and likewise reducing extraneous noise. Due to the use of fiberglass mat, the shroud is very lightweight yet strong and will resist corrosion indefinitely.

#### 3.4 Fan Motor Support

Fan motor supports are bolted to the fiberglass shrouds (refer to Figure 8), thus allowing the motor, motor support and shroud to interconnect with a minimum of vibration and a minimum of fan tip tolerance. The motor support is manufactured from stainless steel tubing and plate. Motors are mounted to a stainless steel plate that is welded onto the motor support framework. Stainless steel fasteners are used exclusively in its assembly.

#### 3.5 Tower Internals

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**CAUTION**

The standard TTXL Series hot water distribution system and fill media are designed for a maximum tower entering hot water temperature of 130°F (54.4°C) in continuous operation. Excessive tower entering water temperatures will damage the tower’s hot water distribution system and fill media. For applications having tower entering hot water temperatures ranging from 130°F to 140°F (54.4°C to 60°C) degrees, CPVC hot water distribution system piping and HPVC fill media are optionally available. PVC fill media can tolerate temperature excursions of up to 15°F (9.4°C) for up to two hours, if the excursion is supported by the fill media manufacturer’s recommendations.
TTXL Series internal components are described in Table 6.

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Key:  
- FRP = Fiberglass Reinforced Plastic Pultrusion  
- PVC = Poly-Vinyl Chloride (Self-Extinguishing)  
- ABS = Acrylonitrile, 1,3-Butadiene, and Styrene Copolymer (Flame Retardant)  
- PP = Polypropylene

Table 6 – Materials of Construction; Internal Components
Chapter Four: Optional Equipment

4.1 Sub-Structure (Leg) Kit

Tower Tech offers a pultruded fiberglass substructure connected to each corner of the tower module. Refer to Figure 14. When installed on Tower Tech sub-structures up to 8 feet (243.8 cm) in height the TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower is certified to withstand 200 mph/93 psf (321.8 KPH/454 KSM) wind load and has received California OSHPD pre-approval for seismic loads. The sub-structure anchors to steel, concrete piers, or to a concrete slab. Braces attach to the Perimeter Basin Walls to provide rigid support.

As a general rule, increased leg height will improve tower performance by increasing the air inlet area. Use higher sub-structure leg heights if obstructions adjacent to the tower reduce airflow to the tower. Sub-structure leg heights of 6-foot (182.9 cm) and 8-foot (243.8 cm) are the most common. For air inlets above 12’ high the preferred method of installation is with 1-foot (30.5 cm) sub-structure legs (“stub” legs) that mount on top of a raised pier or steel.

Sub-structure kit includes:

- Pultruded fiberglass legs – Typical heights are 1 foot (30.5 cm), 4 feet (121.9 cm), 6 feet (182.9 cm), 8 feet (243.8 cm), 10 feet (304.8 cm), and 12 feet (365.8 cm)
- Footpad
- FRP tubular braces – Not required for 1 foot (30.5 cm) legs
- Assembly hardware
4.2 T9900 Motor Control Panel

Tower Tech offers a complete line of T9900 optional motor control accessories designed for the TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower. Tower Tech's optional motor control panels come complete and ready for immediate installation. Panels require main power feed to the main disconnect switch, and a separate 120V control power feed. Panels also require connections to the standard pre-wired junction box, optional individual motor disconnects or pre-wired pigtails.

The T9900 series motor control panels are equipped with a cover mounted lockable main disconnect and individual HAND-OFF-AUTO controls for each fan motor. Each internally mounted combination motor starter/adjustable overload protector has an integral lockable circuit breaker to enable individual motor isolation with lock out/tag out capability. The control panel comes completely pre-wired. Terminal blocks are provided for the main power feed and the individual fan motor connections, and any externally mounted control input and outputs. The standard enclosure for the optional motor control panel is a NEMA-4 rated, powder coated hinged steel box with full back plate and gasket door.

The T9900 series panels have a preprogrammed PLC and temperature input device to control fan cycling and/or a remote variable-frequency drive. Each motor overload protector is equipped with an auxiliary relay. Should a motor overload trip a dry contact signal can be wired in series or parallel back to a Building Management System or Building Automation System (BAS) for notification.

Refer to Figure 15 for a typical motor control panel layout. VIEWSCREEN® touch screen is standard on all Tower Tech T9900 control panels ordered after August 31, 2011. The HMI touch screen comes equipped with a protective panel door that is lockable. Door is hinged at the top to provide shade from the sunlight, thereby making it easier to view the screen.
CAUTION

Do not mount motor control panels on the tower module’s basin walls or casing walls as this will cause basin leakage or wall component failure. Never mount or attach the control panel to plumbing or piping equipment as vibration could cause damage to internal components.

CAUTION

All power wiring conduits are to enter and exit the control cabinet at the bottom of the control cabinet. Penetration of the top or sides of the control cabinet will void the electronics warranty. All control wiring conduits are to penetrate the control cabinet on the bottom of the control cabinet, as close to left-hand side as space allows.

CAUTION

ALL MOTOR WIRING MUST BE PROPERLY GROUNDED ON BOTH ENDS. ALL COMMUNICATION WIRE TO BE SHIELDED TWISTED PAIR CONDUCTOR AND PROPERLY GROUNDED ON ONE END.

The optional T9900 control panel is available with a Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) that is programmed to cycle the cooling tower fans to maintain the desired cold water temperature set point entered by an operator through the cover-mounted interface LCD panel. The PLC can supply an intermittent 4-20 milliamp signal to control an external variable-frequency drive (VFD). The PI(D) loop being used by the PLC or VFD should be fine tuned for tight control of the exiting cold water temperature in maintaining temperature set point. Fans cycling or ramping constantly up and down indicate

The PI(D) Loop being used by the PLC or VFD should be fine tuned to maintain tight control to the cold water temperature set point. Fans cycling or ramping constantly up and down indicate oscillation of the control loop or hunting that can damage motors and potentially void the motor warranty. Once the PLC is fine tuned the control loop should maintain a consistent output with tight control to the cold water temperature set point with small variations for a stable rapid response.

When a VFD is used with this control panel, jumper J21-J24, located on Terminal Block #2 (TB2), must be replaced with a dry contact connection (in the VFD) that indicates the operational status of the VFD to the PLC. The dry contact must be normally open (N.O.) when the VFD is operational (active) and normally closed (N.C.) when the drive is in by-pass mode, or when
failed. When the VFD is online the dry contact must be N.O. which tells the control panel PLC to energize all motor starter coils, allowing the VFD to maintain the desired cold water temperature set point entered through the control panel without fan cycling from the PLC. When the VFD is in by-pass mode, or when failed, the dry contact must be N.C. which tells the control panel PLC to de-energize the starter coils, and the PLC will maintain the desired cold water temperature set point entered by an operator through the door-mounted LCD interface panel through fan cycling control.

A separate 120V circuit must be provided for control power within the panel. All 4-20 milliamp signal wiring must be shielded twisted pair wiring with the shield properly grounded on one end. The PLC provides an optional safety enable connection to the VFD to insure when the T9900 panels main breaker is turned off the VFD won’t try and operate against no load.

An owner can control the cooling tower through a BAS by connecting to the T9900 series panel without a gateway module. It is recommended that the BAS send a remote temperature set point to the PLC by an intermittent 4-20mA analog signal that is calibrated for 45°F-200°F respectively connected to TB2 terminals J63-J64. The PLC will then sends a speed reference signal to the VFD to maintain temperature set point. The BAS can also control the VFD directly by sending a remote speed reference signal by an intermittent 4-20mA or 0-10VDC analog signal connected directly to the VFD. The PLC has the capability for remote enable/disable control through connection to TB2 by replacing jumper J22-J25 with a dry contact signal. The dry contact connection from the VFD to the tower PLC will activate the motor starters and initiate VFD control. Any VFD (with auto bypass feature) shutdown will put the PLC into fan cycling control as in the previous sequence. This provides redundant control of the cooling tower should the VFD fail, while still allowing the BAS to control the desired tower exiting water temperature.

The T9900 series panel can be equipped with a gateway module for building automation control interfacing. Tower Tech’s optional gateway module for communication protocol interfacing with Building Automation System provides an access point to gateway data mapping that is pre-programmed in the PLC while all other setup, interfacing and programming for communication with the BAS to be provided by others. Optional gateway modules are available for the following communication protocols:

- BACnet/IP or BACnet/MSTP (RS485)
- LonWorks/IP or LonWork/MSTP (RS485)
- Modbus TCP/IP or Modbus RTU (RS485)

Tower Tech supplies a complete wiring schematic with all control panels. Custom panels and tower wiring requirements are assigned a discrete project number for easy identification. Standard factory pre-wiring uses shielded 12-4 AWG 460V wiring however other voltages require use of NEC-appropriate wire sizes. Wiring used in all towers is Alpha brand, VFD compatible, quantum-shielded, liquid tight, oil resistant, flexible cable.
4.3 T2100 Motor Protection Panel

Fig. 16 – T2100 MPP

Should Tower Tech’s optional T9900 motor control panel not be used, then individual motor protection is required. Tower Tech offers an optional T2100 Motor Protection Panel (refer to Figure 16). The Motor Protection Panel (MPP) is a UL-Rated NEMA 4X (FRP) and is designed for single point connection. The NEMA 4X panel has individual manual motor protectors to protect each motor against short circuit or thermal overload. The manual motor protectors provide overload trip switches for lock out/tag out capability of each individual motor. Each manual motor protector has an auxiliary relay to monitor the fault status of each motor. The NEMA 4X panel also provides a main non-fused disconnect with through the door operator handle. The MPP is pre-wired to the motors and pre-mounted on the cooling tower.

When a VFD is used with the T2100 MPP a temperature input device (RTD) can be provided that should be installed within 15 feet of the cooling tower outlet flange. The RTD should be wired back to the proper terminal in the VFD for the internal PI(D) closed loop controller to maintain a cold water temperature set point. Tower Tech recommends the VFD be equipped with auto bypass to allow across the line voltage to all motors should the VFD trip or fail.

![CAUTION] When tower module is more than 6 feet above standing level consideration should be given to service access to the T2100 MPP. Options are available for shipping the MPP for field installation to comply with any applicable local, state, and national codes including, but not limited to building, electrical, and mechanical codes. ALL MOTOR WIRING MUST BE PROPERLY GROUNDED ON BOTH ENDS.
4.4 Variable Frequency Drive

Tower Tech motors are inverter duty rated and meet NEMA MG-1 Part 31 specifications. The use of variable-frequency drives (VFD) and mechanical motor protection starters provide the tightest temperature control: 0.5°F (.28°C) is typical in most applications. The VFD will speed up or slow down the fans as required to maintain a constant temperature. Consult the VFD manufacturer’s user manual for details on programming the VFD unit for use and installation.

Customers are responsible for programming out harmonic and electronic frequencies, and for locating appropriate connection points for variable-frequency drives not supplied by Tower Tech. Tower Tech drawings are typical only. All control wiring is to be Belden equivalent, shielded twisted-pair cable, properly grounded on one end.

(Refer to section 2.5 for the advantages of using VFD with variable flow water distribution.)

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**CAUTION**

All VFD’s must have a dv/dt Filter. VFD rated cable must be used for load cable from the VFD to the motors. Failure to meet these requirements will void the motor warranty.

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**CAUTION**

The VFD must be sized to meet the Full Load current demand at 60hz for all motors connected to the drive. If individual motors will be turned on/off during VFD operation, the Locked Rotor Amperage must be included in the total amperage sizing of the VFD.

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**CAUTION**

Load cable from the VFD to the motors should always be as short as practical. The load cable from the VFD to the motors should never exceed 150ft. (50m) without factory approval.

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**CAUTION**

All load cable from the VFD to the cooling tower motors should be properly grounded on both ends according to VFD and motor manufacturers recommendations. All communication wire to be shielded twisted pair conductor and properly grounded on one end.
4.5 Immersion Basin Heater

Tower Tech offers an optional pre-engineered basin heater package for TTXL Series Modular Cooling Towers. Each package includes:

- Standard stainless steel electric immersion heater
- UL listed control panel in NEMA-4X enclosure
- Water level and temperature sensor/probe
- Wiring diagram
- Installation and operating instructions
- Required flange fittings for probe and heater pre-installed into tower

**CAUTION**  The immersion basin heater is intended to prevent icing of only the basin water when the tower is not in operation.

![Diagram of Immersion Basin Heater and Sensor Probe Location](image)

*Figure 17 – Immersion Basin Heater and Sensor Probe Location*

For winter operation, Tower Tech offers an optional immersion basin heater with a corrosion- and liquid-proof enclosure. The control unit is a combination controller and probe (temperature and water level sensor) preset to 45°F (7.2°C). The control panel contains the electronic temperature/flow liquid level control, control voltage transformer, and the magnetic contactor
used to energize and de-energize the heater(s). The control panel is UL rated NEMA-4X and can control up to four heating units, however, the heater elements must be located within the same water basin as the temperature-sensing probe to prevent the possibility of fire. Each heater element contains a fused thermal cut-off device to prevent over heating of the element. Refer to location of immersion basin heater and probe in Figure 17.

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NOTE: "RL" denotes custom panel with the relabeled panel tag. Relabeled panel has 40-amp contactor, however the tag is rated for 14.5 amps max.

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Table 7A – Indeeco 6kW Amp Chart
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*Table 7B – Indeeco 9kW Amp Chart*
Consult Section 9.4 for information on installation and start-up of basin heater. Refer to basin heater manufacturer’s user manual for complete details on set-up, validation, and operation of the basin heater.

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**DANGER**

Each heater element contains a fused thermal cutoff device that MUST be wired into the safety circuit as detailed in the installation wiring drawing. This cutoff device is wired in series with any other optional safety devices.

Immersion basin heaters MUST be deactivated when water is flowing through the cooling tower. Failure to do so will result in overheating of the basin heater element and accidental fire.

- **For a cooling tower installation having only one pump** it is recommended that the heater control system be interlocked with the tower’s circulating water pump so the heaters are deactivated when the circulating pump is in operation. Doing so provides further protection against overheating of the basin heater element and accidental fire, and is also necessary for efficient control of free cooling operations.

- **For a cooling tower installation having two or more pumps** it is recommended that the heater control system be interfaced to a flow or pressure switch located on the inlet piping to the cooling tower module. Doing so provides further protection against overheating of the basin heater element and accidental fire, and is also necessary for efficient control of free cooling operations.

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**Tip**

Tower Tech recommends the electrical contractor installing the basin heater element use a flex loop with additional wiring connected to the element so it can be removed for quick inspection without having to disconnect the wiring. Heater element is 22” in length.
4.6  Vibration Control

Tower Tech does not require vibration switches for the TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower because of the small motor size, inherent structural stability of the modular tower, and by using adhesive vibration dampening sealants for many structural connections. Vibration isolators are not required or recommended on TTXL Series Modular Cooling Towers for the same reasons.

**DANGER** Should a customer wish to use a vibration switch, the tower modules must be fitted with a remote method of resetting the vibration switch to ensure that the reset process does not offer a potential for injury. The latter is done at owner’s own risk and Tower Tech assumes no liability for damages to personnel or property resulting from the use of a vibration switch.

**CAUTION** Vibration Isolators are not required or recommended for the TTXL Series Modular Tower. Vibration isolation springs cannot be attached directly to the substructure leg and will void the warranty. If specifications or code requires vibration isolation then springs must be attached below an i-beam frame that all of the substructure legs attach on top of or vibration pads can be used directly below the substructure legs.

4.7  Ultrasonic Liquid Level Sensor

As an alternative to Tower Tech’s standard mechanical float valve, you may select the optional ultrasonic liquid level sensor. The mechanical float valve can be installed as a back up to the electronic level controller. The liquid level sensor/transmitter should be mounted in a quiescent zone, such as a standpipe extension located off of the tower equalization line, for most accurate measurement. The recommended installation and piping arrangement is shown in Figure 18A. The liquid level sensor/transmitter is factory calibrated to send a 4-20mA signal for accurate monitoring of the tower module water level (see Figure 18B for calibration settings). Tower Tech offers an optional continuous relay controller (remote unit) for proper operation and signal detection. The relay controller will provide a signal to a solenoid valve (provided and installed by others) to provide adequate make-up water for maintaining the required operating water level. If the optional relay controller is not used the liquid level sensor/transmitter must be wired to a building automation system that controls the solenoid valve (provided and installed by others) for proper make-up water.

**CAUTION** The Flowline Control Panel must be properly grounded according to the Manufacturer’s requirements. All communication wires must be properly grounded on one end only.
Consult the ultrasonic liquid level sensor manufacturer’s user manual for details on set-up, calibration, and installation.

**Figure 18B – Sump Detail With Ultrasonic Liquid Level Sensor**

Flow Line Sensor Settings:
Bottom Of Sensor To Bottom Of Tank = 47”
4mA = 0”
20mA = 33”
Figure 19A – Equalization/Overflow Pipe Detail (No Ultrasonic Level Sensor)

Figure 19B – Sump Detail With Equalization/Overflow Pipe (No Ultrasonic Level Sensor)
Chapter Five: Preparing for Installation

Table 8 – Weights and Dimensional Data (Below)

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<sup>a</sup> Dimensions are approximate and should not be used for construction purposes. Consult submittals for exact tower data. Dimension F may be 1'-00" (30.5 cm), 4'-00" (121.9 cm), 6'-00" (182.9 cm), 8'-00" (243.8 cm), 10'-00" (304.8 cm), or 12'-00" (365.8 cm) depending on project requirements. 12'-00" (365.8 cm) may be specified with prior approval of Tower Tech engineering manager only. Dimension F on drawing below is 6'-00" (182.9 cm).

<sup>b</sup> Tower weights may vary due to optional equipment, residual water from factory testing, rain, etc. Weights shown are guidelines only and do not include sump, substructure or other accessories not directly attached to the tower module during shipping.

<sup>c</sup> TTXL-1219xx requires two sumps. See TTXL-1219xx drawings on Tower Tech website.

Figure 20 – Dimensional References
5.1 Limitations

The cooling tower module must be installed in accordance with the current edition of the following national and local safety codes:

- National Electric Code
- Local electric utility requirements
- Local plumbing and waste water codes
- Other applicable municipal codes

Components added to a module to meet local codes are installed at the customer's expense. Tower Tech assumes no responsibility for the impact of such components on the thermal performance or the structural integrity and longevity of the tower. Please see your Tower Tech Sales Engineer for further details.

The size of the module for proposed installation should be based on calculations provided by the client (owner or owner’s agent) at the time of tower specification and are made according to generally accepted methods of thermal calculation.

The thermal performance of the TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower is certified by the Cooling Technology Institute in accordance with its standard STD-201 and has been assigned CTI validation number C17F-08R04. This certification is your assurance that the proposed capacities accurately reflect actual cooling tower performance. CTI certification under STD-201 is limited to thermal operating conditions with entering wet bulb temperatures between 50°F and 90°F (12.8°C and 32.2°C), a maximum process fluid temperature of 125°F (51.7°C), a cooling range of 4°F (2.2°C) or greater, and a cooling approach of 5°F (2.8°C) or greater.
5.2 Tower Location

The most suitable location to install a cooling tower from both a performance and safety perspective is a rooftop. However, when this is not possible, use the following guidelines to select a satisfactory location for installation.

5.2.1 Environmental Safety Considerations

A cooling tower module must be installed in a location where contaminated tower-discharge air cannot be drawn into any building fresh-air ducts. The purchaser should obtain the services of a Licensed Professional Engineer or Registered Architect to certify that the location of the tower is in compliance with applicable air pollution, fire, and clean-air codes.

5.2.2 Re-Circulation Considerations

Re-circulation is a condition that arises when warm moisture-laden exhaust air is inadvertently drawn back into a tower’s intake. This condition elevates the cooling tower entering wet bulb temperature and affects the tower’s capacity to cool to design requirements. Re-circulation commonly occurs when towers are located within enclosed areas or in close proximity to obstructions and other equipment that exhausts hot, humid air. Pumps, control panels, piping, and buildings can all be impediments to the smooth, unimpeded flow of air into a cooling tower. To minimize re-circulation Tower Tech recommends the following:

- Position the top of the cooling tower at least as high as any adjacent walls, enclosures, buildings, shrubbery, winter snow fall lines or other significant structures.

- Minimize the opportunity for exhaust air to migrate downward by placing tower as close to the interfering structure as possible. Note that this should be balanced against the possibility of air restriction.

- If air restriction is a concern it is recommended that enclosures provide air entry or ventilation via louvers, slots, or similar openings.
5.2.3 Interference Considerations

Interference is a condition that arises when the cooling tower is situated down wind or in close proximity to a heat-emitting source. To avoid interference careful locating of the cooling tower is essential. Consider the following:

- A cooling tower should be designed for the entering wet bulb temperatures at the proposed tower location rather than ambient wet bulb for the locality.

- Install the cooling tower upwind of the interference utilizing prevailing summer winds as the guideline.

- Remove any obstructions to free flow of exiting air. Such obstructions create static pressures that negatively impact air velocity through the tower.

5.3 Tolerances

5.3.1 Leveling

Use a level slab or piers in conjunction with a support leg for ground level installation. The thickness and size of the pad should meet local codes and unit weight requirements. Do not tie the slab to a building foundation.

![CAUTION]

A full level bearing must be provided under each footpad area. Failure to provide may result in damage to the tower ranging from seal leaks to loss of structural integrity.

Maintain level tolerance to 1/4-inch (6.35 mm) maximum across the entire length or width of the module.

5.3.2 Foundation/Slab or Pier Requirements

Weights are provided in the drawings for towers. Information provided includes dry shipping weight and operating weight. Roof structures must be able to support the maximum weight of the module and its accessories. Install the module on a solid steel frame or appropriate substructure.
5.3.3 Positioning

Install modules with a minimum of 2 inches (5.1 cm) between them in order to accommodate inherent manufacturing tolerances for the tower and the components.

![CAUTION]

Do not install towers with more than 6 inches (15.2 cm) clearance between modules without Tower Tech engineering review and approval.

5.3.4 Piping

All piping and other equipment external to the TTXL Series cooling tower module must be stand-alone or self-supported. Tower Tech recommends the use of an appropriate flexible flange connection on each tower inlet and outlet connection to better accommodate minor piping tolerances. Failure to use a flexible flange may result in damage to the tower structure as well as adjacent piping. Final connections to the cooling tower module must be field fitted after tower installation to prevent pipe stress on the tower. Heavy duty fender washers should be used on all flange connections to the cooling tower. Tighten all connections to proper torque requirements.

Never support piping, ladders, walkways or stairways from a TTXL Series cooling tower module.

Never attach control panels to plumbing or piping as this may induce vibration.

![CAUTION]

Avoid blocking cooling tower air inlets with piping or other equipment to prevent air restrictions that could diminish tower performance. Avoid installing piping or other equipment underneath the tower that could restrict access to mechanical equipment for service and maintenance.

![CAUTION]

Do not reduce pipe connected to the cooling tower by more than 2 inches (5 cm) of the tower connection flange size. Tower Tech recommends that any pipe reductions occur after the first elbow of the pipe connection. Elevation of piping should never exceed the tower flange connection height without engineering review and approval.
5.3.5 Multi-Tower Configuration

Tower Tech recommends a common manifold pipe be installed for the hot water pipe and cold water piping when operating multiple cooling towers. A common manifold pipe is critical to balance the flow of the system. Figure 21 below illustrates the proper use of a common manifold to eliminate problems with pressure drop across the cooling tower connection flanges. It is important to connect the hot water pipe and the cold water pipe to the center of the common manifold for proper equalization. The piping layout shown in Figure 21 will help insure the tower with the shortest pipe distance to the pump doesn’t pull air into the system during startup or overflow during shutdown of the pumps. The common manifold for the hot water piping should be installed to allow for riser connections to the inlet flanges of the cooling tower.

![Multi-Tower Layout and Piping Recommendations](image)

**Figure 21 – Multi-Tower Layout and Piping Recommendations**

5.4 Sub-Structure Installation

[CAUTION] If the holes for the substructure legs or bracing do not align with the cooling tower do not drill new holes or bore out the existing holes. You can lower the weight of the tower onto the fiberglass leg to insure it has been fully inserted into the corner base support of the modular tower. Drift pins can be used to fully align the holes for easier insertion of the attachment hardware.
5.4.1 Installation of Sub-Structures Taller Than One Foot (30.5 cm)

With the cooling tower lifted slightly above the main support beam or pad do the following:

1. Attach each leg (vertical support member) to the cooling tower’s module base support using two ½” x 6” stainless steel hex bolts with washers and nuts (finger tighten).

2. Attach two tubular FRP braces to the cooling tower apron and to each pultruded FRP leg using 1” x 6” stainless steel hex bolts with washers and nuts (finger tighten). Refer to Section 5.3 Tolerances for detail.

3. The tower module can be lowered onto its main support beam, pier or pad after the legs and braces are attached. After setting the tower module verify that it is plumb and square.

4. Tighten all 1” dia. Bolts to 50 ft. lbs. Tighten all bolts less than 1” dia. To 30 ft. lbs.

Figure 22 – Installation Detail for Sub-Structures Taller Than One Foot (30.5 cm)
5.4.2 **Installation of One-Foot (30.5 cm) Sub-Structure**

With the cooling tower lifted slightly above the main support beam or pad do the following:

1. Attach the 1’ tall sub-structure leg (vertical support beam) to the cooling tower’s modular base support using two ½” x 6” stainless steel hex bolts with washers and nuts per leg (finger tighten).

2. Once the 1’ tall sub-structure leg is loosely secured, the cooling tower module can be lowered onto its main support beam or pad. Upon setting the cooling tower verify that the tower is level. Refer to Section 5.3 Tolerances for detail.

3. Tighten all 1” dia. Bolts to 50 ft. lbs. Tighten all bolts less than 1” dia. To 30 ft. lbs.

*Figure 23 – Installation Detail for 1’ Sub-Structure*

5.4.3 **Installation of Sub-Structure Footpad**

With the cooling tower lifted slightly above the main support beam or pad do the following:

1. Set the tower into position with each footpad on the anchor bolt or location anchor bolt will be installed. The size and length of the anchor bolt to be provided by a structural engineer. Refer to cooling tower submittal drawings for leg geometric properties. Tower Tech can provide seismic and wind loading calculations upon request for each tower model. The maximum diameter of the anchor bolt is 1” (25.4mm) for the square washer, provided by Tower Tech, to fit onto the anchor bolt. Tower Tech requires the anchor bolt
to extend a minimum of 5 ½” (139.7mm) above the bottom of the footpad as shown in Figure 24.

2. Once the sub-structure leg is lowered onto its main support beam, pier or pad and the footpad is secured then verify the tower is level. Refer to Section 5.3 Tolerances for detail.

3. Fill the pocket around the anchor bolt to top of two horizontal leg bolts with non-shrink grout before installing the square washer. Before grout sets, install the square washer on top of the two horizontal leg bolts. Tighten the anchor nut, provided by others, and torque to 50ft-lbs. Square washer should engage the two horizontal bolts securing the footpad to the leg. Re-torque to structural engineer’s specification after grout has set.

Figure 24 – Installation Detail for Sub-Structure Footpad
Chapter Six: Rigging and Handling

6.1 Introduction

Factory assembled TTXL Series Modular Cooling Towers shipped on flatbed trailers should be lifted directly from the trailer to the final point of installation. Sub-structure kit, motor control panel, sump and sump hardware are shipped on a separate pallet on the same trailer as the tower module. Optional accessory equipment will be shipped on separate pallets (Refer to Table 9).

The owner shall be responsible for lifting and placement of the tower. Owner shall furnish all incidental materials required for location of tower in its final position. All work shall be in accordance with requirements of local/municipal governing authorities and all U.S. Occupational Safety & Health Administration safety guidelines.

The accompanying lifting diagrams and procedure are for general information purposes only, and owner shall have full responsibility for the work.

DANGER: The lifting points are integral to the tower structure. Damage to the tower caused by improper lifting invalidates the cooling tower warranty.

CAUTION: Do not lift a tower without first removing excess water (rainwater, snow melt, ice) from the cooling tower basin, which can drastically increase tower weight and cause an imbalance. Lift tower slowly to insure one end doesn’t tip forward and damage tower.

CAUTION: All tower operations must be performed as specified by a site-specific safety plan, which is the responsibility of the customer. Only qualified, experienced personnel should perform rigging. Use lifting equipment properly sized for the unit being lifted. Do not attempt to lift a module during high winds or inclement weather.

DANGER: Inspect each tower module’s lifting hardware prior to lifting tower to check for shipping damage and security of lifting hardware. Never lift a tower module if its lifting hardware is cracked or loose as damage to the tower may result.
6.2 Accessory Location Checklist

Accessories will always ship on pallets and be shipped with the cooling tower unless there are specific request for drop shipping. Packaging of accessories will depend on type of accessory, the size of the component and number of accessories purchased with the modular cooling tower. See Table 9 for a general guide to the accessory location.

All hardware and accessories are inspected and documented prior to shipment. When the shipment arrives all components should be inventoried and reconciled with the shipping documents.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Component</th>
<th>Shipping Location</th>
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<tr>
<td>Basin Heater Control Panel</td>
<td>Bubble Wrapped inside the sump box that is palletized</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Basin Heater Element/s</td>
<td>Bubble Wrapped inside the sump box that is palletized</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Basin Heater Sensor</td>
<td>Attached by cable to the Basin Heater Control Panel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Electronic Level Control Panel Kit B</td>
<td>Bubble Wrapped inside the sump box that is palletized</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Electronic Level Control Sensor Kit A</td>
<td>Bubble Wrapped inside the sump box that is palletized</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Electronic Level Control Sensor Kit B</td>
<td>Inside the Electronic Level Control Panel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Electronic Level Sensor Still Well Pipe</td>
<td>Bubble Wrapped inside the sump box that is palletized</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mechanical Float Ball and Stem</td>
<td>Bubble Wrapped inside the sump box that is palletized</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RTD (Temperature Sensor)</td>
<td>Inside Panel (T2100 or T9900 only)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Substructure Braces and Legs</td>
<td>Palletized and shipped on truck bed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Substructure Hardware</td>
<td>Boxed and placed inside the sump box that is palletized</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sump Hardware</td>
<td>Boxed and placed inside the sump box that is palletized</td>
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<tr>
<td>T2100 Motor Protection Panel</td>
<td>Boxed and palletized if not pre-mounted on tower</td>
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<td>T9900 Control Panel</td>
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<tr>
<td>VFD Controls</td>
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Components and Accessories are optional items and may not be included with each project.

Table 9 – Accessory Location List
6.3 Procedure

![DANGER] Under **NO** circumstance should a tower be lifted above any personnel.

![DANGER] Never attempt to lift or move a tower module using a forklift as damage to the tower, as well as injury to personnel, may result.

![CAUTION] Excessive side loading can result in leakage caused by broken seals, permanent bending of structural members, or ultimate failure of the casing panels. Place the tower on a sound and level surface whenever ground storage is needed. Always use cribbing diagonally across each corner when setting the tower on the ground or other surface without substructure attached to prevent damage to the bottom side of the cooling tower.

1. Check the tower’s condition prior to lifting. Report any damage to the manufacturer prior to the acceptance of the tower.

2. Remove any excess water (rainwater, snow melt, ice) from the tower module’s cold water basin prior to lifting the tower, as excess water can drastically increase tower weight causing failure of the tower lifting mechanism.

3. Inspect the lifting bracket attachment for cracks or loose hardware. Refer to Figure 25.

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**Figure 25 – Lifting Bracket**
4. Prepare and position lifting item such as clevis, lifting cables, spreader beam, guide rope and/or any other incidental items needed for a complete and safe lifting operation. Refer to Figure 25 and Table 9 for appropriate lifting cable length and the spreader beam length. Spreader bar must run the full length of the tower as shown in Figure 25 and not the short side of the tower. Recommended cable and beam lengths are designed to minimize side loading of tower walls. Position crane at the center of the tower, misaligned lifting will damage the tower shell and/or its water tightness.

5. Lift the tower module from the trailer and attach the tower sub-structure. Verify that the cooling tower support platform is level and, if not, provide ample shimming such that full bearing is achieved under the tower’s footpads. Uneven tower placement will lead to operational difficulties.

6. Lower the tower module to its final position. Fully tighten the anchoring bolts. Lower the crane and check the tower for stability while it is still attached to the crane.

7. Check tower for plumb and stability then tighten all hardware at leg braces before detaching the crane.

8. Attach the sump box as described in Section 7.1 and proceed with the tower start up operation.

⚠️ Should the tower need to translocated or temporarily placed on the ground prior to its final positioning, the tower shall always be placed on a sound and level surface. Care shall be taken at all times not to distort or rack the tower module’s envelope. Cribbing should be installed at each corner using a minimum of 6” x 6” beams placed on a 45° angle to prevent damage to the Modular Based Supports (MBS) as shown in Figure 26 below.

Figure 26 – Cribbing Detail
Figure 27 – Tower Lifting Procedure

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>TTXL Model</th>
<th>Tower Dry Weight in Lbs. * (kg)</th>
<th>L = Sling Length in Feet (cm)</th>
<th>S = Spreader Beam in Feet (m)</th>
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* Tower weights may vary due to optional equipment, residual water from factory testing, rain, etc. Weights shown are guidelines only and do not include sump, substructure or other accessories not directly attached to the tower module during shipping.

Table 10 – Tower Lifting Data
Chapter Seven: Tower and Peripherals Installation

7.1 Sump Attachment

**CAUTION** The sump must be installed before piping can be attached to the module. All piping from the sump must be self-supporting. Flexible coupling connection must be used. Failure to observe these directions may result in leaking or damage to the tower structure.

**CAUTION** Attach the sump to the cooling tower module AFTER the tower has been unloaded from the truck and the sub-structure legs have been securely attached.

7.1.1 Procedure

Refer to Figure 28.

1. Remove the two wooden plates from the sump flanges.

2. Remove the sump lid then remove contents packaged inside.

3. Check contents to verify that they are in agreement with packing slip and to ensure that all needed materials are present before proceeding with installation.

4. Do not remove nuts used to attach pipe spacers or the white pipe spacers. Refer to Figure 26.

5. Clean outside surfaces of both sump flanges, both the factory-installed flange (bolted to the tower wall) and the factory installed sump flange.

6. Apply a 3/8-inch (9.5 mm) bead of silicone to the perimeter of each flange.

7. Place the large rectangular gasket on the flange attached to the tower wall.

8. Place one 3/8-inch (9.5 mm) neoprene washer on each of the four all-thread rods. Orient the washer so that the neoprene faces towards the sump wall.

9. Place two 1/2” x 2” bolts in the two outer holes of the flange attached to the tower wall. Orient the bolts so that the head of the bolt faces towards the tower wall.
10. Lift the sump into position and align the four all-thread rods and the two 1/2” x 2” bolts into their corresponding holes.

5. Loosely attach and hand tighten each of the remaining twenty 1/2” x 2” bolts using one flat washer and one nut per bolt. Once all are loosely attached, begin to tighten them from the top center. Tighten to 30 ft. lbs.

11. Through the sump lid opening access, insert onto each all-thread rod, one 3/8-inch (9.5 mm) neoprene washer, one 2” x 1/2” x 8” (5.1 cm x 1.3 cm x 20.3 cm) FRP backer support, one washer and one nut.

**CAUTION**

Two FRP backer supports are provided with one backer support having two holes accommodating the two left facing all-thread rods and the second backer support accommodating the two right facing all-thread rods. Sealant must be used between the backer support plate and the sump wall around each hole. **REFER TO FIGURE 28.**

12. Set sump screen at the bottom of the sump then attach the ball to the float valve arm using a threadlocking adhesive, tape or other self locking mechanism to prevent the ball from vibrating loose and falling off.

13. Replace sump lid.
7.2 Piping Connections

Standard piping connection locations on a TTXL module are illustrated in Figure 29. Standard dimensions are noted in Table 10. A description of each connection and its related function follows.

![Figure 29 – Standard Piping Connections](image)

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* The make-up valve located inside the sump box is designed to operate with an inlet pressure of 25 psi. Install a pressure reducing valve if local supply pressure exceeds 25 psi.

** TTXL-12 has two sump boxes with 12” outlets, however, only the first sump box make-up and overflow/equalization connection is needed. The second sump box will have plugged make-up flange and no overflow/equalization flange.

Table 11 – Standard Pipe Connections Data
**CAUTION** Piping should be installed by a licensed plumbing specialist who is familiar with municipal, state and federal regulations.

**CAUTION** All piping must be freestanding and not supported by the cooling tower at any time. It is very important that these instructions are followed to prevent damage to the module due to stress and creep.

**CAUTION** Over-tightening bolts may result in damage to flanges.

**CAUTION** Heavy duty fender washers should be used on all bolts attaching piping flanges to cooling tower flanges. Adhere to all torque requirements listed in this manual and submittal drawings.

**CAUTION** Avoid blocking cooling tower air inlets with piping or other equipment to prevent air restrictions that could diminish tower performance. Avoid installing piping or other equipment underneath the tower that could restrict access to mechanical equipment for service and maintenance.

### 7.2.1 Inlet Connection

The cooling tower inlet connection is located at the top of the module end wall. Tower Tech recommends the use of an appropriate flexible flange connection on the header inlet in order to better accommodate minor piping tolerances. Failure to use a flexible flange connection may result in damage to the tower structure, as well as adjacent piping. Final connections to the cooling tower module must be field fitted after tower installation to prevent pipe stress on the tower, and a compatible gasket should be used between each flange and flexible flange connector to prevent leakage. It is also recommended that a shut-off valve be installed in each inlet pipe to regulate flow to each module and to provide a means of tower isolation. Design the header piping to the inlet connection for a maximum water velocity of 10 ft/s.
7.2.2 Discharge Connection

The discharge connection is located on the bottom of the sump. Design the discharge piping for a maximum water velocity of 6 ft/s to prevent excessive suction leading to potential pump cavitation. Velocities of 5 ft/second or less are preferred. Refer to Figure 31 for a detailed view of the discharge flange and its accompanying split ring. It is recommended that a shut-off valve be installed in the discharge pipe to regulate flow from each module. Tighten bolts to 30 ft. lbs.
7.2.3 Make-Up Connection

The standard make-up connection is located on the top left corner of the front of the sump. Apply Teflon tape to the threads of the make-up piping before inserting it into the connection flange to prevent leakage. When supplied, the make-up valve located inside the sump box is designed to operate with an inlet pressure of 25 psi. **Install a pressure reducer if local supply pressure exceeds 25 psi.**

7.2.4 Overflow/Equalization Connection

The 6” overflow/equalization connection is located on the bottom right corner of the front of the sump. (Note: 2-fan and 3-fan tower modules have a 4” overflow/equalization connection.) In a single-module application, this connection serves as a basin overflow line. In a multi-cell application, this connection serves as a flow level equalization line, as well as a 6” overflow connection point. This 6” connection also serves as the mounting point if tower is equipped with optional electronic liquid level control equipment. Refer to Figure 32A, 32B or 33.

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**Figure 32A – Typical Overflow/Equalization Pipe**  
**Figure 32B – Typical Ultrasonic Stand Pipe with Overflow**

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**CAUTION**  
In all cases, it is important that the overflow piping be at the specified level.

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**CAUTION**  
All overflow lines must be equipped with a siphon breaker to prevent the module from being siphoned dry during overflow situations.
Figure 33 – Typical Overflow/Equalization Piping for large tower installations with Electronic Level Control.

Tower Tech recommends installing additional overflow pipe on multiple tower installations. An overflow pipe should be installed for every 4 modular towers.

Keep all vents clear and open. Stand Pipes must be heat traced and insulated in cold climates.

Chapter Eight: Tower Start-Up

In addition to the tower module’s standard sump screen, it is recommended that an additional fine-mesh construction/start-up screen be used during initial cooling tower start-up and after every service event. Placing this additional screen on top of the tower module’s standard sump screen will help prevent any debris that may have entered the cooling tower during manufacture, shipment, storage, installation or service from being ingested into heat exchangers and other downline equipment. Monitor the construction/start-up screen for cleanliness approximately once hourly until satisfied that water stream is clear of debris. Clean and replace construction/start-up screen as needed.

To ensure all required parts are shipped with each TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower, Tower Tech’s Shipping Department uses a Sump Parts Packing Checklist. Refer to Figure 34.
### Sump Parts Packing Checklist

**Leg Kit:** Used to connect the 1', 2', 4', 6', 8', legs to the bottom of the Base Support “on the 4 corners of the cooling tower”.

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**Brace Kit:** Used to connect the brace to the tower leg and the bottom tower. (only for Tower legs of 4', 6', & 8')

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**Mid Leg Kit:** Used to connect the Mid Leg to the center of the cooling tower. (Only for 10 Fan Unit).

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**Sump Kit:** Used to connect the Sump Box to the flange on the cooling Tower.

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<td>22= 1/2&quot; x 2&quot; SS Bolts</td>
<td>Y</td>
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<td>22= 1/2&quot; SS Nuts</td>
<td>Y</td>
<td>N</td>
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<td>4= 1/2&quot; SS Washers</td>
<td>Y</td>
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<td>4= 3/8&quot; SS Nuts</td>
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<td>2= FRP Sump Spacers</td>
<td>Y</td>
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<td>1= SS Sump Screen</td>
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<td>1= Tube Clear Silicone</td>
<td>Y</td>
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<td>1= Large Sump Gasket</td>
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Comments: 

Supervisor Approval: [Signature]  Date: [Date]

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**Figure 34— Sump Parts Packing Checklist**
### Sump Parts Packing Checklist

**Paper Kit: Used for Instructions.**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Part</th>
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<td>1= Operation Manual (One copy per Job)</td>
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<td>1= Submittal Drawings (One copy per Job)</td>
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<td>Y / N</td>
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<td>1= Copy of the Sump Parts Packing Checklist (One per Tower)</td>
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**Rapid Link Kit:**

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<tr>
<td>1= (If required)</td>
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**Basin Heater Kit: Used to heat the Module Cooling Tower water.**

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<td>Basin Heater Controller w/sensor (Quantity varies per Job Check Drawings)</td>
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<td>Circle one: 208v / 460v</td>
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**Flowline Kit: Special Optional Equipment.**

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<td>1= Microspan (Flowline Sensor)</td>
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<td>1= A-L.C. 52 (flowline Controller Box)</td>
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<td>1= 6” Vanstone Flange</td>
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<td>1= 6” Blind Flange w/ Threaded 2” Hole and regular 1” Hole</td>
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<td>1= Flowline Hardware Kit</td>
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**Figure 34 – Sump Parts Packing Checklist (Continued)**

**Supervisor Approval:**

Date: 12/24/03

QC5028-1 Effective: 12/24/03
### Sump Parts Packing Checklist

#### Control Panel:

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<td>360v / 460v</td>
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<td>1= Temp Controller (Optional)</td>
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<td>Circle One: With Temp / Without Temp</td>
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<td>1= Temp Probe (Optional)</td>
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<td>Provided only for Temperature Controller</td>
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#### Optional Equipment:

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Note: If a box is marked B/O for back order on any item, contact the Tower Tech Shipping Dept. Manager @ 405. 979.2125 for the status of the B/O shipment. **All items shipped by Tower Tech have been inspected and counted prior to shipment. All request for missing or incorrect items must be reported on this form by fax within 24 hours of delivery. All request after the 24 hour period will be handled on a billable basis.**

Comments:

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**Serial No.**
**Date Mfg.**

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*Figure 34 – Sump Parts Packing Checklist (Continued)*
The assistance of a factory-certified startup technician is required to help ensure initial startup of TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower is performed in accordance with factory procedures. Factory authorized startup is mandatory for warranty validation. Factory-certified startup technician will use the following checklist for startup, and for classroom and field training of cooling tower operators and maintenance staff. Refer to Figure 35 and 36.
# Tower Start-up, Warranty Registration, Owner/Operator Training Checklist

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**Cooling Tower Model:** ____________________________  **Cooling Tower S/N:** ____________________________

**Ship Date:** __________  **Module Number** __________ of __________  **Total Number of Modules on Site:** __________

**Warranty Terms:**

## General – Pre-Water / Fan Startup

### Inspect Sump Installation – Ref. IO&M 7.1

<table>
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<td>Have construction screens been installed?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Is there a watertight seal on sump flange gaskets?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Are the sump flange bolts secure?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Is the fiberglass backing plate sealed?</td>
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<td>Are appropriate nuts and bolts coated?</td>
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### Verify Piping & Headers are self supported – Ref. IO&M 5.3.4

Is piping independently supported, separate from the tower?

### Verify Piping Connections – Ref. IO&M 7.2

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<td>Is check valve installed?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Is there a control / isolation valve (hot water)?</td>
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<td>Is there a control / isolation valve (cold water)?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Is the overflow / equalization piping installed according to IO&amp;M?</td>
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<tr>
<td>What is the height of the Overflow Pipe from bottom of Tower:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Does the make-up line have maximum 25 psi (PRV) and is it sealed to the fitting?</td>
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<td>Is the inlet / outlet piping installed according to IO&amp;M limits?</td>
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<td>Inlet Piping Size:</td>
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<td>Outlet Piping Size:</td>
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### Verify Electrical Components & Wiring – Ref. Submittals

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<td>Lockable disconnect present within sight of cooling tower?</td>
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<tr>
<td>If Tower Tech Panel is not installed, is there individual motor overload protection?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Verify Proper Direction of Fan Rotation</td>
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### Verify All Electrical Terminations Tight & Secure

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<td>Verify field wiring from motors to J-box (or Disconnects)</td>
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<td>Verify power feed(s) to tower Control Panel</td>
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**Inspected By:** ____________________________  **Date:** __________  **Company:** ____________________________

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Tower Start-up, Warranty Registration, Owner/Operator Training Checklist

Project: __________________________ S/N __________________________ Date: ________________

ELECTRICAL / FANS

Fan Startup / Hand Mode (Without Water Flowing)

***Set HOA switches to OFF***
Initiate Power to Control Panel
Verify settings for Thermal Overload Protection.
Turn on Motor Disconnects.
Verify that the fan motor resets are not tripped.
Bump Fans in Sequence / Verify Fan Rotation.
Operate fans in HAND MODE.
Power up the rest of the fan sets in 1-minute intervals in HAND mode.
Verify Water Collector Dampers open properly?

Voltage & Amperage Measurements (readings must be taken across the line with all fans operating)

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<th>Voltages (AC)</th>
<th>Amperages</th>
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<td>L1-L2</td>
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<td>L1-L3</td>
<td>L2</td>
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<td>L2-L3</td>
<td>L3</td>
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<td>Total</td>
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PLC CONTROL PROGRAMMING

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<th>Temperature Setpoint:</th>
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<td>Number of Fan Stages:</td>
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<td>On Deadband Time:</td>
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<td>Off Deadband Time:</td>
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**Fan Startup / Auto Mode**
- Switch HOAs to OFF – all fans stop
- Switch HOAs to AUTO – all fan contactors controlled by PLC
- Set Temp Set Point 10°F/C below current temp shown on LCD
- Verify Fan Staging Sequence
- Set Temp Set Point 10° F/C above current temp shown on LCD
- Verify Fan de-staging Sequence

→ **Record amp / voltage readings for L1, L2, L3 for each motor.**
  NOTE: VFD must be in By-Pass Mode for these measurements

→ **Set Temp Set Point to Operating Value – Ref. Submittal Drawings**
  - Inspect the sump screens for start-up debris.
  - Verify air is exiting top of tower modules, not blocked

**VFD**
- Verify connections between VFD & Control Panel
- Verify all 4-20mA control wires are twisted shielded pair cable grounded on one end
- Verify VFD Operation of Fan Motors
- Record VFD Settings & Operational Values (VFD Startup Checklist)
- VFD Startup completed by VFD Certified Technician

**VFD Inspected by** ___________________________ **Printed Name** ___________________________

**Signature**

**Cell Phone** ________________ **Office Phone** ________________ **Email** ________________

**Company** ___________________________ **Main Phone** ________________

**Address:** ___________________________ **Fax** ___________________________

**City** ___________________________ **State** ________________ **Zip** ________________ **Country** ________________

**Comments (include VFD Brand, Model # and qty. if not provided by Tower Tech):**

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**Electrical Inspected By**

**Printed Name** ___________________________ **Company** ___________________________

**Signature** ___________________________ **Date** ___________________________
Tower Start-up, Warranty Registration, Owner/Operator Training Checklist

**WATER STARTUP & FLOW**

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| **Filling System – Ref. IO&M 8.1** |
| Verify Makeup Water Level – Ref. IO&M 8.2 Basin level: |

| **Startup Valve Settings – Ref. IO&M 8.3.1, 8.3.2** |
| Hot Water Control / Isolation Valve set for soft start-up, Ref. IO&M 8.3.1 & 8.3.2 |
| Cold Water Control / Isolation Valve(s) open, Ref. IO&M 8.3.1 & 8.3.2 |
| Overflow / Equalization Valve Open |
| Bypass Water Valve Open - Water Flowing to Cooling Tower |

| **Water Level Control – Ref. IO&M 8.2** |
| Make-up Water Valve Open |

| **Circulating Water - Single Pump Operation** |
| Verify Water Level Control – Ref. IO&M 8.2 |
| → Slowly Open Hot Water Control / Isolation Valve. |
| → Slowly Close Bypass Valve. |
| Verify Water Flow Values – Ref. Submittal Drawings |
| Verify Water Collector Operation |
| Verify Nozzle Operation, (Visually) |
| Record Final Valve Settings & Flow Values |

| **Circulating Water - Multiple Pump Operation** |
| → Start Additional Pumps After Basin Level Recovers (Approx 5-Min. Intervals) |
| Verify Water Flow Values – Ref. Submittal Drawings |
| Verify Water Collector Operation |
| Verify Nozzle Operation (Visually) |
| Balance Hot, then Cold Water Flow across tower modules – Ref. Submittal Drawings |
| Verify Water Level Control – Ref. IO&M 8.2 |
| Is Chiller Operational with Load? What Brand Chiller: |

| **Add Heat Load** |
| Verify Water Flow Values – Ref. Submittal Drawings |
| Verify Water Collector System functions without water drips |
| Record Final Valve Settings & Flow Values |

**Comments**:

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**Inspected By**

**Date**

**Company**
## General Startup

- Verify basin walls, seams & joints.
- Verify all water flanges & gaskets for water tightness.
- Verify tower footpads are securely anchored per IO&M
- Verify all braces are securely fastened to legs
- Verify all Fan Guard Screens are securely fastened

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## Basin Heaters

### Electrical – before Energizing

- Verify Electrical Components & Wiring – Ref. Submittal Drawings
- All Wiring Terminations tight & secure
- All Heater Element Conduit Openings are Sealed
- Pump/Flow Interlock Installed (Prevents Heater Operation with Flowing Water)

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- All Wiring Terminations tight & secure
- All Heater Element Conduit Openings are Sealed
- Pump/Flow Interlock Installed (Prevents Heater Operation with Flowing Water)

### Electrical – after Energizing

- Verify that Heater Elements Do NOT Energize with Flowing Water
- Verify that Heater Elements Do NOT Energize without water in Basin
- Verify Amp draw of Heater Element
- Follow all procedures - Basin Heater O&M Manual

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Office Phone: ___________________________ Cell: ___________________________ Fax: ___________________________
SITE PLAN DETAILS (sketch or insert pictures of cooling tower installation)

ELEVATION OF TOWER & SURROUNDING BUILDING/EQUIPMENT (Include Measurements)

PIPING DETAILS

COMMENTS:

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# Tower Start-up, Warranty Registration, Owner/Operator Training Checklist

**Project:** ____________________________  **S/N** ____________________________  **Date:** ____________________________

## Owner & Operator Training

1. Each attendee has seen the cooling tower and its controls beforehand.  
2. Each attendee has signed in on Tower Tech’s Sign-In Sheet.  
3. Tower Tech sales video has been shown to each attendee.  
4. Chapter-by-chapter discussion of IO&M Manual has been completed.  
5. Q&A session has been completed at the conclusion of training.

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Tower Start-up, Warranty Registration, Owner/Operator Training Checklist

Project: ___________________________ S/N ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

**WARRANTY REGISTRATION FORM**

Registration Date ___________________________ Work Order #: ___________________________

Customer ___________________________ Serial #: ___________________________

End User ___________________________ Control Panel S/N ___________________________
(Tower Location if different than customer)

Tower Ship Date ___________________________ Warranty Term ___________________________
(Tower Tech to complete)

Address ___________________________ City ___________________________ St ___________________________ Zip ___________________________
(Tower Location)

Contact ___________________________ Tel ___________________________ Fax ___________________________
(At Tower Location) ___________________________ (Office / Cell, At Tower Location)

Email ___________________________ Other ___________________________
(At Tower Location)

Start-up Completion Date ___________________________ By ___________________________ Tel / Email ___________________________

O & M Training Completion Date ___________________________ By ___________________________ Tel / Email ___________________________

Comments:

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Acknowledged by: ___________________________ Filed ___________________________ By ___________________________

Tower Tech Warranty Manager Signature & Date ___________________________ Date ___________________________ Initials ___________________________
Figure 36 – VFD Startup Checklist

Tower Start-up, Warranty Registration, Owner/Operator Training Checklist

Project: _______________ S/N _______________ Date: _______________

VFD/Building Management Information

VFD
Who manufactured the VFD: ____________________________  Yes  No
Model #: ____________________________  ☐  ☐
VFD HP Rating: _________  VFD AMP Rating: _________  ☐  ☐
Does the VFD have Bypass Feature?  ☐  ☐
Is there a single VFD per Tower Tech module?  ☐  ☐
If multiple VFD’s per module, how many? ____________________________
Briefly describe how multiple VFD’s are wired to control the fans:

Is all of the control wiring shielded twisted pair and grounded on one end only?  ☐  ☐
Is the power wiring in separate conduit from control wiring and grounded on both ends?  ☐  ☐
Is a Tower Tech control panel installed with the VFD?  ☐  ☐

Please provide picture of control panel internals if not Tower Tech?
Are Line Filters installed on the VFD?  ☐  ☐
Are Load Reactors installed on the VFD?  ☐  ☐
Is there a Building Management System in operation?  ☐  ☐
If Yes, who is the manufacturer:
Communications protocol (BACnet, LONworks, etc...): ____________________________
Is the Building Management connected through: Ethernet/IP  ☐  RS485  ☐
Is Remote Enable/Disable Active?  ☐  ☐
Is Remote Temperature Set Point Active?  ☐  ☐
Is Tower Tech RTD installed and used?  ☐  ☐
Has the control loop been fine tuned?  ☐  ☐

Voltage & Amperage Measurements (In VFD Mode at 60Hz)

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NOTES:

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8.1 Filling System with Water

1. Open make-up valve(s) and allow basin(s) and piping to fill to the tower overflow.

2. Check all flanged connections and piping for leaks.

3. Bleed air from piping by opening bleed valve at pump until water flows out in a steady stream without interruption.


8.2 Controlling Water Level

The TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower utilizes either an electronic solenoid valve (optional) or mechanically (standard) controlled float valve located in the sump to maintain water level in the tower module. Refer to the instructions provided by the manufacturer to properly calibrate the water level for electronically controlled system. Note: Standard mechanical level control is pre-set at factory and should not require modifications to the setting.

Figure 37 – Mechanical Float Valve
Use the following procedure to set the mechanical float valve. Refer to Figures 37 and 38.

1. Close make-up valve(s).

2. Remove sump lid and make-up valve access cover and set aside. Check sump water level. The proper water level should be within the range of the standard operating level specified in Figure 38.

3. Loosen the locking nut on the adjustment bolt for the Ball Stem specified in Figure 37, then loosen the bolt itself. Do not remove the bolt.

4. Rotate arm and stem to desired water level.

5. Tighten adjustment bolt and nut.

6. Restore water supply and verify that the water level is at the desired operating level.

7. Replace sump lid and make-up valve access cover.

Figure 38 – Sump Level Control Detail

**CAUTION**

Operating below recommended operating level of 9” may cause pump surging.
**CAUTION**  Do not exceed recommended maximum operating level or sufficient head space may not be available to accommodate water during shutdown. Note that the water hold-up volume is based on containing the total amount projected to be in the tower’s headers, laterals, and fill, and NOT any of the water in piping outside the cooling tower. Excess water beyond that which can be contained in the basin or evacuated quickly enough via the overflow pipe will empty into the fan shroud, which may cause damage to the fan shroud structure and motor.

Overflow is designed to drain water from the basin when water level rises to within 3-3/8” of the Water Collection System.

8.3  Hydraulics

Refer to Table 12 for respective tower hydraulic data.

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* Flow rate above 2,700 GPM necessitates the use of two sumps per tower module.

** Rotary Spray Nozzle rotor disc may spin below 100 GPM however this will result in a smaller spray pattern, reduced tower performance and efficiency, and uneven wear of nozzle components. Nozzle operation from 300 GPM to 320 GPM will result in a larger spray pattern. The rotor disc will spin freely with flows to approximately 320 GPM however this flow may exceed tower module hydraulic limits (consult Tower Tech engineering manager for specifics). Nozzle operation above 320 GPM may result in uneven wear of nozzle components. Flow rates below 100 GPM and above 300 GPM per nozzle are not allowed.

*Table 12 – Tower Hydraulic Data*
8.3.1 Single Pump Operation Procedure

This procedure describes water level balancing for an installation that is operated by a single system pump.

1. Open the make-up valve(s) to the module(s) to the full open position.

2. Open inlet water valve(s) to the module(s) approximately fifty percent (50%) open.

3. Start pump.

4. Allow system to operate until the sump float valve(s) closes to allow the make-up water to replenish the water removed from the basin(s) by the pump.

5. If the pump surges, shut off the pump, close the make-up valve(s), and adjust the sump float valve(s) to a higher setting.

6. Open the make-up valve(s) to the module(s) to the full open position. Repeat Steps 1 through 3.

7. Verify the operating level in the module(s) is within the specified range (refer to Figure 36 after the system has equalized.

8. Shut off pump and check sump water level for overflow.

9. If the sump overflows, close the make-up valve(s), lower the float valve(s) setting, and repeat Steps 1 through 8.

8.3.2 Multiple Pump Operation Procedure

Tower Tech cooling towers are designed for variable flow rates so pumps can be sequenced On and Off according to system load requirements. In certain applications, if pumps are not staged properly, pump surging, chiller shutdown, and/or water overflow into the fan shrouds could occur. Allow 10-15 minutes staging between start/stop of pumps to allow system time to balance water level.

To balance the water level in a multiple pump system:

1. Open the make-up valve(s) to the module(s) to the full open position.
2. Open inlet water valve(s) to the module(s) approximately fifty percent (50%) open and start one pump.

3. Allow the system to operate until the sump float valve(s) closes to allow the make-up water to replenish the water removed from the basin(s) by the pump. If the pump surges, shut off the pump, close the make-up valve(s), and adjust the sump float valve(s) to a higher setting. Repeat Steps 1 through 3.

4. Open the inlet valve(s) to the module(s) to the full open position and start the second pump. Repeat Steps 3 through 5.

5. Start remaining pumps one at a time by repeating Steps 3 through 5.

6. Verify the operating level in the module(s) is within the specified range after the system has equalized.

7. Shut off one pump.

8. Open drain valves on pumps to simulate evaporation.

9. When sump float valve(s) on module(s) opens, shut off second pump.

10. Shut down remaining pumps one at a time as the sump float valve(s) opens.

11. Close pump drain valves.

12. Check sump water level for overflow. If the sump overflows, shut off the make-up valve, lower the float valve setting, and repeat Steps 1 through 11.

**8.3.3 VFD Pump Operation Procedure**

To balance the water level in a VFD pump system:

1. Open the make-up valve(s) to the module(s) to the full open position.

2. Open inlet water valve(s) to the module(s) to the full open position and start one pump with a slow ramp time of 1-2 minutes.

3. Allow the system to operate until the sump float valve(s) closes to allow the make-up water to replenish the water removed from the basin(s) by the pump. If the pump surges, shut off the pump, close the make-up valve(s), and adjust the VFD ramp up to a longer time. Repeat Steps 1 through 3.
4. If the pump continues to surge then close the make-up valve(s), adjust the sump water level to a higher setting and repeat Steps 1 through 3.

5. Open the inlet valve(s) to the module(s) to the full open position and start the second pump. Repeat Steps 3 through 5.

6. Start remaining pumps one at a time by repeating Steps 3 through 5.

7. Verify the operating level in the module(s) is within the specified range after the system has equalized.

8. Shut off one pump with same ramp down time as set for ramp up time.

9. Open drain valves on pumps to simulate evaporation.

10. When sump float valve(s) on module(s) opens, shut off second pump.

11. Shut down remaining pumps one at a time as the sump float valve(s) opens.

12. Close pump drain valves.

13. Check sump water level for overflow. If the sump overflows, shut off the make-up valve, lower the float valve setting, and repeat Steps 1 through 11.

8.4 Initial Fan Start-Up

1. Visually inspect each fan for minimum tip clearance of approximately 1/8” (3.175mm) before starting fans for first use. If clearance is insufficient, contact a Tower Tech Representative for further instructions. Although tip clearances are quality checked before releasing a TTXL tower, re-inspect them to ensure there was no movement during shipping.

2. Verify that all fan guards are in place and secure.

3. Check for proper fan rotation by energizing each fan motor. Fans rotate in a clockwise direction and push air upwards. Use a qualified electrician to interchange two of the three electrical wires to the motor to correct the rotation if rotation is incorrect.

4. Start each fan and measure the motor amperage. The amperage should not exceed the motor nameplate rating, with service factor, as given in Table 1.
Motor current may run into the service factor in cold weather operating conditions or when the tower does not have water flowing. Motor current should never exceed service factor amps.

5. Check the fan staging control to ensure that fans cycle properly. Refer to Section 9.3.

6. Introduce the heat load after checking all of the items listed above.

8.5 Flow Balancing

It is often necessary to balance the water flow entering each cell or pair of cells in multi-cell installations. Tower Tech requires a professional flow balancer set and certify that flows are balanced and correct for cooling towers being started up. Remove a section of drift eliminators from the top of each cell to view the water distribution. Flow balancing can be simplified by using isolation valves in both the inlet and discharge piping systems of each module. A typical flow balancing problem and its solution are given below using Figure 39.

![Figure 39 – Typical Flow Balancing Problem](image)
Flow Balancing Problem:

Cell #1 (L to R) does not have enough water flow resulting in dry void regions.
Cell #2 has the correct water flow.
Cell #3 has too much water flow resulting in regions of overlapping spray pattern.

Flow Balancing Solution:

Close inlet valve to cell #3 slightly until cells #1 and #3 are like cell #2. It may then be necessary to re-adjust cells #2 and #3.

Rule of Thumb: Always begin flow adjustments with the cell that has the heaviest water flow.

It is recommended that the flow to each tower be balanced using a flow-metering device, such as an ultrasonic meter, as small variations in flow rates may not be visually detectable. These small variations, however, may not allow some towers to function properly, reducing the thermal performance of the system. Once all inlet valves have been adjusted so that each tower receives the same flow rate, some attention must be paid to the tower water levels to insure they are consistent.

In multi-cell installations, pressure differentials in the piping system may cause variations in the water levels of subsequent towers. To equalize these pressure differentials, some adjustments to the discharge piping valves, if equipped, may need to be made. By adjusting the discharge piping valves, the water levels can be equalized, eliminating variations in system performance. These adjustments, however, must be made by qualified personnel to ensure tower performance is not jeopardized.

Tower Tech requires a professional flow balance report be provided to insure the pump(s) are properly operating to provide proper flow to the cooling tower(s).
Chapter Nine:  Operation

Due to the TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower's advanced design there are several operational conditions that will allow efficiency levels not possible in a conventional cooling tower.

9.1 Water Flow Control

The TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower’s Rotary Spray Nozzle makes it possible to supply a wide range of water flow rates to a system. The optimum spray pattern for the nozzle is obtained without significant variation in spray pattern or distribution characteristics when operated from 100 GPM to 300 GPM, which is the approximate upper limit established by tower module hydraulics. Somewhat higher flows may be possible in some tower module sizes; contact Tower Tech engineering manager for specifics. Due to the Rotary Spray Nozzle’s design, reduced flow rates during part load conditions can be distributed to all towers eliminating the need to shut down individual modules. This allows each module’s fill media surface to be fully utilized increasing the efficiency of the system. By ensuring full and continual water coverage of the fill media, scaling is notably reduced. **(The Rotary Spray Nozzle’s rotor disc may spin below 100 GPM however this will cause uneven wear of nozzle components.** The rotor disc will spin freely with flow to approximately 320 GPM however this flow may exceed tower module hydraulic limits; consult Tower Tech engineering manager for specifics. Nozzle operation above 300 GPM will result in a slightly larger spray pattern. **Operation above 320 GPM may result in uneven wear of nozzle components.**) Flow rates below 100 GPM and above 300 GPM per nozzle are not allowed.

<i>Fill media will scale when allowed to intermittently dry out. Scaling affects cooling tower performance.</i>

**CAUTION**  Restarting the cooling tower without resetting inlet isolation valves to 25% may result in water hammering and cause damage to the tower’s hot water distribution system header, laterals and or nozzle components.

9.2 Water Temperature

The PVC fill media and PVC hot water distribution system standard in TTXL Series towers are designed for tower entering hot water temperatures not exceeding 130°F in continuous operation. For applications having hot water temperatures of 130°F to 140°F in continuous operation, HPVC fill media and a CPVC hot water distribution system are required.
9.3 Fan Control

Cooling and cost savings benefits may be obtained from cycling the fans on a cooling tower. With the Tower Tech design, each module has a combination of fans that can be staged on or off depending on cooling load requirements. By allowing the total water flow volume in a system to circulate through all the modules rather than just a few, cooling efficiency is increased because of the utilization of the total fill surface area. This increase in efficiency also allows the total fan horsepower usage to be further reduced by eliminating the need for some of the fans to run at low usage times of operation.

With part-load conditions occurring during the majority of the year (namely, spring and fall, or colder seasons), energy savings associated with these conditions can prove very significant. In most geographic climates, full-load conditions occur during less than 10% of the year. Because part-load conditions occur more frequently, efforts to improve system efficiency during these periods can have significant payback rewards.

The Optional Control Panel provides a simple pre-engineered solution for proper control of the fans. It comes complete with a temperature sensor for mounting in a remote thermal well in the discharge water piping of the cooling tower or in the sensor flange provided in the tower module near the discharge sump. The sensor provides the Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) within the panel with the leaving Cold Water Temperature for comparison with the set point for the CWT.

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**CAUTION**

RTDs should be installed in the centerline of a horizontal section of suction piping and no more than 12’ from the cooling tower’s attached sump outlet flange.

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The PLC software program controls the staging of the fans to achieve the current set point and match the current load. The fans must be cycled ON and OFF in adjacent pairs (except for the i-Line series tower which has a single row of fans), always starting the off-line fans nearest the sump end of the module first and then working toward the “back” end of the module in adjacent pairs. Fans are cycled OFF in reverse order, with the fans farthest from the sump end stopping first (last on, first off). Failure to cycle fans in this order will result in water blow-by and water leakage above the off-line fans nearest the sump end of the tower.

When operating the tower module with a variable-frequency drive (VFD), all fan motors should be operated all of the time at the same speed, and individual motor overload protection MUST be provided. Tower Tech motors operated by VFD can be ramped down to a minimal speed of 6hz but Tower Tech recommends a minimum operating speed of 10hz for the best efficiency and energy savings.
*For a detailed description of the Optional Control Panel, see Sec.4.2.

For an in-depth discussion of the advantages of variable flow cooling tower operation, refer to section 2.5.

This Manual shows and describes standard power and control wiring and operating procedures only. Tower Tech will supply an appropriate technical supplement for non-standard power and control wiring and operating procedures upon request.

9.4 Cold Weather

9.4.1 Tower Offline During Cold Weather

Any TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower that will not be operated when ambient temperatures are at or below freezing must have **electrical power to all optional basin heaters turned off** and the tower cold water basin must be drained. To drain, remove any of the four Inspection Ports located at each tower module’s corners. (Tower modules manufactured after October 2009 also have two Inspection Ports located on the bottom of each Mid-Basin. A tower module manufactured after October 2009 also may contain an optional Basin Drain Kit consisting of a 2” stainless steel threaded coupling with plastic plug installed in each of two Inspection Port Covers located underneath tower in opposite corners of basin channel. To ensure each tower module drains completely, remove any Mid-Basin Inspection Port Cover in each tower module, or any 2” plastic plug in each tower module.) Refer to Figure 40. Refer to Section 9.4.2.

![Figure 40 – Mid-Basin Inspection Ports (6-fan tower module shown)](image)
9.4.2 Cold Weather Operations

When the tower will be out of service for an extended period the basin must be drained of water. Drains are to be located in the tower’s supply and discharge piping. Also refer to Section 9.4.1. Leave the drain valves open to prevent rain or snow from collecting in the basin, and disable the basin heater. When the cooling tower needs to be shut down without draining the basin, it is recommended that one or more optionally available basin heaters be installed.

Any cooling tower that operates in cold weather may experience freezing. Overflow/equalization piping and stand piping must be heat-traced and insulated. Additionally, a Tower Tech Modular Cooling Tower requires a specific sequence of steps to optimize operations in cold weather: To minimize ice formation and accumulation, the flow rate through each Rotary Spray Nozzle must be 200 GPM or greater, and tower leaving water be maintained at or above 45°F when ambient temperature is below 25°F.

In freezing conditions it may be helpful to cycle the tower fans OFF periodically in an attempt to remove any ice from within the Water Collection System. Cycle fans OFF more frequently as ambient temperature decreases and tower leaving water temperature is reduced. When temperatures are above 20°F ice accumulates more slowly and longer fan cycle times may be used.

Figure 41 – Basin Heater Control Panel
The temperature to which water can be cooled without freezing depends on the heat inside the tower module, which is a function of entering hot water temperature, leaving cold water temperature, temperature of air flowing through the tower and water flow. The TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower with its absence of conventional air inlet louvers, and with its enclosed design and optional ability to stage fans on and off automatically, can often operate in cold weather without significant ice formation. However, it is recommended that VFD be used in lieu of fan staging to reduce air velocity through the cooling tower and thereby lessen the possibility of ice accumulation that could damage the fill media, the Water Collection System, the tower structure, and other components.

Maintaining water flow of 200 GPM minimum through each Rotary Spray Nozzle (and adhering to the other recommendations in this Chapter) when the ambient air temperature is at or below freezing will maintain sufficient heat in the tower module to prevent accumulation of ice inside or under the tower.

It is recommended that a Tower Tech factory engineer be consulted about cold climate operations and for other design assistance. Variable-frequency drives are especially beneficial in preventing tower icing in areas where the ambient air temperature falls below 25°F for extended periods and or where the cooling tower is expected to produce water colder than 45°F. The latter often occurs in applications where a cooling tower is expected to provide “free cooling” during cold weather operations.

**Tower Tech recommends that a TTXL tower not be expected to produce water cooler than 45°F when the ambient air temperature falls below 25°F unless variable frequency drives are utilized, in which case it may be possible to achieve 43°F leaving water so long as the ambient air temperature remains above 10°F. Operations in colder conditions may be possible depending on operational variables including but not limited to entering hot water temperature and water flow rate.**

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**CAUTION**

It is necessary to flow a minimum of 200 GPM through each Rotary Spray Nozzle when the ambient air temperature is below freezing in order to maintain sufficient water flow rate inside the cooling tower module to prevent accumulation of ice inside the tower.
9.4.3 Basin Heater Installation, Testing, Start-up & Operation

Refer to basin heater user’s manual for full installation details.

Optional Basin Heater – General Description

When operating a cooling tower in extreme cold temperatures it is recommended that users specify the use of an electric immersion heater to protect against accidental basin freezing. Tower Tech offers a stainless steel electric immersion heater and control package as optional equipment. The package consists of electric immersion heater element(s), a heater control panel, and a combination temperature/liquid level sensor. This equipment is designed to prevent basin freeze up during shutdown or standby conditions.

The electric immersion heaters are sized (kW rating, voltage, phase, and sensor cord immersion length) for the specific tower, basin size, and climate. Both the heater elements and the control panel are in NEMA-4X enclosures suitable for mounting in outdoor locations.

![CAUTION]

The basin heater element(s) and control panel(s) are not designed to prevent icing of the tower components during tower operation.

![DANGER]

Each heater element contains a fused thermal cutoff device that MUST be wired into the safety circuit as detailed in the installation wiring drawing. This cutoff device is wired in series with any other optional safety devices.

Immersion basin heaters MUST be deactivated when water is flowing through the cooling tower. Failure to do so will result in overheating of the basin heater element and accidental fire.

- **For a cooling tower installation having only one pump** it is recommended that the heater control system be interlocked with the tower’s circulating water pump so the heaters are deactivated when the circulating pump is in operation. Doing so provides further protection against overheating of the basin heater element and accidental fire, and is also necessary for efficient control of free cooling operations.

- **For a cooling tower installation having two or more pumps** it is recommended that the heater control system be interfaced to a flow or pressure switch located on the inlet piping to the cooling tower module. Doing so provides further protection against overheating of the basin heater element and accidental fire, and is also necessary for efficient control of free cooling operations.
The heater control panel contains the electronic temperature/low liquid level control, control voltage transformer, and the magnetic contactor used to energize and de-energize the heater element(s). The control panel may control more than one heater element, up to its nameplate voltage, phase, and kW rating, as long as the elements are located in the same tower module basin.

The electronic temperature/low liquid level sensor probe is stainless steel with a 1/2” NPT mounting fitting. It is pre-connected to the control panel with a UL rated outdoor cord.

The sensor has an on/off relay output that de-energizes the heater element(s) whenever the basin liquid temperature is above 45°F or whenever the sensor probe is not submersed. A low voltage (12 VAC) is connected across the sensor probe and fitting. When the probe is submersed, a 50 milliamp AC current passes through the conductive liquid from the sensor probe to the mounting fitting, completing the circuit. A break in this circuit indicates low liquid level and de-energizes the heater element(s).

**DANGER** Use only Tower Tech-approved combination temperature/liquid sensor probes. Failure to do so may result in accidental fire. Do not cut or change the length of the sensor cable.

The 24-V transformer in the control panel provides control voltage for the electronic temperature/low liquid level control and the magnetic contactor(s). The magnetic contactor(s) are used to switch the line voltage to the heater element(s). The operating coil of the contactor is energized by the output relay on the electronic temperature/low liquid level control.

Basin heaters are factory preset (non-adjustable) to maintain a basin temperature of 45°F. Depending on the size of your cooling tower module, multiple immersion heater elements may be required.

**Locating Basin Heater Element(s) and Control Panel Enclosure**

1. For multiple tower installations having a back-to-back (end-to-end) configuration where each tower requires multiple immersion basin heater elements, verify that a minimum of three (3) feet of access space exists between modules in order to install and later remove the heater element for inspection or service.

2. The control panel can be safely mounted to the bottom of the tower module’s 4.5” high apron, however care must be taken to remain within the boundaries of the tower apron, avoiding any possibility for penetration of the tower’s Perimeter Basin or leaks will result. See Figures 17, 41, 42 and Tables 7A, 7B for information.
regarding the immersion basin heater control panel. Alternatively, the immersion basin heater control panel may be mounted to a corner leg of the tower module. It is recommended that the panel be bolted to a Unistrut mount which is mounted across the leg brace and the leg. If a remote location from the tower is selected for mounting the control panel bear in mind that the unit ships with a standard 12’ probe cord length. Longer lengths are optionally available (up to 100’ in length); contact your Tower Tech Sales Representative for details.

Use only Tower Tech-approved combination temperature/liquid sensor probes. Failure to do so may result in accidental fire.

3. Heater element must be inserted into the Tower Tech installed stainless steel flange fitting. The heater element is a 6 kW (or optional 9kW) element manufactured of 304 stainless steel. A NEMA-4X wire junction box is integral to the heater element cap. See Figure 17 for location of the basin heater element.

Wiring of both the control panel (main input) and of the immersion heater must be completed by a licensed electrician. Only wiring with a temperature rating of 75°C and rated to carry the quantity of amperage must be used. All wiring must comply with NEC, CEC, as well as local electrical codes. Refer to the basin heater manual entitled “Cooling Tower Basin Heater Control Panel” (shipped inside the control panel) for details regarding Main Power Input Wiring and Heater Power Wiring.

**Optional Immersion Basin Heater: Operating Instructions**

Before energizing the main supply disconnect, visually check that the water level is above the sensor probe and that ice has not formed, and adjust the make-up water control valve as needed. The combination temperature/low level control is preset at 45ºF and the system will not energize if the water level is too low or if the water temperature is above 45ºF. Verify all mechanical and electrical systems are working properly. Complete the system test procedure to verify proper operation (also applies to pre-season test when water temperatures exceed 45ºF). Remove all test jumpers before energizing the system.

Water Level must be above sensor probe, to prevent accidental fire.

Under normal operating conditions the energized heater control panel will automatically cycle the heater element(s) ON and OFF if the basin liquid temperature is below 45ºF.
Disconnect the heater control panel at its source and tag the circuit out for maintenance before performing the following steps.

Optional Immersion Basin Heater: Operation above 45°F

a) Disconnect the heater control panel and tag circuit out for maintenance.
b) Remove the heater control panel enclosure cover.
c) Remove the sensor wires connected to terminals T1 and T2 on the combination temperature/low level control and isolate them.
d) Install the 1.5K ohm test resistor supplied with the heater control panel (in bag on inside of cover) across terminals T1 and T2.
e) Install the heater control panel enclosure cover.
f) Energize the system. You should hear the contactor(s) close, energizing the heater(s).

Do not operate system unattended or for extended periods with the resistor across terminals T1 and T2. The excessive water temperature could damage the cooling tower.

g) After operation, de-energize the circuit, remove the resistor, and place it back into its storage bag. Check all connections, reconnect sensor wires per the wiring diagram to terminals T1 and T2, replace the cover, and place the system back in service.

Basin Heater Operation if Sensor Probe is Encased in Ice

a) De-energize the heater control panel and tag circuit out for maintenance.
b) Remove the heater control panel enclosure cover.
c) Install a jumper wire between terminals G1 and G2 on the combination temperature/low level control circuit board.
d) Install the heater control panel enclosure cover.
e) Energize the system and listen for the contactor closing.
f) Operate the system until the ice is melted around the probe.
g) After operation, de-energize the circuit, remove the jumper, check all connections, replace the cover, and place the system back in service.
Do not operate the system unattended or for an extended period of time with the G1-G2 jumper installed. A low liquid level condition could occur and the system will not shut off. This could result in damage to the heater(s) and cooling tower.

Optional Immersion Basin Heater: Installation

This section consists of general information, mechanical installation, electrical installation, and start up.

Carefully plan the locations of heaters, control panels, and probes. Measure the factory supplied probe cord length.

Do not attempt to change the supplied probe cord length.

The heater control panel should be within sight of the heater if a disconnect switch option is selected. Maintain a water level at least 2” over the heaters using the makeup water controls (furnished separately with the equipment or by the user). Low water level may lead to over temperature conditions near the heater. Consider additional safety devices or over temperature protection.

Heater element over temperature can cause a tower fire.

Optional Immersion Basin Heater: Control Panel

After selecting the installation site mount the control panel with four 5/16” (field supplied) bolts through the mounting feet on the enclosure. Connect the main incoming power conduit to the main power hub and the heater power conduit to the heater power hubs. If alternative conduit hubs are drilled, or if supplied hubs are not used, replace the plastic protective caps inside the hubs with steel plugs. If leakage or condensation is likely to occur in the conduit runs leading to the control panel, install a drain in the bottom of the control panel and form a conduit loop.
Optional Immersion Basin Heater: Temperature/Low Liquid Level Sensor

Mount the combination temperature/low liquid level sensor using the factory installed flange which is installed in the basin wall at least 1” above and at least 6” away horizontally from the stainless steel flange(s) for the heating element(s). Refer to Figures 17, 41 and 42.

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**DANGER**

Do not confine or surround the sensor probe with any type of well, piping, or housing, as it may adversely affect its operation.

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Insert the basin heater sensor probe into the Tower Tech-installed sensor probe flange only. See Figures 17 and 42 for location of the probe flange. The reducing bushing, rubber gasket and lock nut must be used to tighten the heater sensor into the flange of the cooling tower. Refer to Figure 41. Tighten the locking nut fully onto the sensor probe. Tighten the reducing bushing into the probe flange. Twist the probe in a counter clockwise movement prior to inserting into the flange so that when the probe is properly seated within the flange its wire rests in a relaxed state rather than twisted state. Tighten the locking nut to the bushing to keep the sensor probe from rotating in the flange. Sensor probe connections to the heater control panel are made at the factory. No electrical installation is required.

Optional Immersion Basin Heater: Main Power Input Wiring

The main incoming power hub and the main power termination points are sized for wires based on the total nameplate kW and voltage. The actual load for a particular installation may be less. Either compute the actual load on the heater control panel (the total kW of all the heaters connected to it) or use the nameplate rating in determining the wire size required.

Calculate the amperage as follows:

$$\text{Three Phase Amperage} = \frac{\text{Total kW} \times 1000}{\text{Voltage} \times 1.732}$$

The field supplied branch circuit disconnect switch and the branch circuit protective devices (fusing or circuit breaker) should be sized to carry at least 100% of the current calculated above.

Wiring with a temperature rating of 75°C should be used. The wiring should be sized for the quantity of incoming wires in the conduit and the amperage of the branch circuit protective device as directed by the NEC/CEC, or any other local directives.
If non-metallic conduit is used, provide a circuit grounding conductor that meets NEC/CEC requirements. Ground lugs are provided in the heater control panel.

Connect the incoming power wire conduit to the incoming power hub provided on the control panel. Make sure the connection is water tight and secure. Pull the incoming power wire into the control panel enclosure and make the connections per the control panel wiring diagram.

Optional Immersion Basin Heater: Element Power Wiring

One heater control panel may control one or more heaters (up to the maximum nameplate kW rating). The power wiring to the heater(s) must have an ampacity equal to the branch circuit over-current protection device rating, or equal to the rating of sub-circuit fusing if installed in the control panel. Some exceptions to this requirement may apply to a specific installation, such as a tap rules in the NEC/CEC. All heater power wiring should have a temperature rating of 75º C, and be rated for the number of wires in the conduit. It must comply with any local codes, NEC, or CEC depending on the installation location. If non-metallic conduit is used, provide a circuit grounding conductor that meets NEC/CEC requirements. Ground lugs are provided in the heater control panel. Connect the heater power wire conduit(s) to the heater power wire hub(s) provided on the control panel. Make sure the connection is water tight and secure. Pull the heater power wire into the control panel enclosure and make the connections per the control panel wiring diagram. Conduit connections to multiple heaters should be run so that each individual heater is branched off of the run until the conduit terminates at the last heater. Jumpering from one heater to the next is not recommended.

Optional Immersion Basin Heater: Element Safety Wiring

Each heater element contains a fused thermal cutoff device that must be wired into the safety circuit. Wire the safety control circuit per Class 2, Article 725 of the N.E.C. and/or Section 16 of C.E.C. unless wiring is routed in the same conduit as the power wire, in which case Class 2 does not apply and the wiring must be Class 1.
Notes:

1. Water level must never fall below 2” above heater elements while heater is energized.

2. Probe must be positioned at least 1” above and 6” horizontally away from heater. For best performance, probe should be placed between 3” and 6” below water level.

3. Heater must be positioned at least 2” above floor of Perimeter Basin Wall and at least 2” from each Perimeter Basin Wall for circulation. For best performance, heater should be placed midway between Perimeter Basin Walls.

Optional Immersion Basin Heater: Start-Up and Annual Maintenance

Once installation is complete, verify proper operation:

a) Check all mechanical and electrical connections to ensure they are tight.

b) Make sure all other system components are installed and ready to operate.

c) Follow the instructions in the basin heater user’s manual.

d) Once proper operation has been verified, ensure all jumpers and/or test resistors are removed and permanent wiring is installed and tightened.

Optional Immersion Basin Heater: Troubleshooting, Startup and Maintenance Procedure

**DANGER**
Possibly dangerous voltages are present in the equipment. Disconnect electrical service at the source and tag circuit out for maintenance before servicing.

**CAUTION**
Troubleshooting should only be performed by qualified personnel.

a) Perform a visual inspection of the system to verify:

1) Basin has adequate liquid level and is not frozen. If liquid level is low check liquid level controls and add water as required. If basin is frozen, refer to above section entitled “Basin Heater Operation if Sensor Probe is Encased in Ice”.

2) All components appear to be undamaged and in sound operating order. If the heater has a thermal cutoff, check for continuity and replace if open.
b) Check voltage on incoming power lines at the heater control panel. The voltage on all phases should match the nameplate rating. Correct voltage as required.

c) Remove the heater control panel enclosure cover.

d) Disconnect sensor cord and install test resistor across terminals T1 and T2; jumper across terminals G1 and G2.

e) Energize the system:

1) Measure the voltage at terminals “N” and “24/240” on the circuit board. The voltage should be 21-29 volts. If not, the transformer is faulty and should be replaced.

2) Measure the voltage at terminals “N” on the circuit board and NO on the relay. The voltage should be between 21-29 volts. If not, the circuit board is faulty and should be replaced.

3) The green LED light should be ON and the red LED light OFF when the contactor(s) are energized. If not, the contactor(s) are faulty and should be replaced.

4) Remove the test resistor and jumper wire; reconnect the sensor cord.

5) Make sure the liquid level is adequate and at a temperature of 40°F or below. The green LED light should be ON, the red LED light should be OFF, and the contactor(s) should be energized. If they are not, the cord and sensor are faulty and should be replaced.

f) When the tests are completed and proper operation verified, ensure all jumpers and/or test resistors are removed and permanent wiring is installed and tightened.

g) Replace control panel enclosure cover.

DANGEROUS

Dangerous voltages are present in this equipment. Disconnect electrical service of source and tag circuit out before servicing or replacing components.

Optional Immersion Basin Heater: Repair

None of the control components are repairable. Remove and replace any failed components.

Optional Immersion Basin Heater: Maintenance

The system should be inspected annually, just prior to the heating season:
a) Visually inspect the system components for physical damage, overheating, loose connections, leaks, etc. Service as required.

b) Physically check that all wiring insulation is sound and that all wiring connections are tight. Repair and tighten as required.

c) Check operation.

d) Maintain proper water quality per recommendations of your water treatment consultant. A high chlorine content and/or deposit build-up on the element tubes may reduce heater life. Correct water quality and clean deposits from element tubes as required.

e) Wipe sensor probe to remove any deposit build up.

9.5 Water Treatment

The use of untreated water in any cooling tower may cause serious health hazards, including the creation of conditions conducive to the development of Legionella bacteria, which is known to cause Legionnaire's disease. A water treatment program to stop biological contamination must be used for all cooling tower installations in order to reduce such hazards. Do not operate this equipment without a proper water treatment program.

There are numerous chemical and non-chemical methods currently available for use in treating cooling water. It is beyond the scope of this text to cover the nature and suitability of these methods. However, some general information on what constitutes an effective and complete water treatment program is provided below. In general, a complete program must address the following: 1) scale control; 2) solids control; 3) biological control; and 4) corrosion control (principally for protection of the cooling loop and not the cooling tower).

9.5.1 Scale Control

Although it is commonly understood that scale accumulation has a tremendous impact on the efficiency of chillers and heat exchangers it is a lesser known truth that scale accumulation has an adverse effect on cooling tower thermal efficiency. Even minor visible scale accumulation on cooling tower fill (the tower’s heat exchange medium) can prevent the even distribution of water as a thin film across the fill heat exchange surface. In the event that scale accumulation is great it may have a significant impact on static pressures observed within the tower and thus the free and even flow of air through the Water Collection System and fill media. Lastly, significant scale accumulation can impose weight loads upon the tower sufficient to distort walls leading to seal leaks, as well as failures in the water collection system.
Cooling tower water must be controlled for solids, including both dissolved and undissolved solids. Dissolved solids include the scaling ions (e.g. magnesium (Mg), calcium (Ca), sulfate (SO₄²⁻), phosphate (PO₄³⁻)) and the non-scaling ions (e.g. chloride (Cl), sodium (Na), etc.) Use a tiered approach to control the concentration and impact of dissolved solids on your TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower and system equipment (e.g. heat exchangers, chillers, etc.): 1) use of scale inhibitor(s) and 2) periodic blowdown or bleed governed by a conductivity or TDS controller. A good rule of thumb for operating Cycles of Concentration is to control the tower’s recirculating water conductivity (TDS) at a level which is 3-4 X that measured in the make-up water (applies to water’s of average hardness). Exceptions do exist to this rule of thumb depending on the exact chemical nature of the principal scale ions in the system – see your professional water treater for details.

The TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower’s non-reactive composition allows for most industry accepted scale inhibitors to be used. Scale inhibitor blends typically used are proprietary mixtures of phosphonates (e.g. AMP, HEDP, etc.) and polymers (co and terpolymers, such as polymaleic acid (PMA), phosphinocarboxylic acid (PCA), polycarboxylate copolymer, acrylate polymers) all of which are effective at scale control and have no negative effect on materials used in Tower Tech TTXL Series Modular Cooling Towers. In order for scale control agents to have their best effect it is often necessary to dose the system with acid (e.g. sulfuric acid) to maintain the pH range of 6.5 – 8.5.

**CAUTION**

If acid is added to the cooling water loop it must be added using an injection quill positioned at the center of the return pipe to the tower and well upstream of the tower to ensure sufficient mixing before entering tower module. Failure to do so may result in damage to cooling tower components which are normally resistant materials.

**CAUTION**

Cooling tower fill media and drift eliminators can be damaged by the use of some chemicals. Always use cleaning and water treatment chemicals in accordance with recommendations of a water treatment contractor.

In addition to the chemicals described above for scale inhibition and/or modification there are numerous non-chemically based methods available in the market and the list of emerging technologies grows yearly. Oxidation-Reduction (Redox) based alloys (copper-zinc) have had an excellent history of scale control in Tower Tech towers. Alternative methods such as ozone must be used with stringent control as ozone radicals are known to embrittle PVC components such as fill media.
9.5.2 Solids Control

Undissolved solids are a measure of the insoluble substances found in suspension in cooling tower waters. Undissolved Solids include larger diameter/heavy particles such as, bacteria, algae, clam/mussel larvae, leaves/twigs, silt in make-up water, dust in air, migrated corrosion particles (free metal oxides). It may also include colloids or complexes generated by using treatment compounds (e.g. stabilizing agents for scale control and crystal modifiers).

The TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower’s absence of side air louvers and open basins dramatically decreases the potential for undissolved solid entry into the circulating loop as compared with conventional tower designs. Further, the presence of a high velocity perimeter basin permits more effective use of centrifugal separators and other in-line filtration devices.

Undissolved solids serve as physical foulants which can plug fill thereby reducing tower efficiency, increase chiller head pressures (their deposition increases friction), and damage fill and shell structure by weight imposed. In addition they can contribute to corrosion by preventing the contact of the CI (Corrosion Inhibitor) to the downstream metal surfaces, as well as, promote biofilm formation by shielding microbes from biocides. Controlling these solids is important in allowing lower and more efficient use of treatment chemicals.

An undissolved solids level of 100-150 ppm (particularly those 10 microns or smaller in size) is typically recommended for re-circulating systems. Usually a physical means is used to remove these solids e.g. de-sludgers, cyclones, centrifugal separators, strainers, filters (100 mesh or 150 um particle cut-off), pressurized media filters (sand/gravel beds good for most average industrial applications not exceeding 200 ppm and whose particulates do not exceed 10 um), and cartridge filters (for fine filtering 1 um or less, only chemical plants with stringent downstream requirements will need this; also HVAC systems incoming water 5 ppm or less) are used.

Solids removal is not a strict requirement for the TTXL Series tower unless 1) the tower is located in a high dust environment, or 2) the downstream process requires higher than normal quality process cooling water in which case it is recommended.

Blowdown does little in the way of reducing solid loads because there is little chance that particulates will be positioned near the tower’s blowdown valve at the time blowdown or bleed occurs.

Cyclone or centrifugal separators, as well as other self-cleaning, impervious filtration technologies are preferred over media beds. The latter affords bacteria the opportunity to establish ecological niches insulating them from biocides.
9.5.3 Biological Control

Biological control is important both for safety (e.g. *Legionella*), thermal performance (*Pseudomonas* or slime formers can plug fill), and corrosion control (sulfate reducing bacteria, nitrifying bacteria, and iron reducers can all produce metabolic end products that are damaging to metal surfaces in piping and downstream equipment) reasons.

**Danger** Cooling towers, as well as other water atomizing devices (such as sprinklers, misters, shower nozzles, etc.), are potential vectors for the spread of *Listeria* the causative agent of Listeriosis (a type of pneumoniae). It is crucial that the tower be routinely treated with appropriate biocidal control agents specifically designed to control the proliferation of *Listeria*. Experts agree that oxidizing biocides (chlorine, hypochlorites, hydantoins, chlorine dioxide, sodium bromide with chlorine, and ozone) are the most effective control agents and should be used to maintain a 0.5 ppm minimum residual chlorine level at all times.

**Caution** The tower should be located well away from and downwind of building air intakes to further reduce the potential for aerosol to enter buildings. Under no circumstance should a tower be operated without drift eliminators in place and intact.

It is best to combine a non-oxidizing and an oxidizing chemical into your cooling water treatment program. Generally the oxidizing biocide (chlorine or bromine based technologies) is administered continually so as to maintain a specific system concentration whilst the non-oxidizing chemical (DBNPA, Quats, glutaraldehyde, isothiazoline) is slug-fed at pre-defined time intervals. Use of both allows for synergisms between their modes of action, as well as, assurance that an antimicrobially resistant sub-population will not occur. It is also recommended that a penetrant or biodispersant (see fouling section) be used in conjunction with the biocide program to enhance the ability of the oxidizing biocide to contact target microbes. This is particularly important if the tower is a process tower wherein organic leaks into the cooling loop are possible.

9.5.4 Corrosion Control

Corrosion control is necessary in TTXL tower systems not for preventing damage to the cooling tower itself, but rather to prevent damage to downstream piping and equipment. The cooling water acts as a delivery mechanism for bringing the corrosion inhibitors to the appropriate metal surfaces. A discussion of corrosion control is beyond the scope of this document however a few things bear noting: A good corrosion inhibitor must: 1) protect all metals involved, 2) act at low concentrations, 3) act under variety of water conditions (pH, temp, other chemicals), 4) have minimal adverse environmental impact.
Chapter Ten: Maintenance

Adequate knowledge of the operation and maintenance of the Tower Tech TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower will ensure efficient and safe operation. Failure to follow these instructions may result in poor cooling performance, and unnecessary equipment failure. The operation, maintenance and repair of this equipment should be undertaken only by qualified personnel. All such personnel should be thoroughly familiar with the equipment, the associated system and controls, and all procedures dealing with the handling, lifting, installation, operation, maintenance, and repair of this equipment to prevent personal injury and/or property damage.

Tower Tech offers the highest quality replacement parts, materials and services to help customers keep their TTXL Series Modular Cooling Towers operating at peak performance. For details refer to the Maintenance & Service Plans brochure located in the flap inside the front cover of this Manual. The brochure describes our Preventive Maintenance Inspection (PMI), Preventive Maintenance Service (PMS), and Service Inspection (SI). Refer to Figure 43.

Figure 43 – Brochure: Maintenance & Service Plans
All electrical, mechanical, and rotating machinery constitute a potential hazard, particularly for those not familiar with the design, construction, and operation of same. Accordingly, adequate measures (including the use of a protective enclosure when deemed necessary) should be taken with this equipment, both to safeguard the public from injury and to prevent damage to the equipment and its associated system.

Walking on top of the module is dangerous and could result in serious injury or death. Adequate safety measures must be taken to prevent injury due to falling. See Section 2.11 regarding safety bracket points.

Disconnect any basin heater(s) before draining water from the module’s basin. Failure to do so will result in damage to the module, as well as potential for fire to occur.

10.1 Maintenance Schedule

TTXL Series Modular Cooling Towers are designed to require minimal maintenance. However, the quality of care they receive will affect their service life. The following schedule is given as a minimum checklist to aid in providing the recommended inspection and maintenance of your unit. Refer to Table 13 for recommended maintenance of TTXL components.

Table 13 – TTXL Maintenance Schedule

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<th>Maintenance Frequency</th>
<th>Action To Be Taken</th>
<th>Reference Section</th>
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<td>Shell Surfaces*</td>
<td>12 months</td>
<td>Visual Inspection</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Drift Eliminators*</td>
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<td>Visual Inspection</td>
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<td>Fill Media</td>
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<td>Rotary Spray Nozzles</td>
<td>6 months</td>
<td>Visual Inspection</td>
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<td>Fan Guards*</td>
<td>1 month</td>
<td>Visual Inspection</td>
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<td>Fan Blade Clearance*</td>
<td>1 month***</td>
<td>Visual Inspection</td>
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<td>1 month**</td>
<td>Turn On Briefly</td>
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<td>Water Collection System*</td>
<td>6 months</td>
<td>Visual Inspection</td>
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* Items completed during a single walk around & under tower module, at specified intervals. Inspection time is expected to be completed in less than five minutes per tower module

** Required only if tower is not operated regularly for an extended period of time.

*** Required only if motor has tripped more than 3 times within any 30 day period.

**** After installation of replacement Fan Assembly

Note: Issues observed during Visual Inspections need appropriate Service completed as required.

### 10.1.1 Drift Eliminators

TTXL Series Modular Cooling Towers utilize a low-pressure three pass drift eliminator that is impervious to rot, decay or biological attack. An ultraviolet inhibitor is manufactured into the product to extend life expectancy. Drift eliminators, however, should be inspected once a year (in conjunction with the nozzle inspection). The drift eliminators should be free from any build-up of mud or debris. If cleaning is required, the following procedure should be followed:

1. Remove the drift eliminators. Place gently on an elevated platform or on the ground.

2. Wash the eliminators by spraying with a low-pressure water hose.

3. Turn the eliminators over and spray until remaining debris is removed.

4. Insert the eliminators back into place in the cooling tower.
10.1.2 Fill Media

**CAUTION** Distribute personnel weight loading on the fill media by placing a flat surface, such as a piece of plywood, atop the fill media to prevent damage to the fill and Water Collection System while walking on them.

Inspect the cooling tower fill media regularly depending on the quality of the water being circulated. A typical inspection includes removal of pieces of fill media from all fill layers (starting from the top). Visually inspect the flute openings on the bottom side of the piece to determine if any build-up of algae, bacterial slime or solids has occurred. If build-up is significant, it may be necessary to remove the fill media and clean with water and mild detergent as described for the drift eliminators. If algal growth or bacterial slime is detected, please contact your water treatment professional to control the problem. Overzealous cleaning methods may cause damage to cooling tower components.

**CAUTION** Bacterial slime can contribute significant weight loads on the tower beyond that for which it was structurally designed. Damage to tower internals or shell due to bacterial growth excursion will void the TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower warranty.

10.1.3 Rotary Spray Nozzle

TTXL Series Modular Cooling Towers utilize patented Rotary Spray Nozzles. This nozzle has a large four-inch orifice and a rotating disc that will dislodge nearly all debris commonly seen in cooling towers. While it is unlikely that the nozzle will plug during normal use conditions biannual inspection of the nozzles is recommended.

Inspecting the Rotary Spray Nozzle consists of visually inspecting the water distribution pattern. If sticks or large objects are jammed in the nozzle, follow the instructions for removal (refer to Figure 44).

**CAUTION** Recommended nozzle operating range is 100 GPM to 300 GPM. Damage to nozzles will occur if operated below 100 GPM and above 320 GPM. **NOTE:** Tower module hydraulic limits may be exceeded if nozzle is operated above 300 GPM; consult Tower Tech engineering manager before attempting operation above 300 GPM per nozzle.
The Rotary Spray Nozzle uses a compressed spring. Attempting to disassemble the Rotary Spray Nozzle may cause serious injury. Tower Tech sells replacement Rotary Spray Nozzles as complete assemblies only. Disassembly of Rotary Spray Nozzle voids nozzle warranty.

To remove the Rotary Spray Nozzle:

1. Expose the Rotary Spray Nozzle by removing the drift eliminators that restrict access.
2. Remove the section of fill media directly below the Rotary Spray Nozzle.
3. Remove the small set screw in nozzle head that locks the Rotary Spray Nozzle in place.
4. Using a strap wrench, unscrew the Rotary Spray Nozzle.
If a cooling tower module is valved out seasonally without adjusting flow rates across the remaining cooling tower modules, the Rotary Spray Nozzle’s upper flow limit of 320 GPM may be exceeded and result in damage to the remaining online nozzles.

10.1.4 Fan Guards

When maintenance is required on fan guards, fans or fan motors it is imperative that lock-out, tag-out procedures be strictly adhered to prevent damage to equipment or personnel.

Fan guards are mounted in a frame with convenient hinged access. Regularly check the guard for large items such as paper or leaves that might be sucked against the guard. It is important to the performance of the cooling tower that any air restrictions be removed.

To replace a fan guard (refer to Figure 45 for close-up of hinge hardware):

1. Turn off fan and lock and tag out power.
2. Remove the six 1/4” bolts that hold the screen angle to the tower mid basin and perimeter wall using a 7/16” wrench.
3. Unbolt the screen from the hinge by removing the three remaining 1/4” bolts.

![Diagram of Fan Guard Hardware]

*Figure 45 – Close-Up: Fan Guard Hardware*
To lower a fan guard (refer to Figure 46A and 46B):

1. Turn off fan and lock and tag out power.

2. Remove the six 1/4” bolts that hold the screen angle to the tower mid basin and perimeter wall using a 7/16” wrench.

3. At this point you will have full access to the fan and motor.

Figure 46A – Opening Full Screen Fan Guard

Figure 46B – Opening Split Screen Fan Guard
10.1.5 Fan Inspection and Replacement

**DANGER** When maintenance is required on fan guards, fans or fan motors it is imperative that lock-out, tag-out procedures be strictly adhered to prevent damage to equipment or personnel.

**CAUTION** Any dirt, ice or other debris on fan blades can affect the balance of the fan. Without proper cleaning and maintenance imbalanced fans can cause damage to the motor bearings.

Fans are pitched and aligned during assembly. Recommended clearance between fan shroud and fan tip is 1/16” minimum and 1/2-inch maximum. Tower Tech sets fan tip clearance at 1/4” to 3/8” in the factory. Fan tip clearance should be checked monthly.

To remove a fan:

1. Disconnect power from motor, locking-out and tagging-out the motor/fan to be worked on.
2. Open the fan guard.
3. Support the fan.
4. Remove the bolts from the fan bushing.
5. Thread the bolts back into the threaded holes that are provided in the bushing.
6. Begin tightening the bolts into the bushing evenly until fan is pushed off the bushing. Use a gear-puller if bushing doesn’t come off easily.
7. While supporting the fan, tap the bushing gently off the motor shaft.
8. Remove the set key from the motor shaft.
9. Lower the fan to the ground.
10. Mark the fan so that it may be re-installed on the same motor from which it was removed.
10.1.6 Fan Blade Replacement

Individual fan blades should not be replaced without rebalancing the fan. Replace the fan if damage occurs to the blades.

1. Complete steps 1 thru 9 from Checking & Re-Pitching Fan Blades (see Section 10.1.7).

2. Transfer the index tab (key) to replacement fan blade, and place new fan blade into bottom of fan shell half making sure that it is correctly orientated.

3. Proceed with steps 11 thru 19 from Checking & Re-Pitching Fan Blades (see Section 10.1.7).

4. Check fan balance and rebalance fan assembly if needed.

10.1.7 Fan Blade Pitch Adjustment

1. Verify the direction of rotation of the fan with fan operating before removing the fan guard screen.

2. Lock out/tag out the electrical power supply to the fan motors.

3. Remove the fan guard screens from the cells to be worked on.

4. All Tower Tech fan blades for the TTXL series cooling tower have a set pitch blade that is fixed by the index tab (key). Pitch should not be adjusted without authorization from the factory. When changing blades use the same index tab (key) to insure proper pitch.

5. Remove the fan assembly from the motor.

6. Record the location and quantity of all balancing washers and nuts holding the hub shell together along with the individual fan blade location on the hub so that you can return all of the parts to their original location.

7. Remove the center Uniboss center hub from the fan shell, marking the orientation first.

8. Remove the bolts that hold the fan shell halves together.
9. Carefully separate the fan shell halves by removing the upper half to expose the fan blades.

10. Locate the index tab on the fan blade, exchange with new index tab for the new pitch angle. Fan Pitch is determined by which index tab is installed to achieve the correct setting.

11. Once the pitch is established by installing the correct index tab for all blades of the fan, replace upper fan shell half and tighten the hub bolts to hold the blades firmly in place. Replace Uniboss center hub and all balancing washers and nuts to their original locations.

12. Recheck the blade pitch after tightening the bolts to ensure that the pitch is correct and record the new pitch setting.

13. Verify that the shell half bolts and Uniboss hub bolts are torqued to specification below using a torque wrench.

   Manufacturer Specifications:
   5/16”-18 Bolts – Use 14 ft/lbs of Torque
   3/8”-16 Bolts – Use 19 ft/lbs of Torque

14. Re-install the fan assembly onto the motor shaft.

15. Check that the fan is not hitting the shroud.

16. Verify that the taper lock bushing bolts to Uniboss hub are torqued to 12 ft. lbs. using a torque wrench.

17. Replace the Fan Guard Screens.

18. Remove lock-out/tag-out.

19. Check the fan operation for proper rotation to ensure that there are no other problems and return the unit to service.
10.1.8 Fan Motors Removal / Installation

**DANGER** Use lock out/tag out procedures to prevent damage to equipment or personnel when maintenance is required on fan guards, fans, or fan motors.

To remove a motor:

1. Disconnect power from motor and lock-out/tag-out the motor/fan to be worked on.
2. Open fan guard.
3. Remove fan.
4. Disconnect electrical wiring and conduit.
5. Support the weight of the motor.
6. Loosen the four bolts that connect the motor to the base plate and remove any shims, making note of their placement.
7. Remove the connecting bolts while holding the motor steady.
8. Slowly lower the motor to the ground.

**CAUTION** If any of the wire supplied with a fan motor, junction box or safety disconnect requires replacement, use replacement wire of the same gauge and type.

To install a motor, reverse the above procedure.

10.1.9 Fan Motor Lubrication

Standard motors on TTXL Modular Cooling Tower have sealed bearings. If the tower is not operated regularly for an extended period of time, the motors should be turned on briefly once each month. Refer to Table 13.
10.1.10    Mechanical Float Valve

To remove the float valve:

1.  Remove sump lid and circular access plate.

2.  Remove ball and rod assembly from the adjusting arm.

3.  Using proper sized wrench, unscrew the valve from the threaded flange.

To install the float valve:

1.  Attach valve to threaded flange.

2.  Valve outlet must be pointed straight down.

3.  Screw rod and float to adjusting arm.

4.  Adjust float for desired water level (refer to Figure 47 for details), then tighten adjusting bolt.

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*Figure 47 – Mechanical Float Valve*
10.1.11 Sump Screen

It is important to visually inspect and document contents retrieved from the sump screen as it can provide valuable information in regards to potential damaging contaminants and preventing their future re-entry into the system. Use a construction start-up screen for extra protection anytime fill media is removed from and reinstalled in the cooling tower.

To remove the sump screen:

1. Shut off pump(s).
2. Remove sump lid.
3. Pull screen out of sump.
4. Empty contents of screen.

To install the sump screen, reverse steps 1 through 3. Refer to Figure 48.

*Figure 48 – Sump Layout, Sump Screen Detail*
10.1.12 Immersion Basin Heater

Check the system annually, just prior to the start of the winter operating season, as well as anytime the tower is drained.

1. Visually inspect probe, panel, and heater for physical damage, evidence of overheating, loose connections, leaks, etc.

2. Make sure that the conduit plugs are in place for unused connection ports in the heater element wire box.

3. Visually inspect all wiring insulation for integrity and connections for tightness.

4. Wipe sensor probe to remove any build-up.

5. Verify that tower water quality is being properly maintained. Specific attention should be paid to excessive chlorine levels that may shorten heater lifespan.

6. Refer to Section 9.4.3 for details on test procedure to verify that the immersion basin heater energizes properly.

**DANGER** Exercise caution when servicing or troubleshooting the immersion basin heater. Always refer to the basin heater user’s manual before starting work. Only qualified personnel should perform maintenance on the immersion basin heater.

10.1.13 Water Collection System

The TTXL Series Water Collection System is an effective air-water separator that will operate trouble-free for extended time periods if it is periodically inspected and maintained as prescribed herein. The Water Collection System also supports the weight of the fill media and the design water load.

**CAUTION** The WCS is permanently installed in the tower module with hardware and caulking materials. Non-Tower Tech factory personnel should never attempt to lift or move the Water Collection System as doing so can permanently damage the tower and void the tower warranty.
The TTXL Series Modular Cooling Tower’s Water Collection System is designed so that adjacent fans must be operated in pairs. Thus, in a four-fan tower module, fans #1 and #2 should always operate simultaneously, and fans #3 and #4 should always operate simultaneously. The i-Line series modular towers have a single row of fans that aren’t operated in pairs.

![Diagram of Water Collection System]

**Figure 49 – Water Collection System**

The main components of the Water Collection System include:

- **Collector Vanes**: Each collector vane is approximately 8” wide and 14” high and is installed transversally in the tower module. Collector vanes are a series of overlapping chevron-shaped troughs that capture cooled water falling from the fill media and channel it into the perimeter basin beams. Refer to Figure 49.

- **End Caps** help hold the collector vanes together and secure the Water Collection System to the Perimeter Basin Wall to prevent leaks. End caps are installed in pairs (~2.5” apart) at the end of each collector vane. One End Cap is also installed at the center of each collector vane. Refer to Figures 49 and 50.

- **Spacers** installed ~15” apart along the entire length of each collector vane fasten the Water Collection System together. Refer to Figures 49 and 50.
Secondary Drainage Channels: Located at the bottommost section of a collector vane, secondary channels are designed to capture water drops adhering to the exterior surfaces of a collector vane. If a secondary drainage channel becomes clogged with scale, dirt or debris, it is possible that some water may escape containment. Secondary drainage channels should be inspected periodically, both visually and by feel, to ensure they are free of scale, dirt and debris. Refer to Figure 50 and 51.
- Secondary Drainage Channel Drainage Holes. Each end of a secondary drainage channel has a drainage hole (or notch) located between each pair of end caps. The drainage hole allows any water flowing in a secondary channel to escape into the perimeter basin beam. These holes are hidden from view and can only be felt by hand. If a secondary channel’s hole or notch becomes plugged by scale, dirt or debris, water may overflow the secondary channel into the fan area. Refer to Figures 50 and 51.

Figure 51 – Flow-Thru Basin Drainage (Perimeter Basin Wall)
Figure 52 – TT XL See Through View of Tower Basin Wall
The ends of Secondary Drainage Channels have been plugged with caulking material at the factory to prevent water leaks. If the caulk is removed, air moving rapidly within the Perimeter Basin Wall can force water flowing in the Perimeter Basin Wall to flow into the Secondary Drainage Channels, quickly filling them to capacity and causing them to overflow. Use care when cleaning Secondary Drainage Channels and Drainage Holes. Do not attempt to force “debris” from the ends of a Secondary Drainage Channel, as doing so may inadvertently dislodge caulking material which helps prevent leaks.

- Dampers. Installed between collector vanes on the bottom of the Water Collection System, dampers are designed to open automatically when the fan beneath it is turned ON, and to close automatically when the fan beneath it is turned OFF. Dampers thereby help contain airborne water drops inside the Water Collection System. Dampers require periodic visual inspection to ensure they are opening and closing fully and freely. Refer to Figure 49.


- Flow-Thru Basin Secondary Drainage Holes in the Perimeter Basin Wall allow any water that escapes primary containment within the collector primary drainage channels to be channeled back into containment within the perimeter basin beam. Refer to Figures 50 and 51.

To access and perform service on the bottom section of the Water Collection System:

1. Disconnect the power to the fan by locking out and tagging out the appropriate motor.

2. Open the fan screen (remove fan from motor shaft if necessary).

3. If a Damper does not fit properly or is sticking, remove the damper from the secondary channel. Each Damper is held in place by an F-shaped side that hinges loosely on the top of the rear secondary channel. Refer to Figures 50 and 51. Always remove all dampers prior to cleaning secondary drainage channels and reinstall once cleaning is completed.

4. Clean the bottom side of the Water Collection System with a power washer. Clean both sides of the collector vanes all the way up to the bottom of the fill media.
If necessary to remove additional scale, dirt and debris, use a straight tool (tilt the tool at a ~70-80° angle to the direction of the collector vane) by sliding the tool down the entire length of the secondary drainage channel and carefully guiding the tool through the end cap. Locate the notch in the end of the secondary drainage channel by moving the tool gently along the bottom of the secondary drainage channel, then gently dislodge any scale, dirt and debris by pulling toward you and removing it, or by pushing it gently through the notch located near the end of the secondary drainage channel. The end of the secondary drainage channel has been sealed with caulking material at the factory; removal of this material during the cleaning process will damage the Water Collection System and result in leaks.

**CAUTION**

Do not attempt to push or otherwise force the factory-applied caulking material out of the end of the secondary channel. Doing so will damage the Water Collection System and result in leaks.

5. Use care to avoid cracking or otherwise damaging a damper or collector vane when removing or installing a damper. After installing a damper, make sure it opens and closes fully and freely.

6. Re-seal all end caps and areas where sealant may have been removed during your work, to prevent leakage. Note that during the cleaning process the membranes of sealants and caulks may be breached and may contain small holes that are not easily seen. Always use factory-approved sealants and caulking materials.

7. Reinstall the fan (if it was removed) and fan screens in their correct operating positions.

8. Remove your lock/tag from the control panel or cooling tower.

9. Check for proper operation of each fan and motor, and visually observe each damper for correct operation.

To access and perform service on the upper section of the Water Collection System:

1. Shut off water to/from tower module.

2. Access to the interior of the tower module is through the top of the module. Remove the drift eliminators over the area of the Water Collection System to be accessed.
Do not walk on drift eliminators, as they are not designed to safely support the weight of personnel.

CAUTION: The Water Collection System and fill media will support the live load of personnel at 200 lbs./ft², to a maximum of 450 lbs. per cooling tower module. **Tower Tech recommends avoiding walking on the fill media or Water Collection System** unless pieces of 1’ x 2’ plywood are used for load distribution, to minimize the possibility of damaging fill media and Water Collection System.

3. Take note of how the fill media sections are stacked in the tower module.

4. Remove the sections of fill media above the area of the Water Collection System that you wish to access and inspect each log for scale, dirt and debris. Any fill pieces that are heavily contaminated by scale, dirt or other debris should be removed from the tower module and power washed. Any fill pieces not contaminated by scale, dirt and other debris can be stacked temporarily on top of other fill elsewhere in the tower module. If necessary, additional drift eliminator sections may be removed to make room to stack clean fill pieces elsewhere in the tower module. Clean fill media may also be placed temporarily on top of installed drift eliminators, provided that no more than one layer of clean fill is placed on top of installed drift eliminators.

CAUTION: When removing fill media, note the location of scale, dirt and debris within the fill media, from top to bottom, i.e. “The top layers of fill contained showed no sign of scaling, but the bottom layer had a slight scale residue.” Such information may be helpful as you discuss your tower with a water treater or with Tower Tech’s customer service staff.

5. Inspect the top section of the Water Collection System for scale, dirt and debris and remove any scale, dirt and debris by power washing.

6. Reinstall clean fill media in the tower module in the same way it was installed by the factory.

7. Reinstall drift eliminators.

8. Turn on water to-from tower module.
10.2 Spare Parts

The inherent redundancy and reliability of the TTXL’s multiple-fan, direct-drive design assures customers that tower performance and efficiency will not be materially impaired if one motor/fan is offline. This redundancy and reliability, and Tower Tech’s stock of readily available parts, enable most customers to avoid stocking spare parts. We recommend the following for customers that prefer to maintain a small spare parts inventory:

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*Table 14 – Recommended Spare Parts Inventory*

The customer is responsible for selecting, purchasing, and maintaining a parts inventory consistent with its own needs. Tower Tech stocks most tower parts for immediate shipment. For further information contact a Tower Tech Customer Service Representative at (405) 979-2123 or Service@TowerTechInc.com.
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