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# OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS

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## ENERGY RECOVERY VENTILATOR WITH EXHAUST

**Model: 920-0031  
920-0032**

**For Use With Bard  
2 Through 5 Ton  
QH Series Heat Pumps**



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## ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Model	Voltage	Amps	Control Voltage
920-0031 920-0032	230 / 208	2.2	24V

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Energy Recovery Ventilator was designed to provide energy efficient, cost effective ventilation to meet I. A. Q. (Indoor Air Quality) requirements while still maintaining good indoor comfort and humidity control for a variety of applications such as schools, classrooms, lounges, conference rooms, beauty salons and others. It provides a constant supply of fresh air for control of airborne pollutants including CO<sub>2</sub>, smoke radon, formaldehyde, excess moisture, virus and bacteria.

The ventilator incorporates patented rotary heat exchange state-of-the-art technology to remove both heat and moisture.

It is designed as a single package which is factory installed. The package consists of a unique rotary Energy Recovery Cassette that can be easily removed for cleaning or maintenance. It has two 15 inch diameter heat transfer wheels for efficient heat transfer. The heat transfer wheels use a permanently bonded dry desiccant coating for total heat recovery.

Ventilation is accomplished with 2 blower/motor assemblies each consisting of a drive motor and dual blowers for maximum ventilation at low sound levels. Air is exhausted at the same rate that fresh air is brought into the structure thus not pressuring the building. The rotating energy wheels provide the heat transfer effectively during both summer and winter conditions. Provides required ventilation to meet the requirements of ASHRAE 62.1 standard.

*NOTE: Operation is not recommended below 5°F outdoor temperature because freezing of moisture in the heat transfer wheel can occur.*

Model	For Use With Following Units	Electrical
920-0031	QH24-A, -B, -C QH30-A, -B, -C QH36-A, -B, -C QH42-A, -B, -C QH48-A, -B, -C QH60-A, -B, -C	230/208 1 or 3 Phase
920-0032	QH24-A, -B, -C QH30-A, -B, -C QH36-A, -B, -C QH42-A, -B, -C QH48-A, -B, -C QH60-A, -B, -C	460 3 Phase

## CONTROL REQUIREMENTS

1. Indoor blower motor must be run when ever the ERV is run.
2. Select the correct motor speed on the ERV. Using Table 1 of the ERV Installation Instructions determine the motor speed needed to get the desired amount of ventilation air needed. For instance, do not use the high speed tap on a ERV if only 200 CFM of ventilation air is needed. Use the low speed tap. Using the high speed tap would serve no useful purpose and would effect the overall efficiency of the air conditioning system. System operation costs would also increase.
3. Run the ERV only during periods when the conditioned space is occupied. Running the ERV during unoccupied periods wastes energy, decreases the expected life of the ERV, and can result in a large moisture buildup in the structure. The ERV removes 60 to 70% of the moisture in the incoming air, not 100% of it. Running the ERV when the structure is unoccupied allows moisture to build up in the structure because there is little or no cooling load. Thus, the air conditioner is not running enough to remove the excess moisture being brought in. Use a control system that in some way can control the system based on occupancy.



## IMPORTANT

Operating the ERV during unoccupied periods can result in a build up of moisture in the classroom.

## RECOMMENDED CONTROL SEQUENCES

Several possible control scenarios are listed below:

1. Use a programmable electronic thermostat with auxiliary terminal to control the ERV based on daily programmed occupancy periods. Bard markets and recommends the White-Rodgers 1F93-380 (Bard Part No. 8403-049), programmable electronic thermostat for heat pump applications.
2. Use a motion sensor in conjunction with a mechanical thermostat to determine occupancy in the classroom. Bard markets the CS2000A for this use.
3. Use a DDC control system to control the ERV based on a room occupancy schedule to control the ERV.
4. Tie the operation of the ERV into the light switch. The lights in a room are usually on only when occupied.
5. Use a manual timer that the occupants turn to energize the ERV for a specific number of hours.
6. Use a programmable mechanical timer to energize the ERV and indoor blower during occupied periods of the day.

## VENTILATION AIR FLOW

The ERV is equipped with a 3-speed motor to provide the capability of adjusting the ventilation rates to the requirements of the specific application by simply changing motor speeds.

**TABLE 1  
VENTILATION AIR (CFM)**

	High Speed (Black)	Medium Speed (Blue)	Low Speed (Red)
CFM	450	375	300

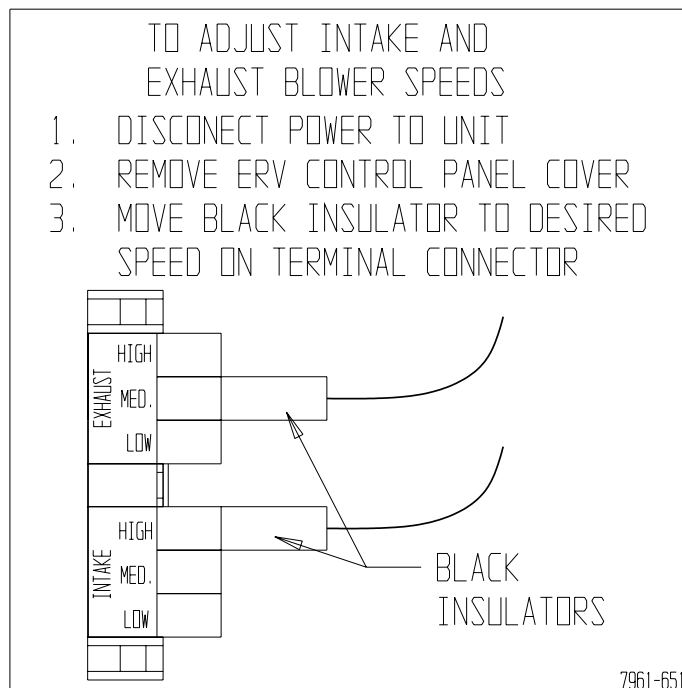
The ERV units are wired from the factory on medium intake and low exhaust speeds. The ERV is equipped with independently controlled 3-speed motor to provide the capability of adjusting the ventilation rates to the requirements of the specific application and to be able to provide positive pressure in the structure. This is accomplished by setting the intake blower on a higher speed than the exhaust blower.

## WARNING

Open disconnect to shut all power OFF before doing this. Failure to do so could result in injury or death due to electrical shock.

Moving the speed taps located in the control panel can change the blower speed of the intake and exhaust. See Figure 1.

**FIGURE 1  
BLOWER SPEED ADJUSTMENT**



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**PERFORMANCE AND APPLICATION DATA**

**TABLE 2  
SUMMER COOLING PERFORMANCE  
(INDOOR DESIGN CONDITIONS 75° DB / 62° WB)**

Ambient O.D.	VENTILATION RATE – 450 CFM 65% Efficiency						VENTILATION RATE – 375 CFM 66% Efficiency						VENTILATION RATE – 300 CFM 67% Efficiency							
	DB/WB DegreesF	VLT	VLS	VLL	HRT	HRS	HRL	VLT	VLS	VLL	HRT	HRS	HRL	VLT	VLS	VLL	HRT	HRS	HRL	
75	21465	14580	6884	13952	9477	4475	17887	12150	5737	11805	8018	3786	14310	9720	4590	9587	6512	3075		
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80	31590	12150	19440	20533	7897	12635	26325	10125	16200	17374	6682	10692	21060	8100	12960	14110	5427	8683		
	75	21465	12150	9314	13952	7897	6054	17887	10125	7762	11805	6682	5123	14310	8100	6210	9587	5427	4160	
	100	70	12352	12150	202	8029	7897	131	10293	10125	168	6793	6682	111	8235	8100	135	5517	5427	90
	65	12150	12150	0	7897	7897	0	10125	10125	0	6682	6682	0	8100	8100	0	5427	5427	0	0
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	75	21465	9720	11744	13952	6318	7634	17887	8100	9787	11805	5345	6459	14310	6480	7830	9587	4341	5246	
	100	70	12352	9720	2632	8029	6318	1711	10293	8100	2193	6793	5345	1447	8235	6480	1755	5517	4341	1175
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	70	12352	2430	9922	8029	1579	6449	10293	2025	8268	6793	1336	5457	8235	1620	6615	5517	1085	4432	
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	65	4252	0	4252	2764	0	2764	3543	0	3543	2338	0	2338	2835	0	2835	1899	0	1899	
	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

**LEGEND**

VTL = Ventilation Load – Total  
 VLS = Ventilation Load – Sensible  
 VLL = Ventilation Load – Latent

HRT = Heat Recovery – Total  
 HRS = Heat Recovery – Sensible  
 HRL = Heat Recovery – Latent

**TABLE 3  
WINTER HEATING PERFORMANCE  
(INDOOR DESIGN CONDITIONS 70° F DB)**

Ambient O.D.  DB Degrees F	VENTILATION RATE					
	450 CFM 80% Eff.		375 CFM 81% Eff.		300 CFM 802 Eff.	
	WVL	WHR	WVL	WHR	WVL	WHR
65	2430	1944	2025	1640	1620	1328
60	4860	3888	4050	3280	3240	2656
55	7290	5832	6075	4920	4860	3985
50	9720	7776	8100	6561	6480	5313
45	12150	9720	10125	8201	8100	6642
40	14580	11664	12150	9841	9720	7970
35	17010	13608	14175	11481	11340	9298
30	19440	15552	16200	13122	12960	10627
25	21870	17496	18225	14762	14580	11955
20	24300	19440	20250	16402	16200	13284
15	26730	21384	22275	18042	17820	14612

**LEGEND**

WVL = Winter Ventilation Load  
WH = Winter Heat Recovery

*NOTE: Sensible performance only is shown for winter application.*

**ENERGY RECOVERY VENTILATOR  
MAINTENANCE**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

The ability to clean exposed surfaces within air moving systems is an important design consideration for the maintenance of system performance and air quality. The need for periodic cleaning will be a function of operating schedule, climate, and contaminants in the indoor air being exhausted and in the outdoor air being supplied to the building. All components exposed to the airstream, including energy recovery wheels, may require cleaning in most applications.

Rotary counterflow heat exchanges (heat wheels) with laminar airflow are “self-cleaning” with respect to dry particles. Smaller particles pass through; larger particles land on the surface and are blow clear as the flow direction is reversed. For this reason the primary need for cleaning is to remove films of oil based aerosols that have condensed on energy transfer surfaces. Buildup of material over time may eventually reduce airflow. Most importantly, in the case of desiccant coated (enthalpy) wheels, such films can close off micron sized pores at the surface of the desiccant material, reducing the efficiency with which the desiccant can adsorb and desorb moisture.

**FREQUENCY**

In a reasonably clean indoor environment such as a school, office building, or home, experience shows that reductions of airflow or loss of sensible (temperature) effectiveness may not occur for ten or more years. However, experience also shows that measurable changes in latent energy (water vapor) transfer can occur in shorter periods of time in commercial, institutional and residential applications experiencing moderate occupant smoking or with cooking facilities. In applications experiencing unusually high levels of occupant smoking, such as smoking lounges, nightclubs, bars and restaurants, washing of energy transfer surfaces, as frequently as every six months, may be necessary to maintain latent transfer efficiency. Similar washing cycles may also be appropriate for industrial applications involving the ventilation of high levels of smoke or oil based aerosols such as those found in welding or machining operations, for example. In these applications, latent efficiency losses of as much as 40% or more may develop over a period of one to three years.

## CLEANABILITY AND PERFORMANCE

In order to maintain energy recovery ventilation systems, energy transfer surfaces must be accessible for washing to remove oils, grease, tars and dirt that can impede performance or generate odors. Washing of the desiccant surfaces is required to remove contaminate buildups that can reduce adsorption of water molecules. The continued ability of an enthalpy wheel to transfer latent energy depends upon the permanence of the bond between the desiccant and the energy transfer surfaces.

Bard wheels feature silica gel desiccant permanently bonded to the heat exchange surface without adhesives; the desiccant will not be lost in the washing process. Proper cleaning of the Bard energy recovery wheel will restore latent effectiveness to near original performance.

## MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

*NOTE: Local conditions can vary and affect the required time between routine maintenance procedures, therefore all sites (or specific units at a site) may not have the same schedule to maintain acceptable performance. The following timetables are recommended and can be altered based on local experience.*

### QUARTERLY MAINTENANCE

1. Inspect mist eliminator/prefilter and clean if necessary. This filter is located in the wall sleeve and can be accessed by either removing the exterior louver grille, the vent package from inside the unit, or by disconnecting the unit from the wall brackets, and rolling the unit away from the sleeve on its integral wheel system. The filter is an aluminum mesh filter and can be cleaned with water and any detergent not harmful to aluminum.
2. Inspect the comfort air filter and clean or replace as necessary. This filter is located behind the front-hinged service door.
3. Inspect energy recovery ventilator for proper wheel rotation and dirt buildup. This can be done in conjunction with Item 2 above. Energize the energy recovery ventilator after inspecting the filter and observe for proper rotation and/or dirt buildup.
4. Recommended energy recovery wheel cleaning procedures follow: Disconnect all power to the unit. Open the front-hinged service door to the unit.
5. Remove the front cassette retaining panel from the front of the ERV. Unplug the amp connectors to the cassette drive motor. Slide energy recovery cassette out of the ventilator.

6. Use a shop vacuum with brush attachment to clean both sides of the energy recovery wheels.
7. Reverse shop vacuum to use as a blower and blow out any residual dry debris from the wheel.

*NOTE: Discoloration and staining of the wheel does not affect its performance. Only excessive buildup of foreign material needs to be removed.*

8. If any belt chirping or squealing noise is present, apply a small amount of LPS-1 or equivalent dry film lubricant to the belt.

### ANNUAL MAINTENANCE

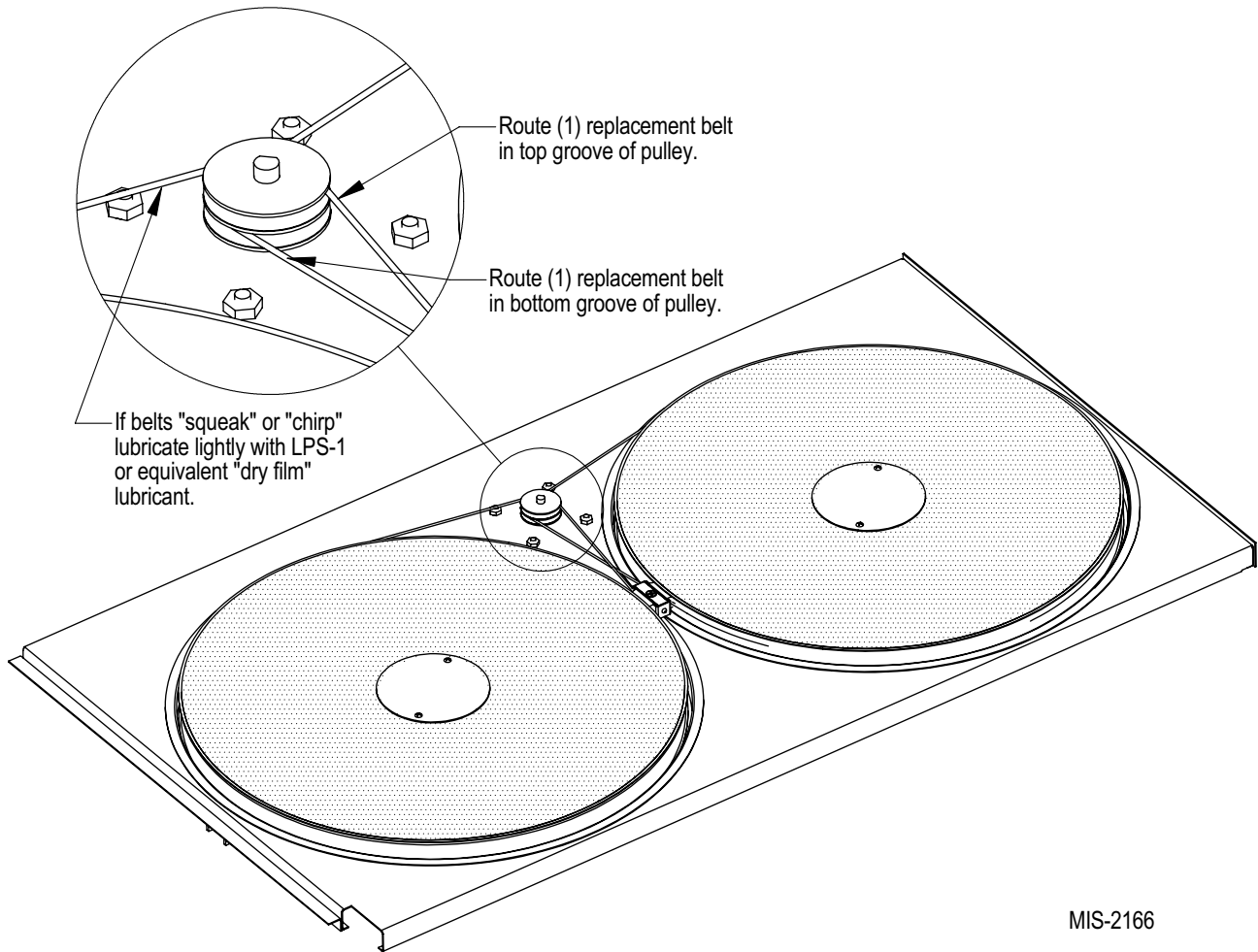
1. Inspect and conduct the same procedures as outlined under Quarterly Maintenance.
2. To maintain peak latent (moisture) removal capacity, it is recommended that the energy recovery wheels be sprayed with a diluted nonacid based evaporator coil cleaner or alkaline detergent solution such as 409.

*NOTE: Do not use acid based cleaners, aromatic solvents, temperatures in excess of 170°F or steam. Damage to the wheel may result.*

*Do not disassemble and immerse the entire heat wheel in a soaking solution, as bearing and other damage may result.*

3. Rinse wheel thoroughly after application of the cleaning solution, and allow to drain before reinstalling.
4. No re-lubrication is required to heat wheel bearings of the drive motor, or to the intake and exhaust blower motors.
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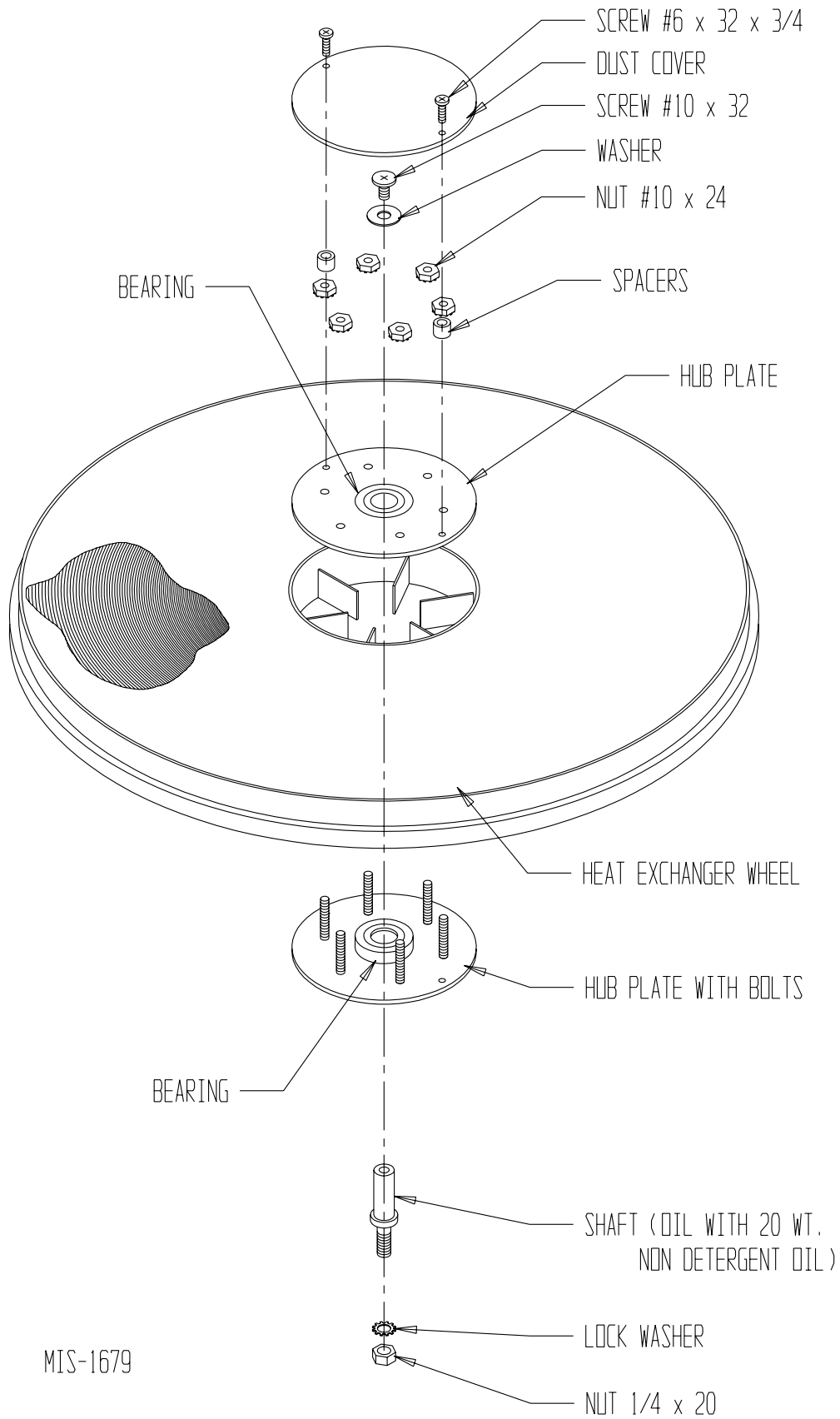
**FIGURE 2**  
**BELT REPLACEMENT INSTRUCTIONS**



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**FIGURE 3  
HUB ASSEMBLY WITH BALL BEARINGS**



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## CONTROL WIRING

The ERV comes from the factory with the low voltage control wires not wired into the wall mount low voltage terminal strip. Care must be taken when deciding how to control the operation of the ventilator. When designing the control circuit for the ventilator, the following requirements must be met.

## CONTROL REQUIREMENTS

1. Indoor blower motor must be run whenever the ERV is run.
2. Select the correct motor speed tap in the ERV. Using Table 1 of the ERV Installation Instructions determine the motor speed needed to get the desired amount of ventilation air needed. For instance, do not use the high speed tap on a ERV-A5C if only 200 CFM of ventilation air is needed. Use the low speed tap. Using the high speed tap would serve no useful purpose and significantly affect the overall efficiency of the air conditioning system. System operating cost would also increase.
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## **\* \* \* IMPORTANT \* \* \***

Operating the ERV during unoccupied periods can result in a build up of moisture in the structure.

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Several possible control scenarios are listed below:

1. Use a programmable electronic thermostat with auxiliary terminal to control the ERV based on daily programmed occupancy periods. Bard markets and recommends the White-Rodgers 1F93-380 (Bard Part No. 8403-049).
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5. Use a manual timer that the occupants turn to energize the ERV for a specific number of hours.
6. Use a programmable mechanical timer to energize the ERV and indoor blower during occupied periods of the day.

The units are set from the factory with the exhaust blower on the low speed and the intake blower on medium speed.