

PENGUIN CHILLERS

# COLD THERAPY CHILLER

## Owners Manual

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# Urgent Notice

When first receiving the chiller AND anytime the chiller is moved without keeping the unit level, you **MUST** let the chiller remain upright for at least 2 hours before plugging it in.

**Failure to do so will result in chiller damage.**



**R32**

## **THE LOW GWP ALTERNATIVE TO R410A**

R32 refrigerant has a 68% lower GWP (Global Warming Potential) than R410. While neither refrigerant deteriorates the Ozone layer like R22 did, there is a clear winner when looking at potential to contribute to global warming via greenhouse gases. R32 is a much more environmentally friendly alternative to R410 and we expect to see it become the new environmentally friendly standard in the years to come.

## **THE LOW GWP ALTERNATIVE TO R410A**

R32 is technically classified as a "mildly flammable" gas by the EPA. However R32 is extremely difficult to ignite, non-explosive, and the least toxic of all the Class A refrigerants. The regulatory warning labels on Penguin Chillers are EPA mandated for all refrigerants considered flammable which covers a wide range of refrigerants including mildly flammable refrigerants like R32 as well as highly flammable gasses such as butane (R600) and propane (R290). When it comes to label requirements there is no distinction made between mildly flammable and highly flammable. These regulatory warnings can be a bit intimidating, they are there to keep you informed, but they should not lead you to worry about the use of our chillers in normal operation. Our Chillers are intended for indoor use.

This information is based on reports prepared by the Air-conditioning and Refrigeration Equipment Manufacturers Association of Australia (AREMA) and the Consumer Electronics Supplier Association (CESA)

## COLD THERAPY WATER CHILLER SETUP

### Locating the Chiller

Chillers work on the principle of moving heat from one spot to another. In the case of a water chiller, its job is to move heat from the water out into the air. This means proper air flow is critical to the operation of a chiller. If the chiller is located in an overly hot or unventilated area, it cannot dissipate the heat efficiently therefore lowering the chiller's ability to cool. Unless properly modified, enclosed spaces like small cabinets or closets will heat up quickly and won't provide enough ventilation for the chiller to properly do its job. If the chiller's hot exhausted air is being recirculated back into its intake grills, then the chillers BTU/hr capacity is greatly reduced. It is recommended to have at least 12" of open space on all sides of the chiller to allow for proper ventilation.

### Power

Our cold therapy water chiller has a GFI plug. It's suitable to plug into a 110v - 120v 15a outlet (standard household outlet) It is recommended to plug directly into a receptacle. Power strips should be avoided. If an extension cord is necessary we recommend using a 12 awg cord with single end (not a multi tap). Once plugged in, be sure the GFI is in the reset position.

### Connecting Your Chiller

The chiller features 2qty camlock fittings to mate with fittings on the back of the chiller.

The camlock fittings have 3/4" barbs for connecting 3/4" ID tubing to the chiller. (Tubing sold separately if not purchased in one of our packages).

Follow the Inlet/Outlet flow pattern as marked to ensure the chiller functions properly.

Take your tubing with the in-line filter and Banjo Cam Lever, put it over the quick connect fitting, and pull the levers towards you. Ensure the arrow on the in-line filter is pointing towards the "Inlet" of the chiller.

- See video for demonstration on how to connect to the chiller.

[Click Here](#)



After you secure the camlock fitting in place, remove the metal pin (not in the video) and put it through the hole on the camlock fittings itself to ensure you have a good hold.

## Flow/Filter:

The Cold Therapy Chiller has a built in pump, so no need to worry there.

\*\*\*Please note your setup needs to gravity prime to the pump, the pump is not capable of self priming/suction. Place the chiller within 3' of the drain of your tub, the bottom of the chiller should be at the same or lower height compared to the bottom of your tub – do not elevate the chiller above the tub. An overly long tubing run from the tub drain to the chiller inlet may cause the pump to fail to move enough water.

If you have a setup where gravity priming your pump is not an option, you will need to manually prime the line. You can do so by filling the tube going to the "inlet" of the chiller with water. Once the tube is completely full, take the palm of your hand and place it over the opening of the tube. You can then take the tubing and put it under water. At that point, you can release your hand, and your line is now primed. (Make sure to fill the tube all the way to avoid air getting in the line). See video explanation here: [Here](#)

When you go to fill your tub with water, try keeping the water level just below where the water comes back into the tub. The pressure of the water over the opening makes the pump work harder to push the newly cooled water through.

We recommend to check both filters on a weekly basis and ensure they don't get too dirty. How often you need to clean your filter will depend on a number of things. Weekly usage amount, personal hygiene, outside environment, etc.  
- i.e. if you are in an area with a lot of pollen, you may need to clean your filter more regularly than someone who doesn't.

(To properly insert the larger filter, you will take the concaved side and push it into the top of the filter cap. You then take the blue filter housing and screw it around the filter.)

Just make sure to note of your flow rate when you first hook up the system. If you notice your flow rate slowing, this means it's time to clean out your filter. **Do not run the chiller without flow.**

**If you do not clean your filter on a regular basis and it leads to slow/no flow, you will damage the chiller. Penguin Chillers will not be responsible for damage caused from improper care of the chiller.**

## Chiller Maintenance

To clean the internals of the chiller, you can use white vinegar and hot water. Fill a bucket with 1-2 gallons of white vinegar with hot water and recirculate it through the chiller for a couple hours.

The Cold Therapy Chiller is weather rated, but **only above freezing ambient temperatures**. If you are in an area that gets to 32F or lower, **the chiller needs to be unplugged, drained, and stored for the season**. To drain the chiller, you will want to hold it upside down with the inlet/outlet ports pointing to the ground.

## Chiller Maintenance Cont'd

**If your chiller is left outdoors below freezing ambient temperatures without being drained and damage occurs, Penguin Chillers is not liable for the damage. It can be returned to our facility for repair, but will not be covered under warranty.**

The left side coil of the chiller can become dusty/dirty overtime. If it's dirty enough to reduce airflow, the cooling capacity of the chiller will be reduced. Regularly using compressed air to blow the coils off will keep the chiller performing as efficiently as possible. If the setup is outdoors, you can take a regular garden hose and spray off the coils.

The frequency of these cleanings highly depends on your operating environment. Yearly coil cleaning for indoor setups should be sufficient for most users, however, if you know you are operating in a particularly dusty/dirty environment, or outdoors, then you'll want adjust your cleanings accordingly.

## Digital Controller

When you set the temperature on the controller, ensure that the clear cover is opened.

View the controller manual here: [Controller Manual](#)

The controller constantly monitors your systems incoming water temperature. When your systems water temperature moves above your desired set point, the controller tells the compressor to turn on and begin cooling the water. Once your desired set point temperature is reached, the compressor turn off. - The fan will only come on as need be to cool the unit depending on ambient temperature.

## Troubleshooting

### ***My Chiller isn't cooling:***

- Does the chiller LCD have power? (check GFI plug if not)
- Is there a LED/Working Light symbol that is lit up on the controller?  
If there is no light indicating the controller is calling for cooling, check controller settings.
- Does the Compressor come on?
- Is the controller readout steady or does it jump around?
- Is there a noticeable amount of air coming out the right side of the chiller / air is not blocked/ coil not clogged?
- Is the air coming out the right side of the chiller warm/hot OR room temp?

If warm air is coming out the back, the chiller is cooling, at least partially. The question becomes why is it not working to your expectations / it's full potential.

## Troubleshooting Cont'd

- Check the water temperature with an external thermometer (not an IR gun). It is possible that the water is cold and the controller is providing an incorrect reading.

When referring to a Temperature, please clearly identify what the specific sources are.

- Ambient air temperature.
- Chiller set point or chiller reading.
- External thermometer to measure the waters actual temperature.

There are many sources of temperature, clearly identifying which temperature you are referring to is critical to an accurate and speedy assessment of the issue.

### ***I'm not getting water flow back into my tub/tank.***

- Have you verified that the water isn't being cut off by a dirty filter?
- If there's a valve on the drain of the tub, make sure it's fully open.
- Unplug the chiller (**never leave plugged in if you don't have flow**).  
With the chiller being unplugged for at least 30 minutes:
  - Take the filter out of the housing, put the housing back on empty.
  - Undo the fitting at the inlet of the chiller, there should be very good gravity flow of water, reconnect fitting on the inlet.
  - Take the fitting off the outlet, ensure there is good gravity flow here as well, then reconnect.
  - Disconnect the fitting at the filter connection, move the tubing down to the ground, water should be flowing, plug the chiller in and water flow should begin to increase, you can then reconnect the fitting to the filter.

If you have any issues where you aren't getting water when disconnecting the fittings, please state at what point in the process you are not seeing the gravity fed water. (Inlet, outlet, filter hose, etc.)

## **Troubleshooting Flow Cont'd**

If the above mentioned steps did not work, try removing the fitting that's going up to the filter housing.

Take a garden hose and put it up to that tubing line (leading to the filter), and flush the system backwards. Once you do so, you will see air bubbles coming back up into your tub. You can flush the system for 15-30 seconds or so until you stop seeing air bubbles coming into the tub. Once you stop seeing the bubbles, re-connect the tubing line to the filter housing and turn the chiller on.

## **Cost To Run**

At \$0.12/KWh the monthly cost of operation should be around \$18-\$28/month. The compressor and fan only turn on when cooling is needed, once the water reaches your set point they turn off and only the low wattage pump continues to run.

## **Additional Information**

A common question we get revolves around setting the chiller up on a timer. Ideally you'll want to keep the water cold at all times. There's a few reasons for this –

- Cold water keeps bacteria (slimy walls) largely under control by slowing or stopping their growth. This significantly reduces the amount of maintenance needed to keep your water clean for longer periods of time. This means less frequent water changes and that much lower levels of sanitizer being an effective dose (chlorine/hydrogen peroxide/etc).
- If you are using it on a regular basis the amount of potential power savings will be fairly insignificant, the heat it would gain in the “off” period still needs to be removed when you turn it back on. So if running normally costs \$18-\$28/month you might be able to save \$3-\$5/month. However, you'll have to change water more often so it is unlikely to be a net cost savings.
- When you cut power to the chiller you also cut power to the pump. Pumps get the most wear and tear during startup, that's when a pump is most likely to fail as well. Cycling the power to the chiller is just adding unnecessary wear and tear to the pump.



All chillers come with a 1 year warranty. Certain chillers are offered with an optional extended warranty for an additional charge. The length of warranty will be determined by your purchase, minimum of 1 year.

Penguin Chillers warrants the Chiller to be free from defects in materials and workmanship. The warranty term begins on the date of purchase. **This limited warranty does not cover any damage, deterioration or malfunction resulting from any alteration, modification, improper or unreasonable use or maintenance, misuse, abuse, accident, neglect, exposure to excess moisture, fire, improper packing and shipping (such claims must be presented to the carrier), lightning, power surges, or other acts of nature.** Penguin Chillers' warranty liability extends only to the replacement cost of the product. Penguin Chillers will not be liable for any consequential, indirect, or incidental damages of any kind, including lost revenues, lost profits, or other losses in connection with the product. Some states do not allow limitation on how long an implied warranty lasts or the exclusion of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations or exclusions may not apply to you. Penguin Chillers will, at our discretion, repair or replace the Chiller covered under this warranty. To request warranty service, please contact our technical support via email: [support@penguinchillers.com](mailto:support@penguinchillers.com).

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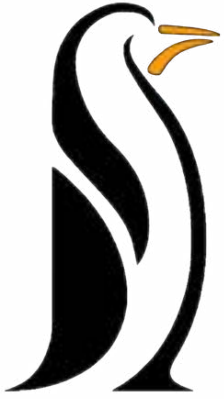
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A Controller Guide was included with your chiller. Please see the FAQ Page on our website to view a copy of the controller guide and other helpful information.





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