



# DRI-ECO-LC

Whole House Ventilation Unit With Loft Control  
Installation Manual



## 1.0 SAFETY INFORMATION

- The provision of the electrical supply and the connection of the unit to the electrical supply must be carried out by a qualified electrician in accordance with latest edition of the wiring regulations.
- Isolate from power supply before removing any covers. During installation / maintenance ensure all covers are fitted before switching on the mains supply.
- All-pole disconnection from the mains as shown in the wiring diagram must be incorporated within the fixed wiring and shall have a minimum contact separation of 3mm in accordance with latest edition of the wiring regulations.
- Ducting must be securely fixed to the spigot to prevent access to live parts. Duct runs terminating close to the fan must be adequately protected by suitable guards.
- If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer, its service agent or similarly qualified persons in order to avoid a hazard. The replacement cord must be of the same technical specification as the original cord or greater.
- Precautions must be taken to avoid the back-flow of gases into the room from the open flue of gas or other fuel-burning appliances.
- This appliance should not be used by children or persons with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning the safe use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety. Children shall not play with the appliance. Cleaning and user maintenance shall not be carried out by children.

### 1.1 Hazard Symbols



#### REFER TO INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Read and understand the installation and maintenance manual before installing, operating or maintaining this product.

### 1.2 Important Information

This manual contains important information on the safe and appropriate assembly, transport, commissioning, operation, maintenance, disassembly and simple troubleshooting of the product.

While the product has been manufactured according to the accepted rules of current technology, there is still a danger of personal injury or damage to equipment if the following general safety instructions and the warnings contained in these instructions are not complied with.

- **Read these instructions completely and thoroughly before working with the product.**
- **Keep these instructions in a location where they are accessible to all users at all times.**
- **Always include the operating instructions when you pass the product on to third parties.**

### 1.3 Personal Protective Equipment

The following minimum Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is recommended when interacting with Nuaire product:

- **Protective Steel Toed Shoes** - when handling heavy objects.
- **Full Finger Gloves (Marigold PU800 or equivalent)** - when handling sheet metal components.
- **Semi Fingerless Gloves (Marigold PU3000 3DO or equivalent)** - when conducting light work on the unit requiring tactile dexterity.
- **Safety Glasses** - when conducting any cleaning/cutting operation or exchanging filters.
- **Reusable Half Mask Respirators** - when replacing filters which have been in contact with normal room or environmental air.

Nuaire would always recommend a site specific risk assessment by a competent person to determine if any additional PPE is required.

## 2.0 INTRODUCTION

The DRI-ECO-LC provides whole home ventilation using the Positive Input Ventilation principle. The concept is to introduce fresh, filtered air into the dwelling at a continuous rate, encouraging movement of air from inside to outside.

To achieve this the unit is mounted in the loft space, drawing air through the filters and inputting it, at ceiling level, into the property.

The DRI-ECO-LC fan unit includes an internal sensor to regulate the fan speed according to the temperature of the loft. The internal sensor is to increase airflow to the dwelling when the loft is warmer than the house. The units 'Fixed Temperature Heat Recovery' strategy shall be achieved via a sensor located in the unit and shall improve energy performance accordingly.

Once installed, the airflow can be set to suit the house size and, if required, the way it responds to the temperature changes within.

## 3.0 MECHANICAL INSTALLATION

Whilst the installation of the DRI-ECO-LC unit may be achieved by suitable persons, the provision of the electrical supply and the connection of the unit to the mains must be carried out by a qualified electrician.

Successful operation of the fan depends entirely upon the unit being installed strictly in accordance with these instructions. Please read through this guide in its entirety before commencing installation and follow step by step to ensure a satisfactory completion.

**Warning: Isolate from power supply before removing any covers. During installation/maintenance ensure all covers are fitted before switching on the mains supply.**

This appliance can be used by children aged from 8 years and above and persons with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge if they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance in a safe way and understand the hazards involved. Children shall not play with the appliance. Cleaning and user maintenance shall not be made by children without supervision.

Precautions must be taken to avoid the back-flow of gases into the room from the open flue of gas or other fuel-burning appliances.

Means for disconnection must be incorporated in the fixed wiring as shown in the wiring diagram in accordance with IEE wiring or national wiring rules.

**CAUTION: In order to avoid a hazard due to inadvertent resetting of the thermal cut-out, this appliance must not be supplied through an external switching device, such as a timer, or connected to a circuit that is regularly switched on and off by the utility.**

### 3.1 Loft Inspection

Check to ensure that the loft has adequate ventilation. There may be occasions where a loft is so well sealed that additional ventilation may have to be provided by the owner/occupier.

**Ensure** that all water tanks are covered and sealed.

**Check** that all water pipes are lagged.

**Ensure** that any extract fans are discharging to outside and not into the loft.

**Check** that the loft hatch is tightly sealed.

**Ensure** that all holes in the ceilings are sealed i.e. ceiling light fittings etc.

**Installer to visually inspect** any flues or chimneys for leakage in the loft. If any leakage points are found, or if there is any doubt at all, then the installer should advise the house owner/provider as soon as possible and seek instruction from them before proceeding with the installation.

## 3.2 Diffuser Installation

### 3.2.1 Choosing Diffuser Location

The diffuser has a unique air throw pattern and it is essential that it is located correctly in the central hallway in single storey properties or in the ceiling of the top floor landing on 2 or more storey dwellings.

The diffuser discharges air evenly in all directions along the underside of the ceiling.

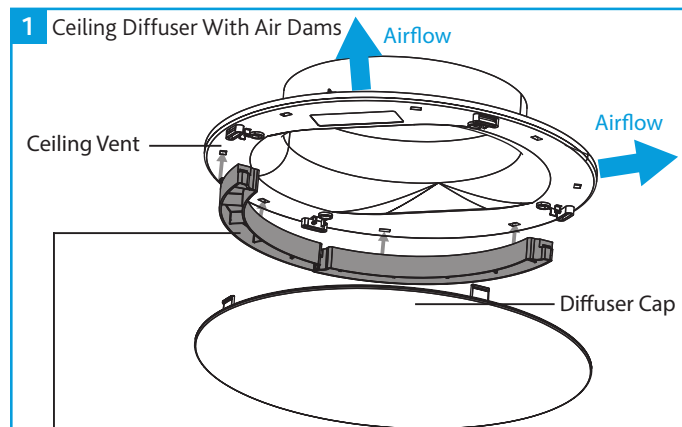
Speed Setting	Minimum Diffuser Distance From Wall
1	100 mm
2	155 mm
3	400 mm
4	625 mm
5	850 mm
6	1000 mm

**SMOKE ALARMS -It is also important to ensure that the diffuser is NOT placed within 1 metre of a smoke alarm.**

If the diffuser cannot be repositioned, two sides of the diffuser must be closed off using the air dams supplied to encourage the air through the remaining open sides that faces at least 1.5 metres of unobstructed area away from the smoke alarm sensor.

### 3.2.2 Air Dam(s) Installation (If Required)

Air dams should be fitted as needed, to alter the direction of airflow required. 2 air dams are supplied and will fit on any of the diffuser sides to guide airflow away from a smoke detector and/or obstructions as required.



### 3.2.3 Ceiling Diffuser Installation

To install the diffuser, use the tear-out template from the lid of the unit packaging and trace the shape onto the ceiling between two convenient joists. Once the shape has been cut out, position the ceiling vent by aligning the label on the ceiling vent with the narrowest point of the ellipse and secure it in place using the 4 screws and plugs provided.

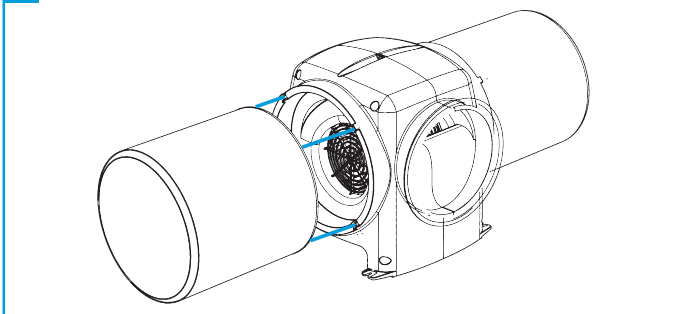
Finally attach the diffuser cap to the frame using the four built-in press on clips provided.

## 3.3 Filter Installation

The filter has a push fit rim to attach itself to the main body of the unit. Offer the filters up to the unit and apply a small amount of pressure to the filters rim (by hand). The filter will clip into place.

The unit can then be attached to the roof via the cord provided (or fixed to the floor joists using the optional anti vibration mounting kit).

2 Filter Installation



3.4 Fan Unit Installation

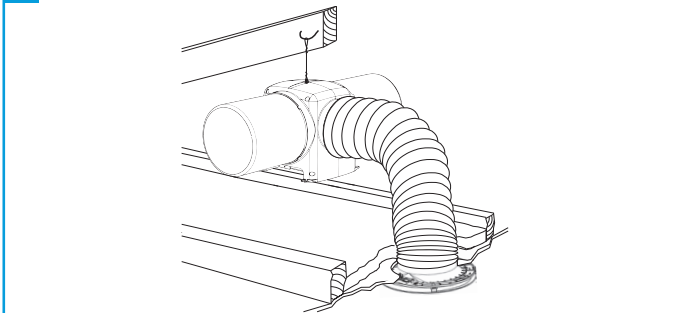
3.4.1 Joist Hung (Standard Mounting)

The standard method of installation is to suspend from a convenient roof beam via the cord supplied (unit weight = 3.5 kg). The method of locating the cord to the roof timber is the responsibility of the installer.

The flexible duct (maximum length 2m) is connected to the fan unit by inserting the duct over the fan outlet and held in place using the supplied cable tie. This method is repeated when connecting the duct to the ceiling vent. Ensure all duct joints are airtight.

**The flexible ducting should NOT be installed in a compressive state, as this will negatively impact on the performance of the unit.**

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3.4.2 AV Mounting (Alternative Mounting)

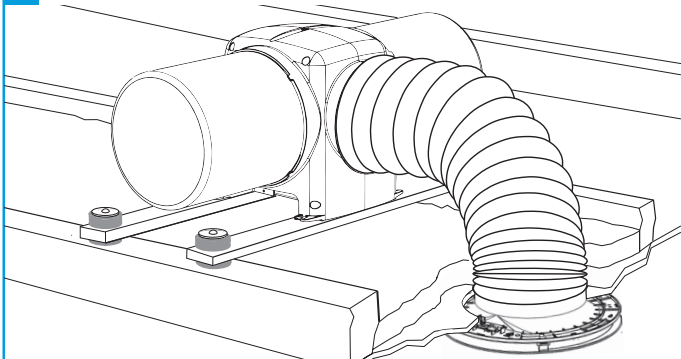
The AV kit contains all the parts necessary to complete a joist mounted installation. If AV mounting is required the kit can be purchased direct from Nuair using the following code number: 771393.

Lower the unit with battens (battens not supplied by Nuair) attached onto the joists. Mark and drill the 12mm Ø clearance holes required in the ends of the battens.

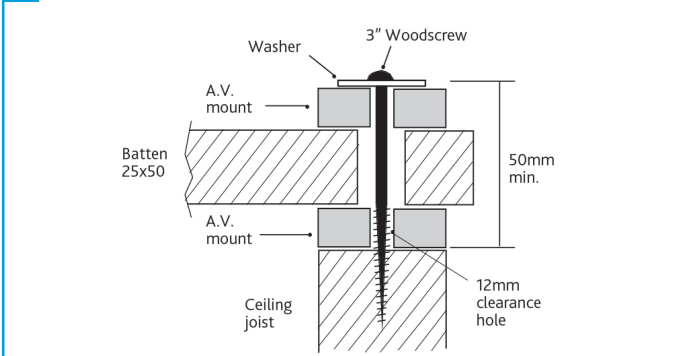
Place anti-vibration mounts above and below each batten fixing point and, using the 4 large screws and special washers, fix the unit to the joists.

**Do not overtighten the fixings. The distance from the top washer to the joist when installed must not be less than 50mm.**

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5 AV Mount Installation



4.0 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

4.1 Electrical Information

The electrical connection of the unit must be carried out by a qualified electrician.

The unit is supplied with a pre-wired power supply. This power supply unit has a metal bracket incorporating fixing holes, which should be used to fit the power supply to a suitable surface e.g. a wooden joist.

The fan unit is also supplied with a fused spur. The two core mains cable from the power supply should be connected to a fixed wiring installation, via the spur, in accordance with current IEE wiring regulations.

Disconnection from mains must be incorporated within the fixed wiring and shall have a maximum contact separation of 3mm in accordance with latest edition of the wiring regulations.

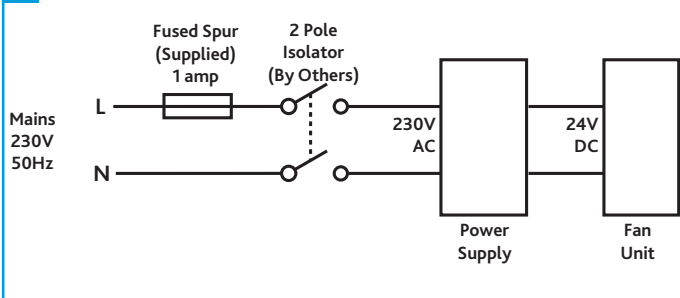
**For good EMC engineering practice, the DRI-ECO-LC power supply output cable and any sensor cables should not be placed within 50mm of other cables or each other.**

4.1.1 Electrical Detail

**Voltage:** 230V 1ph 50Hz  
**Consumption:** 1.6W(min) 15.3W(max)  
**Fuse Size:** 1 Amp

4.2 Wiring Diagram

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## 5.0 SMOKE / CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM AUTOMATIC SHUT DOWN

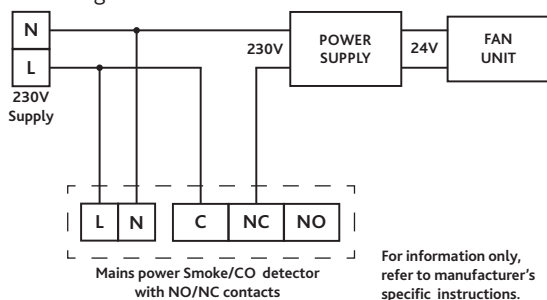
If the unit is required to switch off in the event of smoke/CO detection, alarms are available with separate relay bases from companies such as:

Kidde – [www.kiddesafetyeurope.co.uk](http://www.kiddesafetyeurope.co.uk)  
Aico Ltd – [www.aico.co.uk](http://www.aico.co.uk)

**This is a mandatory requirement for all units installed in a 3 Storey property.**

In the event of conducted RF interference between 80 to 127 MHz or transient radiated interference between 80 to 87 MHz, the LED display may go blank and fan stop temporarily, then go into reset mode (LED flashing with the number of the speed setting) and run at high speed. The unit will return to normal after 2 minutes after the RF interference has stopped.

### 7 Alarm Wiring



## 6.0 CONTROLS

### 6.1 Speed Settings

The unit has 6 air flow rate (speed) settings, 1-6. Switches to control the speed settings and the display are located on the rear of the fan unit. The following table shows the flow rates and their corresponding speed settings.

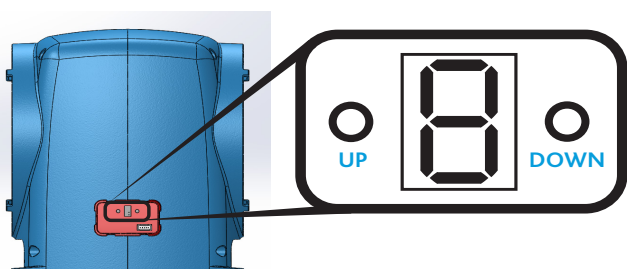
As an example a one bedroom bungalow should be set to speed 1, and a large 5 bedroom detached property would require speed 6.

Speed Setting	Airflow Rate (l/s)
0	Standby (0)
1	10
2	20
3	30
4	40
5	50
6	60

### 6.2 Speed Selection

When power to the unit is switched on the display will show the temperature control option for 2 minutes. Once the start-up pattern has completed you may now press the "up" or "down" switch to choose the flow rate appropriate to the property you are installing the unit in.

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### 6.3 Temperature Control Selection

When delivered, the unit is set to temperature setting 1 as a default. To change this setting, switch the power to the unit on. The display on the rear of the fan unit will show the temperature control option for 2 minutes and the unit will be running at speed 6. In this time you can change the temperature setting by pressing and holding the "up" button. The display will show a flashing value of 1 and will increase every 4 seconds. Once you have reached the temperature setting you require press and release the "down" button to store the setting. The fan will now enter into its normal speed setting mode and a speed can be selected at this point.

Temperature Control Setting	Temperature Control Description
1 (Default)	At loft temperatures below 19°C the unit will operate on "Normal Operation Mode". At loft temperatures above 18°C but less than 24°C, the unit will switch automatically to "Intelligent Heat Recovery Mode". At loft temperatures above 23°C the unit will switch itself automatically to "Standby Mode".
2	At loft temperatures below 19°C the unit will operate on "Normal Operation Mode". At loft temperatures above 18°C but less than 31°C, the unit will switch automatically to "Intelligent Heat Recovery Mode". At loft temperatures above 30°C the unit will switch itself automatically to "Standby Mode".
3	This option removes the temperature sensing function out of the unit. The unit will operate continuously in "Normal Operation Mode" depending on the volume control setting selected.
4	At loft temperatures below 16°C the unit will operate on "Normal Operation Mode". At loft temperatures above 15°C but less than 28°C, the unit will switch automatically to "Intelligent Heat Recovery Mode". At loft temperatures above 27°C the unit will switch itself automatically to "Standby Mode".
5	At loft temperatures below 19°C the unit will operate on "Normal Operation Mode". At loft temperatures above 27°C or below 5°C the unit will switch itself automatically to "Standby Mode". <b>Notes:</b> Speed Setting 1 is not available for Temperature Control Option 5. On selecting Temperature Control Option 5, Speed Setting 1, the unit will operate as Speed Setting 2.

## 7.0 MAINTENANCE

It is important that maintenance checks are recorded and that the schedule is always adhered to, in all cases, the previous report should be referred to.

### 7.1 Filter Replacement

The filters are required to be changed every five years, failure to do so may impair the performance and energy efficiency of this unit. The display will show the letter 'C' once this time has elapsed.

New filters can be purchased direct from Nuaire using the following code number: DRIPOS2001-FILTERKIT (five year filter). To reset the change filter message, press and hold BOTH "up and "down" button for between 10-20 seconds, then release, the letter 'C' starts to flash, press the "down" button.

**If the units' performance has been reduced dramatically or black dust becomes visible around the outlet diffuser, check that the filter has not become dislodged in any way.**

## 8.0 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

While very rare, issues with newly installed units can occur. Typically these issues can be easily solved by referring to the below table.

Symptom	Cause	Solution
Fan not running.	NO power to the unit (Display is NOT lit).	Ensure unit has not been switched off or that the local fuse has not blown.
	Software error - Power to the unit (Display is lit).	If electricity present, power off, wait and power on again – this may restart the unit.
	Fan failure - Power to the unit ('F' is flashing on display).	Fan has failed and a replacement unit is required.
	High loft temperature.	This is normal, see temperature control options.

## 9.0 WARRANTY

The 5 year warranty starts from the day of delivery and includes parts and labour for the first year. The remaining period covers replacement parts only.

This warranty is void if the equipment is modified without authorisation, is incorrectly applied, misused, disassembled, or not installed, commissioned and maintained in accordance with the details contained in this manual and general good practice.

The product warranty applies to the UK mainland and in accordance with Clause 14 of our Conditions of Sale. Customers purchasing from outside of the UK should contact Nuaire International Sales office for further details.

**Where a floor/room is more than 4.5m tall, the fan unit must be fitted with a 3 storey aluminium diffuser and requirements in section 5.0 followed.**

**Failure to maintain the unit as recommended will invalidate the warranty.**

## 10.0 END-OF-LIFE AND RECYCLING

Where possible Nuaire use components which can be largely recycled when the product reaches its end-of-life:

- Fans, motors, controls, actuators, cabling and other electrical components can be segregated into WEEE recycling streams.
- Sheet metal parts, aluminium extrusion, heating/cooling coils and other metallic items can be segregated and fully recycled.
- EPP, plastic ducting, nylon corner pieces, plastic heat exchangers, packaging material and other plastic components can be segregated into mixed plastic and widely recycled.
- Cardboard packaging, wood, used filters and other paper components can be largely recycled or fully processed in energy from waste centres.
- Remaining Items can be further segregated and processed in accordance with the zero waste hierarchy. Please call After Sales Support for further information on items not listed above.

**Ensure that Nuaire product is made safe from any electrical / water / refrigerant supplies before dismantling commences. This work should only be undertaken by a qualified person in accordance with local authority regulations and guidelines, taking into account all site based risks.**

## 11.0 AFTER SALES AND REPLACEMENT PARTS

For technical assistance or further product information, including spare parts and replacement components, please contact the After Sales Department.

If ordering spares please quote the serial number of the unit together with the part number, if the part number is not known please give a full description of the part required. The serial number will be found on the identification plate attached to the unit casing.

A QR code linking directly to the Nuaire Ltd. website is located behind the diffuser plate and can be used to order spare parts and replacement components.

**Telephone 02920 858 400**  
**aftersales@nuaire.co.uk**

Technical or commercial considerations may, from time to time, make it necessary to alter the design, performance and dimensions of equipment and the right is reserved to make such changes without prior notice.





