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*Agile NTSC Demodulator*

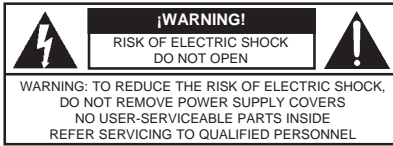
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# *Instruction Manual*

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## 2 Caution Statements

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WARNING: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS APPLIANCE TO RAIN OR MOISTURE. DO NOT OPEN THE CABINET, REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED PERSONNEL ONLY.

CAUTION: TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT USE THIS (POLARIZED) PLUG WITH AN EXTENSION CORD RECEPTACLE OR OTHER OUTLET UNLESS THE BLADES CAN BE FULLY INSERTED TO PREVENT BLADE EXPOSURE.

ATTENTION: POUR PREVENIR LES CHOCS ELECTRIQUES, NE PAS UTILISER CETTE FICHE POLARISEE AVEC UN PROLONGATEUR, UNE PRISE DE COURANT OU UNE AUTRE SORTIE DE COURANT, SAUF SI LES LAMES PEUVENT ETRE INSEREES A FOND SANS EN LAISSER AUCUNE PARTIE A DECOUVERT.



An appliance and cart combination should be moved with care. Quick stops, excessive force and uneven surfaces may cause the appliance and cart combination to overturn.



The lightning flash with arrow head symbol, within an equilateral triangle, is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated "dangerous voltage" within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to persons.



The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.

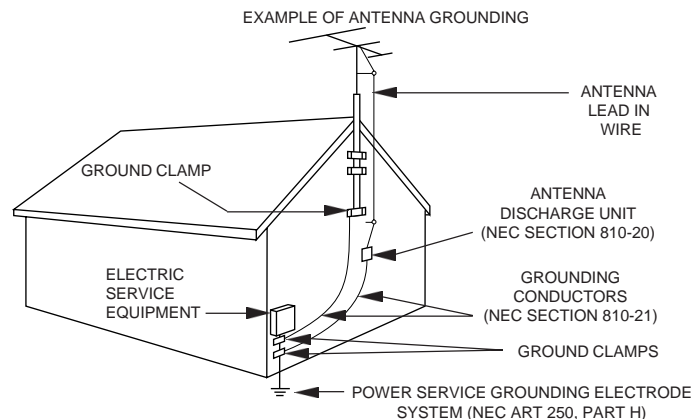
## Important Safety Instructions

- 1. Read Instructions**—All the safety and operating instructions should be read before the product is operated.
- 2. Retain Instructions**—The safety and operating instructions should be retained for future reference.
- 3. Heed Warnings**—All warnings on the product and in the operating instructions should be adhered to.
- 4. Follow Instructions**—All operating and use instructions should be followed.
- 5. Cleaning**—Unplug this product from the wall outlet before cleaning. Do not use liquid cleaners or aerosol cleansers. Use a damp cloth for cleaning.
- 6. Attachments**—Do not use attachments that are not recommended by the product manufacturer as they may cause hazards.
- 7. Water and Moisture**—Do not use this product near water—for example, near a bathtub, wash bowl, kitchen sink or laundry tub; in a wet basement; or near a swimming pool; and the like.
- 8. Accessories**—Do not place this product on an unstable cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table. The product may fall, causing serious injury to a child or adult, and serious damage to the product. Use only with a cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table recommended by the manufacturer, or sold with the product. Any mounting of the product should follow the manufacturer's instructions, and should use a mounting accessory recommended by the manufacturer.
- 9.** A product and cart combination should be moved with care. Quick stops, excessive force, and uneven surfaces may cause the product and cart combination to overturn.
- 10. Ventilation**—Slots and openings in the cabinet are provided for ventilation and to ensure reliable operation of the product and to protect it from overheating, and these openings must not be blocked or covered. The openings should never be blocked by placing the product on a bed, sofa, rug, or similar surface. This product should not be placed in a built-in installation such as bookcase or rack unless proper ventilation is provided or the manufacturer's instructions have been adhered to.
- 11. Power Sources**—This product should be operated only from the type of power source indicated on the marking label. If you are not sure of the type of power supplied to your home, consult your product dealer or local power company. For products intended to operate from battery power, or other sources, refer to the operating instructions.
- 12. Grounding or Polarization**—This product may be equipped with a polarized alternating-current line plug (a plug having one blade wider than the other). This plug will fit into the power outlet only one way. This is a safety feature. If you are unable to insert the plug fully into the outlet, try reversing the plug. If the plug should still fail to fit, contact your electrician to replace your obsolete outlet. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized plug.  
Alternate Warnings—If this product is equipped with a three-wire grounding-type plug, a plug having a third (grounding) pin, the plug will only fit into a grounding-type power outlet. This is a safety feature. If you are unable to insert the plug into the outlet, contact your electrician to replace your obsolete outlet. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the grounding-type plug.
- 12a. Mise à la terre ou Polarisation**—Cet appareil est équipé avec un cordon d'alimentation à trois fils. Il est à brancher sur une prise ayant un connecteur à la terre. Assurez-vous que la connection à la terre ne manque pas.
- 13. Power-Cord Protection**—Power-supply cords should be routed so that they are not likely to be walked on or pinched by items placed upon or against them, paying particular attention to cords at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the product.
- 14. Outdoor Antenna Grounding**—If an outside antenna or cable system is connected to the product, be sure the antenna or cable system is grounded so as to provide some protection against voltage surges and built-up static charges. Article 810 of the National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA 70, provides information with regard to proper grounding of the mast and supporting structure, grounding of the lead-in wire to an antenna discharge unit, size of grounding conductors, location of antenna-discharge unit, connection to grounding electrodes, and requirements for the grounding electrode. See Figure A.
- 15. Lightning**—For added protection for this product during a lightning storm, or when it is left unattended and unused for long periods of time, unplug it from the wall outlet and disconnect the antenna or cable system. This will prevent damage to the product due to lightning and power-line surges.
- 16. Power Lines**—An outside antenna system should not be located in the vicinity of overhead power lines, other electric light or power circuits, where it can fall into such power lines or circuits.

- 17. Overloading**—Do not overload wall outlets, extension cords, or integral convenience receptacles as this can result in a risk of fire or electric shock.
- 18. Object and Liquid Entry**—Never push objects of any kind into this product through openings as they may touch dangerous voltage points or short-out parts that could result in a fire or electric shock. Never spill liquid of any kind on the product.
- 19. Servicing**—Do not attempt to service this product yourself as opening or removing covers may expose you to dangerous voltage or other hazards. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.
- 20. Damage Requiring Service**—Unplug this product from the wall outlet and refer servicing to qualified service personnel under the following conditions:
  - a. When the power-supply cord or plug is damaged,
  - b. If liquid has been spilled, or objects have fallen into the product,
  - c. If the product has been exposed to rain or water,
  - d. If the product does not operate normally by following the operating instructions. Adjust only those controls that are covered by the operating instructions as an improper adjustment of other controls may result in damage and will often require extensive work by a qualified technician to restore the product to its normal operation,
  - e. If the product has been dropped or damaged in any way, and
  - f. When the product exhibits a distinct change in performance—this indicates a need for service.
- 21. Replacement Parts**—When replacement parts are required, be sure the service technician has used replacement parts specified by the manufacturer or have the same characteristics as the original part. Unauthorized substitutes may result in fire, electric shock or other hazards.
- 22. Safety Check**—Upon completion of any service or repairs to this product, ask the service technician to perform safety checks to determine that the product is in proper operating condition.
- 23. Wall or Ceiling Mounting**—The product should be mounted to a wall or ceiling only as recommended by the manufacturer.
- 24. Heat**—The product should be situated away from heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other products (including amplifiers) that produce heat.

### NOTE TO CATV SYSTEM INSTALLERS:

THIS REMINDER IS PROVIDED TO CALL THE CATV SYSTEM INSTALLER'S ATTENTION TO ARTICLE 820 - 40 OF THE NEC THAT PROVIDES GUIDELINES FOR PROPER GROUNDING AND, IN PARTICULAR, SPECIFIES THAT THE CABLE GROUND SHALL BE CONNECTED TO THE GROUNDING SYSTEM OF THE BUILDING, AS CLOSE TO THE POINT OF CABLE ENTRY AS PRACTICAL.



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## SPECIFICATIONS

### **RF**

Input Frequency: 54 - 806 MHz,  
 Off-Air: Channels 2 - 69.  
 CATV: Channels 2 - 125.  
 Input Level: -10 to +35 dBmV.  
 Noise Figure: 10 dB, maximum.  
 Image Rejection: 50 dB, minimum.  
 Input Impedance: 75 Ohms.

### **VIDEO**

Output Level: 1.0 Vp-p nominal, NTSC  
 standard negative sync,  
 adjustable with front panel  
 control.

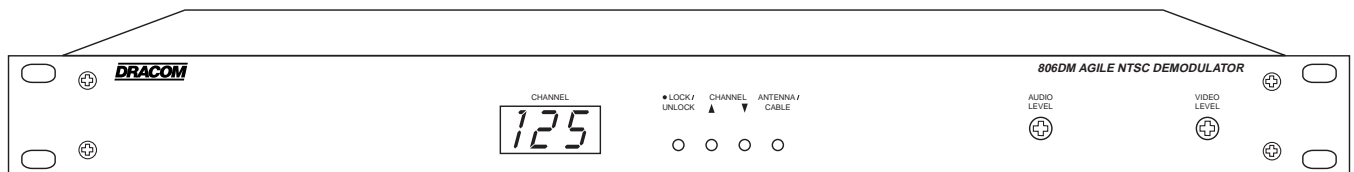
### **AUDIO**

Output Level: 350 mV rms nominal,  
 adjustable.  
 Output Impedance: 600 Ohms, nominal.

### **GENERAL**

AC Power Input: 115 VAC  $\pm$ 10%, 60 Hz, 5 Watts.  
 Operating Temperature: 0° C to +50° C, ambient.  
 Dimensions: 19" W x 1.75" H x 3.125" D.  
 Weight: 4.5 lbs (2.2 Kg).  
 Connectors: RF Input and Video Output are  
 type F.  
 Unbalanced Audio Output is  
 Type "F".  
 Use adapter for RCA phono.

## DESCRIPTION



The DRACOM 806DM is a professional quality agile NTSC television demodulator that provides an audio and video output from any VHF, UHF, or CATV channel (54 - 806 MHz). The standard 1-rack-unit package design of the 806DM permits convenient pairing with a Drake rack mount Video Modulator to perform off-air or CATV channel processing.

The desired off-air VHF or UHF television channel from 2 through 69 or CATV channel from 2 through 125 is selected by a front panel recessed push button switches. The 806DM provides a standard negative sync video output at a nominal level of 1 Vp-p which is adjustable with a front panel control. Also provided is an audio output signal, nominal 350 mV, that is level adjustable with a front panel control.

As previously described, channel selection switches, video output level control, and audio output level control are located on the front panel. The RF Input is through an "F" type connector located on the rear panel. The rear panel Video Output is also an "F" type connector. Unbalanced Audio Output is provided through a rear panel connector. The unit is powered through the attached AC line cord by a nominal 115 VAC, 60 Hz source of power. A 115 VAC convenience outlet is also provided.

# 4 Front and Rear Panel Controls and Connections

## Front Panel Controls and Indicators

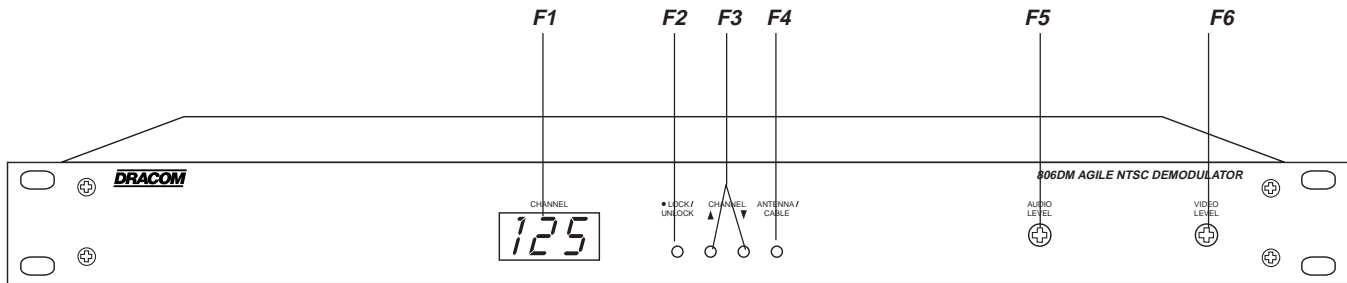


Figure 1

### F1 - CHANNEL Number Display

Displays off air broadcast channels (ANTENNA mode) with an "A" followed by a channel number. In cable mode, a three digit channel number is displayed. Also displays CATV channels with a 3 digit numeric display of the EIA channel number.

### F2 - LOCK / UNLOCK Switch

Press to lock or unlock the channel selection and ANTENNA/CABLE functions. The unit is locked when a decimal point is displayed between the 2nd and 3rd digits in the display.

### F3 - CHANNEL ▲ / ▼ Select Switch

These buttons are used to increment or decrement the selected channel. The channel can only be changed when the unit is unlocked (decimal point is not illuminated between 2nd and 3rd digits). See F2.

### F4 - ANTENNA / CABLE Switch

Press to toggle between ANTENNA and CABLE channel tuning. When the ANTENNA mode is selected, an "A" will be displayed in the far left position of the channel display. See F1. The ANTENNA/CABLE selection can be made only if the unit is unlocked. See F2.

### F5 - AUDIO Output Level Control

Use this control to adjust the demodulated audio output level presented at R2.

### F6 - VIDEO Output Level Control

Use this control to adjust the demodulated video output level presented at R1.

## Rear Panel Connections

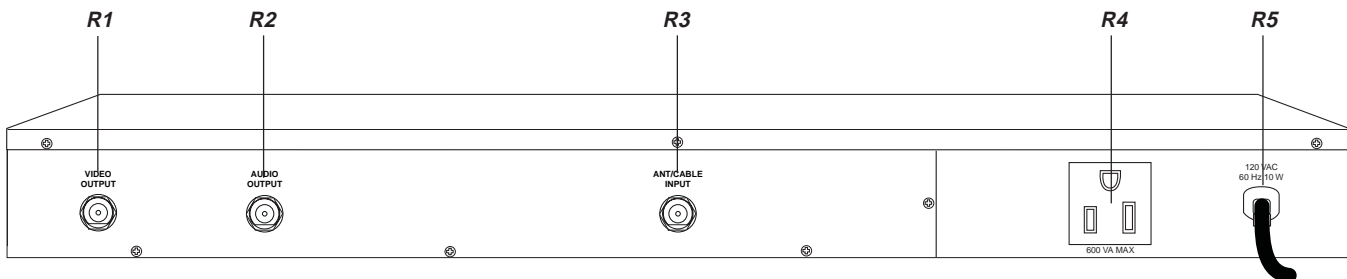


Figure 2

### R1 - VIDEO OUTPUT Connector

This is the 75 Ohm baseband video output at a nominal 1.0 Vp-p level which is adjustable with the front panel VIDEO LEVEL control

### R2 - AUDIO OUTPUT Connector

This is the demodulated audio output at a nominal 350 mV rms. This level is adjustable with the front panel AUDIO LEVEL control.

### R3 - RF Input Connector

This is the 75 Ohm input to the demodulator circuits from an off-air television receiving antenna or from a CATV cable input.

### R4 - AC Receptacle

Provides a 115 VAC convenience outlet for powering of other modulators, etc.

### R5 - LINE CORD

This is the AC power line. Connect to a nominal 115 VAC ±10%, 60 Hz source.

### OFF-AIR

<b>VHF BROADCAST CHANNELS</b>	
<i>Channel Number</i>	<i>Visual Carrier Frequency (MHz)</i>
2	55.25
3	61.25
4	67.25
5	77.25
6	83.25
7	175.25
8	181.25
9	187.25
10	193.25
11	199.25
12	205.25
13	211.25

### OFF-AIR

<b>UHF BROADCAST CHANNELS</b>	
<i>Channel Number</i>	<i>Visual Carrier Frequency (MHz)</i>
14	471.25
15	477.25
16	483.24
17	489.25
18	495.25
19	501.25
20	507.25
21	513.25
22	519.25
23	525.25
24	531.25
25	537.25
26	543.25
27	549.25
28	555.25
29	561.25
30	567.25
31	573.25
32	579.25
33	585.25
34	591.25
35	597.25
36	603.25
37	609.25
38	615.25
39	621.25
40	627.25
41	633.25
42	639.25
43	645.25
44	651.25
45	657.25
46	663.25
47	669.25
48	675.25
49	681.25
50	687.25
51	693.25
52	699.25
53	705.25
54	711.25
55	717.25
56	723.25
57	729.25
58	735.25
59	741.25
60	747.25
61	753.25
62	759.25
63	765.25
64	771.25
65	777.25
66	783.25
67	789.25
68	795.25
69	801.25

### CATV

<b>CABLE TV CHANNELS</b>					
<i>Channel Designation</i>			<i>Visual Carrier Frequency (MHz)</i>		
<b>B A N D</b>	<b>Standard Alphanumeric Identification</b>	<b>EIA/NCTA Numeric Equivalent</b>	<b>SCA</b>		
	<b>L O W</b>	2 3 4 5 6		2 3 4 5 6	55.25 61.25 67.25 77.25 83.25
<b>M I D</b>	A-5 A-4 A-3 A-2 A-1	95 96 97 98 99	91.25 97.25 103.25 109.25 115.25		
	A B C D E	14 15 16 17 18	121.25 127.25 133.25 139.25 145.25		
	F G H I	19 20 21 22	151.25 157.25 163.25 169.25		
	<b>H I G H</b>	7 8 9 10 11 12 13	7 8 9 10 11 12 13	175.25 181.25 187.25 193.25 199.25 205.25 211.25	
	<b>S U P E R</b>	J K L M N	23 24 25 26 27	217.25 223.25 229.25 235.25 241.25	
		O P Q R S	28 29 30 31 32	247.25 253.25 259.25 265.25 271.25	
		T U V W	33 34 35 36	277.25 283.25 289.25 295.25	
		<b>H Y P E R</b>	AA BB CC DD EE	37 38 39 40 41	301.25 307.25 313.25 319.25 325.25
			FF GG HH II JJ	42 43 44 45 46	331.25 337.25 343.25 349.25 355.25
			KK LL MM NN OO	47 48 49 50 51	361.25 367.25 373.25 379.25 385.25
PP QQ RR SS TT			52 53 54 55 56	391.25 397.25 403.25 409.25 415.25	
UU VV WW XX YY ZZ			57 58 59 60 61 62	421.25 427.25 433.25 439.25 445.25 451.25	

### CATV

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	<b>H Y P E R</b>	AAA BBB CCC DDD EEE	
FFF GGG HHH III JJJ		68 69 70 71 72	487.25 493.25 499.25 505.25 511.25
KKK LLL MMM NNN OOO		73 74 75 76 77	517.25 523.25 529.25 535.25 541.25
PPP QQQ RRR SSS TTT		78 79 80 81 82	547.25 553.25 559.25 565.25 571.25
UUU VVV WWW XXX		83 84 85 86 87	577.25 583.25 589.25 595.25 601.25
		88 89 90 91 92	607.25 613.25 619.25 625.25 631.25
		93 94 100 101 102	637.25 643.25 649.25 655.25 661.25
		103 104 105 106 107	667.25 673.25 679.25 685.25 691.25
		108 109 110 111 112	697.25 703.25 709.25 715.25 721.25
		113 114 115 116 117	727.25 733.25 739.25 745.25 751.25
		118 119 120 121 122	757.25 763.25 769.25 775.25 781.25
		123 124 125	787.25 793.25 799.25

## 6 Service / If You Need To Call For Help

### SERVICE INFORMATION

You may contact the R.L. DRAKE Service Department for additional information or assistance by calling +1 (937) 746-6990, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Eastern Time, except on holidays.

You may also contact the R.L. DRAKE Service Department by E-mail at the following address:  
TechSupport@rldrake.com  
or by Telefax:  
+1 (937) 743-4576.

Should you want to return your unit for service, package the unit carefully using the original carton or other suitable container.

Write your return address clearly on the shipping carton and on an enclosed cover letter describing the service required, symptoms or problems. Also include your daytime telephone number and a copy of your proof of purchase.

The unit will be serviced under the terms of the R.L. DRAKE COMPANY Limited Warranty and returned to you.

### IF YOU NEED TO CALL FOR HELP

Call our Customer Service/Technical Support line at +1 (937) 746-6990 between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Eastern Time, weekdays. Please have the unit's serial number available. We will also need to know the specifics of any other equipment connected to the unit. When calling, please have the unit up and running, near the phone if possible. Our technician(s) will likely ask certain questions to aid in diagnosis of the problem. Also, have a voltmeter handy, if possible.

R.L. DRAKE also provides technical assistance by e-mail: TechSupport@rldrake.com  
or by Telefax: +1 (937) 743-4576.

Many of the products that are sent to us for repair are in perfect working order when we receive them. For these units, there is a standard checkout fee that you will be charged. Please perform whatever steps are applicable from the installation sections of the Owner's Manual before calling or writing—this could save unnecessary phone charges. Please do not return the unit without contacting R.L. DRAKE first: it is preferred to help troubleshoot the problem over the phone (or by mail) first, saving you both time and money.

Inside the carton, enclose a note with your name, address, daytime phone number, and a description of the unit's problem.  
The unit must be sent to the following address:

**Service Department  
R.L. DRAKE COMPANY  
230 Industrial Drive  
Franklin, Ohio 45005 U.S.A.**

Be sure to include your street address which will be needed for UPS return. UPS Surface (Brown Label) takes 7-10 days to reach us depending on your location, Blue takes 2-3 days.

Red is an overnight service. Send the unit in a way that it can be traced if we can't verify receipt of shipment. We suggest UPS or insured postal shipment.

If the unit is still under the original owner's warranty, R.L. DRAKE will pay the cost of the return shipment to you. Our return shipping policy is that we will return it UPS Brown if received Brown or by US Mail, it will be returned Blue if received Blue or Red—or it will be returned however you prefer if you furnish the return cost for the method you select.

If the unit is out of warranty, use one of the following methods for return shipment:

- 1) You designate billing to American ExPress, VISA, MasterCard or Discover card;
- 2) You prepay the service charges with a personal check, or
- 3) You specify some other method of return and payment.

When calling, the technician can estimate the repair charges for you over the phone. This is another good reason to call before sending a unit in for repair. Typically, equipment is repaired in five to ten working days after it arrives at R.L. DRAKE if we have all the facts. If we must call you, it may take longer. R.L. DRAKE is not responsible for damage caused by lightning, nonprofessional alterations, "acts of God", shipping damage, poor storage/handling, etc. R.L. DRAKE will make note of any shipping damage upon receipt. Should your warranty card not be on file at R.L. DRAKE, you will need to send proof of purchase to receive warranty service. Typically, a copy of the invoice from an R.L. DRAKE dealer will suffice. The warranty is for the original owner only and is not transferable.

## One Year Limited Warranty

R.L. DRAKE COMPANY warrants to the original purchaser that this product shall be free from defects in material or workmanship for one (1) year from the date of original purchase.

During the warranty period the R.L. DRAKE COMPANY or an authorized Drake service facility will provide, free of charge, both parts and labor necessary to correct defects in material and workmanship. At its option, R.L. DRAKE COMPANY may replace a defective unit.

To obtain such a warranty service, the original purchaser must:

- (1) Retain invoice or original proof of purchase to establish the start of the warranty period.
- (2) Notify the R.L. DRAKE COMPANY or the nearest authorized service facility, as soon as possible after discovery of a possible defect, of:
  - (a) the model and serial number,
  - (b) the identity of the seller and the approximate date of purchase; and
  - (c) A detailed description of the problem, including details on the electrical connection to associated equipment and the list of such equipment.
- (3) Deliver the product to the R.L. DRAKE COMPANY or the nearest authorized service facility, or ship the same in its original container or equivalent, fully insured and shipping charges prepaid.

Correct maintenance, repair, and use are important to obtain proper performance from this product. Therefore carefully read the Instruction Manual. This warranty does not apply to any defect that R.L. DRAKE COMPANY determines is due to:

- (1) Improper maintenance or repair, including the installation of parts or accessories that do not conform to the quality and specifications of the original parts.
- (2) Misuse, abuse, neglect or improper installation.
- (3) Accidental or intentional damage.

All implied warranties, if any, including warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, terminate one (1) year from the date of the original purchase.

The foregoing constitutes R.L. DRAKE COMPANY'S entire obligation with respect to this product, and the original purchaser shall have no other remedy and no claim for incidental or consequential damages, losses or expenses. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts or do not allow the exclusions or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation and exclusion may not apply to you.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state. This warranty shall be construed under the laws of Ohio.

For Service, contact:

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