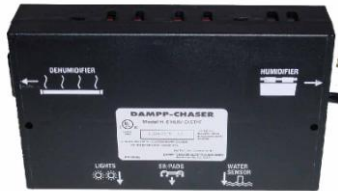


TESTING DAMPP-CHASERS



Occasionally, technicians ask us how to verify that a Damp-Chaser is working. Here are a couple of easy steps you can take to test it.

DEHUMIDIFIERS

To test whether a dehumidifier rod is working, you will want to force the humidistat to sense high humidity. This is easily accomplished by blowing 2 or 3 humid breaths of air into the humidistat. The dehumidifier should begin to heat.

HUMIDIFIERS

To test a humidifier heating element, you need to make the humidistat sense low humidity. You can temporarily switch the humidistat into humidification mode by holding a blow drier 2 to 3 inches from the humidistat slots, making a few passes. The humidifier heater bar should heat up.

Be sure to allow the rods a few minutes to warm up, particularly the humidifier heating elements which are only 8 watts. And of course, it's always a good idea to make sure the wall outlet is functioning, and not operated by a light switch.