



**Omegasonics**  
**Ultrasonic Cleaning Equipment**

**Operation & Instruction Manual**

**OMEGASONICS**  
**Bench Top Unit**  
**Model OMG-1420BTD**

**120 VAC 15 A**

**Read all instructions thoroughly before operating this equipment**

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# INTRODUCTION



## About the Ultrasonic Cleaning Process

Congratulations! You have purchased an Omegasonics Ultrasonic Parts Washer.

But how does Ultrasonic Cleaning work?

When ultrasonic energy is introduced into a cleaning solution, alternating patterns of low and high pressure phases occur. This process forms microscopic vacuum bubbles. During the subsequent high pressure phases, the bubbles implode violently. This is called cavitation.

Cavitation provides an intense scrubbing action that leads to an unsurpassed cleaning speed and consistency when compared with simple soaking or immersion with agitation. Additionally, the bubbles are small enough to penetrate even microscopic crevices, cleaning them thoroughly and consistently. As a result, ultrasonic cleaning is one of the most highly effective and efficient methods you can use for cleaning a wide array of items.

Omegasonics provides a complete line of quality ultrasonic cleaning washers that have been developed for industries that have historically used technology that is quickly becoming outdated. While other companies use environmentally harmful cleaning solvents, we provide state-of-the-art, labor saving, fast, efficient and environmentally safe alternatives.

# WARNINGS

Failure to read these warnings may cause the unit to fail, personal injury or property damage.

- Equipment should only be operated on a single phase, 120VAC, 15 Amp **grounded** electrical system. The plug is a Hubbell #5266C. A Hubbell #5261, or compatible, receptacle is required.
- Do not plug equipment into a power source that utilizes a GFI receptacle. Ultrasound passes a small, trickle current through the neutral which will cause GFI's to trip.
- Never plug in or operate the unit (heat or ultrasound) without the appropriate liquid level in the tank (2/3 full).
- Any detergents or chemicals used in this equipment must be compatible with 300 series stainless steel. Do not use any chemicals that contain any strong acids i.e. hydrochloric, sulfuric or muriatic acid. These chemicals will cause permanent damage to the stainless steel welds.
- Due to the heated liquid in the tank, use baskets, tongs or wires to insert or remove parts from the tank.
- Do not operate the unit with wet hands.
- Use only biodegradable cleaning agents. Never use solvents or flammable cleaning solvents without approval from Omegasonics. Any chemistry with a flash point below 180°F should never be used with an ultrasonic cleaner.
- Do not rest parts to be cleaned directly on the radiating surface. The custom Omegasonics 1420 basket, which suspends the basket bottom above the tank, must be used.
- Do not open the internal circuitry of the equipment, disassemble any part or parts, or move or remove any components or electrical devices.
- Never attempt to perform maintenance on the equipment when the unit is energized or when the cleaning solution is hot.
- Disconnect the power source when moving the unit to a new location.
- Avoid splashing water outside the tank.

*Only qualified technically trained personnel should perform any electrical maintenance on this machine.*

# SET-UP

## General

- Place the machine on a level surface.
- Be sure the drain valve (located at the back of the machine) is completely closed (handle perpendicular to the drain) before filling the machine.
- Fill the wash tank with water (*see note at the end of this section*) and the proper dilution of soap until the machine is 2/3 full. Using hot water will shorten the amount of time required to reach the desired temperature. Check drain assembly to insure that there is no leakage.
- The Model 1420BTD tank dimensions are 15" x 21" with a 12" working depth. This tank will hold 16 gallons and has a working volume of approximately 14 gallons. Use this volume for calculating the amount of detergent you will use.
- If the machine does not have enough water the machine will fail.
- Plug the power cord into a proper electrical outlet and press green **POWER** button.
- Unlock the lid by pulling the hinge, located on the right side of the lid, towards yourself and close the lid over the tank to maximize insulation efficiency
- Set digital timer and temperature controls.
- The OMG-1420BTD utilizes (1) 900 Watt built-in silicone heating element and is well insulated. The time required to heat the machine initially will vary between one (1) and three (3) hours. The unit heats water at approximately fifteen (15) degrees per hour. After the initial heating period, the temperature will remain constant with very limited electrical draw. It is important that the lid remain closed when not in use to minimize heat loss and evaporation.


### ***\*Note About Water\****

The quality of your water source can have an important effect on the performance of the ultrasonic equipment. High levels of calcium, magnesium, sulfur and other contaminants in the water source can have a negative effect on the type of cleaning soap used. High levels of calcium and/or magnesium (constitutes hard water) can cause the soap to work less efficiently and less effectively as intended and can also leave a white, flaky residue on the parts once dried. If this white spotting occurs and is not desired, it will be necessary to use soft water, drinking water or distilled water, in the machine. The level of final cleanliness will dictate the water source used in the machine.


# Digital Temperature

## Knowing Your Temperature Controller



- PV: This upper display indicates the actual Process Value (or current temperature) of the bath and cannot be changed manually.
- SV: The lower display indicates the Set Value or desired bath temperature. This Set Value is adjustable.
- ALM 1: If this light is on, it means that the machine is currently heating. It will shut off once the desired temperature has been reached.
- OUT: If this light is on, it means that the bath temperature is out of the preset range of 50°F - 160°F. There is a 5° hysteresis which means that the heating mechanism (and the OUT light) will go on/off based on a 5° variance. This protects the life of the motor contactor.
- AT, ALM 2: Omegasonics use only.
- Return Key 

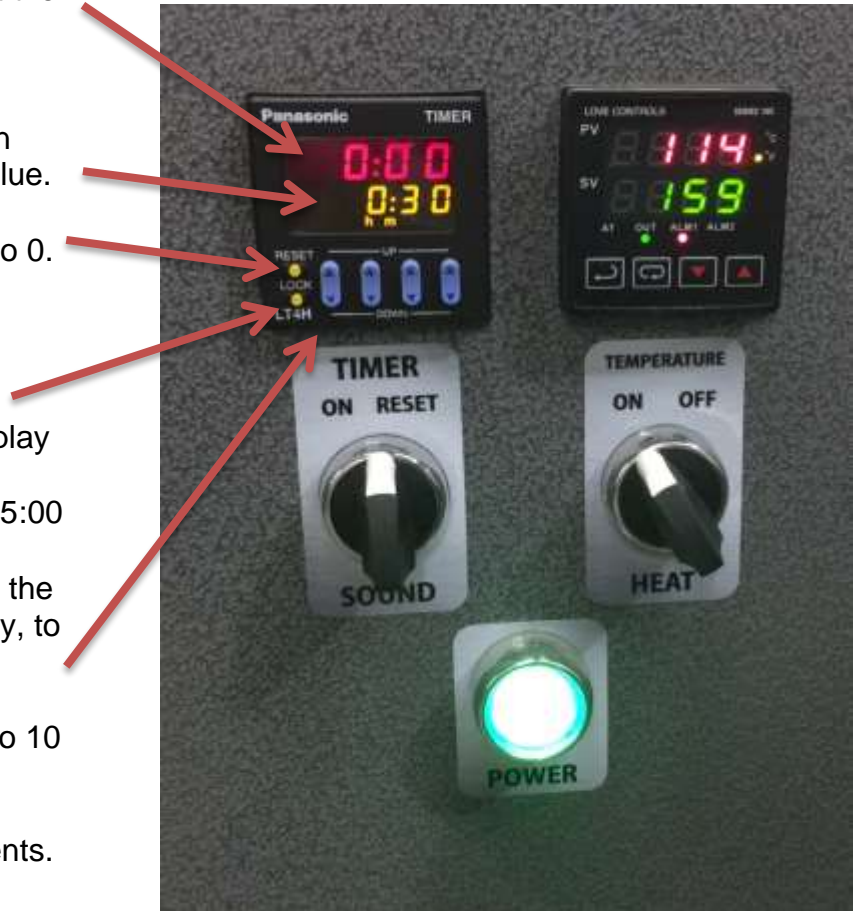
## Operation

- The temperature controller is factory set at 150°F.
- To change the Set Value, lightly press the up or down arrows. Pressing and holding down either arrow key will change the displayed value rapidly.
- Upon changing the Set Value, this lower display will flicker indicating the new value is not set. To make this value permanent, press the RETURN Key .
- Experience shows that the optimum ultrasonic cleaning temperature for most applications is 120°F - 160°F.
- When ready to activate the heat, turn the selector switch marked **HEAT** to the **ON** position.

# Digital Timer

## Operation

- The 4-digit number on the upper display is the amount of time that the machine has been in actual operation. It will count up to the preset value.
- The illuminated 4-digit number on the lower display is the preset value.
- Pressing the **RESET** button will deactivate the timer and reset it to 0. Turning the switch to **RESET** will also deactivate the timer.
- Pressing the **LOCK** button will prevent you from changing the preset time value. **LOCK** will display in the lower orange display.
- The ultrasound is factory set to 15:00 minutes.
- To adjust the preset value, press the blue keys. Press the up arrow key, to increase, or down arrow key, to decrease.
- Left most blue key corresponds to 10 minute increments.
- Second blue key from the left corresponds to 1 minute increments.
- Third blue key from the left corresponds to 10 second increments.
- Right most blue key corresponds to 1 second increments.
- The time is activated by turning the selector switched marked **SOUND** to the **ON** position. The button will return to center. The "OP" light will illuminate on the lower, left side orange display. A red light will illuminate and blink on the upper, left side red display while the timer is operational.



# CLEANING PROCEDURES



## Machine Operation

- If you haven't done so already, press the green button marked **POWER**. The button will illuminate. The control panel is now energized.
- To activate the ultrasound, turn the switch marked **SOUND** to the **ON** position. The selector switch will spring back to the center position.
- Before cleaning your first batch of items, operate the ultrasound for fifteen (15) minutes. This process is called degassing and helps eliminate any air from the water in the tank.
- To deactivate the ultrasound before the timer has completed its cycle, turn selector switch to the **RESET** position. The selector switch will spring back to the center position.



## General Cleaning

- Be careful not to overload the system and/or the baskets.
- Many times you can achieve better results by cleaning two smaller loads rather than one large load.
- Baskets should be made from round stock (rod) whenever possible, rather than flat stock that would reflect the ultrasonic energy.
- When lowering the items into the tank via baskets or tongs, be sure to arrange the items so they are not touching the bottom of the tank. They should be suspended at least ½" above the tank bottom. This can be achieved with the use of a tank rack.
- Items should not be stacked too densely.
- The volume of parts to be cleaned should not exceed thirty percent (30%) of the total tank volume.
  
- Once the timer has been set, activate the ultrasound by switching **SOUND** to **ON**.
  
- Cleaning times will vary depending on the temperature of the solution, the number of parts to be cleaned, the amount of contamination and the amount and type of cleaning agent used. Generally, small parts should be cleaned with the ultrasound operating for three (3) to five (5) minutes.
  
- While the parts being cleaned do not require continuous supervision or labor intensive cleaning, they should be inspected during the cleaning process.
  
- After the timer has cycled off, remove the items via basket and rinse them.
  
- Visually inspect each item for desired decontamination after the parts have dried completely.
  
- If parts must be handled, wear gloves when touching surfaces to protect against heated items

# SPECIFIC CLEANING PROCEDURES

## Aluminum Housings

- In the ultrasonic bath, preheat 1 part OmegaSupreme with 10 parts clean water to a temperature of 125°F.
- Wipe off the readily accessible, exterior excess from the parts to be cleaned.
- Arrange the parts so that no trapped air exits in the interior when lowered.
- Set the time for 2-5 minutes and start the cleaning cycle.
- If additional cleaning is needed, at the end of the first cycle, rotate the parts 180° in the basket so that the portion that was facing the bottom of the tank is now facing the top and vice versa.
- Clean the parts for another 2-5 minutes.
- When completed, rinse the parts with clean, hot water that is 125°F.
- Blow off excess moisture using compressed air or a hot air blower.

## Carburetors

- In the ultrasonic bath, preheat 1 part OmegaSupreme with 10 parts clean water to a temperature of 150°F.
- Remove float bowls and jets from the carburetor to be cleaned.
- Hoses and gaskets do not need to be removed.
- Using a basket, lower the part into the bath and clean for 15 minutes
  - Longer time is necessary for carburetors with extreme corrosion.
- Remove carburetor and blow out all ports, ensuring that air flows freely.
- Jets should be placed in a strainer and cleaned in the tank, by themselves, for the same amount of time.
  - Jets that are extremely corroded or plugged will likely need to be replaced.

## **Electrical Components**

- In the ultrasonic bath, preheat 1 part Omega AquaClean with 64 parts clean water to a temperature of 115°F. A higher dilution may be required depending on the severity of contamination.
- If it exists, excess water should be removed as quickly as possible.
- UnWet CPDL should be used to stabilize the components if moisture exists, prior to cleaning.
- Vacuum excess soot with a HEPA-style vacuum prior to placing in bath.
- Pre-spray the outside of the components with a 1 part OmegaSmoke, 64 parts clean water mixture. Let sit for 2 – 5 minutes depending on the degree of the exterior soot.
- Place components in basket, do not stack, and clean for 2 minutes.
- Remove the basket from bath and rinse with free flowing de-ionized water.
- Blow off excess water with compressed air.
- Place a bowl of 1 part Omega Deodorizer and 1 part clean water at the bottom of the drying chamber and dry the electronics for 10 hours at 120°F.
- Ensure that the items are dry before connecting to a power source.

## **Pistons**

- In the ultrasonic bath, preheat 1 part OmegaSupreme with 10 parts clean water to a temperature of 155°F.
- Place the piston, face down, in the basket and submerge the basket into the bath.
- Presoak for 10 minutes. Once this is done, activate the ultrasound for 15 minutes.
- Remove the piston and use a wire brush to knock off any heavy carbon deposits.
- Submerge the basket into the bath gain, and clean for another 15 minutes.
- Rinse thoroughly
- NOTE: If aluminum scarring is present, stop the ultrasonic cleaning process.

## **DVR/Cable Boxes**

- In the pre-wash bath, mix 1 part AquaClean and 64 parts clean water.
- In the ultrasonic cleaning bath, preheat 1 part AquaClean and 64 parts clean water to a temperature of 120°F.
- DVR
  - Remove protective cover.
  - Remove hard drive.
- Cable Box
  - Remove protective cover.
  - Remove card if applicable.
- Vacuum excess with a HEPA-style vacuum.
- Using a basket, submerge the box into the pre-wash for 3 minutes.
- Once complete, remove residue with spray wand.
- Submerge the box into the ultrasonic tank and clean for 1 minute.
- Rinse thoroughly with de-ionized water,
- Use compressed air to remove excess moisture,
- Dry for 10 hours at 120°F.
- Test using industry standards and replace equipment stickers.

## **Metal Parts**

- In the ultrasonic bath, preheat 1 part OmegaSupreme with 10 parts clean water to a temperature of 150°F.
- Place the metal parts into the basket with the cavity containing heaviest residue facing the bottom of the basket.
- Submerge the basket into the bath and rotate the housings (if applicable) keeping them underneath the surface to allow air bubbles to be removed from the part.
- Clean the part for 5 minutes.
- Once completed, rotate the part 180° if the part facing opposite the ultrasonic transducers is heavily soiled.
- If necessary, clean the part for an additional 5 minutes.
- Once the part is cleaned, remove from the bath and rinse using water that is 150°F.
- Blow off the excess water using compressed air.
- Due to the heat of the metal, after being removed from the bath, it will dry quickly, on its own (“flash dry”).

## **Bicycle Parts**

- In the ultrasonic bath, preheat 1 part OmegaSupreme with 10 parts clean water to a temperature of 60°C for aluminum, or 66°C for chains, derailleurs and gears.
- Place the items into the basket with the cavity containing heaviest residue facing the bottom of the basket.
- Clean the part(s) for 5 minutes.
- Once completed, rotate the part 180° if the part facing opposite the ultrasonic transducers is heavily soiled.
- If necessary, clean the part for an additional 5 minutes.
- Once the part is cleaned, remove from the bath and rinse using hot water.
- Blow off the excess water using compressed air.
- Due to the heat of the metal, after being removed from the bath, it will dry quickly, on its own (“flash dry”).
- Note: If your aluminum parts develop any type of scarring or starbursts on the surface, lower the bath temperature to 54°C.

## **Firearms**

- In the ultrasonic bath, preheat 1 part OmegaBlue with 32 parts clean water to a temperature of 115°F.
- Disassemble the firearm into its major components. If it is equipped with a scope, it can be left attached.
- Spray the components with a spray bottle containing 1 part OmegaBlue, 21 parts clean water solution. Let sit for 1 – 3 minutes.
- Rinse off the residue loosened by the solution.
- If the stock is synthetic, it can be cleaned with the other metal parts. If it is wooden, use a basket to submerge it into the bath and clean for 1 -2 minutes.
- Using a basket, submerge the components into the bath and clean for 1 – 5 minutes, until all residues are removed.
- You may spot clean using the spray bottle solution and a 3M pad that is green or light in color.
- Rinse all components with de-ionized water that is 115 - 120°F.
- Blow off excess moisture with compressed air and dry using a hand-held hot air dryer.
- Lubricate using light gun oil or silicone spray.
- Test using industry standards.

# EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

## General

- Keep the bath free of oils, grease and any foreign materials.
- Skim off oil and grease residue periodically, if necessary.
- Cleaning agents should be changed periodically depending on usage.

## Draining Tank

- Turn equipment off and unplug the power cord.
- Wait at least twenty (20) minutes after the heat circuit is turned off before emptying the tank. Permanent damage to the heater elements will occur if the tank is drained too soon after the heaters are turned off.
- Drain the contaminated cleaning solution from the tank using the valve.
- Rinse the inside of the tank with clean water.
- Buff the inside of the tank with a clean, soft cloth. Do not use steel wool cleaning pads as they are too abrasive and will scratch the tank surface.
- Rinse the tank again.
- If the tank will not be used for a long period of time, wipe the inside and the outside of the tank dry with a dry, clean, soft cloth.
- Close the lid on the cleaning tank. The lid should remain closed when the equipment is not in use to keep dust and debris from accumulating.
- This tank cleaning procedure should be performed every time the bath is changed. Always thoroughly inspect drain areas for leaks.

*When discharging bath and waste, follow all environmental and regulatory requirements. A reputable and licensed waste transportation firm should perform removal of all waste materials. Omegasonics is not liable for improper handling of waste materials.*

## **LIMITED WARRANTY**

Omegasonics warrants the OMG-1420BTD ultrasonic cleaner for a period of two (2) years from the date of delivery, when used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. During the warranty period, Omegasonics will repair or replace free of charge at an authorized repair service center all parts that are defective because of material or workmanship. Freight charges to an authorized service centers are the responsibility of the user.

This warranty does not include damage or product failure, which results from cavitation erosion, misuse, abuse or transportation damage. This warranty is limited to the original purchaser and is not transferable. Total liability for any reason whatsoever, shall not in any case exceed the cost of repair or replacement of the defective part. In no case shall Omegasonics be responsible for any incidental or consequential damages.

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# TROUBLE SHOOTING

Isolate the exact issues(s) you are experiencing by following the following procedure.

1. Turn off Ultrasound
2. Turn off Heat
3. Leave Green Power push button pressed in and illuminated.
4. Turn on Heat – Does it operate?
5. Turn off Heat
6. Turn on Ultrasound – Does it operate?
7. Turn off Ultrasound
- 8.

## **Control panel has lights, but there is no Heat action.**

1. Is the water level to the middle height of the tank?
2. If NO - fill water to the appropriate level (14" – 16").
3. If this doesn't correct the problem:
  - a. Unplug the machine from the facility power supply.
  - b. Remove the panel located on the right end of the machine.
  - c. Look for the ice cube relay located at the left end of the back panel.
  - d. Flip the window up (window has a red button) – this bypasses the thermal overload. You will see an orange flag visible in the upper right window.
  - e. The machine will be operational, but will have no low water level protection.
4. If either instruction does not solve the issue, replace ice cube relay.
5. Contact Omegasonics to order a replacement ice cube relay.

## **No lights on the control panel.**

1. Is the Power push button pushed in?
2. Is there power to the facility outlet?
3. Turn off Power and unplug the machine.
4. Remove upper panel located on the right end of the machine.
5. Is the circuit breaker energized (UP-Red) or (DOWN-Green)?
6. If the circuit breaker is tripped, re-set the circuit breaker.
7. Plug in machine.
8. Follow the steps above to isolate the exact issue.

**Heat is causing the circuit breaker to trip.**

1. Likely cause is a shorted heat blanket.
2. Remove the front (if applicable) and back lower access panels.
3. Inspect the heat blanket(s) – they should be an orange/ pinkish color.
4. If the heat blankets are black or charcoal white, they must be replaced.
5. Call Omegasonics to order new heat blanket(s).

**Ultrasound is causing the circuit breaker to trip.**

1. Remove vented/ panel located on the right end of the machine.
2. Remove the power plug from the back of the generator.
3. Activate the ultrasound.
4. If the circuit breaker trips again, then the corrective action is to replace the digital timer.
5. If the circuit breaker does not trip, then follow these procedures.
  - a. Contact Omegasonics to have the existing generator repaired or replaced.
6. If no specific circuit causes the internal circuit breaker to trip but the issue occurs sporadically, then the circuit breaker will need to be replaced.
7. Call Omegasonics to order a new circuit breaker.

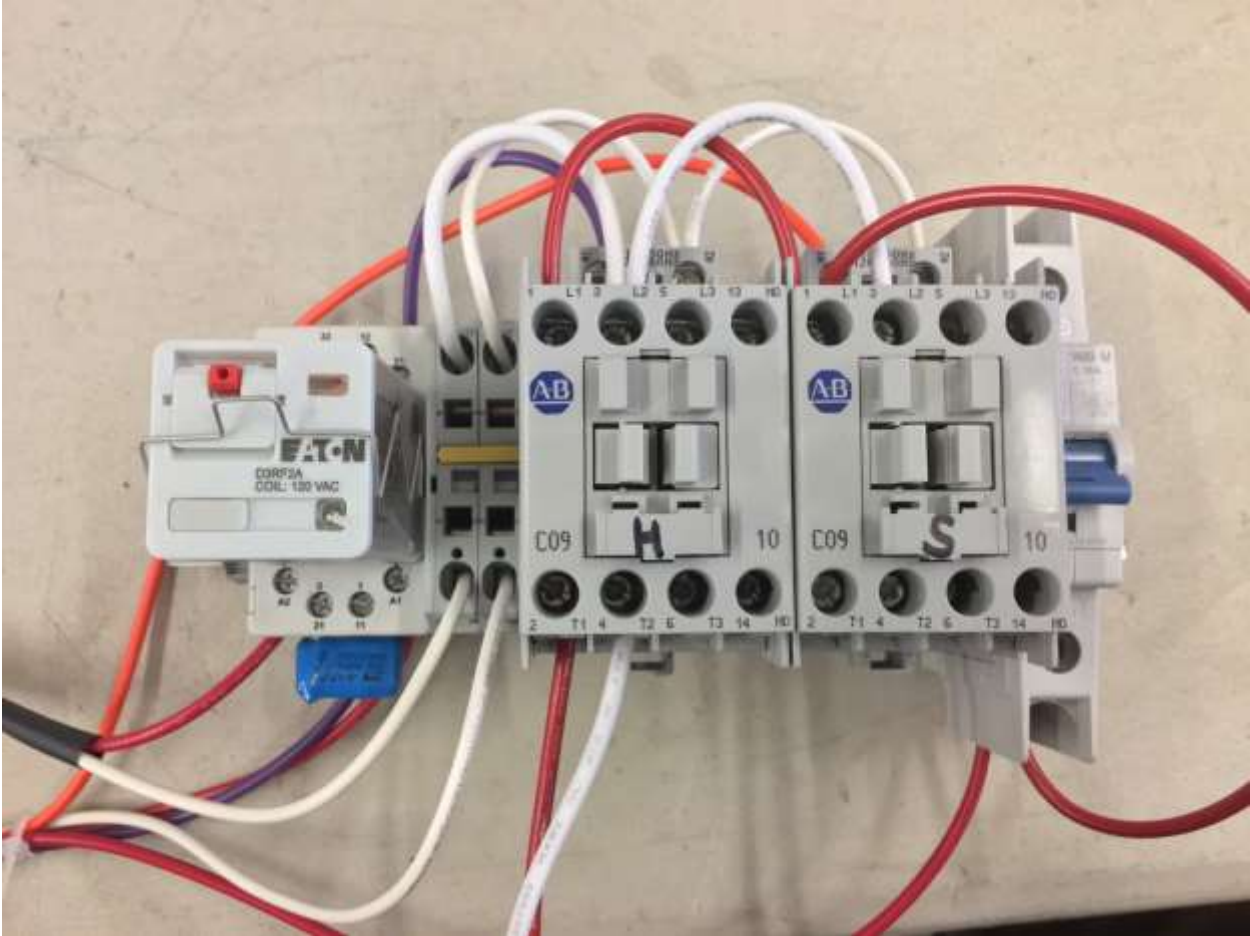
**Ultrasound circuit is not operational.**

1. Does the digital timer have a visible display?
2. Does the timer count up?
3. Does the timer display flash “OP.” in the lower left side?
4. Does the timer display flash a RED dot in the upper left side?
5. If the answer to 1 -4 is NO, replace the digital timer.
6. If the answer to 1, 2 or 3 is YES, use the following steps.
7. Remove upper panel located on the right end of the machine.
8. Does the center plunger on the Ultrasound contactor pull in when timer activates?
9. If the answer is YES, the generator is the likely cause.
10. If the answer is NO, can you manually push in the coil to activate the ultrasound?
  - a. NOTE: Use an insulated screwdriver to push in the center coil.
  - b. If you cannot push in the coil manually, the contactor needs to be replaced.
11. Contact Omegasonics for a generator RMA or to order a replacement contactor.

**The unit trips the GFCI circuit breaker when the ultrasound operates.**

1. GFCI circuit breakers will cause intermittent trips with ultrasound.
2. Install non-GFCI circuit breaker.

**NOTE: Always inspect the back panel wires for burnt or loose wires. Burnt wires are typically caused by a loosened connection and must be replaced.**



Thermal Overload  
Ice Cube Relay

Heat  
Contactor

Sonics  
Contactor

Circuit  
Breaker

# PARTS LIST

- Thermal Overload Auto Reset – *Thermal Overload*
- Generator (1) – *OMG-9001-40U*
- Digital Timer - *Timer*
- Digital Temperature Controller – *Digital Temp*
- 3 Position Selector (“Sonics”) – *Switch-3 Position Selector*
- 2 Position Selector (“Heat”) – *Switch-2 Position Selector*
- Power Button – *Push Button*
- Motor Contactor – *Contactor-120*
- Heat Blanket – *Heat Blanket-900/120V*
- Ice Cube Relay - *Relay-120*

## CLEANING AGENTS - OMEGASONICS

Omegasonics carries a full line of cleaning agents. Each cleaning agent has a unique cleaning specialty and use. Some of the products are as follows.

- **OmegaSupreme** – Heavy-duty degreaser removes carbon, oil, dirt, grease and dirt from a variety of metals. It is excellent for cleaning and brightening ferrous and nonferrous metals. Product may cause aluminum to scar if left in contact with aluminum part for an extended period of time. Product contains a short-term flash rust inhibitor.
- **OmegaClean** – General to heavy-duty degreaser which will remove carbon, oil, grease and dirt from a variety of metals and will not harm aluminum finishes. Especially formulated for the aerospace industry as well as for automotive applications. Has built in conditioners for hard water (high calcium and magnesium content) sources and good quality rust inhibitors.
- **OmegaZyme** – Ideal for industrial applications cleaning oil and grease from aluminum, stainless steel and titanium parts. Does not remove carbon. Will cause cast iron and cold rolled steel parts to rust if not used in conjunction with silicate, nitrate or trisodium phosphate rust inhibitors or with another cleaning agent containing rust inhibitors.
- **OmegaCitriSurf 2250**– Designed for industrial and aerospace applications where stainless steel passivation (the removing of free iron from the surface) is required. Also useful in removing calcium deposits from a variety of metals including brass and steel.
- **Omega DeScaler** - A unique product formulated to remove rust, corrosion, heat scale and mineral deposits from a variety of metals. Excellent when used in an ultrasonic tank to remove rust from metal components exposed to extreme moisture and water. Effectively used to remove mineral deposits from heat exchangers
- **Omega Mold Release** - A high pH concentrated cleaning agent used successfully to remove burnt-on crystalline rubber, plastic and food from molds, dies and other metal surfaces
- **OmegaBlue** - Designed to remove ink and ink residue from metal and rubber components including Anilox rollers.
- **Omega Aqua Clean LPH** – A reduced pH solution designed to clean electronic and electrical components. Also effective at removing solder flux residue. It is safe on all surfaces that can be cleaned in water and any surfaces that may be damaged in a high pH solution.

The above products are concentrates. These products are formulated to be used at a 10 to 1 ratio. Ten 10 parts water one part cleaning detergent

# ***SCHEMATICS***