

# INSTRUCTION MANUAL UNDERCOUNTER BUILT-IN KEGERATOR MODEL: VK1501



#### BEFORE USE, PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW ALL SAFETY RULES AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS.

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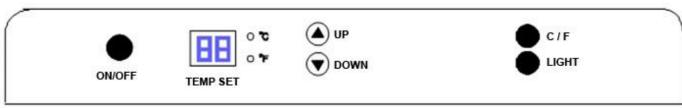
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# **Diagram and Description**



- 1. Beer Faucet
- 2. Cabinet
- 3. Control Panel
- 4. CO2 Regulator
- 5. Beer Line
- 6. Compressor Shelf
- 7. Draft Tower
- 8. Door
- 9. CO2 Tank
- 10. Handle
- 11. Leveling Leg
- 12. Insulation Sleeve
- 13. Lock Rings
- 14. Gaskets
- 15. Threaded Tower Spacer



# **Safety Tips**

Before using this appliance, it must be properly positioned and installed as described in this manual, so please read the manual carefully. To reduce the risk of fire, electrical shock or injury when using the appliance, follow these basic precautions. Failure to heed these safety requirements may result in severe personal injury or death.

# A DANGER A

- Plug into a grounded 3-prong outlet. Do not under any circumstances cut or remove the third ground prong from the power cord supplied, do not use an adapter, and do not use an extension cord.
- It is recommended that a separate circuit, serving only your appliance be used. Do not use outlets that can be turned off by a switch or pull chain.
- Never clean appliance parts with flammable fluids and do not store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids in the vicinity of this or any other appliance. The fumes can create a fire hazard or explosion.
- Unplug the appliance or disconnect power before cleaning or servicing. Failure to do so can result in electrical shock or death.
- Do not attempt to repair or replace any part of your appliance unless it is specifically recommended in this manual. All other servicing should be referred to a qualified technician.

# A WARNING A

- Use two or more people to move and install appliance. Failure to do so can result in back or other injury.
- To ensure proper ventilation for your appliance, the front of the unit must be completely unobstructed. Choose a well-ventilated area with temperatures above 60°F (16°C) and below 90°F (32°C). This unit must be installed in an area protected from the elements, such as wind, rain, water spray or drips.
- The appliance should not be located next to ovens, grills or other high heat sources or in areas of extreme cold.
- The appliance must be installed in accordance with state and local codes. A standard electrical supply (115 V AC only, 60 Hz), properly grounded in accordance with the National Electrical Code and local ordinances is required.
- Do not kink or pinch the power supply cord of appliance.
- The fuse (or circuit breaker) size should be 15 amperes.
- It is important for the appliance to be leveled in order to work properly. You may need to make several adjustments to level it.
- Never allow children to operate, play with or crawl inside the appliance. Child entrapment and suffocation are not just problems of the past, junked or abandoned appliances are still dangerous. When no longer using your old refrigerator, take off the door so that children may not become trapped inside.
- Do not use solvent-based cleansers or abrasives on the interior as they may damage or discolor the interior.
- Because of potential safety hazards under certain conditions, it is strongly recommended that you do not use an
  extension cord with this appliance. However, if you must use an extension cord, it is absolutely necessary that it
  be a UL/CUL-Listed, 3-wire grounding type appliance extension cord having a grounding type plug and outlet and
  that the electrical rating of the cord be 115 volts and at least 10 amperes.
- If the appliance is going to be used in an area that is prone to power surges/outages, it is suggested that you use a power surge protector. The surge protector that you select must have a surge block high enough to protect the appliance it is connected to. Damages due to power surges are not considered a manufacturer covered defect and will void your product warranty.
- The cord should be secured behind the appliance and not left exposed or dangling to prevent accidental injury. Never unplug the appliance by pulling the power cord. Always grip the plug firmly and pull straight out from the receptacle. Repair or replace immediately all power cords that have become frayed or otherwise damaged. Do not use a cord with cracks or abrasion damage along its length or at either end. When moving the appliance, be careful not to damage the power cord.
- Do not use this apparatus for other than its intended purpose.

Failure to heed these safety warnings may result in extensive product damage, serious personal injury, or death.

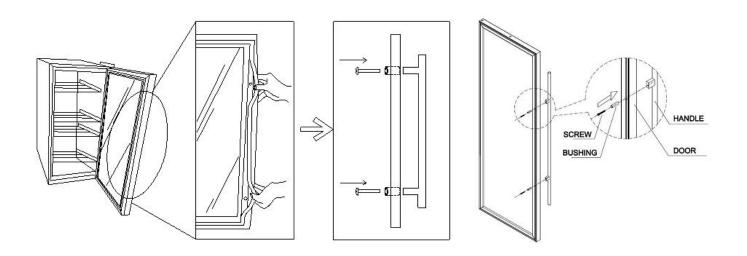
### **Installation Instructions**

#### **BEFORE USE:**

- Remove the exterior and interior packaging.
- Before connecting the unit to the power source, let it stand upright for approximately 8 hours. This will reduce the possibility of a malfunction in the cooling system from handling during transportation.
- Clean the interior surface with lukewarm water using a soft cloth.
- This appliance is designed for both freestanding and built-in use.
- Place the unit on a flat, solid floor that is strong enough to support it when it is fully loaded. To level the appliance, adjust the front leveling leg at the bottom of the unit.
- When moving your refrigerator, please do not incline it more than 45 degrees.
- Locate the appliance away from direct sunlight and sources of heat (stove, heater, radiator, etc.). Direct sunlight
  may affect the acrylic coating and heat sources may increase electrical consumption. Extreme cold ambient
  temperatures may also cause the unit to perform improperly. The optimal ambient temperature range is 32°F 100°F. Do not mount the draft tower remotely, as the exposed beer line will not be refrigerated, causing foam.
- Avoid locating the unit in damp areas.
- Plug the refrigerator into an exclusive, properly installed and grounded wall outlet. Do not under any circumstances cut or remove the third (ground) prong from the power cord. Any questions concerning power and/or electrical grounding should be directed to a certified electrician or authorized products service center.
- After plugging the appliance into a wall outlet, allow the unit to cool down for 3 to 4 hours installing a keg in the appliance.
- Note: In a built-in application, the door should protrude at least 1" beyond the surrounding cabinets.

# **Handle Installation**

- **Step 1:** Remove the box containing the handle and screws from the kegerator.
- **Step 2:** Pull out a bit of the rubber gasket from the back side of the holes.
- **Step 3:** Insert the screws through the holes and connect with the handle.



# **Keg Configuration**

The Kegco VK1501 Kegerator is designed for use with one 5 gallon or 7.75 gallon quarter slim keg and a dispense system including a 5 lb CO2 tank. Both store bought, commercial kegs and home brew kegs can be used in this kegerator.

The 5 lb CO2 Tank will fit on the compressor shelf along with the regulator, allowing you plenty of room for the keg to sit on the kegerator floor in front of the compressor shelf. A larger CO2 tank will not fit on the shelf, and also would not have enough room to sit on the kegerator floor along with the keg.

The kegerator is wide enough to fit a CO2 tank with a double gauge regulator attached.



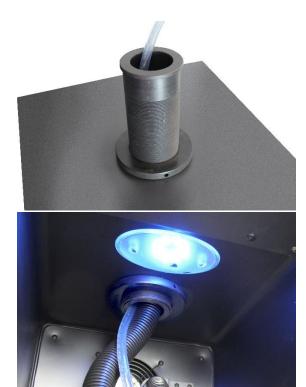
# **Using the Tower Spacer**

The kegerator comes with a Threaded Tower Spacer for undercounter installations. The tower spacer prevents loss of cooling due to gaps between the top of the kegerator and the bottom of the countertop and ensures a good seal for the cooling system. The Threaded Tower Spacer comes with two Lock Rings, two Gaskets and a Tower Insulation Sleeve. Along with the internal blower hose, these components help to maintain cool temperatures up to the back of the faucet, helping you avoid foamy beer.

It is important that the hole drilled in the countertop be lined up with the hole on the top of the kegerator so that the Threaded Tower Spacer can align through both holes. Follow the old rule, "measure twice and cut once!"

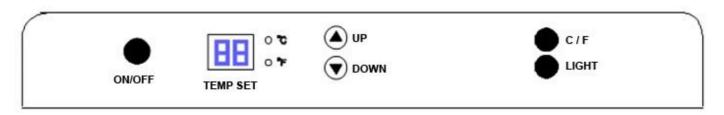
With the kegerator installed under the countertop, insert the threaded end of the Threaded Tower Spacer through the countertop and into the kegerator. From inside the kegerator, install a Gasket and then a Lock Ring onto the threaded end of the tower spacer and tighten until the Lock Ring fits snugly against the top of the kegerator. The tower spacer is long enough to be used through thick counters and in situations where a gap is present between the kegerator top and counter bottom. If your application does not require this extra length, you can saw off whatever threads extend past the lock ring to allow plenty of room for the keg and direct draw kit to fit inside the unit.

With the tower spacer in place, drop the beer line through the spacer and install the tower on the countertop. Insert the blower hose into the bottom end of the tower spacer to cool the tower.



## **Operation Instructions**

The Kegerator should be placed in an area where the ambient temperature is between 32-100 degrees Fahrenheit. If the ambient temperature is above or below this range, the performance of the unit may be affected. For example, placing your unit in extreme cold or hot conditions may cause the interior temperatures to fluctuate.



Your Kegco Kegerator includes an operating panel on the front. The operating panel includes several features to operate and control the temperature of the kegerator, including:

ON/OFF - Turns the unit on or off

TEMP SET - Displays the desired temperature on an LED display

UP/DOWN Buttons - Increases or decreases the temperature in 1 degree increments

°C / °F – Indicates whether the displayed temperature is in Celsius or Fahrenheit

°C / °F Button – Toggles the displayed temperature between Celsius and Fahrenheit

LIGHT - Turns the interior light on or off

If you are going on vacation, you may leave the Kegerator operating during vacations of less than three weeks. If the appliance will not be used for several months, you should remove all items and turn off the appliance. Clean and dry the interior thoroughly. To prevent mold growth, leave the door open slightly, blocking it open if necessary.

# **Setting Temperature**

This Kegco Kegerator has a temperature range of 32 to 75 degrees Fahrenheit. You can set the temperature as you desire by touching the UP or DOWN button. When you touch the buttons for the first time, the LED readout will show the original temperature set at the manufacturing facility. Each push of the button will adjust the temperature by one degree in the desired direction. Please be aware that the desired temperatures may fluctuate depending on whether the interior light is ON or OFF and depending on the positioning of the cans and bottles.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

- In the event of a power interruption, all previous temperature settings will be automatically saved and the unit will return to the previous temperature setting.
- If the unit is unplugged, loses power, or is turned off, you must wait 3 to 5 minutes before restarting. Attempting to restart the Kegerator before this time has elapsed may prevent it from starting.
- When you use the Kegerator for the first time or restart the Kegerator after having been shut off for a long time, there will be a few degrees variance between the temperature you select and the one indicated on the LED readout for the first few hours of operation. After a few hours of operation, the temperature will normalize to the displayed temperature.

### **Care and Maintenance**

#### Cleaning your kegerator:

- Turn off the power, unplug the appliance, and remove all items including the dispense kit.
- Wash the inside surfaces with warm water and baking soda solution. The solution should be about 2 tablespoons of baking soda to a quart of water.
- Wring excess water out of the sponge or cloth when cleaning area of the controls, or any electrical parts.
- Wash the outside cabinet with warm water and mild liquid detergent. Rinse and wipe dry with a clean soft cloth.
- Do not use steel wool or a steel brush on the stainless steel. These will contaminate the stainless steel with steel particles and rusting may occur.
- Dust the front grill and back of the unit twice yearly. Make sure the power is off before cleaning.
- It is recommended to clean the unit completely inside and out yearly to maximize the longevity of the product.

#### Moving Your kegerator:

- Remove the keg, the dispense kit and any other items you may have inside the unit.
- Securely tape down all loose items inside your appliance and tape the door shut.
- Turn the adjustable leg up to the base to avoid damage.
- Be sure the appliance stays secure in the upright position during transportation.
- Protect the outside of the appliance with a blanket or similar item.

# **Troubleshooting**

There are many common issues you may experience with your kegerator that can be solved very easily, without the need of a service call. Try the tips below to troubleshoot your unit should you experience any problems:

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE
Kegerator does not operate	Not plugged in or the appliance is turned off
	The circuit breaker tripped or a fuse has blown out
Kegerator is not cold enough	Check the temperature control setting
	External environment may require a higher setting
	The door is opened too often
	The door is not closed completely
	The door gasket is not sealing properly
Kegerator is turning on and off frequently	The room temperature is hotter than normal.
	The door is opened too often.
	The door is not closed completely.
	The temperature control is not set correctly.
	The door gasket does not seal properly.
The light does not work	Not plugged in.
	The circuit breaker tripped or a fuse has blown.
	The light bulb has burned out.
	The light button is "OFF".
Vibrations	Check to assure that the Kegerator is on a level surface.
The kegerator seems to make too much noise	A faint humming noise may come from the flow of the
	refrigerant, which is normal.
	As each cycle ends, you may hear gurgling sounds caused by
	the flow of refrigerant in your kegerator.
	Contraction and expansion of the inside walls may cause
	popping and crackling noises.
	The kegerator is not on a level surface.
The door will not close properly	The kegerator is not on a level surface.
	The gasket is dirty.
	The shelves are out of position.

# **Technical Specifications**

Keg Capacity	One 5 Gallon Keg and dispense kit OR one 7.75 Gallon Quarter Slim Keg and dispense kit
Dimensions	33 1/2" H x 15" W x 23" D (25" w/ handle)
Weight	75 lbs. (empty)
Voltage / Frequency	115v / 60 Hz
Running Amps	2.3 A
Operating Temperature	32°F - 75°F
Ambient Temperature	32°F - 100°F

# **Warranty Information**

#### WHAT IS COVERED LIMITED ONE-YEAR WARRANTY:

For one year from the date of purchase by the original owner, Kegco will, at its option, repair or replace any part of the unit, which proves to be defective in material or workmanship under normal use. During this period Kegco will provide all parts and labor necessary to correct such defects free of charge, so long as the unit has been installed and operated in accordance with the written instructions in this manual. Kegco will provide you with a reasonably similar replacement product that is either new or factory refurbished. In rental or commercial use, the warranty period is 90 days. All Kegco Appliances of 3.5 cubic feet capacity or less must be brought/sent to the appliance service shop for repair.

#### LIMITED SECOND THROUGH FIFTH YEAR WARRANTY:

For the second through the fifth year from date of original purchase, Kegco Products will provide a replacement compressor free of charge due to a failure. You are responsible for the service labor and freight charges. In rental or commercial use, the limited compressor warranty is one year and nine months. Cost to move the appliance to the servicers' shop and back to the user's home, as may be required, are the user's responsibility.

#### WHAT IS NOT COVERED:

- Content losses of food or other, due to spoilage.
- Incidental or consequential damages.
- Parts and labor costs for the following will not be considered as warranty:
  - o Door springs, and/or frames.
  - o Inner door panels, door rails and/or door supports.
  - Light bulbs and/or plastic housing.
  - o Plastic cabinet liners.
  - o Punctured evaporator that voids the warranty on the complete sealed system.
  - o Repairs performed by unauthorized servicers.
  - Shipping and handling costs associated with the replacement of the unit.
  - Service calls that do not involve defects in material or workmanship such as customer education, door reversal, or proper installation.
  - Surcharges including, but not limited to, any after hour, weekend, or holiday service calls, tolls, ferry trip
    charges, or mileage expense for service call to remote areas, including the State of Alaska.
  - Service calls that are related to external problems, such as abuse, misuse, inadequate electrical power, accidents, fire, floods, or acts of God.
  - o Replacement of house fuses or resetting circuit breakers.
- Failure of the product if it is used for other than its intended purpose.
- This warranty does not apply outside the Continental USA.

#### SERVICE FOR YOUR KEGERATOR:

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