Installation, Operation and Maintenance Instructions
1200 °C Smelting Crucible Furnace - SCF Model: 4
No Controller

SCF 4 + No Controller
Contents
This manual is for guidance on the use of the Carbolite Gero product specified on the front cover. This manual should be read thoroughly before unpacking and using the furnace or oven. The model details and serial number are shown on the back of this manual. Use the product for the purpose for which it is intended.

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1.0 Symbols and Warnings

1.1 Switches and Lights

Instrument switch: when the instrument switch is operated the temperature control circuit is energised.

Heat light: the adjacent light glows or flashes to indicate that power is being supplied to the elements.

1.2 General Warnings

DANGER – Electric shock. Read any warning printed next to this symbol.

WARNING: Risk of fatal injury.

DANGER – Hot surface. Read any warning printed next to this symbol.

WARNING: All surfaces of a product may be hot.

DANGER – Read any warning printed next to this symbol.

Caution – Double Pole/Neutral Fusing
2.0 Installation

2.1 Unpacking & Handling

When unpacking or moving the product, always lift by its base; do not use the door or any other projecting cover or component to support the equipment when moving it. Use a fork lift or pallet truck to move the product; position the product on a level surface and use an adequate number of personnel to safely move the product into position. Carefully remove any packing material from inside and around the product before use. Avoid damaging the surrounding insulation when removing packing materials.

NOTE: This product contains Refractory Ceramic Fibre (also known as Alumino Silicate Wool - ASW). For precautions and advice on handling this material see section 8.2.

2.2 Siting and Setting Up

Place the product on a level surface in a well ventilated area.
Site away from other sources of heat and on a non-flammable surface that is resistant to accidental spillage or hot materials.
The surface on which the equipment is mounted should be stable and not subject to movement or vibrations.
The height of the mounting surface is important to avoid operator strain when loading and unloading samples.
Unless otherwise stated elsewhere in this manual, ensure that there is at least 150 mm of free space around the back and sides of the product. Clear space is required above the product to dissipate heat.
2.0 Installation

Depending on the application of the product, it may be appropriate to position it under an extraction hood. Ensure the extraction hood is switched on during use. Ensure that the product is placed in such a way that it can be quickly switched off or disconnected from the electrical supply.

Under no circumstances should any objects be placed on top of the product. Always ensure that any vents on the top of the product are clear of any obstruction. Always ensure all cooling vents and cooling fans (if fitted) are clear of any obstruction.

2.3 Hearth

The hearth and chamber are supported during transport by packing foam. Remove and dispose of this packaging.

2.4 Extraction

If the product is to be used to heat substances that emit fumes, a fume extraction duct may be placed directly above the furnace.

Do not make a sealed connection to the product chimney as this causes excessive airflow through the chamber and results in poor temperature uniformity.

A heatproof drip tray will be supplied to prevent corrosion to the floor underneath the furnace. The tray should be placed directly under the air inlet as shown in the image below.
2.5 Electrical Connections

Connection by a qualified electrician is recommended.

The model covered in this manual has three internal circuits and is normally supplied for connection to a three phase power supply. This may be either star or delta, but a product must only be connected to the type and voltage of supply for which it was made. If the product is ordered for a single phase supply, this may be Live to Neutral reversible or non-reversible, or Live to Live.

Check the product rating label before connection. The supply voltage should agree with the voltage on the label and the supply capacity should be sufficient for the current on the label.

The supply should be fused at the next size equal to, or higher than the current on the label. A table of the most common fuse ratings is also given towards the back of this manual. When the mains cable is factory fitted, internal fuses are also fitted. It is essential that the operator ensures that the product is correctly fused.

Products with a factory fitted supply cable are designed to be wired directly to an isolator or fitted with a line plug.

Products without a factory fitted supply cable require a permanent connection to a fused and isolated supply. The product’s electrical access panel should be temporarily removed, and connections made to the internal terminals.

If the product is to be connected by line plug. The plug should be within reach of the operator and should be easy to remove.

When connecting the product to an isolating switch ensure that both conductors (single phase) or on all live conductors (three phase), and should be within reach of the operator.

The supply MUST incorporate an earth (ground).

Electrical Connection Details:

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<th>Terminal Label</th>
<th>Cable Colour</th>
<th>Supply Types</th>
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<td>Live - Neutral</td>
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<td>1-phase</td>
<td>L</td>
<td>Brown</td>
<td>to live</td>
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<td>PE</td>
<td>Green/ Yellow</td>
<td>to earth (ground)</td>
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2.0 Installation

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<th>to phase 1</th>
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<td>L2</td>
<td>Black</td>
<td></td>
<td>to phase 2</td>
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<tr>
<td>L3</td>
<td>Black</td>
<td></td>
<td>to phase 3 (except 2-phase)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>N</td>
<td>Light Blue</td>
<td></td>
<td>to neutral (except delta)</td>
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<tr>
<td>PE</td>
<td>Green/ Yellow</td>
<td></td>
<td>to earth (ground)</td>
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| 2.6 Voltage and Power Limit |

When first starting up the product, check the setting of the OP.Hi parameter (see the controller instructions) and compare it with the data in section 11.0 towards the back of this manual.

If the power limit setting is incorrect for the voltage of the electrical supply, change it. This must be done immediately if the setting of OP.Hi is higher than it should be.
3.0 Temperature Controller

If this product is fitted with a temperature controller, instructions are provided separately.
4.0 2132 Over-Temperature Controller Description (if fitted)

4.1 Description

This over-temperature controller is fitted and supplied ready to use by Carbolite Gero. It is a digital instrument with a latching alarm, requiring no additional panel controls. The controller features easy setting of over-temperature setpoint and reading of current temperature by the over-temperature sensor.

4.2 Operation

4.2.1 Controls

Most Carbolite Gero products are fitted with an instrument switch which cuts off power to the controller and other parts of the control circuit.

To operate the controller, power must be supplied to the product and the instrument switch must be on. If a time switch is included in the product circuit, this must be in the 'ON' position.

When an over-temperature condition occurs, the controller cuts the power to a contactor, which in turn cuts power to the heating elements. Power is not restored until the controller is 'reset'.

Some components will operate after the over-temperature feature isolates the power supply e.g. cooling fans will continue to operate, provided that there is a power supply to the product. In some cases the product may not do so, if other options (such as a door switch) are fitted.
4.2.2 Operation

When switched on, the controller lights up, goes through a short test routine and then displays the measured temperature or the over-temperature setpoint.

The page key \( \text{page} \) allows access to parameter lists within the controller.

A single press of the page key \( \text{page} \) displays the temperature units, normally set to °C; further presses reveal the lists indicated in the navigation diagram.

The scroll key \( \text{scroll} \) allows access to the parameters within a list. Some parameters are display-only; others may be altered by the operator.

A single press of the scroll key \( \text{scroll} \) in the 'Home' list displays the temperature units; further presses reveal the parameters in the current list indicated in the navigation diagram.

To return to the 'Home' list at any time, press page \( \text{page} \) and scroll \( \text{scroll} \) together, or wait for 45 seconds.

The down \( \text{down} \) and up \( \text{up} \) keys are used to alter the setpoint or other parameter values.

4.2.3 Over-Temperature Operation

Use down \( \text{down} \) and up \( \text{up} \) to alter the over-temperature setpoint. This should normally be set a little above the working temperature (for example 15 °C above). The product is supplied with the over-temperature set at 15 °C above the furnace or oven maximum working temperature.

Press scroll \( \text{scroll} \) twice view the present temperature as measured by the over-temperature controller. Press it twice, the first press shows the temperature units (°C).

4.2.4 Over-Temperature Alarm

If an over-temperature condition occurs, the OP2 indicator flashes and an alarm message 2FSH also flashes, alternating with the setpoint. Power to the heating elements is disconnected.

4.2.5 Resetting the Over-Temperature Alarm

To acknowledge the alarm press scroll \( \text{scroll} \) and page \( \text{page} \) together.

If the alarm is acknowledged while there is still an over-temperature condition, the OP2 indicator stops flashing but continues to glow. The 2FSH alarm continues to flash until the over-temperature condition is cleared (by the temperature falling), when normal operation resumes.

If the alarm is acknowledged when the temperature has dropped (or after the over-temperature setpoint has been raised) so that the over-temperature condition no longer exists, then the furnace or oven immediately resumes normal operation.

4.2.6 Sensor Break

The over-temperature cut-out system also operates if the over-temperature control thermocouple breaks or becomes disconnected. The message S.br flashes where the measured temperature is normally displayed.
4.3 Audible Alarm

If an audible alarm is supplied for use with the over-temperature controller, it is normally configured to sound on over-temperature condition and to stop sounding when the alarm is acknowledged as given in section 4.2.

Note: the alarm may sound during controller start-up.

4.4 Navigation Diagram

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<td><strong>HL</strong></td>
<td>Home List</td>
<td>Page Key</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>OTSP</strong></td>
<td>Over-Temperature Setpoint</td>
<td>Scroll Key</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>AL</strong></td>
<td>Access List</td>
<td>For factory access to list and parameters not available to the operator.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Black = Progress | Dashed = Through to other options
5.0 Time Switch

5.1 Digital Time Switch - Theben TR 635 top2

The Theben TR 635 top2 is a 7 day digital time switch with 84 memory locations each of which can contain a switching time for any or all or the days in a week. It is battery backed with approximately 10 years power reserve. The shortest switching interval is 1 minute.

A choice of languages is included. There is a real-time clock and a choice of daylight saving rules.

The facia features a digital display and four buttons as shown in the image.
5.0 Time Switch

Important Note
In the instructions below, "select" an item means the following:
Press the arrow keys (usually the right) until the item appears on the screen. Then press OK.

Reset
To reset press all four buttons simultaneously all stored programs can be retained or deleted. Normally avoid reset except to change the language, as follows.
Press all four buttons simultaneously. Then select the required language.
Set the time and date by pressing the arrow keys and using OK. After changing language it may be necessary also to change the daylight saving rules: see the next section.

Setting the Time and Date (and Daylight Saving Rules)
Press the MENU key then use the right arrow key to display TIME/DATE and then press OK. Use the arrow keys and OK to set the time and date.
After setting the date, the next display shows the current SU – WI selection. To alter the daylight saving rules, press the arrow keys to select between six different countries or FREE or FIX DATE or NO SU-WI.
If FREE is chosen, a month and date entry sequence is entered: follow the display requests.

Setting a Switch-On or Switch-Off Time
A program entry comprises a function (on or off), a switching time and the days to which it applies.
Press MENU.
PROGRAM is displayed. Press OK.
NEW is displayed. Press OK.
Use the arrow keys to select ON (for switch on times) or OFF (for switch off times). Press OK.
HOUR is displayed. Use the keys to enter hour, minute and confirm by pressing OK.
MONDAY is displayed. Select the day required then press OK.
COPY is displayed. Press OK to copy the switching time to other days or use the arrow key to select SAVE.
Other choices are CHECK, MODIFY, CLEAR or END.

Modifying or deleting a Switch-On or Switch-Off Time
Press MENU.
PROGRAM is displayed. Press OK.
NEW is displayed. Use the arrow keys to select CHECK, MODIFY or DELETE. Press OK after selecting one of these options. If modifying confirm MODIFY HOUR by pressing
OK. The first of the switching times is shown. Use the keys to adjust the time and confirm by pressing OK.

Once the date and time memories are entered, the time switch automatically obeys them. Note that if the same time is used for an on as an off, off takes priority.

Overriding the Program
To change the present state between on and off, press MENU, select MANUAL. Within the MANUAL choices are PERMANENT ON; PERMANENT OFF; MANUAL ON; TIMER; HOLIDAY; RANDOM & END.

Avoid random, which is irrelevant to furnaces. The holiday feature may be left as an exercise for the reader.

Pulse and Cycle
These features are not required and should be off.
6.0 Operation

6.1 Operating Cycle

This product is fitted with an instrument switch which cuts off power to the control circuit.

Connect the product to the electrical supply.

Turn on the instrument switch to activate the temperature controllers. The controllers illuminate and go through a short test cycle.

This product if fitted with a time switch which operates in conjunction with the temperature controller as follows:

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<th>Time Switch Function</th>
<th>Operation</th>
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<td>301 Controller or 3216CC Controller</td>
<td>Time switch cuts power to the temperature controller</td>
<td>Switch on the instrument switch. Set the required setpoint on the temperature controller. Timer in 'OFF' state: furnace does not heat. Timer in 'ON' state: furnace heats to the setpoint.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3216 Programmer or 3508 Programmer</td>
<td>Time switch starts a temperature program</td>
<td>Switch on the instrument switch. Set the required temperature program in the temperature controller. Timer in 'ON' state: the program is started. Timer in 'OFF' state: the program is stopped.</td>
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Set the time switch as required.

Set the element over-temperature controller to approximately 100 °C above the maximum or setpoint temperature. The element over-temperature controller protects the heating elements from excessive temperature and if activated is self resetting. When correctly set it may be ignored (see section 0.1).

**Chamber Over-Temperature option only.** If the digital over-temperature option has not yet been set as required, set and activate it according to the over-temperature controller instructions.

Unless the time switch is switched off, the product starts to heat up according to the controller setpoint or program.

**Chamber Over-Temperature option only.** If the over-temperature circuit has tripped, an indicator on the over-temperature controller flashes and the heating elements are isolated. Find and correct the cause before resetting the over-temperature controller according to the instructions supplied.
To turn the product off, set the instrument switch to its off position. The controller display will go blank. If the product is to be left unattended, isolate it from the electrical supply.

### 6.2 General Operating Advice

Heating element life is shortened by overheating. Do not leave the product at high temperature when it is not required. The maximum temperature is shown on the product rating label and in section 12.0 towards the back of this manual.

Lightweight ceramic fibre insulation can easily be marked by accidental contact. Some fine cracks may develop in the surface of the insulation due to the progressive shrinkage of the insulation materials. Cracks are not usually detrimental to the functioning or the safety of the product.

Clean up any spillages in the insulation, as these can increase the rate of degradation of the insulation material.

### 6.3 Operator Safety

This product incorporates a safety switch which interrupts the heating element circuit when the furnace is opened. This prevents the operator touching a live heating element and also prevents the product from heating up if the furnace is left open. The operation of this switch should be checked periodically.

Depending on use, the surfaces in the working chamber and the chamber load may still be very hot after the appliance is switched off. Touching these surfaces may cause burns. Use suitable personal protective equipment or wait until the appliance cools down to ambient temperature.

Before removing a hot object from the product, make sure there is a safe place to put it down. If necessary use tongs, face masks and heat resistant gloves. Heat resistant clothing and face protection can guard against the effects of radiated heat when the furnace is open.

When the product is opened during operation there is considerable radiated heat. Do not keep any flammable objects near the product, nor objects which could be damaged by radiated heat.

### 6.4 Over-Temperature Control (if fitted)

The over-temperature controller should typically be set at 15 °C above the main controller. If an over-temperature condition occurs, check the main controller is functioning correctly.
An over-temperature condition cuts off power to the heating elements. A light in the over-temperature controller flashes. To reset this, refer to the over-temperature control section of this manual.
# 7.0 Maintenance

## 7.1 General Maintenance
Preventive rather than reactive maintenance is recommended. The type and frequency depends on the product use; the following are recommended.

## 7.2 Maintenance Schedule

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<td>Safety</td>
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<tr>
<td>Safety Switch Function</td>
<td>Set a safe temperature above ambient, and open the lid to see if the heater light goes out</td>
<td>☑</td>
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<tr>
<td>Safety Switch Function</td>
<td>Electrical measurement</td>
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<tr>
<td>Over-Temperature Safety Circuit (if fitted)</td>
<td>Set an over-temperature setpoint lower than the displayed temperature and check for an over-temperature alarm as detailed in this manual</td>
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<tr>
<td>Over-Temperature Safety Circuit (if fitted)</td>
<td>Electrical measurement</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lid Insulation</td>
<td>Visual inspection, checking the seal and whether it is free of damage</td>
<td>☑</td>
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<td>Lid Insulation</td>
<td>Replacement where necessary</td>
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<td>Chimney / Extraction</td>
<td>Check and clean if necessary</td>
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<td>Visual check of external cables and plugs</td>
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<td>Function</td>
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<td>Temperature Calibration</td>
<td>Tested using certified equipment, frequency dependent on the standard required</td>
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<td>Operational Check</td>
<td>Check that all functions are working normally</td>
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<td>Operational Check</td>
<td>Thorough inspection and report incorporating a test of all functions</td>
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<td>Measure the current drawn on each phase / circuit</td>
<td>Visual check for fit and damage</td>
<td>Check for large cracks which could lead to contamination of the elements causing premature failure.</td>
<td>When large gaps form in the element protection tiles they need to be replaced to prevent premature failing of the elements.</td>
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7.2.1 Cleaning

Soot deposits may form inside the furnace, depending on the process. At appropriate intervals remove these by heating as indicated in the General Operation Notes.

The product's outer surface may be cleaned with a damp cloth. Do not allow water to enter the interior of the case or chamber. Do not clean with organic solvents.

7.2.2 Safety Switch

When correctly functioning, the safety switch will isolate all live conductors (live and neutral connections) within the heating element circuit(s) when the product door is opened. The safety switch should be checked regularly to ensure that this occurs.

The safety switch should not fail under normal working conditions, however rough handling, exposure to corrosive materials/environments, or exceptionally frequent use, could compromise the safety system.

**Weekly check:**
The following check can be carried out by a general operator:

- On the temperature controller, set a safe temperature above ambient. The heater lights should illuminate.
- Open the door and check the heater lights. They should no longer be illuminated.

If the heater lights remain illuminated when the door is open, discontinue use and contact Carbolite Gero Service.

**Annual check:**
The following checks should be carried out by a qualified electrician, as specified in the "Maintenance Schedule" section of this manual:

- Remove the element access panel and take a voltage measurement from the heating element terminals. Do not attempt to take a reading from the heating element itself as surface oxidation will give an unreliable contact.
- Ensure that power to the heating elements is switched off when the door is opened.

Contact Carbolite Gero Service and discontinue use of the product if it is found that the heating elements are not fully isolated during these checks.

7.3 Calibration

After prolonged use, the controller and/or thermocouple may require recalibration. This is important for processes that require accurate temperature readings or for those that use the product close to its maximum temperature. A quick check using an independent
thermocouple and temperature indicator should be made from time to time to
determine whether full calibration is required. Carbolite Gero can supply these items.
Depending on the controller fitted, the controller instructions may contain calibration
instructions.

7.4 After-Sales Service

Carbolite Gero Service has a team of Service Engineers who can offer repair, calibration
and preventive maintenance of furnace and oven products both at the Carbolite Gero
factory and at customers’ premises throughout the world. A telephone call or email
often enables a fault to be diagnosed and the necessary parts to be despatched.
In all correspondence please quote the serial number and model type given on the
rating label of the product. The serial number and model type are also given on the
back of this manual when supplied with the product.
Carbolite Gero Service and Carbolite Gero contact information can be found on the back
page of this manual.

7.5 Recommended Spare Parts and Spare Parts Kit

Carbolite Gero can supply individual spare parts or a kit of the items most likely to be
required. Ordering a kit in advance can save time in the event of a breakdown.
Each kit consists of one thermocouple, one sheath, one solid-state relay, one door
insulation piece, a set of elements, a set of element clips and a set of braid and clips.
Individual spare parts are also available.
When ordering spare parts please quote the model details as requested above.

7.6 Element Ageing

Silicon carbide elements gradually increase in resistance with use; a process known as
ageing. Their heating power reduces correspondingly. To ensure sufficient power to the
product, it may be necessary to adjust the power limit and, ultimately, replace the
elements - taking care to readjust the power limit.
If the product does not reach temperature, or is slow, check the power limit setting and
increase the value by 5%. It is recommended to make a note of the new settings and
the date of the adjustment in section 11.0. Increase the power limit in steps of 5% until
the product regains its original performance.
If the power limit is set to 100% a new set of heating elements is required.

Please note: it is not possible to use the cold resistance of the element as a measure
of ageing as the cold resistance is not an accurate indicator of hot resistance. Hot
resistance is used to calculate furnace power.

See the controller instructions for how to adjust the controller. Always record the setting
when first making an adjustment. If new elements are fitted, return the adjustments to
the original value. A table of standard power limits is given in section 11.0.
7.7 Power Adjustment

The product's control system incorporates electronic power limiting. Power is supplied to the elements in bursts of approximately 0.33 seconds duration. This prevents overheating of the elements. The power limit is programmed into the product controller.

A table of standard power limits is supplied with new products, it is given in section 11.0
8.0 Repairs and Replacements

8.1 Safety Warning - Disconnection from Power Supply

Immediately switch the product off in the event of unforeseen circumstances (e.g. large amount of smoke). Allow the product to return to room temperature before inspection.

Always ensure that the product is disconnected from the electrical supply before repair work is carried out.

Caution: Double pole/neutral fusing may be used in this product.

8.2 Safety Warning - Refractory Fibre Insulation

Insulation made from High Temperature Insulation Wool
Refractory Ceramic Fibre, better known as (Alumina silicate wool - ASW).

This product contains alumino silicate wool products in its thermal insulation. These materials may be in the form of blanket or felt, formed board or shapes, slab or loose fill wool.

Typical use does not result in any significant level of airborne dust from these materials, but much higher levels may be encountered during maintenance or repair.

Whilst there is no evidence of any long term health hazards, it is strongly recommended that safety precautions are taken whenever the materials are handled.

Exposure to fibre dust may cause respiratory disease.

When handling the material, always use approved respiratory protection equipment (RPE-eg. FFP3), eye protection, gloves and long sleeved clothing.

Avoid breaking up waste material. Dispose of waste in sealed containers.

After handling, rinse exposed skin with water before washing gently with soap (not detergent). Wash work clothing separately.

Before commencing any major repairs it is recommended to make reference to the European Association representing the High Temperature Insulation Wool industry (www.ecfia.eu).

Further information can be provided on request. Alternatively, Carbolite Gero Service can quote for any repairs to be carried out either on site or at the Carbolite Gero factory.

8.3 Temperature Controller Replacement

Refer to the controller instructions for more information on how to replace the temperature controller.
8.4 Solid-State Relay Replacement

Disconnect the product from the power supply and remove the appropriate cover as given above.

1. Make a note of the wire connections to the solid state relay, then disconnect them.
2. Remove the solid state relay from the base panel or aluminium plate.
3. Replace and reconnect the solid state relay ensuring that the bottom of it has good thermal contact with the base panel or aluminium plate.
4. Replace the access panel.
8.5 Element Fitting and Replacement

Replacements: see section 7.6. If at any time the power limit has been increased, reset it to its original value (see section 11.0 at the back of this manual for the original value).

New elements must not be mixed with aged elements. If a single element fails in an aged set of elements then replace with a new set. The remaining aged elements can be used as spare parts in the future.

Disconnect the product from the electrical supply.

Remove the side panels to gain access to the element connections.

Remember that the elements are fragile and expensive and that they can be damaged by contamination: handle them with care and keep them clean.

First Fitting: The product is supplied with all element connection braids in position, except for 3 off loose braids. Insert the elements as explained below and connect the fitted braids to the adjacent element ends. Connect the loose braids in pairs to the unconnected ends, on the same side of the product as the element power terminals.

Replacements: Replace each element in turn. Release the clips using the tool provided. Move the braids and carefully withdraw each element: it may be necessary to remove the element sleeve with the element.

Carefully insert the new element, locating the sleeves as shown. Sleeves are fragile: it may be necessary to use new ones. Ensure that the element hot zone is equally placed within the chamber.

Connect the braids. Check that the braids cannot touch each other or the case and that there is no short circuit to earth.

If aged elements have been replaced, reset the products power limit.

Refit the panels and test the product.
8.6  Thermocouple Replacement

Disconnect the product from the power supply. Remove terminal cover to gain access to the thermocouple connections. Make a note of the thermocouple connections.

Thermocouple cable colour codings are:

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<th>thermocouple leg</th>
<th>colour</th>
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<tr>
<td>positive (type R)</td>
<td>orange</td>
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<td>negative</td>
<td>white</td>
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Disconnect the thermocouple from its terminal block; retain any porcelain spacers.
Withdraw the thermocouple from its sheath and remove any broken bits of thermocouple.
Re-assemble with a new thermocouple observing the colour coding.
Refit the element access panel.

8.7  Fuse Replacement

Fuses are marked on the wiring diagram with type codes, e.g. F1, F2. For more information on fuses refer to section 11.0.

*Depending on model and voltage, the different fuse types may or may not be fitted.*

If any fuse has failed, it is advisable for an electrician to check the internal circuits.
Replace any failed fuses with the correct type. For safety reasons do not fit larger capacity fuses without first consulting Carbolite Gero.
The fuses are located at the cable entry point. Remove the back panel or control box back panel to gain access to the fuses.
# 9.0 Fault Analysis

## A. Furnace Does Not Heat Up

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<td>1. The HEAT light is ON</td>
<td>The heating element has failed</td>
<td>Check also that the SSR is working correctly</td>
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<td>2. The HEAT light is OFF</td>
<td>The controller shows a very high temperature or code such as S.br</td>
<td>The thermocouple has broken or has a wiring fault</td>
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<td>The controller shows a low temperature</td>
<td>The door switch(es) (if fitted) may be faulty or need adjustment</td>
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<td>The contactor/relay (if fitted) may be faulty</td>
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<td>The heater switch (if fitted) may be faulty or need adjustment</td>
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<td>The SSR could be failing to switch on due to internal failure, faulty logic wiring from the controller, or faulty controller</td>
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<td>There are no lights glowing on the controller</td>
<td>Check the supply fuses and any fuses in the furnace control compartment</td>
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<td>The controller may be faulty or not receiving a supply due to a faulty switch or a wiring fault.</td>
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### B. Product Overheats

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<td><strong>1.</strong> Product only heats up when the instrument switch is ON</td>
<td>The controller shows a very high temperature</td>
<td>The controller is faulty</td>
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<td>The controller shows a low temperature</td>
<td>The thermocouple may be faulty or may have been removed out of the heating chamber</td>
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<td>The thermocouple may be connected the wrong way around</td>
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<td>The controller may be faulty</td>
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<td><strong>2.</strong> Product heats up when the instrument switch is OFF</td>
<td>The SSR has failed &quot;ON&quot;</td>
<td>Check for an accidental wiring fault that could have overloaded the SSR</td>
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10.0  Wiring Diagrams

For wiring diagrams, please contact Carbolite Gero Service. Please quote the serial number and model.
11.0 Fuses and Power Settings

11.1 Fuses

F1-F3: Refer to the circuit diagrams.

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<th>F1 Internal Supply Fuses</th>
<th>Fitted if supply cable fitted. Fitted on board to some types of EMC filter.</th>
<th>GEC Safeclip of the type shown (glass type F up to 16 A) 38 mm x 10 mm type F fitted on EMC filter circuit board(s)</th>
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<td>F2</td>
<td>Auxiliary Circuit Fuses</td>
<td>Fitted on board to some types of EMC filter. May be omitted up to 25 Amp/phase supply rating.</td>
<td>2 Amps glass type F On board: 20 mm x 5 mm Other: 32 mm x 6 mm</td>
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<td>F3</td>
<td>Heat Light Fuses</td>
<td>May be omitted up to 25 Amp/phase supply rating.</td>
<td>2 Amps glass type F 32 mm x 6 mm</td>
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<td>Customer Fuses</td>
<td>Required if no supply cable fitted. Recommended if cable fitted.</td>
<td>See rating label for current; See table below for fuse rating.</td>
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Access to internal fuses is by opening the front door panel.

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<th>Model</th>
<th>Phases</th>
<th>Volts</th>
<th>Supply Fuse Rating</th>
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<tr>
<td>SCF 4</td>
<td>3-phase Delta</td>
<td>200-240</td>
<td>100 A</td>
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<td>SCF 4</td>
<td>3-phase + N</td>
<td>380-415</td>
<td>40 A</td>
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11.2 Power Settings

The power limit settings (parameter OP.Hi) for this model are voltage dependant. The figures represent the maximum percentage of time that controlled power is supplied to the elements. Do not attempt to “improve performance” by setting a value higher than the recommended values. To adjust the parameter refer to the "Changing the Maximum Output Power" of the control section of the manual.

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<th>Volts (v)</th>
<th>220 V</th>
<th>230 V</th>
<th>380 V</th>
<th>400 V</th>
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<td>Power (%)</td>
<td>60</td>
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<td>47</td>
<td>42</td>
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Please refer to the rating label for product specific information.
12.0 Specifications

Carbolite Gero reserves the right to change the specification without notice.

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<th>Model</th>
<th>Max Temp (°C)</th>
<th>Max Power (kW)</th>
<th>Chamber Size H x W x D (mm)</th>
<th>External Dimensions (excluding handles) H x W x D (mm)</th>
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<tr>
<td>SCF 4</td>
<td>1400</td>
<td>15.0</td>
<td>200 x 245 x 500</td>
<td>1040 x 1230 x 1040</td>
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12.1 Environment

The models listed in this manual contains electrical parts and should be stored and used in indoor conditions as follows:

Temperature: 5 °C - 40 °C

Relative humidity: Maximum 80 % up to 31 °C decreasing linearly to 50 % at 40 °C
### Service Record

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