

# Frequently Asked Questions About



## Small and Large Scale Smokers

### **My model is almost completely air tight, will my smoke unit work?**

- The smoke unit does require airflow into the model through stacks, vents, louvers, or holes greater than the size of the fan on the smoke unit. Intakes in the front of the model, or above the fan will be the most effective.

### **Can my smoke unit run off a car battery?**

- A car battery can generate well over 12 Volts and high current well in excess of 875 Amps. All of our smoke units operate on a maximum of either 6 Volts or 12 Volts, and under 3 Amps. A smaller battery that is under 12 Volts, and between 4 Amps and 8 Amps should be used.

### **How do I know if my battery will work?**

- Take a voltmeter beforehand, to ensure that it isn't over 6 Volts or 12 Volts (depending on which model smoke unit you are running). Many batteries put off between 12.8 and 13.2 Volts when fully charged which is too much voltage for the smoke units, therefore a voltage regulator or variable power supply or step-down transformer that would put out between 9 and 12 Volts will be required.

### **How can I run my smoke unit if I only have a large car battery in my model?**

- A smaller battery coupled with a 3 Amp voltage regulator or a variable power supply that can handle at least 3 Amps is a viable solution.

### **How do I connect the smoke unit to the rest of my exhaust system?**

- Vinyl tubing is the best way to connect to the fittings and it is recommended that the end of the vinyl tubing gets soaked in warm water beforehand to make it more

flexible. Do not force the tubing over the brass fitting, or shove anything inside the brass, or it can become dislodged.

### **Can I create black smoke?**

- Scale smokers are designed to put out light grey smoke by means of vaporizing the smoke fluid. The production of black smoke would indicate combustion.

### **Does polarity matter with respect to wiring?**

- For the fan, polarity does matter as our fans are not designed to run in reverse. For the heating element, polarity can be reversed as the heating element is designed to work in forward or reverse.

### **What type of fluid does the smoke unit use and how do I know when the unit is full?**

- JT's Mega-Steam is preferred. The top of the black mark on the included dip stick indicates that the unit is full. Never fill the unit with water, or any type of flammable fluid.

### **How do I wire the unit?**

- There are detailed wiring diagrams for most applications on our Facebook page: Small and Large Scale Smokers

### **What is the Warranty on the Scale Smokers?**

- Small and Large Scale Smokers offers a 1 Year Limited Warranty as long as the directions are followed, which includes but is not limited to: Correct voltage being applied, the unit receiving airflow, and the correct type and amount of fluid. If all of the following are applied the unit should run as designed, providing years of enjoyment for the modeler.

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