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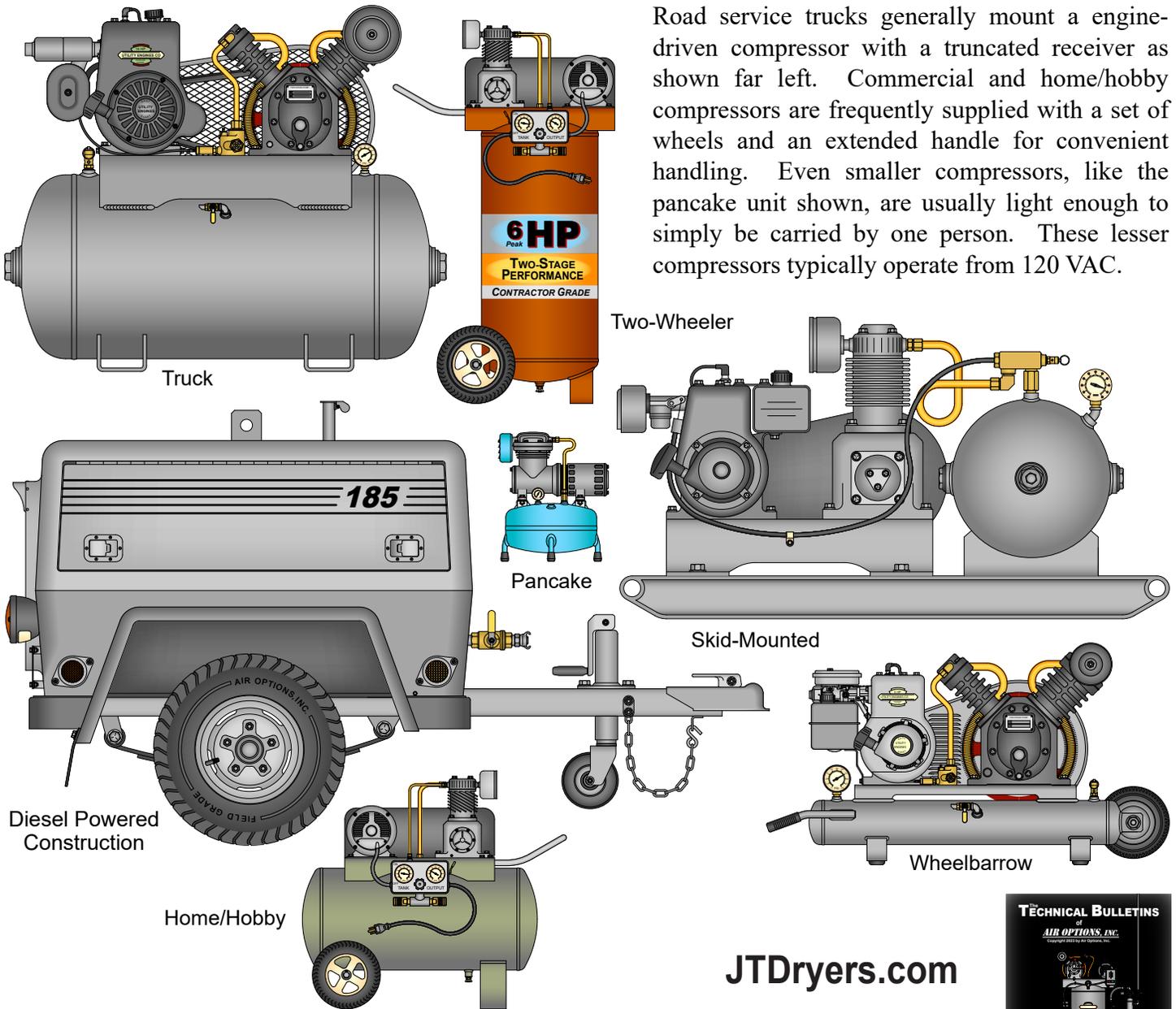
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Portable Air Compressors

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There are a variety of compressed air applications that require that the compressors be mobile. Most of us have seen diesel-powered units, like the one illustrated below, on commercial construction sites and in support of road work. If one visits a home under construction, there will typically be a wheelbarrow compressor, shown lower right,

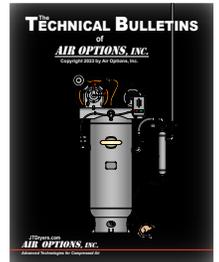
supplying the air for the framing and trim nailers. Road service trucks generally mount a engine-driven compressor with a truncated receiver as shown far left. Commercial and home/hobby compressors are frequently supplied with a set of wheels and an extended handle for convenient handling. Even smaller compressors, like the pancake unit shown, are usually light enough to simply be carried by one person. These lesser compressors typically operate from 120 VAC.



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