Installation, Operation & Maintenance Manual

Turbopower® Low NOx Gas Water Heater
Models: (1000, 1500) L (XXX) A-TPL

Warning: If the information in these instructions is not followed exactly, a fire or explosion may result causing property damage, personal injury or death. Do not store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids in the vicinity of this or any other appliance.

What to do if you smell gas:
- Do not try to light any appliance.
- Do not touch any electrical switch; do not use any phone in your building.
- Immediately call your gas supplier from a neighbor’s phone. Follow the gas supplier’s instructions.
- If you cannot reach your gas supplier, call the fire department.

Important: This manual contains information required for installation, operation and maintenance of this equipment. Read and follow the information in this manual and all other provided instructions, labels and markings before installing, operating or servicing this unit.

Installation and service must be performed by a qualified service installer, service agency or the gas supplier.

To the installer: After installation, these instructions must be given to the equipment user or left near the appliance.

Special instructions to the owner: Retain this manual for future reference. These instructions contain important information that will help you in maintaining and operating this appliance.
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SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

WARNING: If the information in the supplied manual(s) is not followed exactly, a fire, explosion or exposure to hazardous materials may result, causing property damage, personal injury or death.

AVERTISSEMENT. Assurez-vous de bien suivre les instructions données dans cette notice pour réduire au minimum le risque d’incendie ou d’explosion ou pour éviter tout dommage matériel, toute blessure ou la mort.

FOR YOUR SAFETY

- Do not store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors or liquids in the vicinity of this or any other appliance.
- Ne pas entreposer ni utiliser d’essence ou ni d’autres vapeurs ou liquides inflammables à proximité de cet appareil ou de tout autre appareil.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU SMELL GAS

- Do not try to light any appliance.
- Ne pas tenter d’allumer d’appareil.
- Do not touch any electric switch; do not use any phone in your building.
- Ne touches à aucun interrupteur; ne pas vous server des téléphones se trouvant dans le bâtiment.
- Immediately call your gas supplier from a location away from your building and the smell of gas. Follow the gas supplier's instructions.
- Appelez immédiatement votre fournisseur de gaz depuis un voisin. Suivez les instructions de fournisseur.
- If you cannot reach your gas supplier, call the fire department.
- Si vous ne pouvez rejoindre le fournisseur, appelez le service de incendies.

FOR YOUR SAFETY

Installation and service must be performed by a qualified installer, service agency or the gas supplier.

L’installation et l’entretien doivent être assurés ou un service d’entretien qualifié ou par le fournisseur de gaz.

This product contains, or may come to contain materials that have been identified as carcinogenic, or possibly carcinogenic to humans. Before installing, servicing or removing this product, read and follow the supplied instructions.

Clearance in accordance with the local installation codes and the requirements of the gas supplier.

Dégagement conforme aux codes d’installation locaux et aux exigencies du fournisseur de gaz.

Should overheating occur or the gas supply fail to shut off, turn off the manual gas control valve to the appliance.

En cas de surchauffe ou si l’alimentation en gaz ne s’arrête pas, fermez manuellement le robinet d’arrêt de l’admission de gaz.

WARNING: Installation and service must be performed by a qualified installer, service agency or the gas supplier, who must read and follow the supplied instructions before installing, servicing or removing this appliance. Refer to the information contained in this manual. Improper installation, adjustment, alteration, service or maintenance can cause property damage, personal injury, exposure to hazardous materials or death.

WARNING: Do not use this appliance if any part has been under water. Immediately call a qualified service technician to inspect the unit and to replace any part of the control system, all gas controls and all other items affecting safe appliance operation and which has been under water.

AVERTISSEMENT: N’utilisez pas cet appareil s’il a été plongé dans l’eau, même partiellement. Faites inspecter l’appareil par un technicien qualifié et remplacez toute partie du système de contrôle et toute commande qui ont été plongés dans l’eau.

WARNING: In an emergency shut the main gas supply valve to the appliance from a location safely away from the emergency. Failure to follow these instructions can cause property damage, personal injury, and exposure to hazardous materials or death.
PRODUCT SAFETY INFORMATION
REFRACTORY CERAMIC FIBER PRODUCT WITH CRYSTALLINE SILICA

WARNING: This product contains or may come to contain crystalline silica, which has been identified by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) as carcinogenic to humans. This product also contains refractory ceramic fibers, which have been identified by the IARC as possibly carcinogenic to humans. Avoid breathing fiber particulates and dust.

RISKS:
- Airborne fibrous insulation is a possible cancer hazard by inhalation.
- Airborne crystalline silica may cause silicosis (lung disease) by inhalation.
- May cause temporary irritation to eyes, skin, and respiratory tract.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES:
- Minimize airborne fibers with engineering controls.
- Use NIOSH/MSHA approved respirators as required (see MSDS).
- Wear long sleeved, loose-fitting clothing, eye protection and gloves.

FIRST AID MEASURES: (If any of the irritations listed persists, seek medical attention)
- Eyes:  Flush with water.
- Skin:  Wash with soap and warm water.
- Ingestion:  Do not induce vomiting. Get medical attention if gastrointestinal symptoms develop.
- Inhalation:  Remove to fresh clean air.

WARNING: If you are unfamiliar with the safe handling of refractory ceramic fiber products, or if you wish additional information prior to beginning any disassembly of the water heater or boiler that might expose refractory ceramic fiber materials, contact: Unifrax Corporation, 2351 Whirlpool Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14305-2413, 1-800-322-2293.

IDENTIFICATION OF REFRACTORY CERAMIC FIBER MATERIALS (RCF):
The burner assembly utilizes RCF material. (The RFC materials are located within the product and not generally exposed except during service, disassembly or assembly.)
IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTE

It takes only 5 seconds of skin contact with 140°F water to cause a second degree burn! You must protect against high water temperatures at all lavatories, tubs, showers and other points of hot water contact.

Accidental scalding from high water temperatures is a greater risk in some types of installations. Some examples are:

HOMES FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED
HOMES FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED
HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES
ELDER CARE FACILITIES AND REST HOMES
ORPHANAGES AND CHILD CARE FACILITIES

OTHER INSTALLATIONS – WHERE RESPONSE TO CONTACT WITH HOT WATER MAY BE SLOWER OR WHERE THE DANGER OF HOT WATER CONTACT IS GREATER

Thermostatically controlled mixing valves must be used in the design of the potable hot water system.

Potable hot water should be tempered to no more than 110°F when used for bathing or other personal use.

Good engineering practice mandates the use of thermostatically controlled mixing valves set at 120°F to keep the delivered water temperature below scalding temperatures.
2  PRODUCT DESCRIPTION Component, Controls and Connection Locations

(Locations and Connections may vary

Typical TURBOPOWER® Low NOx Water Heater Construction

1. Temperature and pressure relief valve
2. Air inlet / screen
3. Cold water inlet
4. Hot water outlet
5. Thermostats
6. Safety valves
7. Drain valve
8. Gas inlet
9. Drip leg *
10. Flue collector and connection
11. Optional rear module access
12. Regulator / proportionator
13. Flame control
14. On/off switch and control fuse
15. Lifting lugs
16. Flame rod
17. Hot surface

* Not furnished by PVI
3 WATER HEATER INSTALLATION

3.1 Checking Equipment Before You Install

- Inspect the unit completely upon receipt from the freight carrier before signing the bill of lading. Inspect the appliance and all accompanying parts for signs of impact or mishandling. Verify the total number of pieces shown on packing slips with those actually received. Contact the freight carrier immediately if any damage or shortage is detected.
- Check the data decal on the appliance. Be sure the electrical, water and gas supply is adequate for the installation.
- Carefully remove all side and top shipping supports and bracing. If possible, do not remove the wooden base/skid assembly until the product has been moved to its final location for installation and operation (see: Handling and Locating the Water Heater).

WARNING: The fuel-fired burner supplied with this water heater may be removed, packaged and shipped separately to avoid damage during transport and handling. Confirm the burner decal data matches with the water heater’s rating decal data before mating in the field (i.e. Model, BTU/hr input, and Energy Source).

CAUTION: The hot and cold water distribution system piping connected to this product must be suitable for 150 psi at 210°F in the event the water heater controls malfunction.

3.2 Codes

The equipment must be installed in accordance with those installation regulations in force in the local area where the installation is to be made. Authorities having jurisdiction must be consulted before installation is made. In the absence of such requirements, the installation must be in accordance with the instructions in this manual, appliance markings and supplemental instructions and in compliance with the latest edition of the National Fuel Gas Code, ANSI Z223.1/NFPA 54. Where required by the Canadian authority having jurisdiction, the equipment must be installed in accordance with the latest edition of the CSA B149.1 Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code and applicable Provincial Regulations. All appliances conform to the current edition of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section IV, Part HLW.

3.3 Electrical Requirements

See appliance rating decal for electrical service requirements. The appliance must be electrically supplied and grounded in accordance with the requirements of the authority having jurisdiction or, in the absence of such requirements, with the latest edition of the National Electrical Code ANSI/NFPA No. 70. In Canada, the electrical service must conform to local electrical codes and/or CSA C22.1, Canadian Electrical Code, Part 1.

- All wiring between the unit and field installed devices must be made with type T copper wire.
- Line voltage wire exterior to the appliance must be enclosed in approved conduit or approved metal clad cable.
- To avoid serious damage, DO NOT energize the unit until the system and appliance is full of water.

Utiliser du fil de cuivre de la taille appropriée pour le service électrique entrant. Les dommages résultant de l'utilisation de fil d'aluminium seront exclus du champ d'application de la garantie de cet appareil.

120V 1 phase, 60 Hz service wiring connections are located in the enclosure on the water heater. Some models may additionally have high voltage connections located on the burner.

Be certain that high and low voltages are connected to the correct points; also, check rotation of motors on three phase models. The burners are shipped separately from the heaters and are provided with connecting wires in conduit to be connected after the burner is in place in the combustion chamber. Wires and terminal block connections are marked for simplified hookup.

3.4 Handling and Locating the Water Heater

WARNING: Use industry standard safe rigging methods, such as including the use straps and spreader bars and lifting from the water heater base skid assembly, when attempting to lift or move this product. Failure to follow industry safe rigging methods could result in property damage, serious injury or death.

1. These units are suitable for indoor installation only (unless specified).
2. Locate the unit so that if water connections should leak, water damage will not occur. When such locations are unavoidable, install a suitable drain pan, and plumb pan to ensure adequate drainage in the event of a leak. Under no circumstances is the manufacturer responsible for water damage in connection with this unit, or any of its components. The manufacturer’s warranty does not cover water damage.
3. Protect associated electrical components and electrical connections from water (dripping, spraying, rain, etc.) during appliance operation and service.
4. Place the appliance on a level floor. This appliance can be installed directly on a combustible floor.

3.5 Installation

**WARNING:** Some units are top heavy. Use caution when moving and rigging these products.

1. Connections to the cold water inlet and hot water outlet should be installed with shut-off valves and unions so that the unit may be disconnected for servicing. Use caution when threading pipe nipples into tank connections to prevent cross threading, or over-tightening. Always use a back-up wrench on tank nipples when tightening unions, valves, etc.

   **IMPORTANT:** Do not use galvanized or steel pipe nipples when making connections to the tank. Use non-ferrous nipples only.

2. Some tank fittings will be attached to the tank wall with studs. Check these type fittings for leaks after filling tank. Do not over-tighten the studded connections as damage to the O-ring under the fittings may occur. A maximum torque of (15) ft. lbs. (un lubricated) should be used on studded connections - tighten only in alternating pattern.

3. Hot water and return circulation lines should be insulated. Cold water supply lines should be insulated if subject to freezing during shutdown periods.

4. A thermal expansion valve (or diaphragm-type expansion tank) should be installed in the cold water line between the water heater and any check valve.

   **IMPORTANT:** Do not use the plumbing connected to the appliance as a ground for welding or any other purpose.

5. The water heater is equipped with a temperature and pressure relief valve rated for the input of the energy source and the working pressure of the tank. The relief valve discharge should be piped to a suitable open drain. The drainpipe may not be smaller than the relief valve opening and must be secured to prevent it from lifting out of the drain under discharge pressure. Do not install valves or restrictions in the discharge line. Storage tanks must have over pressure protection. If not factory installed, a properly rated temperature and/or pressure relief valve must be installed in the fitting furnished for that purpose.

6. The drain valve should be piped to a suitable open drain.

3.6 Clearances To Combustible Surfaces

The minimum clearance to combustible material is 6” from the top, sides and rear, and 24” from the front of the water heater. Minimum 1” clearance must be provided from any vent surface to adjacent combustible material.

Dégagements minimaux à assurer entre les parois de l’appareil et les constructions combustibles: 15 cm (côtés, arrière, et dessus), 61 cm (avant).

3.7 Service Clearances

Additional clearance beyond the minimum required to combustible material should be considered to facilitate easy access for inspection and service of items such as the burner, gas controls and plumbing connections. Also allow sufficient space for installing and servicing building water, gas, vent, combustion air, electrical, pump and other auxiliary/optional equipment and connections.

3.8 Other Code and Regulatory Clearances and Requirements

Additional clearance beyond the minimum required to combustible materials and other requirements may be required to comply with local, state or national codes and regulations. It is to the responsibility of the installer to comply with these requirements. Examples of codes or regulations that may apply are the National Electric Code, State/Regional/National drain water and flue emissions regulations, the National Fuel Gas Code, Building Construction and Safety Codes, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and, in states where a water heater above a certain input or storage capacity is considered a boiler, the applicable boiler code requirements, the applicable boiler installation requirements in “Safety Code for Controls and Safety Devices for Automatically Fired Boilers” (CSD-1) and other regulatory requirements.
4 GENERAL PIPING GUIDELINES

WARNING: Hot outlet and cold water piping materials connected to this product must be suitable for temperatures up to 212°F at normal operating water pressures.

4.1 Inlet and Outlet Connections

1. Use only non-ferrous water piping and fittings. Do not use galvanized pipe or fittings. Use of ferrous or galvanized pipe or fittings can cause rust to form.

2. Install shut-off valves and unions on the inlet and outlet water piping for servicing. Use caution when threading pipe nipples into tank connections to prevent cross threading, or over-tightening. Always use a back-up wrench on tank nipples when tightening unions, valves, etc.

3. Insulate hot water and return circulation lines. Insulate cold water supply lines if subject to freezing during shutdown periods. **IMPORTANT:** Do not use the plumbing connected to the appliance as a ground for welding or any other purpose.

4. Pipe the drain valve to a suitable open drain capable of receiving discharge temperatures up to 212°F.

4.2 Typical Piping Diagrams

To maximize water heater efficiency, connect the building return (= 5 gpm) to the inlet piping as shown below.
PVI TURBOPOWER® Low NOx WATER HEATERS

**One Water Heater – One Sidearm Storage Tank**

**Two Water Heaters – Single Hot Outlet Temperature**
5 GAS SUPPLY AND PIPING
Verify that the type of gas specified on rating plate is supplied to the unit. This unit is designed for operation up to 2000 feet altitude. Appliance Btu/h output derates 4% per 1000 feet elevation above sea level. Consult Factory for installations above 2000 feet elevation.

5.1 Gas Train and Controls Certification
The gas train and controls assembly provided on this unit have been tested under the applicable Nationally Recognized Standard to comply with safety and performance criteria such as proper ignition, combustion and safety shutdown operation.

5.2 Gas Control Train
All models include gas control trains with the following components: main manual shutoff valve, two safety shutoff valves, gas regulator and a final manual valve with the manifold pressure tap on the side of the valve. These components may be separate or two or more may be combined in a common housing.

WARNING: Do not adjust or remove any screws or bolts on gas train control components which are secured with a red or blue sealing compound. In addition to voiding warranties and certification listings, such adjustment or disassembly can cause improper operation which could result in property damage, personal injury or death.

5.3 Inlet Pressure
Measure at the inlet pressure tap located at the main gas cock. The inlet pressure must remain within the minimum and maximum values while the unit is at rest and while the unit is operating at maximum firing rate.

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5.4 Manifold Pressure
Measure at the pressure tap located downstream side of the manual valve closest to the burner. The rated manifold pressure appears on the product data label located near the front of the appliance.

5.5 Gas Piping
1. Before making gas hook-up, verify that unit is being supplied with same gas type as indicated on the data decal.
2. The maximum inlet gas pressure must not exceed the value specified. If delivery pressure is higher, a single suitable intermediate, lock-up type regulator must be installed ahead of the low-pressure regulator on the burner to reduce inlet pressure to acceptable limits. The regulator must have a flow regulating capacity suitable for the firing rate.
3. The gas supply line must be of sufficient size for length of run and pressure drop to furnish adequate gas pressure to allow the burner to develop its rated capacity. A drip leg should be installed ahead of burner piping connection, if not supplied (See Table below).
4. Gas valves and gas regulators may contain bleed or vent ports. Local codes may require bleeds and vents to be vented to atmosphere outside the building. Consult local building codes for size and installation.

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*Multiplier for Propane: 1.97
**Multiplier for alternate pressure drops: 0.3" W.C. 0.77; 1.0" W.C. 1.41; 2.0" W.C. 2.00; and 4.0" W.C. 2.82.
CAUTION: Be sure gas supply and vent lines have been cleaned of all debris, which could enter the regulators or burner system and cause malfunction or unsafe conditions. Pipe joint sealant should be used instead of tape and should be resistant to liquefied petroleum when LP gas is used.

6 COMBUSTION AND VENTILATION AIR

Provisions for adequate combustion and ventilation air to the mechanical room must be in accordance with Section “Air for Combustion and Ventilation” in the latest edition of the NFPA 54 National Fuel Gas Code, ANSI Z223.1 and/or CAN/CSA B149.1, Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code or applicable provisions of the local building codes. Any method addressed in NFPA 54 National Fuel Gas Code section “Air for Combustion and Ventilation is acceptable and several are outlined below.

6.1 Equipment Located In Confined Spaces

Equipment located in confined spaces requires two openings, one commencing within 12” (30.5 cm) from the top of the enclosure/room and one commencing within 12” from bottom of the enclosure/room to assure adequate combustion air and proper ventilation. The total input of all gas utilization equipment installed in the room must be used to determine the required minimum air volume needed for combustion, ventilation and dilution of flue gasses. Also consider makeup air requirements from other equipment within the mechanical room or other rooms that are pressure connected with the mechanical room. Some examples of other makeup air requirements are from kitchen exhaust hoods, clothes dryers, powered exhaust fans, etc.

- All Air From Outdoors:
  Each opening requires a minimum free area of 1 square inch per 4000 Btu/hr of the total input rating of all appliances in the enclosure, if directly communicating with the outdoors or communicating to the outdoors through vertical ducts.
  Each opening requires a minimum free area of 1 square inch per 2000 Btu/hr of the total input rating of all appliances in the enclosure, if communicating with the outdoors through horizontal ducts.

- All Air From Inside The Building:
  Follow the requirements of NFPA 54 National Fuel Gas Code, ANSI Z223.1 section “Indoor Combustion Air”.

- Combination Of Air From The Indoors And From The Outdoors:
  Follow the requirements of NFPA National Fuel Gas Code, ANSI Z223.1 section “Combination Indoor and Outdoor Combustion Air”.

WARNING: Adequate clean combustion air must be provided to the appliance. The appliance must never operate under a negative pressure. Particular care must be taken when exhaust fans, compressors, air handling units, etc. may rob air from the appliance. The combustion air supply must be completely free of any chemicals or fumes, which may be corrosive to the appliance. Some common chemical fumes to avoid are fluorocarbons and other halogenated compounds, most commonly present as refrigerants or solvents, such as Freon, trichloroethylene, perchlorethylene, chlorine, etc. These chemicals, when in contact with the equipment or when burned, form acids which quickly attack the tubes, flue collector, stack and other appliance and auxiliary equipment. Failure to provide adequate clean combustion air or operating under negative pressure can cause premature, unwarranted product failure or unsafe operation producing carbon monoxide that could escape into the building. Exposure to carbon monoxide can lead to personal injury or death.
VENTING

When properly installed with UL, ULC, ETL or CSA listed Category I venting, this fan-assisted appliance operates with a non-positive vent static pressure and with a vent gas temperature that avoids excessive condensate production in the vent.

Category I venting should terminate above the roof surface and must be installed in accordance with the “Venting of Equipment” section of the current edition of the National Fuel Gas Code, ANSI Z223.1 / NFPA 54 or, in Canada, the current edition of the CSA B149.1, Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code, or applicable provisions of the local building codes.

- Do not use the vent connection size to determine the necessary vent connector, vent or stack size. For proper sizing use the National Fuel Gas Code “Fan-assisted” table.
- Locate unit(s) as close as possible to the vent or stack. The vent connector from the appliance vent connection to the vertical vent or stack that terminates outside and above the building roof must be made with listed Type “B” double wall (or equivalent), must be as direct as possible and must have no blockage or reduction in diameter.
- Support horizontal portions of the venting system to prevent sagging. Horizontal runs must slope upwards not less than 1/4 inch per foot (21 mm/m) from the appliance to the vent terminal. Follow manufacturer’s instructions.
- Do not attach the vent connector of any appliance vented by natural draft to any portion of a mechanical draft system operating under positive pressure.
- A barometric damper (draft control) is supplied with all models. Attach the properly sized vent increaser to the water heater vent connection with three sheet metal screws. A properly installed and adjusted barometric damper helps stabilize draft and regulate high updraft. Conventional vented multiple unit installations with combined venting require barometric dampers to regulate draft at each unit. Adjust the barometric damper to 0.04 inches water column updraft, when used. Follow the barometric damper manufacturer’s installation instructions.
- The draft in vent should be within a range of -0.02 and -0.06” W.C.
- A UL, ULC, ETL or CSA listed vent terminal, suitable for Category I products, must be installed to adequately protect the gas vent from wind and weather.
- The vent terminal must extend at least 3 ft (.09 m) above the highest point where it passes through the roof of a building and at least 2 ft (.06 m) higher than any portion of a building within a horizontal distance of 10 ft. (3.0 m).
- The vent cap must terminate at least 3 feet (0.91 m) above any forced air inlet within 10 feet (3.05 m); 4 feet (1.22 m) below, 4 feet (1.22 m) horizontally from or 1 foot (0.3 m) above any door, window or gravity air inlet to the building; 1 foot (0.3 m) above grade, 1 foot (0.3 m) above the highest snow levels and must terminate at least 7 feet (2.13 m) above grade when located adjacent to public walkways or gathering areas.
- The vent terminal must not be installed closer than 3 feet (0.91 m) from an inside corner of an L-shaped structure.

WARNING: Do not combine appliances utilizing Category I or Category II venting into the same vent system with appliances utilizing Category III or Category IV venting. Also, do not connect to a chimney flue serving a separate appliance designed to burn solid fuel. This could cause unsafe operation and the potential for poisonous carbon monoxide to enter occupied areas. Such improper installation can cause property damage, personal injury, exposure to hazardous materials or death.
7.1 Direct Venting

This unit is equipped with a connection for direct venting. Do not exceed 100 equivalent feet of 10’ singlewall galvanized or PVC vent material with a maximum of 5 elbows. Each elbow is equivalent to 5 feet.

The air intake connection on the unit contains a mesh screen, (see figure below). Care should be taken to prevent large particles from blocking the inlet or entering the unit.
8 OPERATING AND SAFETY CONTROLS

WARNING: Turn off all electrical service to the appliance when accessing the limit or other controls located inside the control cabinet or inside the burner vestibule inside the top of the appliance. Close and fasten the control cabinet and burner vestibule cover before restoring electrical service to the appliance. The cabinet and burner vestibule contain High Voltage wiring and terminals. If the electrical service is not turned off and these terminals are touched, a dangerous shock causing property damage, personal injury or death could occur.

Coupez l'alimentation avant intervention sur l'appareil.

8.1 Temperature and Pressure Relief Valve(s)

A Temperature and Pressure Relief Valve(s) sized in accordance with the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section IV HLW is installed in the tank.

WARNING: Secure the relief valve discharge pipe to a suitable floor drain such that very hot water does not openly splash during a significant relief valve discharge. If the relief valve discharge pipe is not routed and secured to a suitable drain, hot water discharge can result in property damage, scalding and personal injury or death.

- Follow the temperature and pressure relief valve manufacturer’s installation instructions and all local, regional and national codes applicable to temperature and pressure relief valve installation and discharge piping.
- The relief valve discharge pipe must not be smaller than the relief valve opening and must be secured to prevent it from lifting out of the drain under discharge pressure and must be routed to allow complete drainage of the valve and line.
- Do not plug the relief valve (s) or install a reducing coupling, valve or other restriction in the relief valve(s) discharge line(s), as this will eliminate the critical water temperature and pressure protection it provides.
- Thermal Expansion - A relief valve that periodically discharges may result from thermal expansion if the water heater is installed in a system closed by components, such as a backflow preventer or check valve in the cold water supply. These systems must be provided with means to control expansion. Contact a water heater or plumbing professional to resolve this situation.

WARNING: Do not plug the relief valve(s), use discharge piping smaller than the relief valve opening or install a reducing coupling, valve or other restriction in the relief valve discharge line. Failure to comply with these relief valve and discharge piping requirements can prevent the relief valve from providing its intended temperature and pressure protection, which can result in a sudden loss of pressure containment that can cause property damage, exposure to hazardous materials, personal injury or death.

8.2 Operating Temperature Control

An adjustable digital operating control is located in the front control panel. The control is factory pre-set at approximately 120°F. To adjust the setpoint to deliver the desired water temperature, press and release the Set key on the face of the control. When setpoint adjustment is enabled, use the arrow keys to adjust the set point to the desired system temperature. See TempTrac Electronic Controller Panel in this manual for more information.

Le thermostat est réglé à environ 49 degrés Celsius. Températures de l'eau supérieures à 52 degrés Celsius peut causer instantanément de graves brûlures ou la mort de brûlures. Suivez les instructions dans le manuel d'installation pour modifier la température de l'eau.

8.3 High Water Temperature Limit Control

Appliances are equipped with adjustable limit and high limit controls to control the maximum discharge water temperature. These controls are located inside the control cabinet and are accessed by removing the bottom control panel cover. The high limit control is optionally available as the manual reset type and may be reset by pressing the limit reset button, accessible through the control panel cover. Pressing the reset on the High Limit Control will not cause the control to reset until the water temperature has dropped below the set point of the manual reset High Limit Control. The Lower Limit is of the auto reset type and can be dial adjusted to operate just above the set point of the main Operating Temperature Control.
8.4 Cathodic Protection

PVI water heaters do not utilize cathodic protection. However, in hot water systems utilizing cathodic protection, hydrogen gas can be produced when the hot water system has not been used for a long period of time (generally two weeks or more).

**WARNING:** Hydrogen gas is extremely flammable.

To prevent the possibility of injury under these conditions, one of the hot water system faucets should be opened for several minutes before using any electrical device connected to the hot water system. If hydrogen is present, there will be an unusual sound such as air escaping through the pipe as the hot water begins to flow. Do not smoke, have open flames or turn electrical switches on or off near the faucet at the time it is open.

8.5 Electronic Low Water Cut-Off (Optional)

When the water level is above the electrode position in the tank, the reset pushbutton will energize the control (LED will be lit). The control remains energized until the water level recedes below the electrode position (LED will not be lit). Unless otherwise specified, there is a three-second time delay on decreasing level. Water level must be below tank probe location for full three seconds before control de-energizes.
9 TEMPRAC™ ELECTRONIC CONTROLLER PANEL

9.1 Principle of Operation
The water heater operates to satisfy the setpoint of the TempTrac digital control whose sensor is located near the top of the water heater tank. Demand (flow) will typically create a drop in temperature, thus activating the water heater to add heat to the stored water. This setpoint is the desired water temperature to maintain.

9.2 Upper LED Readout
The default display of the upper readout (Probe 1) is the water temperature near the hot water outlet. This sensing location serves as the primary control temperature for the TempTrac. This readout can display additional information by pushing the EXT button to cycle through the following items:
- The temperature reading from (Probe 3) which is located in the flue connection and monitors the flue gas temperature.
- The firing rate of the burner, indicated by 0 to 100%.
- The temperature difference between Probe 1 and Probe 2.
- All of the display information described above is available for monitoring through the optional MODBUS RTU interface.

9.3 Lower LED Readout
The default display of the lower readout (Probe 2) is the water temperature sensed near the middle of the water heater tank. This is used to anticipate changes in the stored water temperature and ensure a consistent water supply temperature.

9.4 Control Buttons

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<th>DESCRIPTION</th>
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<tr>
<td>SET</td>
<td>Displays and modifies the temperature set points. In programming mode, it selects a parameter or confirms an operation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UP</td>
<td>Displays and modifies the energy saving (Night Time setback) settings. In programming mode, it browses the parameter codes or increases a displayed value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DOWN</td>
<td>Displays the working hours of the load relays. In programming mode, it browses the parameter codes or decreases a displayed value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CLOCK</td>
<td>Changes lower display from the stored water temperature to current time and day.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EXT</td>
<td>Changes upper display from Probe 1 temperature to Probe 3 temperature, displays the temperature difference of the stored water temperature minus Probe 2 temperature and firing rate of the burner from 0 to 100%. In programming mode it sets the 4-20mA output (password is required).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ON/OFF</td>
<td>Switches the control ON or OFF.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

(See TempTrac User Manual PV500-41 for full description)
9.5 Key Combinations

- Use the **UP** + **DOWN** key to lock and unlock the keyboard.
- Use the **SET** + **DOWN** arrow to enter the programming mode.
- Use the **SET** + **UP** arrow to exit the programming mode.

9.6 LED Icon Legend

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<tr>
<th>LED</th>
<th>MODE</th>
<th>Function</th>
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<tr>
<td>°C</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>Temperatures are displayed in degrees Celsius</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>°F</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>Temperatures are displayed in degrees Fahrenheit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>⏳</td>
<td>Flashing</td>
<td>Call for heat time delay or remote enable/disable is in standby (disabled)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>⏳</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>Call for heat is on</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>⏳</td>
<td>Flashing</td>
<td>Second stage time delay <em>(On 2-stage units only)</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>⏳</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>Second stage on or the <strong>AL2</strong> alarm output is enabled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>🖕</td>
<td>Flashing</td>
<td>Output 3 time delay</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>🖕</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>Output 3 relay on</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>🖕</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>Modulation output signal is in manual control mode or forced to the <strong>i1S</strong> setting by digital input 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>🏨</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>Modulation output signal is automatically controlled by temperature probe 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>🏨</td>
<td>Flashing</td>
<td>Modulation output time delay is activated.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>🍇</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>Probe 3 is displayed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>🍇</td>
<td>FLASHING</td>
<td>Digital input 2 (alarm) is activated</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>🍇</td>
<td>FLASHING</td>
<td>Digital input 3 (alarm) is activated</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>⏳</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>Lower display is displaying the time</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>📡</td>
<td>FLASHING</td>
<td>Alarm signal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>📡</td>
<td>FLASHING</td>
<td>Programmed working hours limit is exceeded</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ES</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>Working hours are displayed in Lower LED readout</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ES</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>The energy saving function is running</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

9.7 To View the Setpoint

- Push and release the **SET** key to see the set point value.
- To return to normal display, press **SET** + **UP** or wait 15 seconds without pressing any key.

9.8 To Change the Setpoint

- Push the **SET** key. The upper display will show the “St1” parameter name, while the lower display will show its value.
- Use the **UP** or **DOWN** key to cycle through the parameter names.
- Push the **SET** key to modify a parameter value. The value starts flashing in the lower display.
- To change it push the **UP** or **DOWN** keys. Push the **SET** key again to confirm the value and pass to the setting of next set point.
- Repeat the operations described at points 3, 4, 5.
- **To Exit**: press **SET** + **UP** or wait 15 seconds without pressing any key.

**NOTE:** Each point has a time out of 15 seconds. If any key is pushed within 15 seconds the controller exits the set points programming procedure.

**NOTE:** The set value is stored even when the procedure is exited by waiting the time-out to expire.
9.9 To Set the Current Time and Day (Military Time)

- Push and hold the CLOCK key for more than 3 seconds. The LED icon starts flashing and the “Hur” (hour) parameter name is displayed in the Upper LED readout, its value is displayed in the Lower LED readout.
- Pushing the UP or DOWN key alternates the LED readouts between the following:
  - “Hur” (hour) in the Upper readout and its value in the lower readout
  - “Min” (minute) in the Upper readout, its value in the Lower readout
  - “dAY” (day) in the Upper readout, its value in the Lower readout
- To adjust a value, press the SET key and the value in the Lower LED will start flashing. Change the value by pressing the UP or DOWN keys. When correct, press the SET key.
- To exit push SET + UP keys or wait 15 seconds without pressing any keys.

**NOTE:** This device recognizes Sunday as the first day of the week and Saturday as the last.

9.10 To Set the Energy Saving Time (Nighttime Setback)

- Push and hold the UP key for more than 3 seconds and the first parameter of the energy saving will be displayed.
- Use the UP or DOWN keys to browse them.
- To change a value, push the SET key followed by UP or DOWN and then the SET key again.
- To exit from the menu, press SET and UP or wait for 30 seconds.

9.11 To Set Modulation Parameters

- Push and hold the EXIT key for more than 3 seconds and the LED will switch ON and a passkey will be required to view and manually change the modulation % value. Passkey is “321”.
- Upon entering the password, the modulation % value will be displayed in the lower display.
- To manually adjust this value, push the SET key; the value will start flashing. Adjust it by using the UP or DOWN keys and then the SET key again.
- To exit from the menu, press SET and UP keys together or wait for 30 seconds.

9.12 To Change Other Parameters

- Push the SET and DOWN arrow simultaneously for 3 seconds.
- Select the required parameter. The name of the parameter is on the upper display; its value is on the lower display.
- Press the SET key: the value of the parameter will start blinking.
- Use UP or DOWN to change the value.
- Press SET to store the new value and move to the following parameter.
- To Exit: Press SET + UP or wait 15s without pressing a key.
### 9.13 LED Display Alarm Messages

Alarm messages are displayed in the upper LED readout and alternate with the default display. An alarm LED ICON is also illuminated.

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<th>ALARM MESSAGE</th>
<th>CAUSE</th>
<th>RESULTS OF ALARM CONDITION</th>
<th>RECOMMENDED ACTION</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>“P1”</td>
<td>TP1 probe failure</td>
<td>Inlet temperature sensor is not connected or is reading incorrectly. Call for heat and burner modulation output signal will revert to low fire.</td>
<td>Check wiring and sensor Terminals 14 &amp; 17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>“P2”</td>
<td>TP2 probe failure</td>
<td>Temperature sensor is not connected or is reading incorrectly.</td>
<td>Check wiring and sensor Terminals 15 &amp; 17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>“P3”</td>
<td>TP3 probe failure</td>
<td>Temperature sensor is not connected or is reading incorrectly or flue gas temperature protection is disabled.</td>
<td>Check wiring and sensor Terminals 16 &amp; 17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>“HA”</td>
<td>High temperature limit setpoint exceeded</td>
<td>Audible alarm sounds, operation continues.</td>
<td>Manual reset required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>“LA”</td>
<td>Low temperature alarm</td>
<td>Audible alarm sounds, operation continues.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AL1</td>
<td>Digital input 1 is activated.</td>
<td>Unit de-energized after timer delay. Audible alarm sounds.</td>
<td>Manually reset required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AL2</td>
<td>Digital input 2 is activated. This alarm indication is dedicated to the Alarm On Any Failure feature of this product.</td>
<td>Unit de-energized after timer delay. Audible alarm sounds. Alarm contacts close for remote indication of alarm. Internal alarm register will communicate an alarm condition though the Modbus RTU communication link.</td>
<td>Manually reset required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AL3</td>
<td>Digital input 3 is activated.</td>
<td>Unit de-energized after timer delay. Audible alarm sounds.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mn1</td>
<td>Maintenance alarm for output 1</td>
<td>Buzzer sounds, operation continues</td>
<td>Check wiring and sensor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mn2</td>
<td>Maintenance alarm for output 2</td>
<td>Buzzer sounds, operation continues</td>
<td>Check wiring and sensor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mn3</td>
<td>Maintenance alarm for output 3</td>
<td>Buzzer sounds, operation continues</td>
<td>Check wiring and sensor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>“rtc”</td>
<td>The real time clock has lost its setting</td>
<td>Energy saving function disabled</td>
<td>Reprogram clock</td>
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<th>CONTROL MESSAGE</th>
<th>CAUSE</th>
<th>RESULTS OF CONTROL CONDITION</th>
<th>NOTES</th>
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<tr>
<td>On</td>
<td>A call-for-heat condition</td>
<td>The burner operating sequence should begin.</td>
<td>If the burner does not operate, check safety devices or Remote Proving Interlock</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Flashing</td>
<td>The remote enable/disable has been triggered</td>
<td>The small flame icon will flash indicating the standby state</td>
<td>The R1-R2 terminals have been opened by the remote master control. The heater will remain in standby.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Integral circulation pump</td>
<td></td>
<td>The integral circulation pump will operate until the water temperature has equalized</td>
<td>Pump may operate before, during or after the call-for-heat</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
9.14 Audible Alarm

The TempTrac audible alarm is activated each time a connected alarm condition occurs. The following are representative alarm conditions that may be connected to and activate the TempTrac audible alarm (some alarms may be connected to and operate separately from the TempTrac on some products).
- High/low water temperature alarm
- Probe failures
- External thermostat limit failure
- Flame Failure
- High and low gas pressure
- Low water

The audible alarm is silenced by pressing any button (alarm condition still present).

9.15 Alarm Recovery

- Probe failure alarm automatically ends after normal operation is re-established. Check connections before replacing the probe.
- Temperature alarms “HA” and “LA” automatically stop as soon as probe 1 senses temperatures within normal operating parameters.
- Digital input 2 & 3 alarms recover when condition(s) listed above are normalized and any button is pressed (if used). Resetting the alarm condition may require resetting individual safety devices or cycling main power switch.
- RTC alarm stops after programming the real time clock.
- RTF alarm requires the replacement of the real time clock.

For additional information, contact the PVI Industries Customer Service Dept at 800-784-8326.
10 INITIAL STARTUP REQUIREMENTS

Installation must be complete prior to performing initial startup; and the startup must be complete prior to placing the water heater into service. Starting the water heater without proper piping, combustion air, venting or electrical connections or control settings can be dangerous and may void the product warranty. The following startup instructions must be followed precisely in order to achieve proper and efficient operation to assure trouble-free service life.

**WARNING:** Proper startup must be made by a qualified installer or service agency, who must read and follow the supplied instructions and appliance markings. Failure to complete proper startup before use, tampering with controls or not following all instructions and markings may damage this equipment, void the warranty and may result in property damage, personal injury or death.

A Start-up Form is included with each product and must be completed by the qualified installer or service agency conducting the startup and must be returned to the manufacture to register the warranty. Copies are available at [www.pvi.com](http://www.pvi.com).

10.1 Tools and Instrumentation Required

- Stack temperature gauge
- Manometer for checking gas pressure (2 minimum)
- Stack Draft Gauge
- Electronic Combustion Analyzer
- AC/DC multimeter with a 20,000 ohm/volt DC rating
- Ammeter
- Normal Hand Tools

10.2 Resources

- Product Installation & Maintenance Manuals
- Start-Up Reports with Instructions

11 START-UP PROCEDURES AND OPERATION

**CAUTION:** Do not relight pilot or start burner with combustion chamber full of gas or oil vapor, or with very hot combustion chamber.

1. The burner manufacturer's installation and service manual start-up procedures for the individual burner on your water heater may be part of this manual or will be shipped with the burner. Study the information carefully and follow the burner manufacturer's recommendations.
2. Because of the many different burners and control systems, the instructions in this section are general information and refer to the water heater with either power gas, oil or combination gas/oil burner installed.
3. Fill the water heater tank with water. Open the relief valve or a nearby hot water faucet to allow air in the tank to escape. Be sure all connections into the tank are tight as leaks at tank fittings will damage the insulation.
4. The top thermostat is a temperature limiting safety device set at 200°F. The thermostats are set at the factory at 130°F on the upper operating thermostat and 120°F on the lower operating thermostat. The lower operating thermostat should be set 10°F lower than the upper operating thermostat setting. Adjustment may be made by turning the thermostat dial to the desired temperature.
11.1 SEQUENCE OF OPERATION

1. When the control switch is turned on, the high temperature limit device and the electronic low water cutoff (optional) are energized and their safe condition is proved before the flame control is energized.

2. When the flame control is energized, it will check the operating thermostat for a call for heat condition.

3. If the flame control determines there is a call for heat condition, it will then check the airflow-proving switch for the normally open condition, which should exist before the blower is powered.

4. If the airflow-proving switch is not in the closed position, the flame control will energize the blower motor relay, which will power the blower.

5. If the airflow-proving switch does not close following the blower being energized, the flame control will lockout and require that the manual reset be pushed. (See Burner Assembly Breakdown, Item 37.)

6. When the airflow generated by the blower is sufficient to cause the differential air switch to close, the 15-second prepurge period will begin. During this period any flue products or combustible gases which may have settled in the system are evacuated.

7. Following the prepurge, the 15-second interpurge period will begin. During this period the hot surface igniter will be energized.

8. At the conclusion of the interpurge period the flame control will determine if the amperage being drawn by the igniter meets the threshold proving current.

9. If the flame control determines the proving current meets the threshold, it will open the gas safety valves and the 4-second trial for ignition (TFI) period will begin.

10. During the TFI the flame control will monitor the flame using flame rectification through the surface of the flame rod.

11. If the flame control senses the presence of flame before the end of the TFI period the igniter will be de-energized and the flame control will continue to monitor the flame until the operating thermostat ends the call for heat condition.

12. If the control does not sense the presence of flame during the TFI period the igniter and gas valve will be de-energized and the flame control will return to step 6. This will occur 3 times before the flame control will lockout and require the manual reset button be pushed. (See Burner Assembly Breakdown, Item 37.)

13. When the call for heat condition ends or flame failure occurs following the 3rd TFI period, a 30-second postpurge period will begin. This period of blower operation will exhaust any remaining combustion products from the system.

14. The control will now enter the idle state while continuing to monitor the operating thermostat for a call for heat condition. If the water temperature in the tank drops below the set point of the operating thermostat, the control will automatically return to step 3 and repeat the entire operating cycle. If at any time during the operating sequence the control senses an improper operating state and locks out, the red status LED located on the control board will flash to indicate the condition, which exist. See table below for status codes.

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<tr>
<th>CODE</th>
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<tr>
<td>On</td>
<td>System OK</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>No faults present</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Off</td>
<td>Possible control fault</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Check power</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 Flashes</td>
<td>Flame No call for heat</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 Flashes</td>
<td>Ignition lockout</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6 Flashes</td>
<td>Internal fault</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Replace control</td>
</tr>
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12 INITIAL FIRING AND ADJUSTING OF BURNER

WARNING: Start-up should only be performed by a qualified technician.

CAUTION: Do not relight pilot or start burner with combustion chamber full of gas vapor, or with very hot combustion chamber.

1. Study the Installation & Maintenance manual for the burner carefully.
2. Fill the water heater tank with water. Open the relief valve to allow air in the tank to escape. Be sure all connections into the tank are tight, as leaks at tank fittings will damage the insulation.

12.1 Gas Burners

1. Conduct the following gas train leakage test before start-up, annual intervals and prior to investigating the cause of any reported occurrences of delayed ignition.
   a. Using an appropriate bubble detection solution, thoroughly coat all gas train pipe connections. If any bubbles are detected, the leaking connection must be tightened, recoated and rechecked to assure stoppage of the leak.
   b. Attach a manometer, to measure gas pressure, at the manual gas shutoff valve located just upstream of the gas train. Adjust gas train inlet pressure to the specified value (e.g. 10.5 in. W.C.), and tightly close the gas train manual shutoff valve closest to burner.
   c. Rattach the manometer to the gas train manual shutoff valve at the burner and record the measured gas pressure in inches of water column (in W.C.). Measure gas pressure again after 15 minutes. If gas pressure has increased 0.5" W.C. or more, the gas leak must be isolated to one or more of the operating gas valves; for example, a solenoid actuated gas shutoff valve. After any leaking valve is replaced, the reassembled gas train must be leak tested again before start-up is attempted.

2. While nozzle is removed, look inside through burner for obstructions.
3. Check fan rotation.
4. Check air shutter setting (guideline on burner tag).
5. Drill hole in vent pipe 12" to 24" from heater flue outlet but below draft regulator (for analysis equipment).
6. Attach voltmeter to controller to record flame signal.
7. Check inlet static gas pressure before gas train (see rating on heater decal).
8. Attach manometer to manifold to read pressure (tapping closest to burner).
9. Turn off main manual gas valve and start burner on pilot (if burner has separate pilot).
10. Set pilot to give good flame signal with just enough gas to reliably light pilot.
    NOTE: If there is no pilot, set gas pressure (guideline on burner tag).
11. Slowly open main gas and set gas pressure (guideline on burner tag).
12. Check flame signal (should be in range called for by control).
13. Check inlet flow gas pressure before gas train.
    NOTE: Should meet or exceed minimum rating listed on heater decal.
14. Perform flue gas analysis after achieving water temperatures above 120°F:
    - Vent draft in stack (should be negative .02" to negative .06" W.C.)
    - Net stack temperature should be 300°F - 400°F (read in stack, all units)
    - O2 should be from 5% to 6.5%
    - CO2 should be from 7.5% to 8.5%
    - CO should not exceed 50 PPM
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13 MAINTENANCE

1. A preventative maintenance program should be established to assure a long, trouble-free life of the water heater.

2. To control sediment and scale buildup in the water heater, the tank should be flushed at two- or three-month intervals depending on water conditions in your location. To flush, turn off electrical disconnect switch to prevent the burner from operating. Open the drain valve and allow water to flow through the tank until it runs clear. Close the drain valve and turn the electrical switch on. Between tank flushes, draining two or three gallons from the tank on a weekly basis will also help prevent the accumulation of sediment.

3. A scale of lime will normally form and accumulate in the heater during operation. The lime is formed from the natural chemicals in the water that precipitate out during the heating cycles. Some water supplies contain more of these chemicals than others, and the scale buildup will occur more rapidly. Other factors affecting the scale buildup are the amount of hot water used and the temperature of the water. The more hot water used, the more fresh water containing the scale-forming chemicals are brought into the tank. As the temperature of the water increases, the rate of scale deposited will be increased.

Sediment and scale accumulations on heating surfaces will reduce the water heater's ability to transfer heat to the stored water. When the heating energy from the burner cannot be effectively transferred to the water in the tank, the metal will overheat. Overheating will cause the metal in the heating surfaces to overheat and lose structural strength. Over time, this will result in leakage.

Since PVI cannot control the use of the water heater, water conditions, or maintenance, the warranty on the TURBOPOWER heat exchanger does not cover poor performance, structural failure, or leaking due to an excessive accumulation of scale. (The tank warranty is not affected by an accumulation of scale.)

4. Should a fire tube leak for any reason, consult the factory for instructions.

NOTE: Condensate coming from the tubes on a cold start is normal and does not indicate a leaking tube. This condensate will appear at the fitting in the lower part of the flue collector.

5. The tank has an opening suitable for inspection and cleaning use. The tank should be inspected for scale buildup through this opening. If scale is present, it can be loosened with a high-pressure stream of water. The smaller pieces can be flushed through the drain and the larger pieces removed by hand. The frequency of inspections will be determined by the rate of scale buildup. We recommend 30-60 day intervals.

6. Periodic inspections and check-out of the burner ignition system, control system and fuel valve operation (for tight close-off) should be made. Refer to the burner installation instructions for recommendations.

7. Examine the venting system at least once each year for proper connections and alignment. Oil the blower motor and wipe oil and dust from the burner at regular intervals. The blower inlet will collect dust from the air during operation. Clean the blower wheel when necessary. The burner should be cleaned each year according to burner manufacturer's recommended procedures. Inspect all parts and make replacements when necessary. Check wiring for loose connections and burned wires.

8. The temperature and pressure relief valve should be checked at regular intervals to determine its condition for safe operation. Take proper precautions while operating relief valve to avoid contact with hot water coming out of the relief valve and to prevent water damage. The openings inside the valve may become inoperative. If the valve does not open and close properly when tested, it must be replaced. If a relief valve discharges periodically, this may be due to thermal expansion in a closed water supply system. Contact the water supplier or local plumbing inspector on how to correct the situation. Do not plug the relief valve. Replace relief valve with a like kind or one meeting the requirements stated on the rating decal located adjacent to the relief valve mounting location.

CAUTION: The relief valve is a primary safety device.

9. Extended shutdown of the appliance and restarting are as follows:
   a. Turn off all power on fuel supplies.
   b. Drain and flush tank as previously discussed.
   c. Tag power switch(es) that fuel is off and tank is empty.
   d. Refill tank with water and energize fuel and power switch(es) to restart. Reset all controls and conduct start-up of the appliance as discussed in this manual.
13.1 Burner Maintenance

This PVI TURBOPOWER® Low NOx water heater uses a metal fiber matrix burner. It is constructed of material, which is rugged and resistant to impact. Care should be taken however when removing or servicing the burner to avoid unnecessary contact with the metal fiber material.

In the event that the burner is blocked due to high particulate content in the combustion air supply, this water heater is designed to safely shut down and lockout until the blockage is removed.

In order to clean the metal fiber matrix burner, the burner must first be removed from the water heater, (see figure on page 28), and the following sequence of disassembly:

1. Turn off the heater’s electrical disconnect switch.
2. Turn off the main gas supply to the water heater gas inlet and break the union between the shutoff and the manual inlet shutoff valve, (item 18).
3. Remove the front pan and cowling shell, (item 1 & 4).
4. Break union, (Item 25), and remove venturi nozzle, (item 17).
5. Unbolt the gas train shelf (item 15), from the burner spool (item 16), and disconnect the air switch tubing (item 9), from the blower inlet cylinder (item 8). Disconnect the hot surface ignitor wires (S1, S2) from the burner flame control module (item 12) and swing the gas train shelf to the side.
6. Disconnect the wires from the blower motor (item 5), and unbolt and remove the blower from the burner spool (item 16).
7. Unbolt the burner spool (item 16) from the bulkhead plate (item 29) and remove.
8. The burner (item 28) is now ready to be removed but first remove the hot surface ignitor (item 26) to avoid breakage while removing the burner.
9. The burner (item 28) can now be thoroughly flushed with water and a spray applied soap. Do not use scrub brush or abrasive material directly on the metal fiber material.
10. The water heater can now be reassembled in the reverse sequence of the previous steps (4-5 ft/lbs). Be sure to include the fiber gaskets (item 27) and the discharge flange gasket (item 10) or replace with new.
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**Burner Assembly Breakdown**

1. DO NOT RELOCATE ANY ASSEMBLIES. ALL PARTS MUST BE INSTALLED IN THE ORIGINAL LOCATION.
2. REFER TO PARTS LIST FOR ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS. ONLY PARTS LISTED BELOW.
3. REFER TO INSTALLATION AND OPERATION MANUAL FOR COMPLETE INSTRUCTIONS.
14 TROUBLESHOOTING SUGGESTIONS

14.1 Gas Burner (Additional troubleshooting information can be found in the Flame Control bulletin with the burner.)

1. Burner fails to start:
   a. **Cause:** Defective on/off switch.
      **Solution:** Replace switch.
   b. **Cause:** Control circuit has open control contact.
      **Solution:** Check limits, low water cutoff, and others as applicable.
   c. **Cause:** Bad fuse or switch opens on incoming power source.
      **Solution:** Correct as required.
   d. **Cause:** Flame safeguard control safety switch tripped out.
      **Solution:** Reset and determine cause of apparent flame failure.
   e. **Cause:** Loose connections or faulty wiring.
      **Solution:** Tighten all terminal screws and consult wiring diagram furnished with the heater.
   f. **Cause:** Flame safeguard control starting circuit blocked due to flame relay being energized.
      **Solution:** Possible defective flame sensor; replace.
   g. **Cause:** Remote flame sensor actually sighting flame due to leaking fuel valve.
      **Solution:** Correct unwanted flame cause.
   h. **Cause:** Defective flame safeguard control.
      **Solution:** Replace.
   i. **Cause:** Defective blower motor.
      **Solution:** Check for free rotation of fan wheel. Repair or replace.
   j. **Cause:** Air proving switch is defective.
      **Solution:** Replace.

2. Occasional lockouts for no apparent reason:
   a. **Cause:** Hot surface ignitor failure.
      **Solution:** Ignitor maybe cracked or oxidized. Check flame signal reading at control to determine if flame signal is above minimum value.
   b. **Cause:** Defective flame sensor.
      **Solution:** Replace.
   c. **Cause:** Loose or broken wires.
      **Solution:** Check all wire nut connections and tighten all terminal screw connections in panel and elsewhere as appropriate.
   d. **Cause:** Improperly adjusted air flow proving switch.
      **Solution:** Insure the when main flame lights, the air flow switch is not so critically set as to allow occasional momentary opening of the air switch contacts.
   e. **Cause:** Occasional low supply voltage.
      **Solution:** Contact local utility to correct. Make certain the burner control circuit transformer (if supplied) is correct for the voltage and power (AC) being supplied.
   f. **Cause:** Occasional low gas supply pressure.
      **Solution:** Contact local utility to correct.
3. **Burner motor runs, but burner does not light:**
   a. **Cause:** Gas supply to burner shut off.
      **Solution:** Make sure all manual gas supply valves are open.
   b. **Cause:** Automatic high-pressure valve at meter, such as “Sentry” type, tripped shut due to high gas pressure.
      **Solution:** Reset valve and correct cause for trip out.
   c. **Cause:** Gas safety valve not opening.
      **Solution:** Listen and feel for valve actuation.
   d. **Cause:** Solenoid valve not being powered.
      **Solution:** Check electrical circuitry. Replace coil or entire valve if coil is burned out.
   e. **Cause:** Defective gas regulator / proportionator.
      **Solution:** Air/fuel ratio will not hold adjustment. Replace.
   f. **Cause:** Defective hot surface ignitor.
      **Solution:** Replace.
   g. **Cause:** Defective flame safeguard control.
      **Solution:** Replace as required.
   h. **Cause:** Airflow switch not making circuit.
      **Solution:** Check out electrically.
   i. **Cause:** Defective airflow switch.
      **Solution:** Replace.
   j. **Cause:** Air switch misadjusted.
      **Solution:** Readjust.

4. **Burner motor runs and burner lights, but immediately goes out:**
   a. **Cause:** Flame signal reading too low to pull in flame relay.
      **Solution:** Confirm proper combustion and firing rate.
   b. **Cause:** Defective automatic main or auxiliary gas shutoff valves.
      **Solution:** Check electrical circuitry to valves. Replace valves or correct circuitry as required.
   c. **Cause:** Defective flame sensor.
      **Solution:** Replace.
   d. **Cause:** Defective flame control or plug on board.
      **Solution:** Check and replace as required.
   e. **Cause:** Flame signal reading too low or nonexistent.
      **Solution:** Hot surface ignitor is cracked or oxidized. Replace.
   f. **Cause:** Defective gas pressure regulator.
      **Solution:** Replace.
   g. **Cause:** Misadjusted gas pressure regulator.
      **Solution:** Readjust to meet required operational values.
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5. Carbon monoxide readings on gas firing:
   a. **Cause:** Incorrect gas/air ratios.
      **Solution:** Readjust burner to correct CO₂ / O₂ levels; eliminates all CO formation.

6. Gas high fire input cannot be achieved:
   a. **Cause:** Gas company pressure regulator or meter operating incorrectly, not allowing required gas pressure at burner train inlet.
      **Solution:** Contact Gas Company to correct.
   b. **Cause:** Gas cock upstream of train inlet not fully open.
      **Solution:** Check and correct.
   c. **Cause:** Gas line obstructed.
      **Solution:** Check and correct.
   d. **Cause:** Gas train main and/or lead test cocks not fully open.
      **Solution:** Check and correct.
   e. **Cause:** Gas supply line between gas company regulator and burner inlet too small.
      **Solution:** Check supply pressure at meter, determine pressure drop and increase line size as required, or raise supply pressure to compensate for small line. Do not raise pressure so high that under static (no flow) conditions the pressure exceeds the maximum allowable pressure to the gas train components on the burner.
   f. **Cause:** Automatic gas valve not opening fully due to defective operation.
      **Solution:** Replace gas valve.
   g. **Cause:** Defective gas pressure regulator.
      **Solution:** Replace.
   h. **Cause:** Normally open vent valve (if supplied) not closing when automatic gas valves open.
      **Solution:** Replace vent valve, if not closing fully.
15 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS:

This equipment complies with Massachusetts State Fuel Gas and Plumbing Codes CMR 248 3.00-10.00 as amended.

a) For all side wall horizontally vented gas fueled equipment installed in every dwelling, building or structure used in whole or in part for residential purposes, including those owned or operated by the Commonwealth and where the side wall exhaust vent termination is less than seven (7) feet above finished grade in the area of the venting, including but not limited to decks and porches, the following requirements shall be satisfied:

1. INSTALLATION OF CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS: At the time of installation of the side wall horizontal vented gas fueled equipment, the installing plumber or gasfitter shall observe that a hard wired carbon monoxide detector with an alarm and battery back-up is installed on the floor level where the gas equipment is to be installed. In addition, the installing plumber or gasfitter shall observe that a battery operated or hard wired carbon monoxide detector with an alarm is installed on each additional level of the dwelling, building or structure served by the side wall horizontal vented gas fueled equipment. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to secure the services of qualified licensed professionals for the installation of hard wired carbon monoxide detectors.
   a. In the event that the side wall horizontally vented gas fueled equipment is installed in a crawl space or an attic, the hard wired carbon monoxide detector with alarm and battery back-up may be installed on the next adjacent floor level.
   b. In the event that the requirements of this subdivision cannot be met at the time of completion of installation, the owner shall have a period of thirty (30) days to comply with the above requirements; provided, however, that during said thirty (30) day period, a battery operated carbon monoxide detector with an alarm shall be installed.

2. APPROVED CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS: Each carbon monoxide detector as required in accordance with the above provisions shall comply with NFPA 720 and be ANSI/UL 2034 listed and IAS certified.

3. SIGNAGE: A metal or plastic identification plate shall be permanently mounted to the exterior of the building at a minimum height of eight (8) feet above grade directly in line with the exhaust vent terminal for the horizontally vented gas fueled heating appliance or equipment. The sign shall read, in print size no less than one-half (1/2) inch in size, “GAS VENT DIRECTLY BELOW. KEEP CLEAR OF ALL OBSTRUCTIONS”.

4. INSPECTION: The state or local gas inspector of the side wall horizontally vented gas fueled equipment shall not approve the installation unless, upon inspection, the inspector observes carbon monoxide detectors and signage installed in accordance with the provisions of 248 CMR 5.08(2)(a)1 through 4.

b) EXEMPTIONS: The following equipment is exempt from 248 CMR 5.08(2)(a)1 through 4:
   1. The equipment listed in Chapter 10 entitled “Equipment Not Required To Be Vented” in the most current edition of NFPA 54 as adopted by the Board; and
   2. Product approved side wall horizontally vented gas fueled equipment installed in a room or structure separate from the dwelling, building or structure used in whole or in part for residential purposes.

c) MANUFACTURERS REQUIREMENTS – GAS EQUIPMENT VENTING SYSTEM REQUIRED: When the manufacturer of Product Approved side wall horizontally mounted gas equipment provides a venting system design or venting system components with the equipment, the instructions provided by the manufacturer for the installation of the equipment and the venting shall include:
   1. Detailed instructions for the installation of the venting system or the venting system components: and
   2. A complete parts list for the venting system design or venting system.

d) MANUFACTURER REQUIREMENTS – GAS EQUIPMENT VENTING SYSTEM NOT PROVIDED: When the manufacturer of product approved side wall horizontally vented gas fueled equipment does not provide the parts for the venting of flue gases, but identifies “special venting systems,” the following requirements shall be satisfied by the manufacturer:
   1. The referenced “special venting system” instructions shall be included with the appliance or equipment installation instructions; and
   2. The “special venting systems” shall be product approved by the Board, and the instructions for that system shall include a parts list and detailed installation instructions. Detailed installation instructions and parts list are available online for the following venting systems for use on this equipment:
      Metal-Fab Website – Metal-Fab CORR/GUARD Installation & Maintenance Instructions http://www.metal-fabcommercial.com/content/products/corr_guard

e) Relief valve must be installed and plumbed in accordance with the authority having jurisdiction. Massachusetts 248 CMR requires relief valve discharge 12 inches off finished floor.

f) A copy of all installation instructions for all side wall horizontally vented gas fueled equipment, all venting instructions, all parts lists for venting instructions, and/or all venting design instructions shall remain with the appliance or equipment at the completion of the installation.
Since PVI cannot control the use of the appliance, water conditions, or maintenance, the warranty on the heat exchanger does not cover poor performance, structural failure, or leaking due to an excessive accumulation of scale.

Warranty Forms Ship Separately with Each Product