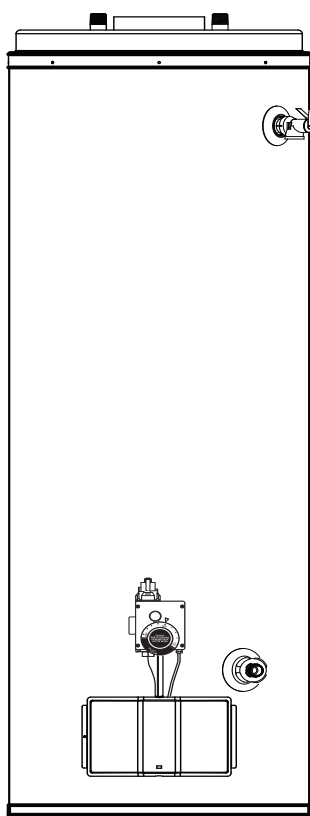


**⚠ Warning:** This water heater is not suitable for use in manufactured (mobile) homes!

# Use & Care Manual

## With Installation Instructions for the Installer



Residential Gas

# Direct Vent Water Heaters

## Residential 40 and 50 Gallon

The purpose of this manual is twofold: one, to provide the installer with the basic directions and recommendations for the proper installation and adjustment of the water heater; and two, for the owner-operator, to explain the features, operation, safety precautions, maintenance and troubleshooting of the water heater. This manual also includes a parts list.

It is very important that all persons who are expected to install, operate or adjust this water heater read the instructions carefully so they may understand how to perform these operations. If you do not understand these instructions or any terms within it, seek professional assistance.

Any questions regarding the operation, maintenance, service or warranty of this water heater should be directed to the seller from whom it was purchased. If additional information is required, refer to the section on "If You Need Service."

**Do not destroy this manual. Please read carefully and keep in a safe place for future reference.**



**Recognize this symbol as an indication of Important Safety Information!**



**California Proposition 65 Warning:** This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.



**WARNING:** If the information in these instructions is not followed exactly, a fire or explosion may result causing property damage, personal injury or death.

### ⚠ FOR YOUR SAFETY!

— Do not store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids or other combustible materials in the vicinity of this or any other appliance. To do so may result in an explosion or fire.

### — 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.
  - Do not return to your home until authorized by the gas supplier or fire department.
- Improper installation, adjustment, alteration, service or maintenance can cause property damage, personal injury, or death. Refer to this manual. Installation and service must be performed by a qualified installer, service agency or the gas supplier.



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## FOR YOUR RECORDS

Write the model and serial numbers here:

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You can find them on a label on the appliance.

**Staple sales slip or cancelled check here.**

Proof of the original purchase date is needed to obtain service under the warranty.



## READ THIS MANUAL

Inside you will find many helpful hints on how to use and maintain your water heater properly. A little preventive care on your part can save you time and money over the life of your water heater.

You'll find many answers to common problems in the Troubleshooting Guide. If you review the chart of Troubleshooting Tips first, you may not need to call for service.



## READ THE SAFETY INFORMATION

Your safety and the safety of others are very important. There are many important safety messages in this manual and on your appliance. Always read and obey all safety messages.



This is the safety alert symbol. Recognize this symbol as an indication of Important Safety Information! This symbol alerts you to potential hazards that can kill or hurt you and others.

All safety messages will follow the safety alert symbol and either the word “DANGER”, “WARNING”, “CAUTION” or “NOTICE”.

These words mean:

### **DANGER**

An imminently hazardous situation that will result in death or serious injury.

### **WARNING**

A potentially hazardous situation that could result in death or serious injury and/or damage to property.

### **CAUTION**

A potentially hazardous situation that may result in minor or moderate injury.

### **Notice:**

Attention is called to observe a specified procedure or maintain a specific condition.

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION. READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING.

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Be sure to read and understand the entire Use and Care Manual before attempting to install or operate this water heater. It may save you time and cost. Pay particular attention to the Safety Instructions. Failure to follow these warnings could result in serious bodily injury or death. Should you have problems understanding the instructions in this manual, or have any questions, STOP, and get help from a qualified service technician, or the local gas utility.

## DANGER!

### INSTALL THE VENTING SYSTEM AND PROPERLY VENT THE WATER HEATER...

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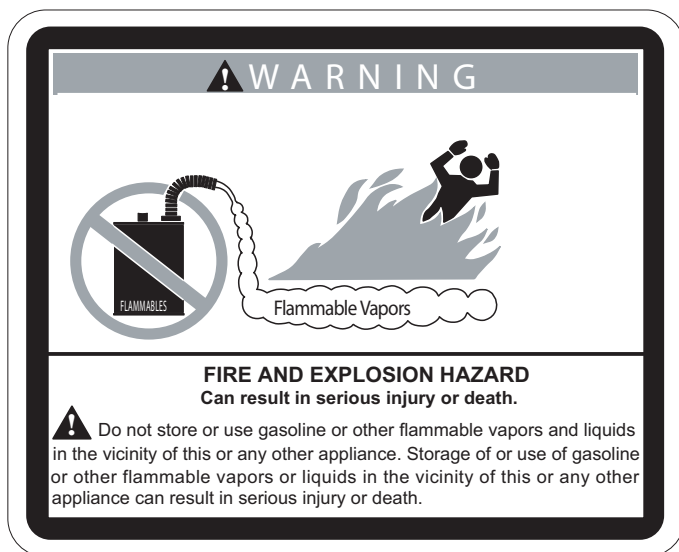


Failure to install the venting system and properly vent the water heater to the outdoors as outlined in the Venting Section of the Installation Instructions in this manual can result in unsafe operation of the water heater. To avoid the risk of fire, explosion, or asphyxiation from carbon monoxide, never operate this water heater unless it is properly vented and has an adequate air supply for proper operation. Be sure to inspect the vent system for proper installation at initial start-up; and at least annually thereafter. Refer to the Care and Cleaning section of this manual for more information regarding vent system inspection.

## WARNING!



Gasoline, as well as other flammable materials and liquids (which include, but not limited to adhesives, solvents, paint thinners etc.), and the vapors they produce are extremely dangerous. DO NOT handle, use or store gasoline or other flammable or combustible materials anywhere near or in the vicinity of a water heater and its vent pipe terminal or any other appliance. Be sure to read and follow warning label pictured below and other labels on the water heater, as well as the warnings printed in this manual. Failure to do so can result in property damage, bodily injury or death.



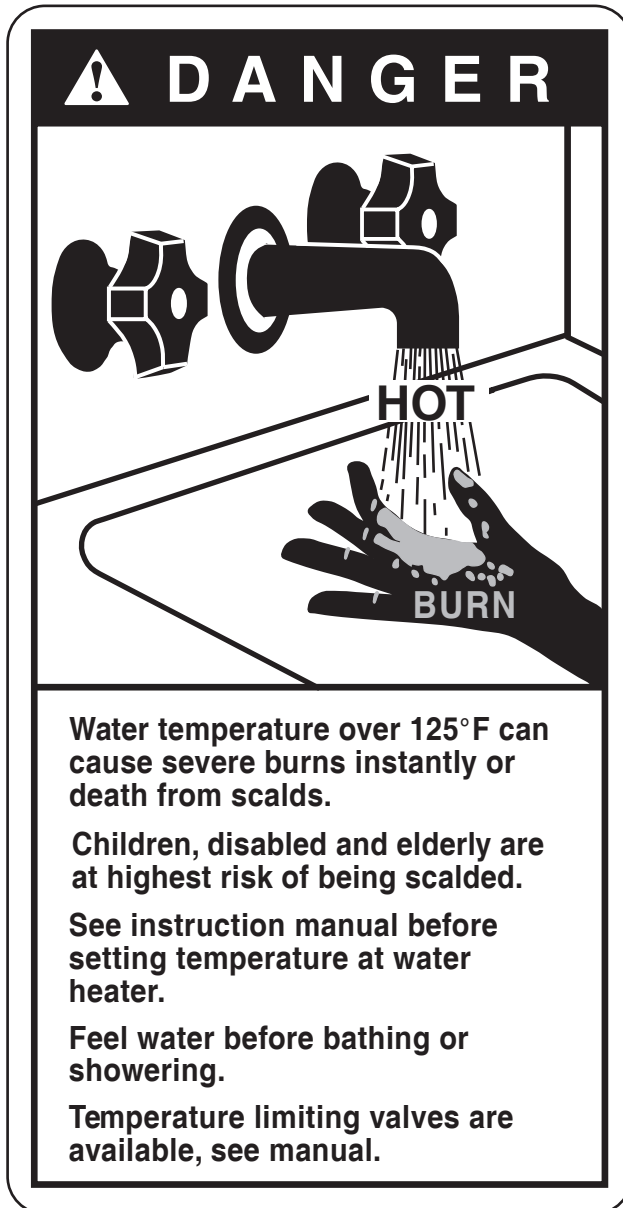
# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION. READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING.



## ! DANGER!

### WATER TEMPERATURE SETTING

Safety and energy conservation are factors to be considered when selecting the water temperature setting of a water heater's gas control. Water temperatures above 125°F (52°C) can cause severe burns or death from scalding. Be sure to read and follow the warnings outlined on the label pictured below. This label is also located on the water heater.



Notice: Mixing valves are available for reducing point of use water temperature by mixing hot and cold water in branch water lines. Contact a licensed plumber or the local plumbing authority for further information.

### Time/Temperature Relationship in Scalds

| Water Temperature | Time To Produce a Serious Burn |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 120°F (49°C)      | More than 5 minutes            |
| 125°F (52°C)      | 1½ to 2 minutes                |
| 130°F (54°C)      | About 30 seconds               |
| 135°F (57°C)      | About 10 seconds               |
| 140°F (60°C)      | Less than 5 seconds            |
| 145°F (63°C)      | Less than 3 seconds            |
| 150°F (66°C)      | About 1½ seconds               |
| 155°F (68°C)      | About 1 second                 |

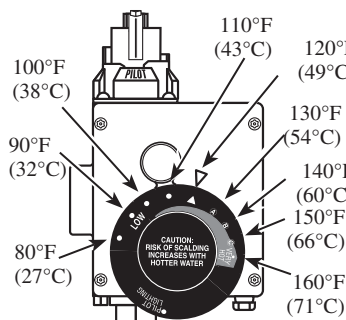
Table courtesy of Shriners Burn Institute

The chart shown above may be used as a guide in determining the proper water temperature for your home.

**! DANGER:** Households with small children, disabled, or elderly persons may require a 120°F (49°C) or lower gas control (thermostat) setting to prevent contact with “HOT” water.

Maximum water temperatures occur just after the burner has shut off. To find water temperature being delivered, turn on a hot water faucet and place a thermometer in the water stream and read the thermometer. (See page 20 and 21 for more details.)

The temperature of the water in the heater can be regulated by setting the temperature dial on the front of the gas control (thermostat). To comply with safety regulations the gas control (thermostat) was set at its lowest setting before the water heater was shipped from the factory.



Temperatures are approximate

The illustration at the left details the approximate water temperature for each mark on the Gas Control (Thermostat) Temperature Dial.

**! DANGER:** Hotter water increases the potential for Hot Water SCALDS.



## **⚠ DANGER!**

### **LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM (LP—PROPANE OR BUTANE) AND NATURAL GAS MODELS**

LP and Natural gas have an odorant added to aid in detecting a gas leak. Some people may not physically be able to smell or recognize this odorant. If you are unsure or unfamiliar with the smell of LP or natural gas, ask the gas supplier. Other conditions, such as “odorant fade”, which causes the odorant to diminish in intensity, can also hide or camouflage a gas leak.

- Water heaters utilizing LP gas are different from natural gas models. A natural gas water heater will not function safely on LP gas and vice versa.
- No attempt should ever be made to convert the water heater from natural gas to LP gas. To avoid possible equipment damage, personal injury or fire, do not connect the water heater to a fuel type not in accordance with the unit data plate. LP for LP units. Natural gas for natural gas units. These units are not certified for any other fuel type.
- LP appliances should not be installed below grade (for example, in a basement) if such installation is prohibited by federal, state and/or local laws, rules, regulations or customs.
- LP gas must be used with great caution. It is heavier than air and will collect first in lower areas making it hard to detect at nose level.
- Before attempting to light the water heater, make sure to look and smell for gas leaks. Use a soapy solution to check all gas fittings and connections. Bubbling at a connection indicates a leak that must be corrected. When smelling to detect a gas leak, be sure to sniff near the floor also.
- Gas detectors are recommended in LP & natural gas applications and their installation should be in accordance with the detector manufacturer’s recommendations and/or local laws, rules, regulations or customs.
- It is recommended that more than one method, such as soapy solution, gas detectors, etc., be used to detect leaks in gas applications.

**⚠ DANGER:** If a gas leak is present or suspected:

- Do not attempt to find the cause yourself.
- Do not try to light any appliance.
- Do not touch any electrical switch.
- Do not use any phone in your building.
- Leave the house immediately and make sure your family and pets leave also.
- Leave the doors open for ventilation and contact the gas supplier, a qualified service agency or the fire department.
- Stay away from the house (or building) until the service call has been made, the leak is corrected and a qualified agency has determined the area to be safe.

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION. READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING.

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## WARNING!

For your safety, the information in this manual must be followed to minimize the risk of fire or explosion, electric shock, or to prevent property damage, personal injury, or loss of life.



## FOR INSTALLATIONS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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California Law requires that residential water heaters must be braced, anchored or strapped to resist falling or horizontal displacement due to earthquake motions. For residential water heaters up to 52-gallon capacity, a brochure with generic earthquake bracing instructions can be obtained from: Office of the State Architect, 1102 Q Street, Suite 5100, Sacramento, CA 95814 or you may call 916-445-8100 or ask a water heater dealer.

However, applicable local codes shall govern installation. For residential water heaters of a capacity greater than 52 gallons, consult the local building jurisdiction for acceptable bracing procedures.



## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

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Have the installer show you the location of the gas shut-off valve and how to shut it off if necessary. Turn off the manual shut-off valve if the water heater has been subjected to overheating, fire, flood, physical damage or if the gas supply fails to shut off.

- Read this manual entirely before installing or operating the water heater.
- Use this appliance only for its intended purpose as described in this Use and Care Manual.
- Be sure your appliance is properly installed in accordance with local codes and the provided installation instructions.
- **Do not** attempt to repair or replace any part of your water heater unless it is specifically recommended in this manual. All other servicing should be referred to a qualified technician.



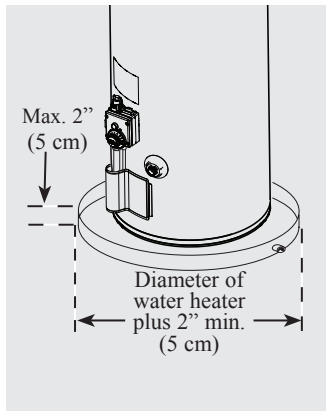
READ AND FOLLOW THIS SAFETY INFORMATION  
CAREFULLY.

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SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

# Installing the water heater.

This water heater must be installed in accordance with these instructions, local codes, utility company requirements, and/or in the absence of local codes, use the latest edition of the American National Standard/National Fuel Gas Code. A copy can be purchased from either the American Gas Association, 400 N. Capitol Street NW, Washington, DC 20001 as ANSI standard Z223.1 or National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269 as booklet NFPA 54. For Canada Installations use CAN/CSA B149 - Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code. A copy can be purchased from the Canadian Standards Association, 178 Rexdale Boulevard, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA, M9W 1R3.



The auxiliary catch pan installation **MUST** conform to local codes.

**⚠ WARNING: Combustible construction refers to adjacent walls and ceilings and should not be confused with combustible or flammable products and materials. Combustible and/or flammable products and materials should never be stored in the vicinity of this or any gas appliance.**

## Location

The water heater should not be located in an area where leakage from the tank or connections will result in damage to the area adjacent to the heater or to lower floors of the structure.

When such areas cannot be avoided it is recommended that a suitable catch pan, adequately drained, must be installed under the water heater.

Catch pan kits are available from the store where the water heater was purchased, or any water heater distributor.

Make certain that the floor underneath the water heater is strong enough to support the weight of the water heater once it is filled with water.

A gas fired water heater or any other appliance should not be installed in a space where liquids which give off flammable vapors are to be used or stored. Such liquids include gasoline, LP gas (butane or propane), paint or adhesives and their thinners, solvents or removers.

Because of natural air movement in a room or other enclosed space, flammable vapors can be carried some distance from where liquids which give off flammable vapors are to be used or stored. The open flame of the water heater's pilot or main burner can ignite these vapors.

The water heater must be located so it is not subject to physical damage, for example, by moving vehicles, area flooding, etc.

For these reasons installation of a gas fired water heater in a garage is not desirable.

If local codes require the use of a stand kit to raise the water heater 18" (46 cm) above the floor, please contact the store where the water heater was purchased (request part # AS29061), or any water heater distributor. These kits must comply with local codes.

- This water heater is of the direct vent design. It therefore must be located next to the outside wall, within the range of the telescopic adjustments. (See page 9 for Locating Clearance Hole for Vent)
- Long hot water lines should be insulated to conserve water and energy.
- The water heater and water lines should be protected from exposure to freezing temperatures.
- **Do not** install the water heater in bathrooms, bedrooms, any occupied rooms normally kept closed, or in unprotected outdoor areas.
- Minimum clearance from combustible construction is 0" sides, 0" rear; and 3" (7.6 cm) from the front of the control. If the clearances stated on the Instruction/Warning Label, located on the front of the heater differ, install the water heater according to the clearances stated on the label.
- The water heater may be installed on combustible floors, but not directly on carpeting. If the water heater must be installed on carpeting, place a metal or wood panel beneath the water heater, extending beyond its full width and depth at least 3" (7.6 cm) in all directions.
- If the water heater is installed in an alcove or closet, the entire floor must be covered by a wood or metal panel. A minimum of 24" (61 cm) clearance from the front and top should be available for adequate inspection and servicing.

# Installing the water heater.

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## Inspect Shipment

Inspect the water heater and the venting provided with the water heater for possible damage. Check the markings on the rating plate of the water heater to be certain the type of gas supplied corresponds to the water heater requirements.

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## Combustion and Ventilation Air

**Proper operation of the water heater requires air for combustion and ventilation. Provisions for combustion and ventilation air must comply with referenced codes and standards.**

**NOTICE:** If the water heater is installed in an unconfined space within a building of conventional frame, masonry or metal construction, infiltration air is normally adequate for proper combustion and ventilation. If the water heater is installed in a confined space, provisions for ventilation air must be made.

All air for combustion and all products of combustion are routed through the ducting provided, directly from and to the outside of the building.

**NOTICE:** If the duct openings which supply ventilation air are to be covered with a protective screen or grill, the net free area (openings in the material) of the covering material must be used in determining the size of the openings. Protective screening for the openings **MUST NOT** be smaller than 1/4" mesh to prevent clogging by lint or other debris.

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**NOTICE:** The water heater should not be installed near an air supply containing halogenated hydrocarbons.

## Corrosive Atmospheres

The air in beauty shops, dry cleaning establishments, photo processing labs, and storage areas for liquid and powdered bleaches or swimming pool chemicals often contain such halogenated hydrocarbons.

An air supply containing halogenated hydrocarbons may be safe to breathe, but when it passes through a gas flame corrosive elements are released that will shorten the life of any gas burning appliance.

Propellants from common spray cans or gas leaks from A/C and refrigeration equipment are highly corrosive after passing through a flame.

The water heater warranty is voided when failure of the heater is due to operation in a corrosive atmosphere.

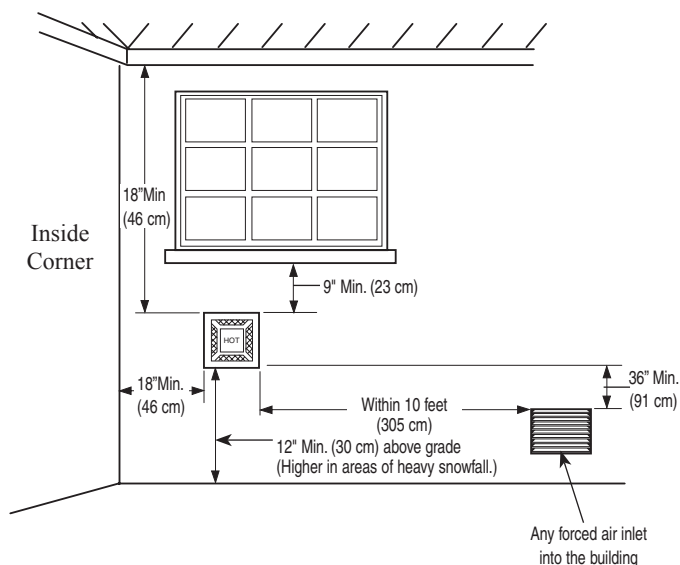
The water heater must be installed with the factory supplied venting system. The old venting system (vent pipe, air intake pipe, vent cap, elbows etc.) must be replaced with the vent system supplied with the new water heater.

**⚠ DANGER:** Failure to install the venting system and properly vent the water heater to the outdoors as outlined in the Venting section of this manual will result in unsafe operation of the water heater causing bodily injury, explosion, fire or death. To avoid the risk of fire, explosion, or asphyxiation from carbon monoxide, NEVER operate the water heater unless it is properly vented and has adequate air supply for proper operation as outlined in the Venting section of this manual.

## Venting

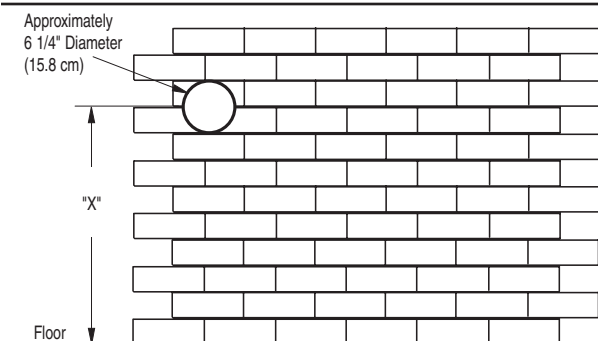
**⚠ CAUTION:** If there are any damaged parts, DO NOT install the water heater. Report any damage to your distributor or to the carrier.

**NOTICE:** The four fasteners that are required to secure the vent cap to the external wall are not provided. These should be screw type (not nails) chosen for the type of construction and obtained locally



## Vent Termination Clearances

- 1 Vent Terminal must be located at least 12" (30.5 cm) min. above grade level and above normal snow levels. Higher in areas of heavy snowfall.
- 2 Vent Terminal must be located at least 9" (23 cm) from windows, doors, or any other opening through which flue gases could enter the building.
- 3 Vent Terminal must be located at least 36" (91 cm) above any Forced Air Inlet into the building within 10' (3 m) of the Vent Terminal. Any fresh or make-up air inlet such as for a dryer or furnace area is considered to be a forced air inlet.
- 4 Vent Terminal must be located at least 18" (46 cm) from any overhang or building corner or other irregularity.
- 5 DO NOT locate the Vent Terminal under any deck or patio structure.

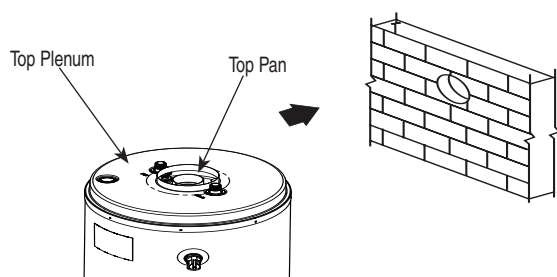


## Locating Clearance Hole for Vent

- 1 Cut a clearance hole, approximately 6 1/4" (15.8 cm) in diameter, through the exterior wall for the 6" (15.2 cm) diameter air tube.

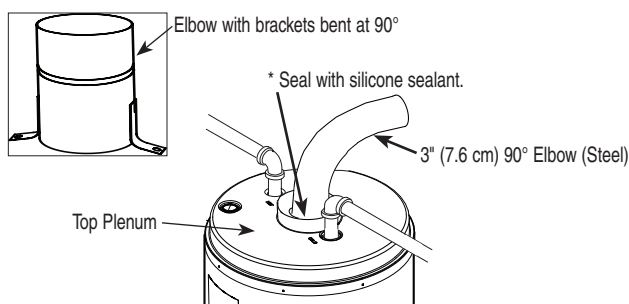
| Capacity  | "X"                |
|-----------|--------------------|
| 40 Gallon | 68-1/4" (173.3 cm) |
| 50 Gallon | 68" (172.7 cm)     |

# Installing the Water Heater:



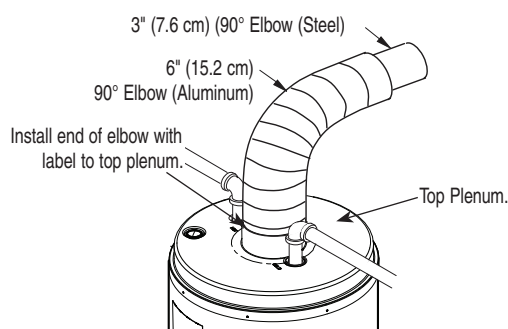
## Moving water heater to its final location

- 1 Move the water heater to its final installed location. Make certain clearances from combustible materials are observed.



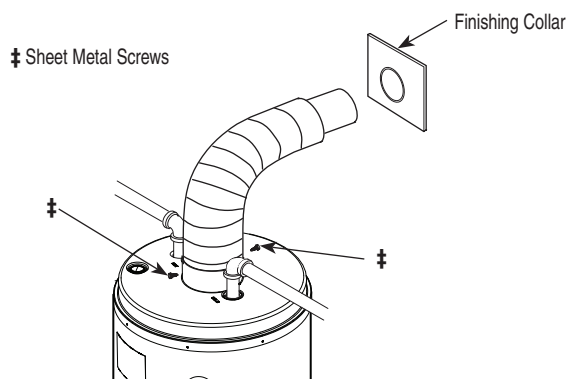
## Installing 3" (7.6 cm) Diameter Steel Elbow

- 1 Bend the brackets on the elbow as shown on left.
- 2 Place the 3" (7.6 cm) steel elbow on the water heater flue pipe and press it firmly downward until fully seated and pointed in the desired direction. After installation of elbow, apply silicone sealant around the outside of the pipe where the 3" (7.6 cm) elbow comes in contact with the flue pipe. An improper seal can cause product performance and nuisance pilot outages.
- 3 Secure the 3" (7.6 cm) steel elbow to the top pan by inserting two #8 x 3/8" long screws supplied through the bent brackets.



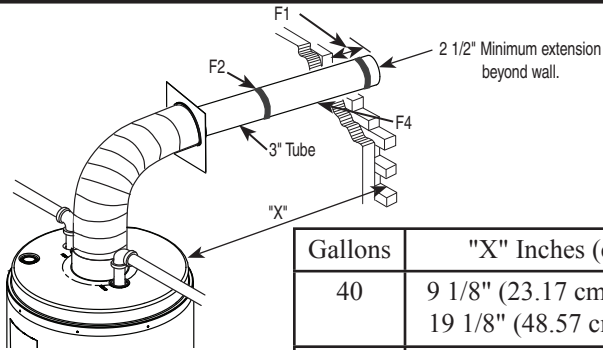
## Installing 6" (15.2 cm) Diameter Aluminum Elbow

- 1 Install the 6" (15.2 cm) aluminum elbow over the 3" (7.6 cm) steel elbow. Be certain both are pointed in the desired direction with the 3" (7.6 cm) centered inside the 6" (15.2 cm) inch elbow.



## Leveling and attaching 6" (15.2 cm) Diameter Aluminum Elbow

- 1 As an aid to leveling the 6" (15.2 cm) elbow, temporarily place the 6" (15.2 cm) sliding tube onto the elbow.
- 2 When leveled, drill a 1/8" inch diameter hole through the elbow into the collar at the front and back. Secure with the two #8 sheet metal screws supplied.
- 3 Place the finishing collar on the 6" (15.2 cm) elbow, as it will be positioned later.

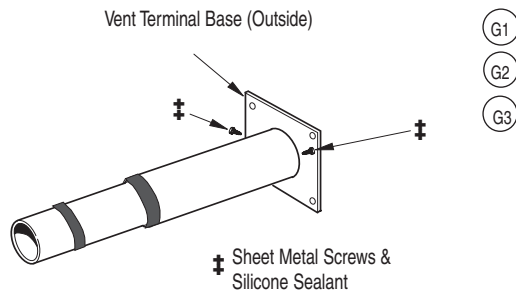


| Gallons | "X" Inches (cm)                           |
|---------|-------------------------------------------|
| 40      | 9 1/8" (23.17 cm) -<br>19 1/8" (48.57 cm) |
| 50      | 8 1/8" (20.63 cm)<br>- 18 1/8" (46 cm)    |

"X" Optional kit that provides additional adjustment up to 48" (121.9 cm) can be purchased separately.

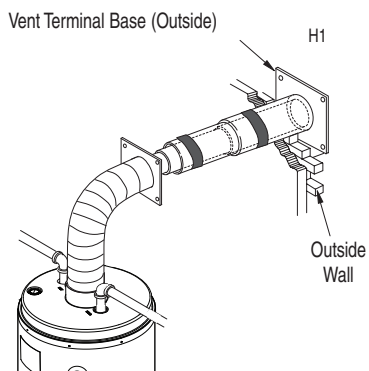
## Placing 3" (7.6 cm) Diameter Main Vent Tube through Exterior Wall

- 1 Inspect the vent tube upon opening the kit to assure three silicone sealing bands are included and positioned at the sealing points.
- 2 Install the 3" main vent tube onto the end of the 3" inner elbow & seal with silicone band by folding the band back over the seam of both tubes.
- 3 Extend the 3" (7.6 cm) tube assembly to its required length. Be sure a minimum of 2 1/2" extends beyond the outer wall. (F1)
- 4 Move high temperature silicone band to connecting joints as shown. (F2)



## Assembling the 6" (15.2 cm) Diameter Vent Tube Assembly w/ vent terminal base.

- 1 Inspect the vent tube upon opening the kit to assure two silicone sealing bands are included and positioned at the sealing points.
- 2 Attach the outer 6" (15.2 cm) main tube to the vent terminal base as shown on left.. (G1)
- 3 Drill a 1/8" inch diameter hole through the tube and the collar of the base. (G2)
- 4 Secure with a #8 sheet metal screw, supplied. Repeat with a second hole and screw approximately 180° from the first. (G3)



## Attaching the 6" (15.2 cm) Diameter Main Tube

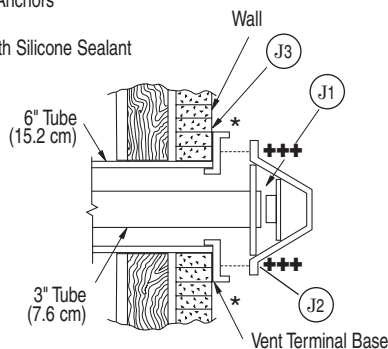
- 1 From the outside of the building, insert the 6" (15.2 cm) vent tube/base assembly through the hole in the exterior wall and onto the 6" (15.2 cm) elbow. Slide as needed into place. (H1).

An improper seal can cause product performance and nuisance pilot outages.

# Installing the water heater.

+++ Screw Anchors

\* Seal with Silicone Sealant



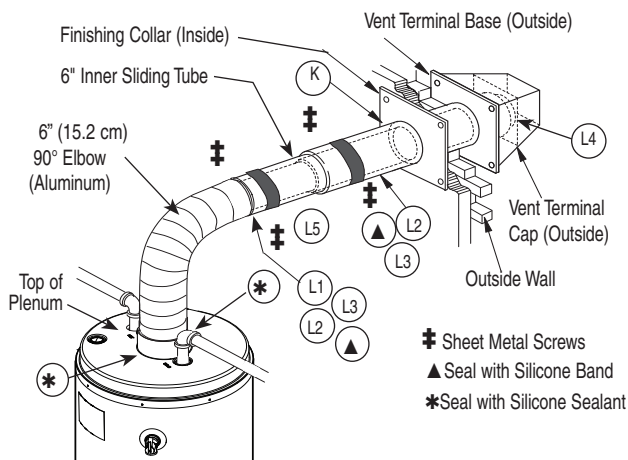
## Securing Vent Cap / Base Assembly to the Exterior Wall

- 1 Next place the 3" (7.6 cm) main tube fully onto the collar of the vent cap. Then seat the cap against the base. (J1)
- 2 Secure the vent cap/base assembly to the exterior wall with four screw anchors appropriate for the type of wall construction. The 6" (15.2 cm) tube should be essentially level. However, a small amount of upward pitch will not affect operation. (J2)
- 3 Caulk the junctions of the vent terminal base and the exterior wall with silicone sealant (Not Supplied). (J3)

An improper seal can cause product performance and nuisance pilot outages.

## Final Assembly and Sealing of the Vent System

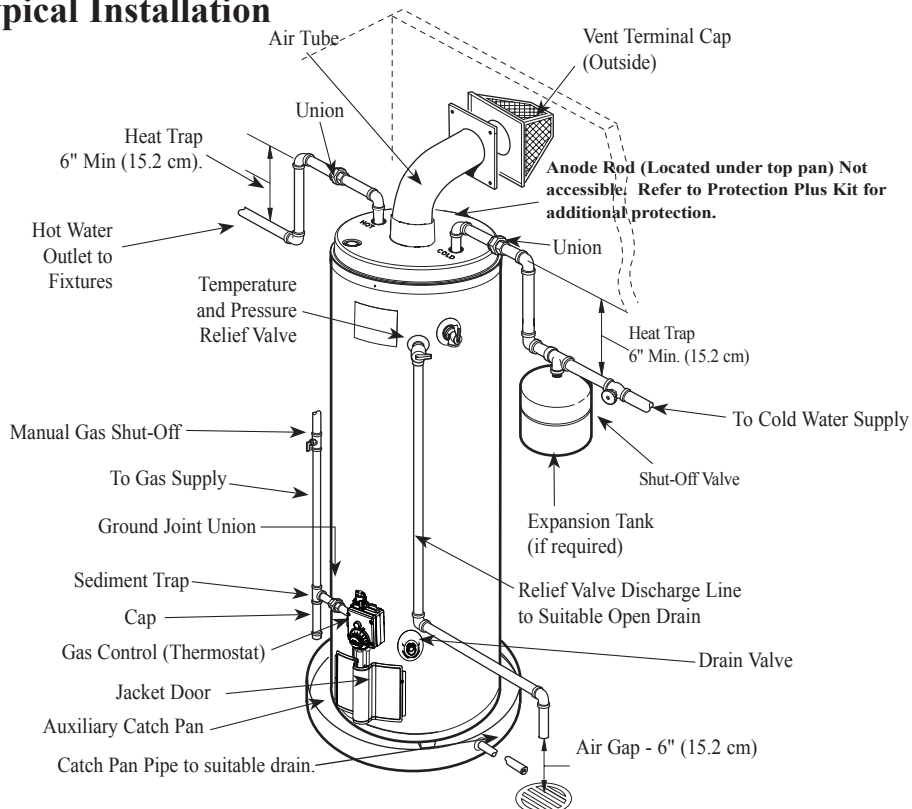
- 1 Position and fasten the finishing collar, previously installed on the 6" (15.2 cm) elbow, against the wall to close the opening around the tube. (K)
- 2 Make certain the 6" (15.2 cm) inner sliding air tube has been fully engaged onto the 6" (15.2 cm) elbow. (L1)  
Drill two 1/8" inch holes (180° apart) in the junction of the two joints in the 6" (15.2 cm) tube. (L2)  
Fasten with four #8 sheet metal screws supplied. (L3)
- 3 Using a flat head screw driver inserted through the holes in the vent cap, roll the silicone band over the seam to seal. (L4)
- 4 Seal all the 6" (15.2 cm) tube joints with the silicone bands provided (L5). Seal the elbow joint to the plenum using silicone sealant. Again, an improper seal can cause product performance and nuisance pilot outages. (M)



## Typical Installation



**NOTICE: The National Fuel Gas Code (NFPA) mandates a manual gas shut-off valve: See (NFPA) for complete instructions. Local codes or plumbing authority requirements may vary from the instructions or diagrams provided and take precedent over these instructions.**



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## Thermal Expansion

**Determine if a check valve exists in the inlet water line. Check with your local water utility company.** It may have been installed in the cold water line as a separate back flow preventer, or it may be part of a pressure reducing valve, water meter or water softener. A check valve located in the cold water inlet line can cause what is referred to as a **“closed water system”**. A cold water inlet line with no check valve or back flow prevention device is referred to as an **“open”** water system.

As water is heated, it expands in volume and creates an increase in the pressure within the water system. This action is referred to as **“thermal expansion”**. In an **“open”** water system, expanding water which exceeds the capacity of the water heater flows back into the city main where the pressure is easily dissipated.

A **“closed water system”**, however, prevents the expanding water from flowing back into the main supply line, and the result of **“thermal expansion”** can create a rapid and dangerous pressure increase in the water heater and system piping. This rapid pressure increase can quickly reach the safety setting of the relief valve, causing it to operate during each heating cycle. Thermal expansion, and the resulting rapid, and repeated expansion and contraction of components in the water heater and piping system can cause premature failure of the relief valve, and possibly the heater itself. Replacing the relief valve **will not** correct the problem!

The suggested method of controlling thermal expansion is to install an expansion tank in the cold water line between the water heater and the check valve (see illustration on page 12). The expansion tank is designed with an air cushion built in that compresses as the system pressure increases, thereby relieving the over pressure condition and eliminating the repeated operation of the relief valve. Other methods of controlling thermal expansion are also available. Contact your installing contractor, water supplier or plumbing inspector for additional information regarding this subject.

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**NOTICE: Do not apply heat to the HOT or COLD water connections. If sweat connections are used, sweat tubing to adapter before fitting adapter to the water connections on heater. Any heat applied to the water supply fittings will permanently damage the dip tube, nipples and/or heat traps.**

## Water Supply Connections

Refer to the illustration on page 12 for suggested typical installation. The installation of unions or flexible copper connectors is recommended on the hot and cold water connections so that the water heater may be easily disconnected for servicing if necessary. The HOT and COLD water connections are clearly marked and are 3/4" NPT on all models. Install a shut-off valve in the cold water line near the water heater.

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**A new combination temperature and pressure relief valve, complying with the Standard for Relief Valves and Automatic Gas Shut-Off Devices for Hot Water Supply Systems, ANSI Z21.22, is supplied and must remain in the opening provided and marked for the purpose on the water heater. No valve of any type should be installed between the relief valve and the tank. Local codes shall govern the installation of relief valves.**

## Relief Valve

The pressure rating of the relief valve must not exceed 150 PSI (1034 kPa), the maximum working pressure of the water heater as marked on the rating plate.

The Btuh rating of the relief valve must equal or exceed the Btuh input of the water heater as marked on its rating plate.

Position the outlet of the relief valve above a suitable open drain to eliminate potential water damage. Piping used should be of a type approved for hot water distribution.

The discharge line must be no smaller than the outlet of the valve and must pitch downward from the valve to allow complete drainage (by gravity) of the relief valve and discharge line.

The end of the discharge line should not be threaded or concealed and should be protected from freezing. No valve of any type, restriction, or reducer coupling should be installed in the discharge line.

# Installing the water heater.

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**⚠ WARNING:** The tank must be full of water before heater is turned on. The water heater warranty does not cover damage or failure resulting from operation with an empty or partially empty tank.

## To Fill the Water Heater

Make certain that the drain valve is closed, then open the shut-off valve in the cold water supply line.

Open each hot water faucet slowly to allow the air to vent from the water heater and piping.

A steady flow of water from the hot water faucet(s) indicates a full water heater.

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NOTICE: Additional information on this subject may be found at [www.rheem.com](http://www.rheem.com), under Rheem Water Heating, "Support", scroll down to the Technical Service Section and to Bulletins 1400 Series Section and choose Bulletin #1402.

## Condensation

Condensation can form on the tank when it is first filled with water. Condensation might also occur with a heavy water draw and very cold inlet water temperatures.

Drops of water falling on the burner can produce a sizzling or pinging sound. The water may also be seen beneath the water heater.

This condition is not unusual, and will disappear after the water becomes heated. If, however, the condensation continues, examine the piping and fittings for possible leaks.

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**⚠ WARNING:** Do not attempt to convert this water heater for use with a different type of gas other than the type shown on the rating plate. Such conversion could result in hazardous operating conditions.

## Gas Supply

The branch gas supply line to the water heater should be clean 1/2" black steel pipe or other approved gas piping material.

A ground joint union or ANSI design certified semi-rigid or flexible gas appliance connector should be installed in the gas line close to the water heater. A manual gas shut-off valve should be at least 5 ft. (1.5 m) above the floor and readily accessible.

Use compound sparingly on male threads only. The compound used on threaded joints of the gas piping must be of the type resistant to the action of LP gas.

A sediment trap should be installed at the bottom of the gas line.

Do not use excessive force (over 31.5

ft lbs.) (42.7 Nm) in tightening the pipe joint at the gas control (thermostat) inlet, particularly if teflon pipe compound is used, as the valve body may be damaged.

The inlet gas pressure to the water heater must not exceed 10.5" w.c. (2.65 kPa) for natural gas or 14" w.c. (3.5 kPa) for LP gas. For purposes of input adjustment, the minimum inlet gas pressure (with main burner on) is shown on the water heater rating plate. If high or low gas pressures are present, contact your gas supplier for correction.

- If flexible connectors are used, the maximum length shall not exceed 36" (91 cm).
- If lever type gas shut-offs are used, they shall be T-Handle type.

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**⚠ WARNING:** Never use an open flame to test for gas leaks, as property damage, personal injury, or death could result.

## Leak Testing

The water heater and its gas connections must be leak tested at normal operating pressures before it is placed in operation.

- 1 Turn on the manual gas shut-off valve near the water heater.
- 2 Use a soapy water solution to test for leaks at all connections and fittings.

Bubbles indicate a gas leak that must be corrected.

The factory connections to the gas control (thermostat) should also be leak tested after the water heater is placed in operation.

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## Pressure Testing the Gas Supply System

The water heater and its manual gas shut-off valve must be disconnected from the gas supply piping system during any pressure testing of that system at pressures in excess of 1/2 psi (14" w.c.).

The water heater must be isolated from the gas piping system by closing the manual gas shut-off valve during any pressure testing of the gas supply piping at pressures equal to or less than 1/2 psi (14" w.c.).

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## High Altitude

Ratings of gas appliances are based on sea level operation. This water heater is suitable and certified for use at high altitudes. Refer to the altitude label on the water heater for maximum allowable installation altitude. Please contact your local distributor or place of purchase for a high altitude model.

**⚠ WARNING:** Failure to install a water heater suitable for the altitude at the location it is intended to serve, can result in improper operation of the appliance resulting in property damage and/or, producing carbon monoxide gas, which could result in personal injury, or death.

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## Insulation Blankets

**⚠ WARNING:** If local codes require external application of insulation blanket kits the manufacturer's instructions included with the kit must be carefully followed.

Insulation blankets, available to the general public, for external use on gas water heaters are not necessary. The purpose of an insulation blanket is to reduce the standby heat loss encountered with storage tank heaters. This water heater meets or exceeds the National Appliance Energy Conservation Act standards with respect to insulation and standby loss requirements making an insulation blanket unnecessary.

The manufacturer's warranty does not cover any damage or defect caused by installation, attachment or use of any type of energy saving or other unapproved devices (other than those authorized by the manufacturer) into, onto or in conjunction with the water heater. The use of unauthorized energy saving devices may shorten the life of the water heater and may endanger life and property.

The manufacturer disclaims any responsibility for such loss or injury resulting from the use of such unauthorized devices.

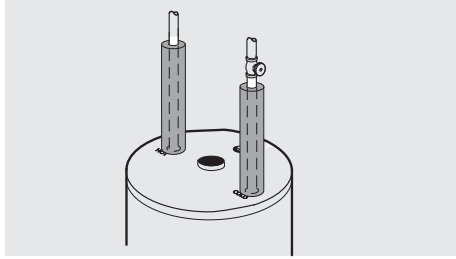
**⚠ CAUTION:** If local codes require the application of an external insulation blanket to this water heater, pay careful attention to the following so as not to restrict the proper function and operation of the water heater:

- Do not cover the operating or warning labels attached to the water heater or attempt to relocate them on the exterior of insulation blanket.
- Do not apply insulation to the top of the water heater, as this will interfere with the safe operation of the water heater and venting system.
- Do not cover the burner access door, jacket door, gas control (thermostat)/gas valve or pressure and temperature relief valve.

# Installing the water heater.

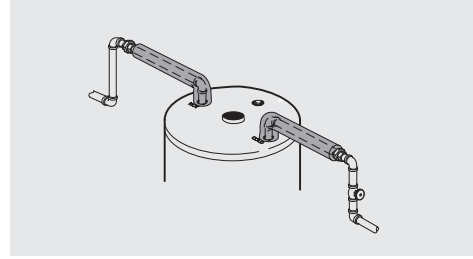
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## Hot and Cold Pipe Insulation Installation



Typical vertical piping arrangement

For increased energy efficiency, some water heaters have been supplied with two 24" (60.9 cm) sections of pipe insulation. Please install the insulation,



Typical horizontal piping arrangement

according to the illustrations above, that best meets your requirements.

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## Heat Trap

For increased energy efficiency, some water heaters have been supplied with factory installed 3/4" NPT heat traps in the hot outlet line and cold water inlet line.

**NOTICE: Do not apply heat to the HOT or COLD water connections. If sweat connections are used, sweat tubing to adapter before fitting adapter to the water connections on heater. Any heat applied to the water supply fittings will permanently damage the dip tube, nipples, and/or heat traps.**

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## During Installation of this water heater.....

### DO

- ☐ **DO** check inlet gas pressure to ensure that it is within the range specified on the rating plate.
- ☐ **DO** provide adequate air for combustion and ventilation as discussed in the Use and Care Manual and the National Fuel Gas Code.
- ☐ **DO** maintain proper clearances to combustibles as specified on the instruction/warning label.
- ☐ **DO** ensure that the venting system complies with the guidelines found in the Use and Care Manual and National Fuel Gas Code.
- ☐ **DO** contact a qualified service technician if the pilot or main burner will not stay lit.

### DON'T

- ☐ **DON'T** block or restrict the vent terminal.
- ☐ **DON'T** remove the Burner Access Door unless absolutely necessary. This should only be done by a qualified service technician. A new burner access door gasket must be installed on any burner access door that has been removed.
- ☐ **DON'T** install this water heater where standing water may occur. The base of the water heater is meant to be mounted on a dry surface.
- ☐ **DON'T** operate the water heater if the sight glass or burner access door grommet is damaged or broken.

# Installation Checklist

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## A. Water Heater Location

- ☐ Close to outside wall.
  - ☐ Indoors and protected from freezing temperatures.
  - ☐ Proper clearance from combustible surfaces observed and water heater not installed on carpeted floor.
  - ☐ Sufficient fresh air supply for proper operation of water heater.
  - ☐ Air supply free of corrosive elements and flammable vapors.
  - ☐ Provisions made to protect area from water damage.
  - ☐ Sufficient room to service heater.
  - ☐ Combustible materials, such as clothing, cleaning materials, rags, etc. clear of the base of the heater.
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## B. Water Supply

- ☐ Water heater completely filled with water.
  - ☐ Air purged from water heater and piping.
  - ☐ Water connections tight and free of leaks.
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## C. Gas Supply

- ☐ Gas line equipped with shut-off valve, union and sediment trap.
  - ☐ Approved pipe joint compound used.
  - ☐ Soap and water solution used to check all connections and fittings for possible gas leak.
  - ☐ Gas Company inspected installation (if required).
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## D. Relief Valve

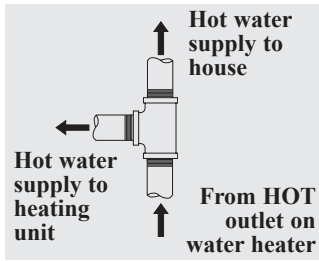
- ☐ Temperature and Pressure Relief Valve properly installed and discharge line run to open drain.
  - ☐ Discharge line protected from freezing.
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## E. Venting

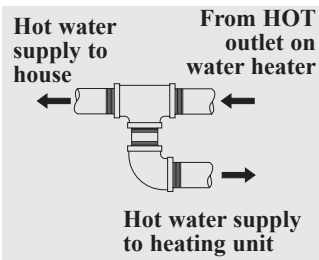
- ☐ Flue baffle properly hung in top of heater's flue.
- ☐ Air tube and vent tube properly installed.
- ☐ Vent terminal, air tube sealed with silicone bands and sealants.
- ☐ Air tube securely fastened with screws.

# Supplemental instructions for gas water heaters installed in potable/space heating applications.

Local codes or plumbing authority requirements may vary from the instructions or diagrams provided in this manual and take precedent over these instructions.



Tee fitting for vertical hot water supply lines.



Tee fitting for horizontal hot water supply lines.

## Combination Potable and Space Heating Application

Tee fitting must be installed as shown. This ensures that any air in the water lines will be purged through the domestic water faucets and showers.

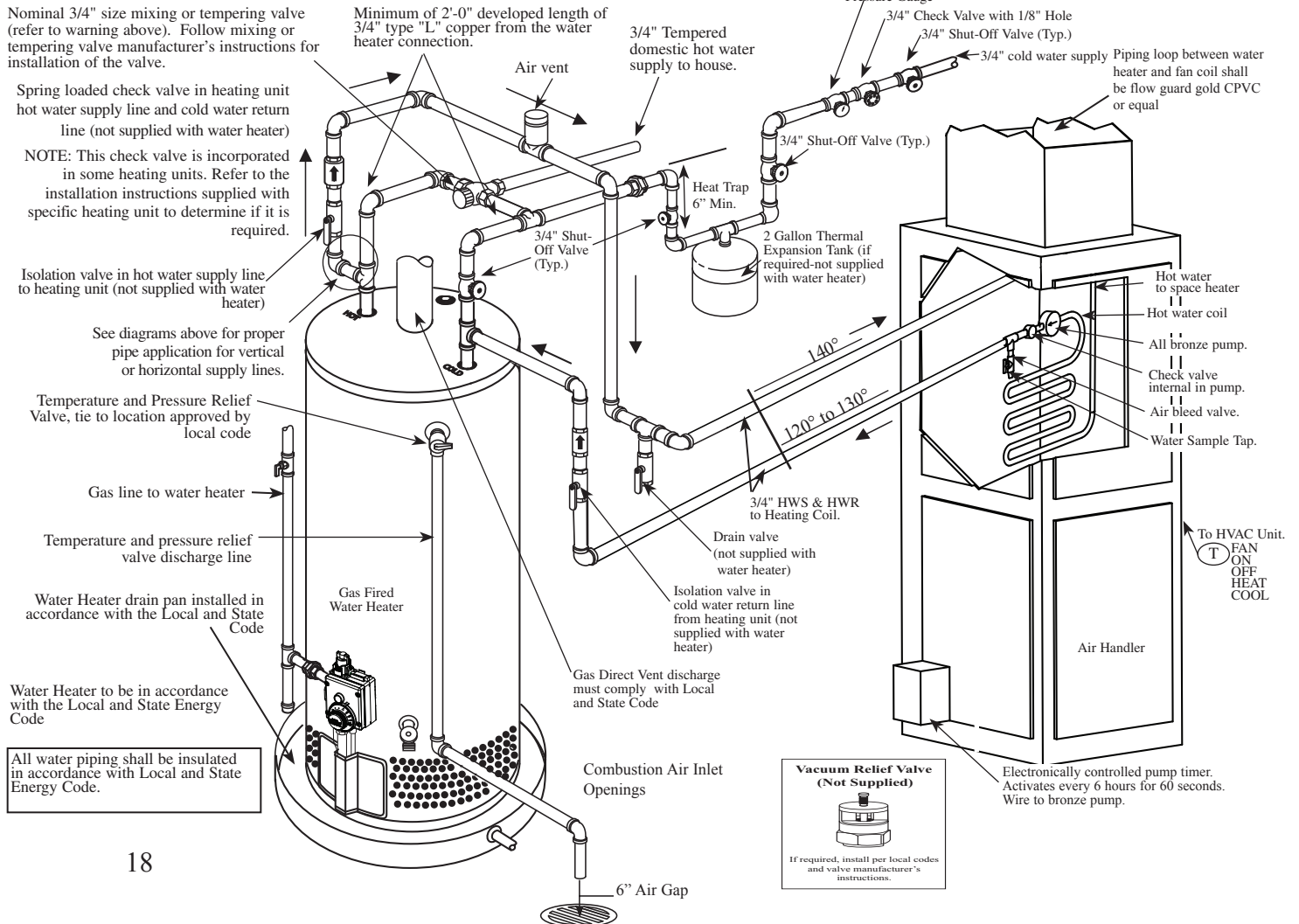
**⚠ DANGER:** When this system requires water for space heating at elevated temperatures [above 125°F (52°C.)], a mixing or tempering valve must be installed in the hot water supply line to the house in order to reduce the scald hazard potential.

**⚠ DANGER:** Any piping or components used in the installation of this water heater in a combination potable and space heating application must be suitable for use with drinking water.

**⚠ DANGER:** If this water heater is installed in an application intended to supply domestic hot water needs and hot water for space heating purposes, do not connect the heater to an existing heating unit or components of a heating system that have previously been used with a non drinking water system. Toxic chemicals such as those used for boiler treatment may be present and will contaminate the drinking water supply causing possible health risks. Never introduce toxic chemicals, such as those used for boiler treatment, into this system.

**Notice:** 50' - 0" maximum distance from water heater to fan coil (developed length) is required for Massachusetts State.

## Typical Piping Diagram for Combination Potable/Space Heating Installation



# Lighting the water heater.

Before operating this water heater, be sure to read and follow the instructions on the label pictured below and all other labels on the water heater, as well as the warnings printed in this manual. Failure to do so can result in unsafe operation of the water heater resulting in property damage, personal injury, or death. Should you have any problems reading or following the instructions in this manual, STOP, and get help from a qualified person.

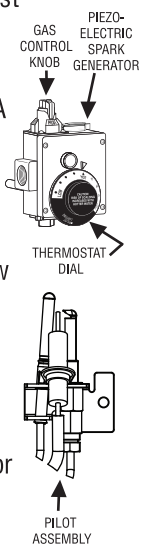
## FOR YOUR SAFETY READ BEFORE OPERATING

**▲ WARNING:** If you do not follow these instructions and the Use & Care Manual instructions exactly, a fire or explosion may result causing property damage, personal injury or loss of life.

- A. This appliance has a pilot which is lit by a piezo-electric spark gas ignition system. **Do NOT open the inner door of this appliance and try to light the pilot by hand!**
- B. BEFORE LIGHTING smell all around the appliance area for gas. Be sure to smell next to the floor because some gas is heavier than air and will settle on the floor.  
**WHAT TO DO IF YOU SMELL GAS**
  - Do not try to light any appliance.
  - Do not touch any electric 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.
- C. Use only your hand to turn the gas control knob. Never use tools. If the knob will not turn by hand, don't try to repair it, call a qualified service technician. Force or attempted repair may result in a fire or explosion.
- D. Do not use this appliance if any part has been under water. Immediately call a qualified installer or service agency to replace a flooded water heater. Do not attempt to repair the unit! It must be replaced!

## LIGHTING INSTRUCTION

1. STOP! Read safety information above on this label.
2. Set the thermostat dial to the lowest setting "PILOT LIGHTING" by turning the thermostat dial clockwise ↻ until it stops.
3. Slightly depress the gas control knob A and turn clockwise ↻ to "OFF" position. Note: Knob cannot be turned from "PILOT" position unless pushed down slightly. Do not use force.
4. Wait five (5) minutes to clear out any gas. If you smell any gas, STOP! Follow "B" in the safety information above on this label. If you do not smell gas, go to the next step.
5. Remove the outer door from the water heater. Do not attempt to remove the inner door.
6. Locate the piezo-electric spark generator which is located on top of the combination gas control.
7. Turn the gas control knob counter-clockwise ↺ to the "PILOT" position.
8. Depress and hold the gas control knob all the way down. Immediately depress the piezo-electric spark generator button several times until the pilot is lit. The pilot flame can only be seen through the sight glass window located on the inner door.
9. Continue to hold down the gas control knob for about one (1) minute after the pilot is lit. If it goes out repeat steps 3 to 9.
  - If the gas control knob does not pop up when released, stop and immediately call your service technician or gas supplier.
  - If the pilot will not stay lit after several tries, turn the gas control knob clockwise ↻ to "OFF" and call your service technician or gas supplier.
10. Once the pilot flame is established replace the outer door.
11. Turn the gas control knob counter-clockwise ↺ to the "ON" position.
12. Set the thermostat dial to desired setting. The preferred starting point for temperature setting is indicated by ▲ on the thermostat dial.



## TO TURN GAS OFF TO THE APPLIANCE

1. Set the thermostat dial to the lowest setting "PILOT LIGHTING" by turning the thermostat dial clockwise ↻ until it stops.
2. Slightly depress the gas control knob and turn clockwise ↻ to "OFF POSITION". Note: Knob cannot be turned from "PILOT" position unless pushed down slightly. Do not use force.

# Operating the water heater.

**⚠ CAUTION:** Hydrogen gas can be produced in a hot water system served by this water heater that has not been used for a long period of time (generally two weeks or more). **HYDROGEN GAS IS EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE!!** To dissipate such gas and to reduce risk of injury, it is recommended that the hot water faucet be opened for several minutes at the kitchen sink before using any electrical appliance 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 water begins to flow. Do not smoke or use an open flame near the faucet at the time it is open.

## Safety Precautions

- A** Do turn off manual gas shut-off valve if water heater has been subjected to over heating, fire, flood, physical damage or if the gas supply fails to shut off.
- B** Do Not turn on water heater unless it is completely filled with water.
- C** Do Not turn on water heater if cold water supply shut-off valve is closed.
- D** Do Not allow combustible materials such as newspaper, rags or mops to accumulate near water heater.
- E** Do Not store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids, such as adhesives or paint thinner, in vicinity of this or any other appliance. If such flammables must be used, open doors and windows for ventilation, and all gas burning appliances in the vicinity should be shut off including their pilot burners, to avoid vapors igniting.
- NOTICE:** Flammable vapors can be drawn by air currents from surrounding areas to the water heater.
- F** If there is any difficulty in understanding or following the Operating Instructions or the Care and Cleaning section, it is recommended that a qualified person or serviceman perform the work.

**⚠ DANGER:** Hotter water increases the Potential for Hot Water SCALDS. Households with small children, disabled, or elderly persons may require a 120°F (49°C) or lower gas control (thermostat) setting to prevent contact with HOT water.

## Water Temperature Setting

The temperature of the water in the water heater can be regulated by setting the temperature dial on the front of the gas control (thermostat).

Safety and energy conservation are factors to be considered when selecting the water temperature setting of the water heater's gas control (thermostat(s)). The lower the temperature setting, the greater the savings in energy and operating costs.

To comply with safety regulations, the gas control (thermostat) was set at its lowest setting before the water heater was shipped from the factory. The recommended starting point temperature is 120°F (49°C).

Water temperatures above 125°F (52° C) can cause severe burns or death from scalding. Be sure to read and follow the warnings outlined in this manual and on the label located on the water heater near the gas control (thermostat).

Mixing valves are available for reducing point of use water temperature by mixing hot and cold water in branch water lines. Contact a licensed plumber or the local plumbing authority for further information. (See page 4 for more details.)

The chart below may be used as a guide in determining the proper water temperature for your home.

## Time/Temperature Relationship in Scalds

| Water Temperature | Time To Produce a Serious Burn |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 120°F (49°C)      | More than 5 minutes            |
| 125°F (52°C)      | 1½ to 2 minutes                |
| 130°F (54°C)      | About 30 seconds               |
| 135°F (57°C)      | About 10 seconds               |
| 140°F (60°C)      | Less than 5 seconds            |
| 145°F (63°C)      | Less than 3 seconds            |
| 150°F (66°C)      | About 1½ seconds               |
| 155°F (68°C)      | About 1 second                 |

Table courtesy of Shriners Burn Institute

## Water Temperature Setting...

Maximum water temperatures occur just after the burner has shut off. To determine the water temperature, turn on a hot water faucet and place a thermometer in the water stream.

The reference mark ▲ on the rim of the temperature dial, represents an approximate water temperature of 120°F (49°C).

The reference mark ① represents an approximate water temperature of 130°F (54°C).

**Each reference mark above or below these points indicates an approximate change of 10°F (5.5°C).**

**To adjust the temperature, turn the temperature dial to an initial setting of 120°F (49°C).**

A condition known as “stacking” or “layering” can occur when a series of short and frequent hot water draws are taken.

The hottest temperature water will be at the top of the tank, closest to the outlet pipe delivering hot water to the home.

Stacking can cause this top layer of water to be hotter than the water toward the bottom of the tank near the gas control (thermostat).

Therefore, always remember to test the water temperature with your hand before use and remember that hotter water increases the risk of scald injury.

Also, always supervise young children or others who are incapacitated.

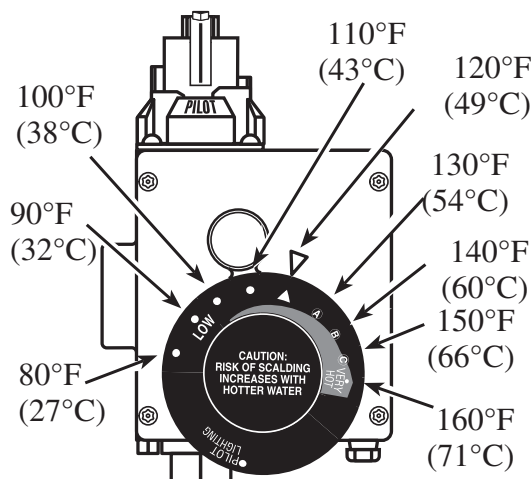
The gas control (thermostat) is constructed with a built in safety shut-off device designed to shut off the gas supply to the burner if the pilot flame is extinguished for any reason.

The gas control (thermostat) is also equipped with a single use gas shut off device that will shut off the gas supply to the burner if the water heater exceeds normal operating temperatures. Refer to the (Before You Call For Service) section of this manual, or contact your dealer.

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

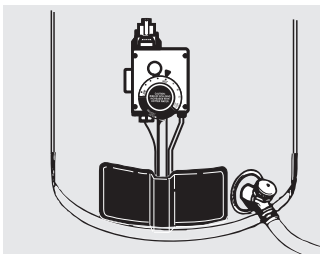
If the water heater has been subjected to fire, flood or physical damage, turn off the manual gas control (shut-off) valve, and do not operate the water heater again until it has been checked by qualified personnel.

**NOTICE: Replace any part of the gas control system which has been under water.**



Temperatures are approximate

# Care and cleaning of the water heater.



## Draining the Water Heater

**▲ CAUTION:** Shut off gas to the water heater at the gas control (thermostat) gas cock or manual shut-off valve before draining water.

**▲ DANGER:** Before manually operating the temperature and pressure relief valve, make certain no one will be exposed to the hot water released by the valve. The water drained from the tank may be hot enough to present a scald hazard and should be directed to a suitable drain to prevent injury or damage.

In order to drain the water heater, turn off the cold water supply. Open a hot water faucet or lift the handle on the relief valve to admit air to the tank.

Attach a garden hose to the drain valve on the water heater and direct the stream of water to a drain. Open the valve.

**▲ DANGER:** Before manually operating the relief valve, make certain no one will be exposed to the danger of the hot water released by the valve. The water may be hot enough to create a scald hazard. The water should be released into a suitable drain to prevent injury or property damage.

**▲ DANGER:** Hotter water increases the potential for Hot Water Scalds.

**▲ DANGER:** Failure to perform the recommended Routine Preventative Maintenance can harm the proper operation of this water heater, which can cause carbon monoxide dangers, excessive hot water temperatures and other potentially hazardous conditions.

## Routine Preventative Maintenance

Properly maintained, your water heater will provide years of dependable trouble-free service.

It is recommended that a periodic inspection of the gas control (thermostat), burner, relief valve, internal flue-way and venting system should be made by service personnel qualified in gas appliance repair.

It is suggested that a routine preventative maintenance program be established and followed by the user.

At least once a year, lift and release the lever handle on the temperature pressure relief valve, located near the top of the water heater, to make certain the valve operates freely. Allow several gallons to flush through the discharge line to an open drain.

**NOTICE:** If the temperature and pressure relief valve on the hot water heater discharges periodically, this may be due to thermal expansion in a closed water system. Contact the water supplier or your plumbing contractor on how to correct this. **DO NOT** plug the relief valve outlet.

A water heater's tank can act as a settling basin for solids suspended in the water. It is therefore not uncommon for hard water deposits to accumulate in the bottom of the tank. If allowed to accumulate, these solids can cover the gas control

(thermostat) sensors, causing the sensors to operate erratically. Because accumulated solids can prevent the gas control (thermostat) sensors from accurately reading the water temperature, the water at the fixture can be hotter than the gas control (thermostat) dial setting. It is suggested that a few quarts (litres) of water be drained from the water heater's tank every month to clean the tank of these deposits.

Rapid closing of faucets or solenoid valves in automatic water using appliances can cause a banging noise heard in a water pipe. Strategically located risers in the water pipe system or water hammer arresting devices can be used to minimize the problem.

The anode rod should be inspected and replaced when more than 6" (15.2 cm) of core wire is exposed at either end of the rod.

Make sure the cold water supply is turned off before replacing the anode rod.

**▲ DANGER:** Combustible materials, such as clothing, cleaning materials, or flammable liquids, etc., must not be placed against or next to the water heater.

## Housekeeping

Vacuum around the base of the water heater for dust, dirt and lint on a regular basis. Visually inspect pilot burner and relight if necessary.

To ensure sufficient ventilation and combustion air supply, proper clearances must be maintained.

**When installed in a closet, DO NOT block or obstruct any of the combustion air inlet openings located around the perimeter of the water heater. A minimum of 1" (2.5 cm) is required between these combustion air inlet openings and any obstruction.**

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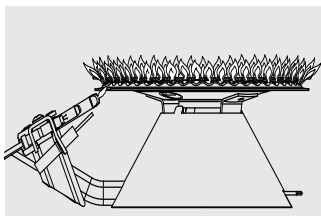
## Venting System Inspection

It is recommended that the water heater's internal flue, vent, and air pipes be inspected annually to be certain it is clean.

Inspect the gas venting system and the termination cap.

Make certain the vent system, vent, and air pipes is properly sealed and securely attached.

If after inspection of the vent system you found soot or deterioration; call the local gas utility to correct the problem and clean the flue, and venting system or replace the flue baffle, before resuming operation of the water heater.



Proper burner and pilot burner pattern.

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## Burner Inspection

Visually inspect the pilot and main burners annually.

Through the sight glass, inspect the pilot burner flame with the main burner off and inspect the main burner while firing.

If any unusual burner operation is noted, the water heater should be shut off until qualified service assistance can be obtained.

**⚠ CAUTION:** For your safety, cleaning of the burner must be performed only by qualified service personnel. The burner chamber is a sealed area. If the burner access door is removed, the burner access door gasket must be replaced.

For cleaning, remove the burner from the water heater. A vacuum cleaner can be used on the burner and floor shield inside the water heater. The burner can also be cleaned by scrubbing with mild detergent.

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**NOTICE:** Refer to the Hydrogen Gas Caution in the Operating Instructions.

## Vacation and Extended Shut-Down

If the water heater is to remain idle for an extended period of time, the power and water to the appliance should be turned off to conserve energy and prevent a build-up of dangerous hydrogen gas.

The water heater and piping should be drained if they might be subjected to freezing temperatures.

After a long shut-down period, the water heater's operation and controls should be checked by qualified service personnel.

Make certain the water heater is completely filled again before placing it in operation.

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**NOTICE:** Do not remove the anode rod from the water heater's tank, except for inspection and/or replacement, as operation with the anode rod removed will greatly shorten the life of the glass lined tank and will exclude warranty coverage.

## Anode Rod

This water heater is equipped with an anode rod designed to prolong the life of the glass lined tank. The anode rod is slowly consumed, thereby eliminating or minimizing corrosion of the glass lined tank.

Water sometimes contains a high sulfate and/or mineral content and together with cathodic protection process can produce a hydrogen sulfide, or rotten egg odor in the heated water. Chlorination of the water supply should minimize the problem.

# Before You Call For Service...



## Troubleshooting Tips

Save time and money! Review the charts on the following pages first and you may not need to call for service.

| Problem                                                               | Possible Causes                                                                 | What To Do                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Condensation</b>                                                   | This usually happens when a new water heater is filled for the first time.      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is normal. After the water in the tank warms up, the condensation will disappear. If, however, the condition persists, examine the piping and fittings for possible leaks.</li> </ul>                   |
|                                                                       | Moisture from the products of combustion condensing on the tank surface.        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is normal and will disappear in time. Excessive condensation can cause pilot burner outage.</li> </ul>                                                                                                  |
|                                                                       | An undersized water heater will cause condensation.                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use a water heater size that meets the requirements of your needs.</li> <li>Contact a qualified service technician for service.</li> </ul>                                                                   |
| <b>Yellow flame or soot</b>                                           | Scale on top of the burner.                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact a qualified service technician to remove scale.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                           |
|                                                                       | Flue or Combustion air inlet openings are restricted.                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove obstruction or debris from flue or combustion air inlet openings on water heater jacket.</li> </ul>                                                                                                   |
|                                                                       | Not enough combustion or ventilation air supplied to the water heater location. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proper operation of the water heater requires air for combustion and ventilation. See the Combustion and Ventilation Air information in the “Installing The Water Heater” section of this manual.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Unable to light the pilot burner</b>                               | Air in gas line.                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact a qualified service technician to purge the air from the gas line.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                        |
|                                                                       | Pilot burner orifice clogged.                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The pilot burner should be cleaned or replaced by a qualified service technician.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                 |
|                                                                       | Pilot burner tube pinched or clogged.                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The pilot burner should be cleaned, repaired or replaced by a qualified service technician.</li> </ul>                                                                                                       |
|                                                                       | Gas cock knob not correctly positioned.                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See the “Lighting The Water Heater” section of this manual.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Pilot burner does not stay lit when the RED button is released</b> | Loose thermocouple.                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The connection at the gas control (thermostat) should be tightened by a qualified service technician.</li> </ul>                                                                                             |
|                                                                       | Thermocouple defective.                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The thermocouple should be replaced by a qualified service technician.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                            |
|                                                                       | Safety magnet defective.                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The gas control (thermostat) should be replaced by a qualified service technician.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                |
|                                                                       | Gas Control’s (Thermostat’s) single use gas shut-off device has opened.         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The gas control (thermostat) should be replaced by a qualified service technician.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                |
|                                                                       | Improper vent assembly and installation.                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact a qualified service technician for service.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                               |

**⚠ CAUTION:** For your safety **DO NOT** attempt repair of gas piping, gas control (thermostat), burners, vent connectors or other safety devices. Refer repairs to qualified service personnel.

| Problem                                          | Possible Causes                                                      | What To Do                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Rumbling noise                                   | Scale and sediment in tank.                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Clean tank.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                             |
| Relief valve producing popping noise or draining | Pressure build up caused by thermal expansion to a closed system.    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This is an unacceptable condition and must be corrected. Contact the water supplier or plumbing contractor on how to correct this. Do not plug the relief valve outlet.</li> </ul> |
| Not enough or no hot water                       | Water usage may have exceeded the capacity of the water heater.      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Wait for the water heater to recover after an abnormal demand.</li> </ul>                                                                                                          |
|                                                  | Low gas pressure.                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Check gas supply pressure and manifold pressure.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                        |
|                                                  | The pilot burner may be out.                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Check the pilot burner. If necessary, relight using the instructions in the “Lighting The Water Heater” section of this manual.</li> </ul>                                         |
|                                                  | The gas control (thermostat) may be set too low.                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● See the “Water Temperature Setting” of The Water Heater section of this manual.</li> </ul>                                                                                         |
|                                                  | Leaking or open hot water faucets.                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Make sure all faucets are closed.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                  | Cold water inlet temperature may be colder during the winter months. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This is normal. The colder inlet water takes longer to heat.</li> </ul>                                                                                                            |
| Water is too hot                                 | The gas control (thermostat) is set too high.                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● See the “Water Temperature Setting” of The Water Heater section of this manual.</li> </ul>                                                                                         |
|                                                  | Gas Control (Thermostat) Defective.                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Contact a qualified service technician to replace the gas control (thermostat).</li> </ul>                                                                                         |

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# Replacement Parts.

## Instructions For Placing a Parts Order

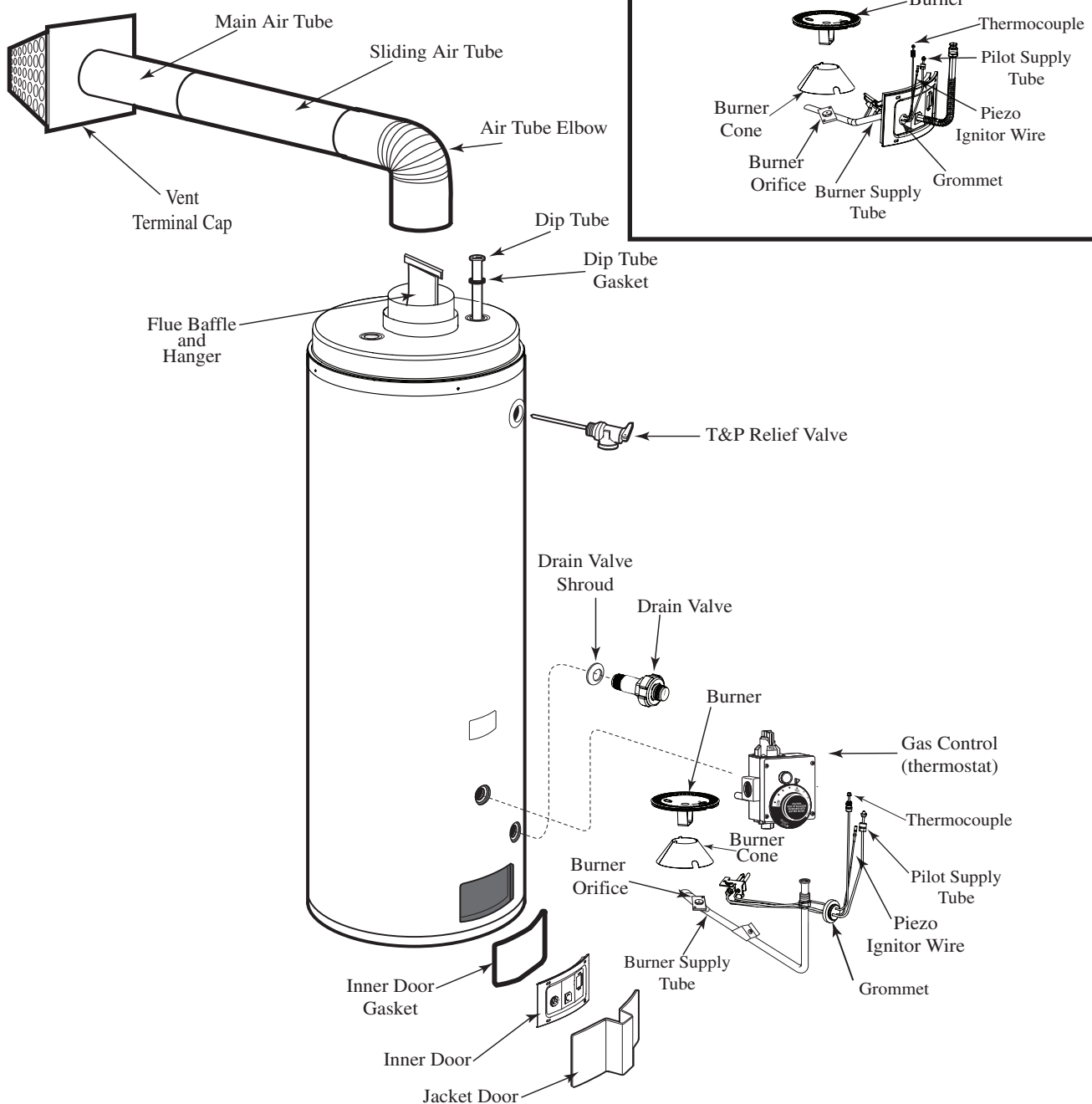
Address parts orders to the distributor or store from where the heater was purchased.

All parts orders should include:

- 1 The model and serial number of the water heater from the rating plate.
- 2 Specify type of gas (natural or LP) as marked on the rating plate.

- 3 Part description (as noted below) and number of parts desired.

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## Notes

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# IF YOU NEED SERVICE

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1. Should you have any questions about your new water heater, or if it requires adjustment, repair, or routine maintenance, it is suggested that you first contact your installer, plumbing contractor or previously agreed upon service agency. In the event the firm has moved, or is unavailable, refer to the telephone directory, commercial listings or local utility for qualified service assistance.
2. Should your problem not be solved to your complete satisfaction, you should then contact the Manufacturer's National Service Department at the following address:

In the United States:

2600 Gunter Park Drive  
Montgomery, Alabama 36109-1413  
Phone: 1-800-432-8373.

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When contacting the manufacturer, the following information will be requested:

- a. Model and serial number of the water heater as shown on the rating plate attached to the jacket of the heater.
- b. Address where the water heater is located and physical location.
- c. Name and address of installer and any service agency who performed service on the water heater.
- d. Date of original installation and dates any service work was performed.
- e. Details of the problems as you can best describe them.
- f. List of people, with dates, who have been contacted regarding your problem.