

## Use & Care Guide

Model No.

153.336930 30 Gallon Tall

153.336940 40 Gallon Tall



# Kenmore® Gas Water Heater

For potable water heating only.  
Not suitable for space heating.  
For use only in mobile homes.

This water heater shall not be installed in the occupied space of the manufactured (mobile) home.

**INSTALLER:** Affix these instructions to or near the water heater.

**OWNER:** Retain these instructions for future reference.

**FOR YOUR SAFETY:** An odorant is added to the gas used by this water heater.

### ADVERTENCIA

Si no puede leer o entender el inglés y necesita el manual de instrucciones en español, puede solicitarlo al 1-800-821-2017. NO TRATE DE INSTALAR U OPERAR ESTE CALENTADOR DE AGUA SI NO ENTIENDE LAS INSTRUCCIONES. No hacer caso de esta advertencia podría originar lesiones graves o mortales.

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

## SAFE INSTALLATION, USE AND SERVICE

Your safety and the safety of others is extremely important in the installation, use and servicing of this water heater.

Many safety-related messages and instructions have been provided in this manual and on your own water heater to warn you and others of a potential injury hazard. Read and obey all safety messages and instructions throughout this manual. It is very important that the meaning of each safety message is understood by you and others who install, use or service this water heater.

	<b>This is the safety alert symbol. It is used to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.</b>
	<b>DANGER</b> indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or injury.
	<b>WARNING</b> indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or injury.
	<b>CAUTION</b> indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.
	<b>CAUTION</b> used without the safety alert symbol indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in property damage.

**All safety messages will generally tell you about the type of hazard, what can happen if you do not follow the safety message and how to avoid the risk of injury.**

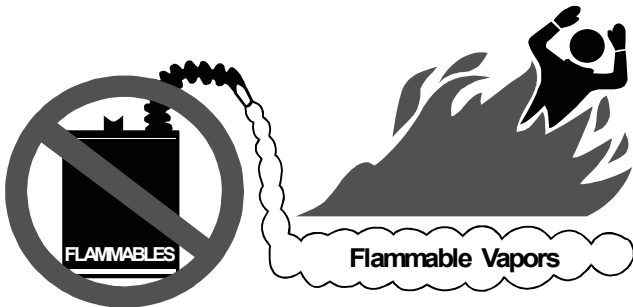


The California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act requires the Governor of California to publish a list of substances known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm, and requires businesses to warn of potential exposure to such substances. **WARNING:** This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm. This appliance can cause low-level exposure to some of the substances included in the act.

This product is certified to comply with a maximum weighted average of 0.25% lead content as required in some areas.

### IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

- **Qualified Technician:** A qualified technician must have ability equivalent to a licensed tradesman in the fields of plumbing, air supply, venting, and gas supply, including a thorough understanding of the requirements of the National Fuel Gas Code as it relates to the installation of gas fired water heaters. The qualified technician must also be familiar with the design features and use of flammable vapor ignition resistant water heaters, and have a thorough understanding of this instruction manual.
- **Service Agency:** A service agency also must have ability equivalent to a licensed tradesman in the fields of plumbing, air supply, venting and gas supply, including a thorough understanding of the requirements of the National Fuel Gas Code as it relates to the installation of gas fired water heaters. The service agency must also have a thorough understanding of this instruction manual, and be able to perform repairs strictly in accordance with the service guidelines provided by the manufacturer.
- **Gas Supplier:** The natural gas or propane utility or service who supplies gas for utilization by the gas burning appliances within this application. The gas supplier typically has responsibility for the inspection and code approval of gas piping up to and including the natural gas meter or propane storage tank of a building. Many gas suppliers also offer service and inspection of appliances within the building.

## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

	<h3> WARNING</h3> <p><b>FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD</b> Can result in serious injury or death</p> <p> <b>Do not store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids in the vicinity of this or any other appliance. Storage of or use of gasoline or other flammable vapors or liquids in the vicinity of this or any other appliance can result in serious injury or death.</b></p>
<p><b>Read and follow water heater warnings and instructions.</b></p>	



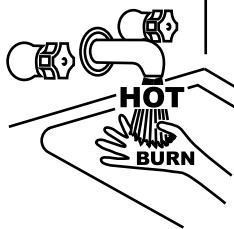
## ⚠ WARNING

Read and understand instruction manual and safety messages before installing, operating or servicing this water heater.

Failure to follow instructions and safety messages could result in death or serious injury.

Instruction manual must remain with water heater.

## ⚠ DANGER



Water temperature over 125°F (52°C) can cause severe burns instantly resulting in severe injury or death.

Children, the elderly, and the physically or mentally disabled are at highest risk for scald injury.

Feel water before bathing or showering.


Temperature limiting valves are available.

Read instruction manual for safe temperature setting.


## ⚠ WARNING

### Fire or Explosion Hazard

- Do not store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids in the vicinity of this or any other appliance.
- Avoid all ignition sources if you smell Natural or LP gas.
- Do not expose water heater control to excessive gas pressure.
- Use only gas shown on rating plate unless the water heater has been properly converted.
- Follow conversion instructions listed in manual when converting to opposite gas.
- Maintain required clearances to combustibles.
- Keep ignition sources away from faucets after extended period of non-use.



Read instruction manual before installing, using or servicing water heater.




## CAUTION

### Improper installation and use may result in property damage.

- Do not operate water heater if flood damaged.
- Inspect and replace anode.
- Install in location with drainage.
- Fill tank with water before operation.
- Be alert for thermal expansion.

Refer to instruction manual for installation and service.



## ⚠ WARNING

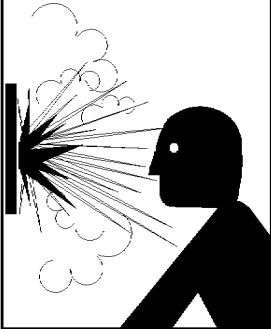
### Fire Hazard

For continued protection against risk of fire:

- Do not install water heater on carpeted floor.
- Do not operate water heater if flood damaged.

## ⚠ WARNING


### Explosion Hazard



- Overheated water can cause water tank explosion.
- Properly sized temperature and pressure relief valve must be installed in opening provided.

## ⚠ WARNING

### Breathing Hazard - Carbon Monoxide Gas



- Install vent system in accordance with codes.
- Do not operate water heater if flood damaged.
- High altitude orifice must be installed for operation above 10,100 feet (3,078 m)
- Do not operate if soot is present.
- Do not obstruct water heater air intake with insulating jacket.
- Do not place chemical vapor emitting products near water heater.
- Gas and carbon monoxide detectors are available.

Breathing carbon monoxide can cause brain damage or death. Always read and understand instruction manual.

## ⚠ WARNING

### Fire or Explosion Hazard

- Hydrogen gas can be produced in a hot water system after a period of non-use (generally two or more weeks).
- Hydrogen gas is extremely flammable and can ignite.
- After an extended period of non-use, purge gases from hot water system. To return hot water system to service, open a hot water faucet in kitchen for several minutes before using electrical appliances.
- Do not smoke or have open flame near faucet while it is open.
- Leave hot water faucet open until the sound of escaping air stops.

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## PRODUCT WARRANTY

### **6 - YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY ON WATER HEATER**

For six years from the date of purchase, if this water heater is installed and operated in a single-family home in accordance with the owner's manual instructions and all local applicable plumbing codes, Sears will:

1. Supply free water heater parts for those that are defective in material or workmanship.
2. Supply a free water heater for one that develops a tank leak. See notes below also.

For the second through sixth year from the purchase date, you must pay the labor cost for installation of parts or water heater.

For commercial, institutional, industrial or residential use by two or more families, the above limited warranty is only for two years. During the second year you must pay the labor cost for parts or water heater installation.

If governmental regulations prohibit Sears from furnishing a comparable model replacement water heater under this warranty, Sears will furnish a new water heater of comparable output as permitted by such governmental regulations; however, the Owner will be charged for the additional cost associated with the changes made to the replacement water heater design to comply with such governmental regulations.

Replacements and/or repairs furnished under this warranty do not carry a new warranty, and are only covered by the unexpired portion of the original warranty.

### **1 - YEAR EXCLUSIVE KENMORE LABOR WARRANTY**

For the first year from the date of purchase, Sears will, free of charge, supply and install new water heater parts for defective ones or a new water heater for one that develops a leak.

### **WARRANTY SERVICE**

To obtain warranty service, call 1-800-4-MY-HOME® (1-800-469-4663).

This warranty applies only while this product is in use in the United States.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

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**The price of your water heater does not include a free checkup service call.** On water heater installations arranged by Sears, Sears warrants the installation.

A charge will be made on service calls due to poor or incomplete installation. These include:

- a. Adjusting thermostat
- b. Condensation
- c. Leaks in pipes or fittings

### **Master Protection Agreements**

*Congratulations on making a smart purchase.* Your new Kenmore® product is designed and manufactured for years of dependable operation. But like all products, it may require preventive maintenance or repair from time to time. That's when having a Master Protection Agreement can save you money and aggravation.

The Master Protection Agreement also helps extend the life of your new product. Here's what the Agreement\* includes:

- **Parts and labor** needed to help keep products operating properly **under normal use**, not just defects. Our coverage goes **well beyond the product warranty**. No deductibles, no functional failure excluded from coverage— **real protection**.
- **Expert service** by a force of more than **10,000 authorized Sears service technicians**, which means someone you can trust will be working on your product.
- **Unlimited service calls and nationwide service**, as often as you want us, whenever you want us.
- **"No-lemon"** guarantee – replacement of your covered product if four or more product failures occur within twelve months.
- **Product replacement** if your covered product can't be fixed.
- **Annual Preventive Maintenance Check** at your request – no extra charge.
- **Fast help by phone** – we call it **Rapid Resolution** – phone support from a Sears representative on all products. Think of us as a "talking owner's manual."
- **Power surge protection** against electrical damage due to power fluctuations.

- **\$250 Food Loss Protection** annually for any food spoilage that is the result of mechanical failure of any covered refrigerator or freezer.
- **Rental reimbursement** if repair of your covered product takes longer than promised.
- **10% discount** off the regular price of any non-covered repair service and related installed parts.

Once you purchase the Agreement, a simple phone call is all that it takes for you to schedule service. You can call anytime day or night, or schedule a service appointment online.

The Master Protection Agreement is a risk free purchase. If you cancel for any reason during the product warranty period, we will provide a full refund. Or, a prorated refund anytime after the product warranty period expires. Purchase your Master Protection Agreement today!

**Some limitations and exclusions apply. For prices and additional information in the U.S.A. call 1-800-827-6655.**

**\* Coverage in Canada varies on some items. For full details, call Sears Canada at 1-800-361-6665.**

### **Sears Installation Service**

*For Sears professional installation* of home appliances, garage door openers, water heaters, and other major home items, in the U.S.A. or Canada call **1-800-4-MY-HOME®**.

## CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

**Thank You** for purchasing a Kenmore water heater. Properly installed and maintained, it should give you years of trouble free service. If you should decide that you want the new water heater professionally installed by Sears call 1-800-4-MY-HOME®. They will arrange for prompt, quality installation by Sears authorized contractors.

### Abbreviations Found In This Instruction Manual:

- CSA - Canadian Standards Association
- ANSI - American National Standards Institute
- NFPA - National Fire Protection Association
- ASME - American Society of Mechanical Engineers
- GAMA - Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association

### Important Information About This Water Heater:

This gas water heater was manufactured to voluntary safety standards to reduce the likelihood of a flammable vapor ignition incident. New technology used in meeting these standards makes this product more sensitive to installation errors or improper installation environments. Please review the Installation Checklist and make any required installation upgrades or changes.

**IMPORTANT:** This water heater is shipped from the factory as a natural gas unit. However, it may be converted to use LP gas. See the Gas Conversion section for more information.

This manual contains instructions for the installation, operation, and maintenance of the gas-fired water heater. It also contains warnings through out the manual that you must read and be aware of. All warnings and all instructions are essential to the proper operation of the water heater and your safety. Since we cannot put everything on the first few pages, **READ THE ENTIRE MANUAL BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO INSTALL OR OPERATE THE WATER HEATER.**

- The installation must conform with these instructions and the local code authority having jurisdiction. In the absence of local and state codes, installations shall comply with the "National Fuel Gas Code," ANSI Z223.1 (NFPA 54) -current edition.

Manufactured home manufacturers: The installation must conform to "The Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standard, Title 24 CFR, Part 3280."

These publications are available as follows:

The "National Fuel Gas Code" is available through The Canadian Standards Association, 8501 East Pleasant Valley Rd, Cleveland, Ohio 44131 or The National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269.

"The Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standard, Title 24 CFR, Part 3280" is available through The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), 451 7th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20410. Offices are also located throughout the United States.

Check your phone listings for the local authorities having jurisdiction over your installation.

- If after reading this manual you have any questions or do not understand any portion of the instructions, call the Sears Service Center.
- Carefully plan the place where you are going to put the water heater. Correct combustion, vent action, and vent pipe installation are very important in preventing death from possible carbon monoxide poisoning and fires. See Figure 1.

- Examine the location to ensure the water heater complies with the *Installation Instructions* section in this manual.
- For California installation, this water heater must be braced, anchored, or strapped to avoid falling or moving during an earthquake. See instructions for correct installation procedures. Instructions may be obtained from California's Office of the State Architect, 1102 Q Street, Suite 5100, Sacramento, CA 95811. Instructions can also be downloaded to your computer at [www.dsa.dgs.ca.gov/Pubs](http://www.dsa.dgs.ca.gov/Pubs).
- Massachusetts Code requires this water heater to be installed in accordance with Massachusetts 248-CMR 2.00: State Plumbing Code and 248-CMR 5.00.
- Complies with 40 Ng/J NOx requirements of Texas and most California AQM Districts.

## WARNING

### Excessive Weight Hazard

**Use two or more people to move and install the water heater.  
Failure to do so can result in injury (including back injury).**

**IMPORTANT:** Do not remove any permanent instructions, labels, or the data label from either the outside of the water heater or on the inside of water heater panels.

- Remove exterior packaging and place installation components aside.
- Inspect all parts for damage prior to installation and start-up.
- Completely read all instructions before attempting to assemble and install this product.
- After installation, dispose of/recycle all packaging materials.

## DANGER

**Do not use this water heater with any gas other than the one listed on the data plate unless the water heater has been properly converted.**

**Refer to the "Gas Conversion" section of this manual to convert from one gas to another. Failure to use the correct gas can cause problems which can result in death, serious bodily injury or property damage. If you have any questions or doubts, consult your gas supplier or gas utility company. Water heaters using bottled propane or liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) are different from natural gas models. A natural gas water heater will not function safely on bottled propane or liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and a propane gas water heater will not function safely on natural gas.**

## PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

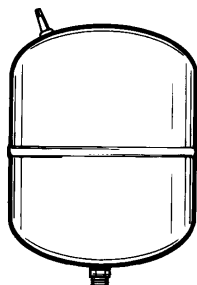
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153.336930	30 (113)	Natural	35,500	36.34	3 (76) OR 4 (102)	18 (457)	58 (1473)
		LP	32,000	32.75			
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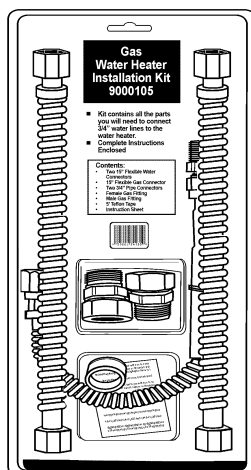
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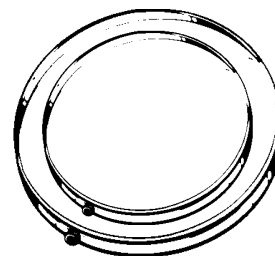
To simplify the installation, Sears has available the installation parts shown below. You may or may not need all of these materials, depending on your type of installation.



EXPANSION TANKS FOR THERMAL EXPANSION CONDITIONS AVAILABLE IN 2 GALLONS (7.6 LITERS) AND 5 GALLONS (18.9 LITERS) CAPACITY THROUGH LOCAL SEARS STORE OR SERVICE CENTER.



WATER HEATER INSTALLATION KIT WITH FLEXIBLE CONNECTORS FOR 3/4" (19.05 mm) COPPER PLUMBING AND FLEXIBLE GAS CONNECTOR WITH FITTINGS.



METAL DRAIN PANS AVAILABLE IN THE FOLLOWING SIZES:

- 20" (508 mm) DIAMETER FOR WATER HEATERS HAVING A DIAMETER OF 18" (457 mm) OR LESS.
- 24" (610 mm) DIAMETER FOR WATER HEATERS HAVING A DIAMETER 22" (559 mm) OR LESS.

### BASIC TOOLS

You may or may not need all these tools, depending on your type of installation. These tools can be purchased at your local Sears Store.

- Pipe Wrenches (2) 14" (356 mm)
- Screwdriver
- Tin Snips
- 6' (1.82 m) Tape or Folding Ruler
- Garden Hose
- Drill
- Pipe Dope or Teflon® Tape



SLOT-HEAD SCREWDRIVER



PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER



ROLL OF TEFLON® TAPE (USE ONLY ON WATER CONNECTIONS)



GARDEN HOSE



6 FOOT TAPE



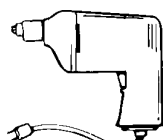
TIN SNIPS



PIPE DOPE (SQUEEZE TUBE) USE FOR WATER AND GAS CONNECTIONS



PIPE WRENCH



DRILL

### ADDITIONAL TOOLS NEEDED WHEN SWEAT SOLDERING

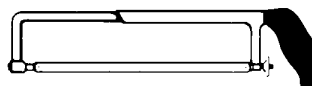
- Tubing Cutters or Hacksaw
- Propane Torch
- Soft Solder
- Solder Flux
- Emery Cloth
- Wire Brushes



TUBING CUTTER



PROPANE TORCH



HACKSAW



ROLL OF EMERY CLOTH



3/4" (19 mm) WIRE BRUSH



1/2" (13 mm) WIRE BRUSH



ROLL OF LEAD-FREE SOFT SOLDER

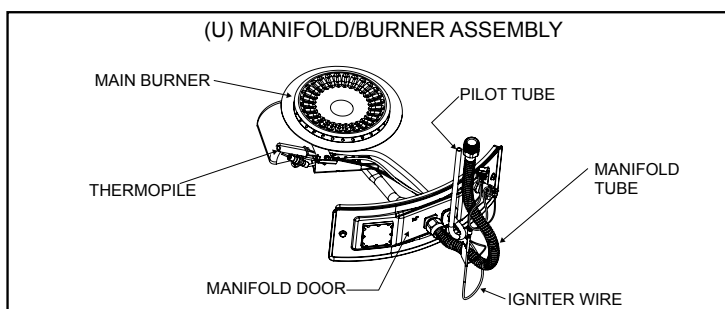
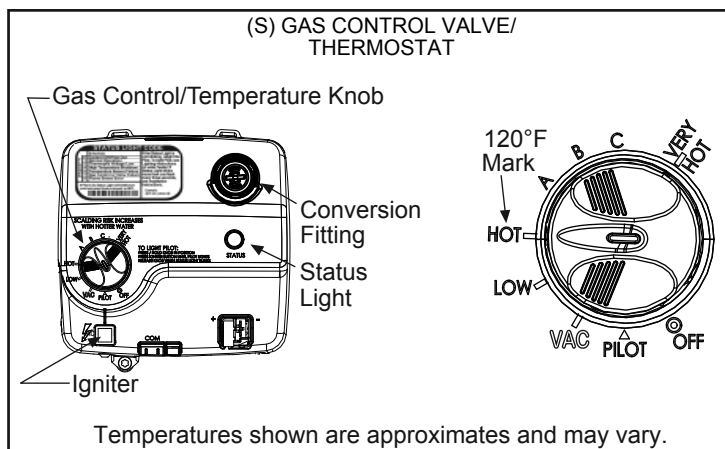
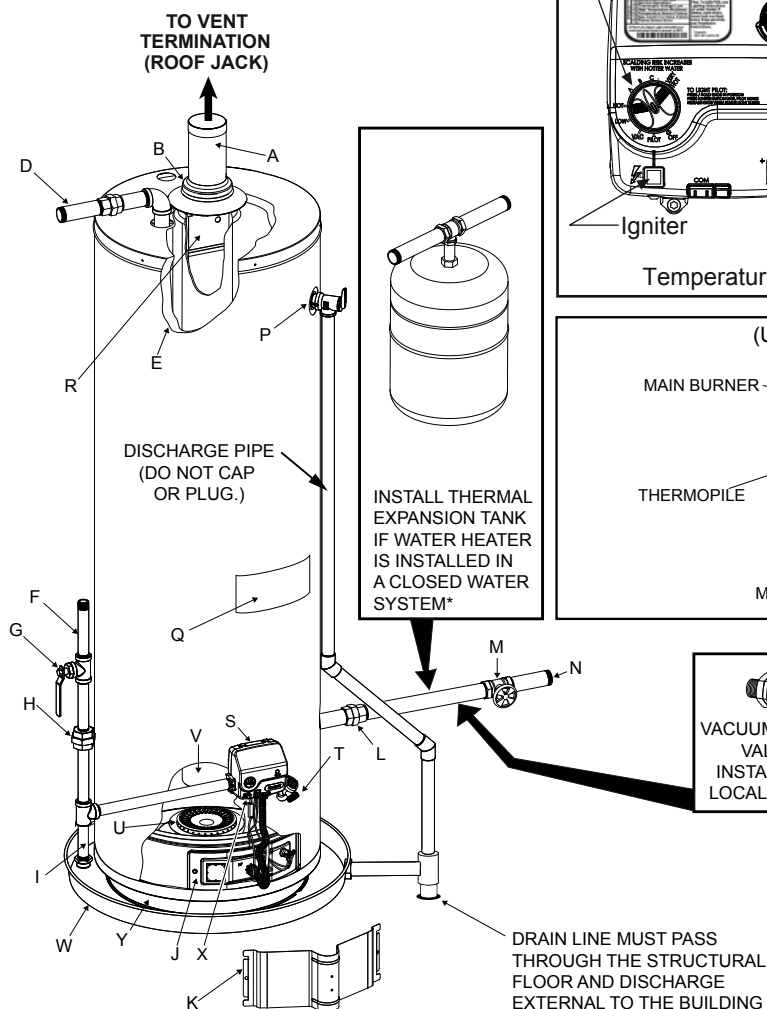
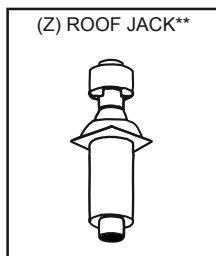


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# TYPICAL INSTALLATION

## GET TO KNOW YOUR WATER HEATER - GAS MODELS

- |                             |                                     |                                       |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| A Vent Pipe                 | J Inner Door                        | S Gas Control Valve/Thermostat        |
| B Draft Hood                | K Outer Door                        | T Drain Valve                         |
| C Anode (Not Shown)         | L Union                             | U Manifold/Burner Assembly            |
| D Hot Water Outlet          | M Inlet Water Shut-off Valve        | V Flue                                |
| E Insulation                | N Cold Water Inlet                  | W Metal Drain Pan                     |
| F Gas Supply Piping         | O Inlet Dip Tube (Not Shown)        | X Piezo Igniter (bottom, Left-hand    |
| G Manual Gas Shut-off Valve | P Temperature-Pressure Relief Valve | Side of Gas Control Valve/Thermostat) |
| H Ground Joint Union        | Q Rating Plate                      | Y Base-Ring Filter                    |
| I Drip Leg (Sediment Trap)  | R Flue Baffle                       | Z Roof Jack                           |



\* ALL PIPING MATERIALS TO BE SUPPLIED BY CUSTOMERS.

\*\* ROOF JACK NOT FURNISHED.

FIGURE 1.

\* INSTALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL CODES.

\* DRIP LEG AS REQUIRED BY LOCAL CODES.

\* SECURE WATER HEATER TO FLOOR AND WALL AS DESCRIBED IN THIS MANUAL.

\* INSTALLATION SHOULD COMPLY WITH THE "ENCLOSURE INSTALLATION" SECTION OF THIS MANUAL.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS WATER HEATER

This gas water heater was manufactured to voluntary safety standards to reduce the likelihood of a flammable vapor ignition incident. The new technology used in meeting these standards makes this product more sensitive to installation errors. Please review the following checklist and make any required installation upgrades or changes.

**Questions? Contact Sears at 1-800-4-MY-HOME (1-800-469-4663).**

### Installation Checklist

#### Water Heater Location

Water heater location is important and can affect system performance. Please check the following:

- ☐ Installation area free of corrosive elements and flammable materials.
- ☐ Centrally located with the water piping system (For new installations). Located as close to the gas piping and vent pipe system as possible.
- ☐ Located indoors and in a vertical position. Protected from freezing temperatures.
- ☐ Proper clearances from combustible surfaces maintained and not installed directly on a carpeted floor.
- ☐ Provisions made to protect the area from water damage. Metal drain pan installed and piped to an adequate drain.
- ☐ Sufficient room to service the water heater. See Clearances and Accessibility section of this manual.
- ☐ Water heater not located near an air moving device.
- ☐ Is the installed environment dirty (excessive amounts of lint, dirt, dust, etc.)? If so, the base-ring filter located on the bottom of the water heater will need to be cleaned periodically. Refer to the "Maintenance of your Water Heater" section of this manual for information on cleaning the base-ring filter.

#### Combustion Air Supply and Ventilation

Check for sufficient combustion air supply. Insufficient air for the combustion of gas will result in the flame becoming "lazy", thereby allowing heat to build up in the combustion chamber. This excessive heat will cause a thermal switch on the door assembly to trip. Is the water heater installed in a closet or other small, enclosed space? If so:

- ☐ Are there openings for make-up air to enter and exit the room/area?
- ☐ Are the openings of sufficient size? Remember, if there are other gas-fired or air-consuming appliances in the same room, you need more make-up air. Refer to the "Installation Instructions" and "Combustion Air Supply and Ventilation" sections for specific requirements.
- ☐ Make sure that fresh air is not taken from areas that contain negative pressure producing devices such as exhaust fans, dryers, fireplaces, etc.
- ☐ Is there a furnace/air handler in the same room space as the water heater? If so, has a return air duct system been attached that exits the room? If so, check for leaks on the air duct system. If no air duct system is present, correct immediately by contacting a local Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration (HVAC-R) authorized service provider.
- ☐ Use a fresh air supply that is free of corrosive elements and flammable vapors.

- ☐ Fresh air openings must be sized correctly with consideration given to the blocking effect of louvers and grilles.

#### Vent Pipe System

Check for proper drafting at the water heater draft hood. Refer to the "Checking the Draft" section of this manual for the test procedure. If the procedure shows insufficient draft is present, please check the following:

- ☐ Draft hood properly installed.
- ☐ Vent connectors securely fastened with screws and supported properly to maintain six inch clearance.
- ☐ Vent connector made of approved material and sized correctly.
- ☐ Vent pipe system installed according to all local and state codes or, in the absence of local and state codes, the "National Fuel Gas Code", ANSI Z223.1 (NFPA 54)-current edition. Manufactured home manufacturers must conform with the "Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standard, Title 24 CFR, Part 3280."
- ☐ Flue baffle properly positioned in the flue tube.
- ☐ Check the vent system for restrictions/obstructions and check the vent termination height. Refer to the "Combustion Air Supply and Ventilation" section of this water heater manual for specific requirements.
- ☐ Recheck for sufficient combustion air supply.

#### Water System Piping

- ☐ Temperature and pressure relief valve properly installed with a discharge line run to an adequate drain and protected from freezing.
- ☐ All piping properly installed and free of leaks.
- ☐ Heater completely filled with water.
- ☐ Closed system pressure build-up devices installed.
- ☐ Mixing valve (when applicable) installed per manufacturer's instructions (See "Water Temperature Regulation" section).

#### Gas Supply and Piping

- ☐ Gas type is the same as that listed on the water heater rating plate unless the water heater has been properly converted. Refer to the "Gas Conversion" section of this manual.
- ☐ Gas line equipped with shut-off valve, union, and drip leg.
- ☐ Use pipe joint compound or teflon tape marked as being resistant to the action of petroleum [Propane (L.P.)] gases.
- ☐ Adequate pipe size and approved pipe material.
- ☐ An approved noncorrosive leak detection solution used to check all connections and fittings for possible gas leaks. Correct any leak found.

# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

## Removing the Old Water Heater

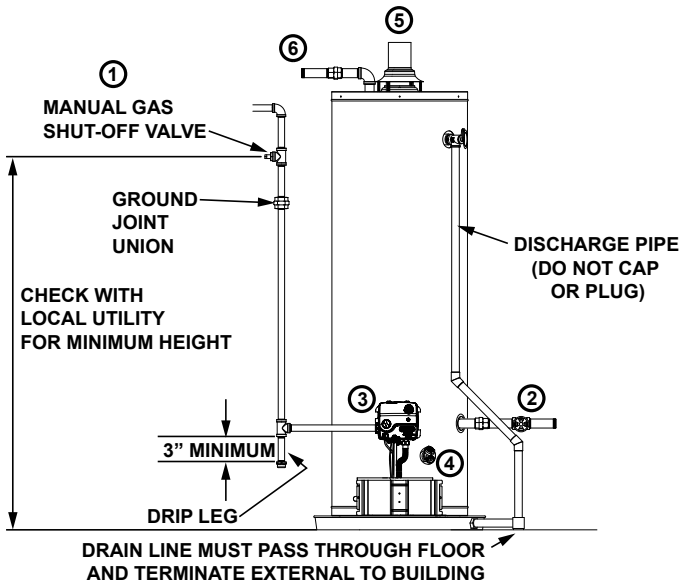


FIGURE 2.

1. Turn "OFF" the gas supply to the water heater.

If the main gas line shutoff valve serving all gas appliances is used, also shut "OFF" the gas at each appliance. Leave all gas appliances shut "OFF" until the water heater installation is completed. See Figures 2 and 3.

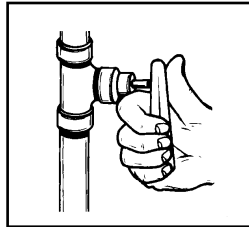


FIGURE 3.

2. Open a nearby hot water faucet until the water is no longer hot. When the water has cooled, turn "OFF" the water supply to the water heater at the water shut off valve or water meter. Some installations require that the water be turned off to the entire house. See Figures 2 and 4.

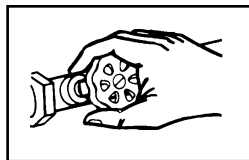


FIGURE 4.

3. Check again to make sure the gas supply is "OFF" to the water heater. Then disconnect the gas supply connection from the gas control valve.

**⚠ DANGER**

**HOT  
BURN**

- Burn hazard
- Hot water discharge.
- Keep hands clear of drain valve discharge.

4. Attach a hose to the water heater drain valve and put the other end in a floor drain or outdoors. (See Figures 2 and 5.) Open the water heater drain valve. The water passing out of the drain valve may be extremely hot. To avoid being scalded, make sure all connections are tight and that the water flow is directed away from any person.

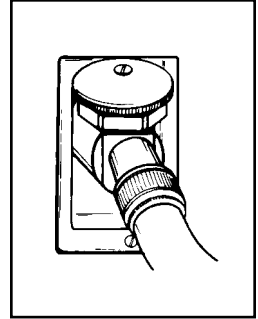


FIGURE 5.

5. Disconnect the vent pipe from the draft hood where it connects to the water heater. In most installations the vent pipe can be lifted off after any screw or other attached devices are removed. Dispose of the draft hood. The new water heater has a draft hood which must be used for proper operation.

6. If you have copper piping to the water heater, the two copper water pipes can be cut with a hacksaw approximately four inches away from where they connect to the water heater. See Figure 6. This will avoid cutting off pipes too short. Additional cuts can be made later if necessary. Disconnect the temperature-pressure relief valve drain line. When the water heater is drained, disconnect the hose from the drain valve. Close the drain valve. The water heater is now completely disconnected and ready to be removed.

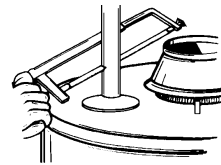


FIGURE 6.

If you have galvanized pipes to the water heater, loosen the two galvanized pipes with a pipe wrench at the union in each line. Also disconnect the piping remaining to the water heater. See Figure 7. These pieces should be saved since they may be needed when reconnecting the new water heater. Disconnect the temperature-pressure relief valve drain line. When the water heater is drained, disconnect the hose from the drain valve. Close the drain valve. The water heater is now completely disconnected and ready to be removed. Mineral buildup or sediment may have accumulated in the old water heater. This causes the water heater to be much heavier than normal and this residue, if spilled out, could cause staining.

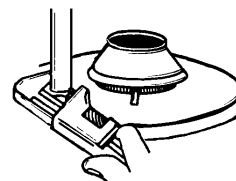


FIGURE 7.

## Location Requirements

### **WARNING**

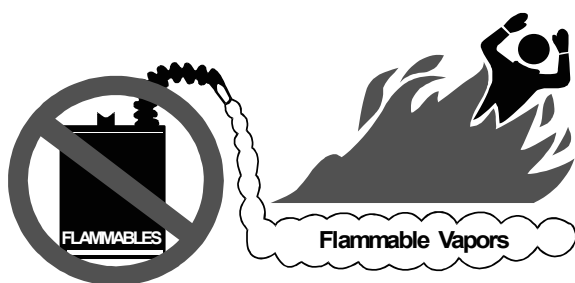
#### **Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Hazard**

**Do not install this water heater in any occupied space of the manufactured (mobile) home.**

**Doing so can result in carbon monoxide poisoning and death.**

The FVIR System is designed to reduce the risk of flammable vapor-related fires. The patented system protects your family by trapping the burning vapors within the water heater combustion chamber through the special flame-arrestor. The burning vapors literally “burn themselves out” without escaping back into the room. In the event of a flammable vapor incident, the FVIR System disables the water heater by shutting off the gas supply to the water heater’s burner and pilot, preventing re-ignition of any remaining flammable vapors in the area. This will not prevent a possible fire/explosion if the igniter is depressed and flammable vapors have accumulated in the combustion chamber with the pilot light off. If you suspect a flammable vapor incident has occurred, do not use this appliance. Do not attempt to light this appliance, or depress the igniter button if you suspect flammable vapors have accumulated inside or outside the appliance. Immediately call a qualified technician to inspect the appliance. Water heaters subjected to a flammable vapors incident will show a discoloration on the flame-arrestor and require replacement of the entire water heater.

### **WARNING**



#### **FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD**

**Can result in serious injury or death**



**Do not store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids in the vicinity of this or any other appliance. Storage of or use of gasoline or other flammable vapors or liquids in the vicinity of this or any other appliance can result in serious injury or death.**

**Read and follow water heater warnings and instructions.**

Do not use or store flammable products such as gasoline, solvents, or adhesives in the same room or area near the water heater. If such flammables must be used, all gas burning appliances in the vicinity must be shut off and their pilot lights extinguished. Open the doors and windows for ventilation while flammable substances are in use.

If flammable liquids or vapors have spilled or leaked in the area of the water heater, leave the area immediately and call

the fire department from a neighbor’s home. Do not attempt to clean the spill until all ignition sources have been extinguished.

### **WARNING**

#### **Fire or Explosion Hazard**

- Read instruction manual before installing, using or servicing water heater.
- Improper use may result in fire or explosion.
- Maintain required clearances to combustibles.

Keep combustibles such as boxes, magazines, clothes, etc. away from the water heater area.

## Site Location

- DO NOT install this water heater in any occupied space of the manufactured (mobile) home. There shall be no openings between the occupied space of the manufactured (mobile) home and the water heater enclosure.
- The water heater must be installed indoors and in a vertical position on a level surface. Do not install in bathrooms, bedrooms, or any occupied room normally kept closed.
- Locate the water heater near the existing gas piping. If installing a new gas line, locate the water heater to minimize the pipe length and elbows.
- The water heater should be located in an area not subject to freezing temperatures. Water heaters located in unconditioned spaces may require insulation of the water piping and drain piping to protect against freezing. The drain and controls must be easily accessible for operation and service. Maintain proper clearances as specified on the water heater labeling.
- Do not locate the water heater near an air-moving device. The operation of air-moving devices such as exhaust fans, ventilation systems, clothes dryers, fireplaces, etc., can affect the proper operation of the water heater. Special attention must be given to conditions these devices may create. Flow reversal of flue gases may cause an increase of carbon monoxide inside of the dwelling.
- If the water heater is located in an area that is subjected to lint and dirt, it may be necessary to periodically clean the base-ring filter and flame-arrestor (see External Inspection & Cleaning of the Flame-arrestor).

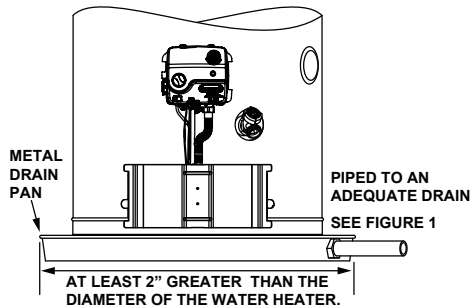
NOTE: This water heater must be installed according to all local and state codes or, in the absence of local and state codes, the “National Fuel Gas Code”, ANSI Z223.1 (NFPA 54)-current edition. Manufactured home manufacturers must conform with “The Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standard, Title 24 CFR, Part 3280”.

### **CAUTION**

#### **Property Damage Hazard**

- All water heaters eventually leak
- Do not install without adequate drainage.

**IMPORTANT:** The water heater should be located in an area where leakage of the tank or connections will not result in damage to the area adjacent to the water heater or to lower floors of the structure. Due to the normal corrosive action of water, the tank will eventually leak after an extended period of time. Also any external plumbing leak, including those from improper installation, may cause early failure of the tank due to corrosion if not repaired. If the homeowner is uncomfortable with making the repair a qualified technician should be contacted. A suitable metal drain pan should be installed under the water heater as shown below, to help protect the property from damage which may occur from condensate formation or leaks in the piping connections or tank. The pan must limit the water level to a maximum depth of 1-3/4" and be two inches wider than the heater and piped to an adequate drain. **NOTE:** The pan must not restrict combustion air flow. Locate the water heater near an adequate drain (Figure 1). In cold climates, it is recommended that the drain pipe be terminated at an adequate drain inside the building. The piping should be at least 3/4" ID and pitched for proper drainage.



**FIGURE 8.**

Water heater life depends upon water quality, water usage, water temperature and the environment in which the water heater is installed. Water heaters are sometimes installed in locations where leakage may result in property damage, even with the use of a metal drain pan piped to a drain. However, unanticipated damage can be reduced or prevented by a leak detector or water shut-off device used in conjunction with a piped metal drain pan. These devices are available from some plumbing supply wholesalers and retailers, and detect and react to leakage in various ways:

- Sensors mounted in the metal drain pan that trigger an alarm or turn off the incoming water to the water heater when water is detected.
- Sensors mounted in the metal drain pan that turn off the water supply to the entire home when water is detected in the drain pan.
- Water supply shut-off devices that activate based on the water pressure differential between the cold water and hot water pipes connected to the water heater.
- Devices that will turn off the gas supply to a gas water heater while at the same time shutting off its water supply.

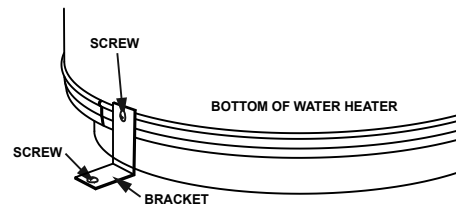
## Securing Water Heater to Floor and Wall

The water heater must be secured to the floor and to the wall of the enclosure as described below. See also "Enclosure Installation."

1. After properly locating the water heater, fasten it to the floor with the brackets and screws that were provided (Figure 9). Simply pre-drill each screw location in the metal drain pan and water heater jacket with a 1/8" drill bit. Because of installation variances, these brackets can be located at any points around the circumference of the jacket. However, they should be spaced apart at equal distances.

**CAUTION:** When making pilot holes in the water heater itself, ensure that you drill only the outer jacket. Also, to prevent leaks in the metal drain pan, seal each drill location with a heavy bead of silicone sealant.

2. Secure the top of the water heater with the provided bracket and screws or install other acceptable means of support (e.g., support strap).



**FIGURE 9.**

## Insulation Blankets

Insulation blankets available to the general public for external use on gas water heaters are not necessary with Kenmore products. The purpose of an insulation blanket is to reduce the standby heat loss encountered with storage tank heaters. Your Kenmore 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.

<b>⚠ WARNING</b>	
<b>Breathing Hazard - Carbon Monoxide Gas</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not obstruct water heater air intake with insulating blanket.</li> <li>• Gas and carbon monoxide detectors are available.</li> <li>• Install water heater in accordance with the instruction manual.</li> </ul>
Breathing carbon monoxide can cause brain damage or death. Always read and understand instruction manual.	

## ⚠ WARNING

Should you choose to apply an insulation blanket to this heater, you should follow these instructions. (See Figure 1 for identification of components mentioned below). Failure to follow these instructions can restrict the air flow required for proper combustion, potentially resulting in fire, asphyxiation, serious personal injury or death.

- **Do not** apply insulation to the top of the water heater, as this will interfere with safe operation of the draft hood.
- **Do not** cover the outer door, thermostat or temperature & pressure relief valve.
- **Do not** allow insulation to come within 2" (50.8 mm) of the floor to prevent blockage of combustion air flow to the burner.
- **Do not** cover the instruction manual. Keep it on the side of the water heater or nearby for future reference.
- **Do** obtain new warning and instruction labels from Sears for placement on the blanket directly over the existing labels.

- **Do** inspect the insulation blanket frequently to make certain it does not sag, thereby obstructing combustion air flow.

## Clearances and Accessibility

NOTE: Minimum clearances from combustible surfaces are stated on the label adjacent to the gas control valve/thermostat of the water heater. The water heater is certified for installation on a combustible floor.

- **IMPORTANT:** If installing over carpeting, the carpeting must be protected by a metal or wood panel beneath the water heater. The protective panel must extend beyond the full width and depth of the water heater by at least three inches (76.2mm) in any direction; or if in an alcove or closet installation, the entire floor must be covered by the panel.
- Figure 10 may be used as a reference guide to locate the specific clearance locations. A minimum of 24 inches of front clearance should be provided for inspection and service.

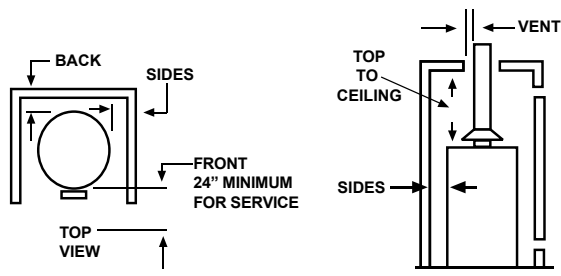


FIGURE 10.

## Filling the Water Heater

Never use this water heater unless it is completely full of water. To prevent damage to the tank, the tank must be filled with water. Water must flow from the hot water faucet before turning "ON" gas to the water heater. To fill the water heater with water:

- Close the water heater drain valve by turning the handle to the right (clockwise). The drain valve is on the lower front of the water heater.
- Open the cold water supply valve to the water heater.  
**NOTE: The cold water supply valve must be left open when the water heater is in use.**
- To ensure complete filling of the tank, allow air to exit by opening the nearest hot water faucet. Allow water to run until a constant flow is obtained. This will let air out of the water heater and the piping.
- Check all water piping and connections for leaks. Repair as needed.

<b>CAUTION</b>
<b>Property Damage Hazard</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoid water heater damage.</li> <li>• Fill tank with water before operating.</li> </ul>

## GAS CONVERSION

### ⚠ WARNING

- For your safety, the following procedures should be performed by a qualified technician as it involves disconnection of gas piping and leak testing.
- Do not connect a natural gas water heater to an L.P. gas supply.
- Do not connect an L.P. gas water heater to a natural gas supply.

### A. Remove the Manifold/Burner Assembly

1. Turn off the gas supply to the water heater at the manual gas shut-off valve. This valve is typically located beside the water heater. Note the position of the shut-off valve in the open/on position, then proceed to turn it off.
2. On the lower front of the water heater, locate the gas control valve/thermostat.
3. Turn the gas control/temperature knob to the "OFF" position. With the unit shut-off, allow sufficient time for the water heater to cool before performing any maintenance.
4. Remove the outer door.
5. Remove the two screws securing the installed manifold door assembly to the combustion chamber (Figure 11).
6. Disconnect the following from the gas control valve/thermostat: pilot tube, igniter wire, and manifold tube. See Figure 11.
7. Using needle nose pliers, disconnect the white and red thermopile wires from the gas control valve/thermostat (Figure 11).
8. Grasp the manifold tube and push down slightly to free the manifold tube and pilot tube.
9. Carefully remove the manifold/burner assembly from the burner compartment. NOTE: Be sure not to damage internal parts.

### B. Convert the Gas Control Valve/Thermostat

1. Remove the cap (shown in Figure 12).
2. Remove the conversion fitting by turning it counter-clockwise with a flathead screwdriver.
3. Thread the opposite end of the conversion fitting into the opening by turning it clockwise, then tighten it with a flathead screwdriver.
  - a. LP GAS: If you are converting the unit to use LP gas (propane), verify that "LP" is marked on the exposed end of the fitting. "LP" must face outward (toward you.) See

Figure 12. If "NAT" faces outward, repeat step 2.

- b. NATURAL GAS: If you are converting the unit to use natural gas, verify that "NAT" is marked on the exposed end of the fitting. "NAT" must face outward (toward you.) See Figure 12. If "LP" faces outward, repeat step 2.

4. Replace the cap.

### C. Install the Conversion Manifold/Burner Assembly

1. Check the door gasket for damage or imbedded debris prior to installation.
2. Inspect the view port for damage and replace as required.
3. Insert the conversion manifold/burner assembly into the burner compartment, making sure that the tip of the manifold tube engages in the slot of the bracket inside the combustion chamber. NOTE: For 30 gallon models, the LP manifold/burner assembly is identified by a yellow square (label) on the packaging. For 40 gallon models, the LP manifold/burner assembly is identified by a green square on the packaging.
4. Inspect the door gasket and make sure there is no fiberglass insulation between the gasket and the combustion chamber.
5. Replace the two screws that secure the manifold/burner assembly door to the combustion chamber, then tighten them securely. There should be no space between the gasket part of the manifold door and the combustion chamber. IMPORTANT: Do not operate the water heater if the door gasket does not create a seal between the manifold door and the combustion chamber.
6. Reconnect the manifold tube and pilot tube to the gas control valve/thermostat (Figure 11). Do not cross-thread or apply any thread sealant to the fittings. IMPORTANT: If you were supplied with a new ferrule nut in a parts kit, follow these steps to connect the pilot tube:
  - A.) Install the ferrule nut into the gas valve at the pilot tube location, hand tight only.
  - B.) Insert the pilot tube into the ferrule nut until the tube bottoms out, then tighten the nut with a 7/16" wrench until the crimp connection seals to the pilot tube.
  - C.) Continue to tighten until the nut is tight in the gas valve.
7. Connect the white and red thermopile wires to the gas control valve/thermostat. See Figure 11.
8. Reconnect the igniter wire.
9. Turn the gas supply on and follow the Lighting Instructions.
10. With the main burner lit, check for leaks at the manifold and pilot connections by brushing on an approved non-corrosive leak detection solution. If such a solution is not available, use a mixture of hand dish washing soap and water (one part soap to 15 parts water). Bubbles forming indicate a leak. Correct any leak found.
11. Verify proper operation; replace outer door.

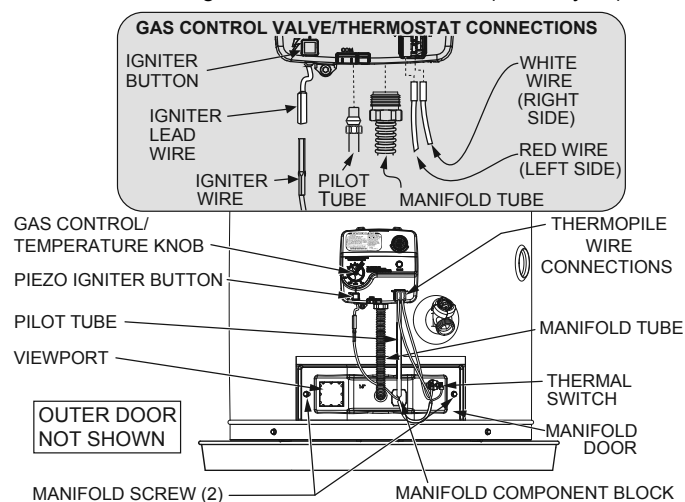


FIGURE 11.

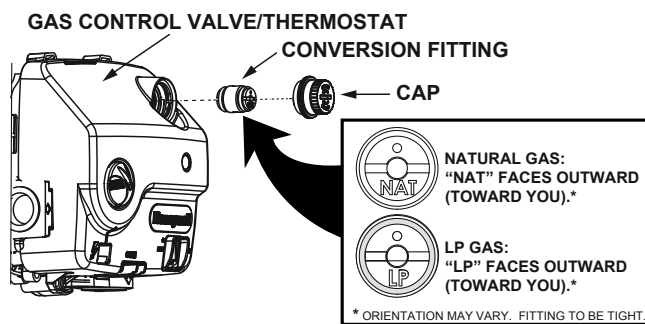


FIGURE 12.



## GAS SUPPLY

### ⚠ WARNING



#### Explosion Hazard

- Use a new CSA approved gas supply line.
- Install a shut-off valve.
- Do not connect a natural gas water heater to an L.P. gas supply.
- Do not connect an L.P. gas water heater to a natural gas supply.
- Failure to follow these instructions can result in death, explosion, or carbon monoxide poisoning.

### Gas Requirements

**IMPORTANT:** Read the rating plate to be sure the water heater is made for the type of gas you will be using in your home. This information will be found on the rating plate located near the gas control valve/thermostat. If the information does not agree with the type of gas available, do not install or light. Call your dealer.

**NOTE:** An odorant is added by the gas supplier to the gas used by this water heater. This odorant may fade over an extended period of time. Do not depend upon this odorant as an indication of leaking gas.

### Gas Piping

The gas piping must be installed according to all local and state codes or, in the absence of local and state codes, the "National Fuel Gas Code", ANSI Z223.1 (NFPA 54)-current edition. Manufactured home manufacturers must conform with "The Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standard, Title 24 CFR, Part 3280".

Tables 1 and 2 on the following page provide a sizing reference for commonly used gas pipe materials. Consult the "National Fuel Gas Code" for the recommended gas pipe size of other materials.

**NOTE:** Use pipe joint compound or teflon tape marked as being resistant to the action of petroleum [Propane (L.P.)] gases. (See Figure 13.)

1. Install a readily accessible manual shut-off valve in the gas supply line as recommended by the local utility. Know the location of this valve and how to turn off the gas to this unit.
2. Install a drip leg (if not already incorporated as part of the water heater) as shown. The drip leg must be no less than three inches long for the accumulation of dirt, foreign material, and water droplets.
3. Install a ground joint union between the gas control valve/thermostat and the manual shut-off valve. This is to allow easy removal of the gas control valve/ thermostat.
4. Turn the gas supply on and check for leaks. Test all connections by brushing on an approved noncorrosive leak-detection solution. Bubbles will show a leak. Correct any leak found.

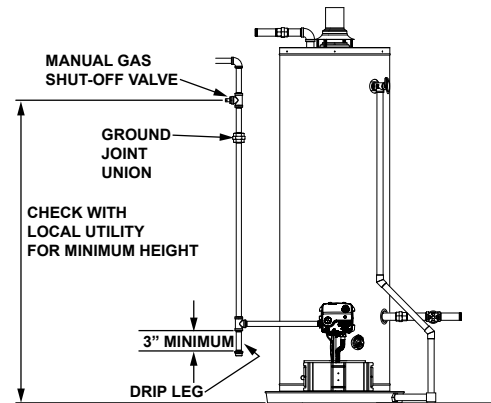


FIGURE 13.

### Gas Pressure

### ⚠ WARNING



#### Explosion Hazard

- Gas leaks can not always be detected by smell.
- Gas suppliers recommend that you use a gas detector approved by UL or CSA.
- For more information, contact your gas supplier.
- If a gas leak is detected, follow the "What to do if you smell gas" instructions on the cover of this manual.

**IMPORTANT:** The gas supply pressure must not exceed the maximum supply pressure as stated on the water heater's rating plate. The minimum supply pressure is for the purpose of input adjustment.

### Gas Pressure Testing

**IMPORTANT:** This water heater and its gas connection must be leak tested before placing the appliance in operation.

- If the code requires the gas lines to be tested at a pressure exceeding 14" W.C., the water heater and its manual shut-off valve must be disconnected from the gas supply piping system and the line capped.
- If the gas lines are to be tested at a pressure less than 14" W.C., the water heater must be isolated from the gas supply piping system by closing its manual shut-off valve.

U.L. recognized fuel gas and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors are recommended in all applications and should be installed using the manufacturer's instructions and local codes, rules and regulations.

**NOTE:** Air may be present in the gas lines and could prevent the pilot from lighting on initial start-up. The gas lines should be purged of air by a qualified technician after installation of the gas piping system. While purging the gas piping system of air, ensure that the fuel is not spilled in the area of the water heater installation, or any source of ignition. If the fuel is spilled while purging the piping system of air follow the "WHAT TO DO IF YOU SMELL GAS" instructions on the cover of this manual.

## LP Gas Only

Liquefied petroleum gas is over 50% heavier than air and in the occurrence of a leak in the system, the gas will settle at floor level. Basements, crawl spaces, skirted areas under mobile homes (even when ventilated), closets and areas below ground level will serve as pockets for the accumulation of gas. Before lighting an L.P. gas water heater, smell all around the appliance at floor level. If you smell gas, follow the instructions as given in the warning on the front page.

When your L.P. tank runs out of fuel, turn off the gas at all gas appliances including pilot lights. After the tank is refilled, all appliances must be re-lit according to their manufacturer's instructions.

## ⚠ WARNING



### Explosion Hazard

**Have a qualified technician make sure that the L.P. gas operating pressure does not exceed 13" water column.**

**Failure to do so can result in death, explosion, or fire.**

**Table 1**  
**Natural Gas Pipe Capacity Table (Cu. Ft./Hr.)**  
Capacity of gas pipe of different diameters and lengths in cu. ft. per hr. with pressure drop of 0.3 in. and specific gravity of 0.60 (natural gas).

Nominal Iron Pipe Size, in.	Length of Pipe, Feet													
	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	125	150	175	200
1/2	132	92	73	63	56	50	46	43	40	38	34	31	28	26
3/4	278	190	152	130	115	105	96	90	84	79	72	64	59	55
1	520	350	285	245	215	195	180	170	160	150	130	120	110	100
1-1/4	1050	730	590	500	440	400	370	350	320	305	275	250	225	210
1-1/2	1600	1100	890	760	670	610	560	530	490	460	410	380	350	320

After the length of pipe has been determined, select the pipe size which will provide the minimum cubic feet per hour required for the gas input rating of the water heater. By formula:

$$\text{Cu. Ft. Per Hr. Required} = \frac{\text{Gas Input of Water Heater (BTU/HR)}}{\text{Heating Value of Gas (BTU/FT}^3\text{)}}$$

The gas input of the water heater is marked on the water heater data plate. The heating value of the gas (BTU/FT<sup>3</sup>) may be determined by consulting the local natural gas utility.

**Table 2**  
**LP Gas Capacity Table**

Maximum capacity of pipe in thousands of BTU per hour of undiluted liquefied petroleum gases (at 11 inches water column pressure). Based on a pressure drop of 0.5 inch water column.

Nominal Iron Pipe Size, in.	Length of Pipe, Feet											
	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	125	150
1/2	275	189	152	129	114	103	96	89	83	78	69	63
3/4	576	393	315	267	237	217	196	185	173	162	146	132
1	1071	732	590	504	448	409	378	346	322	307	275	252
1-1/4	2205	1496	1212	1039	913	834	771	724	677	630	567	511

Example: Input BTU requirement of the water heater 100,000 BTUH.  
Total pipe length, 80 feet = 3/4" IPS required.

Additional tables are available in the latest edition of the "National Fuel Gas Code", ANSI Z223.1.

## COMBUSTION AIR SUPPLY & VENTILATION

### **⚠ WARNING**

#### **Carbon Monoxide Warning**

The vent system must be installed according to all local and state codes or, in the absence of local and state codes, the “National Fuel Gas Code”, ANSI Z223.1 (NFPA 54)-current edition. Manufactured home manufacturers must comply with the “Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standard, Title 24 CFR, Part 3280.”

Failure to do so can result in death, explosion, or carbon monoxide poisoning.

**IMPORTANT:** Air for combustion and ventilation must not come from a corrosive atmosphere. Any failure due to corrosive elements in the atmosphere is excluded from warranty coverage.

The following types of installation (not limited to the following) will require outdoor air for combustion due to chemical exposure and may reduce but not eliminate the presence of corrosive chemicals in the air:

- beauty shops
- photo processing labs
- buildings with indoor pools
- water heaters installed in laundry, hobby, or craft rooms
- water heaters installed near chemical storage areas

Combustion air must be free of acid-forming chemicals such as sulfur, fluorine, and chlorine. These elements are found in aerosol sprays, detergents, bleaches, cleaning solvents, air fresheners, paint, and varnish removers, refrigerants, and many other commercial and household products. When burned, vapors from these products form highly corrosive acid compounds. These products should not be stored or used near the water heater or air inlet.

### **Vent Pipe System**

This water heater uses a non-direct, single-pipe vent system to remove exhaust gases created by the burning of fossil fuels. Air for combustion is taken from the immediate water heater location or is ducted in from the outside (see “Enclosure Installation”).

This water heater must be properly vented for the removal of exhaust gases to the outside atmosphere. Correct installation of the vent pipe system is mandatory for the proper and efficient operation of this water heater and is an important factor in the life of the unit.

The vent pipe must be installed according to all local and state codes or, in the absence of local and state codes, the “National Fuel Gas Code”, ANSI Z223.1 (NFPA 54)-current edition. Manufactured home manufacturers must conform with “The Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standard, Title 24 CFR, Part 3280.” The vent pipe installation must not be obstructed so as to prevent the removal of exhaust gases to the outside atmosphere.

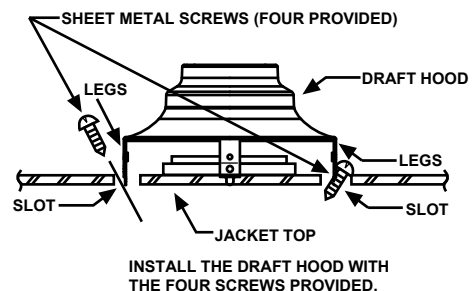
**IMPORTANT:** The use of vent dampers is not recommended by the manufacturer of this water heater. Although some vent dampers are certified by CSA International, this certification applies to the vent damper device only and does not mean they are certified for use on this water heater.

U.L. recognized fuel gas and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors are recommended in all applications and should be installed using the manufacturer’s instructions and local codes, rules, or regulations.

#### **IMPORTANT:**

- If you lack the necessary skills required to properly install this venting system, you should not proceed, but get help from a qualified technician.
- DO NOT common vent this water heater with any other appliance.

### **Draft Hood Installation**



**FIGURE 14.**

Align the legs of the draft hood with the slots provided. Insert the legs and secure the draft hood to the water heater's top with the four screws provided as shown in Figure 14. Do not alter the draft hood in any way. If you are replacing an existing water heater, be sure to use the draft hood supplied with this water heater.

### **Roof Jack Installation**

This water heater must have a properly-installed draft hood and be connected to a listed roof jack that terminates to the outdoors. The roof jack vent pipe must be secured to the draft hood with sheet metal screws. (Roof jack not furnished.)

The following roof jack models are certified for use with this water heater:

1. Field Controls No. 987
2. Ventline 2073
3. White Metal Products 3RJ

Install the roof jack according to its manufacturer's instructions.

## Enclosure Installation

Air for combustion and ventilation must not be supplied from the occupied spaces of the manufactured (mobile) home. **IMPORTANT:** The opening that provides outside air to your water heater must have a minimum free area of 20 square inches. Also, ensure that your installation complies with all applicable code requirements.

The following methods may be used to provide sufficient combustion and ventilation air to the water heater when it is installed in the enclosure.

### Method I (Figure 15)

Provide a single air opening in the exterior door of the enclosure. The opening must have a minimum free area of 20 square inches. The bottom of the opening must be within 6 inches from the bottom edge of the door. Cover the opening with 1/4 inch wire mesh screen or louvers.

### Method II (Figure 16)

For enclosures with a solid exterior door, provide an air opening in the floor. The opening must have a minimum diameter of 5 inches (20 square inches minimum free area) and be covered with 1/4-inch wire mesh screen.

Also, if the manufactured home is skirted, an air intake opening with a minimum free area of 32 square inches must be provided in the skirt. Other gas fired appliances in the home may require additional free air openings. Consult the manufacturers for correct sizing.

#### IMPORTANT:

- When using Method II, ensure that the drain pan does not cover the air intake opening in the floor.
- A discharge line must be installed as described in the "Temperature and Pressure Relief Valve" section.
- Do not obstruct the combustion and ventilation air openings.
- Do not use the enclosure as a storage area.
- Secure the water heater as described in "Securing Water Heater to Floor and Wall."

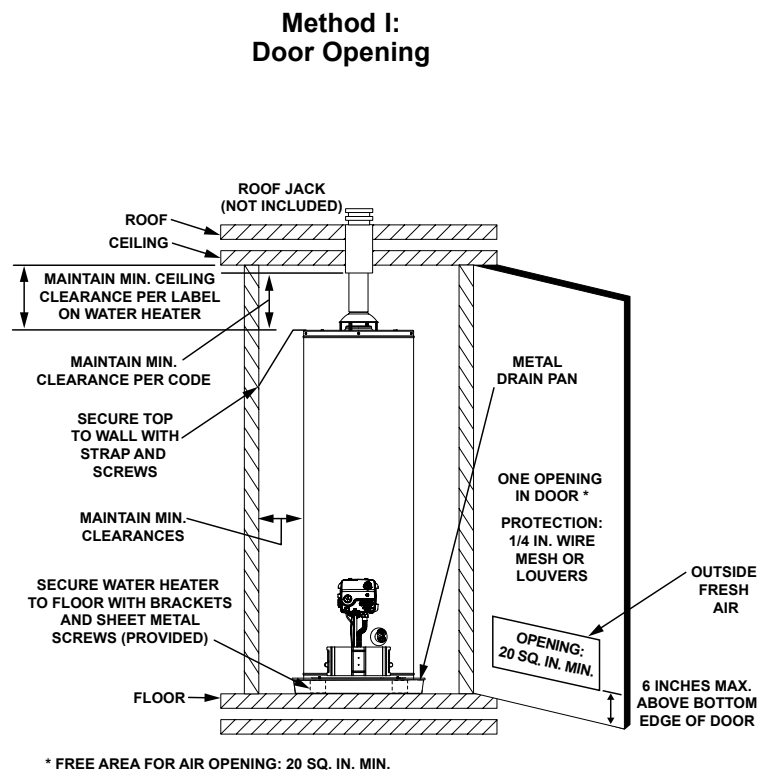


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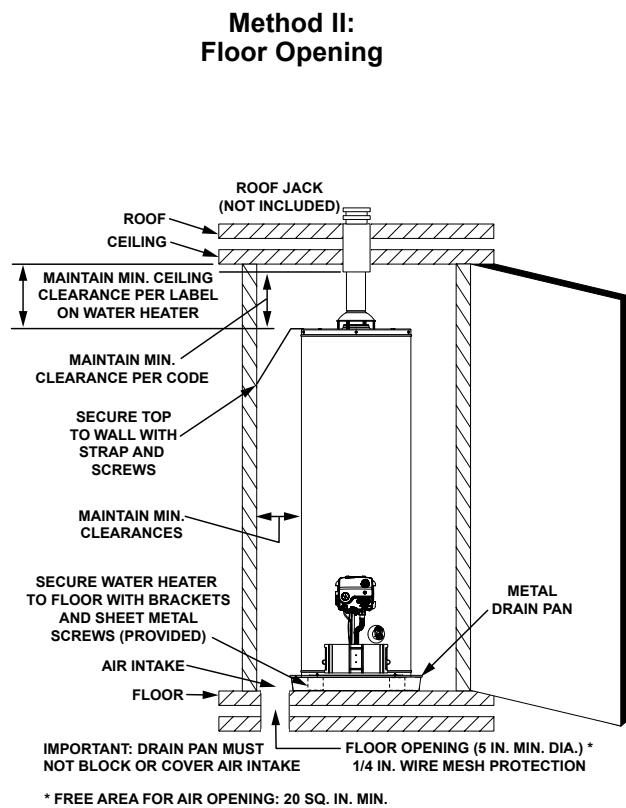


FIGURE 16.

# WATER SYSTEM PIPING

## Piping Installation

Piping, fittings, and valves should be installed according to the installation drawing (Figure 17). If the indoor installation area is subject to freezing temperatures, the water piping must be protected by insulation.

The water supply pressure should not exceed 80 psi. If this occurs, a pressure reducing valve with a bypass may need to be installed in the cold water inlet line. This should be placed on the supply to the entire house in order to maintain equal hot and cold water pressures.

**IMPORTANT:** Heat cannot be applied to the water fittings on the heater as they may contain nonmetallic parts. If solder connections are used, solder the pipe to the adapter before attaching the adapter to the hot and cold water fittings.

**IMPORTANT:** Always use a good grade of joint compound and be certain that all fittings are drawn up tight.

1. Install the water piping and fittings as shown in Figure 17. Connect the cold water supply (3/4" NPT) to the cold water inlet fitting. Connect the hot water supply (3/4" NPT) to the hot water outlet fitting.

**IMPORTANT:** Some models may contain energy saving heat traps to prevent the circulation of hot water within the pipes. Do not remove the inserts within the heat traps.

2. The installation of unions in both the hot and cold water supply lines is recommended for ease of removing the water heater for service or replacement.
3. The manufacturer of this water heater recommends installing a mixing valve or an anti-scald device in the domestic hot water line as shown in Figure 18. These valves reduce the point-of-use temperature of the water by mixing cold and hot water and are readily available for use.
4. If installing the water heater in a closed water system, install an expansion tank in the cold water line as specified under "Closed System/Thermal Expansion."
5. Install a shut-off valve in the cold water inlet line. It should be located close to the water heater and be easily accessible. Know the location of this valve and how to shut off the water to the heater.
6. A temperature and pressure relief valve must be installed in the opening marked "Temperature and Pressure (T & P) Relief Valve" on the water heater. A discharge line must be added to the opening of the T&P Relief Valve. Follow the instructions under "Temperature and Pressure Relief Valve."
7. After piping has been properly connected to the water heater, remove the aerator at the nearest hot water faucet. Open the hot water faucet and allow the tank to completely fill with water. To purge the lines of any excess air, keep the hot water faucet open for 3 minutes after a constant flow of water is obtained. Close the faucet and check all connections for leaks.

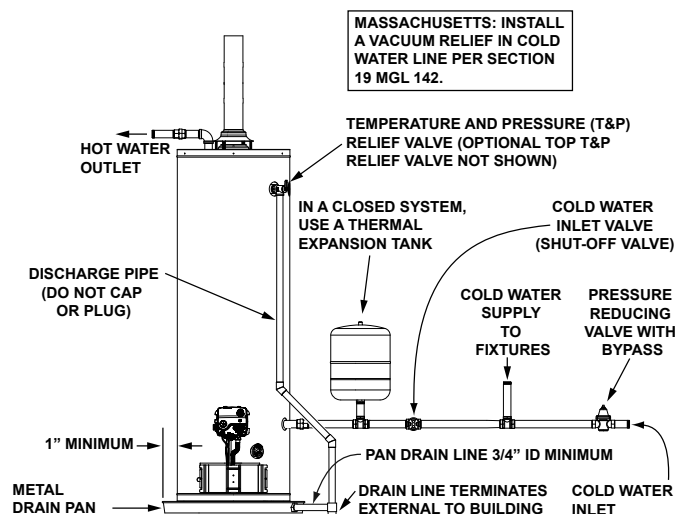


FIGURE 17.

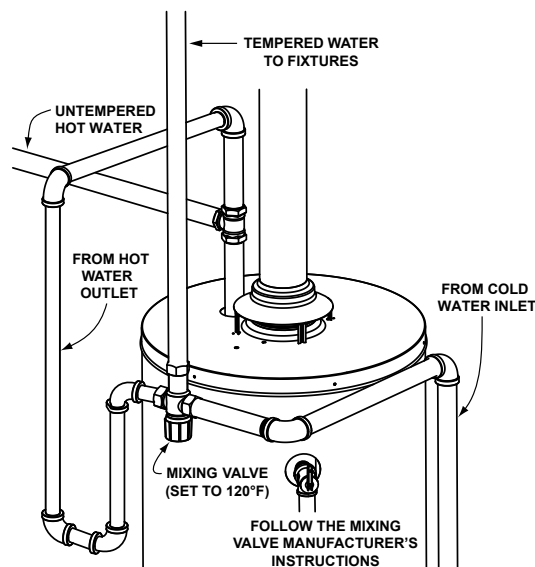


FIGURE 18.

Please note the following:

- The system should be installed only with piping that is suitable for potable (drinkable) water such as copper, CPVC, or polybutylene. This water heater must not be installed using iron piping or PVC water piping.
- Use only pumps, valves, or fittings that are compatible with potable water.
- It is recommended that only full flow ball or gate valves are used in water piping installations. The use of valves that may cause excessive restriction to water flow is not recommended.
- Use only 95/5 tin-antimony or other equivalent solder. Any lead based solder must not be used.
- Piping that has been treated with chromates, boiler seal, or other chemicals must not be used.
- Chemicals that may contaminate the potable water supply must not be added to the piping system.

## Water Piping Pressure Test

### ⚠ WARNING

If the water piping system is to be air pressure tested, the water heater must be disconnected from the water piping system. Failure to disconnect the water heater during air pressure testing of the water piping system could result in **DEATH, SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.**

This section is only for the manufacturer installing the water heater when the installation is to comply with H.U.D. Standards. When testing the water ways, H.U.D. standards state: "Water distribution system shall be subjected to a pressure test. The test shall be made by subjecting the system to air or water at 100 psi for 15 minutes without loss of pressure. **When air pressure is used, the water heater shall not be connected during the test.**"

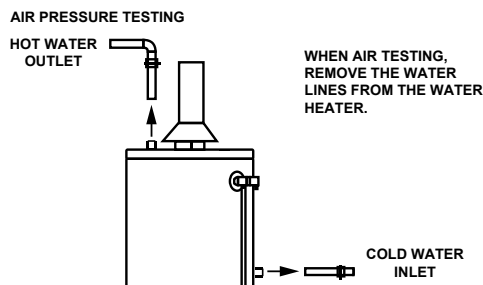


FIGURE 19.

## Closed System/Thermal Expansion

### CAUTION

#### Property Damage Hazard

- All water heaters eventually leak
- Do not install without adequate drainage.

As water is heated, it expands (thermal expansion). In a closed system, the volume of water will increase. As the volume of water increases, there will be a corresponding increase in water pressure due to thermal expansion. Thermal expansion can cause premature tank failure (leakage). This type of failure is not covered under the limited warranty. Thermal expansion can also cause intermittent temperature-pressure relief valve operation: water discharged from the valve due to excessive pressure build up. The temperature-pressure relief valve is not intended for the constant relief of thermal expansion. This condition is not covered under the limited warranty.

A properly sized thermal expansion tank should be installed on all closed systems to control the harmful effects of thermal expansion. Thermal expansion tanks are available from Sears stores and through the Sears Service Centers. Contact the local plumbing inspector, water supplier and/or the Sears Service Center for assistance in controlling these situations. (For additional information, see the Troubleshooting Guide later in this manual.)

## Temperature and Pressure Relief Valve

### ⚠ WARNING

#### Explosion Hazard

- Temperature-pressure relief valve must comply with ANSI Z21.22-CSA 4.4 and ASME code.
- Properly sized temperature-pressure relief valve must be installed in opening provided.
- Do not plug, block, or cap the discharge line.
- Failure to follow this warning can result in excessive tank pressure, serious injury or death.

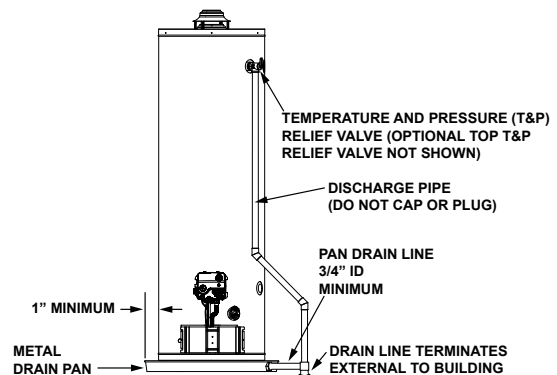
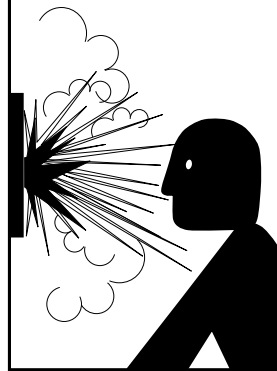


FIGURE 20.

For protection against excessive pressures and temperatures, a temperature and pressure relief valve must be installed in the opening marked "T & P RELIEF VALVE." (See Figure 20). This valve must be design certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory that maintains periodic inspection of the production of listed equipment or materials as meeting the requirements for Relief Valves for Hot Water Supply Systems, ANSI Z21.22. The function of the temperature and pressure relief valve is to discharge water in large quantities in the event of excessive temperature or pressure developing in the water heater. The valve's relief pressure must not exceed the working pressure of the water heater as stated on the rating plate.

**IMPORTANT:** Only a new temperature and pressure relief valve should be used with your water heater. Do not use an old or existing valve as it may be damaged or not adequate for the working pressure of the new water heater. Do not place any valve between the relief valve and the tank.

#### The Temperature & Pressure Relief Valve:

- Must not be in contact with any electrical part.
- Must be connected to an adequate discharge line.
- Must not be rated higher than the working pressure shown on the rating plate of the water heater.

#### The Discharge Line:

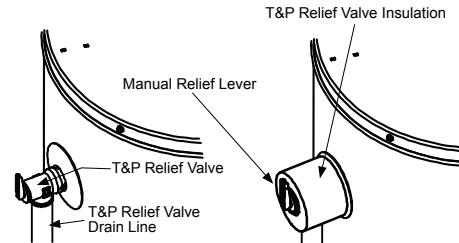
- Must not be smaller than the pipe size of the relief valve or have any reducing coupling installed in the discharge line.
- Must not be capped, blocked, plugged or contain any valve between the relief valve and the end of the discharge line.
- Must pass through the structural floor and terminate external to the building. In cold climates, it is recommended that the discharge pipe be terminated at an adequate drain inside the building.

- Must be capable of withstanding 250°F (121°C) without distortion.
- Must be installed to allow complete drainage of both the valve and discharge line.

### **T&P Relief Valve and Pipe Insulation (Some Models)**

1. Locate the temperature and pressure relief valve on the water heater (also known as a T&P relief valve). See Figure 21.
2. Locate the slit running the length of the T&P relief valve insulation.
3. Spread the slit open and fit the insulation over the T&P relief valve. See Figure 21. Apply gentle pressure to the insulation to ensure that it is fully seated on the T&P Relief Valve. Once seated, secure the insulation with duct tape, electrical tape, or equivalent. **IMPORTANT:** The insulation and tape must not block the discharge opening or hinder access to the manual relief lever (Figure 21). Ensure a discharge pipe is installed into the T&P valve discharge opening per the instructions in this manual.
4. Locate the hot water (outlet) & cold water (inlet) pipes to the water heater.
5. Locate the slit running the length of a section of pipe insulation.

6. Spread the slit open and slip the insulation over the cold water (inlet) pipe. Apply gentle pressure along the length of the insulation to ensure that it is fully seated around the pipe. Also, ensure that the base of the insulation is flush with the water heater. Once seated, secure the insulation with duct tape, electrical tape, or equivalent.
7. Repeat steps 5 and 6 for the hot water (outlet) pipe.
8. Add additional sections of pipe insulation as needed.



**FIGURE 21.**

## OPERATING YOUR WATER HEATER

### Lighting Instructions

Read and understand these directions thoroughly before attempting to light or re-light the pilot. Make sure the view port is not missing or damaged. (See Figure 29.) Make sure the tank is completely filled with water before lighting the pilot. Check the rating plate near the gas control valve/thermostat for the correct gas. Do not use this water heater with any gas other than the one listed on the rating plate unless the water heater has been properly converted. Refer to the "Gas Conversion" section of this manual. If you have any questions or doubts, consult your gas supplier or gas utility company.

#### Lighting the Pilot:

1. Read and follow the lighting instructions on the water heater's label.
2. Turn the Control Knob to Pilot. Press the Knob in fully and hold it in. (The knob will travel in about 1/4-inch if it is set to Pilot correctly.)
3. Click the Igniter button continuously for up to 90 seconds or until the Status Light begins to blink.

If the Status Light does not begin to blink after 90 seconds, STOP. Wait 10 minutes before attempting to relight the Pilot. Repeat these steps 2-3 times, if necessary.

The circuitry in this gas valve requires that you wait 10 minutes between lighting attempts.

If the Status Light blinks, release the Control Knob and turn it to the desired setting. ("Hot" is approximately 120°F).

#### If the Status Light Does Not Blink:

1. Wait 10 minutes before another lighting attempt.
2. If the Status Light did not blink, repeat the lighting procedure by following the lighting instructions on the water heater's label. Remove the outer door. The Control Knob must be set to Pilot and held in continuously while clicking the igniter button (about once per second for up to 90 seconds). To observe the Pilot, remove the outer door and look through the view port (sight glass). See Figure 29.
3. Continue clicking the Igniter button (for up to 90 seconds) until Pilot lights.
4. Once the Pilot is lit, continue to hold the Control Knob in until the Status Light begins to blink.
5. Release Control Knob and set Knob to desired temperature setting. ("Hot" is approximately 120°F.)
6. Replace the outer door.

#### If the Pilot Does Not Light:

1. Wait 10 minutes before another lighting attempt.  
If the pilot does not light, the Igniter may not be sparking or the unit may not be getting gas (or for a new installation, there may still be air in the gas line).  
Each time you click the igniter button, you should be able to see the spark by looking through the view port. See

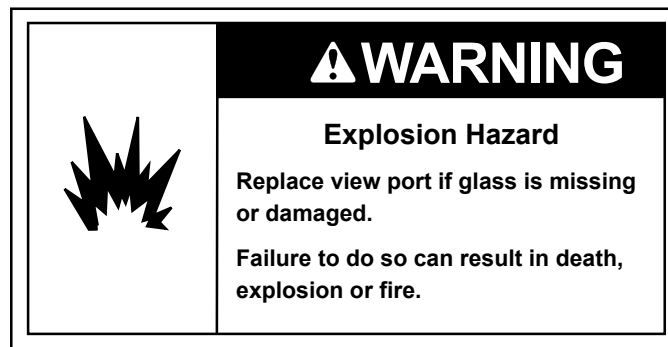


Figure 29. (You may have to darken the room lights to see the spark.) You do not have to push the Control Knob in to check the Igniter button. Simply look through the sight glass while clicking the Igniter button and look for a spark. If you can't see a spark when the Igniter button is clicked, check the wiring connections from the Igniter button and make sure that they are tight.

2. If you see the Igniter spark, try relighting the pilot by following the instructions on the water heater's label. Ensure that the gas supply is turned on. There may be air in the gas line, and several lighting attempts may be needed to completely fill the line with gas and successfully light the pilot.

#### If the Pilot Lights but the Status Light Does Not Blink:

1. If the pilot lights, continue to hold the Control Knob in until the Status Light blinks. If the pilot is lit and remains lit for 90 seconds and the Status Light still does not blink, the thermopile connections may be loose, the thermal switch may need to be reset, or the thermopile may be defective.
2. Remove the outer door.
3. Press the reset button on the thermal switch (Figure 29).
4. If switch clicks, it may have tripped. Do not light the Pilot if flammable vapors are present. Check flame arrestor for signs of discoloration (which could be caused by flammable vapors). If the flame arrestor is discolored, do not attempt to relight the Pilot. Have the water heater inspected by a qualified service technician.
5. Check the wiring connections from the thermopile and the thermal switch to the gas control valve/thermostat. Ensure that all wiring connections are tight. See Figure 29.
6. Replace the outer door.
7. Wait 10 minutes and try to light the Pilot according to the instructions on the water heater's label.
8. While clicking the Igniter button continuously, the Control Knob must be set to Pilot and held in until the Status Light blinks. Once the Status Light blinks, release the Control Knob and set the Knob to the desired temperature setting. ("Hot" is approximately 120°F.)



## FOR YOUR SAFETY READ BEFORE LIGHTING



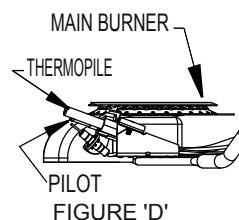
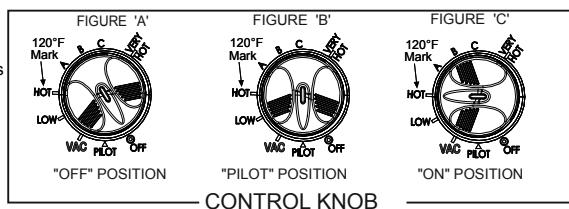
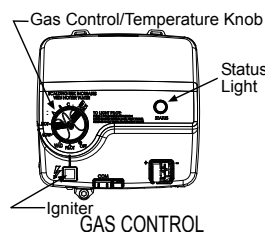
**WARNING:** If you do not follow these instructions exactly, a fire or explosion may result causing property damage, personal injury or loss of life.



### BEFORE LIGHTING: ENTIRE SYSTEM MUST BE FILLED WITH WATER AND AIR PURGED FROM ALL LINES

- A. This appliance has a pilot which is lit by a piezo-electric spark gas ignition system. Do **not** open the inner door of the 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 push in or turn the gas control knob. Never use tools. If the knob will not push in or 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 contact a qualified installer or service agency to replace a flooded water heater. Do not attempt to repair the unit! It must be replaced!
- E. DO NOT USE THIS APPLIANCE IF THERE HAS BEEN AN IGNITION OF VAPORS. Immediately call a qualified service technician to inspect the appliance. Water heaters subjected to a flammable vapors ignition will show a discoloration on the air intake grid and require replacement of the entire water heater.

## LIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS



1. STOP! It is imperative that you read all safety warnings before lighting the pilot.
2. Turn the gas control/temperature knob counterclockwise ↺ to the "OFF" setting.
3. Wait ten (10) minutes to clear out any gas. If you then smell gas, STOP! Follow "B" in the safety information above on this label. If you do not smell gas, go to the next step.
4. Turn the gas control/temperature knob clockwise ↻ to "PILOT". See Figure 'B'.
5. Press the gas control/temperature knob all the way in and hold it in. The knob should travel in about 1/4 inch (6.35 mm) if it is set to "PILOT" correctly. While holding the gas control/temperature knob in, click the igniter button continuously (about once a second) for up to 90 seconds or until Status Light begins to blink.
6. When the status light starts blinking, release the gas control/temperature knob. Set the gas control/

temperature knob to the desired setting. See Figure 'C'.

If the status light does not start blinking within 90 seconds, repeat steps 2 through 5 up to THREE (3) times, waiting 10 minutes between lighting attempts.

The circuitry in this advanced gas valve requires that you wait 10 minutes between lighting attempts.

If the status light turns solid red, release the gas control/temperature knob and repeat steps 2 through 5 (waiting 10 minutes before attempting to relight the pilot).

If the status light does not start blinking after three lighting attempts, turn the gas control/temperature knob to "OFF" and call a qualified service technician or your gas supplier.



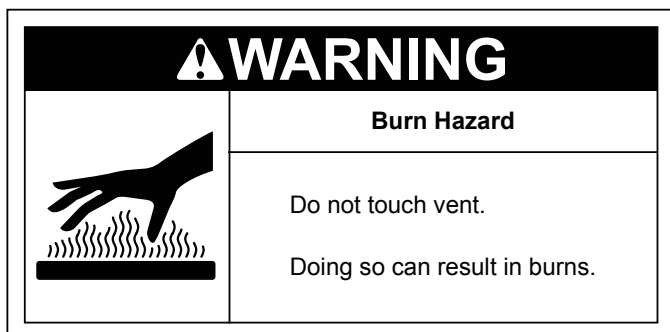
**DANGER:** Hotter water increases the risk of scald injury. Consult the instruction manual before changing temperature.

Refer to the Lighting Instructions in the Installation Manual for more detailed troubleshooting information.

## TO TURN OFF GAS TO APPLIANCE

1. Turn the gas control/temperature knob counterclockwise ↺ to the "OFF" setting. The status light will stop blinking and stay on for a short time after the water heater is turned off. See Figure 'A'.

## Checking the Draft



After successfully lighting the water heater, allow the unit to operate for 15 minutes and check the draft hood relief opening for proper draft (Figure 22). Make sure all other appliances in the area are operating and all doors are closed when performing the draft test. Pass a match flame around the relief opening of the draft hood. A steady flame drawn into the opening indicates proper draft.

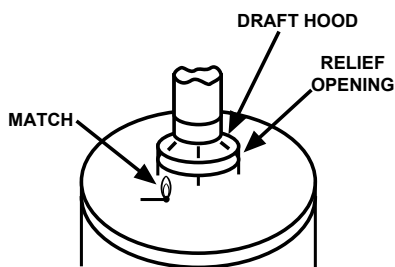


FIGURE 22.

If the flame flutters or is blown out, combustion products are escaping from the relief opening. If this occurs, do not operate the water heater until proper adjustments or repairs are made to the vent pipe system and/or air supply requirements.

## Burner Flames

Inspect the burner flames through the viewport and compare them to the drawing in Figure 23. A properly operating burner should produce a soft blue flame. Blue tips with yellow inner cones are satisfactory. The tips of the flame may have a slight yellow tint. The flame should not be all yellow or have a sharp blue-orange color. Contaminated air may cause an orange colored flame. Contact a qualified technician if the flame is not satisfactory.

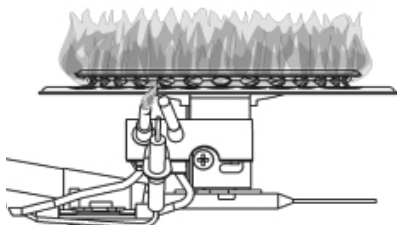
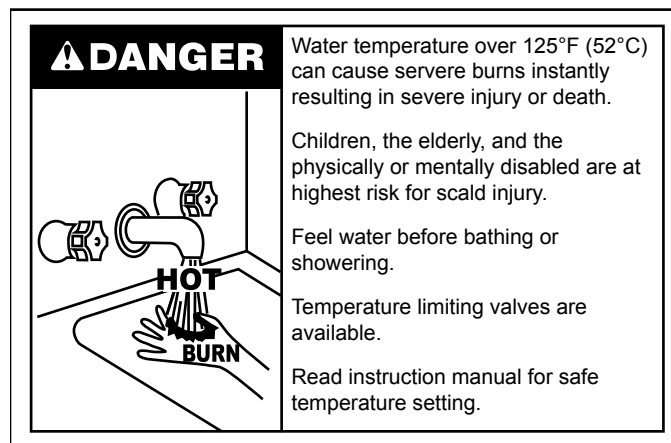


FIGURE 23.

## Emergency Shut Down

**IMPORTANT:** Should overheating occur or the gas supply fails to shut off, turn off the water heater's manual gas control valve and call a qualified technician.

## Water Temperature Regulation



Due to the nature of the typical gas water heater, the water temperature in certain situations may vary up to 30°F (16.7 °C) higher or lower at the point of use such as, bathtubs, showers, sink, etc.

**HOTTER WATER CAN SCALD:** Water heaters are intended to produce hot water. Water heated to a temperature which will satisfy space heating, clothes washing, dish washing, and other sanitizing needs can scald and permanently injure you upon contact. Some people are more likely to be permanently injured by hot water than others. These include the elderly, children, the infirm, or physically/mentally handicapped. If anyone using hot water in your home fits into one of these groups or if there is a local code or state law requiring a certain temperature water at the hot water tap, then you must take special precautions. In addition to using the lowest possible temperature setting that satisfies your hot water needs, a means such as a mixing valve should be used at the hot water taps used by these people or at the water heater. Mixing valves are available at plumbing supply or hardware stores. See Figure 18. Follow manufacturer's instructions for installation of the valves. Before changing the factory setting on the thermostat, see Figure 24A. Using the lowest hot water temperature that meets your needs will also provide the most energy efficient operation of the water heater.

Never allow small children to use a hot water tap, or to draw their own bath water. Never leave a child or handicapped person unattended in a bathtub or shower.

**NOTE:** A water temperature range of 120°F-140°F (49°C-60°C) is recommended by most dishwasher manufacturers.

The thermostat is adjusted to the pilot position when it is shipped from the factory. Water temperature can be regulated by moving the temperature dial to the preferred setting. The preferred starting point is 120°F at the "HOT" setting. Align the knob with the desired water temperature as shown in Figure 24A. There is a hot water scald potential if the thermostat is set too high.

**NOTE:** Temperatures shown on the gas control valve/thermostat are approximates. The actual temperature of the heated water may vary.

**IMPORTANT:** Adjusting the thermostat past the 120°F mark on the temperature dial will increase the risk of scald injury. Hot water can produce first degree burns within:

Water Temperature °F	Time for 1st Degree Burn (Less Severe Burns)	Time for Permanent Burns 2nd & 3rd Degree (Most Severe Burns)
110	(normal shower temp.)	
116	(pain threshold)	
116	35 minutes	45 minutes
122	1 minute	5 minutes
131	5 seconds	25 seconds
140	2 seconds	5 seconds
149	1 second	2 seconds
154	Instantaneous	1 second

(U.S. Government Memorandum, C.P.S.C., Peter L. Armstrong, Sept. 15, 1978)

#### GAS CONTROL VALVE/THERMOSTAT SETTINGS

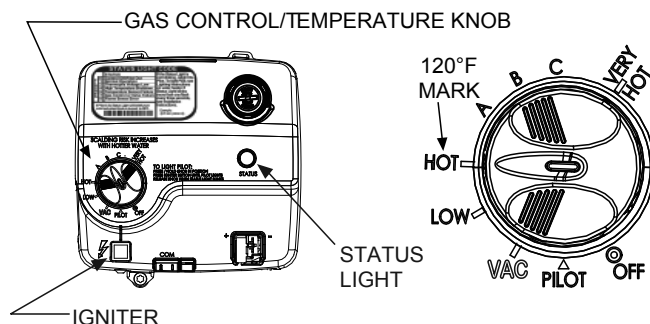


FIGURE 24A.

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

**NOTE:** During low demand periods when hot water is not being used, a lower thermostat setting will reduce energy losses and may satisfy your normal hot water needs. If hot water use is expected to be more than normal, a higher thermostat setting may be required to meet the increased demand. When leaving your home for extended periods (vacations, etc.), turn the temperature dial to its lowest setting. This will maintain the water at low temperatures with minimum energy losses and prevent the tank from freezing during cold weather.

## Operating the Temperature Control System

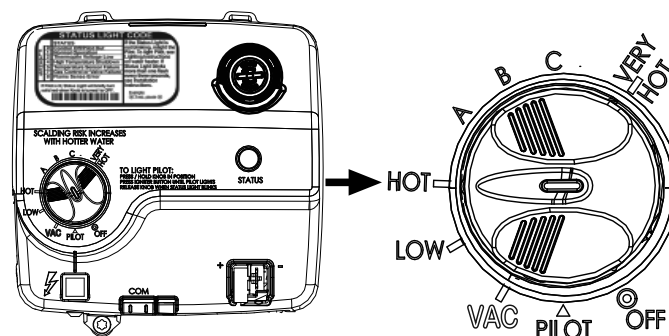


FIGURE 24B.

### Water Temperature Adjustment

The water temperature setting can be adjusted from 55°F to 155°F. Turn the Gas Control/Temperature Knob to the desired setting/temperature.

#### NOTE:

The temperatures indicated are approximates. The actual temperature of the heated water may vary.

### Operating Modes and Settings

- **Standard Mode** - The controller adjusts the water heater to maintain the temperature set by the user.
- **Vacation Setting** - The Vacation setting (VAC) sets the controller at approximately 55°F. This setting is recommended when the water heater is not in use for a long period of time. This effectively turns the controller temperature setting down to a temperature that prevents the water in the water heater from freezing while still conserving energy.

### Status Light Code

#### Normal Flashes:

- 0 Flashes Indicates Control Off/Pilot Out.
- 1 Flash Indicates Normal Operation.
- A solid red light indicates that the gas control valve/thermostat is shutting down.

#### Diagnostic Flashes:


If the water heater is not working, look for the following diagnostic flashes after lighting the pilot. For more details, see "Status Light and Diagnostic Code Troubleshooting Chart."

- 2 Flashes Indicates Thermopile Voltage Low
- 4 Flashes Indicates Overheat Failure
- 5 Flashes Indicates Sensor Failure
- 7 Flashes Indicates Electronic Control Failure
- 8 Flashes See "Status Light and Diagnostic Code Troubleshooting Chart."

### Vent System Inspection

**⚠ WARNING**

**Carbon Monoxide and Fire Hazard**



- Flue gases may escape if vent pipe is not connected.
- Be alert for obstructed, sooted or deteriorated vent system to avoid serious injury or death.
- Do not store corrosive chemicals in vicinity of water heater.
- Chemical corrosion of flue and vent system can cause serious injury or death

Breathing carbon monoxide can cause brain damage or death. Always read and understand instruction manual.

At least once a year, a visual inspection should be made of the venting system. You should look for:

- Obstructions which could cause improper venting. The combustion and ventilation air flow must not be obstructed.
- Damage or deterioration which could cause improper venting or leakage of combustion products.
- Rusted flakes around top of water heater.

Be sure the vent piping is properly connected to prevent escape of dangerous flue gasses which could cause deadly asphyxiation.

Obstructions and deteriorated vent systems may present serious health risk or asphyxiation.

Chemical vapor corrosion of the flue and vent system may occur if air for combustion contains certain chemical vapors. Spray can propellants, cleaning solvents, refrigerator and air conditioner refrigerants, swimming pool chemicals, calcium and sodium chloride, waxes, bleach and process chemicals are typical compounds which are potentially corrosive.

If when inspecting the vent system you find sooting or deterioration, something is wrong. Call the local gas supplier to correct the problem and clean or replace the flue and venting before resuming operation of the water heater.

### Burner Inspection

Flood damage to a water heater may not be readily visible or immediately detectable. However, over a period of time a flooded water heater will create dangerous conditions which can cause **DEATH, SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE**. Contact a Sears Service Center to replace a flooded water heater. Do not attempt to repair the unit! It must be replaced!

At least once a year, a visual inspection should be made of the main burner and pilot burner. See Figure 25. To access the burner and

pilot, follow the instructions in "Maintenance of Your Water Heater."

You should check for sooting. Soot is not normal and will impair proper combustion.

Soot build-up indicates a problem that requires correction before further use. Turn "OFF" gas to water heater and leave off until repairs are made, because failure to correct the cause of the sooting can result in a fire causing death, serious injury, or property damage.

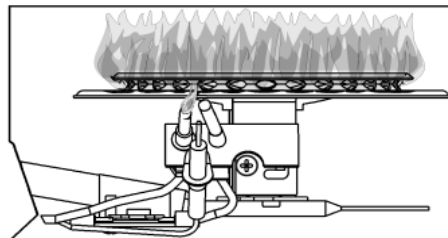


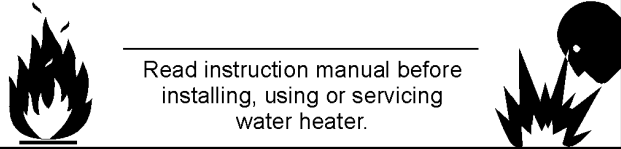
FIGURE 25.

### Burner Cleaning

**⚠ DANGER**

**Fire or Explosion Hazard**

Failure to properly reseal the combustion chamber will disable the flammable vapor ignition resistance feature of this water heater, which could result in death or serious injury. Contact your local Sears Service Center for assistance.




Read instruction manual before installing, using or servicing water heater.

The burner must be removed for cleaning. If inspection of the burner shows that cleaning is required, call the Sears Service Center to remove and clean the burner and correct the problem that required the burner to be cleaned.

## Housekeeping

Vacuum around base of water heater for dust, dirt, and lint on a regular basis.

	<b>⚠ DANGER</b>
	<b>Fire and Explosion Hazard</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do not obstruct combustion air openings at the bottom of the water heater.</li><li>• Do not use or store flammable vapor products such as gasoline, solvents or adhesives in the same room or area near water heater or other appliance.</li><li>• At least annually, check the base-ring filter and flame arrester for any dust, lint, or debris that may have accumulated. Clean as necessary.</li><li>• Can cause serious injury or death.</li></ul>

*AT LEAST ANNUALLY, A VISUAL INSPECTION SHOULD BE MADE OF THE BASE-RING FILTER AND FLAME ARRESTER. CLEAN IF LINT ACCUMULATIONS ARE NOTICED.*

**INSTALLED IN SUITABLE AREA:** To ensure sufficient ventilation and combustion air supply, proper clearances from the water heater must be maintained. See "Installation Instructions." Combustible materials such as clothing, cleaning materials, or flammable liquids, etc. must not be placed against or adjacent to the water heater because they could catch on fire.

## Anode Rod Inspection

<b>CAUTION</b>
<b>Property Damage Hazard</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Avoid water heater damage.</li><li>• Inspection and replacement of anode rod required.</li></ul>

The anode rod is used to protect the tank from corrosion. Most hot water tanks are equipped with an anode rod. The submerged rod deteriorates to protect the tank. Instead of corroding the tank, water ions attack and eat away the anode rod. This does not affect the water's taste or color. The rod must be maintained to keep the tank in operating condition.

Anode deterioration depends on water conductivity, not necessarily water condition. A corroded or pitted anode rod indicates high water conductivity and should be checked and/or replaced more often than an anode rod that appears to be intact. Replacement of a depleted anode rod can extend the life of your water heater. Inspection should be conducted by calling the Sears Service Center for an authorized contractor.

The anode rod should be inspected after a maximum of three years and annually thereafter until the condition of the anode rod dictates its replacement. **NOTE:** Artificially softened water requires the anode rod to be inspected annually.

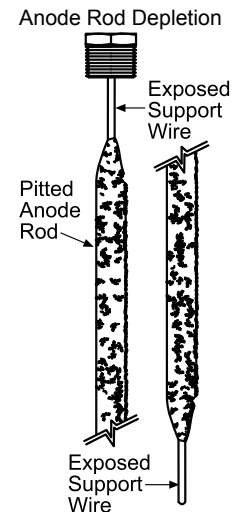
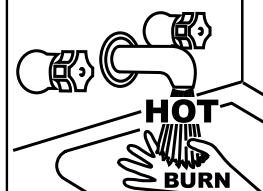


FIGURE 26.

## Temperature-Pressure Relief Valve Operation

The temperature-pressure relief valve must be manually operated at least once a year.

<b>⚠ DANGER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Burn hazard</li><li>• Hot water discharge.</li><li>• Keep clear of relief valve discharge outlet.</li></ul>
	

When checking the temperature-pressure relief valve operation, make sure that (1) no one is in front of or around the outlet of the temperature-pressure relief valve discharge line, and (2) that the water discharge will not cause any property damage, as the water may be extremely hot. See Figure 27.

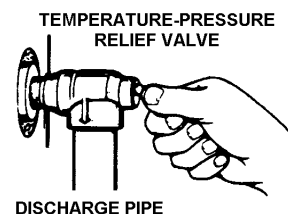
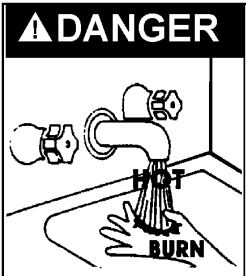


FIGURE 27.

If after manually operating the valve, it fails to completely reset and continues to release water, immediately turn off the gas supply and drain the water heater (see Draining and Flushing). Once the water heater is completely drained, replace the temperature-pressure relief valve with a new one.

If the temperature-pressure relief valve on the appliance weeps or discharges periodically, this may be due to thermal expansion. You may have a check valve installed in the water line or a water meter with a check valve. Consult the Sears Service Center for further information.

## Draining and Flushing



- Hot water discharge burn hazard.
- Keep clear of relief valve discharge unit.
- Temperature limiting valves are available.
- Read instruction manual for safe temperature setting.

It is recommended that the tank be drained and flushed every 6 months to remove sediment which may build up during operation. The water heater should be drained if being shut down during freezing temperatures. To drain the tank, perform the following steps:

1. Turn off the gas to the water heater at the manual gas shut-off valve.
2. Open a nearby hot water faucet until the water is no longer hot.
3. Close the cold water inlet valve.
4. Connect a hose to the drain valve and terminate it to an adequate drain or external to the building.
5. Open the water heater drain valve and allow all of the water to drain from the tank. Flush the tank with water as needed to remove sediment.
6. Close the drain valve, refill the tank, and restart the heater as directed in this manual. If the water heater is going to be shut down for an extended period, the drain valve should be left open.

**IMPORTANT:** Condensation may occur when refilling the tank and should not be confused with a tank leak.

## Service

Before calling for repair service, please read the Troubleshooting Guide in this manual.

If a condition persists or you are uncertain about the operation of the water heater, let the Sears Service Center check it out.

Contact Sears Service Center at:  
1-800-4-MY-HOME® (1-800-469-4663).

## MAINTENANCE OF YOUR WATER HEATER

### Replacement Parts

**IMPORTANT:** The following maintenance procedures are for the FVIR System components and should be performed by a qualified technician.

Replacement parts may be ordered from Sears Parts and Service Centers or by calling 1-800-4-MY-HOME (1-800-469-4663). When ordering replacement parts, always have the following information ready:

1. model, serial, and product number
2. type of gas
3. item number
4. parts description

See the Parts Order List section for a list of available repair parts.

### Removing the Manifold/Burner Assembly

1. Turn the gas control/temperature knob to the "OFF" position (Figure 28).
2. Before performing any maintenance, it is important to turn off the gas supply to the water heater at the manual gas shut-off valve. This valve is typically located beside the water heater. Note the position of the shut-off valve in the open/on position, then proceed to turn it off (Figure 2).
3. With the unit shut-off, allow sufficient time for the water heater to cool before performing any maintenance.

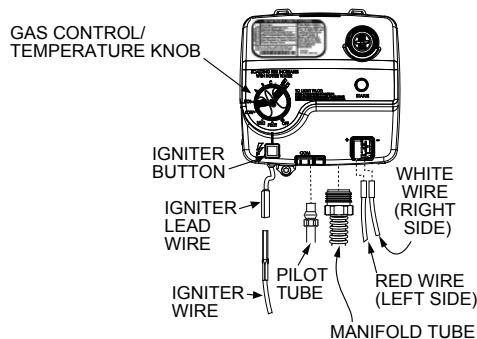


FIGURE 28.

4. Remove the outer door.
5. Disconnect the following from the gas control valve/thermostat: pilot tube (7/16" wrench), igniter wire (from the igniter lead wire), and manifold tube (3/4" wrench). See Figure 28.
6. Disconnect the white and red wires from the gas control valve/thermostat (Figure 28). Use needle nose pliers to grip the connector(s). **IMPORTANT:** Grip the connector carefully to prevent damage. Do not grip or pull the wires themselves.
7. Grasp the manifold tube and push down slightly to free the manifold tube and pilot tube.
8. Remove the screws (1/4" nut driver) securing the manifold/burner assembly to the combustion chamber. See Figure 29.
9. Carefully remove the manifold/burner assembly from the combustion chamber. **BE SURE NOT TO DAMAGE ANY INTERNAL PARTS.**

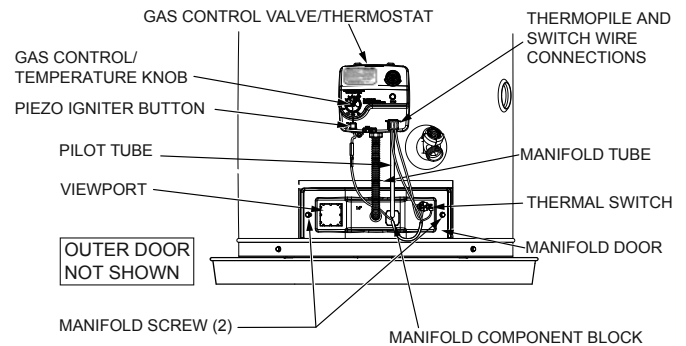


FIGURE 29.

### Removing the Burner from the Manifold/Burner Assembly

#### Natural Gas (Low Nox) & L.P. Gas Burner

1. Take off the burner by removing the two (2) screws located underneath the burner.
2. Check the burner to see if it is dirty or clogged. The burner may be cleaned with soap and hot water (Figure 30). **IMPORTANT:** DO NOT remove the orifice.

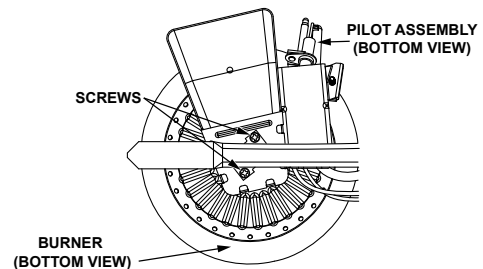
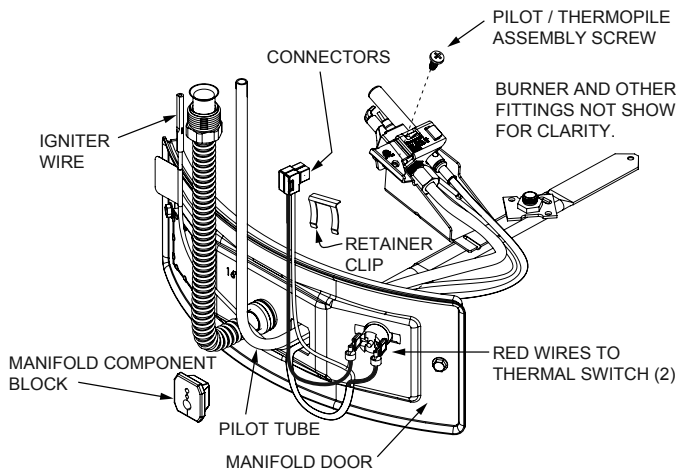


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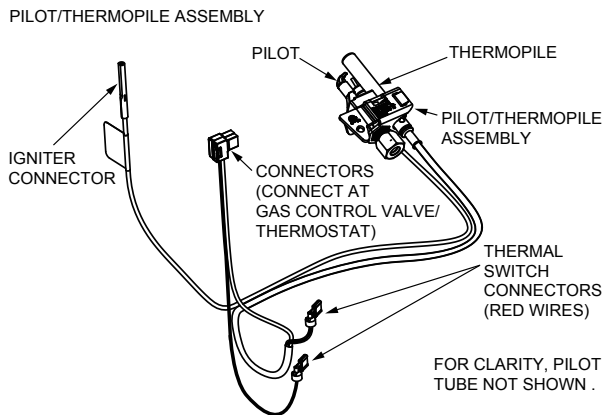
### Replacing the Pilot/Thermopile Assembly

1. Remove the manifold door assembly as described in "Removing the Manifold/Burner Assembly" section.
2. Remove the burner to access the pilot/thermopile assembly. Remove and keep the screws securing the burner to the manifold (Figure 30). **IMPORTANT:** DO NOT remove the orifice.
3. Remove the screw securing the pilot/thermopile assembly to the pilot bracket and keep for reuse later (Figure 31).
4. Lift the retainer clip straight up from the back of the manifold component block (using a flat-blade screwdriver), then remove the manifold component block from the manifold door (Figure 31). **IMPORTANT:** Be careful not to bend or alter the position of the pilot tube. It will be used as a bending template for the new pilot assembly. Note the placement/order of the wires in the manifold component block.
5. Lift the pilot/thermopile assembly (including the igniter wire) from the manifold assembly.



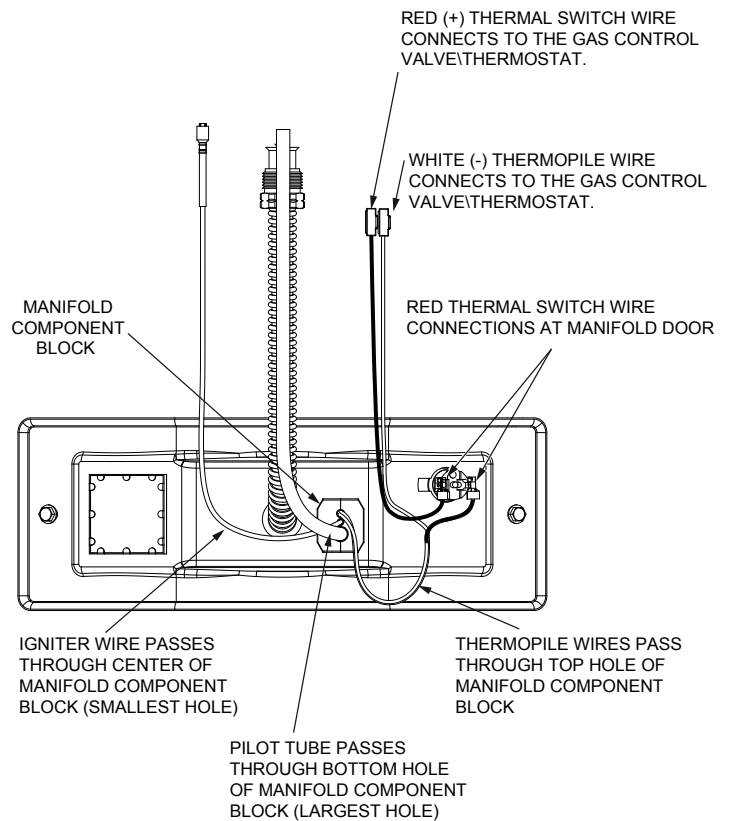
**FIGURE 31.**

6. Read this step carefully before proceeding. Using the old pilot/pilot tube assembly as a guide, bend the new pilot tube to match the old one. Make only the bends closest to the pilot before going to the next step.



**FIGURE 32.**

7. Route the new pilot tube and wires through the opening in the manifold door. See Figure 31.
8. Using the pilot screw removed earlier, attach the new pilot/thermopile assembly. Reattach the burner to the manifold using the screws removed earlier. NOTE: Make sure the burner scoop is oriented to the pilot side of the manifold tube (Figure 30).
9. Reinstall the manifold component block in the manifold door. Ensure that the pilot tube and wires are positioned as shown in Figure 33.
10. Carefully bend the new pilot tube to match the bend of the manifold tube. NOTE: When bending, DO NOT crimp or crease the pilot tube.
11. Before you proceed to the next step, install the new brass ferrule nut in the gas control valve/thermostat's pilot tube opening, HAND TIGHT ONLY.
12. Install the manifold/burner assembly. Refer to the "Replacing the Manifold/Burner Assembly" section for instructions.



**FIGURE 33.**

## External Inspection & Cleaning of the Base-Ring Filter

1. At least annually, check the base-ring filter (Figure 34) for any dust or debris that may have accumulated on the filter screen. NOTE: If the water heater is located in an area that is subjected to lint and dirt, it may be necessary to check the base-ring filter more frequently.
2. Follow the Lighting Instructions to turn off the water heater and allow it to cool for 10 minutes before attempting to clean the base-ring filter.
3. Use a vacuum cleaner with a hose attachment to remove any dust or debris that may have accumulated on the filter. NOTE: If unable to inspect or clean the base-ring filter, follow the "Cleaning the Combustion Chamber and Flame-arrestor" instructions.
4. After the base-ring filter has been cleaned, follow the Lighting Instructions to return the water heater to service.



## Cleaning the Combustion Chamber and Flame-arrestor

1. Follow procedure outlined in "Removing the Manifold/ Burner Assembly".
2. Use a vacuum cleaner/shop vac to remove all loose debris in the combustion chamber (Figure 34). Use compressed air to clear any dust or debris that may have accumulated in the flame-arrestor.

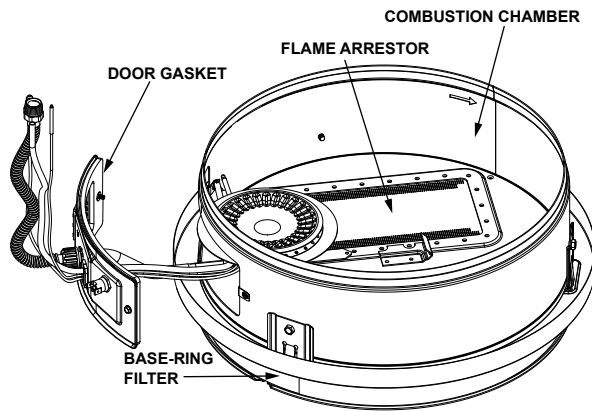


FIGURE 34.

3. Reassemble following the procedure under "Replacing the Manifold/Burner Assembly."

## Replacing the Manifold/Burner Assembly

### ⚠ WARNING



#### Explosion Hazard

- Tighten both manifold door screws securely.
- Remove any fiberglass between gasket and combustion chamber.
- Replace viewport if glass is missing or damaged.
- Replace manifold component block if missing or removed.
- Replace door gasket if damaged.
- Failure to follow these instructions can result in death, explosion, or fire.

tube engages the slot of the bracket inside the combustion chamber (Figure 35).

4. Inspect the door gasket and make sure there is no fiberglass insulation between the gasket and the combustion chamber (Figure 34).
5. Tighten the two screws that secure the manifold/burner assembly to the combustion chamber. (Use a 1/4" nut driver.) There should be no space between the gasket part of the manifold door and combustion chamber

**IMPORTANT:** Do not operate the water heater if the door gasket does not create a seal between the manifold door and the combustion chamber.

6. Reconnect the manifold tube (3/4" wrench) and pilot tube (7/16" wrench) to the gas control valve/thermostat (Figure 28). Do not cross-thread or apply any thread sealant to the fittings.

**IMPORTANT:** If you were supplied with a new ferrule nut in a parts kit, follow these steps to connect the pilot tube:

1.) Install the ferrule nut into the gas valve at the pilot tube location, hand tight only. 2.) Insert the pilot tube into the ferrule nut until the tube bottoms out, then tighten the nut with a 7/16" wrench until the crimp connection seals to the pilot tube. 3.) Continue to tighten until the nut is tight in the gas valve.

7. Connect the white and red wires to the gas control valve/ thermostat as shown in Figure 28. Also, ensure that the red thermal switch wires are connected to the thermal switch on the manifold door (Figure 33).
8. Reconnect the igniter wire (Figure 28).
9. Turn on the gas supply to the water heater at the manual gas shut-off valve (Figure 2).
10. Follow the lighting instructions on the front of the water heater. With the main burner lit, check for leaks at the manifold and pilot connections by brushing on an approved noncorrosive leak detection solution. If such a solution is not available, use a mixture of hand dish washing soap and water (one part soap to 15 parts water) or childrens' soap bubble solution. Bubbles forming indicate a leak. Correct any leak found.
11. Verify proper operation, then replace the outer door.

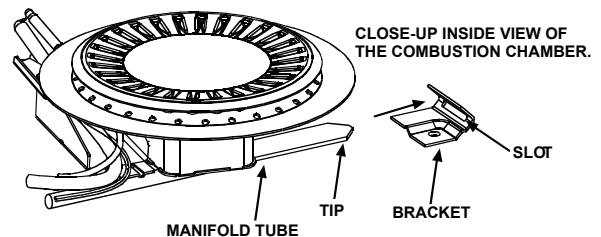


FIGURE 35.

1. Check the door gasket for damage or imbedded debris prior to installation (Figure 34).
2. Inspect the viewport for damage and replace as required (Figure 29).
3. Insert the new manifold/burner assembly into the burner compartment, making sure that the tab of the manifold

## Piezoelectric Igniter System

The piezoelectric igniter system consists of the igniter button, electrode, and wire. The pilot is ignited by an electric spark generated when the igniter button is pressed. (See Figure 36).

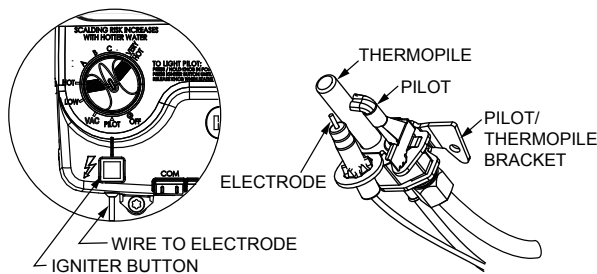


FIGURE 36.

## Testing the Igniter System

Turn off the gas to the water heater at the manual gas shut-off valve. Watch the electrode tip while activating the igniter. A visible spark should jump from the electrode. To avoid shock, do not touch the burner or any metal part on the pilot or pilot assembly. If no spark is visible, check the wire connections and make sure the electrode is not broken. Replace the igniter if defective. Dirt and rust on the pilot or electrode tip can prevent the igniter spark. Wipe clean with a damp cloth and dry completely. Rust can be removed from the electrode tip and metal surfaces by lightly sanding with an emery cloth or fine grit sandpaper.

## Removing and Replacing the Gas Control Valve/Thermostat

**IMPORTANT:** This water heater has a resettable thermal switch installed. Do not attempt to disable or modify this feature in any way. Use only factory authorized replacement parts. **IMPORTANT:** This gas control valve/thermostat is shipped from the factory as a natural gas unit. However, it may be converted to use LP gas. Before installing this gas control valve/thermostat, make sure that it is configured for the type of gas that you are using. Refer to the "Gas Conversion" section.

### Removing the Gas Control Valve/Thermostat:

1. Turn the gas control/temperature knob to the "OFF" position (Figure 24B).
2. Turn off the gas at the manual shut-off valve on the gas supply pipe (Figure 2).
3. Drain the water heater. Refer to the section of "Draining and Flushing" and follow the procedure.
4. Disconnect the igniter wire from the igniter lead wire. Use needle nose pliers to disconnect the red (+) and white (-) thermopile wires. Disconnect the pilot tube (7/16" wrench) and manifold tube (3/4" wrench) at the gas control valve/thermostat (Figure 28).
5. Refer to "Gas Piping" (Figure 2) and disconnect the ground joint union in the gas piping. Disconnect the remaining pipe from the gas control valve/thermostat.

6. To remove the gas control valve/thermostat, thread a 4" section of gas pipe into the inlet and use it to turn the gas control valve/thermostat (counterclockwise.) Do not use a pipe wrench or equivalent to grip body. Damage may result, causing leaks. Do not insert any sharp objects into the inlet or outlet connections. Damage to the gas control valve/thermostat may result.

### Replacing the Gas Control Valve/Thermostat:

To replace the gas control valve/thermostat, reassemble in reverse order. When replacing the gas control valve/thermostat, thread a 4" section of gas pipe into the inlet and use it to turn the gas control valve/thermostat (clockwise). **DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN;** damage may result.

- Be sure to use approved Teflon® tape or pipe joint compound on the gas piping connections and fitting on the back of the gas control valve that screws into the tank.
- Be sure to remove the pilot ferrule nut from the new gas control valve/thermostat.
- Turn the main gas supply on and check the gas supply connections for leaks. Correct any leak found. Next, light the pilot and main burner, then check the manifold tube and pilot tube connections for leaks. Correct any leak found. Use an approved noncorrosive leak detection solution. If such a solution is not available, use a mixture of hand dish washing soap and water (one part soap to 15 parts water) or childrens' soap bubble solution. Bubbles forming indicate a leak.
- Be sure tank is completely filled with water before lighting and activating the water heater. Follow the "Lighting Instructions" on the front of the water heater.
- If additional information is required, contact Sears Service at 1-800-4-MY-HOME (1-800-469-4663).

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## FVIR System Operational Checklist

1. Manifold gasket properly sealed.
2. Viewport not damaged or cracked.
3. Flame-arrestor free of debris and undamaged.
4. Manifold component block properly installed.
5. No leaks at pilot and manifold connection.
6. Manifold door screws securely tightened.
7. Depress the button on the thermal switch

## TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

### Start Up Conditions

#### Thermal Expansion

### CAUTION

#### Property Damage Hazard

- Avoid water heater damage.
- Install thermal expansion tank or device if necessary.
- Contact qualified installer or service agency.

As water is heated, it expands (thermal expansion). In a closed system, the volume of water will grow. As the volume of water grows, there will be a corresponding increase in water pressure due to thermal expansion. Thermal expansion can cause premature tank failure (leakage). This type of failure is not covered under the limited warranty. Thermal expansion can also cause intermittent temperature-pressure relief valve operation: water discharged from the valve due to excessive pressure build up. The temperature-pressure relief valve is not intended for the constant relief of thermal expansion. This condition is not covered under the limited warranty.

A properly sized thermal expansion tank should be installed on all closed systems to control the harmful effects of thermal expansion. Thermal expansion tanks are available from Sears stores and through the Sears Service Centers. Contact the local plumbing inspector, water supplier and/or the Sears Service Center for assistance in controlling these situations. See Figure 37.

#### Thermal Expansion Tank Specifications

Model Number	Tank Capacity In Gallons	Dimensions in Inches		Pipe Fitting On Tank
		Diameter	Length	
153.331020	2	8 (203 mm)	12-3/4 (323 mm)	3/4" Male
153.331050	5	11 (279 mm)	14-3/4 (375 mm)	3/4" Male

#### Expansion Tank Sizing Chart

Expansion Tank Capacity Needed	Inlet* Water Pressure	Water Heater Capacity (Gallons)				
		30	40	50	66	82
	40psi	2	2	2	5	5
	50psi	2	2	2	5	5
	60psi	2	2	5	5	5
	70psi	2	2	5	5	5
	80psi	2	5	5	5	5

\*Highest recorded inlet water pressure in a 24 hour period or regulated water pressure.

**NOTE:** Expansion tanks are pre-charged with a 40 psi air charge. If the inlet water pressure is higher than 40 psi, the expansion tank's air pressure must be adjusted to match that pressure, but must not be higher than 80 psi.

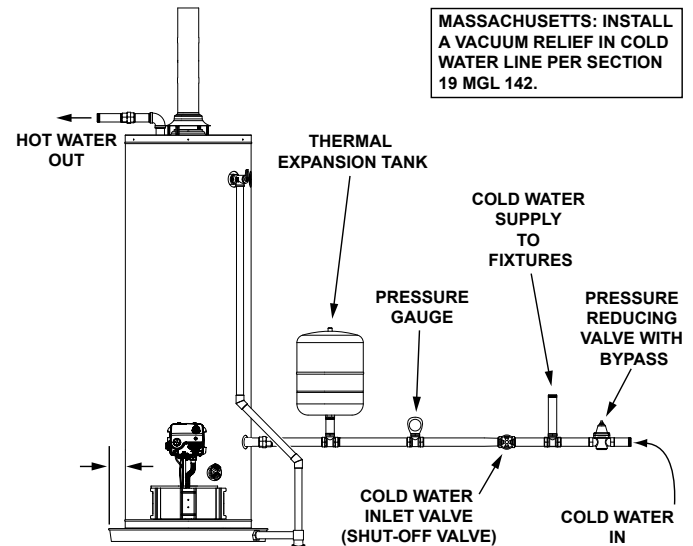


FIGURE 37.

#### Strange Sounds

Possible noises due to expansion and contraction of some metal parts during periods of heat-up and cool-down do not represent harmful or dangerous conditions.

Condensation causes sizzling and popping within the burner area during heating and cooling periods and should be considered normal. See "Condensation" section.

#### Draft Hood Operation

Check draft hood operation by performing a worst case depressurization of the building. With all doors and windows closed, and with all air handling equipment and exhaust fans operating such as furnaces, clothes dryers, range hoods and bathroom fans, a match flame should still be drawn into the draft hood of the water heater with its burner firing. If the flame is not drawn toward the draft hood, shut off water heater and make necessary air supply changes to correct.

#### Condensation

Whenever the water heater is filled with cold water, some condensate will form while the burner is on. A water heater may appear to be leaking when in fact the water is condensation. This usually happens when:

- A new water heater is filled with cold water for the first time.
- Burning gas produces water vapor in water heaters, particularly high efficiency models where flue temperatures are lower.
- Large amounts of hot water are used in a short time and the refill water in the tank is very cold.

Moisture from the products of combustion condense on the cooler tank surfaces and form drops of water which may fall onto the burner or other hot surfaces to produce a “sizzling” or “frying” noise.

Excessive condensation can cause pilot outage due to water running down the flue tube onto the main burner and putting out the pilot.

Because of the suddenness and amount of water, condensation water may be diagnosed as a “tank leak”. After the water in the tank warms up (about 1-2 hours), the condition should disappear.

Do not assume the water heater is leaking until there has been enough time for the water in the tank to warm up.

An undersized water heater will cause more condensation. The water heater must be sized properly to meet the family's demands for hot water including dishwashers, washing machines and shower heads.

Excessive condensation may be noticed during the winter and early spring months when incoming water temperatures are at their lowest.

Good venting is essential for a gas fired water heater to operate properly as well as to carry away products of combustion and water vapor.

### Smoke Odor

It is not uncommon to experience a small amount of smoke and odor during the initial start-up. This is due to burning off of oil from metal parts, and will disappear in a short while.

## Operational Conditions

### Smelly Odor

In each water heater there is installed at least one anode rod (see parts section) for corrosion protection of the tank. Certain water conditions will cause a reaction between this rod and the water. The most common complaint associated with the anode rod is one of a “rotten egg smell”. This odor is derived from hydrogen sulfide gas dissolved in the water. The smell is the result of four factors which must all be present for the odor to develop:

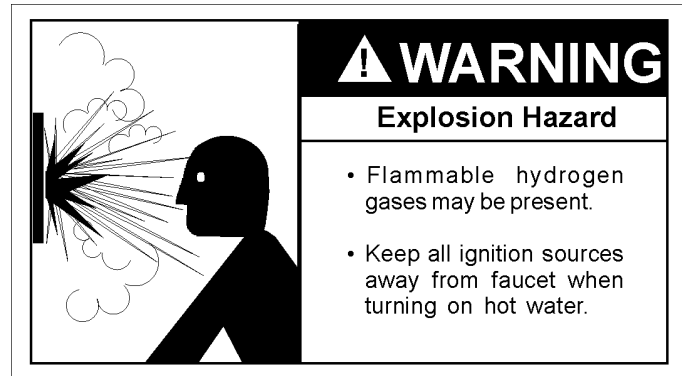
- a concentration of sulfate in the supply water.
- little or no dissolved oxygen in the water.
- a sulfate reducing bacteria within the water heater. (This harmless bacteria is non-toxic to humans.)
- an excess of active hydrogen in the tank. This is caused by the corrosion protective action of the anode.

Smelly water may be eliminated or reduced in some water heater models by replacing the anode(s) with one of less active material, and then chlorinating the water heater tank and all hot water lines. Contact Sears Service for further information concerning this chlorination treatment and an anode replacement kit #9001453005. (For short heaters, use anode replacement kit #9006299005.) Anode replacement and chlorination of the tank are not covered by the water heater's limited warranty.

If the smelly water persists after the anode replacement and chlorination treatment, it may be necessary to chlorinate or aerate your water supply to eliminate the problem.

**Do not remove the anode, leaving the tank unprotected. By doing so, all warranty on the water heater tank is voided.**

### “AIR” In Hot Water Faucets



**HYDROGEN GAS:** Hydrogen gas can be produced in a hot water system that has not been used for a long period of time (generally two weeks or more). Hydrogen gas is extremely flammable and explosive. To prevent the possibility of injury under these conditions, we recommend the hot water faucet, located farthest away, be opened for several minutes before any electrical appliances which are connected to the hot water system are used (such as a dishwasher or washing machine). If hydrogen gas is present, there will probably be an unusual sound similar to air escaping through the pipe as the hot water faucet is opened. There must be no smoking or open flame near the faucet at the time it is open.

### Safety Shut-off and Thermal Switch

This water heater is designed to automatically shut-off in the event of the following:

1. The pilot flame is extinguished for any reason.
2. The water temperature exceeds 189°F (87°C) for 155°F models or 199°F (93°C) for 180°F models. See the data plate for your model.
3. Excessive combustion chamber temperatures.
4. The ignition of flammable vapors.

A thermopile is used to determine if a pilot flame is present, and will shut off the gas supply to the main burner and the pilot if the flame is absent. This unit is also equipped with a thermal switch, designed to shut off the gas supply in the event the heater has been exposed to flammable vapors (spilled gasoline or paint fumes, for example), poor combustion caused by insufficient combustion air, or improper venting. If the switch opens, check the flame arrestor for signs of high temperature (blue or black discoloration), and inspect your installation for any problems with venting or combustion air. (See Pilot Light Troubleshooting Flowchart). Reset the switch by depressing the small button in the center of the switch.

**IMPORTANT:** Correct any issues prior to resetting the switch. Contact Sears at 1-800-4-MY-HOME (1-800-469-4663) to request service.

The gas control valve\thermostat includes a temperature limiting ECO (Energy Cut Off) system that will shut off the water heater if the water temperature exceeds 189°F (87°C) for 155°F models or 199°F (93°C) for 180°F models. See the data plate for your model.

Should the water temperature get too high, the diagnostic

status light will flash a code (4 flashes), indicating an over-temperature condition and the main burner will be shut off. If a high temperature condition occurs, turn the main gas supply OFF and have the water heater repaired by a qualified service technician. Contact Sears at 1-800-4-MY-HOME (1-800-469-4663) to request service.

## Leakage Checkpoints

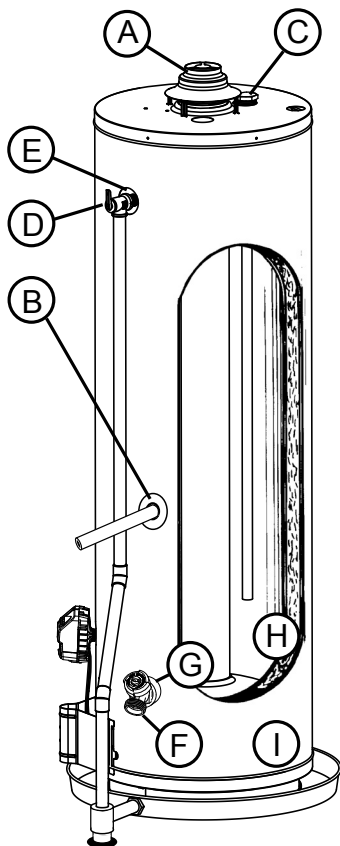
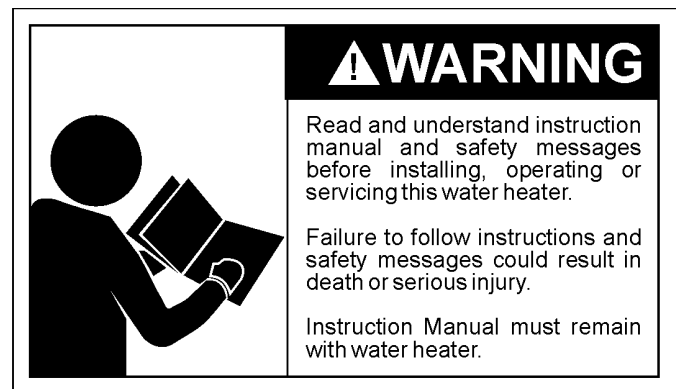


FIGURE 38.



Read this manual first. Then, before checking the water heater, make sure the gas supply has been turned "OFF", and never turn the gas "ON" before the tank is completely full of water.

Never use this water heater unless it is completely filled with water. To prevent damage to the tank, the tank must be filled with water. Water must flow from the hot water faucet before turning "ON" gas to the water heater.

- A. Water at the draft hood is water vapor which has condensed out of the combustion products. This is caused by a problem in the vent. Contact a qualified technician.
- B. \*Condensation may be seen on pipes in humid weather or pipe connections may be leaking.
- C. \*The anode rod fitting may be leaking.
- D. Small amounts of water from temperature-pressure relief valve may be due to thermal expansion or high water pressure in your area.
- E. \*The temperature-pressure relief valve may be leaking at the tank fitting.
- F. Water from a drain valve may be due to the valve being slightly opened.
- G. \*The drain valve may be leaking at the tank fitting.
- H. Combustion products contain water vapor which can condense on the cooler surfaces of the tank. Droplets form and drip onto the burner or run on the floor. This is common at the time of start-up after installation and when incoming water is cold.
- I. Water in the water heater bottom or on the floor may be from condensation, loose connections, or the relief valve. DO NOT replace the water heater until a full inspection of all possible water sources is made and necessary corrective steps taken.

Leakage from other appliances, water lines, or ground seepage should also be checked.

- \* To check where threaded portion enters tank, insert cotton swab between jacket opening and fitting. If cotton is wet, follow draining instructions in the "Draining and Flushing" section and then remove fitting. Put pipe dope or teflon tape on the threads and replace. When you are finished, follow the steps in "Filling the Water Heater" in the Installation Instructions earlier in this manual.

## TROUBLESHOOTING CHECKLIST

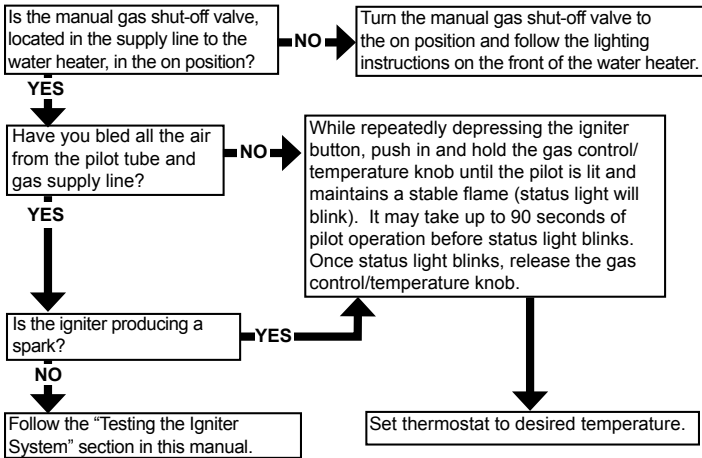
PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE(S)	CORRECTIVE ACTION
BURNER WILL NOT IGNITE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pilot not lit</li> <li>2. Thermostat set too low</li> <li>3. Main burner line clogged</li> <li>4. Non-functioning thermostat</li> <li>5. Base-Ring Filter blocked with lint/dust</li> <li>6. Heater installed in a confined area</li> <li>7. FVIR Flame Arrestor blocked with lint/dust.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Light pilot</li> <li>2. Turn temp. dial to desired temperature</li> <li>3. Clean, locate source and correct</li> <li>4. Test Gas Control Valve/Thermostat</li> <li>5. Clean filter, See "External Inspection &amp; Cleaning of the Base-Ring Filter" section.</li> <li>6. Provide fresh air ventilation</li> <li>7. Clean filter, See "Cleaning the Combustion Chamber and Flame-Arrestor" section.</li> </ol>
SMELLY WATER	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sulfides in the water</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Replace the anode with a special anode</li> </ol>
BURNER FLAME YELLOW-LAZY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Insufficient combustion air</li> <li>2. Low gas pressure</li> <li>3. Water heater flue or vent system blocked</li> <li>4. Main burner line clogged</li> <li>5. Base-Ring Filter blocked with lint/ dust</li> <li>6. Heater installed in a confined area</li> <li>7. FVIR Flame Arrestor blocked with lint/dust.</li> <li>8. Obstruction in main burner orifice</li> <li>9. Incorrect gas conversion (if unit was converted to use a different type of gas)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide ventilation to water heater</li> <li>2. Check with gas utility company</li> <li>3. Clean, locate source and correct</li> <li>4. Clean, locate source and correct</li> <li>5. Clean filter, See "External Inspection &amp; Cleaning of the Base-Ring Filter" section.</li> <li>6. Proper fresh air ventilation</li> <li>7. Clean filter, See "Cleaning the Combustion Chamber and Flame-Arrestor" section.</li> <li>8. Clean or replace orifice</li> <li>9. Contact a qualified technician</li> </ol>
PILOT WILL NOT LIGHT OR REMAIN LIT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Non-functioning igniter</li> <li>2. The thermal switch tripped</li> <li>3. Wire lead connection at thermal switch loose</li> <li>4. Thermopile connection loose</li> <li>5. Air in gas line</li> <li>6. Low gas pressure</li> <li>7. No gas</li> <li>8. Dirt in gas lines</li> <li>9. Cold drafts</li> <li>10. Thermostat temperature limit was exceeded. Status light will blink 4 flashes.</li> <li>11. Pilot line or orifice clogged</li> <li>12. Non-functioning thermopile</li> <li>13. Air for combustion obstructed</li> <li>14. FVIR Flame Arrestor blocked with lint/dust</li> <li>15. Flammable vapors incident, FVIR function actuated</li> <li>16. Base-Ring Filter blocked with lint/dust</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Replace igniter pilot assembly</li> <li>2. See Pilot Light Troubleshooting Flowchart section</li> <li>3. Remove and reconnect the wire leads at thermal switch, confirm connections are tight and not loose</li> <li>4. Seat connector firmly in socket</li> <li>5. Bleed the air from the gas line</li> <li>6. Check with gas utility company</li> <li>7. Check with gas utility company</li> <li>8. Notify utility-install dirt trap in gas line</li> <li>9. Locate source and correct</li> <li>10. Replace thermostat</li> <li>11. Clean, locate source and correct</li> <li>12. Replace thermopile</li> <li>13. See maintenance section for inspection and cleaning of flame arrester</li> <li>14. Clean filter, See "Cleaning the Combustion Chamber and Flame-Arrestor" section.</li> <li>15. Replace water heater, eliminate flammable vapors source. Contact Technical Assistance.</li> <li>16. Clean filter, See "External Inspection &amp; Cleaning of the Base-Ring Filter" section.</li> </ol>
HIGH OPERATION COSTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thermostat set too high</li> <li>2. Sediment or lime in tank</li> <li>3. Water heater too small for job</li> <li>4. Wrong piping connections</li> <li>5. Leaking faucets</li> <li>6. Gas leaks</li> <li>7. Wasted hot water</li> <li>8. Long runs of exposed piping</li> <li>9. Hot water piping in exposed wall</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Set temperature dial to lower setting</li> <li>2. Drain/flush-provide water treatment if needed</li> <li>3. Install adequate heater</li> <li>4. Correct piping-inlet tube must be in cold inlet</li> <li>5. Repair faucets</li> <li>6. Check with utility-repair at once</li> <li>7. Advise customer</li> <li>8. Insulate piping</li> <li>9. Insulate piping</li> </ol>
INSUFFICIENT HOT WATER	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thermostat set too low</li> <li>2. Sediment or lime in tank</li> <li>3. Water heater too small</li> <li>4. Wrong piping connections</li> <li>5. Leaking faucets</li> <li>6. Wasted hot water</li> <li>7. Long runs of exposed piping</li> <li>8. Hot water piping in outside wall</li> <li>9. Low gas pressure</li> <li>10. Incorrect gas conversion (if unit was converted to use a different type of gas)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Turn temperature dial to desired setting</li> <li>2. Drain/flush-provide water treatment if needed</li> <li>3. Install adequate heater</li> <li>4. Correct piping-inlet tube must be in cold inlet</li> <li>5. Repair faucets</li> <li>6. Advise customer</li> <li>7. Insulate piping</li> <li>8. Insulate piping</li> <li>9. Check with gas utility company</li> <li>10. Contact a qualified technician</li> </ol>

## TROUBLESHOOTING CHECKLIST (CONTINUED)

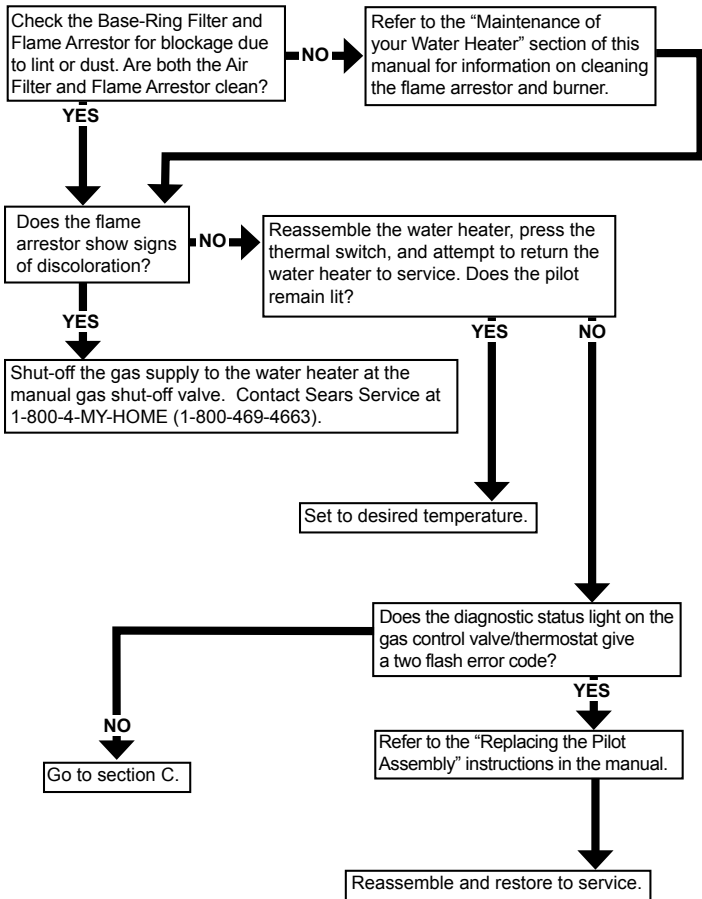
PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE(S)	CORRECTIVE ACTION
SLOW HOT WATER RECOVERY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Insufficient combustion air</li> <li>2. Water heater flue or vent system blocked</li> <li>3. Low gas pressure</li> <li>4. Improper calibration</li> <li>5. Base-Ring Filter blocked with lint/dust</li> <li>6. FVIR Flame Arrestor blocked with lint/dust.</li> <li>7. Incorrect gas conversion (if unit was converted to use a different type of gas)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide ventilation to water heater. Check flue way, flue baffle, and burner</li> <li>2. Clean flue, locate source and correct</li> <li>3. Check with gas utility company</li> <li>4. Replace thermostat</li> <li>5. Clean filter, See "External Inspection &amp; Cleaning of the Base-Ring Filter" section.</li> <li>6. Clean filter, See "Cleaning the Combustion Chamber and Flame-Arrestor" section.</li> <li>7. Contact a qualified technician</li> </ol>
DRIP FROM RELIEF VALVE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Excessive water pressure</li> <li>2. Heater stacking</li> <li>3. Closed water system</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use a pressure reducing valve and relief valve</li> <li>2. Lower the thermostat setting</li> <li>3. See "Closed System/Thermal Expansion"</li> </ol>
THERMOSTAT FAILS TO SHUT-OFF	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thermostat not functioning properly</li> <li>2. Improper calibration</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Replace thermostat</li> <li>2. Replace thermostat</li> </ol>
COMBUSTION ODORS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Insufficient combustion air</li> <li>2. Water heater flue or vent system blocked</li> <li>3. Heater installed in a confined area</li> <li>4. Base-Ring Filter blocked with lint/dust</li> <li>5. FVIR Flame Arrestor blocked with lint/dust.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide ventilation to water heater. Check flue way, flue baffle, and burner</li> <li>2. Clean, locate source and correct</li> <li>3. Provide fresh air ventilation</li> <li>4. Clean filter, See "External Inspection &amp; Cleaning of the Base-Ring Filter" section.</li> <li>5. Clean filter, See "Cleaning the Combustion Chamber and Flame-Arrestor" section.</li> </ol>
SMOKING AND CARBON FORMATION (SOOTING)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Insufficient combustion air</li> <li>2. Low gas pressure</li> <li>3. Water heater flue or vent system blocked</li> <li>4. Thermostat not functioning properly</li> <li>5. Heater installed in a confined area</li> <li>6. Burner flame yellow-lazy</li> <li>7. Base-Ring Filter blocked with lint/dust</li> <li>8. FVIR Flame Arrestor blocked with lint/dust.</li> <li>9. Incorrect gas conversion (if unit was converted to use a different type of gas)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide ventilation to water heater. Check flue way, flue baffle, burner</li> <li>2. Check with gas utility company</li> <li>3. Clean, locate source and correct</li> <li>4. Replace thermostat</li> <li>5. Provide fresh air ventilation</li> <li>6. See "Burner Flame Yellow-Lazy"</li> <li>7. Clean filter, See "External Inspection &amp; Cleaning of the Base-Ring Filter" section.</li> <li>8. Clean filter, See "Cleaning the Combustion Chamber and Flame-Arrestor" section.</li> <li>9. Contact a qualified technician</li> </ol>
CONDENSATION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Temperature setting too low</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increase the temperature setting. Refer to the "Condensation" sub-section of this manual's Troubleshooting Guide.</li> </ol>
BURNER FLAME FLOATS AND LIFTS OFF PORTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Orifice too large</li> <li>2. High gas pressure</li> <li>3. Water heater flue or vent system blocked</li> <li>4. Cold drafts</li> <li>5. Incorrect gas conversion (if unit was converted to use a different type of gas)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Replace with correct orifice</li> <li>2. Check with gas utility company</li> <li>3. Clean flue and burner-locate source and correct</li> <li>4. Locate source and correct</li> <li>5. Contact a qualified technician</li> </ol>
BURNER FLAME TOO HIGH	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Orifice too large</li> <li>2. Incorrect gas conversion (if unit was converted to use a different type of gas)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Replace with correct orifice</li> <li>2. Contact a qualified technician</li> </ol>
FLAME BURNS AT ORIFICE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thermostat not functioning properly</li> <li>2. Low gas pressure</li> <li>3. Incorrect gas conversion (if unit was converted to use a different type of gas)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Replace thermostat</li> <li>2. Check with gas utility company</li> <li>3. Contact a qualified technician</li> </ol>
PILOT FLAME TOO SMALL	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pilot line or orifice clogged</li> <li>2. Low gas pressure</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clean, locate source and correct</li> <li>2. Check with gas utility company</li> </ol>

# PILOT LIGHT TROUBLESHOOTING FLOWCHART

## Section A: Pilot light will not light (new installation).

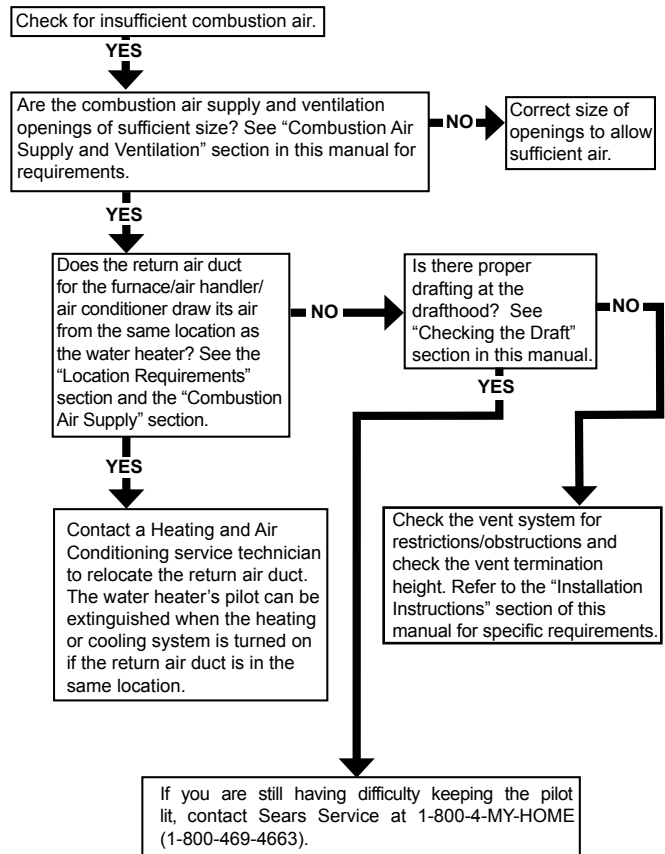


## Section B: Pilot light repeatedly goes out.



## Section C: Pilot light will not remain lit.

Complete this section after completing Section B.



**NOTE:** If you are still experiencing difficulties after following the steps in sections A, B, and C, please contact Sears Service at 1-800-4-MY-HOME (1-800-469-4663).

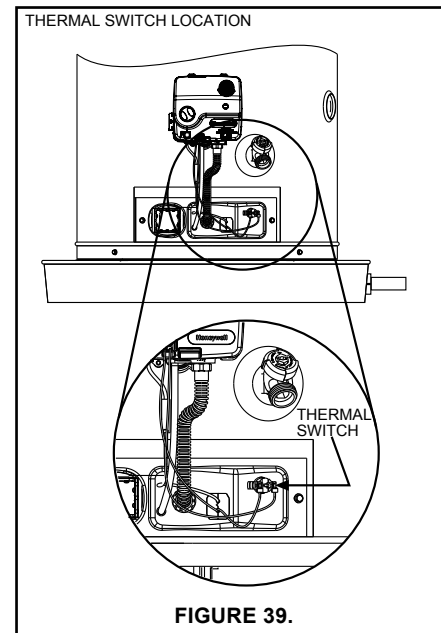


FIGURE 39.



## STATUS LIGHT AND DIAGNOSTIC CODE TROUBLESHOOTING CHART

LED STATUS	PROBLEM	CORRECTIVE ACTION
0 FLASHES (LED NOT LIT)	Pilot light is not lit or Thermopile has not yet reached normal operating temperature.	<p>Turn Gas Control Valve/Thermostat knob to OFF. Wait 10 minutes, then attempt to relight Pilot by following the lighting instructions on the water heater's label. Until the Thermopile reaches its normal operating temperature, the Status Light will not blink, even if the Pilot is lit. It may take up to 90 seconds of continuous Pilot operation before the Thermopile reaches normal operating temperature and the Status Light starts to blink.</p> <p>If the Status Light does not blink after three lighting attempts, check to make sure unit is getting gas. Remove the outer door. Press reset button. Replace outer door. Turn Gas Control Valve/Thermostat knob to OFF. Wait 10 minutes, then attempt to light Pilot by following the lighting instructions on the water heater's label. Look through the view port for the Pilot flame. If Pilot is not visible, the spark igniter or gas supply to the Pilot should be checked.</p> <p>If the Pilot is visible and the Status Light does not blink after 90 seconds of continuous Pilot operation, the Pilot flame may not be heating the Thermopile sufficiently (weak Pilot), the Thermopile may be defective, or wiring connectors may be loose.</p> <p>NOTE: If the water heater has been operating but has stopped and will not re-light, check the flame-arrestor for signs of high temperature (blue or black) discoloration indicating a flammable vapor incident. If you suspect a flammable vapor incident has occurred, do not use this appliance. Immediately call a qualified technician to inspect the appliance. Water heaters subjected to a flammable vapors ignition will require replacement of the entire water heater.</p>
RED LIGHT ON (SOLID)	Pilot light was recently extinguished and the Thermopile is cooling down.	<p>Turn Gas Control Valve/Thermostat knob to OFF. Wait 10 minutes for the Thermopile to cool, then attempt to relight Pilot by following the lighting instructions on the water heater's label. NOTE: This gas control valve/thermostat has built-in circuitry that requires waiting 10 minutes between lighting attempts.</p> <p>Until the Thermopile reaches its normal operating temperature, the Status Light will not blink, even if the Pilot is lit. It may take up to 90 seconds of continuous Pilot operation before the Thermopile reaches normal operating temperature and the Status Light starts to blink.</p>
1 FLASH (EVERY 3 SECONDS)	Normal operation.	No corrective action necessary.
2 FLASHES	Pilot is lit but the Thermopile is not producing the required output voltage.	Turn Gas Control Valve/Thermostat knob to OFF. The Thermopile is probably defective, but loose wiring connections or a weak Pilot flame can also cause this symptom.

## STATUS LIGHT AND DIAGNOSTIC CODE TROUBLESHOOTING CHART (Continued)

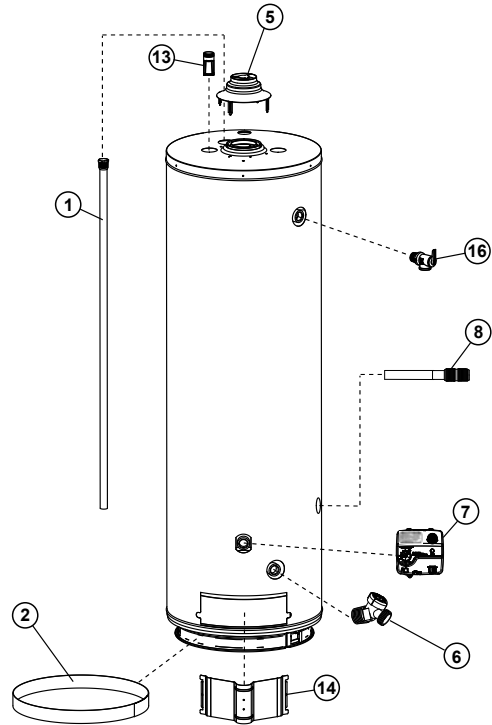
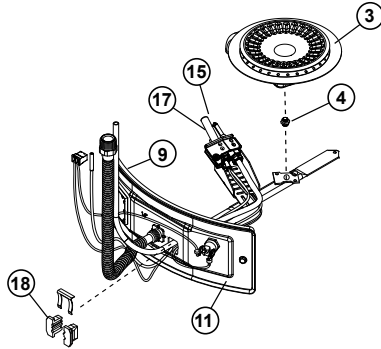
LED STATUS	PROBLEM	CORRECTIVE ACTION
4 FLASHES	The Gas Control Valve's temperature sensor has detected that the water temperature was too high. Once this condition occurs, the Main Burner and the Pilot Light will be shut off. Since the Pilot light will be off, should this condition occur, this Flash Code will only be displayed immediately after the Pilot has been relit. Turn Gas Control Valve/Thermostat knob to OFF.	Relight pilot and verify 4 flashes. If 4 flashes are observed, turn Gas Control Valve/Thermostat knob to OFF. Turn Main Gas Supply OFF. Replace the Gas Control Valve/Thermostat. See "Removing and Replacing the Gas Control Valve/Thermostat."
5 FLASHES	The temperature sensor (thermistor) is defective.	Turn Gas Control Valve/Thermostat knob to OFF. Replace the temperature sensor (thermistor).
7 FLASHES	Gas Control Valve failure.	Turn Gas Control Valve/Thermostat knob to OFF. Turn Main Gas Supply OFF. Replace the Gas Control Valve/Thermostat. See "Removing and Replacing the Gas Control Valve/Thermostat."
8 FLASHES	This condition only appears if the gas control/temperature knob has been turned off and the thermopile continued to produce electric power. This condition can occur if the thermopile does not cool down as quickly as expected when the unit is shut off. This condition can also occur if the gas control/temperature knob has been turned off and the pilot continues to operate because the pilot valve is stuck in the open position.	Make sure that the gas control valve/thermostat knob is set to OFF. Wait one minute. Remove the outer door. Look through the sight glass for a pilot flame. If a pilot flame is observed with the gas control valve/thermostat knob set to the OFF position, the pilot valve is stuck open. Turn the main gas supply OFF. Replace the gas control valve/thermostat. For instructions, see "Removing and Replacing the Gas Control Valve/Thermostat."  If the pilot flame is not observed when the gas control valve/thermostat knob is set to the OFF position, wait 10 minutes for the thermopile to cool, then attempt to relight the pilot by following the lighting instructions on the water heater's label. If this condition returns, replace the gas control valve/thermostat. See "Removing and Replacing the Gas Control Valve/Thermostat" for instructions.

## PARTS ORDER LIST

### KENMORE MOBILE HOME GAS WATER HEATER

#### MODEL NUMBERS

153.336930	30 Gallon Tall
153.336940	40 Gallon Tall



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1	Anode Rod	9003944	9003944
2	Base-Ring Filter	9006616	9006616
3	Burner Head - Natural Gas	9006136	9006136
3	Burner Head - LP Gas	9006651	9006603
4	Burner Orifice - Natural Gas	9001886	9001886
4	Burner Orifice - LP Gas	186056-052	9006700
5	Draft Hood	9006647	9006647
6	Drain Valve	9000058	9000058
7	Gas Control Valve/Thermostat	9008101	9008101
8	Inlet Tube	9008232	9008233
9	Inner Door Gasket	9006141	9006141
10	Instruction Manual *	321634-001	321634-001
11	Manifold Door Assembly - Natural Gas**	9008105	9008108
11	Manifold Door Assembly - LP Gas**	9008106	9008107
12	Mounting Bracket Kit *	9006388	9006388
13	Nipple w/Heat Trap	9003719	9003719
14	Outer Door	9006648	9006648
15	Pilot Assembly w/ Tubing and Fittings - Natural Gas	9007876	9007876
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16	T & P Relief Valve	9000728	9000728
17	Thermopile	9007872	9007872
18	Manifold Component Block w/ Clip	9006449	9006449

\* Not Shown.

\*\* Contains: Manifold Tube, Gasket, Door, Pilot Tube, Thermopile, Manifold Component Block w/ Clip, Thermal Switch, Burner Head, Burner Orifice, and Pilot Assembly.

Now that you have purchased your gas water heater, should a need ever exist for repair parts or service, simply contact any Sears Service Center or call 1-800-4-MY-HOME® (1-800-469-4663). Be sure to provide all pertinent facts when you call or visit.

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