

#### TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

## Residential Gas-fired Water Heaters Atmospheric Vent

Note: Troubleshooting must be done by a qualified service technician familiar with the start up and check out procedure.

- 1. Manifold gasket properly sealed.
- 2. Viewport not damaged or cracked.
- 3. Flame-arrestor free of debris and undamaged.
- 4. Two piece wire connector 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 CHART

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE(S)	CORRECTIVE ACTION
BURNER WILL NOT IGNITE	Pilot not lit     Thermostat set too low     No gas     Dirt in the gas lines     Pilot line clogged     Main burner line clogged     Non-functioning thermocouple     Non-functioning thermostat     Heater installed in a confined area	Light pilot     Turn temp. dial to desired temperature     Check with gas utility company     Notify utility-install trap in gas line     Clean, locate source and correct     Clean, locate source and correct     Replace thermocouple     Replace thermostat     Provide fresh air ventilation
SMELLY WATER	Sulfides in the water	Replace the anode with a special anode
BURNER FLAME YELLOW- LAZY	<ol> <li>Insufficient secondary air</li> <li>Low gas pressure</li> <li>Water heater flue or vent system blocked</li> <li>Main burner line clogged</li> <li>Heater installed in a confined area</li> <li>Obstruction in main burner orifice</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Provide ventilation to water heater</li> <li>Check with gas utility company</li> <li>Clean, locate source and correct</li> <li>Proper fresh air ventilation</li> <li>Clean or replace orifice</li> </ol>
PILOT WILL NOT LIGHT OR REMAIN LIT	<ol> <li>Non-functioning igniter</li> <li>The thermal switch tripped</li> <li>Wire lead connection at thermal switch loose</li> <li>Thermocouple connection loose</li> <li>Air in gas line</li> <li>Low gas pressure</li> <li>No gas</li> <li>Dirt in gas lines</li> <li>Cold drafts</li> <li>Thermostat ECO switch open</li> <li>Pilot line or orifice clogged</li> <li>Non-functioning thermocouple</li> <li>Air for combustion obstructed</li> </ol> 14. Flammable vapours incident, FVIR function actuated	<ol> <li>Replace igniter pilot assembly</li> <li>See "Pilot Light Troubleshooting Flowchart section"</li> <li>Remove and reconnect the wire leads at thermal switch, confirm connections are tight and not loose</li> <li>Finger tighten; then 1/4 turn with wrench</li> <li>Bleed the air from the gas line</li> <li>Check with gas utility company</li> <li>Check with gas utility company</li> <li>Notify utility-install dirt trap in gas line</li> <li>Locate source and correct</li> <li>Replace thermostat</li> <li>Clean, locate source and correct</li> <li>Replace thermocouple</li> <li>See maintenance section for inspection and cleaning of flame trap</li> <li>Replace water heater, eliminate flammable vapours source. Contact a qualified service technician.</li> </ol>
HIGH OPERATION COSTS	Thermostat set too high     Sediment or lime in tank     Water heater too small for job     Wrong piping connections     Leaking faucets     Gas leaks     Wasted hot water     Long runs of exposed piping     Hot water piping in exposed wall	Set temperature dial to lower setting     Drain/flush-provide water treatment if needed     Install adequate heater     Correct piping-dip tube must be in cold inlet     Repair faucets     Check with utility-repair at once     Advise customer     Insulate piping     Insulate piping
INSUFFICIENT HOT WATER	Thermostat set too low     Sediment or lime in tank     Water heater too small     Wrong piping connections     Leaking faucets     Wasted hot water     Long runs of exposed piping     Hot water piping in outside wall     Low gas pressure	Turn temperature dial to desired setting     Drain/flush-provide water treatment if needed     Install adequate heater     Correct piping-dip tube must be in cold inlet     Repair faucets     Advise customer     Insulate piping     Insulate piping     Check with gas utility company



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SLOW HOT WATER RECOVERY	<ol> <li>Insufficient secondary air</li> <li>Water heater flue or vent system blocked</li> <li>Low gas pressure</li> <li>Improper calibration</li> <li>Thermostat set too low</li> <li>Water heater too small</li> <li>Wrong piping connections</li> <li>Wasted hot water</li> </ol>	Provide ventilation to water heater. Check flue way, flue baffle, and burner     Clean flue, locate source and correct     Check with gas utility company     Replace thermostat     Turn temperature dial to desired setting     Install adequate heater     Correct piping-dip tube must be in cold inlet     Advise customer
DRIP FROM RELIEF VALVE	Excessive water pressure     Heater stacking     Closed water system	Use a pressure reducing valve and relief valve     Lower the thermostat setting     See "Closed System/Thermal Expansion"
THERMOSTAT FAILS TO SHUT-OFF	Thermostat not functioning properly	Replace thermostat
01101-011	Improper calibration	2. Replace thermostat
COMBUSTION ODOURS	Insufficient secondary air     Water heater flue or vent system blocked	Provide ventilation to water heater. Check flueway, flue baffle, and burner     Clean, locate source and correct
	Heater installed in a confined area	3. Provide fresh air ventilation
SMOKING AND CARBON FORMATION (SOOTING)	<ol> <li>Insufficient secondary air</li> <li>Low gas pressure</li> <li>Water heater flue or vent system blocked</li> <li>Thermostat not functioning properly</li> <li>Heater installed in a confined area</li> <li>Burner flame yellow-lazy</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Provide ventilation to water heater. Check flue way, flue baffle, burner</li> <li>Check with gas utility company</li> <li>Clean, locate source and correct</li> <li>Replace thermostat</li> <li>Provide fresh air ventilation</li> <li>See "Burner Flame Yellow-Lazy"</li> </ol>
CONDENSATION	Temperature setting too low	Increase the temperature setting
BURNER FLAME FLOATS AND LIFTS OFF PORTS	Orifice too large     High gas pressure     Water heater flue or vent system blocked     Cold drafts	Replace with correct orifice     Check with gas utility company     Clean flue and burner-locate source and correct     Locate source and correct
BURNER FLAME TOO HIGH	Orifice too large	Replace with correct orifice
FLAME BURNS AT ORIFICE	Thermostat not functioning properly     Low gas pressure	Replace thermostat     Check with gas utility company
PILOT FLAME TOO SMALL	Pilot line or orifice clogged     Low gas pressure	Clean, locate source and correct     Check with gas utility company