

General Electric Inverted Oil Burner and Control.—The various controls necessary for proper operation must be brought into action according to a properly timed cycle and this is accomplished by the master or primary control.

THE GENERAL ELECTRIC METHOD OF BURNING OIL

On all models of G-E oil-fired units the fuel oil is drawn from the storage tank through a SCREEN VALVE

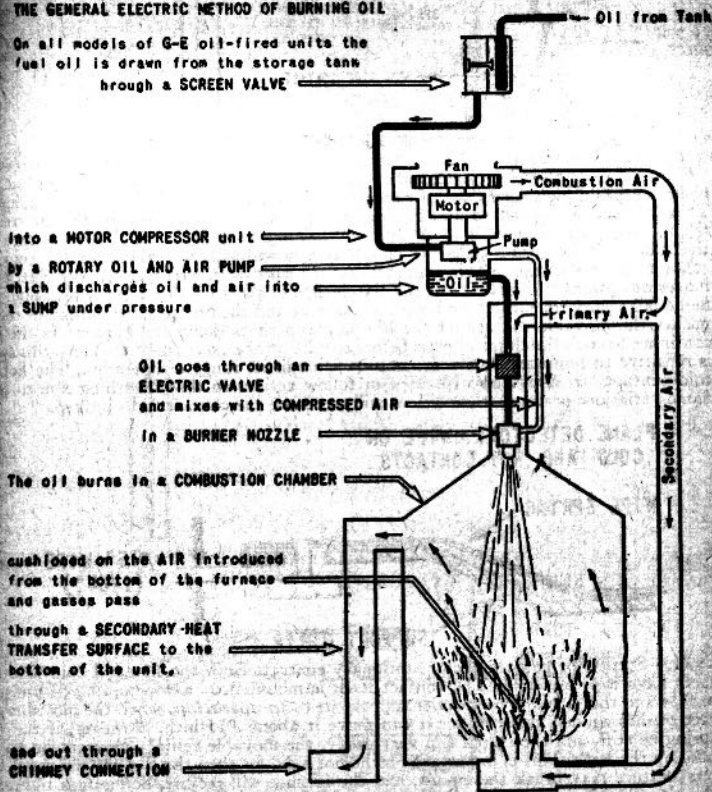


Fig. 9—Diagram showing essential parts of General Electric inverted oil burner of the automatic heating equipment shown in the accompanying illustrations.

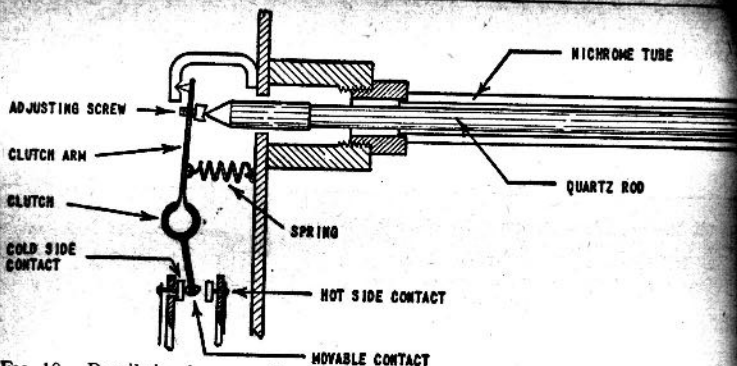


Fig. 10.—Detail showing operation of General Electric thermal switch flame detector type CR 786502. The sensitive element is made up of a nichrome tube and a quartz rod. The nichrome has a high coefficient of expansion, the quartz has practically zero expansion. This difference is translated into motion of the contacts. *In operation*, as heat strikes the tube and the spring pulls the clutch arm downward, which breaks the cold side contact and makes the hot side contact. As the tube continues to heat, the clutch arm moves downward still farther and the clutch slips to allow for this movement. Should the flame fail at any time, the tube begins to contract and the first upward motion of the tube pushes the movable contact off the hot side and shuts down the burner. As the tube continues to cool, the clutch slips as before to take up the excess motion. Thus, this switch is sensitive to temperature change at any point in its range of operation. The hot and cold contacts are provided with wipe or follow action, so that breathing due to slight flame variations or draught conditions will not cause the contact to be broken.

FLAME DETECTOR: WIPE ON COLD AND HOT CONTACTS

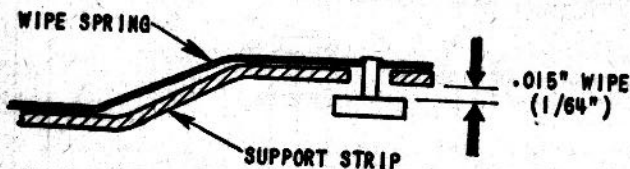
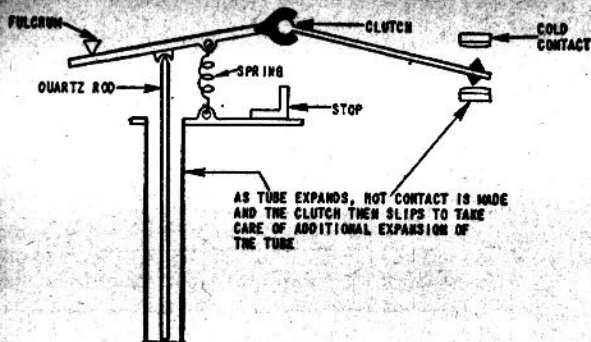
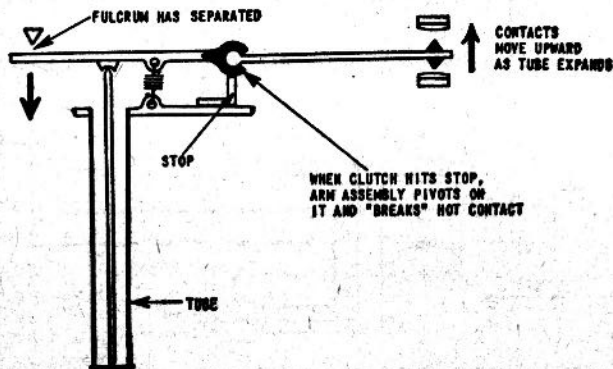


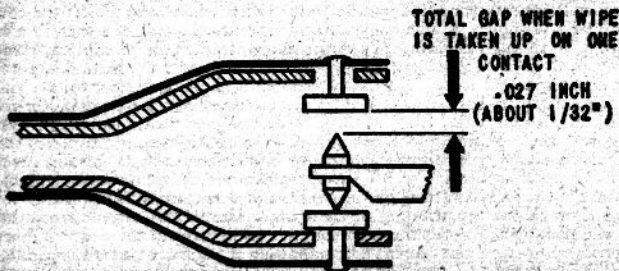
Fig. 11.—Section of flame detector stationary contact. Both the hot and cold side contacts have *wipe* or *follow*. The contact itself is mounted on a wipe spring of phosphor bronze and this is held by a heavier support strip. *In operation*, when the movable contact pushes against this contact it can move it about .015 inch. However, if the wipe spring be stiff, and the clutch slip very easily, the movable contact may not be able to take up the wipe. This is important on the hot side, for then the slightest fluctuation in temperature may break the circuit, and the furnace will recycle. Sometimes tightening the clutch spring (sliding it closer to the clutch) will cure this. Also make sure there is no grease on the clutch. Dirt or corrosion behind the contact may also cause insufficient wipe by limiting the movement. Wipe is also lost if the wipe spring become bent so the contact stays back against the support strip and therefore has no movement.



12.—Normal flame detector action.



13.—Pivoting of flame detector after clutch strikes stop.



14.—Flame detector contact adjustment.

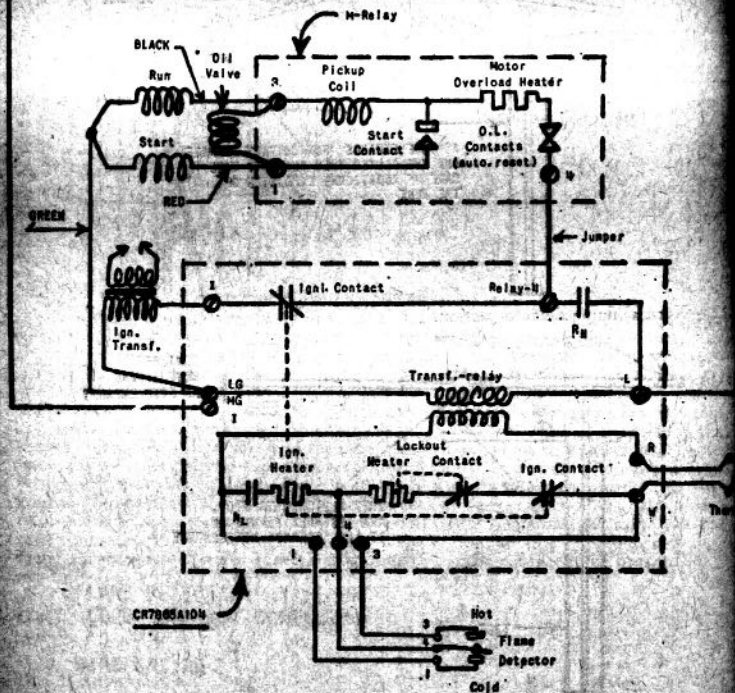


FIG. 15.—General Electric master control and M relay wiring diagram. *Cycle of operation.* 1. The room thermostat or the domestic water switch closes and makes the connection between R and W shown. 2. The flame detector is on the cold side so there is a connection from W through the normally closed low voltage ignition contact, through normally closed lockout contact, through the lockout heater to terminal 4, through cold side contacts of the flame detector to terminal 1, through the low voltage side of transformer relay and back to R. 3. This circuit energizes the transformer-relay causing R_L and R_H to close. R_L provides a holding circuit while the flame detector traveling from the cold side to the hot side. 4. When R_H closes, it completes the circuit to the ignition transformer through normally closed line voltage ignition contact, the spark is generated. Closing of R_H also completes the circuit through the motor load contact of the M relay, through the overload heater, through the pickup coil of the winding and through the run winding of the motor. The inrush current through the winding and pickup coil closes the start contacts and energizes the start winding. A motor comes up to speed the current drops allowing the start contacts to open. 5. The valve coil is connected to 1 and 3 of the M relay. This puts it across the start and run windings of the motor. The oil valve coil is energized and the needle picks up while

rt circuit is de-energized. Flame is not established until a short instant after the
tor compressor starts. 6. When flame is established, the flame detector leaves the cold
e and starts moving toward the hot side. When it leaves the cold side, the current in
e secondary of the transformer relay must flow through RL, through the ignition heater
d also through the lockout heater, the lockout contacts and ignition contacts. If the
rent flow through the lockout heater for more than 28 seconds it will cause the lock-
t contacts to open and stop the burner. These contacts must be reset manually if they
en. The flame detector will normally get over to the hot side in 5 to 10 seconds. When
reaches the hot side it provides a low resistance path in parallel with the lockout heater.
e current will flow through this low resistance and not through the heater. Assuming
e flame detector has reached the hot side in less than 28 seconds, everything is normal.
Current started through the ignition heater when the flame detector left the cold side.
ty seconds later this heater causes both ignition contacts to open. Current continues
flow through the ignition heater as long as the burner is operating. When the thermo-
st or domestic water switch is satisfied everything shuts down and the ignition heater
ols off. Sixty seconds later both ignition contacts will close. This period then is a scav-
ing period at the end of the heating cycle. The burner cannot start up again until this
riod is over.