The purpose of this manual is twofold: for the installing contractor, to provide requirements and recommendations for the proper installation and adjustment of the water heater, and for the owner-operator, to explain the features, operation, safety precautions, maintenance and troubleshooting of the water heater. This manual also includes a parts list.

It is imperative that all persons who are expected to install, operate or adjust this water heater read the instructions carefully so that they may understand how to do so.

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

Do Not Destroy this Manual. Please read carefully and keep in a safe place for Future Reference.

Recognize this symbol as an Indication of Important Safety Information!

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

FOR YOUR SAFETY!

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

WHAT TO DO IF YOU SMELL GAS

- Do not try to light any appliance.
- Do not touch any electrical switch; do not use any phone in your building.
- Immediately call your gas supplier from a neighbor’s phone. Follow the gas supplier’s instructions.
- If you cannot reach your gas supplier, call the fire department.
- Do not return to your home until authorized by the gas supplier or fire department.

Improper installation, adjustment, alteration, service or maintenance can cause injury, property damage or death. Refer to this manual. Installation and service must be performed by a qualified installer, service agency or the gas supplier.
General Safety Precautions

Be sure to read and understand the entire Use & Care Manual before attempting to install or operate this water heater. Pay particular attention to the following General Safety Precautions. Failure to follow these warnings could result in a fire or explosion, causing property damage, bodily injury or death. Should you have any problems understanding the instructions in this manual, STOP, and get help from a qualified installer or service technician at the gas supplier.

**WARNING**

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

**DANGER**

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

**WARNING**

Vapors from flammable liquids will explode and catch fire causing death or severe burns.

Do not use or store flammable products such as gasoline, solvents or adhesives in the same room or area near the water heater.

Keep flammable products:
1. far away from heater,
2. in approved containers,
3. tightly closed and
4. out of children’s reach.

Water heater has a main burner and pilot flame. The pilot flame:
1. Is on all the time and
2. Will ignite flammable vapors.

Vapors:
1. cannot be seen,
2. are heavier than air,
3. go a long way on the floor end,
4. can be carried from other rooms to the pilot flame by air currents.

**DANGER**

LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM MODELS — Propane, or LP gas, must be used with great caution.

- It is heavier than air and will collect first in lower areas making it hard to detect at nose level.
- Make sure to look and smell for LP leaks before attempting to light appliance. Use a soapy solution to check all gas fittings and connections. Bubbling at a connection indicates a leak that must be corrected. When smelling to detect an LP leak, be sure to sniff near the floor too.
- Gas detectors are recommended in LP applications and their installation should be in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations and/or local laws, rules, regulations or customs.
- It is recommended that more than one method be used to detect leaks in LP applications.

IF LP GAS IS PRESENT OR SUSPECTED:

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

**WARNING**

Both LP and natural gas have an odorant added to help detection. Some people may not physically be able to smell or recognize this odorant. If unsure or unfamiliar about the smell associated with LP or natural gas, ask the gas supplier. Other conditions, such as "Odorant Fade", which causes the odorant to "fade", or diminish in intensity can also hide or camouflage a gas leak.

**DANGER**

Water heaters utilizing Liquefied Petroleum gas (LP) are different from natural gas models. A natural gas heater will not function safely on LP gas and vice versa. No attempt should ever be made to convert a heater from natural gas to LP gas. To avoid possible equipment damage, personal injury or fire: DO NOT connect this water heater to a fuel type not in accordance with unit data plate. Propane for propane units. Natural gas for natural gas units. These units are not certified for any other type fuel.

**WARNING**

LP appliances should not be installed below-grade (for example, in a basement) if such installation is prohibited by federal, state and/or local laws, rules, regulations or customs.
Gas and Electric Water Heaters

Warranty

Full One Year Warranty

Limited Four Year Warranty Against Tank Leakage

Montgomery Ward warrants this water heater against defects as follows:

- For one year from date of purchase Montgomery Ward will furnish and install a new heater of the then equivalent model free if the heater tank leaks, and will repair any other defective part free of charge for parts or labor.

- For an additional four years Montgomery Ward will furnish a free replacement of the then equivalent model if the heater tank leaks. Labor is not included during this period.

This warranty does not cover heaters in other than single or two family residence use.

For warranty service contact any Montgomery Ward branch. Evidence of date of purchase is required. For location of nearest branch consult phone directory or write National Customer Relations Manager, Ward & Co., One Montgomery Ward Plaza, Chicago, IL 60671.

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

Montgomery Ward
The Use & Care Manual supplied with this water heater details the installation and proper operation and maintenance, as well as replacement parts information for the following Montgomery Ward Residential Gas Water Heaters:

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Be sure to read and understand the entire Use & Care Manual before attempting to install or operate this water heater. Pay particular attention to the General Safety Precautions included in the Use & Care Manual. Failure to follow those warnings could result in a fire or explosion, causing property damage, bodily injury or death. Should you have any problems understanding the instructions in the manual, STOP, and get help from a qualified installer or service technician or the gas supplier.
General Safety Precautions

WATER TEMPERATURE ADJUSTMENT - Safety and energy conservation are factors to be considered when selecting the water temperature setting of water heater's thermostat. Water temperatures above 125°F can cause severe burns or death from scalding. Be sure to read and follow the warnings outlined on the label pictured below.

NOTE: Households with small children, disabled, or elderly persons may require a 120°F or lower thermostat setting to prevent contact with "HOT" water.

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

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The temperature of the water in the heater can be regulated by setting the temperature dial on front of the thermostat. To comply with safety regulations the thermostat was set at its lowest setting before water heater was shipped from the factory. The illustration below details the approximate water temperature for each mark on the Thermostat Temperature Dial.

There is a Hot Water SCALD Potential if the thermostat is set too high.

Mixing valves for reducing point of use water temperature by mixing hot and cold water in branch water lines are available. Contact a licensed plumber or the local plumbing authority for further information.
COMPONENTS OF YOUR WATER HEATER — So that you may better understand the operation of your new water heater, the following section illustrates the basic components of a typical water heater.

Fig. 1. — Basic Gas Water Heater

Fig. 2. — Thermostat and Burner

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WARNING

Read and Review this entire Manual with special emphasis on the Venting Section (Pages 6 - 7) and Operation Section (Pages 8 - 10) prior to any installation work.

The location chosen for the water heater must take into consideration the following:

LOCAL INSTALLATION REGULATIONS

This water heater must be installed in accordance with these instructions, local codes, utility company requirements, and/or in the absence of local codes, the latest edition of the American National Standard / National Fuel Gas Code. A copy can be purchased from either American Gas Association, 1515 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22209 as booklet Z223.1 or National Fire Protection Association, Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269 as booklet NFPA No. 54.

LOCATION

A. A gas fired water heater should not be installed in a space where liquids which give off flammable vapors are to be used or stored. Such liquids include gasoline, LP gas (butane and propane), paint or adhesives and their thinners, solvents or removers. Because of natural air movement in a room or other enclosed space, flammable vapors can be carried some distance from where their liquids are being used or stored. The open flame of the water heater's pilot light or main burner can ignite these vapors causing an explosion or fire which may result in severe burns or death to those in range, as well as property damage. For these reasons installation of a gas fired water heater in a garage is not desirable.

B. The water heater should be installed as close as practical to the gas vent or chimney. Long hot water lines should be insulated to conserve water and energy. The water heater and water lines should be protected from exposure to freezing temperatures. DO NOT install the water heater in bathrooms, bedrooms, occupied rooms normally kept closed, or in outdoor unprotected areas.

C. Minimum clearance from combustible construction is 1 inch sides and rear, 1 inch from front of control, 12 inches top. If clearances stated on Instruction/Warning label, located on front of heater, differ from the aforementioned clearances, install heater according to the clearances stated on the Instruction/Warning label. The water heater may be installed on combustible floors, but not directly on carpeting. If the water heater must be installed on carpeting, place a metal or wood panel beneath water heater, extending beyond its full width and depth at least 3 inches in
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all directions. If the water heater is installed in an above or elevated, the entire floor must be covered by the panel. A minimum of 24 inches clearance from the front and top should be available for adequate inspection and servicing.

**WARNING**

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

**CAUTION**

The water heater should not be located in an area where leakage of the tank or connections will result in damage to the area adjacent to it or to lower floors of the structure. When such areas cannot be avoided, it is recommended that a suitable catch pan, adequately drained, be installed under the water heater. The pan MUST NOT restrict combustion air flow to bottom of water heater.

Figure 3. — Auxiliary Catch Pan

NOTE: Auxiliary catch pan installation MUST conform to local codes.

**E. COMBUSTION & VENTILATION AIR** — Proper operation of the water heater requires air for combustion and ventilation. If the water heater is installed in an unconfined space within a building of conventional frame, masonry or metal construction, infiltration air is normally adequate for proper combustion and ventilation. However, if the space is confined, provisions for this air must be made. A confined space is one having a volume of less than 50 cubic feet per 1000 BTUH of the aggregate input of all appliances within that space. The air must be supplied through two permanent openings of equal area, one of which is to be located within 12 inches above the floor and the other is to be located within 12 inches below the ceiling. The minimum net free area of each opening must be not less than one square inch per 1000 BTUH of the total input rating of all the appliances in the enclosure (but not less than 100 square inches), if each opening communicates with other unconfined areas inside the building.

Buildings of unusually tight construction shall have the combustion and ventilation air supplied from outdoors or a freely ventilated attic or crawl space. If air is supplied from outdoors, directly or through vertical ducts, there must be two openings located as specified above and each must have a minimum net free area of not less than one square inch per 4000 BTUH of the total input rating of all the appliances in the enclosure.

If horizontal ducts are used to communicate with the outdoors, however, each opening must have a minimum net free area of not less than one square inch per 2000 BTUH of the total input rating of all the appliances in the enclosure. If ducts are used, the minimum dimension of rectangular air ducts shall be not less than 3 inches.

NOTE: If the openings are to be covered with a protective screen or grill, the net free area of the covering material must be used in determining the size of the openings, as stated above. Protective screening for the openings MUST NOT be smaller than 1/4 inch mesh to prevent clogging by lint or other debris.

Provisions for combustion and ventilation air must comply with referenced codes and standards. See Local Installation Regulations Section.

**F. CORROSIVE ATMOSPHERES** — The water heater should not be installed near an air supply containing halogenated hydrocarbons. For example, the air in beauty shops, dry cleaning establishments, photo processing labs, and storage areas for liquid and powdered bleaches or laundry chemicals often contain such hydrocarbons. The air there may be safe to breathe, but when it passes through a gas flame, corrosive elements are released that will shorten the life of any gas burning appliance. Propellants from common spray cans or gas leaks from refrigeration equipment are highly corrosive after passing through a flame.

The limited warranty is voided when failure of water heater is due to a corrosive atmosphere. (Reference is made to the limited warranty for complete terms and conditions.)

**Installation**

1. **INSPECT SHIPMENT** — Inspect water heater for possible shipping damage. Check the marking of the rating plate of the water heater to be certain the type of gas being furnished corresponds to that for which the water heater is equipped.

2. **WATER SUPPLY CONNECTIONS** — Refer to Fig. 4 for suggested typical installation. The installation of unions or flexible copper connectors is recommended on the HOT and COLD water lines, so that the water heater may be easily disconnected for servicing if necessary. The HOT and COLD water connections are clearly marked.

   Install a shut-off valve in the cold water line near the water heater.

   Determine if there is a check valve in the cold water supply line. It may have been installed as a separate component or it may be part of a pressure reducing valve, water heater or water softener.

   A check valve located in the cold water inlet line can cause a "closed" water system. A closed system prevents the water, as it is being heated, from expanding back into the cold water supply line. Pressure can build up within the heater causing the relief valve to operate during a heating cycle. This excessive operation can cause premature failure of the relief valve and possibly the heater itself.

   Replacing the relief valve will not correct the problem. A method of preventing pressure build-up is to install an expansion tank in the cold water supply line between the heater and the check valve. Contact your installing contractor, water supplier, local plumbing inspector or plumbing supply house for assistance.

   IMPORTANT!! Do not apply heat to the cold water supply fitting. If sweat connections are used, sweat tubing to adapter before fitting adapter to cold water inlet of heater. Any heat applied to the cold water inlet will permanently damage the dip tube.
Installation

**WARNING**

Tank MUST be full of water before water heater is turned on. The water heater's warranty does not cover damage or failure resulting from operation with an empty or partially empty tank (dry fired).

5. **GAS SUPPLY**—The branch gas supply line to the water heater should be clean 3" black steel pipe or other approved gas piping material. A ground joint union or ANSI design certified semi-rigid or flexible gas appliance connector should be installed in gas line close to the water heater, and a manual gas shut-off valve should be installed in the gas line prior to the union. The manual gas shut-off valve should be at least 5 feet above the floor and readily accessible for turning on or off. A sediment trap should be installed at bottom of the gas line. (Refer to Fig. 4)

Compounds used on threaded joints of the gas piping must be of the type resistant to the action of liquefied petroleum gas. Use compound sparingly on male threads only. Do not use excessive force (over 31.5 ft-lbs.) in tightening the pipe joint at the thermocouple inlet, particularly if teflon pipe compound is used, as the valve body may be damaged.

The inlet gas pressure to the water heater must not exceed 14" W.C. for Natural or L.P. gas. For purposes of input adjustment, the minimum inlet gas pressure (with main burner on) is shown on the water heater rating plate. If high or low gas pressures are present, contact your gas supplier for correction.

**WARNING**

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

6. **LEAK TESTING**—The water heater and its gas connections must be leak tested at normal operating pressures before it is placed in operation. Turn on the manual gas shut-off valve near the water heater. (Refer to Fig. 4). Use a soapy water solution to test for leaks at all connections and fittings. Bubbles indicate a gas leak that must be corrected. The factory connections to the thermostat should also be leak tested after the water heater is placed in operation.

**WARNING**

Never use open flame to test for gas leaks, as bodily injury, property damage or death could result.

**PRESSURE TESTING THE GAS SUPPLY SYSTEM** — The water heater and its manual gas shut-off valve must be disconnected from the gas supply piping system during any high pressure testing of that system at pressures in excess of 3 psi (14 W.G.).

The water heater must be isolated from the gas piping system by closing the manual gas shut-off valve (Refer to Fig. 4); during any pressure testing of the gas supply piping at pressures equal to or less than 3 psi (14 W.G.).

7. **VENTING**—This water heater must be installed with the factory supplied draft hood in place. (Refer to Fig. 4). Vent connectors must be attached to the draft hood outlet to connect the water heater to the gas vent or chimney. The vent connectors must be the same size (diameter) as the draft hood outlet or larger, never smaller. For proper venting in certain installations a larger vent connector size may be needed. Consult Vent Tables in Appendix "G" of the latest version of the National Fuel Gas Code (ANSI Booklet 2223.1 or NFPA booklet 54).

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**Figure 4. — Typical Installation**

3. **RELIEF VALVE**—A new combination pressure and temperature relief valve, complying with the Standard for Relief Valves and Automatic Gas Shutoff Devices for Hot Water Supply Systems, ANSI Z21.22, must be installed in the opening provided on the water heater, at the time of installation. (Refer to Fig. 4) No valve of any type should be installed between the relief valve and the tank. Local codes shall govern the installation of relief valves.

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

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

Connect the outlet of the relief valve to a suitable open drain. Piping used should be of a type approved for hot water distribution. The discharge line must be no smaller than the outlet of the valve and must pitch downward from the valve to allow complete drainage by gravity of the relief valve and discharge line. The end of the discharge line should not be threaded or concealed and should be protected from freezing. No valve of any type, restriction or reducer coupling should be installed in the discharge line.

4. **TO FILL WATER HEATER**—Make certain drain valve is closed. Open shut-off valve in cold water supply line. Open each hot water faucet slowly to allow air to vent from the water heater and piping. A steady flow of water from the hot water faucet(s) indicates a full water heater.
Installation

Horizontal vent connectors must be pitched upward to the chimney at least 1/4" per foot of length. Single wall vent connectors must be at least 6" from adjacent unprotected combustible surfaces. Joint of vent connectors should be securely fastened by sheet metal screws or other approved method.

**CAUTION**

Application of any external insulation to this water heater will require careful attention to the following:

- Do not apply insulation to top of water heater, as this will interfere with the safe operation of the draft hood.
- Do not cover burner access panel, thermostat/gas valve or pressure and temperature relief valve.
- Do not cover operating instructions or warning labels attached to the water heater nor attempt to relocate them on the exterior of the insulation blanket.
- Do not apply insulation to bottom or the 2" space between the bottom pan of the water heater and the floor, as this area must be unobstructed so as not to restrict combustion air flow to the burner.
- Do not cover burner access panel, thermostat/gas valve or pressure and temperature relief valve.

**DANGER**

Failure to install the draft hood and properly vent the water heater to the outdoors as outlined above can result in unsafe operation of the water heater causing bodily injury, explosion, fire or death. To avoid the risk of fire, explosion, or asphyxiation from carbon monoxide, NEVER operate this water heater unless it is properly vented and has an adequate air supply for proper operation.

Be sure to inspect the vent system for proper installation at initial startup, and at least annually thereafter. Refer to Maintenance section of this manual for more information regarding vent system inspections.

**WARNING**

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

If local codes require external application of insulation blanket kits, the instructions included with the kit must be carefully followed.

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**Installation Check List**

A. Water Heater Location

- Close to area of vent.
- Indoors and protected from freezing temperatures
- Proper clearance from combustible surfaces observed and water heater not installed on carpeted floor.
- Sufficient fresh air supply for proper operation of water heater.
- Air supply free of corrosive elements and flammable vapors.
- Provisions made to protect area from water damage.
- Sufficient room to service heater.

B. Water Supply

- Water heater completely filled with water.
- Water heater and piping air vented.
- Water connections tight and free of leaks

C. Gas Supply

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

D. Relief Valve

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

E. Venting

- Flue baffle properly hung in top of heater's flue.
- Draft hood properly installed.
- Vent connector(s) pitched upward to chimney (1/4" per foot of length; minimum).
- Vent connector(s) securely fastened together with screws.
- Single wall vent connector(s) at least 6" from combustible material.
Before operating this water heater, be sure to read and follow the instructions on the label pictured below and all other labels on the water heater, as well as the warnings printed in this manual. Failure to do so can result in unsafe operation of the water heater resulting in property damage, bodily injury, or death. Should you have any problems reading or following the instructions in this manual, STOP, and get help from a qualified person.

### FOR YOUR SAFETY READ BEFORE OPERATING

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

A. This appliance has a pilot which must be lighted by hand. When lighting the pilot, follow these instructions exactly.

B. BEFORE PUTTING THIS APPLIANCE INTO SERVICE—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 the 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 your gas supplier’s instructions.

C. Use only your hand to turn the gas control knob. Never use tools. If the knob will not turn by hand, don’t try to repair it; call a qualified service technician. Force or attempted repair may result in fire or explosion.

D. Do not use this appliance if any part has been under water. Immediately call a qualified service technician to inspect the appliance and to replace any part of the control system and any gas valve that has been under water.

### OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **STOP! READ THE SAFETY INFORMATION ABOVE ON THIS LABEL.**
2. **TURN GAS COCK KNOB CLOCKWISE TO "OFF" POSITION.**

3. **TURN TEMPERATURE DIAL COUNTER CLOCKWISE TO LOWEST SETTING.**

4. **WAIT FIVE (5) MINUTES TO CLEAR OUT ANY GAS. IF YOU SMELL GAS, STOP! FOLLOW "B" IN THE SAFETY INFORMATION ABOVE ON THIS LABEL. IF YOU DON'T SMELL GAS, GO TO THE NEXT STEP.**

5. **REMOVE BOTH THE INNER DOOR AND OUTER DOOR FROM THE WATER HEATER.**

6. **FOLLOW THE METAL TUBES FROM GAS CONTROL THRU DOOR OPENINGS. THE PILOT IS LOCATED ON THE HORIZONTAL LEG OF THE LARGER TUBE (CR BURNER).**

7. **TURN THE GAS COCK KNOB COUNTER CLOCKWISE TO "PILOT" POSITION.**

8. **PUSH DOWN ON THE "RED BUTTON" UNTIL IT COMES TO REST ON THE TOP OF CONTROL. IT MUST CLEAR THE NOTCH PROVIDED IN THE "GAS COCK KNOB". HOLD "RED BUTTON" DOWN AND LIGHT THE PILOT WITH A MATCH. CONTINUE TO HOLD "RED BUTTON" IN FOR ABOUT ONE (1) MINUTE AFTER THE PILOT IS LIT. RELEASE BUTTON AND IT WILL POP BACK UP. PILOT SHOULD REMAIN LIT. IF IT GOES OUT, REPEAT STEPS 2 THROUGH 8.**

9. **IF THE BUTTON DOES NOT POP BACK UP WHEN RELEASED, STOP AND IMMEDIATELY CALL YOUR SERVICE TECHNICIAN OR GAS SUPPLIER.**

10. **IF THE PILOT WILL NOT STAY LIT AFTER SEVERAL TRIES, TURN THE "GAS COCK KNOB" TO "OFF" AND CALL YOUR SERVICE TECHNICIAN OR GAS SUPPLIER.**

11. **TURN "GAS COCK KNOB" COUNTER CLOCKWISE TO "ON".**

12. **TURN THE TEMPERATURE DIAL TO THE DESIRED SETTING.**

### TO TURN OFF GAS TO APPLIANCE

1. **TURN TEMPERATURE DIAL COUNTER CLOCKWISE TO LOWEST SETTING.**
2. **TURN GAS COCK KNOB CLOCKWISE TO "OFF POSITION."**
SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

A. Do turn off manual gas shut-off valve if water heater has been subjected to over heating, fire, flood, physical damage or if gas supply fails to shut off.

B. Do Not turn on water heater unless it is filled with water.

C. Do Not turn on water heater if cold water supply shut-off valve is closed.

D. Do Not store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids, such as adhesives or paint thinner, in vicinity of this or any other appliance. If such flammables must be used, open doors and windows for ventilation, and all gas burning appliances in vicinity should be shut off, including their pilot lights, to avoid vapors igniting.

NOTE: Flammable vapors may be drawn by air currents from surrounding areas to the water heater.

E. Do not allow combustible materials such as newspaper, rags or mops to accumulate near water heater.

F. If there is any difficulty in understanding or following the OPERATION or MAINTENANCE instructions, it is recommended that a qualified person or serviceman perform the work.

CAUTION

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

TIME / TEMPERATURE RELATIONSHIPS IN SCALDS

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DANGER

There is a Hot Water SCALD Potential if the thermostat is set too high.

NOTE: Households with small children or invalids may require a 120°F, or lower thermostat setting to prevent contact with “HOT” water.

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

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

3. ADJUSTMENTS—There are no user adjustments (other than water temperature selection) required on this water heater. The thermostatic valve is equipped for total regulation of the main burner and pilot gas pressures. The burner does not require adjustment.
HIGH ALTITUDE— Ratings of gas appliances are based on sea level operation and need not be changed for installations at elevations up to 2,000 feet. For installations above 2,000 feet, the input must be reduced per the National Fuel Gas Code for each 1,000 feet above sea level. Contact the local gas supplier for more information.

4. SAFETY CONTROLS— The thermostat is constructed with a built-in safety shutoff device designed to shut off the gas supply to the burner in the event the pilot flame is extinguished for any reason. The thermostat is also equipped with a single use gas shutoff device that will shut off the gas supply to the burner, if the water in the water heater exceeds normal operating temperatures. Refer to the Troubleshooting Section of this manual, or contact your dealer for service.

5. EMERGENCY SHUTDOWN—

WARNING

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

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

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

6. CONDENSATION— Condensation can form on the tank when it is first filled with cold water. The condensation might also occur with a heavy water draw and very cold inlet water. Droplets of water falling onto the burner can produce a sizzling or popping sound, and water may also be seen beneath the water heater. This condition is not unusual, and will disappear after the water in the water heater becomes heated. If, however, the condition is continuous, examine the piping and fittings for possible leaks.

7. VACATION AND LONG TIME SHUT-DOWN— If the water heater is to remain idle for an extended period of time, the gas should be turned off to conserve energy. The water heater and piping should be drained if they might be subjected to freezing temperatures.

Operation

NOTE: Refer to Hydrogen Gas Caution, in Safety Precautions Section on page 3.

After a very long shut-down period, the water heater's operation and controls should be checked by qualified service personnel. Make certain the water heater is filled before again placing it in operation.

8. DRAINING WATER HEATER—

CAUTION

Shut off gas at thermostat gas cock or supply line manual shut-off valve before draining water from the water heater.

In order to drain water, turn off cold water supply, then it is necessary to open a hot water faucet or lift the handle on the relief valve to admit air to the tank. Attach a garden hose to the drain valve on the water heater and direct the stream of water to a drain where it will do no damage.

DANGER

The water drained from the tank may be hot enough to present a SCALD HAZARD and should be directed to a suitable drain to prevent injury or damage.

9. ANODE—This water heater is equipped with an anode rod designed to prolong the life of the glass-lined tank. Refer to Fig. 4 for location. The anode rod is slowly consumed cathodically, thereby eliminating or minimizing corrosion of the glass-lined tank. Water sometimes contains a high sulfate and/or mineral content and together with the cathodic protection process can produce a hydrogen sulfide or rotten egg odor in the heated water. Chlorination of the water supply should minimize the problem.

NOTE: Do not remove the anode-rod from the water heater's tank, except for inspection and/or replacement, as permanent removal will shorten the life of the glass-lined tank and affect the water heater warranty.

Maintenance

Properly maintained, your water heater will provide years of dependable trouble-free service. It is suggested that a regular routine maintenance program be established and followed by the user. It is further recommended that a periodic inspection of the thermostat, burner, relief valve, intake flueway and venting system should be made by service personnel qualified in gas appliance repair.

1. ROUTINE PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

A. The water heater's internal flue must be inspected annually to be certain it is clean by removing the draft hood and flue baffle. (Refer to Fig. 1.) When reinstalling the flue baffle make certain it is hanging properly by its hanger at the top of the flue way. Remove any scale that may have fallen on the burner or floor shield. Reinstall the draft hood. Inspect gas venting system to make certain vent connector from draft hood to chimney is properly positioned and securely attached and inspect chimney.

B. Visually inspect the burner annually while firing and pilot burner flame with main burner off. (Refer to Figure 6 for normal flame pattern.) If any unusual burner operation is noted, the water heater should be shut off until qualified service assistance can be obtained.

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

C. The area near the water heater must be kept free of flammable liquids such as gasoline or paint thinners, adhesives and other combustible materials.

Replace any corroded through vent connector and remove any obstruction in vent connector or chimney.
The water released should be directed to a suitable drain to prevent injury or damage.

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

F. A water heater's tank can act as a settling basin for solids suspended in the water. It is, therefore, not uncommon for hard water deposits to accumulate in the bottom of the tank. Deposits should not be allowed to accumulate as this can affect the service life of the water heater. It is suggested that a few quarts of water be drained from the water heater's tank every month. If sufficient hard water deposits accumulate, a rumbling or pounding sound can occur. There is no danger involved and the efficiency of the water heater is not seriously affected, but the noise can be annoying. Your plumbing contractor should be contacted to clean the tank of these deposits.

G. Rapid closing of faucets or solenoid valves in automatic water using appliances can cause a pounding "water hammer" sound. "Water hammer" can be described as a banging noise heard in a water pipe following an abrupt alteration of the flow with resulting pressure surges. Strategically located risers in the water pipe system can be used to minimize the problem. Also water hammer arresting devices are usually available from your plumber or local plumbing supply store.

2. ANODE ROD INSPECTION—The anode rod should be removed from the water heater's tank annually for inspection and replaced when more than 9" of core wire is exposed at either end of the rod. Refer to Fig. 4 for anode rod location. Make certain cold water supply is turned off before removing anode rod.

How to Obtain Service Assistance

1. Should you have any questions about your new water heater, or if it requires adjustment, repair, or routine maintenance, it is suggested that you first contact your installer, plumbing contractor or previously agreed upon service agency. In the event that the firm has moved, or is unavailable, refer to the telephone directory commercial listings or local utility for qualified service assistance.

2. Should your problem not be solved to your complete satisfaction, you should then contact the Manufacturer's Regional Service Manager at the office closest to your location as listed below or the National Service Department at 1-800-432-5379.

When contacting the manufacturer, the following information should be made available:

1. Model and serial numbers of the water heater as shown on the rating plate attached to the jacket of the heater.
2. Address where water heater is located and can be seen.
3. Name and address of installer and any service agency who performed service on the water heater.
4. Date of original installation and dates any service work was performed.
5. Details of the problem as you can best describe them.
6. List of people, with dates, who have been contacted regarding your problem.
Instructions for placing a Parts Order:

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

All parts orders should include:
1. Model number and Serial number of heater (from rating plate).
2. Specify type of gas (Natural or LP) as listed on rating plate.
3. Part Description (as noted below) and number of parts desired.

For your safety, DO NOT attempt repair of gas piping, thermostat, burners, vent connectors or other safety devices. Refer repairs to qualified service personnel.
## Trouble Shooting Guide

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| Unable to light pilot  | 1. Gas knob dial not correctly positioned  
2. Pilot orifice clogged  
3. Pilot tube pinched or clogged  
4. Air in gas line | Follow lighting instructions  
** Clean or replace  
** Clean, repair or replace  
** Purge air from gas line |
| Pilot does not stay lit when red button is released | 1. Loose Thermocouple  
2. Thermocouple breakdown  
3. Safety magnet breakdown  
4. Thermostat's single use gas shut-off device has opened | ** Tighten connection at thermostat  
** Replace  
** Replace thermostat  
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| Not enough hot water | 1. Heater undersized  
2. Low gas pressure | Reduce rate of hot water usage  
** Check gas supply pressure and manifold pressure |
| Water too hot or not hot enough | 1. Thermostat setting too high or low  
2. Thermostat out of calibration  
3. High water temperature followed by pilot outage | Change setting as required  
** Replace  
** Thermostat out of calibration, replace |
| Yellow items | 1. Scale on top of burner  
2. Combustion air inlets or flueway restricted  
3. Not enough combustion or ventilation air supplied to the room | Shut off heater and remove scale  
Remove lint or debris and inspect air inlet opening for restriction  
Refer to Sec. E in introduction section of this manual |
| Sooting | 1. Scale or sediment in tank | Clean tank - See Maintenance, Sec. IF |

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### NOTES

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Model No. Serial No. Date of Installation Installed By:  

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Supplemental Instructions for Gas Water Heaters Installed in Potable / Space Heating Applications

The Installation Instructions in this Use & Care Manual should be followed in addition to the following Supplemental Instructions for this special application.

NOTE - Local Codes or Plumbing Authority requirements may vary from the instructions or diagrams provided on this sheet, and take precedence over these instructions. Refer to Local Codes, Plumbing Authority and Use & Care Manual supplied with water heater before starting any installation work.

**WARNING**

When this System requires water for space heating at elevated temperatures (above 125°F), a mixing or tempering valve must be installed in the hot water supply line to the house in order to reduce the SCALD HAZARD potential.

**WARNING**

If this water heater is installed in an application intended to supply domestic hot water needs and hot water for space heating purposes, DO NOT connect the heater to an existing Heating Unit or components of a heating system that have previously been used with a non-potable water system. Toxic chemicals such as those used for boiler treatment may be present and will contaminate the potable water supply causing possible health risks.

**WARNING**

If this water heater is installed in an application intended to supply domestic hot water needs and hot water for space heating purposes, NEVER introduce toxic chemicals, such as those used for boiler treatment, into this system.

**CAUTION**

Any piping or components used in the installation of this water heater in a combination potable and space heating application MUST be suitable for use with potable water.