

USER'S INFORMATION MANUAL

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SERIES

Commercial Condensing Boilers

WARNING

If the information in this manual is not followed exactly, a fire or explosion may result causing property damage, personal injury, or loss of life.

Do not store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids or other combustible materials in the vicinity of this or any other appliance.

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 nearby 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.

Water quality



Warning

Water quality has a significant impact on the lifetime and performance of a boiler's heat exchanger.

Improperly prepared water in a heating circuit may cause damage to the heat exchanger through fouling or corrosion. Repeated or uncontrolled water fills will increase the potential for damage.

High levels of dissolved solids or minerals may precipitate out of the fluid onto the hottest part of the heat exchanger, impairing heat transfer and resulting in overheating and premature failure. The amount of solids that may form on the heat exchanger will depend on the degree of hardness and the total water volume in the system. A high water volume system with a low hardness count may cause as much damage as a system with less volume and higher hardness, so it is recommended to treat water so as to remove all dissolved solids. Other water chemistry allowable limits are as follows:

- » Acidity pH is to be between 6.6 and 8.5
- » Chloride is to be less than 125 mg/l
- » Iron is to be less than 0.3 mg/l
- » Cu less than 0.1 mg/l
- » Conductivity is to be less than 400 μ S/cm (at 77°F [25°C])
- » 7 grains/ gal (120 ppm)

Important: Ensure that these limits are acceptable for the other water-side components in the system.

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Safety information

Manual safety markings

 **Danger**
Points out an immediate hazardous situation that must be avoided to prevent serious injury or death.

 **Warning**
Points out a potential hazardous situation that must be avoided to prevent serious injury or death.

 **Caution**
Points out a potential hazardous situation that must be avoided to prevent possible moderate injury and/or property damage.

 **Note**
Points out installation, maintenance and operational notes to enhance efficiency, longevity and proper operation of the boiler.

Important safety instructions

Installation, start-up and servicing of IBC boilers must be performed by competent, qualified, licensed and trained heating technicians.

Failure to read and comply with all instructions and applicable national and local codes may result in hazardous conditions that could result in property damage and injury to occupants, and in extreme cases to death. Keep instructions near the air handling appliance for future reference.

 **Danger**
Should overheating occur or the gas supply fails to shut off, do not turn off or disconnect the electrical supply to the pump. Instead shut off the gas supply at a location external to the appliance.

 **Warning**
Keep boiler area free and clear of combustible materials, gasoline, and other flammable vapors and liquids.

 **Warning**
Combustion air must not be drawn from areas containing corrosive air from swimming pools or spas, including air directly next to outdoor pools and spas.

**Warning**

The boiler must not be exposed to water leaks from piping or components located overhead. This includes condensation dropping from un-insulated cold water lines overhead.

**Warning**

In areas of high snow fall, users must check side wall exhaust vent and air intake terminations on a regular basis to ensure blockages do not occur.

**Warning**

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

**Warning**

Improper installation, adjustment, alteration, service or maintenance can cause property damage, personal injury, or loss of life. Read and understand the entire manual before attempting installation, start-up, operation, or service. Installation and service must be performed only by an experienced, skilled installer or service agency.

Failure to follow all instructions in the proper order can cause personal injury or death. Read all instructions, including all those contained in component manufacturers' manuals before installing, starting up, operating, maintaining, or servicing the appliance.

**Warning**

Close fill valve after any addition of water to the system, to reduce risk of water escapement.

**Warning**

Disconnect power supply before any wiring/service is performed. Failure to do so could result in damage to appliance and/or electric shock.

**Caution**

The boiler must be installed so that electrical components are not exposed to water during operation.



Caution

The heat exchanger has a small amount of combustion chamber insulation (refractory), which contains ceramic fibers. When exposed to extremely high temperatures, the ceramic fibers, which contain crystalline silica, can be converted into cristobalite - which is classified as a possible human carcinogen.

Care should be taken to avoid disturbing or damaging the refractory. If damage occurs, contact the factory for directions. Avoid breathing and contact with skin and eyes and follow these precautions:

1. For conditions of frequent use or heavy exposure, respirator protection is required. Refer to the "NIOSH Guide to the Selection and Use of Particulate Respirators Certified under 42 CFR 84" for selection and use of respirators certified by NIOSH. For the most current information, NIOSH can be contacted at 1-800-356-4676 or on the web at www.cdc.gov/niosh.
2. Wear long sleeved, loose fitting clothing, gloves and eyes protection.
3. Assure adequate ventilation.
4. Wash with soap and water after contact.
5. Wash potentially contaminated clothes separately from other laundry and rinse washing machine thoroughly.
6. Discard used insulation in an air tight plastic bag.

NIOSH stated first aid:

- » Eye contact - Irrigate and wash immediately.
- » Breathing - Provide fresh air.

Known Corrosive Contaminants to Avoid

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| Cements and glues | Refrigerant leaks from cracks in coils |
| Paint or varnish removers | Sodium chloride or potassium chloride used for water softening |
| Adhesives used to fasten building products and other similar products | Chemicals in perming solutions |
| Chlorinated waxes or cleaners | Chlorofluorocarbon chemicals found in spray cans |
| Chlorine-based swimming pool chemicals | Antistatic dryer sheets in clothes dryers |
| Hydrochloric acid or muriatic acid used in household cleaning and stain removal | Chlorine-type bleaches, detergents, and cleaning solvents found in household laundry rooms |
| Calcium chloride used for snow clearing | |

Domestic hot water



Warning

HOT WATER CAN SCALD!

Water Temperatures over 125°F / 52°C can cause severe burns instantly or death from scalds.

Children, disabled, and elderly are at highest risk of being scalded.

- » Never leave then unattended in or near the shower, bathtub or sink.
- » Never allow small children to use a hot water faucet or draw their own bath.

To avoid any potential scald hazard or if codes require specific water temperatures at the hot water faucet, the installer must:

- » Install a thermostatic mixing valve at the outlet of the Domestic Hot Water Indirect Water Heater outlet and ensure it is working properly.

AND

- » Set the thermostatic mixing valve to the lowest temperature which satisfies your hot water needs.

To avoid injury:

- » Feel and adjust water temperature before bathing or showering.
- » Water drained from the system drain valve may be extremely hot.
- » Make sure all connections are tight.
- » Direct water flow away from any person.



Warning

Bacteria growth can develop in domestic hot water tanks and indirect water heaters if the minimum water temperature is not set high enough to prevent its growth.

Boiler operation

Lighting and shutting down the boiler

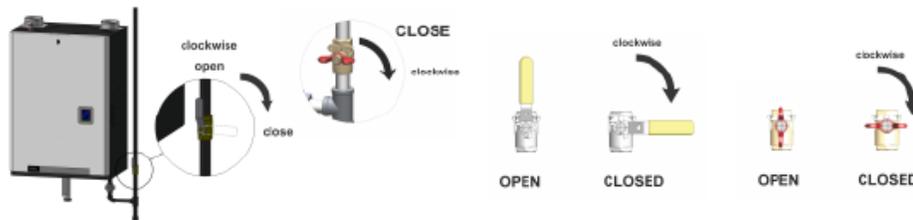
FOR YOUR SAFETY READ BEFORE OPERATING

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 does not have a pilot. It is equipped with an ignition device which automatically lights the burner. Do not try to light the burner by hand.
- B. BEFORE OPERATING smell all around the appliance area for gas. Be sure to smell next to the floor because some gas is heavier than air and will settle on the floor.
- WHAT TO DO IF YOU SMELL GAS**
- Do not try to light any appliance.
 - Do not touch any electric switch; do not use any phone in your building.
 - Immediately call your gas supplier from a neighbor's phone. Follow the gas supplier's instructions.
 - If you cannot reach your gas supplier, call the fire department.
- C. Use only your hand to turn the gas control valve. Never force using tools. If the valve will not turn by hand, don't try to repair it, call a qualified service technician. Force or attempted repair may result in a fire or explosion.
- D. Do not use this appliance if any part has been under water. Immediately call a qualified service technician to inspect the appliance and to replace any part of the control system and any gas control which has been under water.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. STOP! Read the safety information above on this label before doing anything.
2. Set the thermostat to lowest setting.
3. Turn off all electric power to the appliance by selecting main power switch to OFF.
4. This appliance is equipped with an ignition device which automatically lights the burner. Do not try to light the burner by hand.
5. Locate manual gas shut-off valve (see pictures below) and turn clockwise to "CLOSE".
6. Wait five (5) minutes to clear out any gas. Then smell for gas, including near the floor. If you smell gas, STOP! Follow step "B" in the safety information above on this label. If you don't smell gas, go to the next step.
7. Turn gas control valve to OPEN.
8. Turn on electric power to appliance by selecting main power switch to ON.
9. Set thermostat to desired setting.
10. If the appliance will not operate, follow the instructions "TO TURN OFF GAS APPLIANCE" and call your service technician or gas supplier.



TO TURN OFF GAS APPLIANCE

1. Set the thermostat to lowest setting.
2. Turn off all electric power to the appliance by selecting main power switch to OFF.
3. Turn gas control valve to CLOSE.

Service and maintenance

Inspection of the boiler is to be performed annually by a qualified service technician.

Maintenance checklists

| Daily Maintenance | Check |
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| Check the surrounding area – inspect for water leaks in the general area around the boiler and boiler piping | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Check the maximum pressure relief valve setting. The heating system pressure should not drop below 10psi in most applications. If the pressure is outside this normal range or if the water pressure fluctuates more than 2-3psi, contact your qualified service technician for service. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Check the area around the boiler and the air intake opening for obstructions and chemical contaminates. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| Monthly Maintenance | Check |
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| Check all the Daily Maintenance items. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Check the pressure relief valve and discharge piping for signs of leakage or moisture. If water or moisture is found, contact your qualified service technician as soon as possible for service. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Check the condensate trap and outlet pipe. The condensate trap shall be full of water. The outlet hose may be connected to a condensate neutralizer, if so, check the pH of the water coming out of the neutralizer is above 6.0pH. If the pH is below 6.0 then the neutralizer will need to be re-charged or replaced. Contact your qualified service technician for service. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Inspect the flue gas exhaust and air intake connections. All connections should be tight and leak free. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Inspect flue gas exhaust piping, combustion air piping and terminations. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| Annual Maintenance | Check |
|---|--------------------------|
| Check the Error Logs for any issues. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Inspect the flue gas exhaust and air intake connections. All connections should be tight and leak free. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| Annual Maintenance | Check |
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| Inspect flue gas exhaust piping, combustion air piping and terminations. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Inspect the boilers interior and vacuum if required. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Check for water, gas and condensate leaks in the boiler and around the boiler. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Check the condensate trap and clean if required. Re-fill the trap and re-install the trap hook. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Check the water pressure, expansion tank and pumps. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Check the electrical connections. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Check the ignition electrode and remove oxidation from the electrode. Replace if necessary. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Check the gas valve and ignition cable. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Check the controller settings. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Check the burner's flame. Should be a quick and quiet ignition across the full burner. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If required, clean the heat exchanger and the burner. Refer to instructions in the boiler's <i>Installation and Operating Instructions</i> manual | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Note

Installers should inquire of local water purveyors as to the suitability of their supply for use in hydronic heating systems.

If water quality is questionable, a local water treatment expert must be consulted for testing, assessment and, if required, treatment.

Alternatively, water or hydronic fluid of known quality can be brought to the site.



Warning

Do not use automotive-type ethylene or other types of automotive glycol antifreeze, or undiluted antifreeze of any kind. This may result in severe boiler damage. It is the responsibility of the Installer to ensure that glycol solutions are formulated to inhibit corrosion in hydronic heating systems of mixed materials. Improper mixtures and chemical additives may cause damage to ferrous and non-ferrous components as well as non-metallic, wet components, normally found in hydronic systems. Ethylene glycol is toxic, and may be prohibited for use by codes applicable to your installation location. For environmental and toxicity reasons, IBC recommends only using non-toxic propylene glycol.

Relief valve - maintenance and testing

The relief valve manufacturer requires that under normal operating conditions a “try lever test” must be performed every two months.

Under severe service conditions, or if corrosion and/or deposits are noticed within the valve body, testing must be performed more often. A “try lever test” must also be performed at the end of any non-service period.



Caution

Before testing the relief valve, make certain the discharge pipe is properly connected to the valve outlet and arranged to contain and safely dispose of equipment discharge.

Blocked vent safety system

The boiler is equipped with a blocked vent safety system to prevent the boiler from operating in the event the boiler's exhaust piping is blocked. The boiler will automatically stop operating when the restriction in the venting system becomes too restrictive. If the boiler shuts down due to a blocked vent, a qualified service technician must be called to inspect the boiler and venting system and correct the problem.

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