



# INSTALLATION AND OPERATION MANUAL

*Alliance*  
Horizontal Coil Design  
*Thermal Fluid Heaters*



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Model \_\_\_\_\_

Volcanic Order \_\_\_\_\_

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## Overview

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Prior to shipment, the following inspections and tests are made to ensure the highest standards of manufacturing for our customers:

- Material inspections
- Manufacturing process inspections
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) welding inspection
- ASME hydrostatic test inspection
- Electrical components inspection
- Operating test
- Final engineering inspection
- Crating inspection

This manual is provided as a guide to the correct operation and maintenance of your Volcanic equipment, and should be read in its entirety and be made permanently available to the staff responsible for the operation of the heater. It should not, however, be considered as a complete code of practice, nor should it replace existing codes or standards which may be applicable. Volcanic reserves the right to change any part of this installation, operation and maintenance manual.

Installation, start-up, and maintenance of this equipment can be hazardous and requires trained, qualified installers and service personnel. **Trained personnel are responsible for the installation, operation, and maintenance of this product, and for the safety assurance of installation, operation, and maintenance processes. Do not install, operate, service or repair any component of this equipment unless you are qualified and fully understand all requirements and procedures. Trained personnel refers to those who have completed Volcanic Service School training specific to this product.**

When working on this equipment, observe all warnings, cautions, and notes in literature, on stickers and labels, and any additional safety precautions that apply. Follow all safety codes and wear appropriate safety protection. Follow all jurisdictional codes and consult any jurisdictional authorities prior to installation.

## Warnings & Cautions

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WARNINGS and CAUTIONS appear in various chapters of this manual. It is critical that all personnel read and adhere to all information contained in WARNINGS and CAUTIONS.

- WARNINGS must be observed to prevent serious injury or death to personnel.
- CAUTIONS must be observed to prevent damage or destruction of equipment or loss of operating effectiveness.

**All Warnings and Cautions are for reference and guidance purposes, and do not substitute for required professional training, conduct, and strict adherence to applicable jurisdictional/professional codes or regulations.**

## Disclaimers and Local Codes

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Installation of the equipment shall conform to all the requirements or all national, state and local codes established by the authorities having jurisdiction or, in the absence of such requirements, in the US to the National Fuel Gas Code ANSI Z2231/NFPA 54 latest edition, and the specific instructions in this manual. Authorities having jurisdiction should be consulted prior to installation.

The boiler heat exchanger is manufactured and stamped in accordance with ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section I or Section VIII, Div. 1.

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### WARNING

*All information in this manual is for reference and guidance purposes, and does not substitute for required professional training, conduct, and strict adherence to applicable jurisdictional/professional codes and regulations.*

*Unless otherwise noted, this heater is certified for indoor installation only.*

*A competent rigger experienced in handling heavy equipment should handle rigging your equipment into position.*

*The equipment must be installed on a non-combustible surface.*

*Ensure all labels on the heater are legible. All connections and safety devices, both mechanical and electrical, must be kept clean, with ease of access for inspection, use and maintenance.*

*Do not store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids or corrosive materials in the vicinity of this or any other appliances.*

### CAUTION

*Do not allow weight to bear on equipment components to prevent damage.*

## Placement & Rigging

Proper placement of your Volcanic Product (see Figures 1 and 2, and Tables 1 and 2) is essential. Attention paid to the following points will save a great deal of difficulty in the future. Correct placement is the first step to trouble-free installation, operation and maintenance.

Adhere to the following for equipment placement and rigging:

1. Consult authorities with jurisdiction over any national or local codes (including but not limited to National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA), American National Standards Institute (ANSI), Underwriters Laboratories (UL), SCA, and ASME, which might be applicable to heater applications before beginning.
2. Make appropriate determinations for placement, based on the following:
  - Check building specifications and Table 3 for permissible floor loading.
  - Ensure the equipment is to be placed on a non-combustible level base with adequate clearances from combustible materials. **See Clearances & Serviceability section.**
  - Locate heater as close as possible to the place where the heat will be used in order to keep pipe work costs to a minimum.
  - Ensure that there is adequate clearance around the unit to provide access for operators and maintenance personnel to all parts of the equipment. Ensure also that clearance provides for component removal for maintenance. **See Clearances & Serviceability section.** The equipment should be placed in a suitable heater house or well ventilated separate room through which personnel do not normally pass. The layout should eliminate traffic in potentially hazardous areas. For instance, the service engineer or the operator should not have to pass exposed, hot pipe work to make adjustments to the heater controls.
  - Ensure the equipment is to be placed in such a way that the electrical components are protected from exposure to water or excessive humidity.
3. Determine rigging procedure, based on the following:
  - Units are crated for forklift transport. Once uncrated, all units can be transported with a forklift. All skidded units can be moved with forklifts. Some stand-alone heaters are supplied with lifting lugs.
  - If means of lifting are not available, place rollers beneath the frame of the equipment for guidance to the position of where it is to be installed.
  - Under no circumstances allow weight to bear on the jacket, control panel, burner, fuel train or fan housing of any Volcanic heater.
4. Install a 4 inch (102 mm) curb completely around the unit. In the event of a large spill, this will help contain the fluid.



## Clearances & Serviceability

Adhere to the following for equipment clearances and serviceability:

1. Ensure appropriate front, back, sides and top clearances are met. This will allow access around the equipment to facilitate maintenance and a safe work environment, and ensure technicians will commission the unit. Technicians will not commence commissioning if hazardous conditions exist.
2. Place heater with clearances to unprotected combustible materials, including plaster or combustible supports, not less than the following:
  - Heater Front 36" (1 m)
  - Heater Sides 18" (0.5 m), 36" (1 m) on side where panel located
  - Heater Rear 18" (0.5 m)
  - Flue Pipe 18" (0.5 m)
3. Pipes must not be run within 10" (254 mm) of any control cabinets or combustible material.
4. Verify that all clearances are acceptable with the local ordinances.

## Environment, Ventilation and Combustion Air Requirements

Ventilation must be sufficient to maintain a building temperature of 120°F (49°C) or less. Consistent proper ventilation of the equipment room is essential for good combustion.

- **NOTE:** When calculating ventilation requirements, heat losses from the Volcanic equipment (and other equipment) should be considered.

Adhere to the following to meet ventilation and combustion air requirements:

1. Install two fresh air openings, one at a low level, 24" (610 mm) from the floor, and one at a higher level on the equipment room wall. This will provide a flow of air to exhaust the hot air from the equipment room.
2. Ensure the burner has an adequate supply of air. Based on NBIC recommendations, unobstructed air openings must be sized on the basis of 0.5 square inch of free area per 1,000 BTU/hr input maximum fuel input of the combined burners in the equipment room or as specified by applicable codes.
3. Ensure the equipment room air supply openings are kept clear at all times.
4. See Table 4 for minimum make-up air required and the recommended area of each opening for each model.



### WARNING

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*Failure to provide required and safe access to the equipment could impede commissioning and maintenance. Service technicians are instructed not to commence commissioning if hazardous conditions exist.*

*Failure to provide proper minimum clearances between equipment and combustible materials may result in fire.*

TABLE 1 - SPECIFICATIONS - COIL DESIGN THERMAL FLUID HEATER

| Model  |              | 0240 | 0400 | 0600 | 0800   | 1000   | 1200   | 1600   | 2000   |
|--|--------------|------|------|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>Heat Output</b>                             | 1000 BTU/HR  | 2400 | 4000 | 6000 | 8000   | 10,000 | 12,000 | 16,000 | 20,000 |
|  | 1000 KCAL/HR | 600  | 1000 | 1500 | 2000   | 2500   | 3000   | 4,032  | 5,040  |
| <b>Thermal Fluid Content</b>                   | GAL          | 75   | 115  | 190  | 264    | 325    | 508    | 480    | 1150   |
|  | LITERS       | 284  | 435  | 719  | 998    | 1230   | 1921   | 1817   | 4353   |
| <b>Recommended Flow Rate</b>                   | GPM          | 150  | 300  | 400  | 600    | 850    | 1000   | 1200   | 1500   |
|  | M3/HR        | 35   | 69   | 91   | 137    | 193    | 227    | 273    | 341    |
| <b>Typical Circulating Pump Motor</b>          | HP           | 15   | 25   | 30   | 50     | 60     | 75     | 100    | 125    |
|  | KW           | 11.2 | 18.7 | 22.5 | 37.3   | 45     | 56.3   | 74.5   | 93.2   |
| <b>Typical Burner Motor*</b>                   | HP           | 2    | 5    | 7.5  | 10     | 15     | 15     | 30     | 30     |
|  | KW           | 1.5  | 3.7  | 5.6  | 7.5    | 11.2   | 11.2   | 22.4   | 22.4   |
| <b>Fuel Consumption @ Full Output No.2 Oil</b> | GPH          | 23   | 39   | 58   | 77     | 96     | 115    | 143    | 179    |
|  | LITER/HR     | 88   | 148  | 220  | 292    | 364    | 436    | 542    | 678    |
| <b>Natural Gas</b>                             | FT3/HR       | 3200 | 5340 | 8000 | 10,700 | 13,340 | 16,000 | 20,000 | 25,000 |
|  | M3/HR        | 91   | 152  | 227  | 304    | 378    | 454    | 566    | 708    |

\* Standard burner, single fuel applications.

**Notes:** Voltage 3 Phase for Burner and Pump - Each unit has an incorporated stepdown transformer. Fuel up to No. 6 Oil Available for Large Units. Efficiency up to 75% Minimum Based on High Heating Value of the Fuel (No. 2 Oil @ 140,000 BTU/GHHV; Natural Gas @ 1000 BTU/ft3HHV. Modulation 3 to 1 Turn Down Ratio. Circulating pump motor sizes based on standard pressure (55 PSIG) and viscosity 1 cs, specific gravity 0.7, with 25-37 PSID available head for installation.

TABLE 2 - DIMENSIONS-COIL DESIGN THERMAL FLUID HEATER (SEE FIGURE 2)

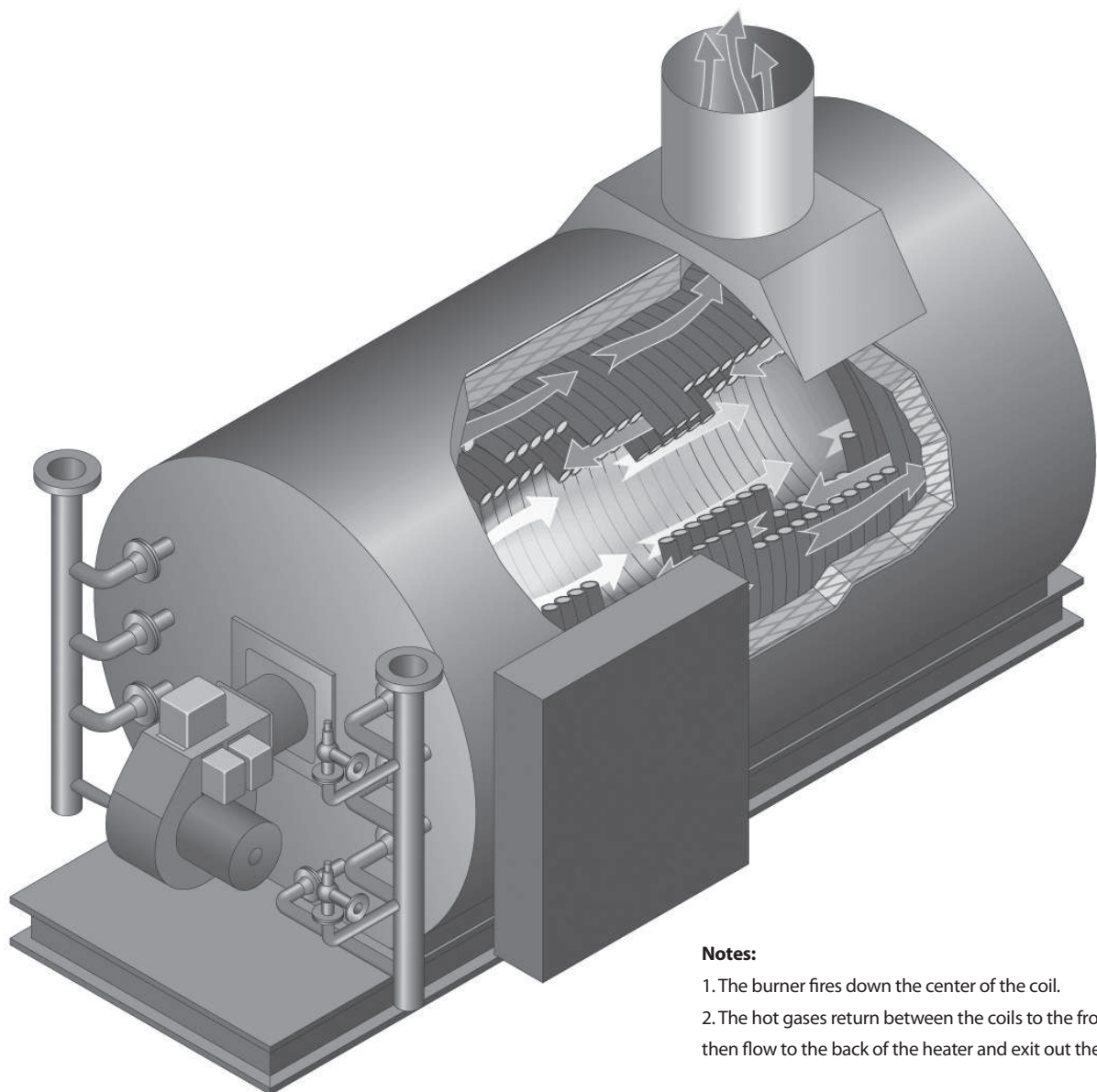
| Model                                   |    | 0240 | 0400 | 0600   | 0800   | 1000   | 1200   | 1600   | 2000   |
|---|----|------|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>Heater Inlet/ Outlet Connections</b> | IN | 2.5  | 3    | 4      | 6      | 6      | 6      | 8      | 8      |
|   | MM | 65   | 76   | 100    | 152    | 152    | 152    | 203    | 203    |
| <b>(A) Overall Height</b>               | IN | 64   | 68   | 78     | 107    | 107    | 131    | 114    | 118    |
|   | MM | 1626 | 1727 | 1981   | 2718   | 2718   | 3327   | 2896   | 2997   |
| <b>(B) Overall Diameter</b>             | IN | 62   | 62   | 81     | 95     | 95     | 130    | 118.5  | 119.5  |
|   | MM | 1575 | 1575 | 2057   | 2413   | 2413   | 3302   | 3010   | 3035   |
| <b>(C) Overall Depth</b>                | IN | 134  | 137  | 169.9  | 208.25 | 182    | 240    | 327    | 351    |
|   | MM | 3404 | 3480 | 4315.5 | 5289.6 | 4623   | 6096   | 8306   | 8915   |
| <b>(D) Flue Outlet Diameter</b>         | IN | 12   | 14   | 18     | 22     | 22     | 22     | 36     | 36     |
|   | MM | 304  | 356  | 457    | 559    | 559    | 559    | 914    | 914    |
| <b>Approximate Dry Weight</b>           | LB | 5000 | 7500 | 9500   | 12,500 | 19,250 | 21,700 | 39,000 | 39,000 |
|   | KG | 2272 | 3409 | 5455   | 5682   | 8750   | 9864   | 17,728 | 17,728 |

TABLE 3- APPROXIMATE FLOOR LOADING  
(BASED ON OPERATING WEIGHT)

| Model   | Heater Only* |
|---------|--------------|
| 0240-HC | 125          |
| 0400-HC | 200          |
| 0600-HC | 260          |
| 0800-HC | 200          |
| 1000-HC | 300          |
| 1200-HC | 300          |
| 1600-HC | 325          |
| 2000-HC | 300          |

\*All weights are lbs/ft<sup>2</sup>

- If positive forced ventilation is adopted, ensure that there will be no appreciable pressure variation in the equipment room.
- Avoid ventilation which creates a negative pressure in the building as it will seriously affect combustion and proper operation of the stack. Please note that exhaust fans or similar equipment can create a down draft in the chimney or starve the burner's air supply. Either case may result in poor combustion or nuisance failures. A properly designed make-up air system in the equipment room will preclude these possibilities and is required to maintain proper combustion.



**Notes:**

- The burner fires down the center of the coil.
- The hot gases return between the coils to the front end plate, then flow to the back of the heater and exit out the flue.

FIGURE 1 -COMPONENT VIEW OF THE THERMAL FLUID HEATER

### WARNING

A qualified installer, service agency or the gas supplier must perform installation and service on the fuel delivery system.

Do not use matches, candles, flame or other sources of ignition to check for gas leaks.

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 the building.  
Leave building and contact gas supplier from neighbor's phone. If you cannot reach gas supplier, phone the fire department.

When making gas piping joints, maintain proper ventilation to reduce breathing hazards.

An exhaust fan may draw products of combustion into the work environment creating a possible hazard to personnel.

Assure all electrical connections are powered down prior to attempting replacement or service of electrical components or connections of the equipment.

### CAUTION

It is essential that only fresh air be allowed to enter the combustion air system. Foreign substances, such as combustible volatiles and lint in the combustion system can create hazardous conditions. If foreign substances can enter the air stream, the combustion air inlet must be piped to an outside location. Failure to do so will void the warranty.

To avoid failures due to poor combustion, ensure make-up air system is properly designed.

TABLE 4- MINIMUM MAKE-UP AIR REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDED AREA OF OPENING FOR VENTS

| Model   | Minimum Make-Up Air (SCFM)* | Opening Area (in <sup>2</sup> )** |            |
|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
|         |                             | Lower Vent                        | Upper Vent |
| 0240-HC | 600                         | 1200                              | 400        |
| 0400-HC | 1000                        | 2000                              | 670        |
| 0600-HC | 1500                        | 3000                              | 1000       |
| 0800-HC | 2000                        | 4000                              | 1335       |
| 1000-HC | 2500                        | 5000                              | 1670       |
| 1200-HC | 3000                        | 6000                              | 2000       |
| 1600-HC | 4000                        | 8000                              | 2664       |
| 2000-HC | 5000                        | 10,000                            | 3330       |

\* Minimum make-up air requirements are based on 25% excess air at high fire.

\*\* Opening areas are calculated based input of a single heater and do not account for the ventilation needs of the equipment room. These measurements are subject to state and local regulations.

► NOTE: A properly designed make-up air system in the equipment room will preclude these possibilities and is required to maintain proper combustion.

- Eliminate potential for high risk situations for particulate matter to be in the combustion air supply (e.g., as a result of construction and maintenance activities).

## Utilities

### ■ The Gas Supply

Adhere to the following for gas supply installation:

- Install gas piping in accordance with all applicable codes.
- Ensure pipe and fittings used are new and free of dirt or other deposits.
- Ensure piping is of the proper size for adequate gas supply to the gas head assembly. Consult your gas company for specific recommendations.
- When making gas piping joints, use a sealing compound resistant to the action of liquefied petroleum gases. Do not use Teflon tape on gas line heads.
- Ensure no piping stresses are transmitted to the equipment. The equipment shall not be used as a pipe anchor.
- Ensure all vent connections on diaphragms, gas valves, pressure regulators, and pressure switches (gas-fired units) are vented per local code.
- On gas-fired units with NFPA valve trains, ensure the vent valve is piped to atmosphere per local code.

8. During any pressure testing of the system at pressures in excess of 1/2 psig (14 inch W.C.), disconnect the heater at the heater manual shutoff valve (located at the end of the supplied gas train) from the gas supply piping system.
9. Ensure the supply pressure is regulated by a non-stacking, tight, shut-off regulator.
10. Arrange gas piping so that it does not interfere with any cover or burner, inhibit service or maintenance, or prevent access between unit and walls or another unit. The burner assembly and gas controls terminate at a manual stop valve to which the gas supply should be connected. Piping must be sized for a gas flow consistent with the required BTU/Hr input. Large pressure drops must be avoided. Volcanic recommends that the supply piping between the pressure regulator and the inlet to the heater be kept to a minimum. The minimum required gas pressure at the stop valve varies with the model of heater.

- *NOTE: Even when the unit is shut down, the gas supply pressure must never exceed these values.*
- *NOTE: When operating, the supply pressure must not drop below these limits: Not less than 11" w.c. where 14" w.c. is required. Not less than 50" w.c. where 60" w.c. is required. Not less than 100" w.c. where 120" w.c. is required.*

11. Some fuel train configurations are require a safety relief valve which must be piped to a safe area in accordance with local codes.

12. After gas piping is completed and before wiring installation is started, carefully check all piping connections, (factory and field), for gas leaks. Use a soap and water solution.

■ **The Oil Supply**

| Fuel Oil | Viscosity   | Specific Gravity              | Sulfur Content             |
|----------|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| #2       | Less than 31.9 Seconds Redwood #1 at 100°F (38°C) | 0.824 to 0.852 at 59 C (15°C) | less than 0.40% by weight  |
| #4       | Less than 81 Seconds Redwood #1 at 100°F (38°C)   | 0.90 to 0.93 at 59 C (15°C)   | less than 0.1.6% by weight |
| #6       | Less than 3000 Seconds Redwood #1 at 100°F (38°C) | 0.95 to 0.98 at 59°F (15°C)   | less than 2.12% by weight  |

Adhere to the following for installation:

1. Fuel pipes must be of approved materials and of a diameter suitable for the quantity of oil being delivered to the burner and the static head available. See .
2. Make fuel connection in accordance with the details on the enclosed fuel pump cut sheet.
3. Ensure fuel oil piping is in accordance with local and/or national requirements. In addition, if a two pipe system is employed, a check valve must be fitted into the return pipe.

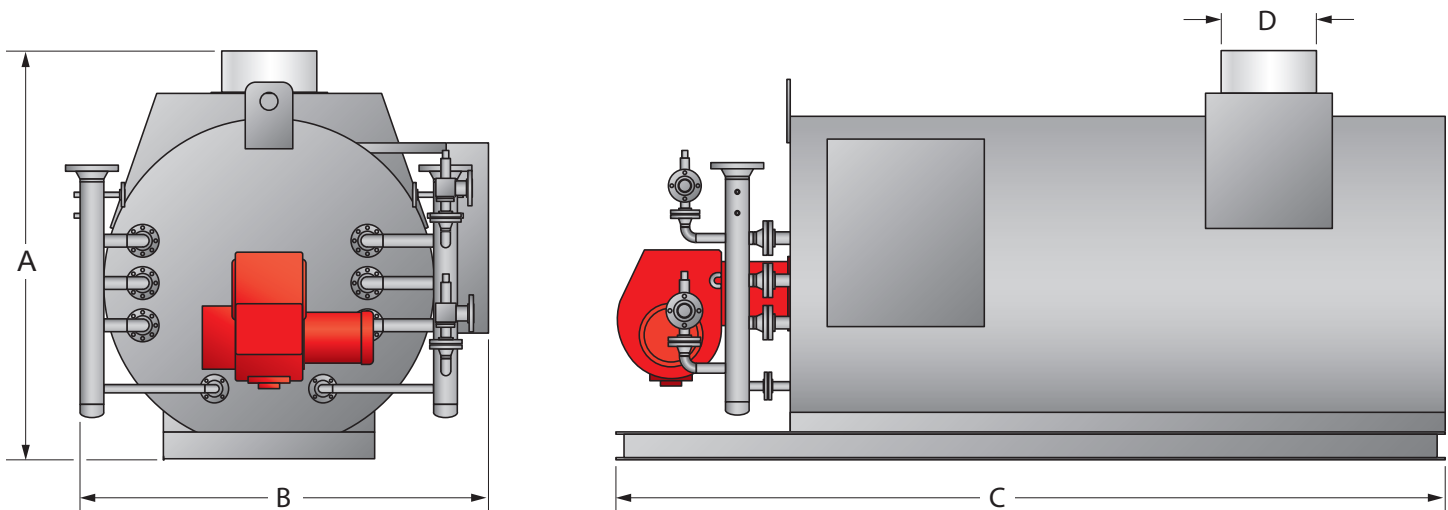


FIGURE 2 - DIMENSIONS (REFER TO TABLE 2)

- Do not exceed the maximum pressure allowed at the fuel oil pump inlet per the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

► *NOTE: If for some reason the pressure of the fuel supply will exceed NFPA maximum, fitting a regulator to the fuel line must be considered, e.g. when there is a tank situated with an oil level eight feet (2.4 m) or more above the pump.*

- On units fitted with NFPA controls, ignition is obtained by means of a gas pilot. A natural gas or LP supply is required for these units. The required gas supply pressure is 7" w.c. If a guaranteed supply of natural gas is not available, then a supply of bottled gas at 11" w.c. is required. For details contact a local liquid propane dealer.

## Instrument Air

Instrument air provision for pneumatically actuated control devices should meet the minimum and maximum flow rate and delivery pressures specified by the individual equipment. Additionally, it should be a dry, dust free supply with a dew point of -40°F (-40°C).

## Electrical Supply

Adhere to the following for electrical supply installation:

- Install wiring and ground in equipment in accordance with authority having jurisdiction or in absence of such requirements the National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA 70.
- Provide a wall-mounted, fused disconnect sized for the unit. This must be fitted by the client/contractor if disconnect is not supplied on the panel.
- Size fuses according to motor name plates and local electrical codes.
- Connect power to the terminal strip as supplied on the inside of the panel box.

► *NOTE: Single skid systems are generally shipped completely prewired.*

► *NOTE: The liquid level switch on the expansion tank, when supplied, will be shipped in the parts box and must be installed in the field.*

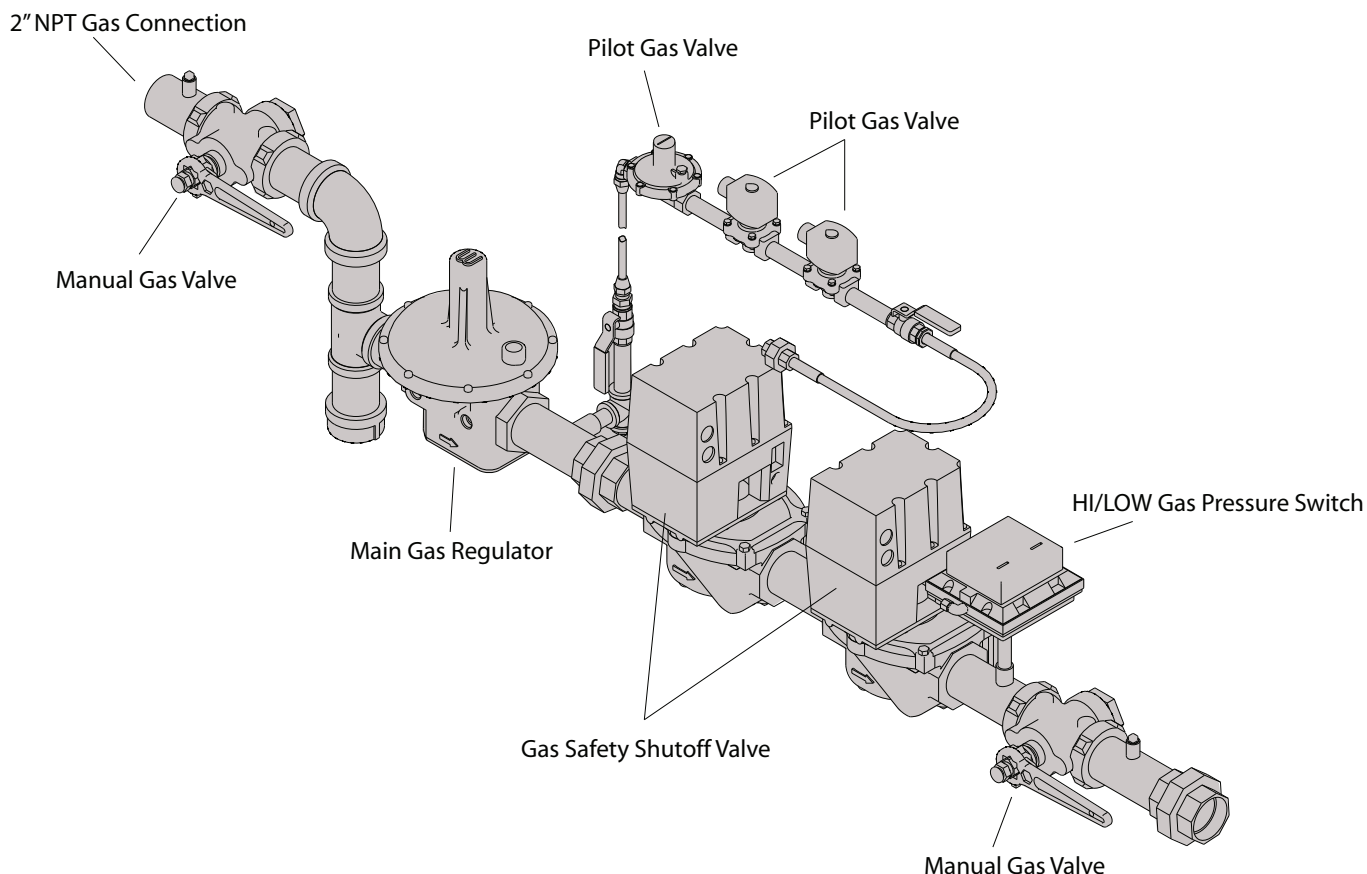


FIGURE 3 - TYPICAL GAS-FIRED FUEL TRAIN

- Determine multiple skid systems wiring requirements (between the skids). Volcanic will run conduit and wire the devices on each skid. For the devices that have to come down for shipping, the wire will be left at the end. Locate electrical schematic diagram, a copy of which is inside of the panel box. Ensure the information on the electrical drawing corresponds to your voltage and frequency. Check the supply voltage and make sure that there is no over- or under-voltage exceeding 10% of the nominal value.

► *NOTE: Normal supply will be 460 volts, 3 phase, 60 Hz, AC unless otherwise specified.*

## Thermal Fluids

### ■ Thermal Fluids at Elevated Temperatures

Personnel must be familiar with the nature of potential hazards when working with thermal fluids at operating temperatures. Unlike steam or high-pressure water systems, thermal fluid attains extremely high temperatures without a corresponding increase in pressure.

Adhere to the following:

- Be aware that certain types of thermal fluid may have operating temperatures reaching 650°F (345°C) and above, so all exposed pipework is hazardous and should be insulated.
- Check that flanged joints are tight during and after the first warming up of the system. Turn burner and pump off before fittings are tightened. After these checks, exposed hot flanges, pumps, valves and fittings should be fitted with some sort of shield.
- Remember that there is pressure generated in the system by the circulating pump. Care should be exercised when opening any drain or vent valves in the system. This is especially important during commissioning, when any air trapped in the system is vented at high points, and when water, which will flash into steam, is either expelled from the deaerator vent or drained off at low points.

### ■ Selecting a Thermal Fluid

The selection of the thermal fluid most suited to your application is very important. Factors to be considered include efficiency, thermal stability, adaptability to various systems, and physical properties, including vapor pressure, freezing point, and flash and fire points.

Heat transfer fluids of both mineral and synthetic origin have been specially developed to give thermal stability over a very wide range of temperature. A wide variety of thermal fluids have been used successfully in Volcanic Thermal Fluid Heater systems, however, your final selection should be made in conjunction with recommendations from Volcanic or the fluid manufacturer.

Consider the following for thermal fluid selection:

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*The vent line connection on the gas pressure regulator must be piped to outdoor air by the installer in accordance with National Fuel Gas Code, ANSI Z223-1-1991 or latest addenda. In Canada, gas installations must be in accordance with the current CAN/CGA B149.1 and 2 and/or local codes.*

*If a fire does occur, extinguish using CO2 foam or dry chemical. Do not use water.*

### CAUTION

*Proper selection of thermal fluid is critical to system performance.*

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### CAUTION

*Some soap used for leak testing is corrosive to certain types of metals. Clean all piping thoroughly after completing the leak check.*

*Some plastics can be dissolved by thermal fluid.*

*If excessive amounts of thermal fluid are vented from the system, additional thermal fluid may be required in the system. Contact Volcanic for further assistance.*

1. The Volcanic coil design heater is a fired heat exchanger and the safe control and monitoring of the thermal fluid temperature is of paramount importance.
2. The safe maximum bulk temperature of the fluid must be strictly adhered to. The safe maximum temperature of the fluid varies.
3. Special care must be taken when consulting fluid manufacturers' literature, as maximum fluid temperatures quoted are the actual limit to which any of the fluids may be subjected. It is important to remember that in any fired heater there exists a "film temperature" which is higher than the temperature of the "bulk" of the fluid. It is the BULK fluid temperature and NOT the FILM temperature that is indicated by the instruments.
4. As a general guide, the following list of fluids that have given satisfactory service over many years is provided. This is by no means a complete list. Any fluid specifically designed for heat transfer use may be considered; multipurpose oils are not acceptable.
  - AMOCO Transfer Oil 4199
  - CHEVRON
  - DOW G
  - EXXON 43
  - MOBIL
  - MONSANTO
  - MULTITHERM
  - PARATHERM
  - PETROCANADA T
  - SHELL
  - TEXACO
5. Any fluid specifically designed for heat transfer use must also exhibit these characteristics:
  - Be a stable and homogenous liquid to a temperature of at least 100°F (38°C) over and above the maximum intended temperature of utilization, compatible with metals used in the installation, and tolerating contact with atmospheric air.
  - No solid matter in suspension.
  - Non-toxic in the case of leakage.
  - Sufficient lubricity, i.e. not likely to cause seizure.
6. The thermal fluid manufacturer must guarantee the characteristics of the product, and verify that the fluid bulk temperature limitation exceeds the expected operating temperature



7. After a fluid is selected, refer to the manufacturer's recommendations, published in compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).
8. If the fluid expansion volume from 50°F to 600°F (10°C to 316°C) exceeds 20% of the initial fluid volume, consult Volcanic.

### ■ Routine Analysis of Heat Transfer Fluid

Nearly all leading manufacturers of heat transfer fluids provide an after sales service to monitor the condition of the fluid in operation and make recommendations when replacement becomes necessary.

Each fluid manufacturer has procedures for regular testing and analysis of the fluid. These usually allow for a sample to be taken and analyzed at least once a year, although actual frequency will depend on operating temperature, number of hours operated weekly, and the results of tests made during the first weeks of system operation.

Volcanic recommends that the thermal fluid in your system be analyzed within the first two months after startup and annually thereafter.

During the first few months of operation, sampling may be carried out at frequent intervals to confirm that system performance has been predicted correctly.

If the supplier of your thermal fluid does not contact you within four weeks of commissioning, contact the supplier and make certain that the "fill" is registered for routine analysis.

### ■ Thermal Fluid Breakdown

The possibilities of thermal fluid breakdown are very slim in a typical closed loop thermal fluid system. Volcanic's combination expansion/deaerator/thermal buffer tank creates a "cold seal" of fluid that is slightly above ambient temperature. This prevents oxidation that will otherwise happen when high temperature fluid contacts air.

Oxidation of the fluid will also occur when hot thermal fluid contacts air at a leak in the system piping. Oxidized thermal fluid becomes acidic and will damage the thermal fluid system. Thermal fluid breakdown can occur in sections of piping where there is a low flow condition. A low flow rate through the heater will result in high film temperatures leading to breakdown of the thermal fluid.



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Some plastics may be dissolved by thermal fluid.

### ► THERMAL FLUID BREAKDOWN PREVENTION

- Multiple pressure switches and a differential pressure switch are used to prevent this condition from occurring. See Figure 4. These safeties must not be bypassed at any time.
- Exceeding the maximum operating temperature of the thermal fluid will also result in thermal fluid breakdown. Volcanic heaters are equipped with a temperature limit switch (located on the front of the panel box) to prevent this from occurring.
- A high temperature limit switch is an over temperature safety device. If the high temperature limit shuts down the unit, the manual reset button on the limit switch must be pressed. The reset button on the flame programmer must also be pressed to reset the unit before it can be restarted. See Figure 5. Refer to **Maintenance** section of this manual for troubleshooting activities.

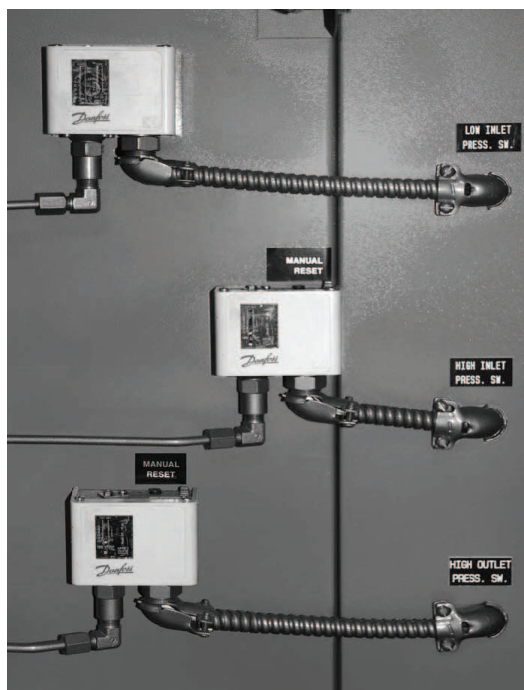


FIGURE 4 - PRESSURE SWITCHES



FIGURE 5 - TEMPERATURE LIMIT DISPLAY

## Piping Specifications

For piping, the basic considerations are: the design temperature, the pressure retained by the pipe, the fluid in the pipe, the load resulting from thermal expansion or contraction, impact or shock loads imparted such as water hammer, external loads, wind loads and vibration from equipment.

Adhere to the following for piping installation (see Figures 6 and 7):

1. Ensure the arrangement of the piping and its appurtenances takes into consideration the location of other structures and equipment adjacent to the piping, which may result in freezing interference and/or damage as a result of expansion, contraction, vibration, or other movements.
2. Consider the appropriate location and orientation of valves necessary for safe operation and isolation of the piping. Valves are used in piping systems to stop and start the flow of fluids, to regulate flow, to prevent the back flow, and to relieve excessive pressure build up in the piping.
3. Ensure all piping and piping components are suitable for the design temperatures, pressure and fluid used in the system.
4. Ensure all components exposed to thermal fluid flow, including pipe, valves, and screens, are not copper, copper alloys, bronze, brass, aluminum, or cast iron. Cast iron is porous to thermal fluids, and copper and aluminum act as catalysts in the degradation of some thermal fluids. Carbon or stainless steel, or ductile iron, are recommended.
5. Ensure all pipework is constructed from seamless mild steel pipe, conforming to ASME SA 106B or SA 53B, Schedule 40 or Schedule 80 or equal, as required based on the design temperature and pressure of the system.
6. If an isolating valve is completely closed, the pressure in the system will rise to the deadhead pressure of the pump. Suitably sized pipe will enable the system to withstand the total head generated by the circulating pump, should this occur. In applications where it is desirable to design to pressures lower than 100 psig, an alternative safeguard is to install appropriately sized safety valves.
7. Where secondary circulating pumps are installed, ensure the system is suitable for the aggregate head, against a closed valve, of both pumps.
8. During construction of the installation, ensure that no dirt, water, or residue from welding is left in the system.
9. Consider expansion joints or pipe loops to accommodate thermal expansion. Design should be per latest edition of ASHRAE Systems and Equipment Handbook to prevent detrimental forces and stresses at connected equipment. Thermal expansion should be calculated using the maximum possible utilization fluid temperature, regardless of whether the pipe considered is in the feed or return circuit. Steel pipe will grow axially and can be expected to expand approximately 1" over 100ft @ 100dg°F temperature rise (1mm per meter over 100 C rise).



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### CAUTION

*The weight of all piping must be properly supported. Failure to support piping may result in equipment damage and/or system leakage.*

*Piping must take into consideration potential for freezing interference and/or damage as a result of expansion, contraction, vibration, or other movements.*

*Dirt, water, and/or other debris in the piping system after welding may result in equipment failure.*

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10. Provide properly designed supports and anchors for all piping where necessary to prevent undue stress from being imparted on equipment such as pumps, valves and the heater. Care should be taken as end reactions transmitted to rotating equipment, such as pumps, may deform the equipment. Therefore equipment manufacturers' recommendations on allowable forces and movements should be followed. Ensure all pipe joints are of either welded or flanged construction. Screwed joints must be avoided where possible. In no instance should screwed joints be used in the flow circuit. All flanges should be welded to the pipe and not screwed. Depending on the size, flanges should be 150# or 300# raised face flanges, SA105.
11. Ensure heaters that are skid mounted with pumps and tanks are equipped with a y-strainer, a flex connector and a valve in the inlet run between the pump and the combination tank. Piping between the discharge of the pump and the inlet of the heater will include a flex connector and a valve.
12. If screwed connections have to be made, e.g., to items of control equipment, use a thread sealant suitable for use with fluids at elevated temperature. Teflon tape, standard pipe sealant, or hemp and paste are not acceptable.
13. Cut screw threads carefully and accurately. If possible, new tools should be used. Threaded connections larger than 1" are not to be used. It is recommended that GR5 or higher tensile steel bolts be used for all flanged joints.
14. Use gaskets to make all flanged connections. Gasketing material must be suitable for use with the pressure, temperatures and fluids in the system. Flexible graphite gaskets are suited for most applications. Recommended gasket thickness is 1/10 - 1/8 inch. Ensure that all bolts are tightened evenly and to the torque recommended values provided by the gasket manufacturer. Refer to Tables 5 - 8 and Figure 8 for guidelines.
  - *NOTE: Typical gaskets used by Volcanic include JM Clipper Elastograph gaskets and Flexitallic gaskets. Adhere to installation instructions and torque requirements for these gaskets.*
15. Install high point bleeds at all high points in the system piping. 1/2" x 12" nipples welded in the top of the piping with ball valves and plugs attached are to be used.
  - *NOTE: It will save a considerable amount of time during the cold filtration if the system piping is cleaned prior to assembly. The mill scale (the results of oxidation) on the inside of the piping as well as construction debris can foul the fluid and cause the need for the filters (strainers) to be cleaned more than need be. This can range from simply using a rag to ordering pickled pipe. ("Pickling" is a process where the piping is first soaked in an acid bath, then soaked in a neutralizing bath, then given a protective oil coating.)*
16. Install all pipes with a pitch to facilitate draining and venting.

TABLE 5 - RECOMMENDED GASKET LOADS FOR FLEXITALLIC SPIRAL WOUND CLASS 150#  
GASKETS SAE GRADE 5 BOLTS OR EQUAL

| Nominal Flange Size (in.) | Number of Bolts | Diameter of Bolts (in.) | Preferred Torque Req. Per Bolt (ft-lb) |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--|
| 1/2                       | 4               | 1/2                     | 45                                     |
| 3/4                       | 4               | 1/2                     | 45                                     |
| 1                         | 4               | 1/2                     | 45                                     |
| 1 1/4                     | 4               | 1/2                     | 45                                     |
| 1 1/2                     | 4               | 1/2                     | 45                                     |
| 2                         | 4               | 5/8                     | 90                                     |
| 2 1/2                     | 4               | 5/8                     | 90                                     |
| 3                         | 4               | 5/8                     | 90                                     |
| 3 1/2                     | 8               | 5/8                     | 90                                     |
| 4                         | 8               | 5/8                     | 90                                     |
| 5                         | 8               | 3/4                     | 150                                    |
| 6                         | 8               | 3/4                     | 150                                    |
| 8                         | 8               | 3/4                     | 150                                    |
| 10                        | 12              | 7/8                     | 240                                    |

TABLE 6 - RECOMMENDED LOADS FOR FLEXITALLIC SPIRAL WOUND CLASS 300# GASKETS  
SAE GRADE 5 BOLTS OR EQUAL

| Nominal Flange Size (in.) | Number of Bolts | Diameter of Bolts (in.) | Preferred Torque Req. Per Bolt (ft-lb) |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--|
| 1/2                       | 4               | 1/2                     | 45                                     |
| 3/4                       | 4               | 5/8                     | 90                                     |
| 1                         | 4               | 5/8                     | 90                                     |
| 1 1/4                     | 4               | 5/8                     | 90                                     |
| 1 1/2                     | 4               | 3/4                     | 150                                    |
| 2                         | 8               | 5/8                     | 90                                     |
| 2 1/2                     | 8               | 3/4                     | 150                                    |
| 3                         | 8               | 3/4                     | 150                                    |
| 3 1/2                     | 8               | 3/4                     | 150                                    |
| 4                         | 8               | 3/4                     | 150                                    |
| 5                         | 8               | 3/4                     | 150                                    |
| 6                         | 12              | 3/4                     | 150                                    |
| 8                         | 12              | 7/8                     | 240                                    |
| 10                        | 16              | 1                       | 368                                    |

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To maintain a reasonable temperature in the equipment area and ensure safety to personnel, the section of the chimney duct within the building should be insulated.

Due to extremely high operating temperatures of the thermal fluid, all exposed pipework should be insulated, and exposed hot flanges, pump, valve, and fittings should be shielded. Refer to Insulation section of this manual for details.

TABLE 7 - RECOMMENDED LOADS FOR JM CLIPPER ELASTOGRAPH  
150# GASKETS SAE GRADE 5 BOLTS OR EQUAL

| Nominal Flange Size (in.) | Number of Bolts | Diameter of Bolts (in.) | Preferred Torque Req. Per Bolt (ft-lb) |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--|
| 1/2                       | 4               | 1/2                     | 30                                     |
| 3/4                       | 4               | 1/2                     | 30                                     |
| 1                         | 4               | 1/2                     | 30                                     |
| 1 1/4                     | 4               | 1/2                     | 30                                     |
| 1 1/2                     | 4               | 1/2                     | 30                                     |
| 2                         | 4               | 5/8                     | 60                                     |
| 2 1/2                     | 4               | 5/8                     | 60                                     |
| 3                         | 4               | 5/8                     | 60                                     |
| 4                         | 8               | 5/8                     | 60                                     |
| 5                         | 8               | 3/4                     | 100                                    |
| 6                         | 8               | 3/4                     | 100                                    |
| 8                         | 8               | 3/4                     | 100                                    |
| 10                        | 12              | 7/8                     | 160                                    |

TABLE 8 - RECOMMENDED LOADS FOR JM CLIPPER ELASTOGRAPH  
300# GASKETS SAE GRADE 5 BOLTS OR EQUAL

| Nominal Flange Size (in.) | Number of Bolts | Diameter of Bolts (in.) | Preferred Torque Req. Per Bolt (ft-lb) |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--|
| 1/2                       | 4               | 1/2                     | 30                                     |
| 3/4                       | 4               | 5/8                     | 60                                     |
| 1                         | 4               | 5/8                     | 60                                     |
| 1 1/4                     | 4               | 5/8                     | 60                                     |
| 1 1/2                     | 4               | 3/4                     | 100                                    |
| 2                         | 8               | 5/8                     | 60                                     |
| 2 1/2                     | 8               | 3/4                     | 100                                    |
| 3                         | 8               | 3/4                     | 100                                    |
| 4                         | 8               | 3/4                     | 100                                    |
| 5                         | 8               | 3/4                     | 100                                    |
| 6                         | 12              | 3/4                     | 160                                    |
| 8                         | 12              | 7/8                     | 245                                    |
| 10                        | 16              | 1                       | 160                                    |

## Insulation

After the appropriate system tests have been satisfactorily completed (see **Testing** section of this manual), all hot pipework and vessels must be adequately insulated with material suited to the temperature and application to prevent both heat loss and personnel injury.

Adhere to the following for insulation installation:

1. For inspection and maintenance purposes, leave pumps, flanges, valves and fittings uninsulated but suitably shielded for safety.
2. Insulate the deaerator section of the combination tank.
3. Do not insulate the thermal buffer and expansion sections of the combination tank. On units operated with inert gas blankets above the fluid in the expansion tank, the entire combination tank, including the expansion and thermal buffer sections, may be insulated but it is not necessary.
4. Ensure hot oil pipe insulation is a minimum of 2" (51 mm) thick, high temperature, laminated, foams glass cellular glass insulation as manufactured by Pittsburgh Corning Corporation or equal.

## System Interfaces

Proper selection and installation of the components in the hot oil system will ensure proper and safe operation of the heater.

### ■ Heater Connections

Adhere to the following for heater connections:

1. Connect the outlet of the pump directly to the inlet of the heater via an isolating valve (preferably a throttling valve) and pump flexible connector.
2. Pipe heater outlets directly to the system via an isolating valve.
3. A safety relief valve may be shipped in the parts box accompanying the fuel-fired heater, and must be installed in the outlet manifold. On all units, the outlet must be piped to a safe discharge area. The piping from the outlet of the safety valve must be piped to a catch tank. The discharge flow must not be restricted, i.e. no valve should be installed. The weight of the piping must be properly supported in order to prevent damage to the safety valve. If the valve body becomes warped, leakage may result.

1. Thermal Fluid Heater
2. Thermal Fluid Circulating Pump
3. Safety Relief Valve
4. Thermometer
5. Pressure Gauge
6. Thermal Fluid Heated Equipment
7. Bypass Valve to maintain full flow to heater
8. Expansion Joints as required
9. Anchor and Pipe Guides
10. Expansion Tank
11. Vent Piping (should be full size of expansion tank vent)
12. Deaerator Tank
13. Deaerator Tank Inlet (must be highest point of piping)
14. Thermal Buffer Tank
15. Catch Tank for drain of pressure relief valve, cold seal, expansion tank, and vent. Locate in safe area.
16. Gate valve
17. Strainer
18. 3/4" System Fill Connection
19. Flexible Connection as necessary
20. Isolating Valve as necessary
21. Manual Low Level Test Line
22. Manual High Level Test Line
23. Buffer Drain

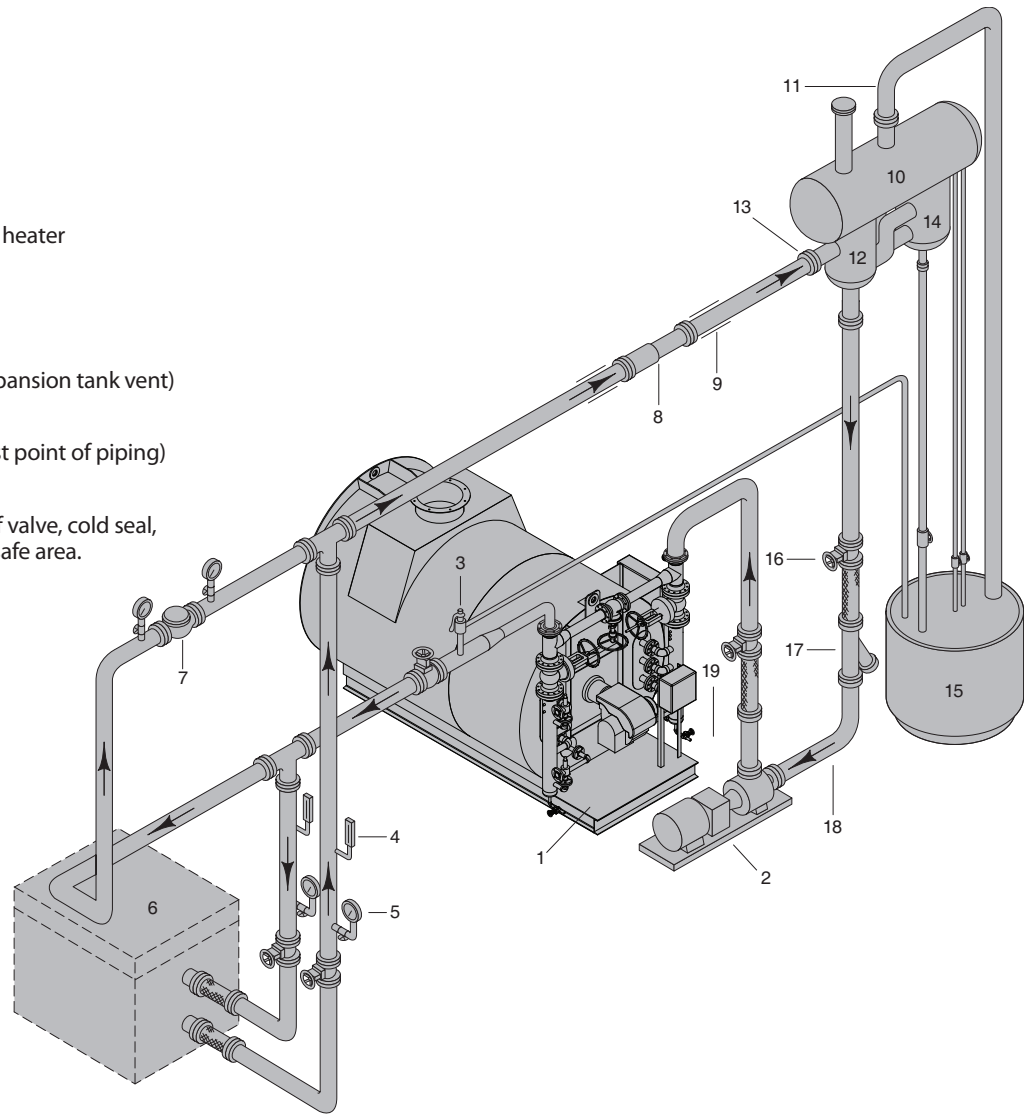


FIGURE 6 - TYPICAL THERMAL PIPING SCHEMATIC

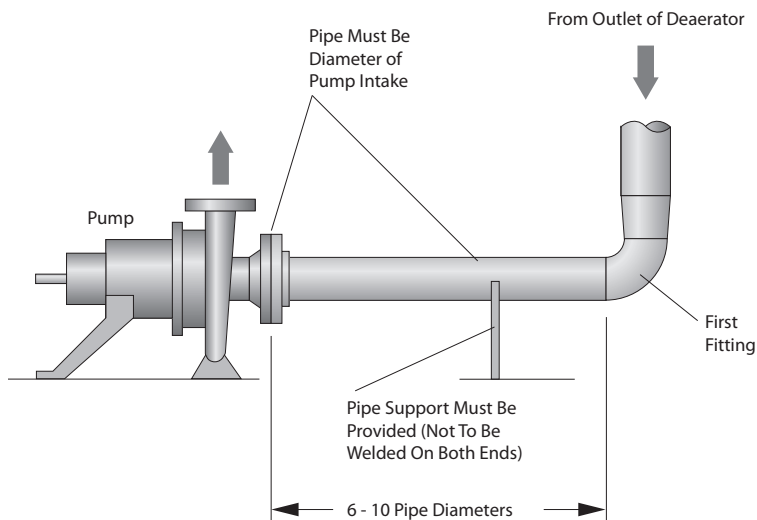


FIGURE 7 - TYPICAL PUMP PIPING

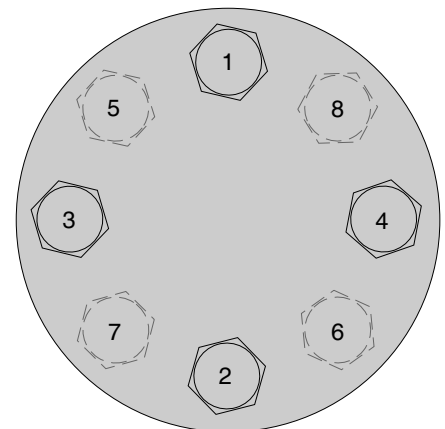


FIGURE 8 - BOLTING SEQUENCE FOR 4 AND 8 BOLT FLANGES

### ■ Thermal Fluid Circulating Pump

Installing the pump in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and these instructions will prolong the life of the pump and contribute significantly to the successful operation of your Volcanic heater system. The pump manufacturer's installation and operation instructions can be obtained from the manufacturer.

Adhere to the following for pump installation:

1. Locate pump adjacent to the heater. Its base must be firm, level (preferably concrete), and free from vibration.
  2. Route pump per the manufacturer's requirements. It should be equipped with flexible connections at the suction and discharge sides. The primary function of these connections are to prevent stresses due to pipe expansion from being placed on the pump and to isolate pump vibrations from the pipe work and the heater. They also allow for expansion and deflection of the pipe work. These connections should be rated for high temperature since they are considered part of the piping system.
  3. Connect suction pipe work directly to the deaerator section via a vertical run with as few elbows as possible. It should contain the strainer and an isolating valve. The discharge pipe work must be connected directly to the heater inlet, and should contain an isolating valve. See that pipe work connections match up accurately with pump flanges. Refer to the pump manufacturer's recommendations for the specific pump inlet piping requirements. Typically these requirements are that:
    - It be a straight run of pipe.
    - The straight run from the pump inlet to the first fitting, valve, or flex connector be a minimum of 6-10 pipe diameters in length.
    - The pipe used should be the same size as the inlet of the pump.
    - The piping in the immediate vicinity of the pump must not be supported by the pump. The pump is not designed to bear the weight of the piping, and weight on any part of the pump will throw it out of alignment.
    - Proper alignment directly affects bearing, coupling, and seal life expectancy. The pump is properly aligned before it leaves the factory. Because the system expands in operation, pump must be realigned when the system is at operating temperature.
- The coupling alignment of the pump and driver must be carefully checked for angular and axial alignment. Check pump manufacturers instructions for these specifications. The use of a dial indicator to check the axial and angular alignment is recommended.
  - An air cooled pump does not have an oiler. This type of pump has a sleeve bearing which is, like the seals, lubricated by thermal fluid. An air cooled pump has a grease nipple located at the drive end of the pump near the coupling connection. This comes pre-greased, and should be greased at intervals as recommended by the manufacturer.
  - An oiler is shipped with each water cooled pump and it should be filled with a lubricating oil recommended by the manufacturer. The suggested lubricant is usually SAE-30 non-detergent oil.
  - Thermal fluid is not sufficient lubrication for bearings.
  - All seals on air cooled pumps are lubricated by thermal fluid, therefore the pump must never be run dry, i.e., without thermal fluid in it.
  - Filling a pump equipped with either a Grafoil packed or mechanical seal with thermal fluid will ensure lubrication. However, in order to be certain that all seals on an air cooled pump are coated with thermal fluid, the pump must be bled.
  - Grafoil packings require a run-in procedure. Typically, pumps with these seals are shipped with four or five rings installed and several rings loose. These extra rings must be on hand for the initial run-in procedure. See manufacturer's instruction manual for this procedure.

### ■ Requirements for Air Cooled Pumps

Adhere to the following for air cooled pumps (See Figure 9):

1. Allow for free air flow around the entire pump casing at all times.
2. Maximum room temperature should be 100°F (38°C).
3. In no case should any part of the drive side of the pump be insulated.
4. Maximum operating temperature for air cooled pumps varies by manufacturer. Consult instruction manual to verify.



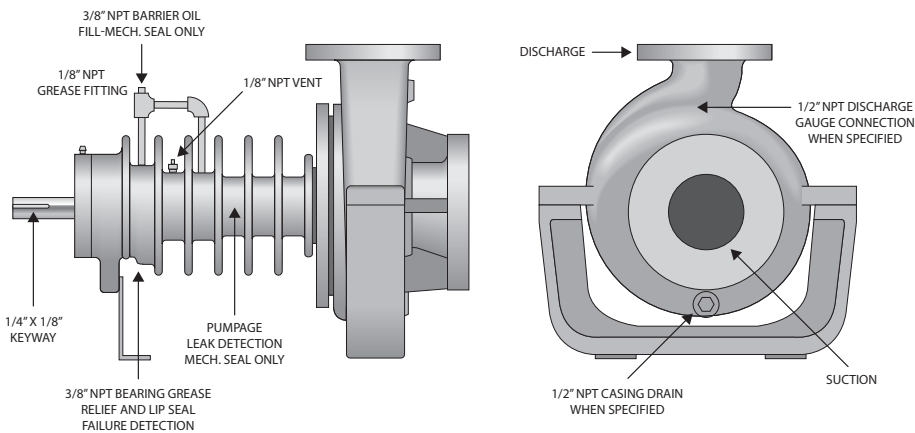


FIGURE 9 - TYPICAL AIR COOLED PUMP

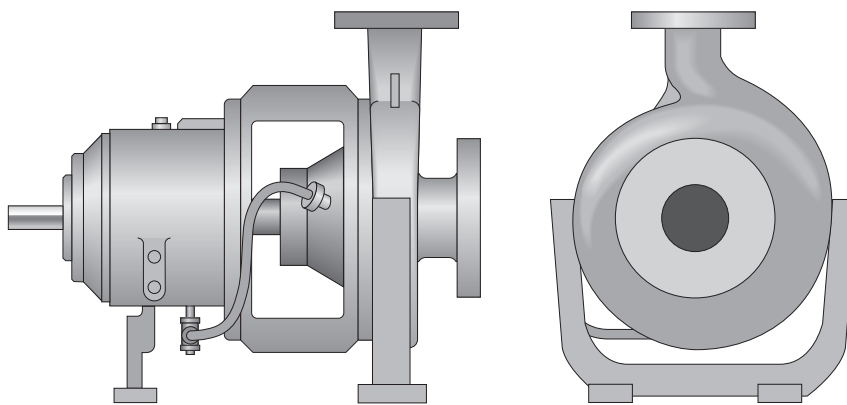


FIGURE 10 - TYPICAL WATER COOLED PUMP

## ■ Requirements for Water Cooled Pumps

Adhere to the following for water cooled pumps (See Figure 10):

1. Requirements for water cooled pumps will vary with manufacturer. Consult manufacturer's instructions for flow rate and temperature requirements.
2. Check local codes regarding disposal of hot water.

## ■ Combination Deaerator/Thermal Buffer/Expansion Tank

Volcanic's efficient design combines the operation of the expansion, deaerator, and thermal buffer tanks. Installation is considerably simplified by virtue of this arrangement.

The expansion section is vital to the thermal fluid system. From ambient to operating temperature, the thermal fluid in the system will typically expand in the range of 25% to 50%, and a vessel capable of handling this expansion is mandatory. The customer should confirm the expansion rate of the chosen fluid and system volume.

At start up, the primary purpose of the deaerator section is to remove all volatiles from the system to avoid pump cavitation. The deaerator section also allows

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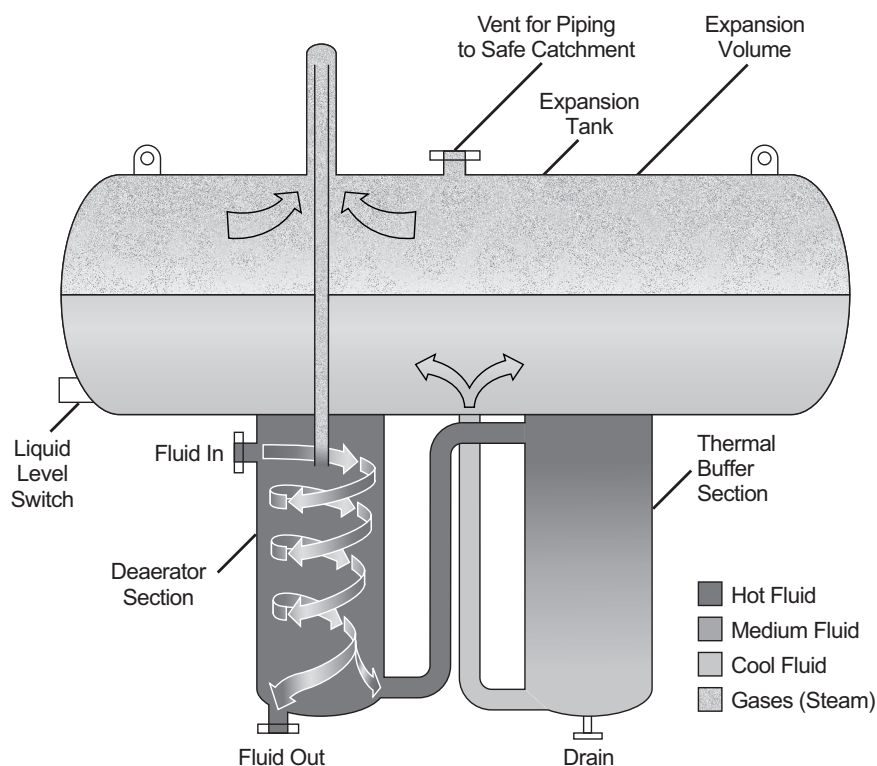
air to be vented from the system on a continuous basis during operation to avoid oxidation of the thermal fluid, and removes other volatile particles generated by the fluid itself during system operation. This section of the tank must be insulated.

A system of interconnecting pipe work in the thermal buffer tank section prevents the movement of any oil that has not cooled sufficiently into the expansion section. This avoids contact of very high thermal fluid temperature with oxygen contained in the atmosphere, which causes fluid breakdown. DO NOT insulate this section.

### ■ Sizing The Expansion Tank For The System

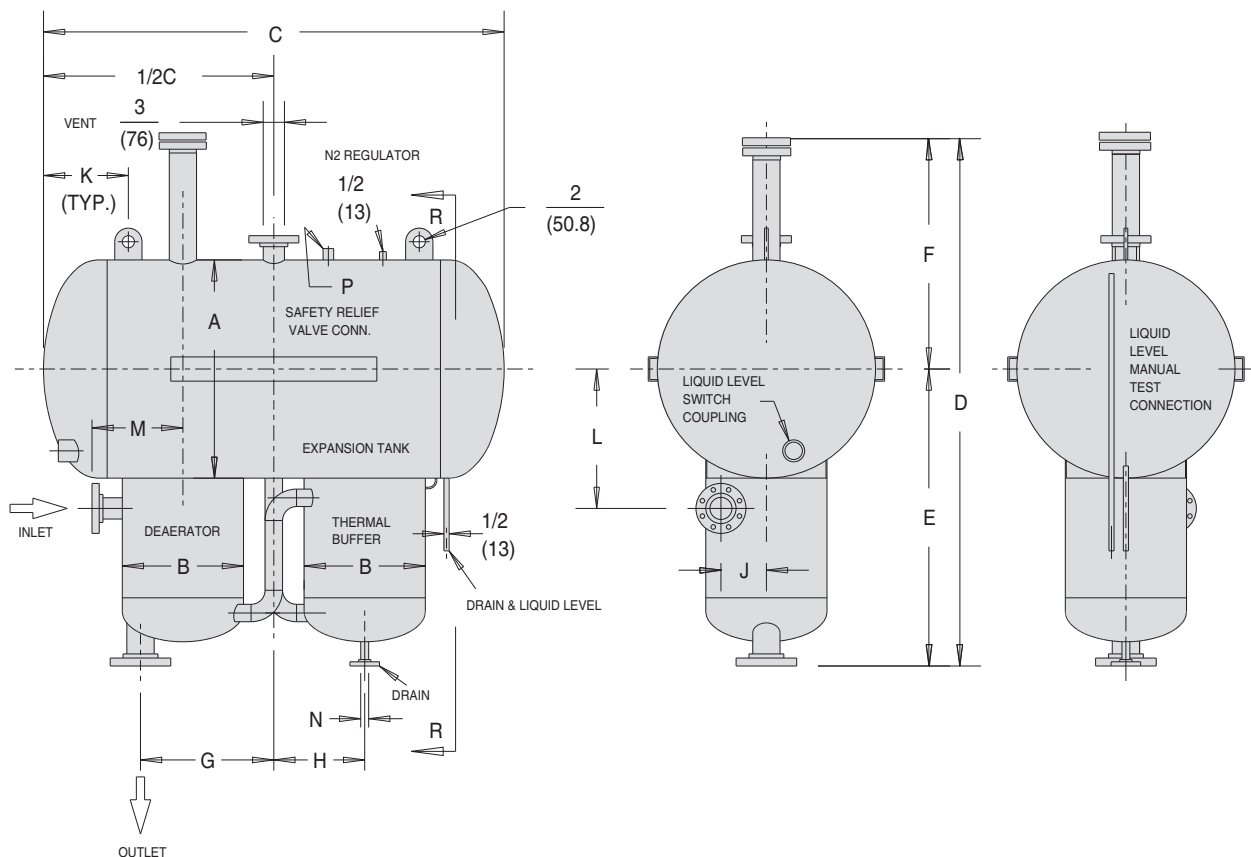
Expansion tank capacity is the total volume of the tank (see Figures 11 and 12). It is necessary to have some air space available at the top of the tank to avoid spillage or overflow. At initial fill (for system volume calculations) the deaerator and cold seal sections must be filled completely and the expansion section must be filled to a level of 4 inches (102 mm) to “make” the liquid level switch.

The volume between the initial fill level and the safe “full” level is the amount available for expansion. That volume is used to decide which tank is suitable for the system expansion.



| Model     | Capacity (gallons) | Initial Fill (gallons) | Available for Expansion (gallons) | Max System Volume |
|-----------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| FT-200-L  | 52                 | 25                     | 46                                | 184               |
| FT-500-L  | 132                | 40                     | 121                               | 525               |
| FT-1000-L | 264                | 80                     | 232                               | 1000              |
| FT-1500-L | 397                | 90                     | 380                               | 1400              |
| FT-2000-L | 528                | 145                    | 444                               | 1700              |
| FT-3000-L | 793                | 215                    | 717                               | 2600              |
| FT-5000-L | 1310               | 300                    | 1168                              | 4600              |

FIGURE 11 - EXPANSION TANK DETAILS



|              | FT-0200-L      | FT-0500-L      | FT-1000-L      | FT-1500-L      | FT-2000-L      | FT-3000-L      | FT-5000-L      |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| A            | 20 (510)       | 26 (660)       | 36 (915)       | 36 (915)       | 42 (1070)      | 42 (1070)      | 60 (1524)      |
| B            | 12 3/4 (325)   | 16 (405)       | 20 (510)       | 20 (510)       | 22 (560)       | 26 (660)       | 26 (660)       |
| C            | 54 (1370)      | 74 (1880)      | 76 (1930)      | 106 (2690)     | 106 (2690)     | 140 (3556)     | 130 3/8 (3312) |
| D            | 60 5/8 (1540)  | 66 5/8 (1692)  | 87 5/8 (2226)  | 87 (2210)      | 107 5/8 (2734) | 115 1/8 (2924) | 132 1/8 (3356) |
| E            | 34 (865)       | 37 (940)       | 49 (1245)      | 49 (1245)      | 62 1/2 (1590)  | 70 (1778)      | 77 1/2 (1969)  |
| F            | 26 5/8 (676)   | 29 5/8 (752)   | 38 5/8 (981)   | 38 5/8 (981)   | 45 1/8 (1146)  | 45 1/8 (1146)  | 54 5/8 (1387)  |
| G            | 16 11/16 (424) | 19 3/4 (502)   | 22 1/4 (565)   | 24 3/4 (629)   | 31 3/16 (792)  | 33 3/16 (843)  | 32 3/16 (818)  |
| H            | 12 (305)       | 14 (355)       | 15 (380)       | 17 1/2 (445)   | 24 (610)       | 24 (610)       | 24 (610)       |
| J            | 4 1/2 (115)    | 6 (150)        | 7 11/16 (202)  | 8 (203)        | 8 1/2 (216)    | 9 15/16 (252)  | 9 3/8 (238)    |
| K            | 4 1/4 (108)    | 11 1/2 (290)   | 14 (355)       | 14 (355)       | 15 1/2 (394)   | 15 1/2 (394)   | 20 5/8 (524)   |
| L            | 15 (380)       | 18 (460)       | 24 (610)       | 24 (610)       | 28 (710)       | 28 (710)       | 37 (940)       |
| M            | 12 15/16 (329) | 14 15/16 (379) | 14 15/16 (379) | 14 15/16 (379) | 14 15/16 (379) | 18 15/16 (481) | 18 15/16 (481) |
| N            | 3/4 (20)       | 3/4 (20)       | 1 (25)         | 1 (25)         | 1 (25)         | 1 (25)         | 1 (25)         |
| P            | 3/4 (20)       | 3/4 (20)       | 1 (25)         | 1 1/4 (32)     | 1 1/2 (38)     | 1 1/2 (38)     | 1 1/2 (38)     |
| Dry Wt.      | 636 (289)      | 970 (440)      | 1350 (612)     | 1710 (776)     | 2550 (1134)    | 3200 (1451)    | 5300 (1637)    |
| Max Full Wt. | 1314 (596)     | 2450 (1111)    | 4380 (1987)    | 5875 (2667)    | 8230 (3733)    | 11,610 (5265)  | 17,370 (7895)  |

Inlet and outlet dimensions vary with installation. All dimensions are approximate. Specifications are subject to change without notice. Dimensions are in inches (mm). Capacities are in gallons (liters). Weights are in pounds (kg).

FIGURE 12 - COMBINATION/EXPANSION/DEAERATOR THERMAL BUFFER TANK

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### ► SIZING EXAMPLE

A system contains 175 gallons, including the heater, but not the tank. You select the FT-200-L, so you add 25 gallons to 175 for a total of 200 gallons.

You look up the expansion rate for the thermal fluid. (Assuming it is 25%), 200 gal. x 1.25 = 250 gallons, 250-200 = 50 gallon expansion.

The FT-200-L has only 46 gallons available for expansion, so the correct selection is the FT-500-L.

Adhere to the following for installation:

1. Install tank in accordance with Volcanic's specifications.
2. Unless the system is pressurized, the inlet to the deaerator section must be higher than or equal to the highest point in the system to prevent pockets of air from collecting in system piping.
3. Take into account the head required at the circulation pump suction inlet to avoid the possibility of pump cavitation.
4. In systems operating close to maximum fluid temperature, ensure the tank is elevated enough, possibly well above the highest point in the system, to prevent pump cavitation by increasing the static head. An inert pressurizing blanket may be considered as an alternative. See **Pressurized Systems** section of this manual.
5. Provide supports for tank mounting. These should be suited for supporting the tank by the side rails. The eyelets fitted to the tank are for lifting only.

### ■ Hopkins Expansion Tank

Hopkins expansion tanks are mounted to the heater as one unit (see Figure 13). This unique arrangement allows for simplicity of the system, low maintenance, and unattended operation. The Expansion Tank is required for all closed-loop liquid circuits. When heated, thermal fluid expands approximately 4% by volume for every 100° F temperature increase.

The expansion tank is necessary to account for the fluid expansion and allows for a place to store excess fluid. Upon initial heater startup, tanks typically are filled to 25% capacity and operate at 75% capacity. When the system is shut down and the liquid cools, liquid is withdrawn from the expansion tank and maintains a filled circulating loop.

### ► SURGE TANK

Characteristics for the surge tank are as follows:

- Thermal fluid returns from heating the customer's product and is deposited into the surge tank.
- Primary function of the surge tank is to decrease the velocity of the fluid.
- Any steam or air left in the fluid will travel to the expansion tank.

- Fluid in the surge tank flows into the main circulating pump where it is then transported to the heating coil and the process is repeated.

### ► COLD SEAL TANK

Characteristics for the cold seal tank are as follows:

- Can either be vented to the atmosphere directly or could be run from a pipe to a catch bin for venting. This permits air or steam in expansion tank to travel to cold seal tank and escape.
- On a barge, fluid level in the expansion tank can rise and fall due to the ocean, and the cold seal tank provides a place for the fluid to leak into if necessary. Draining is required after system is shutdown.
- Figure 13 shows the cold seal tank and the surge tank connected to the expansion tank. The cold seal tank is separate from the expansion tank and the surge tank occupies 8-10 inches inside the expansion tank.

## ■ Limit and Safety Controls

### ► LOW LEVEL CONTROL-LLC

Characteristics of the LLC are as follows:

- Mounted on surge tank
- Float cage switch will shut down the burner if the fluid level in the surge tank is too low.
- Normally open contact that closes when the system is full and operating. This guarantees that the pump is supplied with liquid while the heater is operating.
- A manual reset is installed and must be reset after every shutdown. If low level is not corrected, the reset will not restart the burner.

### ► HIGH LEVEL CONTROL-HLC

An optional high fluid level control can be installed and serves the same purpose as the LLC but is placed near the top of the expansion tank. In the event that the fluid in the expansion tank gets too high, the high level control switch is tripped and the burner will shut down.

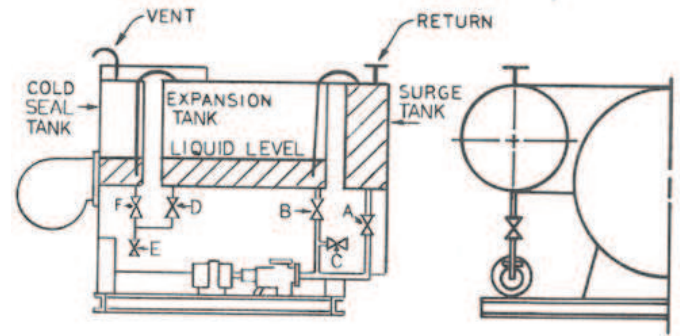


FIGURE 13- STANDARD HOPKINS EXPANSION TANK UNIT

## ■ Pumps and Valves

### ► MAIN CIRCULATING PUMP

The main circulating centrifugal pump is specifically sized to provide the proper capacity and pressure head to circulate the heat transfer fluid through the heater and heating system. Characteristics of the main circulating pump are as follows:

- Piping connects the outlet of the surge tank to the inlet of the pump and is the main source of fluid circulation throughout the system.
- The system should be designed such that there is sufficient net positive suction head available for the pump.
- Positive displacement pumping systems should incorporate features to ensure that minimum flow through the heater is maintained at all times.
- A strainer is inserted before the fluid reaches the pump.
- Customer has choice for strainer to be placed before entering expansion tank or right before pump. A minimum 60 mesh stainless steel strainer element should be used. A means should be provided to drain the strainer prior to cleaning.

### ► VALVES

Valve characteristics are as follows:

- Gate valves should be used for isolation purposes
- $\frac{3}{4}$ " ball and gate valves are used in Volcanic's applications. From Figure 13, valves "A", "B", "C", and "D" are gate valves. Gate valves are needed to withstand the temperatures of the thermal fluid. Ball valves

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*Once the system has been filled, any modification to the tank or connected piping requires purging of the work area to prevent ignition of potentially flammable vapors. Consult factory prior to beginning work. Consult Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for your thermal fluid for flammability limits.*

### CAUTION

*Non-code tanks cannot be pressurized over 15 psig.*

*If the deaerator/thermal buffer/expansion tank is located outdoors, a nitrogen blanket is required.*

are present in valves “E” and “F”. Ball valves are associated with lower temperatures such as the cold seal tank.

- Nitrogen Relief Valve’s main function is to prevent oxidation of fluid due to exposure to air at high fluid temperatures.
- The expansion tank is pressurized with nitrogen due to any of the following conditions: The tank is not the highest point in the system; tank contents can be at temperatures such that exposure to air would cause degradation of the fluid; the fluid manufacturer recommends use of an inert blanket; the fluid is operated above its atmospheric boiling point.
- Nitrogen relief valves are typically used on land based heaters and rarely used on marine heaters.

### ■ Pressurized Systems

Nitrogen pressurization may be used if the total system content is very large, or in a system operating near or above the vapor pressure of the fluid employed, or if the inlet of the DA tank is not the highest point in the piping system, or at any time to further protect the fluid from oxidation.

In conjunction with this system, adhere to the following:

1. An automatic venting device must be fitted to the system expansion tank. Consult Volcanic for further details.
2. The location for the liquid level switch (Figure 14) is a 2-1/2” NPT connection on the same end of the tank as the inlet. The liquid level switch is supplied and shipped with the unit, and must be installed by the customer and then wired to the control panel.
3. If the tank is located outdoors, nitrogen is required.

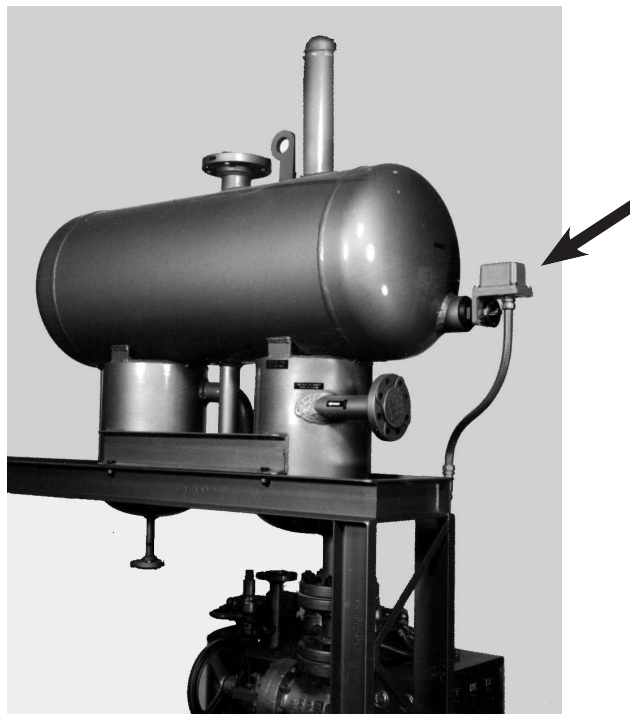


FIGURE 14 - LIQUID LEVEL SWITCH LOCATION

## ■ Vent Connections

Adhere to the following for vent connections:

1. Make vent connection in a manner that will prevent penetration of water or foreign bodies into the tank. This connection must always terminate in a safe, well ventilated area and has to be free of obstruction, open to atmosphere, and arranged in such a manner that, in the event of discharge from the system, thermal fluid could drain into a catch tank without danger to personnel or property.
2. Make the vent run the same size as the tank outlet. It should run pitch down from the outlet of the tank to the catch tank.
3. If nitrogen is used on the system, the vent can be reduced to 2" (51 mm) and should be piped with a positive closing valve at the catch tank.
4. Ensure the connection between the tank outlet and the horizontal pump inlet is as close to a vertical drop as possible. It should have the minimum bends and length of pipe.
5. Ensure the inlet to the deaerator is higher than or equal to the highest point in the system, or a pressurized system must be used.
6. Field-install the liquid level switch (supplied and shipped with the unit). This must be wired to the control panel.
7. Ensure test connections are accurate. The high and low level test connections are 1/2" NPT, and are located on the end of the tank opposite the inlet. The low level is on the center line of the expansion tank, the high level is next to it, slightly off center. The high level rises up from the bottom of the tank and ends 4" (102 mm) below the top; the low level rises 2" (51 mm) from the bottom of the tank.
8. Both the high and low level connections should be piped to a safe catchment. Valves should be installed in these lines at the catch tank. Installation of the valves should be accomplished in such a manner that any flow will be visible when the valves are open.
9. Flow from the high level test connection indicates a tank that is too full; no flow from the low level test connection indicates too little fluid.
10. There is a 300 #, raised face, flanged drain on the bottom of the thermal buffer section, for the purpose of draining the tank when necessary. This should be piped with a valve in the line, to a safe catchment. The valve specifications outlined above apply to this valve as well.
11. An inspection opening is located at the highest point on the tank. Access to this port is recommended but not required.
12. Refer to the maintenance schedule for recommendations on draining the buffer tank. For positioning of all connections on tank, see Figure 12.



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*Cements for plastic pipe should be kept away from all sources of ignition. Proper ventilation should be maintained to reduce the hazard and to minimize breathing of cement vapors.*

*No shutoff of any kind may be placed between the safety relief valve and the equipment, or in the discharge pipe between such valve and the atmosphere. Doing so may cause accidental explosion from overpressure.*

*Discharge from safety relief valve must be configured so that there is no danger of scalding personnel or causing equipment damage. Provisions must be made to properly drain safety relief valve discharge piping.*

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*Failure to properly locate and install vent connections may cause personnel and property damage.*

### ■ Catch Tank

Adhere to the following for the catch tank:

1. Ensure the heater safety relief valve outlet and connections on the DA tank are piped to a safe catch tank. The catch tank must be appropriately sized based on the system volume and configuration.
2. Under normal operating conditions, the catch tank should be empty. Fluid that is expelled into the tank should not be reintroduced into the system.
3. Ensure the vent from the catch tank is located and installed in such a manner as to protect personnel and property from discharge of steam, water, and thermal fluid. Vent outlet should be positioned in a safe location outside the heater room.

### ■ Drain/Fill Connection

The system is usually filled from the lowest point, with the aid of a pump. On skid-mounted units, a drain and fill connection is provided in the inlet piping to the pump. See Figure 15.

### ■ Pressure Gauges

The range in which readings are expected to fall should comprise mid-scale on the pressure gauge chosen (See Figure 16). Pressure gauges must be able to withstand overpressure equal to the rating of the safety relief valves, normally 100 psig.

### ■ Thermometers

Thermometers should read up to 650°F (343°C). For systems with higher operating temperatures, select thermometers accordingly.



FIGURE 15 - DRAIN AND FILL CONNECTION

### ■ Valves

Adhere to the following for valve installation:

1. Use vent and drain valves that normally are 1/2" or 3/4" with internal seals



made from materials suited to use with thermal fluids. They may be of the screw type if installed on stalks not less than 12" (30.5 cm) long.

2. Use gasketing material specifically suited to the task.
3. Fit drain valves at all low points in the pipework system and ventilating valves at all high points in the installation. Valves must be fitted with either the conventional packed stuffing box seal or a bellows seal as required.
4. Where the stuffing box is specified, it should be as deep as possible and packed with Grafoil packing or equal. The valves should have a backseating to allow re-packing without draining the system.
5. In all units, install a "Y" type strainer in the fluid return line, between the deaerator tank and the circulating pump. This strainer is provided on all skid-mounted units. Valves must be provided (unless the heater has been skid-mounted with the tank) so that the strainer can be isolated for cleaning of the element. The strainer element should be 60 mesh and must remain in place during normal operation of the system.
6. Check the pump suction pressure periodically, under similar operating conditions. A vacuum reading on the suction gauge indicates that the screen must be cleaned. For isolating purposes, globe, wedge, gate, ball, or other shut-off valves should be used. When there is a likelihood that some manual balancing will be required, a ball or globe valve should be used.
7. Ensure manual control and isolating valves are of the flanged or weld type, manufactured from cast or forged steel or ductile iron, with internals and gland seals made from materials suitable for use with high temperature fluids.
8. When ordering valves, obtain the maximum possible service temperature and type of fluid. A partial list of manufacturers known to market valves of acceptable quality follows:
  - Stockham Valves and Fittings Company
  - Velan
  - Vogt Machine Company
  - Worcester Valve Company



FIGURE 16 - GAUGES



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*Do not attempt to start the equipment for any testing prior to filling and purging the vessel. A dry fire will seriously damage the equipment and may result in property damage or personnel injury and is not covered by warranty. In case of a dry firing event, shut off the fuel supply and allow the vessel to cool to room temperature before fluid is reintroduced to the pressure vessel.*



## CAUTION

*Avoid flue corrosion and other negative impacts ensuring properly-sized stack and flue.*

*For reasons of safety, the hot exhaust gas duct and chimney must be insulated or shielded within the locality of the heater in compliance with local codes and regulations.*

*The stack arrangement and draft conditions should be in accordance with the information in this manual for proper performance of the equipment.*

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*Failure to ensure vent connections terminate into a well-ventilated area with catch tank may create an environmental hazard.*

*High temperature thermal fluid, steam, and combustible vapors may be vented through the vent connection on the combination deaerator/thermal buffer/expansion tank.*

*In order to meet warranty conditions, ensure appropriate tests and operational safety activities are performed.*

*Unless specially filtered, compressed air will introduce moisture to the system. Dry air or nitrogen is recommended.*

### ■ Automatic Fluid Control Valves

Because of the widely varied processes in which Volcanic Thermal Fluid Heaters are used, it is not possible to provide specific rules for the selection of automatic fluid control valves. Generally, these valves must satisfy the specific materials and construction requirements.

The type of operation and design of porting are governed by the degree of control required as well as the particular application.

### ■ By-Pass Valves

When process flow requirements do not match heater flow requirements, a bypass valve must be installed. If the process flow will vary with the system load, a suitable bypass system can be recommended by Volcanic.

## Assembly of Volcanic Multi-Skid Engineered Systems

Adhere to the following for multi-skid engineered systems:

1. Refer to the Volcanic mechanical/electrical drawings during assembly.
2. Ensure that the equipment orientation allows for operation interface and maintenance.
3. Align skids as shown in the drawings, ensuring that the skid fasteners are matched.
4. Ensure the skids are leveled and fasten the skids together using the supplied bolts. The skids should be leveled front to back, side to side and corner to corner. Failure to properly level the skids will result in piping misalignment. A level or laser level should be used to verify skid alignment (when a standard level is used, the length should be appropriate for the skid) If assembling multi-component support stands, attach sections using the supplied bolts through the tank frame mounting plates. These should be hand tight until all piping has been assembled and tightened.
5. Connect the piping between skids by matching the union connections and/or flange stamps and tightening. Refer to the appropriate instructions to tighten the flanges and required torque specifications. Support pipe runs as required.
6. Ensure that a low point drain is installed in the piping.
7. Connect the conduit runs between skids and tighten the conduit connectors.
8. Locate the supplied wiring for the equipment and pull wiring through the appropriate conduit runs. Electrical wires are labeled for easy landing. Connect all wiring per the Volcanic supplied electrical drawing. If a header is supplied, mount the header as shown in the mechanical drawing.

► *NOTE: For piping supplied in sections it should be made up and connected hand tight until all sections are in place to ensure sections align properly. Sections are match marked for reassembly.*

9. Tighten all connections.
10. Pneumatically test the piping (at 15 psig maximum) prior to filling the system.
11. Check bolts and connections for tightness after the first heat up cycle. Retorquing may be required.

## Stack and Flue

An appropriately sized stack should be connected to the flue gas outlet at the heater. The proper flue size and draft control is most important for proper burner operation. The flue must be as large or larger than the outlet on the vessel. Avoid flue piping and elbows by placing the equipment as close as possible to the chimney.

Adhere to the following for stack and flue installation (see Figure 17):

1. Ensure the stack is the same diameter as the flue gas outlet.
2. Ensure the stack rises continuously to the connection at the chimney and contains no more than two bends at 45 degree angles or less. If required, as a result of space limitations, one 90 degree elbow (or tee) can be fitted at the back of the vessel.
3. Ensure 2 feet (0.6 m) of straight, horizontal flue before any change in direction, fitting or draft regulator. This is to prevent potential pilot or main flame failures due to back pressure build up during ignition. Any alternative stack arrangement must supply negative 0.02 to 0.04"wc.
4. Ensure the run in the total distance of stack ducting, as measured in a straight line from the outlet of the heater to the outlet of the stack, does not exceed 70% of the rise. With the exception of the duct run previously described, horizontal sections of ducting must be avoided and should not exceed 4 feet (1.2 m) total. See Figure 17.
5. Ensure the stack, chimney, and any components associated with the stack, such as heat reclaimers or assist fans, are constructed from material that is rated for a 1200°F (649°C) operating temperature.
6. Ensure the stack and chimney material complies with all applicable codes.
7. Make adequate provisions for the support of the weight of the chimney and stack to avoid having a load imparted to the outlet connection of the equipment.
8. Ensure the draft, when firing, is negative and constant. A reading of -0.02 to -0.04"wc when the unit and stack are cold usually indicates sufficient draft. When the unit is running and the stack is hot, the draft should read 0.04 to 0.08"wc negative.
9. The installation of a draft regulator by the client/contractor is recommended at all installations. This will help to maintain the required draft. The placement of the draft regulator should be as shown in Figure 16 and Figure 18.
10. Insulate the section of the chimney duct within the building.
11. Concentration levels of only a few ppm of chlorine containing compounds in combustion air can produce serious corrosion of the flue over long periods of time. High chlorine containing compounds such as carbon tetrachloride or perchloroethylene would be prime suspects.

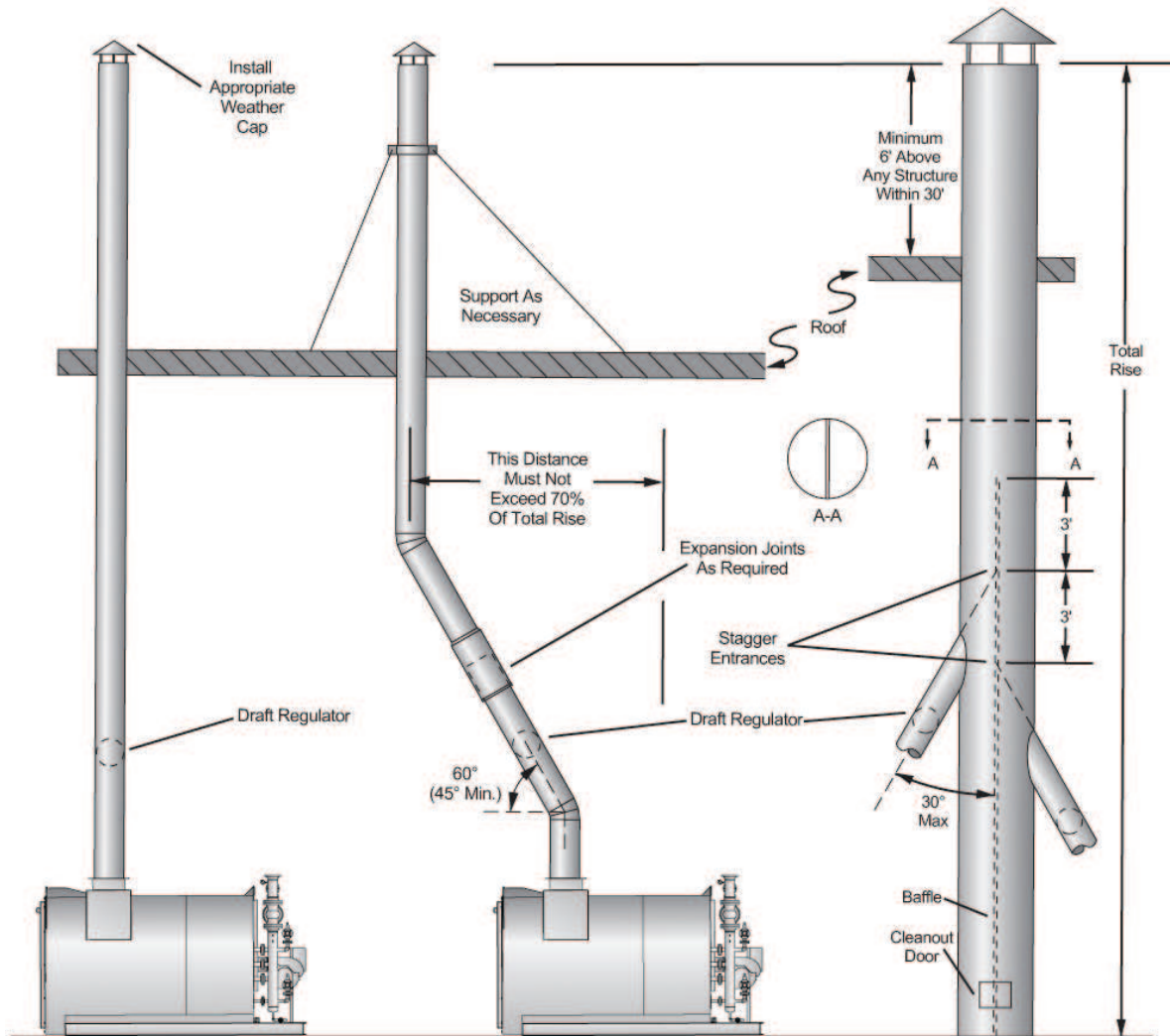


FIGURE 17 - TYPICAL STACK AND FLUE INSTALLATION

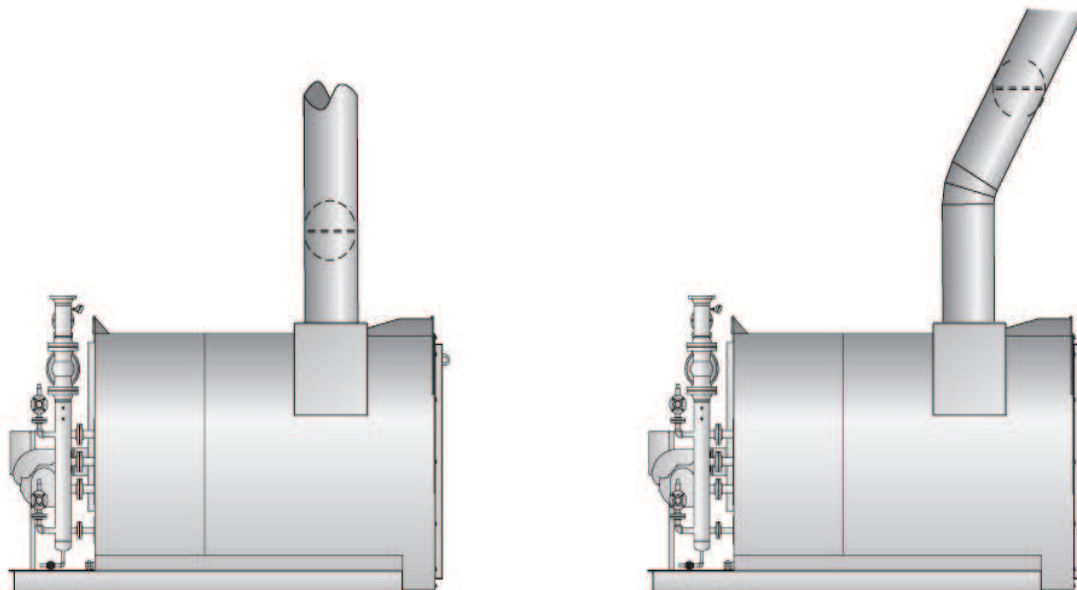


FIGURE 18 - BAROMETRIC DAMPER INSTALLATION

## Testing

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Upon completion of the installation, perform the following testing:

1. A pneumatic test of thermal fluid piping not exceeding 15 psig.
2. Soap tests at all welds and joints to ensure that the system is free from leaks.

► *NOTE: Under no circumstances should the system be filled with water. Make sure that the air supply is as free from moisture as possible.*

3. Boil-out. The time needed for adequate boilout directly corresponds to the volume of the system and the amount of moisture and debris in the system. Boilout typically takes anywhere from one to three days to complete. Pressure testing on the system should be done by means of an inert gas such as nitrogen or by an air compressor producing dry air (air with a dewpoint of 50°F [10 C] or less). Never perform a hydrostatic test on the system. The boilout procedure is described in the **Operation** section of this manual.
4. The most satisfactory method of testing is to introduce bottled nitrogen through a pressure control valve. Check pressure ratings on all equipment in the system to ensure that it is capable of withstanding the pressure involved.



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 **WARNING**

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*Do not operate, or allow others to operate, service or repair this equipment unless you (they) fully understand all applicable sections of this manual and are qualified to operate/maintain the equipment.*

*Defective or improperly installed equipment is hazardous. Do not operate equipment which is defective or improperly installed.*

*Never leave an opened manual air vent unattended. In the event an opened vent is left unattended, water or fluid damage could occur. The exception to this warning is a feed water deaerator manual vent cracked open may be left unattended.*

*Defective equipment can injure you or others. Do not operate equipment which is defective or has missing parts. Make sure all repairs or maintenance procedures are completed before using the equipment. Do not attempt repairs or any other maintenance work you do not understand.*

 **CAUTION**

*Installation in accordance with the guidelines within the manual should be fully completed before performing the initial start-up; and start-up must be complete prior to putting the unit into service. Starting a unit without the proper piping, venting or electrical systems can be dangerous and may void the product warranty.*

## Start-Up Preparation & Installation Review

Review the installation section of this manual carefully. Confirm accordance with the Installation guidelines, including:

1. You have read and followed all safety information.
2. The equipment area is in conformance with established boiler room requirements. Review national and local codes.
3. There is total absence of water in pipework and fluid. To help the system, open all drains; blow dry air or nitrogen if available into a high point bleed through a pressure regulating valve.
4. There are no obstructions left in the fluid circuit from pressure leak testing such as blanking plates in flanged joints.
5. Pipework is free to expand naturally when hot. Open all valves to user circuits including air bleed valves at high points and drains at low points in the piping system, and the liquid level test connections in the expansion section of the combination tank.
6. Heater is located with the proper clearances as shown in **Installation** section of this manual.
7. Relief valves have been properly piped to a safe catchment.
8. Flue gas from the heater is properly vented.
9. Combustion air openings are not obstructed in any way and have adequate capacity.
10. There are no flammable liquids, materials or hazardous fumes present in the environment.
11. Nothing was damaged or knocked loose during shipment and installation. Inspect the main gas train and trim assembly to be sure they were not damaged during shipment or installation.
12. Local authorities where approval for start-up is required have been notified. In some localities, final inspection of services may be required.
13. Installation checklist is complete.

## Fill the System

The viscosity of thermal fluid is generally very high (500 cS) at ambient temperature. Below 50°F (10°C) some fluids become very thick. Fluid should be in a pumpable liquid form prior to filling the system. Refer to the thermal fluid manufacturer's recommendations.

Adhere to the following when filling the system:

1. Refer to Figure 12 for the drain and fill connection.



2. Filling must be carried out from the lowest point in the system in order to prevent air pockets from forming.
3. A drain and fill point (generally a 3/4" threaded coupling) is provided on the inlet to the pump suction on skid-mounted units.
4. Typically a portable, high velocity pump, such as the type used for chemical transfer, is appropriate for filling the system. Where only one or two drums of fluid are required, a handheld pump may be practical.

### ■ Filling Procedure for Systems Open to Atmosphere

Adhere to the following:

1. Follow the instructions in **Fill The System** section of this manual.
2. Check to see that the liquid level switch operates freely. To confirm operation of the liquid level switch, manually trip the liquid level switch. Unit should shut down; pump will stop.
3. Fill the system slowly, closing all opened bleed and drain valves as fluid reaches them.
4. When the fluid reaches and flows from the expansion tank low level manual test connection, begin slowing down the filling process.
5. Close the low level connection and continue to fill until the liquid level switch closes. After fluid appears in the low level connection, only a small amount of additional fluid should be required.
6. If fluid is observed coming from the expansion section high level manual test connection, drain fluid from the tank until the level is between the liquid level switch and the high level connection.
7. Filling is complete when the fluid has reached the lowest level in the expansion tank required to actuate the liquid level switch.
8. As oil reaches a vent, close it. After all vents have been closed, and you believe the system to be full, stop filling. Start the circulating pump as described in **Initial Start-Up: Cold Circulation** section of this manual. Leave the fill equipment connected as cleaning the strainer may create the need for more oil in the system.
9. Verify to see that the liquid level switch operates freely. To confirm operation of the liquid level switch, manually trip the liquid level switch. Unit should shut down; pump will stop.

### ■ Filling Procedure for Systems Equipped with Inert Blankets

Adhere to the following:

1. Follow the instructions in **Fill The System** section of this manual.
2. Inspect the system to be sure all valves are open and all drains are closed.
3. Open all high point air vents.

#### WARNING

*Pressurizing a drum to force fluid into the system is not recommended. The drum may explode, creating a hazard to personnel and equipment.*

*During operation, any leaks are usually detected by a small amount of vapor. Leaks should be attended to as soon as possible because under certain circumstances, such as saturated insulation, thermal fluid can ignite when exposed to air and heat.*

#### CAUTION

*Do not use this equipment if any part has been under water (or subjected to heavy rains/water if the equipment does not have NEMA 4 wiring, controls and instrumentation). Immediately call a qualified service technician to inspect the equipment and to replace any part of the control system and/or gas control(s) which have been under water.*

*Commissioning/Start up by a non-Volcanic authorized person will void the product warranty.*

*Please read these instructions and post in an appropriate place near the equipment. Maintain in good legible condition.*

*The system pump is not to be used to fill the system.*

*A pump that has been used for water or a different thermal fluid should not be used prior to extensive cleaning. Thermal fluid can be damaged by contact with moisture or other fluids.*

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*Wear eye and hand protection for your safety.*

*Use extreme caution when opening circulating pump plug if system temperature is elevated.*

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*If a fire does occur, extinguish using CO<sup>2</sup> foam or dry chemical. Do not use water.*

4. Do not pressurize the system with nitrogen at this point.
  5. Inspect the liquid level switch (Figure 14) and be sure the switch is functioning properly.
  6. Begin filling the system.
  7. Fill the system until the liquid level switch indicates there is oil in the expansion tank.
  8. Pressurize the system slightly with nitrogen. Leave the high point vent connections open, as the nitrogen should be isolated from the vents by the oil in the system. The pressure required in the system at this point is only 2-3 psi. If too much pressure is applied, the nitrogen will bubble through the oil and vent to atmosphere. If this happens, reduce the pressure.
  9. Continue filling the system. If liquid level switch is made, be sure to observe the high point vents as oil is now entering the elevated portion of the pipe work. As oil reaches the vent, close it. After all vents have been closed, and you believe the system to be full, stop filling. Start the circulating pump as described in **Initial Start-Up: Cold Circulation** section of this manual. Leave the fill equipment connected as cleaning the strainer may create the need for more oil in the system.
  10. Determine the final nitrogen pressure by measuring the difference between the D.A. Tank inlet and the highest point in the system. Divide that number by 2.31 (this will indicate the nitrogen pressure the system should be set for).
  11. If the tank is located outdoors and the inlet to the tank is the highest point in the system, then 1-2 psig of nitrogen is sufficient.
  12. Adjustment can be made via the regulator mounted on top of the D.A. tank.
- *NOTE: If you are using a fluid above its boiling point, the system must be pressurized to overcome the vapor pressure of the fluid. Consult the factory for assistance.*

### ■ Circulating Pump

Adhere to the following:

1. Read manufacturer's instruction manual thoroughly. If the pump is supplied by Volcanic, manufacturer's literature is included with this manual.
2. Never run the pump without fluid in the casing. For pumps equipped with mechanical or air-cooled seals, air must be bled out of the stuffing box area to ensure that thermal fluid has lubricated all seal and bearing areas. Operation of the pump even a short time without bleeding first will damage the pump.
3. Use the thermal fluid as a barrier fluid. Remove the 3/8" plug at the barrier fluid fill port. Fill the cavity with thermal fluid until it comes out of the

overflow tube. Replace the 3/8" plug.

### ■ Pump With Mechanical/Air Cooled Seal

Adhere to the following:

1. Open the air bleed connection located directly over the pump shaft. Replace plug when a steady stream of thermal fluid, free of entrained air, flows from the port.
  2. If flow has not started after two to five minutes, remove the coupling guard and rotate the pump shaft by hand in the proper direction. This should help move the cold viscous fluid through close tolerance seal areas. Replace plug when flow is steady.
  3. If this fails to induce flow, introduce fluid through the bleed port and rotate the shaft by hand to work the fluid around the seal area. Continue to add fluid and rotate the shaft until no more fluid can be added.
  4. Replace the plug and run pump for five to ten seconds. Stop the pump, remove the plug and wait for flow to start. If after two minutes flow has not started, add more fluid as described above and run the pump for five minutes.
  5. Constantly check the bearing area (located immediately behind the casing) for overheating. Remove the plug and check for flow.
  6. If flow has not started at this point, the fluid may be too viscous to move through the seal area. Start the system normally by selecting heat on the control panel, and raise the temperature 50°F. Continue to raise the system temperature by 50°F increments. Keep checking the pump until flow starts.
- *NOTE: If at 150°F there is no fluid flow, discontinue Start-up procedures and contact the Volcanic Service department immediately.*
7. The pump should not be subjected to thermal or pressure shock. The thermal fluid should, therefore, be allowed to flow into the casing slowly.
  8. Check field work and make sure that all connections have been made in the proper places. Check electrical connections to the motor.
  9. Rotate the pump shaft by hand to be sure there is no binding or rubbing within the pump or driver. Correct any problems immediately.
  10. Check to see that pump is properly aligned while cold. The pump is properly aligned before it leaves the factory. Because the system expands in operation, the pump must be realigned when the system is at operating temperature.
  11. Carefully check the coupling alignment of the pump and driver for angular and axial alignment. Check pump manufacturers instructions for these specifications. The use of a dial indicator to check the axial and angular alignment is recommended.
  12. Realign at operating temperature, if necessary.



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#### CAUTION

*Operation of the circulating pump for any amount of time without first bleeding will result in equipment damage.*

*If fluid temperature exceeds 150 F during start-up and no flow has been established, discontinue start-up and contact Volcanic Service Department. Failure to do so may cause equipment damage.*

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*Never attempt to operate equipment that has failed to pass all safety checks.*

*This heater is equipped with an ignition device which automatically lights the burner. Do not try to light burner by hand.*

*Operating this equipment beyond its design limits can damage the equipment and can be dangerous. Do not operate the equipment outside of its limits. Do not try to upgrade the equipment performance through unapproved modifications. Unapproved modifications may cause injury, equipment damage, and will void the warranty.*

*Before commissioning the unit, verify with proper authorities that gas lines have been purged.*

*Check daily that the equipment area is free and clear of any combustible materials, including flammable vapors and liquids.*

13. Make sure that the pump is properly greased or oiled.

### ■ Pump with Packed Seal

Make sure that the gland is finger tight before filling the system.

## Start-Up Service

If start-up service has been included in the order, the factory should be contacted after the installation has been successfully completed and approved by the client's representative or engineers. Where possible, contact the factory at least three weeks before a Volcanic service engineer is required on site.

Consider the following in preparation for your on-site visit:

1. All procedures covered in manual sections **Start-Up Preparation** and **Fill the System**, including installation review, air testing of piping, pump alignment (where applicable), and filling the system must be completed before the service person's arrival.
2. Depending on the size of the system and the amount of service time contracted, start-up service includes firing the heater, checking, verifying and adjusting all safety settings.
3. Careful preparation can expedite the commissioning of your heater. Most delays can be avoided by following the instructions in this manual. Failure to complete required procedures properly can result in the need for further service time, at extra cost to the customer.
4. Service people will not commence start-up if there are obvious system deficiencies. However, start-up service in no way constitutes a system design check or approval of the installation.
5. In addition to commissioning the heater, the service person will also familiarize heater room personnel with the operation of all Volcanic equipment. Personnel must be qualified to understand the basic operation and function of controls.

## Initial Start-Up

These instructions are for use when the unit is being started up for the first time, or after prolonged shutdown. They are to be used in conjunction with the specific procedure information in manual section **Routine Operation**.

### Cold Circulation

1. Turn on the main power switches.
2. Check for proper fluid level in the expansion section of tank. See Figures 11 - 13.
3. A centrifugal pump cannot be operated with the discharge valve closed without heating up dangerously.

4. The pump should be started with the suction valve full open and the discharge valve open a slight amount.
5. Check pump rotation. Operating the pump in reverse rotation may cause extensive damage.
6. Turn the three position switch located on the front of the panel box door to "Pump".
7. Jog the green pump motor starting button and observe the direction of rotation. Rotation should be in the direction of the arrow shown on pump casing. If the rotation direction is incorrect, turn the three position switch back to "Off" immediately. Change the wiring connections and recheck.
8. Check for proper alignment. Realign, at temperature.
9. With the control switch set to "Pump" push and hold the pump start button, check all manual resets on pressure controls. The circulating pump will run, but the burner will not fire.
10. If the pump stops when the button is released, check for proper flow in the system, and review settings of high and low fluid pressure switches and differential pressure switch. Check liquid level switch.
11. Check that all pressure gauge readings remain stable. Refer to Figure 16. Pressure exceeding 100 PSIG or identical readings at inlet and outlet gauges indicate a closed valve.
12. If an extremely high vacuum (i.e. 15" Hg or more) is indicated on the compound gauge, the valve between the circulating pump and the combination tank may have been left closed. In this case, little or no pressure will be indicated by other gauges.
13. Check all piping, connections and users for leaks. Repair any leaks immediately.

## Filtering the System

1. Initially, readings on the gauge will indicate zero or slightly positive pressure. During the first few moments of flow, this reading will go towards vacuum, indicating that the strainer is becoming plugged.
2. Typically, a reading of 3" Hg or greater vacuum on the pump suction gauge indicates that the strainer must be cleaned. The strainer screen should be back flushed or pulled, cleaned and replaced.
3. In some cases, a positive pressure can be measured at the pump suction gauge (due to the use of a nitrogen blanket or large positive head). This should be noted and if the reading decreases by several inches or pressure, check the strainer to ensure it clean.
4. Strainers should be cleaned by means of compressed air. A rag will merely force the smaller particles into the mesh of the strainer. It is recommended to place a lint free rag in the center of the strainer and blow air from the outside, trapping the debris in the rag.



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*A temperature exceeding 120°F\*\* in the boiler room may cause premature failure of electrical components. Provisions should be made to maintain an ambient temperature of 120°F\*\* or less (the panel box interior should not exceed 125°F\*\*). \*\*Pumps, PLC or ModSync panels may require lower ambient temperatures or additional cooling.*

**⚠ WARNING**

*Before commissioning the equipment, verify with authorized personnel that the gas lines have been purged.*

*Never attempt to operate a heater that has failed to pass all the safety checks.*

*After checking controls by manual adjustment, make sure they are always reset to their proper settings. Contact your Volcanic dealer before modifying the equipment.*

*If any "Manual Reset" limit device trips DO NOT reset without determining and correcting the cause. (Manual Reset Limits may include: flame safeguard, high or low gas pressure, high temperature limit, high pressure limit)*

*Never tamper with low water (liquid level) cutoff sensors or circuitry.*

**WHAT TO DO IF YOU SMELL GAS :**  
*Do not use matches, candles, flame or other sources of ignition to check for gas leaks. 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 the gas supplier's instructions. If you cannot reach your gas supplier, call the fire department.*

*If excessive amounts of thermal fluid are to be vented from the system, additional thermal fluid may be required in the system. Contact Volcanic for further information.*

*Flash steam may be generated at any point up to the operating temperature. Watch for gauge fluctuations.*

*If fluid or piping is added to the system, the boilout procedure must be followed as water may have been introduced to the system.*

5. Allow the pump to run again for several minutes and repeat the filtering process until pump suction pressure remains steady after cleaning. The amount of time which must be allotted for filtering varies with the system.
6. When the system is initially brought up to temperature, additional pipe scale and welding slag will loosen and enter the fluid stream. This will be trapped in the strainer causing vacuum at the pump suction.

**■ Boilout**

1. Check for correct fuel feed. All air must be eliminated from fuel lines, gas piping, preheaters, etc. by proper, approved methods.
2. Open all manual valves in the fuel oil supply line. Do not run the fuel pump dry or without fuel lines connected to fuel source. Do not allow the fuel oil pump to pull a vacuum.
3. Check safeties.
4. Disable N2 blanket if equipped and open vent line on DA tank.
5. Set burner switch to "ON". The burner will begin the call for heat if oil temperature is below setpoint.
6. With burner firing and pump running, keep checking the gauges indicating pump and circuit pressures. Make sure they remain stable.
7. In case of pressure fluctuations, stop the burner, but allow the pump to continue to circulate fluid.
8. When pressures have stabilized, start burner again.
9. Continue in this manner up to the maximum operating temperature. Throughout the initial warm-up, the expansion tank and its overflow pipe must be watched to detect the formation of steam, indicating the presence of water. If this occurs, burner should be shut down.
10. If steam is forcing thermal fluid out of the expansion tank vent, turn the heater off, but leave the pump on. This is to circulate the hot fluid through the piping without flushing the steam too quickly. Once steam and thermal fluid stop leaving the expansion tank unit, the heater can be turned on. Increase the temperature very slowly to prevent fluid from being forced out of the tank.
11. Continue bringing unit up to temperature slowly, with a temperature rise not exceeding 100°F (38°C) per hour. Do not exceed specified maximum outlet temperature. In the absence of specific information, consult the factory before proceeding.
12. Once up to temperature, check the fluid level in the expansion section by opening the high level manual test connection. If a permanent flow of fluid results when this valve is opened, and if all previous precautions have been followed, the expansion tank is too small for the capacity of the fluid in the installation. A larger tank must be installed.
13. After fifty hours of operation at operating temperature, check all flanges

and connections for tightness.

## ■ Combustion

Before firing the heater familiarize yourself on the use of the controls, lighting, and shutdown procedures.

### ► SEQUENCE OF OPERATION FOR GAS FIRED BURNERS

The burner is of forced design. The sequence of operation is as follows:

1. The flame programmer opens the main gas valve once stable pilot flame is established.
  2. Pressure regulators on both the pilot and main gas supply, supply pressure to the proper level.
- *NOTE: Note the maximum inlet pressure rating of each fuel train and supply a step-down regulator if required. Consult the Volcanic Companies if uncertain of the maximum inlet pressure requirements.*
3. Combustion air is delivered by a centrifugal blower fan. An air switch monitors the pressure and is part of the flame programmer safety interlock circuit.
  4. The flame programmer monitors the safe operation of the burner. Functions include pre-purge of the combustion chamber, provision of ignition via the ignition transformer and electrode, opening the pilot gas valve, monitoring the pilot flame signal via the flame sensor, opening main gas valves and providing post-purge of the combustion chamber.
  5. The flame is monitored by a flame sensor. In the event of insufficient, unstable, or non-existent pilot or main flame, the flame sensor will cause a safety lockout of the flame programmer. Safety lockout can also be caused if the flame sensor is improperly positioned or grounded. After fault has been corrected, reset by pressing the reset button on the casing of the burner control box.

### ► SEQUENCE OF OPERATION FOR ON/OFF BURNER

The sequence of operation for the on/off burner is as follows:

1. Beginning with power on, limit switch closed, fuel valves closed, and temperature controller calling for heat, the flame programmer starts the cycle and the blower motor starts prepurge.
2. The air proving switch must be closed now. Air dampers remain in maximum position.
3. **(Gas Pilot)** Provided all safety interlocks are proven, ignition and pilot are energized and a timed trial for pilot ignition begins. After the pilot flame is proven, the main fuel valve is energized. Ignition is turned off when flame is registered and the main gas valves open.
4. **(Spark Ignition)** Provided all safety interlocks are proven, the spark is on and oil valves are opened. When the flame is proven, the spark is shut off.



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*A qualified installer, service agency or the gas supplier must perform installation and service on the fuel delivery system.*

*During system boilout, it is imperative that all system legs or paths are open to ensure flow throughout the system. Never open a cool or unheated user leg of a system when the rest of the system is above 210 F (99 C).*

*Do not attempt to start the equipment for any testing prior to filling and purging the vessel. A dry fire will seriously damage the equipment and may result in property damage or personnel injury and is not covered by warranty. In case of a dry firing event, shut off the fuel supply and allow the vessel to cool to room temperature before fluid is reintroduced to the pressure vessel.*

*When opening any drains on the equipment or piping system, steps should be taken to avoid scalding/burning of personnel due to hot fluids. Whenever possible, the system should be cooled prior to opening any drains.*

*Use only your hand to turn valve handles. Never use tools. If the handle will not turn by hand, don't try to repair. Forced or attempted repair may result in fire or explosion.*

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*Should overheating occur or the gas supply fails to shut off, manually shut off the gas supply external to the equipment.*

- When the fluid temperature reaches the off setting (typically the setpoint plus 2 to 5 degrees) of the operating temperature controller, all fuel valves are closed.

The burner motor stops and the entire system is ready for restart on demand.

► **MODULATING BURNER**

The function of the flame programmer must be greatly extended in a modulated system. Along with limit controls, operating controls and interlock devices, the programmer automatically controls the operation of the burner, blower motor, ignition, main fuel valves and modulating motor (or servo motors).

The sequence of operation is as follows:

- Beginning with power on, limit switch closed, fuel valves closed, and modulating limit controller closed and calling for heat, the flame programmer begins its cycle and the blower motor starts prepurge. The modulating circuit closes, driving the air dampers to maximum for prepurge.
- The air flow proving switch must be closed now. After timed prepurge, the modulating motor (servo motor) drives the air damper to its low fire position. All start interlocks must be proven or the flame programmer will lockout.
- (Units with Gas Pilot)** Ignition and pilot are energized and a timed trial for pilot ignition begins. After the pilot flame is proven, ignition turns off and the main fuel valve is energized. Pilot fuel is turned off and the modulating motor (servo motor) is released to automatic.
- (Units with Spark Ignition)** The spark and oil valves are energized and a timed trial for ignition begins. With the flame proven, the control advances through its main light off sequence, and the ignition shuts off. At this time, with the flame proven, the modulating motor (servo motor) is released to automatic.
- When the modulating motor (servo motor) is released to automatic, it receives its signal from the modulating temperature controller. The modulating motor (servo motor) then drives the modulating fuel valve and air damper in proportion to the heat demand.
- During the initial call for heat, the modulating fuel valve and air damper will drive to their full-fire position. As the temperature set point is approached, the modulating motor (servo motor) will continue to reduce the input until low-fire position is reached. Input automatically increases and decreases according to load demand.
- When the fluid temperature reaches the set point of the temperature controller or of the optional operating limit controller, all fuel valves will close and the flame programmer will advance to the post purge cycle. When the postpurge cycle begins, the modulating motor will be in the low fire position. At the end of postpurge, the burner motor stops and the entire system is ready for restart on demand.



### ▶ OIL FIRED BURNER

The following refers to the design and operation of the on/off burner utilizing fuel oil which requires no preheating. This burner is of high pressure, mechanical atomization design.

The sequence of operation is as follows:

1. An oil pump is used to obtain necessary atomizing pressure before the fuel oil reaches the nozzle. The fuel oil is divided into fine particles in the nozzle and imparted with a rotating motion before escaping from the nozzle as a cone of finely atomized oil.
2. Combustion air is supplied by a centrifugal fan. A damper provides throttling of the inlet opening. The air from the fan reaches the burner head after going through a turbulator, accomplishing correct distribution and mixture of air and atomized fuel oil.
3. An electric spark between two electrodes provides ignition of the atomized mixture, except where code requires a gas pilot. This spark is produced by a high voltage transformer.
4. The flame programmer circuit controls normal operation of the burner. The sequence includes purging of the combustion area for a set period, ignition and opening of magnetic valves on the oil circuit; post-purge of combustion area and return to re-start position.
5. A scanner mounted on the burner casing and facing the light of the flame monitors the flame.
6. Safety lock out occurs within a preset minimum time in the event of insufficient, unstable or non-existent flame. After fault has been corrected, reset programmer by depressing the reset button on the casing of the burner control box.
7. Proper fuel pressure at the burner nozzle is essential. The correct firing rate is obtained by setting the fuel oil pump to give the design pressure for each unit. This is done at the factory. Pressure is measured by connecting a 0-400 PSI (0-25 bar) test pressure gauge to the gauge connection on the fuel pump. The fuel pressure gauge indicates the pressure of the fuel at the burner nozzle.
8. Typical pressures range between 160-350 PSI (12-22 bar). Note the correct setting upon commissioning. Modulating units should have a second pressure gauge monitoring the pressure in the return pipe from the burner. This gauge will indicate the variation of oil flow caused by modulation of the burner. Gauge readings should be recorded at start-up and checked periodically.

### ▶ POWER FLAME GAS BURNER

Adhere to the following for safe starting:

1. Check gas piping, controls and valves for leaks and compliance with code.
2. Check all linkages.



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### CAUTION

*Unburned oil, unlike gas, does not leave the combustion chamber during purge.*

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3. Close main gas cocks and pilot cocks. Disconnect pilot line at inlet to the pilot pressure regulator and purge air from gas pilot line. After purge, close pilot cock and reinstall line. Open pilot cock. Refer to flow and instrument drawing for proper gas pressure and CFM required.
4. Check electrode spark gap (see burner manual)
5. Install gas pressure gauges (if not installed), one at manifold and one upstream of burner gas train.
6. With main gas cock closed and control power off, turn main power supply on.
7. Switch control power to "on" position.
8. Check blower motor rotation.
9. Start burner and check pilot. Adjust pressure regulator if necessary.
10. After adjusting pilot with main gas cock still closed, check the combustion safety controls.
11. With interrupted pilot, the burner should go into safety after trial because main cock is closed.
12. Also check by closing pilot cock after pilot is established. The burner should complete its sequence without attempting to open main gas valve.
13. Reset combustion control and start burner on normal sequence using meter to observe the signal strength to pilot. When main gas valve opens, slowly open main shut-off cock.
14. Proceed with adjustments that will give 9 to 9 1/2 % CO<sup>2</sup> at low fire and no CO<sup>2</sup> at high fire.
15. Advance control to start position; recycle the burner several times to full automatic.
16. Check the gas meter for firing rate. Adjust the gas pressure regulator to proper firing rate.

▶ **ON "FULL MODULATION" BURNERS**

1. With fuel selector on "gas" (if combination burner) the heater should be started in the low fire position.
2. Manually increase fire rate to midway point. Take CO<sup>2</sup> reading and readjust if necessary.

► *NOTE: Linkage may be manually set by loosening and hand tightening set screws on linkage rod.*

3. Control checks: Allow burner to run until limit control setting has been reached; the burner should shut down when maximum temperature is reached.

### ▶ POWER FLAME #2 OIL BURNER

Checklist for safe starting

1. Check all oil piping for leaks.
2. Check all linkages, especially for damage incurred in shipment.
3. If not installed, mount oil pressure and temperature gauges.
4. There should be NO shut off valve installed in fuel return line.
5. Check electrode spark gap as specified in burner manual.
6. Once properly authorized service personnel have set burner linkage, it is advisable to permanently mark the linkage settings for future reference.

### ▶ DUAL FUEL BURNER - CHANGING FUEL

The following instructions apply only to units supplied with dual fuel burners. These procedures should be performed only when the fluid is cold, unless sufficient safeguards are provided to prevent contact with hot fluid piping in the vicinity of the burner.

1. Set the fuel switch to "Off" and the heat selector switch to either "Pump" or "Off."

#### **Gas to Oil**

1. Turn off the manual gas cocks in the gas train.
2. Remove the gas nozzle orifice assembly from the burner.
3. Install the oil nozzle assembly and attach the oil whips to the assembly.
4. Open all oil manual shutoff valves.
5. Set the fuel selector switch to the proper fuel. Restart unit normally

#### **Oil to Gas**

1. Turn off all oil manual shutoff valves.
2. Detach the oil whips and remove the oil nozzle assembly.
3. Install the gas nozzle orifice assembly and open the gas cocks in the gas train.
4. Reset the hi/low gas pressure switch.
5. Set the fuel selector switch to the proper fuel. Restart unit normally.

## Expansion Tank Start-Up

Refer to Figure 13 for expansion tank start up and proceed as follows:

1. Load system by attaching hose to valve "C". Valves "A" and "B" are to be closed.

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2. Start auxiliary rotary gear pump (provided by customer). Then start main circulating pump.
3. Load system with heat transfer fluid until surge tank overflows into expansion tank with at least three inches of fluid (viewed through sight glass).
4. Shut off auxiliary pump and turn off valve "C".
5. Open valve "A". The system is now filled.
6. The fluid level in the expansion tank is to be adjusted by opening valve "D" and "F". When the liquid level in the cold seal and expansion tank are equal, close valve "D" and "F".
7. If draining of the fluid is desired, open valves "D", "E", and "F". The surge tank is drained by opening valve "C".
8. Upon initial start up, the fluid levels should be as follows:
  - Cold Seal Tank-4-6" full from bottom of sight glass
  - Expansion Tank-1/4 full
  - Surge Tank-Completely full
9. Surge tank must remain full for operation; if fluid levels drop after starting pump, add oil from outside source.
10. Valves "B", "C", "D", "E", and "F" are to remain closed during normal operation.

## Flame Programmers

### ■ Fireye Linkage Modulation, YB110/E110

The Fireye Linkage Controls come complete and wired from the factory, with no programming necessary. Please refer to the Fireye cut sheet for specific programmer information.

#### ▶ GAS-FIRED/DUAL FUEL UNITS

Gas-fired/dual fuel units come with a UV Scanner and amplifier module as standard. Self-checking scanners are offered as an option by request.

#### ▶ OIL-FIRED UNITS

Oil-fired units come with an IR Scanner and amplifier module as standard.

#### ▶ YZ300/E300 ANNUNCIATOR

Most Volcanic units come with the YZ300/E300 expansion module with panel-mounted display. This display will read first out annunciation of any recycled or safety limits wired into the Fireye module.

Both annunciators come pre-programmed from Volcanic with application

specific display messages. Please refer to Fireeye cut sheet or contact Volcanic for assistance with annunciator programming.

## ■ Siemens Linkageless Modulation, LMV 51

### ▶ SETTING PILOT

1. Verify the main burner switch is in the **OFF** position.
2. Supply power to the heater. The AZL will display “**system test**” and then move to the main menu.
3. Select **PWLogin**, press **Enter**. Select **AccessServ**. Press **Enter**. (This type of step will be shown as **PWLogin > AccessServ** for the remainder of this section. Enter the service passwords using the arrow key. The password is case sensitive. The case of a letter can be changed by pressing the other arrow key. (For example, if you used the right arrow key to get to the letter A, press the left arrow key to get a). After you have pressed Enter on the last character of the password, press Enter once more to accept the password. If you do not have the password, contact your Volcanic Authorized Representative to perform the changes. Service=NB# or OEM=AAAA (Enter after each A).
4. Select **Params&Display**. Press **Enter**. Select **Ratio Control**. Press **Enter**. Select **ProgramStop**. Press **Enter**. Change the **Program Stop** to **44 Interv1** by using the arrow keys. Confirm the change by pressing **Enter**. This will set the burner management system to a ‘**pilot hold**’ setting.
5. Verify that the current value “**curr**” changes to **44 Interv 1**.
6. The full listing of program stops are:
  - » 24: Air damper in the prepurge position
  - » 32: Traveling to the FGR position
  - » 36: Ignition position (before pilot ignition)
  - » 44: Ignition position (after pilot ignition)
  - » 52: Ignition position (after main burner ignition)
  - » 72: Air damper in the postpurge position
  - » 76: Traveling to the FGR position
7. Press **Escape** 4 times to get back to the main menu.
8. Under **ManualOperation > Setload**, change the load to 0% by using the arrow keys. Press **Enter** and verify the 0% has been acknowledged in the “**curr**” field.
9. Press **Escape** once to get back to the **ManualOperation** menu.
10. Under **Auto/Manual/Off**, change the operation to **Burner On** by using the arrow keys. Press enter and verify that “**Burner On**” is acknowledged in the current field.

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11. Press **Escape** twice to get back to the main menu.
12. Turn the main burner switch **Local** or **On** position.
13. Increase the set point. Under **operation-Heater set point** go to **setpoint W1** using the arrow key then press **Enter**. Change the set point under **new**, using the arrows and press **Enter**. The new set point should appear under **actual** and displayed in degrees.
14. After several seconds the burner control will start its pre-ignition phase and the blower will start.
15. You can observe the status of the burner by going to the main menu (by pressing **Escape**) then selecting **Operational Stat > Normal Operation**.
16. The unit will purge then drive to the ignition position and the pilot should light.
17. The burner control will stay at this pilot hold stage so you can inspect and adjust the pilot as needed.
18. The pilot gas pressure should match the test fire sheet.
19. The flame signal should be greater than 90% when viewed from the top menu of the Siemens AZL display.
20. Once the pilot is adjusted properly and you are ready to light the main burner, press **Escape** to the main menu.

▶ **SETTING MAIN BURNER IGNITION**

1. Under **Params&Display > RatioControl > ProgramStop**, change the **Program Stop** to **52 Interv2**. This is the main burner ignition position. Press **Enter** and confirm that **52 Interv2** is acknowledged in the current field. This change moves the control to the main burner ignition point in the burner sequence.
2. This will allow the main burner to ignite. Should the burner not light, the gas and air servo motors are not synchronized to produce a combustible mix.
3. Turn the **ON/OFF** switch on the panel box to **OFF**.
4. To reset the alarm: Press **Escape** on the AZL once. Press **Enter** on the AZL to reset the control. The red light should go out.
5. To change the setting, return to the front menu by pressing **Escape** until you are to the main menu. Then select **Params&Display > RatioControl > GasSettings > SpecialPositions > IgnitionPos**, adjust the gas servo position by using the arrow key to move down to Gas servo if needed. Press **Enter** to select the servo. Move the gas servo to its new position with the arrow keys. Press **Enter** to confirm the new value. Use the down arrow to move to the air servo setting if needed. Press **Enter** to select the servo, use the arrow keys to set the new value. Press **Enter** to confirm this.
6. Switch the **ON/OFF** switch back to **ON**. The heater will re-start.

7. **The light off point for main flame can be set at a higher input than low fire.**
8. Press **Escape** 6 times to get back to the main menu.
9. You can observe the status of the burner by going to **OperationalStat > NormalOperation.**
10. Verify that the flame signal on the display is great than 90% and check combustion. Adjust the burner to match the test fire sheet for main burner ignition. The procedure described in Setting Main Burner Ignition is used.
11. Once the ignition position has been adjusted properly, you are ready to check the burner throughout its modulation range. Press **Escape** twice to get back to the main menu.

#### ► SETTING MAIN RUN MODULATION

1. Upon releasing the heater to main run modulation, the heater will drive to low fire.
2. It is necessary to set/check combustion through the entire range of modulation first to enable high fire to be reached. Once high fire is achieved, the incoming gas pressure can be set (if required). Fine-tuning of the servo setting throughout the range should be performed only once high fire settings are confirmed.
3. Note: If the burner loses flame while driving to a point then:
  - » Turn the main ON/OFF switch to OFF.
  - » Reset the loss of flame fault.
  - » Press **Escape** on the AZL once.
  - » Press **Enter** on the AZL to reset the control. The red light on the panel box door should go out. Adjust the air and gas servos for that point while the burner is off.
  - » Follow steps below.
  - » Turn the main ON/OFF switch to ON.
4. Under **Params&Display >RatioControl >GasSettings >ProgramStop**, change the program stop to deactivated by using the arrow keys. Confirm that 'deactivated' is acknowledged in the current field.
5. This change will allow the burner to modulate. The burner will now drive to low fire. Remember, it is only important at this stage to set low fire to be stable and with clean combustion. Exact setting is to be performed once high fire is confirmed.
6. Press **Escape** 5 times to get back to the main menu.
7. You can observe the status of the burner By going to **OperationalStat/ NormalOperation.**
8. Verify the flame signal on the display, measure input if gas meter is

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available. If not, match last elbow pressures and combustion for test fire sheet. Adjust the burner as needed.

### ▶ SETTING LOW FIRE

► *NOTE: As soon as a servo position is altered, the servo will move to that position. Only change servo settings by a maximum of 0.5° at a time before verifying combustion.*

1. Go to **Params&Display >RatioControl >GasSettings>CurveParams**.
2. Wait for the spinning line on the left to disappear. Press **Enter**. The number 1 should appear to the right of the cursor, this is the Point Number.
3. Press **Enter** once. Select **ChangePoint** by pressing the arrow keys to highlight and then press **Enter** to select. This will cause the servo motors to move to this low fire point.
4. Check combustion and adjust the servo motors as required. To adjust a servo motor, arrow to it and press **Enter**. Then adjust the setting as required and press **Enter**. You can now adjust another servo motor if needed.
5. When combustion is properly set for that point, press **Escape**. If it asks you to store the point, press **Enter**. Note the AZL will only ask to save if either servo value has been altered.
6. Low fire is now set and stored.

### ▶ SETTING THE COMPLETE RANGE

1. Remember it is only necessary to approximate the setting through the modulation range until high fire conditions are established.
2. Press **Enter** once more to have access to the point number field. Increase the point number by one and press **Enter**. Select **ChangePoint** and press **Enter**. The servos will now move to that point.
3. Verify combustion is satisfactory.
4. Measure input or monitor last elbow pressure. Verify that these points are in general correspondence with the test fire sheet. Repeat step 2 until the point position has a load value of 100%.
5. You are now at high fire. Verify combustion is per test fire sheet.
6. Once at high fire, adjust the incoming gas pressure at the main gas regulator to match the test fire report. Adjust the gas servo motor to change the last elbow pressure to match the test fire report.
7. Adjust the air servo motor to adjust the emissions as needed.
8. Repeat step 2 but start at the high fire point number. Continually decrease the point number after combustion has been verified at each point.
9. Once all the points have been verified, press **Escape** until you are back to



the main menu.

10. You can observe the status of the burner by going to **OperationalStat >NormalOperation**.
11. Turn the main **ON/OFF** switch to **OFF**. The control will now postpurge. Verify ignition using steps from Setting Main Burner Ignition with the new gas pressures.
12. Turn the main burner switch to **OFF**. The control will now post purge.
13. Under **Manual Operation > Auto/Manual/Off**, change the operation to **Automatic** and press **Enter** and confirm **Automatic** is entered in the current field.
14. Press **Escape** twice to get back to the main menu.
15. Under **Updating >ParamBackup**, select **LMV51 – AZL**. This will store all of the adjustments that have been made in the LMV base module to the display. If the base module fails in the future, the display can be used to download all of the parameters into a new base module.
16. The heater is now ready to run. Adjust your setpoint on the temperature control to the desired temperature and turn the main ON/OFF switch to **ON** for the burner to operate.

#### ► CHANGING SET POINT ON THE AZL

1. Hit **Escape** to Select **Operation** than hit **Enter** and scroll to **Heater Set** point, hit **Enter** to Set point **W1** hit **Enter** and enter new set point with Select buttons.
2. When accomplished hit **Enter** than **Escape** 3 times to **Operational Stats** hit **Enter** to **Normal Operation**, hit **Enter** to get to the main screen.

#### ► FOR MANUAL OPERATION

1. Hit **Escape** and scroll to Manual, hit **Enter** to **Auto / Manual / Off**, change to **Manual** and hit **Escape** to **Set Load**, change to **0** or desired load range with the select buttons.
2. When in **Manual** it will allow you to go to any load range to verify combustion.
3. When done hit **Escape** and scroll to **Operational Stats**, hit **Enter** to **Normal Operation**, hit **Enter** to main screen.
4. To return back to **Auto** operation repeat step 1 & 2.
5. Please refer to this manual's addendum for information on specific LMV 51 control parameters.

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## Operating Controls

The following specifications, data, equipment and operating descriptions apply to typical heaters. These sections are provided for general information purposes only, and do not necessarily reflect the specific details of individual systems.

At commissioning, the operation of all safeties and interlocks should be verified. Setpoints of all pressure and temperature switches as well as the programs for all programmable controls (temperature controls, temperature limits, operating controls, servo motors etc.) should be recorded for future reference. Contact the Volcanic Service Department with any questions regarding the proper operation, set points and verification procedures for these controls.

### ■ Liquid Level Switch - When Combination Tank is Supplied

Adhere to the following:

1. Locate the liquid level switch (ships in the parts box, see Figure 14) and install prior to operation of the equipment. The liquid level switch is wired to the main heater panel. Failure to “make” this switch will result in lack of power at the panel.
2. In the event of system fluid loss, the level in the expansion section of the combination tank will drop, and the liquid level switch will shut the unit down. Control power will be lost to the panel.
3. To confirm operation, manually trip the liquid level switch. Unit should shut down; pump will stop. Refer to Figure 14.

### ■ Air Safety Switch

1. The air safety switch is installed in the heater panel and is connected by tubing to the blower outlet. This switch requires that the blower fan deliver combustion air before energizing any fuel valves.
2. While firing, disconnect the copper line from the fitting in the top cover of the air switch. The burner should shut down. Attempt to restart the unit by resetting the flame programmer.
3. Blower motor will start, but firing sequence should not begin.
4. Lockout of LMV will occur.

### ■ Blower Motor Starter

► *NOTE: For units equipped with manual trip test button or motor starter.*

1. While firing, actuate the manual trip button on blower motor starter. Unit should lock out. Attempt re-start by resetting the flame programmer. Purge cycle will not begin.
2. Reset motor starter; blower should start and purge cycle will begin.

3. Lockout of LMV will occur.

### ■ Pump Motor Starter

If a pump starter is supplied the pump motor starter will be located in the heater panel or pump skid. When the pump start button is pushed, the pump motor starter will engage the pump.

1. While firing, actuate the manual trip button on the pump motor starter.
2. Pump and burner will shut down.
3. The blower should continue to run for approximately 30 seconds.
4. Attempt to restart pump by depressing the pump start push button.
5. The pump should not start. Reset starter and start pump.

### ■ Differential Pressure Switch

The differential pressure switch (Figure 19) is mounted to the heater panel. Sensing lines connect this switch to both the inlet and outlet manifold of the heater. This switch is critical and ensures proper flow through the heater at all times.

1. Proper setpoint is 2 psi below the published differential pressure of the heater.

► *NOTE: The differential pressure will vary with heater model.*

2. The heater is dependent on proper flow for operation; therefore, a differential pressure switch is used to sense the pressure drop across the heater. The differential pressure switch will shut the unit down in the event of loss of flow.
3. The differential pressure switch can be tested while only the pump is running. Remove the metal cover on top of the switch and increase the



FIGURE 19 - DIFFERENTIAL PRESSURE SWITCH



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setpoint until the pump shuts down. Next, decrease the setpoint back to its initial value and depress the pump start button to verify the pump will re-start.

### ■ High and Low Fluid Pressure Switches

The heater is equipped with a low inlet, high inlet and high outlet pressure switch. The switches are located on the side of heater panel with tubing connections to the respective heater inlet and outlet manifolds. The switches are used to ensure proper flow through the heater (no restrictions in the piping system). The switches must be set at startup and the setpoints are based on the system design/performance.

1. The only pressure required in the thermal fluid system is the pressure required to maintain the proper flow. Pressure changes are monitored with these switches, which will shut the unit down in case of a change in the fluid flow.
2. With three position switch set to "Pump", remove the cover from the pressure switch and manually activate. Pump should shut down.
3. Repeat for each switch; replace covers. Note, if the burner was on, it would also stop.
4. To set the low fluid pressure cutout switch, raise the setpoint with the fluid at operating temperature and pump running, until the pump shuts down. Note the setpoint and lower by 10 PSI, then re-start pump. The setpoint at cutout should correspond to the reading on the output pressure gauge.
5. With the unit cold and pump running, lower the high fluid pressure cutout switch until the pump shuts down. Note the setpoint and raise by 10 PSI, then re-start pump. The setpoint at cutout should correspond to the inlet gauge reading.

### ■ Gas Pressure Switch

► *NOTE: Gas Fired Units Only*

The high and low gas pressure switches are located on the gas train. See Figure 20. The switches are used to ensure that the incoming gas pressure and gas pressure to the burner are within the appropriate range.

1. While firing, shut the main gas ball valve.
2. Unit will lock out on high gas pressure.
3. Attempt restart by resetting flame programmer.
4. Unit will start purge and lock out.
5. Open the gas valve closest to the burner and reset flame programmer.
6. Reset high side of switch, unit will start purge and fire.
7. To test the low gas pressure switch, close the incoming manual valve.
8. Allow the control to sequence.

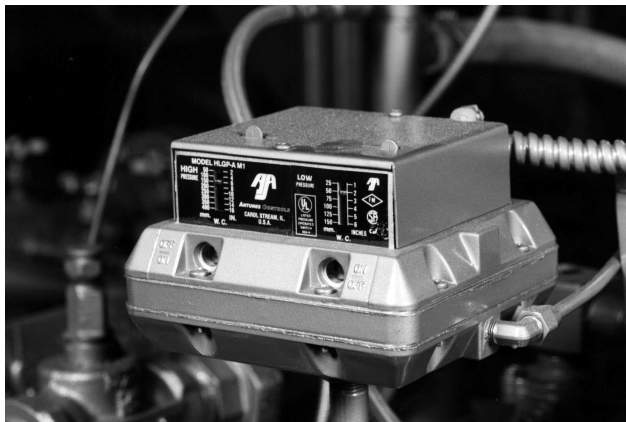


FIGURE 20 - HIGH/LOW GAS PRESSURE SWITCH

9. When the gas valves energize, the heater should lock out.
10. Reset the low side of the switch and open the upstream manual valve.
11. The unit will start purge and fire.

### ■ Operating Temperature Controls

The operating temperature control (Siemens, Fireye, Honeywell) are located in the heater panel and regulate the cycling of the heater. On systems with linkageless modulation, the operating temperature control and operating control (flame programmer) are the same device.

1. The Coil Design unit is a fired heat exchanger and the safe control and monitoring of the thermal fluid temperature is of vital importance. The safe maximum temperature of the fluid must be strictly adhered to.
2. When consulting fluid manufacturer's literature for the safe maximum fluid temperature, note that the temperatures quoted are the actual limit to which any of the fluids may be subjected. It is important to remember that in any fired heater there exists a "film" temperature which is higher than the temperature of the bulk of the fluid. Temperature controllers measure the bulk temperature and not the film temperature. This must be taken into consideration when setting the temperature controls.
3. Approximate guidelines for temperature settings are not to override the system design parameters.
4. These instructions should be used in conjunction with information from the system designer. Consult manufacturer's literature.
5. Standard primary temperature control sensing point location for On/Off and Modulating heaters is on the heater outlet. For systems with multiple heaters manifolded together, the sensing point is on the heater inlet.
6. When optional inlet location of the primary controls is specified, the following instructions may still be used with some modification. For instance when primary controls are located on the inlet, the dead band range will be much narrower than on heaters with outlet control. In addition, temperature changes will not be as immediately apparent.



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*To ensure that your Volcanic equipment is kept operating safely and efficiently, follow the maintenance procedures set forth in this manual.*

*The end user of the heater must maintain all labels on the heater in clean, legible condition. All connections and safety devices, both mechanical and electrical, must be kept clean, with ease of access for inspection, use and maintenance.*

7. An indicating temperature controller is used to regulate the thermal fluid temperature. Typically the indicating control is a thermocouple.
8. The thermocouple is directly immersed in the thermal fluid in the heater manifold. The setpoint of the controller is regulated by the keypad.

### ■ High Temperature Limit Switches Safety

All units are fitted with high temperature limit controllers which monitor the fluid temperature at the heater outlet. This limit controller provides over temperature protection. A high temperature limit switch acts as an over temperature safety device.

1. If the high temperature limit shuts down the unit, the manual reset button on the limit switch must be pressed after determining and resolving issue. The red button on the flame programmer (or door reset) must also be pressed to reset the unit before it can be restarted.
2. The high temperature limit controller is factory set to 0 F. This must be set to the lowest of the following:
  - » Maximum operating temperature of the fluid.
  - » Maximum operating temperature of the equipment.
  - » 15°F (9°C) over maximum system operating temperature.
3. Do not set this controller too close to the normal outlet temperature in order to avoid nuisance lockouts due to small transient over temperatures.
4. Several consecutive lockouts caused by the high temperature limit controller indicate the need for immediate installation review.

### ■ Operating Limit Controller

The limit controller is mounted in the panel box door. This limit controller senses temperature in the outlet manifold. The temperature setpoint in the controller may be adjusted per manufacturer's instructions.

### ■ On/Off Controls

Typically one controller is provided to sense the temperature on the heater outlet. This controls the operation of the heater by switching it on and off.

1. An adjustable two point differential between shut off and start up is built into the controller. This prevents frequent cycling of the burner. The controller is set to provide the desired outlet fluid temperature. Due to the temperature rise through the unit, this may be considerably higher than the inlet temperature.
2. If the unit is equipped with an on/off controller, it will be located on the face of the electrical cabinet. The temperature setpoint in the controller can be adjusted following the manufacturer's instructions.

## ■ Modulating Controls

All coil models are standard-equipped with modulating controls.

1. The modulating temperature controller continuously regulates the outlet fluid temperature between the minimum firing rate and high fire. When the unit is on low fire and the temperature continues to climb past the setpoint, the heater will shut down. It will typically re-start when the process temperature drops 7°F below setpoint.
2. Minimum load depends on the degree of modulation provided. Typically 3:1 or 5:1 modulation is provided. In this case minimum load is one third of full firing rate.
3. The modulating temperature controller is set to maintain the desired fluid outlet temperature. Due to the temperature rise across the heater, this may be considerably higher than the inlet temperature.
4. If the unit is equipped with a modulating controller, it will be located on the face of the electrical cabinet. The temperature setpoint in the controller can be adjusted following the instructions in the component data sheet section of this manual.

## ■ Pressure Gauges

All units have two pressure gauges measuring the thermal fluid pressure at the inlet of the heater and at the outlet of the heater. A third gauge measures the pump suction pressure.

1. The difference between the readings of the two gauges indicates the pressure loss across the heater. The difference must not fall below the recommended value. Recommendations are based on heater size and are listed in manual and on the product data submittals on [www.volcanic-heater.com](http://www.volcanic-heater.com).
2. The gauge indicating the pressure of the fluid at the inlet is labeled "Inlet". The "Outlet" gauge indicates the pressure at the outlet, and in effect indicates the resistance of the external pipework circuit. The pressure gauge indicating pressure at the inlet of the pump is labeled "Suction."

## ■ Test of Ignition Safety System Shutoff

Test the ignition system safety shutoff as follows:

1. Shut the pilot valve.
2. Close the last gas valve between the inlet to the burner and the butterfly valve.
3. With the main gas cock (inlet manual gas valve) open, the burner should be cycled on. After all the safety limits such as gas pressure, water flow and temperature are satisfied, the blower will run and pre-purge the heater.
4. Once the purge is complete (30 seconds), the ignition transformer will be energized. There will be a 4 second trial for ignition period. During this



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period, indicator lights on the flame safeguard (pilot and main).

5. With no flame established, the flame safeguard will not receive a flame signal from the scanner.
6. After 4 seconds, the flame safeguard programmer will assume a "Flame Failure" condition and go to a "lockout" mode. Lockout will require manual reset of the flame safeguard.
7. After completing this test, open the gas valve.

### ■ Cycle Testing

The heater should be cycled tested and automatically allowed to go through its normal starting sequence several times to verify that all components are functioning properly. This will also verify that combustion is set properly so that heater light off has a smooth transition from ignition to main flame.

A minimum of 10 cycles should be met without any flame failures, with combustion readings comparable to the factory test fire sheet and no interlocks causing the heater to shutdown.

## Required Pressure Drop Across the Heater

The thermal fluid pressure drop across your heater is critical. This should be recorded at the completion of start-up, as follows:

1. The pressure drop value is obtained by subtracting the heater outlet pressure from the heater inlet pressure when the thermal fluid is at normal operating temperature.
2. At the recommended standard flow rates, and .7 sp gr, the pressure drop cross the heater should be as shown in Table 9.
3. In the event of an abnormal reading, contact Volcanic Service immediately. Failure to take immediate action in the event of reduced fluid flow may result in rapid and serious degradation of the fluid, with possible damage to the heater.

TABLE 9 - REQUIRED PRESSURE DROP ACROSS THE HEATER

| Model   | Recommended GPM (schedule 40) | Pressure Drop PSI |
|---------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 0240-HC | 150                           | 30                |
| 0400-HC | 300                           | 25                |
| 0600-HC | 400                           | 26                |
| 0800-HC | 600                           | 26                |
| 1000-HC | 850                           | 30                |
| 1200-HC | 1000                          | 27                |
| 1600-HC | 1200                          | 11                |
| 2000-HC | 1500                          | 11                |



## Procedure for First Shutdown

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The heater system should be shut down after no more than 24 hours of operation at full operating temperature. At this time, the following maintenance items will need to be completed to meet warranty conditions.

1. While pump is still at operating temperature, align circulating pump(s) to pump manufacturer's specifications. This should be done by means of a dial indicator.
2. Isolate Y-strainer(s) in system and clean regardless of pump suction pressure. Make sure that the temperature is low enough to handle safely or provision has been made to handle materials at high temperature. Generally, temperatures below 150°F (65.5°C) are acceptable to perform operation with regular work gloves.
3. With piping system cooled to ambient temperature, torque all bolts on skid and throughout system to gasket manufacturer's specifications using proper flange torquing practices such as incremental torque increases, star pattern, etc. Refer to torque specifications in Tables 5 - 8.
4. Visually inspect all thread fittings and valve packings. Repair leaks and tighten valve packings to the point of stopping leak.
5. Upon putting unit back into operation, check all gauge readings. Note any discrepancies and contact Volcanic.

## Daily Start-Up

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1. Check positioning of all system valves to ensure flow is not dead-headed.
2. Visually check relative position of minimum level float switch in the combination tank.
3. Turn on power supply switches.
4. Where applicable, open water cooling valve and check that water flows correctly. (For water cooled pumps only.)
5. Set three position switch to "Pump". Push and hold manual pump start button, monitoring pressure gauges on heater.
6. When ready to begin heating, move three position switch from "Pump" to "Heat". After a short delay resulting from the purge period, the burner will ignite. Make sure that the temperature setpoint is as desired.
7. On gas units, pilot valve activation will be indicated after pre-purge cycle has completed, followed by main flame activation. Check the presence of the flame by observing flame signal strength from flame programmer or testing device. Operator attendance during warm-up is a recommended precaution.
8. Start-up is considered complete when the unit begins to throttle back or shutdown on target temperature.



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## Daily Shutdown

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1. Set control switch to "Pump" pump running, burner off.
2. Allow the fluid to circulate for approximately 20-30 minutes and then set the control switch to the "Off" position.
3. When using fluid cooled pump, continue to circulate cooling water to pumps for 30 minutes after stopping circulation.
4. Open power supply switches.
5. Units switched off by an automatic time switch should have an extra relay fitted to allow 20-30 minutes of fluid circulation after stoppage in order to prevent localized over heating of fluid.
6. Close fuel valves if required. Closing of system valves is not generally necessary unless maintenance of components requires a partial draining of the system.
7. Because of the high temperatures usually applied, leaks are not expected to occur when cool down is achieved, provided pipework is free to contract naturally when cold.

## Before Leaving the Installation

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1. Check all controls to insure they are operating properly. Cycle the heater several times by raising and lowering operating temperature on the thermostat.
2. Make sure the installation complies with all applicable codes.

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*Prior to any maintenance concerning electrical components of this equipment, ensure electrical supply to the equipment is disconnected. Label all wires prior to disconnection; wiring errors may cause improper and hazardous operation.*

*Follow all proper lockout/tagout procedures for service.*

*Before beginning any maintenance, ensure area is free of any combustible materials and other dangers.*

*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 the building.  
Leave building and contact gas supplier from neighbor's phone. If you cannot reach gas supplier, phone the fire department.*

*After initial start-up by qualified personnel, linkage, control settings, and fuel pressures should not be readjusted.*

### CAUTION

*All maintenance procedures should be completed by trained personnel. Appropriate training and instructions are available from the Volcanic Service Department or your local Volcanic Representative.*

*In order to meet warranty conditions, ensure all appropriate maintenance activities are performed.*

## Required Equipment

The following minimum equipment is necessary to start and maintain fuel-fired thermal fluid heaters:

- Digital Multimeter
- Combustion Analysis Equipment
- Draft Gauge

## Required Maintenance at First Shutdown

The thermal fluid system should be shut down after no more than 24 hours of operation at operating temperature. At this time, the following maintenance items will need to be completed to meet the condition of warranty.

1. While pump is still at operating temperature, align circulating pump(s) to pump manufacturer specifications. This should be done by means of a dial indicator.
2. Isolate Y-strainer(s) in system and clean regardless of pump suction pressure. Make sure that the temperature is low enough to handle safely or provision has been made to handle materials at high temperature. Generally, temperatures below 150 F (65.5 C) are acceptable to perform operation with regular work gloves.
3. With piping system at ambient temperature, torque all bolts on skid and throughout system to gasket manufacturer specification using proper flange torquing practices (incremental torque increases, star-pattern, etc). These values are available in the installation section of the manual..
4. Visually inspect all thread fittings and valve packings. Repair leaks and tighten valve packings to the point of stopping leak.
5. Upon putting unit back in operation, check all gauge readings and compare to values given to you by the start up technician. Note any discrepancies and contact manufacturer.

## Daily Maintenance Schedule

1. Complete the log sheet at least once per day as a minimum. It is recommended that the log sheet be filled out twice per shift of operation. The log sheet is available from the Volcanic Service Department and at the end of this section of this manual.
2. Make visual inspection of the entire system for leaks. Make repairs as soon as possible.
3. Ensure there is always a fresh air supply to the heater.
4. Note any failures on the flame programmer noting fault number, fault code, fault annunciation, fault hour, fault cycle and fault time.

5. Check the exhaust for the presence of smoke. If smoke is present, contact Volcanic Heater, Inc.
6. In systems utilizing linkage, check all linkage components for tightness. See Figure 21.
7. In systems utilizing a water cooled thermal fluid circulating pump, check level of lubricating oil in self-leveling reservoir and check cooling water circulation loop for proper operation. Refer to Figure 10.

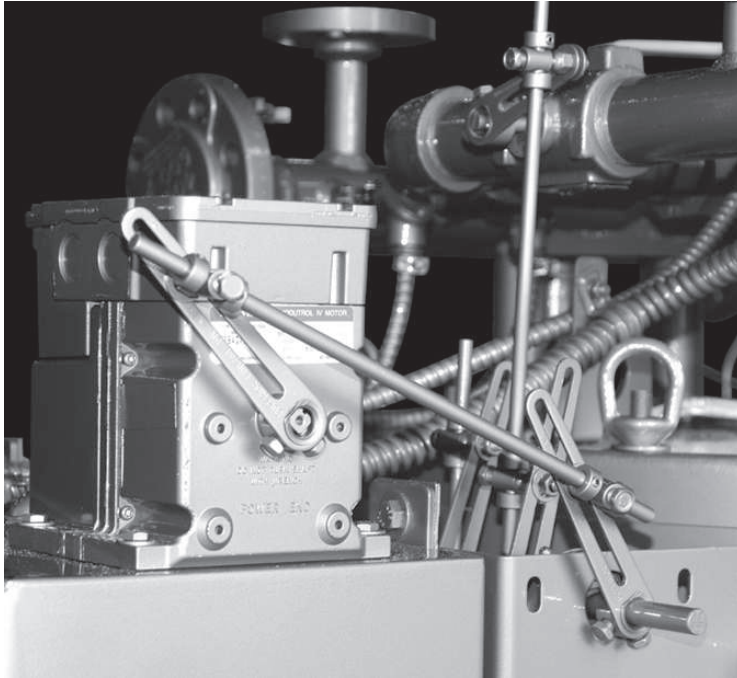


FIGURE 21 - LINKAGE COMPONENTS

## Weekly Maintenance Schedule

1. Check inlet gas pressure at the beginning of the gas train. This should be accomplished by the installation of an appropriately scaled gauge. See Figure 22.
2. Check manifold gas pressure at high and low fire and compare to Thermal Combustion Checklist filled out by start up technician. This should be accomplished by the installation of an appropriately scaled gauge. Readings should be with .02" w.c. of Thermal Combustion Checklist.
3. Check heater temperature and pressure readings.
4. Check burner linkage and tighten as needed.
5. Check condition of the oil pump, if used.
6. Report any excessive noise or part wear.

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*Fluids under pressure are hazardous and may cause injury to personnel, or equipment damage, when released. Shut off all incoming and outgoing fluid shutoff valves and carefully decrease all trapped pressures to zero before performing any maintenance.*

*Never use open flame or other sources of ignition to check for gas leaks.*

### CAUTION

*All maintenance procedures should be completed by trained personnel. Appropriate training and instructions are available from the Volcanic Service Department.*

*In order to meet warranty conditions, ensure all appropriate maintenance activities are performed.*

*Use caution when using any cleaning solutions. Refer to local regulations for proper cleaning solution disposal.*

*Do not allow oil leaks, dust, or dirt to accumulate around the heater.*

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## Monthly Maintenance Schedule

1. Clean fuel filters.
2. Check burner blower. Clean if necessary.
3. Clean or change air filter if applicable.
4. Manually check fluid level in the expansion tank. Drain ½ gallon of thermal fluid from the expansion tank. If water is present, continue to drain ½ gallon until no water is present.
5. Check operation of all safeties. Refer to the instructions at the end of this section. With the burner running, remove or disconnect the flame detection device. The flame programmer should lockout within 3 seconds.
6. Review daily log sheets noting any deviations from the norm.
7. Lubricate motors if required.

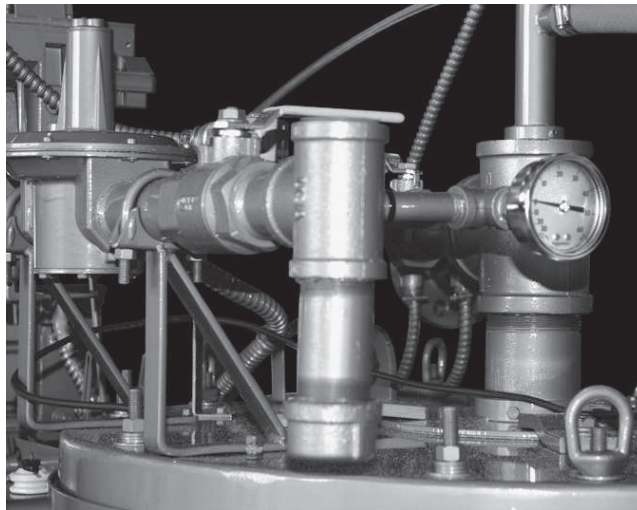


FIGURE 22- GAS TRAIN

8. Check, clean and adjust and/or replace electrodes if required.
9. Check scanner cell for cleanliness if required.
10. Clean oil nozzle (never use a sharp object) and clean oil fuel strainer if required. Replace if damaged.
11. Check power flame #2 oil burner for carbon build-up, if installed. Report any findings immediately.
12. Check the tightness of all couplings, including the fuel oil pump drive (oil-fired units), fan impeller, circulating pump, etc. See Figure 23.

## Semi-Annual Maintenance Schedule

1. Pull burner and inspect for heat stress or soot. Clean or replace as necessary.
2. Inspect pilot tube assembly and ignition electrode. Clean or replace if necessary. Reset ignition settings to manual specifications.
3. Inspect internal surfaces of the heater. Inspect refractory for cracks. Cracks larger than ¼" wide will require repair or replacement of the refractory. Inspect coil for sooting. If soot is present, it can be removed by utilizing a brush or compressed air for light sooting. See **Soot Cleaning** section of this manual.
4. Have combustion checked for efficiency.
5. Review daily log sheets noting any deviations from the norm.

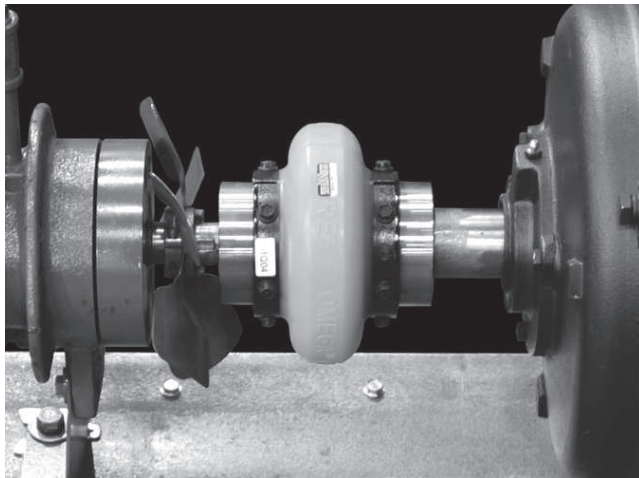


FIGURE 23 - PUMP COUPLING

## Annual Maintenance Schedule

1. Replace the ignition electrode(s).
2. If the unit utilizes a flame rod, replace.
3. If the unit utilizes power flame #2 oil burners, replace scanner cell as necessary.
4. Check for loose screws, bolts, and terminals.
5. Clean heater thoroughly. If paint touch-up is required, be sure not to paint over wires, controls, terminals, gauges, etc.
6. Clean all strainers in the thermal fluid system.
7. Take a one quart sample of thermal fluid and return to the thermal fluid

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*In order to meet warranty conditions, ensure all appropriate maintenance activities are performed.*

*Use extreme caution when using any cleaning solution. Refer to local regulations for disposal requirements.*

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manufacturer for analysis.

- Schedule local Volcanic representative or factory service technician to perform an annual preventative maintenance.

## General Maintenance Procedures

### ■ Lubrication

Different motor manufacturers recommend various intervals for lubrication schedules. Load variations will dictate the frequency and amount of lubrication required.

- When developing your lubrication schedule, consider the thermal fluid pump and all system pumps.
- If you have a thermal fluid circulating pump with a packed seal, the condition of the pump packing should be checked regularly. If fluid leakage increases, tighten the packing ¼ turn daily.

### ■ Soot Cleaning

If your coil inspection indicates severe sooting, the follow the procedure below:

- Drain fluid from the coil (using a pump).
- Remove the burner and lower access doors.
- Wire brush coils and use compressed air where accessible.
- Vacuum loose soot where accessible.
- Reinstall the burner and lower access doors.
- Fire the heater to roughly 300 F (149 C).
- Remove the burner again and fill the heater with a water/detergent or water/caustic mix to the flue outlet.
- Pump out. Rinse heater thoroughly when finished before reassembling heater.

## Safety Check Procedures

Perform the following safety checks as needed:

### ■ Liquid Level Switch

Manually turn liquid level switch cam counterclockwise. See Figure 13. Micro-switch will open contacts and control voltage will be lost. Release cam and micro-switch will make and control voltage will be restored.

### ■ Stack Limit

The limit manufacturer presets the stack limit. Testing can be performed by removing switch from stack and applying heat over that of the switch set point



for several seconds. The switch can then be reset and re-installed. See Figure 24.

### ■ Differential Pressure Switch

With the circulating pump running, observe the difference in pressure between the heater outlet gauge and the heater inlet gauge. Remove the top cover of the differential pressure switch. Note the original setting of the switch and turn adjustment knob clockwise until switch trips. The pointer on the switch should be within 2 psi of the observed pressure difference. Reset switch to the original set point. See Figure 25.

### ■ Low Inlet Pressure Switch

Slowly close the valve on outlet of main circulating pump observing heater inlet pressure gauge. Note the pressure at which the switch trips. This pressure should be roughly the set point of the switch minus any differential that is set.



FIGURE 24 - STACK LIMIT SWITCH

### ■ High Inlet Pressure Switch

Note the original setting of the switch and turn adjustment screw counterclockwise while observing heater inlet pressure gauge until switch trips. The pointer on the switch should be within 2 psi of the observed pressure. Reset switch to the original set point.

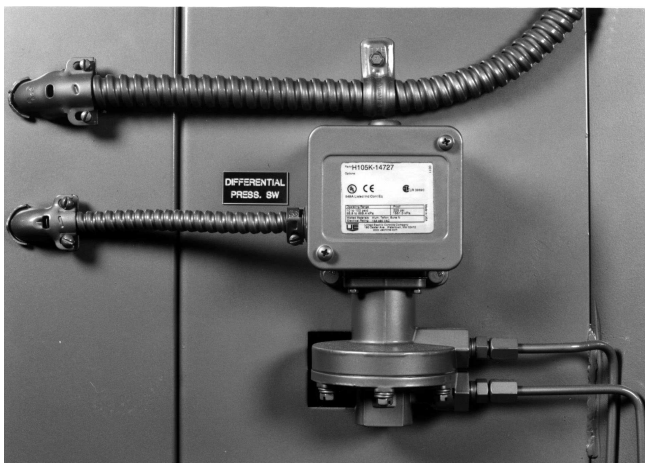


FIGURE 25 - DIFFERENTIAL PRESSURE SWITCH



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#### ■ High Outlet Pressure Switch

Note the original setting of the switch and turn adjustment screw counterclockwise while observing heater outlet pressure gauge until switch trips. The pointer on the switch should be within 2 psi of the observed pressure. Reset switch to the original set point.

#### ■ Air Switch

Remove the ¼" copper tubing from the bottom of the air switch with the fan running. Air switch should trip the interlock circuit. Re-attach copper tubing and reset flame programmer.

#### ■ Air Filter Box Switch

With heater running at high fire, block opening to air filter box by 50%. Slowly close off further until switch trips. Air switch should trip at just over 50% blockage.

#### ■ Temperature Limit(s)

Adjust set point(s) of temperature limit(s) down to a point lower than the process variable (PV). PV is typically the current fluid temperature at the heater outlet. Solid-state controls will deactivate a control relay powering a set of n.c. contacts in the interlock circuit. Analog controls will open their contacts in the interlock circuit. Trip temperature should be within 5 degrees of PV temperature. Reset temperature limit if reset exists and reset flame programmer.

#### ■ High/Low Gas Pressure Switch

Shut off the main gas valve prior to the gas train and attempt to light the unit. After the gas valves open during the ignition trial, the low gas pressure switch will trip. Reset the low gas pressure switch and flame programmer. Open main gas valve prior to gas train and close gas valve between last actuated gas valve and burner. Attempt to light the unit. After the gas valves open, the high gas pressure switch will trip. Reset the high gas pressure switch and the flame programmer.

#### ■ Power Flame #2 Oil Burners

On units equipped with power flame #2 oil burners, the following is required for the igniter and the nozzle:

1. The igniter should be removed and cleaned regularly.
2. Porcelain insulators should be kept clean and replaced if cracked.
3. The electrode spark gap should be set at 1/8 in. to 3/16 in. tip point type or 1/16 in. Jacob's ladder type.
4. Tension wires and clips between transformer and electrodes should be checked for deterioration.
5. When removing or replacing oil nozzle and electrode assembly, take care

to prevent damage.

6. Remove nozzle with properly-sized wrench; do not force.
7. Clean with a non-flammable solvent liquid and a brush.
8. Set nozzle firmly when replaced to prevent leaks. Replace damaged nozzle immediately. Never interchange nozzle parts; replace entire nozzle.

## Troubleshooting

### ■ Flow Circuit/ Circulating Pump(s)

The flow circuit is the electrical circuit that enables the circulating pump(s). Your thermal fluid pump(s) will remain on until the flow circuit opens to disable the pump starter or the Off / Pump / Heat switch is turned to the "Off" position. Items in the flow circuit may include paddle type flow switches, a high inlet pressure switch, a low inlet pressure switch, a high outlet pressure switch and a differential pressure switch.

#### ▶ LOW INLET PRESSURE SWITCH

This is a normally open switch that closes with proper heater inlet pressure. This switch is generally a mercury bulb type switch. Mercury will rest towards the green cap of the mercury bulb in a "made" condition.

The purpose of the Low Inlet Pressure Switch is primarily to protect the heater from a low flow condition. The Low Inlet Pressure Switch should be set at 5 psi below normal heater inlet pressure as read at operating temperature assuming that none of the conditions indicated in Table 10-A are true. Refer to Table 10-A for a tripped Low Inlet Pressure Switch.

#### ▶ HIGH OUTLET PRESSURE SWITCH

This is a normally closed switch that opens with excessive heater outlet pressure. This switch is generally a mercury bulb type switch. Mercury will rest towards the green cap in a "made" condition.

The purpose of the High Outlet Pressure Switch is primarily to protect the heater from building too much pressure. Typical coil model heaters have a maximum working pressure of 150 psi with 100 psi safety valve(s) on the heater outlet manifold.

The High Outlet Pressure Switch should be set at 5 psi over the heater outlet pressure as read at ambient temperature assuming that none of the conditions mentioned in Table 10-B are true.

Refer to Table 10-B for a tripped High Outlet Pressure Switch, which will require the manual reset button on the switch to be pushed.

#### ▶ HIGH INLET PRESSURE SWITCH

This is a normally closed switch that opens with improper heater inlet pressure. This switch is generally a mercury bulb type switch. Mercury will rest towards the green cap in a "made" condition. The purpose of the High Inlet Pressure Switch is to protect the heater from building too high of a pressure.

Typical coil model heaters have a maximum working pressure of 150 psi with 100 psi safety valve(s) on the heater outlet manifold. The High Outlet Pressure Switch should be set at 5 psi over the heater outlet pressure as read at ambient temperature assuming that none of the conditions mentioned in Table 10-D are true.

#### ▶ DIFFERENTIAL PRESSURE SWITCH

This is a normally open diaphragm switch that closes with a proper heater differential pressure between the heater inlet and outlet.

The purpose of the Differential Pressure Switch is to protect the heater coil from too high of a temperature and to protect the thermal fluid from exceeding its maximum film temperature. Each heater model number has a specific minimum differential pressure.

This pressure is the difference in pressure between the heater inlet pressure gauge and the heater outlet pressure gauge. See Table 10-E for troubleshooting.

#### ▶ CALL FOR HEAT/BURNER INTERLOCK

The call for heat circuit is the circuit that enables burner operation. Volcanic has used a variety of Temperature Controllers to act as the Call for Heat. Generally these controls work in combination with a control relay. When the Temperature Controller calls for heat, a signal is sent to the coil of a control relay that closes a normally open set of contacts in series with the burner circuit.

When the call for heat is met, the signal is removed and the contacts return to their open state. Situations that may interfere with the Call for Heat circuit are in Table 10-F. The burner interlock is the electrical circuit that enables the flame programmer. Your thermal heater needs to have the items in the burner interlock 'made' before ignition can occur. Items in the burner interlock may include an air switch, air filter switch, auxiliary blower motor starter contacts, high temperature

limit(s), high gas pressure switch, low gas pressure switch, and / or low oil pressure switch.

### ▶ AIR SWITCH

All C-model heaters have an Air Switch. This is a normally open switch that closes with proper burner fan outlet pressure. This switch is generally a diaphragm type switch.

The Air Switch is a safety device that proves that there is an adequate pressure and volume of make up air for proper combustion and mixing. There is no manual reset on the air switch itself to indicate a trip. The most likely time of an air switch trip is at low fire purge or low fire. If this switch trips, it is generally one of the issues indicated in Table 10-G.

### ▶ AIR FILTER SWITCH

C-model heaters with an air filter box or ducted supply air have an Air Filter Switch. This is a normally closed switch that opens on too high of a suction pressure at the burner fan inlet. This switch is generally a diaphragm type switch.

The Air Filter Switch is a safety device that proves that there is not too negative of a pressure at the combustion blower inlet. This switch is only used on units that have a built in air box for use as a duct connection or air filtering device.

There is no manual reset on the air filter switch itself to indicate a trip. The most likely time of an air filter switch trip is at high fire purge or high fire. If this switch trips, it is generally one of the issues indicated in Table 10-H.

### ▶ AUX. BLOWER MOTOR STARTER

All C-model heaters use an auxiliary set of contacts on their blower motor starter to prove that the burner motor is latched on. This is a normally open set of contacts mounted on or built in to the blower motor starter. The Auxiliary Blower Motor Contacts are a safety device that proves that the blower motor starter is latched in. These contacts work in redundancy to the air switch to prove that there is proper makeup air. There is no manual reset on the auxiliary contacts themselves to indicate a trip. If the contacts do not make, it is generally one of the issues indicated in Table 10-I.

### ▶ HIGH TEMP. LIMIT

All thermal fluid heaters have at least one High Temperature Limit. The high temperature limit(s) is/are normally closed switch(es) that break on a temperature rise over set point. The switch may be either a solid state controller or a bulb and capillary type switch. The High Temperature Limit is a safety device that protects the thermal fluid and heat transfer coil

from excessively high temperatures.

Solid-state high temperature limits will have a manual reset. Bulb and capillary type limits will not have a manual reset. If this/these switch(es) trips, it is generally one of the issues indicated in Table 10-J.

### ▶ HIGH GAS PRESSURE SWITCH

All gas-fired modulating or NFPA rated thermal fluid heaters have a High Gas Pressure Switch. This is a normally closed diaphragm switch that opens on a pressure increase over set point. The High Gas Pressure Switch is a safety device that protects the burner from receiving too high of a gas pressure. The switch senses this pressure downstream of the last gas valve, upstream of the modulation valve on units that modulate.

This switch is most likely to trip at low fire. If this switch trips, it is generally one of the issues indicated in Table 10-K.

### ▶ LOW GAS PRESSURE SWITCH

All gas-fired modulating or NFPA rated thermal fluid heaters have a Low Gas Pressure Switch. This is a normally closed diaphragm switch that opens on a pressure decrease below set point.

The Low Gas Pressure Switch is a safety device that protects the burner from receiving too low of a gas pressure. The switch senses this pressure just downstream of the gas regulator. This switch will most likely trip at high fire. If this switch trips, it is generally one of the issues indicated in Table 10-L.

### ▶ LOW OIL PRESSURE SWITCH

All oil fired modulating thermal fluid heaters have a Low Oil Pressure Switch. This is a normally closed diaphragm switch that opens on a pressure decrease below set point. The Low Oil Pressure Switch is a safety device that protects the burner from receiving too low of an oil pressure. The switch senses this pressure just downstream of the gas pump. If this switch trips, it is generally one of the issues indicated in Table 10-M.

### ▶ PILOT FLAME (FAILURE)

A Pilot Flame Failure is a flame failure that occurs when the unit is trying to establish an adequate flame signal. Solid-state controllers indicate a Pilot Flame Failure by showing as a fault code either Fault 28 for Honeywell 7800 series controllers. Flame Failure PTFI on Fireye E110 series controllers or Fault 9 on Fireye Nexus controls. For electro-mechanical controls, you need to witness when the failure occurs. A Pilot Flame Failure indicates that either a strong enough pilot flame

was not generated or the means of sensing the pilot flame strength has failed. All gas fired units have a gas pilot. Oil fired units may be 2-stage, in which the 1st stage to light would be considered the pilot, or may have a gas pilot. In either case, during the pilot proving period, the flame programmer must sense a strong enough flame to initiate the opening of the main valves. See Table 10-N.

#### ► MAIN FLAME (FAILURE)

Main Flame Failure is a flame failure that occurs while the unit is trying to establish an adequate flame signal during the Main Flame Trial for Ignition.

Solid state controllers indicate a Main Flame Failure by showing as a fault code of either Fault 19 for Honeywell 7800 series controllers, Flame Failure MTFI on Fireye YB110/E110 series controllers, or a Fault 09 for Fireye Nexus controls. For electro-mechanical controls, you need to witness when the failure occurs.

A Main Flame Failure indicates that either a strong enough main flame was not generated or the means of sensing the main flame strength has failed. During the main flame proving period, the flame programmer must sense a strong enough flame to hold the main valves open. If you are experiencing Main Flame Failures, check the items indicated in Table 10-O.

TABLE 10-A - LOW INLET PRESSURE SWITCH TROUBLESHOOTING

| Problem                                  | Potential Remedy   |
|--|--|
| Plugged circulation pump strainer basket | A plugged strainer will result in a decrease of flow through the heater. High vacuums developed from plugged strainers can also stress the seals of the pump causing the pump to fail.<br>A "Pump Suction" gauge is provided on Thermal skids to help determine when a strainer needs cleaning. Generally this point is between 0 and -5" Hg.<br>If the strainer is plugged, isolate the strainer and drain that section of piping being mindful of the temperature of the thermal fluid. Remove the strainer and clean with compressed air, high-pressure water or a cleaning solution. Replace and observe new pump suction pressure.  |
| Failed Circulation Pump Coupling         | A failed coupling will result in a decreased or no flow condition through the heater. The coupling can be checked by removing the coupling guard between the pump and pump motor.<br>The coupling should not be torn or misshapen. If the coupling needs to be replaced, it is recommended to re-align the circulating pump first at ambient temperature and again when it's at operating temperature. Alignment should be within pump manufacturers' specifications   |
| Cavitation of the circulating pump       | Cavitation occurs when a pump experiences a loss of head or if any low heater flashes to gas at the impeller. During this time, the pump impeller spins without actually circulating any thermal fluid.<br>If Volcanic provided the heater skid, loss of head to the pump is extremely unlikely with proper fluid level in the combination tank. The most common low heater in a thermal piping system is water, which needs to be boiled out at startup or anytime new piping or fluid is added to the thermal oil system.<br>Once the system has been brought up to full operating temperature, assuming that the entire system has seen flow, there should be no further occurrence of low heater contamination apart from possible heat exchanger failure. |
| System is open                           | Lack of back-pressure. If control valving is improper or pressure drop across the system is too low, the resulting minimal back-pressure may not provide enough resistance for the flow to make the pressure switch. Check the thermal fluid system for proper operation of control valves.  |
| Blocked Sensing Line on Pressure Switch  | A blocked sensing line will give an inaccurate pressure reading to the pressure switch. A blocked line will need to be replaced or cleaned. Most installations have block valves at the heater to facilitate safe isolation and cleaning of the sensing line. Do not attempt when system is hot.   |
| Improper Switch Setting                  | Low Inlet Pressure Switch should be set at 5 psi less than the pressure read on the heater inlet pressure gauge at full operating temperature of the system.   |
| Switch is faulty                         | If pressure is verified and reads correctly above set point on switch and the sensing line to the pressure switch is open, the pressure switch is faulty. Replace switch, set for desired set point and test for proper operation.   |

TABLE 10-B - HIGH OUTLET PRESSURE SWITCH TROUBLESHOOTING

| Problem                                 | Potential Remedy  |
|---|---|
| An obstruction downstream of the heater | Any obstruction downstream of the heater will increase the pressure that the heater outlet sees. This obstruction will generally result from an improper valve setting.<br>Observe heater outlet pressure at temperature with all users / heat exchangers calling for heat (100% user). Observe heater outlet pressure at temperature with all users / heat exchangers not calling for heat (100% bypass). Bypass regulating valve(s) should be adjusted to equal flow condition through users.<br>Call or e-mail Volcanic for further details. It may be possible that an automatic control valve has failed. If this is the case, the valve actuator should be inspected and possibly replaced. |
| Improper Switch Setting                 | The High Outlet Pressure Switch should be set at 5 psi over than the maximum pressure read on the heater outlet pressure gauge during proper operation at the coldest ambient temperature expected.   |
| Faulty Switch                           | If pressure is verified and reads correctly below set point on switch and the sensing line to the pressure switch is open, the pressure switch is faulty. Replace switch, set for desired set point and test for proper operation.  |

TABLE 10-D - HIGH INLET PRESSURE SWITCH TROUBLESHOOTING

| Problem                                 | Potential Remedy  |
|---|---|
| An obstruction downstream of the heater | Any obstruction downstream of the heater will increase the pressure that the heater outlet sees. This obstruction will generally result from an improper valve setting.<br>Observe heater outlet pressure at temperature with all users / heat exchangers calling for heat (100% user). Observe heater outlet pressure at temperature with all users / heat exchangers not calling for heat (100% bypass).<br>Bypass regulating valve(s) should be adjusted to equal flow condition through users. Call or e-mail Volcanic for further details. It may be possible that an automatic control valve has failed. If this is the case, the valve should be replaced. |
| Plugged Coil Pipes                      | If too low of a flow condition has occurred for too long a period of time or if the maximum operating temperature of the oil has been exceeded, it is possible, however unlikely, that a pipe or pipes in the coil could plug with solids. If this occurs, it will be necessary to shut down the system and clean the coil. Volcanic should be consulted in this matter.  |
| Improper Switch Setting                 | The High Inlet Pressure Switch should be set at ambient temperature. The setting should be 5 psi over than the maximum pressure read on the heater outlet pressure gauge during proper operation.   |

TABLE 10-E - DIFFERENTIAL PRESSURE SWITCH BREAK TROUBLESHOOTING

| Problem  | Potential Remedy   |
|--|--|
| An obstruction downstream of the heater outlet | Any obstruction downstream of the flow switch(es) will increase the pressure that the heater outlet sees. Any increase in outlet pressure will result in diminished flow. This obstruction will generally result from an improper valve setting.<br>Observe heater outlet pressure at temperature with all users / heat exchangers calling for heat (100% user). Observe heater outlet pressure at temperature with all users / heat exchangers not calling for heat (100% bypass).<br>Bypass regulating valve(s) should be adjusted to equal flow condition through users. Call or e-mail Volcanic for further details. It may be possible that an automatic control valve has failed. If this is the case, the valve should be replaced. |

TABLE 10-F - CALL FOR HEAT CIRCUIT TROUBLESHOOTING

| Problem                        | Potential Remedy  |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Programming Problem            | Volcanic has a general program for each of the temperature controllers we have used over the years. Compare your current temperature controller program to Volcanic's general program.<br>See the back of this section for general programming sheets for standard Volcanic heaters.<br>Make changes as necessary. Contact Volcanic service department with any questions.  |
| Temperature Controller Failure | If the temperature controller is calling for heat but is not putting power on the output to the control relay, the relay will not close the normally open contacts and the heater will remain disabled. If this is the case, some controllers have separate sets of contacts that may be utilized in replacement of the damaged contacts. Some rewiring and/or reprogramming will be needed. Contact Volcanic service department if necessary.  |
| Temperature Sensor Failure     | Different temperature controllers use different types of temperature sensors. These may be Type J thermocouples, mercury bulbs, RTDs or another type of sensor. It is possible for these sensors to malfunction. To verify proper sensor operation, use an alternate source of temperature detection such as an infra-red temperature sensor to sense temperature at the same point.  |
| Control Relay May Have Failed  | Many temperature controllers energize a relay with a call for heat that in turn closes a normally open set of contacts to energize the burner circuit.<br>If your temperature controller is sending an output signal to the control relay but the burner is not initiated, check resistance across coil of the relay. An open reading indicates that the relay needs to be replaced. If the coil shows resistance, energize coil and check contacts. With coil energized, normally open contacts should close resulting in a reading of control voltage on both the common and normally open contact.<br>If voltage exists on common but not on normally open contact either switch contacts if another set of normally open contacts are available or replace relay. |

TABLE 10-G - AIR SWITCH TROUBLESHOOTING

| Problem  | Potential Remedy  |
|--|---|
| Combustion Blower Fan is Dirty                                     | If the cups of the squirrel cage type fan become dirty, less air will be moved by the fan. If the fans are dirty enough, there will not be enough air flow for the air switch to prove. You should assure that the combustion blower fan is clean, reset the flame programmer and try to light unit again   |
| The sensing line is plugged, crimped or pointing in the wrong area | If the sensing line to the air switch is crimped or blocked, the switch will not sense the proper pressure. Ensure that the sensing line is clear and not crimped by removing both sides of the sensing line and using compressed air to blow through the line. Also ensure that the elbow acting as an air scoop is pointing directly into the air stream. Reset the flame programmer and try to light the unit again. |
| The Switch setting is improper                                     | The adjustment screw for the air switch is located opposite the electrical connections. A gray cap covers the screw. Turn the screw clockwise to increase setting, counter-clockwise to decrease setting. To set switch, run unit at low fire. Increase setting 1/2 turn every 5 seconds until unit trips on interlock. Decrease setting by 2 full turns. Reset unit.   |

TABLE 10-H - AIR FILTER SWITCH TROUBLESHOOTING

| Problem   | Potential Remedy  |
|---|---|
| The air filter is dirty                             | If the air filter becomes dirty, the fan will generate greater suction. Too much suction will result in not enough airflow for proper combustion and mixing and will cause air switch to trip. You should regularly change filters on a schedule dependent on how dirty the makeup air is. After checking or changing air filter, reset the flame programmer and try to light unit again.   |
| There is an obstruction in the make-up air ducting  | Units that have make-up air ducting need to assure that blockage to the ducting does not occur. Check outside termination and any bends in the ducting for blockage. Clear blockage, reset flame programmer and try to light unit again.  |
| The sensing line is pointing in the wrong direction | The sensing line for the air filter switch is supposed to provide the static pressure of the air box. The termination of the sensing line should be pointing in the direction that limits its contact with moving air. If the sensing line is pointed perpendicularly to entering air stream, the switch will not sense the proper pressure and could give a false indication of air box suction. Reset the flame programmer and try to light the unit again. |
| Switch setting is improper                          | The adjustment screw for the air switch is located opposite the electrical connections. A gray cap covers the screw. Turn the screw clockwise to increase setting, counter-clockwise to decrease setting. The switch setting should be set in such a way that with 50 % of the the air box opening blocked, the switch will trip. Reset switch setting, reset the flame programmer, and try to light the unit again.  |

TABLE 10-I - AUXILIARY BLOWER MOTOR STARTER TROUBLESHOOTING

| Problem                                     | Potential Remedy   |
|---|--|
| The blower motor starter coil is bad        | If this is the case, the blower starter will not latch in. Check for voltage to the coil. If proper voltage is present and the starter does not pull in, that proves the coil is bad. Replace the starter, reset the flame programmer and try to light unit again. |
| The auxiliary contacts are burned or pitted | Visibly inspect contacts. With power off, attempt to clean or replace starter if damaged. Reset flame programmer and try to light unit again.  |

TABLE 10-J - HIGH TEMPERATURE LIMIT TROUBLESHOOTING

| Problem                     | Potential Remedy   |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Flow rate is too low        | Too low of a flow rate will result in a higher rate of heat transfer to the thermal fluid and heat transfer coils. This will result in a higher temperature difference between inlet temperature and outlet temperature.<br>It is important to make sure that the minimum flow rate as specified by Volcanic for that specific model is maintained. Check inlet and outlet pressures of the heater to determine differential pressure and flow rate. Ensure that this flow rate meets or exceeds minimums specified by Volcanic (see chart). Also check differential pressure switch for proper operation and setting. |
| Heater is over-fired        | If the heater has more fuel input than design, it is probable that the heat transfer rate will increase beyond design. Check input to heater at high fire for modulated heaters or at the standard rate for on / off units. This can be done by either using a corrected gas meter reading or measuring gas pressure supplied to the burner compared to factory test-fire settings.<br>If input is improper, inspect burner as described below. If burner is not damaged or have improper components, adjust fuel input and combustion to specification.   |
| Gas-fired burner is damaged | Pull and inspect the burner. Primary areas of concern for gas-fired units are the orifice plate, pilot assembly seating and orifice plate gap.<br>If the orifice plate is warped or burned through, pilot assembly is not seated or gap between orifice plate and gas tube is improper, more fuel than designed for will enter the furnace.<br>This will cause the heater to have more fuel input than designed for. The design flow rate will then be too low causing the fluid to heat up higher than it should.   |



TABLE 10-K - HIGH GAS PRESSURE SWITCH TROUBLESHOOTING

| Problem  | Potential Remedy  |
|--|---|
| Gas pressure setting on the main regulator is too high | With unit running at high fire, make sure that the modulated gas valve is at full open. Since unit lights at low fire, it may be necessary to increase high gas pressure setting or jumper contacts to allow unit to modulate to where modulation gas valve back pressure is lessened. Check net last elbow gas pressure and compare to factory test fire sheet. Net gas pressure is running gas pressure minus purge pressure. Make sure net pressure reading is within .2" w.c. of factory reading. If there is a difference, adjust main regulator. Adjust for proper combustion throughout range. |
| Low fire gas valve setting is too low                  | Because the sensing point of the High Gas Pressure Switch is upstream of the modulating gas valve, the highest pressure read will occur during low fire. Check net last elbow gas pressure and compare to factory test fire sheet. Net gas pressure is running gas pressure minus purge pressure. Make sure net pressure reading is within .1" w.c. of factory reading. If there is a difference, adjust modulating gas valve linkage. Adjust for proper combustion throughout range.   |
| Gas pressure switch setting is improper                | If above two items are proper, check the pressure that the high gas pressure switch is sensing by way of a tee installed in the line. Hold unit at low fire and check pressure. Setting on switch should be 10% over pressure read. Call Volcanic if you have any questions.  |
| Gas regulator has failed open                          | This is highly unlikely. Regulators will usually fail safe in the closed position. The gas regulator can be checked by checking upstream pressure and comparing to downstream pressure. Make sure that the upstream pressure is not above the rating of the regulator. Make sure that the downstream pressure does not exceed the range of the spring. If regulator has failed, replace, reset input and adjust input throughout the range.   |

TABLE 10-L - LOW GAS PRESSURE SWITCH TROUBLESHOOTING

| Problem   | Potential Remedy  |
|---|---|
| Gas pressure setting on the main regulator is too low | At high fire, the modulating gas valve is full open resulting in the least amount of back pressure in the gas train. With unit running at high fire, check net last elbow gas pressure and compare to factory test fire sheet. Net gas pressure is running gas pressure minus purge pressure. Make sure net pressure reading is within .2" w.c. of factory reading. If there is a difference, adjust main regulator. Adjust for proper combustion throughout range. |
| Gas orifice plate is damaged                          | If the orifice plate is damaged, it may be holding back less gas creating a lower pressure on the sensing switch. Pull burner and inspect gas orifice plate. Plate should in no way be warped or degraded. If it is, replace. After reinstallation, recheck input and adjust combustion throughout range.   |
| Gas regulator has failed closed                       | Regulators will usually fail safe in the closed position. The gas regulator can be checked by checking upstream pressure and comparing to downstream pressure. Make sure that the upstream pressure is not above the rating of the regulator. If regulator has failed, replace, reset input and adjust input throughout the range.  |

TABLE 10-M - LOW OIL PRESSURE SWITCH TROUBLESHOOTING

| Problem  | Potential Remedy  |
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| Oil pressure setting on the back pressure valve is too low | At low fire, the modulating oil valve is at its most open position resulting in the least amount of back pressure in the fuel train. With unit running at low fire, check oil pressure and compare to factory test fire sheet. Make sure oil pressure reading is within 10 psi of factory reading. If there is a difference, adjust back pressure regulator. Adjust for proper combustion throughout range. |
| Fuel oil pump may have lost its prime                      | An air bubble in the pump will result in a momentary loss of prime that will be enough to cause the Low Oil Pressure Switch to trip. Ensure that oil pump is primed properly and all connections are tight. Check the pump seal. A blown seal will allow air in the pump housing.   |
| Fuel oil pump motor may have failed                        | Check the pump motor for proper voltage. If voltage is proper but motor does not turn, replace or rebuild motor. If there is no voltage, check motor starter for input signal and incoming 3-phase power.   |
| Fuel oil pump coupling may have failed                     | A failed coupling will result in the pump not turning. Check coupling. Replace if necessary..   |

TABLE 10-N - PILOT FLAME FAILURE TROUBLESHOOTING

| Problem                            | Potential Remedy  |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Pilot flame strength is inadequate | Cycle the unit. During the pilot trial for ignition, carefully observe the pilot flame strength. On Honeywell controllers, the pilot flame strength must be between 1.25 to 5.0 VDC. On Fireye controllers, the pilot flame strength must be greater than 10 VDC. Current controls are supplied with a test switch that can hold the programmer in the pilot trial for ignition stage. If a pilot signal greater than 0.0 but less than the minimum required is detected, look through the sight hole provided on the burner plate of the heater to visibly detect flame. If flame is seen, make small adjustments to increase pilot gas and air to provide larger flame. |

TABLE 10-N - PILOT FLAME FAILURE TROUBLESHOOTING

| Problem  | Potential Remedy  |
|--|---|
| Pilot sensing device does not work properly              | Cycle the unit. If a pilot signal of 0.0 is detected, look through the sight hole provided on the burner plate of the heater to visibly detect flame.<br>If flame is seen, your flame detection device or amplifier may be faulty. If the unit has a flame rod, lockout and tag heater's electrical circuit and fuel supply. Pull pilot assembly out of unit. Inspect the flame rod. If the flame rod is corroded, shows signs of heat impingement, has been burned off or has cracks in the porcelain, replace with a new flame rod.<br>Reinstall and cycle unit. If the unit has a U.V. scanner, lockout and tag heater's fuel supply. Remove U.V. scanner from U.V. sight tube. Make sure that the lens of the scanner is clean. Use a lighter or match and make a flame in front of the scanner eye. Lens should flicker. If unit does not flicker, change U.V. scanner. If this change does not work, change U.V. amplifier. Reinstall and cycle unit. |
| Room air pressure is different from outside air pressure | Check room air pressure relative to outside air pressure. Heater room pressure should equal outside air pressure. Significant differences in pressure will result in an erratic flame, which will not deliver a strong flame signal.  |

TABLE 10-O - MAIN FLAME FAILURE TROUBLESHOOTING

| Problem  | Potential Remedy  |
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| Main flame strength is inadequate                        | Cycle the unit. During the main flame proving period, carefully observe the pilot flame strength. Current controls are supplied with a test switch that can hold the programmer in the main flame proving period.<br>If a main signal is greater than 0.0 but less than the minimum required is detected, look through the observation port to try to visibly see flame. A combustion change may be necessary to establish main.<br>If observed flame is blue, slightly decrease the air damper setting and recycle. If flame is red or orange, slightly increase air damper setting and recycle. Once adequate flame signal is established, reset input and combustion throughout range of modulation.   |
| Flame sensing device does not work properly              | Cycle the unit. If a signal of 0.0 is detected, look through the sight hole provided on the burner plate of the heater to visibly detect flame. If flame is seen, your flame detection device or amplifier may be faulty.<br>If the unit has a flame rod, lockout and tag heater's electrical circuit and fuel supply. Pull pilot assembly out of unit. Inspect the flame rod. If the flame rod is corroded, shows signs of heat impingement, has been burned off or has cracks in the porcelain, replace with a new flame rod. Reinstall and cycle unit.<br>If the unit has a U.V. scanner, lockout and tag heater's fuel supply. Remove U.V. scanner from U.V. sight tube. Make sure that the lens of the scanner is clean. Use a lighter or match and make a flame in front of the scanner eye. Lens should flicker. If unit does not flicker, change U.V. scanner. If this change does not work, change U.V. amplifier. Reinstall and cycle unit. |
| Room air pressure is different from outside air pressure | Check room air pressure relative to outside air pressure. Heater room pressure should equal outside air pressure. Significant differences in pressure will result in an erratic flame, which will not deliver a strong flame signal.  |
| Unit is experiencing too great of a restriction          | At the breaching of the heater, take a draft reading. Draft should read between $-.02''$ w.c. and $-.04''$ w.c. with the heater off and between $-.04''$ w.c. and $-.08''$ w.c. with the unit on. A restrictive draft would be a draft that was positive. A restrictive draft is usually the result a stack that is undersized, a stack with too many elbows or a stack whose cap or piping is warped and damaged. Another source of restriction results from broken refractory. If the unit's refractory breaks, large enough pieces could block the flue passes. The burner should be pulled for refractory inspection. A broken refractory should be cleaned out and replaced.   |





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*Use of non-factory authorized replacement parts is not recommended for this equipment. Use of non-factory authorized parts may jeopardize safety and system performance, and voids the product warranty.*

## Parts

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Spare and replacement parts may be ordered from your local representative or through Volcanic Heater, Inc. When ordering replacement parts, please have the model number and serial number of your Volcanic boiler ready. Factory-direct replacement parts must be used to ensure proper equipment operation and adherence with warranty requirements. Contact Volcanic at (866) 378-9263 for further information.

## Standard Warranty for Volcanic Thermal Fluid Heaters

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### ONE (1) YEAR (12 MONTH) MATERIAL AND WORKMANSHIP WARRANTY

The pressure vessel is covered against defective material or workmanship for a period of one (1) year from the date of shipment from the factory. Volcanic will repair or replace F.O.B. factory any part of the equipment, as defined above, provided this equipment has been installed, operated and maintained by the buyer in accordance with approved practices and recommendations made by Volcanic. The commissioning agency must also successfully complete and return the equipment Installation and Operation Checklists to Volcanic's Quality Assurance department. This warranty covers any failure caused defective material or workmanship.

The thermal fluid system piping and valves are painted at the factory to protect them from corrosion prior to installation and operation. These painted surfaces are not covered under warranty.

### PARTS WARRANTY

Volcanic will repair or replace F.O.B. factory any part of the equipment of our manufacture that is found to be defective in workmanship or material within one (1) year of shipment from the factory provided this equipment has been installed, operated and maintained by the buyer in accordance with approved practices and recommendations made by both Volcanic and the component manufacturers and the commissioning agency has successfully completed and returned the equipment Installation and Operation Checklists to Volcanic's Quality Assurance department.

### GENERAL

Volcanic shall be notified in writing as soon as any defect becomes apparent. This warranty does not include freight, handling or labor charges of any kind.

These warranties are contingent upon the proper sizing, installation, operation and maintenance of the boiler and peripheral components and equipment. Warranties valid only if installed, operated, and maintained as outlined in the Volcanic Installation and Operation Manual.

No Sales Manager or other representative of Volcanic other than the Quality Manager or an officer of the company has warranty authority. Volcanic will not pay any charges unless they were pre-approved, in writing, by the Volcanic Quality Manager.

This warranty is exclusive and in lieu of all other warranties, expressed or implied, including but not limited to the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. Volcanic shall in no event be liable for any consequential or incidental damages arising in any way, including but not limited to any loss of profits or business, even if Volcanic has been advised of the possibility of such damages. Volcanic's liability shall never exceed the amount paid for the original equipment found to be defective.

To activate the warranty for this product, the appropriate commissioning sheets must be completed and returned to the Volcanic Quality Assurance department for review and approval.



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