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# SUNFIRE®

RADIANT HEATERS  
OPERATING MANUAL

MODEL: SF-150  
SUNFIRE 150 PORTABLE RADIANT HEATER  
220V 50HZ



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**Important:** Read this entire manual carefully before operating or performing any maintenance on this Radiant Heater. Misuse may result in serious or fatal injuries due to burns, fire, explosion, electrical shock, or asphyxiation from carbon monoxide.

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**NOTE: A Special Bulletin (which appears just after the Table of Contents) has been added to your manual to highlight important information about the adjustment and operation of your Radiant Heater. Be sure to read this sheet before beginning any procedures in this manual.**

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## SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

### Guide to this Manual

**IMPORTANT!** *This manual provides all the instructions necessary to safely use the SUNFIRE Radiant Heater. Please refer to this manual for instructions on operating and maintaining your SUNFIRE Radiant Heater.*

Consult the Table of Contents for a detailed list of topics covered in this manual. You'll find the step-by-step procedures easy to follow and understand. Should questions arise, please contact your SUNFIRE dealer before starting any of the procedures in this manual.

*Please read all sections in this manual carefully--including the following safety information--before beginning any installation procedures; doing so ensures your safety and the optimal performance of your SUNFIRE Radiant Heater*

### FOR YOUR SAFETY...

For your safety, documentation may contain the following types of safety statements (listed here in order of increasing intensity):

- **NOTE:** A clarification of previous information or additional pertinent information.
- **ATTENTION:** A safety statement indicating that potential equipment damage may occur if instructions are not followed.



**CAUTION:** A safety statement that reminds of safety practices or directs attention to unsafe practices which could result in personal injury if proper precautions are not taken.



**WARNING:** A *strong* safety statement indicating that a hazard exists which can result in injury or death if proper precautions are not taken.



**DANGER!** *The utmost levels of safety must be observed;* an extreme hazard exists which would result in high probability of death or irreparable serious personal injury if proper precautions are not taken.

**IMPORTANT!** Review the list of general safety precautions provided in your Radiant Heater Operator's Manual. These precautions *must be heeded* to ensure proper, safe operation.

# WARNING!



## STOP

**YOUR SAFETY IS AT STAKE!  
DO NOT INSTALL, OPERATE, OR  
MAINTAIN THIS EQUIPMENT  
WITHOUT FIRST READING  
AND UNDERSTANDING  
THIS MANUAL!**

## SPECIFICATIONS & CLEARANCES

### **Model SF-150**

Manufacturer  
Rock Energy Systems, LLC  
Janesville WI

### **Listed Fuel**

NO. 2 Fuel Oil

### **Input Rating W/No. 2 oil L/h**

High 4.02 L/h  
Low 3.12 L/h

### **Minimum Installation Clearance to Combustible Surfaces**

Front	183 cm
Right Side	91.5 cm
Left Side	91.5 cm
Above	N/A
Back	N/A
Below	N/A - For use on non-combustible flooring only

**The designated clearances are the minimum required to avoid overheating; Additional clearances may be needed for accessibility.**

### **Electrical Rating**

220V 2.4A 50HZ

### **Fuel Tank Capacity**

71 Liters

### **Weight**

88 kg Empty  
145 kg Full

### **Air Band Setting**

1.30

### **Nozzle**

.85 x 45A

## WARRANTY INFORMATION

Rock Energy Systems, LLC warrants that its Radiant Heaters and component parts will be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of 12 months from date of purchase when properly installed, operated, and maintained in accordance with the installation and maintenance instructions, safety guides and labels contained with each unit. If any component proves defective in either material or workmanship during the limited warranty period, Rock Energy Systems, LLC, at its option, may repair the defective part or equipment or replace the equipment or relevant parts. Proof of purchase and warranty qualification must be established at time of all returns and exchanges.

**BILL OF SALE:** A copy of the bill of sale must be provided at time of return.

**CLAIM PROCEDURE:** All claims are to be submitted to your SUNFIRE Dealer.

This limited warranty does not apply to heater, component or replacement part damage resulting from incorrect installation, misuse, abuse, accident, act of God, neglect, mishandling, contaminated fuel, modification, incorrect environments, or wear from ordinary use. The warranty set forth above is the exclusive warranty provided by Rock Energy Systems, LLC and all other warranties, including any implied warranties or merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, are expressly disclaimed. In the event any implied warranty is not hereby effectively disclaimed due to operation of law, such implied warranty is limited in duration to the duration of the applicable warranty stated above. The remedies set forth above are the sole and exclusive remedies available hereunder. Rock Energy Systems, LLC will not be liable for any incidental or consequential damages directly or indirectly related to the sales, handling or use of the equipment, and in any event Rock Energy Systems, LLC in connection with the equipment, including for claims based on negligence or strict liability, is limited to the purchase price. Some states do not allow limitation on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitation may not apply to you. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you.

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# SPECIAL SAFETY BULLETIN

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING SAFETY GUIDELINES

### SAFETY GUIDELINES

#### **DANGER:**

Carbon monoxide asphyxiation can be fatal.

#### **CARBON MONOXIDE ASPHYXIATION:**

The first symptoms of carbon monoxide asphyxiation are similar to that of the flu, headaches, dizziness and/or nausea. These symptoms could be caused by the malfunction of the Radiant Heater. In this case go outside immediately. Have the Radiant Heater repaired. Then you may start it again. Some people are more affected by the effects of carbon monoxide than others, especially pregnant women, those who suffer from heart or lung disease or people with anemia; also those who have consumed alcoholic beverages, and those who are at high altitudes. Be sure to read and understand all of the warnings. Save this manual for future reference: it will provide you with instructions to operate your radiant heater safely and correctly.

#### **USE ONLY NO. 2 FUEL OIL, OR DIESEL:**

To diminish the risk of fire or explosion. Never use gasoline, crankcase drainings, naphtha, paint thinners, alcohol or other highly flammable materials.

#### **FILLING THE TANK**

- a. The person filling the tank should be qualified and completely familiar with the factory instructions for the operation of the radiant heater.
- b. Use only the type of fuel expressly specified on the identification plate located on the Radiant Heater.
- c. Before filling the tank, extinguish all of the flames, including the radiant heater and wait for the radiant heater to cool down.
- d. While filling the tank inspect all of the fuel lines and their junctions to check for fuel losses. Any losses must be repaired before starting the radiant heater again.
- e. All of the fuel tanks should be located a minimum safety distance from the heater, (like current government regulation), as well as oxyhydrogen blowpipe/ torches, welding equipment and similar ignition sources (with the exception of the fuel tank incorporated in the Radiant Heater).
- f. The fuel should be stored in areas where the flooring will not soak up any fuel spills or any drips of fuel line, the flame underneath that could cause a fire.
- g. All fuel storage must be stored in compliance with the current regulations.

## SAFETY GUIDELINES CONT...

### GENERAL OPERATION GUIDELINES

**NOTICE: The installation of the unit shall be in accordance with the regulations of the authorities having jurisdiction.**

- Never use the Radiant Heater in rooms where aerosol cans, gasoline, and paint thinner, or other highly flammable materials are located.
- While the heater is in use follow all of the local codes.
- Heaters used close to large pieces of fabric, curtains or other similar materials must be situated at a safe distance from those objects.
- For use in well ventilated areas only.
- Supply the Radiant Heater with the proper voltage as specified on the identification plate.
- Use only extension cords with three wires correctly connected to a grounded plug.
- The minimum safety distance is the distance required by local code.
- Place the Radiant Heater in a position so that when it is hot or in use it will be on a stable and level surface, so that you avoid starting a fire.
- When you move or store the Radiant Heater, maintain it in a level position in order to avoid fuel loss.
- Keep children and animals away from the Radiant Heater.
- Disconnect the Radiant Heater when it is not in use.
- When it is controlled by another device (like a thermostat or a timer), the heater could turn itself on at any time.
- Never place the Radiant Heater in unoccupied rooms.
- Never use for this radiant heater for a residential application.
- Never block vents.
- When the heater is hot, and connected to the power supply it should never be moved, handled, or refilled and no maintenance should be performed on it.
- Smoke that is produced from the first combustion is due to the evaporation of organic materials (ceramic) present in the combustion tank and anti-corrosion oil present on the surface of the burner. After a few minutes this will stop.
- The operating temperature is  $-29^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+26^{\circ}\text{C}$
- **WARNING: This appliance is equipped with a three-prong (grounding) plug for your protection against electric shock hazard and should be plugged directly into a grounded three-prong receptacle**





## SECTION 2: OPERATION

Following is an outline of the Radiant Heater basic operation process:

### RADIANT HEATER OPERATION

Keep unit on a level, non-combustible surface at all times. If the unit is on sitting on a 25° angle or more the tip switch will prevent the heater from starting.

1. Fill tank with Diesel or #2 Fuel Oil.
2. Plug into a grounded outlet or extension cord.
3. Switch to high fire.
4. Turn power switch ON.
5. The blower will come on and run for 15 seconds prior to lighting (pre-purge).
6. Once the heater is running you will have a green light for power, and an amber light for high fire. When the unit is switched to low fire the amber light is off.
7. When shutting down the heater turn power switch to off. Allow the burner to complete the post-purge cycle 300 seconds before disconnecting power. Failure to complete the post purge cycle may result in excessive heat damaging the unit, as well as a longer pre-purge cycle on the next start.



**WARNING: DO NOT OPERATE RADIANT HEATER WITHOUT THE BURNER COVER SECURELY ATTACHED.**

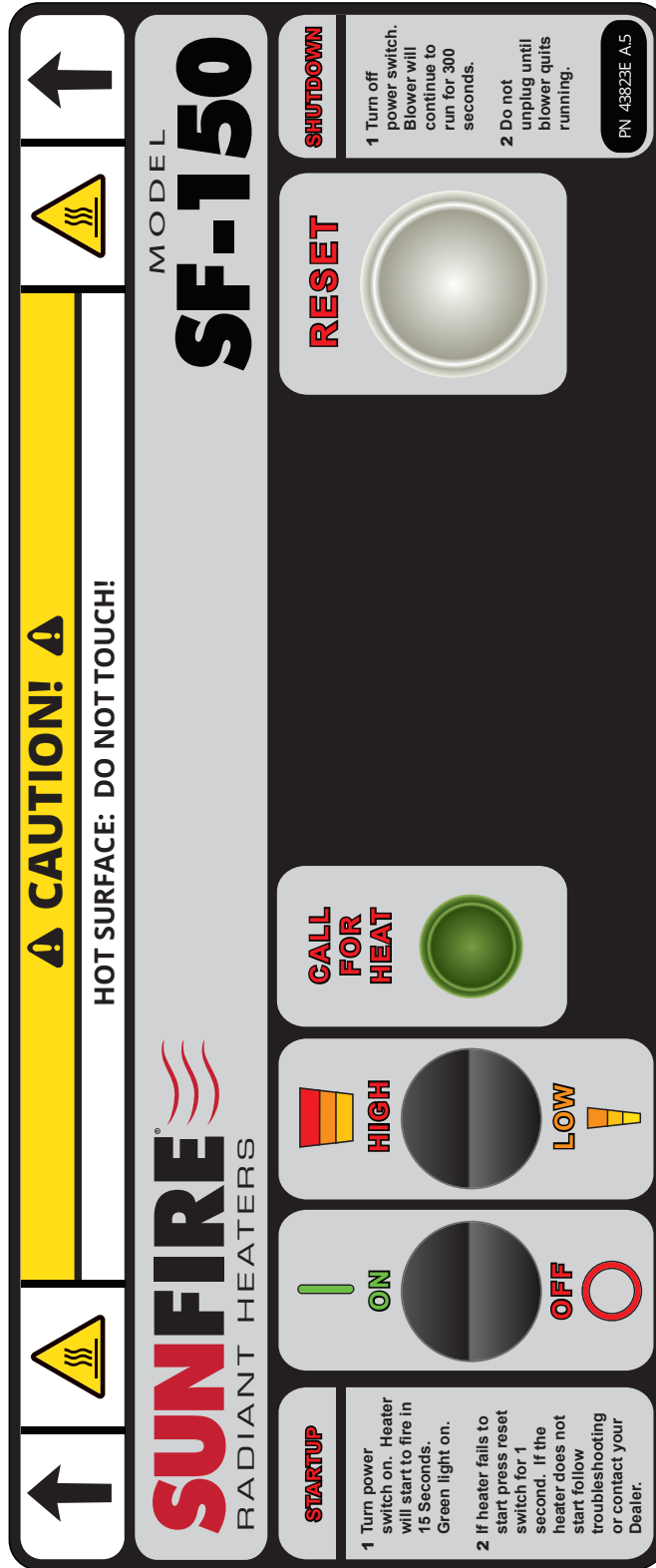


FIGURE 1A: ENGLISH RADIANT HEATER MAIN CONTROLS

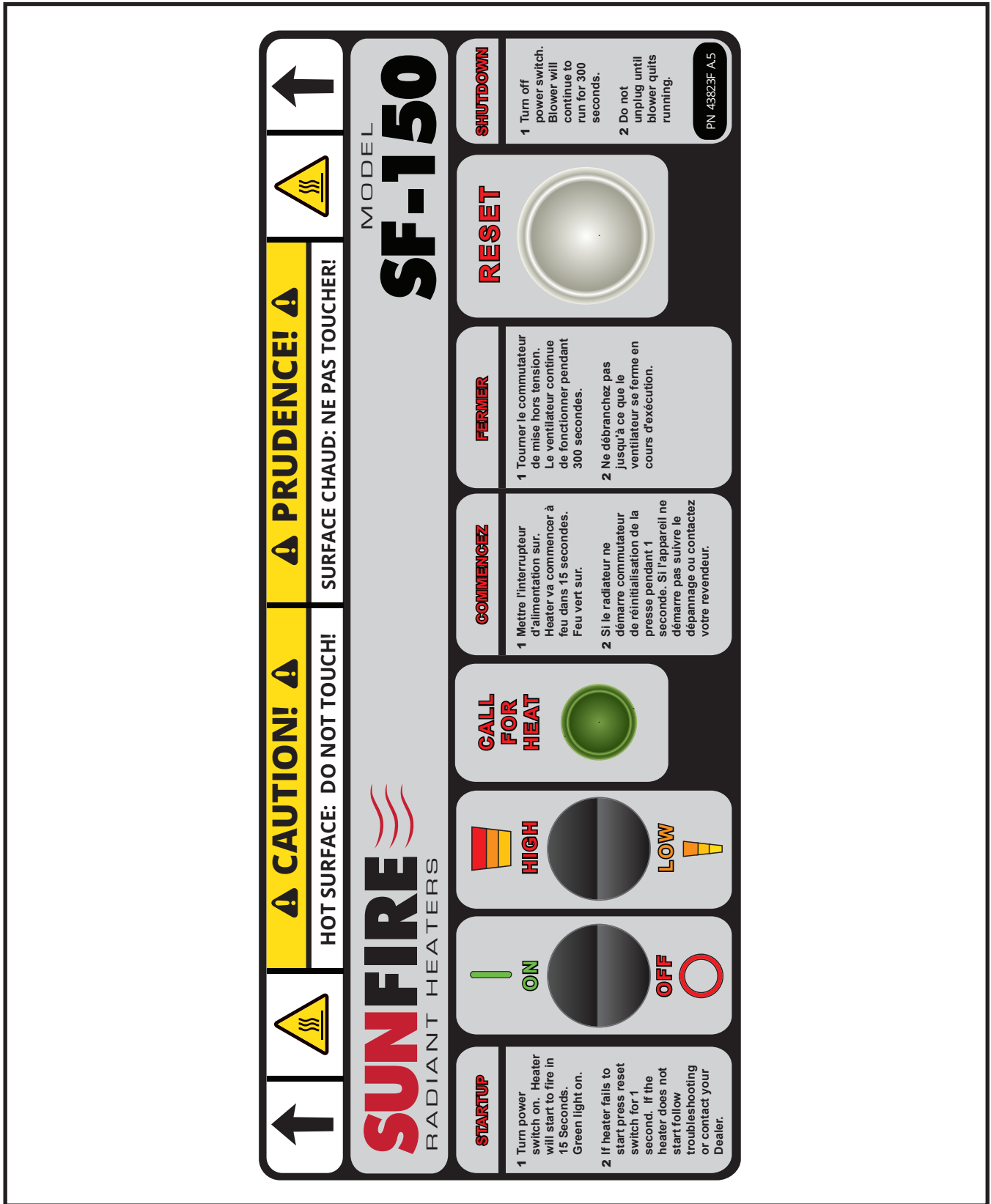


FIGURE 1B: FRENCH RADIANT HEATER MAIN CONTROLS

# APPENDIX A

## Technical Reference Materials

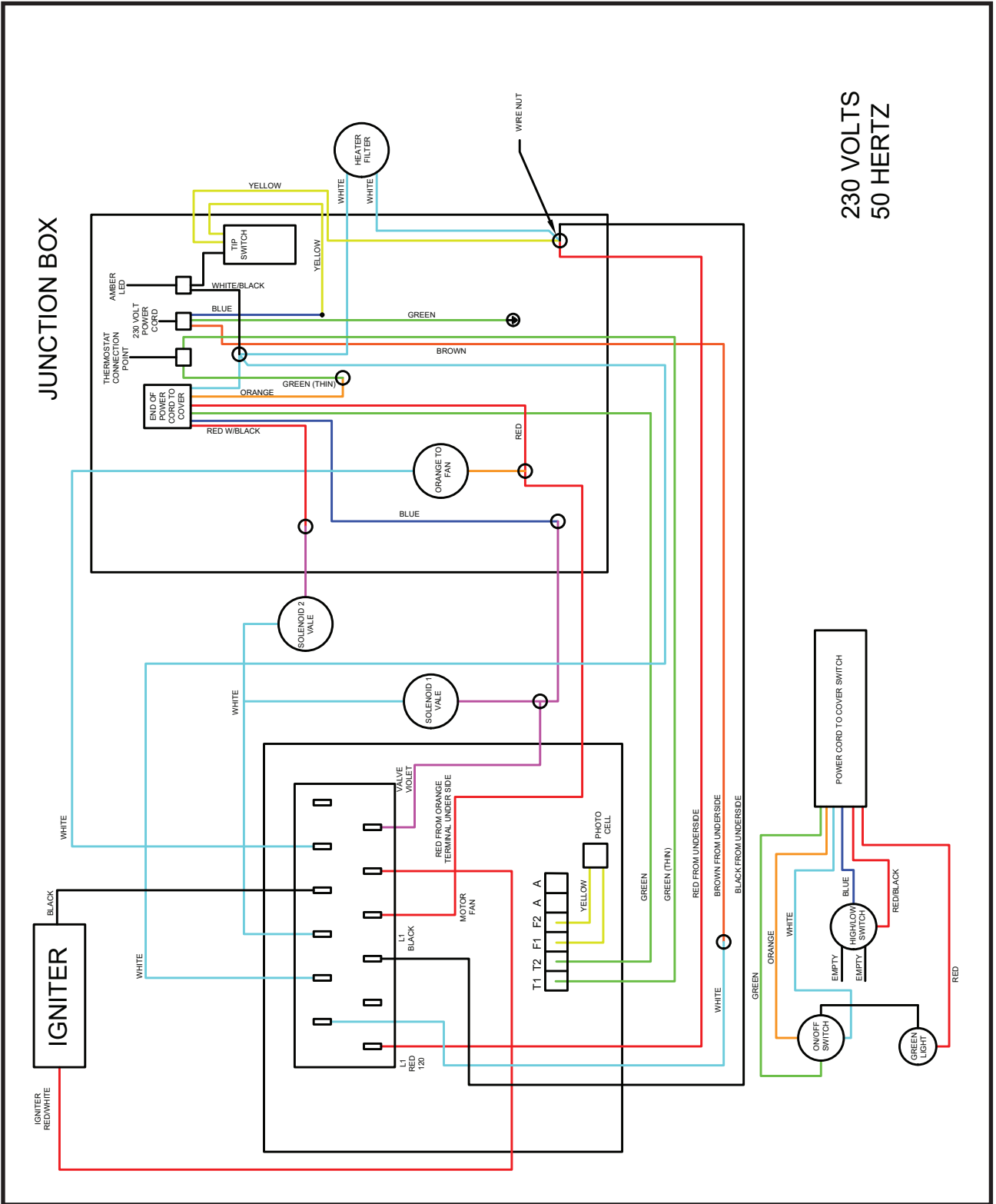


FIGURE A1 - COMPLETE WIRING SCHEMATIC

## Troubleshooting

<b>Heater Fails to Start</b>	<b>Solution</b>
No Power	Check Power Cord or Breaker
No Fuel	Check Tank Bleed Pump or look for suction Leak
Gelled Fuel	Warm Fuel add Anti-gell Additive
Tip Switch	Move Heater to Level Surface
Plugged Nozzle	Replace Nozzle
Electrodes fouled or out of Adjustment	Clean and Adjust Properly
Primary Control Locked Out	Hold Reset Button
Cad Cell Dirty or Defective	Clean or Replace

<b>Erratic Flame</b>	<b>Solution</b>
Suction Leak	Tighten Suction Lines
Dirty Nozzle	Replace Nozzle
Fouled Electrodes	Clean
Dirty Fuel Filter	Replace

## SECTION 3: MAINTENANCE

### REMOVING / INSTALLING HEAD ASSEMBLY



**WARNING:** Only attempt to handle burner components after the unit has fully cooled down. Components can be hot and could cause severe personal injury.

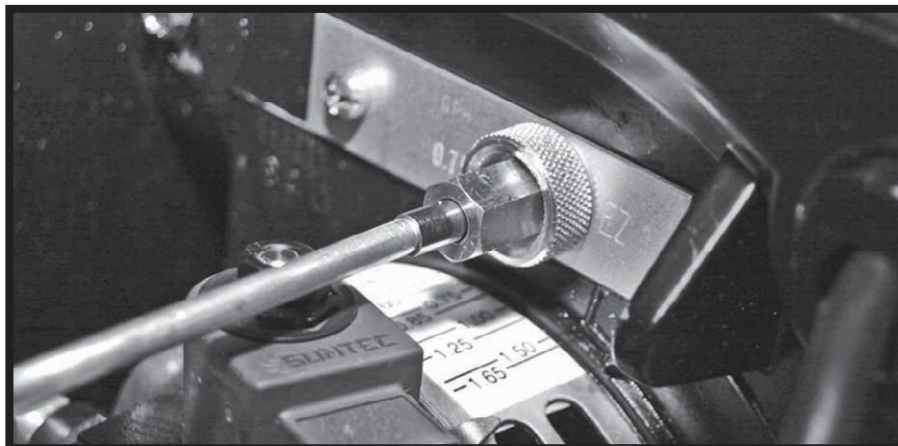
**NOTE:** You will need to remove the burner assembly for inspection of the nozzle and electrodes.

#### To remove the burner assembly:

1. Remove the four nuts securing the burner assembly to the outer cone of the heater.
2. Pull gently to remove the burner assembly from the outer cone of the heater, taking care not to disconnect any wiring.
3. If nozzles or electrodes are in need of replacement, gently prop the burner assembly on the heater tank to allow access to nozzle assembly, again taking care not to disconnect any wiring.

#### To remove the nozzle assembly:

1. Loosen, and then rotate the two screw clamps securing the ignitor plate in place. Swing the ignitor plate open.
2. Unscrew the oil line fitting and thumb nut at the burner housing. (Figure 2B)
3. Remove the retention head (Figure 2A).
4. Gently push the nozzle assembly through the front of the burner.
5. Handle the nozzle assembly with care to avoid bending/moving the electrodes, or damaging the electrode ceramic insulators and spinner assembly.
6. Inspect the gasket on the bottom of the ignitor cover. The gasket prevents air from escaping from the housing. Replace the gasket if not in good condition.
7. Inspect the ignitor contact clips. Clean or replace if necessary to ensure reliable contact with the electrodes.



**FIGURE 2B: OIL LINE FITTING**

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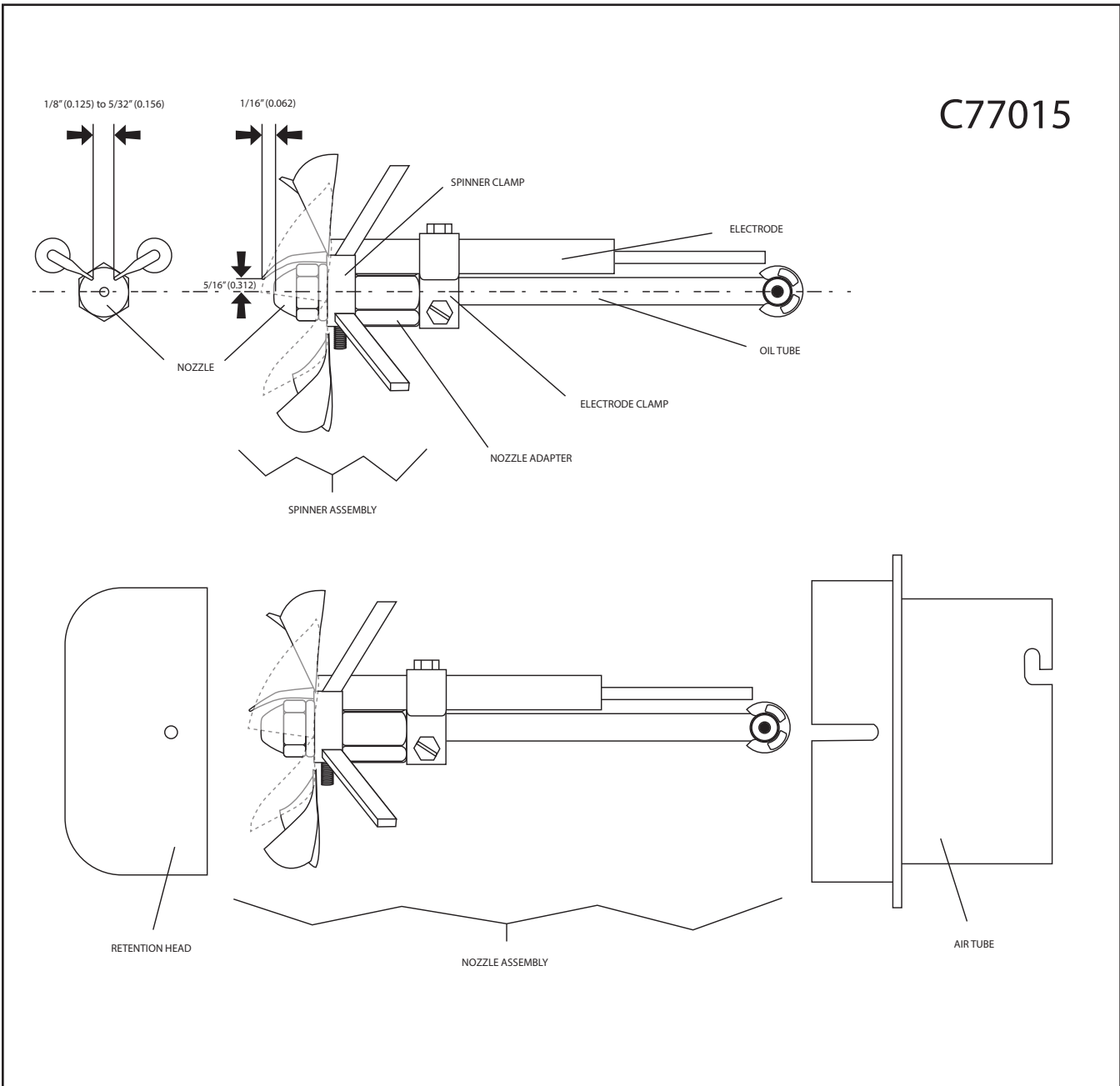


FIGURE 2A: INSERTING / REMOVING NOZZLE HEAD ASSEMBLY

### Reinstall nozzle/check electrodes



**WARNING:** Inspect the nozzle adapter before replacing the nozzle. If the threads have been damaged or shows score marks, replace the nozzle line/adapter assembly.

1. Loosen electrode clamp using 5/16" nut driver, and remove electrodes.
2. Loosen set screw on spinner assembly using 3/32" hex key. Remove spinner assembly from nozzle assembly
3. Remove nozzle using two crescent wrenches as shown in Figure 3A.
4. Reinstall spinner assembly onto nozzle assembly.
5. Slide electrodes through holes in spinner.
6. Set electrodes to proper gap, using Carlin electrode gauge (see Figure 2A).
7. Tighten electrode clamp.
8. Tighten spinner assembly set screw using 3/32" hex key.
9. To replace the nozzle assembly, reverse remove the nozzle assembly sequence.

Use care when tightening the oil line fitting to oil tube extension. Tighten securely, but do not cross-thread or over-tighten.



**Figure 3A : CAREFULLY SUPPORT THE NOZZLE ADAPTER  
WHEN REMOVING OR INSTALLING NOZZLE**



### **Air Band Adjustment**

Air band adjustment may be necessary based on fuel and location.

- 1) To adjust air band, loosen screw and rotate air-band open or closed until desired flame is attained.
- 2) Re-tighten Screw to re-secure Air Band in newly adjusted position.

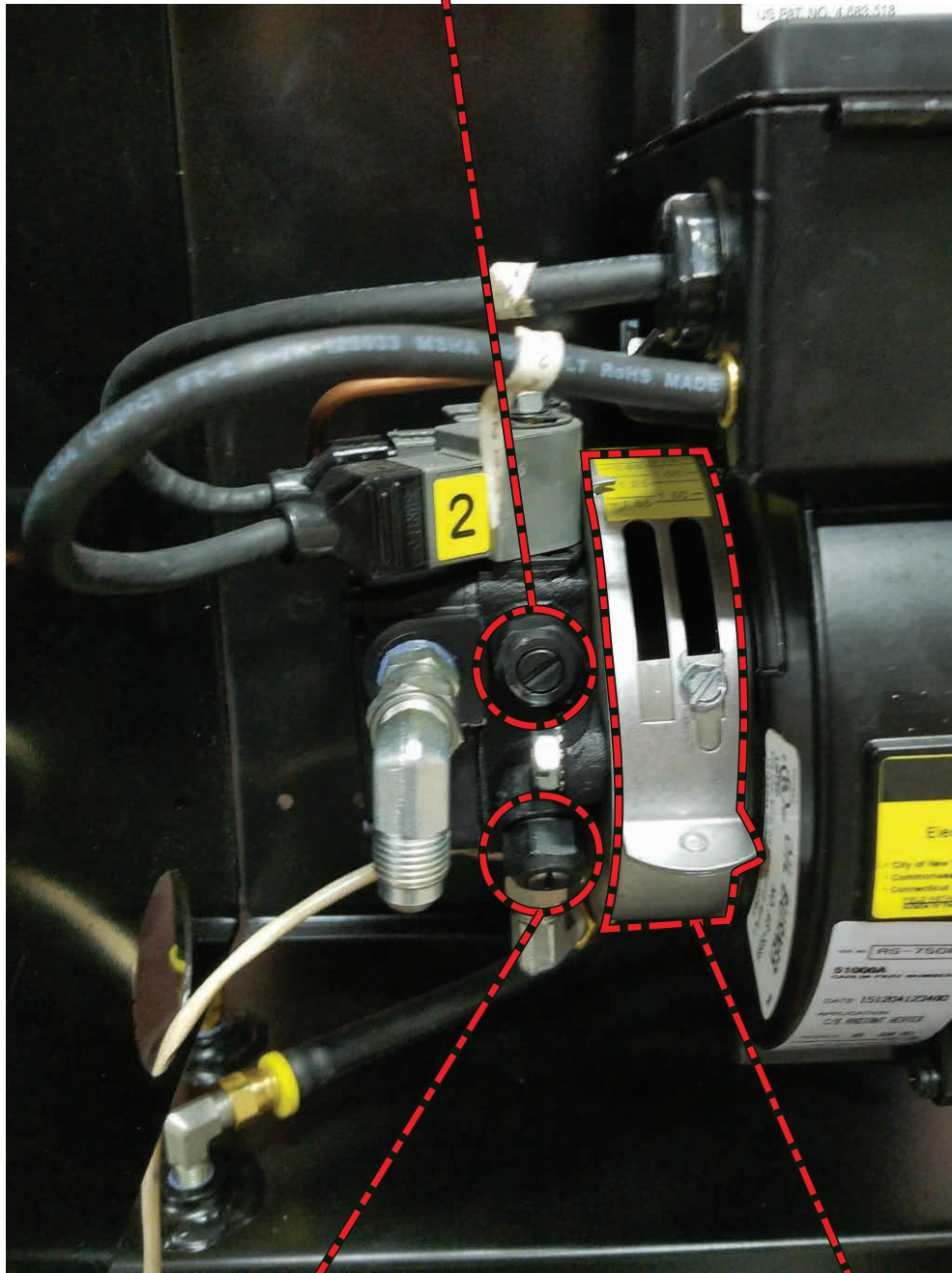
### **Burner Flame Adjustment**

Due to the difference of flow in nozzles even those of the same size it will be necessary to adjust the pump pressure High and Low when changing nozzles. When making adjustments always start with the high setting. (See Figure 4A)

1. Set Air Band at 1.30 to start.
2. Start the Radiant Heater and allow to run for 5 minutes.
3. Check the heat transfer disk on the front of the heater is it glowing bright orange or is it dull. This can best be seen in a shady location and not in direct sun.
4. If it is bright orange check the side profile of the transfer disk and make sure no flames are coming through the openings of the transfer disk.
5. If flames are coming through the face of the transfer disk the pressure is too high and will need to be turned down.
6. If the heat transfer is dull orange the pressure will need to be turned up to achieve the desired glow.
7. Make sure the flames do not come through the face of the heat transfer disk.

Turning the adjustment screw clockwise will increase the fuel pressure. Turning the adjustment screw counterclockwise will decrease the fuel pressure. The top screw changes the pressure for the low setting, and the bottom changes it for the high setting (See Figure 4A).

Top Adjustment Screw  
( LOW FIRE )



Bottom Adjustment Screw  
( HIGH FIRE )

Air Band

Figure 4A : Flame Adjustment Controls

## Annual Maintenance and Service Procedures

**NOTE:** Maintaining and Cleaning your heater at the end of each heating season is important to prolong the life of your radiant heater and keep it operating in peak condition.



**WARNING:** Turn off power to appliance when servicing burner. Failure to comply could result in severe personal injury, death or substantial property damage.

Replace filter element after 200 hours (approximately 12 tanks of fuel).

### Clean the blower wheel

The blower wheel accumulates dust and debris from normal operation. You will need to clean the wheel blades periodically to prevent reduction in airflow.

1. Inspect the blower wheel by removing the blower wheel access cover.
  - a. To remove the cover, open the ignitor plate and loosen the blower wheel access cover screw about three turns.
  - b. Inspect the blower wheel to see if it needs to be cleaned. Dirt and lint on the wheel reduce air flow, and must be removed if the burner is to operate correctly.
2. To clean blades, remove the two bolts securing the motor to blower housing.
  - a. Slide the motor out and rotate to remove and access blower wheel.
  - b. Use a brush and vacuum to clean each blade and the blower housing interior.
3. Replace motor/wheel in blower housing and secure with the two bolts.
4. Push wire slack back into junction box.

### Replacing blower motor or wheel

1. If either the blower wheel or motor must be replaced, remove the two bolts securing the motor to housing.
2. Disconnect the motor wires in the burner junction box.
3. Loosen the Allen screw securing the blower to the motor shaft and remove the wheel.
4. When assembling the replacement assembly, slide the wheel onto the motor shaft and use feeler gauges to set a space of 3/64 inch between the blower wheel and the motor face.
5. Replace the motor/wheel assembly in the housing, wire the motor leads and secure the motor with the two bolts.

### Motor maintenance

The PSC motor is constructed with permanently-lubricated bearings, and requires no oiling.



**CAUTION:** Any time you replace a component or disassemble any part of the burner for service/maintenance, perform a complete operational test after reassembly to verify the burner operates correctly. Failure to verify operation could result in severe personal injury, death or substantial property damage



#### **WARNING: CHECKING IGNITOR**

Never test an ignitor by placing a screwdriver (or other metallic object) across the high voltage clips. Check the ignitors only by observing spark at appliance ignition electrodes, with fuel supply OFF. Using any other method could cause ignitor damage and severe personal injury.

Carefully energize ignitor and check for spark arcing at the high voltage terminals. If spark jumps the gap, ignitor is good.

### Tank maintenance

If it becomes necessary to drain the fuel tank there is a drain plug located on the bottom of the tank.



#### **WARNING: CERAMIC FIBER MATERIALS**

The appliance may contain ceramic fiber and/or fiberglass materials. Ceramic fiber materials, such as chamber liners, may contain carcinogenic particles (chrysothalites) after exposure to heat. Airborne particles from fiberglass or ceramic fiber components have been listed as potentially carcinogenic by the State of California. Take the following precautions when removing, replacing and handling these items.

Avoid breathing dust and avoid contact with skin or eyes. Wear long-sleeved, loose-fitting clothing, gloves and eye protection.

Use a NIOSH N95 certified respirator. This respirator meets requirements for protection from chrysothalites. Actual job requirements or NIOSH regulations may require other or additional protection. For information, refer to the NIOSH website, <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/homepage.html>.

### Ceramic fiber removal

To prevent airborne dust, thoroughly wet ceramic fiber with water before handling. Place ceramic fiber materials in a plastic bag and seal to dispose. Avoid blowing, tearing, sawing or spraying fiberglass or ceramic fiber materials. If such operations are necessary, wear extra protection to prevent breathing dust. Wash work clothes separately from other laundry. Rinse clothes washer thoroughly afterwards to prevent contamination of other clothing.

### NIOSH First aid procedures:

Eye exposure — irrigate immediately

Breathing — fresh air.



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