## MULTIMETER

#### Multimeter detects these problems:

- Bad thermopile
- Bad thermocouple
- Bad switch to turn unit on/off
- If there is 110 electric to unit
- Bad remote

#### • Thermopile Check

While flame is on, put alligator clips that are attached to the leads of the millivolt meter to the two leads from the thermopile. Turn pilot on. Turn burners off. Readings should be between 350 mv. And 525 mv. Turn the unit on. Readings now should be approximately 200 mv. These vary depending on how hot the pilot flame is.

## • Thermocouple Check

Put one alligator clip on copper wire of thermocouple and the other clip on silver tip at the end of thermocouple. Ignite pilot to get readings. Readings should be approximately 20 mv.

• Continuity Check (making sure switches and wiring are OK)

Turn multimeter to the continuity sign. Place alligator clips on to the ends of the wires that go to the wall switch. When switch is off, meter should not sound. When switch is on, meter should make a tone sound. If neter does not sound when the switch is in the "on" position then the switch is bad or a break in the line. This works the same for other limit switches and wires leading to them.

#### 110 Electric to Blower Connection

Turn meter to 110 Alternating Current setting. Push probes in the socket or on to ends of wire. If electric is present, meter display will read "110 volts."

#### Remote check

Disconnect remote from the valve. Put alligator clips on each end of the remote leads that go to valve. Place receiver switch in "remote" position. Turn the handheld transmitter to "on." Multimeter should make a tone sound. If it is off, there should be no tone sound. Be sure to be at least four feet away from the receiver when testing the system.

## **GAS SNIFFER**

Use to detect gas leaks

Turn sniffer unit on. Turn dial clockwise until you hear solid tone. Turn dial counter-clockwise until the tone goes to a ticking sound. Then turn it counter-clockwise further until the ticking sound gets very slow. Now you are ready to check all fittings and connections for gas leaks. Make sure to test lines going to the burners when unit is turned on high so there is gas flow in these areas.

Always check the WC test ports for leaks.

#### Note:

The sniffer is so sensitive that it can detect allowable amounts of leakage when it is placed on the breather of a gas valve or regulator. If you think the leak is significant, test with soapy water solution.

## **ORIFICE BITS**

- Crosscheck manufacturer's specs with the product
- See if unit is natural gas or LP

Read specifications for burners and orifices in the instruction book or on the plates attached to the unit. Use BTU/Orifice size chart to crosscheck the Btu rating with orifice sizes.

#### Note:

The Btu listed may differ slightly from the chart, depending on how the burner is configured. Take proper size orifice bit out of kit and push it through the orifice to see if orifice is, in fact, the proper size.

## CO DETECTOR

#### CO detector is used to:

- Help with start-up of vent free and B-vent units
- Help find spillage on DV, B-vent, and wood burning units

Turn CO detector on. If possible, start detector outside the home to clear filters. This usually takes 2 to 3 minutes.

#### Vent-free start-up:

When starting the CO detector, hold down the button for approximately 4 seconds. Then hold down the "Zero" until you see "0" in the LED display. Let fireplace unit burn approximately 5 minutes. Place steel wand about 1" into the firebox at the top of the opening, in the center.

Parts per million (PPM) of CO should be no higher than 15. Readings of properly burning units usually are from 3 PPM to 12 PPM.

If readings are higher than 15 PPM, remove logs and take readings again. If readings are lower without the logs, replace logs and make sure they are positioned correctly. Take CO readings again with logs on the unit. If readings remain higher than 15 PPM, check for gas leaks. See if gas line size is correct and check Water Column (WC) readings to see if they are within manufacturer's specifications. Glowing embers may also cause higher readings.

We have found the in-stream readings listed above to be reliable numbers to work from during 10 years' testing experience in the field. We have not found a manufacturer who will provide specs for in-stream readings.

- Finding spillage on DV, B-vent, and wood burning units:
  (To investigate complaints about odors from these products -- even DV).
  Start the CO detector the same way as in the vent-free start-up. Then take the wand around all four sides of the DV glass while the unit is running. For B-vent and wood burning, put wand at the right and left center of the top of the fireplace opening.
- Clean filter after each use by letting detector run outside for 3 minutes.

## MANOMETER

A manometer is used to check gas pressure. This piece of equipment tells a technician if there is sufficient gas pressure to supply the fireplace. Problems that occur with low pressure include low flame, sooting, and outages of pilot and burner. High pressure can cause overheating and shorten the life of thermopiles and thermocouples.

#### Typical Reading

Natural gas incoming

6" to 12" Water Column (WC)

Best incoming

6" to 7" WC

LP gas incoming

11" to 13" WC

Best incoming

12" WC

## Manifold Pressure Reading

This is the pressure taken while the unit is burning on high. Note: if it is a variable valve, make sure it is turned to the high position.

Check the tags on the gas product for the manufacturer's recommended reading for those pressures.

# Most manufacturers are looking for manifold pressures of:

Natural gas while on high usually 3.5" WC LP gas on high usually 10" WC

## To check incoming pressures:

Incoming pressure can be checked most of the time on the valve. There are two cone-shaped ports, one for incoming and one to check manifold pressure. The cones have screws in them; some have Phillips and some straight. Loosen the screw. (It won't fall out of the cone). Then slide the plastic tube over the cone that says "In." This tells you the incoming pressure. Next, close this screw and open the "Out" screw. Place the plastic hose over the "Out" cone. Then turn unit on to high. This is the manifold pressure. After tightening screws, check with sniffer to make sure they are closed.

# Safety Pilot Kit Trouble Shooting

IT IS EXTREMELY RARE FOR A VALVE, PILOT BURNER OR THERMOCOUPLE TO MALFUNCTION DUE TO A DEFECT. BEFORE ASSUMING A DEFECT BE SURE UNIT IS INSTALLED CORRECTLY AND CHECK FOR THESE CONDITIONS.

<u>Symptoms</u>	Possible Cause	Solution		
Pilot won't light.	Gas line not bled to let gas reach pilot.	1) Bleed lines.		
	Pilot adjustment screw not open far enough.	2) Open screw.		
	<ol><li>Pilot gas supply tube burned</li></ol>	3) Install new line. Route away from Flame.		
4.	or crimped. 4) Stem on valve not being pushed in far enough.	4) Push in about 1/4".		
•	5) Pipe dope or tape used on thermocouple connections.	5) Remove pipe dope or tape.		
5 K.	6) Soot or rust covering outlet hole on pilot orifice. 7) Gas not reaching pilot because valve is installed backwards.	Clean thoroughly and open hole with pin.     Re-install valve.		
Pilot won't stay lit when knob released	1) Thermocouple is not hot enough	<ol> <li>Make sure pilot flame is strong and is hitting thermo-couple and is strong enough</li> <li>Make sure thermocouple is paint, carbon &amp; rust free.</li> <li>Be sure lead wire is properly tightened at both ends (finger tight + 1/4 turn).</li> </ol>		
Pilot lights but burner won't.	Pilot burner too far from main burner.	1) Relocate pilot burner.		
	Too much or not enough material in pan.	2) Add or remove material.		
	3) Gas not getting to burner due to debris in line.	3) Clear debris.		
System lights, but goes out after a white.	Thermocouple over heating.     Too close to main burner.	1) Relocate pilot burner per instructions.		
	<ul><li>2) Back log blocking flames.</li><li>3) Thermocouple lead over heating.</li></ul>	Relocate back log.     Move away from flame.		
	4) Glass doors shut.	4) Open doors.		
	<ol> <li>Grate too close to be resting on on thermocouple.</li> </ol>	5) Move grate or thermocouple		
Flames come out of holes on air/mixer orifice	Air mixer/orifice installed incorrectly.	Install air mixer/orifice so long end and air holes face toward valve (away from main burner).		
Whistling Sound	1) Seldom caused by pilot.	1) Check log set burner, orifice (if used)		
	Possibly a too small flex connector.	and amount of material covering burner.  2) Use minimum 1/2" OD connector.		
Soot on Logs	1) Rarely caused by pilot.	Check for flame impingement on logs.     Adjust air mixer if using LP.		

# Millivolt Pilot Valve Kit Trouble Shooting

IT IS EXTREMELY RARE FOR A THERMOCOUPLE OR VALVE TO FAIL DUE TO DEFECT. SEE BELOW <u>BEFORE</u> REMOVING EITHER FROM THE FIREPLACE.

Symptoms	Possible Cause	Solution		
Pilot won't light.	1) Gas line not bled to let gas reach pilot. 2) Pilot adjustment screw not open far enough.	<ol> <li>Bleed lines.</li> <li>Open pilot adjustment screw. (Turn to Left).</li> </ol>		
	<ol> <li>Gas not reaching pilot because valve is installed backwards.</li> </ol>	3) Re-install Valve.		
	4) Pilot gas supply tube burned or crimped. 5) Knob on valve not being in far enough.	<ol> <li>Replace pilot burner assembly.</li> <li>Route away from main burner flame.</li> <li>Push in about 1/4".</li> </ol>		
	Pipe dope or tape used on thermopile connections.	6) Remove pipe dope or tape.		
	<ol><li>Soot or rust covering outlet hole on pilot orifice.</li></ol>	7) Clean thoroughly and open hole with pin.		
Pilot won't stay lit 1) The	ermopile is not hot enough.	1) Make sure pilot flame is strong and is hitting thermopile.  1a) Make sure thermopile is paint, carbon & rust free.  1b) Hoberts  1bourtes		
<ul><li>2) Thermopile lead too tight or not tight enough at valve.</li><li>3) Insulation burned off thermopile lead.</li></ul>		longer. 2) Adjust to finger tight + 1/4 turn.		
		Replace and route away from main burner flame.		
Pilot lights but burner won't.	Gas not getting to burner.     Valve control not set to ON position     Valve/Receiver not wired correctly.	2) Rewire.		
	<ol> <li>Pilot Burner Assembly to valve r wired correctly</li> </ol>	ot 3) Rewire.		
	Gas not getting to burner due to debris in line.	4) Disassemble and clean line.		
Pilot lights, burner lights, but system goes out after a while.	1) Thermopile over heating.	1) Consult Instructions		
Flames come out of holes on air/mixer orifice (LP systems)	Air mixer/orifice installed incorrectly.	<ol> <li>Install air mixer/orifice of holes so long end and air holes face toward valve (away from main burner).</li> </ol>		
Whistling Sound	1) Seldom caused by pilot.	Check log set burner, orifice (if used) and     amount of material accurate.		
	Possibly a too small flex connector.	amount of material covering burner.  2) Use minimum ½" OD connector.		
Soot on Logs	1) Rarely caused by pilot.	<ol> <li>Check for flame impingement on logs.</li> <li>Adjust air mixer if using LP.</li> </ol>		

# INSTALLER CHECKLIST

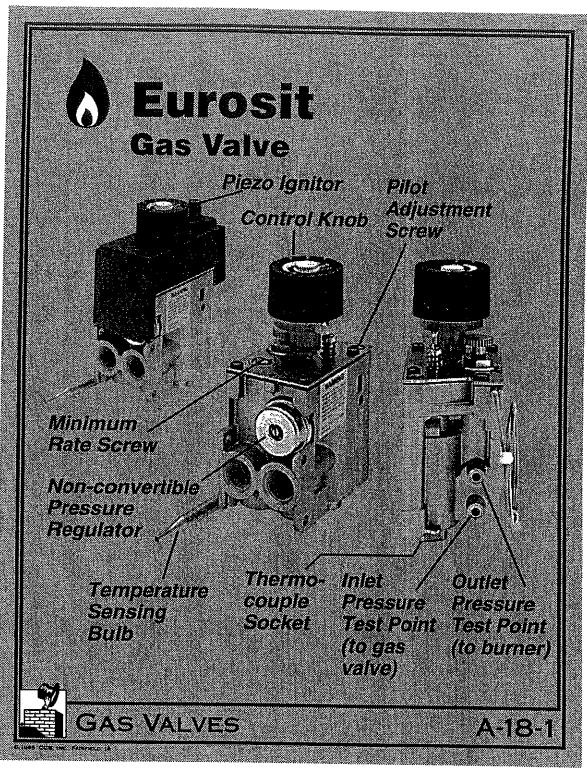
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Date Installation Requested		ons to job			
(Use back of shoet if necessary) Work to be done? Set unit, stub gas,					
Check off each item as it is completed not required (such as plumbing not be Face Logs	ing done by our crew Blower?	), write NA.		ed. If any item is	
Vent Type? Vent size?_			_		
Pipe in chase?Pipe in			?		
Amount of vent used ft.	•				
Vent pipe is connected and secur	e and clearance is m	aintained			
Unit is level and plumb	•	•			
Firestops are secured and tight					
Check that thermostat wire is in s knot so it won't fall out of box	witch box, switch bo	x is nailed secu	rely to stud, a	and wire is tied in	
Check that gas type on box and o	n unit match the typ	e of gas to house	•	- Marin (1997)	
Pre-wire for blower			,		
Pre-plumb and secure gas pipe		·			
Shut off and flex connector under	unit			•	
Cap and caulking are neat and str	raight				
Flashing is secure and caulked					
Hearth safety strip installed, if ne	eded				
Brass trim, hood, logs brought ba		es No	•		
Wall switch under unit? Yes			-		
Did you insulate chase? Yes			*.		
Did you drywall chase? Yes	•		, ,		
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Outside air kit installed? Yes	_ IAO				
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Date		*			

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## ORFICE BIT SIZE = BTU'S

No.	Natural	Gas	L.P.	No.	Natural	Gas	L.P.
Bit	3.5" WC	4" WC	11" WC	Bit	3.5" WC	4" WC	11" WC
68	2440	2608	6713	41	23399	25015	64377
1/32	2487	2659	6843	40	24384	26068	67087
67	2600	2779	7153	39	25137	26872	69156
66	2765	2956	7607	38	26157	27963	71964
65	3110	3325	8557	37	27462	29358	75553
64	3291	3518	9053	36	28798	30786	79229
63	3476	3716	9563	7/64	30388	32486	83603
62	3666	3919	10087	35	30722	32843	84522
61	3862	4128	10625	34	31283	33443	
60	4062	4343	11176	33	32420	34659	
59	4268	4563	11742	32	34165	36524	
58	4479	4768	12322	31	36562	39086	
57	4695	5019	12916	1/8	39672	42411	
56	5490	5869	15104	30	41925	44819	
3/64	5585	5970	15365	29	46961	50204	
55	6865	7339	18888	28	50120	53581	
54	7680	8211	21131	9/64	50192	53657	•
53	8989	9609	24730	27	52649	56264	
1/16	9918	10603	27286	26	54865	58653	
52	10238	10945	28167	· 25	56747	60665	
51	11398	12184	31357	24	58661	62711	
50	12441	13300	34228	23	60215	64372	
49	13530	14464	37225	5/32	62027	66309	
48	14665	15678	40347	22	62584	66905	
5/64	15487	16556	42608	21	64188	68620	
47	15646	16726	43045				
46	16658	17809	45831				
45	17072	18251	46969	·			-
44	18778	20075	51663			·	
43	20111	21500	55331				
42	22197	23729	61067				
3/32	22339	23882	61460				NZ-rand-MMM-N-minute-formation-grows-party





The control has an interlock device. After shutting off all gas flow, the pilot burner cannot be relit until the thermocouple has cooled, allowing the electromagnet to be released (approximately 60 seconds).





# Sit 880 Nova Thermopile/Thermocouple Millivolt Gas Valve

Gas Control Knøb Black w/White Letters

Convertible (Spring Kit) Regulator Cover Cap Screw

Inlet Pressure Test \_\_\_\_ Point

Pilot Adjustment Screw

Outlet / Pressure Test Point Black Terminals w/White Letters

TH — Switch wires

TP — Thermopile wires

Gas Flow Indicator

Thermocouple Connection (Underside)



GAS VALVES

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