

# VANGUARD®

## UNVENTED (VENT-FREE) INFRARED GAS HEATER SAFETY INFORMATION AND INSTALLATION MANUAL



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Model VN30A Shown

**VN18A, VN18TA, VP16A, VP16TA, VP26A, VP26TA  
VN30A, VN30TA, VP16ITA, VP22ITA**

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

- Do not store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids in the vicinity of this or any other appliance.
- **WHAT TO DO IF YOU SMELL GAS**
  - Do not try to light any appliance.
  - Do not touch any electrical switch; do not use any phone in your building.
  - Immediately call your gas supplier from a neighbor's phone. Follow the gas supplier's instructions.
  - If you cannot reach your gas supplier, call the fire department.
- Installation and service must be performed by a qualified installer, service agency, or the gas supplier.

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**WARNING:** Improper installation, adjustment, alteration, service, or maintenance can cause injury or property damage. Refer to this manual for correct installation and operational procedures. For assistance or additional information consult a qualified installer, service agency, or the gas supplier.

**WARNING:** This is an unvented gas-fired heater. It uses air (oxygen) from the room in which it is installed. Provisions for adequate combustion and ventilation air must be provided. Refer to *Air for Combustion and Ventilation* section on page 5 of this manual.

This appliance may be installed in an aftermarket,\* permanently located, manufactured (mobile) home, where not prohibited by local codes.

This appliance is only for use with the type of gas indicated on the rating plate. This appliance is not convertible for use with other gases.

\* Aftermarket: Completion of sale, not for purpose of resale, from the manufacturer

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## SAFETY INFORMATION

**⚠ WARNING:** This product contains and/or generates chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer or birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

**IMPORTANT:** Read this owner's manual carefully and completely before trying to assemble, operate, or service this heater. Improper use of this heater can cause serious injury or death from burns, fire, explosion, electrical shock, and carbon monoxide poisoning.

**⚠ DANGER:** Carbon monoxide poisoning may lead to death!

**Carbon Monoxide Poisoning:** Early signs of carbon monoxide poisoning resemble the flu, with headaches, dizziness, or nausea. If you have these signs, the heater may not be working properly. **Get fresh air at once!** Have heater serviced. Some people are more affected by carbon monoxide than others. These include pregnant women, people with heart or lung disease or anemia, those under the influence of alcohol, and those at high altitudes.

**Natural and Propane/LP Gas:** Natural and Propane/LP gases are odorless. An odor-making agent is added to these gases. The odor helps you detect a gas leak. However, the odor added to the gas can fade. Gas may be present even though no odor exists.

Make certain you read and understand all warnings. Keep this manual for reference. It is your guide to safe and proper operation of this heater.

**⚠ WARNING:** Any change to this heater or its controls can be dangerous.

**⚠ WARNING:** Do not use a blower insert, heat exchanger insert or other accessory not approved for use with this heater.

Due to high temperatures, the appliance should be located out of traffic and away from furniture and draperies.

Do not place clothing or other flammable material on or near the appliance. Never place any objects on the heater.

Surface of heater becomes very hot when running heater. Keep children and adults away from hot surface to avoid burns or clothing ignition. Heater will remain hot for a time after shut-down. Allow surface to cool before touching.

Carefully supervise young children when they are in the same room with heater.

Make sure grill guard is in place before running heater.

Keep the appliance area clear and free from combustible materials, gasoline and other flammable vapors and liquids.

1. This appliance is only for use with the type of gas indicated on the rating plate. This appliance is not convertible for use with other gases.
2. Do not place propane/LP supply tank(s) inside any structure. Locate propane/LP supply tank(s) outdoors.
3. This heater shall not be installed in a bedroom or bathroom.
4. If you smell gas
  - Shut off gas supply
  - Do not try to light any appliance
  - Do not touch any electrical switch; do not use any phone in your building
  - Immediately call your gas supplier from a neighbor's phone. Follow the gas supplier's instructions
  - If you cannot reach your gas supplier, call the fire department

## SAFETY INFORMATION

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5. Always run heater with plaque control knob at the 1, 2, 3, or 4 locked positions. Never set control knob between locked positions. Poor combustion and higher levels of carbon monoxide may result.
6. This heater needs fresh, outside air ventilation to run properly. This heater has an Oxygen Depletion Sensing (ODS) safety shutoff system. The ODS shuts down the heater if not enough fresh air is available. See *Air for Combustion and Ventilation*, page 5.
7. Keep all air openings in front and bottom of heater clear and free of debris. This will insure enough air for proper combustion.
8. If heater shuts off, do not relight until you provide fresh, outside air. If heater keeps shutting off, have it serviced.
9. Do not run heater
  - where flammable liquids or vapors are used or stored
  - under dusty conditions
10. Do not use heater if any part has been under water. Immediately call a qualified service technician to inspect the room heater and to replace any part of the control system and any gas control which has been under water.
11. Turn off and unplug heater and let cool before servicing. Only a qualified service person should service and repair heater.
12. Operating heater above elevations of 4,500 feet could cause pilot outage.
13. To prevent performance problems, do not use propane/LP fuel tank of less than 100 lbs. capacity.
14. Before using furniture polish, wax, carpet cleaner, or similar products, turn heater off. If heated, the vapors from these products may create a white powder residue within burner box or on adjacent walls or furniture.
15. Provide adequate clearances around air openings.

## LOCAL CODES

Install and use heater with care. Follow all local codes. In the absence of local codes, use the latest edition of *The National Fuel Gas Code, ANSI Z223.1/NFPA 54\**.

\*Available from:

American National Standards Institute, Inc.

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New York, NY 10018

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## PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

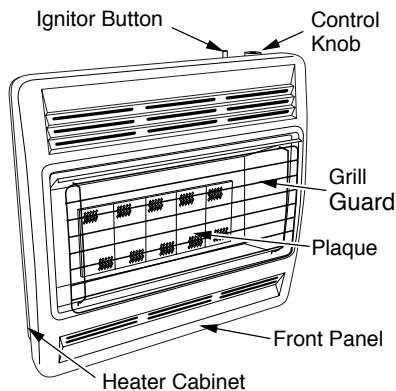


Figure 1 - Vent-Free Gas Heater

## UNPACKING

1. Remove heater from carton.
2. Remove all protective packaging applied to heater for shipment.
3. Check heater for any shipping damage. If heater is damaged, promptly return to where you bought heater.

## PRODUCT FEATURES

### SAFETY DEVICE

This heater has a pilot with an Oxygen Depletion Sensing (ODS) safety shutoff system. The ODS/pilot is a required feature for vent-free room heaters. The ODS/pilot shuts off the heater if there is not enough fresh air.

### IGNITION SYSTEM

This heater has an electronic ignitor to light heater fuel supply.

### THERMOSTATIC HEAT CONTROL (Thermostat Models Only)

Thermostat models have a thermostat sensing bulb and a control valve. This results in the greatest heater comfort. This can also result in lower gas bills.

## AIR FOR COMBUSTION AND VENTILATION

**⚠ WARNING:** This heater shall not be installed in a confined space or unusually tight construction unless provisions are provided for adequate combustion and ventilation air. Read the following instructions to insure proper fresh air for this and other fuel-burning appliances in your home.

Today's homes are built more energy efficient than ever. New materials, increased insulation, and new construction methods help reduce heat loss in homes. Home owners weather strip and caulk around windows and doors to keep the cold air out and the warm air in. During heating months, home owners want their homes as airtight as possible.

While it is good to make your home energy efficient, your home needs to breathe. Fresh air must enter your home. All fuel-burning appliances need fresh air for proper combustion and ventilation.

Exhaust fans, fireplaces, clothes dryers, and fuel burning appliances draw air from the house to operate. You must provide adequate fresh air for these appliances. This will insure proper venting of vented fuel-burning appliances.

### PROVIDING ADEQUATE VENTILATION

The following are excerpts from *National Fuel Gas Code, ANSI Z223.1/NFPA 54, Section 5.3, Air for Combustion and Ventilation*.

All spaces in homes fall into one of the three following ventilation classifications:

1. Unusually Tight Construction
2. Unconfined Space
3. Confined Space

The information on pages 5 through 7 will help you classify your space and provide adequate ventilation.

#### Unusually Tight Construction

The air that leaks around doors and windows may provide enough fresh air for combustion and ventilation. However, in buildings of unusually tight construction, you must provide additional fresh air.

Unusually tight construction is defined as construction where:

- a. walls and ceilings exposed to the outside atmosphere have a continuous water vapor retarder with a rating of one perm ( $6 \times 10^{-11}$  kg per pa-sec- $m^2$ ) or less with openings gasketed or sealed **and**
- b. weather stripping has been added on openable windows and doors **and**
- c. caulking or sealants are applied to areas such as joints around window and door frames, between sole plates and floors, between wall-ceiling joints, between wall panels, at penetrations for plumbing, electrical, and gas lines, and at other openings.

**If your home meets all of these three criteria, you must provide additional fresh air. See *Ventilation Air From Outdoors*, page 7. If your home does not meet all of the three criteria above, proceed to *Determining Fresh-Air Flow For Heater Location*.**

#### Confined and Unconfined Space

*The National Fuel Gas Code, ANSI Z223.1/NFPA 54* defines a confined space as a space whose volume is less than 50 cubic feet per 1,000 Btu per hour ( $4.8 \text{ m}^3$  per kw) of the aggregate input rating of all appliances installed in that space and an unconfined space as a space whose volume is not less than 50 cubic feet per 1,000 Btu per hour ( $4.8 \text{ m}^3$  per kw) of the aggregate input rating of all appliances installed in that space. Rooms communicating directly with the space in which the appliances are installed\*, through openings not furnished with doors, are considered a part of the unconfined space.

\* Adjoining rooms are communicating only if there are doorless passageways or ventilation grills between them.

### DETERMINING FRESH-AIR FLOW FOR HEATER LOCATION

#### Determining if You Have a Confined or Unconfined Space

Use this work sheet to determine if you have a confined or unconfined space.

**Space:** Includes the room in which you will install heater plus any adjoining rooms with doorless passageways or ventilation grills between the rooms.

# AIR FOR COMBUSTION AND VENTILATION

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- Determine the volume of the space (length x width x height).

Length x Width x Height = \_\_\_\_\_ cu. ft.  
(volume of space)

**Example:** Space size 20 ft. (length) x 16 ft. (width) x 8 ft. (ceiling height) = 2560 cu. ft. (volume of space)

If additional ventilation to adjoining room is supplied with grills or openings, add the volume of these rooms to the total volume of the space.

- Multiply the space volume by 20 to determine the maximum Btu/Hr the space can support.

\_\_\_\_\_ (volume of space) x 20 = (Maximum Btu/Hr the space can support)

**Example:** 2560 cu. ft. (volume of space) x 20 = 51,200 (maximum Btu/Hr the space can support)

- Add the Btu/Hr of all fuel burning appliances in the space.

Vent-free heater	_____ Btu/Hr
Gas water heater*	_____ Btu/Hr
Gas furnace	_____ Btu/Hr
Vented gas heater	_____ Btu/Hr
Gas fireplace logs	_____ Btu/Hr
Other gas appliances* +	_____ Btu/Hr
<b>Total</b>	<b>= _____ Btu/Hr</b>

\* Do not include direct-vent gas appliances. Direct-vent draws combustion air from the outdoors and vents to the outdoors.

**Example:**

Gas water heater	_____ 40,000 Btu/Hr
Vent-free heater	+ _____ 20,000 Btu/Hr
<b>Total</b>	<b>= _____ 60,000 Btu/Hr</b>

- Compare the maximum Btu/Hr the space can support with the actual amount of Btu/Hr used.

\_\_\_\_\_ Btu/Hr (maximum the space can support)

\_\_\_\_\_ Btu/Hr (actual amount of Btu/Hr used)

**Example:** 51,200 Btu/Hr (maximum the space can support)

60,000 Btu/Hr (actual amount of Btu/Hr used)

The space in the above example is a confined space because the actual Btu/Hr used is more than the maximum Btu/Hr the space can support. You must provide additional fresh air. Your options are as follows:

- Rework worksheet, adding the space of an adjoining room. If the extra space provides an unconfined space, remove door to adjoining room or add ventilation grills between rooms. See *Ventilation Air From Inside Building*.
- Vent room directly to the outdoors. See *Ventilation Air From Outdoors*, page 7.

- Install a lower Btu/Hr heater, if lower Btu/Hr size makes room unconfined.

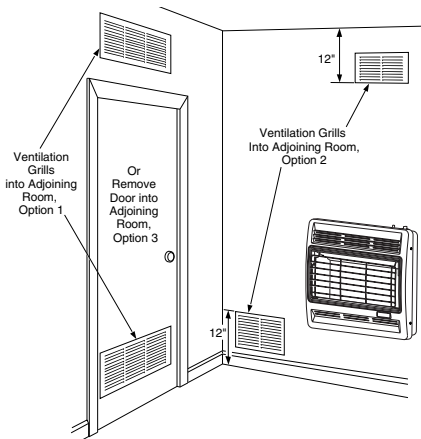
If the actual Btu/Hr used is less than the maximum Btu/Hr the space can support, the space is an unconfined space. You will need no additional fresh air ventilation.

**⚠ WARNING:** If the area in which the heater may be operated is smaller than that defined as an unconfined space or if the building is of unusually tight construction, provide adequate combustion and ventilation air by one of the methods described in the *National Fuel Gas Code, ANSI Z223.1/NFPA 54 Section 5.3* or applicable local codes.

## VENTILATION AIR

### Ventilation Air From Inside Building

This fresh air would come from an adjoining unconfined space. When ventilating to an adjoining unconfined space, you must provide two permanent openings: one within 12" of the ceiling and one within 12" of the floor on the wall connecting the two spaces (see options 1 and 2, Figure 2). You can also remove door into adjoining room (see option 3, Figure 2). Follow the *National Fuel Gas Code, ANSI Z223.1/NFPA 54, Section 5.3, Air for Combustion and Ventilation* for required size of ventilation grills or ducts.



**Figure 2 - Ventilation Air from Inside Building**

# AIR FOR COMBUSTION AND VENTILATION

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### Ventilation Air From Outdoors

Provide extra fresh air by using ventilation grills or ducts. You must provide two permanent openings: one within 12" of the ceiling and one within 12" of the floor. Connect these items directly to the outdoors or spaces open to the outdoors. These spaces include attics and crawl spaces. Follow the *National Fuel Gas Code, ANSI Z223.1/NFPA 54, Section 5.3, Air for Combustion and Ventilation* for required size of ventilation grills or ducts.

**IMPORTANT:** Do not provide openings for inlet or outlet air into attic if attic has a thermostat-controlled power vent. Heated air entering the attic will activate the power vent.

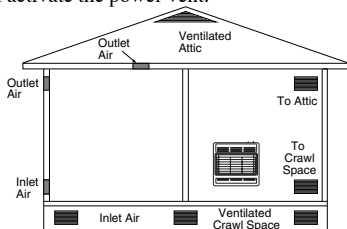


Figure 3 - Ventilation Air from Outdoors

## INSTALLATION

**NOTICE:** This heater is intended for use as supplemental heat. Use this heater along with your primary heating system. Do not install this heater as your primary heat source. If you have a central heating system, you may run system's circulating blower while using heater. This will help circulate the heat throughout the house. In the event of a power outage, you can use this heater as your primary heat source.

**WARNING:** A qualified service person must install heater. Follow all local codes.

### CHECK GAS TYPE

Use only the correct type of gas (natural or propane/LP). If your gas supply is not the correct gas type, do not install heater. Call dealer where you bought heater for proper type heater.

**WARNING:** This appliance is equipped for (natural or propane/LP) gas. Field conversion is not permitted.

## INSTALLATION ITEMS

Before installing heater, make sure you have the items listed below.

- for propane/LP gas, external regulator (supplied by installer)
- piping (check local codes)
- sealant (resistant to propane/LP gas)
- equipment shutoff valve \*
- ground joint union
- sediment trap
- tee joint
- pipe wrench
- for natural gas, test gauge connection\*

\* A CSA design-certified equipment shutoff valve with 1/8" NPT tap is an acceptable alternative to test gauge connection. The optional CSA design-certified equipment shutoff valve can be purchased from your dealer. See *Accessories*, page 33.

## LOCATING HEATER

**WARNING:** Maintain the minimum clearances shown in Figure 4. If you can, provide greater clearances from floor, ceiling, and joining wall.

You can locate heater on the floor, away from a wall. A wall mounting bracket and floor base stand are included with this heater. Determine which method is best for your application.

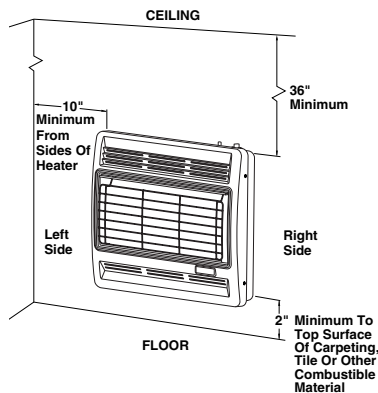


Figure 4 - Mounting Clearances As Viewed From Front of Heater

## INSTALLATION

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**⚠ WARNING:** Never install the heater

- in a bedroom or bathroom
- in a recreational vehicle
- where curtains, furniture, clothing, or other flammable objects are less than 36 inches from the front, top, or sides of the heater
- as a fireplace insert
- in high traffic areas
- in windy or drafty areas

**⚠ CAUTION:** If you install the heater in a home garage

- heater pilot and burner must be at least 18 inches above floor
- locate heater where moving vehicle will not hit it

**⚠ CAUTION:** This heater creates warm air currents. These currents move heat to wall surfaces next to heater. Installing heater next to vinyl or cloth wall coverings or operating heater where impurities (such as, but not limited to, tobacco smoke, aromatic candles, cleaning fluids, oil or kerosene lamps, etc.) in the air exist, may discolor walls or cause odors.

**IMPORTANT:** Vent-free heaters add moisture to the air. Although this is beneficial, installing heater in rooms without enough ventilation air may cause mildew to form from too much moisture. See *Air for Combustion and Ventilation*, page 5. If high humidity is experienced, a dehumidifier may be used to help lower the water vapor content in the air.

For convenience and efficiency, install heater

- where there is easy access for operation, inspection, and service
- in coldest part of room

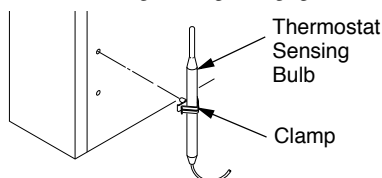
An optional fan kit is available from your dealer. See *Accessories*, page 33. If planning to use fan, locate heater near an electrical outlet.

## THERMOSTAT SENSING BULB

### (Thermostat Models Only)

The thermostat sensing bulb has been placed below the heater.

1. Place clamp on thermostat sensing bulb as shown in Figure 5. Clamp is provided in hardware package.
2. Snap clamp into upper mounting hole as shown in Figure 5. Mounting hole is located on lower left edge on back of heater. Make sure the thermostat sensing bulb is pointing up.

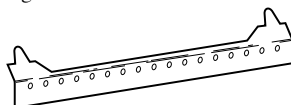


**Figure 5 - Attaching Thermostat Sensing Bulb**

## INSTALLING HEATER TO WALL

### Mounting Bracket

Locate mounting bracket in heater carton. Remove mounting bracket from heater carton.

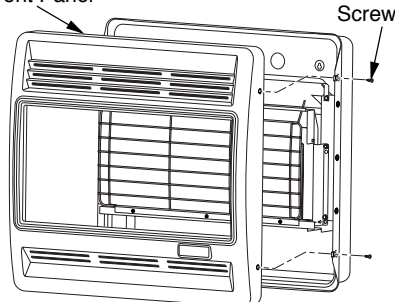


**Figure 6 - Mounting Bracket**

### Removing Front Panel Of Heater

1. Remove the four painted screws, two on each side of front panel.
2. Pull bottom of front panel forward, then out.
3. Remove any remaining packaging materials.

Front Panel



**Figure 7 - Removing Front Panel Of Heater**

# INSTALLATION

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### Methods For Attaching Mounting Bracket To Wall

Only use last hole on each end of mounting bracket to attach bracket to wall. These two holes are 14 inches apart from their centers. Attach mounting bracket to wall in one of two ways:

1. Attaching to wall stud
2. Attaching to wall anchor

**Attaching to Wall Stud:** This method provides the strongest hold. Insert mounting screws through mounting bracket and into wall studs.

**Attaching to Wall Anchor:** This method allows you to attach mounting bracket to hollow walls (wall areas between studs) or to solid walls (concrete or masonry).

Decide which method better suits your needs. Either method will provide a secure hold for the mounting bracket.

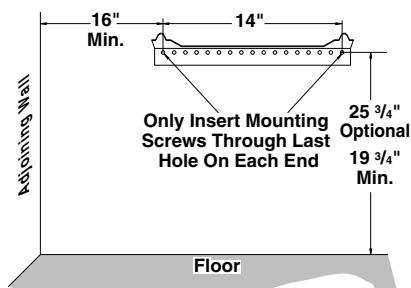
### Marking Screw Locations

1. Tape mounting bracket to wall where heater will be located. Make sure mounting bracket is level.

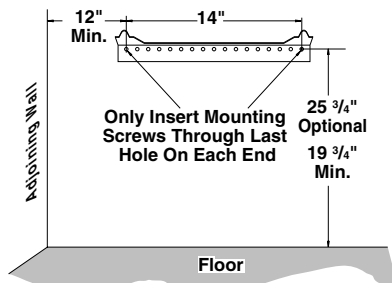


**WARNING: Maintain minimum clearances shown in Figure 8. If you can, provide greater clearances from floor and joining wall.**

2. Mark screw locations on wall (see Figure 8).  
*Note:* Only mark last hole on each end of mounting bracket. Insert mounting screws through these holes only.
3. Remove tape and mounting bracket from wall.



### 4 and 5 Plaque Heaters



### 3 Plaque Heater

**Figure 8 - Mounting Bracket Clearances**

### Attaching Mounting Bracket To Wall

*Note:* Wall anchors, mounting screws, and spacers are in hardware package. The hardware package is provided with heater.

### Attaching To Wall Stud Method

For attaching mounting bracket to wall studs

1. Drill holes at marked locations using 9/64" drill bit.
2. Place mounting bracket onto wall. Line up last hole on each end of bracket with holes drilled in wall.
3. Insert mounting screws through bracket and into wall studs.
4. Tighten screws until mounting bracket is firmly fastened to wall studs.

### Attaching To Wall Anchor Method

For attaching mounting bracket to hollow walls (wall areas between studs) or solid walls (concrete or masonry)

1. Drill holes at marked locations using 5/16" drill bit. For solid walls (concrete or masonry), drill at least 1" deep.

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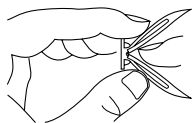
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2. Fold wall anchor as shown in Figure 9.
3. Insert wall anchor (wings first) into hole. Tap anchor flush to wall.
4. For thin walls (1/2" or less), insert red key into wall anchor. Push red key to "pop" open anchor wings.

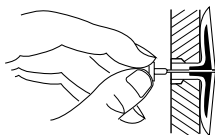
**IMPORTANT:** Do not hammer key!

For thick walls (over 1/2" thick) or solid walls, do not pop open wings.

5. Place mounting bracket onto wall. Line up last hole on each end of bracket with wall anchors.
6. Insert mounting screws through bracket and into wall anchors.
7. Tighten screws until mounting bracket is firmly fastened to wall.



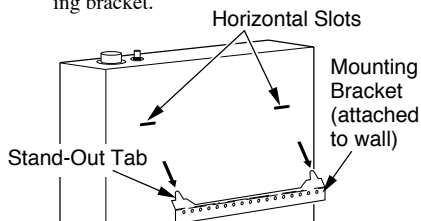
**Figure 9 - Folding Anchor**



**Figure 10 - Popping Open Anchor Wings For Thin Walls**

### Placing Heater On Mounting Bracket

1. Locate two horizontal slots on back panel of heater.
2. Place heater onto mounting bracket. Slide horizontal slots onto stand-out tabs on mounting bracket.

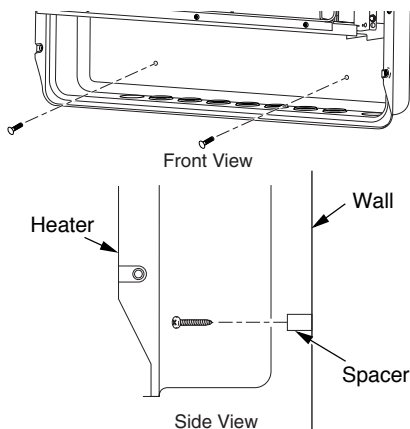


**Figure 11 - Mounting Heater Onto Mounting Bracket**

### Installing Bottom Mounting Screws

1. Locate two bottom mounting holes. These holes are near bottom on back panel of heater (see Figure 12).
2. Mark screw locations on wall.
3. Remove heater from mounting bracket.
4. If installing bottom mounting screws into hollow or solid wall, install wall anchors. Follow steps 1 through 4 under *Attaching To Wall Anchor Method*, page 9.  
If installing bottom mounting screw into wall stud, drill holes at marked locations using 9/64" drill bit.
5. Replace heater onto mounting bracket.
6. Place spacers between bottom mounting holes and wall anchor or drilled hole.
7. Hold spacer in place with one hand. With other hand, insert mounting screw through bottom mounting hole and spacer. Place tip of screw in opening of wall anchor or drilled hole.
8. Tighten both screws until heater is firmly secured to wall. Do not over tighten.

**Note:** Do not replace front panel at this time. Replace front panel after making gas connections and checking for leaks (see pages 12 and 13).



**Figure 12 - Installing Bottom Mounting Screws**

## INSTALLATION

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## MOUNTING HEATER TO FLOOR

### Mounting Base Feet to Heater

1. Lay heater cabinet on its back on a table with the heater bottom overhanging the table edge.
2. Align holes in base foot with mounting holes on bottom of cabinet (see Figure 13).
3. Secure base foot to heater using sheet metal screws.
4. Repeat for other side.

### Mounting Base Feet to Floor (Where required by local code)

1. Remove front cover (see *Removing Front Panel of Heater*, page 8).
2. Position heater with base feet in desired location. Mark holes for drilling. Remove heater with base.
3. For carpeted floors, make a small cut with a sharp knife at marked locations prior to drilling. If mounting base to a wood floor, drill 1/8 inch diameter hole, 3/4 inch deep. (Do not use anchors in wood floors).

If mounting base to a concrete floor, drill with 1/4 inch diameter concrete drill bit, 1 3/8 inches into floor. Insert anchors completely into holes.

4. Reposition heater with base feet over holes. Secure base to floor with wood screws. See Figure 13.

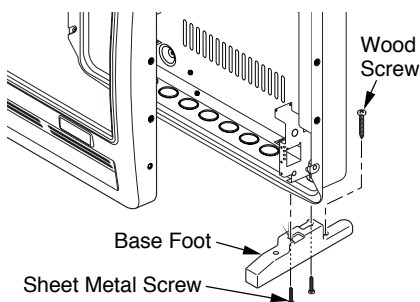


Figure 13 - Installing Base Feet

## CONNECTING TO GAS SUPPLY

**⚠ WARNING:** This appliance requires a 3/8" NPT (National Pipe Thread) inlet connection to the pressure regulator.

**⚠ WARNING:** A qualified service person must connect heater to gas supply. Follow all local codes.

**⚠ WARNING:** For natural gas, never connect heater to private (non-utility) gas wells. This gas is commonly known as wellhead gas.

**IMPORTANT:** For natural gas, check gas line pressure before connecting heater to gas line. Gas line pressure must be no greater than 10.5 inches of water. If gas line pressure is higher, heater regulator damage could occur.

**⚠ CAUTION:** For propane/LP gas, never connect heater directly to the propane/LP supply. This heater requires an external regulator (not supplied). Install the external regulator between the heater and propane/LP supply.

For propane/LP gas, the installer must supply an external regulator. The external regulator will reduce incoming gas pressure. You must reduce incoming gas pressure to between 11 and 14 inches of water. If you do not reduce incoming gas pressure, heater regulator damage could occur. Install the external regulator with the vent pointing down as shown in Figure 14. Pointing the vent down protects it from freezing rain or sleet.

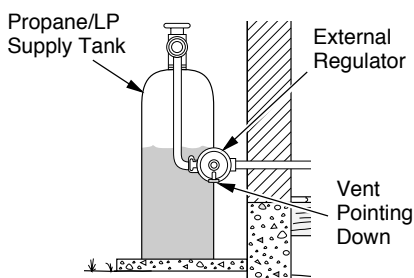


Figure 14 - External Regulator With Vent Pointing Down

## INSTALLATION

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**CAUTION:** Use only new, black iron or steel pipe. Internally-tinned copper tubing may be used in certain areas. Check your local codes. Use pipe of large enough diameter to allow proper gas volume to heater. If pipe is too small, undue loss of volume will occur.

#### Typical Inlet Pipe Diameters

VN18A, VN18TA, VP16A, VP16TA, and  
VP16ITA - 3/8" or greater

VN30A, VN30TA, VP26A, VP26TA, and  
VP22ITA - 1/2" or greater

Installation must include equipment shutoff valve, union, and plugged 1/8" NPT tap. Locate NPT tap within reach for test gauge hook up. NPT tap must be upstream from heater (see Figure 15).

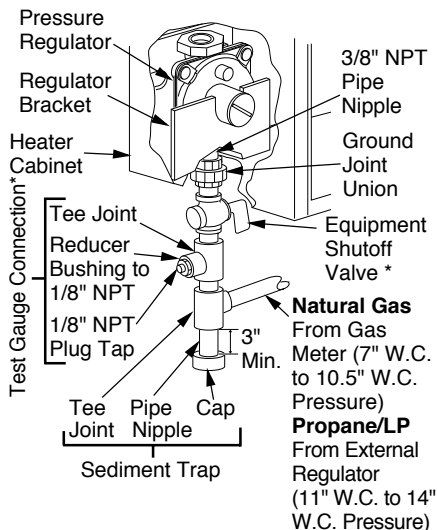
**IMPORTANT:** Install an equipment shutoff valve in an accessible location. The equipment shutoff valve is for turning on or shutting off the gas to the appliance.

Apply pipe joint sealant lightly to male NPT threads. This will prevent excess sealant from going into pipe. Excess sealant in pipe could result in clogged heater valves.

**WARNING:** Use pipe joint sealant that is resistant to liquid petroleum (LP) gas.

Install sediment trap in supply line as shown in Figure 15. Locate sediment trap where it is within reach for cleaning. Locate sediment trap where trapped matter is not likely to freeze. A sediment trap traps moisture and contaminants. This keeps them from going into heater controls. If sediment trap is not installed or is installed wrong, heater may not run properly.

**IMPORTANT:** Hold the pressure regulator with wrench when connecting it to gas piping and/or fittings. Do not over tighten pipe connection to regulator. The regulator body could be damaged.



\* A CSA design-certified equipment shutoff valve with 1/8" NPT tap is an acceptable alternative to test gauge connection. Purchase the optional CSA design-certified equipment shutoff valve from your dealer. See *Accessories*, page 33.

**Figure 15 - Gas Connection**

## CHECKING GAS CONNECTIONS

**WARNING:** Test all gas piping and connections, internal and external to unit, for leaks after installing or servicing. Correct all leaks at once.

**WARNING:** Never use an open flame to check for a leak. Apply a noncorrosive leak detection fluid to all joints. Bubbles forming show a leak. Correct all leaks at once.

**CAUTION:** For propane/LP gas, make sure external regulator has been installed between propane/LP supply and heater. See guidelines under *Connecting to Gas Supply*, page 11.

# INSTALLATION

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### PRESSURE TESTING GAS SUPPLY PIPING SYSTEM

#### Test Pressures In Excess Of 1/2 PSIG (3.5 kPa)

1. Disconnect appliance with its appliance main gas valve (control valve) and equipment shutoff valve from gas supply piping system. Pressures in excess of 1/2 psig will damage heater regulator.
2. Cap off open end of gas pipe where equipment shutoff valve was connected.
3. Pressurize supply piping system by either opening propane/LP supply tank valve for propane/LP gas or opening main gas valve located on or near gas meter for natural gas, or using compressed air.
4. Check all joints of gas supply piping system. Apply a noncorrosive leak detection fluid to all joints. Bubbles forming show a leak.
5. Correct all leaks at once.
6. Reconnect heater and equipment shutoff valve to gas supply. Check reconnected fittings for leaks.

#### Test Pressures Equal To or Less Than 1/2 PSIG (3.5 kPa)

1. Close equipment shutoff valve (see Figure 16).
2. Pressurize supply piping system by either opening propane/LP supply tank valve for propane/LP gas or opening main gas valve located on or near gas meter for natural gas, or using compressed air.
3. Check all joints from gas meter for natural gas (see Figure 17) or propane/LP supply tank for propane/LP gas, to equipment shutoff valve (see Figure 18). Apply a noncorrosive leak detection fluid to all joints. Bubbles forming show a leak.
4. Correct all leaks at once.

### PRESSURE TESTING HEATER GAS CONNECTIONS

1. Open equipment shutoff valve (see Figure 16).
2. For natural gas open main gas valve located on or near gas meter. For propane/LP gas open propane/LP supply tank valve.
3. Make sure control knob of heater is in the OFF position.

4. Check all joints from equipment shutoff valve to thermostat gas valve (see Figure 17 or 18). Apply a noncorrosive leak detection fluid to all joints. Bubbles forming show a leak.
5. Correct all leaks at once.
6. Light heater (see *Operating Heater*, page 14 through 17). Check all other internal joints for leaks.
7. Turn off heater (see *To Turn Off Gas to Appliance*, page 15 or 17 depending on your model).
8. Replace front panel.

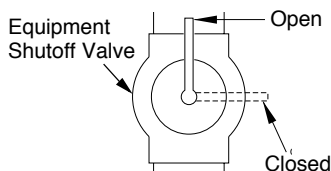


Figure 16 - Equipment Shutoff Valve

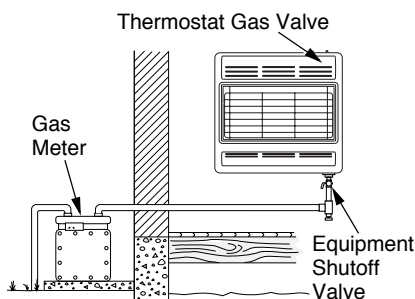


Figure 17 - Checking Gas Joints for Natural Gas

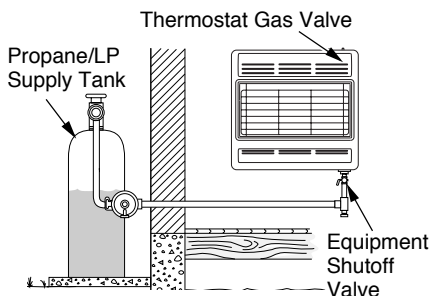


Figure 18 - Checking Gas Joints for Propane/LP Gas

## OPERATING HEATER

### NON-THERMOSTAT MODELS

FOR YOUR SAFETY READ  
BEFORE LIGHTING

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

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

B. BEFORE LIGHTING smell all around the appliance area for gas. Be sure to smell next to the floor because some gas is heavier than air and will settle on the floor.

#### WHAT TO DO IF YOU SMELL GAS

- Do not try to light any appliance.
- Do not touch any electric switch; do not use any phone in your building.
- Immediately call your gas supplier from a neighbor's phone. Follow the gas supplier's instructions.
- If you cannot reach your gas supplier, call the fire department.

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

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

### LIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS

1. STOP! Read the safety information above.
2. Make sure equipment shutoff valve is fully open.
3. Turn control knob clockwise to the OFF position.
4. Wait five minutes to clear out any gas. Then smell for gas, including near the floor. If you smell gas, STOP! Follow "B" in the safety information above. If you don't smell gas, go to the next step.

5. Turn control knob to PILOT/IGN and press in.

**Note:** You may be running this heater for the first time after hooking up to gas supply. If so, you may need to press in control knob for 30 seconds or more. This will allow air to bleed from the gas system.

- If control knob does not pop up when released, contact a qualified service person or gas supplier for repairs.

6. With control knob pressed in, push down and release ignitor button. This will light pilot. The pilot is attached to the front of burner. If needed, keep pressing ignitor button until pilot lights.

If pilot does not light

- turn control knob clockwise to the OFF position
- repeat steps 5 and 6

If pilot does not stay lit after several tries

- refer to *Troubleshooting*, page 20
- contact a qualified service person or gas supplier for repairs

Until repairs are made, light pilot with match. To light pilot with match, see *Manual Lighting Procedure*, page 15.

7. Keep control knob pressed in for 30 seconds after lighting pilot. After 30 seconds, release control knob. **Note:** If pilot goes out, repeat steps 3 through 7.

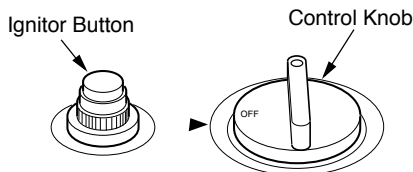


Figure 19 - Control Knob In The OFF Position for Non-Thermostat Models

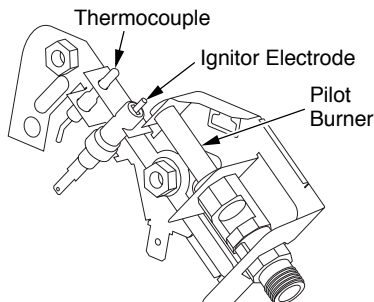


Figure 20 - Pilot


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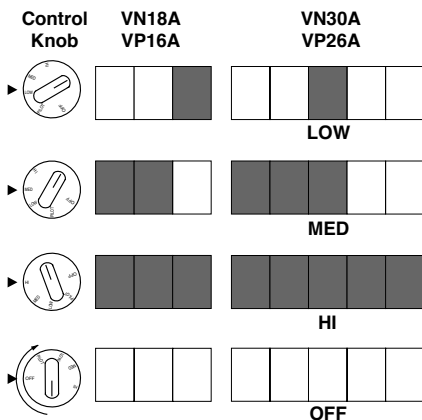
### TO SELECT HEATING LEVEL

**⚠ WARNING:** When running heater, set control knob at LOW, MEDIUM, or HIGH locked positions. Never set control knob between locked positions. Poor combustion and higher levels of carbon monoxide may result.

**⚠ CAUTION:** Do not try to adjust heating levels by using the equipment shutoff valve.

Slightly press in control knob and turn counterclockwise  to the LOW, MED, or HI positions (see Figure 21).


**IMPORTANT:** Release downward pressure while turning control knob. Control knob will lock at the desired position.




**Figure 21 - Burner Patterns for Non-Thermostat Models**

### TO TURN OFF GAS TO APPLIANCE

#### Shutting Off Heater

1. Turn control knob clockwise  to the OFF position.
2. Turn off all electric power to the appliance if service is to be performed.

#### Shutting Off Burner Only (pilot stays lit)

Turn control knob clockwise  to the PILOT position.

## MANUAL LIGHTING PROCEDURE

1. Remove front panel (see Figure 7, page 8).
2. Follow steps 1 through 5 under *Lighting Instructions*, page 14.
3. With control knob pressed in, strike match. Hold match to pilot until pilot lights.
4. Keep control knob pressed in for 30 seconds after lighting pilot. After 30 seconds, release control knob. Now follow step 8, under *Lighting Instructions*, page 14.
5. Replace front panel.

## THERMOSTAT MODELS

### FOR YOUR SAFETY READ BEFORE LIGHTING

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

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

- B. **BEFORE LIGHTING** smell all around the appliance area for gas. Be sure to smell next to the floor because some gas is heavier than air and will settle on the floor.

#### WHAT TO DO IF YOU SMELL GAS

- Do not try to light any appliance.
  - Do not touch any electric switch; do not use any phone in your building.
  - Immediately call your gas supplier from a neighbor's phone. Follow the gas supplier's instructions.
  - If you cannot reach your gas supplier, call the fire department.
- C. Use only your hand to push in or turn the gas control knob. Never use tools. If the knob will not push in or turn by hand, don't try to repair it, call a qualified service technician or gas supplier. Force or attempted repair may result in a fire or explosion.
- D. Do not use this appliance if any part has been under water. Immediately call a qualified service technician to inspect the appliance and to replace any part of the control system and any gas control which has been under water.

# OPERATING HEATER

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## LIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS

1. STOP! Read the safety information, page 15, column 2.
2. Make sure equipment shutoff valve is fully open.
3. Turn thermostat control knob clockwise ↻ to the OFF position (see Figure 22 or 23 for your model).
4. Wait five minutes to clear out any gas. Then smell for gas, including near the floor. If you smell gas, STOP! Follow "B" in the safety information, page 15, column 2. If you don't smell gas, go to the next step.

5. Turn thermostat control knob counter-clockwise ↺ to the PILOT position. Press in thermostat control knob for 5 seconds (see Figure 22 or 23 for your model).

**Note:** You may be running this heater for the first time after hooking up to gas supply. If so, you may need to press in thermostat control knob for 30 seconds or more. This will allow air to bleed from the gas system.

- If thermostat control knob does not pop up when released, contact a qualified service person or gas supplier for repairs.

6. Keep thermostat control knob pressed in while pushing down and releasing the ignitor button. This will light pilot. If necessary, continue to press ignitor button until pilot lights.

If pilot does not light

- turn thermostat control knob clockwise ↻ to the OFF position

- repeat steps 5 and 6

If pilot does not stay lit after several tries

- refer to *Troubleshooting*, page 20
- contact a qualified service person or gas supplier

Until repairs are made, light pilot with match. To light pilot with match, see *Manual Lighting Procedure*, page 17.

7. Keep thermostat control knob pressed in for 30 seconds after lighting pilot. After 30 seconds, release control knob.

**Note:** If pilot goes out, repeat steps 3 through 7. This heater has a safety interlock system. Wait one minute before lighting pilot again.

8. Turn thermostat control knob counter-clockwise ↺ to the desired heating level. For models, VP16TA, VN18TA, VP26TA, and VN30TA, the main burner should light. Set control knob to any heat level between 1 and 5 (see Figure 25). For infrastat models, the plaque directly above the pilot should light.

**CAUTION:** Do not try to adjust heating levels by using the equipment shutoff valve.

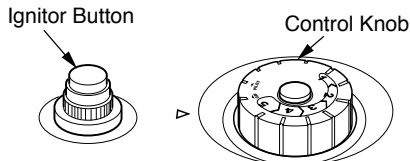


Figure 22 - Control Knob In The OFF Position, Models VP16TA, VN18TA, VP26TA, & VN30TA

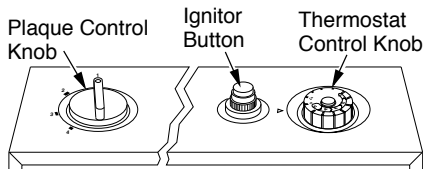


Figure 23 - Thermostat Control Knob In The OFF Position, Models VP16ITA & VP22ITA

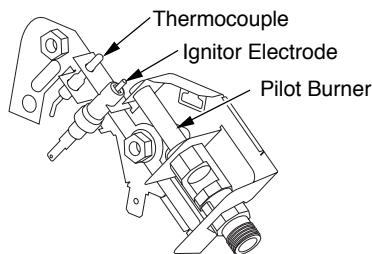


Figure 24 - Pilot

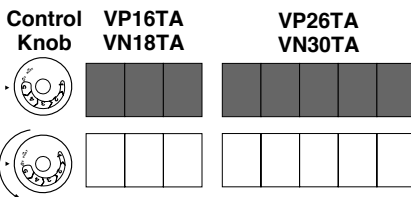


Figure 25 - Burner Patterns

## OPERATING HEATER


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### TO SELECT HEATING LEVEL

INFRASTAT MODELS VP16ITA, AND  
VP22ITA ONLY

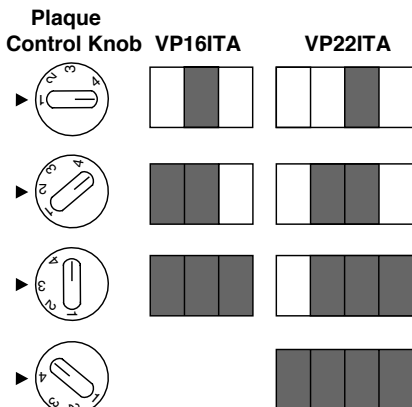
**⚠ WARNING:** When running heater, set control knob at the 1, 2, 3, or 4 locked positions. Never set control knob between locked positions. Poor combustion and higher levels of carbon monoxide may result.

**⚠ CAUTION:** Do not try to adjust heating levels by using the equipment shutoff valve.

1. Slightly press in plaque control knob on right side of heater and turn counterclockwise  to the desired position.

**IMPORTANT:** Release downward pressure while turning control knob. Control knob will lock at the desired position.


2. For standard models (T), turn thermostat control knob on left side of heater to any setting between LO and HI. For infrastat models (ITA), set thermostat control knob at the 1, 2, 3, or 4, locked positions. **Note:** When burners cycle on, (from LO to HI or one locked positions to another) a “click” will be heard. When the burners light, a “whoosh” noise will be heard.



**Figure 26 - Burner Patterns, Models  
VP16ITA and VP22ITA**

## TO TURN OFF GAS TO APPLIANCE

### Shutting Off Heater

1. Turn thermostat control knob clockwise  to the OFF position.
2. Turn off all electric power to the appliance if service is to be performed.

### Shutting Off Burner Only (pilot stays lit)

Turn thermostat control knob clockwise  to the PILOT position.

## THERMOSTAT OPERATION

The thermostatic control used on these models differs from standard thermostats. Standard thermostats simply turn on and off the burner. The thermostat used on this heater senses the room temperature. At times the room may exceed the set temperature. If so, the burner will shut off. The burner will cycle back on when room temperature drops below the set temperature. For standard models (T), the control knob can be set to any heating level between 1 and 5. All plaques will turn off and on. For infrastat models (ITA), the control knob can be set at the 1, 2, 3, or 4 locked positions for the desired comfort level. The number of plaques selected will turn off and on.

**Note:** The thermostat sensing bulb measures the temperature of air near the heater cabinet. This may not always agree with room temperature (depending on housing construction, installation location, room size, open air temperatures, etc.) Frequent use of your heater will let you determine your own comfort levels.

## MANUAL LIGHTING PROCEDURE

1. Remove front panel (see Figure 7, page 8).
2. Follow steps 1 through 5 under *Lighting Instructions*, page 16.
3. With thermostat control knob pressed in, strike match. Hold match to pilot until pilot lights.
4. Keep thermostat control knob pressed in for 30 seconds after lighting pilot. After 30 seconds, release control knob. Follow step 8 under *Lighting Instructions*, page 16.
5. Replace front panel.

## INSPECTING HEATER

Check pilot flame pattern and burner flame pattern often.

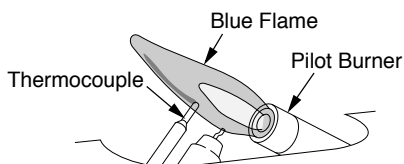
### PILOT FLAME PATTERN

Figure 27 shows a correct pilot flame pattern. Figure 28 shows an incorrect pilot flame pattern. The incorrect pilot flame is not touching the thermocouple. This will cause the thermocouple to cool. When the thermocouple cools, the heater will shut down.

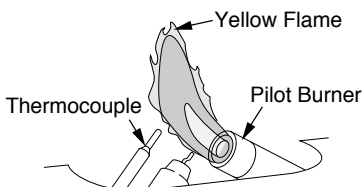
If pilot flame pattern is incorrect, as shown in Figure 28

- turn heater off (see *To Turn Off Gas to Appliance*, page 15 or 17, depending on your model)
- see *Troubleshooting*, page 20

**Note:** The pilot flame on natural gas units will have a slight curve, but flame should be blue and have no yellow or orange color.



**Figure 27 - Correct Pilot Flame Pattern**

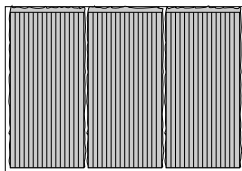


**Figure 28 - Incorrect Pilot Flame Pattern**

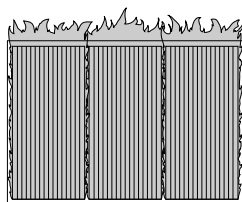
### BURNER FLAME PATTERN

Figure 29 shows a correct burner flame pattern. Figure 30 shows an incorrect burner flame pattern. If burner flame pattern is incorrect, as shown in Figure 30

- turn heater off (see *To Turn Off Gas to Appliance*, page 15 or 17, depending on your model)
- see *Troubleshooting*, page 20



**Figure 29 - Correct Burner Flame Pattern**



**Figure 30 - Incorrect Burner Flame Pattern**

## CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

**⚠ WARNING: Turn off heater and let cool before cleaning.**

**⚠ CAUTION: You must keep control areas, burner, and circulating air passageways of heater clean. Inspect these areas of heater before each use. Have heater inspected yearly by a qualified service person. Heater may need more frequent cleaning due to excessive lint from carpeting, bedding material, pet hair, etc.**

**⚠ WARNING: Failure to keep the primary air opening(s) of the burner(s) clean may result in sooting and property damage.**

### ODS/PILOT AND BURNER

- Use a vacuum cleaner, pressurized air, or small, soft bristled brush to clean.

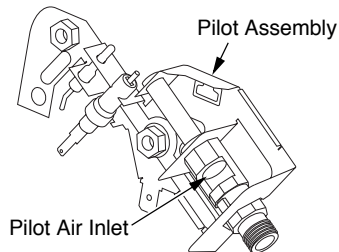
### BURNER PILOT AIR INLET

The primary air inlet holes allow the proper amount of air to mix with the gas. This provides a clean burning flame. Keep these holes clear of dust, dirt, and lint. Clean these air inlet holes prior to each heating season. Blocked air holes will create soot. We recommend that you clean the unit every three months during operation and have heater inspected yearly by a qualified service person.

We also recommend that you keep the burner tube and pilot assembly clean and free of dust and dirt. To clean these parts we recommend using compressed air no greater than 30 PSI. Your local computer store, hardware store, or home center may carry compressed air in a can. You can use a vacuum cleaner in the blow position. If using compressed air in a can, please follow the directions on the can. If you don't follow directions on the can, you could damage the pilot assembly.

1. Shut off the unit, including the pilot. Allow the unit to cool for at least thirty minutes.
2. Inspect burner, pilot for dust and dirt.
3. Blow air through the ports/slots and holes in the burner.
4. Never insert objects into the pilot tube.

Clean the pilot assembly also. A yellow tip on the pilot flame indicates dust and dirt in the pilot assembly. There is a small pilot air inlet about two inches from where the pilot flame comes out of the pilot assembly (see Figure 31). With the unit off, lightly blow air through the air inlet. You may blow through a drinking straw if compressed air is not available.



**Figure 31 - Pilot Air Inlet**

### CABINET

#### Air Passageways

- Use a vacuum cleaner or pressurized air to clean.

#### Exterior

- Use a soft cloth dampened with a mild soap and water mixture. Wipe the cabinet to remove dust.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

**⚠ WARNING:** Turn off and unplug heater and let cool before servicing. Only a qualified service person should service and repair heater.

**⚠ CAUTION:** Never use a wire, needle, or similar object to clean ODS/pilot. This can damage ODS/pilot unit.

*Note:* All troubleshooting items are listed in order of operation.

OBSERVED PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	REMEDY
When ignitor button is pressed in, there is no spark at ODS/pilot	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ignitor electrode positioned wrong</li><li>2. Ignitor electrode broken</li><li>3. Ignitor electrode not connected to ignitor cable</li><li>4. Ignitor cable pinched or wet</li><li>5. Broken ignitor cable</li><li>6. Bad ignitor</li><li>7. Battery not installed, battery power low, or battery not installed correctly (electronic ignition models only)</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Replace pilot assembly</li><li>2. Replace pilot assembly</li><li>3. Reconnect ignitor cable</li><li>4. Free ignitor cable if pinched by any metal or tubing. Keep ignitor cable dry</li><li>5. Replace ignitor cable</li><li>6. Replace ignitor</li><li>7. Install new alkaline battery in electronic ignitor. Verify battery is installed correctly</li></ol>
When ignitor button is pressed in, there is a spark at ODS/Pilot but no ignition	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Gas supply turned off or equipment shutoff valve closed</li><li>2. Control knob not fully pressed in while pressing ignitor button (non-thermostat models only) Thermostat control knob not fully pressed in while pressing ignitor button (thermostat models only)</li><li>3. Air in gas lines when installed</li><li>4. Depleted gas supply (propane/LP gas)</li><li>5. ODS/pilot is clogged</li><li>6. Gas regulator setting is not correct</li><li>7. Thermostat control knob is not in pilot position (thermostat models only)</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Turn on gas supply or open equipment shutoff valve</li><li>2. Turn to PILOT/IGN position. Fully press in control knob while pressing ignitor button (non-thermostat models only) Fully press in thermostat control knob while pressing ignitor button (thermostat models only)</li><li>3. Continue holding down control knob. Repeat igniting operation until air is removed</li><li>4. Contact local propane/LP gas company</li><li>5. Clean ODS/pilot (see <i>Cleaning and Maintenance</i>, page 19) or replace ODS/pilot assembly</li><li>6. Replace gas regulator</li><li>7. Turn thermostat control knob to pilot position</li></ol>

# TROUBLESHOOTING

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OBSERVED PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	REMEDY
ODS/pilot lights but flame goes out when control knob is released	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Control knob not fully pressed in</li> <li>2. Control knob not pressed in long enough</li> <li>3. Equipment shutoff valve not fully open</li> <li>4. Thermocouple connection loose at control valve</li> <li>5. Pilot flame not touching thermocouple, which allows thermocouple to cool, causing pilot flame to go out. This problem could be caused by one or both of the following: A) Low gas pressure B) Dirty or partially clogged ODS/pilot</li> <li>6. Thermocouple damaged</li> <li>7. Control valve damaged</li> <li>8. Safety interlock system has been triggered (thermostat models only)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Press in control knob fully</li> <li>2. After ODS/pilot lights, keep control knob pressed in 30 seconds</li> <li>3. Fully open equipment shutoff valve</li> <li>4. Hand tighten until snug, then tighten 1/4 turn more</li> <li>5. A) Contact local natural or propane/LP gas company B) Clean ODS/pilot (see <i>Cleaning and Maintenance</i>, page 19) or replace ODS/pilot assembly</li> <li>6. Replace pilot assembly</li> <li>7. Replace control valve</li> <li>8. Wait one minute for safety interlock system to reset. Repeat ignition operation</li> </ol>
Burner(s) does not light after ODS/pilot is lit	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Burner orifice(s) is clogged</li> <li>2. Inlet gas pressure is too low</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clean burner orifice(s) (see <i>Cleaning and Maintenance</i>, page 19) or replace burner orifice(s)</li> <li>2. Contact local natural or propane/LP gas company</li> </ol>
Delayed ignition of burner(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Manifold pressure is too low</li> <li>2. Burner orifice(s) is clogged</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Contact local natural or propane/LP gas company</li> <li>2. Clean burner orifice(s) (see <i>Cleaning and Maintenance</i>, page 19) or replace burner orifice(s)</li> </ol>
Burner backfiring during combustion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Burner orifice(s) is clogged or damaged</li> <li>2. Burner damaged</li> <li>3. Gas regulator defective</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clean burner orifice(s) (see <i>Cleaning and Maintenance</i>, page 19) or replace burner orifice(s)</li> <li>2. Replace burner</li> <li>3. Replace gas regulator</li> </ol>
Burner plaque(s) does not glow	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Plaque damaged</li> <li>2. Inlet gas pressure is too low</li> <li>3. Control knob set between locked positions</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Replace burner</li> <li>2. Contact local natural or propane/LP gas company</li> <li>3. Turn control knob until it locks at desired setting</li> </ol>
Slight smoke or odor during initial operation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Residues from manufacturing processes</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Problem will stop after a few hours of operation</li> </ol>

# TROUBLESHOOTING

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**WARNING:** If you smell gas

- Shut off gas supply.
  - Do not try to light any appliance.
  - Do not touch any electrical switch; do not use any phone in your building.
  - Immediately call your gas supplier from a neighbor's phone.
- Follow the gas supplier's instructions.**
- If you cannot reach your gas supplier, call the fire department.

**IMPORTANT:** Operating heater where impurities in air exist may create odors. Cleaning supplies, paint, paint remover, cigarette smoke, cements and glues, new carpet or textiles, etc., create fumes. These fumes may mix with combustion air and create odors.

OBSERVED PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	REMEDY
Heater produces a clicking/ticking noise just after burner is lit or shut off	1. Metal expanding while heating or contracting while cooling	1. This is common with most heaters. If noise is excessive, contact qualified service person
White powder residue forming within burner box or on adjacent walls or furniture	1. When heated, vapors from furniture polish, wax, carpet cleaner, etc., may turn into white powder residue	1. Turn heater off when using furniture polish, wax, carpet cleaners, or similar products
Heater produces unwanted odors	1. Heater burning vapors from paint, hair spray, glues, etc. See <b>IMPORTANT</b> statement above 2. Low fuel supply (propane/LP gas) 3. Gas leak. <b>See Warning statement at top of page</b>	1. Ventilate room. Stop using odor causing products while heater is running 2. Refill supply tank 3. Locate and correct all leaks (see <i>Checking Gas Connections</i> , page 12)
Heater shuts off in use (ODS operates)	1. Not enough fresh air is available 2. Low line pressure 3. ODS/pilot is partially clogged	1. Open window and/or door for ventilation 2. Contact local natural or propane/LP gas company 3. Clean ODS/pilot (see <i>Cleaning and Maintenance</i> , page 19)
Gas odor even when control knob is in OFF position	1. Gas leak. <b>See Warning statement at top of page</b> 2. Control valve defective	1. Locate and correct all leaks (see <i>Checking Gas Connections</i> , page 12) 2. Replace control valve
Gas odor during combustion	1. Foreign matter between control valve and burner 2. Gas leak. <b>See Warning statement at top of page</b>	1. Take apart gas tubing and remove foreign matter 2. Locate and correct all leaks (see <i>Checking Gas Connections</i> , page 12)
Moisture/condensation noticed on windows	1. Not enough combustion/ventilation air	1. Refer to <i>Fresh Air for Combustion and Ventilation</i> requirements (page 5)

## SPECIFICATIONS

	<b>VP16A, VP16TA</b>	<b>VP16ITA</b>	<b>VP26A, VP26TA</b>	<b>VP22ITA</b>
Btu (Variable)	6,000/11,000/16,000	6,000/16,000	6,000/16,000/26,000	6,500/22,000
Type Gas	Propane/LP Only	Propane/LP Only	Propane/LP Only	Propane/LP Only
Ignition	Electronic	Electronic	Electronic	Electronic
Pressure Regulator Setting	8" W.C.	8" W.C.	8" W.C.	8" W.C.
Inlet Gas Pressure* (in. of water)				
Maximum	14"	14"	14"	14"
Minimum	11"	11"	11"	11"
Dimensions, Inches (H x W x D)				
Heater	24.25 x 18.25 x 7	24.25 x 18.25 x 7	24.25 x 25.75 x 7	24.25 x 25.75 x 7
Carton	26.25 x 21.25 x 9	26.25 x 21.25 x 9	26.25 x 29 x 9	26.25 x 29 x 9
Weight (pounds)				
Heater	20	20	28	28
Shipping	25	25	33	33

**Note:** Dimensions listed are outer most points on the heater (includes control knobs and grill).

\* For purposes of input adjustment.

	<b>VN18A, VN18TA</b>	<b>VN30A, VN30TA</b>
Btu (Variable)	6,600/12,000/18,000	6,600/18,000/30,000
Type Gas	Natural Only	Natural Only
Ignition	Electronic	Electronic
Pressure Regulator Setting	6" W.C.	6" W.C.
Inlet Gas Pressure* (in. of water)		
Maximum	10.5"	10.5"
Minimum	7"	7"
Dimensions, Inches (H x W x D)		
Heater	24.25 x 18.25 x 7	24.25 x 25.75 x 7
Carton	26.25 x 21.25 x 9	26.25 x 29 x 9
Weight (pounds)		
Heater	20	28
Shipping	25	33

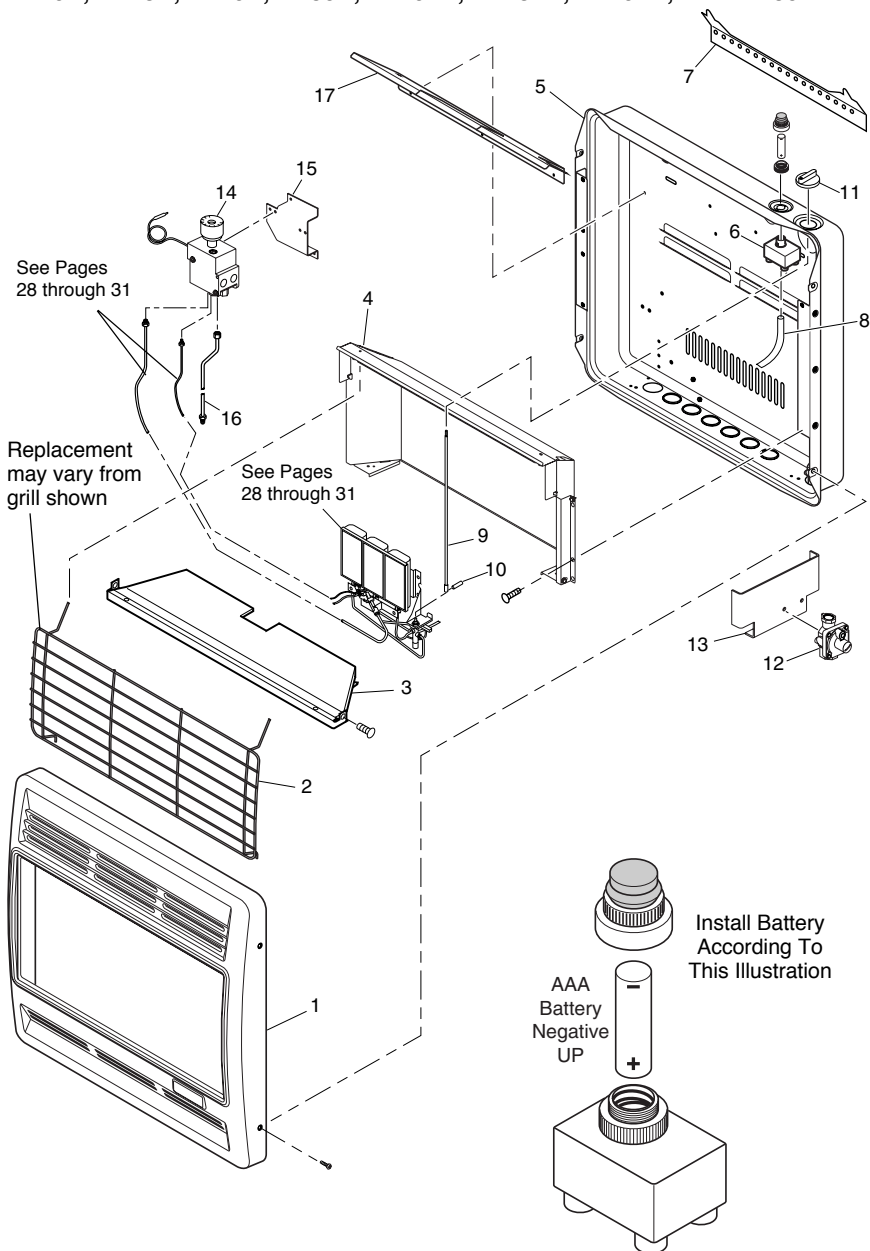
**Note:** Dimensions listed are outer most points on the heater (includes control knobs and grill).

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## ILLUSTRATED PARTS BREAKDOWN

### CABINET BODY MODELS

VP16A, VN18A, VP26A, VN30A, VP16TA, VN18TA, VP26TA, AND VN30TA



## PARTS LIST

This list contains replaceable parts used in your heater. When ordering parts, follow the instructions listed under *Replacement Parts* on page 32 of this manual.

KEY NO.	PART NUMBER				DESCRIPTION	QTY.
	VP16A	VP16TA	VN18A	VN18TA		
1	107672-01	107672-01	107672-01	107672-01	Front Panel	1
2	103476-01	103476-01	103476-01	103476-01	Grill Guard	1
3	104635-01	104635-01	104635-01	104635-01	Apron	1
4	107894-01	107894-01	107894-01	107894-01	Reflector Assembly	1
5	**	**	**	**	Cabinet Back Panel	1
6	111435-01	111435-01	111435-01	111435-01	Electronic Ignitor	1
7	099066-02	099066-02	099066-02	099066-02	Mounting Bracket	1
8	098271-11	098271-11	098271-11	098271-11	Ignitor Cable	1
9	098462-01	—	098462-01	—	Control Rod Assembly	1
10	098325-01	—	098325-01	—	Roll Pin	1
11	098354-03	—	098354-03	—	Control Knob	1
12	099415-18	099415-18	099415-19	099415-19	Gas Regulator	1
13	104819-02	104819-02	104819-02	104819-02	Regulator Bracket	1
14	—	098522-24	—	098522-24	Thermostat Gas Valve	1
15	—	102394-02	—	102394-02	Thermostat Valve	1
16	107660-01	103256-02	107660-01	103256-02	Mounting Bracket	1
17	109303-04	109303-04	109303-01	109303-04	Inlet Tube	1
					Baffle	1

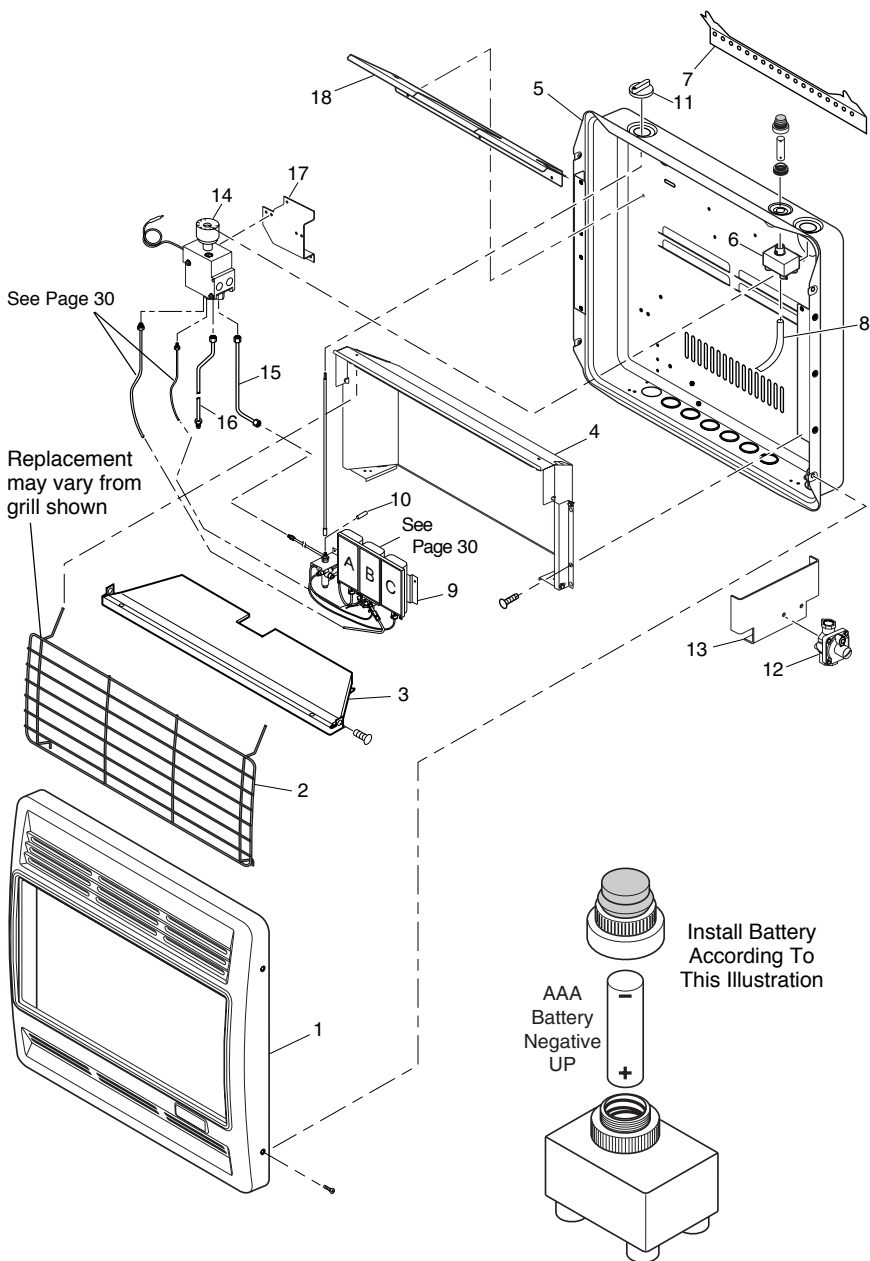
KEY NO.	PART NUMBER				DESCRIPTION	QTY.
	VP26A	VP26TA	VN30A	VN30TA		
1	107675-01	107675-01	107675-01	107675-01	Front Panel	1
2	103476-02	103476-02	103476-02	103476-02	Grill Guard	1
3	104635-03	104635-03	104635-03	104635-03	Apron	1
4	107894-02	107894-02	107894-02	107894-02	Reflector Assembly	1
5	**	**	**	**	Cabinet Back Panel	1
6	111435-01	111435-01	111435-01	111435-01	Electronic Ignitor	1
7	099066-02	099066-02	099066-02	099066-02	Mounting Bracket	1
8	098271-11	098271-11	098271-11	098271-11	Ignitor Cable	1
9	098462-01	—	098462-01	—	Control Rod Assembly	1
10	098325-01	—	098325-01	—	Roll Pin	1
11	098354-03	—	098354-03	—	Control Knob	1
12	099415-18	099415-18	099415-19	099415-19	Gas Regulator	1
13	104819-02	104819-02	104819-02	104819-02	Regulator Bracket	1
14	—	098522-24	—	098522-24	Thermostat Gas Valve	1
15	—	102394-02	—	102394-02	Thermostat Valve	1
16	107660-03	103256-02	107660-03	103256-02	Mounting Bracket	1
17	109303-03	109303-03	109303-03	109303-03	Inlet Tube	1
					Baffle	1

\*\* Not a field replaceable part.

PARTS AVAILABLE - NOT SHOWN - ALL MODELS		
PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
100642-03	Hardware Assembly	1
109483-01	Lighting Instruction Plate	1
105345-01	Cable Tie	1
107888-01	Control Position Label	1
GA4550	Base Foot	1

# ILLUSTRATED PARTS BREAKDOWN

## CABINET BODY MODELS VP16ITA AND VP22ITA



## PARTS LIST

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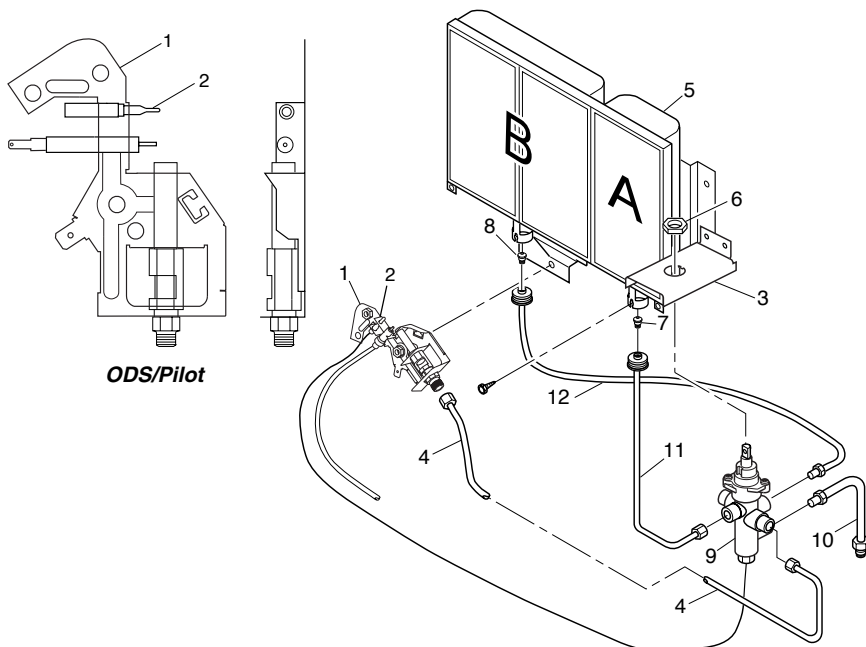
KEY NO.	PART NUMBER		DESCRIPTION	QTY.
	VP16ITA	VP22ITA		
1	107672-01	107675-01	Front Panel	1
2	103476-01	103476-02	Grill Guard	1
3	104635-02	104635-03	Apron	1
4	107894-01	107894-03	Reflector Assembly	1
5	**	**	Cabinet Back Panel	1
6	111435-01	111435-01	Electronic Ignitor	1
7	099066-02	099066-02	Mounting Bracket	1
8	098271-11	098271-11	Ignitor Cable	1
9	098462-01	098462-01	Control Rod Assembly	1
10	098325-01	098325-01	Roll Pin	1
11	098354-04	098354-05	Control Knob	1
12	099415-18	099415-18	Gas Regulator	1
13	104819-02	104819-02	Regulator Bracket	1
14	098522-24	098522-24	Thermostat Gas Valve	1
15	103255-02	103255-02	SIT Outlet Tube	1
16	103256-02	103256-02	Inlet Tube	1
17	102394-02	102394-02	Thermostat Valve Mounting Bracket	1
18	109303-04	109303-05	Baffle	1
<b>PARTS AVAILABLE - NOT SHOWN</b>				
	100642-03	100642-03	Hardware Assembly	1
	109483-01	109483-01	Lighting Inst. Plate	1
	107888-01	107888-01	Control Position Decal	1
	105345-01	105345-01	Cable Tie	1
	GA4550	GA4550	Base Kit	1

\*\* Not a field replaceable part.

# ILLUSTRATED PARTS BREAKDOWN AND PARTS LIST

## BURNER ASSEMBLY MODELS VP16A AND VN18A

This list contains replaceable parts used in your heater. When ordering parts, follow the instructions listed under *Replacement Parts* on page 32 of this manual.



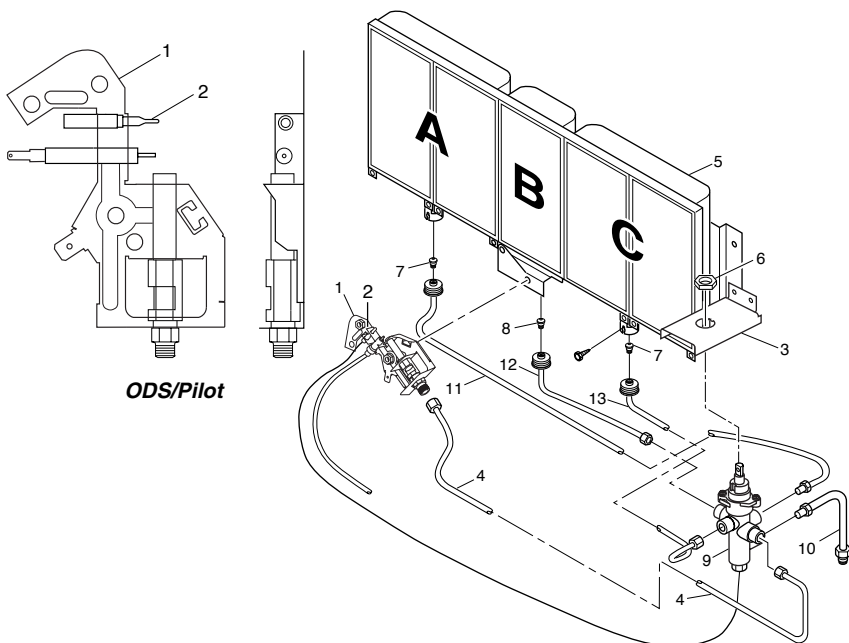
**Burner Assembly VP16A, VN18A**

KEY NO.	PART NUMBER		DESCRIPTION	QTY.
	VP16A	VN18A		
1	110803-02	110803-03	ODS/Pilot	1
2	110186-01	110186-01	Thermocouple Kit	1
3	098200-03	098200-03	Control Valve Bracket	1
4	105051-02	105051-02	Pilot Tubing	1
5	099218-08	099218-08	Burner	1
6	098508-01	098508-01	Valve Retainer Nut	1
7	099056-01	099056-02	Injector - Plaque A	1
8	099056-25	099056-24	Injector - Plaque B	1
9	103844-01	103844-01	Control Valve	1
10	107660-01	107660-01	Inlet Tubing	1
11	103352-03	103352-03	Tubing-Valve to Plaque A	1
12	103352-04	103352-04	Tubing-Valve to Plaque B	1

# ILLUSTRATED PARTS BREAKDOWN AND PARTS LIST

## BURNER ASSEMBLY MODELS VP26A AND VN30A

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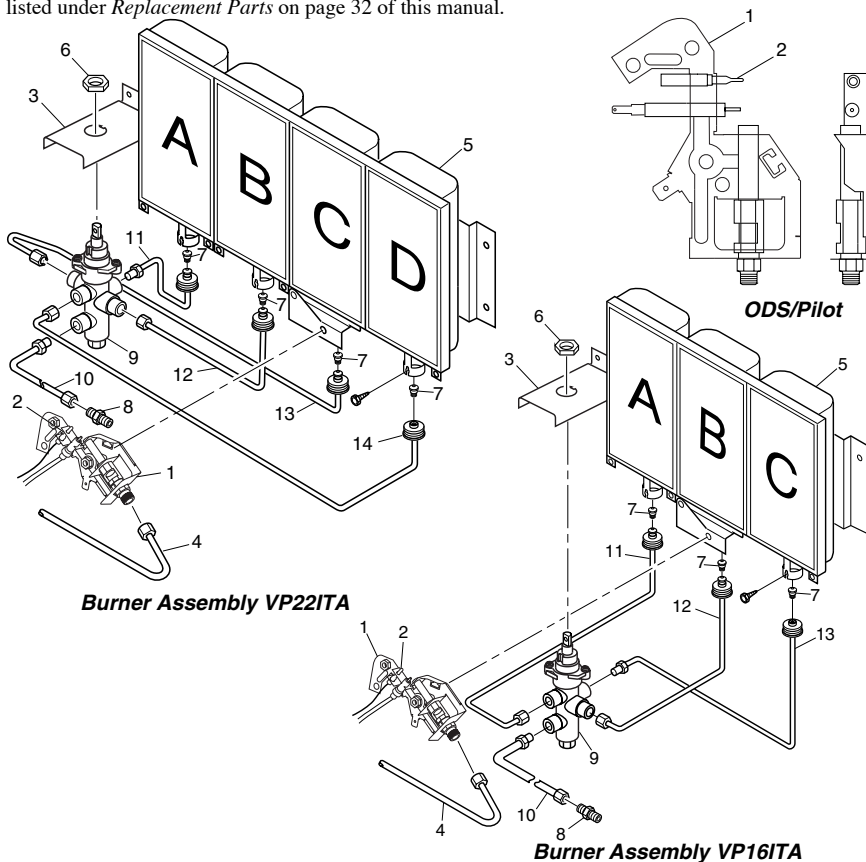
**Burner Assembly VP26A, VN30A**

KEY NO.	PART NUMBER		DESCRIPTION	QTY.
	VP26A	VN30A		
1	110803-02	110803-03	ODS/Pilot	1
2	110186-01	110186-01	Thermocouple Kit	1
3	098200-03	098200-03	Control Valve Bracket	1
4	105050-02	105050-02	Pilot Tubing	1
5	099218-09	099218-09	Burner	1
6	098508-01	098508-01	Valve Retainer Nut	1
7	099056-25	099056-24	Injector - Plaque A, C	2
8	099056-01	099056-02	Injector - Plaque B	1
9	100747-01	100747-01	Control Valve	1
10	107660-03	107660-03	Inlet Tubing	1
11	103353-04	103353-04	Tubing-Valve to Plaque A	1
12	103353-05	103353-05	Tubing-Valve to Plaque B	1
13	103353-06	103353-06	Tubing-Valve to Plaque C	1

# ILLUSTRATED PARTS BREAKDOWN AND PARTS LIST

## BURNER ASSEMBLY MODELS VP16ITA AND VP22ITA

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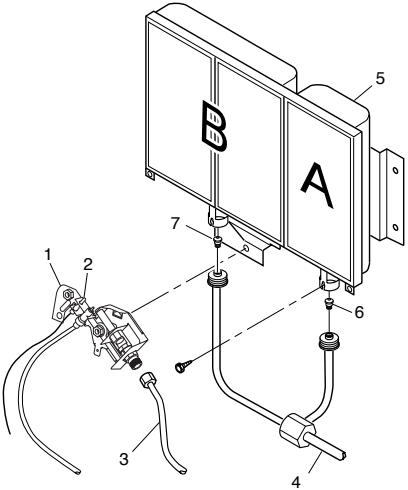


KEY	PART NUMBER		DESCRIPTION	QTY.
NO.	VP16ITA	VP22ITA		
1	110803-02	110803-02	ODS/Pilot	1
2	110186-01	110186-01	Thermocouple Kit	1
3	098200-04	098200-04	Control Valve Bracket	1
4	099387-11	099387-11	Pilot Tubing	1
5	099218-01	099218-03	Burner	1
6	098508-01	098508-01	Valve Retainer Nut	1
7	099056-01	099056-01	Injector	3-4
8	100615-01	100615-01	Male Connector	1
9	100605-01	100605-02	Control Valve	1
10	107899-01	107899-03	Inlet Tubing	1
11	107892-02	107900-02	Tubing-Valve to Plaque A	1
12	107892-01	107900-04	Tubing-Valve to Plaque B	1
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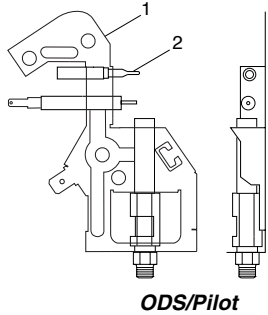
# ILLUSTRATED PARTS BREAKDOWN AND PARTS LIST

## BURNER ASSEMBLY MODELS VP16TA, VN18TA, VP26TA, AND VN30TA

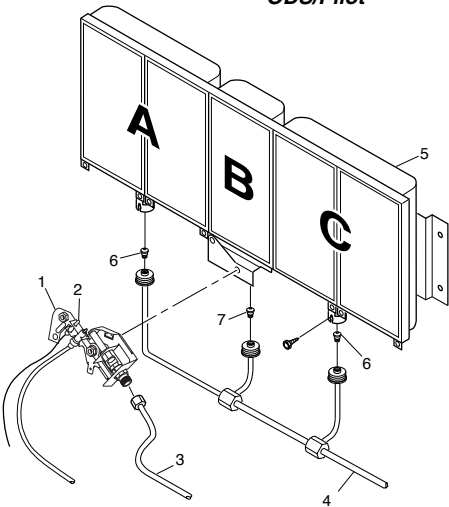
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**Burner Assembly VP16TA, VN18TA**



**ODS/Pilot**



**Burner Assembly VP26TA, VN30TA**

KEY NO.	PART NUMBER				DESCRIPTION	QTY.
	VP16TA	VN18TA	VP26TA	VN30TA		
1	110803-02	110803-03	110803-02	110803-03	ODS/Pilot	1
2	110186-01	110186-01	110186-01	110186-01	Thermocouple Kit	1
3	105051-01	105051-01	099387-03	099387-03	Pilot Tubing	1
4	104818-03	104818-03	104818-04	104818-04	Outlet Tubing	1
5	099218-08	099218-08	099218-09	099218-09	Burner	1
6	099056-01	099056-02	099056-25	099056-24	Injector - Plaque A and C	1-2
7	099056-25	099056-24	099056-01	099056-02	Injector - Plaque B	1

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## REPLACEMENT PARTS

*Note:* Use only original replacement parts. This will protect your warranty coverage for parts replaced under warranty.

### PARTS UNDER WARRANTY

Contact authorized dealers of this product. If they can't supply original replacement part(s), call DESA Heating Products' Technical Service Department at 1-866-672-6040.

When calling DESA Heating Products, have ready

- your name
- your address
- model and serial numbers of your heater
- how heater was malfunctioning
- type of gas used (propane/LP or natural gas)
- purchase date

Usually, we will ask you to return the part to the factory.

### PARTS NOT UNDER WARRANTY

Contact authorized dealers of this product. If they can't supply original replacement part(s), either contact your nearest Parts Central (see page 33), or call DESA Heating Products at 1-866-672-6040 for referral information.

When calling DESA Heating Products, have ready

- model number of your heater
- the replacement part number

## SERVICE PUBLICATIONS

You can purchase a service manual from the address listed on the back page of this manual. Send a check for \$5.00 payable to DESA Heating Products.

## SERVICE HINTS

### When Gas Pressure Is Too Low

- pilot will not stay lit
- burner will have delayed ignition
- heater will not produce specified heat
- propane/LP gas supply may be low

You may feel your gas pressure is too low. If so, contact your local natural or propane/LP gas supplier.

## TECHNICAL SERVICE

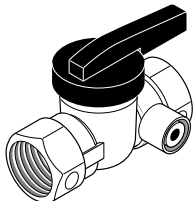
You may have further questions about installation, operation, or troubleshooting. If so, contact DESA Heating Products' Technical Service Department at 1-866-672-6040. When calling please have your model and serial numbers of your heater ready.

You can also visit DESA Heating Products' technical service web site at **[www.desatech.com](http://www.desatech.com)**.

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## ACCESSORIES

Purchase these heater accessories from your local dealer. If they can not supply these accessories, either contact your nearest Parts Central (see page 33), or call DESA Heating Products at 1-866-672-6040 for referral information. You can also write to the address listed on the back page of this manual.



### EQUIPMENT SHUTOFF VALVE - GA5010

**For all models.** Equipment shutoff valve with 1/8" NPT tap.

## PARTS CENTRAL

These Parts Centrals are privately owned businesses. They have agreed to support our customer's needs by providing original replacement parts and accessories.

### Tool & Equipment Co.

5 Manila Ave  
Hamden, CT 06514-0322  
1-800-397-7553  
203-248-7553

### Portable Heater Parts

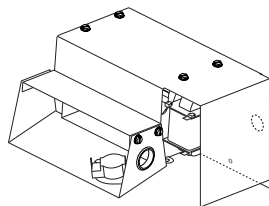
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Valparaiso, IN 46383-9704  
219-462-7441  
1-888-619-7060  
[www.portableheaterparts.com](http://www.portableheaterparts.com)  
[sales@portableheaterparts.com](mailto:sales@portableheaterparts.com)  
[techservice@portableheaterparts.com](mailto:techservice@portableheaterparts.com)

### FBD

1349 Adams Street  
Bowling Green, KY 42103-3414  
270-846-1199  
1-800-654-8534  
Fax: 1-800-846-0090  
[franktalk@aol.com](mailto:franktalk@aol.com)

### Master Parts Dist.

1251 Mound Ave. NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504-2672  
616-791-0505  
1-800-446-1446  
[www.nbmc.com](http://www.nbmc.com)



### FAN KITS - GA3250T

**For all models.** Provides better heat distribution. Makes heater more efficient. Complete installation and operating instructions included.

Thermostatically-controlled, blower turns itself on and off as required.

### Washer Equipment Co.

1715 Main Street  
Kansas City, MO 64108-2195  
KS, MO, AR  
816-842-3911  
[www.washerparts.com](http://www.washerparts.com)

### East Coast Energy

707 Broadway  
W. Long Branch, NJ 07764-1542  
732-870-8809  
1-800-755-8809  
[www.njplaza.com/ecep](http://www.njplaza.com/ecep)

### Laporte's Parts & Service

2444 N. 5th Street  
Hartsville, SC 29550-7704  
843-332-0191  
Parts Department

### Cans Unlimited

P.O. Box 645  
Taylor, SC 29687-0013  
803-879-3009  
1-800-845-5301  
[cuisales@aol.com](mailto:cuisales@aol.com)

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## NOTES

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## NOTES

## WARRANTY INFORMATION

### KEEP THIS WARRANTY

Model \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date Purchased \_\_\_\_\_

Always specify model and serial numbers when communicating with the factory.

We reserve the right to amend these specifications at any time without notice. The only warranty applicable is our standard written warranty. We make no other warranty, expressed or implied.

### LIMITED WARRANTY

### VANGUARD VENT-FREE INFRARED GAS HEATERS

DESA Heating Products warrants this product to be free from defects in materials and components for four (4) years from the date of first purchase, provided that the product has been properly installed, operated and maintained in accordance with all applicable instructions. To make a claim under this warranty the Bill of Sale or cancelled check must be presented.

This warranty is extended only to the original retail purchaser. This warranty covers the cost of part(s) required to restore this heater to proper operating condition and an allowance for labor when provided by a DESA Heating Products Authorized Service Center. Warranty part(s) MUST be obtained through authorized dealers of this product and/or DESA Heating Products who will provide original factory replacement parts. Failure to use original factory replacement parts voids this warranty. The heater MUST be installed by a qualified installer in accordance with all local codes and instructions furnished with the unit.

This warranty does not apply to parts that are not in original condition because of normal wear and tear, or parts that fail or become damaged as a result of misuse, accidents, lack of proper maintenance or defects caused by improper installation. Travel, diagnostic cost, labor, transportation and any and all such other costs related to repairing a defective heater will be the responsibility of the owner.

TO THE FULL EXTENT ALLOWED BY THE LAW OF THE JURISDICTION THAT GOVERNS THE SALE OF THE PRODUCT; THIS EXPRESS WARRANTY EXCLUDES ANY AND ALL OTHER EXPRESSED WARRANTIES AND LIMITS THE DURATION OF ANY AND ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE TO FOUR (4) YEARS ON ALL COMPONENTS FROM THE DATE OF FIRST PURCHASE; AND DESA HEATING PRODUCTS' LIABILITY IS HEREBY LIMITED TO THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE PRODUCT AND DESA HEATING PRODUCTS SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY OTHER DAMAGES WHATSOEVER INCLUDING INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.

Some states do not allow a limitation on how long an implied warranty lasts or an exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation on implied warranties, or exclusion or limitation on damages may not apply to you.

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

For information about this warranty write:

**DESA**  
HEATING PRODUCTS

2701 Industrial Drive  
P.O. Box 90004  
Bowling Green, KY 42102-9004  
[www.desatech.com](http://www.desatech.com)



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