Thank you for buying this energy efficient water heater. We appreciate your confidence in our products.

WARNING
Read and understand this instruction manual and the safety messages herein before installing, operating, or servicing this water heater.

Failure to follow these instructions and safety messages could result in death or serious injury.

This manual must remain with the water heater.

WARNING
If the water heater becomes immersed in water up to or above the level of the bottom of the element doors, the heater should be examined by a qualified service agency before it is placed in operation, see Page 2.

PLACE THESE INSTRUCTIONS ADJACENT TO HEATER AND NOTIFY OWNER TO KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.
SAFETY INSTALLATION, USE, AND SERVICE

The proper installation, use and servicing of this water heater is extremely important to your safety and the safety of others.

Many safety-related messages and instructions have been provided in this manual and on your own water heater to warn you and others of a potential injury hazard. Read and obey all safety messages and instructions throughout this manual. It is very important that the meaning of each safety message is understood by you and others who install, use, or service this water heater.

This is the safety alert symbol. It is used to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.

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All safety messages will generally tell you about the type of hazard, what can happen if you do not follow the safety message, and how to avoid the risk of injury.

The California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act requires the Governor of California to publish a list of substances known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm, and requires businesses to warn of potential exposure to such substances.

This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm. This appliance can cause low level exposure to some of the substances listed in the Act.

IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

- **Qualified Installer or Service Agency:**
  
  Installation and service of this water heater requires ability equivalent to that of a Qualified Agency (as defined by ANSI below) in the field involved. Installation skills such as plumbing, electrical supply are required in addition to electrical testing skills when performing service.

- **ANSI Z223.1 2006 Sec. 3.3.83:**
  
  “Qualified Agency” - “Any individual, firm, corporation or company that either in person or through a representative is engaged in and is responsible for (a) the installation, testing or replacement of gas piping or (b) the connection, installation, testing, repair or servicing of appliances and equipment; that is experienced in such work; that is familiar with all precautions required; and that has complied with all the requirements of the authority having jurisdiction.”
GENERAL SAFETY INFORMATION

PRECAUTIONS

DO NOT USE THIS WATER HEATER IF ANY PART HAS BEEN UNDER WATER. Immediately call a qualified service technician to inspect the water heater and to replace any part of the control system which has been under water.

If the unit is exposed to the following, do not operate heater until all corrective steps have been made by a qualified service agency.

1. External fire.
2. Damage.
3. Firing without water.

GROUNDING INSTRUCTIONS

This water heater must be grounded in accordance with the National Electrical Code and/or local codes. These must be followed in all cases. Failure to ground this water heater properly may also cause erratic control system operation on ELECTRONIC CONTROL models.

This water heater must be connected to a grounded metal, permanent wiring system; or an equipment grounding conductor must be run with the circuit conductors and connected to the equipment grounding terminal or lead on the water heater.

When servicing this unit, verify the power to the unit is turned off prior to opening the control cabinet door.

HYDROGEN GAS (FLAMMABLE)

**WARNING**

**Explosion Hazard**

- Flammable hydrogen gases may be present.
- Keep all ignition sources away from faucet when turning on hot water.

Hydrogen gas can be produced in a hot water system served by this heater that has not been used for a long period of time (generally two weeks or more). Hydrogen gas is extremely flammable. To reduce the risk of injury under these conditions, it is recommended that the hot water faucet be opened for several minutes at the kitchen sink before using any electrical appliance connected to the hot water system. If hydrogen is present there will probably be an unusual sound such as air escaping through the pipe as the water begins to flow. THERE SHOULD BE NO SMOKING OR OPEN FLAME NEAR THE FAUCET AT THE TIME IT IS OPEN.

**WARNING**

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Failure to follow these instructions and safety messages could result in death or serious injury.

This manual must remain with the water heater.

**CAUTION**

Improper Installation, use and service may result in property damage.

- Do not operate water heater if flood damaged.
- Inspect anode rods regularly, replace when significantly depleted.
- Install in location with drainage.
- Fill tank with water before operation.
- Properly sized thermal expansion tanks are required on all closed water systems.

Refer to this manual for installation and service.

**WARNING**

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**WARNING**

Before removing any access panels or servicing the water heater, make sure the electrical supply to the water heater is turned “OFF.”

- Failure to do this could result in death, serious bodily injury, or property damage.

**DANGER**

Water temperature over 125°F (52°C) can cause severe burns resulting in severe injury or death. Children, the elderly, and the physically or mentally disabled are at highest risk for scald injury.

Feel water before bathing or showering.

Temperature limiting valves are available.

Read instruction manual for safe temperature setting.

**WARNING**

**Explosion Hazard**

- Overheated water can cause water tank explosion.
- Properly sized temperature and pressure relief valve must be installed in opening provided.
INTRODUCTION

Thank You for purchasing this water heater. Properly installed and maintained, it should give you years of trouble free service.

Abbreviations Found In This Instruction Manual:
- ANSI - American National Standards Institute
- AHRI - Air-Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute
- NEC - National Electrical Code
- NFPA - National Fire Protection Association
- UL - Underwriters Laboratory

PREPARING FOR THE INSTALLATION

1. Read the “General Safety Information” section of this manual first and then the entire manual carefully. If you don’t follow the safety rules, the water heater may not operate safely. It could cause DEATH, SERIOUS BODILY INJURY AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

This manual contains instructions for the installation, operation, and maintenance of the electric water heater. It also contains warnings throughout the manual that you must read and be aware of. All warnings and all instructions are essential to the proper operation of the water heater and your safety. READ THE ENTIRE MANUAL BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO INSTALL OR OPERATE THE WATER HEATER.

Be sure to turn off power when working on or near the electrical system of the heater. Never touch electrical components with wet hands or when standing in water. When replacing fuses always use the correct size for the circuit. see page 12.

The model and rating plates on page 6 interprets certain markings into useful information. Both of these references should be used to identify the heater, its components and optional equipment.

2. The installation must conform with these instructions and the local code authority having jurisdiction and the requirements of the power company. In the absence of local codes, the installation must comply with the latest editions of the National Electrical Code, NFPA 70 or the Canadian Electrical Code CSA C22.1. The National Electrical Code may be ordered from: National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269. The Canadian Electrical Code is available from the Canadian Standards Association, 8501 East Pleasant Valley Road, Cleveland, OH 44131.

3. If after reading this manual you have any questions or do not understand any portion of the instructions, call the toll free number listed on the back cover of this manual for technical assistance.

A sample rating plate is shown on page 6 of this manual. In order to expedite your request, please have full model and serial number available for the technician.

4. Carefully plan your intended placement of the water heater. Examine the location to ensure the water heater complies with the “Locating the New Water Heater” section in this manual.

Installation and service of this water heater requires ability equivalent to that of a licensed tradesman or qualified agency (page 2) in the field involved. Plumbing and electrical work are required.
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**APPROVALS**

All models are listed by Underwriters Laboratories Inc.

**Low Lead Content**

**MODEL AND RATING**

**COMMERCIAL STORAGE TANK WATER HEATER**

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**DEL-30/40/50 & DEN-30/40/52/66/80/120**

**DEL-6/10/15/20**
This page shows typical water heater installations by model designations.

**DEN/DEL DUAL ELEMENT HEATER**

- **1 FUSED ELECTRICAL SUPPLY SWITCH**
- **ON 120 GALLON MODELS**
- **REPLACE SHIPPING NIPPLE WITH PIPE PLUG**
- **COLD WATER INLET LINE**
- **SHUTOFF VALVE**
- **3 1/4" THREADED CONNECTION**
- **TEMPERATURE AND PRESSURE RELIEF VALVE**
- **ELECTRICAL JUNCTION BOX**
- **EMBLEM**
- **DRAIN LINE**
- **FLOOR DRAIN**
- **INSTALL SUITABLE DRAIN PANS UNDER WATER HEATERS TO PREVENT DAMAGE DUE TO LEAKAGE. REFER TO WATER HEATER LOCATION ON PAGE 8.**
- **INSTALL THERMAL EXPANSION TANK IF CHECK VALVE OR PRESSURE REDUCING VALVE IS USED IN SUPPLY LINE.**
- **INSTALL VACUUM RELIEF IN COLD WATER INLET LINE AS REQUIRED BY LOCAL CODES.**

**DEN/DEL SINGLE ELEMENT HEATER**

- **1 FUSED ELECTRICAL SUPPLY SWITCH**
- **3 1/4" THREADED CONNECTION**
- **COLD WATER INLET LINE**
- **SHUTOFF VALVE**
- **ELECTRICAL JUNCTION BOX**
- **ACCESS PANEL**
- **DRAIN LINE**
- **FLOOR DRAIN**
- **INSTALL VACUUM RELIEF IN COLD WATER INLET LINE AS REQUIRED BY LOCAL CODES.**
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† OVER CURRENT PROTECTION MUST BE SUPPLIED IN WATER HEATER CIRCUIT. CONSULT LOCAL CODE OR NEC-1984 FOR PROPER INSTALLATION.
* INSTALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL LOCAL CODES.

**FIGURE 2**
FACTS TO CONSIDER ABOUT THE LOCATION

The water heater should be located as close as possible to or centralized to the water piping system. The water heater should be located in an area not subject to freezing temperatures.

The water heater should be located in an area where leakage of the tank or connections will not result in damage to the area adjacent to the heater or to lower floors of the structure.

When such locations cannot be avoided, a suitable drain pan should be installed under the heater.

Such pans should be at least two inches deep, have a minimum length and width of at least two inches greater than the diameter of the heater and should be piped to an adequate drain.

Drain pans suitable for these water heaters are available from your distributor or A.O. Smith Water Heater Parts Fulfillment, 125 Southeast Parkway, Franklin, TN 37068.

Water heater life depends upon water quality, water pressure and the environment in which the water heater is installed. Water heaters are sometimes installed in locations where leakage may result in property damage, even with the use of a drain pan piped to a drain. However, unanticipated damage can be reduced or prevented by a leak detector or water shut-off device used in conjunction with a piped drain pan. These devices are available from some plumbing supply wholesalers and retailers, and detect and react to leakage in various ways:

- Sensors mounted in the drain pan that trigger an alarm or turn off the incoming water to the water heater when leakage is detected.
- Sensors mounted in the drain pan that turn off the water supply to the entire home when water is detected in the drain pan.
- Water supply shut-off devices that activate based on the water pressure differential between the cold water and how water pipes connected to the water heater.
- Devices that will turn off the gas supply to a gas water heater while at the same time shutting off its water supply.

CLEARANCES

A minimum clearance of 4" must be allowed for access to replaceable parts such as thermostats, drain valve and relief valve.

Adequate clearance for servicing this water heater should be considered before installation, such as changing the anodes, etc.

FLOOD WARNING

IF THE HEATER BECOMES IMMERSED IN WATER UP TO OR ABOVE THE LEVEL OF THE BOTTOM OF THE ELEMENT DOORS, THE HEATER SHOULD BE EXAMINED BY A COMPETENT SERVICE PERSON BEFORE IT IS PLACED IN OPERATION.
REQUIRED ABILITY

Installation and service of this water heater requires ability equivalent to that of a qualified installer or service agency (page 2) in the field involved. Plumbing and electrical work is required.

GENERAL

The installation must conform with these instructions and the local code authority having jurisdiction and the requirements of the power company. In the absence of local codes, the installation must comply with the latest editions of the National Electrical Code, NFPA 70 or the Canadian Electrical Code CSA C22.1. The National Electrical Code may be ordered from: National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269. The Canadian Electrical Code is available from the Canadian Standards Association, 8501 East Pleasant Valley Road, Cleveland, OH 44131.

Do NOT test electrical system before heater is filled with water, follow the START UP procedure in the OPERATION section of this manual.

The principal components of the heater are identified in the Features and Components illustrations on page 7.

MIXING VALVE USAGE:

Water heaters are intended to produce hot water. Water heated to a temperature which will satisfy space heating, clothes washing, dish washing, cleaning and other sanitizing needs can scald and permanently injure you upon contact. Some people are more likely to be permanently injured by hot water than others. These include the elderly, children, the infirm, or physically/developmentally disabled. If anyone using hot water in your home fits into one of these groups or if there is a local code or state law requiring a maximum water temperature at the hot water tap, then you must take special precautions. In addition to using the lowest possible temperature setting that satisfies your hot water needs, a means such as a MIXING VALVE, should be used at the hot water taps used by these people or at the water heater.

MIXING VALVES for reducing point of use temperature are available and are to be set at a maximum of 125 degree F. Consult a qualified installer or service agency. Follow all manufacturer's instructions for installation of these valves. Before changing the factory setting on the thermostat, read the “Temperature Regulation” section in this manual.

WARN! Water temperature over 125°F (52°C) can cause severe burns resulting in severe injury or death.

Children, the elderly, and the physically or mentally disabled are at highest risk for scald injury.

Feel water before bathing or showering.

Temperature limiting valves are available.

Read instruction manual for safe temperature setting.

WARNING

Explosion Hazard

• Temperature-pressure relief valve must comply with ANSI Z21.22 and ASME code.
• Properly sized temperature-relief valve must be installed in opening provided.
• Failure to install relief valve can result in overheating and excessive tank pressure.
• Failure to follow these instructions can cause serious injury or death.

This water heater is provided with a properly rated/sized and certified combination temperature-pressure relief valve by the manufacturer. The valve is certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory that maintains periodic inspection of production of listed equipment of materials as meeting the requirements for Relief Valves for Hot Water Supply Systems, ANSI Z21.22 • CSA 4.4, and the code requirements of ASME.

If replaced, the new valve must meet the requirements of local codes, but not less than a combination temperature and pressure relief valve rated/sized and certified as indicated in the above
The new valve must be marked with a maximum set pressure not to exceed the marked hydrostatic working pressure of the water heater (150 psi = 1,035 kPa) and a discharge capacity not less than the water heater Btu/hr or KW input rate as shown on the water heater's model rating plate.

For safe operation of the water heater, the temperature and pressure relief valve must not be removed from its designated opening nor plugged. The temperature-pressure relief valve must be installed directly into the fitting of the water heater designed for the relief valve. Install discharge piping so that any discharge will exit only within 6 inches (15.2 cm) above, or at any distance below the structural floor. Be certain that no contact is made with any live electrical part. The discharge opening must not be blocked or reduced in size under any circumstances. Excessive length, over 30 feet (9.14 m), or use of more than four elbows can cause restriction and reduce the discharge capacity of the valve.

No valve or other obstruction is to be placed between the relief valve and the tank. Do not connect discharge piping directly to the drain unless a 6” (15.2 cm) air gap is provided. To prevent bodily injury, hazard to life, or property damage, the relief valve must be allowed to discharge water in adequate quantities should circumstances demand. If the discharge pipe is not connected to a drain or other suitable means, the water flow may cause property damage.

The Discharge Pipe:
• Shall not be smaller in size than the outlet pipe size of the valve, or have any reducing couplings or other restrictions.
• Shall not be plugged or blocked.
• Shall be of material listed for hot water distribution.
• Shall be installed so as to allow complete drainage of both the temperature-pressure relief valve and the discharge pipe.
• Must terminate a maximum of six inches above a floor drain or external to the building. In cold climates, it is recommended that the discharge pipe be terminated at an adequate drain inside the building.
• Shall not have any valve or other obstruction between the relief valve and the drain.

The temperature-pressure relief valve must be manually operated at least once a year. Caution should be taken to ensure that (1) no one is in front of or around the outlet of the temperature-pressure relief valve discharge line, and (2) the water manually discharged can cause bodily injury or property damage because the water may be extremely hot. If after manually operating the valve, it fails to completely reset and continues to release water, immediately close the cold water inlet to the water heater, follow the draining instructions in this manual, and replace the temperature-pressure relief valve with a properly rated/sized new one.

If you do not understand these instructions or have any questions regarding the temperature-pressure relief valve call the toll free number listed on the back cover of this manual for technical assistance.

CLOSED WATER SYSTEMS
Water supply systems may, because of code requirements or such conditions as high line pressure, among others, have installed devices such as pressure reducing valves, check valves, and back flow preventers. Devices such as these cause the water system to be a closed system.

THERMAL EXPANSION
As water is heated, it expands (thermal expansion). In a closed system the volume of water will grow when it is heated. As the volume of water grows there will be a corresponding increase in water pressure due to thermal expansion. Thermal expansion can cause premature tank failure (leakage). This type of failure is not covered under the limited warranty. Thermal expansion can also cause intermittent temperature-pressure relief valve operation: water discharged from the valve due to excessive pressure build up. This condition is not covered under the limited warranty. The temperature-pressure relief valve is not intended for the constant relief of thermal expansion.

A properly sized thermal expansion tank should be installed on all closed systems to control the harmful effects of thermal expansion. Contact a local plumbing service agency to have a thermal expansion tank installed.
This is an example of calculating heater amperage for both types of element operation. From this, the branch circuit conductor and overcurrent protection sizing can be established.

The example is of a three-phase 240 volt unit with two, 6 kw elements. The notations are for units field converted to single-phase. Check the heater model and rating plate for actual specifications and substitute those values in the following.

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*NOTE: as a single-phase non-simultaneous unit.

The rating of the overcurrent protection should be computed on the basis of 125 percent of the total connected load amperage. Where the standard ratings and settings do not correspond with this computation, the next higher standard rating or setting should be selected.

### Portion of Table 310-16 (NFPA-70) follows:

Allowable Ampacities of Insulated Copper Conductors. Not more than three conductors in Raceway or Cable or Direct Burial (Based on Ambient Temperature of 30°C, 86°F).

These ampacities relate only to conductors described in Table 310-13 in Code.

For ambient temperatures over 30°C (86°F), see Correction Factors, Note 13 in Code.

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### Portion of Table 310-18 follows:

Allowable Ampacities of Insulated Aluminum and Copper -Clad Aluminum Conductors.

Not more than three conductors in Raceway or Cable or Direct Burial (Based on Ambient Temperature of 30°C, 86°F). These ampacities relate only to conductors described in Table 310-13 in Code.

For ambient temperatures over 30°C (86°F), see Correction Factors, Note 13 in Code.

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### GENERAL

The installation must conform with these instructions and the local code authority having jurisdiction and the requirements of the power company. In the absence of local codes, the installation must comply with the current editions of the National Electrical Code, NFPA 70 or the Canadian Electrical Code CSA C22.1.

An electrical ground is required to reduce risk of electrical shock or possible electrocution. The water heater should be connected to a separate grounded branch circuit with over-current protection and disconnect switch. The water heater should be grounded in accordance with national and local codes.

Voltage applied to the heater should not vary more than +5% to -10% of the model and rating plate marking for satisfactory operation.

DO NOT ENERGIZE THE BRANCH CIRCUIT FOR ANY REASON BEFORE THE HEATER TANK IS FILLED WITH WATER. DOING SO WILL CAUSE THE HEATING ELEMENTS TO BURN OUT AND VOID WARRANTY.

The factory wiring is attached to a terminal block within the external junction box unit. The branch circuit is connected to the terminal block within this junction box. The water heater should be connected to a separate, grounded, branch circuit with overcurrent protection and disconnect switch. The water heater should be grounded in accordance with national and local codes.

### BRANCH CIRCUIT

The branch circuit wire size should be established through reference to the current edition of NFPA-70, the National Electrical Code or other locally approved source in conjunction with the heater amperage rating. For convenience, portions of the wire size tables from the Code are reproduced here. The branch circuit should be sized at 125 percent of the heater rating and further increase wire size as necessary to compensate for voltage drop in long runs.

### CALCULATING AMPERAGE/OVERCURRENT PROTECTION

The heaters come from the factory in two configurations:

1. Two wire C-2 circuit for single element heater equipped with a high limit control, single phase power input.
2. Four wire A-8 circuit for dual element heater equipped with two high limit controls, single phase or three phase power input.

The heater with dual elements is factory wired for connection to a three wire, three-phase delta branch circuit, non-simultaneous operation. In addition a ground conductor is required.

Element connection is for non-simultaneous operation. This means only one element at a time operates. The wiring diagram, on page 12, shows the heater may be field converted to simultaneous element operation by moving the red wire on “J” terminal to L1. It is then possible for both elements to operate at once as determined by the thermostats. Regardless of element connection the heater operates in an “unbalanced” fashion.

The heater may be field converted to single-phase operation by moving the wire on L3 of the terminal block to L2. L3 is not used, see page 12.

The heater, now in single-phase non-simultaneous operation, may be field-converted to single phase simultaneous operation by moving the red wire on terminal “J” to L1, see page 12.
A-8 CIRCUIT FOR DUAL ELEMENT HEATER

** THREE PHASE SIMULTANEOUS
** LI IS COMMON LEG FOR SIMULTANEOUS OPERATION

3 PHASE POWER IN

GND
GREEN
YELLOW
RED
BLUE
BLACK

FACTORY PRE-WIRED

HIGH LIMIT
DOUBLE THROW THERMOSTAT
YELLOW
RED
BLUE
BLACK

UPPER ELEMENT

RED
HIGH LIMIT
SINGLE THROW THERMOSTAT
LOW ELEMENT

C-2 CIRCUIT FOR SINGLE ELEMENT HEATERS EQUIPPED WITH HIGH LIMIT CONTROL

1 PHASE POWER IN

GND
GREEN
YELLOW
RED
BLUE
BLACK

OFF PEAK CLOCKSINGLE

SINGLE PHASE NON-SIMULTANEOUS WITH OFF PEAK CLOCKSINGLE

BLACK BOX
BLACK
RED

HIGH LIMIT
RED

SINGLE THROW THERMOSTAT

BLACK

ELEMENT

FACTORY WIRED

FIELD WIREF† WHITE FOR 120V & 277V

* NOTE:
MUST NOT BE CONVERTED TO SIMULTANEOUS OPERATION IF TOTAL CURRENT DRAW EXCEEDS 48 AMPS.

FIELD CONVERSION

FIGURE 3
OPERATION

GENERAL

Refer to the Features and Components section of this manual (page 7) for the location of components mentioned in the instructions that follow.

NEVER turn on power to the water heater without being certain the water heater is filled with water and a temperature and pressure relief valve is installed in the relief valve opening.

DO NOT TEST ELECTRICAL SYSTEM BEFORE HEATER IS FILLED WITH WATER. FOLLOW FILLING AND START-UP INSTRUCTIONS IN OPERATION SECTION.

FILLING THE WATER HEATER

CAUTION

Property Damage Hazard

In order to avoid water heater damage, fill tank with water before operating.

1. Turn off the electrical disconnect switch.
2. Close the water heater drain valve.
3. Open a nearby hot water faucet to permit the air in the system to escape.
4. Fully open the cold water inlet pipe valve allowing the heater and piping to be filled.
5. Close the hot water faucet as water starts to flow. The heater is now ready for STARTUP and TEMPERATURE REGULATION.

INITIAL START UP

The following checks should be made by the installer when the heater is placed into operation for the first time.

1. Turn off the electrical disconnect switch.
2. Open the front panel or top access cover, check all water and electrical connections for tightness. Also check connections on top and or sides of heater. Repair water leaks and tighten electrical connections as necessary.
3. Depress the red manual reset button on each Thermostat/ECO combination control. (See Figure 5, Figure 6, Figure 7, or Figure 8)
4. Turn on the electrical disconnect switch.
5. Observe the operation of the electrical components during the first heating cycle. Use care as the electrical circuits are energized.
6. Close the front panel or top access cover.

Temperature control and contactor operation should be checked by allowing heater to come up to temperature and shut off automatically. Use care as the electrical circuits are energized.

DRAINING THE WATER HEATER

The water heater must be drained if it is to be shut down and exposed to freezing temperatures. Maintenance and service procedures may also require draining the heater.

1. Turn off the electrical disconnect switch.
2. Open a hot water valve until the water is cool, then close the supply water inlet valve to heater.
3. Attach hose to outlet opening of drain valve and direct end to drain.
4. Open a nearby hot water faucet and the heater drain valve.
5. If the heater is being drained for an extended shutdown, it is suggested the drain valve be left open during this period. The hose may be removed.

Follow FILLING instructions when restoring hot water service.
The water heater is equipped with an adjustable thermostat to control water temperature. Hot water at temperatures desired for automatic dishwasher and laundry use can cause scalds resulting in serious personal injury and/or death. The temperature at which injury occurs varies with the person's age and time of exposure. The slower response time of children, aged or disabled persons increases the hazard to them. Never allow small children to use a hot water tap, or to draw their own bath water. Never leave a child or disabled person unattended in a bathtub or shower.

It is recommended that lower water temperatures be used to avoid the risk of scalding. It is further recommended, in all cases, that the water temperature thermostats (See Figure 4) be set for the lowest temperature which satisfies your hot water needs. This will also provide the most energy efficient operation of the water heater.

Figure 4 shows the approximate time-to-burn relationship for normal adult skin. The thermostats on your water heater have a linear relationship between degrees of angular rotation and the corresponding change in temperature. Thus rotating the temperature adjustment indicator 30 angular degrees will result in a 10 degree Fahrenheit change in water temperature.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Water Temperature °F (°C)</th>
<th>Time for 1st Degree Burn (Less Severe Burns)</th>
<th>Time for Permanent Burns 2nd &amp; 3rd Degree (Most Severe Burns)</th>
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<td>110 (43)</td>
<td>(normal shower temp.)</td>
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<td>116 (47)</td>
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<td>116 (47)</td>
<td>35 minutes</td>
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<td>122 (50)</td>
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<td>2 seconds</td>
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<td>154 (68)</td>
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Temperature Regulation

A-8 circuit thermostats are adjustable from approximately 120°F (49°C) (lowest setting) to 180°F (82°C) (highest setting) (See Figure 7). The C-2 circuit thermostat is adjustable from approximately 110°F (43°C) to 170°F (77°C) (See Figure 8). These thermostats are set from the factory at approximately the 140°F (60°C) setting. The over temperature device (ECO high limit) attached to each thermostat has a manual reset.

To change the temperature setting:

1. **DANGER:** Turn off the heater electrical supply. Do not attempt to adjust thermostat with power on.
2. Open the junction box door (for upper thermostat of dual element water heater only) and/or remove the (lower) thermostat access panel. Do not remove the plastic personnel protectors covering the thermostats. The thermostat is factory pre-set at 140°F (60°C).
3. Using a flat tip screwdriver, rotate the adjusting knob to the desired temperature setting.
4. Replace the covers and access panels, and turn on heater electrical supply.
Periodically the drain valve should be opened and the water allowed to run until it flows clean. This will help to prevent sediment buildup in the tank bottom.

Periodically check the temperature and pressure relief valve to ensure that it is in operating condition. Lift the lever at the top of the valve several times until the valve seats properly and operates freely.

Water heater maintenance includes periodic tank flushing and cleaning, and removal of lime scale from the heating element.

The heater tank is equipped with an anode rod to aid in corrosion control.

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ANODE ROD INSPECTION

The anode rod is used to protect the tank from corrosion. Most hot water tanks are equipped with an anode rod. The submerged rod sacrifices itself to protect the tank. Instead of corroding tank, water ions attack and eat away the anode rod. This does not affect water’s taste or color. The rod must be maintained to keep tank in operating condition.

Anode deterioration depends on water conductivity, not necessarily water condition. A corroded or pitted anode rod indicates high water conductivity and should be checked and/or replaced more often than an anode rod that appears to be intact. Replacement of a depleted anode rod can extend the life of your water heater. Inspection should be conducted by a qualified technician, and at a minimum should be checked annually after the warranty period.

Artificially softened water is exceedingly corrosive because the process substitutes sodium ions for magnesium and calcium ions. The use of a water softener may decrease the life of the water heater tank.

The anode rod should be inspected after a maximum of three years and annually thereafter until the condition of the anode rod dictates its replacement.

NOTE: Artificially softened water requires the anode rod to be inspected annually.
TROUBLESHOOTING CHECKLIST

CHECKLIST
Before calling for service, check the following points to see if the cause of trouble can be identified and corrected.

Reviewing this checklist may eliminate the need of a service call and quickly restore hot water service. See Figure 2 on page 7 in this manual to identify and locate water heater components.

ABNORMAL SOUNDS
1. Sediment or lime scale accumulations on the elements causes sizzling and hissing noises when the heater is operating.
   • The sounds are normal, however, the tank bottom and elements should be cleaned. See the Maintenance section of this manual.

WATER LEAKAGE IS SUSPECTED
Refer to Leakage Checkpoint on the following page 17.
1. Check to see if the heater drain valve is tightly closed.
2. If the outlet of the relief valve is leaking it may represent:
   • Excessive water temperature.
   • Faulty relief valve.
   • Excessive water pressure.
3. Excessive water pressure is the most common cause of relief valve leakage. It is often caused by a “closed system”. See “Closed Water Systems” and “Thermal Expansion” in the Installation section of this manual for more information.
4. Examine the area around the element for gasket leakage.
   • Tighten the elements or, if necessary, follow the WATER AND LIME SCALE REMOVAL procedure to replace the gaskets.

IF YOU CANNOT IDENTIFY OR CORRECT THE SOURCE OF MALFUNCTION
1. Turn the power supply to the water heater off.
2. Close the supply water inlet valve to the heater.
3. Contact a Qualified Service Agency in your area. Call the toll free phone number on the back cover of this Instruction Manual for assistance in locating a service agency in your area.

REPLACEMENT PARTS
Call the toll free phone number on the back cover of this Instruction Manual for assistance in locating replacement parts. When ordering parts, specify complete model no., serial no., (see rating plate), quantity and name of part desired. Standard hardware items should be purchased locally.

NOT ENOUGH OR NO HOT WATER
1. Be certain the electrical disconnect switch serving the water heater is in the ON position.
2. Check the fuses.
   • The electrical disconnect switch usually contains fuses.
3. If the water was excessively hot, and is now cold, the high limit switch may have activated.
   • See the Temperature Regulation section of this manual for more information on how to reset the ECO high limit controls.
4. The capacity of the heater may have been exceeded by a large demand for hot water.
   • Large demands require a recovery period to restore water temperature.
5. Cooler incoming water temperature will lengthen the time required to heat water to the desired temperature.
7. Sediment or pipe scale may be affecting water heater operation.

WARNING
• Before removing any access panels or servicing the water heater, make sure the electrical supply to the water heater is turned “OFF.”
• Failure to do this could result in death, serious bodily injury, or property damage.

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LEAKAGE CHECKPOINTS

Instructions: Use this illustration as a guide when checking for sources of water leakage. You or your dealer may be able to correct what appears to be a problem. NOTE: Cover and Insulation shown removed to reveal tank top.

Where possible remove or lift top cover to examine threads of fittings installed into tank for evidence of leakage. Correct fitting leaks as necessary.

Water leaks at the elements may be due to:
1. Defective element which leaks at terminals or thru flange. Replace element*.
2. Loose element/gasket leak:
   (a) Screw-in type: tighten with 1-1/2" socket wrench. If leak continues, remove element*, discard gasket and clean thread areas. Apply nonhardening Permatex Number 2 to thread areas, install new gasket and screw element into fitting until it seats. Tighten 1/2 to 3/4 turn with wrench.
   (b) Flange type: tighten screw with wrench. If leak continues remove element* and discard gasket. Clean gasket seating areas and re-install element with new gasket. A new element may be required where threads have become rusted or damaged, preventing tightening.

All water which appears at the water heater bottom or on the surrounding floor may be caused by condensation, loose connections or relief valve operation and leakage. Do not replace the water heater until full inspection of all potential leak points is made and corrective steps taken to stop the leak. Leakage from other appliances, water lines or ground (see page 16) should also be suspected until proven otherwise.

FIGURE 9
A. O. Smith Corporation, the warrantor, extends the following LIMITED WARRANTY to the owner of this water heater:

1. THE TANK
If the glass-lined tank in this water heater shall prove upon examination by the warrantor to have leaked due to natural corrosion from potable water therein, during the first THREE years after initial installation, the warrantor will supply a complete new A. O. Smith water heater of equivalent size and current model. Some government agencies are requiring energy efficient standards for water heaters. In the event regulations prohibit sale of a model of equivalent size and construction, A. O. Smith will provide a model which complies with the regulations of your area, in which case the consumer will be charged the difference in price between the like replacement and the energy efficient model required. The warranty on the replacement water heater will be limited to the unexpired term of the original warranty.

2. ALL OTHER PARTS
If within ONE year after initial installation of this water heater, any part or portion shall prove upon examination by the warrantor to be defective in material or workmanship, the warrantor will repair or replace such part or portion at its option.

3. CONDITIONS and EXCEPTIONS
This warranty shall apply only when the water heater is installed in accordance with local plumbing and building codes, ordinances and regulations, the printed instructions provided with it and good industry practices. In addition, a temperature and pressure relief valve, certified by A.G.A., and approved by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, must have been installed.

a. This warranty shall apply only when the heater is used:
   (1) at temperatures not exceeding the maximum setting of its thermostat;
   (2) at water pressure not exceeding the working pressure shown on the water heater;
   (3) when filled with potable water, free to circulate at all times;
   (4) in a noncorrosive and non-contaminated atmosphere;
   (5) in the United States, its territories or possessions, and Canada.
   (6) used with factory approved anode(s) installed;
   (7) in its original installation location;
   (8) sized in accordance with proper sizing techniques for commercial water heaters;
   (9) bearing a rating plate which has not been altered, defaced or removed except as required by the warrantor;
   (10) not used in a closed system without a properly sized and installed thermal expansion tank;
   (11) fired at the proper voltage and wattage;
   (12) maintained in accordance with the instructions printed in the manual included with the heater.

b. Any accident to the water heater, any misuse, abuse (including freezing) or alteration of it, any operation of it in a modified form, or any attempt to repair tank leaks will void this warranty.

4. SERVICE and REPAIR EXPENSE
   Under this limited warranty the warrantor will provide only a replacement water heater or part thereof. The owner is responsible for all other costs. Such costs may include but are not limited to:
   a. Labor charges for service, removal, repair, or reinstallation of the water heater or any component part;
   b. Shipping, delivery, handling, and administrative charges for forwarding the new heater or replacement part from the nearest distributor and returning the claimed defective heater or part to such distributor;
   c. All cost necessary or incidental for any materials and/or permits required for installation of the replacement heater or part.

5. LIMITATIONS ON IMPLIED WARRANTIES
   Implied warranties, including any warranty of merchantability imposed on the sale of this heater under state law are limited to one (1) year duration for the heater or any of its parts. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitation may not apply to you.

6. CLAIM PROCEDURE
   Any claim under this warranty should be initiated with the dealer who sold the heater, or with any other dealer handling the warrantor’s products. If this is not practicable, the owner should contact:

   U.S. Customers
   A. O. Smith
   500 Tennessee Waltz Parkway
   Ashland City, TN 37015
   Telephone: 1.800.527.1953

   Canadian Customers
   GSW Water Heating
   599 Hill Street West
   Fergus, ON N1M 2X1
   Telephone: 1.888.479.8324

   a. The warrantor will only honor replacement with identical or similar water heater or parts thereof which are manufactured or distributed by the warrantor.
   b. Dealer replacements are made subject to in-warranty validation by warrantor.

7. DISCLAIMERS
   NO OTHER EXPRESS WARRANTY HAS BEEN OR WILL BE MADE IN BEHALF OF THE WARRANTOR WITH RESPECT TO THE MERCHANTABILITY OF THE HEATER OR THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION, REPAIR, OR REPLACEMENT OF THE HEATER. THE WARRANTOR SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WATER DAMAGE, LOSS OF USE OF THE UNIT, INCONVENIENCE, LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY, OR OTHER CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGE. THE WARRANTOR SHALL NOT BE LIABLE BY VIRTUE OF THIS WARRANTY OR OTHERWISE FOR DAMAGE TO ANY PERSONS OR PROPERTY, WHETHER DIRECT OR INDIRECT, AND WHETHER ARISING IN CONTRACT OR IN TORT.

   a. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of the incidental or consequential damage, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you.
   b. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

Fill in the following for your own reference. Keep it. Registration is not a condition of warranty. The model and serial number are found on the heater’s rating plate.

Model No. __________________________ Serial No. __________________________ Date Installed ________________

Dealer’s Name ___________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Dealer’s Address ______________________________________________________________________ Phone No. _______________________

City and State __________________________________________________________________________ Zip ____________________________
Now that you have purchased this water heater, should a need ever exist for repair parts or service, simply contact the company it was purchased from or direct from the manufacturer listed on the rating plate on the water heater.

Selling prices will be furnished on request or parts will be shipped at prevailing prices and you will be billed accordingly.

The model number of your Water Heater will be found on the rating plated located above the lower access panel.

Be sure to provide all pertinent facts when you call or visit.

WHEN ORDERING REPAIR PARTS, ALWAYS GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- MODEL NUMBER
- VOLTAGE AND ELEMENT WattAGE
- SERIAL NUMBER
- PART DESCRIPTION

Del 6, 10, 15, 20 Series 102 (refer to repair parts table).

DRAIN VALVE
(not supplied with heater)
Part No. 26273-5

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