

SECTION V - SERVICE INSTRUCTIONS

DANGER

This boiler uses flammable gas, high voltage electricity, moving parts, and very hot water under high pressure. Assure that all gas and electric power supplies are off and that the water temperature is cool before attempting any disassembly or service. More than one gas shut-off valve and electrical disconnect switch are used on the boiler. Assure that all gas valves and electrical disconnect switches are off before attempting any disassembly or service.

Do not attempt any service work if gas is present in the air in the vicinity of the boiler. Never modify, remove or tamper with any control device.

WARNING

This boiler must only be serviced and repaired by skilled and experienced service technicians.

If any controls are replaced, they must be replaced with identical models.

Read, understand and follow all the instructions and warnings contained in all the sections of this manual.

If any electrical wires are disconnected during service, clearly label the wires and assure that the wires are reconnected properly.

NEVER operate boiler without all sight glasses and brackets in place and securely fastened and sealed. Very HOT combustion gas may cause burn injury.

Read, understand and follow all the instructions and warnings contained in ALL of the component instruction manuals.

Assure that all safety and operating controls and components are operating properly before placing the boiler back in service.

- A. **GENERAL** — Inspection should be conducted annually. Service as frequently as specified in paragraphs below. While service or maintenance is being done, electrical power to the boiler must be “off”.
- B. **CLEAN THE BOILER HEATING SURFACES & FLUE** at least once each year, preferably at the end of the heating season.
1. **CLEAN THE VENT SYSTEM** — Vent system should be checked annually for:
 - a. Obstructions.
 - b. Accumulations of soot.
 - c. Deterioration of vent pipe or vent accessories due to condensation or other reasons.
 - d. Proper support — no sags, particularly in horizontal runs.
 - e. Tightness of joints.
 - f. Remove the smoke pipe. Remove all accumulations of soot with wire brush and vacuum. Remove all obstructions. Replace all deteriorated parts and support properly. Seal all joints.
 2. **CLEAN THE BOILER FLUEWAYS**
 - a. Remove the jacket left side panels.
 - b. Loosen nuts securing the flue cleanout plates and remove the plates. The insulation should be removed with the plates taking care not to damage the insulation.
 - c. Using a 1¼” diameter wire or fibre bristle brush (36” handle) clean the flueways. Start at the top of each flueway opening and work down the pin rows using two or three horizontal strokes per row for best results.
 3. **CLEAN TOP OF BOILER SECTIONS**

Remove the jacket top panel. Remove the top flue canopy cover or outlet assembly. Use a flashlight to inspect the upper portion of the flueways and top of castings for soot and debris. Heavy accumulations over 1/16” thick must be removed. Remove the canopy being careful not to damage the cerafelt strips. Brush and vacuum the upper flueways and tops of castings.
 4. **CLEAN THE FIREBOX**
 - a. Disconnect fuel line(s) and remove burner and burner mounting plate.

- b. Using wire or fibre bristle brush clean crown of boiler and inside of water legs.
- c. Inspect target wall (903A only) for damage or deterioration. If target wall is damaged, replace.

5. REASSEMBLE BOILER

CAUTION

Do not start the burner unless canopy, smokepipe, burner mounting plate and all flue plates are secured in place.

- a. If removed, install the canopy taking care to align the cerafelt strips. If strips are damaged replace as needed.
- b. Reinstall burner mounting plate to front section making sure 3/16" diameter rope gasket is in place and forms gas tight seal. If gasket is damaged, replace.
- c. Bolt burner to burner mounting plate. Inspect gasket to assure adequate seal. Replace if damaged. Connect oil line(s) and/or gas line(s).
- d. Reinstall flue plates making sure gasket on each plate is in place and forms gas tight seal. If damaged, all edges of the cleanout plates should be sealed with Silastic sealant when reinstalled until insulation can be replaced.
- e. If removed, reinstall jacket top.
- f. Reinstall left side panels.
- g. Reinstall smokepipe.

C. MAINTENANCE OF LOW WATER CUTOFF DEVICES.

NOTICE

Probe and float type low water cutoff devices require annual inspection and maintenance.

1. PROBE TYPE LOW WATER CUTOFF

Although these devices are solid state in their operation, the probe is exposed to possible contamination in the boiler water and subject to fouling.

It is important to physically remove the probe from the boiler tapping annually and inspect that probe for accumulation of scale or sediment.

Follow these steps to inspect, clean and/or replace the probe:

- a. Turn off electric service to the boiler.
- b. Drain boiler water to a level below the tapping for the probe.
- c. Disconnect wiring connections between the low water cutoff control and the probe.
- d. Dismount the low water cutoff control from the probe.

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Assure that the boiler is at zero pressure before removing the LWCO probe. Do not rely on the pressure gauge to indicate that the boiler is at zero pressure. Open the safety valve to relieve all internal pressure prior to proceeding. Safety valve discharge piping must be piped such that the potential for burns is eliminated.

- e. Unscrew the probe from the boiler tapping.
- f. Inspect that portion of the probe that is exposed to the boiler water for a scale or sediment buildup.
- g. Light deposits may be removed by wiping the probe with a damp cloth. Wiping the probe with a cloth soaked in vinegar will remove more tenacious lime deposits. The most stubborn deposits may be removed from the probe by using a diluted amount (three 3 parts of water to one (1) part) of phosphoric acid (H₂PO₄).

WARNING

Exercise caution when handling phosphoric acid and follow the instructions on container label. Always use protective clothing and equipment when working with/near chemicals.

- h. Wire brushing of the probe is not recommended as the soft platinum guard ring sandwiched between the ceramic insulators may be damaged. Care must be taken not to damage this ring in any way or the useful life of the probe may be shortened.
- i. Clean the pipe threads of the probe to remove old, hardened pipe dope and other foreign matter.
- j. Apply a moderate amount of good quality pipe dope to the pipe threads on the probe. Leaving the two end threads bare. Do not use PTFE (Teflon) tape.
- k. Screw the probe into the boiler tapping.
- l. Mount the low water cutoff control on the probe.
- m. Reconnect the control to probe wiring.
- n. Fill the boiler to its normal waterline.
- o. Add boiler water treatment compound as needed.
- p. Restore electric service to the boiler.
- q. Fire burner to bring the water in the boiler to a boil to drive off free oxygen.
- r. **BEFORE RETURNING BOILER TO SERVICE** Follow the low water cutoff checkout procedure on Pages 46 and 47.

2. FLOAT TYPE LOW WATER CUTOFF

During the heating season, if an external low water cutoff is on the boiler, the blow off valve should be opened once a month (use greater frequency where conditions warrant) to flush out the sediment chamber so the device will be free to function properly.

Low water cutoffs and water feeders should be dismantled annually by qualified personnel, to the extent necessary to insure freedom from obstructions and proper functioning of the working parts. Inspect connecting lines to boiler for accumulation of mud, scale, etc., and clean as required. Examine all visible wiring for brittle or worn insulation and make sure electrical contacts are clean and that they function properly. Give special attention to solder joints on bellows and float when this type of control is used. Check float for evidence of collapse and check mercury bulb (where applicable) for mercury separation or discoloration. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REPAIR MECHANISMS IN THE FIELD.** Complete replacement mechanisms, including necessary gaskets and installation instructions, are available from the manufacturer.

D. CHECK BURNER AND CONTROLS at least once a year. See Section IV - Operating Instructions, Step J for control checks. See Burner Manual for burner tests and adjustments.

E. LUBRICATE BOILER COMPONENTS according to manufacturer's instructions. Generally, this involves the oil burner and circulator. This includes the type of lubricant to use, frequency of lubrication, and points to lubricate.

F. GENERAL MAINTENANCE CONSIDERATIONS

1. Keep radiators and convectors clean.
2. If a hot water radiator is hot at the bottom but not at the top, it indicates that air has accumulated inside and should be vented. To vent radiator, hold small cup under air vent (located near top of radiator), open vent until water escapes and then close.

3. If much water is added to system, it is advisable to heat system to a high temperature and vent again. This will make less venting necessary during the winter.
4. Where an expansion tank is used, make sure that neither the tank nor its drain pipe is exposed to freezing temperatures. Never place valves in piping leading to or from expansion tank.
5. Boiler and system cleaning will help assure trouble free operation. See Section IV - Operating Instructions, Steps K or L for procedure.

G. ATTENTION TO BOILER WHILE NOT IN OPERATION

WARNING

If boiler is not used during winter time, it must be fully drained to prevent freeze damage.

1. Spray inside surfaces with light lubricating or crankcase oil using gun with extended stem so as to reach all corners.
2. With steam boilers, at end of season add sufficient water to fill boiler to top of water column and leave it that way until fall when water should be drained again to proper level. If at this time boiler water is dirty, drain water, flush out boiler, and refill with clean water to prescribed water level.
3. Always keep the manual fuel supply valve shut off when the burner is shut down for an extended period of time.
4. To recondition the heating system in the fall season after a prolonged shut down, follow the instructions outlined in Section IV - Operating Instructions, Steps B through L.