

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REMOVING & REPLACING THE THERMOPILE

Kit Contents: Thermopile

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Removing the Thermopile

1. Follow the "Removing the Manifold/Burner Assembly" instructions on the opposite side of this sheet to remove the manifold/burner assembly.
2. Natural Gas/LP Models - Remove the burner to access the pilot/thermopile assembly. Remove and keep the screws securing the burner to the manifold (Figure 1).
LP Cast Iron Burner Models DO NOT require the burner to be removed (Figure 4).
IMPORTANT: DO NOT remove the orifice.
3. Lift the retainer clip straight up from the back of the manifold component block (using a flat-blade screwdriver), then remove the manifold component block from the manifold door (Figure 2). Note the placement/order of the wires in the manifold component block.
4. Remove the screw securing the pilot/thermopile assembly to the pilot bracket and keep for reuse later (Figure 1).
5. Firmly grasp the base of the old thermopile and pull it free of the pilot/thermopile assembly. See Figure 3. NOTE: It may be necessary to slightly wiggle the thermopile while pulling to remove it.

Replacing the Thermopile

1. Insert the new thermopile into the pilot/thermopile assembly. **IMPORTANT:** For proper operation, the thermopile base must be fully inserted in the pilot/thermopile assembly (Figure 3).
2. Route the new thermopile wire through the opening in the manifold door. Using the pilot screw removed earlier reattach the pilot/thermopile assembly (Figure 1).
3. Reinstall the manifold component block in the manifold door. Ensure that you route the pilot tube, the igniter wire, and the thermopile wires through the correct openings in the manifold component block. See Figure 2.
4. Follow the "Replacing the Manifold/Burner Assembly" instructions on the following pages to replace the manifold door.

Figure 1

Manifold/Burner Assembly
(Natural and LP Gas
Models; See also Fig. 4)

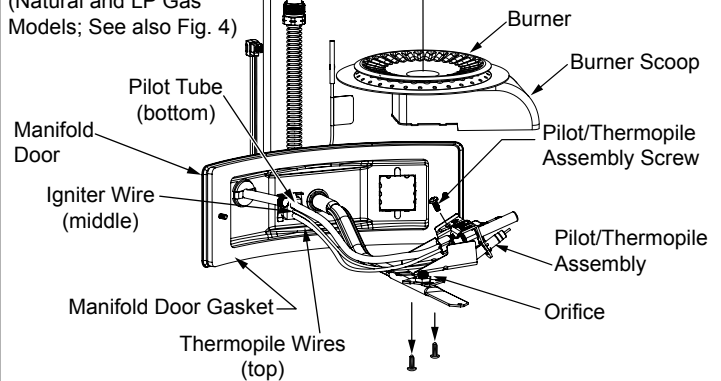


Figure 2

Removing The Manifold
Component Block

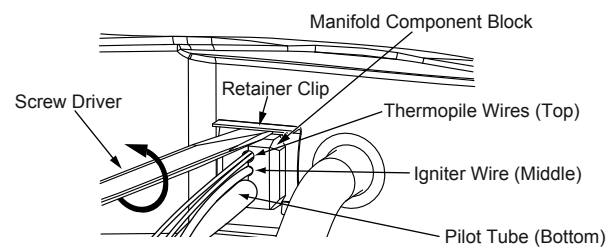


Figure 3

Thermopile Placement

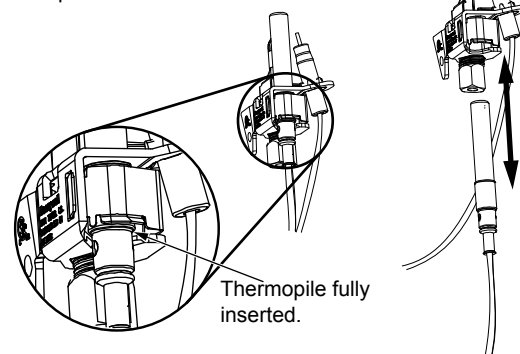
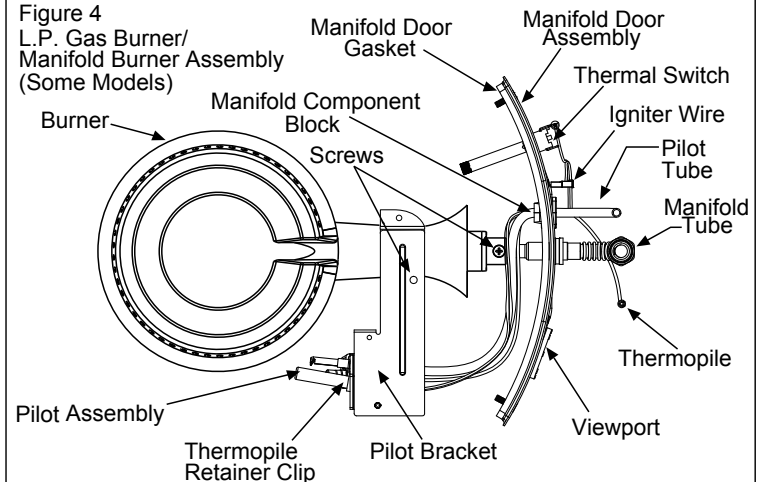


Figure 4

L.P. Gas Burner/
Manifold Burner Assembly
(Some Models)



INSTRUCTIONS FOR REMOVING & REPLACING THE MANIFOLD/BURNER ASSEMBLY

Important: For correct water heater operation, it is essential that the manifold/burner assembly be properly installed. If you lack the necessary skills to properly perform the installation, you should not proceed, but get help from a qualified person.

Removing the Manifold/Burner Assembly

1. Turn the gas control/temperature knob to the "OFF" position.
2. Before performing any maintenance, it is important to turn off the gas supply to the water heater at the manual gas shut-off valve. This valve is typically located beside the water heater. Note the position of the shut-off valve in the open/on position then proceed to turn it off (Figure 1).
3. With the unit shut-off allow sufficient time for the water heater to cool before performing any maintenance.
4. Remove the outer door (Figure 1).
5. Disconnect the pilot tube (7/16" wrench), the igniter wire from the igniter lead wire, and manifold tube (3/4" wrench) at the gas control valve/thermostat. (Figure 2).
NOTE: L.P. Gas systems use reverse (left-hand) threads on the manifold tube.
6. Disconnect the white and red wires from the gas control valve/thermostat (Figure 2). Use needle nose pliers to grip the connector(s).
IMPORTANT: Grip the connector carefully to prevent damage. Do not grip or pull the wires themselves.
7. Grasp the manifold tube and push down slightly to free the manifold tube and pilot tube.
8. Remove the screws (1/4" nut driver) securing the manifold door to the combustion chamber. See Figure 5. Carefully remove the manifold/burner assembly from the combustion chamber. **BE SURE NOT TO DAMAGE ANY INTERNAL PARTS.**

Replacing the Manifold/Burner Assembly

1. Check the manifold door assembly's door gasket for damage or embedded debris prior to installation.
2. Inspect the viewport for damage and replace as required (Figure 5).
3. Insert the manifold door assembly into the combustion chamber, making sure that the tab of the manifold tube engages in the slot of the bracket inside the combustion chamber. (See Figures 3 and 5, referring to the graphic that applies to your model.)
4. Inspect the door gasket and make sure there is no fiberglass insulation between the gasket and the combustion chamber.
5. Tighten the two screws which secure the manifold/burner assembly to the combustion chamber. There should be no space between the gasket part of the manifold door and the combustion chamber.
IMPORTANT: Do not operate the water heater if the door gasket does not create a seal between the manifold door and the combustion chamber.
6. Reconnect the manifold tube (3/4" wrench) and pilot tube (7/16" wrench) to the gas control valve/thermostat. See Figure 2. **NOTE:** L.P. Gas systems use reverse (left-hand)

! WARNING



Explosion Hazard

- Tighten both manifold door screws securely.
- Remove any fiberglass between gasket and combustion chamber.
- Replace viewport if glass is missing or damaged.
- Replace manifold component block if missing or removed.
- Replace door gasket if damaged.
- Failure to follow these instructions can result in death, explosion, or fire.

Figure 1
Gas Piping

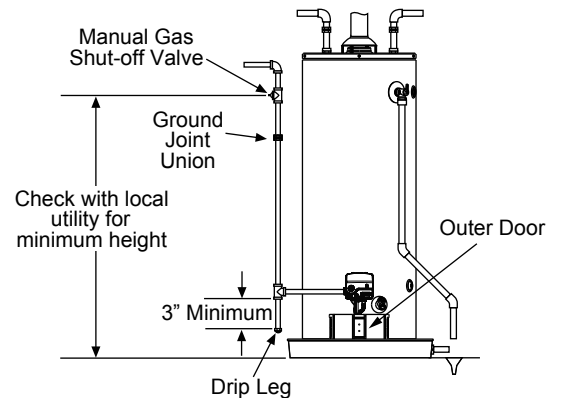
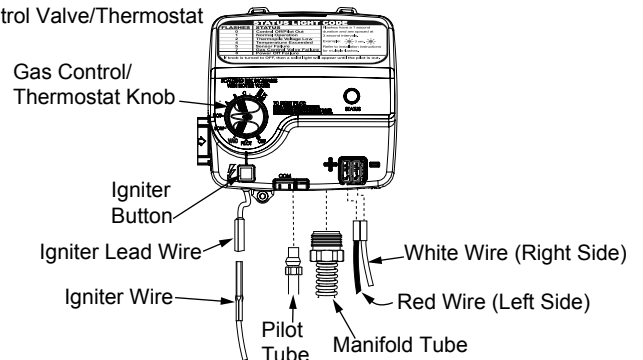


Figure 2
Gas Control Valve/Thermostat



threads on the manifold tube. Do not cross-thread. Do not apply any thread sealant to these fittings. (Figure 2).

7. Connect the white and red wires to the gas control valve/ thermostat as shown in Figure 2. Also, ensure that the red thermal switch wires are connected to the thermal switch on the manifold door (Figure 5).
8. Reconnect the igniter wire. (Figure 2).
9. Turn on the gas supply to the water heater at the manual gas shut-off valve (Figure 1).
10. Follow the lighting instructions on the front of the water heater. With the main burner lit, check for leaks at the manifold and pilot connections by brushing on an approved noncorrosive leak detection solution or a mixture of hand dish washing soap and water (1 part soap to 15 parts water) or children's soap bubble solution. Bubbles forming indicate a leak. Correct any leak found. Verify proper operation and then replace the outer door.

