

WATER HEATER
BULLETIN

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Subject: Gas Water Heater Conversion Policy

To: All Accounts

## **GAS WATER HEATER CONVERSION POLICY**

All A.O. Smith Water Products Company's residential and commercial gas water heaters are designed certified by CSA or UL, under ANSI Standards for operation on one type of gas only, as indicated on the water heater's model number and rating plate.

A.O. Smith realizes that there may be certain situations where a field conversion may be necessary and in order to facilitate such a conversion, A. O. Smith complies with CSA or UL regulations ensuring that a field conversion be appropriately and safely completed.

An improper field conversion from one type of gas to another could cause potentially dangerous conditions that may cause an explosion or fire resulting in property damage, bodily injury or both.

A.O. SMITH WILL ONLY ALLOW THE CONVERSION OF GAS WATER HEATERS FROM LP GAS (PROPANE) TO NATURAL GAS. THE CONVERSION OF A GAS WATER HEATER FROM NATURAL GAS TO LP GAS (PROPANE) IS NOT ALLOWED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

A.O. Smith will provide kits as demand warrants through our Parts Department, phone no. 1-800-433-2545. Prices, dimensions and specifications are subject to change without notice.

Each conversion kit is to be installed by an A.O. Smith service agent or a gas utility serviceman in accordance with A.O. Smith's written instructions and all codes and requirements of the authority having jurisdiction. Failure to follow instructions could result in serious injury or property damage. The utility performing this work assumes responsibility for this conversion.

## **Changing the Input on Gas Water Heaters**

The only changes to the input of a gas water heater allowed are:

- Adjustments to match that shown on the rating plate of the heater. The installation instructions supplied with the
  heater indicate if adjustments to input are a required procedure.
- Changes made as required to adjust the heater for proper operation at high altitude as determined by a qualified service technician. Service manuals include the proper procedure for adjusting heaters at high altitudes.

## **Conversion of Gas Water Heaters**

The conversion of LP gas (Propane) to Natural gas is ONLY allowed providing:

• The conversion is done as part of a gas utility's program where propane appliances were installed anticipating the completion of natural gas service to the area. The conversion must be done under the direct supervision of the utility and by their service representatives.

Claims of damage or injury arising from the unauthorized conversion of any A.O. Smith water heater not design certified for conversion will be the complete and total responsibility of the person or entity making the conversion.

If you have any questions regarding the above policy, please contact the A.O. Smith Parts Department at 1-800-433-2545 or our Technical Information Center at 1-800-527-1953.

<sup>\*</sup> This supersede all previous letters and field bulletins concerning residential and commercial water heater conversion.

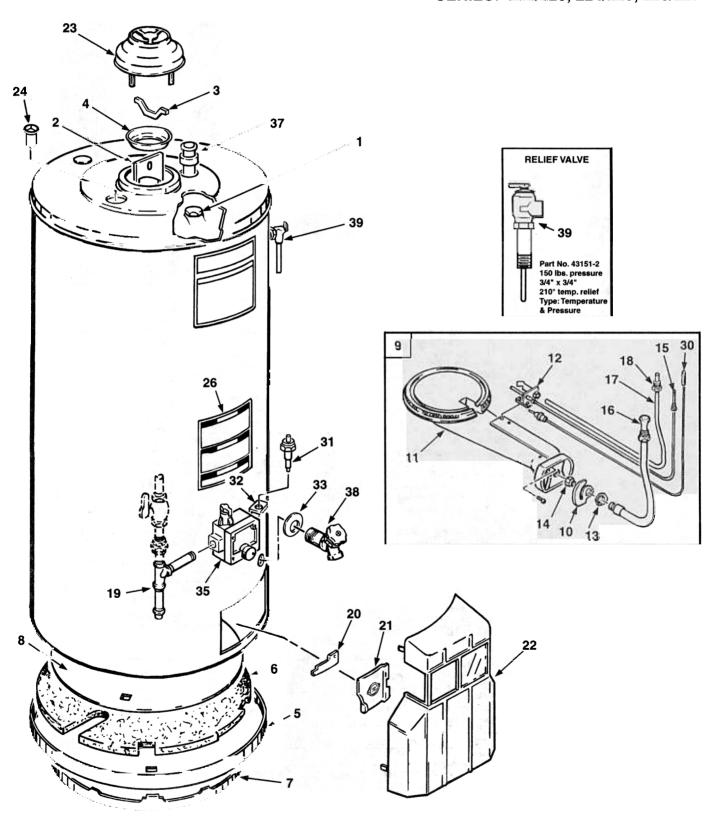




RESIDENTIAL WATER HEATER PARTS LIST

**MODELS PGCG-40 & 50** 

SERIES: 222/223, 224/225, 226/227



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1	Anode	180618-42	180618-44
_	BAFFLE Star Baffle	404500	101500
2 3	Flue BaffleFlue Baffle Hanger	181589 181360	181589 181360
4	Flue Baffle Restrictor	34894	34894
	BASE		
5 6	JacketPad. Fiberglass	43220-4 181651	180830 181651-1
7	Ring	43075-1	43075-2
8	Shield, Radiation	38024-2	
9	BURNER ASSEMBLY, MAIN - Natural	181670	181670-2
	BURNER ASSEMBLY, MAIN - Propane (225/227 Series)BURNER ASSEMBLY, MAIN - Propane (223 Series)	181789 181670-1	181789-1 181670-3
10	Air Shutter	181673	181673
11	Burner - Cast Iron	181654	181654
12	Burner Assembly, Pilot - Natural Burner Assembly, Pilot - Propane	181696-2	181696-2 181696-1
13	Nut, Air Shutter	<u>181696-1</u> 181665-1	181665-1
14	Orifice, Main - Natural	181508-32	181508-32
	Orifice, Main - Propane (225/227 Series)	181791-52	181791-52
15	Orifice, Main - Propane (223 Series) Thermocouple	181628-52 181824	181628-52 181824
16	Tube, Main Burner - Natural	181663	181663-1
	Tube, Main Burner - Propane	181788	181788-1
17	Tube, Pilot	23330	23330
18 19	Compression Nut  Dirt Leg Assembly - Propane	32365 181206	32365 181206
19	DOOR	101200	101200
20	Filler Blank	181711	181711
21	Inner	181667	181667
22 23	Outer  Draft Hood	181650 181082	181650 181082
23 24	Heat Trap, Outlet	181235	181235
	LABEL		
25	* Instruction Manual (224/225/226/227 Series)	182583	182583
26	Instruction Manual (222/223 Series) Lighting & Operating (224/225/226/227 Series)	181798 182557	181798 182557
20	Lighting & Operating (222/223/227/3eries)	181694	181694
27	* Warning, Flammable Vapor	181139	181139
28	* Warning, Scald	181138	181138
29	* Warning, Temperature	182734	182734
30	Lighter Rod & Cable Assembly	180117	180117
31	Piezo Ignitor	70432	70432
32	Piezo Ignitor Bracket	70434-3	70434-3
33 34	Pipe Collar **Pipe Insulation (224/225/226/227 Series) ***	20172-14 181639	20172-14 181639
34	Pipe Insulation (222/223 Series)	181638-1	181638-1
	THERMOSTAT		
35	Thermostat - Natural	<u>43268-1</u>	<u>43268-1</u>
	Thermostat - Propane (225/227 Series)	<u>181775-3</u> 180192-3	<u>181775-3</u> 180192-3
	TUBE	100102.0	1001020
36	* Tube, Clamp (222/223 Series)	68903	68903
37	Tube, Inlet	181068-37	181068-40
38	VALVE Valve, Drain	26273-4	26273-4
39	Valve, Relief	43151-2	43151-2
	SMR S44		
1	Anode - Magnesium (224/225/226/227 Series)	29109-42	29109-44
37	Anode Sleeve, 0.84" Dia	182380 181295-37	182380 181295-40
	SMR H43 (222/223 Series)	.0.200 0.	101200 10
37	Tube, Inlet, Heat Trap	181295-37	181295-40
39	Valve, Relief	43151	43151
25	SMR R99 Instruction Manual - Earthquake	181809	181809
	Insert Sheet	182552	182552
	SMR S06		
25	Instruction Manual - Earthquake	181809	181809
	Insert SheetSMR S19	182552	182552
1	Anode - Magnesium	29109-42	29109-44
	SMR K32		<u> </u>
1	Anode - Magnesium	43816-38 181670-4	43816-42 181670-5
9 14	BURNER ASSEMBLY, MAIN - NaturalOrifice. Main - Natural	181670-4 181508-35	181670-5 181508-35
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9	BURNER ASSEMBLY, MAIN - Propane (225/227 Series)	181789-2	181789-3
14	BURNER ASSEMBLY, MAIN - Propane (223 Series) Orifice, Main - Propane (225/227 Series)	181670-6 181791-53	181670-7 181791-53
14	Orifice, Main - Propane (223 Series)	181628-53	181628-53
	SMR P83 (222/223 Series)		**************************************
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