

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.

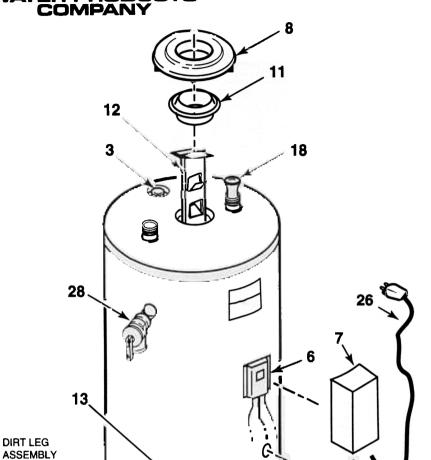
If you have any questions regarding the above policy, please contact the A.O. Smith Parts Department at 1-800-433-2545 or our Technical Information Center at 1-800-527-1953.

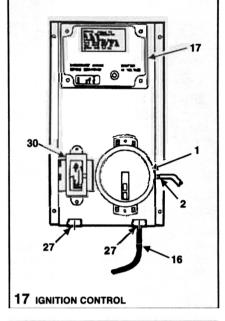
^{*} This supersede all previous letters and field bulletins concerning residential and commercial water heater conversion.

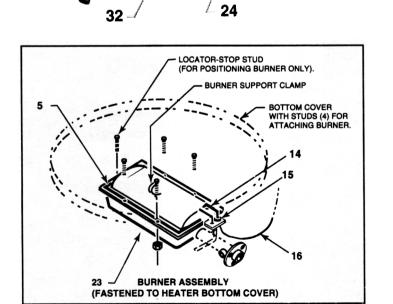


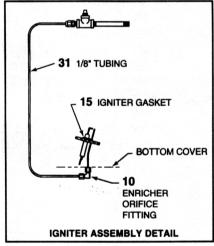
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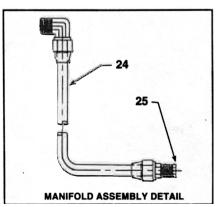
MODELS FGT-75 & 100 SERIES: 230/231& 234











DIRT LEG

SUPPLIED ON PROPANE MODELS ONLY

PART NO. 43761

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		FGT-75	FGT-1 00	FGT-75
Item	Description	230/231	230/231	234
4	Air Duryding Christop	100055	182055	182055
1	Air Proving Switch		182056-24	182056-24
2	Air Switch Tubing		180618-50	180618-38
3	Anode			
4	Blower		182048-1	182048
5	Burner Gasket		182005-1	182005
6	Control Box		182019	182019
7	Control Box Cover		182020	182020
8	Draft Hood		39072	39072
9	Drain Valve		26273-7	26373-7
10	Enricher Orifice Fitting		182008-1	182008-1
11	Flue Restrictor		35405	35405
12	Flue Baffle		182118	181995
13	Gas Valve		182052-1	182052-1
14	Igniter		182005-1	182176
15	Igniter Gasket		182176	182176
16	Igniter Wire		182178	182178
17	Ignition Control	182054	182054	182054
18	Inlet Tube		40542-30	40542-26
19	* Label, 800 Help Line	190600	190600 .	190600
20	* Label, Flammable Vapors	182105	182105	182105
21	* Label, Instruction	182564-12	182564-12	182564-12
22	* Label, Lighting & Operating		182560	182560
23	Main Burner		182121	182121
24	Manifold, Natural		182013-2	182013
	Manifold, Propane		182013-3	182013-1
25	Orifice		29366-234	29366-9
26	PowerCord		182022	182022
27	Strain Relief Nut		182056-24	182056-24
28	Temperature and Pressure Relief Valve		43151	43151
29	Thermostat-ECO		192829-1	192829-1
30	Transformer		182050	182050
31	Tubing, 1/8		182113	182113
32	Gas Valve Bracket		182109	182109
33	* Manual, Instruction		182557	182557

^{*} Not illustrated.