EMPIRE II
SERIES 3
OIL-FIRED CAST IRON
HOT WATER
INSTALLATION, OPERATION
& MAINTENANCE MANUAL

Models
3EW.65
3EW.75
3EW.100
4EW.90
4EW.125
4EW.150
5EW.120
5EW.175

Maximum Allowable
Working Pressure 50 psi.
Introduction

Empire Water boiler is a natural draft oil fired hot water boiler comprised of cast iron sections. Empire Water boiler is available with 3, 4, or 5 cast iron sections. These sections are held together by cast iron push nipples.

Empire Water boiler is capable of firing #2 fuel oil from 0.65 gph up to 1.75 gph. All packaged boilers include a swing door, Hydrolevel limit control with built-in low water cutoff, temperature and pressure gauge, safety relief valve, drain valve, flue brush, and extra boiler tap for expansion tank or air elimination.
### BOILER RATINGS AND CAPACITIES

**Figure 1 - Dimensions**

![Diagram of boiler model](image)

**Table of Boiler Ratings and Capacities**

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<tr>
<th>BOILER MODEL NO. Without Tankless Coil</th>
<th>INPUT</th>
<th><strong>HEATING CAPACITY</strong> *Mbh</th>
<th><strong>NET AHRI RATING WATER</strong> *Mbh</th>
<th>A.F.U.E. ++</th>
<th>NO. SEC.</th>
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**Notes:**

- *Mbh = 1,000 BTU per hour [BTU = British Thermal Unit]*
- **Heating Capacity based on 13% CO with a -0.02" w.c. draft over fire, and a #1 smoke or less. Testing was done in accordance with the D.O.E. (Department of Energy) test procedure.
- + gph = Gallons per hour oil at 140,000 BTU per gallon
- 🅩 Net AHRI Water Ratings based on piping and pickup allowance of 1.15. Consult manufacturer before selecting boiler for installations having unusual piping and pickup requirements, such as intermittent system operation, extensive piping systems, etc.
1. Read the Owner’s Manual for Safe Operation. Failure to follow rules for safe operation and instructions can cause malfunction of boiler and result in death, serious bodily injury, and/or property damage.

2. Check your local codes and utility requirements before installation. Installation must be in accordance with their directives, or follow NFPA 31, Installation of Oil Burning Equipment, latest revision.

3. Before servicing, allow boiler to cool. Always shut off any electricity and oil to boiler when working on it.

4. Inspect oil line and connections for leaks.

5. Be certain oil burner nozzle is the size required. Over-firing will result in early failure of the boiler sections. This will cause dangerous operation.

6. Never vent this boiler into enclosed space. Always vent to outside. Never vent to another room or inside a building.

7. Be sure there is adequate air supply for complete combustion.

8. Follow regular service and maintenance schedule for efficient and safe operation.

9. Keep boiler area clean and free of combustible material, gasoline and other flammable vapors and liquids.

10. Oil burners are not do-it-yourself items. This boiler must be installed and serviced by qualified professionals using combustion test instruments.

11. Be aware when piping the safety relief valve if system pressure exceeds safe limit of 30 pounds per square inch, the safety relief valve will automatically lift open. Lifting of the safety relief valve can discharge large quantities of steam and hot water, which may damage the surroundings. Before installing the safety relief valve read the manufacturer’s instructions and maintenance section of the manual on safety relief valves.

12. Installation and sizing of the expansion tank must consider heating systems total water volume, temperature, boiler initial fill pressure, and system arrangement. Improperly installed and sized expansion tank may result in frequent lifting of the safety relief valve or other heating system problems. For proper installation, sizing, and maintenance of the expansion tank follow guidelines established by tank manufacturer.

13. Expansion tank performance and life expectancy can be hindered by overfilling the boiler. Recommend initial fill pressure of 10-12 psig. For higher fill pressures expansion tank’s air charge will need to be increased to match fill pressure. Consult manufacturer’s guidelines for sizing and selection.

14. Purging the heating system of air and gases when first putting boiler into service is critical for proper circulation and quiet performance. Once air and gases are purged, for boiler installations using float type vents, air vents should be closed for normal operation. If air is heard or noticed by loss of heat, purge system and open vents for short period of time.

**DO NOT USE GASOLINE CRANKCASE DRAININGS OR ANY OIL CONTAINING GASOLINE.**
Complete Prior To Installing Boiler.

A. Verify you have selected the right size boiler with proper capacity. AHRI rating of boiler selected should be greater than or equal to calculated peak heating load (heat loss) for building or area(s) served by boiler and associated hot water heating systems. See boiler rating and capacity table previously listed in this manual. Any heat loss calculations used should be based on approved methods.

B. Boiler must be supplied with proper oil supply and oil piping, sufficient fresh combustion air, and suitable electrical supply.

C. Boiler must be connected to suitable venting system and piping system adequate to distribute heating load.

D. Properly locate and install thermostat for heating system control.

Any doubts as to requirements, check with local authorities and obtain professional help where needed. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS, FINAL CHECKS AND ADJUSTMENTS, and MAINTENANCE sections in this manual are vital to the proper and safe operation of the heating system.

1. Place boiler in location centralized with the piping system and as close to chimney as possible.

2. Boiler must be level. If necessary use metal shims beneath boiler’s feet.

3. Use raised base if floor can become wet or damp.

4. Maintain clearances for fire safety as well as servicing. 18” clearance must be maintained at side where passage is required for access to another side for cleaning, servicing, inspection or replacement of any parts that may normally require attention. Install boilers at least 6” from combustible material on left side, rear, and above, and at least 24” on right side and front. Allow at least 24” accessibility clearance above for servicing.

5. Fresh air for combustion must be available at front of the boiler. Fresh air for ventilation must be available to front and rear of boiler. Air passages must be free of obstructions at all times. Ventilating and combustion air must enter boiler room without restrictions.

WARNING

Fire hazard. Do not install boiler on combustible flooring or carpeting. Failure to follow these instructions could result in death or serious injury.

6. Floor supporting boiler must be noncombustible and sufficiently stable. If it is combustible, place boiler on 2” concrete patio blocks or 2” Cladlite Pad™. Blocks or pad must be under entire boiler to protect the floor.

7. Installation shall be in accordance with the requirements of the local authorities having jurisdiction. Compliance with these regulations is required. In the absence of local codes, follow NFPA 31 Installation of Oil Burning Equipment, latest revision.

Figure 2 - Clearances

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Unit</th>
<th>Combustible Clearance</th>
<th>Accessibility, Cleaning, and Servicing</th>
<th>Flue to Combustible Clearance</th>
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<tr>
<td>Top</td>
<td>6”</td>
<td>24”</td>
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<td>Left Side</td>
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<td>Right Side</td>
<td>24”</td>
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<tr>
<td>Base</td>
<td>non-combustible</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Front</td>
<td>24”</td>
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<tr>
<td>Back</td>
<td>6”</td>
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All distances measured from the cabinet of the boiler.
Provide enough fresh air to assure proper combustion. Fire in the boiler uses oxygen. It must have continuous supply. Air in the house contains only enough oxygen to supply burner for short time. Outside air must enter the house to replace air used by the burner. Study the following examples 1 and 2 to determine your fresh air requirements.

**EXAMPLE 1: Boiler Located in Unconfined Space**

If your boiler is in an open area (un-partitioned basement) in conventional house, air that leaks through cracks around doors and windows will usually be adequate to provide air for combustion. Doors should not fit tightly. Do not caulk cracks around windows.

An unconfined space is defined as space whose volume is not less than 50 cubic feet per 1,000 Btu per hour of total input rating of all appliances installed in that space.

**EXAMPLE 2: Boiler Located in Confined Space**

A. **All Air from Inside the Building:** Confined space shall be provided with two permanent openings communicating directly with additional room(s) of sufficient volume so the combined volume of all spaces meets the criteria for unconfined space. Total input of all combustion equipment installed in combined space shall be considered in making this determination. Each opening shall have minimum free area of one square inch per 1,000 Btu per hour of total input rating of all combustion equipment in the confined space, but not less than 100 square inches. One opening shall be within 12 inches of top and one within 12 inches of bottom of the enclosure.

Example: Your boiler is rated at 100,000 Btu per hour. Water heater is rated at 30,000 Btu per hour. Total is 130,000 Btu per hour. You need two grilles, each with 130 square inches of FREE opening. Metal grilles have about 60% FREE opening. To find louversed area needed, multiply free opening required by 1.7 (130 x 1.7 = 221.0 sq. in. louversed area). In this example, two grilles each having 8” x 30” (240 sq. in.) louversed area would be used.

**WARNING**

Asphyxiation, fire hazard. Do not obstruct air openings to combustion area. Follow instructions below, to maintain adequate combustion air.

**NOTICE**

Install outside air intake if you use fireplace or kitchen or bathroom exhaust fan. These devices rob boiler and water heater of combustion air.

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*Figure 4 - Air Openings For Boiler Located In Confined Space (Utility Room)*
B. **All Air from Outdoors:** Confined space shall be provided with two permanent openings, one commencing within 12 inches of top and commencing within 12 inches of bottom of enclosure. Openings shall communicate directly, or by ducts, with outdoors or spaces (crawl or attic) that freely communicate with outdoors.

1. When directly communicating with outdoors, each opening shall have minimum free area of one square inch per 4,000 Btu per hour of total input rating of all equipment in the enclosure.

2. When communicating with outdoors through vertical ducts, each opening shall have minimum free area of one square inch per 4,000 Btu per hour of total input rating of all equipment in the enclosure.

3. When communicating with outdoors through horizontal ducts, each opening shall have minimum free area of one square inch per 2,000 Btu per hour of total input rating of all equipment in the enclosure.

4. When ducts are used, they shall be of same cross sectional area as free area of openings to which they connect. Minimum dimension of rectangular air ducts shall be not less than three inches.

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**Figure 5 - Fresh Air Duct Capacities For Ducts Supplying Fresh Air To Boiler In Tightly Constructed Houses**

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<tr>
<th>Fresh Air Duct Size</th>
<th>¼” Mesh Screen (Btuh)*</th>
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<th>Metal Louvers (Btuh)*</th>
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*Btuh = British Thermal Units per hour based on opening covered by ¼” mesh screen, wood louvers, or metal louvers.
1. **Installation of boiler for new heating system**, Install all of radiation units (panels, radiators, baseboard, or tubing) and supply and return mains first. After all heating system piping and components have been installed, make final connection of system piping to boiler. It is recommended to mount circulating pump on supply side piping, such that it pumps away from expansion tank. Refer to figures on next pages.

2. Equip hot water **boiler installed above radiation level** with low water cut off device. Periodic inspection is necessary, as is flushing of float type devices, per low water cut off manufacturer’s specific instructions.

3. **Packaged boiler is set up with 1¼” NPT supply and return piping** from front of boiler. Boiler supply and return piping can be moved to rear of boiler. Boiler should not be piped return line to front, supply line to rear, or vice versa, will cause boiler water to short circuit heat exchanger. Piping connections may require additional fittings and parts.

4. **Install drain valve** provided with boiler in return tee. See figure 6.

5. **Install Safety Relief valve** in rear section using ¾” nipple and street elbow provided with boiler. See figure 3.
   A. Install safety relief valve with spindle in vertical position.
   B. Do not install shutoff valve between boiler and safety relief valve.
   C. Install discharge piping from safety relief valve.
      - Use ¾” or larger pipe.
      - Use pipe suitable for temperatures of 375°F (191°C) or greater.
      - Individual boiler discharge piping shall be independent of other discharge piping.
      - Size and arrange discharge piping to avoid reducing safety relief valve relieving capacity below minimum relief valve capacity stated on rating plate.
      - Run pipe as short and straight as possible to location protecting user from scalding and properly drain piping.
      - Install union, if used, close to safety relief valve outlet.
      - Install elbow(s), if used, close to safety relief valve outlet and downstream of union (if used).
      - Terminate pipe with plain end (not threaded).

6. **Verify clean cold water supply is available** when connecting to pressure reducing valve. When water supply is from well or pump, a sand strainer should be installed at the pump.

**Low Design Water Temperature Systems (Below 140°F) And Large Water Content Systems**

- Significant condensation may form in this boiler and/or venting system if boiler is operated with return temperatures of less than 120°F.
- Condensation is corrosive and can eventually cause damage to boiler and venting system. Minimum design return water temperature to prevent this condensation in boiler and venting is 120°F.
- Boiler used in heating system where design water temperatures below 140°F are desired (e.g. radiant floor heating), a 3-way or 4-way mixing valve or suitable alternative (e.g. Bypass Piping Arrangement shown in diagram on following page) is required to prevent low temperature (below return 120°F) return water from entering boiler. When using mixing valve, follow manufacturer’s installation instructions.
- Boiler connected to system having large water content (such as former gravity system), use of Bypass Piping Arrangement shown in diagram on following page is suggested.

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**Figure 6 - Safety Relief Valve Installation**

Follow Instructions to install discharge piping from safety relief valve to drain.
> LOW DESIGN WATER TEMPERATURE SYSTEMS

> LARGE WATER CONTENT SYSTEMS

> PIPING ARRANGED FOR “POWER PURGING” AIR OUT OF THE SYSTEM PIPING, REFER TO THIS MANUAL’S SECTION ON “FILLING THE SYSTEM WITH WATER” OPTION #1
SYSTEM PIPING

Figure 8 - System Piping Arrangement Zoning With Zone Valves

> CIRCULATOR ON SUPPLY PIPING PUMPS AWAY FROM EXPANSION TANK

NOTE: CIRCULATOR CAN ALSO BE INSTALLED ON RETURN PIPING.

> PIPING ARRANGED FOR "POWER PURGING" AIR OUT OF SYSTEM PIPING, REFER TO THIS MANUAL’S SECTION ON "FILLING THE SYSTEM WITH WATER" OPTION #1
CIRCULATOR ON SUPPLY PIPING PUMPS AWAY FROM EXPANSION TANK

PIPING ARRANGED FOR “POWER PURGING” AIR OUT OF SYSTEM PIPING, REFER TO THIS MANUAL’S SECTION ON “FILLING THE SYSTEM WITH WATER” OPTION #1

Figure 9 - System Piping Arrangement Zoning With Circulators
Figure 10 - System Piping Arrangement Alternate Near Boiler Piping

> DIAPHRAGM EXPANSION TANK MOUNTED OFF THE BOILER

> CIRCULATOR ON SUPPLY PIPING PUMPS AWAY FROM EXPANSION TANK

> PER THIS MANUAL, USE OPTION #2 IN “FILLING THE SYSTEM WITH WATER”

> THIS PIPING ARRANGEMENT CAN BE USED WITH ZONE VALVES OR ZONE CIRCULATORS

* LOCATE CIRCULATOR PUMP HERE WHEN SYSTEM PIPING USES ZONE VALVES. IF SYSTEM PIPING USES ZONE CIRCULATORS, USE THIS CIRCULATOR AS A ZONE CIRCULATOR
**SYSTEM PIPING**

**Tankless Coil Piping Arrangement**

Boilers may be factory packaged with tankless heater coil see figure below. Coil provides instantaneous heating of water for domestic use if proper burner and water supply line controls are used. Tankless coils are meant to provide domestic hot water for intermittent draws, not continuous flow.

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<th>Boiler Model</th>
<th>Burner Input Rate (gph)</th>
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‡ Gallons of water per minute heated from 40°F to 140°F with 200°F boiler water temperature, intermittent draw

**NOTICE**

Do not use tankless coil if your water is excessively hard with lime or other deposits which will accumulate inside the coil.

When using tankless coil, the Hydrolevel control is mounted on control well in tankless heater.

Tempering valve (mixing valve) is recommended as shown below. Flow restrictor may be required on tankless coil inlet piping so that flow rates are matched to boiler heat input (see table).

**DANGER**

Water temperatures exceeding 125°F will cause severe burns instantly or death by scalding.

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**Figure 11 -Tankless Coil Piping Arrangement**

![Tankless Coil Piping Arrangement Diagram](image)
Antifreeze added to boilers must be nontoxic, and must be of type specifically intended for use in closed hydronic heating systems. Under no circumstances should automotive antifreeze be used. Antifreeze used in any boiler may reduce capacity by 10% or more and increase fuel consumption. Tankless coil performance will fall as concentration of antifreeze is increased. Refer to boiler and piping water volumes tables.

### BOILER WATER VOLUMES

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<th>Number of Boiler Section</th>
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### PIPING WATER VOLUMES

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Divide total length of piping in feet by appropriate factor in table to determine volume in gallons.
For oil fired boilers for connections to vents or chimneys, vent installations shall be in accordance with applicable provisions of INSTALLATION OF OIL BURNING EQUIPMENT, NFPA31 latest revision, and applicable provisions of local building codes.

NOTE

Fresh air (ventilation) is important to proper venting. Ventilation and venting are two parts of the same system. Inadequate ventilation will result in inadequate venting. Always be sure to have enough ventilation to support proper venting.

Check your chimney to make certain that it is right size, properly constructed and in good condition. See Table "Recommended Minimum Chimney Sizes".

For additional chimney design and sizing information, consult the National Standard for Chimneys, Fireplaces, Vents and Solid Fuel Burning Appliances, ANSI/NFPA 211.

### RECOMMENDED MINIMUM CHIMNEY SIZES

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<th>CHIMNEY HEIGHT (ft)</th>
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<td>8&quot; x 8&quot;</td>
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<td>1.81 2.00</td>
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<td>8&quot;</td>
<td>6 ¾&quot; x 6 ¾&quot;</td>
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For elevations above 2,000 feet above sea level, add 3 feet to the chimney heights.

### WARNING

Fire Hazard. Maintain minimum vent pipe clearance of 9" from surface of vent to wood and other combustible materials. Failure to comply may result in death or serious injury.

**Chimney Connector And Draft Regulator**
- Venting the boiler requires 6” diameter chimney connector pipe and use of manufacturer provided draft regulator.
- Regulator, when properly installed, automatically controls the draft.
- Install in horizontal section of pipe, may also be installed in angled or vertical section of pipe.
- Verify “top” of regulator is at the top and short pipe section which holds the vane is horizontal.
- Even though locating draft regulator close to chimney reduces noise, install draft regulator as close as practicable to the boiler.
- Install chimney connector, start at boiler with vertical pipe, elbow, then install draft regulator horizontally.
- When regulator is in place, start at chimney and work back to the regulator.
- Join the two sections with draw-band.
- Horizontal pipe must slope up toward the chimney at least 1/4 inch per linear foot of venting.
- Chimney connector must not leak and must be firmly supported.
- Join each section with at least two sheet metal screws. Support every second section with a stovepipe wire.

### Sidewall Venting With Listed Power Venter

- This boiler is not approved for direct sidewall horizontal venting.
- In the U.S.: Per section E.11 of NFPA 31-2011 Standard for the Installation of Oil Burning Equipment, a listed power venter providing mechanical draft may be used when approved by the Authority having jurisdiction. Select the listed power venter to match the BTU per hour input of the boiler being vented. Follow all manufacturer’s installation and operating instructions for venting and termination included with the power venter.
MINIMUM HEIGHT:
MUST BE AT LEAST 3 FT (9m)
HIGHER THAN HIGHEST PART OF
PASSAGE THROUGH ROOF. MUST BE
AT LEAST 2 FT HIGHER THAN ANY
NEIGHBORING OBJECT WITHIN 10 FT.
MUST HAVE AN UNOBSTRUCTED
TOP OPENING.

MUST BE AT LEAST 4
INCHES THICK -
AND BE TIGHT.

MUST SLOPE UP
AT LEAST 1/4 INCH
PER FOOT OF
HORIZONTAL RUN.

DRAWBAND
LAST PIECE
INSTALLED

TIGHT, SMOOTH,
CORRECTLY SIZED.

SEALLED IN
THIMBLE

TIGHT CLEAN-OUT
DOOR

DRAFT REGULATOR
VANE

CRIMPED END
BALANCED WEIGHT

ALTERNATE POSITIONS
**ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS**

**WARNING**
Electrical shock hazard. Turn OFF electrical power supply at service panel before making electrical connections. Failure to do so could result in death or serious injury.

**Thermostat**
Install 24 Volt thermostat (not provided) in proper location. Location of thermostat has effect on boiler system operation. Follow instructions included with thermostat.

**Grounding**
Permanently ground boiler according to local codes and latest revision of the National Electrical Code. Run 14 gauge or heavier copper wire from boiler to grounded connection in service panel or properly driven and electrically grounded ground rod.

**Electric Power Supply**
Installation must comply with the latest revision of the National Electrical Code, any other national, state, or local codes or regulations.
Connect 120 volt electrical supply to L1 and L2 terminals on limit and two thermostat wires to T and T terminals on same limit. See wiring diagram page 28.
Run separate circuit from separate over current protection device in your electrical service entrance panel. Minimum 15 ampere circuit. Locate shutoff switch at boiler. Turn off during any maintenance. Solder and tape or securely fasten connections with wire nuts.

**Oil Burner Wiring**
For boilers packaged with oil burners, burners are wired at the factory. For boilers shipped without a burner, wiring connections are shown in the electrical wiring diagrams of this manual.
How A Hot Water System Operates

Entire heating system (boiler, piping, and radiation units) is filled with water. As water in the boiler is heated, it is circulated from top of boiler through supply main to radiation units. Cooler water in radiation units flows back through return piping through return main into the boiler. This arrangement provides positive and rapid response to the thermostat.

Filling The System With Water

**OPTION #1**

This method utilizes boiler piping as shown in figure on page 6.

A. **Close** main shutoff valve, isolation valves, and zone valves (if applicable). If bypass piping is installed, also close two throttling valves. Leave boiler service shutoff valve (if installed) and balancing valves to each heating zone **fully open**.

B. **Open** following valves in order: drain valve for power purging, isolating valves before and after boiler circulator (if applicable), both throttling valves (if applicable), and then open fill line shutoff valve. Water will fill bypass piping and push air through piping and out power purging drain valve. When power purging drain valve runs air free, close bypass piping throttling valve (leaving throttling valve to supply piping fully open).

C. Next, **open** isolation valve (or zone valve) to first zone. Water will fill piping and push any air out power purging drain valve. When power purging drain valve runs air free, close isolation valve or zone valve). Repeat this procedure for remaining heating zones.

D. Once all zones are filled with water and purged of air, **close** power purging drain valve and fill line shut off valve, **open** main shutoff valve, and **adjust** throttling valves and balancing valves as required.

**OPTION #2**

- Close air vents on all radiation units.
- Open valves to radiation units. Verify boiler drain valve, expansion tank drain cock, and air bleed screw on expansion tank drain fitting are closed.
- Open fill valve on piping to expansion tank.
- Open water inlet to boiler and leave it open.
- Open air vent on lowest radiation unit.
- When all air has escaped and water starts to flow from vent, close it.
- Go to next radiation unit, and repeat this process until finishing with highest radiation unit.
- If heating system has automatic vents, this manual venting is unnecessary but it will speed up proper filling of the system.

If system is a closed expansion tank system, automatic fill valve is needed. Leave automatic fill valve open to refill system automatically as needed. Note initial fill pressure on boiler’s temperature / pressure gauge, which should be 10-15 psig. Any lowering of pressure from its initial fill pressure indicates loss of water due to leakage. Automatic fill valve should then compensate for this water pressure loss. If it does not, manually open this valve to refill system until needle is again pointing to same pressure reading. Instructions are packaged with valve.
Start: Fill entire system with water. Vent all air from system following section for Filling The Boiler.

Air Supply For Combustion:
- Do not install boiler in rooms with insufficient air, unless corrective steps are taken.
- It may be necessary to install windows or cut holes in a door to rooms used for supply air to obtain sufficient combustion air and prevent less than atmospheric air pressure in that room.
- If there is a lack of combustion air, burner flame will be dark orange and formation of soot will occur in heating unit.
- In buildings of conventional frame, brick, or stone construction that do not have utility rooms, basement windows, or stair doors, air infiltration is normally adequate to provide enough air for combustion and for operation of barometric draft control.
- Room used for supplying combustion air should be isolated from any area served by exhaust fans.
- Refer back to the section on Fresh Air For Combustion for additional sizing guidelines.

Fuel Units And Oil Lines:
- Install oil line(s) to oil burner.
- Recommend using heavy wall copper tubing and flared fittings, not compression fittings.
- All connections and joints must be absolutely airtight. Use an appropriate non-hardening thread sealing compound on the threaded connections, not Teflon tape.
- See fuel unit data sheet furnished with the burner for sizing, lift, and length of tubing recommendations.

Draft Regulators: Barometric draft regulator is required for controlling draft through boiler. Mount barometric draft regulator in chimney connector. Refer back to section on “Chimney And Chimney Connections”. Once draft regulator is installed, use draft gauge to adjust to proper opening:

A. Combustion chamber over fire draft will be approximately -0.01” WC to -0.02” WC.
B. Stack draft will be approximately -0.02” WC to -0.04” WC.
C. Larger installation, greater draft will be required in stack to obtain desired over fire draft.

NOTICE
- If lift exceeds 14 feet for Beckett or Carlin burners or 11 feet for Riello burners, two stage fuel unit is required with return line.

Install oil filter of adequate size inside building between tank shutoff valve and oil burner. For ease of servicing, locate shutoff valve and filter near oil burner.
**Nozzles And Electrodes:** Use proper size, spray angle, and spray pattern nozzle. Refer to recommended nozzle selection charts.
To install nozzle, remove nozzle line electrode assembly, if necessary remove retention ring assembly, and install and tighten nozzle. Take care not to damage electrode insulators or bend electrode tips.
After installing nozzle, reassemble nozzle line electrode assembly and set electrode tip spacing.
Depending on burner type, electrode tip spacing may need to be set prior to reassembling nozzle line electrode assembly.
Refer to following pages for setting electrode tip spacing.

**Final Burner Adjustments:** Final burner adjustments must be made using combustion test instruments. Refer to “Burner Settings”. Set burner accordingly.
- Check draft over fire to verify it is between -0.01” WC and -0.02” WC, adjust draft as necessary.
- After operating 10 minutes to warm up boiler, use combustion test equipment to take smoke reading in flue pipe between boiler and draft regulator.
- Smoke reading should be zero to trace (Shell Bacharach Scale).
- A new boiler requires more than 10 minutes to burn clean due to oil film on new heat exchanger.
- If smoke reading is zero, gradually close burner’s air adjustment to obtain smoke reading showing trace smoke reading. Once smoke reading is trace, measure CO2 and as insurance margin increase air to sufficiently reduce CO2 by ½% to 1%.

If clean fire cannot be obtained, it is necessary to verify burner head and electrode alignment. Proper electrode alignment figures are presented on following pages. If fire continues to be smoky, replace nozzle with correct replacement.
Once burner is completely adjusted, burner should be started and stopped several times to assure good operation with no fluttering or rumbling. Verify there are no oil leaks and record nozzle size, oil pressure, combustion readings, and air settings on tag or label attached to burner or, boiler.

**Oil Burner Maintenance:** For Beckett AFG, Carlin EZ1 or EZ2, and the Riello 40 F3, F5, or F10 perform following preventative maintenance annually, preferably prior to heating season.

1. **Do not oil.** Oil burner motors are permanently lubricated.
2. **Fuel Filter** Replace to prevent contaminated fuel from reaching nozzle. Partially blocked fuel filter can cause premature failure of fuel pump.
3. **Fuel Pump Unit** Replace pump screen and clean pump unit to maintain fuel delivery to nozzle.
4. **Ignition Electrodes** Clean and adjust per manufacturer’s recommendations, to maintain reliable ignition of oil.
5. **Nozzle** Replace to maintain safe and reliable combustion efficiency. Replace with nozzle as required in charts located in this manual.
6. **Fan and Blower Housing** Must be kept clean, free of dirt, lint and oil to maintain proper amount of air fuel requires to burn.
7. **Check Final Burner Adjustments.**

If any component parts must be replaced, always use parts recommended by burner manufacturer.
Figure 13 - Burner Adjustments and Settings

BECKETT AFG BURNER ELECTRODE ADJUSTMENTS VARIABLE (VI) HEADS

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BECKETT AFG VARIABLE (VI) HEAD ADJUSTMENTS AND SETTINGS

BECKETT AFG BURNER ELECTRODE ADJUSTMENTS F-HEADS

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This boiler is equipped with the Hydrolevel 3250-Plus temperature limit and operating control. Consult Hydrolevel literature provided with boiler for detailed information on various features of control and instructions for setting up the control.

High limit is factory set to 190°F.

Low limit is factory set to OFF for models without tankless coil and set to 150°F for boilers factory equipped with tankless coil.

Limit settings may be varied to meet the requirements of the installation. Low limit set point must be at least 10°F less than high limit set point.

Economy feature is factory set to 1 for single zone system. Adjust per Hydrolevel instructions.

Low water cut off feature is factory set for automatic mode. Refer to the Hydrolevel instructions to activate manual reset mode or to disable low water cut off feature.

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**WARNING**

Burn, scald hazard. Do not attempt to start the burner when excess oil has accumulated, when the unit is full of vapor, or when the combustion chamber is very hot.

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**NOTICE**

You or your installer must follow these instructions carefully.

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Adjust Thermostat Heat Anticipator To: 0.2 Amps

Check Thermostat Operation:
Follow instructions included with your thermostat. Locate thermostat five feet above the floor on inside wall. Locate thermostat to sense average room temperature, avoid the following:

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When temperature on thermostat is set above indicated thermostat temperature, boiler’s burner should start. Verify that when room temperature reaches selected temperature setting, thermostat should turn boiler’s burner off, and once room temperature falls few degrees boiler starts operating again.

**Do not start burner unless all cleanout doors are secured in place.**
Annually: Recommend flue passages, combustion chamber area (target wall, fire door insulation, durablanket), burner adjustment, control operation, and boiler seals (fire door gasket or silicone seal, cast iron sectional seals, flue collector) be checked once each year by trained Service Technician.

Before The Start Of Each Heating Season (or when system has been shut down for extended periods of time) recheck whole system for water, oil, and vent piping leaks. Replace or patch any leaks or faulty seals.

Vent Pipe: Visually inspect entire venting system once a month for any signs of leakage, deterioration, or soot build up. If vent pipe shows any signs of leaking or deterioration, replace it immediately. If it shows any signs of soot build up, clean vent pipe and have burner settings and combustion checked by trained Service Technician.

Safety Relief Valve: Valve should open automatically when system pressure exceeds pressure rating (usually 30 psi) of safety relief valve. Should valve ever fail to open under this condition, shut down the system. Drain system until system pressure is reduced below safety relief valve pressure rating. Contact Service Technician to replace the valve and inspect heating system to determine cause, may indicate equipment malfunction. Safety relief valve should be tested monthly during heating season. Prior to testing, make certain discharge pipe is properly connected to valve outlet and arranged so as to contain and safely dispose of boiler discharge. Hold trip lever fully open for at least five seconds in order to flush free any sediment that may lodge on valve seat. Permit valve to snap shut. Refer to valve manufacturer’s instructions packaged for more details.

Conventional Expansion Tank: Tank may become water logged or may receive excess air. Frequent automatic opening of safety relief valve indicates water logging. High boiler temperature accompanied by unusually low radiation unit temperature (and “knocking” noises) indicates excess air in the tank. To correct this condition, replace diaphragm expansion tank.

Diaphragm Expansion Tank: Tank may become water logged. Frequent automatic opening of safety relief valve indicates water logging. High boiler temperature accompanied by unusually low radiation unit temperature (and “knocking” noises) indicates excess air in the tank. To correct this condition, replace diaphragm expansion tank.

Water System: If system is to remain out of service during freezing weather, drain it completely (water left in system may freeze and will crack pipes and/or boiler).

Tankless Coil (Or Cover Plate) Gasket: Gasket should be checked at least twice year for leakage, replace if necessary. If gasket is replaced, make sure that when coil plate (or cover plate) is reattached, ten nuts are torqued in alternating pattern to insure equal force is applied to entire gasket creating good seal. Nuts should be torqued so gasket does not squeeze out from behind the plate.

Control Well: Remove control well every five years and clean any scale or sediment deposits from all parts exposed to boiler water. After cleaning, reinstall well using pipe sealing compound. Teflon tape is not recommended.

Oil Burner: Oil burner maintenance is listed in this manual under “Operating The Boiler”.

Never burn garbage or paper in the unit, never leave combustible material around it.

WARNING
Burn, scald hazard. Some maintenance tasks require draining the boiler. Verify boiler is cool and at zero pressure before draining. Verify boiler is appropriately drained before removing relief valve, control well, tankless coil etc. Failure to follow these instructions could result in death or serious injury.
Oil Boiler Cleaning:

1. Shut off all electrical power to boiler / burner and shut off fuel oil supply.

2. Remove vent pipe from top of boiler. Inspect pipe and chimney for signs of corrosion and deterioration. Clean out base of chimney. If vent pipe shows any signs of corrosion or deterioration, replace it immediately. If chimney damage or deterioration is discovered, contact a service technician.

3. Remove top jacket panel screws (5), brass wing nuts (2) holding flue collector top, and flue collector top. Inspect gasket on underside of flue collector and replace as necessary.

4. Before beginning to clean flue passageways, insure combustion chamber blanket is covered. If blanket is not covered prior to cleaning, replace blanket once cleaning is completed.

5. With access to flue passageways, remove soot from fireside surfaces by brushing diagonally through flue passages (see drawing below). Brushing can be made easier by cutting end of flue brush off and inserting it into drill. When brushing, take care to not damage target wall with flue brush.

6. Carefully vacuum soot accumulations from combustion chamber area, take care to not damage any of refractory or blanket insulation. To gain access to combustion chamber first check that shut off valve on fuel oil line is closed and disconnect fuel oil line. Open swing door by removing whiz lock nut holding door shut.

7. Inspect target wall, fire door refractory, and combustion chamber blanket (when included) for cracking and deterioration. If there are signs of cracking or deterioration, replace refractory or blanket before reassembling burner / front plate.

8. Inspect door’s braided gasket for wear and damage. Replace when necessary with braided gasket of same material and size.

9. Inspect and clean oil burner.

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**NOTICE**

Important operating and maintenance requirements:
- Keep your boiler and the area around it clean
- Never burn refuse or any material other than specified fuel in your boiler
These are general instructions for cleaning an oil burner. For specifics, consult burner manufacturer’s instructions.

**WARNING**

Electrical shock hazard. Turn OFF electrical power supply at service panel before making electrical connections. Failure to do so could result in death or serious injury.

1. Verify all electrical power to boiler / burner and fuel supply to burner are shut off.
2. With swing door open, clean any soot accumulations from end of burner and if applicable burner head.
3. Remove burner drawer assembly, clean electrodes and then reset electrode spark gap per manufacturer’s recommendations.
4. Replace oil nozzle with same size and type recommended for use on this boiler.
5. Install burner drawer assembly make sure head location (and size if applicable) are per manufacturer’s recommendations. If burner being used has damaged head, replace head with same head recommended for use on this boiler.
6. Inspect and clean oil burner blower wheel.
7. Remove oil pump cover and clean / replace pump screen. Carefully reassemble insuring pump cover creates proper seal.
8. Securely fasten swing door shut.
9. Replace fuel filter (if applicable).
11. Fire burner, check for proper combustion using combustion test equipment and making adjustments as necessary.
12. Insure all safety controls and operating controls are functioning properly.
You may avoid inconvenience and service calls by checking these points before you call for service:

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<td>Burner is not operating properly</td>
<td>Check flame. If it is yellow, the burner is not getting enough air. Or, if flame is blue and noisy and seems to lift off the burner, the burner is getting too much air. Contact your service technician.</td>
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<td>No electric power to boiler</td>
<td>Check over-current protection. Check to be sure electric power supply circuit is “ON”.</td>
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<td>Controls out of adjustment</td>
<td>Reset according to instructions.</td>
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<td>Radiators not heating</td>
<td>Open radiator vents to excess air. Check flow control valve (if used). It may be in closed position.</td>
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<td>Circulating pump not running</td>
<td>Check over-current protection. Check relay operation.</td>
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<td>Poor electrical contact</td>
<td>Check all control terminals and wire joints.</td>
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<td>Chimney flue is blocked</td>
<td>Have the chimney professionally cleaned.</td>
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<td>Corrosion and/or deposits on seat.</td>
<td>Open valve manually. Allow water to run and clear valve seat.</td>
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<td>Water logged expansion tank</td>
<td>Drain tank, see instructions.</td>
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**Have your service technician check any problem you are unable to correct.**
Figure 17 - Hydrolevel 3250 Control with Riello Burner

ELECTRICAL WIRING

24 VOLT THERMOSTAT

120 VAC SUPPLY

MODEL 3250

THERMAL/LWCO PROBE

L1 L2 C2 C1 B1 B2 ZC ZR

CIRCULATOR

RIELLO 530SE/C PRIMARY CONTROL

40F5

N L ELECT AIR SHUTTER ASSY

T B

V BLK CAP

WHT 3

BLK 4

WHT 6

BRN 9

WHT 10

BLU 11

RIELLO 530SE/C PRIMARY CONTROL

40F10

V BLK

WHT 1

BRN 2

BLU 3

BLK 5

WHT 6

BLU 7

BRN 8

WHT 9

PINK WIRE NOT USED WITH F10 BURNER
MAIN AIR VENT: for down flow systems or diaphragm type expansion tanks (not provided)
Before system is filled with water, there is air in pipes and radiation units. Some air will be trapped as system is filled. It is possible to eliminate most of this air through air vents on radiation units. Main air vent will speed and simplify this process. Install main air vent on highest point in supply main when all radiation is below top of boiler.

AUTOMATIC FILL VALVE (not provided)
For safe, efficient operation, hot water system must be filled with water. Adding new water, when needed can be done manually (by use of hand valve in water supply line). This requires regular attention to system’s needs. Automatic fill valve or pressure reducing valve accomplishes this without attention. Install in supply line on hot water boilers only. Valve operates through water pressure differentials. It does not require electrical connection.

LIMIT CONTROL (provided) Refer to manufacturer instructions provided with limit control
Water temperature limit control in limit is adjustable and may be set: as low as 140°F so long as return water temperatures to boiler are no less than 120°F, or as high as 220°F so long as boiler and heating system have adequate circulation to remove heat from boiler otherwise steam may be created in boiler. Refer back to “System Piping” section for more information.

DRAIN VALVE (provided)
Drain valve is manually operated valve provides means of draining all water from boiler and heating system. It should be installed in reducing tee where return line enters boiler.

CIRCULATOR (provided)
Every forced hot water system requires circulator. Separate circulator or zone valve is required for each zone, if there are two or more zones. Circulator must have capacity to provide circulation required by heating system. Circulator should be connected to supply main and must be wired into boiler’s electrical system. See “System Piping” section for piping configurations with circulator located on supply main piping using zone circulators or zone valves. When piping is arranged with zone circulators and no bypass piping, circulator provided with boiler may be used as zone circulator. Both piping arrangements allow circulator to pump away from expansion tank and show how piping should be arranged to allow heating system to be easily purged of air.