PORTABLE FORCED AIR HEATERS OWNER'S MANUAL







Heater Sizes: 35,000 50,000 55,000 70,000 100,000 110,000 150,000 BTU/Hr

IMPORTANT

Read and understand this manual before assembling, starting, or servicing heater. Improper use of heater can cause serious injury. Keep this manual for future reference.



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SAFETY		
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IMPORTANT: Read this Owner's Manual carefully and completely before trying to assemble, operate, or service this heater. Improper use of this heater can cause serious injury or death from burns, fire, explosion, electrical shock, and carbon monoxide poisoning.

Carbon monoxide poisoning may lead to death!

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning: Early signs of carbon monoxide poisoning resemble the flu, with headaches, dizziness, and/or nausea. If you have these signs, the heater may not be working properly. **Get fresh air at once!** Have heater serviced. Some people are more affected by carbon monoxide than others. These include pregnant women, persons with heart or lung disease or anemia, those under the influence of alcohol, and those at high altitudes.

Make certain you read and understand all Warnings. Keep this manual for reference. It is your guide to safe and proper operation of this heater.

WARNINGS (Continued) SAFETY **INFORMATION** • Use only kerosene or No. 1 fuel oil to avoid risk of fire or explosion. Never use gasoline, naphtha, paint thinners, alcohol, or other highly flammable fuels. Continued • Fueling a) Personnel involved with fueling shall be qualified and thoroughly familiar with the manufacturer's instructions and applicable federal, state, and local regulations regarding the safe fueling of heating units. b) Only the type of fuel specified on the heater's data plate shall be used. c) All flame, including the pilot light, if any, shall be extinguished and the heater allowed to cool, prior to fueling. d) During fueling, all fuel lines and fuel-line connections shall be inspected for leaks. Any leaks shall be repaired prior to returning the heater to service. e) At no time shall more than one day's supply of heater fuel be stored inside a building in the vicinity of the heater. Bulk fuel storage shall be outside the structure. f) All fuel storage shall be located a minimum of 25 feet from heaters, torches, welding equipment, and similar sources of ignition (exception: the fuel reservoir integral with the heater unit). g) Whenever possible, fuel storage shall be confined to areas where floor penetrations do not permit fuel to drip onto or be ignited by a fire at lower elevation. h) Fuel storage shall be in accordance with the federal, state, or local authority having jurisdiction. • Never use heater where gasoline, paint thinner, or other highly flammable vapors are present. • Follow all local ordinances and codes when using heater. • Heaters used in the vicinity of tarpaulins, canvas, or similar enclosure materials shall be located a safe distance from such materials. The recommended minimum safe distance is 10 feet. It is further recommended that these enclosure materials be of a fire retardant nature. These enclosure materials shall be securely fastened to prevent them from igniting or from upsetting the heater due to wind action. • Use only in well-vented areas. Before using heater, provide at least a three-squarefoot opening of fresh, outside air for each 100,000 BTU/Hr of rating. This heater produces carbon monoxide, which is listed by the State of California as a reproductive toxin under Proposition 65. • Use only in places free of flammable vapors or high dust content. • Use only the electrical voltage and frequency specified on model plate. • Use only a three-prong, grounded extension cord. • Minimum heater clearances from combustibles: Outlet: 8 Ft. Sides: 4 Ft. Rear: 4 Ft. Top: 4 Ft. • Locate heater on a stable and level surface if heater is hot or running or a fire may occur. • When moving or storing heater, keep heater in a level position or fuel spillage may occur. • Keep children and animals away from heater. • Unplug heater when not in use. • When used with thermostat, heater may start anytime. • Never use heater in living or sleeping areas. • Never block air inlet (rear) or air outlet (front) of heater. • Never move, handle, refuel, or service a hot, operating, or plugged-in heater. • Never attach duct work to front or rear of heater.



UNPACKING

ASSEMBLY

(For 100,000, 110,000, and 150,000 BTU/Hr Models Only)

- 1. Remove all packing items applied to heater for shipment.
- 2. Remove all items from carton.
- 3. Check items for shipping damage. If heater is damaged, promptly inform dealer where you bought heater.

These models are furnished with wheels and a front handle. Some models are furnished with a rear handle also. Wheels, handle(s), and the mounting hardware are found in the shipping carton.

Tools Needed

- Medium Phillips Screwdriver
- 3/8" Open or Adjustable Wrench
- Hammer
- 1. Slide axle through wheel support frame. Install wheels on axle. *IMPORTANT:* When installing wheels, point extended hub of wheels toward wheel support frame (see Figure 3).
- 2. Place cap nuts on axle ends. Gently tap with hammer to secure.
- 3. Place heater on wheel support frame. Make sure air inlet end (rear) of heater is over wheels. Line up holes on fuel tank flange with holes on wheel support frame.
- 4. Place front handle (and rear handle if provided) on top of fuel tank flange. Insert screws through handle(s), fuel tank flange, and wheel support frame. Attach nut finger tight after each screw is inserted.
- 5. After all screws are inserted, tighten nuts firmly.



Figure 3 - Wheel and Handle Assembly, 100/110/150,000 BTU/Hr Models Only

THEORY OF OPERATION

The Fuel System: The air pump forces air through the air line. The air is then pushed through the burner head nozzle. This air causes fuel to lift from the tank. A fine mist of fuel is sprayed into the combustion chamber.

The Air System: The motor turns the fan. The fan pushes air into and around the combustion chamber. This air is heated and provides a stream of clean, hot air.

The Ignition System: The electronic ignitor sends voltage to the spark plug. The spark plug ignites the fuel and air mixture.

The Flame-Out Control System: This system causes the heater to shut down if the flame goes out.



VENTILATION

WARNING

Follow the minimum fresh, outside air ventilation requirements. If proper fresh, outside air ventilation is not provided, carbon monoxide poisoning can occur. Provide proper fresh, outside air ventilation before running heater.

Provide at least a three-square-foot opening of fresh, outside air for each 100,000 BTU/Hr rating. Provide extra fresh air if more heaters are being used. *Example:* A 150,000 BTU/Hr heater requires one of the following:

- a two-car garage door raised six inches
- a single-car garage door raised nine inches
- two, thirty-inch windows raised twelve inches

OPERATION

Review and understand the warnings in the Safety Information Section, pages 2 and 3. They are needed to safely operate this heater. Follow all local codes when using this heater.

To Start Heater

- 1. Follow all ventilation and safety information.
- 2. Fill fuel tank with kerosene or No. 1 fuel oil.
- 3. Attach fuel cap.
- 4. Plug power cord of heater into three-prong, grounded extension cord. Extension cord must be at least six feet long.

Extension Cord Wire Size Requirements

6 to 10 feet long, use 18 AWG rated cord 11 to 100 feet long, use 16 AWG rated cord 101 to 200 feet long, use 14 AWG rated cord

5. Plug extension cord into standard 120 volt/60 hertz, three-hole, grounded outlet. Heater will start when extension cord is plugged into outlet. If not, push in flame-out control reset button (see Figures 5 and 6).



Figure 5 - Flame-Out Control Reset Button, 35/50/55/70,000 BTU/Hr Models



Figure 6 - Flame-Out Control Reset Button, 100/110/150,000 BTU/Hr Models

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OPERATION				
Continued	To Stop Heater 1. Unplug extension cord from outlet.			
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	To Restart Heater1. Wait two minutes after stopping heater.			
		under To Start Heater, page 7.		
STORAGE	 Drain fuel tank. Note: Some models have drain plug on underside of fuel tank. If so, a drain plug to drain all fuel. If heater does not have drain plug, drain fu through fuel cap opening. Be sure all fuel is removed. Replace drain plug if used. Add one gallon of clean kerosene to fuel tank. Attach fuel cap. Move heater forwards and backwards to stir fuel. Remove fuel cap or drain plug. Properly dispose of old and dirty fuel. Store heater in dry place. Make sure storage place is free of dust and fumes. 		ave drain plug, drain fuel noved. el. nk. Be sure all fuel is remove e of old and dirty fuel.	
	<i>IMPORTANT:</i> Do not store kerosene over summer months for use during next heating season. Using old fuel could damage heater.			
PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE	WARNING Never service heater while it is plugged in, operating, or hot. Severe burns and electrical shock can occur.			
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TROUBLE-SHOOTING

WARNING

Never service heater while it is plugged in, operating, or hot. Severe burns and electrical shock can occur.

OBSERVED FAULT	POSSIBLE CAUSE	<u>REMEDY</u>
Heater ignites, but flame-out control	Wrong pump pressure	See Pump Pressure Adjustment, page 11.
shuts off heater after a short period of time.	Dirty air output, air intake and lint filters	See Air Output, Air Intake and Lint Filters, page 10
	Dirty fuel filter	See Fuel Filter, page 11.
	Dirt in nozzle	See Nozzle, page 12.
	Dirty photocell lens	Clean photocell lens.
	Bad flame-out control	Replace flame-out control
Heater will not ignite, but motor runs for a short period of time.	Wrong pump pressure	See Pump Pressure Adjustment, page 11.
	Carbon deposits on spark plug and/or improper gap	See <i>Spark Plug</i> , pages 11 and 12.
	Dirty fuel filter	See Fuel Filter, page 11.
	Dirt in nozzle	See Nozzle, page 12.
	Water in fuel tank	Drain and flush fuel tank with clean kerosene See <i>Storage</i> , page 8.
Aw	ARNING: High voltage!	
	Electronic ignitor not grounded	Make sure electronic ig- nitor mounting is tight.
	Bad electronic ignitor	Replace electronic ignitor
Motor does not start when heater is plugged	Flame-out control not reset	Press flame-out control reset button.
	Flame-out control not reset Solid state relay not allowed to reset	

SERVICE **PROCEDURES**

Upper Shell Removal

- 1. Remove screws along each side of heater using 5/16" nut-driver. These screws attach upper and lower shells together.
- 2. Lift upper shell off.
- 3. Remove fan guard.

Fan

IMPORTANT: Remove fan from motor shaft before removing motor from heater. The weight of the motor resting on the fan could damage the fan pitch.

- 1. Remove upper shell (see above).
- 2. Use 1/8" allen wrench to loosen set-screw which holds fan to motor shaft.
- 3. Slip fan off motor shaft.
- 4. Clean fan using soft cloth moistened with kerosene or solvent.
- 5. Dry fan thoroughly.
- 6. (35/50/55/70/100,000 BTU/Hr Models) Replace fan on motor shaft. Place fan hub flush with end of motor shaft (see Figure 9). (150,000 BTU/Hr Model) Replace fan on motor shaft. Make sure set screw is touching back of flat surface on motor shaft (see Figure 10).
- 7. Place setscrew on flat of shaft. Tighten setscrew firmly (40-50 inch-pounds).
- 8. Replace fan guard and upper shell.

Air Output, Air Intake, and Lint Filters

- 1. Remove upper shell (see above).
- 2. Remove filter end cover screws
- using 5/16" nut-driver. 3. Remove filter end cover.
- 4. Replace air output and lint filters.
- 5. Wash or replace air intake filter

Lint Filter

BTU/Hr Models

Air Output

Figure 11 - Air Output, Air Intake,

and Lint Filters, 35/50/55/70,000

Filter

- (see Preventative Maintenance Schedule, page 8).
- 6. Replace filter end cover.
- 7. Replace fan guard and upper shell.

IMPORTANT: Do not oil filters.



Lint Filter

Air Output

BTU/Hr Models

Figure 12 - Air Output, Air Intake,

and Lint Filters. 100/110/150.000

Filter

Figure 8 - Upper Shell Removal,

Fan

Motor

Shaft

Guard

Pump Pressure Adjustment

- 1. Remove pressure gauge plug from filter end cover.
- 2. Install accessory pressure gauge (part number HA1180).
- 3. Start heater (see Operation, page 7). Allow motor to reach full speed.
- 4. Adjust pressure. Turn relief valve to right to increase pressure. Turn relief valve to left to decrease pressure. See specifications at right for correct pressure for each model.
- 5. Remove pressure gauge. Replace pressure gauge plug in filter end cover.

Fuel Filter

- 1. Remove side cover screws using 5/16" nut-driver.
- 2. Remove side cover.
- 3. Pull upper fuel line off fuel filter neck.
- 4. Carefully pry bushing, fuel filter, and lower fuel line (100/110/ 150,000 BTU/Hr models only) out of fuel tank.
- 5. Wash fuel filter with clean fuel and replace in tank.
- 6. Attach upper fuel line to fuel filter neck.
- 7. Replace side cover.

Spark Plug (35/50/55,000 BTU/Hr Models)

- 1. Remove upper shell (see page 10).
- 2. Remove fan (see page 10).
- 3. Remove fuel and air line hoses from nozzle assembly.
- 4. Remove spark plug wire from spark plug.
- 5. Remove two (2) screws using 5/ 16" nut-driver and remove burner strap.
- 6. Place hex-body of spark plug into vise and tighten.
- 7. Remove spark plug mounting nut using 11/16" open-end wrench.
- 8. Remove burner strap from spark plug.
- 9. Clean and regap spark plug electrodes to .055" gap.
- 10. Replace burner strap onto spark plug. Rotate burner strap to position spark plug electrodes (see Figure 19, page 12).

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Figure 18 - Spark Plug Gap, 35/50/55,000 BTU/Hr Models

- 11. Tighten spark plug with spark plug mounting nut.
- 12. Release hex-body of spark plug from vise.
- 13. Replace burner strap onto combustion chamber.
- 14. Attach spark plug wire to spark plug.
- 15. Attach fuel and air line hoses to nozzle assembly.
- 16. Replace fan (see page 10).
- 17. Replace fan guard and upper shell.

Spark Plug

(70/100/110/150,000 BTU/Hr Models)

- 1. Remove upper shell (see page 10).
- 2. Remove fan (see page 10).
- 3. Remove spark plug wire from spark plug.
- 4. Remove spark plug from burner head using 13/16" open-end wrench.

5. Clean and regap spark plug electrodes as follows: 70/100,000 BTU/Hr Models = .055" gap 110/150,000 BTU/Hr Model = .075" gap

- 6. Install spark plug in burner head.
- 7. Attach spark plug wire to spark plug.
- 8. Replace fan (see page 10).
- 9. Replace fan guard and upper shell.

Nozzle

(35/50/55,000 BTU/Hr Models)

- 1. Remove upper shell (see page 10).
- 2. Remove fan (see page 10).
- 3. Remove fuel and air line hoses from nozzle assembly.
- 4. Turn nozzle assembly 1/4 turn to left and pull toward motor to remove.
- 5. Place plastic hex-body into vise and lightly tighten.
- 6. Carefully remove nozzle from the nozzle adapter using 5/8" socket wrench.
- Blow compressed air through face of nozzle. This will free any dirt in nozzle area.
- 8. Inspect nozzle seal for damage.
- Replace nozzle into nozzle adapter until nozzle seats. Tighten 1/3 turn more using 5/8" socket wrench (40-45 inch-pounds).
- 10. Attach nozzle assembly to burner strap.
- 11. Attach fuel and airline hoses to nozzle assembly.
- 12. Replace fan (see page 10).
- 13. Replace fan guard and upper shell.



Figure 19 - Spark Plug Rotation, 35/50/55,000 BTU/Hr Models Only



Figure 20 - Spark Plug Removal, 70/100/110/150,000 BTU/Hr Models



Figure 21 - Spark Plug Gap, 70/100/110/150,000 BTU/Hr Models



Figure 24 - Nozzle and Nozzle Adapter, 35/50/55,000 BTU/Hr Models

Nozzle

(70/100/110/150,000 BTU/Hr Models)

- 1. Remove upper shell (see page 10).
- 2. Remove fan (see page 10).
- 3. Remove fuel and air line hoses from burner head.
- 4. Remove spark plug wire from spark plug.
- 5. Remove spark plug from burner head using 13/16" open-end wrench.
- Remove three (3) screws using 5/16" nut-driver and remove burner head from combustion chamber.
- 7. Place burner head into vise and lightly tighten.
- Carefully remove nozzle from burner head using 5/8" socket wrench (see Figure 26).
- 9. Blow compressed air through face of nozzle. This will free any dirt in nozzle area.
- 10. Inspect nozzle seal for damage.
- 11. Replace nozzle into burner head and tighten firmly (80-110 inch-pounds).
- 12. Attach burner head to combustion chamber.
- 13. Install spark plug in burner head.
- 14. Attach spark plug wire to spark plug.
- 15. Attach fuel and airline hoses to burner head.
- 16.Replace fan (see page 10).
- 17. Replace fan guard and upper shell.

Pump Rotor

(Procedure if rotor is binding)

- 1. Remove upper shell (see page 10).
- 2. Remove filter end cover screws using 5/16" nut-driver.
- 3. Remove filter end cover and air filters.
- Remove pump plate screws using 5/16" nut-driver.
- 5. Remove pump plate.
- 6. Remove rotor, insert, and blades.
- 7. Check for debris in pump. If debris is found, blow out with compressed air.
- 8. Install insert and rotor.
- Check gap on rotor. Adjust to .003"/.004" if needed (see Figure 29).

Note: Rotate rotor one full turn to insure the gap is .003"/.004" at tightest position. Adjust if needed.

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Figure 25 - Removing Burner Head, 70/100/110/150,000 BTU/Hr Models



Figure 26 - Removing Nozzle, 70/100/110/150,000 BTU/Hr Models



Figure 27 - Rotor Location, 35/50/55/70,000 BTU/Hr Models







WARRANTY AND REPAIR SERVICE

LIMITED WARRANTY

DESA International warrants this product and any parts thereof, to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for six (6) months from the date of first purchase when operated and maintained in accordance with instructions. This warranty is extended only to the original retail purchaser, when proof of purchase is provided.

This warranty covers only the cost of parts and labor required to restore the product to proper operating condition. Transportation and incidental costs associated with warranty repairs are not reimbursable under this warranty.

Warranty service is available only through authorized dealers and service centers.

This warranty does not cover defects resulting from misuse, abuse, negligence, accidents, lack of proper maintenance, normal wear, alteration, modification, tampering, contaminated fuels, repair using improper parts, or repair by anyone other than an authorized dealer or service center. Routine maintenance is the responsibility of the owner.

THIS EXPRESS WARRANTY IS GIVEN IN LIEU OF ANY OTHER WARRANTY EITHER EX-PRESSED OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING WARRAN-TIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

DESA International assumes no responsibility for indirect, incidental or consequential damages. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages or limitations or exclusions may not apply to you. This Limited Warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

WARRANTY SERVICE

Should your heater require service, return it to your nearest authorized service center. Proof of purchase must be presented with the heater. The heater will be inspected. A defect may be caused by faulty materials or workmanship. If so, DESA International will repair or replace the heater without charge.

REPAIR SERVICE

Return the heater to your nearest authorized service center. Repairs not covered by the warranty will be billed at standard prices.

Illustrated parts lists can be obtained free of charge. Send a self addressed stamped envelope to the address listed below. List the heater model number and the date located in the lower right corner of this page. A service manual may be purchased from the address listed below. Send a check for \$5.00 payable to DESA International.

When writing for information regarding your heater, be sure to include the model number and serial number as shown on the model plate.

Each Service Center is independently owned and operated. We reserve the right to amend these specifications at any time without notice.

KEEP THIS WARRANTY

Model No.

Serial No.

Date of Purchase _

(To be filled in by purchaser)



P.O. Box 90004 Bowling Green, KY 42102-9004

For information, write: DESA International, P.O. Box 90004 Bowling Green, Kentucky 42102-9004 ATTN: Customer Service Department When writing, always include model number and serial number.

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