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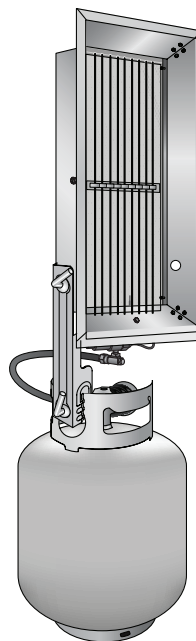
# PT Series Manual



Models P-16T & P-32T

## Installation Operation Maintenance and Parts

**Important!** The LP gas heater is designed and approved for use as a construction heater in accordance with the ANSI Z83.7a-2007 Standard. Other standards govern the use of fuel gases and heat producing products in specific applications. Check with local authorities if you have questions or need advice about applications.



### ⚠ WARNING



Failure to comply with the precautions and instructions provided with this heater can result in death, serious bodily injury and property loss or damage from hazards of fire, explosion, burns, asphyxiation, carbon monoxide poisoning, and / or electrical shock.



Only persons who can understand and follow the instructions should use or service this heater. If you need assistance or heater information such as an instruction manual, label, etc. contact the manufacturer.



Fire, burn, inhalation, and explosion hazard. Keep combustibles such as building materials, paper or cardboard, a safe distance away from the heater as recommended by the instructions. Never use the heater in spaces which do or may contain volatile or airborne combustibles or products such as gasoline, solvents, paint thinner, dust particles or unknown chemicals.



This heater is **not approved for use in any indoor residential application**. This includes, but is not limited to, attached garages, solarium, living quarters, mobile homes, campers, tents, recreational vehicles etc.

### For Your Safety

Propane gas is VERY FLAMMABLE! It is scented and its strong odor is readily detectable. In the event of a leak, propane will accumulate and the possibility of a fire is present. **If you smell gas:**

- Never strike a match, create a flame or an electric spark.
- Move the heater outside and ventilate the area thoroughly.
- Find and correct the source of the leak before attempting to light the heater. If the leak cannot be corrected, do not tamper with the heater.
- Turn the heater "OFF" and consult the manufacturer, a qualified installer or the gas supplier.

**Keep these instructions for future reference.**

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# 1.0 Safety

## ⚠ WARNING



Improper installation, adjustment, alteration, service or maintenance can cause property damage, injury or death. All persons involved with the operation and maintenance of this heater must read and understand the information in this manual before use or service of the heater.

### Warning Symbols

Safety is the most important consideration during installation, operation and maintenance of the infrared heater. You will see the following symbols and signal words when there is a hazard related to safety or property damage.

#### ⚠ WARNING

**Warning** indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or injury.

#### ⚠ CAUTION

**Caution** indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

#### NOTICE

**Notice** indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in property damage.

## ⚠ WARNING



**Not For Indoor Residential Use.** Operating an infrared heater system in residential indoor spaces may result in property damage, serious injury or death. Use this heater in open, well ventilated space only.

### Applications

This is not an explosion proof heater. Consult your local Fire Marshall, insurance carrier and other authorities for approval of location and use of the heater.

#### Construction

The primary use of construction heaters is to provide **temporary** heating of buildings under construction, alteration or repair. It may also be used to provide **temporary** emergency heat. This heater is **not** to be used in the home, mobile homes, campers, tents, recreational vehicles etc.

For maximum safety, the building must be evaluated for potential hazards before locating and using the heater. A critical safety factor to consider before installation is the clearance to combustibles (see page 4).

## Clearance to Combustibles

### ⚠ WARNING



Improperly connected gas line may result in serious injury or death, explosion, poisonous fumes, toxic gases, asphyxiation. Connect gas lines in accordance to national, state, provincial and local codes.



Placement of explosive objects, flammable objects, liquids and vapors close to the heater may result in explosion, fire, property damage, serious injury or death. Do not store, or use, explosive objects, liquids and vapor in the vicinity the heater.



Failure to comply with the published clearances to combustibles could result in personal injury, death and/or property damage.

When deciding on a location for the heater, the minimum clearances to combustibles **must** be maintained. These distances are shown in Chart 1.1. If you are unsure of the potential hazards, consult your local Fire Marshall, insurance carrier or other qualified authorities on the application of gas fired infrared heaters for approval of the proposed location.

#### Hazards:

For maximum safety the building must be evaluated for hazards before locating the heater system. Examples include, but not limited to:

- Gas and electrical lines
- Combustible and explosive materials
- Chemical storage areas
- Areas of high chemical fume concentrations
- Provisions for accessibility to the heater
- Combustion and ventilating air supply
- Vehicle parking areas
- Dirty, contaminated environment

A critical safety factor to consider before placement is the clearances to combustibles. Clearance to combustibles is defined as the minimum distance you must have between the infrared surface, or reflector, and the combustible item. Considerations must also be made for moving objects around the infrared heater. The following is a partial list of items to maintain clearances from:

#### Combustible items:

- Wood
- Paper
- Fabric
- Chemicals
- Wall or roof insulation
- Rags or towels

#### Moving Objects:

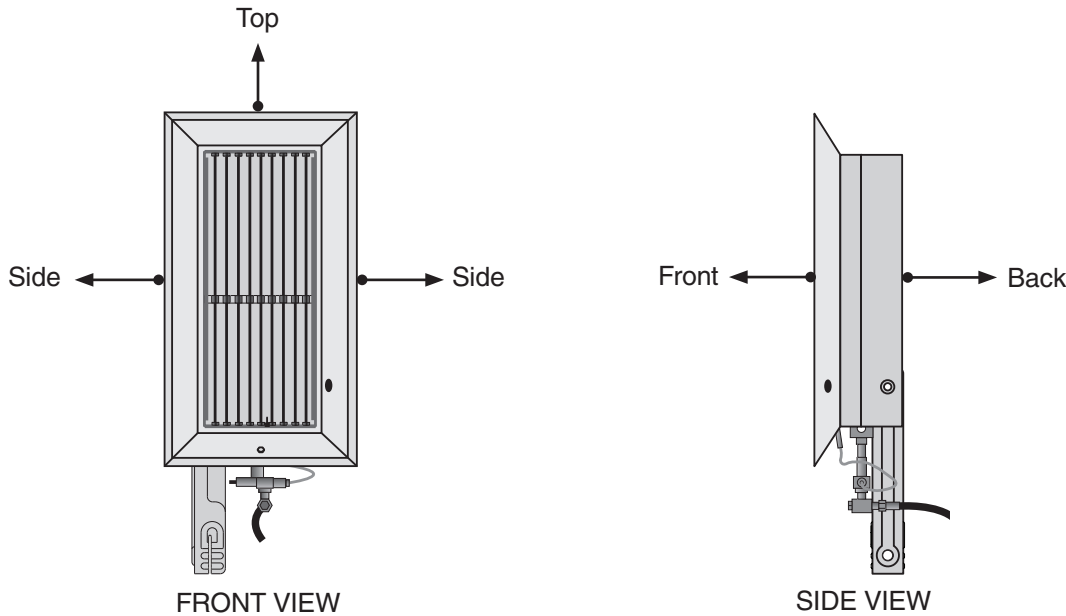
- Overhead doors
- Vehicle lifts
- Cranes
- Hoists
- Car wash equipment

**IMPORTANT!** Locate the unit at least 10 feet away from canvas, tarpaulins or similar coverings and secure such coverings to prevent ignition and interference with the heater. It is the responsibility of the installer to ensure that building materials with a low heat tolerance, which may degrade at lower temperature, are protected to prevent degradation.

Chart 1.1 • Clearance to Combustibles (in Inches)

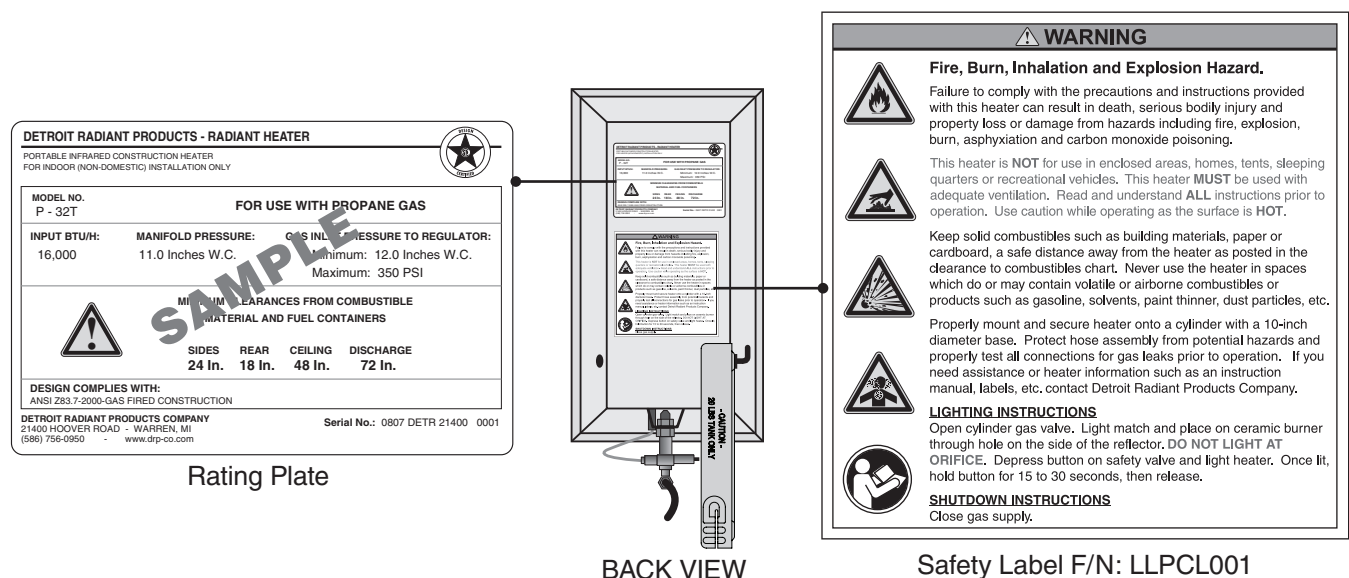
Model No.	Sides	Back	Top	Front
P-16T	18	18	48	48
P-32T	24	18	48	72

Figure 1.1 • Clearance to Combustibles



### Safety Signs and Labels

Safety warning labels must be maintained on the infrared heater. Illustrations of the safety labels, and their locations, are pictured below.



# 2.0 Installation



Read and understand, the installation, operating and maintenance instructions thoroughly before assembling or operating this equipment.

## ⚠ WARNING



Insufficient ventilation may result in fire, explosion, health problems, carbon monoxide poisoning, serious injury or death. Vent enclosed spaces and buildings according to national, state, provincial and local codes.



Overfilled LP gas cylinders may cause explosion, fire, property damage, serious injury or death. Indications of an overfilled LP gas cylinder include failure to light and/or pressure buildup on the regulator. Return overfilled tank to the supplier and inspect the hose and regulator for damage.



Using any heater component (e.g., manifold, gas valve, gas line connector) for support may result in the heater tipping over and causing injury, fire or explosion. Always locate the heater on a stable, secure and level surface.

## Installation

Prior to installation, verify the heater's gas type as listed on the rating plate. Installation of this heater must conform with local codes or, in the absence of local codes, with the Standard for the Storage and Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gases, ANSI/NFPA 58 and the Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code, CSA B149.1.

LP gas models are approved for use with a DOT 20 lb. LP gas cylinder with a 10 inch diameter base (**NOTE:** only use a vapor withdraw type cylinder. **Do not** use a forklift truck or liquid dispensing cylinder). See Chart 2.2 Operating Values for pressure specifications.

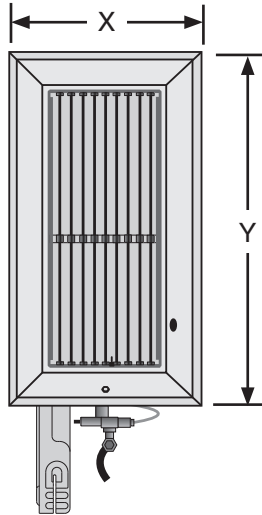
Along with maintaining the clearance to combustibles, the heater **must** be used in a well ventilated area. When the heater is temporarily used in an enclosed area, a positive air displacement of at least 4.0 CFM per 1,000 BTU/h of the heater's rated input **must be provided**.

Locate the heater on a stable, level surface and at least 10 feet away from canvas, tarpaulins or similar coverings and secure such coverings to prevent ignition and interference with the heater. The heater must be at least 6 ft. from other LP gas containers and have at least 20 ft. between containers in the direction of the projected heat.

The use of the heater in drafty conditions may result in the loss of heater efficiency. In drafty conditions turn the heater so it faces away from the direction of the draft/wind. The heater must be placed or installed such that it is not directly exposed to water spray, rain and/or dripping water.

The heater contained in this carton has been factory assembled and is in an operable condition without the need of adjustment or further assembly. Only use the pressure regulator (and hose, LP only) supplied with the heater. Alteration of the heater or replacement of components not specified by Detroit Radiant Products Co. voids all approvals and warranties.

**Figure 2.1 • Heater Dimensions**



**Chart 2.1 • Heater Dimensions (in Inches)**

Model No.	Dim "X"	Dim "Y"
P-16T	10 1/16	13 1/8
P-32T	10 1/16	18 5/8

**Chart 2.2 • Operating Values**

Model No.	BTU/h	Gas Type	Manifold Pressure	Minimum Inlet Pressure (W.C.P.) *	Maximum Inlet Pressure (PSI)
P-16T	16,000	LP	11 Inches W.C.	12 Inches W.C.	350
P-32T	32,000	LP	11 Inches W.C.	12 Inches W.C.	350

\* For purpose of adjustment

## ⚠ WARNING

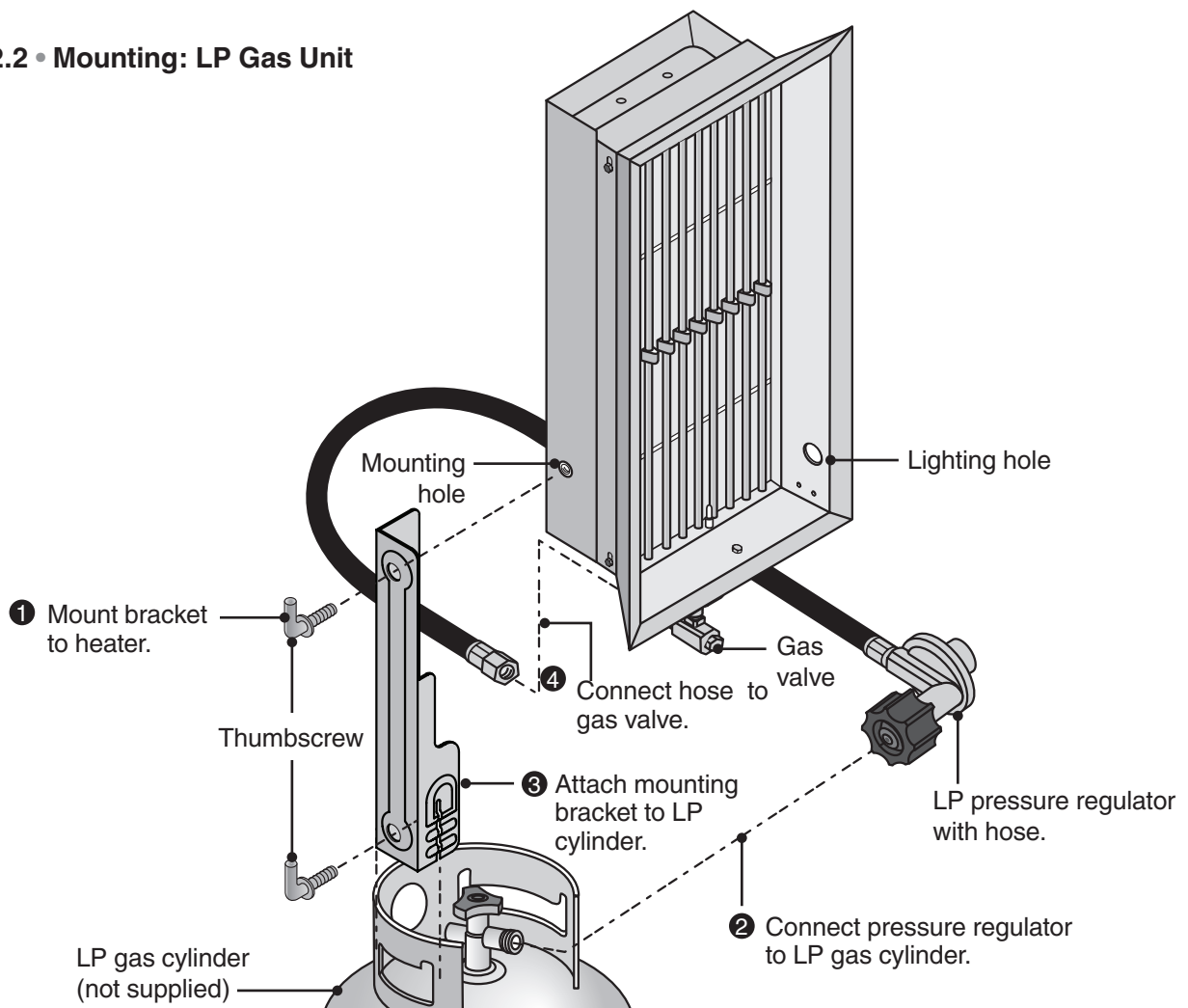


Improperly connected gas lines may result in fire, explosion, poisonous fumes, toxic gases, asphyxiation and death. Connect gas lines in accordance to national, state and local codes.

### Mounting the Heater (P-16T, P-32T)

- ❶ Attach the mounting bracket to the heater by lining up the upper hole of the bracket with the mounting hole located on the side of the heater. Fasten the two parts with the 3/8-16 thumbscrew provided.
- ❷ Connect and hand tighten the included pressure regulator to the LP gas cylinder. Turn the nut (clockwise) until it stops. Do not use a wrench or over tighten. Use only the hose and regulator assembly supplied with the heater.
- ❸ Attach the mounting bracket to the flange of the cylinder and tighten the 3/8-16 thumbscrew until the mounting bracket is rigid.
- ❹ Connect hose to the gas valve assembly. Tighten clockwise with opposing wrenches to prevent damage to the gas valve assembly. Check all gas connections for leaks using a soap and water solution. **Do not use an open flame.**

Figure 2.2 • Mounting: LP Gas Unit





# 3.0 Operation

## ⚠ WARNING



Improperly connected or damaged gas line may result in fire, explosion, poisonous fumes, toxic gases, asphyxiation serious injury or death. Check the hose assembly and gas connection before each use. Gas lines must be installed in accordance to national, state, provincial and local codes.



Ignition flame may flash during lighting of the heater which may cause burns. Stand to the side of the heater, away from the burner during ignition.

The outside surfaces of the heater are hot during operation and after use. If contact is made permanent skin damage may occur. Do not move, handle or service the unit during operation or while hot.

### Lighting the Heater:

**IMPORTANT!** Inspect the heater before each use (refer to section 4.0 Maintenance). Operate on a stable, level surface. Do not knock or tip the heater over while in operation.

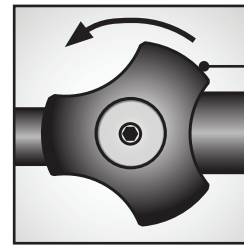
- 1 Open LP gas cylinder (counterclockwise). Figure 3.1.
- 2 Check all gas connections for leaks using a soap and water solution. **Do not use an open flame to check the connection.**
- 3 Light and place a match on the ceramic burner through the hole provided on side of reflector. **Do not light the heater at the orifice or attempt to light with a spark lighter.** Figure 3.2.
- 4 Depress the brass button on the heater's safety gas valve and continue to hold during ignition sequence. The heater should light within 10 seconds. Figure 3.3.

**NOTE:** If the heater does not light within 10 seconds, wait 5 minutes before attempting to re-light.

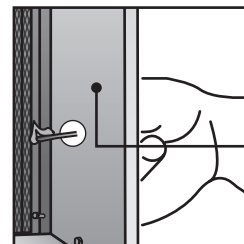
- 5 If lit, continue to depress the brass button for approximately 30 seconds and then release.
- 6 If the heater flame extinguishes, wait five minutes and repeat steps 1 through 5.

### Shutdown:

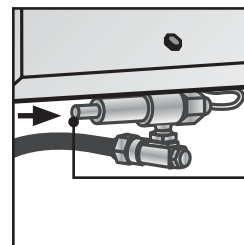
- 7 Close LP gas cylinder (clockwise). Figure 3.4.



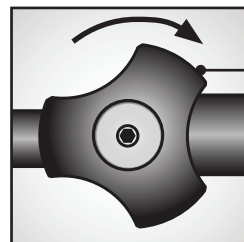
**Figure 3.1**  
Turn handle,  
open gas valve.  
1 2



**Figure 3.2**  
Light match, insert  
through hole that  
is located on the  
lower side of the  
reflector.  
3



**Figure 3.3**  
Depress button,  
ignite heater.  
4 5



**Figure 3.4**  
Turn handle,  
close gas valve.  
7

# 4.0 Maintenance

## ⚠ WARNING



Gas hoses that are cut or have abrasions and/or wear may fail and release gas resulting in fire, explosion, serious injury or death. Replace worn or damaged hoses before use.

Never operate the heater if repairs are necessary. If the heater has not been in service for an extended period of time, the following maintenance procedures should be performed **before** heater operation:

- ❶ Inspect unit before each use and at least annually by a qualified service person.
- ❷ Using an air hose from 3-5ft. away, gently blow off any dust or dirt that has accumulated on the heater ceramics (**do not exceed 30 psi**, vacuuming is acceptable) and venturi tube.  
**NOTE:** If the venturi tube still appears dirty, remove the orifice bracket and clean it with a brush.
- ❸ Clean orifice spud using a soft circular object (toothpick, pipe cleaner).
- ❹ Wipe the reflector clean using a soap and water solution or a non-abrasive aluminum cleaner.

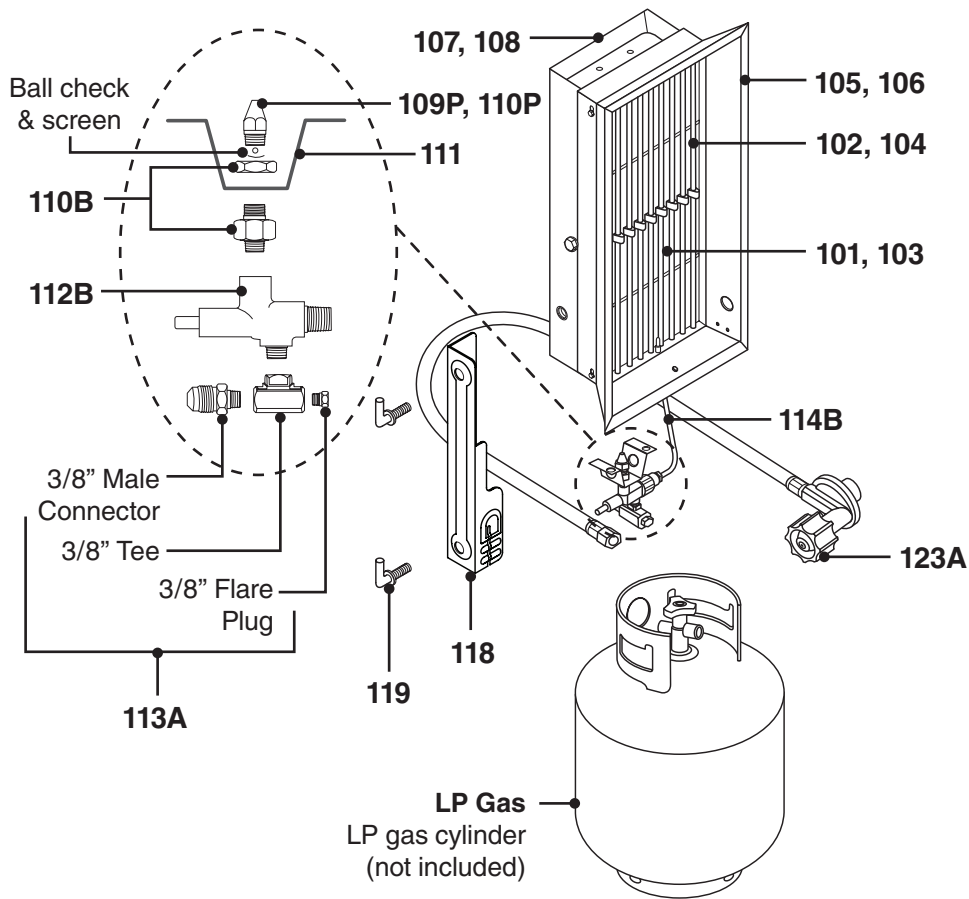
Store LP gas cylinder in accordance with Chapter 5 of the Standard for the Storage and Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gases, ANSI/NFPA 58 and all applicable codes. If the heater is not to be used for an extended period of time, store it in the original carton or a sealed polyethylene bag. When storing the heater indoors, disconnect the LP gas supply cylinder and remove the cylinder from the heater.

**Chart 4.1 • Troubleshooting Guide**

Symptom	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
Heater fails to light.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cylinder gas valve closed.</li> <li>• Cylinder overfilled.</li> <li>• Excessive draft.</li> <li>• Inadequate gas pressure.</li> <li>• Heater safety gas valve defective.</li> <li>• Obstruction in orifice spud.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open valve.</li> <li>• See safety warning, page 6.</li> <li>• Relocate or reposition heater.</li> <li>• Check gas pressure. See Chart 2.2.</li> <li>• Replace faulty valve.</li> <li>• Clean or replace orifice.</li> </ul>
Heater lights - flame extinguishes when releasing the brass button on the safety gas valve (NOTE: after depressing the button for one minute).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inadequate gas pressure.</li> <li>• Insufficient fuel supply.</li> <li>• Thermocouple defective or loose.</li> <li>• Heater safety gas valve defective.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check gas pressure. See Chart 2.2.</li> <li>• Provide adequate fuel supply.</li> <li>• Replace or tighten connection into valve.</li> <li>• Replace faulty valve.</li> </ul>
Fuel mixture burning within rayhead assembly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gas connection loose.</li> <li>• Inlet pressure too high.</li> <li>• Cracked or broken ceramic.</li> <li>• Improperly lighting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tighten and check for leaks.</li> <li>• Reduce to proper range. See Chart 2.2.</li> <li>• Replace rayhead assembly.</li> <li>• Light at ceramic burner element, not at the orifice (see Section 3.0).</li> </ul>
Ceramic temperature is below 1700° F (NOTE: no orange glow during operation).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orifice spud misaligned.</li> <li>• Obstruction in orifice spud.</li> <li>• Inadequate gas pressure.</li> <li>• Cylinder gas valve not fully open.</li> <li>• Kinked or obstructed gas supply line.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace orifice bracket.</li> <li>• Clean or replace.</li> <li>• Check gas pressure, See Chart 2.2.</li> <li>• Open cylinder gas valve completely.</li> <li>• Straighten or clean.</li> </ul>

# 5.0 Parts

Figure 5.1 • Components



PART#	DESCRIPTION	PART#	DESCRIPTION
P-101	Rayhead assembly for P-16T (Less Rods)	P-110B	Orifice fittings
P-102	Rods for P-16T (Qty. 9)	P-111	Heater orifice spud mounting bracket
P-103	Rayhead assembly for P-32T (Less Rods)	P-112B	Brass button manual safety gas valve - 1/8" MPT X 1/8" FPT (mates w/ P-113A)
P-104	Rods for P-32T (Qty. 9)	P-113A	90° flared tube fitting - 3/8" O.D. X 1/8" FPT X 1/8" NPT
P-105	Reflector assembly for P-16T	P-114B	Thermocouple w/ mounting clip for P-112B
P-106	Reflector assembly for P-32T	P-118	Cylinder mounting bracket
P-107	Outer heater casing for P-16T	P-119	Thumb screw with shoulder 3/8-16 (Qty. 2)
P-108	Outer heater casing for P-32T	P-123A	24" hose and regulator assembly w/ Type-1 inlet
P-109P	Propane orifice spud for P-16T	P-125	LP gas valve, assembled w/ all fittings for P-32T
P-110P	Propane orifice spud for P-32T	P-126	LP gas valve, assembled w/ all fittings for P-16T

Visit [www.detroitradiant.com/parts](http://www.detroitradiant.com/parts) for additional replacement parts information.

## 6.0 Repair

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This heater is covered by a limited warranty (see Section 7.0 Limited Warranty). Detroit Radiant Products also offers repair services for the following condition:

**Symptom:** No orange glow on ceramic surface (and/or abnormal noise) during operating.

**Possible Cause:** Cracked ceramics, loose ceramics, missing gasket material or other physical abuses resulting in the fuel mixture burning within the rayhead assembly (behind ceramic surface).

**Immediate Action:** Turn the off heater.

**Corrective Action:** Replace the rayhead assembly or return it to Detroit Radiant Products for repair.

Repair cost is \$48.00 for each P-16T model and \$55.00 for each P-32T model. Repair charges include return shipping and handling costs. Units can be returned COD via UPS (additional fees for COD service will apply).

The preferred method of payment is credit card (Visa, MasterCard or Discover). Include a valid credit card number along with name on card and expiration date. The alternate payment method is personal check. Please make check payable to Detroit Radiant Products Company for the repair cost amount above.

**DO NOT include** the mounting accessories (tank, hose, bracket, regulator, etc.). Be sure to enclose the heater (packaged tightly), payment information, the return address and a contact phone number. If your heater requires work in addition to burner reconstruction, you will be contacted with a quote. Lead-time is 2-5 working days. Heater returns should be addressed to:

Repair Department  
c/o Detroit Radiant Products Co.  
21400 Hoover Rd.  
Warren, MI 48089

Please call 800-222-1100 with questions.

## 7.0 Limited Warranty

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Heater models P-16T and P-32T are warranted by Detroit Radiant Products Co. to the original user against defects in workmanship or materials under use for 90 days after date of purchase. The company's sole obligation under this warranty is limited to furnishing replacement parts, FOB Warren, Michigan for any parts which the company's examination discloses to its satisfaction to be defective. Defective parts are to be returned to the company, transportation charges prepaid. The company's liability for consequential and incidental damages is expressly disclaimed.

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