16.0 ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION

This unit must be inspected at the beginning of every heating season by a Qualified Technician.

Annual Inspection Checklist

- ☐ 1. Lighting is smooth and consistent, and the combustion fan is noise & vibration free.
- ☐ 2. The condensate freely flows from the unit, and is cleaned of sediment.
- ☐ 3. Relief Valve and air vents are not weeping.
- ☐ 4. Low water cut off is flushed (if applicable)
- ☐ 5. Examine all venting for evidence of leaks. Ensure vent screens are cleaned and clear of debris.
- ☐ 6. Check the burner plate for signs of leaking.
- ☐ 7. The combustion chamber must be inspected and cleaned (See Combustion Chamber Cleaning Procedure below).
- ☐ 8. Listen for water flow noises indicating a drop in appliance water flow rate.
  Important - The hydronic system may need to be flushed to eliminate hard water scale
  (Use Fernox DS-40 Descaler, NTI PN: 83450).

Combustion Chamber Cleaning Procedure

Units operating with LP Gas or in an industrial environment will have to be cleaned a minimum of once per year. Other applications will require the combustion chamber to be cleaned after the first year of operation, with subsequent cleanings scheduled based on the condition of the combustion chamber at the time. Unless a step is identified as model specific, the following combustion chamber cleaning procedure is the same for all models.

Crystalline Silica - Read carefully the warnings and handling instructions pertaining to Refractory Ceramic Fibers before commencing any service work in the combustion chamber. Take all necessary precautions and use recommended personal protective equipment as required.

- ☐ 1. Initiate a post-purge cycle to clear any gas from the combustion chamber, then turn gas valve off.
- ☐ 2. Access the combustion chamber by removing the aluminum burner door assembly of the appliance.
- ☐ 3. Remove the insulation disc (P/N 83112) located in the back of the combustion chamber to avoid damaging it during the cleaning process. The disc is held in place with a 2.5mm "Allen-head" screw.
- ☐ 4. Use a vacuum with a high efficiency filter to remove any loose debris or dust.
- ☐ 5. Wet the inside of the combustion chamber with water. Use a garden hose with a trigger nozzle to direct pressurized water through the gaps between the heat exchanger tubes. The water should pass in-between the heat exchanger tubes and exit via the condensate drain. This process may require the use of some dry rags or plastic to protect electrical components from being damaged by dripping or spraying water.
- ☐ 6. Use a nylon or other non-metallic brush to loosen the incrustations and any other contaminates that have remained stuck on and in-between the tubes.
- ☐ 7. Repeat steps 5 and 6 until the heat exchanger is clean and water from the condensate drain runs clear.
- ☐ 8. Re-install the insulation disc (part no. 83112) to the back of the combustion chamber.
- ☐ 9. Inspect the insulation disc located on the back-side of the burner door (p/n 82769). Replace if damaged.
- ☐ 10. Re-install the burner door, gas-supply and Air-inlet pipe, check for gas leaks.
- ☐ 13. Perform the Operational Check List detailed in Section 15.0.

Replace any gaskets or insulation discs that show any signs of damage and do not re-use. Failure to follow these instructions may result in fire, property damage or death.

Refractory Ceramic Fibers (RFC)

IMPORTANT

Personal Protective Equipment Recommended - Read the following warnings and handling instructions carefully before commencing any service work in the combustion chamber. The insulating material on the inside of the burner door and at the back of the combustion chamber contain *Refractory Ceramic Fibers* and should not be handled without personal protective equipment.

⚠ WARNING

Potential Carcinogen - Use of *Refractory Ceramic Fibers* in high temperature applications (above 1000°C) can result in the formation of Crystalline Silica (cristobalite), a respirable silica dust. Repeated airborne exposure to crystalline silica dust may result in chronic lung infections, acute respiratory illness, or death. Crystalline silica is listed as a (potential) occupational carcinogen by the following regulatory organizations: International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). Failure to comply with handling instructions in Table 16-1 may result in serious injury or death.

⚠ WARNING

Crystalline Silica - Certain components confined in the combustion chamber may contain this potential carcinogen. Improper installation, adjustment, alteration, service or maintenance can cause property damage, serious injury (exposure to hazardous materials) or death. Refer to Table 16-1 for handling instruction and recommended personal protective equipment. Installation and service must be performed by a qualified installer, service agency or the gas supplier (who must read and follow the supplied instructions before installing, servicing, or removing this appliance. This appliance contains materials that have been identified as carcinogenic, or possibly carcinogenic, to humans).

Table 16-1 Handling Instructions for Refractory Ceramic Fibers (RCF)

Reduce the Risk of Exposure	Precautions and Recommended Personal Protective Equipment
Avoid contact with skin and eyes	• Wear long-sleeved clothing, gloves, and safety goggles or glasses.
Avoid breathing in silica dust	• Wear a respirator with a N95-rated filter efficiency or better. [1] • Use water to reduce airborne dust levels when cleaning the combustion chamber. • Do not dry sweep silica dust. Pre-wet or use a vacuum with a high efficiency filter.
Avoid transferring contamination	• When installing or removing RFCs, place the material in a sealable plastic bag. • Remove contaminated clothing after use. Store in sealable container until cleaned. • Wash contaminated clothing separately from other laundry.
First Aid Measures	If irritation persists after implementing first aid measures consult a physician. • **Skin** - Wash with soap and water. • **Eyes** - Do not rub eyes; flush with water immediately. • **Inhalation** – Breathe in fresh air; drink water, sneeze or cough to clear irritated passage ways.

Notes:

[1] Respirator recommendations based on CCOHS and OSHA requirements at the time this document was written. Consult your local regulatory authority regarding current requirements for respirators, personal protective equipment, handling, and disposal of RCFs.

For more information on Refractory Ceramic Fibers, the risks, recommended handling procedures and acceptable disposal practices contact the organization(s) listed below:

Canada (CCOHS): Telephone directory listing under Government Blue Pages Canada—Health and Safety—Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety; or website http://www.ccohs.ca.

United States (OSHA): Telephone directory listing under United States Government—Department of Labor—Occupational Safety and Health Administration; or website http://www.osha.gov.