

Vmax & FTV150/150C

NATURAL TO LP CONVERSION INSTRUCTIONS:

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WARNING

This conversion kit shall be installed by a qualified service agency in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and all applicable codes and requirements of the authority having jurisdiction. If the information in these instructions is not followed exactly, a fire, an explosion or production of carbon monoxide may result causing property damage, personal injury or loss of life. The qualified service agency is responsible for the proper installation of this kit. The installation is not proper and complete until the operation of the converted appliance is checked as specified in the manufacturer's instructions supplied with the kit, which necessitates the use of a calibrated CO₂/O₂ and CO combustion analyzer.

NTI boilers are factory set to operate with Natural Gas. **BEFORE OPERATING WITH PROPANE** the specified LP-Venturi Insert must be installed. Use the procedures outlined in these instructions to fully complete the Natural Gas to LP conversion for all FTV150, FTV150C, VM153 & VM153P models and VM110 & VM110P models with serial numbers greater than 101324.

NOTICE

This Natural Gas to LP Conversion Kit (p/n 85446-1) is used to convert all FTV150, FTV150C, VM153 & VM153P boilers, and VM110 & VM110P boilers with serial numbers greater than 101324, to operate with Propane. Use Natural Gas to LP Conversion Kit 84867-4 to convert VM110 & VM110P boilers with serial numbers lower than 95975.

Kit Contents:

- Natural to LP Conversion Instructions (p/n 85451)
- Natural to LP Conversion Decal (p/n 85446)
- LP-Venturi Insert 27453 39669 (p/n 85536)

WARNING

These instructions **CANNOT** be used to convert NTI appliance models not referenced in these instructions. Contact NTI for the Natural Gas to LP conversion kit and instructions for other models.

WARNING

Failure to apply these instructions properly may result in dangerous Carbon Monoxide levels, fire or explosion leading to property damage, personal injury or death.

ATTENTION: LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM (LP) PROPANE

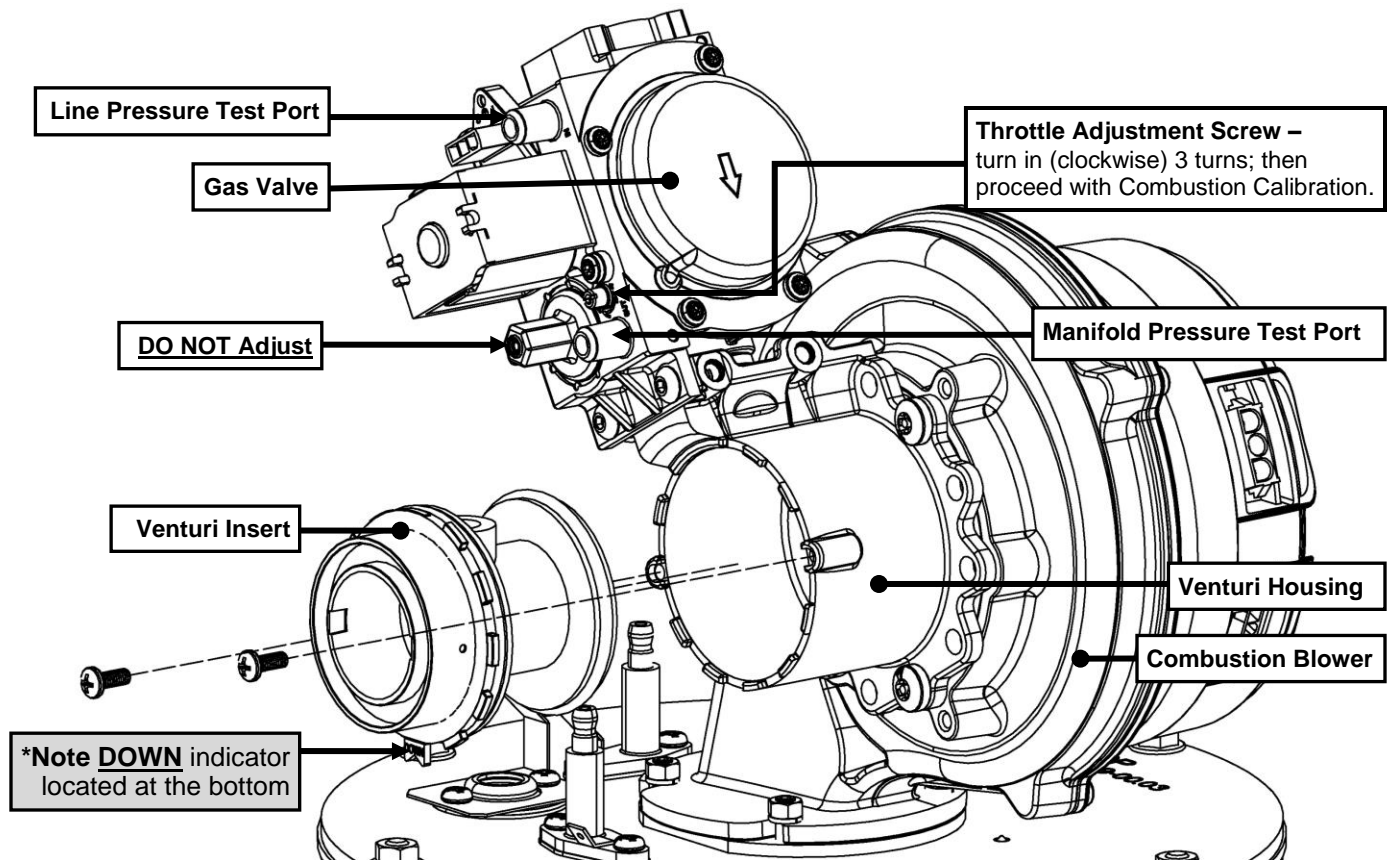
Liquefied Petroleum (LP) propane gas is heavier than air; therefore, it is imperative that your boiler is not installed in a pit or similar location that will permit heavier than air gas to collect. Local Codes may require appliances fueled with LP gas be provided with an approved means of removing unburned gases from the room. Check your local codes for this requirement.

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1.0 Installing the LP-Venturi Insert

1. Turn the 120VAC power supply off to the boiler.
2. Remove the front cover from the unit.
3. Remove the air-inlet pipe assembly from inside the boiler (note location of feedback hose between air-inlet pipe and gas valve).
4. Remove the two screws securing the NG-Venturi Insert to the Venturi Housing see Figure 1-1.
5. Using a small flathead screw driver, gently remove the NG-Venturi Insert from the Venturi Housing (note orientation of Insert when removing).
6. Clearly label and store the NG-Venturi Insert after removing.
7. Slide the LP-Venturi Insert into the empty Venturi Housing; press firmly in place ensuring the Insert is perfectly aligned and the Insert **DOWN** indicator is located at the bottom.
8. Tighten the screws to secure the LP-Venturi Insert to the Venturi Housing.
9. Install the air-inlet pipe assembly; reconnect feedback hose between air-inlet pipe and gas valve.
10. Turn the Throttle Adjustment Screw clockwise (in) 3 turns.
11. Turn gas on and check for leaks in all gas piping, including the inlet connection to the gas valve, using a soap and water mixture.
12. Proceed to Section 2.0, *Gas Valve and Burner Setup*, for instructions on how to test the Gas Line Pressure and perform the Combustion Calibration.

Figure 1-1 LP-Venturi Insert Installation and Throttle Screw Adjustment



2.0 Gas Valve and Burner Setup



WARNING Failure to perform the Gas Valve and Burner Setup correctly may result in incorrect operation, component failure, property damage, serious injury or death.

Operating Sequence

Prior to commencing the Gas Valve and Burner Setup, perform the following operating sequence check:

1. Turn the supply of gas to the boiler off.
2. Set the thermostat to the highest setting.
3. Ensure the combustion fan pre-purges for a short time prior to activating the igniter.
4. Ensure the combustion fan post-purges for at least 5 seconds prior to reactivating the igniter.
5. Set the thermostat to the lowest setting and continue with the Gas Valve and Burner Setup procedure outlined below.

Gas Line Pressure

The boiler gas valve is equipped with a Line Pressure Test Port; see Figure 1-1. Use the following procedure to measure the gas line pressure to the boiler to ensure it falls within the range given in Table 2-1:

1. Turn the supply of gas to the boiler off.
2. Open the bleed screw of the Line Pressure Test Port approximately 1-1/2 turns. This port is directly connected to the gas line feeding the boiler. See Figure 1-1.
3. Force 1/4" ID tubing over the housing of the Line Pressure Test Port; install the other end of the tubing to an appropriate line pressure test gauge or manometer. Ensure both ends of the tubing make a tight connection.
4. Turn the gas supply to the boiler on and check for gas leaks.
5. Observe the line pressure under static conditions and compare it to Table 2-1. The pressure will be greatest under static conditions.
6. With all other gas appliances in the application running, operate the burner to the maximum modulation rate (see Table 2-1) and compare the observed line pressure with Table 2-1. The pressure will be lowest during the maximum flow of gas, i.e. maximum modulation rate.
7. Adjust the gas line pressure to ensure the parameters in Table 2-1 are attained under all conditions. If possible adjust the line pressure to the "Nominal/Desired" value listed in Table 2-1 while the unit is operating at the maximum modulation rate.
8. Continue observing gas line pressure until combustion analysis is complete in case adjustments need to be made.
9. Complete pressure testing, remove the 1/4" tube from the test port and then return the bleed screw of the Line Pressure Test Port to the closed position.

NOTICE

The line pressure is a function of the gas supply and is affected solely by field provided parameters such as line size and regulator settings. Under no circumstances can the boiler gas valve influence or be used to adjust the gas line pressure.

⚠ DANGER

Failure to close the bleed screw of the Line Pressure Test Port will cause a severe leakage of gas, resulting in a fire or explosion causing property damage, serious injury or death.

Table 2-1 Line Pressure and Combustion Parameters

Gas	Line Pressure (in. w.c.)	Model	Appliance Number	CO ₂ (%)	Max. CO (ppm)	Modulation (RPM)		Input Rate (MBH)	
						Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
NG	4 – 10.5	VM110	8	8.9 – 9.5	175	1680	7800	13.8	110
		VM110P	9						
		VM153	10			1740	7980	15.4	154
		VM153P	11						
		FTV150	17	9 – 10		1740	8220	15	150
		FTV150C	20						
LP	8 – 13	VM110	12	10.2 – 10.8	175	1680	7680	13.8	110
		VM110P	15						
		VM153	13			1740	7500	15.4	154
		VM153P	14						
		FTV150	17	10 – 11		1740	8220	15	150
		FTV150C	20						

Notes:

- ¹ Combustion calibration must only be performed with the burner operating at maximum modulation rate.
- ² Combustion values listed are for burner operation at maximum modulation rate; CO₂ and CO values will be lower at minimum modulation rate.
- ³ When tested at minimum modulation rate, the CO₂ must be 0.5-1.0% lower than CO₂ at maximum modulation rate.
- ⁴ Canada: Altitudes between 2000-4500 ft, de-rate by 10%. Consult local authorities for de-rating for altitudes above 4500ft.

⚠ WARNING

Carbon Monoxide - Never leave the unit operating while producing Carbon Monoxide (CO) concentrations in excess of 175ppm. Failure to follow this warning may result in serious injury or death.

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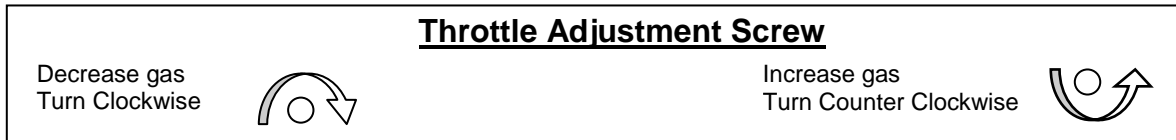
Manifold Pressure - DO NOT adjust or measure the Manifold Pressure of the boiler. Correct manifold pressure is factory set. Field adjustment could result in improper burner operation resulting in fire, explosion, property damage or death.

⚠ WARNING

Adjustments to the **Throttle Adjustment Screw** may only be performed by a qualified gas technician, using a calibrated combustion analyzer. Adjustments may only be carried-out if the gas line pressure is maintained above minimum levels throughout the duration of the test; see Table 2-1. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death.

Adjustment

Throttle Screw Adjustments - The boiler is equipped with a Throttle Adjustment Screw, located on the Gas Valve. It is used to adjust the flow of gas leaving the gas valve entering the Venturi and then the combustion air stream. Turn the Throttle screw in (clockwise) to reduce the flow of gas, make combustion leaner, and reduce the concentration of CO₂ in the flue gases. Turn the Throttle screw out (counterclockwise) to increase the CO₂ level and flow of gas in the combustion air stream. See Figure 1-1 for Throttle screw location and Table 2-1 for appropriate CO₂ levels.



Combustion Calibration - To calibrate burner operation, perform the following procedure using a calibrated combustion analyzer capable of measuring CO₂ and CO from Natural and Propane Gas burning boilers:

1. Operate the unit at the maximum modulation rate, see Table 2-1. **NOTICE:** the maximum modulation rate must be adjusted for Vmax boilers operating with Propane; this is accomplished by adjusting the Appliance Number to the value provided in Table 2-1 – see section titled “Controller Replacement Instructions” on page 76 of the *Vmax Installation and Operation Manual*.
2. Ensure the gas line pressure is maintained within tolerance, see Table 2-1.
3. While at the maximum modulation rate, measure the CO₂ and CO; adjust as necessary, using the Throttle Screw, to be within the limits listed in Table 2-1.
4. Operate the unit at the minimum modulation rate (see Table 2-1). Ensure the combustion remains smooth and CO₂ and CO values are lower than the values obtained during maximum modulation, as per notes in Table 2-1. If not, do not adjust further, contact NTI for assistance.



Failure to perform the flue gas analysis and adjustment as detailed in this section may result in erratic and unreliable burner operation, leading to reduced efficiency, increased fuel consumption, reduced component life, heat exchanger combustion deposits, and general unsafe operation. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death.

3.0 Labeling

As the certified installer of the Natural Gas to LP Conversion Kit, you must indicate on the boiler that it has been converted for use with Propane (LP) Gas:

1. **Update Rating Plate Decal** – Locate the rating plate decal on the side of the appliance, using a regular ink pen, check the box next to “Field converted to Propane Gas” and fill in the date; depress hard enough to permanently etch the decal (see Figure 3-1).
2. **Conversion Decal** - Fill out the required information on the Conversion Decal (included in this kit) and affix it to the boiler cabinet adjacent to the rating plate decal, and in a location where it can be easily seen (see Figure 3-2).

Figure 3-1 Update the Rating Plate Decal

FACTORY SET FOR NATURAL GAS Field converted to Propane Gas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date: May 5, 2016	ADJUSTER A L'USINE POUR GAZ NATURAL Convertie au propane sur place <input type="checkbox"/> Date: _____	
Gas Pressure [Pression du Gaz]	Natural [Naturel]	Propane
Maximum Inlet Gas Pressure [Pression maximale d'entrée du gaz]	10.5" wc [2.6 kPa]	13" wc [3.2 kPa]
Minimum Inlet Gas Pressure [Pression minimum d'entrée du gaz]	4" wc [1 kPa]	8" wc [2 kPa]
Manifold Pressure [Pression d'admission]	0" wc [0 kPa]	0" wc [0 kPa]

Figure 3-2 Conversion Decal

THIS CONTROL WAS CONVERTED FOR USE WITH PROPANE GAS.

This appliance has been converted for use with Propane Gas, in accordance with the instructions provided with NTI kit # 85446-1, by **John Smith**, which accepts responsibility that the conversion was performed properly.

Appliance Number adjusted to: **14**.

Reference rating plate for Propane Input and Gas Pressure

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