

# LP & HIGH ALTITUDE LP GAS CONVERSION KIT FOR INSTALLATIONS IN CANADA

## USER'S MANUAL

FOR R8HE / PPG3HE SERIES, CONDENSING STYLE, GAS / ELECTRIC PACKAGE UNITS

### BEFORE THE CONVERSION

**IMPORTANT:** Please read all instructions before converting the unit. Pay attention to all safety warnings and any other special notes highlighted in the manual. Safety markings are used frequently throughout this manual to designate a degree or level of seriousness and should not be ignored. **WARNING** indicates a potentially hazardous situation that if not avoided, could result in personal injury or death. **CAUTION** indicates a potentially hazardous situation that if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury or property damage.

This conversion kit is only to be used to convert natural gas units to LP/Propane gas in Canada. This kit may only be used in furnaces installed in altitudes between zero and 4,500 feet above sea level. For installations in the United States, the U.S conversion kit must be used.

Table 1 is a detailed listing of the components in the LP gas conversion kit. Please check the contents of the conversion kit with that of the parts listing, and familiarize yourself with each component.

DESCRIPTION	NORDYNE P/N	QTY
Honeywell Conversion Kit 50033841 (to convert VR9205Q1127)	624805	1
#55 Drill Size Burner Orifice Kit (contains (7) 661055)	150602	1
Conversion Warning Label	703935	1
Conversion Information Label	703942	1
Installation Instructions	709636	1

Table 1. LP Gas Conversion Kit

## ⚠ WARNING

### FIRE OR EXPLOSION HAZARD

- Failure to follow safety warnings exactly could result in serious injury or property damage.
- Installation and service must be performed by a qualified installer, service agency or the gas supplier.
- Do not store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids in the vicinity of this or any other appliance.

### WHAT TO DO IF YOU SMELL GAS

- Do not try to light any appliance.
- Do not touch any electrical switch; do not use any phone in your building.
- Leave the building immediately.
- Immediately call your gas supplier from a neighbors phone. Follow the gas suppliers instructions.
- If you cannot reach your gas supplier, call the fire department.

### RISQUE D'INCENDIE OU D'EXPLOSION

- Le non-respect des avertissements de sécurité pourrait entraîner des blessures graves, la mort ou des dommages matériels.
- L'installation et l'entretien doivent être effectués par un installateur qualifié, un organisme de service ou le fournisseur de gazstaller, service agency or the gas supplier.
- Ne pas entreposer ni utiliser de l'essence ni d'autres vapeurs ou liquides inflammables dans le voisinage de cet appareil, ni de tout autre appareil.

### QUE FAIRE S'IL Y A UNE ODEUR DE GAZ

- Ne pas tenter d'allumer aucun appareil.
- Ne toucher à aucun interrupteur électrique; n'utiliser aucun téléphone dans le bâtiment.
- Évacuer l'immeuble immédiatement.
- Appeler immédiatement le fournisseur de gaz en employant le téléphone d'un voisin. Respecter à la lettre les instructions du fournisseur de gaz.
- Si personne ne répond, appeler le service des incendies.

DO NOT DESTROY. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY & KEEP IN A SAFE PLACE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

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## **WARNING:**

All gas piping must conform with local building codes, or in the absence of local codes, with the most recent edition of the National Fuel Gas Code ANSI Z223.1. DO NOT attempt to modify, or tap into existing gas lines yourself. Fire or explosion may result causing property damage, personal injury or loss of life. Failure to follow the safety warnings exactly could result in serious injury, death or property damage.

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## **WARNING:**

All electrical wiring must comply with the latest edition of the National Electrical Code ANSI/NFPA 70. Failure to follow these instructions could result in possible damage to equipment, serious personal injury, or death.

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**IMPORTANT:** The installer performing this work assumes all responsibility for this conversion. These instructions are primarily intended to assist qualified individuals experienced in the proper installation of these components. Some local codes require licensed installation/service personnel for this type of equipment. Safety should always be the deciding factor when installing this product and using common sense plays an important role as well. Improper installation of the components or failure to follow safety warnings could result in serious injury, death, or property damage. After completing the installation, return these instructions to the Homeowner's Package for owner-user's future reference.

### **CONVERTING TO LP/PROPANE GAS AT ALTITUDES BETWEEN ZERO & 4,500 FT.**

Converting the two-stage gas valve to LP/Propane requires the replacement of the burner orifices and/or the stem/spring assembly in the pressure regulator.

Table 2 (page 4), provides the manifold pressure for altitudes above 2,000 feet.

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## **WARNING:**

Shut off the gas supply at the manual gas shutoff valve, before disconnecting the electrical power. A fire or explosion may result causing property damage, personal injury or loss of life. Failure to follow the safety warnings exactly could result in serious injury, death or property damage.

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## **WARNING:**

To avoid electric shock, personal injury, or death, turn off the electric power at the disconnect or the main service panel before making any electrical connections.

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## **WARNING:**

The reduction of input rating necessary for high altitude installation may only be accomplished with factory supplied orifices. Do not attempt to drill out orifices in the field. Improperly drilled orifices may cause fire, explosion, carbon monoxide poisoning, personal injury or death.

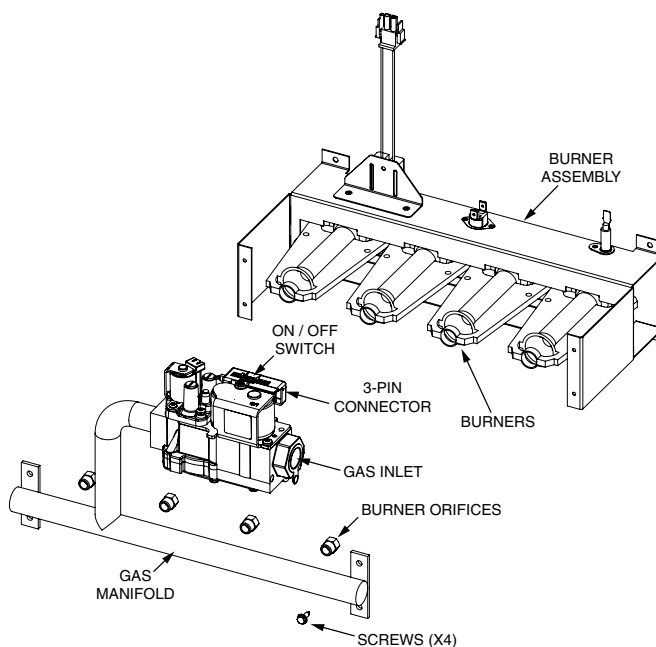
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### **Before You Convert the Gas Valve**

1. Turn the thermostat OFF or to its lowest temperature setting.
2. Verify the gas supply is shut OFF.
3. Verify the electrical power to the appliance is turned OFF.

### **Removing The Burner Orifices**

1. Set the thermostat to the OFF position, or its lowest temperature setting.
2. Shut OFF the gas supply at the manual shutoff valve located outside of the appliance.
3. Turn off all electrical power to the appliance.
4. Remove the louvered access panel from the burner compartment.
5. Move the gas valve ON/OFF switch to the OFF position as shown in Figure 1.
6. Disconnect the 3-wire connector from the gas valve terminal.
7. Remove the supply gas piping from the gas valve inlet.
8. Carefully remove four screws securing the gas manifold assembly to the burner assembly.
9. Set the screws aside and remove the gas manifold assembly from the appliance.
10. Carefully remove the burner orifices from the gas manifold assembly.
11. Read the rating plate affixed to the appliance to determine its rated input (Btu/hr) and the size of the factory installed orifices.



**Figure 1. Burner & Manifold Assembly**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Before installing an orifice, check the side or face of the orifice for the drill number and verify that it is the appropriate size.

12. Install the appropriate LP/Propane gas burner orifices into the gas manifold assembly.

**NOTE:** To prevent cross threading, hand tighten the orifices into the gas manifold assembly until snug, then tighten with a wrench 1/2 to 1 full turn.

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 **WARNING:**

**Do not use Teflon tape or pipe joint compound on the orifice threads. The hole in the orifice may become blocked and cause fire, explosion, property damage, carbon monoxide poisoning, personal injury, or death.**

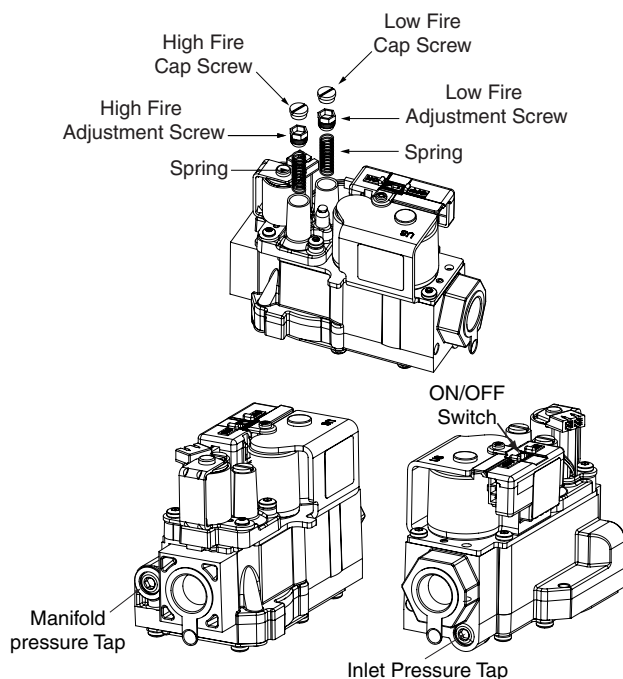
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13. Reinstall the gas manifold assembly to the burner assembly with the 4 screws, that were removed earlier. **NOTE:** It is important that the center of the orifices are aligned with the center of the burners.
14. Reconnect the gas piping to the gas valve inlet.
15. Reconnect the 3-wire connector to the gas valve terminal.

### Converting the Gas Valve

#### IMPORTANT NOTES:

- When converting to LP/Propane gas from natural gas, the springs from gas valve must be replaced by the larger springs from the kit. The LP/Propane springs for both HIGH & LOW fire are the same size, shape and color. See Figure 2.
- Use only a Torx-25 or 3/16" flathead screwdriver when removing adjustment screws or during pressure adjustment.



**Figure 2. Two-Stage Gas Valve  
(Model VR9205Q1127)**

1. Remove the HIGH fire cap screw. See Figure 2.
2. Remove and discard the HIGH fire adjustment screw from the gas valve.
3. Remove the spring from the gas valve and discard.
4. Install a larger spring from the conversion kit.
5. Install a new adjusting screw from the kit.
6. Repeat steps 1 - 5 for replacement of the LOW fire spring and adjustment screw.
7. Check and adjust the regulator setting. See Gas Pressure Adjustment Section.
8. Reinstall the cap screws on the HIGH and LOW regulators. Plastic replacement cap screws are provided in the conversion kit.
9. Affix the yellow label from the spring conversion kit to the gas valve.

## GAS PRESSURE ADJUSTMENT

### Measuring the Supply Gas Pressure

1. Turn OFF the gas supply at the manual valve located on the outside of the unit.
2. Using a 3/16" Allen wrench, remove the plug from the inlet pressure tap (INLET side of gas valve). See Figure 2.
3. Install an 1/8" NPT pipe thread fitting, that is compatible with a Manometer or similar pressure gauge.
4. Connect the Manometer or pressure gauge to the Inlet Pressure Tap.
5. Turn ON the main gas supply at the manual valve.
6. Check and adjust the incoming gas line pressure to 11.0-14.0 inches Water Column for LP/Propane gas.
7. Turn OFF the gas supply at the manual valve.
8. Disconnect the Manometer or pressure gauge.
9. Remove the NPT fitting and reinstall the INLET pressure tap plug. Hand tighten the plug first to prevent cross-threading. Tighten with 3/16 Allen wrench.

### Lighting & Adjustment of the Appliance

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 **WARNING:**

#### FIRE OR EXPLOSION HAZARD

**Failure to follow safety warnings exactly could result in serious injury or property damage.**

**Never test for gas leaks with an open flame. Use a commercially available soap solution made specifically for the detection of leaks to check all connections. A fire or explosion may result causing property damage, personal injury or loss of life.**

1. Turn ON the manual gas valve, located on the outside of the unit to the ON position.
2. Check all gas connections for leaks with a soap and water solution. If the solution bubbles there is a gas leak which must be corrected.
3. Turn on the electrical power to the appliance.
4. Place the gas valve ON / OFF switch to the ON position. See Figure 2.
5. Set the thermostat above room temperature to begin the heating cycle of the furnace.

6. Check that the furnace ignites and operates properly. Refer to the installation instructions provided with the unit for the normal operating sequence.
7. After ignition, visually inspect the burner assembly to ensure that the flame is drawn directly into the center of the heat exchanger tube. In a properly adjusted burner assembly, the flame color should be blue with some light yellow streaks near the outer portions of the flame.

**NOTE:** The ignitor may not ignite the gas until all air is bled from the gas line. If the ignition control locks out, turn the thermostat to its lowest setting and wait one minute then turn the thermostat above room temperature and the ignitor will try again to ignite the main burners. This process may have to be repeated several times before the burners will ignite. After the burners are lit, check all gas connections for leaks again with the soap and water solution.

### Measuring the Manifold Pressure

The manifold pressure must be measured by installing a pressure gauge (Manometer, Magnehelic Meter, etc.) to the outlet end of the gas valve as follows:

1. Turn off all electrical power to the appliance.
2. Shut OFF the gas supply at the manual shutoff valve located outside of the appliance.
3. Using a 3/16" Allen wrench, remove the manifold pressure tap plug located on the outlet side of the gas valve. See Figure 2.
4. Install an 1/8" NPT pipe thread fitting, that is compatible with a Manometer or similar pressure gauge.
5. Connect the Manometer or pressure gauge to the manifold pressure tap.
6. Set the room thermostat above room temperature to start the furnace.
7. Allow the furnace to operate for 3 minutes and then check the manifold pressure. Compare the measured value with the value shown in Table 2. If the manifold pressure is not set to the appropriate pressure, then it must be adjusted.

### Adjusting the Manifold Pressure

**NOTE:** Adjustments must be made to both LOW & HIGH fire settings when converting two-stage gas valves. Refer to Table 2 for manifold pressures.

1. Remove the cap screw (Figure 2, page 3).
2. Using a screwdriver or Allen wrench (where appropriate), slowly turn the adjustment screw till the appropriate manifold pressure listed in Table 2 is achieved.

**NOTE:** Turning the screw clockwise increases the pressure, turning the screw counter-clockwise decreases the pressure. To prevent the screw from backing all the way out from the valve, turn the screw slowly.

3. Replace and tighten the cap screw or the plastic cap over the adjustment screw.

MODEL NUMBER R8HE PPG3HE	GAS VALVE SETTING	INPUT	ALTITUDE ABOVE SEA LEVEL					
			0 to 1,999 FT		2,000 to 2,999 FT		3,000 to 4,500 FT	
			ORIFICE SIZE	MANIFOLD PRESSURE	ORIFICE SIZE	MANIFOLD PRESSURE	ORIFICE SIZE	MANIFOLD PRESSURE
-X24K060X	High	60,000	55	10.0	55	9.0	55	8.0
-X30K060X	Low	39,000		4.2		3.8		3.6
-X36K080X	High	80,000	55	10.0	55	9.0	55	8.0
-X42K080X	Low	52,000		4.2		3.8		3.6
-X48K100X	High	100,000	55	10.0	55	9.0	55	8.0
-X60K100X	Low	65,000		4.2		3.8		3.6

**Table 2. Liquid Propane Conversion Chart  
(2-Stage Models)**

### Removing the Manometer / Pressure Gauge

After the manifold pressure is properly adjusted, the Manometer or pressure gauge must be removed from the gas valve.

1. Turn the thermostat to its lowest setting.
2. Turn OFF the main gas supply to the unit at the manual shut-off valve, which is located outside of the unit.
3. Turn OFF all of the electrical power supplies to the unit.
4. Remove the pressure gauge adapter from the gas valve and replace it with the 1/8" NPT manifold pressure plug that had been removed earlier. **NOTE:** Make sure the plug is tight and not cross-threaded.
5. Turn ON the electrical power to the unit.
6. Turn ON the main gas supply to the unit at the manual shut-off valve.

## COMPLETING THE CONVERSION

### WARNING:

**Do not alter or remove the original rating plate from the furnace.**

1. Attach the following labels:

- **The conversion warning label (P/N 703935) should be affixed to the outside of the unit door.**
- **The conversion information label (P/N 703942) should be affixed on the inside of the control area or the louvered access panel.**
- **Verify the yellow label from the spring conversion kit is affixed to the gas valve.**

**NOTE:** Each label should be prominently visible after installation.

2. Reinstall the appliance door.
3. Run the appliance through 3 complete cycles to assure proper operation.

