

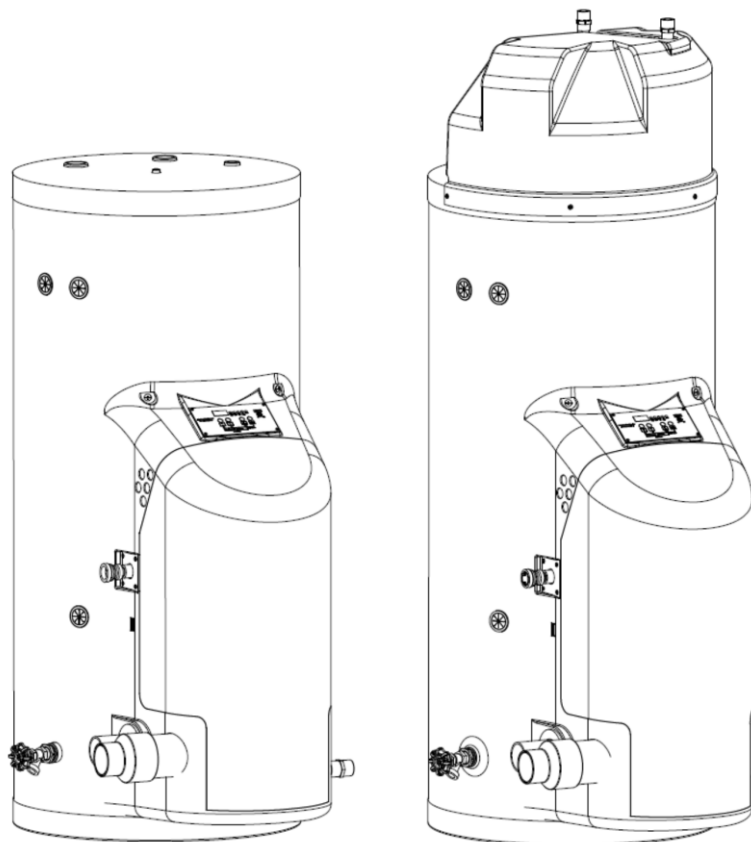


# Pioneer Versa Flame

## USER'S INFORMATION MANUAL

*Pioneer Appliance Models*  
**PHR100-55 / 130-55 / 160-55 / 199-55**

*Versa-Flame\* Combination Appliance Models*  
**PHR130-55C / 160-55C / 199-55C**



**NOTICE:** HTP reserves the right to make product changes or updates without notice and will not be held liable for typographical errors in literature.

\*The surfaces of these products contacted by consumable water contain less than 0.25% lead by weight, as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act, Section 1417.

**NOTE TO CONSUMER: PLEASE KEEP ALL INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.**

### **WARNING**

**IF THE INFORMATION IN THIS MANUAL IS NOT FOLLOWED EXACTLY, A FIRE OR EXPLOSION MAY RESULT, CAUSING PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY, OR LOSS OF LIFE. DO NOT STORE 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.
- Immediately call your gas supplier from a neighbor's phone. Follow the gas supplier's instructions.
- If you cannot reach your gas supplier, call the fire department. Installation and service must be provided by a qualified installer, service agency, or the gas supplier.

## FOR YOUR SAFETY READ BEFORE OPERATING

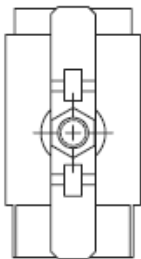
**WARNING: If you do not follow these instructions exactly, a fire or explosion may result, causing property damage, personal injury or loss of life.**

- A. This appliance does not have a pilot. It is equipped with an ignition device which automatically lights the burner. Do not try to light the burner by hand.
- B. BEFORE OPERATING smell all around the appliance area for gas. Be sure to smell next to the floor because some gas is heavier than air and will settle on the floor.
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  - Immediately call your gas supplier from a neighbor's phone. Follow the gas suppliers' instructions.
- If you cannot reach your gas supplier, call the fire department.
- C. Use only your hand to turn the gas control knob. Never use tools. If the handle will not turn by hand, don't try to repair it, call a qualified service technician. Force or attempted repair may result in a fire or explosion.
- D. Do not use this appliance if any part has been under water. Immediately call a qualified service technician to inspect the appliance and to replace any part of the control system and any gas control which has been under water.

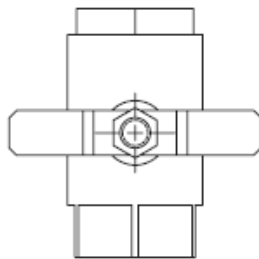
## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. STOP! Read the safety information above.
2. Set the thermostat to lowest setting.
3. Turn off all electric power to the appliance.
4. This appliance is equipped with an ignition device which automatically lights the burner. Do not try to light the burner by hand.
5. Remove front cover.
6. Turn gas shutoff valve to "off". Handle will be across the piping, do not force.
7. Wait five (5) minutes to clear out any gas. If you then smell gas, STOP! Follow "B" in the safety information above on this label. If you don't smell gas, go to next step.
8. Turn gas shutoff valve to "on". Handle will be in line with piping.
9. Install Front Cover.
10. Turn on all electric power to appliance.
11. Set thermostat to desired setting.
12. If the appliance will not operate, follow the instructions "To Turn Off Gas To Appliance" and call your service technician or gas supplier.

GAS VALVE  
ON



GAS VALVE  
OFF



## TO TURN OFF GAS TO APPLIANCE

1. Set the thermostat to lowest setting.
2. Turn off all electric power to the appliance if service is to be performed.
3. Remove Front Cover.
4. Turn gas shutoff valve to "off". Handle will be across the piping. Do not force.
5. Install Front Cover.

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## SPECIAL ATTENTION BOXES

The following defined terms are used throughout this manual to bring attention to the presence of hazards of various risk levels, or to important product information.

### DANGER

**DANGER** indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

### WARNING

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

### CAUTION


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


### CAUTION


**CAUTION** used without the safety alert symbol indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in property damage.

### NOTICE

**NOTICE** is used to address practices not related to personal injury.

 **DANGER**



 Vapors from flammable liquids will explode and catch fire causing death or severe burns.

Do not use or store flammable products such as gasoline, solvents or adhesives in the same room or area near the water heater.

Keep flammable products:

1. far away from heater,
2. in approved containers,
3. tightly closed and
4. out of children's reach.

Water heater has a main burner and pilot flame. The pilot flame:

1. which can come on at any time and
2. will ignite flammable vapors.

Vapors:


1. cannot be seen,
2. are heavier than air,
3. go a long way on the floor and
4. can be carried from other rooms to the pilot flame by air currents.


**Installation:**

Do not install water heater where flammable products will be stored or used unless the main burner and pilot flames

are at least 18" above the floor. This will reduce, but not eliminate, the risk of vapors being ignited by the main burner or pilot flame.

Read and follow water heater warnings and instructions. If owners manual is missing, contact the retailer or manufacturer.

 **DANGER**



Water temperature over 125°F can cause severe burns instantly or death from scalds. Children, disabled and elderly are at highest risk of being scalded.

See instruction manual before setting temperature at water heater.

Feel water before bathing or showering.

Temperature limiting valves are available, see manual.

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## PART 1 – PRODUCT AND SAFETY INFORMATION

### **WARNING**

**USER** – Have this appliance serviced/inspected by a qualified service technician annually.

**FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THE GUIDELINES IN THIS MANUAL CAN RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY, OR DEATH.**

### **WARNING**

The combustion chamber insulation in this product contains ceramic fiber material. Ceramic fibers can be converted to cristobalite in very high temperature applications. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has concluded, “Crystalline silica inhaled in the form of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources is carcinogenic to humans (Group 1).” **DO NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, OPEN THE COMBUSTION CHAMBER OF THIS APPLIANCE!** The combustion chamber of this appliance may be opened by a qualified service technician **ONLY**. **FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAN RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY, OR DEATH.**

### **A. APPLIANCE OPERATION**

- Do not block flow of appliance exhaust vent or intake pipe.
- Should overheating occur, or gas supply fail to shut off, do not turn off or disconnect electrical supply to the circulator. Instead, shut off the gas supply at a location external to the appliance following the instructions on page 2.
- Do not use this appliance if any part has been under water. Immediately call a qualified service technician to inspect the appliance and replace any part of the control system or gas control that has been under water.

### **B. PRIMARY WATER**

- Do not attempt to clean the heating system. Call a qualified service technician for service.
- If you notice any leaks, immediately call a qualified service technician. Leaks in appliance or piping must be repaired at once.

### **C. FREEZE PROTECTION FLUIDS**

### **WARNING**

Hydronic systems that use glycol as heat transfer fluid must be serviced periodically. Glycol can break down over time, become acidic, and attack gaskets and seals in appliances. This can result in property damage, severe personal injury, or death.

Each glycol manufacturer has different recommendations for testing and replacement. Do not test glycol quality yourself. Have your qualified service technician check glycol quality during annual servicing. If you are unsure when your glycol was last tested, call a qualified service technician to test and replace glycol, if necessary.

## PART 2 – COMBUSTION AIR – CONTAMINATION PREVENTION

### DANGER

Do not operate the appliance if its combustion air intake is located in or near one of the areas or in the vicinity of products listed in Table 1. These areas will always contain hazardous contaminants that can form strong acids while passing through the burner and vent system. These acids will corrode the appliance's heat exchanger, burner components and vent system, resulting in flue gas spillage and/or water leakage, possible substantial property damage, severe personal injury, or death. If the appliance combustion air intake is located in any area likely to cause or contain contamination, or if products which would contaminate the air cannot be removed, the intake must be re-piped and terminated to another location.

**DO NOT** re-pipe ventilation system on your own. Call a qualified service provider for assistance.

PRODUCTS TO AVOID	AREAS LIKELY TO HAVE CONTAMINANTS
Spray cans containing fluorocarbons	Dry cleaning/laundry areas and establishments
Permanent wave solutions	Swimming pools
Chlorinated waxes/cleaners	Metal fabrication plants
Chlorine-based swimming pool chemicals	Beauty shops
Calcium chloride used for thawing	Refrigeration repair shops
Sodium chloride used for water softening	Photo processing plants
Refrigerant leaks	Auto body shops
Paint or varnish removers	Plastic manufacturing plants
Hydrochloric or Muriatic acid	Furniture refinishing areas and establishments
Cements and glues	New building construction
Antistatic fabric softeners used in clothes dryers	Remodeling areas
Chlorine-type bleaches, laundry detergents, and cleaning solvents	Garages and workshops
Adhesives used to fasten building products	

Table 1

## PART 3 – MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

### A. SERVICE TECHNICIAN

The following maintenance should be performed by a qualified service technician annually:


#### General

- Attend to any reported problems.
- Inspect the interior of the appliance jacket area; clean and vacuum if necessary.
- Clean the condensate trap and fill with fresh water.
- If applicable, check the condensate neutralizer and ensure it is full of condensate neutralizing marble chips.
- Check for leaks: Water, gas, flue and condensate.
- Verify exhaust vent and intake piping are in good condition and sealed tight.
- Check exhaust vent and intake pipe bracing. Ensure bracing is undamaged and in good condition.
- Check appliance water pressure, piping and expansion tank.
- Check control settings.
- Check ignition electrode. Sand off any white oxide. Clean and reposition.
- Check ignition and ground wiring.
- Check all control wiring and connections.
- Check burner flame pattern (stable and uniform).


#### Additional Items if Combustion or Performance is Poor

- Clean heat exchanger and flue ways.
- Remove burner assembly and clean burner head using compressed air only.

Once the maintenance items are completed, the service technician should review service with the owner.

 **WARNING**

**Breathing Hazard - Carbon Monoxide Gas**



- Do not operate heater if flood damaged.
- Install vent system in accordance with local codes and manufacturers installation instructions.
- Do not obstruct heater air intake or exhaust. Support all vent piping per manufacturers installation instructions.
- Do not place chemical vapor emitting products near unit.
- According to NFPA 720, carbon monoxide detectors should be installed outside each sleeping area.
- Never operate the heater unless it is vented to the outdoors.
- Analyze the entire vent system to make sure that condensate will not become trapped in a section of vent pipe and therefore reduce the open cross sectional area of the vent.

**Breathing carbon monoxide can cause brain damage or death.  
Always read and understand instruction manual.**

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## **B. OWNER MAINTENANCE**

### **Periodically**

- Check area around the appliance.
- Check and remove any blockage from the outdoor exhaust vent and intake pipe terminations. **DO NOT** perform this maintenance if exhaust vent and intake pipe terminations are in difficult to reach locations.
- Check the temperature/pressure gauge.

### **Monthly**

- Check exhaust vent and intake piping.
- Check exhaust vent and intake pipe bracing. Ensure bracing is undamaged and in good condition.
- Check the pressure relief valve.
- Check the condensate drain system.
- If applicable, check the condensate neutralizer and ensure it is full of condensate neutralizing marble chips.

### **Every 6 Months**

Check appliance piping and gas supply piping for corrosion or signs of potential leakage.

## **PART 4 – MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES**

### **DANGER**

The appliance must be inspected and serviced annually, preferably at the start of the heating season, by a qualified service technician. In addition, the maintenance and care of the appliance as outlined in this manual must be performed by the user/owner to assure maximum efficiency and reliability. Follow the maintenance procedures given throughout this manual. Failure to perform the service and maintenance or follow the directions in this manual could damage the appliance or system components, resulting in substantial property damage, severe personal injury, or death.

## **A. DAILY MAINTENANCE**

### **Check the Surrounding Area**

### **DANGER**

To prevent the potential of substantial property damage, severe personal injury, or death, eliminate all the materials listed in Table 1 from the area surrounding the appliance and the vicinity of the combustion air intake. If contaminants are found:

- Remove products immediately from area.
- If contaminants have been there for an extended period, call a qualified service technician to inspect the appliance for possible damage from acid corrosion.

If products cannot be removed, immediately call a qualified service technician to re-pipe the combustion air intake piping away from the contaminated areas.

### **Combustible/Flammable Materials**

Do not store combustible materials, gasoline, or other flammable vapors or liquids near the appliance. If found, remove these materials immediately.

### **Air Contaminates**

If allowed to contaminate combustion air, products containing chlorine or fluorine will produce acidic condensate that will cause significant damage to the appliance. Read the list of potential contaminants and areas likely to have these contaminants in Table 1, Part 2. If any of these contaminants are in the room where the appliance is located, or combustion air is taken from one of the areas listed, the contaminants must be removed immediately or the intake pipe must be relocated to another area.

### **Check Exhaust Vent and Intake Pipe Terminations**

Verify that the appliance exhaust vent and intake pipe terminations are clean and free of obstructions. Remove any debris from the exhaust vent or intake pipe openings. If removing the debris does not allow the appliance to operate correctly, contact your qualified service technician to inspect the appliance and the vent system.

### **Check Temperature Display and Pressure Gauge**

- Ensure the pressure reading on the gauge does not exceed 25 psig. Higher pressure readings may indicate a problem with the expansion tank.
- Ensure the temperature on the LED display panel does not exceed 180°F. Higher temperature readings may indicate a problem with the thermostat operating controls.
- Contact a qualified service technician if problem persists.

## **B. MONTHLY MAINTENANCE**

### **Check Exhaust Vent and Intake Piping**

Visually inspect the exhaust vent for any signs of blockage, leakage, or deterioration of the piping. Inspect the exhaust vent bracing. Ensure bracing is undamaged and in good condition. Notify a qualified service technician immediately if any problems are found.

### **WARNING**

Failure to inspect the venting system and have it repaired by a qualified service technician can result in vent system failure, causing severe personal injury or death.

Visually inspect the intake piping for any signs of blockage. Inspect the entire length of the intake pipe to ensure piping is intact and all joints are properly sealed. Inspect the intake pipe bracing. Ensure bracing is undamaged and in good condition. Notify a qualified service technician if any problems are found.

### **Check Pressure Relief Valve**

- Visually inspect the primary pressure relief valve and discharge pipe for signs of weeping or leakage.
- If the pressure relief valve often weeps, the expansion tank may not be operating properly. Immediately contact a qualified service technician to inspect the appliance and system.

### **Check Vent Condensate Drain System**

- While the appliance is running, check the discharge end of the condensate drain tubing. Ensure no flue gas is leaking from the condensate drain tubing by holding your fingers near the opening.
- If you notice flue gas leaking from the opening, this indicates a dry condensate drain trap. If problem persists, contact a qualified service technician to inspect the appliance and condensate line and refill the condensate trap.
- If applicable, check the condensate neutralizer and ensure it is full of condensate neutralizing marble chips.

## **C. 6 MONTH MAINTENANCE**

### **Check Primary and Gas Piping**

- Remove the appliance cover and perform a gas leak inspection following Operating Instructions, page 2, this manual. If gas odor or leak is detected, follow procedures on page 2. Call a qualified service technician.
- Visually inspect for leaks around the internal appliance water connections and around the heat exchanger. Visually inspect the external system piping, circulators, and system components and fittings. Immediately call a qualified service technician to repair any leaks.

### **WARNING**

Have leaks fixed at once by a qualified service technician. Failure to comply could result in substantial property damage, severe personal injury, or death.

### **Operate Pressure Relief Valve**

- Before proceeding, verify that the relief valve outlet has been piped to a safe place of discharge, avoiding any possibility of scalding from hot water.

### **WARNING**

To avoid water damage or scalding due to relief valve operation, a discharge line must be connected to the valve outlet and directed to a safe place of disposal. This discharge line must be installed by a qualified service technician or heating/plumbing installer in accordance with the appliance installation manual. The discharge line must be terminated so as to eliminate possibility of severe burns or property damage should the valve discharge.

- Read the temperature and pressure gauge to ensure the system is pressurized. Minimum is 10 psi. Maximum is 25 psi. Lift the relief valve top lever slightly, allowing water to relieve through the valve and discharge piping.
- If water flows freely, release the lever and allow the valve to seat. Watch the end of the relief valve discharge pipe to ensure that the valve does not weep after the line has had time to drain. If the valve weeps, lift the lever again to attempt to clean the valve seat. If the valve does not properly seat and continues to weep, contact a qualified service technician to inspect the valve and system.
- If water does not flow from the valve when you completely lift the lever, the valve or discharge line may be blocked. Immediately shut the appliance down per instructions on page 2 and call a qualified service technician to inspect the valve and system.

## MAINTENANCE NOTES

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