Installation Manual



AHE-450-DE5 with





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## **Caution Notes**

As you read this information, take particular note of the NOTICE, CAUTION, WARNING, and DANGER symbols when they appear. This information is important for safe and efficient use of the Aqua-Hot system.

**NOTICE** signals a situation where potential damage to the Aqua-Hot could occur.



**CAUTION** signals a situation where potential harm or risk of minor or moderate injury could occur if you do not follow instructions.



**WARNING** signals a hazardous situation where potential harm, risk of serious injury, or death could result if instructions are not followed.



**DANGER** signals a situation where immediate risk of serious injury or death will result if instructions are not followed.



**NOTE:** This manual will also use notes sections similar to this one to draw attention to features and practices which must be observed.

Read all instructions before installing the Aqua-Hot unit. Aqua-Hot Heating Systems is not liable for damage resulting from failing to follow instructions contained in this, and any other Aqua-Hot documentation relevant to this unit.

- Read this manual before installing or using the Aqua-Hot System to reduce the risk of injury to persons or damage to the equipment.
- The product identity label contains specifications of the unit, to what standards it has been tested, and important safety notices.
- Disconnect electric wiring to the Aqua-Hot System before welding or plasma cutting the coach to avoid damage to equipment.
- The Aqua-Hot tank and heating loop operate at 0.0 PSI (zero pressure system). Air pressure to the tank must not exceed 20 PSI. Exceeding this rating will cause internal damage to the Aqua-Hot.
- Use caution when working on or near any propane/diesel fuel system.

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- DO NOT connect the 12-volt DC power to the Aqua-Hot if the vehicle requires welding.
- At maximum operating temperature, the coolant will be very hot and scalding. Hot vapor or coolant may cause in serious burns or injury. Be aware of hot surfaces.
- Installation and repairs may only be carried out by an authorized, factory-trained Aqua-Hot technician. The heating system must be installed in accordance with local codes, or in accordance with the Standard for Recreational Vehicles, (RVIA) ANSI A 119.2/NFPA 501C, NFPA 1192.
- Aqua-Hot will not be liable for problems or damage caused by the system being installed by untrained personnel.

NOTE: For networked control of the Reporter, Aqua-Hot requires system integrators ensure that individual commands are received and processed. Aqua-Hot requires that commands be repeated or confirmed so that if a single message were dropped, or if there is a brief network disturbance, the Reporter would get into the correct state as soon as the disruption was removed.

The Aqua-Hot Reporter monitors the heating system and handles all logic relating to safeties and heating control. As such, the system integrator is required to display all pertinent status information but not use that information to lock out operation or add additional safety layers that could impact the end of operation if a message from the Reporter was missed.

### **Safety Features**

#### **Low-Voltage Shutdown**

The Aqua-Hot Reporter is designed to operate between 11V DC and 16V DC. If the Reporter detects that it is receiving voltage below 11.8V DC, a System Voltage fault will trigger a display on the screen. If the Reporter system drops below 11.2V DC for 30 seconds, it will discontinue operation of the Aqua-Hot heating system.

#### **Over-Current**

An Over-Current fault condition occurs when too much current is drawn by a component, usually a fan or pump. When this fault is triggered, the output channel is shut off until the system has been reset or power-cycled.

#### **Over-Temperature**

An over-temperature fault will occur if your Aqua-Hot heating system has reached 218°F. The Reporter will deactivate the heater and display an over-temperature fault on the display screen.

#### **Low-Level Cutoff**

If the system senses low fluid levels, the heating system will shut down all fans, heat sources, and pumps until the unit is adequately refilled.

#### **Reporter "Heartbeat Function"**

The Reporter units with firmware 1v5 and later and all Reporter 2.0 units are equipped with a "heartbeat" function that establishes a signal between the RV-C system and the Reporter. The Reporter constantly awaits for a signal from the RV-C network indicating to the Reporter that it is to continue normal operation. Loss of 6 consecutive signals from the RV-C network will trigger the Reporter to deactivate the Aqua-Hot. Once power is restored to the coach and the Reporter, "BATTERY DISCONNECT SWITCH OFF" will be displayed in the fault log, indicating that the Reporter lost connectivity with the RV-C network.

#### **Manual Mode**

The 2.0 Reporters with CFG 1.9 and greater come with a manual mode in case the general coach RV-C network fails. It will allow for limited operation while the larger network/ module problem is addressed.

#### Interlock Switch

The Aqua-Hot 450D is equipped with an interlock switch that prevents the heater from operating when the cover is not installed in the correct position or if it is not properly secured in place. This is a safety device to ensure the burner will not ignite if the service panel is not properly secured.



As with any appliance, allow the Aqua-Hot to completely shut down BEFORE disengaging the coach 12V power disconnect.

#### **System Overview**

The Aqua-Hot 450D is a Hydronic (water-based) Heat System, a tank-less hot water system, and a diesel eng preheating system.

The heating system provides moist, quiet, comfortal interior heat with up to 5 separate, thermostatically-control temperature zones, and prevents tank and line freezing in bavs.

The tank-less hot water system produces 90 gallons hour of continuous, on-demand hot water.

The diesel engine preheating system circulates the engin antifreeze solution through an internal heating loop in the Ag Hot and pumps it back through the engine, raising the engin temperature from 30°F to 90°F in about 1 hour.

The same heating loop that preheats the diesel eng allows the Aqua-Hot system to take surplus heat generated the motor home's diesel engine while running, and use it heat the Aqua-Hot system.

This TribridHot<sup>™</sup> designated system uses one or a combination of heat sources to heat FDA-Approved Generally Recognized As Safe ("GRAS") Propylene Glycol-based antifreeze solution in the Aqua-Hot's boiler tank.

The Aqua-Hot 450D is a Hot Water Priority heating system. Meaning that the 450D cannot heat the interior of the coach The 450D has multiple heating sources: the motor home's and produce hot water simultaneously. When hot water is being engine's surplus heat (while driving), one 120V AC - 1650W used, the interior heating system will shut off temporarily, until Electric Element (when plugged into shore power), and a 12V hot water is no longer being used. DC powered diesel burner (when dry camping). These heat sources can be used separately or simultaneously.



New Low Emissions Technology virtually eliminates smoke and odor from the exhaust by reducing total hydrocarbon emission by

82%, making Aqua-Hot the cleanest burning diesel-powered hydronic heating system available.

Should additional assistance be needed, please contact the Technical Support at 574-AIR-XCEL (574-247-9235), Monday through Friday, between 7:00am and 4:00pm MST.



If the information in this manual is not followed exactly, a fire or explosion may result, causing property damage, personal injury or death.

#### Important Notes:

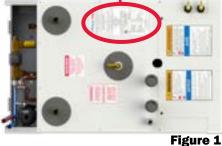
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lled the	•	Warranty work must be performed by an Aqua-Hot Authorized Service Center.	
per ne's	•	Your on-product identity label contains the specifications of your unit. Factory settings may be adjusted by the vehicle manufacturer, confirm final setting with your dealer.	
lua- ne's	•	This heating system has been certified for installation only in recreational vehicles, not certified for use in boats.	
(ine I by	•	The Aqua-Hot heating system operates independently of the vehicle engine and is connected directly to the electrical system of the vehicle.	
t to	•	Please read this manual and follow instructions to avoid injuries during installation and/or operation.	

#### **Hot Water Priority System**

When hot water is requested, domestic water from the coach's fresh water tank is transported through a copper coil in the Aqua-Hot's boiler tank where heat is transferred from the heated antifreeze and distilled water solution. The heated domestic water then flows through the tempering valve to be mixed with cool water from the fresh water tank to achieve an appropriate temperature before it flows to the faucet.







**NOTE:** This product label is attached to the top of the Aqua-Hot, and provides a ready reference to specifications, test standards, and important safety notices.



#### **System Specifications**

#### **Diesel Burner**

Heat Input (Firing Rate)	
Fuel Consumption	0.40 gal/hr

#### **Electric Element**

Power Consumption	
Voltage	

#### **DC** Power

#### Zone Heat Circulation

Pumps	2
Power Consumption (max)	
Voltage	12V DC

#### Heating Zones

#### **Domestic Water Heating**

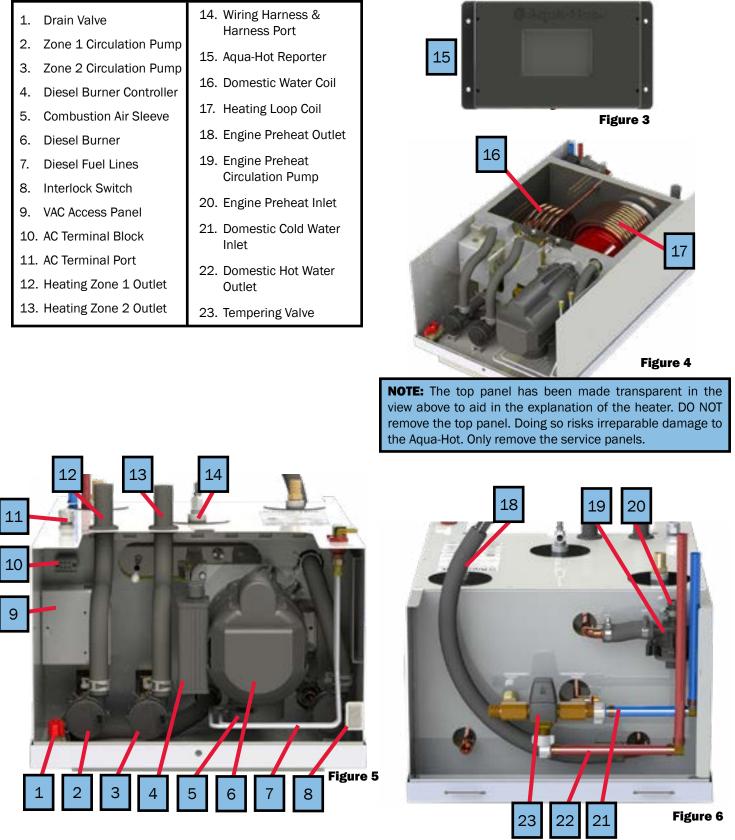
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#### **Physical Specifications**

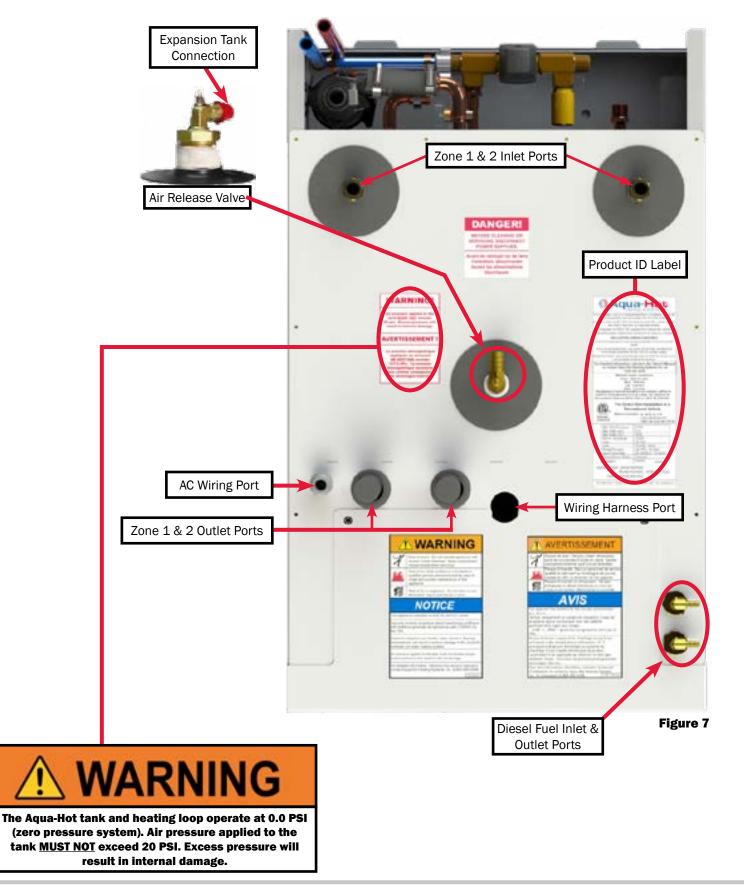
Dimensions (US)	12" H x 18.5" W x 29.5" L
Dry Weight	127lbs.
Wet Weight	
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All vehicle installations must comply with the requirements listed in the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association's (RVIA) ANSI/NFPA 1192 Handbook for Recreational Vehicle Standards. To receive a copy of this handbook and other Pertinent RVIA Standards, write to: Recreation Vehicle Industry Association, 1896 Preston White Drive, PO Box 2999, Reston, VA 22090-0999. Call them at (703) 620-6003 or visit online at www.rvia.org.

1.	Drain Valve		Wiring Harness & Harness Port
2.	Zone 1 Circulation Pump	15	Aqua-Hot Reporter
3.	Zone 2 Circulation Pump		
4.	Diesel Burner Controller	16.	Domestic Water Coil
5.	Combustion Air Sleeve	17.	Heating Loop Coil
6.	Diesel Burner	18.	Engine Preheat Outlet
7.	Diesel Fuel Lines		Engine Preheat
8.	Interlock Switch		Circulation Pump
9.	VAC Access Panel	20.	Engine Preheat Inlet
10.	AC Terminal Block		Domestic Cold Water Inlet
11.	AC Terminal Port	22	Domestic Hot Water
12.	Heating Zone 1 Outlet		Outlet
13.	Heating Zone 2 Outlet	23.	Tempering Valve



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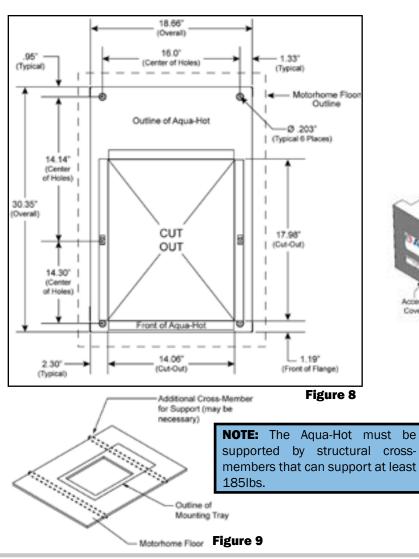


#### Installing the Mounting Tray & Aqua-Hot

Install the Aqua-Hot in a compartment that is completely 6. closed off from living quarters and is accessible only from the exterior of the coach.

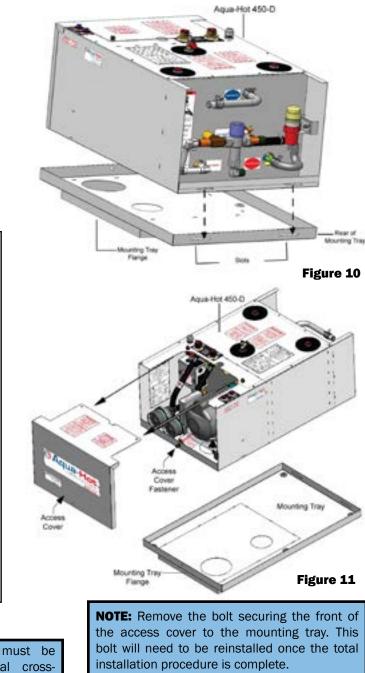
- 1. Reference the following illustrations below for mounting information.
- 2. Cut out the required mounting tray as shown in Figure 8.
- 3. Install the mounting tray flange into the cut out opening. Reference Figure 9.
- 4. Insert a #10 machine screw into each of the embossed holes in the mounting tray (6 total), and tighten to secure the mounting tray to the coach.

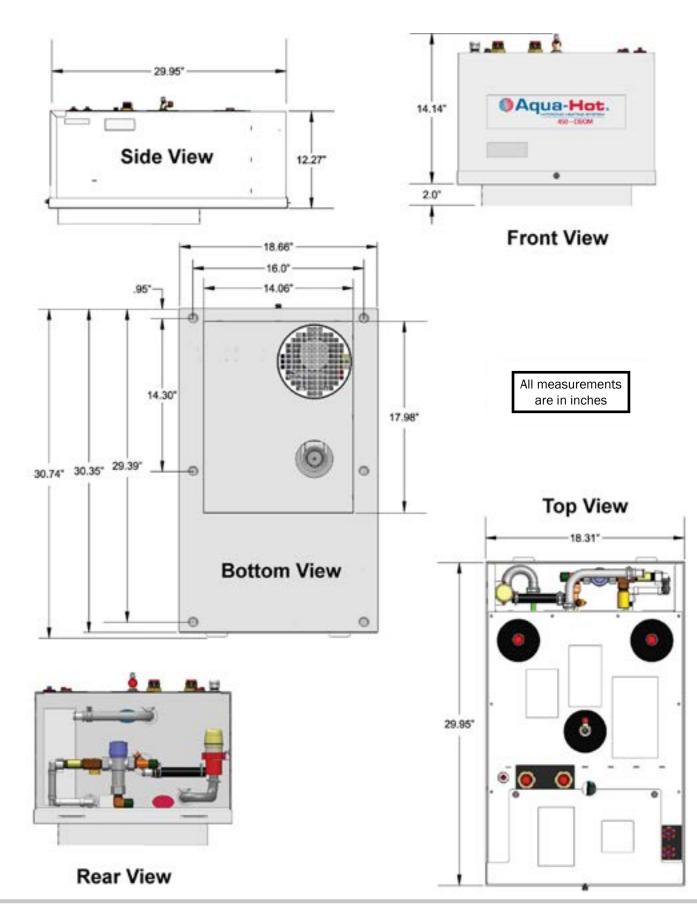
**NOTE:** Inspect the area near the mounting location to ensure that no structural members will interfere with the cut-out for the mounting tray.



- 5. Secure the mounting tray into place prior to installing the Aqua-Hot.
- Place the Aqua-Hot securely into the mounting tray to ensure that the unit does not move or shift under normal operating conditions. Reference Figure 10.







#### **Installation of the Expansion Tank**

#### Introduction:

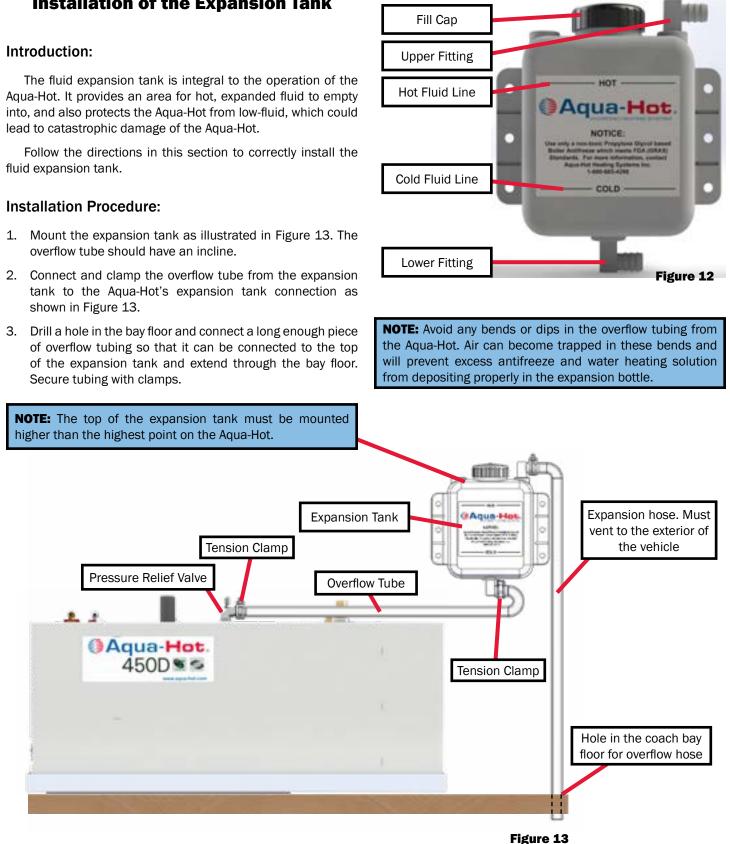
lead to catastrophic damage of the Aqua-Hot.

fluid expansion tank.

#### Installation Procedure:

- overflow tube should have an incline.
- 2. Connect and clamp the overflow tube from the expansion shown in Figure 13.
- Secure tubing with clamps.

higher than the highest point on the Aqua-Hot.



## Fluid Expansion Tank

#### **Exhaust System Requirements**



The Aqua-Hot's exhaust is HOT and must be kept away from any heat sensitive material(s). Do NOT direct exhaust downward as a fire may result when parked in dry, grassy areas.

- The exhaust must be able to freely exit away from the vehicle without any obstructions.
- Angle the exhaust pipe towards the rear of the vehicle, so that exhaust fumes will naturally move away while the vehicle is in motion. See Figure 16.
- Use standard 2" automotive-type exhaust piping and avoid bends, if possible. A minimum 1.75" ID automotive-type exhaust pipe may be used. See Figure 15 & Figure 18.
- A maximum of three 90° exhaust bends are allowed. Reference Figure 15.
- Do not use galvanized pipe fittings (only black-iron pipe and fittings should be used). Reference Figure 18.
- The total length of exhaust pipe should not exceed 27.5 feet.
- The Aqua-Hot is supplied with a 3 inch and 4 inch black pipe nipple (1.5 inch diameter) along with a 1.5 inch exhaust elbow. Reference Figure 16. These three exhaust system components MUST BE utilized with all product installations. Be sure to reference Figure 17 and 18 to determine which exhaust nipple should be connected directly to the Aqua-Hot's exhaust port (the 3 inch of the 4 inch black pipe nipple).

NOTE: Refer to "Internal Combustion Engine Exhausts and Vehicle Wall Openings" in RVIA's ANSI/NFPA 1192 Handbook for the Recreational Vehicle Standards, as well as the National Fire Protection Associations' (NFPA) 1192 Standard on Recreational Vehicles for additional information.

#### Installation Procedure:

**NOTE:** Should this particular application require more than 27.5 feet of exhaust pipe, please contact Aqua-Hot at 574-AIR-XCEL (574-247-9235) for assistance.

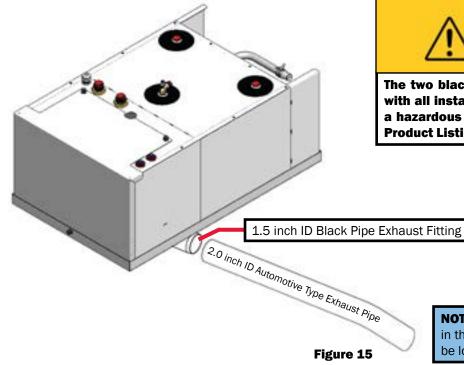
- 1. Run the exhaust pipe to the driver's side or to the back of the vehicle and ensure that the exhaust fumes cannot enter into the passenger compartment.
- 2. Be sure to secure the end of the exhaust pipe to the vehicle with the proper exhaust hanger/support hardware.

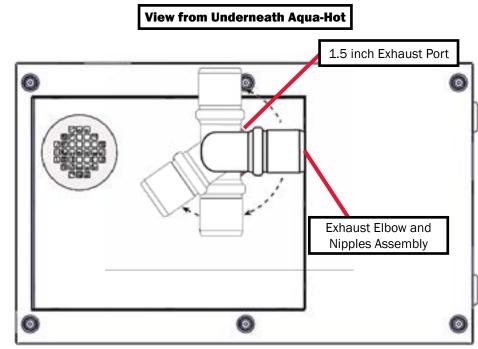


All Aqua-Hot exhaust system installations MUST utilize the two black pipe nipples and black pipe elbow, which are provided with the heating system in the configuration to be suited for the particular RV application. Failure to conform could create a hazardous situation and WILL void the Aqua-Hot's ETL Product Listing.



Figure 14





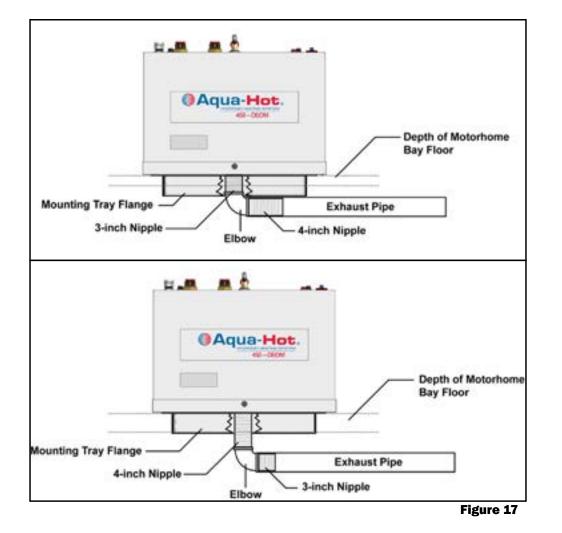
NOTE: The exhaust elbow can be rotated 270° as shown in the illustration; however, the exhaust must not terminate beneath the vehicle or beneath an open-able window or vent.

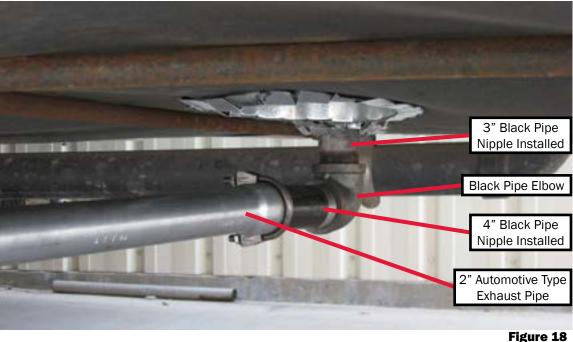
**Exhaust System** 



**NOTE:** A maximum of three 90° bends are allowed in the exhaust pipe. Also, the exhaust pipe cannot be longer than 27.5 feet.

Figure 16



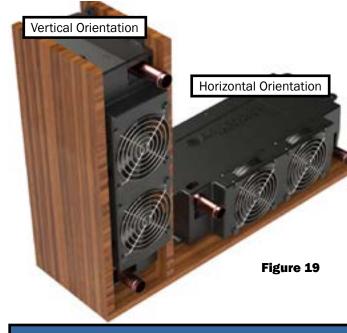


#### **Installation Requirements**

Cozy heat exchangers can be mounted in one of two configurations: either flat on the ground, or vertically. Reference Figure 19.

- Supply ventilation cross-sectional area of at least 29in<sup>2</sup>  $(74 \text{ cm}^2)$  must be supplied to each heat exchanger.
- Do not supply heat exchangers air which is drawn from the bay areas; air supply should only be from the living areas.
- Return air should be drawn from the same room the heat exchanger is heating.
- The antifreeze and water heating solution must flow through the bottom of the heat exchanger, and out the to (reference Figure 22).
- · In order to provide sufficient ventilation, the return a registers must be the same size, or larger, than the outle air registers.

NOTE: Do NOT install more than four heat exchangers pe heating loop. If additional heat exchangers are required use a booster pump (not included) to provide additiona antifreeze flow capability.



## NOTICE

Aqua-Hot advises against placing a heat exchanger on the slide-out section of any vehicle due to the high probability of damage occurring to the heating loop from moving parts.

in	<ul> <li>Place the heat exchangers as close to the floor as possible for best performance.</li> </ul>
air	• If a heat exchanger is kept in the fresh water storage bay, then the last heat exchanger in the coolant loop should be used. See Figure 20.
er d, al	The heating air supply may be fresh or recirculated air that is drawn from a clean area not likely to be contaminated.
	Optional Vent Heat Output
	Figure 20
ne ty	A inch Minimum Clearance Required
s.	Figure 21

## **Heat Exchanger Locations and** Clearances

throughout the coach interior.

interior heat.

cleaning.

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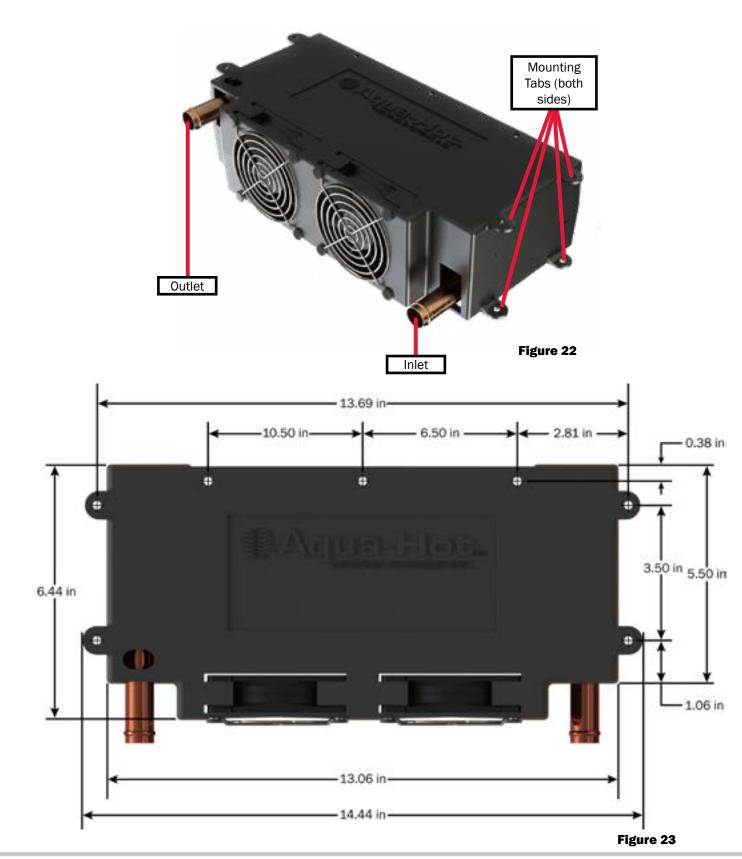
Position the heat exchangers so that even heat is distributed

The first heat exchanger on the loop will output the most

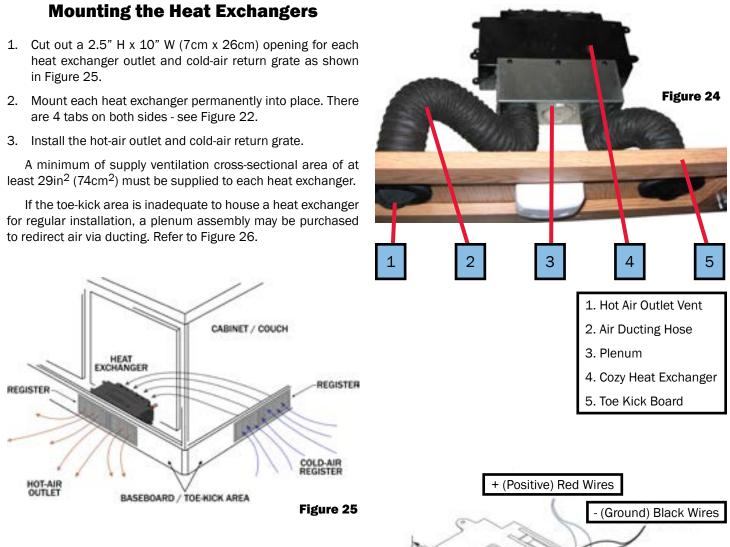
It is best practice to place the heat exchanger in an area

where it can be easily accessed for maintenance and

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- in Figure 25.





### Mounting the Heat Exchangers

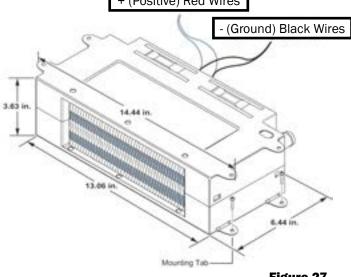


Figure 27

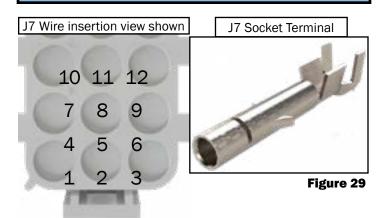
**NOTE:** When wiring the heat exchangers in parallel, the main 18-gauge wire is split to allow the heat exchanger wires to combine with the main wire to be powered or grounded, respectively.

#### Wiring the Heat Exchangers

This section will explain in detail how to wire the heat exchangers for optimal functionality. Do not deviate from these guidelines. If a deviation is required, contact Aqua-Hot Heating Systems prior to installing these exchangers for express permission to proceed with modifications.

- 1. Wire each heat exchanger (in a heating zone) in parallel to one another as shown in Figure 30.
- 2. Wire each heat exchanger independently to the J7 plug of the Reporter.
- 3. Pin-out information is shown below.

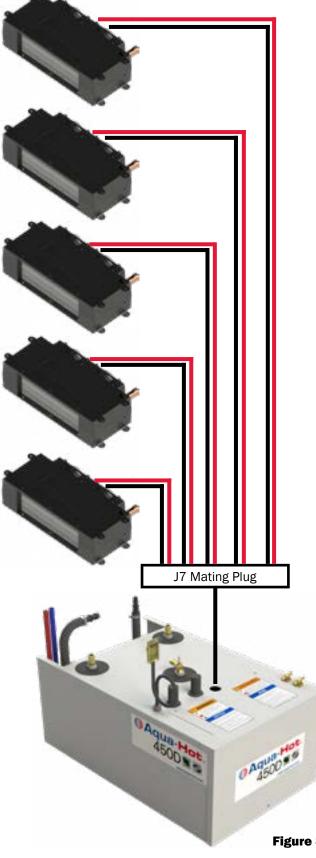
NOTE: Night-mode functionality of the new controller requires that the heat exchangers be wired directly into the controller.



#### Figure 28

Zone Fan Number	Supply (+) Pin Number	Ground (-) Pin Number
1	J7-12	J7-9
2	J7-2	J7-5
3	J7-11	J7-8
4	J7-1	J7-4
5	J7-10	J7-7

Connector Part Numbers		
Part Number	Manufacturer	Description
1-480706-0	TE Connectivity	J7 Plug Housing
350550-1	TE Connectivity	J7 Socket Terminal



#### **Plumbing the Heating Loop**

Once all heat exchangers have been mounted, plan the routing of the plumbing lines from each heating zone to the Aqua-Hot. The following guidelines should be used when planning the coolant loop(s) for the heating zone. The order of the heat exchangers should consider priority on the loop(s). Failure to adhere to these installation principles can hinder the operation of the heat exchangers.

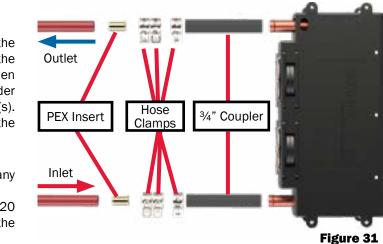
- All plumbing should be installed as flatly as possible.
- Extreme rises in height should be avoided to avoid any potential air traps.
- Use 5/8" ID (Inside Diameter) plumbing lines, 3/4" SAE J20 type coolant hose, heater hose, or PEX tubing for the heating loop(s).
- Use wide-sweeping elbows or "bend supports" whenever the plumbing lines may be susceptible to kinking.
- Plumbing lines should be run in areas where there is no reasonable possibility that they can be pinched off or damaged under normal operating conditions.
- Secure all lines where necessary and apply protective shielding in areas where chafing may occur.
- Rubber coated/closed-type clamps are recommended when securing the plumbing lines.
- Inlet and outlet plumbing lines can be installed with a straight fitting or an elbow.
- See Figure 32 for reference.

#### Instructions:

- 1. Layout the plumbing lines for all heat exchangers.
- 2. Label each line with the heating loop number and designate as an outlet or an inlet line.
- 3. Connect and clamp the outlet line from the heater to the lowest port (inlet port) with the longest run for both heating loops.
- 4. Connect and clamp a line from the first heat exchanger's highest port, and connect the other end to the next heat exchanger's lowest point.
- 5. Connect each additional heat exchanger in the same arrangement.
- 6. Connect and clamp the inlet line from the heater to the highest port on the last heat exchanger to complete the heating loop.

**NOTE:** Plumbing heat exchangers in this manner will allow air to escape naturally. If air is trapped in any heat exchanger, it will significantly reduce the exchanger's overall heating performance.

Figure 30



NOTE: The kitchen and living room heat exchangers must be plumbed together **in-series** on "Heating Loop 1". The fresh water tank, bedroom, and bathroom heat exchangers must be plumbed together in-series on "Heating Loop 2". See the diagram below.

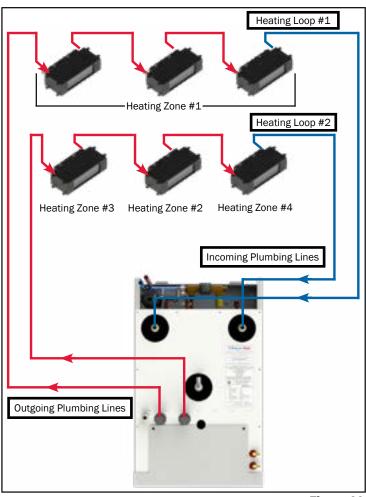
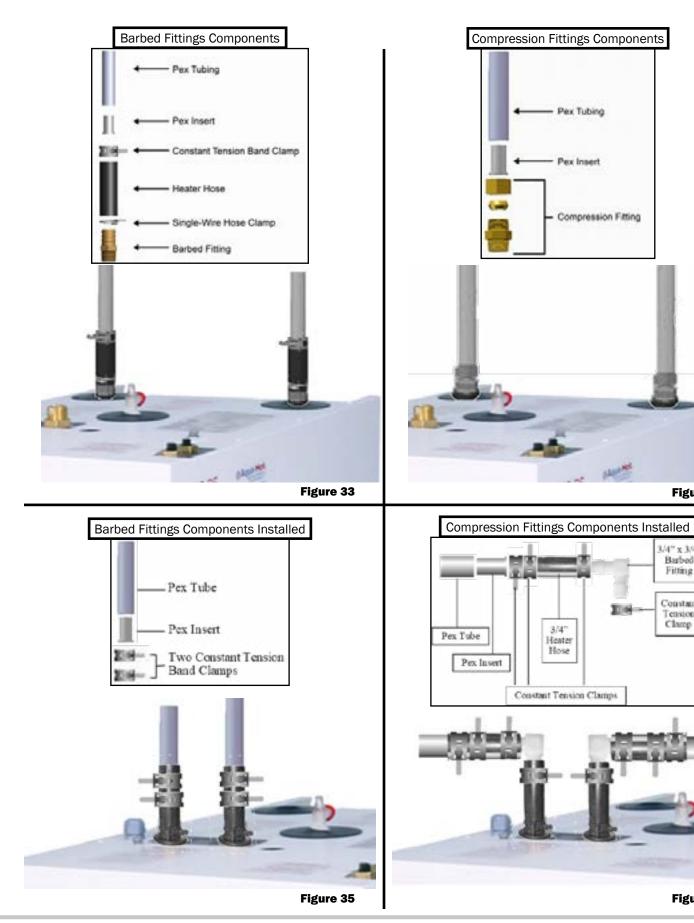


Figure 32





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Bedroom **Heat Exchanger** 

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Engine Preheating

Engine

Bathroom **Heat Exchanger** 

Figure 34

4"x34

Barbed

Fitting

Constant

Tension Clamp

Figure 36

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**Return Air** 

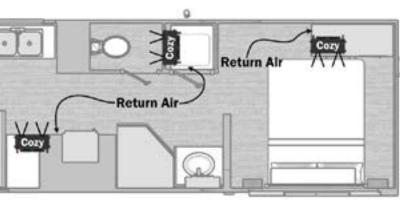
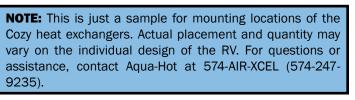


Figure 37

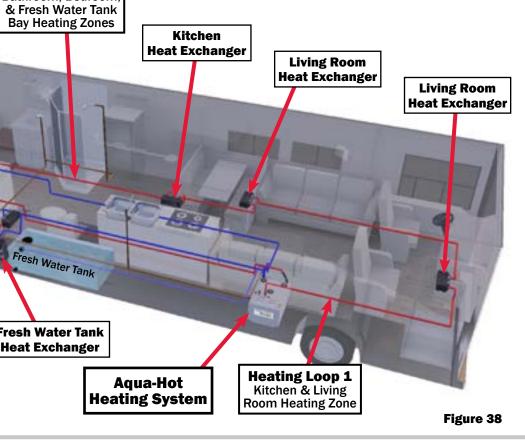


Heating Loop 2 Bathroom, Bedroom,

Fresh Water Tank

**Fresh Water Tank** Heat Exchanger

NOTE: For the best performance, the first heat exchanger should be placed where heat loss is the greatest. The first heat exchanger will always output the largest volume of heat as compared to subsequent exchangers.



#### **Engine Preheat & Motor-aide System**

The Aqua-Hot 450D includes a motor-aide feature that uses the circulation of the motor home's engine to transport the antifreeze and water heating solution from the Aqua-Hot's boiler tank to the motor home's warm engine and back to the boiler tank. The 450D also includes an engine preheat feature that provides an easy engine start-up whenever colder weather conditions are present.

#### Engine Preheat Location

• The inlet and outlet ports on the vehicle's engine should be kept as far apart as possible. This will ensure that the entire engine is thoroughly preheated. See Figure 39.

NOTE: If assistance is needed in determining the best inlet and outlet ports for a specific engine, please contact the particular engine's manufacturer or chassis supplier.

- The engine's coolant should be allowed to flow as freely as possible to maximize the Aqua-Hot's engine preheating system.
- The engine's inlet port is where the heated coolant is 5. transported to the engine block from the Aqua-Hot. This port should be a high connection point on the engine block. Refer to Figure 39.
- The engine's outlet port is where the engine's coolant is transported to the Aqua-Hot. This port should be a low connection point on the engine block or a pressure outlet port on the engine's water pump (Figure 39).
- Ensure that the engine preheat inlet and outlet hoses are 8. Attach and clamp the engine's outgoing plumbing line to not placed too close to the engine's turbocharger.

#### Plumbing Requirements

- Use 3/4" ID (Inside Diameter) plumbing lines, automotivetype heater hose for the engine preheating system.
- Lay both engine preheat lines as flat as possible and avoid any extreme rises in height in order to eliminate the potential for air traps.
- Run both plumbing lines in areas where they cannot be pinched off or damaged during normal operating conditions.

NOTE: Rubber coated, closed-type clamps are recommended when securing the plumbing lines.

• Use one-piece engine plumbing fittings in order to reduce the potential for coolant leaks. It is recommended that pipe thread sealant be used on all engine plumbing.

#### **Plumbing Installation**

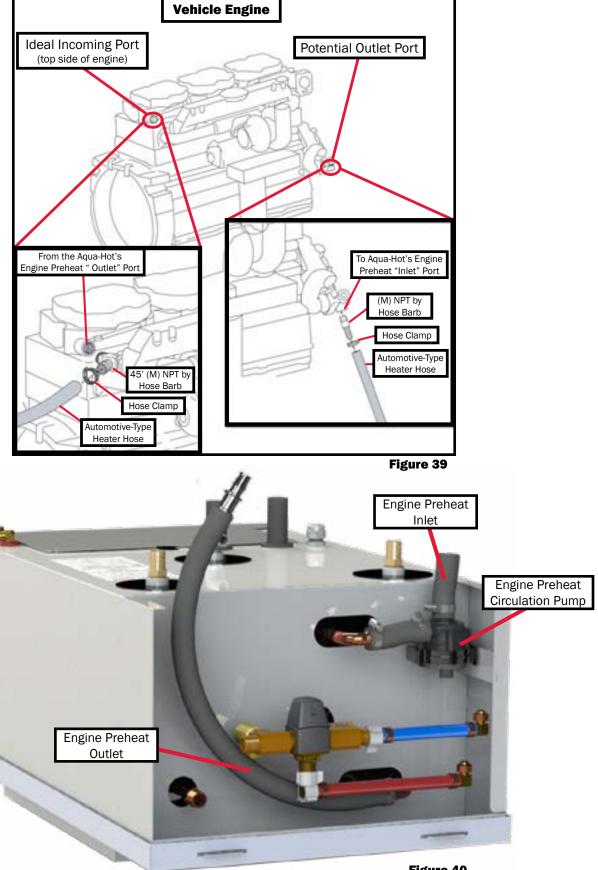
1. Install both engine preheat plumbing lines and mark with arrows and/or labels at both ends.

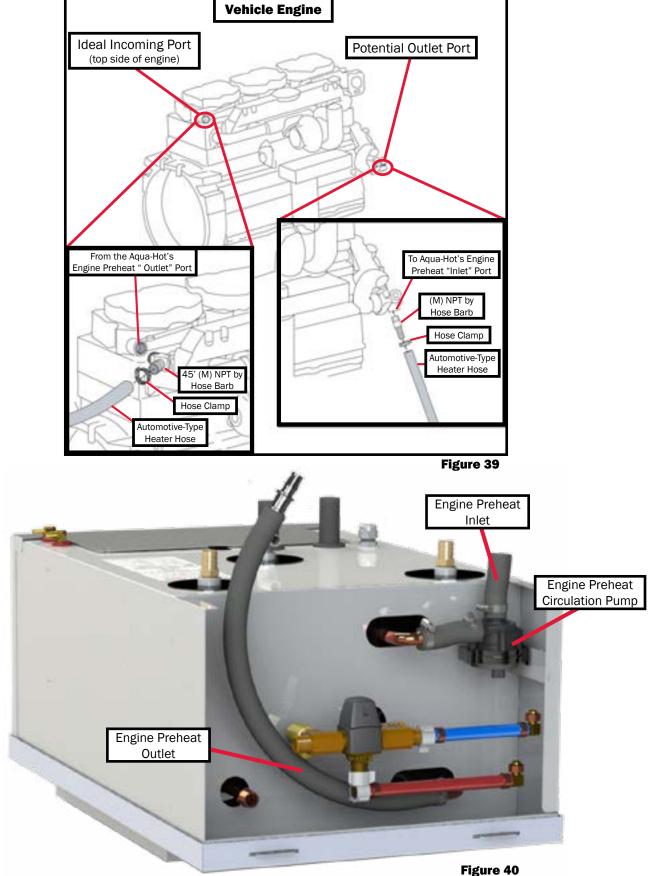
NOTE: The labels should indicate whether the plumbing line is transporting coolant to the Aqua-Hot, or if it will be transporting heated coolant to the vehicle's engine. Reference Figure 39.

- 2. Drain the engine's coolant.
- 3. Remove the selected inlet and outlet port "plugs" from the engine.

**NOTE:** Should one or both of the selected engine ports already have plumbing fittings attached, it may be necessary to "tee" into those existing plumbing fittings. Please contact Aqua-Hot Heating Systems at +1 (800) 685-4298 for additional assistance.

- 4. Install and tighten the plumbing fittings into the inlet and outlet ports on the vehicle's engine.
- Install and clamp both the inlet and outlet engine plumbing lines, automotive-type heater hoses to the engine's plumbing fittings. Reference Figure 39.
- 6. Install and tighten a plumbing fitting into the "inlet" port on the Aqua-Hot's engine preheating system. See Figure 40.
- Attach and clamp the engine's incoming plumbing line to 7. the Aqua-Hot's outlet connection.
- the Aqua-Hot's inlet connection.
- 9. Verify all fittings and connections have been tightened, then refill the engine's coolant system.





#### **Diesel Fuel System**

The following section outlines the requirements for diesel fuel delivery to the Agua-Hot unit. Read and adhere to all of the outlined requirements to ensure best, and safest performance of the Aqua-Hot.

A kinked fuel line (return side) will increase the fuel pressure to hazardous levels and may cause a fuel line to rupture. A kinked fuel line could also severely damage the diesel burner's internal fuel system.

#### **Fuel Filter Location**

• Mount the fuel filter assembly in a location that provides easy access for replacing the filter and for catching any potential fuel spillage when servicing.

#### Fuel System Requirements

- The diesel fuel supply should be drawn directly from the vehicle's main fuel tank or from a separate auxiliary fuel tank, if applicable.
- The fuel tank should be equipped with a dedicated fuel pick-up pipe (outlet and inlet port). Reference Figure 41.

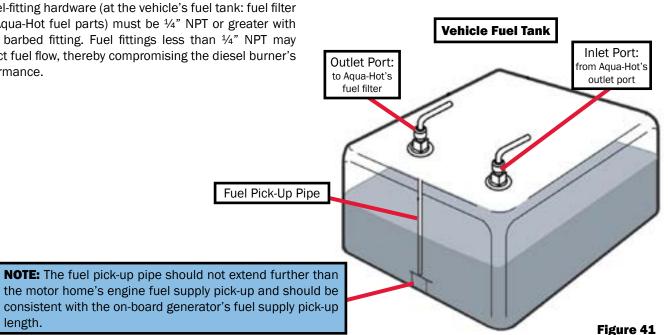
NOTE: If an auxiliary fuel tank is required, be sure to consult the ANSI/NFPA 1192 Handbook concerning heating system's diesel fuel system specifications.

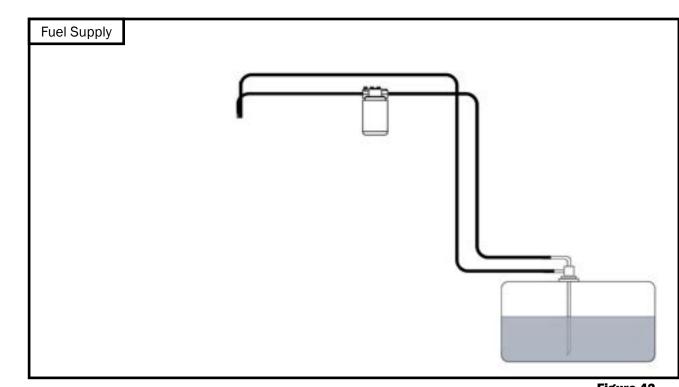
- Use <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" ID (Inside Diameter) fuel lines.
- The combined length of the supply and return fuel lines should not exceed 100 feet in total length. Reference Figures 42 & 43.
- All fuel-fitting hardware (at the vehicle's fuel tank: fuel filter and Aqua-Hot fuel parts) must be 1/4" NPT or greater with a 1/4" barbed fitting. Fuel fittings less than 1/4" NPT may restrict fuel flow, thereby compromising the diesel burner's performance.

#### Fuel System Installation

- · Both fuel lines (supply and return) should be laid as flat as possible and any extreme rises in height should be avoided in order to eliminate any potential air traps.
- · Run both fuel lines in areas where they cannot be pinched, kinked, or damaged during normal operation.
- Run the fuel tank outlet fuel line past the fuel filter location in preparation for Step 7.
- 1. Run two 1/4" fuel lines from the fuel tank inlet and outlet ports to the Aqua-Hot.
- 2. Be sure to secure all fuel lines where necessary and apply protective shielding in areas where chafing may occur.
- 3. Label both fuel lines indicating whether they are an outgoing line or incoming line.
- Connect the Aqua-Hot's fuel lines to the vehicle's fuel tank. 4.
- 5 Install and tighten the appropriate fuel fittings onto the Aqua-Hot's fuel ports, as well as the two ports of the fuel filter. Reference Figure 44 & 45.
- 6. Connect the inlet and outlet fuel lines to the Agua-Hot's fuel port connections.
- 7. Cut the fuel line at the fuel filter mounting location and connect the fuel lines as illustrated in Figure 44.

**NOTE:** Be sure the flow of fuel through the filter is in the correct direction.

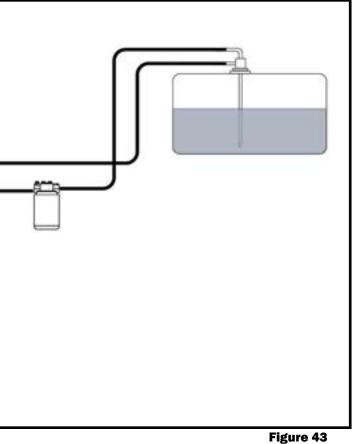


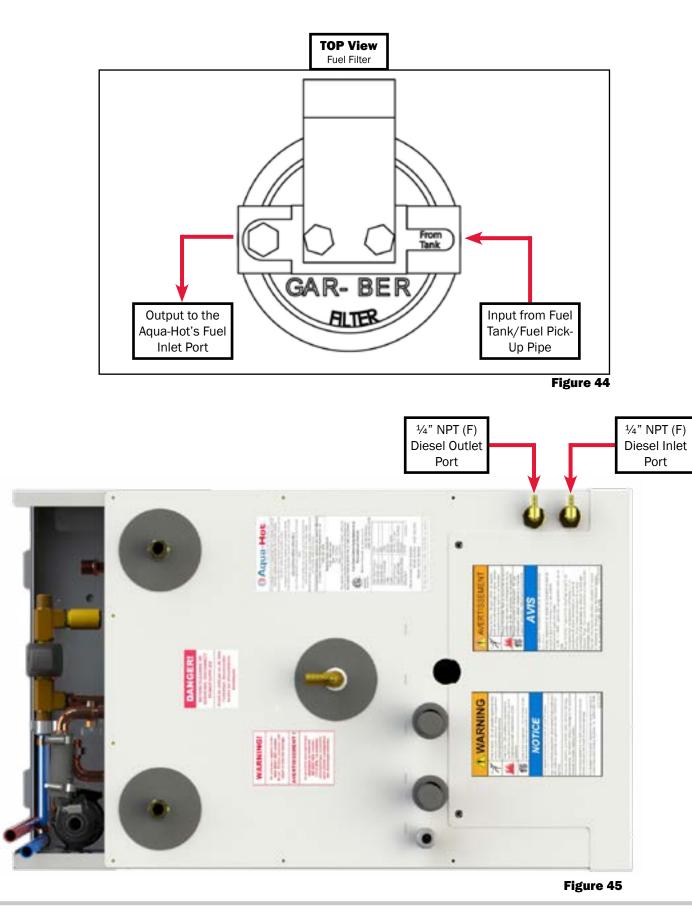


Fuel Return	

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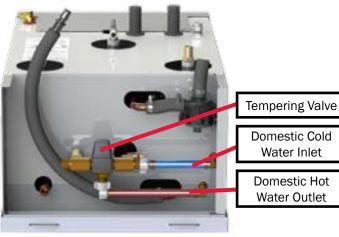




#### **Domestic Water System Requirements**

- Reference A119.2/NFPA 501C Standard on Recreational Vehicles 1993 Edition for relevant regulatory information regarding the design of Domestic Water Systems.
- The Aqua-Hot is equipped with a pressure relief valve and a • tempering valve in order to provide safe hot water without chance of scalding or an over-pressurized system.
- Plumb the domestic water system according to Figure 47.

NOTE: Extended exposure to household bleach will corrode the components of the Aqua-Hot that will potentially dramatically shorten the operational lifetime of the Aqua-Hot. Under no circumstances is the Aqua-Hot to be exposed to household bleach for extended periods of time. This type of damage is not covered by the Aqua-Hot warranty.





	WATER SUPP	LY PIPE SIZES	
	Tubing		Pipe
Number of Fixtures	Inner Dia. (inches)	Outer Dia. (inches)	Iron Pipe Size (inches)
1	1/4**	3/8**	3/8
2	1/4***	3/8***	3/8
3	3/8	1/2	1/2
4	3/8	1/2	1/2
5 or more	1/2	5/8	1/2
manufacturer. 12-feet (3.7 m) ma	toilet water supply line shall aximum length allowable onl		
*** 6-feet (1.8 m) ma	ximum length.		

Please note it may be necessary to utilize an accumulator tank within the domestic water system. Reference Figure 47. Although the 450D is equipped with a pressure relief valve, the use of an accumulator tank will help prevent excessive "weeping" of the valve. Manufactured pressure relief valves will cause the "seat" in the valve to deteriorate, which can cause the valve to fail permanently. Be sure to reference the RVIA's (Recreational Vehicle Industry Association) technical publication titled "Recreational Vehicle Plumbing Systems". To obtain a copy of this publication, contact RIVE at (730) 620-

Use the RVIA provided table below in order to determine the

proper sizing of pipe and tubing required to ensure maximum

efficiency. The size of the water supply piping and branch line

shall not be less than specified in the table below.

6003 or visit them online at www.rvia.org.

**NOTE:** As stated directly from the ANSI A119.2/NFPA 501C Standards on Recreation Vehicles, 1993 Edition: "Piping Systems shall be sized to provide an adequate quantity of water to each Plumbing Fixture at a flow rate sufficient to keep the Fixture in a clean and sanitary condition without any danger of back-flow of siphoning".

#### **Plumbing the Domestic Water System**

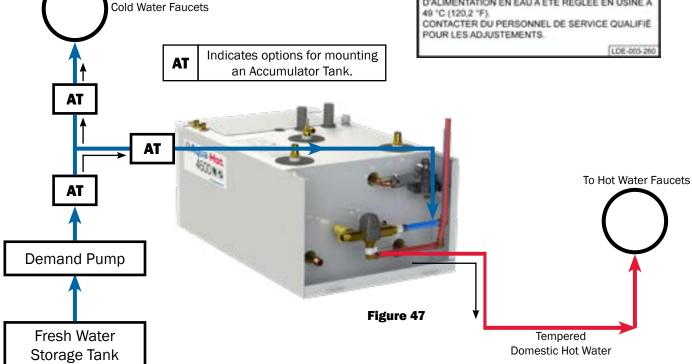
The Aqua-Hot is also able to provide domestic hot water while the boiler tank is up at operating temperature. Activate the Diesel burner to provide adequate heat for hot water needs. The electric element will provide light duty hot water.

The tempering valve is integrated into the cabinet of the Aqua-Hot, and is set upon departure from the Aqua-Hot factory. So long as the tempering valve is not modified, it will provide hot, non-scalding water. The Aqua-Hot is required to have a pressure relief valve that releases excessive pressure in the domestic water system.

#### Instructions

- 1. Connect a domestic water plumbing line from the domestic water demand pump to the cold water inlet port (blue PEX) on the Aqua-Hot.
- 2. Connect a domestic water plumbing line from the Aqua-Hot's hot water outlet port (red PEX) to the hot water system's distribution lines.





#### **Fresh Water Tank Thermostat**

Select a location that will ensure even heat distribut throughout the fresh water storage bay compartment in orde prevent the domestic water and plumbing system from freezi

Typically, only the bulb of the thermostat needs to physically mounted in the area requiring heat (usually in clo proximity to the domestic water pump). Reference Figure 49

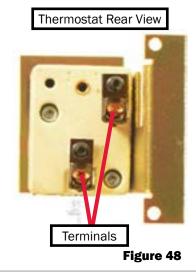
- Do not mount the thermostat bulb in a drafty area along the ceiling of the bay.
- The selected mounting location should allow for each access and should be as low in the bay area as possil
- Avoid mounting the fresh water tank thermostat's b too close to the bay heat exchanger.
- Aqua-Hot recommends using Heating Zone 4 for ٠ Bay thermostat, as Zone Circulation Pump 2 is for Zo 4. However, you can wire to which ever zone of y preference.

#### Fresh Water Tank Thermostat Mounting

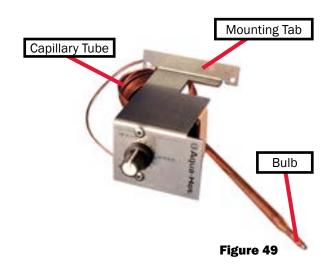
- 1. Select a location for the thermostat bulb in the free water storage tank bay compartment.
- 2. Once the thermostat has been completely win permanently mount the thermostat in place.

#### Fresh Water Tank Thermostat Wiring

- 1. Run two 18-gauge wires from the thermostat's mount location to the Aqua-Hot's Reporter J1 & J9 Pin.
- 2. Insert the positive wire (#82) to the J9-5 Pin on Reporter, and insert the ground wire (#83) to J1-8 Pin.
- 3. Connect both wires to the appropriate leads of the thermostat.



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be be		e selected location should prevent the thermostat from affected by the following.
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a or	•	Hot or cold air ducts.
easy	•	Radiant heat from sun or appliances.
ible.	•	Heat from concealed pipes and chimneys.
bulb	•	Unheated or uncooled areas such as an outside wall behind the thermostat.
the Zone	Room	n Thermostat Mounting
your	1.	Select a location for the thermostat in the coach.
	2.	Once the thermostat has been completely wired, permanently mount the thermostat in place. Be sure the thermostats are turned OFF.
resh		
	Room	n Thermostat Wiring
ired,	1.	Run two 18-gauge wires from each room thermostat mounting location to the Aqua-Hot's Reporter J1 & J9 Pins.
nting	2.	Insert the positive wire to the J9 Pin on the Reporter, and insert the ground wire to J1 Pin.
	3.	Connect both wires to the appropriate leads of the
the Pin		thermostat. Reference the wiring schematic on Page 51.



#### **Interior Switch Panel**

Select a location in the interior of the coach that allows for easy operator access. The switch panel should be installed in a central location inside the coach that is easily accessible to turn the system on and off. Mounting plate dimensions for the panel are shown below.

#### **Coach Control Panel Screen:**

Newer Aqua-Hot units that come equipped with the Reporter Switch Panel Wiring may have a coach touch-screen display instead of the interior switch panel. This section is only for the installation and wiring for the interior switch panel.

All electrical installations, systems, and equipment shall comply with Article 551, Parts I through VI of NFPA 70, as well as the regulation of authorities having jurisdiction and CSA Standard B139.

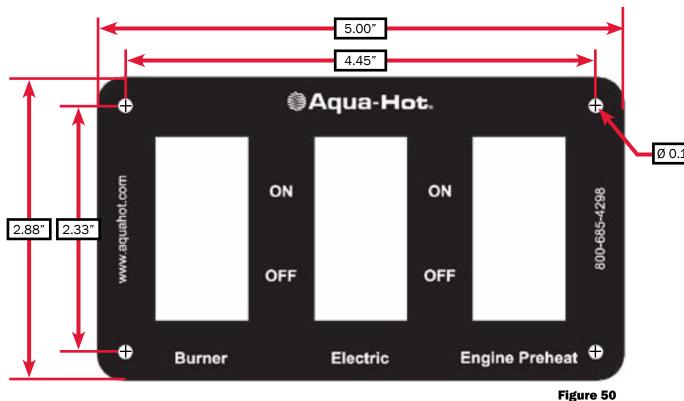
NOTE: Be sure to attach "Jumper Wires" where necessary. Reference the following switch diagrams.

#### Switch Panel Mounting

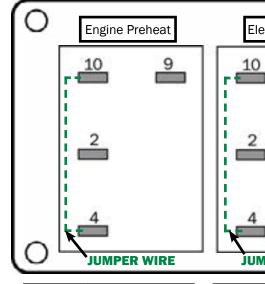
- 1. Cut out a 3.75" W x 1.25" H opening for the switch panel plate. Reference Figure 50.
- 2. Once the switch panel has been completely wired, permanently mount the switch panel in place.
- 3. Using four countersunk 3mm (#4) screws, secure the switch plate into place over the cutout just made.

- 1. Run 16-gauge wires from the switch panel to the Reporter.
- 2. Strip and crimp insulated female terminals onto each wire at the switch panel location.
- 3. Connect all switch wires to the appropriate switch connections. Reference the following diagrams per the switch model.
- 4. Insert all switch wires into the appropriate pin connection for the Reporter. Reference the schematic on Page 49.









Switch Pin	Wire Harness	Switch Pin	Wire Harness	Switch Pin	Wire Harness
#2	J9-1	#2	J9-2	#2	J1-1
#4	J1-4	#4	J1-2	#4	J9-3
#9	Chassis Ground	#9	Chassis Ground	#10	J7-3
				#9	Chassis Ground

NOTE: The Engine Preheat and Electric Element switches possess jumper wires that advance from terminal 4 to terminal 10.

## Switch Panel

Figure 51

Switches Rear View О Electric Element Diesel Burner 9 10 9 2 4 ) JUMPER WIRE

#### Wiring the Aqua-Hot

NOTE: Reference the Schematics starting on Page 46 for more information.

This section will introduce the basic considerations, practices, and information necessary to wire the Aqua-Hot to any relevant coach-side systems.



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#### J8 Plug:

The J8 plug is responsible for connections that pertain to sensor monitoring within the coach, and is standardized across all Reporter-bearing Aqua-Hot heating systems.

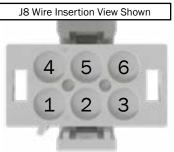


Figure 52

Pin Number	Description	Wire No.
J8-1	Low-Level Sensor Input	16
J8-2	Low-Temp Sensor Input	10
J8-3	Tank Temp Sensor/Control Thermostat	14
J8-4	Low-Level Power Supply (12V DC+)	15
J8-5	Low-Temp Power Supply (12V DC+)	9
J8-6	Tank Temp Sensor/Control Thermostat	13

#### J1 Plug:

The J1 plug manages heating zone inputs from the coach.

Heating Zone 1 is reserved electrically for the "Living Room - Kitchen Heating Zone" (Heating Loop 1) ONLY. Heating zones 2, 3, & 4 are reserved electrically for the "Bathroom, Fresh Water Tank, and Bedroom Heating Zone" (Heating Loop 2) ONLY.

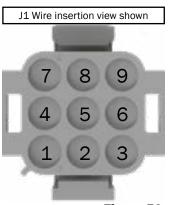


Figure 53

Heating Zone 5 is reserved for the "Optional Heating Zone" (Heating Loop 1) ONLY.

See pin-out information below.

#### J7 Plug:

The J7 plug manages zone fans and the burner switch indicator light..

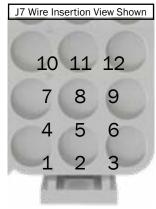


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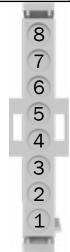
	Pin Number	Description	Wire No.
	J1-1	Diesel Input	51
	J1-2	Electric Low Input	53
	J1-3	Not Used	-
	J1-4	Engine Preheat Input	55
ZONE 1	J1-5	Zone 1 Input	95
ZONE 2	J1-6	Zone 2 Input	91
ZONE 3	J1-7	Zone 3 Input	87
ZONE 4	J1-8	Zone 4 Input	86
ZONE 5	J1-9	Zone 5 Input (Optional)	79

	Pin No.	Description	Wire No.
	J7-6	Burner Indicator Light Ground	57
	J7-3	Burner Indicator Light	56
ZONE	J7-12	Zone Fan 1 (Switched 12V+)	92
1	J7-9	Zone Fan 1 Ground	93
ZONE	J7-2	Zone Zan 2 (Switched 12V+)	88
2	J7-5	Zone Fan 2 Ground	77
ZONE	J7-11	Zone Zan 3 (Switched 12V+)	84
3	J7-8	Zone Fan 3 Ground	85
ZONE	J7-1	Zone Zan 4 (Switched 12V+)	80
4	J7-4	Zone Fan 4 Ground	81
ZONE	J7-10	Zone Fan 5 (Switched 12V+)	76
5	J7-7	Zone Fan 5 Ground	78

J9

#### J9 Wire Insertion View Shown

The J9 plug is an optional use terminal that provides constant 12V DC current to any attachments which may be added to the coach.



#### Figure 55

	J9 Pin No.	Description	Wire No.
	J9-1	Engine Preheat	54
	J9-2	Electric	52
	J9-3	Diesel 12V DC Switch	50
ZONE 5	J9-4	Zone 5 Thermostat	78
ZONE 4	J9-5	Zone 4 Thermostat	82
ZONE 3	J9-6	Zone 3 Thermostat	86
ZONE 2	J9-7	Zone 2 Thermostat	90
ZONE 1	J9-8	Zone 1 Thermostat	94

#### J3

J3 serves as the RV-C connection to the coachside comfort system (if applicable). The RV-C indicator light located on the back of the Reporter serves as a valuable diagnostic tool when the need to determine RV-C functionality arises.

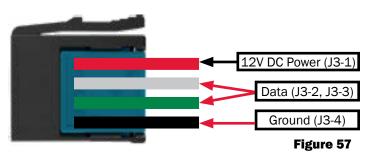
Wire Insertion View Showr 1 2

Figure 56

J3 Pin No.	Description
1	12V DC+ Current Out (Optional)
2	CAN-HIGH
3	CAN-LOW
4	Ground

The J3 plug connects to the on-board RV-C system of the coach (if applicable). The RV-C indicator light located on the back of the Reporter serves as a valuable diagnostic tool when the need to determine RV-C functionality arises.

The J3 Plug is a 4-pin connector with self-contained power pins. See the diagram below for the crimping information for the J3 plug. Crimp these parts together using pliers.

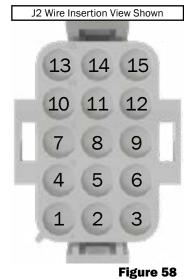


Manufacturer	Part No.	Description
ЗМ	37401-2165- 000 FL 100	4-Position Plug (Male)
ЗМ	37104-2165- 000 FL 100	4-Position Receptacle Plug (Female)
General Cable	E2104S.41.02	4COND 22AWG WHT SHLD Cable

The parts listed above can be purchased from any major electronics retailer. Only the parts listed above are approved for use in the Aqua-Hot.

#### J2

The J2 Plug is responsible for managing return signals from within the coach.



Pin Number	Description	Wire No.
J2-1	Pump 1 Output (12 V DC+)	5A1
J2-2	Pump 1 Ground	6
J2-3	Zone 1 Boost Pump	-
J2-4	Pump 2 Output (12V DC+)	ЗA
J2-5	Pump 2 Ground	4
J2-6	Power On Signal	24
J2-7	Pump 3 Output (12V DC+)	1
J2-8	Pump 3 Ground	2
J2-9	Zone 2 Boost Pump	39
J2-10	Pump 4 Output (12V DC+)	7
J2-11	Pump 4 Ground	8
J2-12	Electric Element On-Signal	11
J2-13	AC Ground	12
J2-14	Burner Ground	21A
J2-15	Diesel Burner Status Input	19

#### **The Aqua-Hot Reporter**



The Aqua-Hot Reporter is a new generation of command and control module that manages all functions of the Aqua-Hot from start-up to shutdown. The previously used electronic control board has been retired on new units in favor of the Reporter.

There are two series of Reporters presently in use: Reporter 1.0 and Reporter 2.0. Reporter 1.0 was launched November 30, 2018, and Reporter 2.0 was launched September 9, 2019.

The launch of Reporter 2.0 allowed an opportunity to improve upon the 1.0 design where ever it was deemed necessary. The Reporter 2.0 features the following design improvements:

- Over-Temperature Fault Functionality
- Precise fluid coolant temperature display
- Boost pumps are now powered directly by the Reporter

#### **Functionality:**

The Reporter was designed with a touch-screen interface to simplify and standardize unit use and troubleshooting. Screen navigation and access is now standardized across the Aqua-Hot 450 Series Diesel (DE5 and newer).

The Reporter also contains fault logging functionality, troubleshooting tools, and testing functions. Each of these functions will be explained in detail.

#### **Basic Features:**

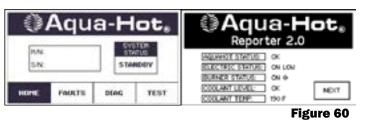
The Home Screen is the first screen shown on the Reporter. Reporter 1.0 and Reporter 2.0 home screens do differ.

The most substantial difference between the Reporter 1.0 and 2.0 is the inclusion of a thermistor in place of the standard control thermostat. This allows specific Aqua-Hot coolant tank temperatures to be displayed on the Reporter, and relayed to the on-board comfort control systems (if the coach manufacturer installs one). The tank temperature sensor allows more granular control of the Aqua-Hot by switching away fron the static temperature limitations imposed by the previous control thermostat.

The Reporter contains a host of diagnostic and troubleshooting tools to more easily repair and operate Aqua-Hot units. These features are organized into pages and sections that are furthe explained in this guide.

#### **Home Screen**

The home screen contains information about the Aqua-Hot system status, as well as model and serial number information.



#### **Fault Status**

The fault status page contains the last seven faults which were observed by the Reporter, regardless of how much time has passed.

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#### Coach Side I/O

This page of the Reporter will indicate the current status of elements and switches within the coach; such as, the coach is requesting hot water or heat.

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#### Aqua-Hot I/O

#### Figure 62

The Aqua-Hot I/O page will show the current status of elements, sensors, and components within the Aqua-Hot itself.

STATUS	LOW LEVEL SENSOR	LOW TEMP ( SENSOR	CONTROL THERM	LOW	DURNER OPP	PUHP 1	077
OFF	P144	HEAT	AT TEMP		10003	1000 4	
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**Figure 63** 

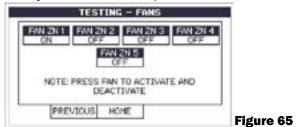
#### **Heat Testing:**

The heat testing page of the Reporter will allow the electric and burner heating sub-systems to be independently activated for troubleshooting and testing purposes.



#### Fan Testing:

The fan testing section of the Reporter will allow the heat exchanger fans within the coach to be activated independently of the rest of the Aqua-Hot.



#### Pump Testing:

The pump testing page of the Reporter functions similarly to the fan testing page in that, from this Reporter page, pumps within the Aqua-Hot can be activated independently from other elements for their functionality to be verified.

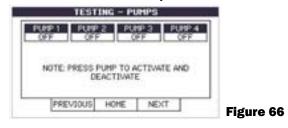




Figure 67

#### **Heartbeat Function**

Aqua-Hot Reporter units with at least firmware version 1v5 and all Reporter 2.0 units are equipped with a "heartbeat" function which establishes a signal between the RV-C system and the Reporter.

The Reporter 12V+/- wires are connected directly to the coach battery. The Reporter has an RV-C incorporated house power sense in the event RV-C connection is lost, i.e. house batteries disconnected or RV-C network has failed.

The Reporter will be constantly awaiting a signal from the RV-C network indicating to the Reporter that it is to continue normal operation. Loss of 6 consecutive signals from the RV-C network will trigger the Reporter to deactivate the Aqua-Hot.

This serves as a safety feature to ensure that the Agua-Hot does not continue to operate if the coach loses power. Once power is restored to the coach and the Reporter unit. "BATTERY DISCONNECT SWITCH OFF" will be displayed in the fault log, indicating that the Reporter has lost connectivity with the RV-C network, and subsequently deactivated.

#### **Technical Information**

#### Mounting:

The Aqua-Hot Reporter can be mounted in two different fashions, either surface mount or recessed mount. Dimensional specifications are shown below. When surface mounting, use a #10 or larger screw. If recessed mounting, use a #6 screw.

There is a slot located at the bottom of the Reporter which serves as access for the harness and power connections. Take these into consideration when choosing the mounting location for the Reporter. Circular dimensions are edge to center.

Aqua-Hot sheet metal cabinets have reference features indented into them for mounting the Reporter to the Aqua-Hot if desired.

NOTE: For networked control of the Reporter, Aqua-Hot requires system integrators ensure that individual commands are received and processed. Aqua-Hot requires that commands be repeated or confirmed so that if a single message were dropped, or if there is a brief network disturbance, the Reporter would get into the correct state as soon as the disruption was removed.

The Aqua-Hot Reporter monitors the heating system and handles all logic relating to safeties and heating control. As such, the system integrator is required to display all pertinent status information but not use that information to lock out operation or add additional safety layers that could impact the end of operation if a message from the Reporter was missed.

#### **Boost Pumps**

Boost pump functionality has changed with the implementation of the Reporter 2.0.

On Reporter 1.0 units, any boost pumps at use within the coach required a relay connected to wires 3b and 5b in order to operate.

With Reporter 2.0, that relay can now be eliminated, with boost pump power and functionality now being handled directly by the Reporter. Using a flag-terminal, connect the boost pump directly to the harness bearing in mind the requirements below.

Zone 1: Connect to Wire 5b	
Max Current Draw:	5.0A
Over-Current Condition:	8.0A
Zone 2: Connect to Wire 3b	
Max Current Draw:	3.0A
Over-Current Condition:	5.0A

Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) will need to provide the ground for operating boost pumps from the Reporter.

#### **Electrical Specifications:**

The Reporter contains a single Amphenol ATP family connector that serves as the power connection to the coach side 12V DC power system. Mating connection components are not supplied by Aqua-Hot. Compatible part numbers and manufacturers are supplied below. The Reporter must be operated to the below listed specifications.

Minimum Voltage	11.0V DC
Maximum Voltage	15.0 V DC
Minimum Current	75mA
Maximum Current	15A

Please note that the minimum current rating is the minimum requirement for what will operate the Reporter. Operating at this current rating will not provide sufficient power to a components dependent upon the Reporter.

#### Input Load currents

Zone Thermostats (each)	appx. 1m
Diesel Burner Switch	appx. 1m
Electric Element Switch	appx. 1m
Low-Level Cutoff Switch	appx. 1m
Control Thermostat (Reporter 1.0)	appx. 1m
Tank Temperature Sensor (Reporter 2.0)	appx. 1m
Low-Temperature Cutoff Thermostat	. appx. 1n

#### **Output Load currents**

Zone Fans (Reporter 1.0/all)	3.0A max
Zone Fan 1 (Reporter 2.0)	8.0A max
Zone Fans 2-5 (Reporter 2.0)	5.0A max
Zone Fans (all)	0.25A max
Circulation Pumps (each)	2.0A max
AC Relay	0.5A max
Burner Power	6.0A max

Burner Master Co	ontrol	2.0A max
Burner Thermosta	at Control	1.0A max

<b>RV-C Mating Connection</b>			
Mfg.	Description		
ЗМ	37104-A165-00E-MB	RV-C Connection Housing	

Reporter Power Connection				
Deuthsche Amphenol				
Pins	1060-12-0222	AT60-12-0222		
Housing	DTP04-2P	ATP04-2P		
Wedge	WP-2P	AWP-2P		

Harness Connections						
Mfg.	Part Number	Description	Mate			
TE	1-480706-0	09P UMNL Plug	J1			
TE	1-480710-0	15P UMNL Plug	J2			
ЗM	37104-2165-000 FL 100	CONN Plug 2MM 4POS 20-22 AWG	JЗ			
TE	1-480708-0	12P UMNL Plug	J7			
TE	1-480704-0	06P UMNL Plug	J8			
TE	640582-1	08P UMNL Plug	J9			

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Mfg.	Part Number	Description	Mate									
TE	350550-1	UMNL SOK 20-14 TIN/PHBZ L/P	J1 J2 J3 J7 J8 J0									

Socket Crimping Tool											
Mfg.	Part Number	Description									
TE	90547-1	ASSY Pro-Crimper M-N-L									



#### 000 000 000 **Board Power Board Power RV-C** Network J7 J8 J2 Burner Power (+ J9 J3 J1 (Battery (Battery Indicator Light Negative) Positive) Figure 70

#### **RV-C Network Connectivity**

The Reporter was designed to interface with the coach-side RV-C network to aid in the Aqua-Hot's integration into the onboard RV-C network.

There is an indicator light on the back of the Reporter which shows the current status of the Reporter's connection to the RV-C network. This will be useful when diagnosing potential problems with the coach-side RV-C network.

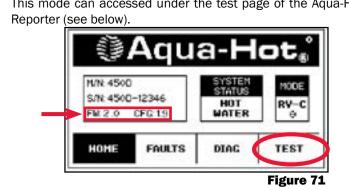
	LED Activity	Status
	Solid Green	Reporter is connected to network and communicating properly
	OFF	Reporter has no power, or has failed completely
	Solid Red	Reporter has gone offline and is not connected to network
	Flashing Green (4/second)	Reporter is attempting to make an initial connection to the network
	Flashing Green (1/second)	The Reporter is online, but it has not received a valid network message for at least 5 seconds
	Alternating Red and Orange	Reporter has gone offline and is attempting to re-con- nect (within 30 seconds)
	Alternating Green and Orange	Reporter is currently online but has gone offline 2 or more times.

#### **Manual Mode**

The 2.0 Reporters with CFG 1.9 and greater come with a manual mode in case the general coach RV-C network fails. It will allow and must be manually reactivated. Leaving the manual mode for limited operation while the larger network/module problem page will also disable manual mode and restore normal is addressed. operation. Leaving manual mode should be done once the

To determine the version of Reporter, the Reporter 2.0 modules are shipped with version decals affixed to the back of the circuit board, OR shown on the home screen - "FW: 2.0".

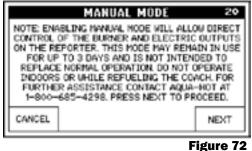
resume.



This mode can accessed under the test page of the Aqua-Hot

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Once the test page is open, select the MANUAL MODE and select "NEXT". Manual mode will continue to run for up to 3 days without any user intervention. Pressing the reset button at any time while enabled will reset the timer, and run for an additional 3 days.



All heating zones are linked together and can be run at 25%, 50%, 75%, and 100% (as shown below). The burner and electric can be enabled or disabled. For all levels, there is a 10 minute duty cycle period that will allow Cozy fans to be on for the specified percentage of 10 minutes. Example, 25% would be on for 2.5 minutes, and then off for 7.5 minutes. It always starts with the on-cycle, then shuts off for the remainder of the 10 minute period.

SELECT HEAT SOURCE	E ELENSE	ELECTRIC
SELECT INTERIOR HE		ELECTRIC
0 x 25 x	50 x 75	x 100 x
TIME REMAINING	2D 23H 59M	RESET
FAULTS		EXIT

If the system power is cycled, the manual mode will be disabled

**NOTE:** If using the rocker switches, burner & electric switches must be toggled on/off after leaving Manual Mode.

system failure has been resolved and normal operation can

#### **Connecting the 450D to 12V DC Power**

This section will outline the requirements, steps, and information necessary to connect the Aqua-Hot to the vehicle's 12V DC power system. Follow all guidelines and pay attention to all notes contained herein. Failure to adhere to these guidelines can inhibit unit performance, and may cause damage to the Aqua-Hot and/or the coach.

The Aqua-Hot is designed to shut down in the event that the DC voltage level drops too low to properly operate. It is imperative that the proper wire gauge be determined and utilized. Reference the schematics for proper wire gauge sizing. Please not that under full-load conditions, the Aqua-Hot can draw as much as 20 amps of DC current.

- Installation must be performed by a qualified, professional according to current national regulations. Reference A119.2/NFPA 501C Standard on Recreational Vehicles 1993 Edition for relevant national regulatory information.
- Select the correct wire gauge for installation referencing ANSI/RVIA-LV - see Page 45.
- Protect the Aqua-Hot from over-current and shorting by incorporating a 20A breaker (minimum) to the Aqua-Hot's coach-side power connection.
- The 12-volt supply to the heater must be routed directly from the battery.
- All power circuits must be protected with fuses or automatic circuit breakers.
- Reference the schematics starting on page 46 and Figure 74.
- The image below is simply a reference. A professional, licensed installer needs to determine the necessary components and configuration according to local codes and standards.

NOTICE

Do NOT activate the diesel burner until the antifreeze and water heating solution has been added to the boiler tank and the heating system has been completely bled of air. Operating the Aqua-Hot without the heating solution will cause serious damage to the Aqua-Hot's boiler tank.

#### Instructions:

Aqua-Hot.

- 1. Run and connect two wires, one red wire (+ power) and one black wire (- ground) from the vehicle's main battery disconnect to the Aqua-Hot's Reporter.
- 2. Label the wires indicating whether they are a power or a ground wire.
- 3. Attach the DC power wires onto the appropriate connections on the Reporter.
- 4. Connect both power and ground wires to the vehicle's battery through the vehicle's main battery disconnect.

**DO NOT connect 12V DC power to the Aqua-Hot** 

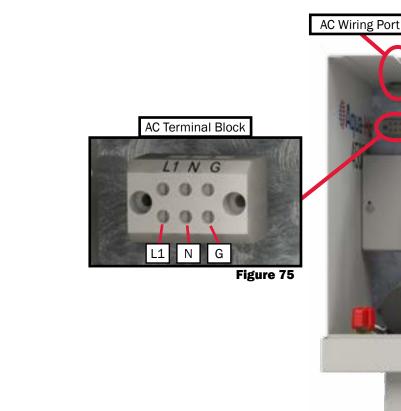
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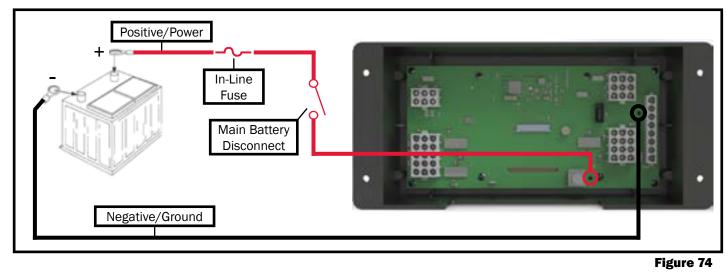
will cause serious, irreversible damage to the

#### Instructions: **Connecting the 450D to 120V AC Power**

The following section will detail how to connect the Aqu Hot to the vehicle's AC electric system. Connect the 3-pin Mol connector to the coach-side AC electric system in order to utili the Aqua-Hot's AC heating element.

- Installation must be performed by a gualified professional according to current national regulations. Reference A119.2/NFPA 501C Standard on Recreational Vehicles 1993 Edition.
- The boiler must be connected to a 120V AC supply permanently and be protected with a 20A breaker (minimum). The 120V AC must be separate from 12V DC.
- It must be possible to disconnect the power to the boiler, either an easily accessible plug or a circuit breaker.
- Please refer to the schematic on page 48.





	1.	Route and insert three 120V AC power source wires into
ua-		the AC terminal block through the AC wiring port's cable
olex lize		clamp fitting and into the proper terminal. Reference Figure 76 and the schematic on page 48.

2. Secure the wires into their terminal by tightening the corresponding screw on the terminal block to 5 inch pounds using a slotted screw driver blade no larger than 1/8". See Figure 75 for reference.

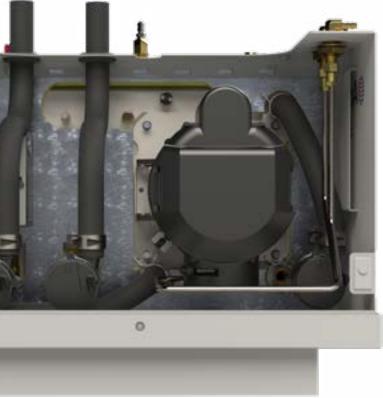


Figure 76

#### **Filling the Aqua-Hot**

Before the first activation of the Aqua-Hot, fill the unit with antifreeze and water heating solution. Without the solution present, the Aqua-Hot will not operate, it will not deliver hot water, and it will not deliver heat. Follow the directions below to fill the Aqua-Hot with antifreeze and water heating solution.

In order to provide the best freeze protection, boil-over protection, anti-corrosion, and rust protection, a mixture of 50/50 propylene glycol antifreeze and distilled water is recommended. The Aqua-Hot 450D boiler tank holds approximately 5 gallons.

Be sure to use a "GRAS" (Generally Recognized As Safe) boiler-type **propylene glycol** based antifreeze, rather than a RV and Marine antifreeze or an automotive antifreeze/coolant.

The mixture may be modified to provide the most adequate freezing, boiling, and rust/anti-corrosive protection. A 50/50 mixture of propylene glycol and distilled water has a freeze point of approximately -34°C (-29°F) and a boiling point of approximately 106°C (223°F). Reference Page 54 for properly measuring the antifreeze mixture with a refractometer.

Propylene Glycol												
Freeze Point (°C)	0	-4	-7	-9	-12	-15	-18	-23	-29	-34	-40	-46
Concentra- tion (%)	0	12	19	25	30	34	38	44	49	53	57	60

#### **Fill Instructions:**

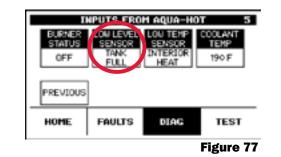
1. Locate the following items:

-Exterior fluid pump (a diagram pump if possible)

- -The Aqua-Hot fluid expansion tank
- -A bucket or pale
- 2. Fill the bucket with the heating solution. Ensure the fluid expansion tank is connected to its port on the Agua-Hot.
- 3. Open the Aqua-Hot's drain valve located at the front of the heater. Reference Figure 78.

NOTE: The Aqua-Hot's boiler tank must be filled with the antifreeze and water heating solution through the drain valve, not through the top of the unit, to avoid air traps.

- 4. Connect the external fluid fill pump to the fluid drain valve. A <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" NPT barbed fitting is best for this task.
- 5. Place the supply line of the external pump in the receptacle that contains the heating solution.
- 6. Locate the Reporter, and navigate to the "INPUTS FROM AQUA-HOT" page.
- 7. Pay attention to the "LOW LEVEL SENSOR" item on this page. See Figure 77.

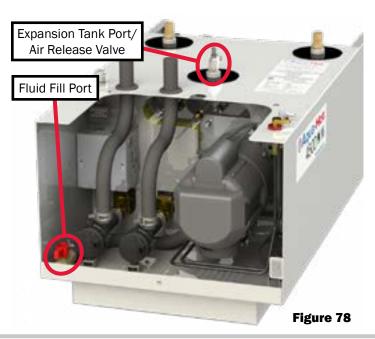


- 8. Fill the tank to approximately 3/4 full, or until the "LOW LEVEL SENSOR" item displays "TANK FULL".
- 9. Once the tank is partially full, deactivate the external fluid fill pump and close the drain valve. DO NOT disconnect the fluid pump.
- 10. Proceed to the next page to purge the zone before attempting to start the unit.

NOTE: Do not fill this unit completely. Filling the unit completely runs the risk of air-locking, preventing the heating zone from correctly circulating and draining the air.



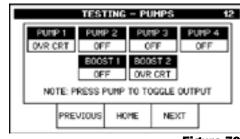
Only propylene glycol based "boiler" type antifreeze deemed "GRAS" (Generally Recognized As Safe) by the FDA shall be used in the Aqua-Hot's hydronic heating system. Failure to use the above specified antifreeze type could result in serious injury or death.



#### Purging the Interior Heating Loop

In order to provide interior heat to the vehicle, antifreeze and NOTICE Follow this procedure to purge any air from the interior Verify that the domestic water tank contains fresh water prior to bleeding the fresh water system of air. Please note that if an RV-C or multiplex system is used in lieu **Purge Procedure:** 1. Ensure that the vehicle's domestic water pump has 12V DC power, then activate it by opening each hot water faucet, one at a time, and running the water until all air is purged from the domestic water system. 2. Once the domestic water system is completely bled, check is purged, it will exit through to this expansion tank. for any leaks in the system. top-off the fluid expansion bottle as air is purged from the system. the Reporter as displayed below. TESTING - PUHPS 12 Aqua-Hot PUMP1 PUMP2 PUMP3 PUMP4 OVR CRT OFF OFF OFF BOOST 1 BOOST 2 Cold Fluid Line OUR CRT NOTE: PRESS PUMP TO TOGGLE OUTPUT PREVIOUS HOME NEXT Figure 80 Figure 79 beginning the heating loop purge procedure. These pumps will remain active for a maximum of 5 minutes. They will need to be reactivated as needed until the purge procedure is complete (at least 20 minutes). heating loop. return ports, deactivate the fluid circulation pumps. fill pump. Fill the unit with GRAS propylene glycol antifreeze and water heating solution until it reaches the "COLD" mark on the fluid expansion tank.

water heating solution is circulated within an interior "heating loop" which distributes heat throughout the coach. During installation, it is possible that air may become trapped within the heating loop and hamper unit performance. heating loop. of the Aqua-Hot display, you must contact the manufacturer, or connect a display to the on-board RV-C network to perform this procedure. **Purge Procedure:** 1. Locate the fluid expansion tank of the Aqua-Hot. As any air 2. Locate a gallon of glycol antifreeze. This will be used to 3. Navigate to the "PUMPS" page of the "TESTING" section on 4. Tap each of the pumps to independently activate them, 5. Continue to fill the unit as air is purged from the interior 6. Once the air is no longer returned from the heating zone 7. Open the fluid drain valve, and activate the external fluid



Zone 1

**Circulation Pump** 

Zone 2

Circulation Pump

## **Purging the Domestic Water System**

Figure 81

#### **Aqua-Hot First Operation**

#### **Activation Instructions**

- 1. Make sure power supply to the Aqua-Hot is on.
- 2. Confirm that the antifreeze and distilled water heating solution is adequately filled.
- 3. Confirm the system and heating loop has been properly purged of any air.
- 4. Make sure to flush the domestic water system thoroughly with clean water prior to use.
- 5. Reinstall the Aqua-Hot's main access cover and the fastener, which secures the front of the Aqua-Hot's access cover to the mounting tray.

NOTE: The main access cover must be installed prior to operation. A safety switch (interlock switch) exists, which will prevent the Aqua-Hot from operating whenever the main access cover is not properly or securely installed.

6. Move the diesel burner switch to the ON position for approximately 10 seconds ONLY, then switch it to OFF.

NOTE: This procedure will purge the diesel burner's fuel system, by allowing the heater's fuel pump to complete its normal 30-150 second shutdown/purge cycle.

- 7. After the purge cycle has ended, repeat once more.
- 8. Move the diesel burner switch to the ON position, and leave it on in order to activate the diesel burner.

NOTE: It will take approximately 10 seconds before the diesel burner will ignite and exhaust can be heard exiting the heater. Allow approximately 10-20 minutes for the Aqua-Hot to reach normal operating temperature (approximately 190°F).

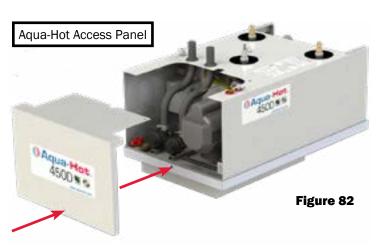
- 9. Move the Aqua-Hot's electric element switch to the ON position in order to supply 120V AC power to the electric heating element.
- 10. Allow approximately 1-2 hours for the Aqua-Hot to reach normal operating temperature (~185°F).

NOTE: Both the 12V DC diesel burner and the electric heating element are thermostatically controlled. Either or both will automatically maintain the temperature of the boiler tank's antifreeze and water heating solution.

The Aqua-Hot is now ready for normal operation and use.

# NOTICE

DO NOT activate the diesel burner until the antifreeze and water heating solution has been added to the boiler tank, and the heating system has been completely bled of air. Operating the Aqua-Hot without the antifreeze and water heating solution will cause serious damage to the Aqua-Hot boiler tank.







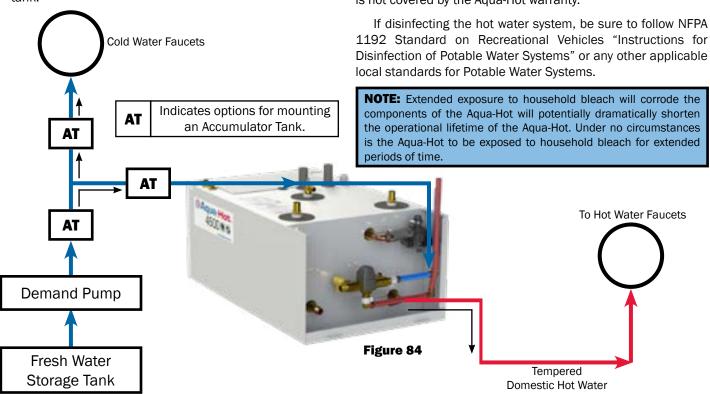
### Winterizing the Aqua-Hot

The Aqua-Hot's domestic water heating system must be completely drained of domestic water at any time the heater is stored where freezing temperatures may be experienced.

Please follow these instructions when winterizing the Aqua-Hot domestic water heating system. Reference Figure 84 for a system overview.

NOTE: The Aqua-Hot can continue to be used for interior heat once the domestic hot water system has been winterized.

- 1. Completely drain the fresh water storage tank.
- 2. Disconnect the domestic water demand pump suction line from the fresh water storage tank.
- 3. Attach an adequate piece of hose onto the suction side of the domestic water demand pump.
- 4. Place the opposite end of the hose into an adequate supply of non-toxic RV winterization antifreeze (FDA certified as "GRAS" Generally Recognized As Safe must be used) and allow the fluid to pump through.
- 5. Open and close all interior and exterior water faucets one at a time, until ONLY pure RV antifreeze is present. Perform this procedure for both cold and hot water faucets.
- 6. Remove the hose and reconnect the domestic water demand pump's suction line to the fresh water storage tank.







Not winterizing the Aqua-Hot when freezing temperatures are present will result in SERIOUS damage to the Aqua-Hot domestic water heating system. Ensure that only non-toxic RV antifreeze (FDA approved "GRAS" antifreeze) rated for winterization is used when winterizing this unit. The warranty does not cover freeze damage.

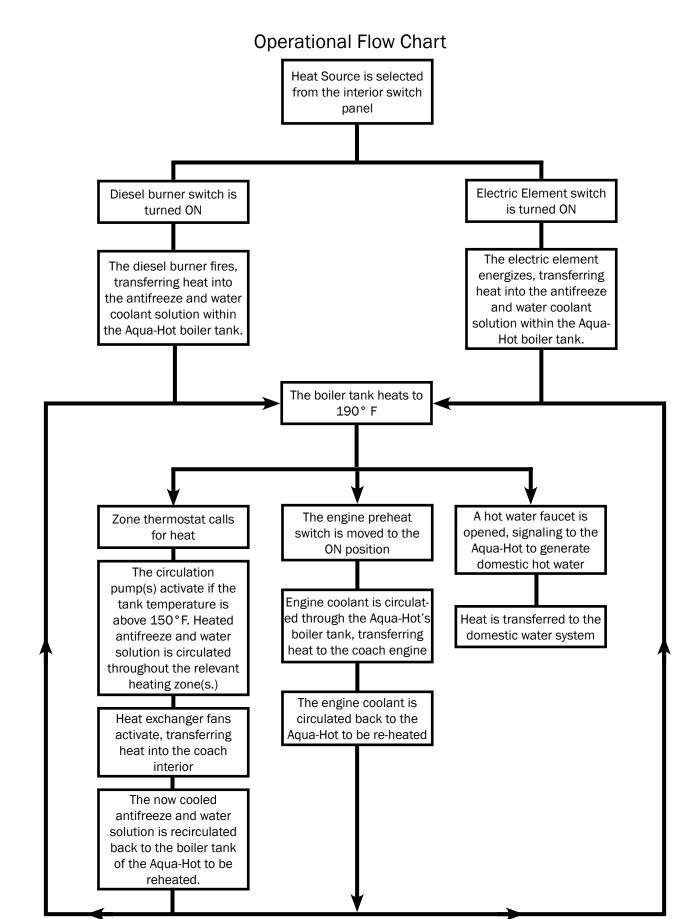
**De-Winterization** 

To de-winterize the Aqua-Hot system, completely fill the fresh water storage tank. Open and close the interior and exterior faucets, one at a time, until only clear water is present.

## NOTICE

#### **Disinfecting the Domestic Water System**

The Aqua-Hot Heating systems contain copper tubing and are not compatible to prolonged exposure to sodium hypochlorite (bleach or liquid bleach). Using products containing bleach, including water refreshers, may cause corrosion of the domestic water lines, resulting in a catastrophic failure of the Aqua-Hot system by creating leaks that cannot be repaired. This damage is not covered by the Aqua-Hot warranty.

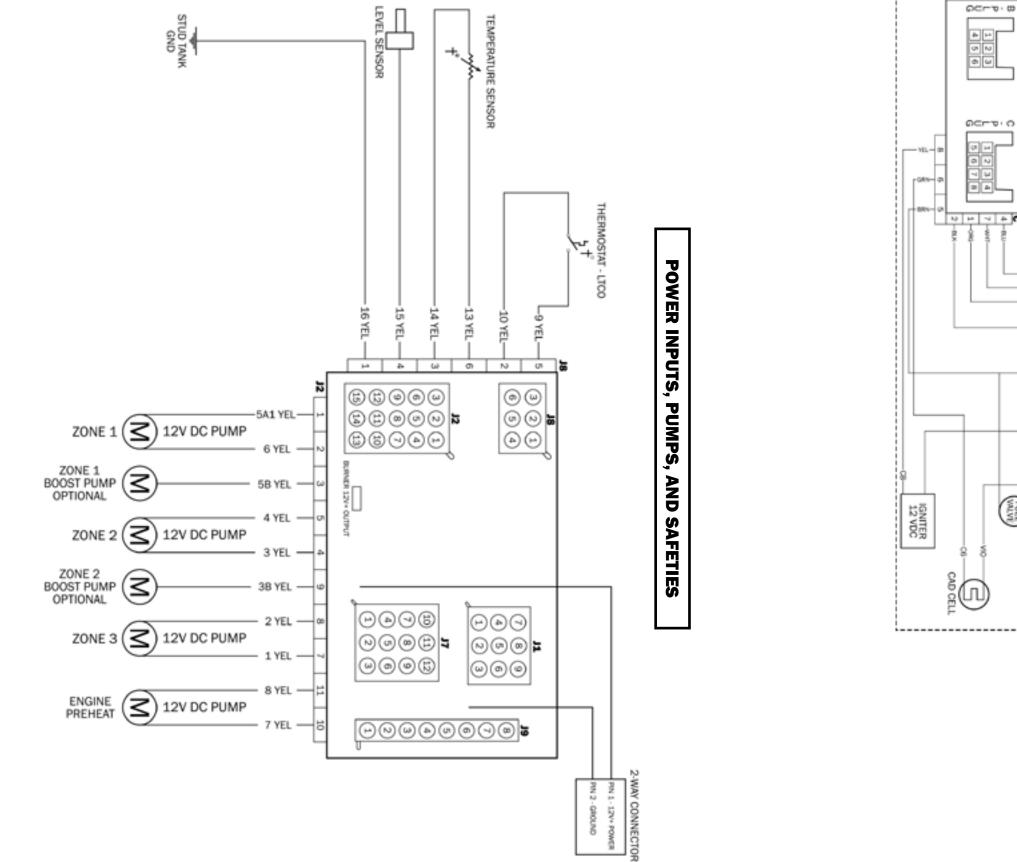


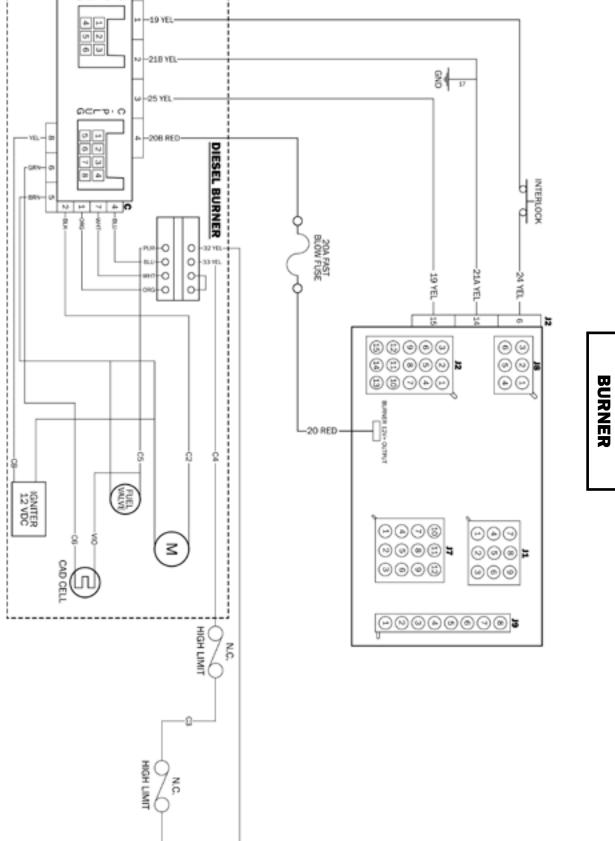
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12	651	326	217	163	130	109	91	81	72	65	43	33	26	22	16					
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	90° C	105° C	125° C					
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18 (.08)	15	15	20					
16 (1)	20	20	25					
14 (2)	25	30	30					
12 (3)	30	40	40					
10 (5)	40	50	60					
8 (8)	50	70	80					
6 (13)	80	100	100					
4 (19)	100	120	150					
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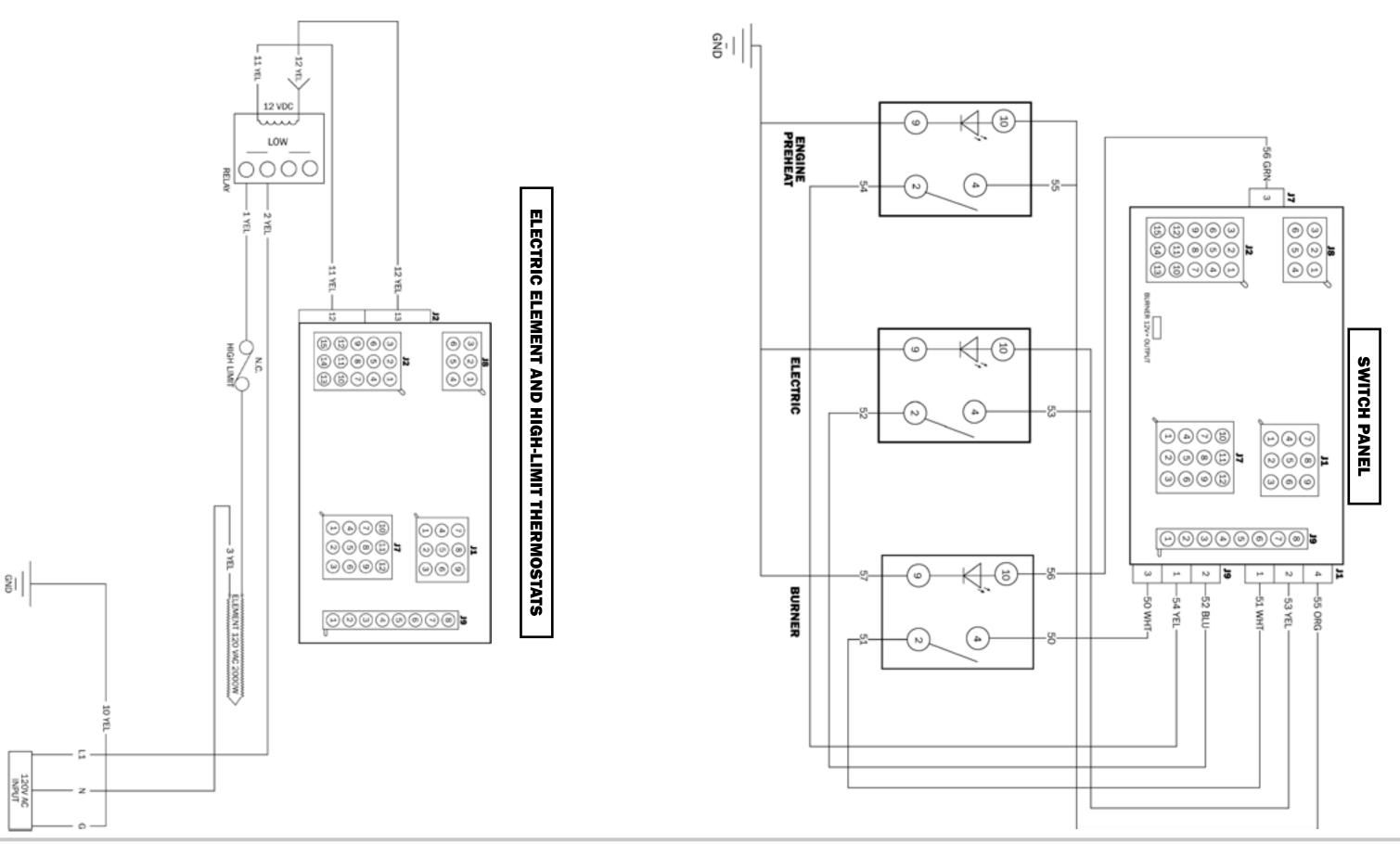
#### Wire Sizes

#### **OVER-CURRENT PROTECTION**

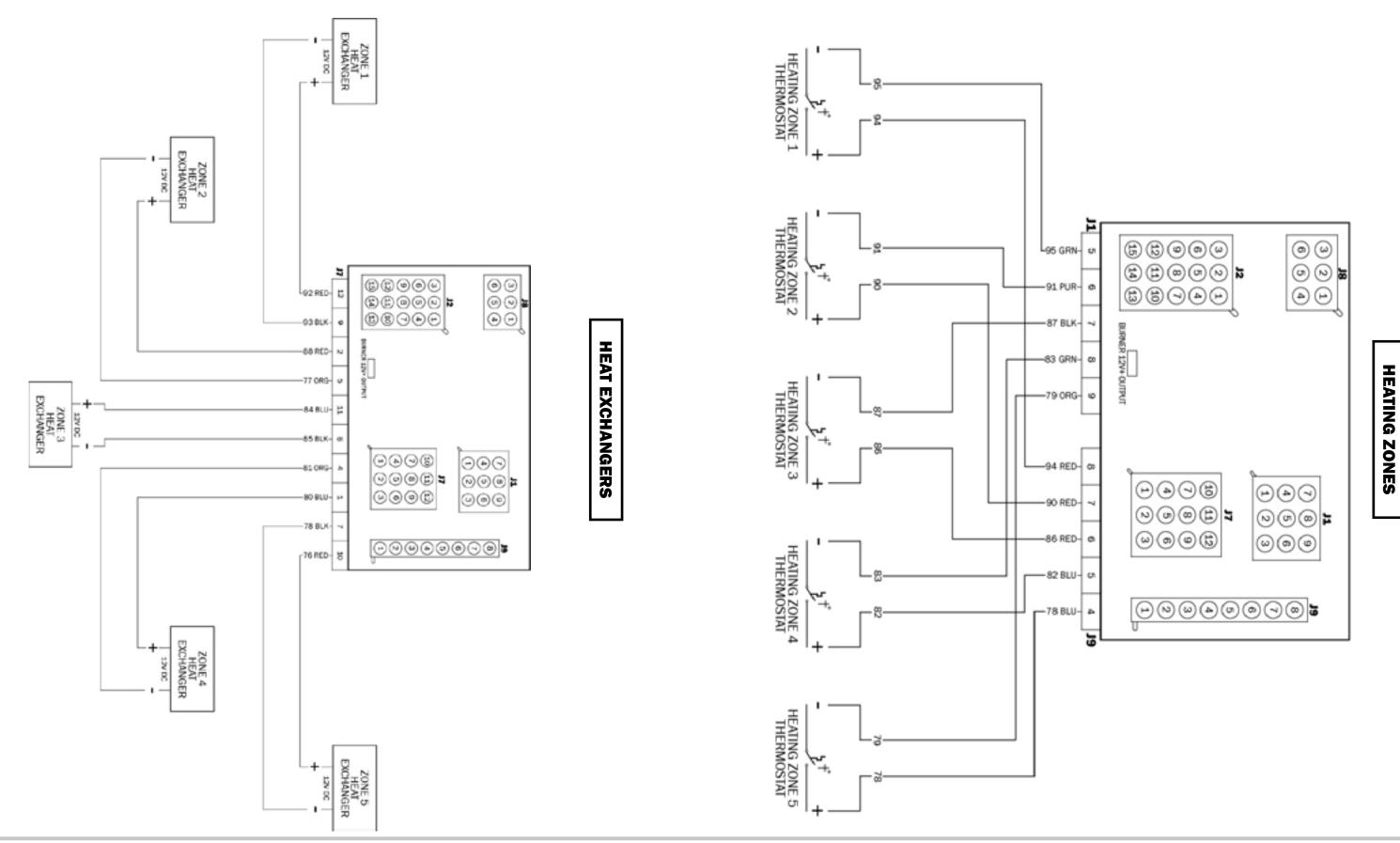




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## System Schematics



#### **Antifreeze Types**

The following information addresses the necessary usage of a propylene glycol based "boiler" type antifreeze in the Aqua-Hot. Propylene glycol is a safer alternative to the more toxic ethylene glycol antifreeze; however, as mandated by IAPMO (International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials), only propylene glycol based "boiler" type antifreezes deemed "Generally Recognized As Safe" (GRAS) by the FDA should be utilized.

Due to the significant impact various types of antifreeze can have on a hydronic heating system, including the level of safety provided, it has been recognized that there is a need to provide an explanation regarding two additional prominent types of antifreeze/coolant available. The following information should be utilized as an educational means of ensuring that the proper type of propylene glycol based antifreeze is selected.

#### **RV & Marine Antifreeze**

These types of propylene glycol based antifreeze products are formulated specifically for "winterizing" applications only. Although RV & Marine antifreeze is often "Generally Recognized As Safe" by the FDA, it should never be used in the Aqua-Hot's Hydronic Heating System. This type of antifreeze is not formulated to transfer heat, which is essential to the heating system's functionality and does not contain rust inhibitors. Please note, however, that RV & Marine antifreeze can be utilized to winterize the Aqua-Hot's Domestic Hot Water Heating Systems.

#### **Automotive Antifreeze/Coolant**

These types of propylene glycol based antifreeze products are formulated specifically to protect automotive engines against corrosion, freezing temperatures, and overheating. They also have excellent heat transfer and thermal conductivity characteristics. Although these types of antifreeze products are considered less toxic and safer than ethylene glycol for people, pets, and the environment, they are not "Generally Recognized As Safe" (GRAS) rated by the FDA. Therefore, they must be marked with a "harmful if swallowed" warning. This additional warning is required because these types of antifreeze products contain high levels of chemical rust inhibitors. Due to their potentially hazardous properties, they should never be used in the Aqua-Hot's Hydronic Heating System.

#### **Antifreeze Mixture Quality** Recommendations

In order to ensure maximum performance and longevity of an Aqua-Hot heating system's boiler tank and associated components, it has been determined that there is a need to use distilled, deionized, or soft water in combination with

concentrated propylene glycol for the Aqua-Hot's antifreeze and water heating solution.

Please note that this is only necessary when mixing concentrated propylene glycol antifreeze with water; suppliers of premixed antifreeze are responsible for the use of highquality (distilled, deionized, or soft) water when preparing their antifreeze for sale.

Hard water possesses a high-level of calcium and magnesium ions, which deplete the propylene glycol antifreeze's corrosion inhibitors. This, in turn, causes the antifreeze and water heating solution to begin turning acidic, which can corrode the Aqua-Hot's boiler tank and associated components prematurely. Therefore, concentrated propylene glycol should be diluted with distilled, deionized, or soft water which is 80ppm or less in total hardness. The local water agency should have up-to-date water guality reports, which should indicate if the local tap water is within this guideline.

#### **Antifreeze Terms & Mixture Ratio**

#### **Propylene Glycol Based Antifreeze Solution**

The following information addresses the process of selecting a propylene glycol based antifreeze solution that provides adequate freeze, boiling, and rust/anti-corrosive protection.

A propylene glycol antifreeze solution that is 35% to 50% propylene glycol to distilled water is recommended. Antifreeze solution with 50% propylene glycol will result in a freeze point of approximately -28°F and a boil point of approximately 222°F.

#### Freeze Point and Burst Point

**NOTE:** The installer of the Aqua-Hot system must refer to the information and chart to determine the percentage of propylene glycol the antifreeze solution should contain for the level of protection needed.

Antifreeze solution lowers the freezing point of any liquid, to which it has added, by preventing the formation of ice crystals. However, as the ambient temperature continues to decline, the water in the solution will attempt to attain a solid state. The point in which the water begins to solidify is termed the "Freeze Point". Although the water in the solution has begun to freeze and starts producing a "slushy" consistency, the antifreeze in the solution will continue to combat the normal expansion of the solution as it freezes. The point in which the solution can begin to expand, due to colder temperatures, is called the "Burst Point". Once the solution reaches the burst point, the potential is present for ruptured pipes to exist. The burst point of the antifreeze and water heating solution is dependent upon

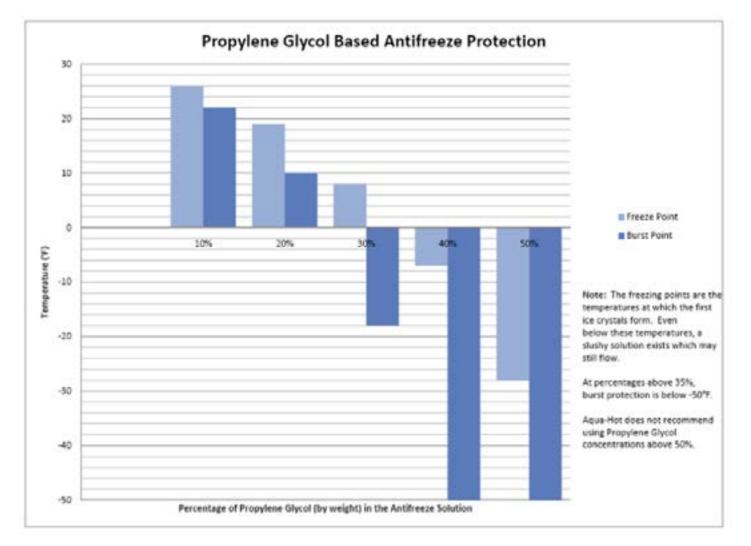
the brand of propylene glycol antifreeze employed.

Therefore, as water is an excellent heat conductor, it is added to the mixture. Propylene glycol antifreeze solution, mixed with distilled water, at a ratio of 35% to 50% is **Rust and Anti-Corrosive Inhibitors** recommended to provide the best performance combination of the aforementioned functions. If excess propylene glycol Another major function of antifreeze solution is to provide exists within the heating solution, the water's heat absorption protection to the internal metal components of the Agua-Hot properties are compromised. Ultimately, this could inhibit the Hydronic Heating System from corrosion and rust. Antifreeze is Aqua-Hot from providing adequate domestic hot water and able to perform this function by the addition of rust and antiinterior heating. corrosive inhibitors, which are designed specifically to activate in a water solution.

#### Summary

Additionally, if the antifreeze and water heating solution contains over 70% propylene glycol, the freezing point is actually raised, resulting in less freeze protection. Please reference the attached graphical representation regarding the percentage Antifreeze solution has three basic functions: freeze of antifreeze to water and how it directly affects the solution's protection, boil-over protection, and rust/anti-corrosion freezing point. protection.

Propylene glycol antifreeze solution is also primarily responsible for heat transfer; however, propylene glycol itself does not possess acceptable heat transfer characteristics.



#### Measuring Antifreeze

#### NOTE: Service parts and accessories are available through Aqua-Hot Factory Authorized Service Centers or www.aquahot.com. Click on the part number to direct you to the Aqua-Hot webstore to purchase.



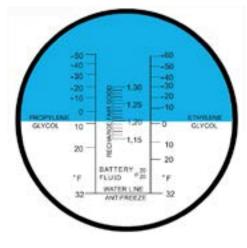
**Measuring Antifreeze Using a Refractometer** 

#### Properly Apply Antifreeze to the Prism Assembly

Use the guide below to properly apply the propylene glycol mixture to the prism assembly of the refractometer. Once that is complete, peer through the eyeglass of the refractometer to continue to the next step.

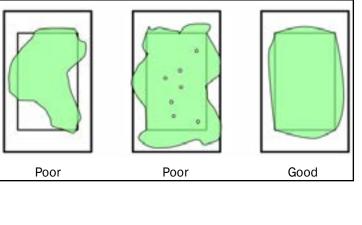
#### Adjust the Boundary Line

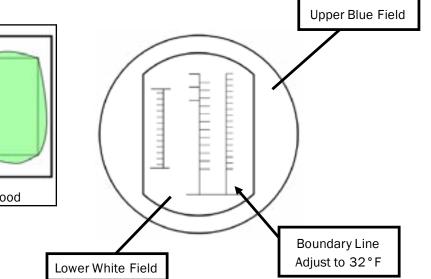
Once the glycol solution has been properly applied, adjust the calibration screw until the boundary line labeled "Propylene Glycol" is set to 32°F. The graphic to the right has been designed as an aid, but note that it may differ from what is shown in the refractometer sight glass.



Refractometer Sight Glass

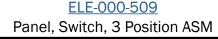


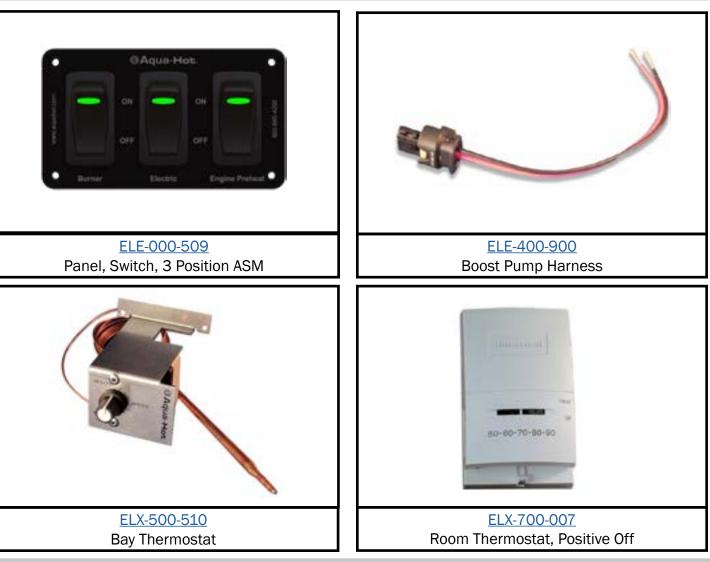






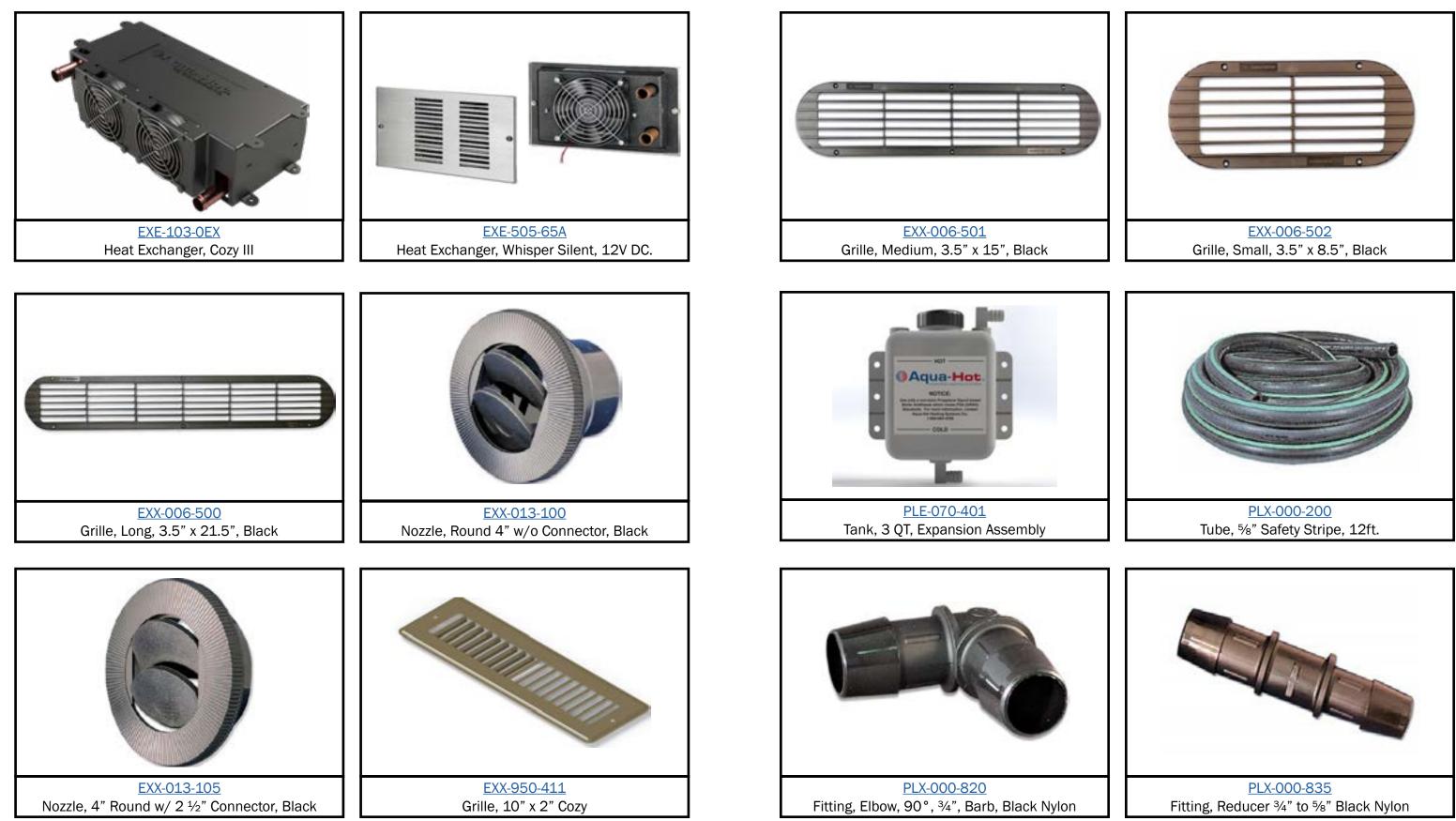


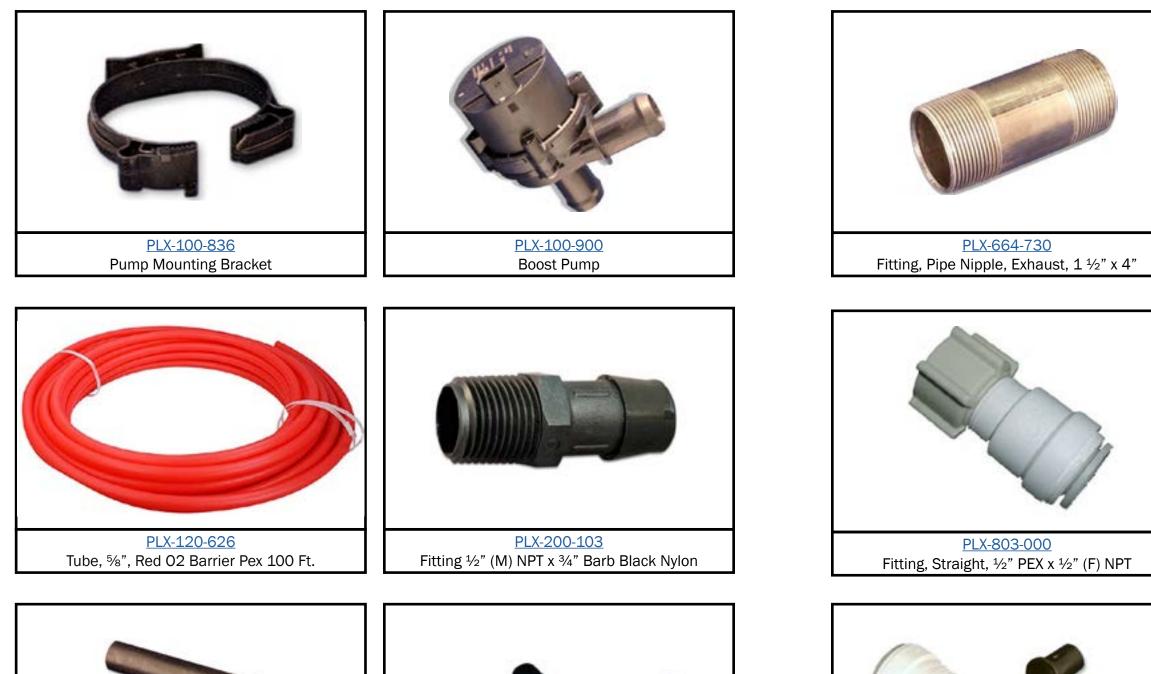




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#### AHE-450-DE5









PLX-803-FSE Elbow Fitting, 90°, ½" PEX Fitting

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Elbow Fitting, 90°, ½" PEX x ½" PSF







PLX-A65-200 Fitting, Brass Barb, <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" (M) NPT







Fitting, Insert Modified Bras

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