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SECTION 1: CONCEPT

The concept of CRVSF-Series is easy to understand. However, it means discarding old ideas because CRVSF-Series is a different kind of heating system.

CRVSF-Series is a gas-fired, vacuum-operated, low-intensity infrared heating system incorporating a patented incremental burner system.

This system is designed for heating nonresidential, indoor spaces, where exposed surfaces of heating equipment cannot exceed temperatures of 750 °F (399 °C) in facilities where compressed natural gas (CNG) or liquefied natural gas (LNG) are present. The CRVSF system is CSA approved and certified in accordance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA30A7.6.6.)

Gas-Fired means it uses clean-burning Natural or Propane gas.

Vacuum-Operated means that the pump draws all the products of combustion through the system and expels them outdoors.

Low-Intensity means the radiant surfaces of the tubes do not glow red; instead they operate at a lower temperature and radiate heat at lower intensity per square foot of radiating surface. Area coverage is provided by long runs of schedule 40 steel pipe which hang from the ceiling or roof supports. Reflectors direct the radiant heat downward to occupied areas.

Radiant refers to the heat radiated by the CRVSF-Series system. Because this heat is in the form of infrared rays, it does not directly heat the air. Instead, the rays heat objects such as floors, people, walls, cars, machines, tools, etc. The warm objects, in turn, heat the air through convection.

Incremental Burner System means that several burners can operate in-series and fire into the same run of steel tube that carries the combustion gases from upstream burners. Each of these burners in a radiant branch may have different firing rates; also, the space between burners may vary. This allows the designer to match heat gain to heat loss for each area of the building. Firing burners in-series provides higher thermal and radiant efficiency.

In a properly designed low-intensity radiant system, the occupants should be barely aware of the radiant heat when the system is firing. They will feel little or no change when the thermostat is satisfied and the system is not firing. This combines with warm floors,
SECTION 2: THE CRVSF-SERIES SYSTEM

A CRVSF-Series system consists of one pump, a control system, and a number of burners, see Page 3, Figure 1. It also includes an extended tube surface (schedule 40 steel pipe) covered by highly efficient reflectors to direct the radiant heat downward to the floor. The tubing nearest the burners radiates with the most intensity and is called **radiant tube**. This should be located over areas with the greatest heat loss. The rest of the tubing surface (located between the radiant tube and the pump) radiates with less intensity and is called **tailpipe**. This can be located in areas with lower heat loss.

While it is important to locate radiant tubes over areas with high heat loss, such as the perimeter of the building, it is not essential to cover all areas directly with radiant heat. Center areas (away from external walls) and other areas of low heat loss can be adequately heated without direct coverage as long as the input of the system is adequate for the total building heat loss. However, to achieve the highest degree of comfort and fuel savings, it is recommended that the CRVSF-Series system be located to provide as complete and even a distribution as is practical.

Page 3, Figure 1 illustrates the components of a typical CRVSF-Series system. The system shown is a four burner system composed of two branches. A **branch** consists of a single run of tubing, including an end burner, followed by any burners downstream. A branch ends at a tee or a cross (where other branches connect). For a single branch system, the branch ends at the pump.

2.1 Safety

Safety is a prime consideration of CRVSF-Series systems. First, CRVSF-Series are sealed combustion systems. Threaded components are sealed with a high temperature, anti-seize pipe compound. Systems require filtered, fresh air to help eliminate contaminants from entering.

First, there is a pre-purge of the complete tube network prior to flame ignition. Then, to ensure that there will be no gas flow unless the pump is operating, a pressure switch located at the pump must activate prior to ignition. After the pressure switch has closed, there are two valves in-series in each burner that must be energized, as well as a zero regulator. Additionally, slow opening gas valves provide smooth ignition and enhance reliability. Once the thermostat has been satisfied, the burners turn off and the pump continues to run for two minutes to purge the entire system of flue gases.

With CRVSF-Series, all equipment and controls are Canadian Standards Association (CSA) design certified, both as individual parts and also as a complete heating system. Also, individual electrical component parts are listed as applicable.

2.2 Zero Regulator

CRVSF-Series uses a 100% pre-mix burner with the input dependent on system vacuum. With no vacuum, the zero regulator prevents gas flow. When vacuum is present, the burner fires and input increases as vacuum increases. As the input increases, the amount of air also increases. Over the normal range of operating vacuum, the gas/air ratio is essentially linear.

This unique and patented feature provides optimum combustion conditions at all times. Combustion conditions are unaffected by fluctuations in fuel pressure, vacuum, dirty air filters, changes in atmospheric pressure, wind velocity or other climate conditions.
1. Radiant tubing between burners and 20'-50' (6-15 m) downstream of the last burner is normally schedule 40 steel pipe. Schedule 40 steel pipe is recommended for the tailpipe, however porcelain coated steel or heat-treated aluminized steel can be used.

2. Damper nipples are required when layout has unequal branches. Unequal branches are achieved by unequal geometry, burner quantity or burner firing rates.

3. Combustion chambers are threaded to radiant pipe and radiant pipe is either threaded to tail pipe by threaded couplings (supplied by others). Or a schedule 40 adapter is used to transition radiant pipe to porcelain coated steel or heat-treated aluminized steel tailpipe.
2.3 Fuel Savings and Comfort

Space heating can be accomplished with less input capacity when a radiant heating system is utilized, rather than with a conventional convective heating system. Why is this so?

A conventional, convective heating system, such as a unit heater or central furnace works by heating the air, which then indirectly heats the area and occupants. CRVSF-Series utilizes infrared energy to heat objects, people and surfaces directly, not the air. The warm objects and floor create a heat reservoir, which then re-radiates to the surroundings and also heats the air by convection.

The radiant energy received by the occupants, directly from the heater or indirectly from the surroundings via re-radiation, serves to increase the mean radiant temperature (MRT) of the space. In a manner similar to direct sunlight, the increased MRT allows the occupant to perceive a comfort condition at a reduced air temperature. The resulting reduced air temperature within the space provides the following fuel-saving advantages:

- Reduced stratification of air in the space.
- Reduced transmission heat loss due to lower temperature inside than assumed design condition.
- Reduced air change heat loss, to the extent that exfiltration through cracks or openings near the roof will be decreased because of decreased stack effect.
- Decreases the actual degree days experienced.
SECTION 3: CLEARANCES TO COMBUSTIBLES

3.1 Required Clearances to Combustibles

Clearances are the required distances that combustible objects must be away from the heater to prevent serious fire hazards. Combustibles are materials, which may catch on fire and include common items such as wood, paper, rubber, fabric, etc. Maintain clearances to combustibles at all times for safety.

Clearances for all heater models are located on the burner assembly and on Page 6, Figure 2 in this manual. Check the clearances on each burner for the model heater being installed to make sure the product is suitable for your application and the clearances are maintained. Read and follow the safety guidelines below:

- Keep gasoline or other combustible materials including flammable objects, liquids, dust or vapors away from this heater or any other appliance.
- The stated clearances to combustibles represents a surface temperature of 90 °F (50 °C) above room temperature. Building materials with a low heat tolerance (such as plastics, vinyl siding, canvas, tri-ply, etc) may be subject to degradation at lower temperatures. It is the installer’s responsibility to assure that adjacent materials are protected from degradation.
- Maintain clearances from heat sensitive equipment and workstations.
- Maintain clearances from vehicles parked below the heater.
- Maintain clearances from swinging and overhead doors, overhead cranes, vehicle lifts, partitions, storage racks, hoists, building construction, etc.
- In locations used for the storage of combustible materials, signs must be posted to specify the maximum permissible stacking height to maintain required clearances from the heater to the combustibles. Signs must be posted adjacent to the heater thermostat. In the absence of a thermostat, signs must be posted in a conspicuous location.
- Consult local Fire Marshal, Fire Insurance Carrier or other authorities for approval of proposed installation when there is a possibility of exposure to combustible airborne materials or vapors.
- Hang heater in accordance to the minimum suspension requirements.
- If the radiant tubes must pass through the building structure, be sure that adequate sleeving and fire stop is installed to prevent scorching and/or fire hazard.

![WARNING]

Fire Hazard

Keep all flammable objects, liquids and vapors the minimum required clearances to combustibles away from heater.

Some objects will catch fire or explode when placed close to heater.

Failure to follow these instructions can result in death, injury or property damage.
**NOTE:**
1. All dimensions are from the surfaces of all tubes, couplings, elbows, tees and crosses.
2. Clearances B, C and D can be reduced by 50% after 25\' (7.5 m) of tubing downstream from where the combustion chamber and the tube connect.

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**FIGURE 2: STANDARD REFLECTOR**

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**FIGURE 4: TWO SIDE REFLECTORS**

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### FIGURE 5: BARRIER SHIELD

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### FIGURE 6: PROTECTIVE GRILLE

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SECTION 4: SIZING AND DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

The building heat loss must be calculated in accordance to accepted energy load calculation methods. ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers) offers in-depth information that is useful in calculating energy loads. The CRVSF-Series system input is determined in concert with the required radiant adjustment to heat loss and height adjustment factors.

4.1 Radiant Adjustment to Heat Loss

The practice of applying an adjustment factor to heat loss calculations for radiant heating systems is well known within the radiant heating industry, having been used by manufacturers for over 25 years. A number of studies have been conducted to identify the values of the adjustment factor in the range of 0.80 to 0.85 depending on efficiency (higher efficiency uses lower factor). This adjustment can be more thoroughly understood when considering the following radiant effect issues:

- Infrared energy heats objects, not the air.
- Lower ambient temperatures reduce the amount of air infiltration.
- Less air stratification with radiant heat.
- Lower ambient air temperatures reduce the transmission heat loss through walls and roof.
- Elevated floor temperature provides a thermal reserve capacity.
- Increased mean radiant temperature allows occupants to perceive thermal comfort at the reduced air temperature.

Each of these issues impacts favorably on the reduction of the installed capacity of the radiant heating system. This fact, together with the realization that the standard ASHRAE heat loss calculation methods (particularly the transmission heat loss coefficients) have been developed specifically for conventional hot air systems, demonstrates the need for the heat loss adjustment factor.

In general, a .80 adjustment factor should be used for CRVSF-Series systems.

4.2 Radiant Height Adjustment Factor

As discussed above, the installed input capacity of radiant heating systems is typically reduced as compared to the calculated heat loss due to the radiant effects associated with a properly designed radiant heating system. The ability of a radiant system to provide the advantages of these radiant effects rests largely with the ability of this system to establish a reserve heat capacity in the floor. Without this reserve capacity, radiant comfort cannot be achieved. (The exception is station heating/spot heating applications where sufficiently high levels of direct radiation are received from the heater.) The height adjustment factor is a means to insure adequate floor level radiant intensity to “charge” the floor heat reservoir.

Proportionately larger wall surfaces also remove energy from the floor to a larger degree, decreasing the heat reservoir.

The increased input capacity recommended by a height adjustment factor is not extraneous as compared to the heat loss calculation. Rather, it is a realization that in order to maintain radiant comfort conditions (and the economic benefits), a minimum radiant level must be maintained at the floor.

It is recommended that an adjustment to the heat loss of 1% per foot (3% per meter) for mounting heights above 20’ (6 m), be added up to 60’ (18 m). Above this height, additional correction overstates the BTU requirement as determined by the heat loss.

EXAMPLE 1:

Given a building with a calculated heat loss of 350,000 (Btu/h), what is the installed capacity required of a CRVSF-Series system mounted at 30’ (9 m)?

CRVSF-Series Installed Capacity = Heat Loss x Radiant Adjustment x Height Adjustment

For CRVSF-Series systems, a .80 radiant adjustment factor is used.

The height adjustment is 1% per foot over 20’ (3% per meter over 6 meters), or 1.10.

\[ \text{CRVSF-Series Installed Capacity} = 350,000 \text{ (Btu/h)} \times 0.80 \times 1.10 = 308,000 \text{ (Btu/h)} \]

A 12% reduction in installed capacity vs. a conventional heating system.
Note in Example 2, if equipment had been conventionally sized based on thermal output only, a nearly identical input requirement would result. For mounting heights above 60’ (18 m), no further correction is generally necessary if the floor level radiant intensity is sufficient to establish a reserve capacity (hence, radiant comfort), and the heat loss requirement is satisfied based on thermal output.

Due to the complexity of installations with mounting heights over 60’ (18 m), it is advisable to contact Roberts-Gordon for further information regarding the specific application.

4.3 Selecting the Burners
The number of burners and input for each must be specified in the design layout. The following factors should be considered when selecting burner input:

• Heat gain and distribution required.
• Mounting height.
• Flow loading restrictions.
• Length of radiant branches.
• Distance required between burners.
• Desired radiation intensity.

In general, lower burner inputs can be used for lower mounting heights and where lower heat gains are required. Higher burner inputs are used primarily with higher mounting heights and where high heat gain is required.

The number of burners required can be calculated by dividing the input rating of the selected sizes into the calculated CRVSF-Series system required installed capacity.

4.4 Radiant Distribution
Radiant heat distribution at occupant level must be considered in the burner and design selection process.

Distribution of heat between radiant branches at floor level is more critical at the perimeter of buildings. This is where the heat loss is highest. Therefore, it may be possible to combine different applications of distribution within the same building. The following figures show three different applications of rules to determine distribution.

4.4.1 Radiant Distribution (Average Coverage)
The aim of this distribution is to provide average or lighter than average radiant intensity and works well for general building heating. See Page 10, Figure 7. The distance between radiant branches can vary between 2.5 to 4 (or more) times the mounting height.

This distribution is commonly used in applications such as warehouses and lower heat loss areas of a building.

Lighter coverage can be used in areas where occupant traffic is low.

4.4.2 Radiant Distribution (Increased Coverage)
The aim of this distribution is to provide continuous radiant intensity. See Page 10, Figure 8. The distance between radiant branches is about 2 times the mounting height.

This distribution is commonly used in areas bordering high heat loss areas or areas requiring increased radiant intensity to achieve occupant comfort.

4.4.3 Radiant Distribution (Heavy Coverage)
The aim of this distribution is to provide increased radiant intensity in areas that range from sedentary work to spot heating for loading docks. See Page 10, Figure 9. The y dimensions in the diagram is the height above floor level where overlap of the radiant output will occur.

In practice, y = 6’ (1.83 m) is commonly used in areas where occupant comfort doing sedentary work is an important factor. In loading bays, spot heating and areas of high heat loss, the horizontal distance (x) between branches can be as little as 0.5 times the mounting height.
FIGURE 7: Radiant Distribution (Average Coverage)

H = mounting height

FIGURE 8: Radiant Distribution (Increased Coverage)

H = mounting height

FIGURE 9: Radiant Distribution (Heavy Coverage)

H = mounting height

y = height above the floor level where overlap of radiant output will occur

x = 2H - 2y
The patented CRVSF-Series burner system allows a number of burners to be installed in-series, in the same radiant tube, resulting in a long, continuous radiant emitting surface to give even heat distribution within the building.

To enable the burners to be correctly located within the system, to maintain system operating vacuum and obtain design flue gas temperatures at the pump, the design layout is based on a simplified flow principle using a “flow unit.”

The flow unit is defined as the amount of fuel/air mixture for a heat input of 10,000 (Btu/h). This corresponds to a flow rate of 1.83 cfm at 65-70°F.

For the purpose of design, flow units enter the CRVSF-Series system in one of two ways:

- Through the burner.
- Through the end vent plate.

Flow units exit the system as spent products of combustion via the pump.

The purpose of the end vent air is to dilute the hot combustion gases at the burner, thereby promoting uniform heating of the tube while avoiding excessive heating of the combustion chamber.

For the end burner, the burner inlet flow consists of the end vent air and combustion air. For all other burners, the burner inlet flow consists of the total of the end vent air plus the combustion gases from all upstream burners.

The requirement for minimum burner inlet flow is met if the total flow units entering the combustion chamber meets or exceeds the minimum as shown on Page 11, Table 1.

5.1 Radiant Branch Flow

The flow in a radiant branch consists of the end vent flow units plus the flow units of combustion air from all burners. See Page 12, Figure 10 shows a representation of flow units for various types of branches.

The limiting factor for maximum flow in the radiant section has been determined experimentally in terms of the maximum burner inlet flow units that can be tolerated without degradation of combustion characteristics at the last downstream burner. If more than the maximum number of burners are installed per radiant branch, the vacuum loss across the additional burners will increase appreciably.

This maximum flow in the radiant branch can be expressed for each burner firing rate by either a maximum number of burners per branch or the maximum number of flow units. See Page 11, Table 1. Page 12, Table 2 shows the approved branch configurations. Specified order of burners can not be changed nor can additional burners be added.

Below are the only changes allowed to existing configurations:

1. Systems can be shortened by removing burners in reverse order, starting with Burner 4. Do not remove Burner 1.
2. Burners 2 through 4 can be replaced only with a lesser Btu/h burner. Do not replace Burner 1.

NOTE: See Page 12, Table 3 for radiant branches that consist of a single burner.

Table 1: CRVSF-Series Design Parameters

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<td>CRVSF-4</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>21</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>CRVSF-6</td>
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<td>20</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>CRVSF-8</td>
<td>CRVSF-6</td>
<td>CRVSF-4</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>31.5</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>CRVSF-8</td>
<td>CRVSF-6</td>
<td>CRVSF-6</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>31.5</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

NOTE: CRVSF-2 available in natural gas only.

*End vent number correlates with Burner 1 for each configuration. Use only end vents listed per the specific branch number.

Table 3: Approved Configurations for Branches with Single Burners

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Branch Number</th>
<th>Burner 1*</th>
<th>End Vent Number*</th>
<th>Flow Units per End Vent</th>
<th>Minimum Branch Length (ft)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>CRVSF-6</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>31.5</td>
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<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>CRVSF-8</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>42</td>
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NOTE: Combined length of minimum radiant tube and tailpipe have been predetermined for branch numbers 8 and 9. See Page 12, Table 3. Up to 2 branches per EP-100 pump possible.

FIGURE 10: Burner Flow Units
5.2 Pump Capacity

The flow unit capacity of the pump is indicated on Page 13, Table 4, as a function of installed altitude. When the CRVSF-Series system is designed in accordance with this set of instructions and is in proper operating condition, a vacuum from 2.5” - 3.0” wc will be obtainable at each end vent (i.e. at all burners).

Table 4: Pump Capacity

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Installed Altitude</th>
<th>Maximum Flow Units</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0' - 2000'</td>
<td>66</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2001' - 3000'</td>
<td>60</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3001' - 4000'</td>
<td>57</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4001' - 5000'</td>
<td>54</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5001' - 6000'</td>
<td>51</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6001' - 7000'</td>
<td>48</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7001' - 8000'</td>
<td>45</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8001' - 9000'</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

There are a number of design requirements which, if not met, will reduce the vacuum obtainable and thereby the effective flow capacity of the pump. These include:

- **Minimum Length of Tailpipe** - If less than the minimum length of tailpipe is provided per radiant branch, there will be insufficient cooling of the combustion gases and improper operation of the pump.
- **Line Loss Check for Tailpipe** is applicable to sections of tailpipe which are common to two or more radiant branches (i.e. shared lengths). See Page 13, Figure 11.
- **Excessive back pressure** on discharge line of pump can be caused by partial blockage or too much flow for length. See Section 5.3.1
- **More than maximum number of burners** or flow units per radiant branch. See Page 13, Table 4.
- **Excessive number of elbow or tee fittings** which increases vacuum loss.

5.3 Tailpipe Flow

Excessive flow loading in a single section of tailpipe can cause low vacuum and lower effective pump capacity. For the pump to develop the proper vacuum, the length of tailpipe must not be excessive for the number of flow units carried in the tube. See Figure 11. Readings for length and flow when plotted on the graph must fall on OK side to avoid excessive vacuum losses.

**FIGURE 11: Vacuum Loss Curve for Shared Tailpipe**

NOTE: For 6” (15 m) tailpipe, length is limited to a maximum of 100’ (30 m). See Page 15, Section 6.3 for more details.

Lengths shown include allowance for 1 elbow every 50’ (15 m); deduct 15% of length for each additional elbow used per 50’ (15 m) length.

5.3.1 Pump Exhaust Length Requirements

The tube length on the exhaust side of the pump is considered excessive if not within the following conditions:

Table 5: Pump Exhaust Requirements

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Pump Series</th>
<th>Exhaust Tube Length</th>
<th>Exhaust Tube Diameter</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>EP-100</td>
<td>Up to 25’ (7.6 m)</td>
<td>4’ 3 Elbows</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EP-100</td>
<td>Up to 50’ (15 m)</td>
<td>5’ 3 Elbows</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EP-200</td>
<td>Up to 10’ (3 m)</td>
<td>4’ 1 Elbows</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EP-200</td>
<td>Up to 25’ (7.6 m)</td>
<td>5’ 3 Elbows</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EP-200</td>
<td>Up to 50’ (15 m)</td>
<td>6’ 3 Elbows</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EP-300</td>
<td>Up to 10’ (3 m)</td>
<td>6’ 1 Elbows</td>
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<td>EP-300</td>
<td>Up to 25’ (7.6 m)</td>
<td>7’ 3 Elbows</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EP-300</td>
<td>Up to 50’ (15 m)</td>
<td>8’ 3 Elbows</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
SECTIO\n6: RADIANT TUBE AND TAILPIPE

The main purpose of the tailpipe and the radiant tube is to provide sufficient tube surface to transfer the heat from the flue gases to the tube wall where it radiates from the tube. radiant tube is defined as the tubing between burners firing in a radiant branch, plus the radiant tubing immediately following the last down-stream burner. Tailpipe is defined as all tubing between the radiant tube and the pump.

Most of the radiant heat supplied by each burner is released from the radiant tube; the balance is released by the tailpipe. The placement of radiant tube to correspond to areas of major heat loss is the key to providing uniform comfort levels. The use of adequate tailpipe is the key to high combustion efficiency and proper operation of the pump.

6.1 Radiant Tube Length

The considerations in the selection of the length of radiant tube include the following:

6.1.1 Minimum Radiant Tube Length

Provides for the highest level of intensity per length of radiant tube and good radiant heat uniformity between burners. More tailpipe length is required to maintain operating efficiency and pump capacity.

6.1.2 Maximum Radiant Tube Length

Provides the lowest level of intensity per length of radiant tube, and consequently the largest span between burners. The radiant intensity will be reduced slightly for the last 5'-10' (2-3 m) of radiant tube before the next burner.

The length of radiant tube required varies according to the burner input.

When positioning radiant tube to give the required radiant distribution, it is important to consider:

- Clearances to combustible materials.
- Lighting equipment and other suspended objects.

6.2 Tailpipe

Tailpipe provides a low level of radiant intensity per length. The length of tailpipe for systems can be varied according to the flow units in the system and the designed radiant length. Longer lengths of tailpipe will attain higher operating efficiencies and therefore condensation will occur.

Page 15, Figure 12 relates the effect on system thermal efficiency of variations in radiant and tailpipe lengths. The chart was created based on test data obtained in accordance with methodology developed by the National Bureau of Standards (NBSIR 80-2110) and recommendations on flue loss calculation contained in ANSI Z83.20/CSA 2.34 (latest edition).

Actual installation variables (gas BTU content, air temperature and operation cycle, etc.) may affect efficiencies (positively or negatively). Page 15, Figure 12 is presented as a guide to the designer for information only.

NOTE: When accounting for the required tailpipe lengths during the design process, it is important to verify that the tailpipe for each branch is at least equal to the specified minimum.
6.3 Design Parameters

For systems that are designed above 90% pump capacity, the following limitations of shared tailpipe apply:

- 4" (10 cm) tailpipe: limited to maximum of 2 combined branches and length limited to maximum of 20' (6 m). See Page 13, Figure 11 for all other tailpipe considerations.
- 6" (15 cm) tailpipe limited to maximum of 4 combined branches and length limited to maximum of 100' (30 m).
- When calculating required tailpipe length 1' (.3 m) of 6" manifold tube is equivalent to 1.3' (.4 m) of 4" tailpipe.

Failure to comply with the above parameters will result in insufficient vacuum to burners.

6.4 CRVSF-Series Design Methods

3. Layout the system to suit the BTU input required.

4. Calculate the system design for each branch individually.

5. Calculate the number of flow units per branch of burners. Add the flow units for each branch together to get the total system flow units. See Page 11, Table 1 for the rules for each burner model. See Page 12, Figure 10 for example flow unit calculations.

   Flow Units Per Branch
   
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Branch 1</th>
<th>Branch 2</th>
<th>Branch 3</th>
<th>Branch 4</th>
<th>Branch 5</th>
<th>Branch 6</th>
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<td>_______+</td>
<td>_______+</td>
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<td>_______+</td>
<td>_______+</td>
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</tr>
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</table>

Total System
Flow Units = _______

6. Select pump model series for total system flow units:
   EP-100: up to 66 flow units
   EP-200: up to 110 flow units
   EP-300: up to 224 flow units
7. See Page 13, Table 4 for altitudes greater than 2000’.

8. For each branch, add the length of radiant tube after each heater:

   **Burner** | **Radiant Tube Length After Each Burner**
   -------- | ------------------
   1       | +
   2       | +
   3       | +
   4       | +
   5       | +
   6       | +

   Total Radiant Tube Length in Branch = +

   Repeat this calculation for each branch in the system.

9. Divide the total radiant tube length in the branch by the number of burners in the branch to get the average radiant length per burner.

   Average Radiant Length Per Burner = +

   Repeat this calculation for each branch in the system.

10. Using the average radiant length per burner (Calculated in Step 9) See Page 16, Table 6 to select the allowable tailpipe lengths per flow unit.

### Table 6: Allowable Tailpipe Lengths

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Radiant Tube Length (average distance between burners)</th>
<th>Burner Model</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>CRVSF-2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Minimum (ft)</td>
<td>See Page 12, Table 2.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Maximum (ft)</td>
<td>21</td>
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<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Tailpipe length per flow unit</th>
<th>Burner Model</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Minimum (ft)*</td>
<td>1.2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Recommended (ft)</td>
<td>1.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maximum (ft)</td>
<td>2.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maximum (ft) for EP-100 only</td>
<td>1.7</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Minimum tailpipe lengths can only be used if radiant tube length is maximum.
6.5 Tailpipe Design Method

Given the overall length of tailpipe for the system, the following section provides the method for ensuring the design will function correctly.

Total tailpipe _____ ' (includes 1 elbow / 50').

6.5.1 Rule of Thumb Unshared Calculations

\[
\text{Total tailpipe} - 10' = \text{Optimum unshared tailpipe per branch}
\]

Select a pump discharge location and plan the route of the tailpipe. For example system layouts See Page 19, Figure 14 through Page 21, Figure 18 for different pump and system efficiency requirements. If these layouts are not suitable, it is necessary to customize the layout for the CRVSF-Series system to the individual building requirements.

For multiple branch systems, always plan to connect the unshared tailpipe together as close to the pump as possible for better system efficiency.

6.5.2 Shared Tailpipe Calculation

**System with EP-100 or EP-200 Series Pump**

See Page 13, Figure 11 for maximum permissible length of tailpipe for the number of flow units entering the section of tailpipe.

If flow units entering a shared tailpipe system exceed 90% of pump capacity, the length of 4" diameter tailpipe must not exceed 20'.

**System with EP-300 Series Pump**

For shared tailpipe up to 115 flow units, 4" diameter tailpipe can be used. See Page 13, Figure 11 for maximum permissible length of tailpipe for the number of flow units entering the section of tailpipe.

Shared tailpipe greater than 115 flow units use 6" diameter tube. Note that all tailpipe lengths for the purposes of calculation are expressed in terms of 4" diameter tube.

6.5.3 To Calculate the Total System Tailpipe

Total unshared tailpipe + shared 4" branch tailpipe + effective length of shared 6".

6.5.4 To Check Performance Criteria

Compare the results to Page 16, Table 6 and Page 17, Table 7 for the burner model to ensure that the resulting tailpipe lengths maintain intended operating characteristic.

6.5.5 Damper Nipples

Damper nipples are needed:

- In any tailpipe branch that carries less flow units than other tailpipe branches connected to the same pump
- In unsymmetrical layouts with branches having the same number of flow units, the damper coupling is placed in every branch except for the longest branch.

The purpose of the damper nipple is to adjust the end vent vacuum down to the desired level. These are to be placed in the tailpipe section and not the radiant branch. The recommended location is before the first tee fitting or 10'-40' from the end of the radiant pipe. See Page 18, Figure 13; Page 20, Figure 16, for placement examples.

### Table 7: Operating Characteristics; Condensing or Non-Condensing

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Radiant Tube Length (average distance between burners)</th>
<th>Tailpipe Length per Flow Unit</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Minimum</td>
<td>Minimum</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maximum</td>
<td>Borderline</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

N/A=Not Allowed NC=Non Condensing C=Condensing

*Effective length: 10' (3 m) of 6" (15 cm) diameter tube = 13' (4 m) of 4" diameter tube.*
FIGURE 13: Possible Damper Coupling Locations

NOTE: Damper setting will vary.
SECTION 7: EXAMPLE CRVSF-SERIES SYSTEM LAYOUTS

Systems that are symmetrical are preferred because the vacuum available in the system branches are balanced as a function of design (damper nipples are not needed).

Where radiant tube lengths are variable in a single branch, the average length shall be used to determine the total radiant tube length. Tailpipe will begin after the last radiant tube following the last burner in the branch.

CRVSF-Series is most effective when there are at least 3 burners in the radiant branch.

To assist with the selection of burners and system designs, the following figures show system layouts that have been used extensively with CRVSF-Series since 1962. Designing systems using these layouts will mean altering the dimensions to suit the individual building.

Generally, shared tailpipe reduces the available system vacuum. See Page 13, Section 5.3 for shared tailpipe design rules.

### FIGURE 14: Example System Layout (Option 1)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>10’ (3 m)</th>
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<tr>
<td>21’ (6 m)</td>
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<td>21’ (6 m)</td>
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<td>21’ (6 m)</td>
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#### 7.1 Example System Layout (Option 1)

Six CRVSF-4 burners at minimum radiant tube length and 2.5’/flow unit tailpipe, the recommended pump for this system is an EP-200 Series pump.

This system provides maximum radiant intensity on the left and right and adds supplemental radiant effects through the center creating very even radiant effects over the coverage area.

Layout to provide high system efficiency, condensed radiant output and good uniformity of distribution. Adjust the lengths as necessary for different input systems and to change the efficiency levels.
7.2 Example System Layout (Option 2)
Six CRVSF-4 burners at recommended radiant tube length and 1.24'/flow unit tailpipe, the recommended pump for this system is an EP-200 Series pump. Layout will minimize up front equipment cost of tubing by implementing minimum tailpipe length. Layout will exhibit minimum system efficiency. Adjust the lengths as necessary for different input systems and to increase the efficiency levels.

7.3 Example System Layout (Option 3)
Nine CRVSF-4 burners at recommended radiant tube length and 1.49'/flow unit tailpipe, the pump for this system is an EP-300 Series Pump. Layout will exhibit nominal system efficiency. Adjust the lengths as necessary for different input systems and to increase the efficiency levels.
7.4 Example System Layout (Option 4)
Six CRVSF-4 burners at minimum radiant tube length and 1.48'/flow unit tailpipe, the pump for this system is an EP-200 Series pump.

Layout to provide minimum system efficiency. Adjust the lengths as necessary for different input systems and to increase the efficiency levels.

This system is generally accompanied by an additional system, as shown, so that the radiant output of the additional system supplements the lack of radiant intensity from the tailpipe of the first system. This layout method is used in high heatloss and perimeter heating applications.

7.5 Example System Layout (Option 5)
Four CRVSF-4 burners at minimum radiant tube length and 2.5'/flow unit tailpipe, the pump for this system is an EP-200 Series pump.

Layout to provide high system efficiency, condensed radiant output and good uniformity of distribution. Adjust the lengths as necessary for different input systems and to change the efficiency levels.

This layout method is often used effectively in heatloss and perimeter heating applications.
SECTION 8: CONTROL METHODS

DANGER

Electrical Shock Hazard

Disconnect electric before service or maintenance.

More than one disconnect switch may be required to disconnect electric to the unit.

Control must be properly grounded to an electrical source.

Failure to follow these instructions can result in death or electrical shock.

WARNING

Explosion Hazard

Turn off gas supply to heater before service.

Failure to follow these instructions can result in death, injury or property damage.

There are several methods of controlling CRVSF-Series systems. The options are as follows:

8.1 ROBERTS GORDON® System Control

The System Control is an electronic control panel designed to control CRVSF-Series heating systems.

The System Control can be used to control an EP-100 or EP-201 pump from the control panel. Other pumps such as the EP-301 and 3 Ø models may be controlled in conjunction with a relay or motor starter. The System Control can control up to four zones of burners and up to two vacuum pumps. The electrical circuit is a 120 Vac (20 A) supply. The output for the thermostat is 24 Vac.

A System Control operated system has two minutes post purge pump operation to completely exhaust products of combustion from the system. A system control provides indication of power to the pump and zones and indicates the status of the pressure switch with lights.

The System Control is ETL listed in accordance with UL873 – Standard for Temperature Indicating and Regulating Equipment.

8.2 ROBERTS GORDON® ULTRAVAC™ (CRVSF-6/-8 Only)

The ROBERTS GORDON® ULTRAVAC™ is a microprocessor based control package designed for modulating control of CRVSF-Series heaters based on outdoor temperatures. The controls offer full modulation between 60% and 100% of system maximum rated input. This controller is capable of giving control outputs to one pump and three heating zones. The controller also features inputs which are used for indoor and outdoor signal condition monitoring. System status and settings are viewed and altered from a PC (not supplied) running ROBERTS GORDON® ULTRAVAC™ Software.

ROBERTS GORDON® ULTRAVAC™ Software requires a PC (not supplied) running Windows® 95 or higher, with a Pentium® class processor and at least 64k of RAM. For complete installation details, please refer to the ROBERTS GORDON® ULTRAVAC™ Installation, Operation and Service Manual (P/N 10081601NA), latest revision.

Special design requirements apply for CRVSF-Series systems using the ROBERTS GORDON® ULTRAVAC™ Controller.

Buildings today demand all sorts of control options based on the user’s preference. ULTRAVAC™ controls offer a host of communication options for integration with controls’ networks to best serve individual needs:

ULTRAVAC™ BMS Link: Interface ULTRAVAC™ with other building management control platforms using BACnet® or MODBUS® protocol which communicates via our ULTRAVAC™ BMS Link option.

TCP/IP (LAN): Connect to ULTRAVAC™ via your local area network of computers. Load ULTRAVAC™ software onto any computer on the network and control and view your heating system from your computer via static IP address.

MODEM: Dial into ULTRAVAC™ from anywhere in the world via modem. Supplied as standard on all central controllers.

RS-485: Hard wire ULTRAVAC™ directly to your computer.

8.3 CORAYVAC® Modulating Controls

For a ROBERTS GORDON® CORAYVAC® CLASSIC SF Modulating system, combine a modulating thermostat, a thermostat relay (P/N 90417600K) and any one of the existing ROBERTS GORDON® VFD
assemblies. The result will be a one pump, one zone CORAYVAC® CLASSIC SF Modulating system. The system will modulate based on the temperature sensed at the modulating thermostat, not outdoor temperature. The modulating controls offer many features like 7 day programmability, four time periods per day (2 occupied, 2 unoccupied), temporary temperature setpoint override, keypad lockout security and more. Remote sensors or outdoor sensors are optional, not required. Remote sensors will allow for zone temperature averaging, if required.

8.3.1 Analog Signal Modulating Thermostat
A programmable, 7-day programming, modulating thermostat can be installed to supply an analog (4-20mA) or (2-10Vdc with 500 Ohm resistor) control signal to dictate the speed of the pump. Optional room sensors (P/N 10081520) and outdoor air sensors (P/N 10081521) are available. Room temperature averaging networks can be created with up to nine room sensors (P/N 10081520). Refer to thermostat installation instructions for wiring.

8.3.2 Analog Signal Modulating Thermostat with LonWorks® Communication
If LonWorks® communication is required, a modulating thermostat can be installed to supply an analog (4-20 mA or 2-10 Vdc) signal to control the pump speed. An optional room sensor (P/N 10081520) and outdoor air sensors (P/N 10081521) are available for this thermostat as well.

The modulating thermostat with LonWorks® provides networking capability in a LonWorks® system. With communications port running at 78 kilobits per second (kbs), this thermostat can be configured to perform a variety of activities in which data is sent or received via LonWorks®. Information that can be shared, viewed and modified with the network includes:
- Current year, month, day, hour, minute, second.
- System Mode.
- Space Temperature
- Outdoor air temperature
- Current setpoint
- Occupied/Unoccupied schedule commands.
- Space Temperature

8.3.3 Analog Signal Modulating with BACnet® Programmable Thermostat
If BACnet® communication is required, a BACnet® enabled modulating thermostat can be installed to supply an analog output (0-10VDC) signal control to dictate the speed of the pump. This thermostat is a flexible, wall-mounted standalone control with combined controller/sensor. BACnet® connections allow integral peer to peer BACnet® MS/TP LAN network communications with configurable baud rates and can easily integrate with a building automation system.

MS/TP Wiring
Connect the -A terminal in parallel with all other -A terminals on the network and the +B terminal in parallel with other +B terminals. Connect the shield of cable (Belden cable #82760 or equivalent). Connect the cable shield to a good earth ground at one end only.

8.4 SPST Transformer Relay Kit (P/N 90417600K)
The transformer relay can be used to control an EP-100 or EP-201 pump CORAYVAC® CLASSIC SF system. The single pole relay can only be used to control one zone of burners. The electrical circuit is a 120 V AC (20 A) supply. The transformer 24 V AC output for the thermostat is rated at 40 VA. Thermostats used with the transformer must not exceed this power requirement. A transformer relay operated system will not give any post purge pump operation to completely exhaust products of combustion from the system or provide indication of operating conditions.

8.5 SPDT Transformer Relay (P/N 90436300)
The transformer relay can be used to control an EP-100 or EP-201 pump CORAYVAC® CLASSIC SF system. The double pole relay can only be used to control two zones of burners. The electrical circuit is a 120 V AC (20 A) supply. The transformer 24 V AC output for the thermostat is rated at 40 VA. Thermostats used with the transformer must not exceed this power requirement. A transformer relay operated system will not give any post purge pump operation to completely exhaust products of combustion from the system or provide indication of operating conditions.

8.6 Pressure Switch
A pressure switch is required to confirm pump operation on all systems. A pressure switch is also required on the inlet duct of a non-pressurized air supply.
SECTION 9: AIR SUPPLY SYSTEM

Outside air is required with the CRVSF system. An air supply free of dust and corrosive contaminants is required for proper operation and best life expectancy with any heating system.

- An outside air system to duct air from an uncontaminated source is required. The outside air system can be designed as a pressurized or non-pressurized system.

It is important for designers and owners of heating systems to note that the presence of contaminants in the combustion air supply will greatly accelerate the rate of corrosion on tube surfaces and will shorten the useful life of the heating system. This is true regardless of whether the heating system is CRVSF-Series, other infrared systems or conventional gas or oil-fired equipment such as unit heaters, central boiler plant, etc.

With the unique vacuum powered burners, the fuel/air mix remains constant, even if combustion air filters are dirty. It can be expected that the use of an outside air system will reduce but not eliminate the potential for corrosion due to contamination.

In a way similar to the CRVSF-Series pump system, the design of the air supply system also involves considerations of total flow units and acceptable combinations of duct lengths (and diameters) versus flow units carried. In certain circumstances, it may be desirable to introduce an outside air blower to pressurize the system. A small positive pressure is desirable and necessary to prevent the system from drawing in contaminated air.

9.1 Pressurized

For pressurized outside air supplies, the outside air blower motor has a pressure switch that must be used. Wire this switch in-series with the pump pressure switch. When using an outside air blower with a ROBERTS GORDON® System Control, ROBERTS GORDON® ULTRAVAC™ or relay transformer, a separate load relay package is required. Wire the control for the relay in parallel with the pump. The outside air blower must have a separate 20 A, 120 V power supply.

9.2 Non-Pressurized

For a non-pressurized outside air supply, a 4" O.D. single wall pipe duct may be attached to the burner and end vent. For length and duct sizing requirements See Section 9.3. To prevent condensation, insulate the outside air duct.

9.3 Outside Air System Design Requirements

9.3.1 Non Pressurized

- 6" diameter duct must not exceed 90' (27 m)
- 4" diameter duct must not exceed 90' (27 m)
- Elbows are equivalent to 10' (3 m) of duct length.
- See the CRVSF-Series Installation, Operation, and Service Manual (P/N 127302NA) for ducting installation details.

9.3.2 Pressurized Systems

- 6" diameter duct must not exceed 120' (36 m) total per system.
- 4" diameter duct must not exceed 120' (36 m) per radiant branch.
- See the CRVSF-Series Installation, Operation, and Service Manual (P/N 127302NA) for ducting installation details.

FIGURE 19: Air Supply System Capacity by Duct Length and Diameter

9.3.3 Pipe sizing

To size each section of pipe proceed as follows:

- Calculate the required flow units at each outlet of the supply system.
- Measure the longest run of pipe from the blower to the most remote outlet. Use only this distance in Figure 19 (or the next longer distance if the exact distance is not shown). This is to provide
assurance that the pressure drop to the most remote outlet will not exceed 0.25" w.c. when all outlets are supplied.

- See Figure 19, find the intersection point on the graph for the appropriate duct length and number of flow units. The duct size above this intersection point indicates what size duct work should be used. Proceed in a similar manner for each outlet and each section of duct. For each section of duct, determine the total flow unit capacity supplied by that section.

Duct Design Rules
- System should be designed so that the blower is positioned closest to the highest flow requirements (end vents).
- When a duct is carrying more than 40 flow units, it must be at least 6" diameter.

Blower (P/N 90707501K) Performance 112 Flow Units:

FIGURE 21: Sample Layout for Pressurized Outside Air Systems

*NOTE: up to 10' (3 m) max. from blower inlet can be neglected for pressure drop calculations.
SECTION 10: ROBERTS GORDON® ULTRAVAC™ DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

CRVSF-2 and CRVSF-4 are not available for use with ROBERTS GORDON® ULTRAVAC™ controls.

CRVSF-Series systems designed with **minimum** radiant tube length shall have 1.5' - 2.0' per flow unit of tailpipe length.

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CRVSF-Series systems with maximum radiant tube length shall have 1.2' - 1.5' per flow unit of tailpipe length.
SECTION 11: CRVSF-SERIES EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

The total heating system supplied shall be design certified by the CSA per American National Standard ANSI Z83.20/CSA 2.34 (latest edition).

The system shall be approved and design certified by CSA in accordance with NFPA30A7.6.6.

11.1 Burner and Burner Controls

11.1.1 Burners shall be designed to operate simultaneously in series without adverse effects from combustion gases from upstream burners.

11.1.2 Burners shall be capable of firing on: Natural Gas, or LP Gas.

11.1.3 Burners shall be supplied to fire at any one of the input firing rates as specified:

- CRVSF-2- 20,000 (Btu/h)
- CRVSF-4- 40,000 (Btu/h)
- CRVSF-6- 60,000 (Btu/h)
- CRVSF-8- 80,000 (Btu/h)

When using ROBERTS GORDON® ULTRAVAC™ controls, burner rates will modulate between 60% and 100% rated input (CRVSF-2/-4 is not available for use with ROBERTS GORDON® ULTRAVAC™ controls).

11.1.4 The design of burners supplied shall provide for maintaining a constant proportion of fuel gas to filtered combustion air. These conditions are met for burners in which the pressure of both the fuel gas and the combustion air are introduced at zero (atmospheric) pressure and the flow of each is established by a vacuum on the downstream side of the flow metering orifices.

11.1.5 To assure a high degree of fail-safe operation, the design shall preclude flow of gas if any or all of the following abnormal conditions occur in the non-firing mode:

1. Main valve fails in open position.
2. Vacuum pump motor fails to operate.
3. Power fails.

11.1.6 To further assure a high degree of safety, the system will be under negative pressure at all times during operation to preclude the possibility of the escape of combustion gases inside the building.

11.1.7 The burner control assembly will include a zero regulator.

11.1.8 All burners shall be pre-wired with a grounded electrical cord and plug.

11.2 Equipment

11.2.1 Burner

Each burner assembly shall consist of heavy-duty cast-iron burner heads, pre-wired gas controls with electronic, three-try direct spark ignition and combustion air filter.

11.2.2 Pump

The pump model supplied will vary with the capacity of the system. See the pump technical specification sheet or the installation, operation and service manual for product description and specification.

The pump shall be acoustically isolated from the system with a flexible connector with temperature rating of 350 °F (177 °C) minimum. The motor in the vacuum pump shall be secured with rubber mounts for acoustical isolation.

11.2.3 Heat Exchanger (Radiant)

Radiant tubing shall be Schedule 40 steel pipe.

All heat exchanger (tubing) connections shall be made with threaded couplings.

11.2.4 Heat Exchanger (Tailpipe)

Tailpipe shall be schedule 40 steel pipe, 4” O.D., heat treated aluminized tubing, or 4” O.D. steel tubing with an internal and external coating of acid-resistant porcelain.

All schedule 40 steel pipe connections shall be made with threaded couplings. All 4” O.D. aluminized or steel tubing connections shall be made with stainless steel lined couplings.

11.2.5 Outside Air

The system shall be capable of supplying air from the outside to each burner and end vent for the support of combustion.
Attach this information to a wall near the ROBERTS GORDON® heater.

Read the Installation, Operation, and Service Manual thoroughly before installation, operation, or service. Know your model number and installed configuration. Model number and installed configuration are found on the burner and in the Installation, Operation and Service Manual. Write the largest clearance dimensions with permanent ink according to your model number and configuration in the open spaces below.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. STOP! Read all safety instructions on this information sheet.
2. Open the manual gas valve in the heater supply line.
3. Turn on electric power to the heater.
4. Set the thermostat to desired setting.

TO TURN OFF THE HEATER

1. Set the thermostat to off or the lowest setting.

IF THE HEATER WILL NOT OPERATE, TO ENSURE YOUR SAFETY, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS TO SHUT DOWN YOUR HEATER

1. Set the thermostat to off or the lowest setting.
2. Turn off electric power to the heater.
3. Turn off the manual gas valve in the heater supply line.
4. Call your registered installer/contractor qualified in the installation and service of gas-fired heating equipment.

WARNING

Fire Hazard

Keep all flammable objects, liquids and vapors the minimum required clearances to combustibles away from heater.

Some objects will catch fire or explode when placed close to heater.

Failure to follow these instructions can result in death, injury or property damage.

Maintain __________ clearance to the side and __________ clearance below the heater from vehicles and combustible materials.