



Second Sun Flameless Tank Heater

SS-10

Installation, Operation, Maintenance & Parts Manual

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Introduction

DESCRIPTION

The **SECOND SUN**[™] flameless catalytic tank heater is a new product that Algas-SDI has been developing and testing for several years. The concept is a result of research that began in 1998. The intent of the heater is to augment natural vaporization or to build pressure in the storage tanks when the environment is not able to supply the needed energy through the "wetted" surface of the propane tank.

When used with propane, applications can range from boosting pressure in a tank to increase vaporization capacity for small loads. Use the heater during cold weather in lieu of a pump to boost pressure on a tank that is used with a vaporizer for larger loads. The heater can both boost pressure and serve as a vaporizer for smaller loads up to 750,000 Btu/hr. In either case the containers can be stationary or portable since the heater does not need a permanent electrical service. On a temporary basis, the **SECOND SUN™** may be used to boost the pressure in a container that has been overdrawn and refrigerated.

The **SECOND SUN™** tank heater is rated at 10-12,000 Btu/hr and should only be placed on 250 gallon and larger containers up to 1000 gallons. Catalytic heaters, properly maintained and serviced, will not ignite a mixture of fuel and air or sustain open flame combustion. A stainless steel grill is installed on the heater face to protect the catalytic material from damage such as incidental impact, insects or rodents but it is important to inspect the heater face for holes before starting the heater.

Each **SECOND SUN™** operates and is controlled by tank pressure. The safety system includes three (3) elements: an over-pressure safety switch that monitors pressure in the tank to which the heater is attached, a high temperature switch that monitors the tank surface temperature, should the liquid level fall below the heater, and a pilot heater monitor that prevents an unwanted release of gas in the event the pilot heater temperature drops below the point necessary to continue catalyzing the fuel. When any of the safety switches are triggered, manual intervention is required to restart the unit.

A solid state thermoelectric generator provides power to operate the tank heater controls. Electrical power is generated by the temperature differential between the heater and the ambient air. The small finned aluminum heat exchanger cools one side of the EMF generating device, and the heater provides heat to the opposite side. The heat exchanger must remain exposed and unobstructed. Because there is no flame, a common "flame type" thermocouple does not function in this application.

The **SECOND SUN™** operates in either pilot mode of main heater



mode. When the tank pressure is low the heater automatically switches to full heat mode. When tank pressure increases above 55 psi the heater will automatically turn-down to pilot or "stand-by" mode. The pilot heater is also used to start the catalyzing process using a preheater element and a 12V truck battery and charger. In cold environments our testing has shown that the **SECOND SUN**[™] performs best when the pressure setting corresponds to a saturation temperature above 32 °F (55 psi for propane). When set below this point ice formation may impede the heater performance when the main heater cycles off for long periods.

When not needed during the summer, we recommend the unit be shut off. Before restarting the unit, in the fall, the catalyst material should be visually inspected to make sure rodents have not entered and degraded the material. At the same time, the tank surface covered by the heater should be inspected for corrosion, using the same method used for inspecting all other exposed tank surfaces.



Figure 1 — SECOND SUN[™]





INSTALLATION

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Install the Second SunTM on a "raised" tank to allow space for the heater to be rotated to the lowest section of the tank. Inspect the heater face visually for any damage to the catalyst material. At the same time, the tank surface, covered by the heater, should be inspected for corrosion, using the same method for inspecting all other exposed tank surfaces. Clean all foreign materials from all pipelines prior to making any connections to Second SunTM. Use pipe sealant, approved for LPG use, where required. Check all connections for leaks using a leak detection solution or device. Eliminate all leaks prior to operation.

Install in accordance with NFPA 58 and local applicable codes and regulations as required.





- 1. Attach the provided tank heater mounting cable around the tank as shown in Figure 2 and attach J-hooks to heater cover and tighten so that heater will support itself without slipping on the tank.
- 2. Level the heater at waist height to facilitate ease of access for starting.
- 3. Ensure that the neoprene band holding the temperature switches is folded outward against the side of the heater and not under the edge of the heater since it will prevent the temperature switches from contacting the tank surface properly.
- 4. Make certain the heater side skirt extends outwards from the heater to seal against the outside of the tank. Do not allow it to fold under the heater since it will prevent the heater from making full contact with the tank.
- 5. Connect the regulator assembly to the multi-valve (on top of the tank) that is connected to the vapor space of the tank being heated.
- 6. Connect the high pressure line to the upper fitting on the heater marked "*High Pressure Tank Connection*".
- 7. Connect the output of the regulator to the lower fitting on the side of the heater cover marked "*Low Pressure Regulator Connection*".
- 8. Close the on-off valve, located outside the control cover, marked as "*Low Pressure Regulator Connection*".
- 9. Open the isolation valve on the propane tank and check the installed plumbing for leaks.
- 10. Open the heater on-off valve and check for leaks in the remaining gas train.
- 11. Repair any leaks before proceeding with the installation.
- 12. Check both temperature switches for proper contact with the tank surface by looking from the side of the controls cover with a flashlight.
- 13. The temperature switches should be in close-contact with the tank surface over the full face of the switch. Lift the black EPDM seal and use a flashlight for easier inspection of the switches.

Figure 3 – Temperature switches



CAUTION

Once full contact is made with the tank surface it can take up to 15 minutes for the switch to automatically reset. Once the switch has closed, the control circuit will allow gas to flow to the main heater.



The lower switch will activate when the tank is empty and will shut off gas flow to both the pilot and main heater. This will require a cold restart procedure once the tank has been refilled. Activating (opening) the upper temperature switch will shut-off gas flow to only the main heater and will allow the pilot heater to continue to operate. Once the tank has been filled, if the pilot heater is still on, the main heater will come on automatically.

Heater should be turned OFF while refueling the tank unless the heater is mounted over 5 ft from the fill port of the tank.

GAS REGULATOR ASSEMBLY



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OPERATION

Second SunTM is controlled by tank pressure. The tank heater utilizes an adjustable operating pressure switch with a range of 55 psi – 100 psi. When the pressure in the storage tank falls below the operating switch set point the heater will cycle on providing heat (energy) into the liquid stored in the tank. When the pressure requirement is met, the tank heater reverts to standby mode with only the pilot operating.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. The heater operates automatically, turning on when tank pressure drops below 55 psi and into stand-by mode as pressure rises above 57 psi. Heater will automatically switch from stand-by to full heat mode when the pressure drops below 55 psi.
- 2. If the propane level, in the tank, drops below the top of the heater and the tank wall temperature rises above 125° F, the heater will switch to pilot (stand-by) mode. If the propane level, in the tank, falls to the lower section of the heater and the tank wall temperature rises above 125° F the tank main heater and pilot will shut down requiring manual restart.
- 3. If the tank pressure rises to 160 psi the tank heater and pilot will shut down requiring manual restart.

STARTING THE SECOND SUN

- 1. Attach cables to a heavy-duty 12 volt truck battery.
- 2. Start the truck to charge the battery during the heater start-up procedure.
- 3. Open the isolation valve on the propane tank and the on/off valve on the heater.
- 4. Check for gas leaks and repair them before proceeding.
- 5. Turn the black knob on the gas valve to "Pilot".
- Wait 20-30 minutes before depressing the pilot valve. Check the back of the heater, near the 12 v. electrical connection box, to ensure pre-heat is working (warm to touch – 125 °F (52 °C).
- 7. Depress and hold the pilot knob, on the gas valve, for at least 30 seconds.
- Wait 20 30 minutes and check the back of the heater again for increased temperature (too warm for continual contact – 175 °F (79 °C), depress the pilot knob again to ensure that it is engaged.
- 9. Turn the gas valve knob to the "On" position.
- 10. Wait 10 minutes before disconnecting and rewinding the battery cables.

STOPPING THE HEATER

- If the heater is on and you wish to manually switch the operation to Pilot (stand-by) mode, turn the black knob on the gas control valve to "Pilot" setting.
- 2. To shut the heater down, completely, close the manual, on-off, ball-valve, located on the outside of the heater cover. The heater can also be turned off by closing the isolation valve on the propane tank.



NOTES

1. WHEN INSTALLING THE TANK HEATER MAKE SURE THE TEMPERATURE SWITCHES ARE MAKING FULL CONTACT WITH THE TANK SURFACE. FAILING TO DO SO WILL TRIGGER THE TEMPERATURE SWITCHES AND KEEP THE HEATER FROM MONITORING TANK SURFACE TEMPERATURES PROPERLY.

MAINTENANCE

Second Sun^{TM} is designed for long term trouble free operation. Because of the nature of its use, and the low maintenance requirements, it is important to provide scheduled maintenance. Below is a check-off list for annual inspections.

- I. Check the heater face and tank surface (under the heater) yearly. Release the heater top latche and allow the heater to tilt back on the latche. This will allow adequate space to inspect both the heater surface and the tank surface. The tank surface should be clean and the paint should be intact, without scratches and with no exposed metal. The heater face should be clean and free of debris, ice, snow and insect nests.
- II. Inspect the catalytic material for holes rips or tears. If holes are present, discontinue use immediately and ship the heater back to Algas-SDI for repair. Gas can escape from holes in the cat material and support open flame combustion.
- III. Clean obstructions from the cover inlet and exhaust vents. If the exhaust and/or inlet vents are plugged, the heater will not operate correctly and may not reach optimum temperature.
- IV. Do not use high pressure air or water to clean the cat surface. If the heater surface does not reach full temperature after an hour of operation 850 °F (454 °C) and tank pressure is less than 55 psi, contact the factory for instructions.
- V. The temperature of the heater face should be 750-1050 $^{\circ}$ F (399 566 $^{\circ}$ C).
- VI. Voltage of the peltier device, measured between terminal 3 and 5, should always be 90 mV or higher when the heater is running. This should measure 300 mV when the main valve is actuated. When the heater is running and only the pilot is actuated it will read 400 mv.

CAUTION



Voltage readings will change depending upon ambient conditions. In colder environments a higher voltage reading can be expected. In a warmer climate a much lower voltage reading will be obtained.

The gas valve will work properly as long as a minimum of 200 - 300 mV can be registered when only the pilot is actuated and running.

TROUBLESHOOTING

General Requirements

FOLLOW THE TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE BELOW TO IDENTIFY A PROBLEM:

Figure 1: Heater does not start













Figure 4: Wiring Diagram

Figure 5: Adjustable pressure switch settings



OUT OF ADJUSTMENT No threads exposed: Rotate switch body

counterclockwise until one thread is visible outside the lock ring.

PROPER ADJUSTMENT One exposed thread: Pressure setting is factory preset at 55 psi.

OUT OF ADJUSTMENT

Multiple threads exposed: Rotate the switch body clockwise until only one thread is visible outside the lock ring and marks are aligned.

- The adjustable pressure switch is pre-set to 55 psi, unless specified by the customer to a different setting.
- Every 60 degrees of counter-clockwise rotation (one wrench flat) will *increase* the pressure setting by 30 psi.
- Every 60 degrees of clockwise rotation (one wrench flat) will *decrease* the pressure setting by 30 psi.







SECOND SUN Spare Parts

SPARE PARTS	PART NUMBERS
 Gas Valve Peltier Assembly High Pressure Switch Adjustable Pressure Switch Temperature Switch Assembly Fisher Regulator Removable Catalytic Cartridge Heater Cabinet Assembly Starter Cable Assembly Attach Assembly Cord Wrap Magnet Asssembly Coas Manifold Gas Regulator Assembly Schottky Diode and Capacitor Assembly 	60431 JP13004A 60422 60423 JP13146A 30737 JP12856A JP12993A 2201-7002 JP13106A JP13130A JP13019F 2201-4007 2201-4009





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