



Asphalt Plant Burners

BUILT TO **CONNECT**

Missouri Asphalt Paving
Association

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THE GOAL



- As time goes by, you are not going to remember what I say
- You are going to remember little of what you see
- You will only remember what you understand
- You will only do what you understand and what makes sense
- My goal is to provide useful information and understanding

How to make a burner reliable



- **D.O.P.E.:**
- **What is it?**
- **Why are we talking about it?**

D.O.P.E



D a t a o n p r e v i s e n g a g e m e n t s

For Low fire and High fire and where you typically run:

- Fuel valve(s) position
- Fuel actuator position
- Fuel pressure
- Fuel meter reading

- Air valve position
- Air valve position
- Air pressure (burner body)
- Burner suction

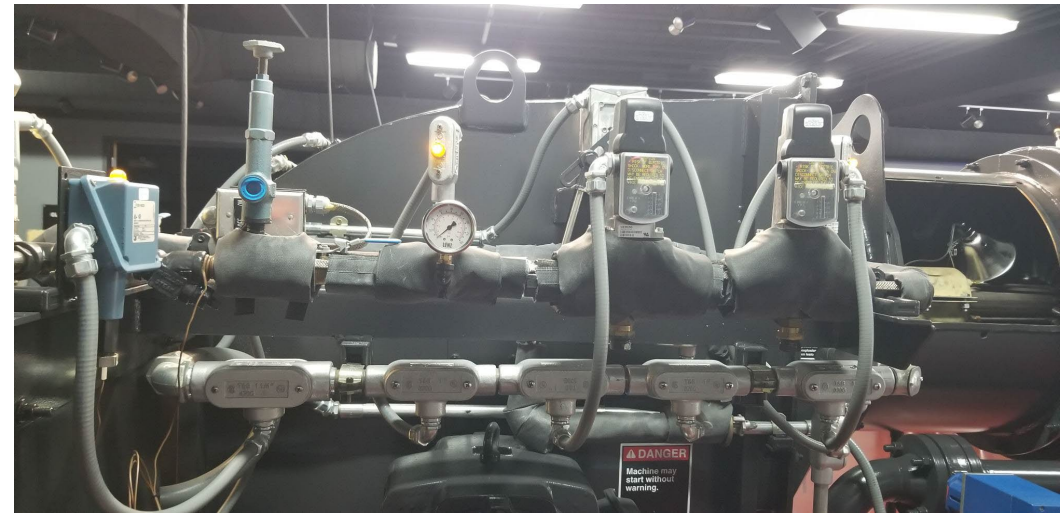
- Burner profile in computer



How to make a burner reliable

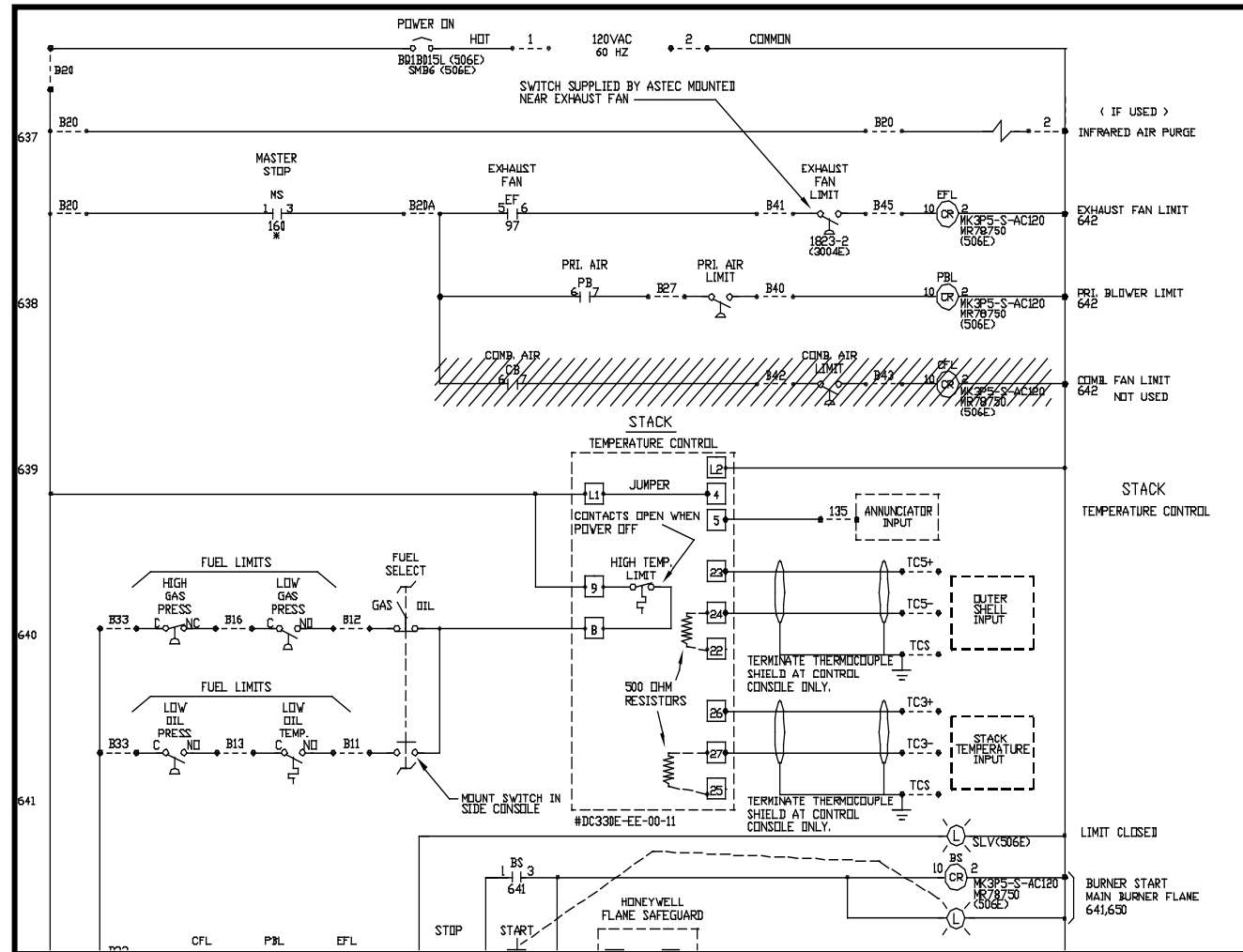


- D.O.P.E.
- **Tag each burner device with name on electrical print**



5am with trucks lined up is not the time to learn about your burner

Tag the burner components



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- **Understand the function of each burner component**

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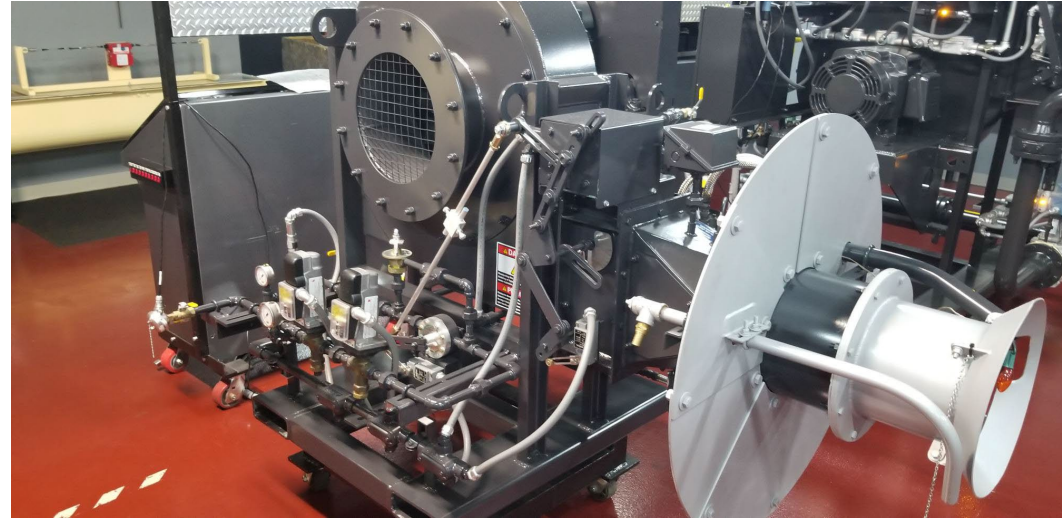
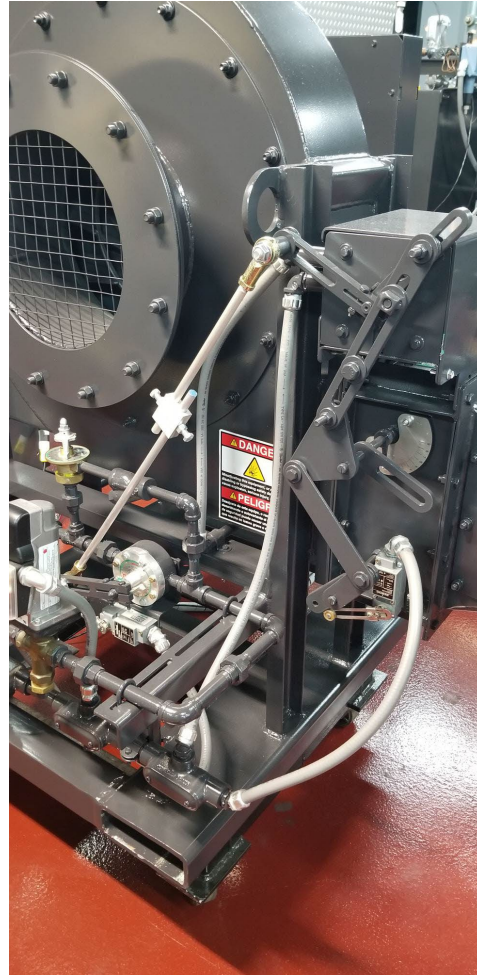
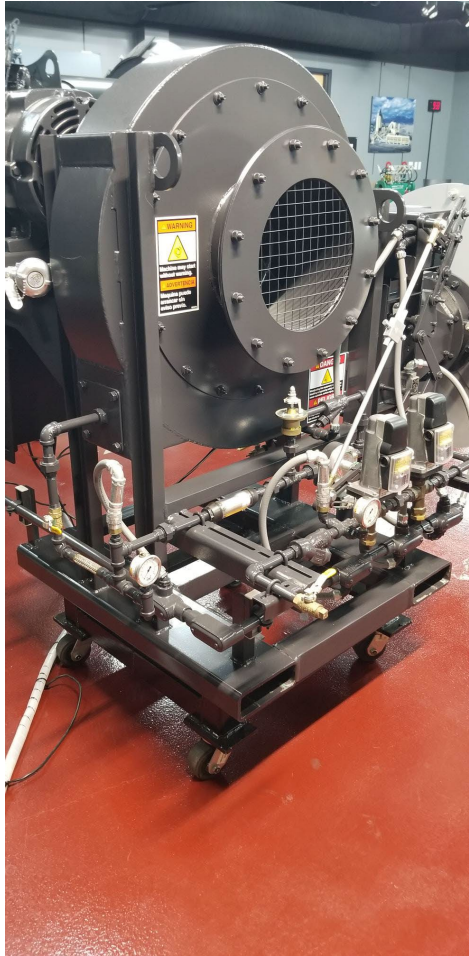


- Limit switches
- Pressure switches
- Thermocouples
- Relays
- Flame safeguard
- Control valves
- Shut-off valves
- Flow meters: Liquid and gas

Be able to have a conversation with the phone support tech – speak the same language



Astec Fury – Most basic burner



Most basic burner doesn't look so simple

Know your burner



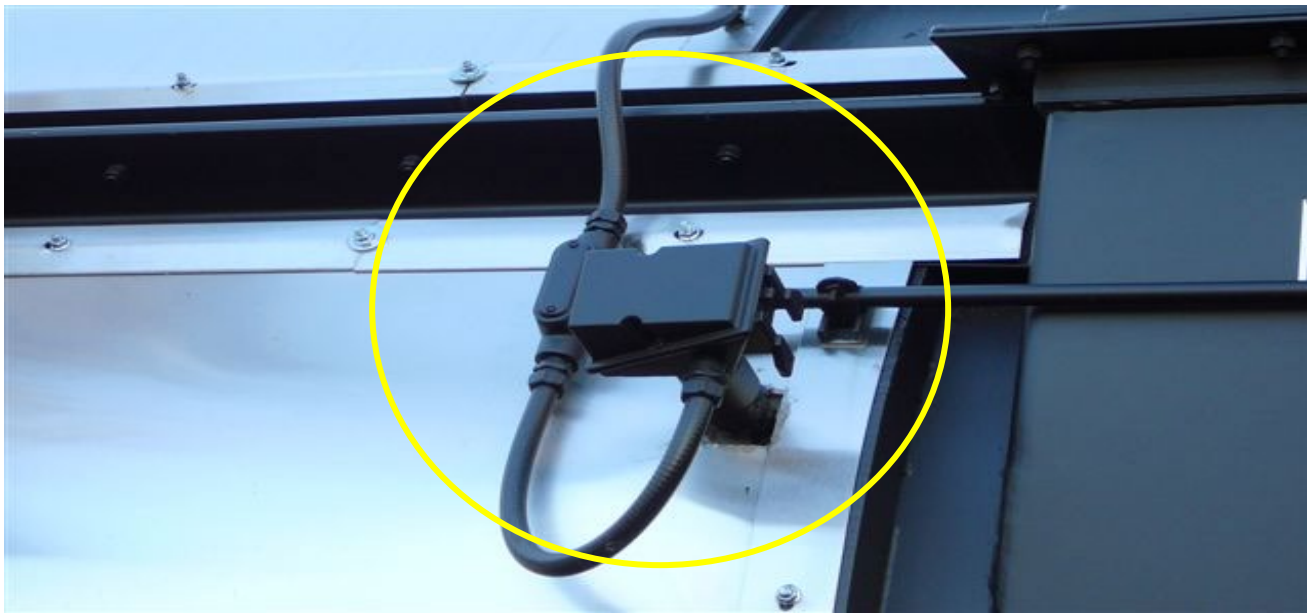
Flash Back Switch – a limit specific to a pre-mix burner



A limit specific to the drum design



Mix Chamber Temperature Switch's 1 & 2

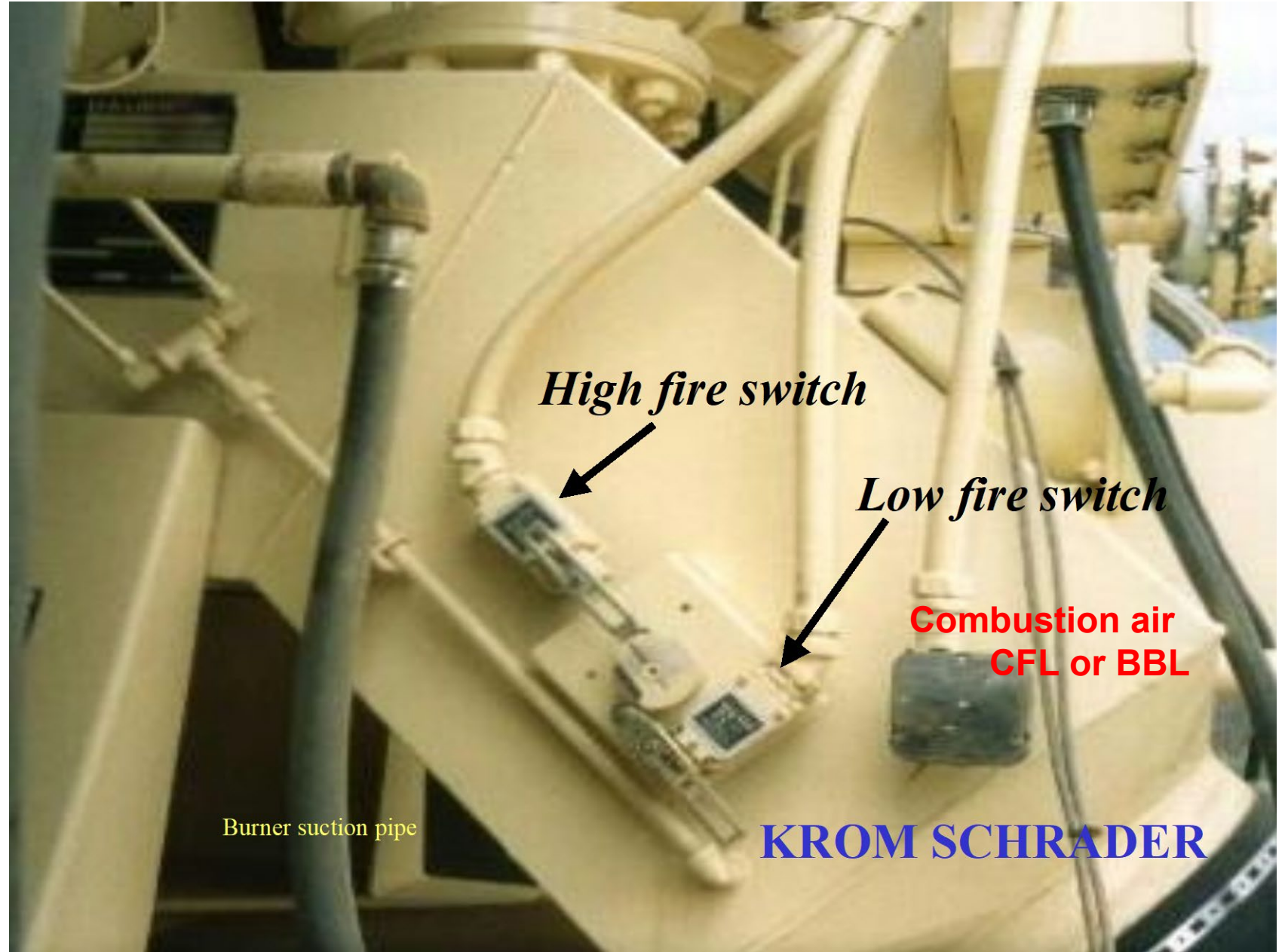


A limit used when compressed air is required to atomize a liquid fuel



Atomizing Air Pressure Switch (AAL)

Limits used in the purge sequence



High fire switch

Low fire switch

**Combustion air
CFL or BBL**

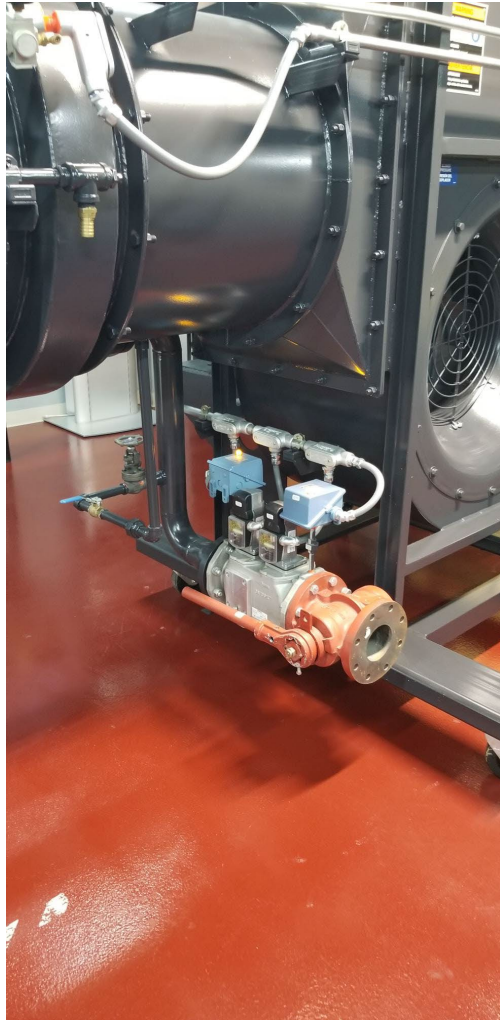
Burner suction pipe

KROM SCHRADER

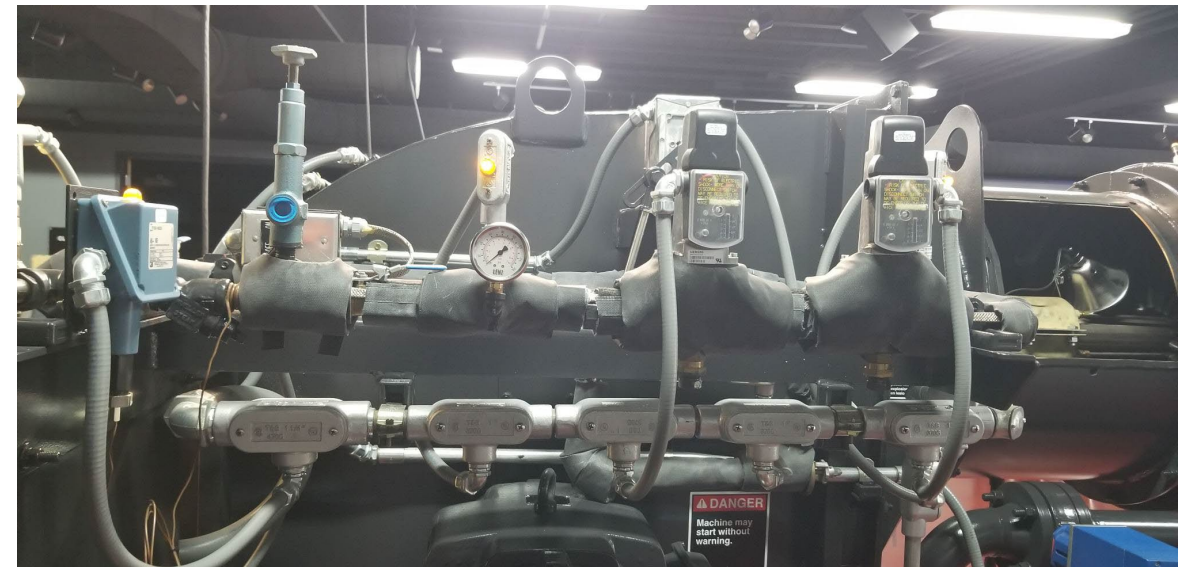
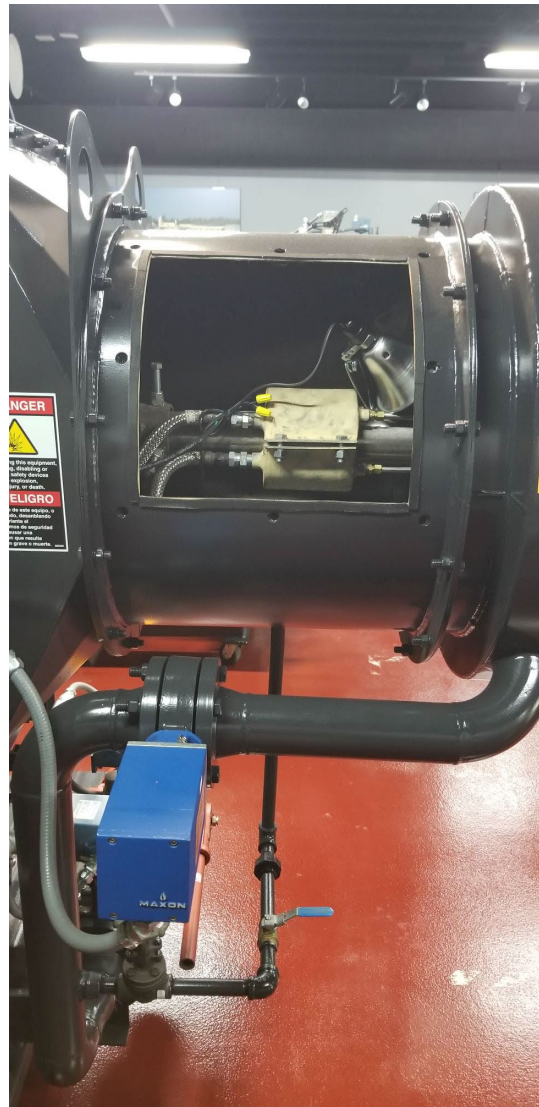
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Can you identify the components?



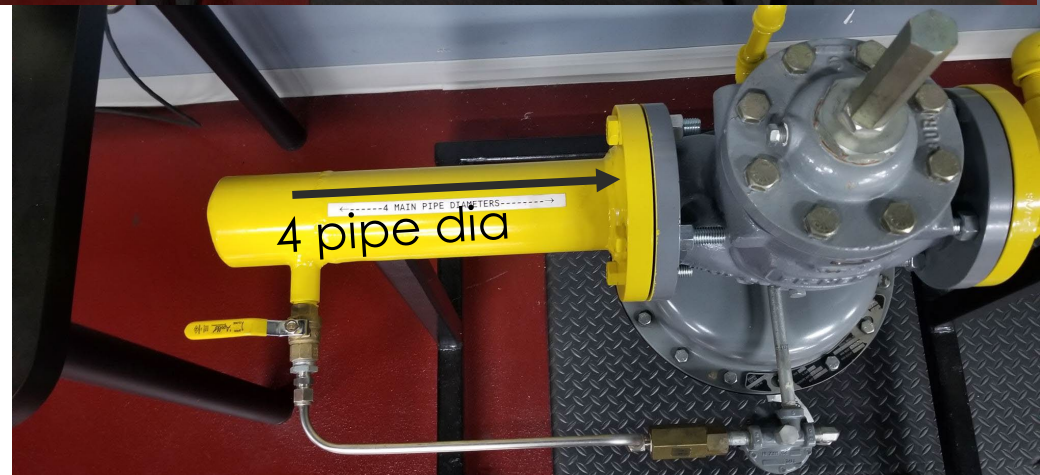
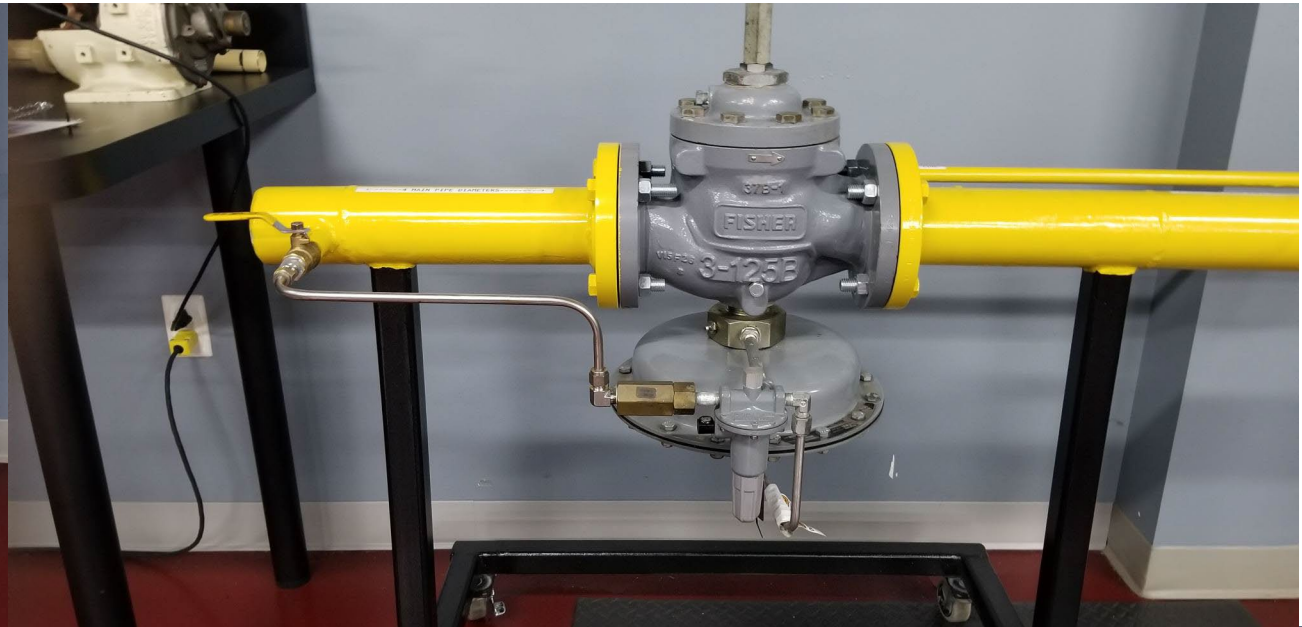
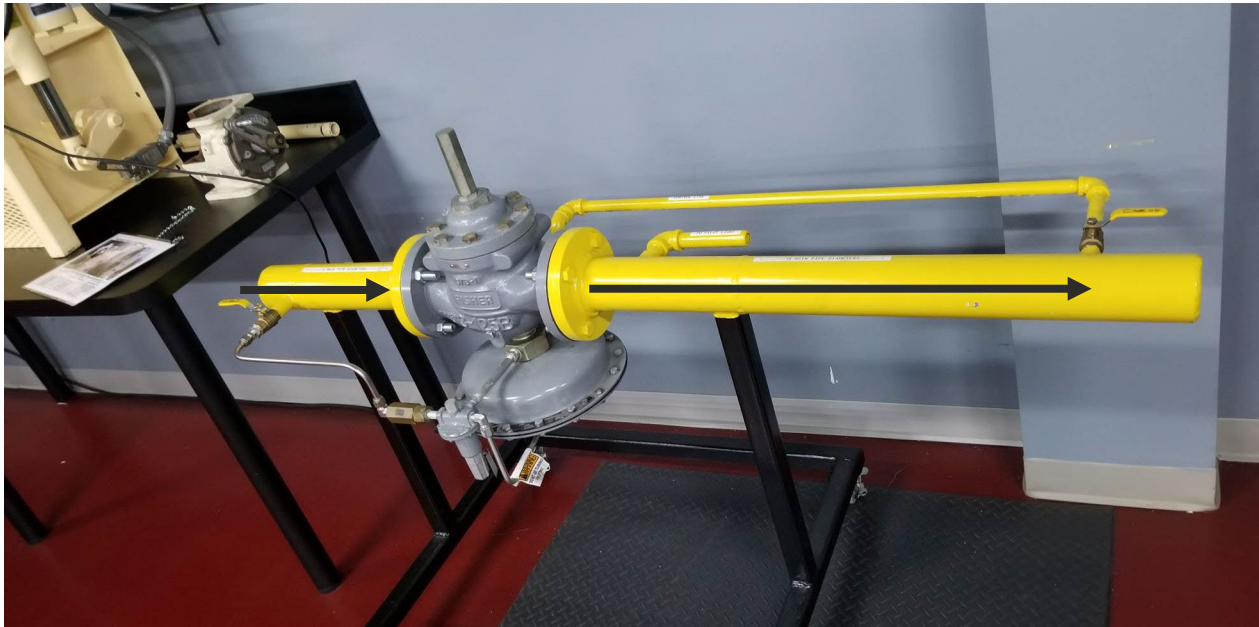
Know your burner – inside and out



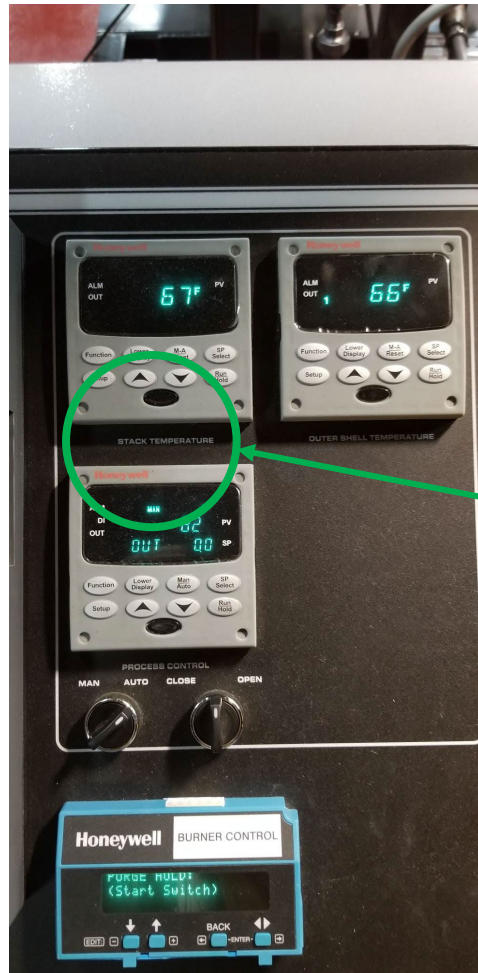
Name that part



Natural Gas Regulator



Know the Nomenclature



On Astec plants “stack temperature” is measured at the baghouse inlet

The temperature at the baghouse exit is called “excess temperature”

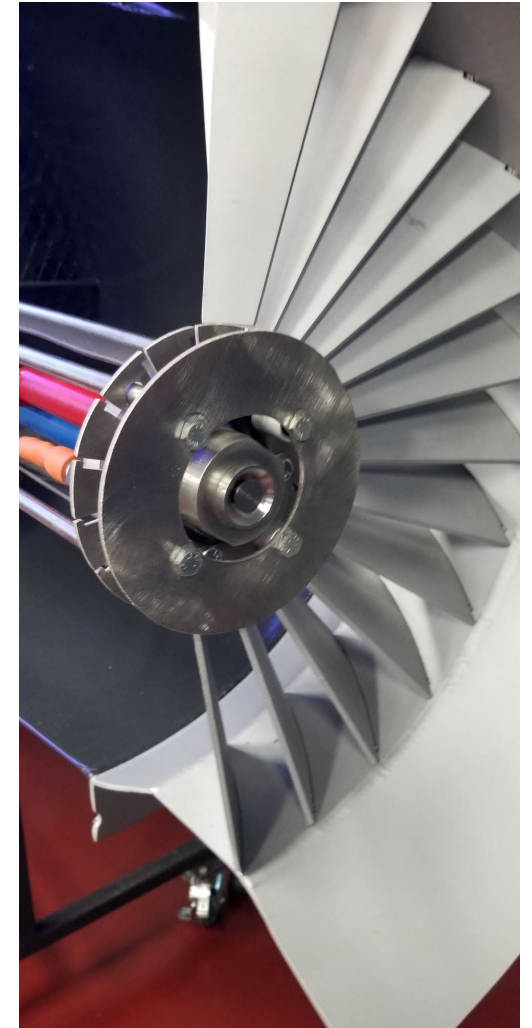
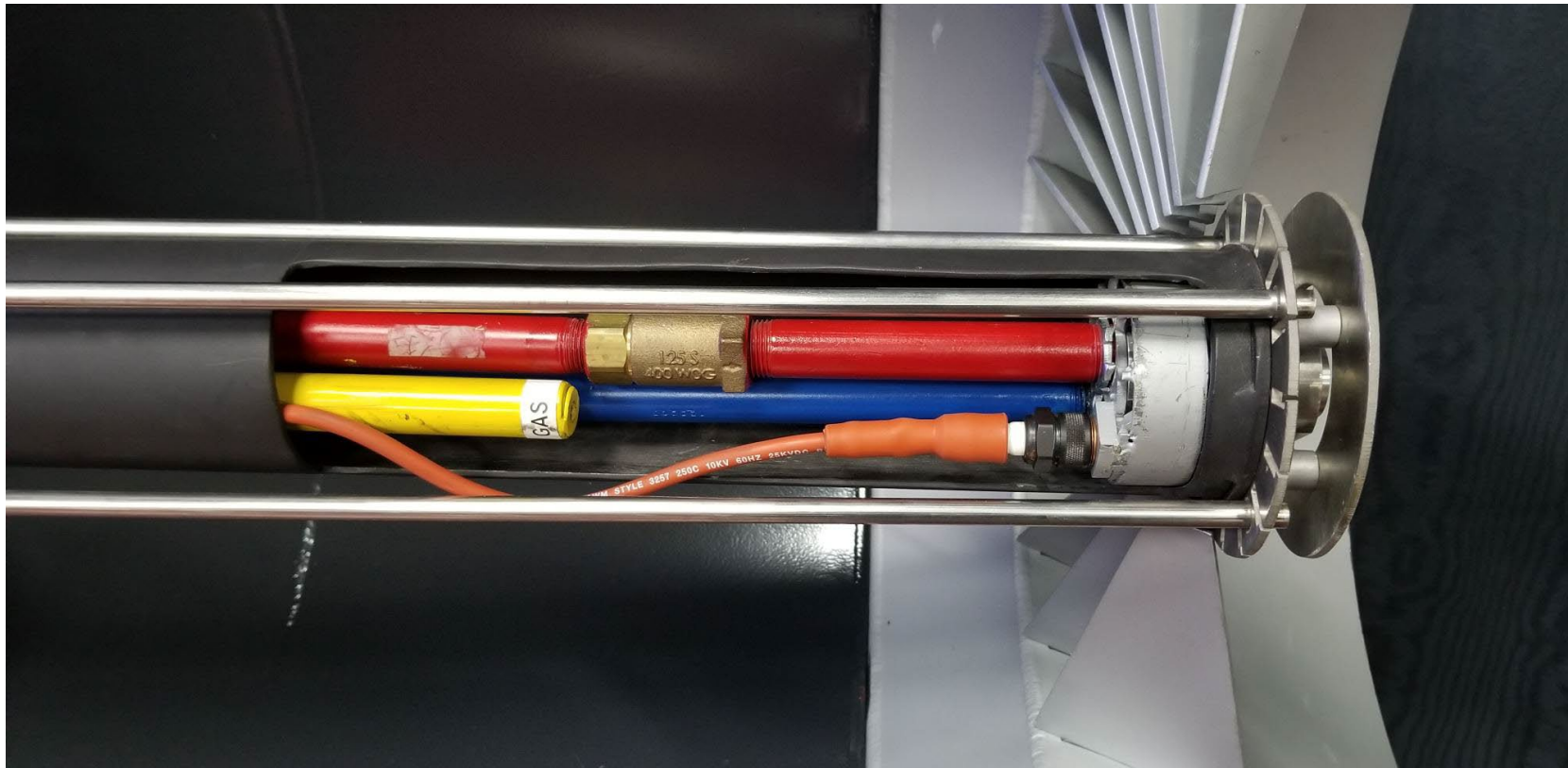
“stack temperature”

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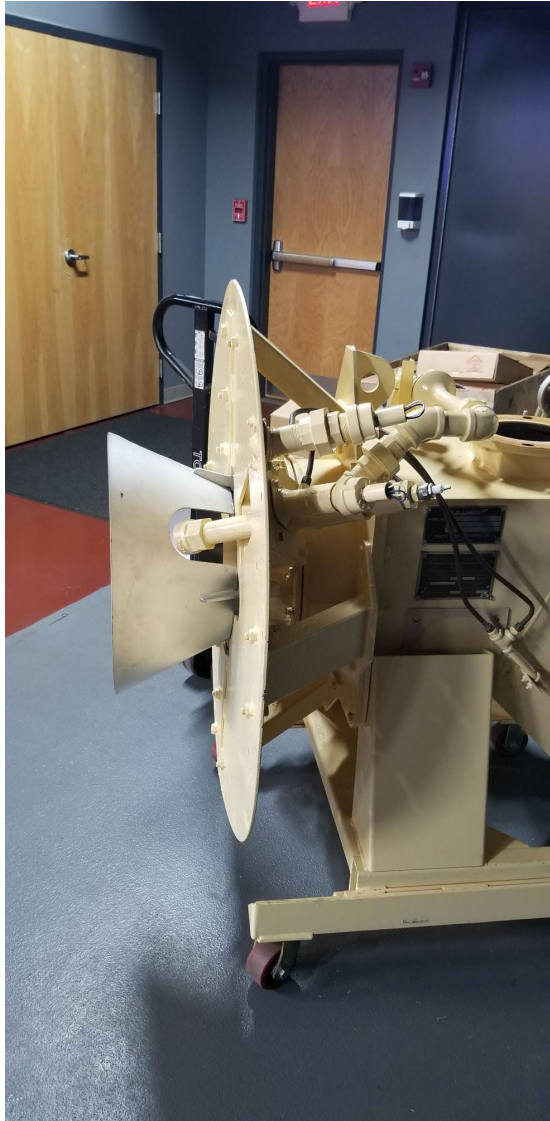


- D.O.P.E.: Data on previous engagements
- Tag each burner device with name on electrical print
- Understand the function of each component
- **Understand how your burner works inside and out**

Know what is going on inside



Hauck Star Jet



- Combustion requirements
 - **Air: Stoichiometric and excess air**
 - Fuel: Liquid and gas
 - Air to fuel ratio
 - Mixing: Combustion and emissions
 - Ignition: Pilot
 - Turndown: Low fire to high fire
 - Premix and nozzle mix
 - Control: Manual and automatic

Stoichiometric and excess air



- What is it?
- Why is it required?
- How much is needed?
- What if there is too little? Too much?
- Are all burners the same?
- Is it the same at different burner outputs ?
- What about burner controls – one motor vs. separate air / fuel control motors
- How do you tell if too much excess air?
 - Gas analyzer – not so fast...leakage changes the readings
 - Out of baghouse cfm at a low production rate

Understanding Combustion



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- **Natural gas**
 - Sounds easy to mix with air
 - Nat gas SG = 0.6
 - Vaporized propane (warning)
- **Liquid fuels**
 - No. 2 Diesel
 - Blended fuels
 - Waste Fuel
 - LP Liquid Propane (warning)
 - Atomization

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What happens if...

Too rich

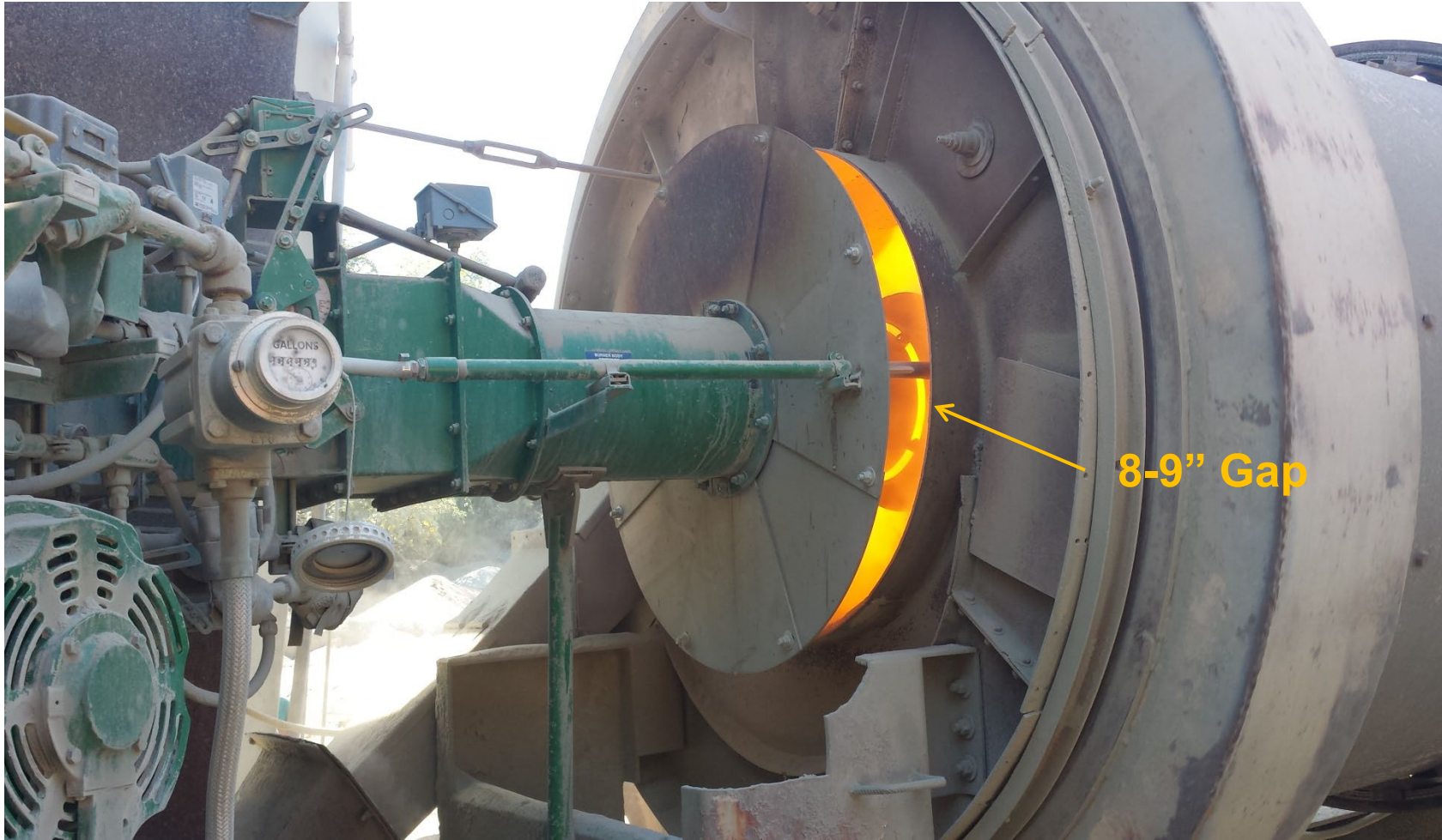
- Emissions
- High production
- Big flame
- Hot flame

Too lean

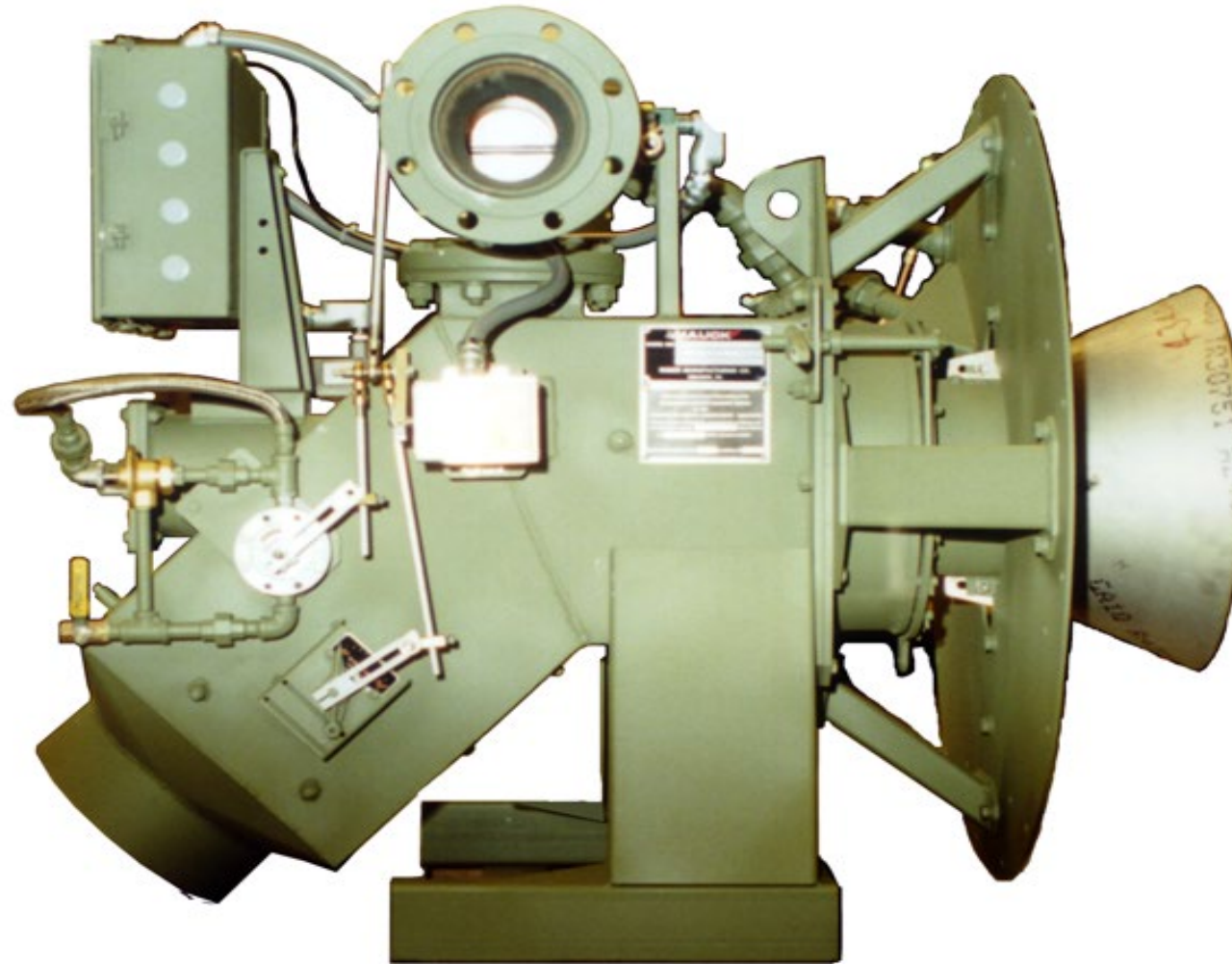
- Emissions
- Low production
- High dust carry-out



PHOENIX FURY - ASTEC'S OPEN FIRED BURNER



HAUCK STARJET- ONE ACTUATOR - EA 57 DRIVE THE AIR, OIL AND GAS VALVES



Understanding Combustion

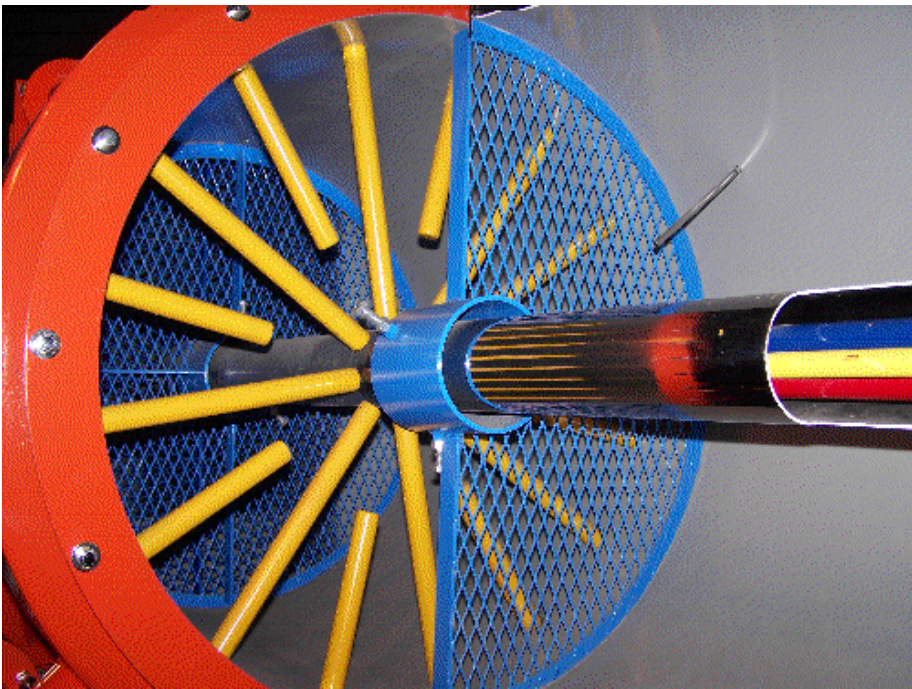


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Why is Carbon Monoxide produced?

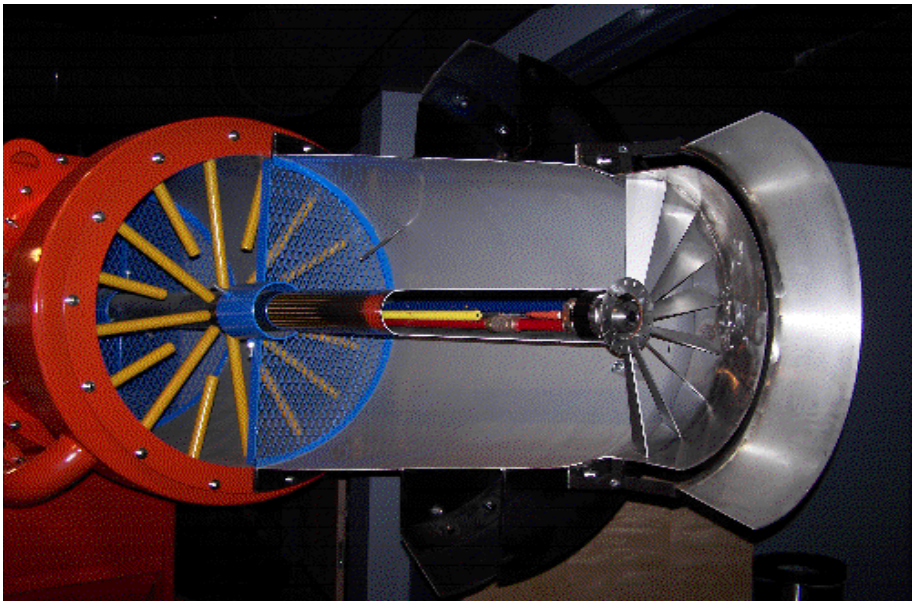
- CO – What is it?
- **Incomplete combustion produces CO**
- How much CO ok?
- Must consider percent excess air





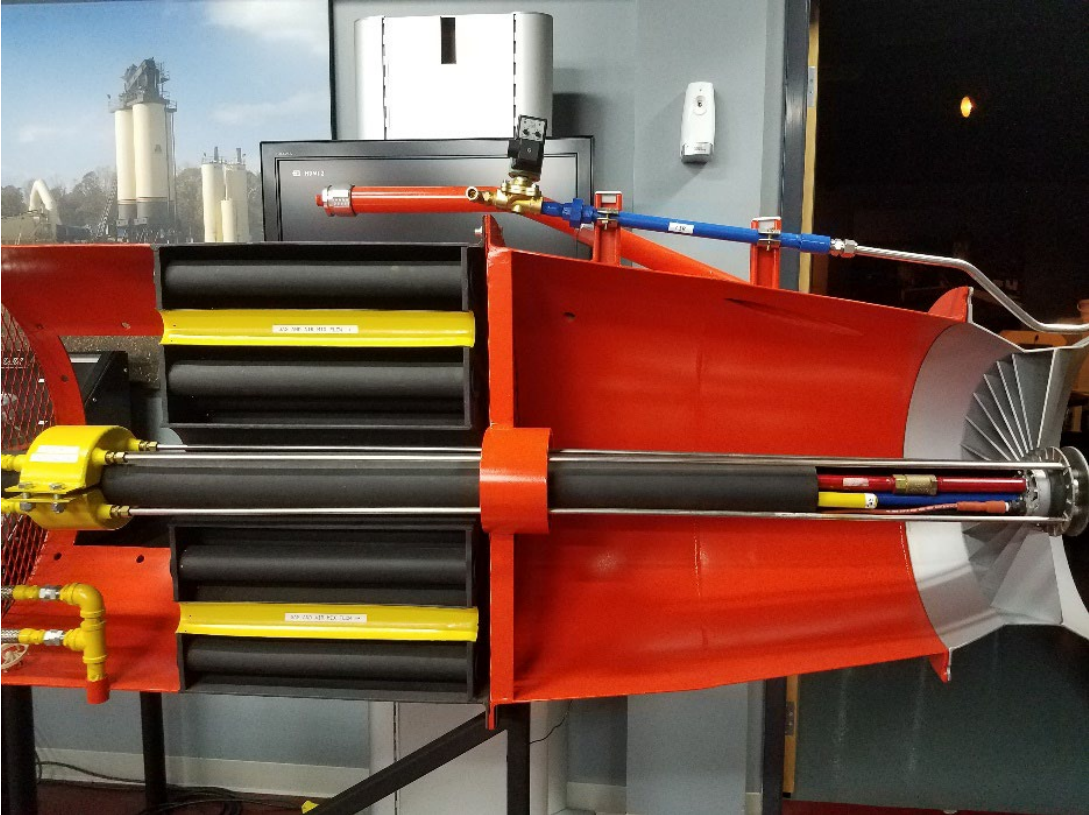
**Phoenix Talon
Pre-Mix On Natural Gas**

**Know your burner
inside and out**



**Nozzle/Atomizer mix using
Oil's**

Phoenix Talon II Gas Injection Section



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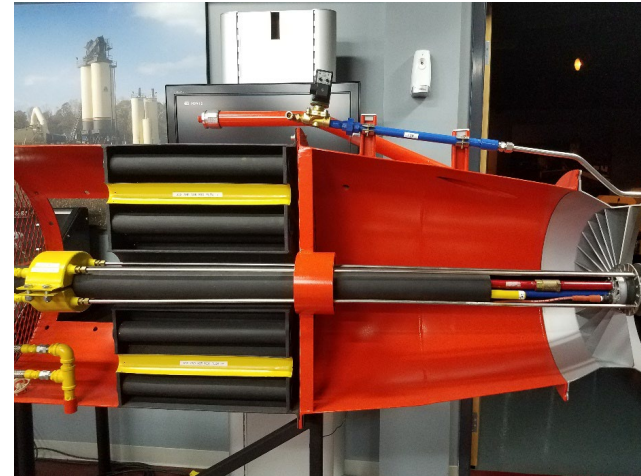
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- What is “turn down”?
 - Reasonable turndown?
 - What is “low fire” for?
 - What can happen at low firing rates?

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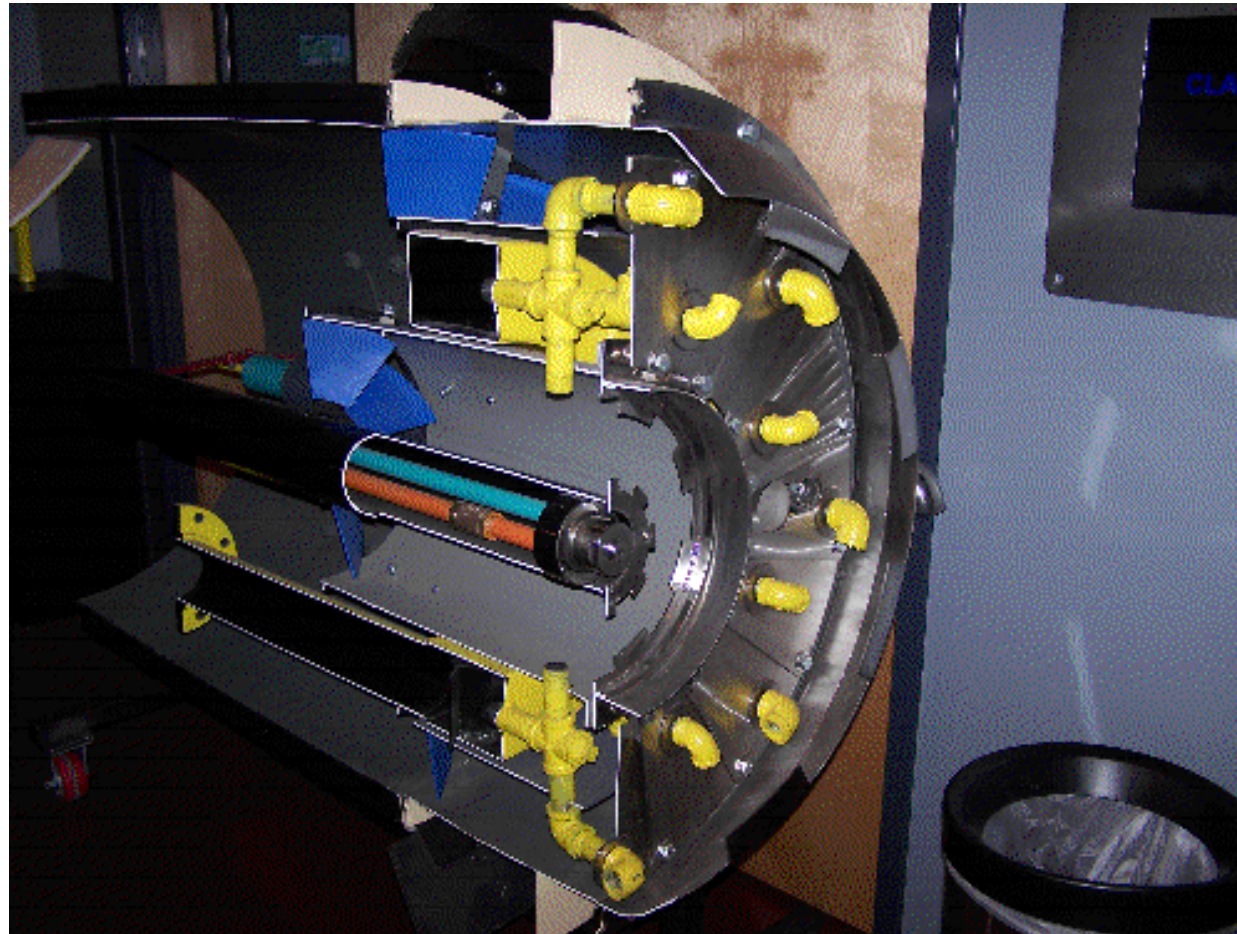


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Nozzle mix for Oil and gas



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Manual:

What does “manual” mean here?
What’s good about “manual”?

Automatic:

What does “automatic” mean?
Parallel flow vs. counter flow

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- **Have access to a burner data sheet**

Burner Data Sheet from Astec



Gas Performance Data												
WJ-100-G-2021		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
% Burner output		0%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%
Heat input	MMBtu/hr	11	21	31	41	51	61	70	80	90	100	110
Gas Flow	SCFH	11,000	20,900	30,800	40,700	50,600	60,500	70,400	80,300	90,200	100,100	110,000
	M ³	311	592	872	1,152	1,433	1,713	1,994	2,274	2,554	2,835	3,115
Control Valve Position	Dial (Deg.)	16	22	27	31	33	41	45	48	54	62	90
Gas Pressure in Train	PSI	4.16	4.16	4.16	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.16	4.16	4.19	4.19
	kPa	28.7	28.7	28.7	28.6	28.6	28.6	28.6	28.7	28.7	28.9	28.9
Gas Pressure in gas manifold	inWC	0.0	2.6	5.9	9.6	12.9	18.7	25.4	31.9	38.0	46.0	54.5
	Pa	0	648	1,470	2,391	3,213	4,658	6,327	7,946	9,465	11,458	13,575
Differential Pressure at Gas Orifice	inWC	0.50	0.77	0.88	1.48	1.96	2.92	3.88	5.30	6.34	7.82	9.37
	Pa	125	192	219	369	488	727	966	1,320	1,579	1,948	2,334
Damper Position	Dial	0.00	1.00	2.00	2.50	3.00	3.75	4.50	5.00	5.75	6.75	9.00
Blower Pressure	inWC	20.0	20.7	21.0	21.2	21.8	22.0	22.5	22.7	23.1	22.8	22.7
	Pa	4,982	5,156	5,231	5,281	5,430	5,480	5,604	5,654	5,754	5,679	5,654
Burner Body Pressure	inWC	0.4	1.3	2.3	4.1	5.8	8.7	11.2	13.1	15.0	16.7	16.4
	Pa	102	324	580	1,026	1,435	2,157	2,777	3,273	3,736	4,160	4,085
Combustion Air Motor Power	HP	61.1	69.3	76.4	83.2	88.1	95	100	103	105	109	107
Combustion Air Motor Current	Amp.	70.8	77.6	84.7	90.6	94.5	101	105	108	112	114	113
Main Air Flow	SCFH	361,115	493,884	632,555	739,581	880,296	1,021,159	1,145,024	1,233,957	1,290,228	1,361,344	1,385,086
	M ³	10,226	13,985	17,912	20,943	24,927	28,916	32,423	34,942	36,535	38,549	39,221
Flame Length	Feet	4.00	4.00	4.50	4.50	5.00	5.00	5.50	6.50	8.00	8.00	8.00
Flame Diameter	Feet	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	4.00	4.50	4.50	4.50
Excess air	%	226%	135%	104%	81%	73%	68%	62%	53%	42%	35%	25%

20-284 Single Actuator Setup 46°F

How to make a burner reliable



- **Record valve settings and linkage settings for low and high fire**
 - Write down in plant journal
 - Photograph and print copies for journal
 - Paint or mark linkage settings
 - Put burner settings in burner junction box (write on inside of door)
- **Re-record these values whenever the burner is adjusted**
- **Follow burner tech around 2x per year: Start-up and mid-year**

Burner Panel



- Keep Closed
- Keep Clean
- Make sure documents reside in panel
- Record valve / linkage settings for low and high fire

How to make a burner reliable



- **Make sure that the flow meters are in place and functioning**
- Use liquid filled pressure gages
- Record all fuel and air pressures at different firing rates
- Record nozzle settings in case something vibrates loose
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Fuel Flow Meters



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Place
slack
tube
photo
here

Pressure measurement



Dwyer slack-tube manometer



Dwyer Magnehelic 0-3 inches



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ADJUSTMENT SHOULD BE MADE ACCORDING TO YOUR BURNER SIZE

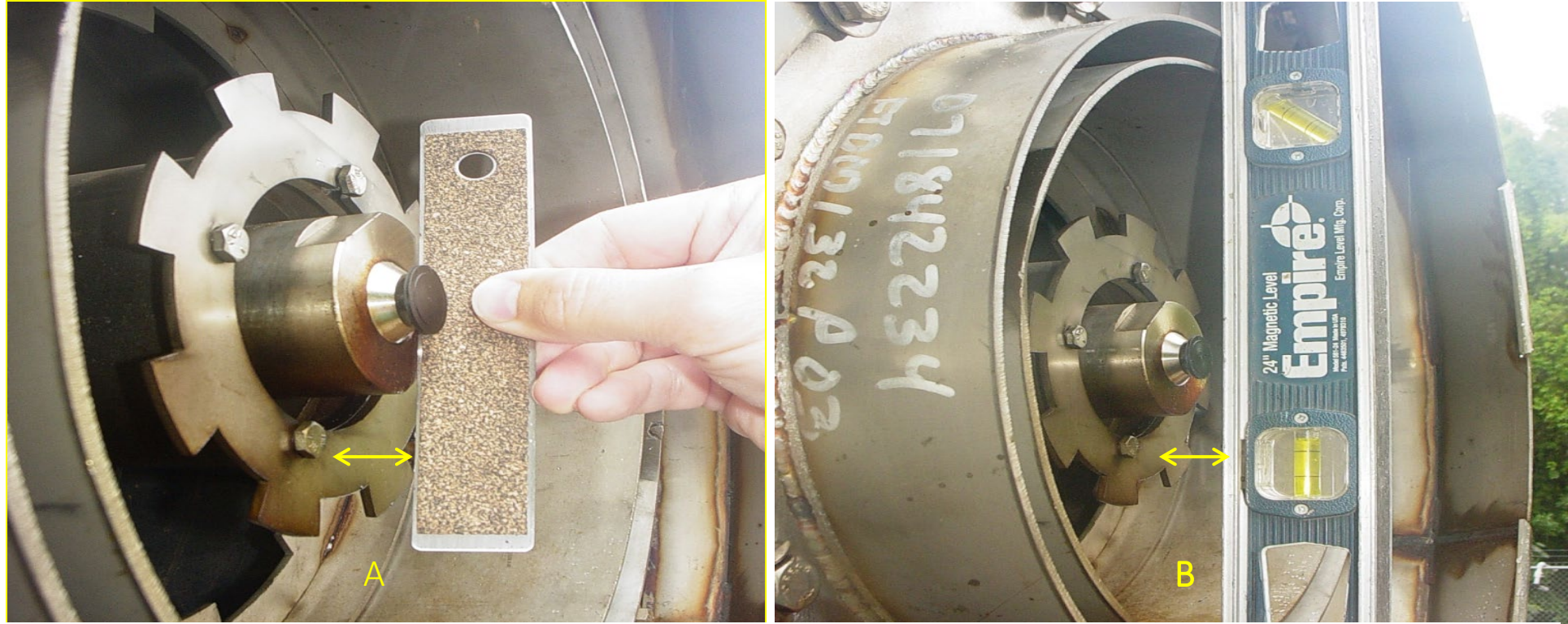


Table 1. Whisper-jet Front-end Set-up Dimensions

Burner Size	A in. (mm) Oil Nozzle Position	B in. (mm) Atomizing Air Tube Position
WJ-50	7/8" (22.2)	1 7/8" (47.6)
WJ-75	3/4" (19.1)	1 7/8" (47.6)
WJ-100	3/4" (19.1)	1 7/8" (47.6)
WJ-125	3/4" (19.1)	1 1/2" (38.1)
WJ-150	1/2" (12.7)	2 3/8" (60.3)

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WARPED CONES

T-FLIGHTS (COMBUSTION) FLIGHTS, SHELL AND OUTER SHELL (DBBRL) OVER HEAT



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Why should this not happen?



Why should this not happen?

My burner won't light – what now?



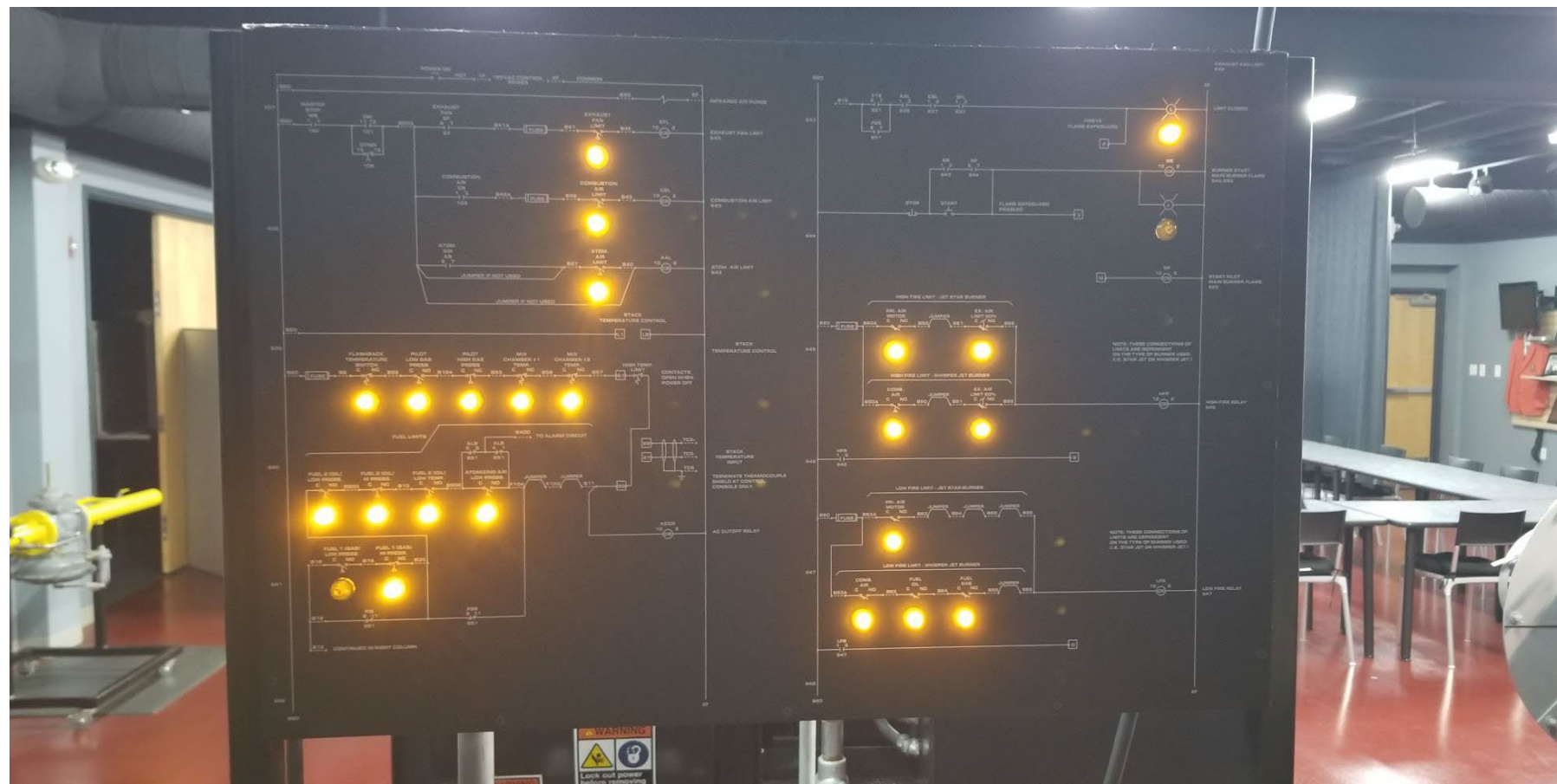
- **Most likely causes:**

- **Lost a “limit”**
- **What is a “limit”?**
- **Troubleshooting the “limit” circuit**
 - **Who is qualified?**
 - **How does the Astec service department evaluate?**

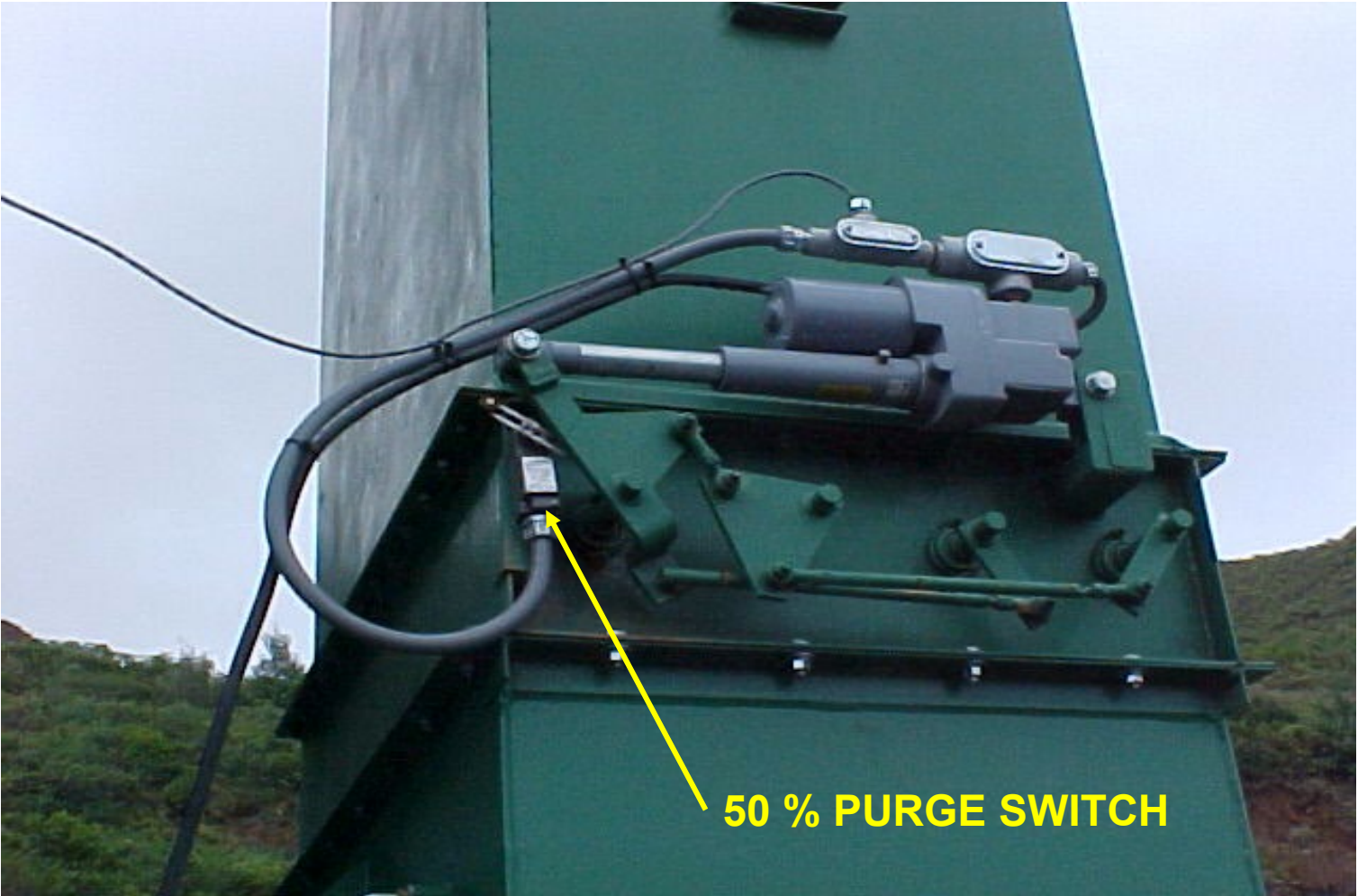
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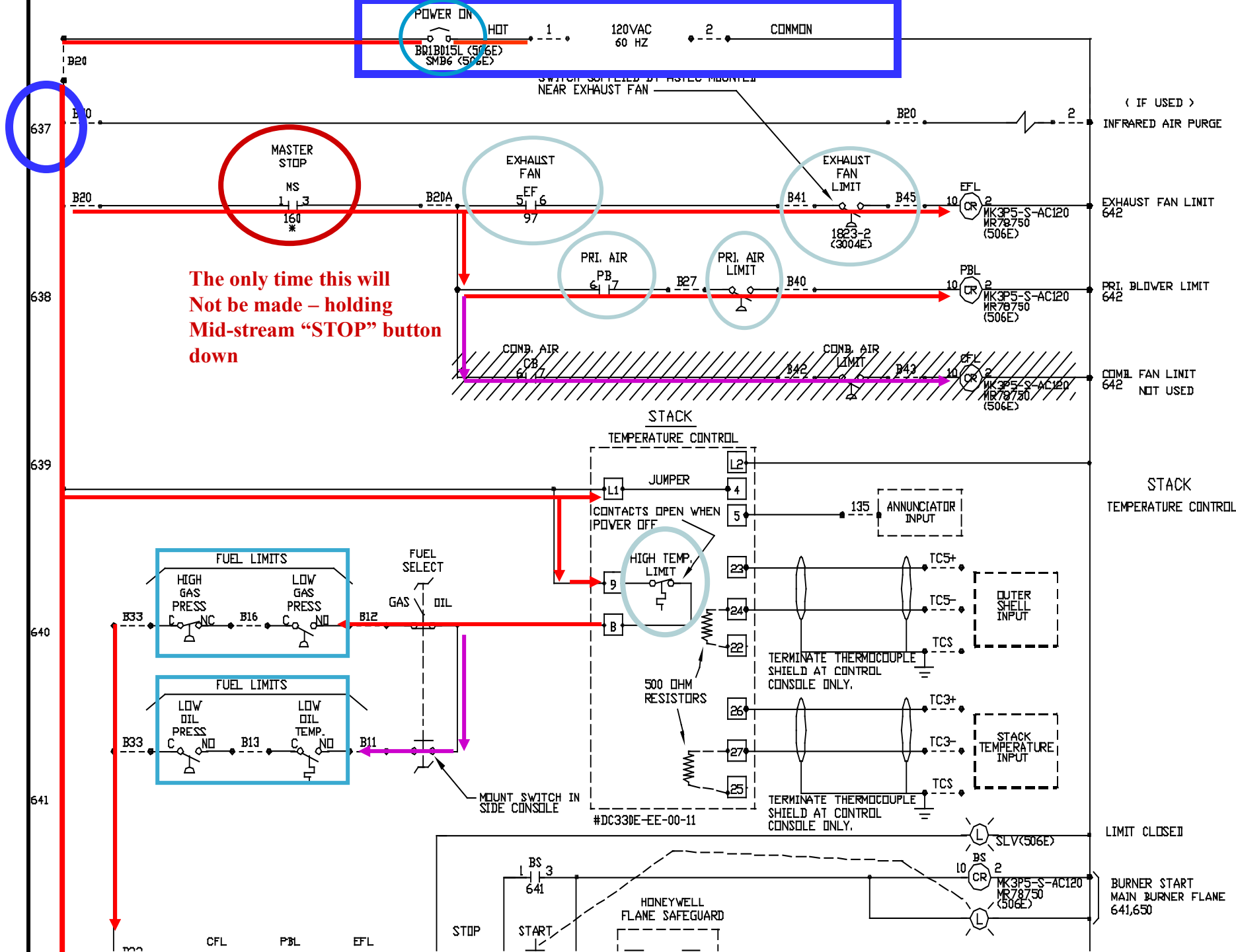
“A mans got to know his limits”



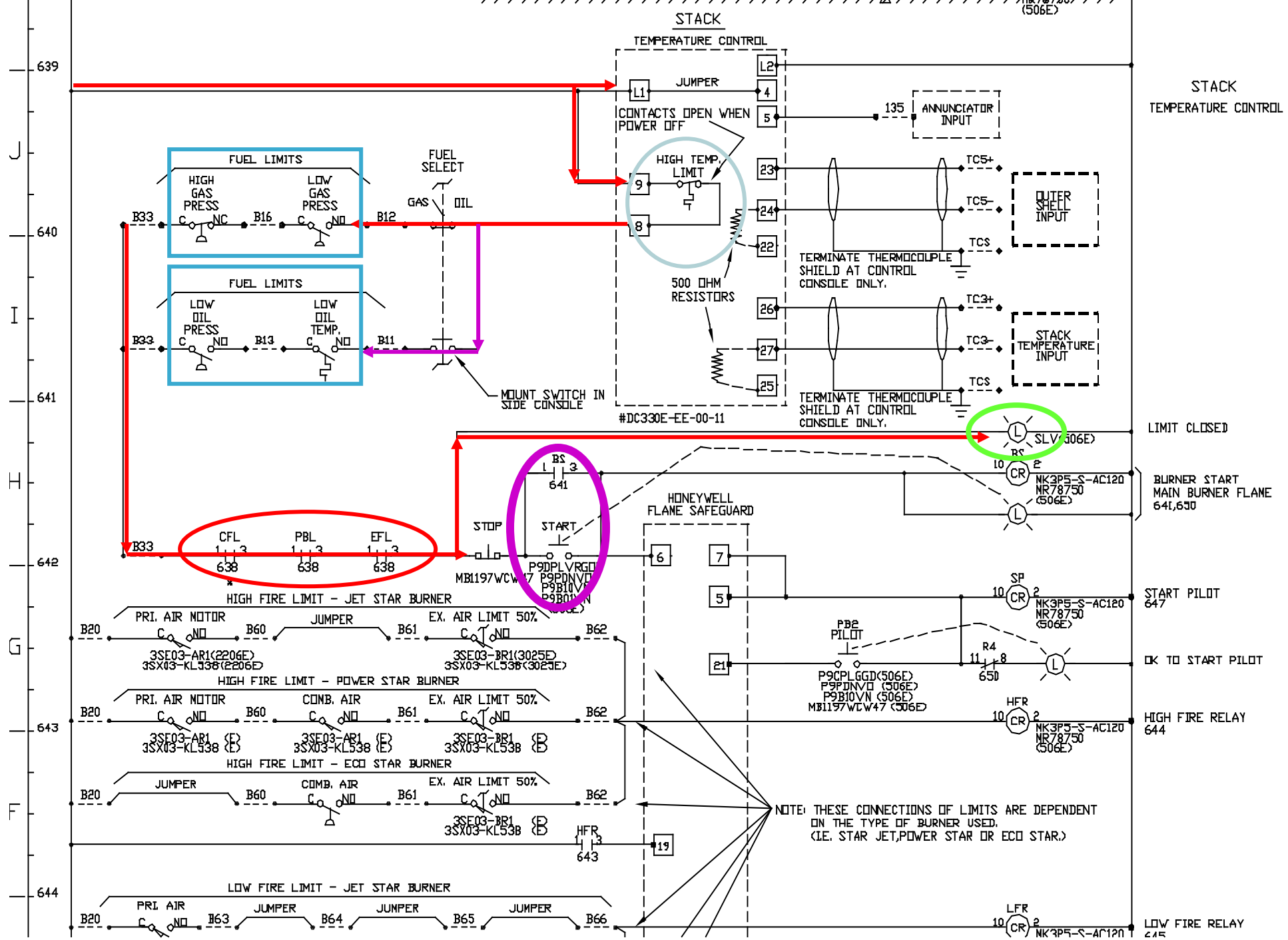
Know where the limit components are located



50 % PURGE SWITCH



The only time this will Not be made – holding Mid-stream “STOP” button down



(506E)

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STACK
TEMPERATURE CONTROL

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FUEL LIMITS

HIGH GAS PRESS B33 NC B16 B12

LOW GAS PRESS B12 NO

FUEL LIMITS

LOW OIL PRESS B33 NO B13 B11

LOW OIL TEMP B11 NO

TEMPERATURE CONTROL

JUMPER L2 4

CONTACTS OPEN WHEN POWER OFF L1 5

135 ANNUNCIATOR INPUT

HIGH TEMP. LIMIT 9 8

500 OHM RESISTORS 22 25

23 24 26 27

TC5+ TC5- TCS

OUTER SHELL INPUT

TC3+ TC3- TCS

STACK TEMPERATURE INPUT

TERMINATE THERMOCOUPLE SHIELD AT CONTROL CONSOLE ONLY.

CFL 1 3 638

PBL 1 3 638

EFL 1 3 638

STOP BS 641

START 641

HONEYWELL FLAME SAFEGUARD

HIGH FIRE LIMIT - JET STAR BURNER

PRI. AIR MOTOR B20 B60 JUMPER B61 EX. AIR LIMIT 50% B62

3SE03-AR1(2206E) 3SX03-KL338(2206E) 3SE03-BR1(3025E) 3SX03-KL538(3025E)

HIGH FIRE LIMIT - POWER STAR BURNER

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HIGH FIRE LIMIT - ECO STAR BURNER

JUMPER B20 B60 COMB. AIR B61 EX. AIR LIMIT 50% B62

3SE03-AR1 (E) 3SX03-KL538 (E) 3SE03-BR1 (E) 3SX03-KL538 (E)

HFR 643

LOW FIRE LIMIT - JET STAR BURNER

PRI. AIR B20 B63 JUMPER B64 JUNPER B65 JUMPER B66

LFR 645

NOTE: THESE CONNECTIONS OF LIMITS ARE DEPENDENT ON THE TYPE OF BURNER USED. (I.E. STAR JET, POWER STAR OR ECO STAR.)

LIMIT CLOSED

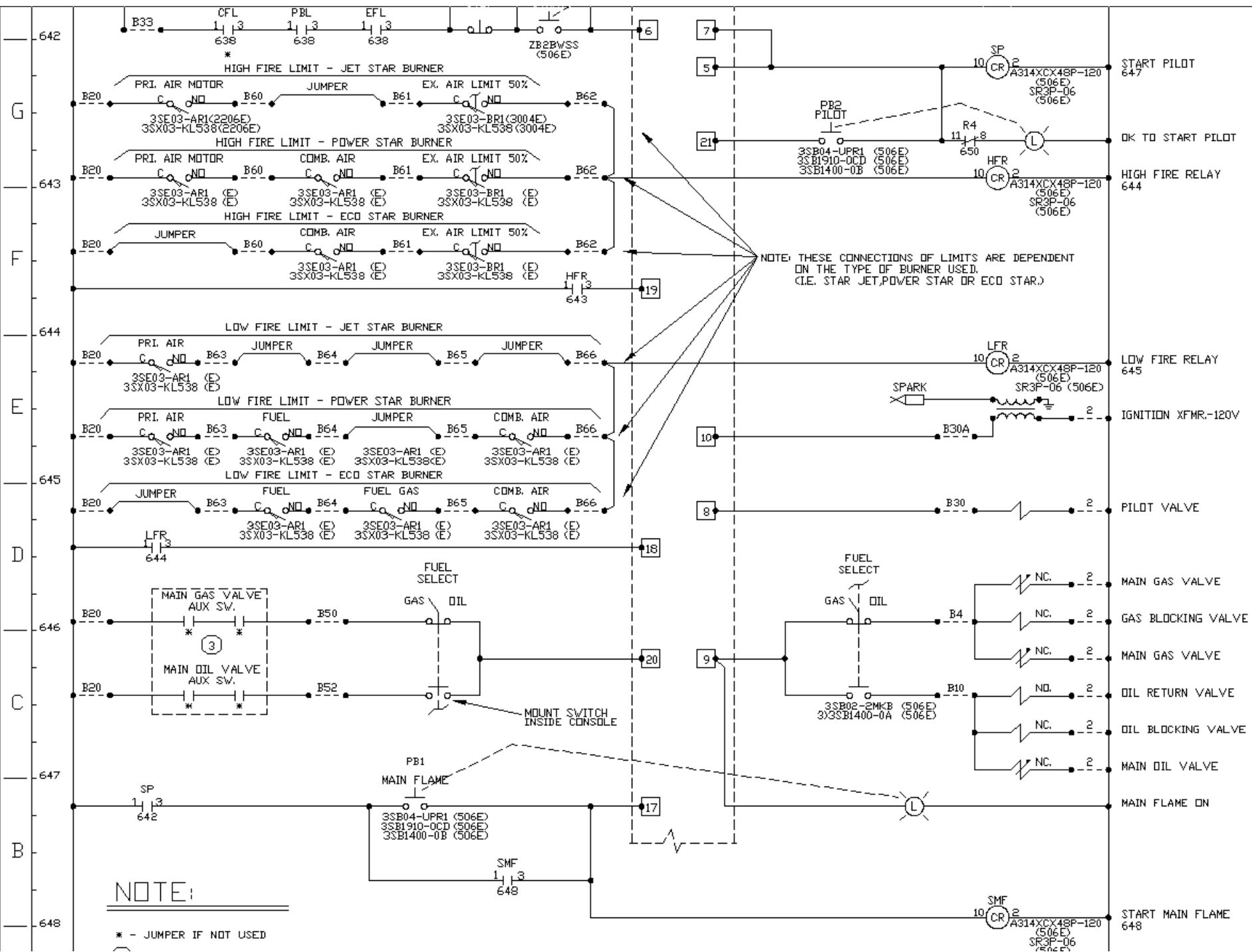
BURNER START MAIN BURNER FLAME 641,650

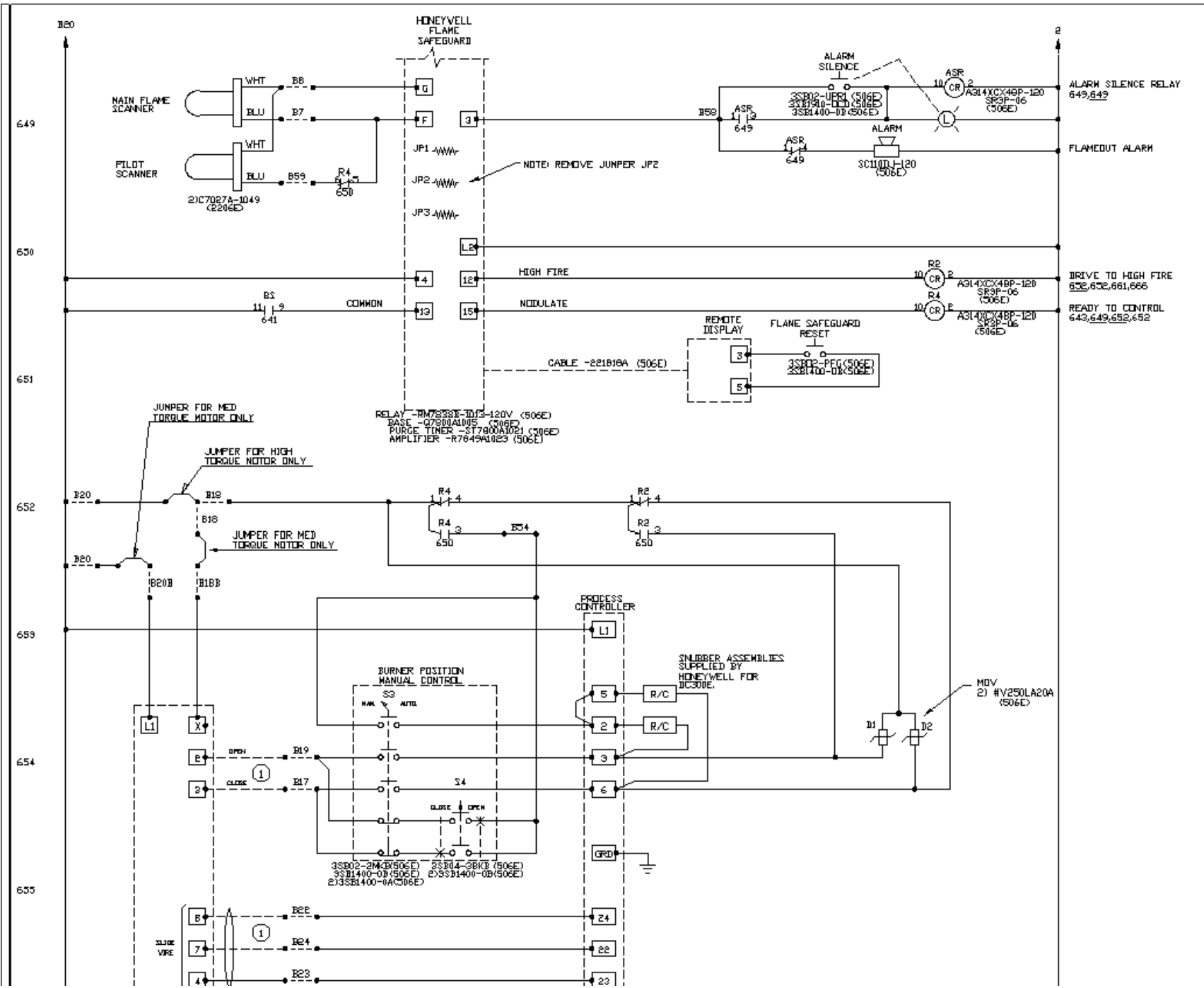
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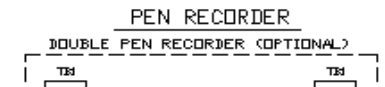
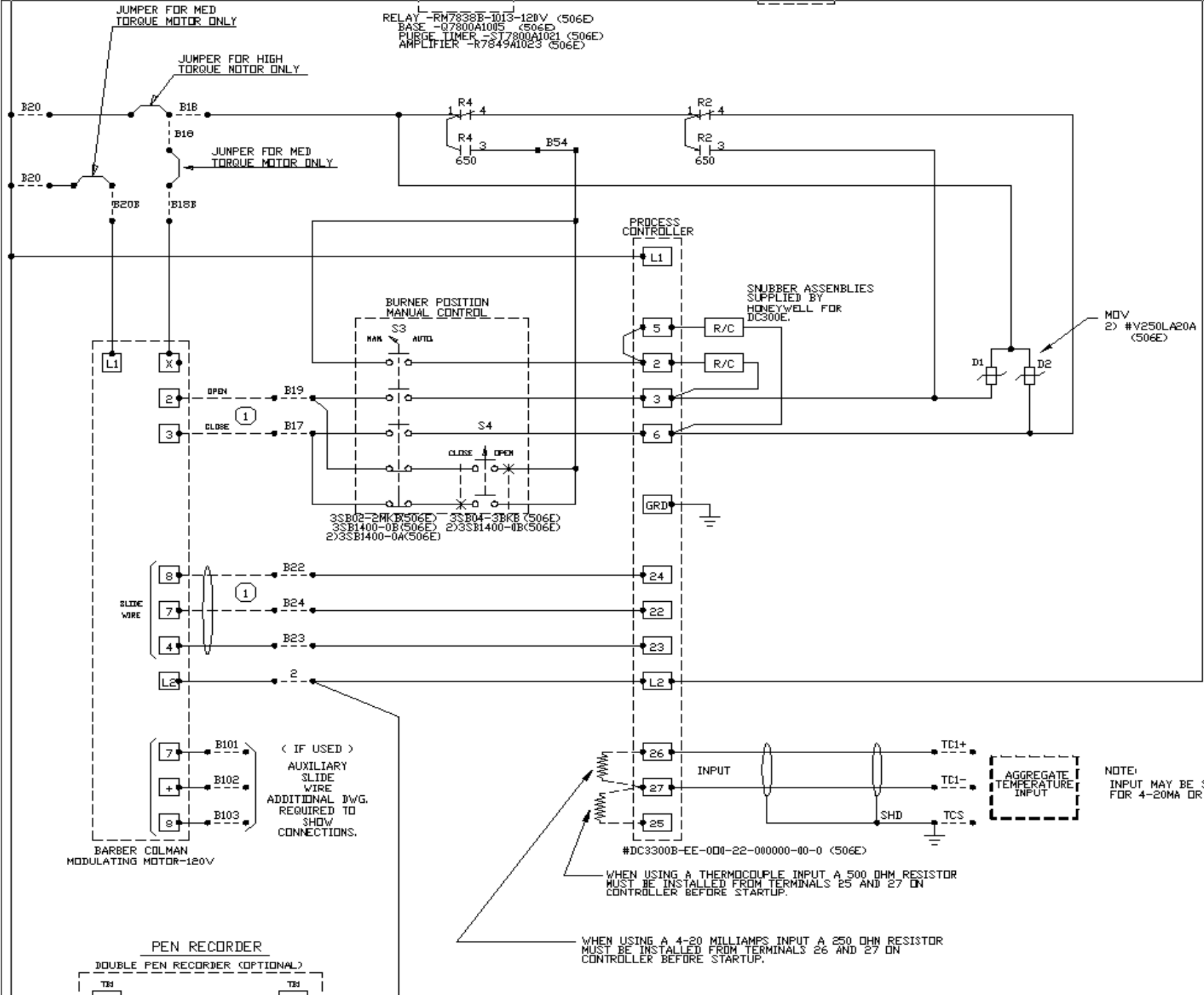
OK TO START PILOT

HIGH FIRE RELAY 644

LOW FIRE RELAY 645







My burner won't light – what now?



- **Pilot won't light – Gain understanding of pilot system ahead of time**
 - Propane bottle empty?
 - Propane bottle valve open?
 - Pressure?
 - Got a spark?
 - Ignition transformer have power?
 - Got fuel? Pilot gas solenoid energized? It is working?
 - Scanner working?
 - Look in drum and see if pilot lights

My burner won't light – what now?



- **Is the burner getting the right amount of fuel at the right time?**
 - **Natural Gas**
 - 2-5 psig Hauck
 - 4-6 psig Astec
 - Verify with burner data sheet from the manufacturer
 - Look at your D.O.P.E.
 - Blocking valves must open at the same time
 - Blocking valves must open quickly
 - Has a linkage, actuator arm, or coupling slipped?
 - Look at where you “painted” the linkage connections, and where valve pointers should be.

My burner won't light – what now?



• Fuel Issues

▪ Heavy oil not the correct temperature

- Verify with Viscosity cup, thermometer, and hot plate (D.O.P.E)
- Don't believe the supplier – he might not know what changed
- Burning rag test
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- Place fuel in a glass jar – see if it settles

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Viscometer



Figure 47. Viscometer test



Figure 48. Correct vs incorrect (deflected) flow

Astec Burners- 70-80 SSU
Hauck Burners- 80-90 SSU
Gencor Burners- 110-125 SSU

Heavy Fuel Preheater



Heating all of the oil being pumped

Heating just the oil being used



My burner won't light – what now?



• Fuel Issues

- Heavy oil not the correct temperature
 - Verify with Viscosity cup, thermometer, and hot plate (D.O.P.E)
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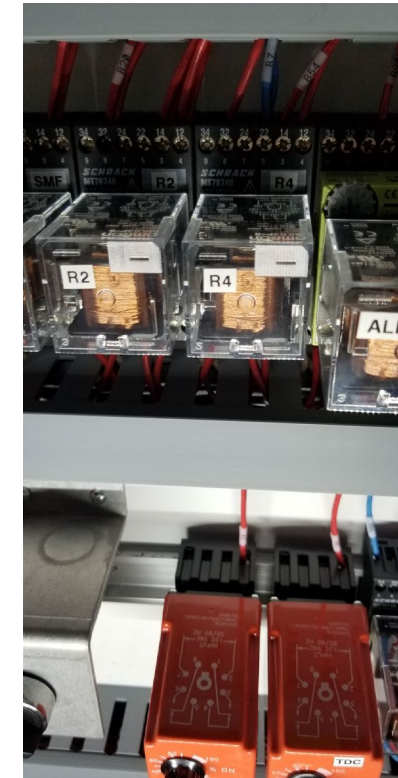
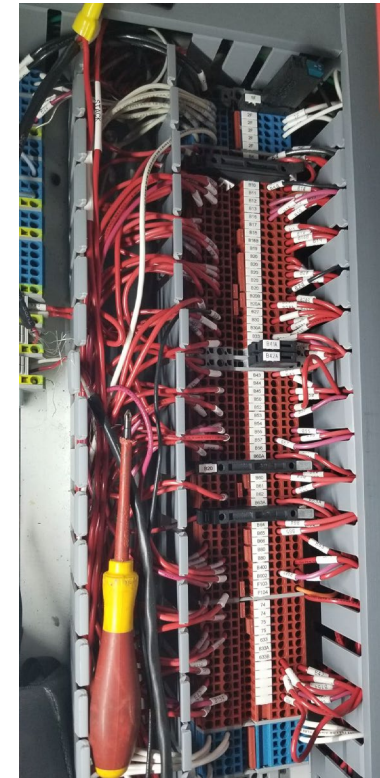
Flame Safeguard



Flame Safeguard and Management

- Required by NFPA
- Limits "satisfied" is an input
- Allows purge sequence
- Allows pilot to light
- Allows main flame to light
- Monitors flame strength
- Purge time is built in

Burner “stroking” tip



Test leads to XX – YY, Pull R4 to run actuator through range with burner off



Questions?

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