Water Boiler — Series 3 & 4

GOLD GV

Venting Supplement for 3” venting

Special gas vent system vent and combustion air supplement for 3” diameter venting.

The following manufacturers’ AL29-4C® Stainless Steel Special Gas Vent System may be used in new installations of GV-3 through GV-6 boilers:

- Heat-Fab, Inc. Saf-T Vent®
- Metal-Fab, Inc. CORR/GUARD
- Z-Flex®, Inc. Z-Vent II
- ProTech Systems FasNSeal™

Hazard definitions
The following defined terms are used throughout these Instructions to bring attention to the presence of hazards of various risk levels or to important information concerning the life of the product.

- **DANGER** Indicates presence of hazards that will cause severe personal injury, death or substantial property damage.
- **WARNING** Indicates presence of hazards that can cause severe personal injury, death or substantial property damage.
- **CAUTION** Indicates presence of hazards that will or can cause minor personal injury or property damage.
- **NOTICE** Indicates special instructions on installation, operation or maintenance that are important but not related to personal injury or property damage.

To the installer:

This Venting Supplement must only be used by a qualified installer/service technician. Read these Instructions completely before beginning the installation. Failure to follow all instructions can cause severe personal injury, death or substantial property damage.

To install a new vent system follow instructions in:

- This Venting Supplement.
- GV Boilers Vent/Air Intake Termination Assembly Instructions, if using Weil-McLain Vent/Air Intake Termination Kit. — OR —

- Vent manufacturer’s instructions supplied with vent material.

For installations above 5,500 feet use only direct vent (ducted combustion air) when sidewall venting. All of the vertical (through-roof or through-unused-chimney) methods in this Venting Supplement are acceptable and can result in severe personal injury, death or substantial property damage if ignored.
Combustion air supply

Special note
Refer to GV Boiler Manual for sizing free area of combustion/ventilation air openings.
All boilers experience some condensation in section assembly during start-up. Unlike most conventional boilers, condensation is minimized in the GV Boiler by a built-in mixing system, maintaining boiler return water temperature above 130 °F, during steady state operation.
Flue gas condensate is slightly acidic. In most cases pH level is not harmful to vents or drains. When combustion air is contaminated by vapors from products and areas, listed in Table 1 below, condensate acidic levels increase. Higher acidic levels attack many materials, including stainless steel commonly used in high efficiency systems.
You may choose to use outside combustion air for any of the following reasons:
• Installation is in an area containing contaminants listed in Table 1 below, which will induce acidic contamination.
• You want to reduce infiltration into your home through openings around windows and doors.

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<td>Permanent wave solutions</td>
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<td>Chlorinated waxes/cleaners</td>
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<td>Chlorine-based swimming pool chemicals</td>
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<td>Calcium chloride used for thawing</td>
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<td>Paint or varnish removers</td>
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<td>Hydrochloric acid/muriatic acid</td>
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<td>Cements and glues</td>
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<td>Antistatic fabric softeners used in clothes dryers</td>
<td>Remodeling areas</td>
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<td>Chlorine-type bleaches, detergents, and cleaning solvents found in household laundry rooms</td>
<td>Garages with workshops</td>
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<td>Adhesives used to fasten building products and other similar products</td>
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To prevent the potential of severe personal injury or death, check for areas and products listed above before installing boiler. If found:
• remove products permanently — OR —
• provide outside combustion air
Vent termination

Venting method definitions

Direct vent — Uses outside combustion air with combustion air connector piping sealed at all joints and seams. Also known as “sealed combustion”.

Non-Direct vent — Uses inside combustion air with no combustion air connector piping.

Properly locate vent termination

Follow instructions on this page when determining vent location to avoid possibility of severe personal injury, death or substantial property damage.

1. When using direct vent method — Refer to separate instructions packed with Weil-McLain direct vent termination kit and vent pipe manufacturer’s instructions for additional locations.

2. For location of non-direct vent vertical termination, see vent pipe manufacturer’s instructions.

3. Gases will form white plume in winter. Plume could obstruct window view.

4. Prevailing winds could cause freezing of condensate and water/ice buildup on building, plants or roof.

5. Locate or guard vent to prevent accidental contact by people or pets.

6. Do not terminate vent in window well, stairwell, alcove, courtyard, or other recessed areas.

7. Non-Direct vent installations only — Vent must terminate more than 4 feet below or to side of all doors or windows.

8. Vent must terminate more than 1 foot above grade or anticipated snow line. In addition, vent termination must be at least 7 feet above public walkway and 3 feet above any forced air intake within 10 feet. Stay well away from trees, shrubs, and decorative items. Site conditions may dictate greater clearances. See Figure 1.

9. Vent must terminate at least 4 feet horizontally, and in no case above or below, unless a 4 foot horizontal distance is maintained, from electric meters, gas meters, regulators, relief valves, and other equipment.

10. Locate or guard vent to prevent condensate from damaging exterior finishes.

11. Do not extend exposed vent pipe outside of building. Condensate could freeze and block vent pipe.

12. Vent must terminate at least 6 feet away from adjacent walls.

13. Do not terminate vent closer than 5 feet below roof overhang.

14. Do not terminate vent above any door or window. Condensate can freeze, causing ice formations.

15. Vent may pass through an unused chimney or vent as a raceway if allowed by vent manufacturer and installed per vent manufacturer’s instructions.

16. Do not connect:
• Any other appliance to vent pipe.
• Multiple boilers to a common vent pipe.

17. Do not wrap or insulate vent pipe and fittings.

18. Canadian installations — See B149.1 or B149.2 Installation Code.

19. A gas vent extending through an exterior wall shall not terminate adjacent to the wall or below building extensions such as eaves, parapets, balconies or decks. Failure to comply could result in severe personal injury, death or substantial property damage.
Installation

Pre-installation planning

1. Follow national, state, local or provincial codes or regulations when venting GV boiler.

2. Choose vent method from those shown on page 5.

3. Select vent run components from the **CGi, CGs & GV Vent Component Supplement**. Table 2 states maximum vent run lengths and number of elbows. Do not exceed data in Table 2. See Figure 2 for slightly reduced boiler output.

4. The following items are available through Weil-McLain:
   - **Weil-McLain Vent/Air Intake Termination Kit** (part number 382-200-430).
   - **Weil-McLain Through-Roof or Through- Unused-Chimney Termination Kit** (part number 382-200-435).

5. If installing with direct vent method, use same maximum run length and number of elbows from step 2. Vent and combustion air connector piping configurations must match. Use suitable 3” material for combustion air connector piping, such as:
   - Dryer vent
   - Galvanized steel
   - PVC (3” I.D.)

6. Refer to vent termination WARNING, item 19 on page 3.

### Table 2 Vent and combustion air connector piping lengths and number of elbows

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<td>GV-6</td>
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### Figure 2 Boiler output

For altitudes more than 5,500 feet above sea level — Do not use non-direct vent through sidewall methods as shown in Figures 4 and 6. Can cause severe personal injury, death or substantial property damage if ignored.

Select vent method

**Figure 3** GV direct vent through sidewall (using Weil-McLain Vent/Air Intake Termination Kit)

**Figure 4** GV non-direct vent through sidewall (using Weil-McLain Vent/Air Intake Termination Kit) (See WARNING above.)
**Figure 5**  GV direct vent (using Weil-McLain Through-Roof or Through- Unused-Chimney Termination Kit)

**Figure 6**  GV non-direct vent through sidewall (using termination coupling) (See WARNING above)

**Figure 7**  GV non-direct vent through roof (See WARNING above)

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**Select vent method continued**

**Figure 5**  GV direct vent (using Weil-McLain Through-Roof or Through-Unused-Chimney Termination Kit)

**Figure 6**  GV non-direct vent through sidewall (using termination coupling) (See WARNING above)

**Figure 7**  GV non-direct vent through roof (See WARNING above)

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**Connect vent starter tee to boiler**

Follow the instructions in the GV Boiler Manual to connect the vent starter tee to the boiler.

**Construct vent and optional combustion air run**

- **WARNING**
  - Follow vent manufacturer’s instructions for sealing the vent. Vent and combustion air connector piping must be sealed gas-tight to prevent possibility of flue gas spillage and carbon monoxide emissions, resulting in severe personal injury or death.
  - If needed:
    - **Saf-T Vent® and CORR/GUARD** — use slip connector to adjust for nonstandard pipe lengths.
    - **Z-Vent II and FasNSeal™** — male end of vent pipe may be cut to provide correct length.

1. Follow vent manufacturer’s instructions to construct vent run and for methods of supporting vent runs.
   - Clean joints before sealing. See vent pipe manufacturer’s instructions to clean joints.
   - Use their specified sealant (maximum 250 °F flue temperature). Do not use screws.
   - Do not mix types or manufacturers of vent materials.
   - Maintain minimum one-inch clearance from combustible materials to vent pipe; 0” clearance for noncombustible materials.

2. If installing with direct vent through sidewall method, use instructions provided with Weil-McLain Vent/Air Intake Termination Kit. See Figure 3 page 4.
Installation — assembly

Connect vent run to termination

Venting through sidewall
1. If using Weil-McLain Vent/Air Intake Termination Kit, see instructions provided in that kit. Applies to direct (Figure 3, page 4) or non-direct vent (Figure 4, page 4) method.
2. If using non-direct method with termination coupling only, see Figures 8 and 10.
   • Do not seal slip connector to inside or outside plate.
   • If passing through noncombustible wall, provide hole diameter large enough to insert the slip connector through. Sleeve and spacers are not required.
3. Maintain minimum one-inch clearance from combustible materials to vent pipe; 0” clearance for noncombustible materials.
4. Refer to vent termination WARNING, item 19 on page 3.

Venting through existing chimney or roof
1. Direct vent method — follow instructions supplied in Weil-McLain Through-Roof or Through-Unused-Chimney Termination Kit to assemble termination.
2. Non-Direct vent method (through the roof):
   • Vent pipe must extend through roof flashing, jacket or thimble. See Figure 9.
   • Vent may pass through floor, inside wall or concealed space when installed according to vent pipe manufacturer’s instructions.
3. Maintain minimum one-inch clearance from combustible materials to vent pipe.

Install combustion air piping
1. Seal all combustion air piping joints and seams, using sealant as below:
   a. Dryer vent — A piece of 3” galvanized is required at each end to adapt. Seal all pipe joints and seams between pipe and dryer vent with silicon sealant.
   b. Galvanized pipe — Seal all joints and seams using silicone sealant.
   c. PVC pipe — Seal all joints using PVC cement.

   NOTICE
   Except where noted otherwise above, seal air piping using either the sealant specified by the vent pipe manufacturer for vent joints or one of the following silicone sealants:
   • Dow Corning 700™ or 732™
   • General Electric 108 or 800

2. Combustion air pipe may be pitched slightly toward outside termination to prevent rain from entering boiler.

   NOTICE
   Support the air piping in the same manner as specified for the vent pipe by the vent pipe manufacturer. Do not support the air pipe from the sidewall termination.

Venting multiple GV boilers

WARNING
Do not connect multiple boilers to the same vent. Failure to comply could result in severe personal injury, death or substantial property damage.

Sidewall
Space terminations apart as shown in the figure below.

Vertical
Multiple GV boilers may be vertically vented with vent terminations at the same height. Maintain spacing as noted in the figure below.

Note: Space terminations to provide a minimum of 1 foot between pipes for U.S. Installations. For Canadian installations, provide clearances required by B149.1 or B149.2 Installation Code.
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**Installation — assembly continued**

**Figure 10** Sidewall termination installation (non-direct venting)

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- **Spacers (2)** (to support and center vent in sleeve)
- **¼” to ¾” between stop on termination and metal plate**
- **4” galvanized sleeve (through 4½” hole for combustible wall)**
- **Pipe section**
- **Band clamp**
- **Metal plate**
- **Pipe section**
- **Sealant**
- **Metal plate**
- **Metals plate**
- **Pipe section**
- **Sealant**
- **Termination coupling**

Part number 550-141-923/0710
Installation — assembly continued

Finish the vent installation

Installing condensate tubing

1. See Figure 11 to install condensate tubing (provided by others). Use condensate pump if floor drain is higher than condensate drain on boiler. If required:
   • use a low-profile pump — OR —
   • set boiler on foundation (see GV Boiler Manual) to allow gravity flow to discharge.

2. Size pump in gal/hr (boiler model):
   • 0.78 (GV-3)
   • 1.17 (GV-4)
   • 1.56 (GV-5)
   • 1.95 (GV-6)
   Refer to pump manufacturer’s instructions. Drain to a non-freezing area.

Figure 11  Installation of condensate tubing

If vent pipe or combustion air pipe must be reassembled

When vent pipe or combustion air pipe is disconnected for any reason, it must be reassembled and resealed according to this Venting Supplement, the direct vent termination kit instructions and the vent pipe manufacturer’s instructions.

Sealant recommended by vent pipe manufacturer must be used as indicated in their instructions. Vent and combustion air connector piping must be sealed gas-tight to prevent possibility of flue gas spillage and carbon monoxide emissions, resulting in severe personal injury or death.