INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

PVC and CPVC Common Venting
With Non-Return Flue Check Valve

3”, 4” & 6” Diameters

For Direct Vent Applications • U.S. Installations Only

CERTIFIED FOR USE WITH
THE FOLLOWING RINNAI INDOOR
CONDENSING TANKLESS WATER HEATERS:

- RUR98i (REU-KBP3237FFUD-US)
- RU98i (REU-KB3237FFUD-US)
- RUC98i (REU-KBD3237FFUD-US)
- C199i (REU-KBD3237FFUDC-US)
- DEMAND DUO (CHS199100)

CERTIFIED TO ANSI Z21.10.3 - CSA 4.3

WARNING

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

- Do not store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids in the vicinity of this or any other appliance.
- WHAT TO DO IF YOU SMELL GAS
  - Do not try to light any appliance.
  - Do not touch any electrical switch; do not use any phone in your building.
  - Immediately call your gas supplier from a neighbor’s phone. Follow the gas supplier’s instructions.
  - If you cannot reach your gas supplier, call the fire department.
- Installation and service must be performed by a licensed professional.

READ AND SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS
Thank you for purchasing a Non-Return Flue Check Valve for your PVC/CPVC common vent application.

If You Need Service

Contact your local dealer/distributor, or call Rinnai Customer Care at 1-800-621-9419 Monday to Friday between 8 AM to 8 PM ET.

To The Installer

- This manual is intended for the installer and is designed for licensed installers who should have skills such as:
  - Gas sizing
  - Connecting gas lines, water lines, valves, and electricity
  - Knowledge of applicable national, state, and local codes
  - Installing venting through a wall or roof
  - Training in installation of tankless water heaters. Training on Rinnai Tankless Water Heaters is accessible at www.trainingevents.rinnai.us
- A licensed installer must test the PVC/CPVC common vent system for leaks before use.
- The installation must conform to the Rinnai Tankless Water Heater Installation and Operation Manual that is shipped with the unit, local codes, or in the absence of local codes, with the National Fuel Gas Code, ANSI Z223.1/NFPA 54.
- Read all instructions contained in this manual before installing the Non-Return Flue Check Valve; the valve must be installed according to the exact instructions in this manual.
- Proper installation is the responsibility of the installer.
- When installation is complete, give all manuals related to the common venting installation (including this manual and the Rinnai Water Heater Installation and Operation Manual) directly to the consumer. The manuals should be stored in a readily accessible location for future reference.

To The Consumer

- Keep this manual for future reference.
- Be sure your PVC/CPVC common vent system, including the Non-Return Flue Check Valve, is installed by a licensed installer.
1. Safety

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE INSTALLATION

**IMPORTANT**
The Non-Return Flue Check Valve (Rinnai Part # 790111) is referred to as “check valve” throughout the remainder of this manual.

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- WHAT TO DO IF YOU SMELL GAS:
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  - Do not touch any electrical switch; do not use any phone in your building.
  - Immediately call your gas supplier from a neighbor’s phone. Follow the gas supplier’s instructions.
  - If you cannot reach your gas supplier, call the fire department.
- Installation and service must be performed by a qualified installer, service agency or the gas supplier.
- The warning signs in this manual are here to prevent injury to you and others. Please follow them explicitly.

1.1 Safety Symbols

This manual contains the following important safety symbols. Always read and obey all safety messages.

- Safety alert symbol. Alerts you to potential hazards that can kill or hurt you and others.

  **WARNING**
  Indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in personal injury or death.

  **DANGER**
  Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in personal injury or death.

  **CAUTION**
  Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.

- Installations must comply with local requirements and with the National Fuel Gas Code, ANSI Z223.1/NFPA 54 for U.S. installations.
- Installations are certified for Direct Vent applications only. DO NOT install in Room Air applications.
- Use only 3” and 4” Schedule 40 Solid Core PVC/CPVC. DO NOT use any other type of venting material, including cellular core PVC (ASTM F891), cellular core CPVC, Radel® (polyphenolsulfone), ABS, or galvanized material.
- Use only the materials listed in this section for vent, air intake pipe, and fittings. Failure to comply with this warning could result in property damage, personal injury, or death.
- DO NOT operate the unit until venting is completely installed and all solvents and glues have bonded. Failure to comply with this warning could result in property damage, personal injury, or death.
- DO NOT slope the combustion air pipe toward unit. Failure to comply with this warning could result in property damage, personal injury, or death.
- DO NOT apply PVC/CPVC glues, solvents, or cleaners to the tankless water heater’s intake or exhaust gasket connections. Failure to correctly assemble the components according to these instructions may result in property damage, personal injury, or death.
- PVC/CPVC common venting cannot be used if the following conditions exist:
  - The tankless water heater is installed in a recirculation system and the thermostat setting is greater than 150 F (65.5 C).
  - The tankless water heater is used in a combination domestic water and space heating application that requires a thermostat setting greater than 150 F (65.5 C).
- PVC/CPVC common venting is not approved for use in Canada.
2. About PVC/CPVC Common Venting

PVC/CPVC common venting allows multiple Rinnai Tankless Water Heaters to share the same vent system, which means fewer wall or roof cuts, less labor, and longer vent lengths than with single-unit tankless water heater venting.

PVC/CPVC common venting is CSA-certified (ANSI Z21.10.3, Gas Water Heaters Standards) for use with the following Rinnai Condensing Tankless Water Heaters:
- RUR98i (REU-KBP3237FFUD-US)
- RU98i (REU-KB3237FFUD-US)
- RUC98i (REU-KBD3237FFUD-US)
- C199i (REU-KBD3237FFUDC-US)
- DEMAND DUO (CHS199100)

Additional Features:
- For use with 3”, 4” and 6” Schedule 40 Solid Core PVC/CPVC
- In-line or back-to-back configurations
- Horizontal or vertical terminations
- Certified for Direct Vent applications only; do not install in Room Air applications.

2.1 Venting Guidelines

Do Not
- Do not install in separate distribution systems. All water heaters common vented must be in the same hot and cold plumbing manifolds and must not exceed 3 units.
- Do not connect the venting system with an existing vent or chimney.
- Do not combine vent components from different manufacturers.
- Do not common vent with the vent pipe of any other type of water heater or appliance.
- Do not install the water heaters in an area of negative pressure.
- Do not install the water heaters, venting, and vent termination(s) in any areas where the air may contain corrosive compounds.
- Do not use adhesives to connect PVC/CPVC to the check valve.
- Do not use cellular core PVC (ASTM F891), cellular core CPVC, Radel® (polyphenolsulfone), ABS, or galvanized material for the exhaust vent.
- Do not cover non-metallic vent pipe and fittings with thermal insulation.
- Do not reduce vent diameter.
- Do not install in Room Air applications.

Must Do
- The tankless water heater is a direct vent water heater. Use only the vent components specified in this manual.
- The tankless water heater must be set to long vent length by adjusting DIP switch #1 in the first group of switches (DIP SW 1) to the OFF position.
- The vent system must vent directly to the outside of the building and use outside air for combustion.
- Avoid dips or sags in horizontal vent runs by installing supports per this manual’s instructions.
- Support horizontal vent runs a minimum of every four feet and all vertical vent runs a minimum of every six feet.
- Venting should be as direct as possible with a minimum number of pipe fittings.
- Vent connections must be attached together so that they form an air tight seal.
- Install a check valve onto each tankless water heater. Use only the check valve specified in this manual. Use only the lubrication supplied with purchase to attach PVC/CPVC to the check valve (water is an optional lubricant).
- The combustion air intake must be connected to the water heater and secured with (1) self-tapping screw (supplied with purchase).
- Set the temperature setting on all tankless water heaters being common vented to the same temperature.
Information
- When operating two or more tankless water heaters in a PVC common venting system, it is recommended to use Rinnai’s EZConnect cable (for 2 tankless water heaters) or MSB-M Kit (for 2 or 3 tankless water heaters).
- Rinnai recommends replacing the check valve when replacing the water heater.

Maintenance
- Check and clean the check valve every 12 months, or after 4,000 operation hours. The check valve is to remain accessible by only using the supplied lubricant (or optional water) on the 3” PVC/CPVC inserted into the check valve.
- Rinse the valves with lukewarm water using the condensate outlet to flush.
- Do not use aggressive or abrasive cleaning agents as they can affect the functionality of the valves.

2.2 Derate and Total BTU
Tankless water heaters using common venting with PVC/CPVC will automatically derate according to the table below. Use the table below for calculating your total BTU for multiple tankless water heaters using common venting with PVC/CPVC.

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* The MSB-M Kit (Multi-System Control Board) and EZ

2.3 High Altitude Installations
- High altitude installations are certified up to 10,200 Ft.
- Approved gas type: Natural and Liquid Propane.
- Ensure the tankless water heaters are properly installed and set up for the altitude at which they will be operating.

High Altitude Derate
PVC and CPVC common vent systems at altitudes over 2,000 Ft. will automatically derate according to the tables below.

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2.4 Items Included

Open the package and verify the following contents are included. If any items are missing or damaged, contact your local dealer/distributor or Rinnai Customer Care at 1-800-621-9419.

- Ubbink Non-Return Flue Check Valve (Rinnai Part #: 790111)
  - Required for each tankless water heater in the PVC/CPVC common vent system
- 3” PVC/CPVC Mount
- Check Valve Adapter
- Vent System Lubricant
  - For seal ring lubrication
- (6) Self-Tapping Screws
  - (5) screws for installation and (1) extra replacement screw
- Installation Instructions (this manual)

2.5 Items Needed For Installation (Not Included)

- Rinnai Tankless Water Heater
- PVC Tubing Cutter
- PVC Glue/Cement
- Gloves
- Safety Glasses
- Rinnai Vent Supports
- Level

2.6 Items Not Required But May Be Useful

- Hammer drill with concrete bits
- Concrete wall hangers
- PVC/CPVC Vent Screen Guard (shown below)

Rinnai recommends the installation of a PVC/CPVC vent screen for both the intake and exhaust vents. The PVC/CPVC vent screen prevents rodents, birds and other outdoor hazards from entering the terminations.

2.7 About the Non-Return Flue Check Valve

The Non-Return Flue Check Valve prevents backflow of exhaust gases into idle tankless water heaters.

Requirements:

- Must be installed on each tankless water heater that is a part of the PVC and CPVC common vent system.
- For Direct Vent applications only.
- Intended for exhaust flow only. Intake air must be plumbed separately to the intake side of the tankless water heater.
- Accepts 3” PVC/CPVC, 4” & 6” PVC/CPVC system sizes achieved through the use of reducers attached to 3” PVC/CPVC.

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3. Install the Venting

### Venting Installation Sequence

Listed below is the sequence for installing PVC/CPVC common venting.

- **Step 1:** Choose the Installation Location
- **Step 2:** Install the Check Valves
- **Step 3:** Assemble the Header
- **Step 4:** Connect the Venting
- **Step 5:** Terminate the Venting
- **Step 6:** Set DIP Switches
- **Step 7:** Connect the Cables
- **Step 8:** Post Installation Checklist

### FOR THE INSTALLER

**Installer Qualifications:** A licensed installer must install, inspect and test the PVC/CPVC common venting before use.

The installer should have skills such as: Gas sizing; Connecting gas lines, water lines, valves, and electricity; Knowledge of applicable national, state, and local codes; Installing venting through a wall or roof; and training in installation of tankless water heaters. Training for Rinnai Tankless Water Heaters is accessible online at www.trainingevents.rinnai.us.

### DANGER

Tankless water heaters with PVC/CPVC venting must be configured with intake air and exhaust vents using piping and methods described in this section. Each water heater must have its own intake and vent. **DO NOT** common vent with any other appliance using this method. Inspect finished vent and intake air piping thoroughly to ensure all are air tight and comply with the instructions provided and with all requirements of applicable codes. Failure to provide a properly installed vent and air system will cause personal injury or death.

### WARNING

Improper installation of PVC/CPVC venting components, or failure to follow all installation instructions, can result in serious injury.

- **Combustion Air Intake** - The combustion air intake termination fitting must be installed with the clearances and geometry relative to the exhaust (vent) depicted in this manual to ensure that flue products do not enter the combustion air intake. Contaminated intake air will damage the water heater, resulting in possible property damage, personal injury, or death.

- **Exhaust** - The exhaust (vent) termination fitting must be installed with the clearances and geometry relative to the combustion air pipe as depicted in this manual to ensure that flue products do not enter the combustion air intake.

- The installation must conform with local codes or, in the absence of local codes, with the *National Fuel Gas Code, ANSI Z223.1/NFPA 54*, or the *Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code, CSA B149.1*.

- **DO NOT** use cellular core PVC (ASTM F891), cellular core CPVC, Radel® (polyphenolsulfone), ABS, or galvanized material for the exhaust vent.

- **Vents MUST** be of Schedule 40 Solid Core pipes ONLY.

- Use only the materials listed in this manual for vent, combustion air intake pipe, and fittings. Failure to comply with this warning could result in property damage, personal injury, or death.

- If used, a masonry chimney can **ONLY** be used as a CHIMINEY CHASE for the exhaust and combustion air intake pipes. The exhaust and air piping must be installed as instructed in this manual. The chimney chase must be used only for the Rinnai Tankless Water Heater’s vent chase. **NO OTHER** appliance or fireplace can be connected to the chimney chase. Exhaust and air piping materials must comply with this instruction. The chimney chase must be fitted with a sealed access opening to facilitate interior inspection. The chimney chase (and liner, if installed) to be inspected annually for any degradation. Failure to comply could result in property damage, personal injury, or death.

### WARNING

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- **Step 8:** Post Installation Checklist

Improper installation of PVC/CPVC venting components, or failure to follow all installation instructions, can result in serious injury.
3.1 Choose the Installation Location

When selecting an installation location, you must ensure that clearances will be met and the vent length will be within required limits.

Requirements

- Intake and exhaust terminations must vent outside the building.
- Header length includes the venting lengths required to connect multiple tankless water heaters spaced apart 20.5” center-to-center.
- Vent length includes the additional venting, fittings and terminations required to access the outside of the building. Vent length excludes the header.

### Maximum Equivalent Vent Lengths

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**IMPORTANT**

When determining maximum equivalent vent length, take into consideration the following:

- 45° elbow is equivalent to 5 Ft.
- 90° elbow is equivalent to 10 Ft.
- Tee termination is equivalent to 10 Ft.
- Spacing greater than 20.5” center-to-center is considered vent length.
- The Header is not part of the maximum equivalent vent length.
3.2 Install Check Valve to Tankless Water Heater

1. Connect the **Check Valve Adapter** to the **Exhaust Adapter Ring**:
   - Push the **Check Valve Adapter** (supplied with package) completely into the **Exhaust Adapter Ring** (supplied with the tankless water heater).
   - Using 2 screws, drive one screw through the hole in the **Exhaust Adapter Ring**. Drive the second screw into the other side of the **Exhaust Adapter Ring**, at approximately 180° and same height as the first screw. There is no preexisting hole on the back side of the **Exhaust Adapter Ring**.

2. Connect the **Exhaust Adapter Ring** (with Check Valve Adapter) to the tankless water heater.
   - Push the **Exhaust Adapter Ring** (with Check Valve Adapter) completely into the tankless water heater.
   - Using 2 screws, drive one screw through the front hole in the tankless water heater sheet metal and into the **Exhaust Adapter Ring**. Drive the second screw into the **Exhaust Adapter Ring** through the rear area of the same sheet metal as shown in Figures 1 and 2.
3 Assemble the check valve by connecting the parts in the order shown below.

- Connect the 3” PVC/CPVC Mount to the Non-Return Flue Check Valve.
  - Apply supplied lubricant (or optional water) around outer pipe diameter.

4 Connect the Check Valve to the Check Valve Adapter.

5 Pour 8.5 oz. of clean water into the check valve.
6. Remove the **intake cap** on the tankless water heater for access to the **intake air port**.

7. Install **3” PVC/CPVC** into the **check valve** and **intake air port**.
   
   **Note:** Cut pipe end square and smooth out jagged edges and burrs. Chamfer end of pipe. Clean the cut and chamfered area and apply supplied lubricant (or optional water) around outer pipe diameter.

8. Install (1) self-tapping screw through the hole in the **intake air port**.

9. Repeat the above steps for each tankless water heater in the PVC/CPVC common vent system.

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**WARNING**

DO NOT use adhesives on the PVC/CPVC connection to the check valve. Use the supplied lubricant (or optional water). Adhesives will damage the check valve, and/or eliminate serviceability to the check valve.
3.3 Assemble the Header

### 3” PVC/CPVC
- Connects to 2 tankless water heaters
- Inline or Corner
- Header length is accounted for based on 20.5” center-to-center.
- Maximum equivalent vent lengths:

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<th>3” PVC/CPVC Max Equivalent Vent Lengths (Feet)</th>
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#### 2 Units - Inline Configuration

#### 2 Units - Corner Configuration

#### 4” PVC/CPVC
- Connects to 2 or 3 tankless water heaters
- Use 3” PVC/CPVC at the tankless water heater, followed by 4” X 3” reducers (example shown below)
- Header length is accounted for based on 20.5” center-to-center.
- Maximum equivalent vent lengths:

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#### 2 Units - Inline Configuration

#### 3 Units - Inline Configuration

#### 4” X 3” Reducer

#### 3” PVC
3.3 Assemble the Header

6” PVC/CPVC

- Connects 2 to 5 tankless water heaters.
- Use 3” PVC/CPVC at the tankless water heater and connect to a 6” header through the use of reducers.
- Header length is accounted for based on 20.5” center-to-center.
- Maximum equivalent vent lengths table (to the right):

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5 Units - Back-to-back Configuration

5 Units - Inline Configuration

+60 Ft.
3.4 Connect the Venting

Requirements

- Use supplied self-tapping screw to secure the check valve to the tankless water heater.
- Insert 3” PVC/CPVC (field supplied) directly to check valve.
- DO NOT use adhesives on the PVC/CPVC connection to the check valve. Use the supplied lubricant (or optional water). Adhesives will damage the check valve and/or eliminate serviceability to the check valve.
- 4” and 6” PVC/CPVC system sizes achieved through use of reducers attached to 3”PVC/CPVC at the tankless water heater.

- Slope horizontal exhaust run towards the water heater 1/4” per foot. DO NOT slope combustion air pipe towards unit.
- Header length is accounted for based on 20.5” center-to-center.
- Support horizontal vent runs a minimum of every 4 Ft.
- Support vertical vent runs a minimum of every 6 Ft.

Slope horizontal exhaust run towards the water heater 1/4” per foot. DO NOT slope combustion air pipe towards unit.
3.5 Terminate the Venting

Horizontal Venting

The exhaust and combustion air terminations must have 12” minimum and 20 Ft. maximum separation.

Requirements

- Slope horizontal exhaust run towards the water heater 1/4” per foot. **DO NOT** slope combustion air pipe towards unit.
- Must terminate outside of building.
- Header length is accounted for based on 20.5” center-to-center.
- Support horizontal vent runs a minimum of every 4 Ft.
- Support vertical vent runs a minimum of every 6 Ft.

Support horizontal vent runs a minimum of every 4 feet and all vertical vent runs a minimum of every 6 feet.

Exhaust Termination Tee

Intake 90° Elbow Termination

20.5” spacing center-to-center
**Vertical Venting**

**Requirements**

- Slope horizontal exhaust run towards the tankless water heater 1/4” per foot. DO NOT slope combustion air pipe towards unit.
- Must terminate outside of building.
- Header length is accounted for based on 20.5” center-to-center.
- Support horizontal vent runs a minimum of every 4 Ft.
- Support vertical vent runs a minimum of every 6 Ft.

**Determining Equivalent Feet**

- 45° elbow is equivalent to 5 Ft.
- 90° elbow is equivalent to 10 Ft.
- Tee termination is equivalent to 10 Ft.
- Spacing of tankless water heaters greater than 20.5” center-to-center is considered vent length.
Exhaust Vent Termination Clearances

For Direct Vent (indoor) applications, terminations must be installed to bring in combustion air and expel exhaust.

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>A</td>
<td>Clearance above grade, veranda, porch, deck, or balcony</td>
<td>12 inches (30 cm)</td>
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<td>B</td>
<td>Clearance to window or door that may be opened</td>
<td>12 inches (30 cm)</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>Clearance to permanently closed window</td>
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<td>D</td>
<td>Vertical clearance to ventilated soffit, located above the terminal</td>
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<td>within a horizontal distance of 2 feet (61 cm) from the center line of the</td>
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<td>terminal</td>
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<td>Clearance to unvented soffit</td>
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<td>Clearance to inside corner</td>
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<td>Clearance to each side of center line extended above meter/regulator assembly</td>
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<td>Clearance to service regulator vent outlet</td>
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<td>J</td>
<td>Clearance to nonmechanical air supply inlet to building or the combustion air</td>
<td>12 inches (30 cm)</td>
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<td>inlet to any other appliance</td>
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<td>K</td>
<td>Clearance to a mechanical air supply inlet</td>
<td>3 feet (91 cm) above if within 10 feet</td>
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<td>(3 m) horizontally</td>
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<td>L</td>
<td>Clearance above paved sidewalk or paved driveway located on public property</td>
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<td>M</td>
<td>Clearance under veranda, porch, deck, or balcony</td>
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[1] A vent shall not terminate directly above a sidewalk or paved driveway that is located between two single family dwellings and serves both dwellings.

[2] Permitted only if veranda, porch, deck, or balcony is fully open on a minimum of two sides beneath the floor.

* For clearances not specified in ANSI Z223.1/NFPA 54, clearances are in accordance with local installation codes and the requirements of the gas supplier.

Clearance to opposite wall is 24 inches (60 cm).
3.6 Set DIP Switches

This section explains the tankless water heater DIP switches that must be adjusted for installations with PVC/CPVC common venting and installations at high altitudes.

For more details on DIP switch settings, refer to the Rinnai Tankless Water Heater Installation and Operation Manual.

PVC/CPVC Common Venting Adjustment

Set the tankless water heater to LONG vent length by adjusting DIP switch #1 in the first group of switches (DIP SW 1) to the OFF position (see A below).

High Altitude Adjustment (If Applicable)

Installations with PVC/CPVC common venting must be ensured that the tankless water heaters are properly installed and setup for the altitude at which they will be operating.

High altitude installations are certified up to 10,200 Ft. for Natural Gas and Liquid Propane.

Set DIP switches #2 and #3 in the first group of switches (DIP SW 1) to the values shown in the table below for your altitude (see B in image to the left).

The default setting is 0 - 2000 Ft with switches SW2 and SW3 in the OFF position.

When the DIP switch is adjusted, it is not necessary to adjust the gas pressure setting for high altitude.

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<th>Altitude</th>
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<td>0 - 2,000 Ft</td>
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<td>2,001 - 5,200 Ft</td>
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<td>5,201 - 7,700 Ft</td>
<td>ON</td>
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<td>7,701 - 10,200 Ft</td>
<td>ON</td>
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**CAUTION**

If DIP switch #1 is not in the OFF position, the tankless water heater may not run properly. Blocked flue diagnostic codes and shutdowns may occur.
3.7 Connect Cables

When operating two or more tankless water heaters in a PVC/CPVC common venting system, it is recommended to use Rinnai’s EZConnect cable or MSB-M Kit.

- **EZConnect cable** - For use with 2 tankless water heaters
- **MSB-M Kit** - For use with 2 or 3 tankless water heaters

Features:

- Allow multiple tankless water heaters to communicate with each other and operate as one unit
- Allow low flow rate demands to trigger water heating
- Allow the necessary tankless water heaters necessary to satisfy the water flow demand to operate

The EZConnect cable and MSB-M Kit are purchased separately. Detailed installation instructions are included with each kit.

3.8 Post Installation Checklist


- The installation conforms with local codes or, in the absence of local codes, with the National Fuel Gas Code, ANSI Z223.1/NFPA 54, or the Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code, CSA B149.1.

- Verify that only the following tankless water heater models are using the PVC/CPVC common vent system:
  - RUR98i (REU-KBP3237FFUD-US)
  - RU98i (REU-KB3237FFUD-US)
  - RUC98i (REU-KBD3237FFUD-US)
  - C199i (REU-KBD3237FFUDC-US)
  - DEMAND DUO (CHS199100)

- Ensure you have used the correct venting products and that you have completely followed the installation instructions in this manual.

- Clearances from the tankless water heater units are met.

- Clearances from the exhaust termination(s) and the combustion air termination(s) are met.

Post Installation Checklist (Continued)

- The vent system does not exceed the maximum equivalent length allowed.

- Intake and exhaust terminations are vented outside the building.

- Horizontal vent runs are installed with supports to avoid dips or sags.

- All PVC/CPVC fittings are glued.

- PVC/CPVC is NOT glued to the check valve.

- DIP switch #1 in the first group of switches (DIP SW 1) is in the OFF position for each tankless water heater.

- For high altitude installations: Verify the appropriate DIP switch settings are selected for the altitude/elevation of the installation location.

- If utilizing an MSB-M Kit or EZConnect cable (purchased separately), verify the kit or cable are installed correctly per the installation instructions supplied in the package.

- Explain to the consumer the importance of not blocking the vent termination or air intake.

- Explain to the consumer the operation of the water heater, safety guidelines, and maintenance.

- Give this manual (and any other manuals related to the common vent installation) directly to the consumer. The manuals should be stored in a readily accessible location for future reference.
Notes
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