Installation and Maintenance Instructions

Air Inlet Arrangement

VORTIFLARE® Burners are furnished in standard position illustrated at right. Since burner block is round, the entire burner assembly may be installed and rotated when mounting into combustion chamber wall. This will permit matching up to field site piping. Positions which would allow dirt or debris to fall down and block flame supervision port should be avoided.

Air inlet “down” is standard

Burner Block Replacement

If the refractory block of your VORTIFLARE® Burner ever requires replacement, Maxon can supply replacement block and frame sub-assemblies.

When ordering refractory block/frame sub-assemblies, identify refractory block material code stamped on the bolt heads of your existing VORTIFLARE® Burner.

Burners with seal and support housing may be specified with an optional mounting ring which is welded in place at assembly to give desired block placement relative to inner firing chamber wall. If you do not specify a desired mounting ring location, it will be shipped “loose”, requiring welding at installation.

To install a new block sub-assembly:

1. Secure heat processing equipment from operation following manufacturer’s instructions.
2. Disconnect piping, etc. and remove VORTIFLARE® Burner from installation.
3. Loosen and remove the nuts holding the burner body to the burner block.
4. Remove old block assembly and remount new block assembly. Be sure gasket between block and body is in place between the components.
5. Secure the block to the body by retightening the nuts onto the block studs.
6. Re-install burner, following installation instructions.
General Instructions

The burner itself is normally only a part of your complete combustion system. Additional pipe train accessories and control components will be required for a complete system installation. The sketch below shows a typical pipe train system as might be used with gas-fired VORTIFLARE® Burners.

Important: Do not discard packing material until all loose items are accounted for.

To prevent damage in transit, the control valves, pipe trains, spark ignitor, mounting gaskets, flame rod and connecting linkage components may be packed separately and shipped loose with your new Maxon VORTIFLARE® Burner.

VORTIFLARE® Burners can fire in any direction, but the scanner manufacturer may impose limitations. Avoid orientations which might permit pilot and/or flame supervision port to collect debris and/or moisture.

Include observation ports in your combustion chamber design to provide a view of both main and pilot flame area. This will simplify start-up and adjustment procedures.

Burner block and casting failure is frequently the result of external stresses and strains transmitted to the burner through the piping. Flexible connections are recommended in all piping to reduce piping stresses and alignment/ shifting problems. Installation of such connectors at certain key spots in the air or gas manifolding can prevent damage to the burners from uneven thermal expansion.

Typical installation diagram of Series “G” VORTIFLARE® Burner system

Maxon assumes no responsibility for the use or misuse of the piping layout shown. Specific piping and wiring diagrams should always be submitted to the appropriate agencies for approval on each application.
Installation Instructions (continued)

VORTIFLARE® Burner requires a separate combustion air blower. The nozzle mixing burners serve as their own fuel/air mixing device. Electrical service must match the voltage, phase and cycle of all electrical system components and be compatible with nameplate ratings. Insure that all normal control safeguards are satisfied. Combustion air blower should continue to run after shutdown to allow burner to cool.

Gas supply piping must be large enough to maintain the required fuel pressures catalogued for the particular burner size used with burner operating at full-rated capacity. Anything more than minimal distance or piping turns may necessitate “oversizing” piping runs to keep pressure drops within acceptable ranges.

If multiple burners are fed from a single gas train, care should be taken to minimize pressure drop and give maximum uniformity. Clean fuel lines are essential to prevent blockage of pipe train components or burner gas ports.

Main shut-off cock should be upstream of both the main gas regulator and pilot line take-off. Use it to shut off fuel to both pilot and main burner during shutdown periods of more than a few hours.

Main gas regulator is essential to maintain a uniform system supply pressure. If one pipe train supplies multiple burners, consider a separate regulator in the branch leading to each burner system. Size the regulator for full system capacity at the required pressure, carefully considering pipe train losses. Follow the instructions attached to the regulator during installation.

Pilot take-off should be upstream of the main gas regulator, but downstream of the main gas cock. It should normally include its own pilot gas regulator, a solenoid valve, and shut-off cock. A pilot adjustable orifice at the pilot inlet simplifies adjustment.

Pilot piping must be large enough to provide for the full flow and pressures shown in the catalog for your particular burner size.

Fuel shut-off valves (when properly connected to a control system) are designed to shut the fuel supply off with a loss of electrical power. Manual reset valves require operator attendance each time the system is started up (or restarted after a trip-out). Motorized shut-off valves permit automatic start-restart when used with an appropriate control system.

Test connections are essential for burner adjustment. They should be provided immediately downstream of the regulator and are included in the burner itself. Test connections must be plugged except when readings are being taken.

Blower must deliver a reasonably clean and cool air supply. Care must be taken to keep air manifold pressure drops to a minimum and to independently support the weight of air piping.

The blower should not be exposed to direct radiant heat or positioned where it might draw in inert gases. If problems exist, consider relocation.

Gas and air piping should be located reasonably close to the burner and sized for the pressure and volume requirements of the burner, with supply pressures high enough to permit subsequent regulation at each burner. Gas piping drops should not exceed 10% of initial supply pressure.

Control systems should provide all normally recommended interlocks (including operation of fuel shut-off valves). Sequencing control systems are available from Maxon that include provision for post-purge pilots during all but emergency shut-downs.

Control system’s circuitry must not allow main fuel shut-off valve to be opened unless combustion air is on, and must de-energize valve upon loss of combustion air pressure, along with the other usual system interlocks. Motor starter is to be interlocked with valve, whether or not a combustion air pressure switch is used.

Flame sensing may be accomplished by UV scanner or flame rod. UV scanner should be kept as close to burner as feasible. Heat block, if used may affect signal strength with some brands of UV scanners. Flame rod sensing must not be used with oil firing.

Low fire start is essential to obtain cataloged minimums.

Burner and pipe manifold support will be required to support weight of the burner and any connected pipe train components. Air control motors, in particular, require additional support. Maxon connecting base and linkage assemblies are designed to position the control motors to work with the control valve, not to support their weight.

Multi-burner installations require special considerations if supplied by a common pipe train and/or air supply. Air and Gas Balancing Valves may be used for improved heating uniformity.
Burner Mounting

Burner mounting should be such that discharge face of block is either flush with internal wall or protrudes a maximum of 1”. Do not recess block into wall. Center-to-center mounting distance between burners should never be less than the maximum flame diameter of VORTIFLARE® Burner.

The opening in furnace shell should normally provide 1/2” clearance on all sides. High-temperature gasketing should be used between burner mounting flange and furnace shell. For maximum burner life, burner frame and furnace shell must be protected from hot gas flows.

Multiple burner installations should be provided with balancing valves in the fuel and air lines to each individual burner (located as close to the burner as possible) to equalize flows and (if necessary) to increase the upstream pressures required.

In a refractory wall or roof (sketch 1), basic burner may be used (with castable refractory rammed into a 3” clearance left around burner and the remaining gap packed with ceramic fiber insulation), supported with angle iron and retained by mastic-coated anchors.

In a “soft” wall or roof (sketch 2), burner should be specified with seal and support housing and wrapped tightly in fiber blanket. Remaining space should be packed with ceramic fiber insulation. Use high temperature gasketing between burner mounting flange and furnace shell.

Flame sensing: Burner design incorporates UV scanner port suitable for supervision of both pilot and main flames. Use of purge/cooling air is recommended.

NOTE: Discharge face of burner must be flush with inner furnace wall for maximum effectiveness. Entire burner may be rotated about its centerline to mount in any position.

Test connections are essential for burner adjustment. Each VORTIFLARE® Burner includes air and fuel test connections but additional connections should be provided (at a minimum) downstream of the regulator and MICRO-RATIO® Valve. Do not attempt to use test connections in pipe elbows or tees, as internal turbulence can give erroneous readings.

Test connections must be plugged except when readings are being taken.

Include observation ports in your chamber design to provide a view of both main and pilot flame areas. This will simplify start-up and adjustment procedures.

Run all oil piping below the burner centerline wherever possible. On down-firing jobs, this means getting the oil piping down below Y-strainer level and, if possible, over the side of the furnace.
Gas Firing Start-Up Instructions

Read complete instructions before proceeding, and familiarize yourself with all the system’s equipment components. Verify that your equipment has been installed in accordance with the original manufacturer’s current instructions.

**CAUTION:** Initial adjustment and light-off should be undertaken only by trained and experienced personnel familiar with combustion systems, with control/safety circuitry, and with knowledge of the overall installation. Instructions provided by the company and/or individuals responsible for the manufacture and/or overall installation of complete system incorporating Maxon burner take precedence over these provided by Maxon. If Maxon instructions conflict with any codes or regulations, contact Maxon Corporation before attempting start-up.

**NOTE:** The following instructions assume use of piloted burners and Standard Cam MICRO-RATIO® Valves:

The photograph below shows a MICRO-RATIO® Valve assembly consisting of an air butterfly valve to control combustion air flow and an adjustable-gradient SYNCHRO gas flow control valve. The latter is mechanically linked to the air valve and a series of adjusting screws permits setting of a desired air/fuel ratio throughout the burner firing range. A pneumatic or electric control motor will normally be mounted to this MICRO-RATIO® Valve assembly and establish firing rates in accordance with system demands.

Additional data on Maxon MICRO-RATIO® Valves is provided in catalog bulletin 7000.

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For initial system start-up:
1. Close all burner fuel valves and/or cocks. Make preliminary adjustments to regulators.
2. **Check all electric circuitry.** Verify that all safety devices and interlocks are operable and functioning within their respective settings/ranges. Be sure all manifolds are tight and that test ports are plugged if not being used.
3. **Check that all duct and chamber dampers are properly positioned** and locked into operating positions.

   Vent dampers and pressure controllers should be used to maintain balanced or slightly positive furnace pressures (0.0” to 0.05” wc) for maximum efficiency. Excessive back pressure can damage furnace and/or reduce burner capacity. Negative pressures allow infiltration of secondary air and can seriously affect efficiency and temperature uniformity.
4. **Start all system-related fans and blowers.** Check for proper motor rotation and impeller direction. Verify that all safety interlocks are working. Allow air handling equipment to run for adequate purge of manifold and combustion chamber plenums.

   **CAUTION:** Do not by-pass control panel timers typically controlling sequential operations.

5. **Initial start-up adjustment should only be accomplished during a “manual” control mode.** Using a 3/16” allen wrench, disconnect the automatic control motor’s linkage from Maxon MICRO-RATIO® Control Valve by loosening your control motor’s connecting rod from the valve’s toggle linkage.

Disconnect this linkage from MICRO-RATIO® Valve
6. See appropriate catalog dimensional page for test connection locations, then cross-connect a manometer between burner air test connection and a piece of tubing inserted into the combustion chamber at a point that will reflect chamber pressure. This will provide a direct-reading of differential air pressures.

In similar fashion, cross-connect a manometer between burner’s gas test port and combustion chamber to read differential gas pressures.

Maxon offers a “test connection kit” accessory which provides a convenient means of connecting plastic tubing to the burner test port connections. Kit should be removed after initial start-up and the test ports plugged for normal burner operations.

7. Set minimum air differential pressure at 0.1" w.c. With MICRO-RATIO® Valve combinations of air and fuel valves, the minimum differential setting is initially established with the air valve only. Disconnect the linkage between the air valve and fuel valve(s) on the MICRO-RATIO® Valve assembly.
Gas Firing Start-Up Instructions (continued)

Rotate the air valve while watching the manometer for the minimum air differential pressure of 0.1” wc. (Note: This is a very small increment on a normal manometer. Readings/ settings above 0.1” wc will lessen turndown ratio of burner system.) Then mark red air valve dial (see sketch below) opposite crank pointer.

Loosen Allen set screw [1] and binding screw [2] in toggle [4]. Move the toggle in universal cam assembly slot towards the center of rotation so that gas valve can rotate from its minimum to maximum position, while the air valve swings between the established (and marked) minimum and maximum settings.

Place air valve on pre-determined “minimum” position and rotate gas valve to its “minimum” setting position. Tighten down set screw [1] and binding screw [2] with both valves set at “minimum”.

Establish set screw [1] as minimum-end adjustment point and binding screw [2] as maximum-end adjustment point. (Note: It doesn’t matter which is maximum or minimum, as long as you identify and keep the same reference points for the next adjustment steps.

Now rotate MICRO-RATIO® Valve to “maximum” position. The air valve maximum setting was previously determined. Loosen binding screw [2] and adjust pointer and linkage to correct just half of the distance required to make the air valve pointer indicate the maximum air valve setting.

Re-tighten binding screw [2] and return the MICRO-RATIO® Valve to the “minimum” air setting.

This time, loosen set screw [1] and again correct for just half of the distance required to make the air valve pointer indicate the minimum air valve setting.

Re-tighten set screw [1] and again return the MICRO-RATIO® Valve to the “minimum” air setting.

For example: A combustion system may need the air valve to only be 15° open for the “minimum” setting and the “maximum” requirements are satisfied with the air valve open to 60°. By marking these points on the air valve’s indicating strip, you are ready to reconnect the SYNCHRO Fuel Valve’s linkage to the air valve.

Establish the maximum combustion air differential pressure by moving MICRO-RATIO® Valve assembly toward the higher numbered positions until the desired air differential (in accordance with burner specifications) is reached. Again, mark red air valve dial opposite crank pointer.

Reconnect the SYNCHRO Fuel Valve linkage to the MICRO-RATIO® assembly’s air valve.

Having marked the MICRO-RATIO® air control valve’s settings for both minimum and maximum firing positions, you may adjust the linkage and travel of the SYNCHRO gas valve’s stroke (see sketch below).

9. Reconnect the SYNCHRO Fuel Valve linkage to the MICRO-RATIO® assembly’s air valve.

Having marked the MICRO-RATIO® air control valve’s settings for both minimum and maximum firing positions, you may adjust the linkage and travel of the SYNCHRO gas valve’s stroke (see sketch below).

10. To prepare Maxon MICRO-RATIO® Valve for initial fuel firing adjustment:

Remove cover plate from screw carrier cam assembly and turn all adjusting screws counter-clockwise until flush with outer surface of casting (new equipment is shipped this way).
If multiple fuel arrangement, adjust linkage rods and toggle arrangements between SYNCHRO Fuel Control Valve(s) so that all fuel control valves travel together (from minimum to maximum positions). Leave MICRO-RATIO® Valve(s) at "minimum" position, as shown by pointer on position indicator strip.

11. To light and adjust gas pilot: Check to insure combustion air supply is flowing to burner. Pilot gas regulator should initially be set at approximately midpoint of its adjustment range. With pilot gas solenoid closed, open main fuel gas and pilot gas cock. Energize spark ignitor and pilot gas solenoid. Turn pilot gas adjustable orifice screw out (counter-clockwise) several turns from its fully seated position. Observe ignition of pilot gas through sight port of burner assembly and/or by viewing flame signal metered from flame safeguard relay circuit.

Refine pilot gas setting for a hard blue flame (and/or strongest flame signal) by adjusting gas flow through pilot orifice and/or pilot regulator. Shut off pilot gas cock to extinguish pilot fire. Reopen and confirm easy re-ignition several times. The flame safeguard relays should now power the main fuel shut-off valves.

Verify all safety interlocks are operational before opening any main and/or individual burner valves.

12. To light and adjust VORTIFLARE® Burner on gas: With gas pilot established and flame supervision system operational, opening the main fuel shut-off valve(s) will allow fuel flow to the SYNCHRO Fuel Control Valve of MICRO-RATIO® Valve assembly.

13. Turn minimum adjusting screw in (clockwise) to open gas valve until gas is ignited at burners. Several turns of the screw may be necessary. Flame should normally be confined back in the burner block at rated minimums. (Higher minimums might possibly extend flames beyond burner block.)

NOTE: At this point, it is more important to get any kind of a flame as soon as possible. The flame geometry can be adjusted and refined as needed later.

14. Adjust main gas regulator (as necessary to maintain required burner differential). Re-adjust minimum screw if necessary.

If pilots are to be interrupted, shut them off at this point and verify that main flame remains lit and holds in flame detectors. Re-adjust if necessary.

15. Once your flame is established and refined at this position, and without advancing the screw carrier quadrant higher, screw all remaining screws down to at least the same level as your first adjusted screw.

NOTE: A preliminary setting can be established with all the remaining adjusting screws. Generally, each succeeding screw needs to be screwed in approximately one full turn deeper than its preceding screw. A smooth "stair-step" gradient pre-set at this point from low to high will simplify the remaining adjustment steps.

16. With allen wrench engaged in second screw, slowly move MICRO-RATIO® Valve to #1 position, adjusting as necessary to maintain ignition and the type of flame desired. Flame length should increase slightly, burning with a blue center and yellow tips, and a steady combustion noise.

If firing into an uncured refractory chamber, allow system to run at this setting for the dryout period recommended by the furnace or refractory manufacturer, then continue adjustment of the MICRO-RATIO® Valve.

17. Turn all remaining adjustment screws in slightly further than the second screw, then with allen wrench inserted in third screw, slowly move MICRO-RATIO® Valve toward #2 position, adjusting as necessary.

NOTE: To adjust the flame at any position, you must move the SYNCHRO Valve to the number you desire to adjust. This aligns the adjusting screw directly on top of the fuel valve plunger. A resulting adjustment of the screw is directly applied to the fuel valve plunger and its interconnected valve body linkage.
Gas Firing Start-Up Instructions (continued)

If high temperature limit trips before adjustment is completed, cycle back to minimum and hold there until the system cools down before attempting further adjustment.

19. **Note gas supply pressure while continuing with adjustment.** If it falls off below acceptable range, it may be necessary to re-adjust the regulator. If so, lower firing positions will need rechecked and if necessary, re-adjusted before proceeding.

20. **When all screws have been adjusted,** recheck differential pressures with unit at operating temperature. Refine “high fire” setting if necessary, considering differential pressure, flame length, and appearance.

   Flame should be blue in color and relatively short and flat, with a distinct “vortex” characteristic and a steady combustion noise. Dust or contaminants in the air stream may affect flame appearance.

21. **If system will operate with interrupted pilot** (considered good practice), shut pilots off now and cycle MICRO-RATIO® Valve slowly from minimum to maximum and back, with all convection system dampers in operating position or with furnace door closed.

22. **When burner performance is satisfactory** and stable throughout the firing range, reconnect linkage from control motor to MICRO-RATIO® Valve.

23. **Check out overall system operation** on all fuels by cycling through light-off at minimum, interrupting pilot, and allowing temperature control system to cycle burner from minimum to maximum and return. Recheck all safety system interlocks for proper setting and operation.

   **CAUTION:** Test every UV installation for dangerous spark excitation from ignitors, and other burners, direct or reflected UV radiation.

24. **Shut system down,** closing all fuel valves and allowing an approved post-purge period before shutting down fans and combustion air blower. Remove test connections and plug openings, then replace all equipment covers and caps and tighten all linkage set screws.

25. **Instruct operator** on proper start-up, operation and shutdown of system. Establish written instructions for reference.
Light Oil Firing Start-Up Instructions

To light and adjust VORTIFLARE® Burner on light oil:

26. All preliminary adjustments as outlined for gas firing (steps #1 through #25) must have been completed.

Verify all safety interlocks are operational before opening any main and/or individual burner fuel valve.

27. Establish proper pressure of atomizing air. Pilot gas may have to be increased.

   With gas pilot established and UV flame supervision system operational, opening the main oil shut-off valve(s) will allow #2 oil to flow to the SYNCHRO Oil Control Valve of the MICRO-RATIO® Valve assembly positioned at minimum.

   CAUTION: Oil flames are highly radiant. Use eye protection and avoid prolonged viewing.

28. Turn MICRO-RATIO® Valve to minimum position and, using the allen wrench supplied with MICRO-RATIO® Valve, turn minimum adjusting screw of oil valve in (clockwise) to permit oil flow to the burner(s). Continue turning inward slowly until minimum oil fire ignites.

   CAUTION: Shut off oil quickly if there is a noticeable drop in oil pressure or if ignition does not occur within a few seconds.

29. Check that pressure downstream of oil pressure regulator is sufficient to meet burner requirement plus piping losses. Readjust oil pressure regulator if necessary.

   Failure of “some” burners on a multiple burner job to ignite would generally indicate line scale or dirt obstructions in the oil valve, oil tube and/or oil tip. Disassemble, inspect and clean if necessary.

30. Once ignition occurs, turn minimum screw in (for more fuel) or out (for less) until a yellow-white flame is produced without smoke or brown tips. When properly adjusted, it should be possible now to shut off pilots with the flame detection system (if used), holding in on main flame only.

31. Once your flame is established and refined at this position, and without advancing the screw carrier quadrant higher, screw all remaining screws down to at least the same level as your first adjusted screw.

   NOTE: A preliminary setting can be established with all the remaining adjusting screws. Generally, each succeeding screw needs to be screwed in approximately one full turn deeper than its preceding screw. A smooth “stair-step” gradient pre-set at this point from low to high will simplify the remaining adjustment steps.

32. With allen wrench engaged in second screw, slowly move MICRO-RATIO® Valve to #1 position, adjusting as necessary to maintain ignition and the type of flame desired. Flame length should increase slightly, with a steady combustion noise.

   Flame appearance should remain yellow-white with no brown tips, relatively short and flat, and exhibit a distinct “vortex” shape throughout the cataloged firing rate.

33. If firing into an uncured refractory chamber, allow system to run at this setting for the dryout period recommended by the furnace or refractory manufacturer, then continue adjustment of the MICRO-RATIO® Valve.

34. Turn all remaining adjustment screws in slightly further than second, then with allen wrench inserted in the third screw, slowly move MICRO-RATIO® Valve toward #2 position, adjusting as necessary.

   CAUTION: If flame is extinguished, immediately shut off oil and return MICRO-RATIO® Valve to minimum position. Verify that pilots are still burning then reopen oil valve and turn screw last adjusted in slightly further before returning to that firing position. Refine adjustment if necessary.

35. Progressively work your way up through each adjusting screw position, developing a smooth progression slope from your first screw to the “maximum” position.
NOTE: To adjust the flame at any position, you must move the SYNCHRO Valve to the number you desire to adjust. This aligns the adjusting screw directly on top of the fuel valve plunger. A resulting adjustment of the screw is directly applied to the fuel valve plunger and its interconnected valve body linkage.

If high temperature limit trips before adjustment is completed, cycle back to minimum and hold there until the system cools down before attempting further adjustment.

36. **Note oil supply pressure while continuing with adjustment.** If it falls off below acceptable range, it may be necessary to readjust the regulator. If so, lower firing positions will need rechecked and if necessary, readjusted before proceeding.

37. **When all screws have been adjusted,** allow system to reach operating temperature then recheck minimum and maximum differential air pressures. Readjust linkage between air and fuel valves if necessary. If any change is made, refine gas adjusting screw settings, always adjusting only that screw corresponding to the position at which valve is then set.

When adjusting for firing at maximum positions, take care that adjusting screws slope gradually toward that setting.

38. **If system will operate with interrupted pilot** (as recommended), shut pilots off now and cycle MICRO-RATIO® Valve slowly from minimum to maximum and back, with all convection system dampers in operating position or with furnace door closed.

39. **When burner performance is satisfactory** and stable throughout the firing range, reconnect linkage from control motor to MICRO-RATIO® Valve.

40. **Check out overall system operation** on all fuels by cycling through light-off at minimum, interrupting pilot, and allowing temperature control system to cycle burner from minimum to maximum and return. Recheck all safety system interlocks for proper setting and operation.

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41. **Shut system down,** closing all fuel valves and allowing an approved post-purge period before shutting down fans and combustion air blower. Remove test connections and plug openings, then replace all equipment covers and caps and tighten all linkage set screws.

42. **Instruct operator** on proper start-up, operation and shutdown of system. Establish written instructions for reference.
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