

# Rinnai

## Operation & Installation Manual 'HOTFLO'® (HFE Series) Mains Pressure Vitreous Enamel Electric Storage Water Heater



### This appliance shall be installed in accordance with:

- Manufacturer's Installation Instructions
- Municipal Building Codes
- AS/NZS 3000 Wiring Rules
- AS/NZS 3500.4 Plumbing and Drainage
- Any other local relevant Statutory Regulation

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# REGULATORY INFORMATION

Your Rinnai Hotflo Mains Pressure Vitreous Enamel Electric Storage Water Heater has been certified by relevant plumbing and electrical authorities and the details are shown on data plate.

This appliance must be installed correctly by an authorised person and must conform to location regulations.

The installation must also comply with the instructions supplied by Rinnai.

Please keep this instruction booklet in a safe place for future reference.

## Notice to Victorian Consumers

This appliance must be installed by a person licensed with the Plumbing Industry Commission.

Only a licensed person will have insurance protecting their workmanship.

So make sure you use a licensed person to install this appliance and ask for your Compliance Certificate.

For further information contact the Plumbing Industry Commission on 1800 015 129.

# WARNINGS

Installation and service only by an authorised person.

- **DO NOT** operate this system before reading the manufacturers instructions
- **DO NOT** place articles on or against this appliance
- **DO NOT** store chemicals or flammable materials near this appliance
- **DO NOT** operate with panels or covers removed from this appliance
- **DO NOT** activate heating elements unless cylinder is full of water
- **DO NOT** touch any power supply cords, plugs or electrical conduits with wet hands.

Removal of access covers will expose 240V wiring. Access covers to be removed by authorised persons only.

This water heater is not intended to be operated or adjusted by young children or infirm persons. Young children must be supervised to ensure they do not interfere with the water heater.

If the power supply cord, plug or electrical conduit to the water heater is damaged, it must be replaced by an authorised person in order to avoid a hazard, using genuine replacement parts available from Rinnai.

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# SAFETY

## Hydrogen Gas

If the hot water heater is not used for two weeks or more, a quantity of hydrogen gas, which is highly flammable, may accumulate in the water heater. To dissipate this safety, it is recommended that a non electrically operated hot tap be turned on for several minutes at a sink, or bath, but not at dishwasher or other appliance. During this procedure there must be no smoking, open flame or any electrical appliance operating nearby. If hydrogen gas is discharged through the tap, it will probably make a sound like air escaping.

## Water Temperature

To meet regulatory requirements the temperature of stored water heater must not be less than 60°C.

The thermostat on your water heater is factory pre-set to 65°C which is suitable for the vast majority of domestic applications.

The thermostat setting can be adjusted between 60°C and 75°C by an electrician or other suitably qualified trades person.

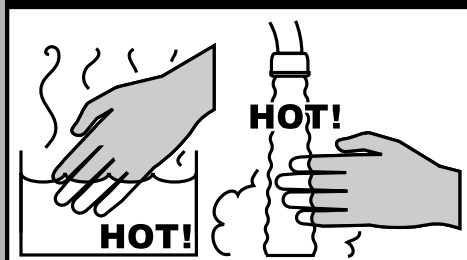


- The thermostat setting must only be adjusted by an Electrician or other suitably qualified trades person.
- The access cover to the element and thermostat must only be removed by an Electrician or other suitably qualified trades person.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## DANGER BEWARE OF SCALDING HAZARDS



**Hot Water can cause scalds.**

**Children, disabled, and the elderly are at the highest risk of being scalded.**

**Feel water temperature before bathing or showering.**

**Scalds from hot water taps can result in severe injuries to young children.**

**Scalds can occur when children are exposed directly to hot water when they are placed into a bath which is too hot.**

### DO

- Do stay with children whenever they are in the bathroom (Take the phone off the hook).
- Do take them out of the bathroom if you need to answer the phone or door.
- Do test the temperature of the water with your elbow before placing your child in the bath.
- Do make sure that the tap is turned off tightly.
- Do install a child proof tap cover OR
- Do install a child resistant tap.
- Consider child-resistant taps or tap covers, which prevent a small hand being able to turn on the tap.
- Consider installing tempering valves or thermostatic mixing valves which reduce the hot water temperature delivered to taps. Your local plumbing authority may already require that these be fitted. Contact your installer or local plumbing authority if in doubt.

### DON'T

- DON'T leave a toddler in the care of another small child. The older child may not have set the water temperature to a safe level.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## SAFETY DEVICES

For safe operation this water heater is fitted with a combination Pressure & Temperature Relief (PTR) Valve, a thermostat and an over-temperature cutout for each heating element.



- **DO NOT** tamper with or remove safety devices.
- **DO NOT** operate this water heater unless all safety devices are fitted and in working order.
- **DO NOT** block or seal the PTR Valve and drain pipe.

## ANODE

The water heater is fitted with a sacrificial anode to extend its life. It will slowly dissipate whilst protecting the cylinder. The life of the water heater may be extended by arranging for an authorised person to inspect the anode and replace it if required. It is recommended that the anode be inspected at least every 5 years.

The factory fitted Rinnai anode is Magnesium based. This anode is suitable when the total dissolved solids (TDS) content in the water supply does not exceed 600 mg/L, which is the case in most areas. In areas where the total dissolved solids (TDS) content in the water supply exceeds 600 mg/L the Rinnai Aluminium based alloy is required.

## WATER QUALITY

The water quality of most public supplies is suitable for the water heating system. The water quality from bore wells is generally unsuitable for the water heating system. Refer to the 'Warranty Conditions' for water quality parameters and how they affect the warranty conditions. If in doubt about the water quality, have it checked against the parameters listed in the warranty conditions.

If sludge or foreign matter is present in the water supply, a suitable strainer filter should be incorporated in the water supply to the system.

## TURNING 'OFF' THE WATER HEATING SYSTEM

If you plan to be away for only a few nights, we suggest you leave the water heating system switched on. If it is necessary to switch off the water heater, the switch is usually marked and located in the electricity meter box of the dwelling.

## TURNING 'ON' THE WATER HEATING SYSTEM

Switch on the electric supply to the heating element. The switch is usually marked and located in the electricity meter box of the dwelling. Water heating will now occur as required. It may take a number of hours before hot water is available.

## HOW THE WATER HEATER WORKS

### SINGLE ELEMENT MODEL

This model has one electric heating element with its own thermostat. A vitreous enamel lined steel cylinder stores water which is heated by a heating element located at the base of the cylinder. Its own automatic thermostat controls the water temperature. The water heater connects directly to the mains water supply.

The heating element can be connected to a Continuous or Off-Peak electricity supply. The continuous supply is appropriate when the water heater capacity is less than the daily usage of hot water. The Off-Peak supply is appropriate when the water heater capacity exceeds the daily usage of hot water. The Off-Peak supply allows heating only for set periods and a volume of water sufficient for daily usage is heated during the set period and stored. The Off-Peak supply is usually cheaper. Electricity supply types and tariffs vary according to the local electricity authority.

### TWIN ELEMENT MODEL

This model has two heating elements, each with its own thermostat. A vitreous enamel lined steel cylinder stores water which is heated by a heating element located at the base of the cylinder and the other near the top. Its own automatic thermostats control the water temperature.

The bottom heating element heats the whole contents of cylinder and Top heating element (booster) only operates during the high demand periods to heat the upper portion of the contents of the cylinder.

The two heating elements are wired for non-simultaneous operation, so that only one heating element can operate at a time. The bottom heating element can be connected to an off-peak electricity supply, and the top heating element to a continuous electricity supply.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## REGULAR CARE

### Over flow tray and drain

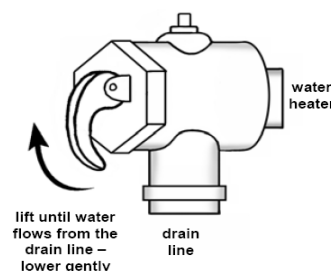
The overflow tray and drain (if fitted) should be periodically checked to ensure there are no blockages.

### Pressure and Temperature Relief (PTR) Valve

This valve is located near the top of the water heater and is essential for safe operation. It is normal for the valve to release a small quantity of water through the drain line during heating. However, continuous leakage of water from the valve and its drain line may indicate a problem with the water heater.



- **Never block the outlet of the PTR valve or its drain line for any reason. The easing gear must be operated at least once every six months or more frequently in areas with a high incidence of water deposits. It is very important you raise and lower the easing gear gently.**
- **Failure to do this may result in the water heater cylinder failing or under certain circumstances, exploding.**



- **If the valve does not discharge water when the easing gear lever is lifted, or does not seal again when the easing gear is closed, attendance by an authorised person must be arranged without delay. The PTR valve is not serviceable.**

### Expansion Control Valve (ECV) if fitted

Operate the easing lever on the expansion control valve once every six months. It is very important you raise and lower the lever gently.

# SERVICING AND REPAIR

Our Servicing network personnel are fully trained and equipped to give the best service on your Rinnai appliance. If your appliance needs service, ring one of the service contact numbers on the back of this booklet.

The pressure and temperature relief valve and expansion control valve must be checked for performance or replaced by an authorised person at intervals not exceeding 5 years or more frequently in areas where the water is classified as scaling water (see 'Water Quality').

It is recommended that the sacrificial anode be inspected every 5 years or more frequently in areas where there is a high incidence of water deposits.

If the electric conduit, power supply cord or plug to the water heater is damaged, they must be replaced by an authorised person in order to avoid a hazard. The power supply cord and plug (if fitted) must be replaced by a genuine replacement part available from Rinnai.

## SAVE A SERVICE CALL

Check the items below before requesting Service. Service and parts charges may be incurred where it is found that there is no fault with the water heater and the issue is related to the plumbing installation or is due to the failure of water or electric supplies.

## LACK OF HOT WATER OR NO HOT WATER



### Is there electricity supply to the water heater?

- Check that the isolating switch marked "HOT WATER" or "WATER HEATER" at the meter box is switched on. Check also that any isolating switches installed near the water heater are switched on.
- Check the fuse or circuit breaker marked "HOT WATER" or "WATER HEATER" at the meter box. Repeated failure of fuse or tripping of circuit breaker indicates a fault which must be investigated by an authorised trades person.



### Is your unit a Twin Element electric water heater?

- A twin element model (non-simultaneous) must have a continuous electricity supply to the top heating element. Check that this is the case.



### Are you using more hot water than you think?

- Often it is not realized how much hot water is actually used. This applies especially to showering. Review hot water usage, especially the time taken for showering, and investigate the use of flow control valves or Water saving shower roses.



### Are water heater valves discharging excessively?

- Refer to the section "Water heater valves discharging excessively".

## HIGH ELECTRICITY BILLS

If you think your electricity bill is too high, investigate the following:

- You may be using more hot water than you think. This applies especially to showering. Review hot water usage, especially the time taken for showering, and investigate the use of flow control valves or 'water saving' shower roses. Investigate recent changes to hot water usage patterns.
- Water heater valves may be discharging excessively. Refer to the section "Water heater valves discharging excessively".
- There may be hot water leakages in hot water pipes or taps. Have these checked and rectified by a plumber.
- There may have been changes in electricity tariffs since your last bill.

If, after investigating the above, you still require assistance contact Rinnai.



# SERVICING AND REPAIR

## WATER HEATER VALVES DISCHARGING EXCESSIVELY

### Pressure and Temperature Relief (PTR) valve

It is normal and desirable that this valve allows a small quantity of water to be discharged during the heating cycle. If it discharges more than a bucket of water during a 24 hour period or discharges continuously there may be another problem.

If the valve dribbles continuously, try easing the valve gear for a few seconds as described under 'Regular Care'. This may dislodge any foreign matter and alleviate the problem.

If the valve discharges at high flows, especially at night, it may be as a result of the water pressure exceeding the design pressure of the water heater. Ask your installer to fit a Pressure Limiting Valve (PLV).



- **Never replace the PTR valve with one which has a higher pressure rating than is specified for your water heater.**
- **If the valve discharges hot water at high flows until the water heater is cold and then stops discharging until the water reheats there may be a serious problem. Switch off the power supply in the meter box (the switch marked 'WATER HEATER' or 'HOT WATER') or the isolating switch installed near the water heater and contact Rinnai.**

### Expansion Control Valve (ECV) - if fitted

It is normal and desirable that this valve allows a small quantity of water to be discharged during the heating cycle. If it discharges more than a bucket of water during a 24 hour period or discharges continuously there may be another problem.

If the valve leaks continuously, try easing the valve gear for a few seconds as described under 'Regular Care'. This may dislodge any foreign matter and alleviate the problem. If this does not alleviate the problem contact Rinnai.

## SERVICE

The system should be checked and serviced by an authorised person at least every 5 years.

The PTR valve must be replaced at intervals not exceeding five (5) years.

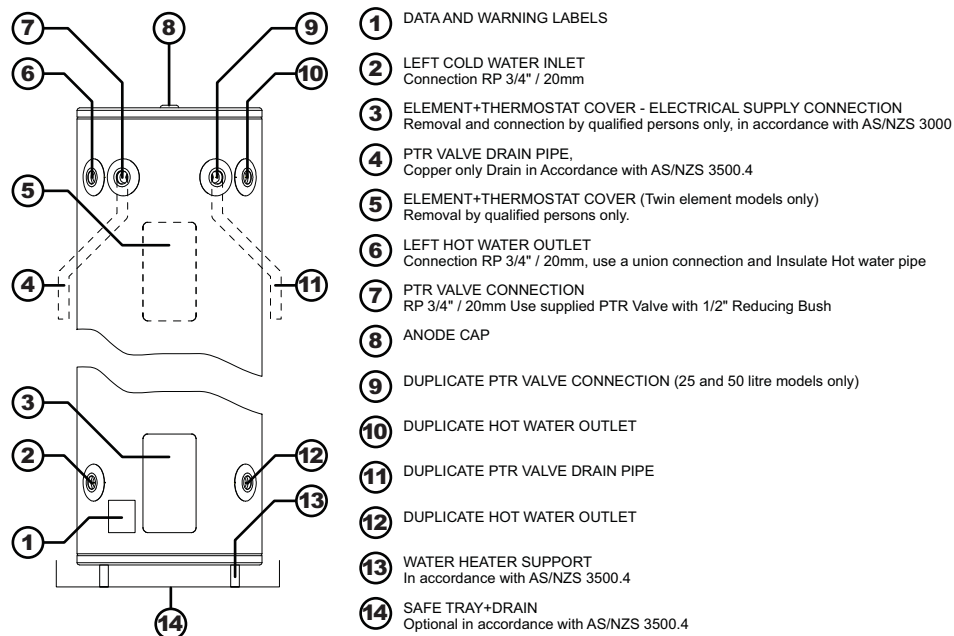
Rinnai has a service and spare parts network with personnel who are trained and equipped to give the best service on Rinnai appliances.

# GENERAL INSTALLATION

This appliance shall be installed in accordance with:

- **Manufacturer's Installation Instructions**
- **AS/NZS 3500.4**
- **AS/NZS 3000 Wiring Rules**
- **Local Plumbing, Water and Electrical Authority Regulations**
- **Municipal Building Codes**
- **Any other relevant Statutory Regulations**

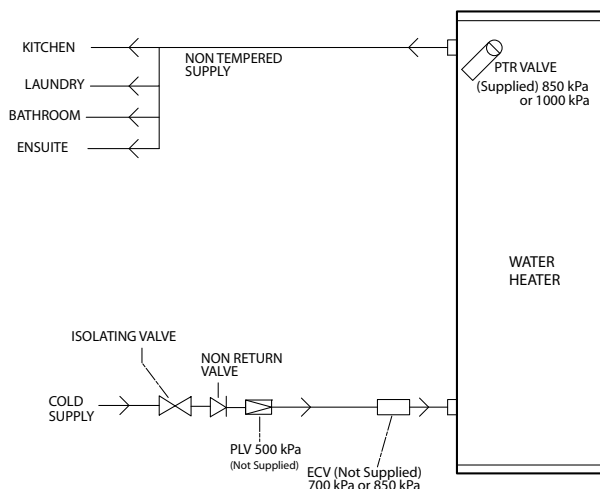
**THIS APPLIANCE IS NOT SUITABLE FOR USE AS A DOMESTIC SPA POOL OR SWIMMING POOL HEATER.**  
**INSTALLATION DIAGRAMS**



**Valves with pressure ratings other than specified are unsuitable & must not be used.**

**NOTE** **WATER HEATER** - located closest to most frequently used outlet - Access for service in the installed position.

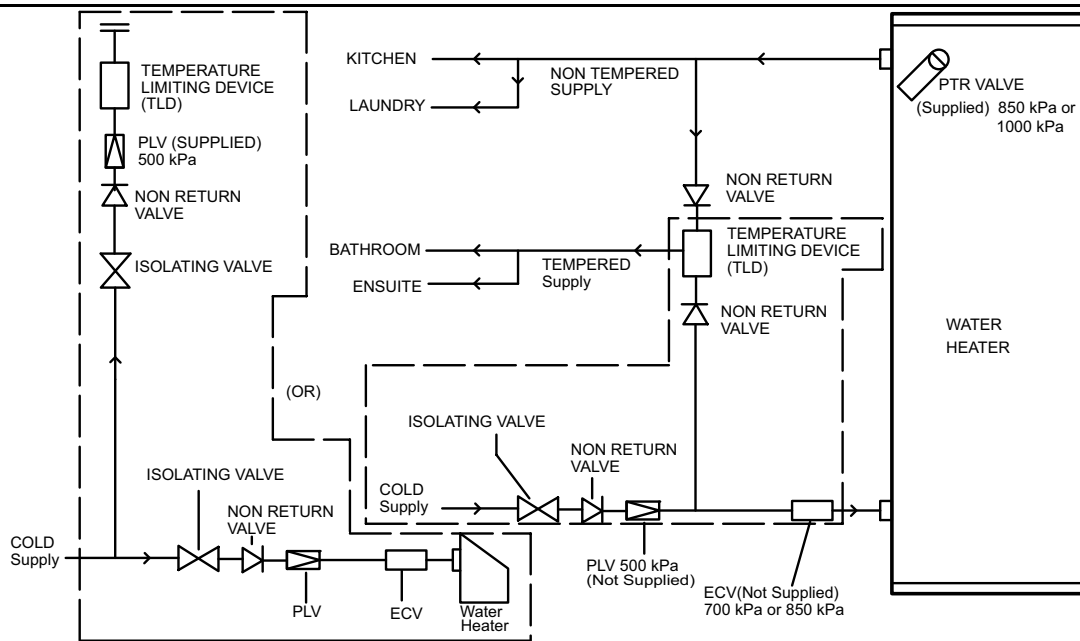
**Figure 1 - Typical Installation of Water Heater**



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**Figure 2 - Hot Water Plumbing System Example - No Temperature Limiting Device**

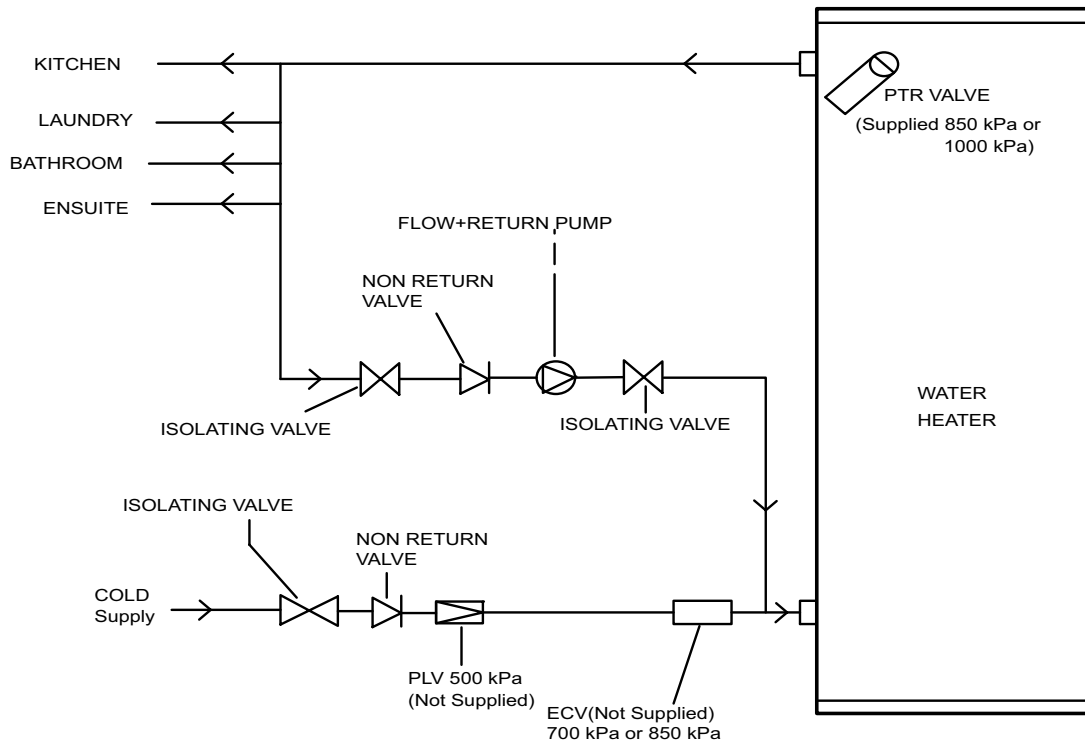
# GENERAL INSTALLATION



**Valves with pressure ratings other than specified are unsuitable & must not be used.**

It may be a requirement that the hot and cold water supply pressures to a Temperature Limiting Device (TLD) are equal. If this is the case, a Pressure Limiting Valve (PLV) with the same pressure rating as the PLV for the hot water is required for the TLD as shown.

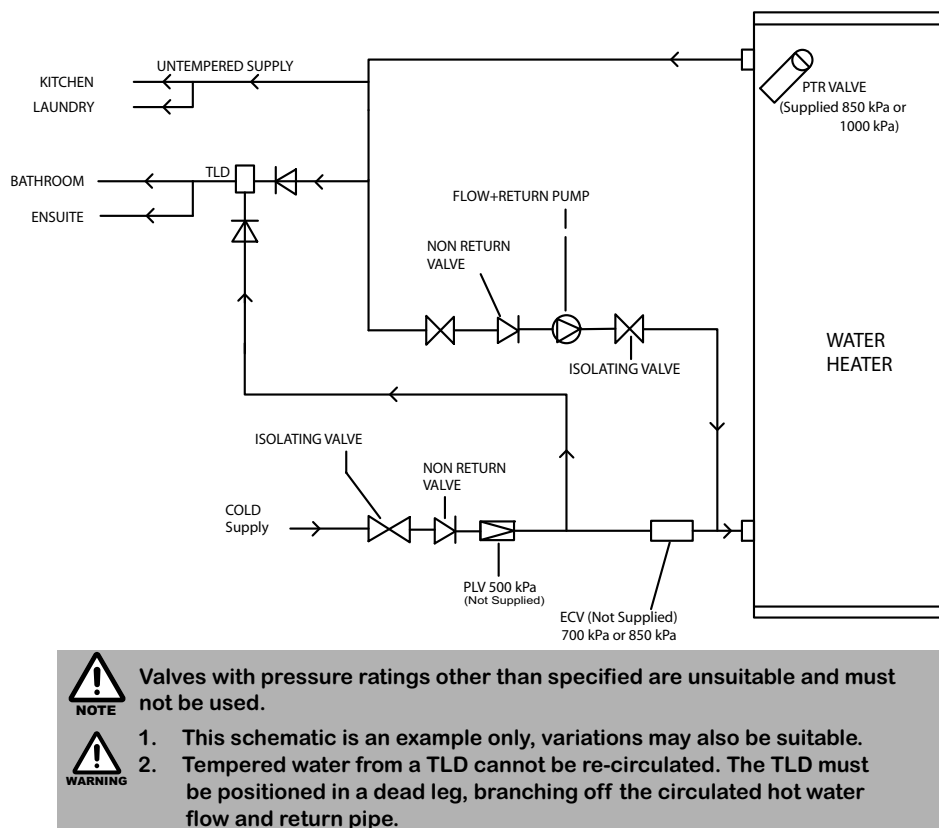
**Figure 3 - Hot Water Plumbing System Example - with Temperature Limiting Device (TLD)**



**Valves with pressure ratings other than specified are unsuitable & must not be used.**

**Figure 4 - Hot Water Plumbing Water Heater system Example - with Flow & Return Pipe Work**

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**Figure 5 - Hot Water Plumbing System Example with Flow and Return Pipe Work and TLD**

## WATER HEATER LOCATION

All Rinnai mains pressure electric storage hot water systems have an ingress protection rating of IPX4 making them suitable for internal or external installation.

The water heater should be placed as close as practicable to the most frequently used hot water outlet point or points to minimize the delay time for hot water delivery. This will usually be the kitchen tap. For installations where the distance between the water heater and the outlets is considerable, a flow and return system can be used which minimize the waiting time for hot water delivery.

It is recommended that the water heater is installed at ground or floor level. It must be installed in a vertically upright position. The water heater must be accessible without the use of a ladder or scaffold. It must not be installed in roof spaces.

Ensure the pressure and temperature pressure relief (PTR) valve, front covers, thermostats and heating elements have sufficient clearances and are accessible for service and removal. The information on the rating plates must also be readable. Leave adequate distance above the water heater (preferably the height of the water heater itself) so the sacrificial anode can be inspected and replaced via the top cover.

The water heater must be installed in freestanding mode on a level and stable base. For external installations, the water heater should be mounted on a concrete base at least 50 mm thick or on well seasoned, evenly spread hardwood slats with a thickness of at least 25 mm. Where property damage can occur as a result of water leakage, the water heater must be installed with a safe tray (overflow tray) and drain in accordance with AS/NZS 3500.4. Ensure the water heater does not stand on wet surfaces.

# GENERAL INSTALLATION

## WATER QUALITY

The water quality of most public supplies is suitable for the water heater. Water quality from bore wells is generally unsuitable. Refer to the 'Warranty Conditions' for water quality parameters and how they affect warranty. If in doubt about water quality, have it checked against the parameters listed in the warranty conditions.

In a scaling water supply, calcium carbonate and possibly other compounds are deposited out of the water onto any hot metallic surface and form a scale.

Scaling water is defined as having a total hardness in excess of 200 mg/litre (expressed as Calcium Carbonate) or a Saturation Index in excess of +0.4. Scale deposits may form onto the metallic surfaces of the PTR valve and may prevent it from operating properly. To prevent this, an expansion control valve (ECV) must be fitted on the cold water line after the non-return valve in areas of scaling water. ECVs must be fitted in South Australia and Western Australia to comply with local regulations.

Refer to the 'Warranty Conditions' for water quality parameters and how they affect warranty. If in doubt about water quality, have it checked against the parameters listed in the warranty conditions. If sludge or foreign matter is present in the water supply, a suitable strainer or filter should be incorporated in the water supply to the storage cylinder.

## Connection to a low pressure gravity or cylinder water supply

If the water heater is supplied by a low pressure gravity or cylinder water supply, the bottom of the supply cylinder must be at least one meter above the highest hot water outlet and care must be taken to avoid air locks. Pipe sizing and valve selection must be performed to allow for the water supply pressure.

## HOT WATER STORAGE AND DELIVERY TEMPERATURES

### Storage Temperature

AS/NZS 3500.4 conveys that hot water shall be stored at a minimum temperature of 60°C. The thermostat setting on the storage water heater has been factory pre-set to 65°C to meet this requirement. The thermostat temperature setting is adjustable to a maximum temperature setting of 75°C but this usually is not required.



- **The thermostat settings must only be adjusted by an Electrician or other suitably qualified trades person.**
- **The access cover to the element and thermostat must only be removed by an Electrician or other suitably qualified trades person.**
- **DANGER: The operation of the thermal cut-out indicates a possibly dangerous situation. DO NOT reset the thermal cut-out until the water heater has been serviced by a qualified person.**

### Sanitary Fixtures Delivery Temperature

Water temperatures over 50°C can cause severe scalds. Children, disabled and the elderly are at the highest risk or being scalded.

Local regulations and/or the requirements of AS/NZS 3500.4 must be considered regarding the temperature limitations of hot water supplied to areas used primarily for personal hygiene. The temperature of is limited to 45°C for early childhood centres primary and secondary schools and nursing homes or similar facilities for young, aged, sick or people with disabilities and 50°C for all other buildings. To comply with these requirements, a temperature limiting device, such as a tempering or thermostatic mixing valve, will be required on all 'new' installations.

Installers should explain to customers the merits of limiting the temperature of water supplied to areas used primarily for personal hygiene for installations which are not classified as 'new'.

**Figures 3 and 5** show the installation examples with Temperature Limiting Devices (TLD's).

### Water Pipes

All hot water pipe work should be insulated with Polythene foam or equivalent insulation to optimize performance and energy efficiency. Such insulation may also be mandatory under local regulations. Insulation must be weatherproof and UV resistant if exposed.

Water pipe sizing should be performed in accordance with AS/NZS 3500.4.

To prevent damage to the water heater when attaching pipe clips or saddles to the jacket, it is recommended that self drilling screws with a maximum length of 12mm are used. If drilling is required take extreme care not to penetrate the inner cylinder. Damage to the inner cylinder is **not** covered under warranty.

# GENERAL INSTALLATION

## Electrical Supply



Electrical connection must be carried out by a qualified person and in accordance with AS 3000 'Wiring Rules' and local authority requirements.

A water heater **not** fitted with a power cord & plug must have the heating element connected to an independent, fused, AC 240V 50 Hz power supply with an isolating switch installed at the switch board, which shall effectively isolate all active supply conductors from the circuit and means for disconnection must be incorporated in the fixed wiring in accordance with the wiring rules. Ensure the household wiring to the system is capable of withstanding the system electrical load (refer to Specifications - **Table 1** for electrical load details).

A water heater fitted with a power cord & plug must be plugged into a switched, AC 240V AC, 50 Hz mains power outlet rated at 10 Amps. A power cord is available for replacement. Please contact Rinnai Customer Care for part number.

The power supply to a single element model can be Off-Peak (overnight), Extended Off-Peak (overnight and day), or Continuous (day).

The power supply to a twin element model should be Off-peak (overnight) to bottom heating element and Continuous to the top heating element.

Check the available tariffs with the local electricity supplier. The Off-Peak (overnight) is usually the most economical for the customer.

## Valves and fittings

Valves & fittings supplied with water heater are placed in the Styrofoam packaging base during transit.

The pressure ratings of valves are shown in **Table 1**.

1. A combined Pressure & Temperature (PTR) Relief Valve (supplied). This valve is fitted at the top of the storage cylinder. The PTR valve is a safety device and it is mandatory that it is fitted by the installer in all installations.
2. Three brass plugs are supplied to plug the unused PTR, hot and cold connections.
3. A reducing bush is supplied to enable fitment of the  $\frac{3}{4}$ " PTR valve connection to the  $\frac{1}{2}$ " cylinder connection.
4. 500 kPa PLV is supplied with some models as listed in **Table 1**. It must be fitted if the Mains Pressure exceeds the limits shown in **Table 1**. If the mains pressure is within the limits shown in Table 1 fitment of the PLV is optional. However, it is recommended that the PLV is fitted in all installations as it aids water and energy conservation.
5. A cold water Expansion Control Valve (ECV) (not supplied) must be fitted in areas with a 'scaling' water supply, having a total hardness in excess of 200 mg/litre (expressed as Calcium Carbonate) or Saturation Index in excess of + 0.4 as detailed under Water Quality, if required. ECVs' must be fitted in South Australia and Western Australia to comply with local regulations. For pressure setting information refer **Table 1**.
6. A stop cock and non return valve (not supplied). Combination valves incorporating these functions (such as 'Duo' or 'Trio' valves) are suitable. These are fitted to the cold water supply to the water heater.
7. A temperature limiting device (not supplied), such as a tempering valve if required.



**Valves with pressure ratings other than those listed above must not be used.**

# GENERAL INSTALLATION

## PLUMBING CONNECTIONS

Refer to **Figure 1** for the location and specification of each plumbing connection to the water heater.

The water heater has 'dual handed' PTR valve, cold supply and hot outlet connections. The brass plugs (supplied) are used to plug unused connections.



**Models: HFE25S / HFE50S have foam caps supplied. These MUST be used to cover up these brass plugs to prevent heat losses.**

### PTR Valve Connection

The PTR Valve must be fitted before the water heater is operated. Before installation, ascertain that the probe is straight and undamaged. Seal the thread with Teflon tape - never use hemp.

Make certain the edge of the Teflon tape does not protrude past the end of the thread. Screw the reducing bush supplied into the fitting on the water heater marked PTR Valve, then screw the PTR valve into the reducing bush. Leave the valve outlet pointing down. Tighten the valve using the spanner flats - never use the valve body.

### Expansion Control Valve (ECV)

The expansion control valve (if used) must always be installed after the non return valve and be the last valve installed before the water heater (Refer to **Figures 2 - 5**).

### Drain Lines

Copper drain lines (½" or DN15) must be fitted to the PTR valve and ECV (if fitted). The water may drip from the discharge pipe of the pressure relief device and this must be left open to atmosphere. The length should be as short as possible on a continuous downward slope with no restrictions and is a frost-free environment. Length should not exceed 9 metres with no more than three right angle bends. In areas where water pipes are prone to freezing, drain lines must be insulated and not exceed 300mm in length. In this case the drain line must discharge into a tundish through an air gap of between 75mm and 150 mm.

The outlet of drain lines must be positioned so that they are readily visible but not cause injury, damage or nuisance.

## ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS



**The water heater must be filled with water prior to connection to the power supply.**



**Disconnect all power prior to installation and commissioning. This appliance is designed for single phase 240 Volts, AC mains electrical operation. All electrical connections must be made by an authorised person and must comply with all local electrical supply regulations and AS/NZS 3000.**

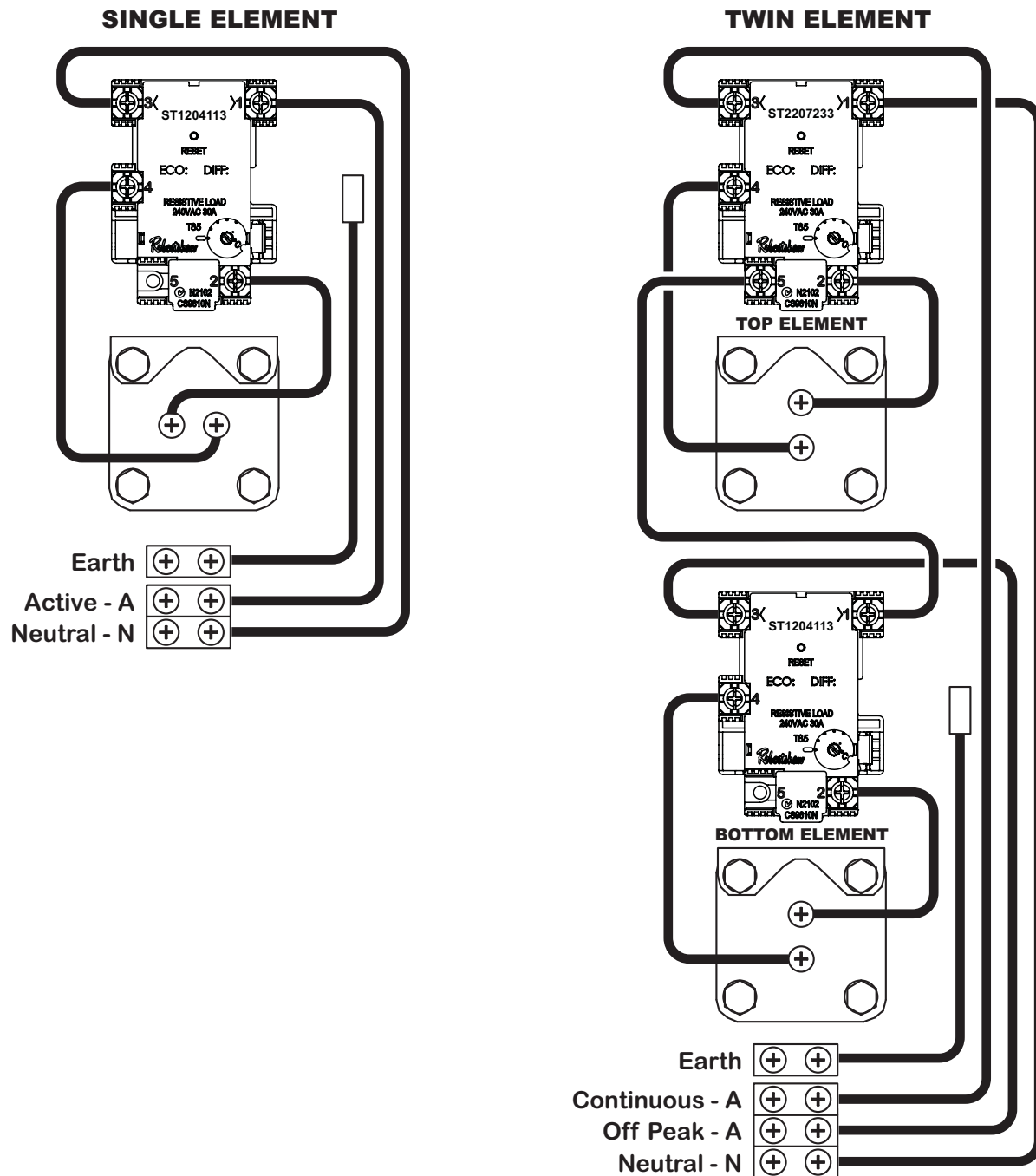


**The household wiring to the heater must be capable of withstanding the appliance load.**

Electrical access is via a 20 mm hole beneath the element cover for mounting with an approved weatherproof electrical conduit nipple. For entry to the element cover remove the two fixing screws. Connect all ACTIVE and NEUTRAL wires in accordance with the wiring diagram which is also included at the rear of the element access cover. Ensure the incoming EARTH wire is securely fixed to the earth post provided on the heater case. Inspect and ensure that all wiring links are secure prior to fixing the access cover and turning the POWER ON.

To ensure the Over-temperature and Energy Cutout is set, press the (red) 'reset' button on the Thermostat.

## GENERAL INSTALLATION



**Figure 6 - Single and Twin Elements Wiring Diagrams**

## Thermostat Setting

The thermostat is adjustable from 60°C to 75°C. Turning the adjustment knob anticlockwise decreases the temperature setting and turning it clockwise increases the temperature setting. Rinnai advice that the thermostat be set at 65°C, this temperature is sufficient for most users. **Ensure the power supply is switched OFF before removing the access cover to the element and thermostat.**



- The access cover to the element and thermostat must only be removed by an Electrician or other suitably qualified trades person.
- The thermostat setting must only be adjusted by an electrician or other suitably qualified trades person.
- After adjustment, press the (red) 'Reset' Button on the thermostats to ensure the over-temperature and energy cut-out is set.



# COMMISSIONING

Commissioning and draining activities must be carried out by an authorised person.

## To fill and turn 'ON' the water heater



- **Do not switch on the electric power supply until the water heater is filled completely with water.**

- Open all hot water taps in the house, including the shower.
- Open the cold water isolation valve to water heater. Air will now be forced out of the taps.
- Close each tap when water runs freely without air bubbles.
- Check all plumbing connections and pipe work for water leaks.
- Switch on the electric power supply.

## To turn 'OFF' the water heater

It may be necessary to turn off a water heater after installation and commissioning, for example during building activities or if the premises are vacant.

To turn 'OFF' the water heater:

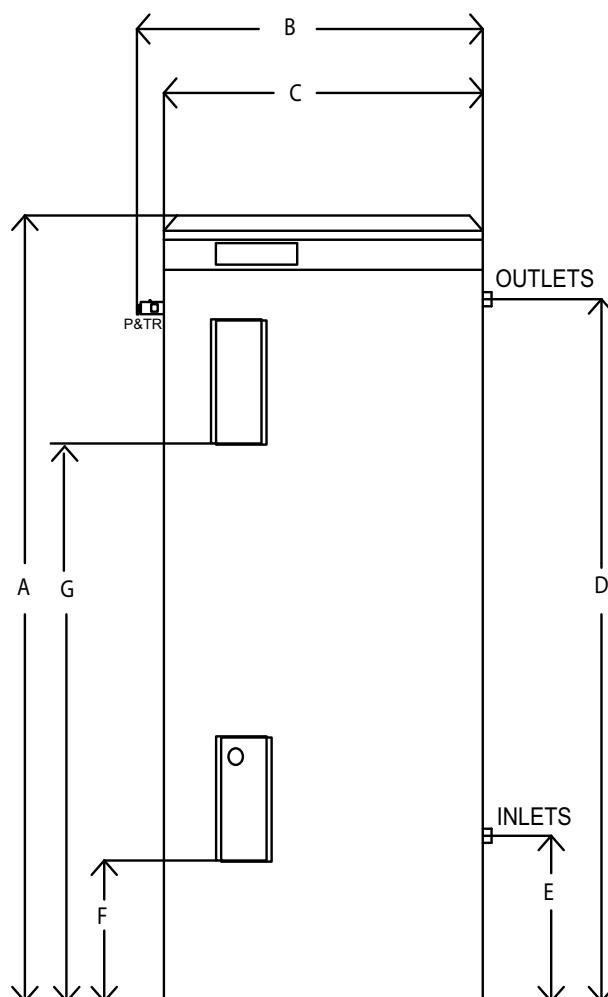
- Switch off the electricity supply at the isolating switch to the water heater.
- Unplug the power supply cord from the power outlet (only for models fitted with power supply cord).
- Close the cold water isolation valve at the inlet to the water heater.

## Draining

To drain the water heater:

- Turn off the water heater.
- Close all hot water taps.
- Operate the PTR valve release - gently. Operating the PTR valve release will relieve the pressure in the water heater.
- Undo the cold water inlet union. Attach a hose to the water heater side of the union. Let the other end of the hose go to a drain.
- Operate the PTR valve again. This allows air into the water heater and will result in water draining through the hose.

# SPECIFICATIONS



**Figure 7 - Dimensional Drawing**

**All Dimensions are in (mm)**

Models	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
HFE25S	452	490	415	297	153	80	-
HFE50S	694	490	415	524	158	80	-
HFE80S	900	590	515	683	225	155	-
HFE125S	1245	590	515	1020	225	155	-
HFE160S	1530	590	515	1310	225	155	-
HFE200S	1825	590	515	1605	225	155	-
HFE250SSL	1475	700	625	1215	90	50	-
HFE315SSL	1762	700	625	1430	90	50	-
HFE400S	1820	760	685	1512	260	155	-
HFE160T	1530	590	515	1310	225	155	946
HFE250T	1475	700	625	1215	90	50	978
HFE315T	1762	700	625	1430	90	50	1193
HFE400T	1820	760	685	1512	260	155	1224

# SPECIFICATIONS

Model No's.	Rated Capacity/Hot Water Delivery (L)	Heating Elements Available Watts (W) - UPPER	Heating Elements Available Watts (W) - BOTTOM	Cylinder Rated Pressure (kPa)	PTR Valve Pressure Rating (kPa)	Expansion Control Valve (ECV) Pressure Rating (kPa)	ECV FITTED		ECV NOT FITTED		Thermostat setting (Max)	Hot&Cold Water Connections	Ingress Protection Rating (AS 1939)	Electrical power cord length (metres)
							Fit Pressure Limiting Valve (PLV) if mains pressure exceeds: (kPa)	Recommended Pressure Limiting Valve (PLV) Pressure Rating (kPa)	Fit Pressure Limiting Valve (PLV) if mains pressure exceeds: (kPa)	Recommended Pressure Limiting Valve (PLV) Pressure Rating (kPa)				
HFE25S18P HFE25S24P HFE25S36 HFE25S48	25	-	1800 2400 3600 4800											
HFE40S18 HFE40S24 HFE40S36 HFE40S48	40	-	1800 2400 3600 4800											
HFE50S18P HFE50S24P HFE50S36 HFE50S48	50	-	1800 2400 3600 4800											
HFE80S18 HFE80S24 HFE80S36 HFE80S48	80	-	1800 2400 3600 4800											
HFE125S18 HFE125S24 HFE125S36 HFE125S48	125	-	1800 2400 3600 4800											
HFE160S18 HFE160S24 HFE160S36 HFE160S48	160	-	1800 2400 3600 4800											
HFE160T18 HFE160T24 HFE160T36 HFE160T48	160	1800 2400 3600 4800												
HFE200S24 HFE200S36 HFE200S48	200	-	2400 3600 4800											
HFE250SSL36 HFE250SSL48	250	-	3600 4800											
HFE250T36 HFE250T48	250	3600 4800												
HFE315SSL36 HFE315SSL48	315	-	3600 4800											
HFE315T36 HFE315T48	315	3600 4800												
HFE400SS36 HFE400SS48	400	-	3600 4800											
HFE400T36 HFE400T48	400	3600 4800												

Note: <sup>(1)</sup> A 500 kPa PLV is supplied with HFE40S, HFE400S or HFE400T. It is not supplied with other models. A PLV must be fitted if the Mains Pressure exceeds the limits shown. If the mains pressure is within the limits shown fitment of the PLV is optional. However, it is recommended that the PLV is fitted in all installations as it aids water and energy conservation.

Legend:	Example:			
	HF - Hotflo	E - Electric Cylinder	25 - Rated Capacity of cylinder	18 - First two digits of heating element rating eg: 18 = 1800 Watts
HFE 25 S 18P				
HFE 160 T 18	HF - Hotflo	E - Electric Cylinder	160 - Rated Capacity of the cylinder	18 - First two digits of heating element rating eg: 18 = 1800 Watts

Table 1 - Specifications

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