



# **308 Series Heated Regulator**

## **INSTALLATION AND OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS**

This Equipment is intended to be installed and operated by trained personnel.

**Before Installing or Operating, Read and Comply with These Instructions**

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## **USER RESPONSIBILITY**

This equipment will perform in conformity with the description thereof contained in this manual and accompanying labels and/or inserts when installed, operated, maintained, and repaired in accordance with the instructions provided. This equipment must be checked periodically. Defective equipment should not be used. Parts that are broken, missing, worn, distorted or contaminated, should be replaced immediately. Should such repair or replacement become necessary, CONCOA recommends that a telephone or written request for service advice be made to CONCOA Customer Service in Virginia Beach, Virginia, PHONE: 1-800-225-0473, FAX: 1-757-422-3125, or E-MAIL: e-mail@concoa.com.

This equipment or any of its parts should not be altered without prior written approval by CONCOA. The user of this equipment shall have the sole responsibility for any malfunction that results from improper use, faulty maintenance, damage, improper repair, or alteration by anyone other than CONCOA or a service facility designated by CONCOA.

## **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

In the event of equipment failure, call CONCOA Customer Service. Please be prepared to provide the model number and serial number of the equipment involved, in addition to some details regarding its application.

## **GENERAL SAFETY PRACTICES**

Specific procedures for the safe use of this equipment are listed below.

- a. The Regulator relief valve protects only the Regulator and is not intended to protect any other equipment. Be sure the equipment with which it is used is also protected by relief device(s) if such equipment can not withstand full cylinder pressure.
- b. Never use the Regulator for gases other than labeled. It is designed to withstand 3000 psig maximum inlet pressure.
- c. All connections to the Regulator must be clean. Remove dirt or other foreign matter from the Regulator and metal connecting parts with a clean lint free cloth. Be sure to use a new gasket for each installation when a gasket is used.

**CAUTION**  
**VAPORS OF TRICHLOROETHANE**  
**AND SIMILAR SOLVENTS CAN BE HARMFUL**

Provide sufficient ventilation to prevent toxic accumulation in breathing air. Avoid prolonged or repeated breathing of vapor or contact with skin. Do not take internally.

- d. Never pressurize a Regulator that has loose or damaged parts or is in questionable condition. Never loosen a connection or attempt to remove a part until gas pressure has been relieved. Under pressure, gas can dangerously propel a loose part.
- e. Before transporting a cylinder that is not secured on a cart suitable for such transport, remove the Regulator and recap the cylinder.
- f. Stand on one side of outlet of cylinder valve or Regulator when opening valve.

## **INTRODUCTION**

This manual provides installation, operation, and service information for the Model 308 Series electrically heated single-stage Regulators. These Regulators have metal diaphragms which make them ideal for general laboratory uses as well as pressure control devices for critical analytical procedures. Generally, these regulators are used for handling both Carbon Dioxide and Nitrous Oxide.

Either Regulator is used for nonsiphon cylinder service. It is a regulation device used in furnace blanketing, purging, shrink fitting, atomic absorption and other applications requiring high, steadily-maintained gas flows.

The Regulator has a 115-volt 1.3 amp or 220-volt .65 amp heating system consisting of three 50-watt heating cartridges, a thermostat to provide automatic temperature control, and a safety thermostat cutout.

## **INSTALLATION**

- a. Observe the precautions listed in the SAFETY Section.
- b. Connect the Regulator to the cylinder valve outlet, checking that the washer, if required, is in good condition and is in place.

- c. This equipment has been supplied with a 3-wire cord and may require the addition of a plug for 220v units.

### CAUTION

**To guard against potential shock and fire hazard: Always use a grounded plug and protect the circuit with a suitable fuse or circuit breaker.**

- d. Plug the Regulator line cord into a grounded receptacle. The heaters draw a total load of 150 watts.
- e. Connect downstream equipment hose to the outlet. Slightly open equipment gas valve. Then slowly open cylinder valve and purge line to discharge contaminants. Close equipment valve several seconds after pure gas starts to flow from equipment. Open cylinder valve fully and the required gas flow is ready for use.
- f. Close the cylinder valve and unplug the line cord from the supply receptacle whenever the Regulator is not in use.
- g. Before making any electrical connections test all pressure connections for leaks by applying an approved leak detected solution.

## OPERATION

### To Adjust Flow Rate or Pressure

- a. With gas flowing at downstream end, slowly turn Regulator adjusting screw clockwise until desired pressure is shown on operating gauge.
- b. To reduce flow rate or pressure, turn adjusting screw counterclockwise while allowing gas to flow from downstream valve.

### To Shut Down

- a. Close cylinder valve.
- b. Open downstream valve to drain lines.
- c. Close downstream valve, and unplug the line cord.

# **SERVICE**

## **General**

A unit which is not functioning properly should not be used until all required repairs have been completed and the unit has been tested to ascertain that it is in proper operating order.

### **IMPORTANT**

**Checking or repair of this equipment, limited to replacement of nonpressurized external parts such as electrical components, may ordinarily be undertaken by a competent individual having experience in the maintenance and repair of equipment of this nature. No such checking or repair should ever be undertaken or attempted by anyone not having such qualifications.**

**Shut down and unplug and disconnect Regulator from cylinder or pipeline before starting maintenance or repair.**

**Handle the Regulator carefully. Observe “IMPORTANT” above, “User Responsibilities” section of manual (page 2) and applicable precautions in SAFETY Section at front. In case of malfunction, return Regulator for repair to the nearest CONCOA designated repair location, as special tools, tests, and techniques are required.**

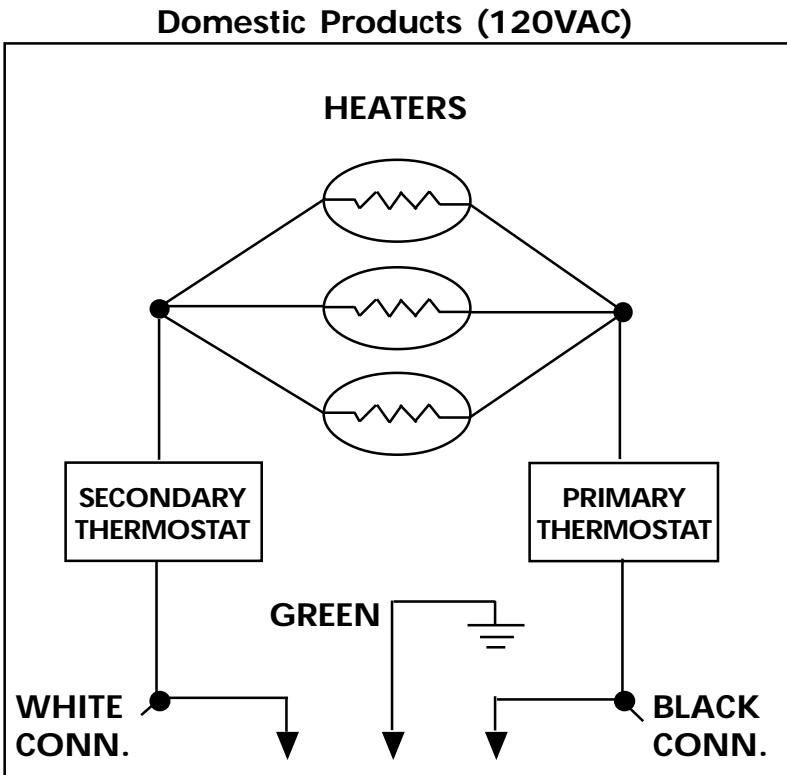
### **CAUTION**

It is recommended that all servicing be done by a service facility authorized by CONCOA. Contact the CONCOA Customer Service Department in Virginia Beach or the nearest CONCOA District Sales Office for assistance.

If so advised, the unit should be sent to a service facility authorized by CONCOA, adequately packaged, in the original shipping container if possible, and shipped prepaid, with a statement of observed deficiency. The gas service that the equipment has been subjected to must be clearly identified. All equipment must be purged before shipment to protect the transporter and service personnel. The purging is especially important if the equipment has been in hazardous or corrosive gas service. Return trip transportation charges are to be paid by Buyer. In all cases other than where warranty is applicable, repairs will be made at current list price for the replacement part(s) plus a reasonable labor charge.

## Good Maintenance Practice

- When using a vise or wrench, use only enough pressure to hold the Regulator. Be careful not to scar or distort the body, threads, or other parts.
- Clean parts to remove dirt before reassembling (GENERAL SAFETY PRACTICES, step d).
- Test Regulator for leaks before using. Test regularly between uses.



*Figure 1. Wiring Diagram*

## European Models (220VAC)

Black = Blue  
White = Brown  
Green = Yellow

# Trouble Shooting

## Symptoms

## Probable Cause

1. With no flow through the system (downstream valves closed and cylinder valve open) working pressure increasing steadily above set pressure (use test gauge if necessary).

1. Leak across the seat

2. Gas leakage from spring case

2. Loose case or damaged diaphragm

### Gauge:

3. Gas leakage from gauge

3. Damaged gauge

4. Gauge does not return to zero

4. Damaged gauge

5. Gauge does not consistently repeat reading

5. Damaged gauge

6. Gas leakage from any joint

6. Damaged or loose connection (fittings, gauges, or spring case)

7. Excessive drop in working pressure

7. Worn or sticking internal parts; Internal flow obstruction; Dirty inlet gland filter; Cylinder or upstream valve not fully opened.

8. Gas leakage from relief valve

8. Faulty valve; Seat leak

9. Inadequate heat

9. One or two heaters burned out\*

10. No heat

10. Lack of power; Faulty thermostat(s)

\*Check resistance across power leads (Figure1). With all heaters functioning, resistance should be 88 ohms. With two heaters functioning, resistance should be 132 ohms. And with only one heater functioning, resistance should be 256 ohms.

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