Robertshaw Millivolt Troubleshooting Guide Gas Products

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Electromagnet power unit (EPU) testing

Set meter to Ohms for this test

To take an Ohms reading on a safety magnet, remove EPU wire from the valve. Place one meter lead to the EPU wire spade and one to TP

Good reading is **0 to 13 Ohms**. If the reading is higher, magnet is defective therefore *Change the Valve - Do not try to repair*.



Good Reading



Thermopile Millivolt Check

Symptom - Intermittent shutdown or main burner will not light with on/off switch.

Set meter to Volts DC / Millivolts
Place on lead to TP/TH & TP

Thermopile Output- <u>MAIN BURNER OFF</u>: 325 mv minimum required for system to operate consistently. If lower than 325 mv, **change the**

thermopile.





Thermopile Millivolt Check

Symptom - Intermittent shutdown or main burner will not light with on/off switch.

Thermopile Output- <u>MAIN BURNER ON:</u> 110 mv minimum required for system to operate consistently. If lower than 110 mv, conduct valve operating head test. If valve proves good, change the thermopile.





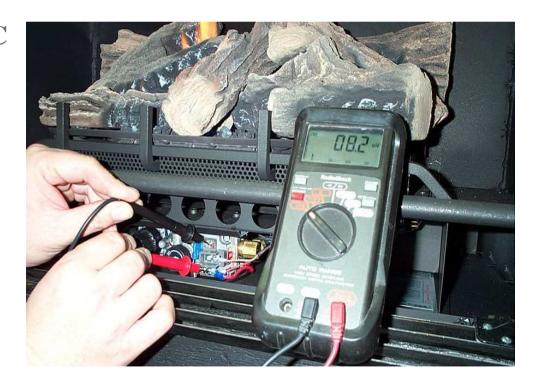
Circuit Millivolt Check

Symptom - Intermittent shutdown or main burner will not light with on/off switch.

The Thermopile, energized by the pilot flame, generates sufficient power to operate the gas valve and on/off switch.

Voltage drop across the switch terminals **Burner on:** 35 mv or less.

Set meter to MV or Volts DC
Place one lead to TP/TH and
place one lead to TH



*If higher than 35mv check connections and switch.



Valve Operating Head Test

- Symptom Intermittent shutdown or main burner fails when burner switch or thermostat is turned on.
- Before conducting this test, disconnect all leads from valve.
 Set meter to Ohms for this test.

One lead to TH/TP and one to TP

0 - 10.9 Ohms Good

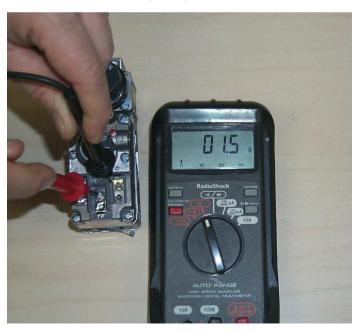
Infinite ohms (bad)



One lead to TP and one to TH

1.5 - 1.7 Ohms Good

Infinite ohms (bad)





Circuit Millivolt Check

Symptom - Intermittent shutdown or main burner will not light with on/off switch.

The Thermopile, energized by the pilot flame, generates sufficient power to operate the gas valve and on/off switch.

Set meter to Ohms

Place one lead to each spade switch in <u>on</u> position



*If higher than 0.3 ohms replace switch