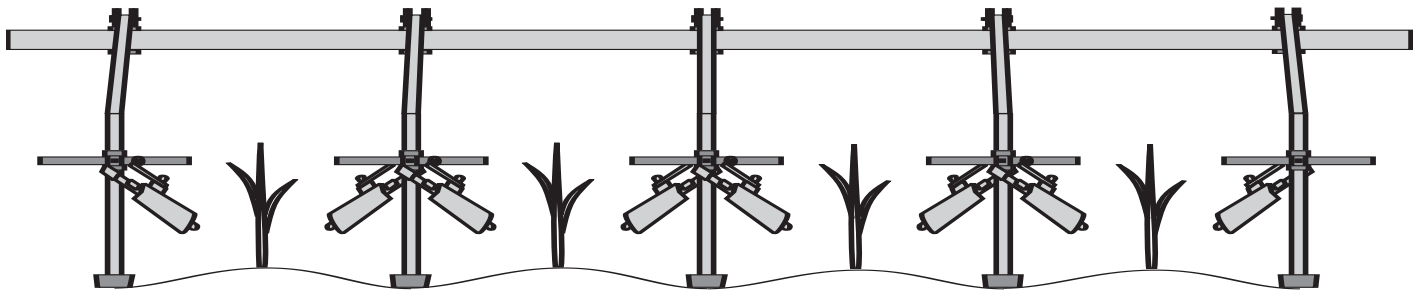




# Red Dragon Row Crop Flamer Kit

With Skid Style Tool Bar Legs



**Owners Manual**

(For Kit Numbers 2-RKS, 4-RKS, 6-RKS, 8-RKS and 12-RKS)

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# Flame Cultivation History

In 1938 an Alabama farmer had an idea. Price McLemore discovered that the flame from a kerosene burner would destroy the weeds in his cotton and corn. A machine was assembled and several acres of Mr. McLemore's corn and cotton were flame cultivated.

This first known attempt at flame cultivation from a tractor mounted unit consisted of two kerosene burners per row on a two row unit. The fuel tank was pressurized with a bicycle pump which would supply the necessary fuel to the four self-generating burners. This must have been quite a site to the neighboring farmers as he drove the tractor with one hand and pumped like crazy with the other hand. It was crude but very effective.

For several years Mr. McLemore attempted to arouse interest in his process by presenting it to agricultural research institutions and experiment stations. Most of his efforts were met with disbelief and laughter.

Finally, in 1942 Louisiana State University began experimenting with flame weeding in sugar cane, under the direction of Dr. H. T. Barr. The Delta Branch Experiment Station included flame cultivation in their 1943 cotton weed control project, and in 1944 they began work with corn and soybeans. Results of these experiments were very promising, especially in cotton, and generated a great deal of interest among farmers in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Arkansas. It is estimated that by 1946 there were at least 1,000 flame cultivators in the cotton fields of the Mississippi Delta.

Soon after, the International Harvester Company began researching flame cultivation and developed an improved cast iron burner. The burner produced a relatively flat, fan shaped flame which improved the coverage area as the unit moved through the crop rows. This project was later abandoned due to a corporate decision.

One of the next developments in flame cultivation was the addition of a third burner, sometimes under a hood, to control the weeds and grass between the rows. This, however, was not universally accepted, according to J.W. Gotcher, Sr., President of Gotcher Engineering and Manufacturing Co., an early manufacturer of flaming equipment. "Most growers were of the opinion that it was necessary to stir the soil at regular intervals throughout much of the growing season for maximum plant growth and production" he said. The third burner technique eventually became more popular when frequent rains caused the fields to be too wet to cultivate in the conventional manner.

It is estimated that by 1960, 15,000 flaming units were in use. Most flamers were used in the cotton fields, a smaller amount were used in corn and soybeans. About this same time interest was growing in the practice of nonselective flaming of mint and alfalfa.

In the years that followed, research has proven that flame cultivation can be used on 30 to 40 different crops. Although extensive research has been conducted with corn, cotton, and soybeans, many other crops such as castorbeans, blueberries, strawberries, radish, lettuce, potatoes, asparagus, grapes, fruit trees, and the Australian tea tree have all been successfully flame cultivated. Recent innovations such as more efficient burners and more reliable electric and manual control valves have made flame cultivation safer and more adaptable.

# General Row Crop Flaming Information

Flaming was a very popular practice on corn, cotton and other row crops prior to the introduction of herbicides and pesticides (see Row Crop Flamer History page 2). In fact, so much research was performed in the first half of this century that flaming was fast-becoming the primary method of weed control in cotton. So, why did it nearly disappear, only to reappear in the 1990s? Were it not for the abundance of cheap herbicides in the 1960s and early 1970s (and the relatively high price of LP at the time), flaming may very well have gone on to become “the” method of controlling weeds and grasses in the crop row. Due to recent high costs and the environmental issues associated with chemicals, flaming is making a very successful comeback across the country and abroad.

The recent rebound began in the food industry where growers began to see premiums for crops raised naturally. Farmers from all areas now realize the economic advantages and the flexibility flaming allows in a wide variety of crops. In fact, many crops are so resilient to flame weeding that there is almost no noticeable effect to the plant. Taking the matter to extremes in a recent university study, researchers actually over-flamed a surplus test plot of established milo at 1 1/2 m.p.h. The leaves of the milo were damaged and eventually turned white, however, this same crop yielded comparatively to unflamed plants in the same plot. While we do not recommend overexposing your crops, this does illustrate an important aspect of flaming. When lower leaves are singed the plant puts all of its energy toward saving the upper leaves which are primarily responsible for grain, boll or fruit production. Roots remain undamaged and higher yields are often the result.

By staggering torches and flaming at the base of the crop, most leaves are not exposed and each plant receives only a split second of intense heat. Small weeds and grasses die almost instantly due to the expansion of cell tissues. Larger weeds die or are severely stunted, allowing the hardier row crop to shade out competitive weeds and grasses. In addition, you may reenter the field to pick up stragglers at a much more affordable rate than chemical and without risk to the crop.

It is not necessary to burn the weeds to a crisp, but rather raise the temperature in the plant fibers to injure cell structure. This will destroy the plant’s ability to take in moisture and will, in a very short time, cause the plant to wither and die. Because the crops are green and growing there is very little smoke. The amount of time in which the flame must be in contact with the weed will vary with type and size, but in most cases 1/10 of a second is adequate. Smaller, more tender plants are much more susceptible to flaming than mature growth, therefore, the crop should be larger than the weeds or grass to be controlled. Some plants are more resistant than others to the flaming. For this reason, speed, torch angle, fuel pressure and other variables should be considered when preparing to flame.

When adjusting the torch, apply enough heat to destroy the weeds and grass without causing damage to the crop. There will be some stress to the plant, however it should recover in a very short period of time.

Initially, set the torch at an angle of 45 to 30 degrees horizontal, with burners 4 to 10 inches from the crop and a pressure of 65 PSI. Tractor speed will range from 3 to 6 m.p.h. Generally the torches are staggered which allows one flame to move through the row and not collide with the opposite flame. By directing flame into the crop row from both sides, more complete coverage and faster ground speeds are possible.

Many weeds and grasses that adversely effect crops can be successfully controlled with flame cultivation, however this method should not be considered a complete cure-all. Flaming has sometimes been considered a last resort, when other methods have failed. When the weeds have become too large or too prevalent to control with other methods, flaming may not be totally effective either.

If there is weed pressure before planting, a broadcast flaming can be used. It may require turning the torches to the back and spacing from side to side so that it will not leave streaks.

Quite a number of crops have the ability to regrow flamed off tops of young plants. Onions, corn, grain sorghums, potatoes, and other crops may be flamed if the early stand is heavily pressured by weed population. As these crops emerge from the soil they can be flamed to control weeds as long as the “live point” of the plant is below the ground. If the plant is at the stage it will come back.

It is important to remember that flaming can be used for weed and grass control, and also for insect control. It has proven to be extremely effective in controlling the alfalfa weevil and the Colorado potato beetle.

# Red Dragon Row Crop Flaming Kit Parts List

(For kits with skid style tool bar legs. Kit Numbers **2-RKS, 4-RKS, 6-RKS, 8-RKS** and **12-RKS.**)

Check Off List	Part Number	*Reference Letter	Part Description	QTY 2-RKS	QTY 4-RKS	QTY 6-RKS	QTY 8-RKS	QTY 12-RKS
	KU-5	B	Torch Bar	4	8	12	16	24
	RU-10	C	Torch Bracket w/set screws	3	5	7	9	13
	RU-11	F	Tool Bar Bracket w/bolts	3	5	7	9	13
	G-20	J	Retaining Pin	3	5	7	9	13
	HP2S	G	1/4" LPG Hose 2'	4	8	12	16	24
	V-326	K	Ball Valve	3	5	7	9	13
	RU-9	L	Skid Plate with 7/16 x 3 1/2" Bolt & Lock Nut	3	5	7	9	13
	RU-5	E	Tool Bar Skid Leg with brass fittings	3	5	7	9	13
		A	Liquid Torch	4	8	12	16	24
	LT-6	D	LPS Bracket on Torch	4	8	12	16	24
	100-117-012	H	1/4" x 6" Nipple	4	8	12	16	24
	F-776*	I	Female x Male Flared Fitting	4	8	12	16	24
	HP65T		1/4" LPG Hose 5 1/2'				1	4
	HP8S		1/4" LPG Hose 8'			5	4	3
	HP10TS		1/4" LPG Hose 10'	3	3	2	2	2
	HP14S		1/4" LPG Hose 14'		2		2	4
	CS601-2-4		Control Box w/Switches (2 & 4 Row Kits)	1	1			
	CS601-6-8-12		Control Box w/Switches (6, 8 & 12 Row Kits)			1	1	1
	C 12 WP		Control Assembly	1				
	C 14 WP		Control Assembly		1			
	C 16 WP		Control Assembly			1		
	C 18 WP		Control Assembly				1	
	C 112 WP		Control Assembly					1
			<b>Assembly Packet</b>	1	1	1	1	1
			<i>Packet Includes</i>					
			Slick-Tite Thread Compound					
			Zip Ties					
	L2002*		Spark Lighter	1	1	1	1	1
			T-Wrench	1	1	1	1	1
	K-7		Mounting Bracket	3	3	4	4	4
	LD-1		Leak Detector	1	1	1	1	1

\*Reference Letter to Tool Bar with Skid Leg Assembly Diagram on Page 10

# Red Dragon Row Crop Flamer Kit Assembly Instructions

(For kits with skid style tool bar legs. Kit Numbers **2-RKS**, **4-RKS**, **6-RKS**, **8-RKS** and **12-RKS**.)

## IMPORTANT!

**Always start with a clean LP-Tank & use a fuel strainer!**

*Refer to assembly drawings on pages 12-20 in addition to the following instructions.*

1. Unpack all parts and check against parts list. Refer to illustrations for part numbers and positions.
2. Lay out the Tool Bar Brackets (**RU-11**). Mark, on the tool bar, the centers of your field rows (up to 36" on center). As you face the tool bar the U-shaped tool bar bracket is placed on the tool bar so the bolt holes are towards you. Bolt with provided bracket bolts, lock-washers, and nuts in the anticipated position. Some adjustment may be required in the field. You will have one more Tool Bar Bracket (**RU-11**) than the rows you will cover. These leg assemblies are identical except for the outside row assemblies which contain only one Torch Bar (**KU-5**) and one hose.
3. Lay out the Skid Legs (**RU-5**). Inside legs have a tee on the bottom and outside legs have a coupling. The top of the skid leg is recognizable by the curved out nipple. Place the skid in the yoke of the Tool Bar Bracket (**RU-11**). Align the bolt hole in the leg with the furthest bolt hole in the yoke. Slide 7/16" x 3 1/2" bolt through and tighten with lock-washer and nut. **DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN!** The bolt hole nearest to you will be used to pin the skid legs up into a locked position with a G-20 retaining pin.
4. Lay out the rest of the parts by the appropriate legs.
5. Lift the Skid Leg (**RU-5**) and slide the Torch Bracket (**RU-10**) up from the bottom of the leg about 10 inches and secure by tightening the set screw. The guides for the Torch Bar (**KU-5**) will be parallel with the tool bar.
6. Assemble the Skid Plate (**RU-9**) onto the Skid Leg (**RU-5**) so the short side is facing the front and secure with the 7/16" x 3 1/2" bolts and lock-nuts. **DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN!**
7. Slide the long leg of the Torch Bar (**KU-5**) into each guide of the Torch Bracket (**RU-10**) and position so that one short leg faces forward and the other faces toward the rear. The outside legs will only have one.
8. Position one Liquid Torch at every Torch Bar (**KU-5**). Insert a Pipe Nipple and Flared Brass Fitting with pipe compound or teflon® tape into each torch and tighten. Position a LPS Bracket (**LT-6**), flat side to torch, onto the torches and secure with nuts and lock washers.
9. Slide the LPS Bracket (**LT-6**) onto the short leg of the Torch Bar (**KU-5**). Adjust the torch to an angle approximately 30-45° to the ground and tighten the set screws. The torch should be approximately 7-10 inches from the crop row. These adjustments may need to be fine tuned in the field and may vary from crop to crop and field to field.
10. Install a 2 foot hose (**HP-2S**) from the brass fitting on the Bottom of the Stainless Steel Gas line welded to the Skid Leg (**RU-5**) using pipe compound or teflon® tape to the Brass Fitting on the Pipe Nipple (no pipe compound or tape needed). Repeat for each torch.

11. Locate the Control Head Assembly (See Parts List for Part Numbers) as near the left side of the tool bar as possible using Mounting Brackets (**K-7**) and select hoses of the appropriate length to reach from the Control Head Assembly to Brass Fitting on the top of the Stainless Steel Gas Line welded to the Skid Leg. These hoses should not be stretched tight, kinked, or placed where abrasions may be encountered. See hose chart below.

12. **12 ROW KIT:** Starting with the left control assembly looking forward, number the holes of the manifold from left to right (counter clockwise) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Hole number 3 should be the first of the three holes on the cross. Number the ports in the right manifold in the same manner 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. Hole number 10 should be plugged and hole number 12 should be the first of the three holes on the cross.

**8 ROW KIT:** Starting with the left control assembly looking forward, number the holes of the manifold from left to right (counter clockwise) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Hole number 3 should be plugged. Number the ports in the right manifold in the same manner 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.

**6 ROW KIT:** Starting with the left control assembly looking forward, number the holes of the manifold from left to right (counter clockwise) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Hole number 3 should be plugged. Number the ports of the right control assembly cross in the same manner, 6, 7, 8.

**4 ROW KIT:** Number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

**2 ROW KIT:** Number 1, 2, 3.

13. Attach hoses as follows being sure to apply Teflon tape or pipe compound (LP Gas approved) to each taper threaded connection. It is not necessary to use pipe compound on flare type fittings.

<b>Burner Supply Hose Lengths in Feet</b>						
Position	2-RK	4-RK	6-RK	8-RK	12-RK	
1	10	14	10	14	14	
2	10	10	8	10	14	
3	10	10	PLUG	PLUG	5 1/2	
4	NA	10	8	8	5 1/2	
5	NA	14	8	8	8	
6	NA	NA	8	8	10	
7	NA	NA	8	5 1/2	10	
8	NA	NA	10	8	8	
9	NA	NA	NA	10	8	
10	NA	NA	NA	14	5 1/2	
11	NA	NA	NA	NA	5 1/2	
12	NA	NA	NA	NA	14	
13	NA	NA	NA	NA	14	

14. Tighten all connections securely being sure you have at least 3 threads in the connection (3 complete revolutions).

15. Route hoses to Skid Legs in sequence. Number one port would be the left most torch position. Number 2 would be the next position to the right and so on. Tighten swivels on hoses to Flare Fittings on Skid Leg. No teflon or pipe thread compound necessary.



16. A fuel strainer and solenoid is included with your Red Dragon Row Crop Flamer Kit (See Drawing for 2, 4, 6 or 8 row). This should be mounted as near to the supply tank as possible. Be sure to observe the flow direction arrow (or instructions).
17. Next route the main supply hose from the strainer and solenoid to the control head or heads. Tighten flare fitting securely. No pipe tape or compound is necessary at the flare fittings.
18. Shut off bypass valve on control head by turning clockwise until completely closed.  
**DO NOT ATTACH ELECTRICAL WIRE ASSEMBLY AT THIS TIME.**

### **CAUTION:**

**Protect all tank valves, fittings, hose connections etc... Rollover protection is a must. ALL procedures from this point on should be done outside or in a well ventilated area.**

### **IMPORTANT:**

#### **START WITH A CLEAN TANK (We recommend only new tanks)**

**Always begin with a NEW, clean, purged, liquid tank. This equipment requires the tank to be equipped with top mounted liquid and vapor withdrawal valves. Always perform the Methanol Injection Process, as described in this manual, before filling the tank with LP-Gas. Use clean fuel to avoid line/torch blockage.**

19. Open supply tank valve slowly, about one turn. Listen for leaks. If a leak is heard **Shut Off Fuel Supply Tank IMMEDIATELY**. Correct all leaks by tightening, replacing or adding pipe tape or compound or replacing the leaking part. If no leak is heard, open tank valve completely and check all connections for leaks with soapy water or a commercial leak detector. This test will check all connections up to the first solenoid valve. Correct all leaks by tightening, replacing or adding pipe tape or compound or replacing the leaking part. This electrical system is designed for a 12 volt negative ground. Adjust regulator to 20 psi to test for leaks.
20. Shut off gas and hook-up shut down switch (**CS-601**) to a 12 volt battery. White wire to ground and black to positive. Run wires down to solenoids. Shorter wire to the master solenoid by the strainer and the longer ones to the solenoid on the control head. (The 6 and 8 Row Unit will have two longer ones going to the two control heads)
21. Make sure toggle switch is in off position. Open tank valve completely. Press master switch button (Red). Red light should come on. Test for leaks up to second solenoid. Adjust regulator to 65 PSI. Open by-pass valve or valves and light torches. Test for leaks the rest of the way. Correct leaks if any are present. Turn toggle switch on to working pressure. Test for leaks again. Shut off tank.

### **NOTE:**

**There will be a slight delay when switches are turned off and torches go to pilot. Allow yourself time.**

## **Daily Start Up Procedure: Leak Test and Primary Torch Adjustment**

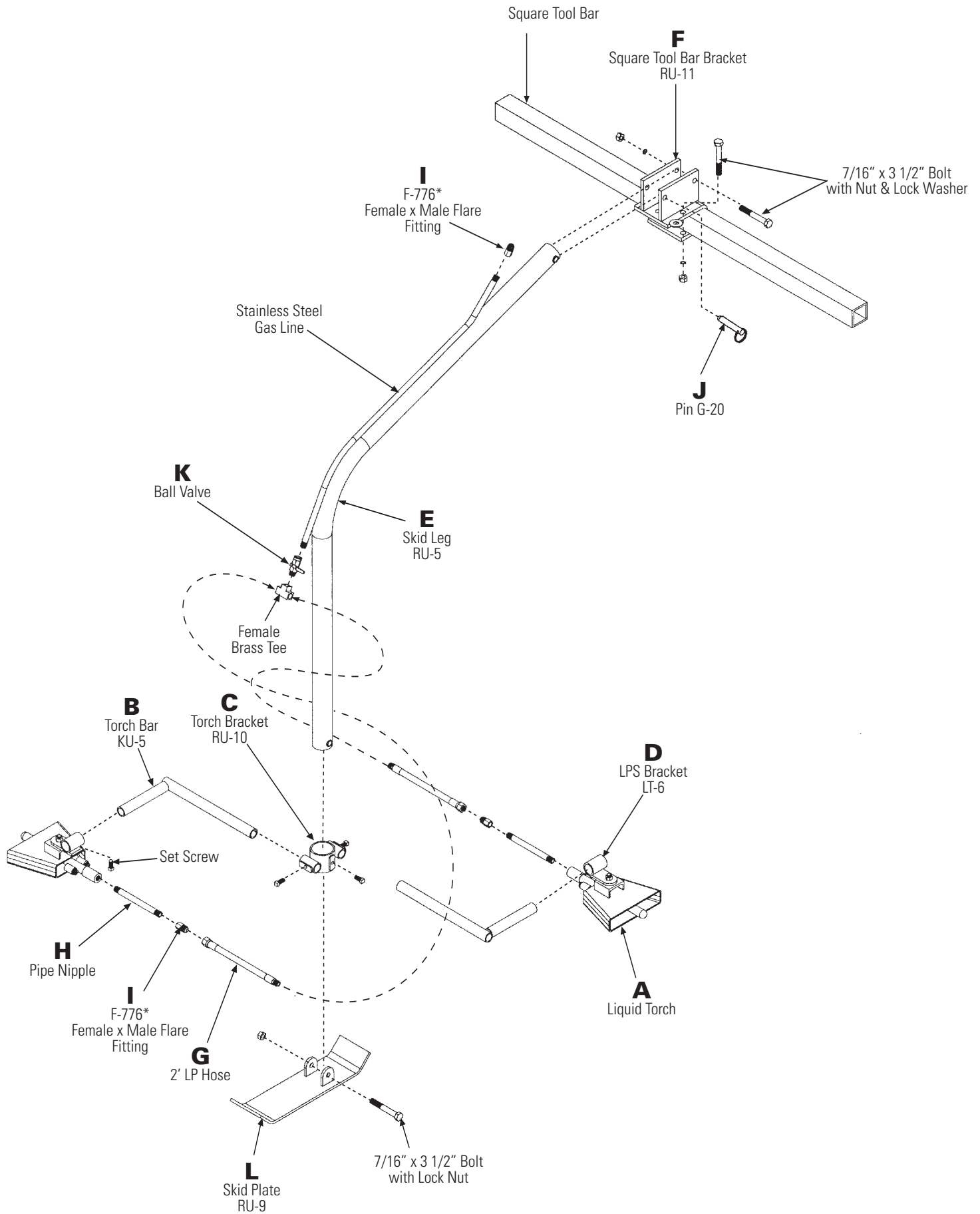
1. Check to make sure fuel supply tank valve is in Off position.
2. Make sure pilot valve is Off. (Turn in a clockwise direction until tight.)
3. Make sure all ball valves are Off.
4. Adjust regulator(s) to Off position. (Turn in a counter clockwise direction.)
5. Check control switch. It should be in an Off position.
6. Check Battery Connections.
7. Turn fuel tank valve On.
8. Check for leaks from fuel tank to the first solenoid valve. Use provided leak detector. If leaks are present shut off tank and correct all leaks immediately. If no leaks are found, proceed.
9. Press red master switch to on. **Red light will indicate power.** Test for leaks to second solenoid valve. If leaks are present shut off tank and correct all leaks immediately. If no leaks are found, proceed.
10. Adjust regulator to 65 PSI. Open pilot valve slightly 1/2 to 1 turn (more if windy). Test for leaks to all ball valves. If leaks are present shut off tank and correct all leaks immediately. If no leaks are found, proceed. Open one ball valve at a time and light the torches fed by this valve with a hand held torch such as a VT 3-30 C, VT 2 1/2-30 C or similar torch set up. Repeat until all torches are lit.
11. Test each connection and component from the tank to all the torches with leak detector. Shut off tank immediately if leaks are present. Correct all leaks before continuing. Repeat steps 1 through 10 until no leaks are present.
12. Once the system is leak free, run the system at full flame. Check regulator pressure while the system is running and adjust it to 65 PSI. You are now ready to use the equipment in the field.
12. Remember the flames from these burners are nearly invisible and produce a flame temperature of 2,000° F. All work around the unit should be done by a qualified LP Gas technician.
13. Shut down system by turning off tank valve and allowing fuel to burn out of lines and controls.

### **WARNING**

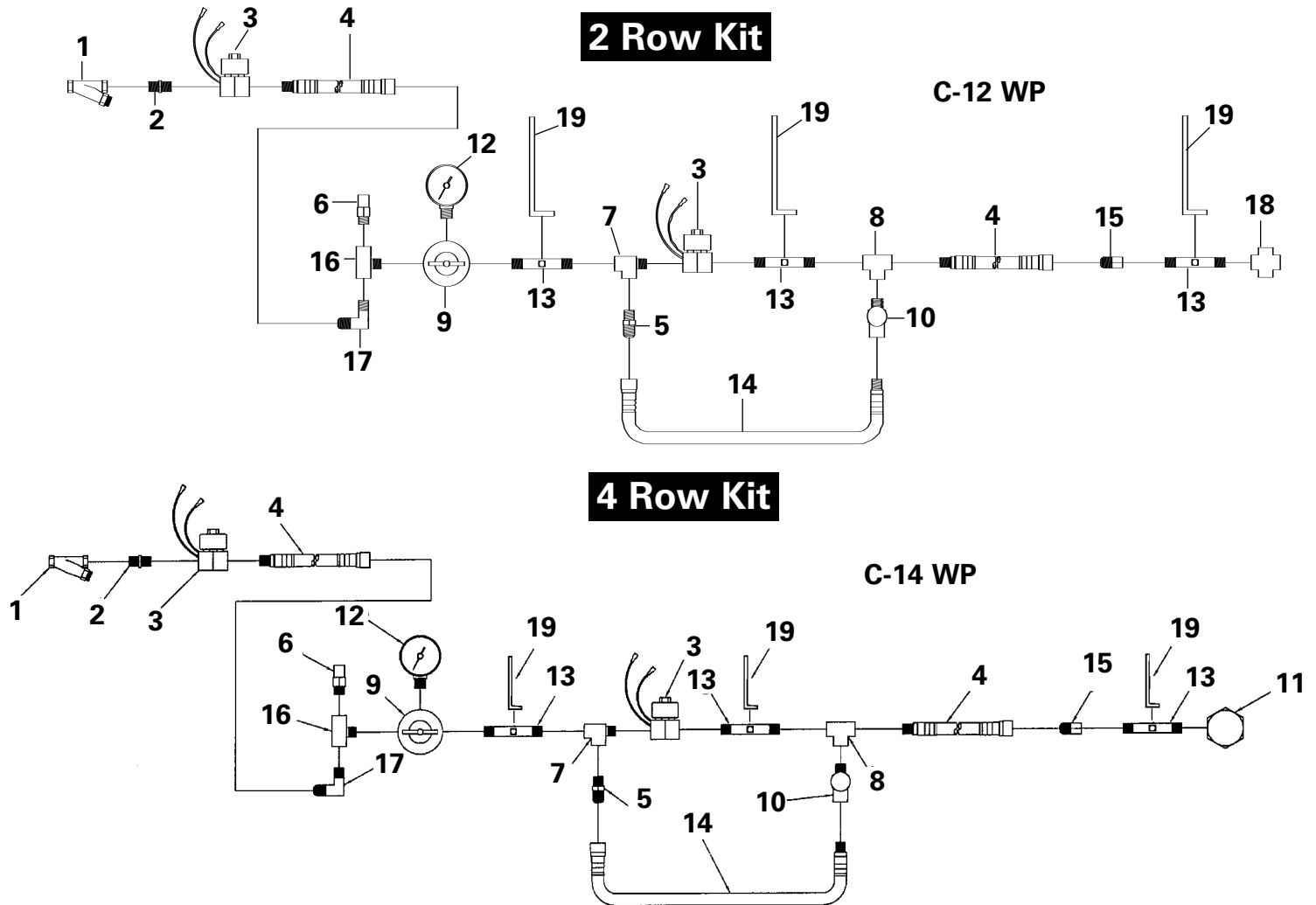
**Use Extreme Caution - Do Not Operate this unit when leaks are present.  
Use only in well ventilated areas. Do Not Operate this unit when any  
flammables are present.**

**Flames produced by this unit can reach 2,000° and may cause serious  
burns and possibly death.**

# Tool Bar with Skid Leg Assembly Diagram



# Control Head Assembly Diagrams

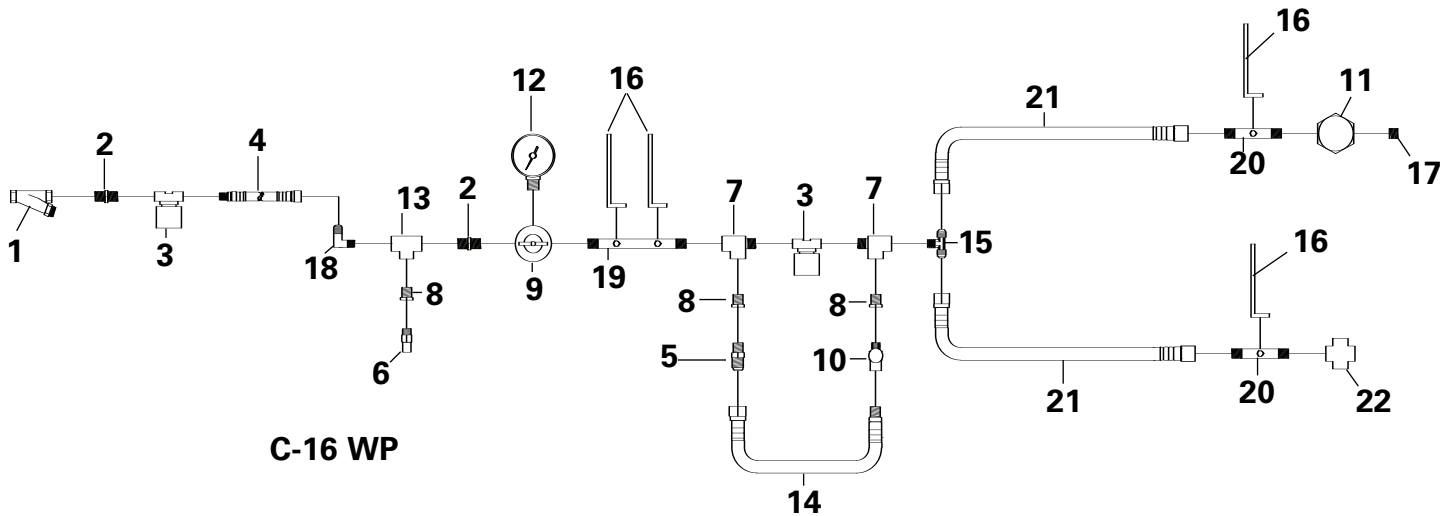


## Parts List For 2 and 4 Row Unit Control Head C-12 WP & C-14 WP

No.	Part No.	Description
1.	S-710	1/4" Fuel Strainer
2.	F-222*	1/4" Hex Nipple
3.	S-121	12 Volt 1/4" Solenoid
4.	HP65T	5.5' Fuel Supply Line
5.	F-726*	Male Adaptor
6.	H400	Pressure Relief Valve
7.	F-524*	Bar Stock St. Tee
8.	F-522*	1/4" Brass Female Tee
9.	R-499	Regulator
10.	V-334*	By-pass Valve
11.	MB-6	Brass Manifold Block
12.	G-25	Pressure Gauge
13.		Nipple Bracket (3" Nipple & Bolt)
14.	HP1S	1 Ft. LPG Hose
15.	F-776*	1/4" Female x 3/8" Male Flare
16.	F-523*	1/4" Male x 1/4" Female Tee
17.	F-427*	1/4" Male x 3/8" Male Flare 90° Elbow
18.	F-922*	1/4" Brass Cross
19.	K-7	Control Head Mounting Bracket

# Control Head Assembly Diagrams

## 6 Row Kit



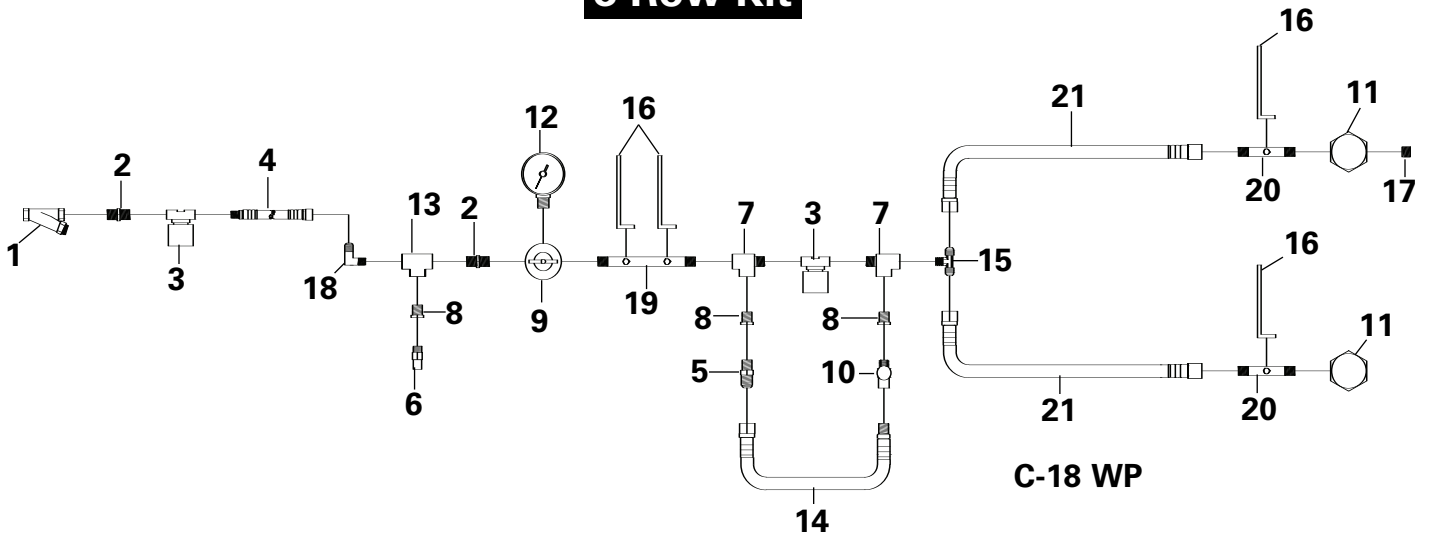
C-16 WP

### Parts List For 6 Row Unit Control Head C-16 WP

No.	Part No.	Description
1.	S-714	1/2" Fuel Strainer
2.	F-244*	1/2" Hex Nipple
3.	S-122	12 Volt 1/2" Solenoid
4.	HP1/2-5TS	1/2" x 5' Fuel Supply Line (Male x Female Swivel)
5.	F-726*	Male Adaptor 3/8" to 1/4"
6.	H400	Pressure Relief Valve
7.	F-566*	1/2" St. Tee
8.		1/2" Male x 1/4" Female Reducer
9.	R-1584H	Regulator
10.	V-334*	By Pass Valve
11.	MB-6	Brass Manifold Block 1/4"
12.	G-25	Pressure Gauge
13.	F-544*	1/2" Female Brass Tee
14.	HP1S	1 Ft. LPG Hose 1/4"
15.		1/2" Male x 3/8" Male Flare x 3/8" Male Flare Tee
16.	K-7	Control Head Mounting Bracket
17.		1/4" Allen Head Plug
18.		1/2" Male x 1/2" Male Flare 90° Elbow
19.		1/2" x 8 1/2" Nipple with 3/8 x 1" Bolt (2)
20.		1/4" x 3" Nipple with 3/8 x 1" Bolt
21.	HP3810TS	10 Ft. LPG Hose 3/8"
22.	F-922*	1/4" Brass Cross

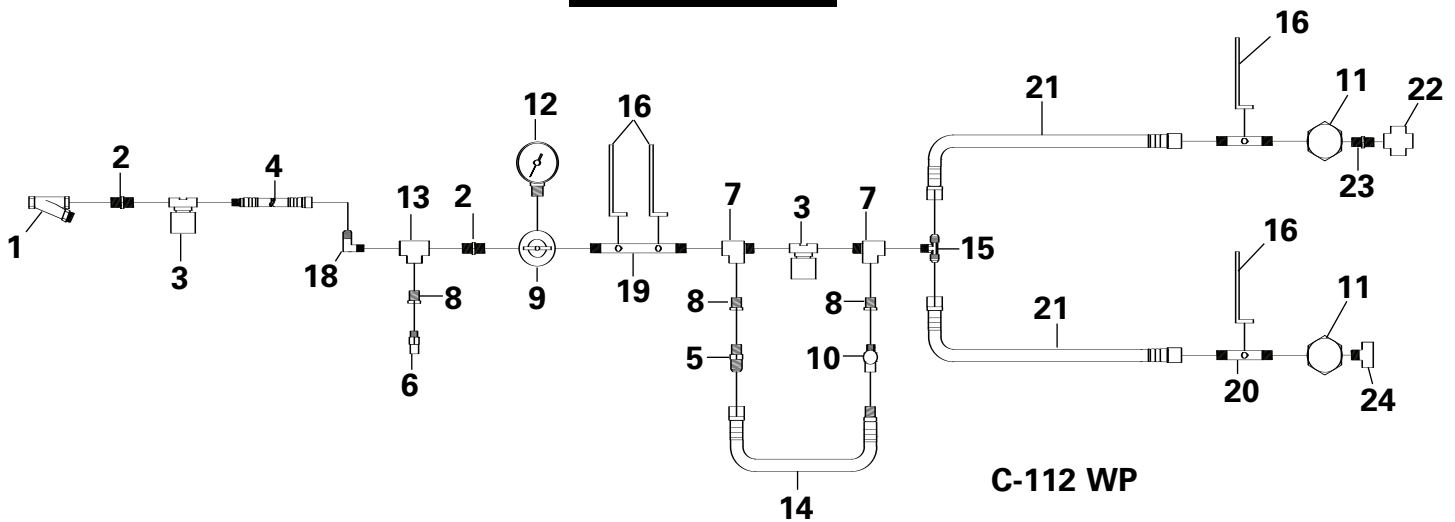
# Control Head Assembly Diagrams

## 8 Row Kit



C-18 WP

## 12 Row Kit



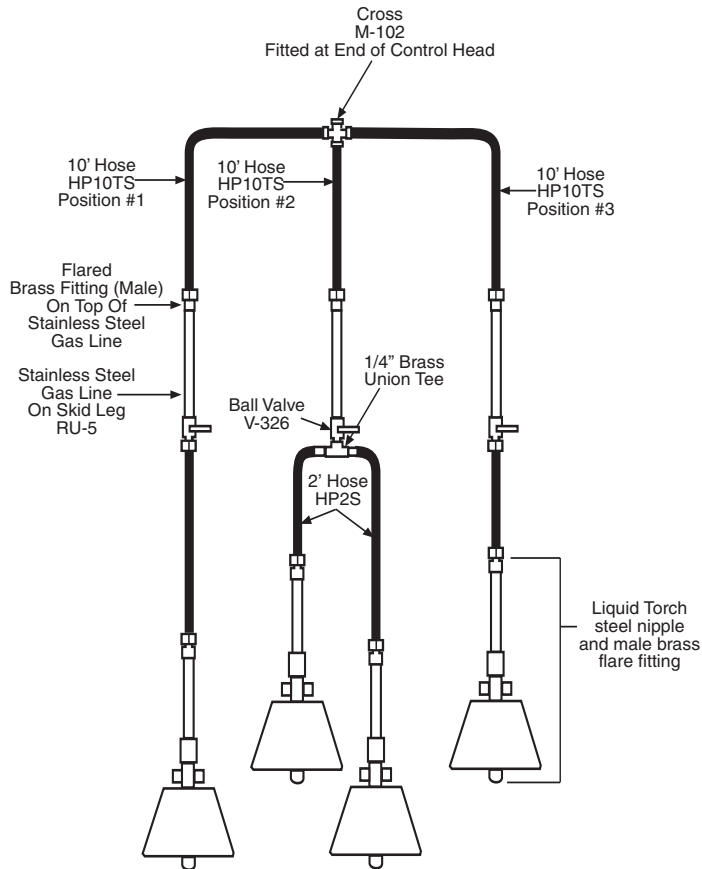
C-112 WP

### Parts List For 8 & 12 Row Unit Control Head C-18 WP & C-112 WP

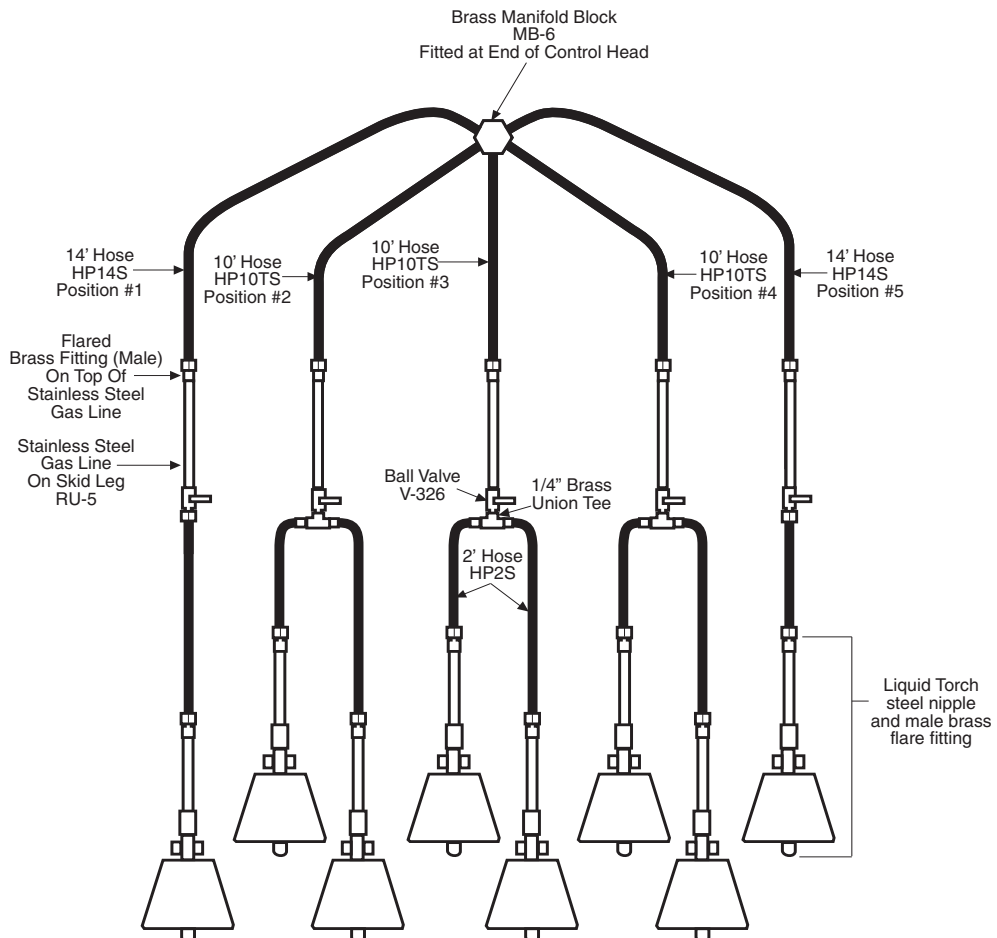
No.	Part No.	Description	No.	Part No.	Description
1.	S-714	1/2" Fuel Strainer	14.	HP1S	1 Ft. LPG Hose 1/4"
2.	F-244*	1/2" Hex Nipple	15.		1/2" Male x 3/8" Male Flare x 3/8" Male Flare Tee
3.	S-122	12 Volt 1/2" Solenoid	16.	K-7	Control Head Mounting Bracket
4.	HP1/2-5TS	1/2" x 5' Fuel Supply Line (Male x Female Swivel)	17.		1/4" Allen Head Plug
5.	F-726*	Male Adaptor 3/8" to 1/4"	18.		1/2" Male x 1/2" Male Flare 90° Elbow
6.	H400	Pressure Relief Valve	19.		1/2" x 8 1/2" Nipple with 3/8 x 1" Bolt (2)
7.	F-566*	1/2" St. Tee	20.		1/4" x 3" Nipple with 3/8 x 1" Bolt
8.		1/2" Male x 1/4" Female Reducer	21.	HP3810TS	10 Ft. LPG Hose 3/8"
9.	R-1584H	Regulator	22.	F-922*	1/4" Brass Cross
10.	V-334*	By Pass Valve	23.	F-222*	1/4" Hex Nipple
11.	MB-6	Brass Manifold Block 1/4"	24.	F-523*	1/4" Branch Tee
12.	G-25	Pressure Gauge			
13.	F-544*	1/2" Female Brass Tee			

# LP-Gas Hose Assembly Diagrams

## 2 Row Kit

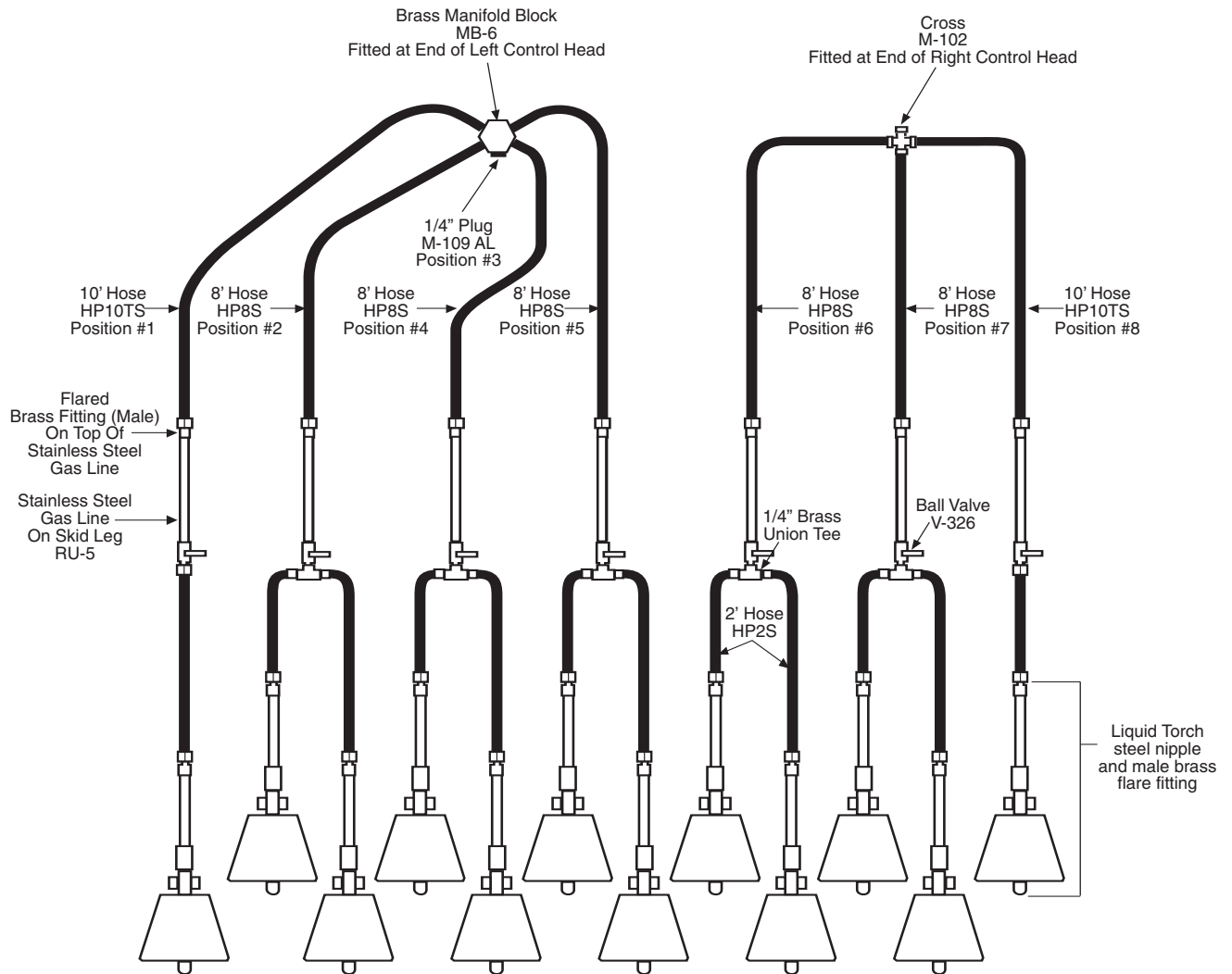


## 4 Row Kit



# LP-Gas Hose Assembly Diagrams

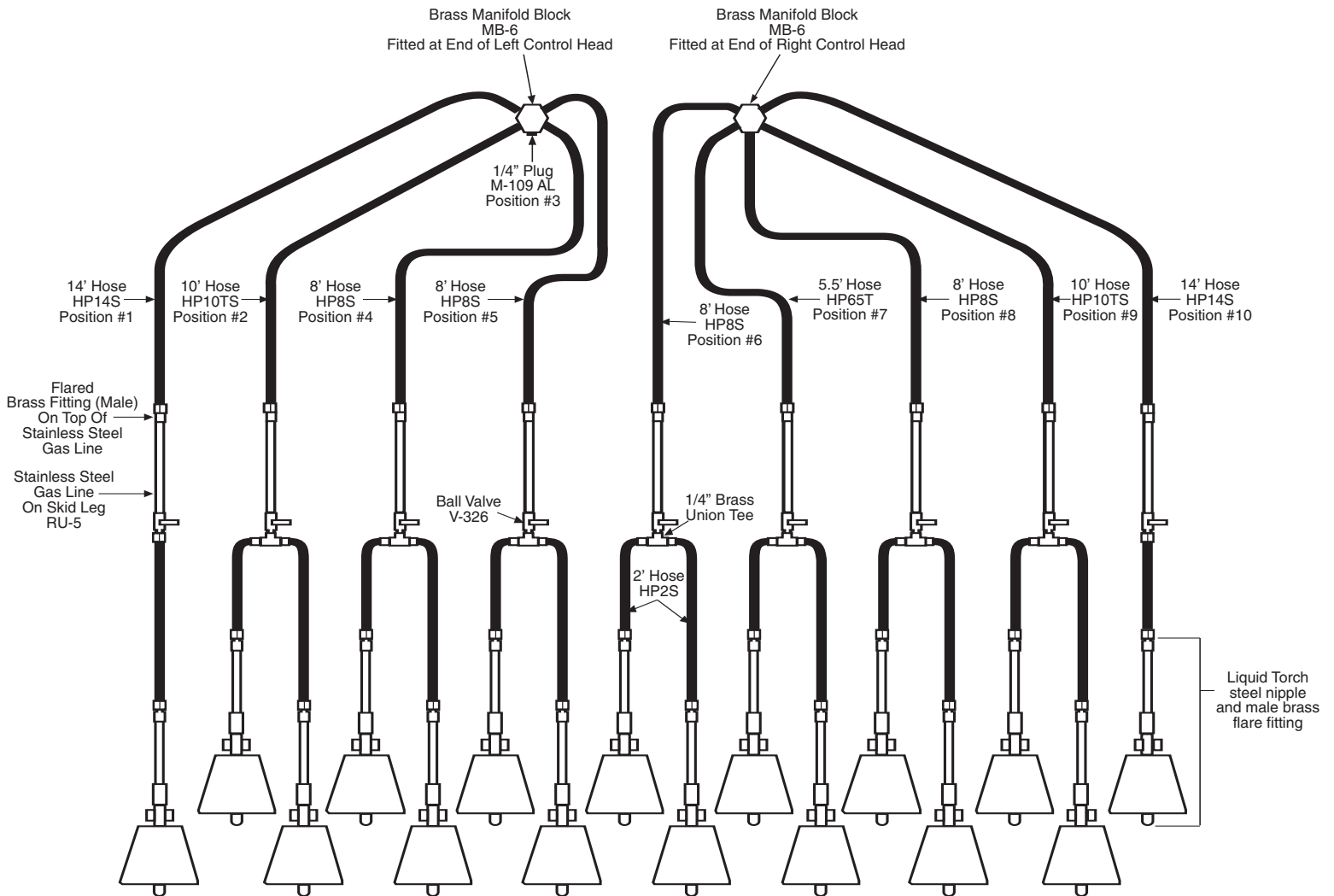
## 6 Row Kit



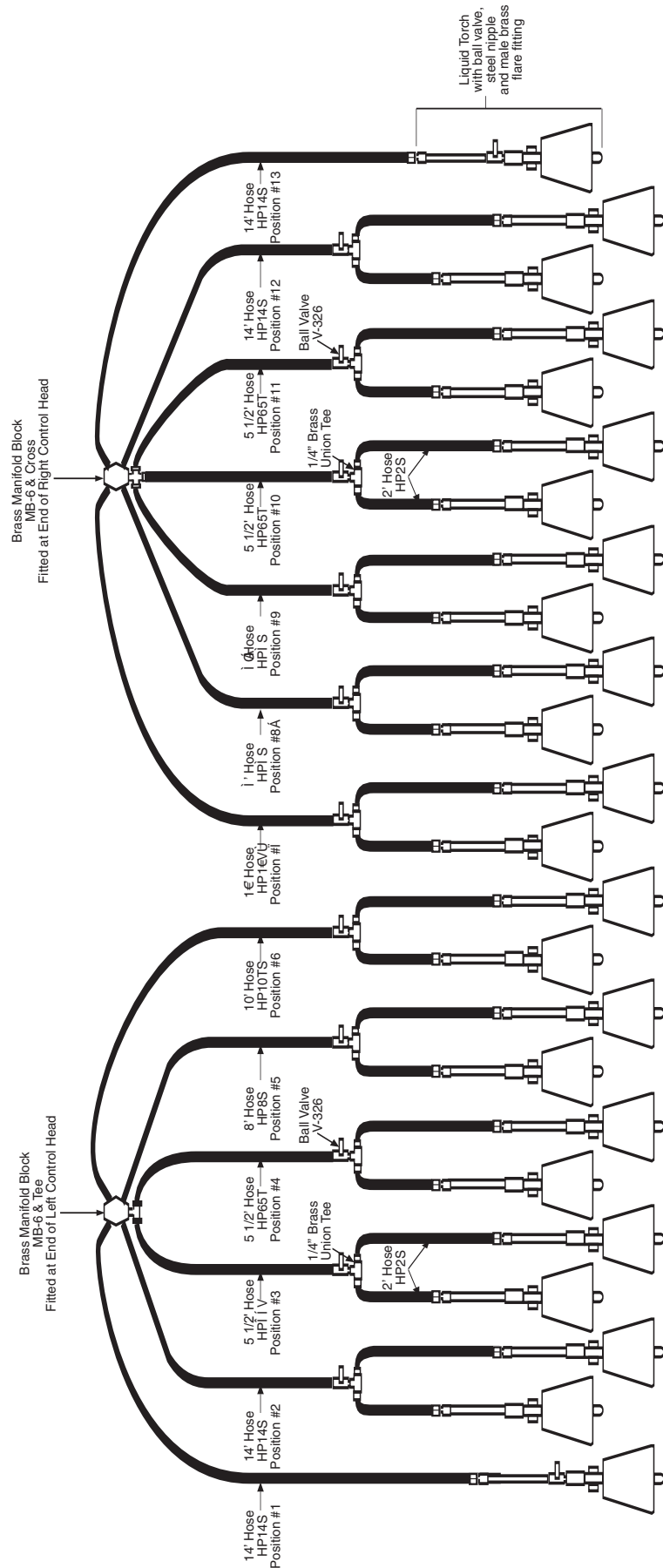


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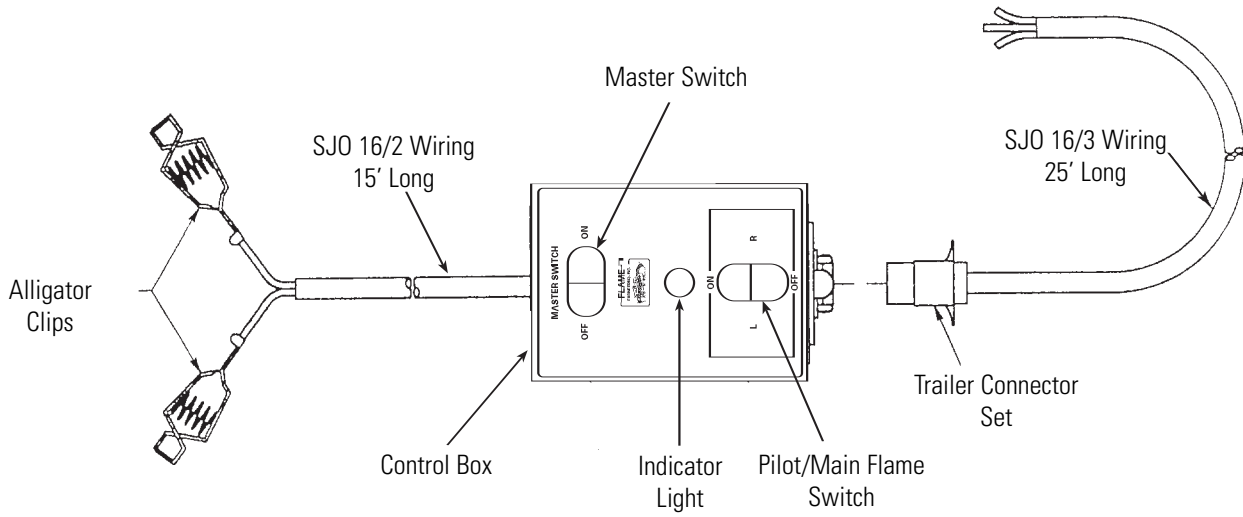
## 8 Row Kit



# LP-Gas Hose Assembly Diagrams

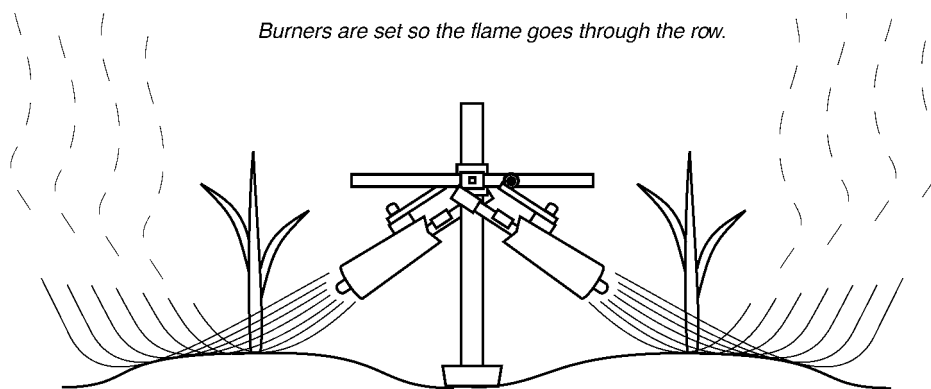


# Control Switch Assembly Drawing

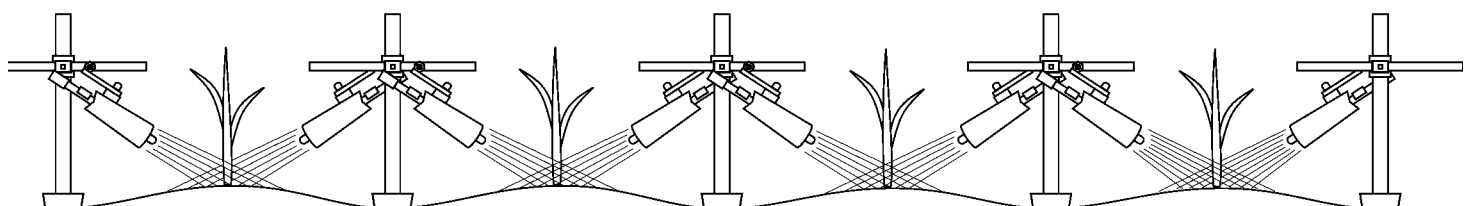


# Crop Flaming Recommendations Chart

Crop	Torch Pressure	Speed	Torch Configuration	Torch Model
<b>Corn (2-16 in.)</b>				
Small Weeds (0-2 in.)	25-30 psi	3-6 m.p.h.	Staggered Cross Fire	LT 1 1/2X6 or LT 1 1/2X8-D
Medium Weeds (2-4 in.)	25-35 psi	3-5 m.p.h.	Staggered Cross Fire	LT 1 1/2X6 or LT 1 1/2X8-D
Large Weeds (4 in. +)	25-70 psi	3-5 m.p.h.	Staggered Cross Fire	LT 1 1/2X8-D or LT 2X8
<b>Cotton (4-8 in.)</b>				
Flaming Cotton 0-4 inches tall is not recommended				
Small Weeds (0-2 in.)	25-30 psi	3-6 m.p.h.	Staggered Cross Fire	LT 1 1/2X6 or LT 1 1/2X8-D
Medium Weeds (2-4 in.)	25-35 psi	3-5 m.p.h.	Staggered Cross Fire	LT 1 1/2X6 or LT 1 1/2X8-D
Large Weeds (4 in. +)	25-40 psi	3-5 m.p.h.	Staggered Cross Fire	LT 1 1/2X6 or LT 1 1/2X8-D
<b>Soybeans (10-12 inches)</b>				
Flaming Soybeans 0-10 inches tall is not recommended				
Small Weeds (0-2 in.)	20-30 psi	3-6 m.p.h.	Staggered Cross Fire	LT 1 1/2X6 or LT 1 1/2X8-D
Medium Weeds (2-4 in.)	25-35 psi	3-5 m.p.h.	Staggered Cross Fire	LT 1 1/2X6 or LT 1 1/2X8-D
Large Weeds (4 in. +)	25-40 psi	3-5 m.p.h.	Staggered Cross Fire	LT 1 1/2X8-D or LT 2X8
<b>Potatoes (emerging to 8 in.)</b>				
Small Weeds (0-2 in.)	20-30 psi	3-6 m.p.h.	Staggered Cross Fire	LT 1 1/2X6 or LT 1 1/2X8-D
Medium Weeds (2-4 in.)	25-35 psi	3-5 m.p.h.	Staggered Cross Fire	LT 1 1/2X6 or LT 1 1/2X8-D
Large Weeds (4 in. +)	25-70 psi	3-5 m.p.h.	Staggered Cross Fire	LT 1 1/2X8-D or LT 2X8
<b>Sorghum (8+ inches)</b>				
Flaming Sorghum 0-4 inches is not recommended				
Small Weeds (0-2 in.)	20-30 psi	3-6 m.p.h.	Staggered Cross Fire	LT 1 1/2X6 or LT 1 1/2X8-D
Medium Weeds (2-4 in.)	25-35 psi	3-5 m.p.h.	Staggered Cross Fire	LT 1 1/2X6 or LT 1 1/2X8-D
Large Weeds (4 in. +)	25-40 psi	3-5 m.p.h.	Staggered Cross Fire	LT 1 1/2X8-D or LT 2X8
<b>Tomatoes (8 weeks old)</b>				
Small Weeds (0-2 in.)	25-30 psi	3-5 m.p.h.	Staggered Cross Fire	LT 1 1/2X6 or LT 1 1/2X8-D
<b>Broccoli (8 weeks old)</b>				
Small Weeds (0-2 in.)	25-30 psi	3-5 m.p.h.	Staggered Cross Fire	LT 1 1/2X6 or LT 1 1/2X8-D
<b>Cabbage (8 weeks old)</b>				
Small Weeds (0-2 in.)	25-30 psi	3-5 m.p.h.	Staggered Cross Fire	LT 1 1/2X6 or LT 1 1/2X8-D



*Cross flaming allows the most effective coverage when targeting weeds and grasses in the row.*



*Initially, set the burner at an angle of 30-45° horizontal with the burners 4-10" from the crop.*

# Proper Purging Of LP-Gas Container

## The Importance of Purging

A very important step which must not be overlooked by LP-Gas distributors is the importance of properly purging new LP-Gas containers. Attention to this important procedure will promote customer satisfaction and greatly reduce service calls on new installations. Consider the following:

- Both ASME and DOT specifications require hydrostatic testing of vessels after fabrication. This is usually done with water.
- Before charging with propane, the vessel will contain the normal amount of air.

## Both Water and Air are Contaminants

They seriously interfere with proper operation of the system and the connected appliances. If not removed, they will result in costly service calls and needless expense far exceeding the nominal cost of proper purging.

## Neutralizing Moisture

Even if a careful inspection (using a pen flashlight) reveals no visible moisture, the container must still be neutralized, since dew may have formed on the walls; additionally, the contained air may have relative humidity up to 100%.

**IMPORTANT** - If a tank is allowed to run completely out, alcohol must be added when refilled. Propane is -44° F. If the ambient air temperature is higher, there will be a thermal transfer of latent heat, hot to cold, until the temperature equalizes. This will cause icing in the system if not neutralized with methanol.

A rule of thumb for neutralizing moisture in an ASME container calls for at least 1 pint of genuine absolute anhydrous methanol\* (99.85% pure) for each 100 gallons of water capacity of the container. On this basis, the minimum volumes (US measurements) for typical containers would be as shown to the right:

Container Type	Minimum Volume Methanol Required
100 LB ICC Cylinder	1/8 pt. (2 fl. oz.)
500 gal. tank	5 pts. (2-1/2 qts.)
1000 gal. tank	10 pts. (1-1/4 gal.)
2000 gal. tank	20 pts. (2-1/2 gal.)

**IMPORTANT** - Avoid substitutes - they will not work. The secret of the effectiveness of methanol over all other alcohols is its high affinity for water plus a boiling point lower than all other alcohols, and most important: a boiling point lower than water.

## The Importance of Purging Air

If the natural volume of atmosphere in the vessel is not removed before the first fill, these problems will result:

- Installations made in the spring and summer will experience excessive and false container pressures. This will cause the safety relief valve to open, blowing off the excess pressure.
- The air mixture present in the vapor space will be carried to the appliances. This may result in as many as 5 or more service calls from pilot light extinguishment.
- If a vapor return equalizing hose is not used, the contained air will be compressed above the liquid level, resulting in slow filling.
- If a vapor equalizing hose is used, the air and any moisture it contains, will be transferred from the storage tank to transport.

## Proper Purging of LP-Gas Container Cont.

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Additionally, if atmospheric air is properly purged from the storage tank;

- transfer will be faster,
- the pump will not stall,
- less energy will be required to fill the container.

### **Never Purge With Liquid**

The wrong way of course is the easiest way. Never purge a container with liquid propane. To do so causes the liquid to flash into vapor, chilling the container, and condensing any moisture vapor on the walls where it remains while the pressure is being blown down. Additionally, less than 50% or as little as 25% of the air will be removed by this easy but wrong method.

# Vacuum Pre-Purged Domestic Tanks

## **Read This Before Initial LP-Gas Filling of a Vacuum Pre-Purged Domestic Tank**

This new container has been vacuum purged of air in accordance with the NPGA Safety Bulletin #133-89 (a). The service valve, vapor return valve and the fill valve have been equipped with tamper evident seals to indicate if the valve(s) have been opened. If the tamper evident seals have been violated, THE CONTAINER MUST BE REPURGED in accordance with NPGA Safety Bulletin #133-89 (a). (See Proper Purging)

Failure to properly purge a container can result in increased pressure, improper burning fuel mixture and odorant fade. Any of these conditions can result in personal injury, property damage or death.

### **Vacuum Verification Process:**

To verify that a vacuum is present, remove the plastic wrap from the service valve, verify that the service valve hand wheel is close. Connect a vacuum pressure gauge to the service valve outlet connection and open the hand wheel. Visually check the vacuum pressure gauge dial for the presence of a vacuum. Close the service valve and disconnect the vacuum gauge. If the vacuum is not in accordance with NPGA Safety Bulletin #133-89 (a), THE CONTAINER MUST BE REPURGED.

### **Methanol Injection Process:**

Inject methanol into the container through the service valve (before filling the container with LP-Gas) using the service valve outlet connection. Attach the POL connection to the service outlet connection. The POL connection should have a low pressure rubber hose extend into a container of methanol.

Slowly open the service valve to allow the vacuum in the vessel to pull the methanol into the vessel.

**The container of methanol should NOT be allowed to run dry and pull air into the vessel.**

- The presence of a vacuum in the container does not eliminate the need for the introduction of methanol into the container.
- The rule of thumb for neutralizing moisture in an ASME container is to introduce at least one pint of genuine absolute anhydrous methanol (99.85% pure) for each 100 gallon of water capacity of the container.

### **LP-Gas Injection Process:**

After the completion of the methanol injection process, connect a hose from a source of LPG to the POL connection of the service valve. This hose can be used to inject either liquid or vapor product into the vessel. The appropriate amount of LPG to neutralize the vacuum pressure in the container will vary depending on the volume of the vessel. If liquid is used, 1 to 4 gallons of LPG is required for all vessels up to 1000 wg. If vapor is used, wait until there is no longer an audible transfer of vapor from the source of the LPG to the vessel.

### **Filling Process:**

After the completion of the LP-Gas injection process, close the service valve and disconnect the POL connection. Remove the plastic wrap from the filler connection, remove the yellow cap and connect your filler hose to the vessel and proceed to fill in the normal manner.

# If You Have Questions

## **Installation Problems:**

If you have problems, questions, or feel you are missing a part during installation, please call Flame Engineering toll free at 1-800-255-2469 and our trained staff will gladly help you.

## **Operation Problems:**

If you have problems during operation, please check the following trouble shooting guidelines first. If you use this guide and still have problems call Flame Engineering and our staff will try to help remedy the situation.

## **Trouble Shooting Tips** *(Read This First Before Calling the Factory)*

### **START WITH A NEW CLEAN TANK**

Always begin with a clean, purged, liquid tank, capable of delivering liquid to the torches.  
**DO NOT** use a vapor withdrawal tank. Use clean fuel to avoid line/torch blockage.

### **IF YOU EXPERIENCE FLAME OUT**

Check the fuel strainer if you are experiencing flame out. Clean accordingly. If tank debris is found in strainer or torches shortly after use, begin again with a new, clean, scrubbed and purged tank. (See Your LP-Gas Dealer) Have you added methonal? (1 pt per hundred gal) If your tank runs out of propane, a thermal transfer of latent heat will occur. heat transfers from hot to cold. Inside the tank it is -44°, outside ambient air is much higher, so warm moist air will transfer until temperature is equalized. You can also get moisture from the bulk tank hose or tank. it is recommended that whenever there is a flow problem, add methonal. Adding methanol every 3-4 tanks is a good plan.

### **IF YOU ARE GETTING A LOW FLAME**

Check torch orifices for blockage. Clean thoroughly if necessary.

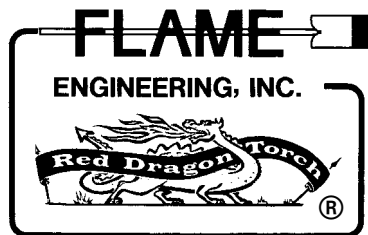
### **IF YOU HAVE AN OLD TANK**

Older tanks may require cleaning as mentioned above. Through time, debris settles at bottom of the tank, where liquid is to be withdrawn through the wet leg and can cause blockage to torches. See your LP-Gas dealer for suggestions.

### **IF NO FUEL IS GETTING THROUGH TO THE TORCHES**

Check electrical connections to the battery, then solenoids and make certain all valves are free and clear of tank debris.





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