

# FIRE AND WATER BOWL

## Installation Guide & Owners Manual



**\*READ THIS MANUAL BEFORE INSTALLATION OF THE UNIT**

### WARNING:

Improper installation, adjustment, alteration, service, or lack of maintenance can cause injury or property damage. Read the installation, operating, & maintenance instructions thoroughly before installing or servicing this equipment.

### WARNING:

Do NOT Store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids in the vicinity of this or any other appliance. A liquid propane cylinder not connected for use shall not be stored in the vicinity of this or any other unit.



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### Service

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**WARNING: FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY**

### CARBON MONOXIDE HAZARD

This appliance can produce carbon monoxide which has no odor. Using it in an enclosed space can kill you. Never use this appliance in an enclosed space such as a camper, tent car or home.

### WARNING:

For use with Natural Gas or Liquid Propane only. NO SOLID FUELS TO BE USED

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### PROPOSITION 65 WARNING:

**WARNING:** This product can expose you to chemicals including Lead and Lead Compounds, which are known to the state of California to cause cancer, and Carbon Monoxide, Lead and Lead Compounds which are known to the state of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to [www.P65Warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov)

### DANGER - IF YOU SMELL GAS:

- 1) shut off gas to appliance.
- 2) Extinguish any open flame.
- 3) If odor continues, keep away from appliance and immediately call gas supplier or fire department.

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# WATER BOWL INSTALLATION

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### WATER REQUIREMENTS FOR WATER BOWL: 12-15 GPM

#### ITEMS NEEDED

- Silicone or epoxy adhesive
- 1 1/2" PVC and PVC connections
- decorative stones (optional)

#### ITEMS INCLUDED WITH YOUR WATER BOWL:

- Smooth Flow Water Fitting (1 1/2" MIP)
- Copper Spillway



Smooth Flow Water Fitting



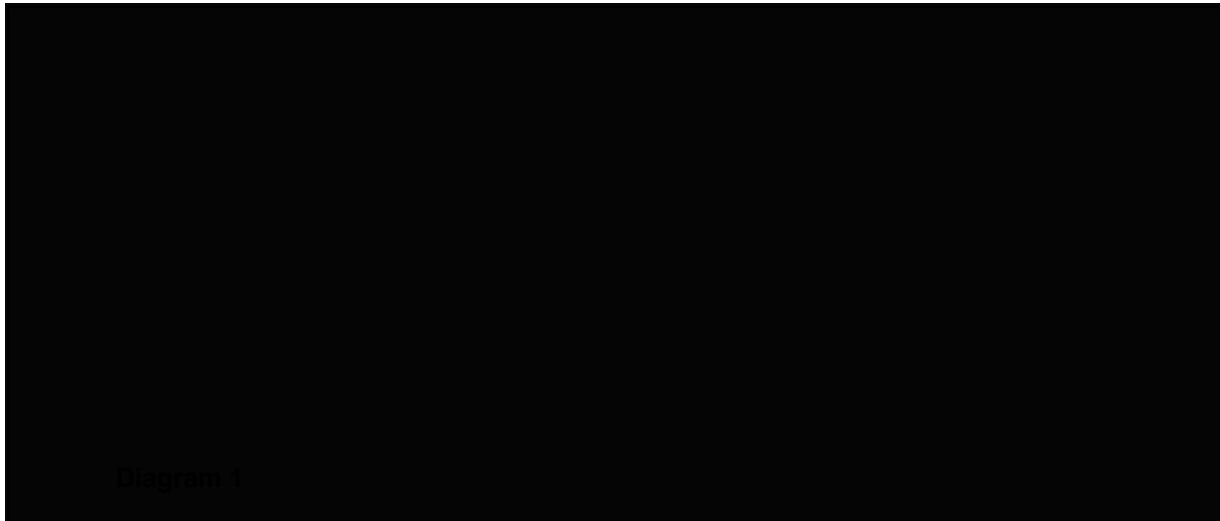
Copper Spillway

## INSTALLATION

**1.** Install our smooth flow water fitting onto the bowl. Remove the nut (reverse thread) apply silicone on the interior of the water fitting to avoid water leakage. Tighten the fitting. Reminder, the nut is reverse thread. Allow curing time for the silicone to avoid any water leaks. (See Diagram #1)

**2.** Leak test. Add small amounts of water in the interior of the bowl to check for leaks. If a leak is detected, you can patch the leak with more silicone. If no leak is detected you are now ready to install the water supply line.

**3.** Connect your water supply line to the water fitting. The water fitting has 1 1/2" female inlet but you can reduce it to your desired water supply line with reducers or bushings. This fitting is made for the installation of the water bowl and to give you the best flow output possible.



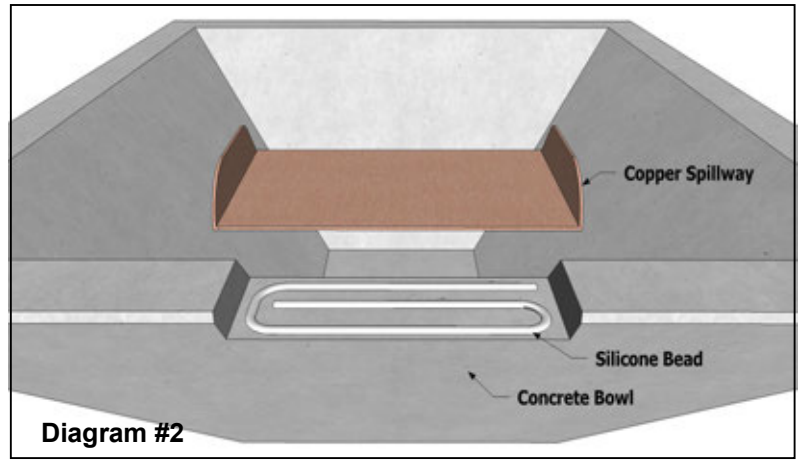


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**4.** Secure the bowl to the column. You can use thin-set, anchors, mortar, cement and/or any other bonding agent. If you are using anchors please make sure to pre-drill the bowl to prevent cracking the bowl. Make sure the bowl is water tight. When securing the bowl, level the bowl to get an even flow out of the scupper. Not having a level bowl can result in an inconsistent water flow.

**5.** Install the scupper to the bowl. Permanently attach the scupper to the lip of the bowl by using an epoxy adhesive, silicone and or any other bonding agent of choice. Make sure the scupper is leveled for the best water flow output.

**Step 7.** You are now ready to turn on your water bowl. You can add decorative stone inside the bowl if desired.



Water Bowl

## MAINTENANCE

**WARNING:** In areas where temperatures fall below freezing, make sure to winterize your water bowls. You can do this by draining the bowls before temperatures freeze. Water stuck inside the water line can expand when frozen and burst the water line.

Prior to Each Use

1. Inspect for debris in Water Feature – remove debris prior to use
2. Ensure the water fitting is free of debris for proper water flow.

Semi-Annually

1. Leak Test - Inspect all connections where there is any silicone or epoxy adhesives. Water chemicals and UV light can erode these seals and you may need to reapply the sealant
2. Give the copper spillway a slight tug. If too loose, the water flow can knock off the spillway leaving a raw concrete surface. This will bring an unpleasant flow of water.

Annually

1. Turn water feature on to ensure proper operation.

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### ITEMS NEEDED

- Silicone or epoxy adhesive
- 3/4" PVC Pipe OR Flexible PVC
- Soil
- Plants

### ITEMS INCLUDED WITH YOUR PLANTER/WATER BOWL:

- Concrete Bowl
- Water Spillway

## INSTALLATION OF THE BOWL

### SELECTING THE LOCATION

- Select a location with good drainage.
- Choose a location that allows easy access for installation and maintenance of the planter & water bowl.
- Select a location where that is away from pedestrian traffic to prevent anyone from bumping into it.
- Select a location that has a level surface

### INSTALLING THE BOWL

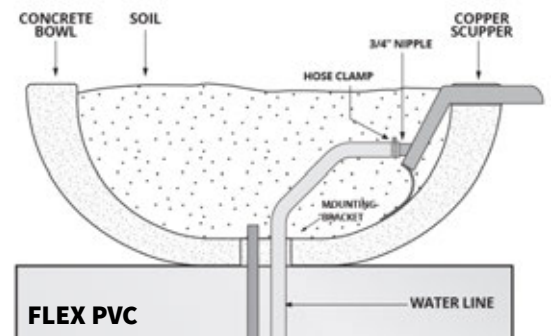
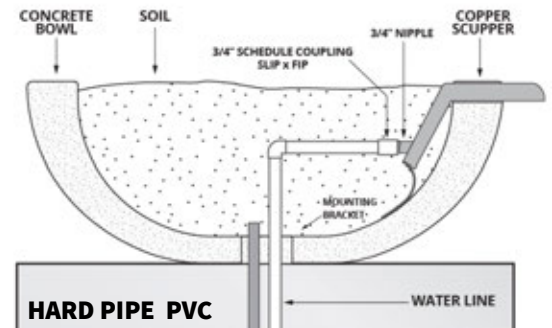
- The bowl is free standing
- Mounting with concrete anchors or adhesive is recommended but optional.

### CONNECTING YOUR WATER SUPPLY

- The spillway has a 3/4" Inlet.
  - You may use PVC pipe, Flex PC pipe, or stainless steel water line.
  - To position the scupper in place, use the flexible tabs on the underside of the scupper to support it.
  - Make sure the scupper is level for a superior water spill.
- You may use a clear epoxy or silicone adhesive to secure the scupper in place. Let cure before inserting soil

### SOIL

- Before adding soil, you may add 2"-6" inches of gravel in the bottom of the bowl to help with drainage.
- Add soil slowly at first.
- Insert the plants.
- Make sure you do not disrupt the scupper or bump it out of place.
- Add the rest of the soil.
- Leave about 1-2" space from the top of the soil to the top of the bowl





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## RUNNING GAS LINES

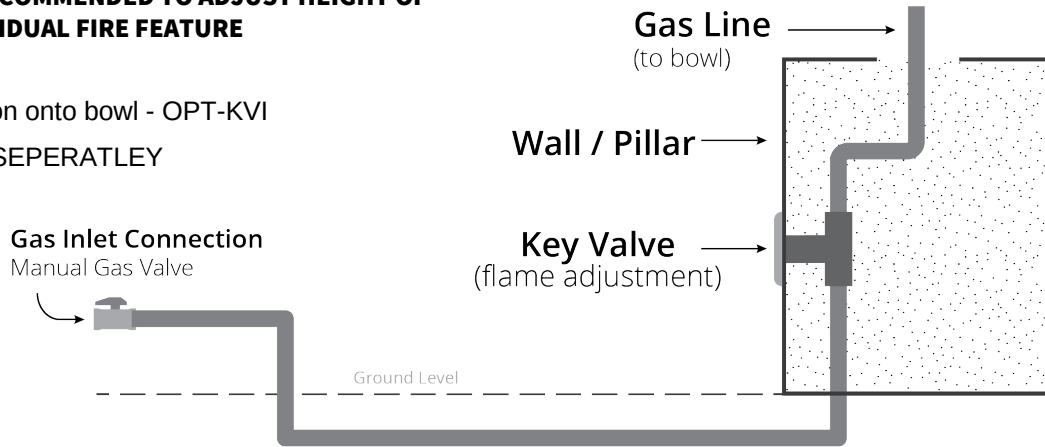
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Key Valve - OPT-256

Key Valve & Installation onto bowl - OPT-KVI

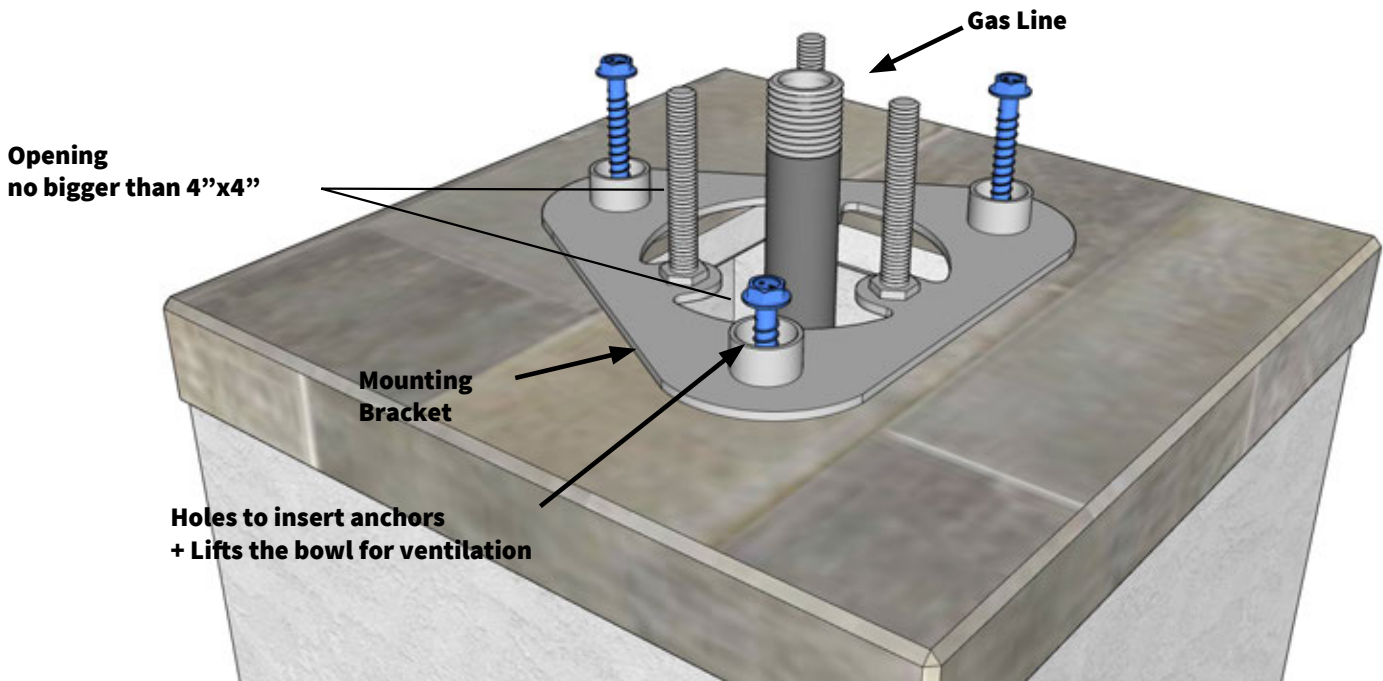
KEY VALVES SOLD SEPERATLEY



Fire Bowl Match Lit

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- Key Valves near the bowl are recommended for flame adjustment.





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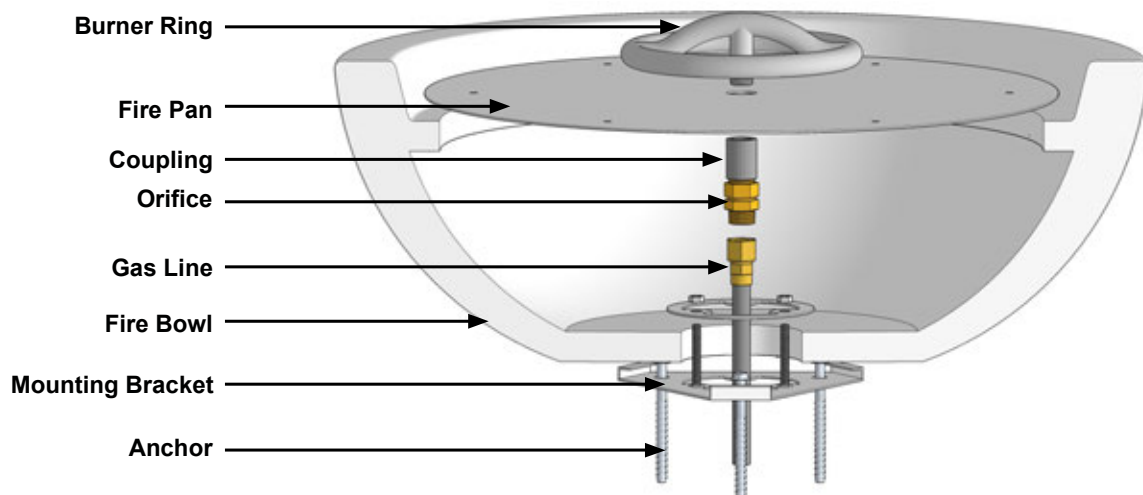
**WARNING:** Gas Plumbing Connections: Use only joint compound or tape that is resistant to all gases. Apply joint compound to all male pipe fittings only- do not use joint compound onto flared/tapered fittings. Be sure to tighten every joint securely.

**WARNING:** For systems with an extended or detached valve box the area in which the valve box is installed must conform with all installation requirements to include but not limited to location, construction, venting and local codes. Failure to do so may result in personal injury property damage or explosion.

**WARRANTY REQUIREMENT:** Warranty is void if product is altered.

1. Plan your project well in advance to comply with all instruction & codes and allow for access and serviceability of th product.
2. Purge gas lines of air.
3. Perform all leak test with leak detector or leak reactant.
4. Verify correct gas type and pressure.
5. Perform leak test on main gas supply. Repair leaks as necessary.
6. Shut Off Gas Supply and Power to fire-pit.
7. Connect fire-pit to main gas supply.
8. Turn on gas supply and perform leak test on all inlet connections. Repair as needed.
9. Position fire bowl safely with access to all gas connections for testing.
10. Light fire bowl. It may take several cycles to purge air from the lines.
11. Once fire bowl is lit perform leak test on all gas connections. Repair as needed.
12. Turn off fire bowl and allow to cool.
13. Apply media
14. Turn on fire bowl again and perform leak test with media correctly installed. If gas leak is detected verify correct media application and repair as needed.
15. If key valve is installed adjust flame to desired height. (Never alter the product configuration)
16. Set fire bowl in properly constructed enclosure
17. Verify correct operation and lighting.
18. Review safety manual with end user and instruct not to change/ modify fire bowl or media.
19. Leave manual with end user.

## Component Overview







# FIRE BOWL INSTALLATION

## ACCEPTABLE MEDIA FOR FIRE FEATURES

**WARNING:** Do not use any other material as filler/topping media inside fire features other than those listed below. Using improper media inside a fire feature could result in damage to property or injury to persons nearby due to media 'popping' or 'exploding' due to heat

### LIST OF ACCEPTABLE MEDIA FOR FIRE FEATURES:

Fire Rated Lava Rock (or other Igneous Rock), Fire glass approved for use in fire features, Man-made stone for use in fire features (Reflective Material)

**INSTALLATION NOTE:** The use of media inside fire features is recommended because it enhances the look of the fire feature and improves its performance by forcing the gas emanating from the burner to mix as it passes through the media. This 'mixing' of gases creates an even flame throughout the feature and helps spread the flame from the Pilot Burner throughout the burner quicker than when there is no media. Recommended thickness of the media above the burner element is NO MORE than 2".



Lava Rock



Fire Approved Glass

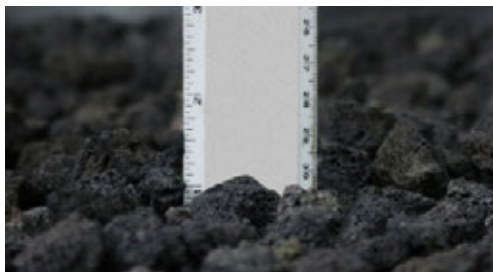


Fire Approved Reflective Glass

Fire Bowl  
Match Lit

## INSTALLATION OF MEDIA IN FIRE FEATURES

There are several options when it comes to topping material for a fire feature; large lava chunks, fire glass and fire stones. In this example we are using 1" lava rock. You will need a layer that is 2" - 3" thick to properly cover the fire feature while at the same time allowing plenty of oxygen to mix with the gas coming from the fire ring. This lava rock is more expensive than the "filler" lava rock but is still fairly inexpensive and readily available in the BBQ section of most hardware stores.



**No more than 1" of media should cover the burner. Adding more may cause damage**

## FIRE BOWL OPERATION

**WARNING:** Before use, test all gas connection for leaks. Do not use fire bowl if there is any evidence of leaking gas. If leaking gas suspected, turn off the main gas supply and repair immediately

**WARNING:** Do not use the fire bowl if any part has been submerged under water. Immediately call a qualified technician to inspect the fire bowl

**WARNING:** Never use any material that is non-porous & holds moisture such as gravel, pebbles, river rocks, etc. This material, when heated, will cause moisture inside to boil and fracture unexpectedly. This material is not sufficiently porous to allow heated steams to readily escape which can break and cause personal injury or damage

**WARNING:** solid fuels shall not be burned in the fire bowl. Leaves, sticks, wood, paper, clothing, food, should be kept away from the fire bowl. Fire bowl is not for cooking. Make sure that there is no vegetation or other objects over the top or sides of the fire bowl that could interfere with safe operation. See "Clearance from Combustibles" diagram at the end of this document.

**WARNING:** If lava rock is wet, allow fire bowl to burn for 45 prior to coming within 15 feet of the fire bowl.

**WARRANTY REQUIREMENT:** When not in use, the fire bowl must be covered.

**IMPORTANT:** INITIAL START-UP: It may be necessary to purge Air in the Gas Lines after system installation.



# FIRE BOWL INSTALLATION

## START UP

1. Stop! If you smell gas: 1) shut off gas to appliance. 2) Extinguish any open flame. 3) If odor continues, keep away from appliance and immediately call gas supplier or fire department.
2. Ensure fire bowl is clear of people, debris, and that all covers are removed
3. Place the lighter or match while burning over of the fire bowl near the burner
4. Slowly turn “on” the gas valve.
5. After burner lights, remove the lighter or match
6. Adjust flame to desired height
7. If burner does not light, turn valve to “off” position and allow gas to clear then repeat steps 3-7
8. Never alter the assembly of the fire bowl
9. Ensure fire pit, children and patrons are supervised by a responsible adult that is familiar with emergency shut down.
10. Flammable materials should not be placed on or near the fire bowl
11. This product is not for use with small camping tanks or propane torch tanks.

## MAINTENANCE

**WARNING:** Any guard or protective device removed for servicing must be replaced prior to operating the fire bowl.

**WARNING:** Installation and repair should be done by a qualified service person. Fire bowls should be inspected prior to use and at least annually by a qualified service person.

**WARNING:** Ensure gas and power (if applicable) are shut off and fire bowl is cool before servicing

- Keep fire bowl covered at all times when not in use.
- In some areas of the country spiders or insects have been known to build nest and or lay eggs in the venture holes of the air-mixer for LP units. This can cause fuel to fill the fire feature cavity and result in personal injury or property damage. Periodical inspection by a qualified service technician of the air-intake is required to ensure your fire feature performs properly.
- Keep any debris out of fire bowl- clean as needed.
- Ring Cleaning: (1 x YR) If flames exhibit any abnormal shapes or behavior, or if burner fails to ignite properly, then the burner holes may require cleaning. The appliance can be cleaned by carefully removing the media to allow access to burner. Use a brush to carefully remove dust, spider webs, and loose particles from base, logs, and fire ring itself. If evidence of damage, fire ring must be replaced with fire ring specified by manufacturer

Fire Bowl  
Match Lit

## TROUBLESHOOTING

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### Will Not Light

- |                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| 1. Air in Gas Line.      | If new install, may take several attempts to purge air                             |
| 2. Debris in Gas Line.   | Confirm gas line is clear (insulation, dirt, plastic, excessive pipe sealer etc..) |
| 3. Gas Pressure Improper | Confirm proper gas pressure found  |

### Will Not Stay Lit

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| 1. Gas Pressure Improper    | Confirm proper gas pressure  |
| 2. Improperly Applied Media | Review Installation of Media |

### Noise

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| 1. Whistling Sound | Use whistle free hose - Adjust hose to create the path of least resistance for gas. |
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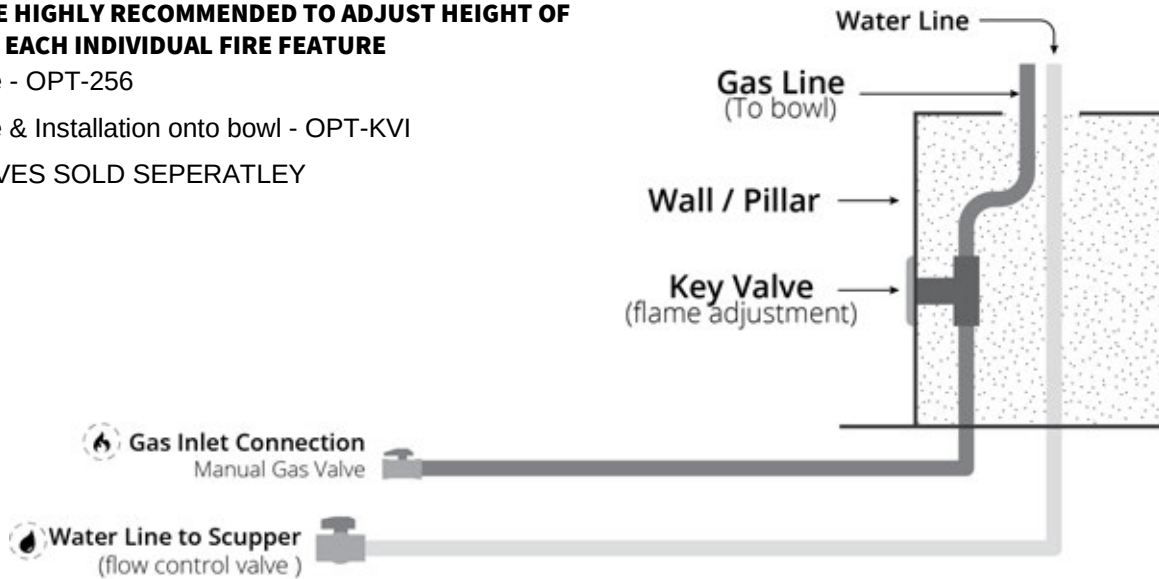
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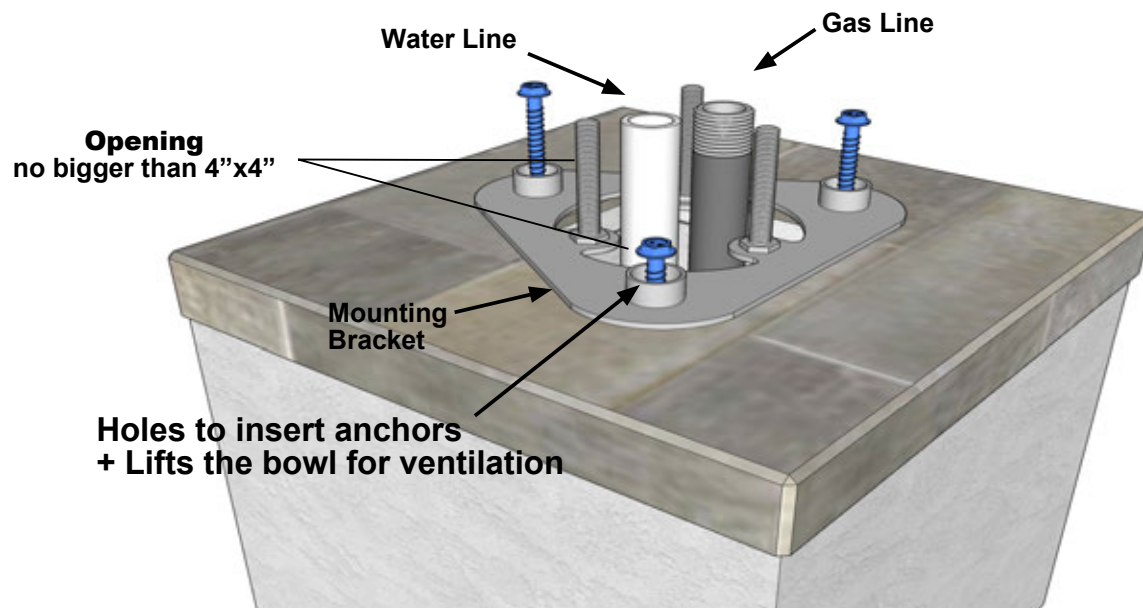
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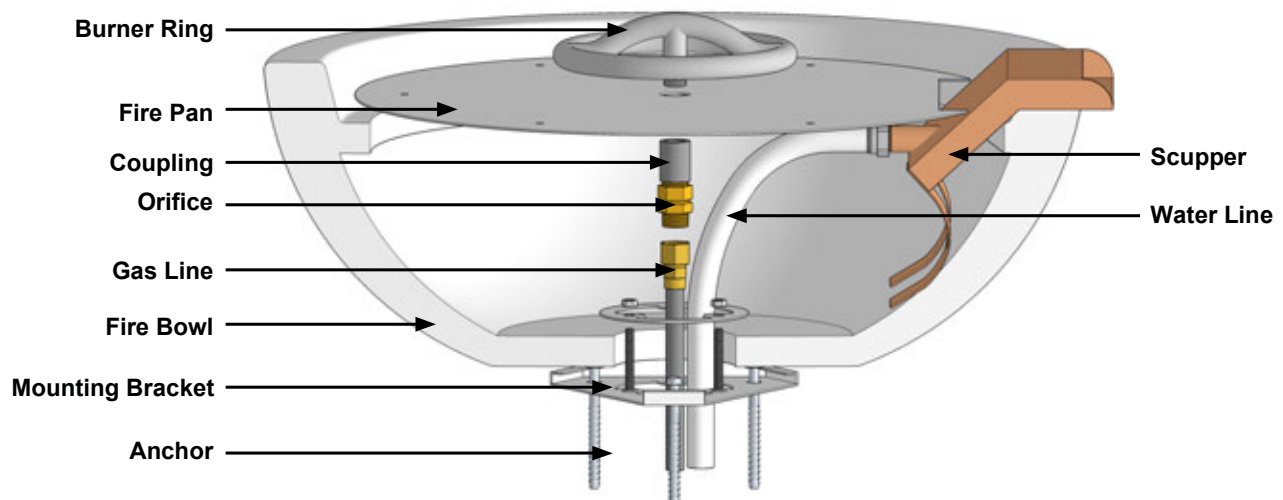
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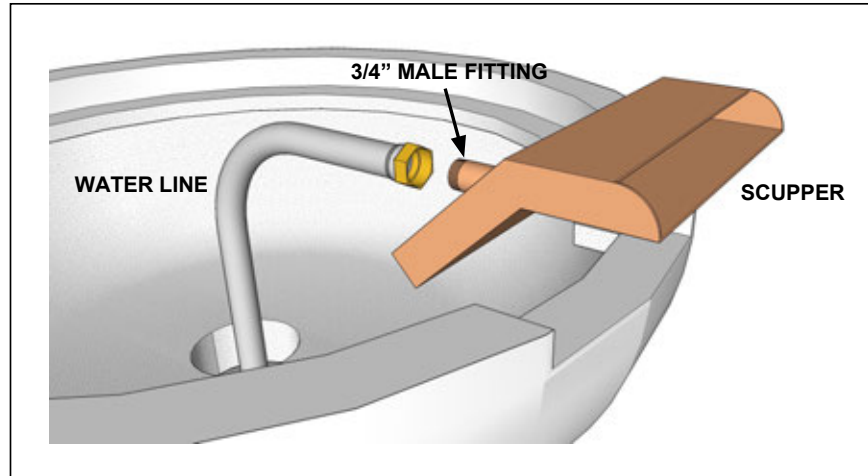
# FIRE & WATER BOWL INSTALLATION

## INSTALLATIONS OF SCUPPER

1. Install a 3/4" water supply line capable of 12-15 GPM as shown in diagram
2. The scupper will have a 3/4" male fitting
3. You can reduce to 1/2" but this might reduce performance of the water flow
4. Connect your water line to scupper. You may need to use silicone.
5. Make sure all connections are tight and free of leaks
6. To firmly attach the scupper, apply a discreet amount of silicone or epoxy adhesive to the notch in the bowl
7. You are now ready to turn on the water portion of the fire and water bowl



Water flow requirements: 12-15 GPM  
Scupper will have a 3/4" male fitting



## ACCEPTABLE MEDIA FOR FIRE FEATURES

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Fire/Water Bowl  
Match Lit



# FIRE & WATER BOWL INSTALLATION

## INSTALLATION OF MEDIA IN FIRE FEATURES

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**No more than 1" of media should cover the burner. Adding more may cause damage**

## FIRE BOWL OPERATION

**WARNING:** Before use, be sure to test all gas connection for leaks. Do not use fire bowl if there is any evidence of leaking gas.

If leaking gas suspected, turn off the main gas supply and repair immediately

**WARNING:** Do not use the fire bowl if any part has been submerged under water.

Immediately call a qualified technician to inspect the fire bowl

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**WARNING:** solid fuels shall not be burned in the fire bowl. Leaves, sticks, wood, paper, clothing, food, should be kept away from the fire bowl. Fire bowl is not for cooking. Make sure that there is no vegetation or other objects over the top or sides of the fire bowl that could interfere with safe operation. See "Clearance from Combustibles" diagram at the end of this document.

**WARNING:** If lava rock is wet, allow fire bowl to burn for 45 prior to coming within 15 feet of the fire bowl.

**WARRANTY REQUIREMENT:** When not in use, the fire bowl must be covered.

**IMPORTANT:** INITIAL START-UP: It may be necessary to purge Air in the Gas Lines after system installation.

## START UP

1. Stop! If you smell gas: 1) shut off gas to appliance. 2) Extinguish any open flame. 3) If odor continues, keep away from appliance and immediately call gas supplier or fire department.
2. Ensure fire bowl is clear of people, debris, and that all covers are removed
3. Place the lighter or match while burning over of the fire bowl near the burner
4. Slowly turn "on" the gas valve.
5. After burner lights, remove the lighter or match
6. Adjust flame to desired height
7. If burner does not light, turn valve to "off" position and allow gas to clear then repeat steps 3-7
8. Never alter the assembly of the fire bowl
9. Ensure fire pit, children and patrons are supervised by a responsible adult that is familiar with emergency shut down.
10. Flammable materials should not be placed on or near the fire bowl
11. This product is not for use with small camping tanks or propane torch tanks.



# FIRE & WATER BOWL INSTALLATION

## MAINTENANCE

**WARNING:** Any guard or protective device removed for servicing must be replaced prior to operating the fire bowl.

**WARNING:** Installation and repair should be done by a qualified service person. Fire bowls should be inspected prior to use and at least annually by a qualified service person.

**WARNING:** Ensure gas and power (if applicable) are shut off and fire bowl is cool before servicing

- Keep fire bowl covered at all times when not in use.
- In some areas of the country spiders or insects have been known to build nest and or lay eggs in the vent holes of the air-mixer for LP units. This can cause fuel to fill the fire feature cavity and result in personal injury or property damage. Periodical inspection by a qualified service technician of the air-intake is required to ensure your fire feature performs properly.
- Keep any debris out of fire bowl- clean as needed.
- Ring Cleaning: (1 x YR) If flames exhibit any abnormal shapes or behavior, or if burner fails to ignite properly, then the burner holes may require cleaning. The appliance can be cleaned by carefully removing the media to allow access to burner. Use a brush to carefully remove dust, spider webs, and loose particles from base, logs, and fire ring itself. If evidence of damage, fire ring must be replaced with fire ring specified by manufacturer

## TROUBLESHOOTING

Below are some potential causes and countermeasures to the symptoms indicated in bold. Please contact your retailer or certified technician for service & repair.

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### Will Not Light

- |                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| 1. Air in Gas Line.      | If new install, may take several attempts to purge air                             |
| 2. Debris in Gas Line.   | Confirm gas line is clear (insulation, dirt, plastic, excessive pipe sealer etc..) |
| 3. Gas Pressure Improper | Confirm proper gas pressure found  |

### Will Not Stay Lit

- |                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. Gas Pressure Improper    | Confirm proper gas pressure found (Section 1) |
| 2. Improperly Applied Media | Review Installation Of Media                  |

### Noise

- |                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| 1. Whistling Sound | Use whistle free hose - Adjust hose to create the path of least resistance for gas. |
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# 12VAC FIRE BOWL INSTALLATION

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Please carefully follow the instructions in this manual to prevent personal injury or property loss. Instructions are updated as needed. It is the installer's responsibility to periodically review instruction for applicable updates.

The steps listed as

**WARNING:** Contains information critical to the safe installation and operation of the fire bowl.

**WARRANTY REQUIREMENT:** Must be strictly followed to qualify for product warranty. Warranty will be void if not followed.

**IMPORTANT:** Notes and insights to help ensure product satisfaction and serviceability.

**WARNING:** It is the installer's responsibility to ensure a safe installation and to educate the end user as to proper operation. Leave this manual with the end user.

**WARNING:** Never alter product or configuration in any way.

**WARNING:** We suggest that our products be installed by professionals that are locally licensed by the authority having jurisdiction in gas piping. We suggest that our products be serviced annually by a professional certified in the US by the National Fireplace Institute (NFI) as NFI Gas Specialists or in Canada by WETT (Wood Energy Technical Training). Installer must follow all instructions carefully to ensure proper performance and safety. The Outdoor Plus Co, Inc is not responsible for your actions.

**WARNING:** Product is not intended to be a starter for wood or any other combustibles.

**WARNING:** It is the responsibility of the installer to follow:

- The National Fuel Gas Code, ANSI Z223.1/NFPA 54 or International Fuel Gas Code.
- The National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA 70.
- Local Codes

**WARNING:** Verify correct gas/fuel type and pressure. Never use an alternative fuel to include bio-fuel, ethanol, lighter fluid or any other fuel. Gas pressure and type should be checked prior to use and installation.

- Natural Gas Fire bowl:  
Supply Pressure: Minimum: 3.5" W.C.; Maximum: 7.0" W.C.
- Liquid Propane Gas:  
Supply Pressure: Minimum: 8.0" W.C.; Maximum: 11.0" W.C.

## SELECTING THE LOCATION

**WARNING:** All fire bowls, match lit kits, and spark ignition systems are designed and intended for outdoor use only.

**WARNING:** All fire bowls must have a gas shutoff on the outside of the exterior of the fire bowl to allow for emergency shut off and maintenance.

**WARNING:** Select a location where the fire bowl can be attended during operation. Never leave an operating fire bowl unattended or by someone not familiar with its operation or emergency shut off locations.

**WARNING:** Both children and adults should be alerted to the hazards of high surface temperatures and should stay away to avoid burns and clothing ignition.

**WARNING:** Young children should be carefully supervised when they are in the area of fire bowl.

**WARNING:** Clothing or other flammable materials should not be placed on or near fire bowl.

**WARNING:** Fire bowls create very high temperatures - Combustibles must be located far enough away that there is no risk of ignition. (See Clearance From Combustibles diagram at the end of this document)

Fire bowl Clearances from Combustibles (Diagram can be found at the end of this document)  
Sides Surrounding Fire bowl - 48" From Structure or Combustibles  
Overhead Clearance - 96" from combustibles overhead

**IMPORTANT:** It is recommended that material such as granite, marble or other dense stone be kept away from heat and especially flame due to risk of cracking. Manufacturer is not responsible for damage.

### TIPS FOR CHOOSING LOCATION

- Select a location with good drainage.
- Choose a location that allows easy access for installation and maintenance of the fire bowl.
- Pick a location that allows sufficient room to enjoy the fire bowl while allowing a safe distance from the heat and flame.



# 12VAC FIRE BOWL INSTALLATION

## Gas and Electricity Requirements

**FUEL TYPE** - Before making gas connections, ensure appliance being installed is compatible with the available gas type. Check the label on the appliance to confirm appliance gas type.

**GAS PRESSURE** - Proper input gas pressures are required for optimum appliance performance

### GAS PRESSURE REQUIREMENTS

Pressure	Natural Gas	Propane
Minimum	3.5" W.C. / 1/8 psi	8.0" W.C. / 1/3 psi
Nominal	7.0" W.C. / 1/4 psi	11.0" W.C. / 1/3 psi
Maximum	14.0" W.C. / 1/2" psi	14.0" W.C. / 1/2 psi

### ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

The Electronic Ignition System operated on 12 Volts AC power ONLY  
**DO NOT** power using 110 Volts AC power - Damage WILL RESULT

**Acceptable Input Voltages to Supplied 12 Volt AC Control Panel:**  
110/120 VAC

(Read label on supplied for proper connection information)

### RECOMMENDED WIRE SIZE

12 gauge for installations within 1-50 feet  
10 gauge for installations from 50-200 feet  
8 gauge for installations over 200 feet

**INPUT:** 120VAC 60Hz

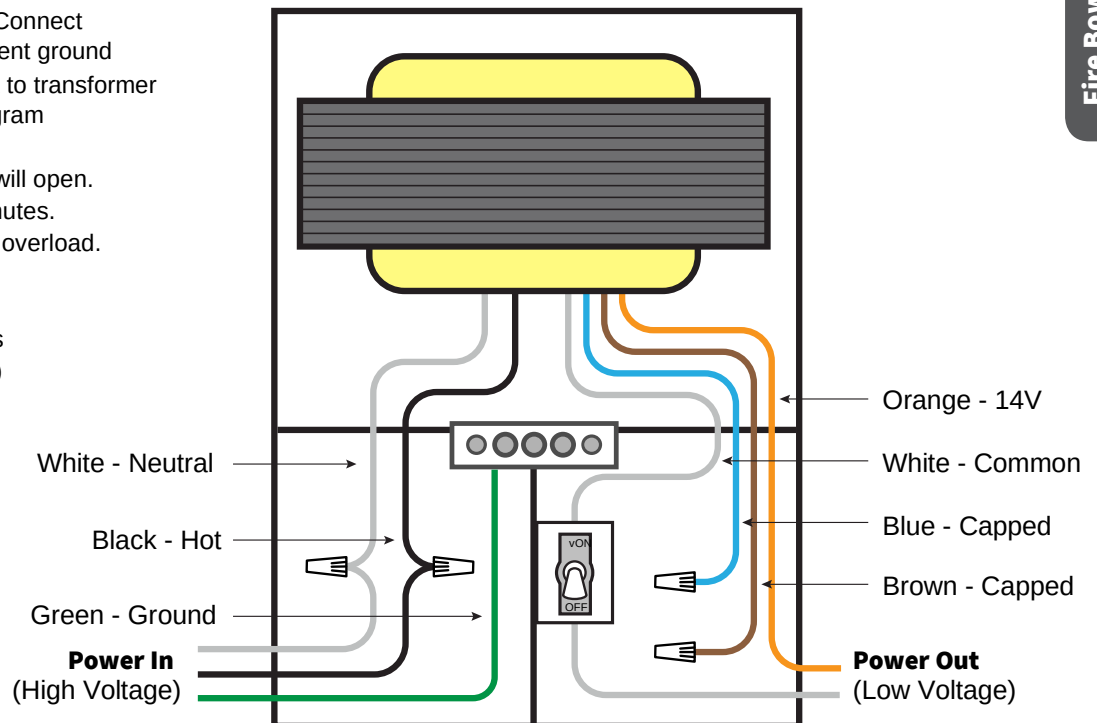
**OUTPUT:** 12, 13, 14 VAC, 300 Watts Max (300W Lamp)

- Low voltage safety isolation transformer for swimming pool/spa and submersible fixtures in rainproof enclosure
- Mount at least 1ft. above ground with arrows facing up (arrows shown on the front of the control panel cover)
- Not for use with dimmers

1. Use copper conductors only. Connect grounding conductors to equipment ground
2. Connect conductors from light to transformer output selection as show on diagram

If overloaded, internal protector will open.  
Automatic reset may take 15 minutes.  
To correct fault, remove short or overload.  
No user serviceable parts inside

Fore field connections, use wires suitable for at least 194°F (90°C)



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## RUNNING GAS LINES

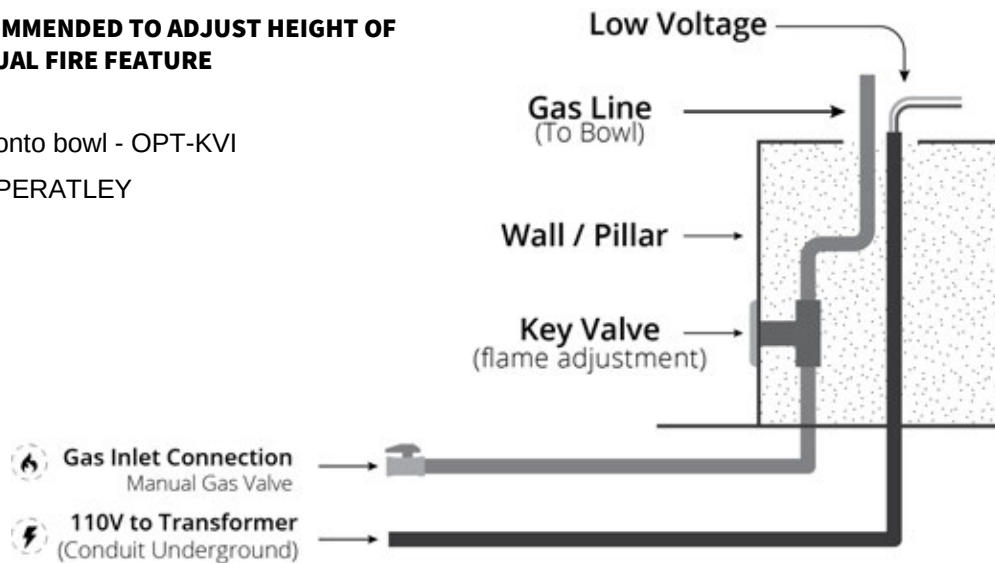
- The gas piping shall be installed underground between to each fire bowl.  
The piping shall be reduced to 1/2" NPT at each bowl.
- To eliminate unnecessary pressure drop, ensure the pipe length and amount of elbows used is minimized.
- Yellow corrugated flex lines should not be used. ONLY use stainless steel whistle free hoses
- Gas lines should be centered in the middle of the column.

## KEY VALVE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO ADJUST HEIGHT OF FLAME OF EACH INDIVIDUAL FIRE FEATURE

Key Valve - OPT-256

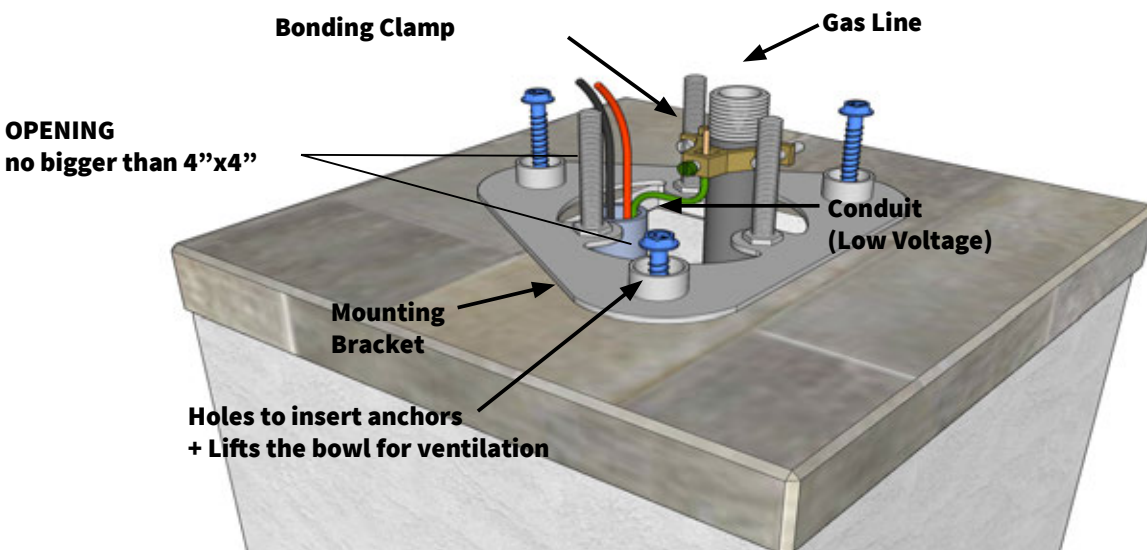
Key Valve & Installation onto bowl - OPT-KVI

KEY VALVES SOLD SEPERATLEY



## MOUNTING ON PILLAR/WALL

- Secure mounting bracket to mounting location with anchors rated for material being affixed. (Anchors not supplied by The Outdoor Plus.)
- Avoid grout seams when installing anchors
- Center cutout hole must be no larger than 4" inches square or diameter. Any larger and the mounting bracket will not have enough area to be properly secured.
- Use bracket to locate and mark the hole location.
- Do NOT kink or sharply bend any of the stainless steel gas lines.
- Do NOT use yellow corrugated gas lines.
- Key Valves near the bowl are recommended for flame adjustment.



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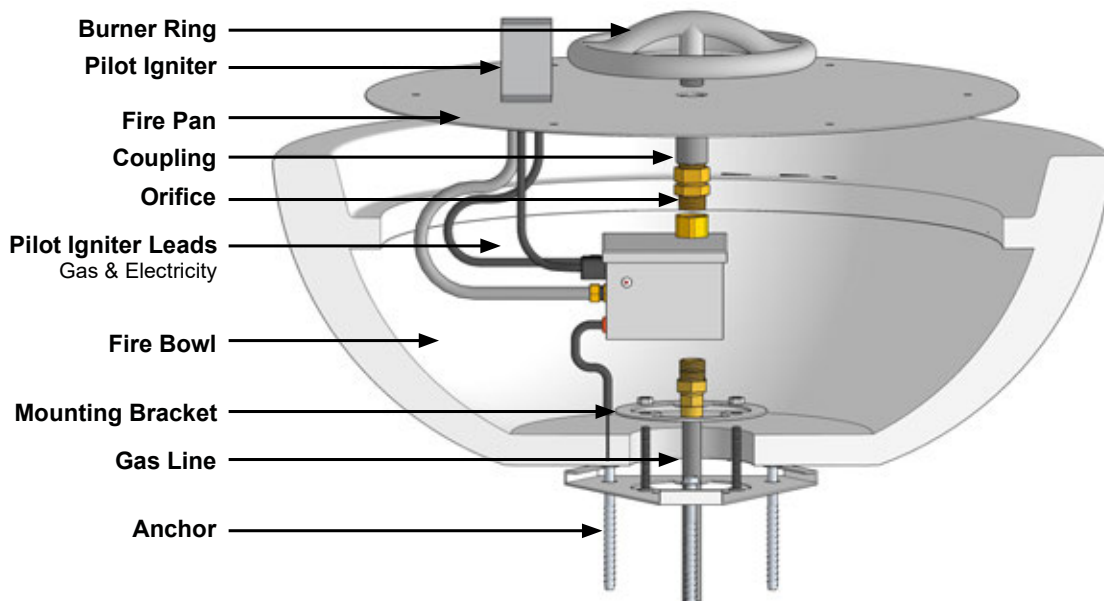
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# 12VAC FIRE BOWL INSTALLATION

## INSTALLATIONS OF ELECTRONIC IGNITION SYSTEM

1. There is a bowl with both a gas riser and the electrical conduit with low voltage wires stubbed up inside the bowl. It is preferred to stub the gas riser centered in order to ensure the fire ring is centered in the bowl once installation is complete. (See diagram 1)

**NOTE:** Do NOT seal the bottom of the bowl. Drainage and Ventilation MUST be provided in the bowl. Use the mounting bracket provided to ensure ventilation and drainage

2. Apply pipe dope/plumber's tape to the gas stub and thread the box onto the gas riser (see diagram 2)

**NOTE:** Ensure the valve is upright. The coupling should be facing up and the gas should be threaded from the bottom of the valve box

**NOTE:** Leak Test – it is highly recommended to perform a gas leak test at this point in the install. Turn on the gas supply and then, using a soapy water solution spray the bottom of the Electronic Valve where it is connected to the gas line to ensure no leaks exist.

3. Diagram 3 shows the black and red wires protruding from the valve box have been connected to the low voltage wires from the electrical conduit using appropriate sized wire nuts.

**NOTE:** It is not required but it is recommended to fill the wire nuts with either dielectric grease or silicone prior to installing the wire nut. This will ensure a weatherproof electrical connection.

4. On the side of the Electronic Valve there are two connections for the Pilot Burner Assembly. The white 'quick connect' is the electrical connection and the brass plumbing fitting is the gas connection. There is a label next to these connections, "Attach Pilot Burner Here".

5. Diagram 4 shows the Electronic Valve after the Pilot Burner Assembly has been connected.

**NOTE:** The electrical connection for the Pilot Burner is a shaped connection thereby ensuring it can only be connected the correct way.

On one side of the box's connection, they will be two "ears" coming out of the connection. On the pilot, the electrical connection will have the same, black connection. There is a locking clip on the quick connect that will 'lock' the connection in place. To ensure a secure connection, make sure you hear a "Click" when inserting it .



Diagram 1



Diagram 2

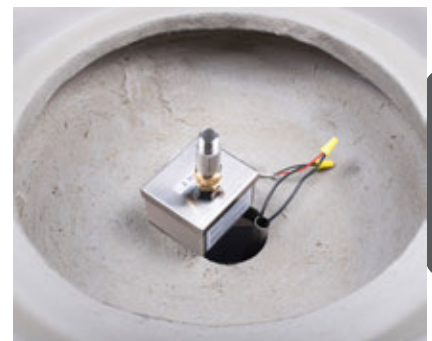


Diagram 3



Diagram 4

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Electrical Connection on the end of the pilot igniter



Electrical Connection on the System



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**6a.** See diagram 5. When installing the fire ring for natural gas applications, a brass orifice will be installed between the system and the fire ring. Apply pipe dope to both ends of orifice and install, along with a coupling.

**6B.** See diagram 6. When installing the fire ring for propane applications, a brass "Air Mixer" will be installed between the system and the fire ring. Apply pipe dope to both ends of the Air Mixer and install, along with a coupling. This will create a space between the burner and the air mixer that prevents backfire.

**NOTE:** Air mixer MUST be installed such that the holes are facing down.



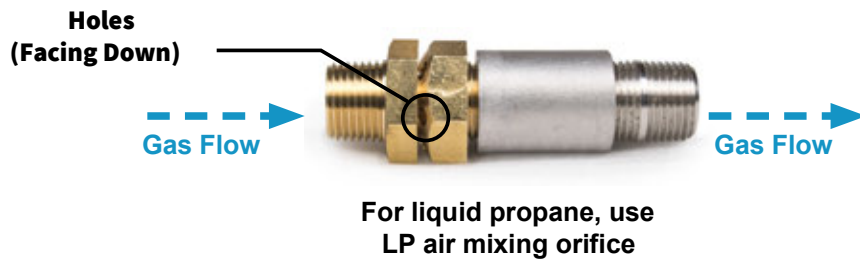
NG Orifice

Diagram 5



LP Orifice

Diagram 6

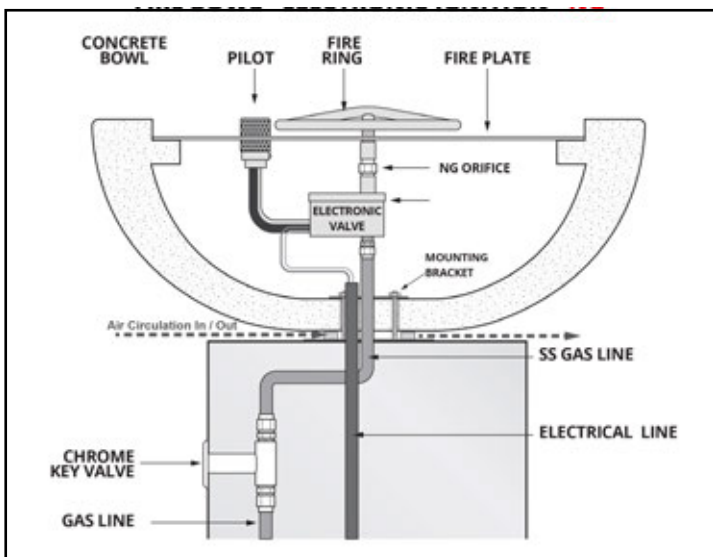


**7.** Lower the stainless steel pan and insert the burner's nipple through the center hole. The holes will be facing up but this is okay as the burners have drainage holes on their underside.

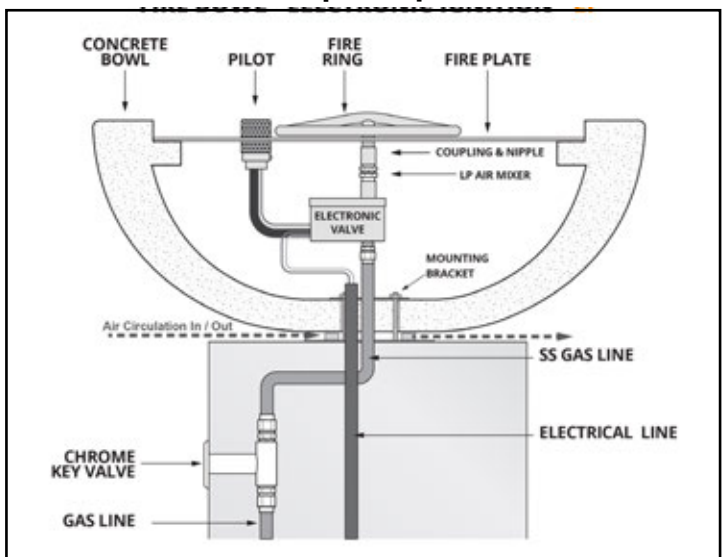


## PROPERLY INSTALLED ELECTRONIC FIRE BOWL

Natural Gas



Liquid Propane



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Lava Rock



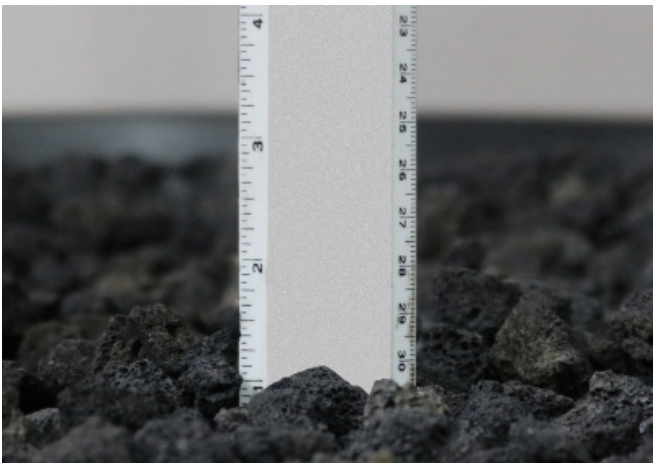
Fire Approved Glass



Fire Approved Reflective Glass

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**No more than 1” of burning media should cover the burner. Adding more may cause damage**



**Do NOT cover the top of the pilot.**

- Covering the pilot will cut off air required for ignition.
- Covering the pilot will retain heat and cause the system to overheat and malfunction

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## FIRE FEATURE START UP

1. Prior to turning appliance on visually inspect fire feature to ensure debris such as leaves or other combustible material has not collected inside the feature which could burn and emit embers once the fire feature is turned on. Also ensure any person standing close to the fire feature is aware you will be turning the fire feature on prior to actually turning it on.

2. Turn fire feature on by turning on the electrical device used to power the fire feature.

### Sequence of Operation during Ignition

Power is applied

Hot Surface Igniter (Glow Plug) becomes hot and 4 seconds later the Pilot Gas Valve opens

Within 10 seconds of power application Pilot Flame should be visible (at night only)

Within 10 seconds of Pilot Flame Ignition burner (fire ring/burner bar) should ignite

## FIRE FEATURE SHUTDOWN

Turn fire feature off by turning off the electrical device used to initially power the fire feature



**WARNING:**  
**If fire feature fails to turn off completely (small flames still visible)**  
**Turn off gas supply using the manual gas shutoff.**



## MAINTENANCE

**WARNING:** Maintenance should be done by a qualified service technician. The appliance should be inspected before use and at least annually by a qualified service technician.

**WARNING:** Ensure gas and power are shut off and appliance is cool before servicing.

**WARNING:** Any guard or protective device removed for servicing must be replaced prior to operation.

Prior to Each Use

1. Inspect for debris in Fire Feature – remove debris prior to use

Semi-Annually

1. Visually inspect Pilot Burner for debris/insect infestation (spider webs)

2. Visually inspect burner holes for debris/insect infestation

3. Clean either of the above as necessary using compressed air.

Annually

1. Visually inspect Pilot Burner for excess corrosion due to heat and moisture.

2. Turn fire feature on to ensure proper operation.





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## TROUBLE SHOOTING

### **I installed the Electronic Ignition System, turned it on and nothing happened**

When this occurs it is usually due to an electrical wiring / power issue. Check all your electrical connections thoroughly to ensure all wires at the transformer and inside the fire feature are connected properly. If it appears all wiring is connected properly, disconnect the wires at the fire feature, attach a Multimeter to the wires to confirm a minimum of 12 volts when the fire feature is turned on. If you determine that you do not have a minimum of 12 volts at the fire feature conduct the same test at the transformer to ensure the transformer is in fact producing a minimum of 12 volts. If you do have a minimum of 12 volts at the fire feature contact us for further assistance.

### **I installed the Electronic Ignition System, turned it on and I can see the glow plug glowing orange and I can hear gas flowing but it will not ignite.**

There are two possible causes to this problem; Air in the Gas Line or not enough Electrical Current to the fire feature.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Please carefully follow the instructions in this manual to prevent personal injury or property loss. Instructions are updated as needed. It is the installer's responsibility to periodically review instruction for applicable updates.

The steps listed as

**WARNING:** Contains information critical to the safe installation and operation of the fire bowl.

**WARRANTY REQUIREMENT:** Must be strictly followed to qualify for product warranty. Warranty will be void if not followed.

**IMPORTANT:** Notes and insights to help ensure product satisfaction and serviceability.

**WARNING:** It is the installer's responsibility to ensure a safe installation and to educate the end user as to proper operation. Leave this manual with the end user.

**WARNING:** Never alter product or configuration in any way.

**WARNING:** We suggest that our products be installed by professionals that are locally licensed by the authority having jurisdiction in gas piping. We suggest that our products be serviced annually by a professional certified in the US by the National Fireplace Institute (NFI) as NFI Gas Specialists or in Canada by WETT (Wood Energy Technical Training). Installer must follow all instructions carefully to ensure proper performance and safety. The Outdoor Plus Co, Inc is not responsible for your actions.

**WARNING:** Product is not intended to be a starter for wood or any other combustibles.

**WARNING:** It is the responsibility of the installer to follow:

- The National Fuel Gas Code, ANSI Z223.1/NFPA 54 or International Fuel Gas Code.
- The National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA 70.
- Local Codes

**WARNING:** Verify correct gas/fuel type and pressure. Never use an alternative fuel to include bio-fuel, ethanol, lighter fluid or any other fuel. Gas pressure and type should be checked prior to use and installation.

- Natural Gas Fire bowl:  
Supply Pressure: Minimum: 3.5" W.C.; Maximum: 7.0" W.C.
- Liquid Propane Gas:  
Supply Pressure: Minimum: 8.0" W.C.; Maximum: 11.0" W.C.

## SELECTING THE LOCATION

**WARNING:** All fire bowls, match lit kits, and spark ignition systems are designed and intended for outdoor use only.

**WARNING:** All fire bowls must have a gas shutoff on the outside of the exterior of the fire bowl to allow for emergency shut off and maintenance.

**WARNING:** Select a location where the fire bowl can be attended during operation. Never leave an operating fire bowl unattended or by someone not familiar with its operation or emergency shut off locations.

**WARNING:** Both children and adults should be alerted to the hazards of high surface temperatures and should stay away to avoid burns and clothing ignition.

**WARNING:** Young children should be carefully supervised when they are in the area of fire bowl.

**WARNING:** Clothing or other flammable materials should not be placed on or near fire bowl.

**WARNING:** Fire bowls create very high temperatures - Combustibles must be located far enough away that there is no risk of ignition. (See Clearance From Combustibles diagram at the end of this document)

Fire bowl Clearances from Combustibles (Diagram can be found at the end of this document)  
Sides Surrounding Fire bowl - 48" From Structure or Combustibles  
Overhead Clearance - 96" from combustibles overhead

**IMPORTANT:** It is recommended that material such as granite, marble or other dense stone be kept away from heat and especially flame due to risk of cracking. Manufacturer is not responsible for damage.

### TIPS FOR CHOOSING LOCATION

- Select a location with good drainage.
- Choose a location that allows easy access for installation and maintenance of the fire bowl.
- Pick a location that allows sufficient room to enjoy the fire bowl while allowing a safe distance from the heat and flame.

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## Gas and Electricity Requirements

**FUEL TYPE** - Before making gas connections, ensure appliance being installed is compatible with the available gas type. Check the label on the appliance to confirm appliance gas type.

**GAS PRESSURE** - Proper input gas pressures are required for optimum appliance performance

### GAS PRESSURE REQUIREMENTS

Pressure	Natural Gas	Propane
Minimum	3.5" W.C. / 1/8 psi	8.0" W.C. / 1/3 psi
Nominal	7.0" W.C. / 1/4 psi	11.0" W.C. / 1/3 psi
Maximum	14.0" W.C. / 1/2" psi	14.0" W.C. / 1/2 psi

### ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

The Electronic Ignition System operated on 12 Volts AC power ONLY  
**DO NOT** power using 110 Volts AC power - Damage WILL RESULT

**Acceptable Input Voltages to Supplied 12 Volt AC Control Panel:**  
 110/120 VAC

(Read label on supplied for proper connection information)

### RECOMMENDED WIRE SIZE

12 gauge for installations within 1-50 feet  
 10 gauge for installations from 50-200 feet  
 8 gauge for installations over 200 feet

**INPUT:** 120VAC 60Hz

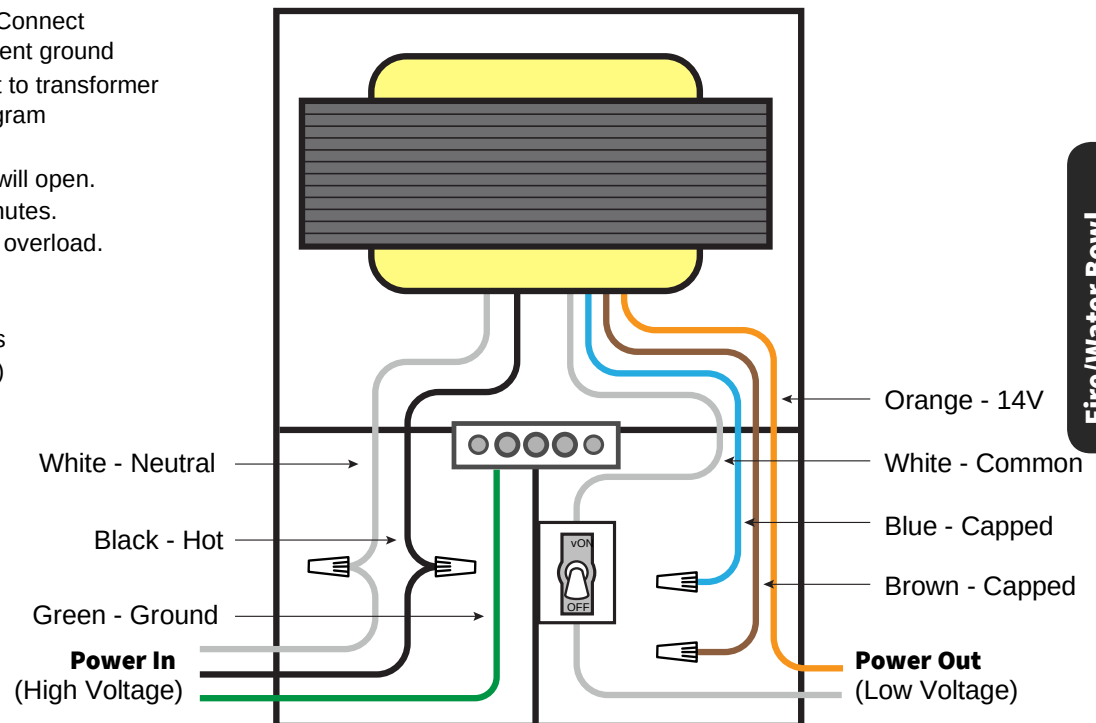
**OUTPUT:** 12, 13, 14 VAC, 300 Watts Max (300W Lamp)

- Low voltage safety isolation transformer for swimming pool/spa and submersible fixtures in rainproof enclosure
- Mount at least 1ft. above ground with arrows facing up (arrows shown on the front of the control panel cover)
- Not for use with dimmers

1. Use copper conductors only. Connect grounding conductors to equipment ground
2. Connect conductors from light to transformer output selection as show on diagram

If overloaded, internal protector will open.  
 Automatic reset may take 15 minutes.  
 To correct fault, remove short or overload.  
 No user serviceable parts inside

Fore field connections, use wires suitable for at least 194°F (90°C)



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## RUNNING GAS LINES

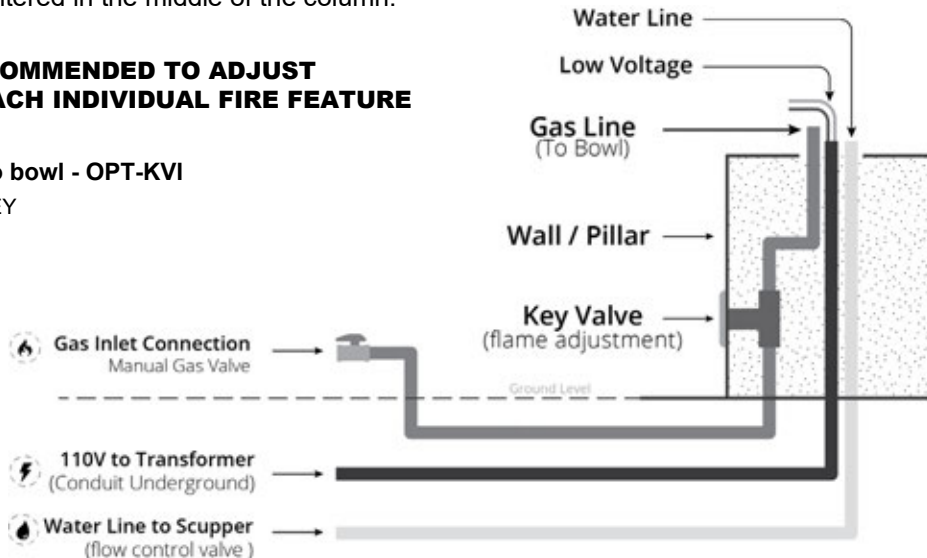
- The gas piping shall be installed underground between to each fire bowl. The piping shall be reduced to 1/2" NPT at each bowl.
- To eliminate unnecessary pressure drop, ensure the pipe length and amount of elbows used is minimized.
- Yellow corrugated flex lines should not be used. ONLY use stainless steel whistle free hoses
- Gas lines should be centered in the middle of the column.

## KEY VALVE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO ADJUST HEIGHT OF FLAME OF EACH INDIVIDUAL FIRE FEATURE

Key Valve - OPT-256

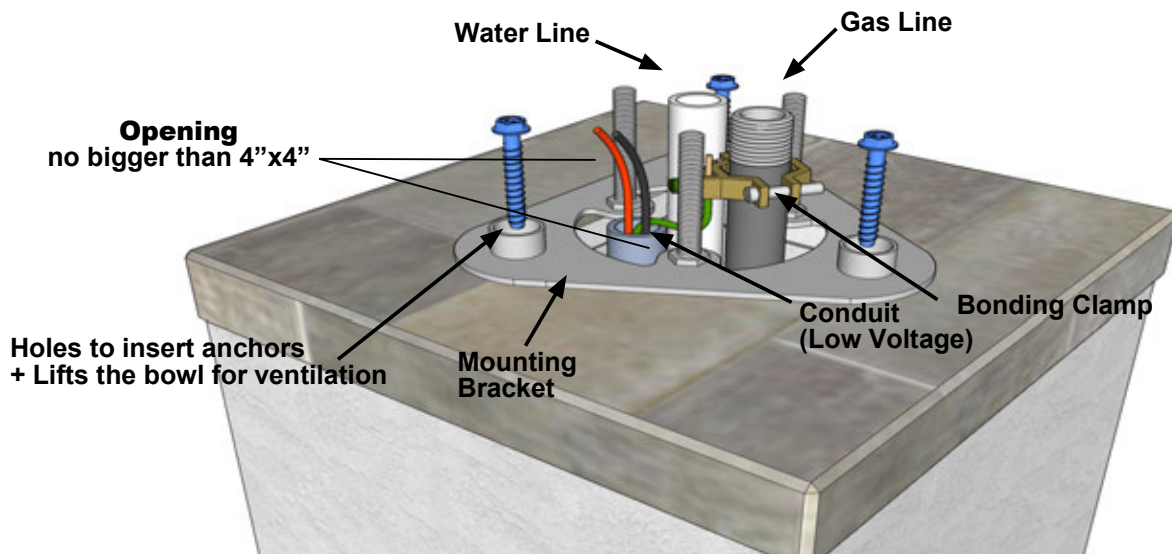
Key Valve & Installation onto bowl - OPT-KVI

KEY VALVES SOLD SEPERATLEY



## MOUNTING ON PILLAR/WALL

- Secure mounting bracket to mounting location with anchors rated for material being affixed. (Anchors not supplied by The Outdoor Plus.)
- Avoid grout seams when installing anchors
- Center cutout hole must be no larger than 4" inches square or diameter. Any larger and the mounting bracket will not have enough area to be properly secured.
- Use bracket to locate and mark the hole location.
- Do NOT kink or sharply bend any of the stainless steel gas lines.
- Do NOT use yellow corrugated gas lines.
- Key Valves near the bowl are recommended for flame adjustment.



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## INSTALLATION OF FIRE BOWL

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**WARNING:** Confirm this appliance is built for gas used – natural gas or propane. Do not use natural gas appliance with propane. Do not use propane appliance with natural gas.

**WARNING:** To prevent damage, unhook fire bowl from gas supply for pressure leak tests.

**WARNING:** Fuel line sizing is the responsibility of the installer and must be able to supply the stated maximum BTU for the product.

**WARNING:** Burn Testing- It is the responsibility of the qualified installer to test for gas leaks at all connections.

**WARNING:** When filling the pan with lava rock and/or decorative glass, follow directions on the following page

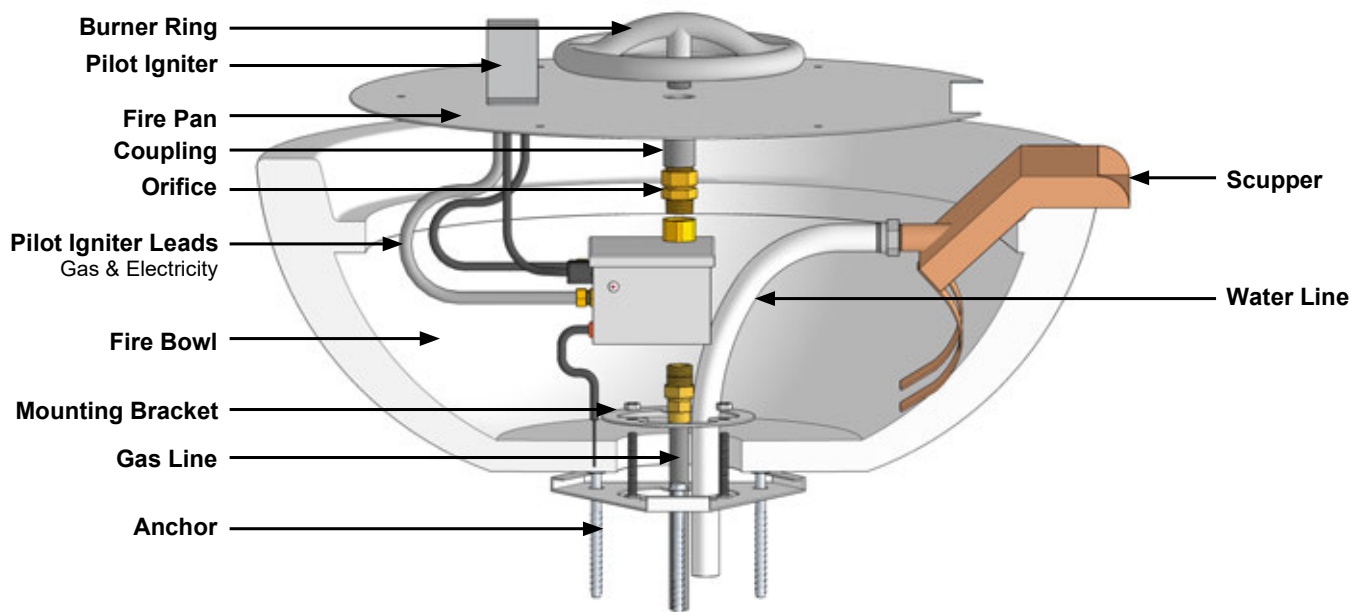
**WARNING:** Gas Plumbing Connections: Use only joint compound or tape that is resistant to all gases. Apply joint compound to all male pipe fittings only- do not use joint compound onto flared/tapered fittings. Be sure to tighten every joint securely.

**WARNING:** For systems with an extended or detached valve box the area in which the valve box is installed must conform with all installation requirements to include but not limited to location, construction, venting and local codes. Failure to do so may result in personal injury property damage or explosion.

**WARRANTY REQUIREMENT:** Warranty is void if product is altered.

- Plan your project well in advance to comply with all instruction and codes and allow for access and serviceability of the product.
- Purge gas lines of air.
- Perform all leak test with leak detector or leak reactant.
- Verify correct gas type and pressure.
- Perform leak test on main gas supply. Repair leaks as necessary.
- Shut Off Gas Supply and Power to fire-pit.
- Connect fire-pit to main gas supply.
- Turn on gas supply and perform leak test on all inlet connections. Repair as needed.
- Position fire bowl safely with access to all gas connections for testing.
- Light fire bowl. It may take several cycles to purge air from the lines.
- Once fire bowl is lit perform leak test on all gas connections. Repair as needed.
- Turn off fire bowl and allow to cool.
- Apply media
- Turn on fire bowl again and perform leak test with media correctly installed. If gas leak is detected verify correct media application and repair as needed.
- If key valve is installed adjust flame to desired height. (Never alter the product configuration)
- Set fire bowl in properly constructed enclosure
- Verify correct operation and lighting.
- Review safety manual with end user and instruct not to change/ modify fire bowl or media.
- Leave manual with end user.

## Component Overview



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## INSTALLATIONS OF ELECTRONIC IGNITION SYSTEM

1. There is a bowl with both a gas riser and the electrical conduit with low voltage wires stubbed up inside the bowl. It is preferred to stub the gas riser centered in order to ensure the fire ring is centered in the bowl once installation is complete. (See diagram 1)

**NOTE:** Do NOT seal the bottom of the bowl. Drainage and Ventilation MUST be provided in the bowl. Use the mounting bracket provided to ensure ventilation and drainage

2. Apply pipe dope/plumber's tape to the gas stub and thread the box onto the gas riser (see diagram 2)

**NOTE:** Ensure the valve is upright. The coupling should be facing up and the gas should be threaded from the bottom of the valve box

**NOTE:** Leak Test – it is highly recommended to perform a gas leak test at this point in the install. Turn on the gas supply and then, using a soapy water solution spray the bottom of the Electronic Valve where it is connected to the gas line to ensure no leaks exist.

3. Diagram 3 shows the black and red wires protruding from the valve box have been connected to the low voltage wires from the electrical conduit using appropriate sized wire nuts.

**NOTE:** It is not required but it is recommended to fill the wire nuts with either dielectric grease or silicone prior to installing the wire nut. This will ensure a weatherproof electrical connection.

4. On the side of the Electronic Valve there are two connections for the Pilot Burner Assembly. The white 'quick connect' is the electrical connection and the brass plumbing fitting is the gas connection. There is a label next to these connections, "Attach Pilot Burner Here".

5. Diagram 4 shows the Electronic Valve after the Pilot Burner Assembly has been connected.

**NOTE:** The electrical connection for the Pilot Burner is a shaped connection thereby ensuring it can only be connected the correct way.

On one side of the box's connection, they will be two "ears" coming out of the connection. On the pilot, the electrical connection will have the same, black connection. There is a locking clip on the quick connect that will 'lock' the connection in place. To ensure a secure connection, make sure you hear a "Click" when inserting it .



Diagram 1



Diagram 2

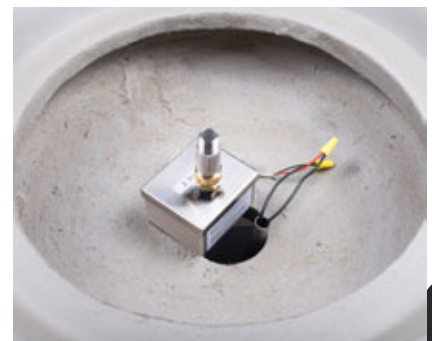


Diagram 3



Diagram 4



Electrical Connection on the end of the pilot igniter



Electrical Connection on the System



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**6a.** See diagram 5. When installing the fire ring for natural gas applications, a brass orifice will be installed between the system and the fire ring. Apply pipe dope to both ends of orifice and install, along with a coupling.



NG Orifice

Diagram 5

**6B.** See diagram 6. When installing the fire ring for propane applications, a brass "Air Mixer" will be installed between the system and the fire ring. Apply pipe dope to both ends of the Air Mixer and install, along with a coupling. This will create a space between the burner and the air mixer that prevents backfire.



LP Orifice

Diagram 6

**NOTE:** Air mixer MUST be installed such that the holes are facing down.



**7.** Lower the stainless steel pan and insert the burner's nipple through the center hole. The holes will be facing up but this is okay as the burners have drainage holes on their underside.



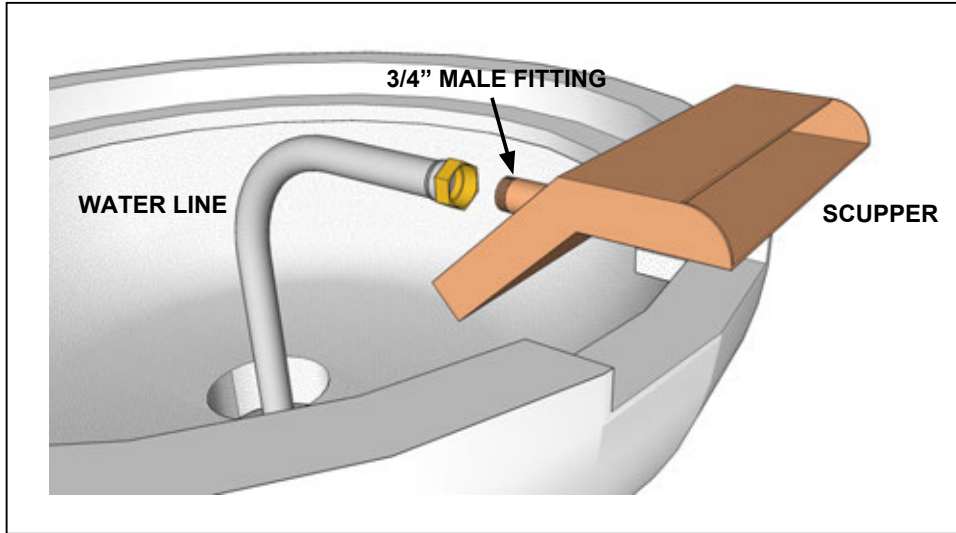
## INSTALLATIONS OF SCUPPER

Water flow requirements: 12-15 GPM  
Scupper will have a 3/4" male fitting

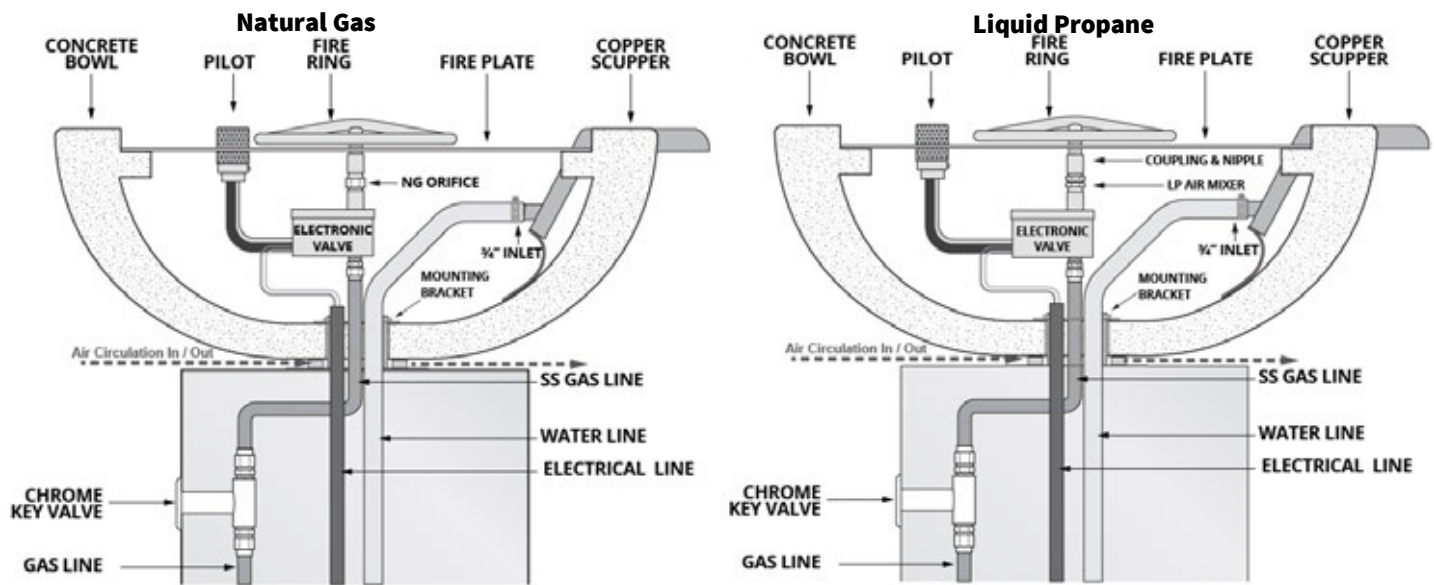
1. Install a 3/4" water supply line capable of 12-15 GPM as shown in diagram
2. The scupper will have a 3/4" male fitting
3. You can reduce to 1/2" but this might reduce performance of the water flow
4. Connect your water line to scupper. You may need to use silicone.
5. Make sure all connections are tight and free of leaks
6. To firmly attach the scupper, apply a discreet amount of silicone or epoxy adhesive to the notch in the bowl
7. You are now ready to turn on the water portion of the fire and water bowl



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## PROPERLY INSTALLED ELECTRONIC FIRE & WATER BOWL



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## ACCEPTABLE MEDIA FOR FIRE FEATURES

**WARNING:** Do not use any other material as filler/topping media inside fire features other than those listed below. Using improper media inside a fire feature could result in damage to property or injury to persons nearby due to media ‘popping’ or ‘exploding’ due to heat

### LIST OF ACCEPTABLE MEDIA FOR FIRE FEATURES:

Fire Rated Lava Rock (or other Igneous Rock), Fire glass approved for use in fire features, Man-made stone for use in fire features (Reflective Material)

**INSTALLATION NOTE:** The use of media inside fire features is recommended because it enhances the look of the fire feature and improves its performance by forcing the gas emanating from the burner to mix as it passes through the media. This ‘mixing’ of gases creates an even flame throughout the feature and helps spread the flame from the Pilot Burner throughout the burner quicker than when there is no media. Recommended thickness of the media above the burner element is NO MORE than 2”.



Lava Rock



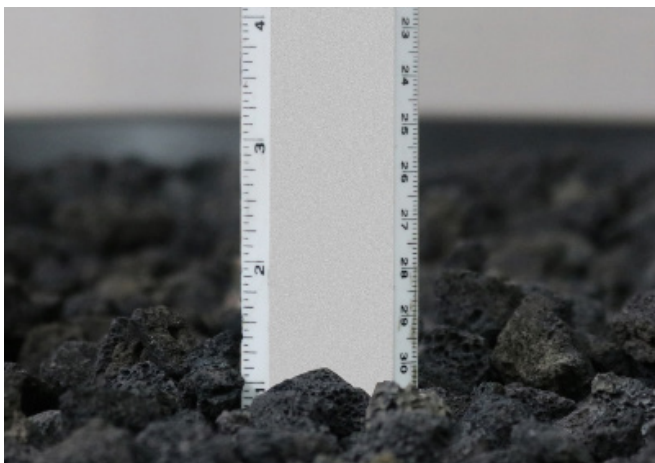
Fire Approved Glass



Fire Approved Reflective Glass

## INSTALLATION OF MEDIA IN FIRE FEATURES

There are several options when it comes to topping material for a fire feature; large lava chunks, fire glass and fire stones. In this example we are using 1” lava rock. You will need a layer that is 2” - 3” thick to properly cover the fire feature while at the same time allowing plenty of oxygen to mix with the gas coming from the fire ring. This lava rock is more expensive than the “filler” lava rock but is still fairly inexpensive and readily available in the BBQ section of most hardware stores.



**No more than 1” of burning media should cover the burner. Adding more may cause damage**



**Do NOT cover the top of the pilot.**

- Covering the pilot will cut off air required for ignition.
- Covering the pilot will retain heat and cause the system to overheat and malfunction



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## FIRE BOWL OPERATION

**WARNING:** Before use, be sure to test all gas connection for leaks. Do not use fire bowl if there is any evidence of leaking gas.

If leaking gas suspected, turn off the main gas supply and repair immediately

**WARNING:** Do not use the fire bowl if any part has been submerged under water. Immediately call a qualified technician to inspect the fire bowl

**WARNING:** Never use any material that is non-porous and holds moisture such as gravel, pebbles, river rocks, etc. This material, when heated, will cause moisture trapped inside to boil and fracture unexpectedly. This material is not sufficiently porous to allow heated steams to readily escape which can break and cause personal injury or damage

**WARNING:** solid fuels shall not be burned in the fire bowl. Leaves, sticks, wood, paper, clothing, food, should be kept away from the fire bowl. Fire bowl is not for cooking. Make sure that there is no vegetation or other objects over the top or sides of the fire bowl that could interfere with safe operation. See "Clearance from Combustibles" diagram at the end of this document.

**WARNING:** If lava rock is wet, allow fire bowl to burn for 45 prior to coming within 15 feet of the fire bowl.

**WARRANTY REQUIREMENT:** When not in use, the fire bowl must be covered.

**IMPORTANT: INITIAL START-UP:** It may be necessary to purge Air in the Gas Lines after system installation.

## FIRE FEATURE START UP

1. Prior to turning appliance on visually inspect fire feature to ensure debris such as leaves or other combustible material has not collected inside the feature which could burn and emit embers once the fire feature is turned on. Also ensure any person standing close to the fire feature is aware you will be turning the fire feature on prior to actually turning it on.
2. Turn fire feature on by turning on the electrical device used to power the fire feature.

### Sequence of Operation during Ignition

Power is applied

Hot Surface Igniter (Glow Plug) becomes hot and 4 seconds later the Pilot Gas Valve opens

Within 10 seconds of power application Pilot Flame should be visible (at night only)

Within 10 seconds of Pilot Flame Ignition burner (fire ring/burner bar) should ignite

## FIRE FEATURE SHUTDOWN

Turn fire feature off by turning off the electrical device used to initially power the fire feature



**WARNING:**  
If fire feature fails to turn off completely (small flames still visible)  
Turn off gas supply using the manual gas shutoff.



## MAINTENANCE

**WARNING:** Maintenance should be done by a qualified service technician. The appliance should be inspected before use and at least annually by a qualified service technician.

**WARNING:** Ensure gas and power are shut off and appliance is cool before servicing.

**WARNING:** Any guard or protective device removed for servicing must be replaced prior to operation.

Prior to Each Use

1. Inspect for debris in Fire Feature – remove debris prior to use

Semi-Annually

1. Visually inspect Pilot Burner for debris/insect infestation (spider webs)
2. Visually inspect burner holes for debris/insect infestation
3. Clean either of the above as necessary using compressed air.

Annually

1. Visually inspect Pilot Burner for excess corrosion due to heat and moisture.
2. Turn fire feature on to ensure proper operation.



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## TROUBLE SHOOTING

### **I installed the Electronic Ignition System, turned it on and nothing happened**

When this occurs it is usually due to an electrical wiring / power issue. Check all your electrical connections thoroughly to ensure all wires at the transformer and inside the fire feature are connected properly. If it appears all wiring is connected properly, disconnect the wires at the fire feature, attach a Multimeter to the wires to confirm a minimum of 12 volts when the fire feature is turned on. If you determine that you do not have a minimum of 12 volts at the fire feature conduct the same test at the transformer to ensure the transformer is in fact producing a minimum of 12 volts. If you do have a minimum of 12 volts at the fire feature contact us for further assistance.

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**THIS IS THE END OF THE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR FIRE & WATER BOWLS WITH ELECTRONIC IGNITION**

# REPLACEMENT PARTS



**TOP-500PI**  
Plot Igniter Assembly



**TOP-12VCP**  
12V Control Panel



**OPT-INBR**  
Installation Bracket



**OPT-158-8**  
8" Burner

**OPT-159**  
12" Burner

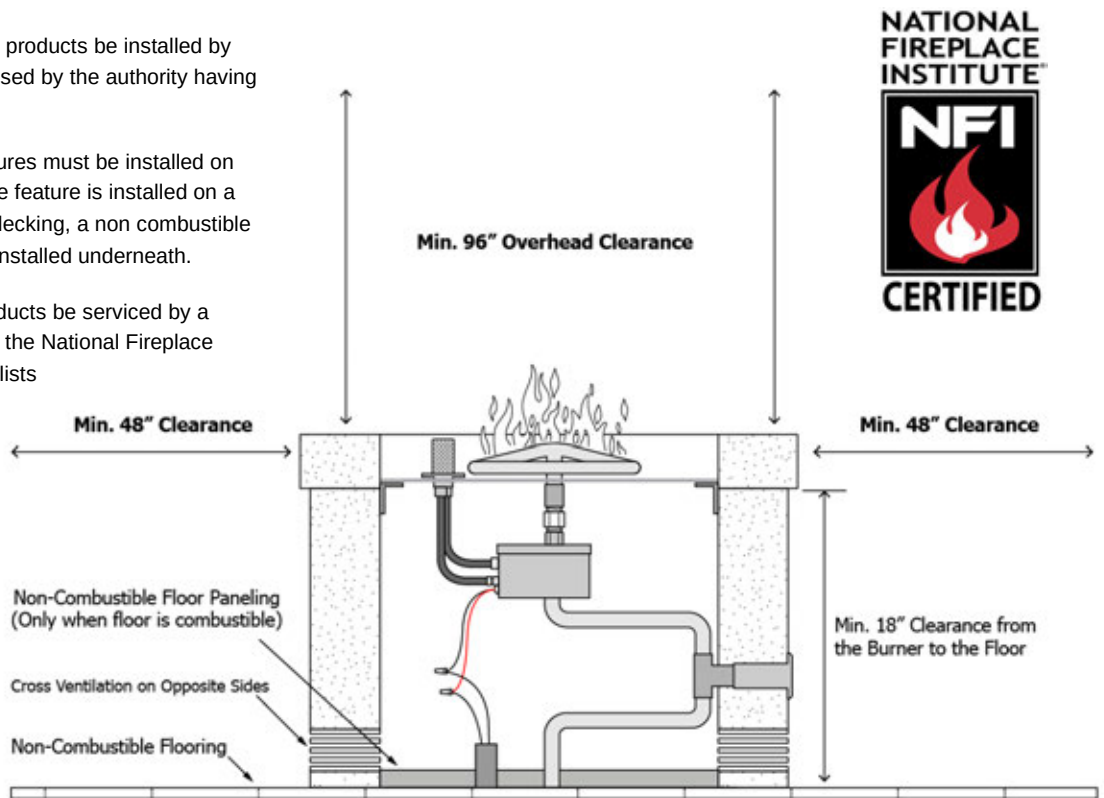
# CLEARANCE FROM COMBUSTIBLES DIAGRAM

**THIS DIAGRAM APPLIES TO ANY GAS FIRE FEATURE**

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**Flooring** - All fire pits and fire features must be installed on non-combustible flooring. If the fire feature is installed on a combustible floor, such as wood decking, a non combustible floor paneling **MUST** be properly installed underneath.

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## LIMITED WARRANTY

The Outdoor Plus Company (TOP) warranties all bowls against manufacturing defects that prevent safe and correct function as follows:

- Electronics, Gas Valve, & Pilot Assembly: Commercial-6mos; Residential- 1 yr.
- Stainless Steel Pan, Fire Ring, & Valve Box: Commercial-1yr.; Residential 3yrs.

- This commences from the date of original sale / shipment from The Outdoor Plus.
- This warranty is for parts and in-house (TOP) labor. The defective product must be sent back to TOP with a Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) issued by TOP for that specific product and any other additional information for the nature of the defect or warranty claim.
- The warranty does not cover items that have been damaged by overheating, modification, abuse, or improper storage. Also any labor involving installation or maintenance with the unit is not covered.
- This warranty excludes claims for consequential, indirect-collateral expenses arising from product defects or warranty recovery.