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Product Change Notification

New ProMax® Direct Vent Water Heaters

Our new A. O. Smith ProMax Direct Vent gas water heaters have been re-designed to utilize improvements that were added to our Power Vent offering last year. The unique air inlet snorkel has been strengthened to allow hand trucks (dollies) to be used in this area when moving these heaters. This inlet snorkel carries combustion air down the back of the water heater to the base of the unit without a significant increase to the overall footprint. Leg assemblies have been removed from the base to simplify leveling for installation & moving the water heater when out of the carton. These models have 2" foam insulation making the standard gas input models the most efficient in this product category.

Venting Flexibility

The ProMax Direct Vent models are factory supplied with an expandable concentric vent system and termination cap. This concentric vent allows the water heater to be placed up against the wall (17" minimum vent distance from the center of water heater, to the outside wall surface) or as far away as 80" from the outside wall using the standard vent kit supplied with the water heater. No need to purchase additional venting kits for longer vent applications, as the one kit that ships with the water heater will allow for a wide range of installations. With the flexibility of our concentric vent system, replacement or new installations have now been simplified.

The new water heaters are approximately 5 inches shorter in height due to the removal of the leg assemblies from the base. This will cause little disruption for replacement installation as the flexible vent kit supplied with the water heater, will adjust for this difference in height very easily.

Direct Vent Product ID Numbers

The standard model & item ID's are listed below:

<u>Model Number</u>	<u>Current Item Number</u>	<u>New Item Number</u>
GDV-40	9200530000	9200582000
GDV-50	9200534000	9212073000
GDVT-50	9200536000	9212077000
GDV-75	9200540000	No Change

The 75-gallon model is not part of this launch but will remain in the offering as a 200/201 series product. All models will be available with side re-circulating loop connections as an option, just add an L to the suffix of the model number (example GDV-40L). All models will be certified for installations from sea level to 7700 feet elevation. Models will also be available in Natural Gas or Propane (LP) Gas with no reduction in Btu input.

You will begin receiving these new models in the coming weeks. Order entry will begin to cross reference your orders to the new models once the inventory levels of the current models have been depleted. Be sure to visit our web-site at www.hotwater.com and review all of the specification and performance information for these new models, as some specifications have changed.

For more information, please contact your local A. O. Smith representative or regional manager today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Cliff Deidiker'.

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Residential Product Manager
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