Robertshaw Millivolt
Troubleshooting Guide
Gas Products

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Electromagnet power unit (EPU) testing

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

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

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

Set meter to Volts DC / Millivolts

Place on lead to TP/TH & TP

Thermopile Output- **MAIN BURNER OFF**: 325 mv minimum required for system to operate consistently. If lower than 325 mv, **change the thermopile**.
Thermopile Millivolt Check

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

Thermopile Output - **MAIN BURNER ON:** 110 mv minimum required for system to operate consistently. If lower than 110 mv, conduct valve operating head test. If valve proves good, change the thermopile.
Circuit Millivolt Check

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

The Thermopile, energized by the pilot flame, generates sufficient power to operate the gas valve and on/off switch. Voltage drop across the switch terminals **Burner on**: 35 mv or less.

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

*If higher than 35mv check connections and switch.
Valve Operating Head Test

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

Set meter to **Ohms** for this test.

One lead to TH/TP and one to TP
- 0 – 10.9 Ohms Good
- Infinite ohms (bad)

One lead to TP and one to TH
- 1.5 – 1.7 Ohms Good
- Infinite ohms (bad)
Circuit Millivolt Check

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

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

Set meter to Ohms
Place one lead to each spade switch in on position

*If higher than 0.3 ohms replace switch