

# Robertshaw Millivolt Troubleshooting Guide Gas Products

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# Electromagnet power unit (EPU) testing

Set meter to Ohms for this test

To take an Ohms reading on a safety magnet, remove EPU wire from the valve.

Place one meter lead to the EPU wire spade and one to TP

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



*Good Reading*



# Thermopile Millivolt Check

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

Set meter to Volts DC / Millivolts

Place on lead to TP/TH & TP

Thermopile Output- **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