



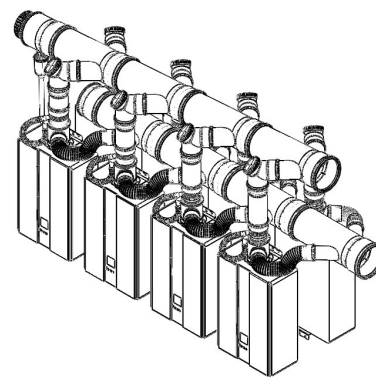
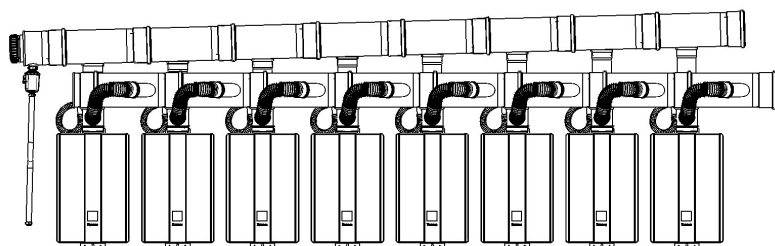
## Common Vent Installation Manual

For the RU98i (REU-KB3237FFUD-US) Condensing Water Heater

This manual is a supplement to the appliance manual.

Additional information can be obtained from the Rinnai water heater manual.

The exhaust vent system, CVent, is supplied by Ubbink.



Certified to ANS Z21.10.3 - CSA 4.3  
Only for U.S. installations

### **⚠ WARNING**

If the information in these instructions is not followed exactly, a fire or explosion may result causing property damage, personal injury or death.


- Do not store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids in the vicinity of this or any other appliance.
- **WHAT TO DO IF YOU SMELL GAS**
  - Do not try to light any appliance.
  - Do not touch any electrical switch; do not use any phone in your building.
  - Immediately call your gas supplier from a neighbor's phone. Follow the gas supplier's instructions.
  - If you cannot reach your gas supplier, call the fire department.
- Installation and service must be performed by a licensed professional.

**This entire manual must be left for the consumer. The consumer must read and refer to this manual for proper operation and maintenance of the common vent system.**

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## Installer Qualifications

 <b>WARNING</b>	Improper installation of the vent system and components, or failure to follow all installation instructions, can result in serious injury.
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A licensed professional must install the common venting.

The installer should have skills such as

- connecting gas lines, water lines, valves, and electricity
- knowledge of applicable national, state, and local codes

**If you lack these skills, contact a licensed professional.**

Installation is certified for sea level (0-2000 feet) only.

For installations above 2000 feet refer to the Rinnai Installation and Operation Manual for other venting options.

## Description

The CVent Common Venting system provides longer vent lengths and fewer wall or roof penetrations than conventional single-unit venting. For the exhaust flue, CVent utilizes a CSA-certified and tested polypropylene venting material from Ubbink, the same supplier for Rinnai's innovative line of concentric venting. The various sections are self locking and sealing and can be pushed together without use of cement or glue.

CVent is only for use in U.S. installations and is not currently approved for use in Canada.

## Model Applicability

The common vent system is CSA certified (ANSI Z21.10.3, Gas Water Heaters Standards) for use only with the Rinnai tankless condensing water heater **RU98i (REU-KB3237FFUD-US)**.

## Safety Symbols



This is the safety alert symbol. This symbol alerts you to potential hazards that can kill or hurt you and others.



Indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.



Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.



Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.

## Warranty and Liability Exclusions

Claims for personal and material damages are excluded, if they are due to any or several of the following reasons:

- Use of the Cvent system not in accordance with the regulations.
- Improper assembly and incorrect operation.
- Faulty maintenance.
- Non-compliance with the assembly and operating instructions.
- Non-approved structural changes to the unit or to the individual components.
- Installation of components which are not part of the Cvent system .
- Subsequent damage, which occurred through further use of the Cvent system despite known defects.
- Intentional damage.
- Acts of God.

## Specifications

Water heaters using Cvent will automatically de-rate according to the table below. Use the table below for calculating your total Btu for multiple water heaters using Cvent.

Number of water heaters*	Percent De-rated	Total Btu Rate	Manifold Pressure		Btu at Minimum Rate (without MSB)	Btu at Minimum Rate (with MSB)
			Maximum Rate "W.C.	Minimum Rate "W.C.		
1	0%	199,000	3.0	0.42	15,200	15,200
2	1%	394,000	3.1	0.42	30,400	
3	1.5%	588,000	3.1	0.42	45,600	
4	2%	780,000	3.1	0.42	60,800	
5	2.5%	970,000	3.2	0.45	76,000	
6	3%	1,158,000	3.2	0.45	91,200	
7	3.5%	1,344,000	3.2	0.45	106,400	
8	4%	1,528,000	3.2	0.45	121,600	

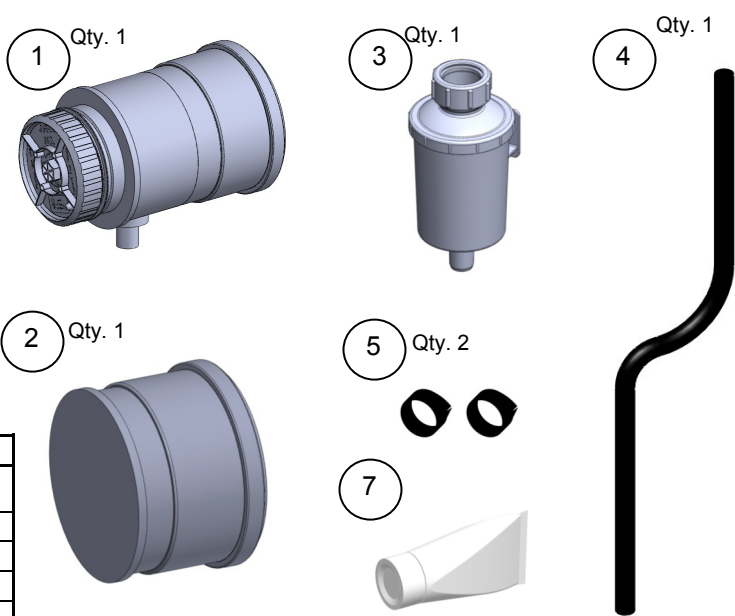
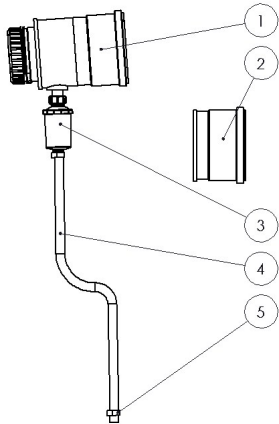
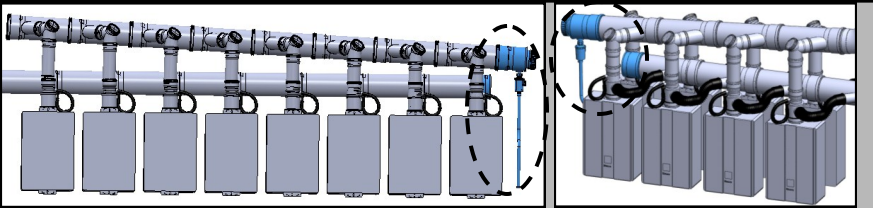
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Altitude: 0-2000 feet

Natural and propane gas

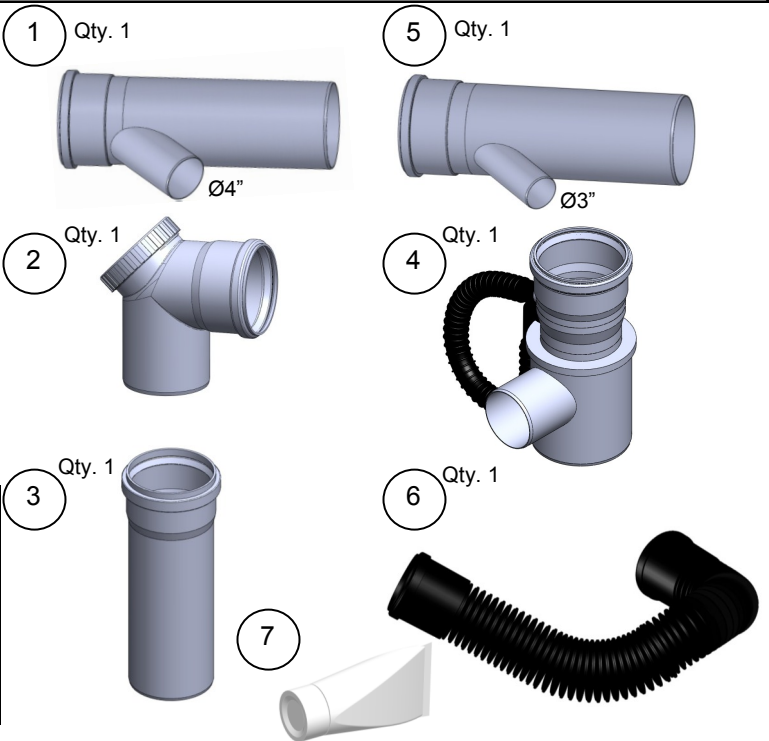
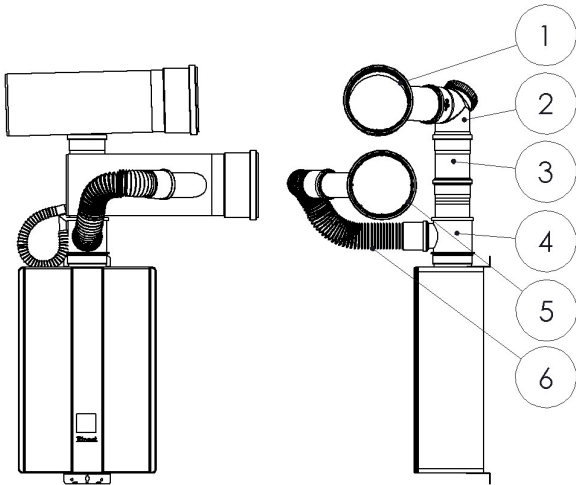
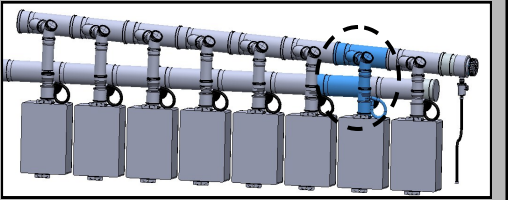
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**Cvent Starter Kit**  
**790005**  
**8-Inch For Back-2-Back or InLine**  
**Combustion Air & Exhaust**



NO	QTY	DESCRIPTION
1	1	CVENT ENDPIECE (EXHAUST) W/ CLEANOUT & CONDEN-
2	1	CVENT COMB AIR ENDPIECE D8
3	1	CVENT CONDENSATE TRAP (32mm Connection)
4	1	CVENT DRAIN HOSE
5	2	CVENT DRAIN HOSE CLAMP
6	1	UBBINK INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION
7	1	CENTROCERIN LUBRICANT

**Cvent InLine Kit**  
**790007**  
**8-Inch Header Kit For InLine**  
**Combustion Air & Exhaust**

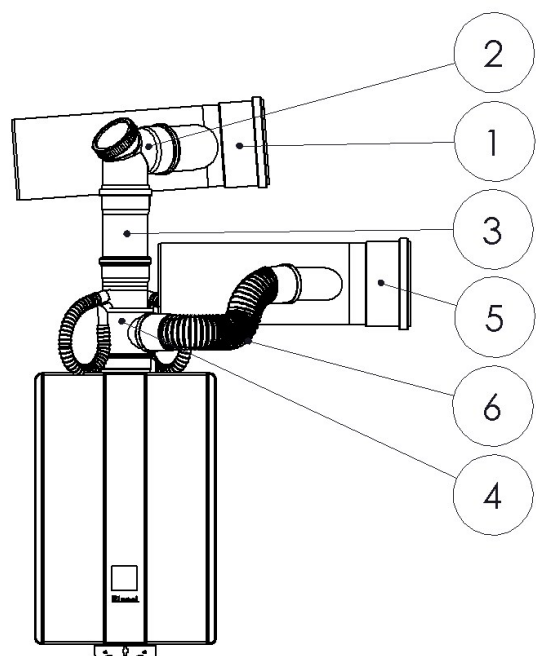
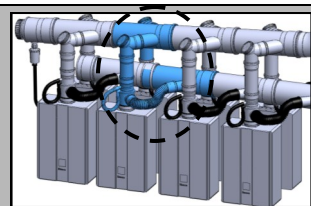


NO	QTY	DESCRIPTION
1	1	CVENT COLLECTOR, 1 CONNECTION, D8 X L20 X D4 (Exhaust)
2	1	CVENT ELBOW D4 X 87° WITH CLEANOUT
3	1	CVENT EXTENTION, D4 X L18
4	1	CVENT APPLIANCE ADAPTER, CHECK VALVE AND HOSE TRAP
5	1	CVENT COMB. AIR COLLECTOR, 1 CONNECTION, D8 X L20 X D3
6	1	CVENT COMB AIR FLEX FITTING, D3
7	1	CENTROCERIN LUBRICANT

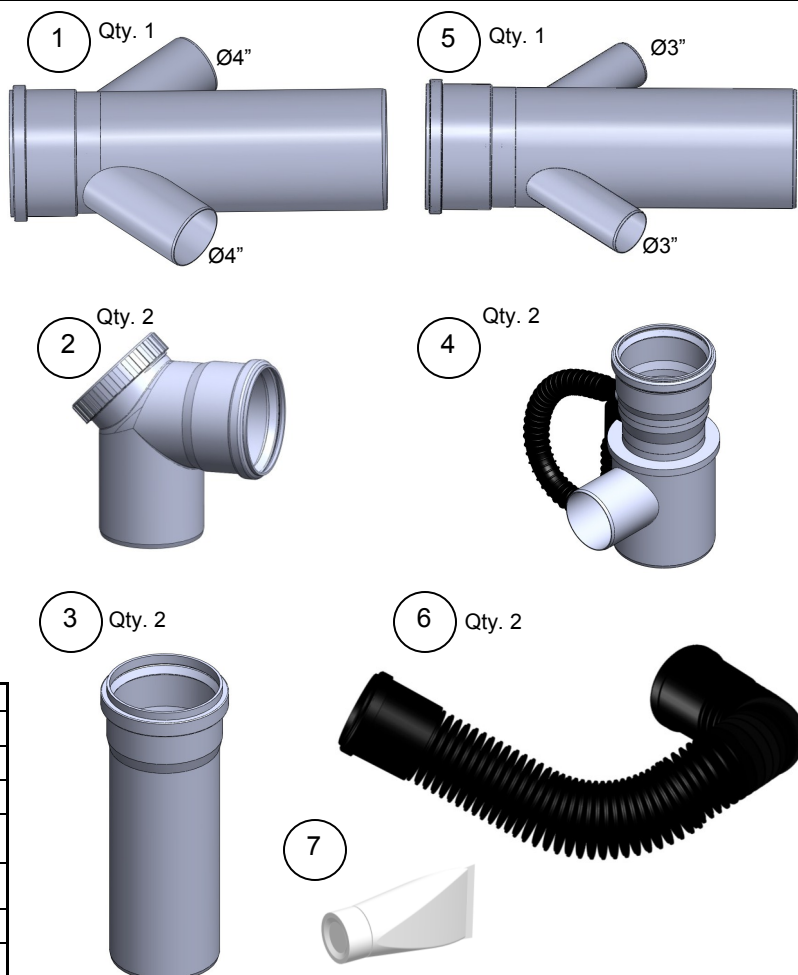
# CVent Back-2-Back Kit

790008

8-Inch Header Kit For Back-2-Back  
Combustion Air & Exhaust



NO	QTY	DESCRIPTION
1	1	CVENT COLLECTOR, 2 CONNECTION, D8 X L20
2	2	CVENT ELBOW D4 X 87° WITH CLEANOUT
3	2	CVENT EXTENSION, D4 X L18
4	2	CVENT APPLIANCE ADAPTER WITH CHECK VALVE AND TRAP
5	1	CVENT COMB. AIR COLLECTOR, 2 CONNECTION,
6	2	CVENT COMB. AIR FLEX FITTING, D3
7	1	CENTROCERIN LUBRICANT

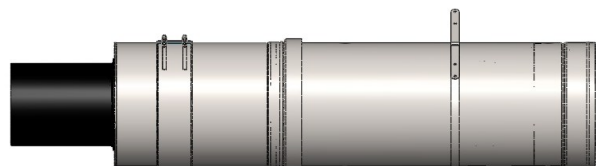
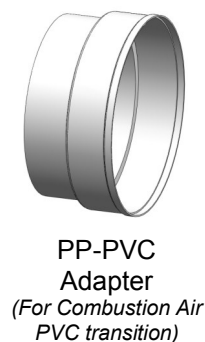


## Parts / Kits

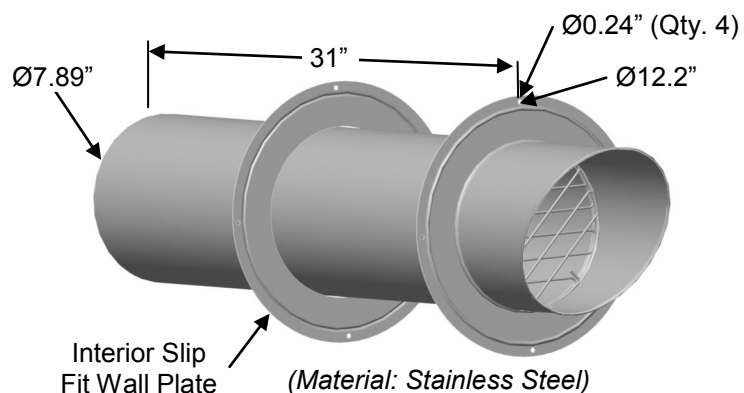
CVent Common Venting Exhaust / Intake Components (PPtI, polypropylene translucent)			
Part No.	Description	Part No.	Description
790005	CVent 8-in Starter Kit	790024	CVent 8-in Brackets
790007	CVent 8-in InLine Kit	790025	Centrocerin lubricant
790008	CVent 8-in Back-2-Back Kit	790035	CVent Extension, D4 x L18
790001	CVent 8-in Roof Termination Kit	790028	CVent Extension, D4 x L39
790002	CVent 8-in Flat Roof Flashing	790029	CVent Elbow D8 x 90 degree Vertical Support
790003	CVent 8-in Pitched Roof Flashing	790030	CVent 8-in Chase Cover
790004	CVent 8-in Wall Termination Kit	790031	CVent 8-in Vent Distancer, stainless steel
790020	CVent Extension, D8 x L18	790034	CVent 8-in Vent Rain Cap
790021	CVent Extension, D8 x L39	790032	Inverter Coupling Kit with condensate trap
790022	CVent Elbow D8 x 45degree (2 in a box)	780037	Combustion Air PVC Adapter Kit
790023	CVent Elbow D8 x 90degree		

## Termination Kits

### CVent 8-in Roof Termination Kit with PVC adapter 790001



### CVent 8-in Wall Termination Kit (Combustion Air & Exhaust) 790004



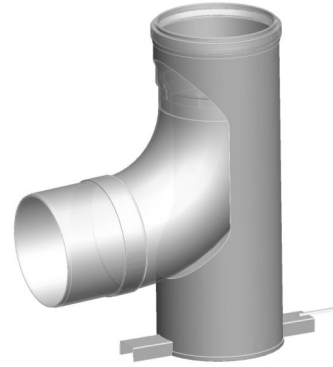
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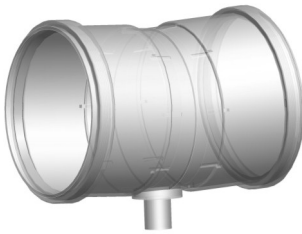
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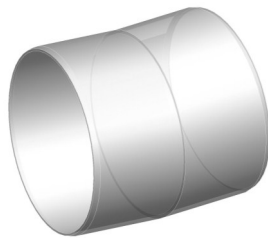
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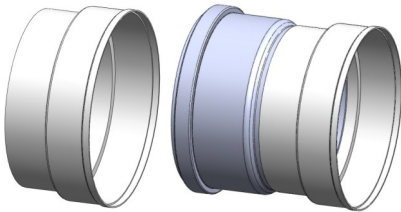
CVent Elbow D8x90 degree  
Vertical Support #790029



Inverter Coupling Kit With Condensate Trap  
#790032



CVent Extension D8xL18" #790020,  
D8xL39" #790021



Combustion Air PVC Adapter Kit  
#780037



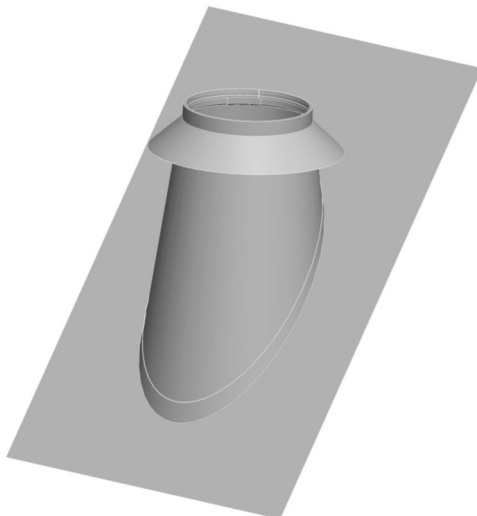
CVent 8in Vent Rain Cap  
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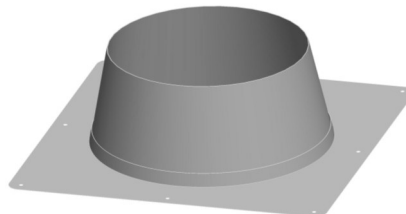
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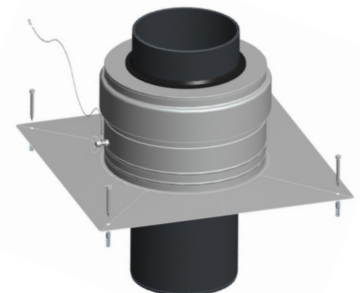
CVent 8in Vent  
Distancer #790031



CVent Pitched Roof Flashing (Including  
Storm Collar) #790003



CVent Flat Roof Flashing  
#790002



CVent 8-in Chase Cover  
#790030



## 4 INCH VENT COMPONENTS



CVent Extension  
D4xL18 #790035  
D4xL39 #790028

## Sample Roof Assembly

OPTIONAL



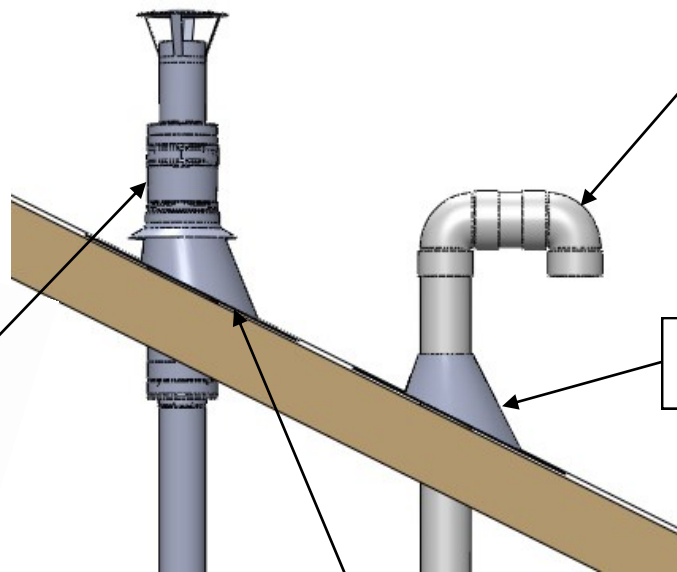
CVent 8-in Rain Cap  
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NOTE: Use PVC  
adapter (illustrate  
above) at the  
combustion air  
header when  
transitioning to  
PVC

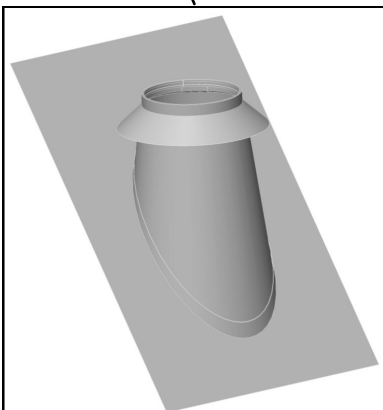


CVent 8-in Roof Termination  
Kit with PVC Adapter  
#790001



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PVC Components

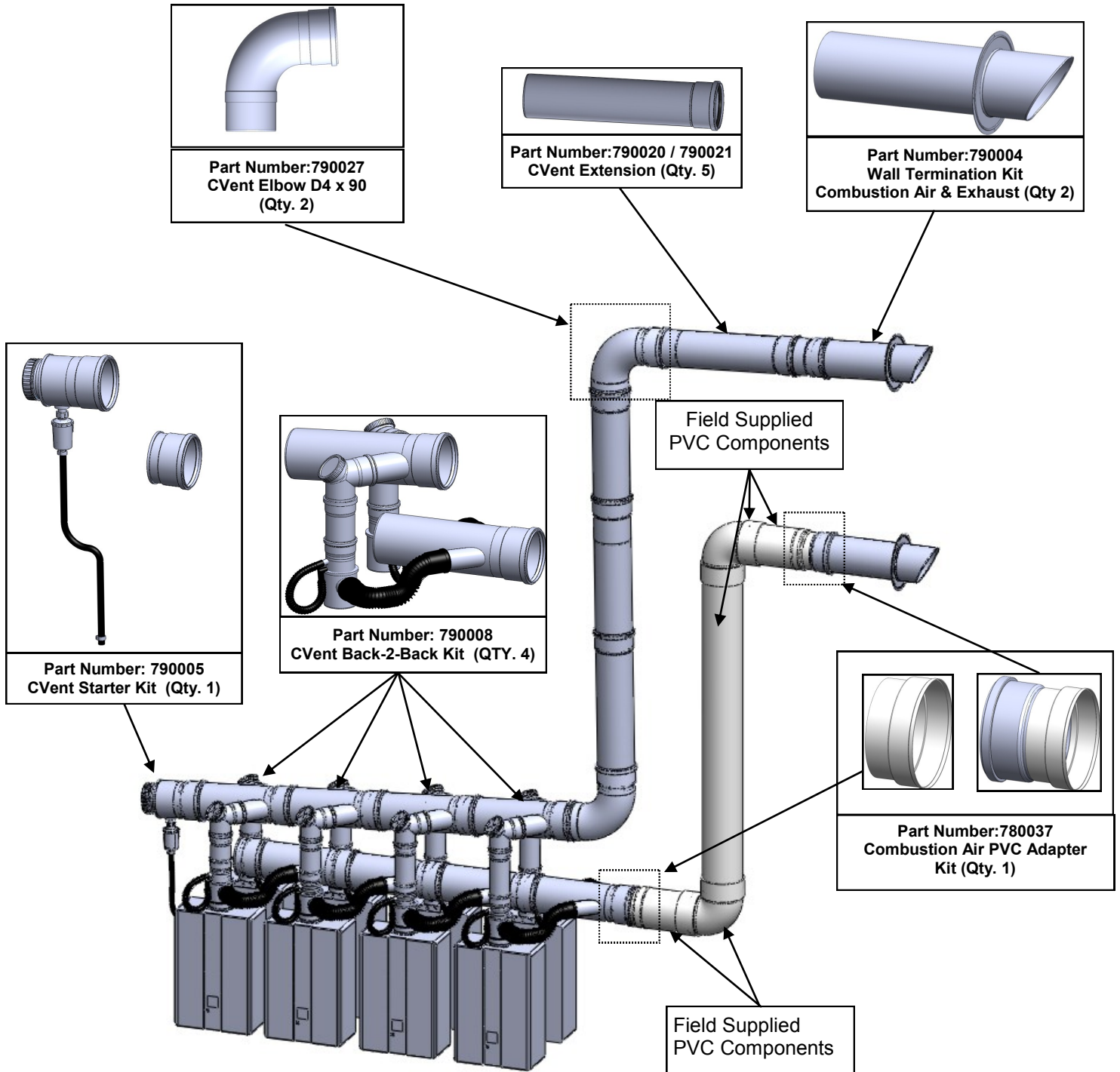
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PVC Flashing



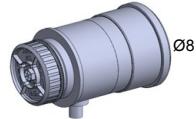


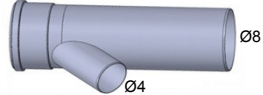
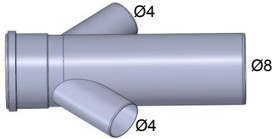


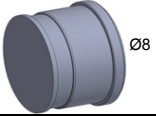
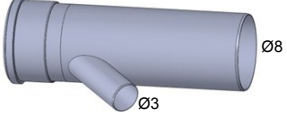
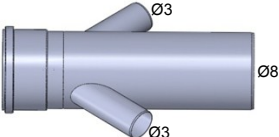


CVent pitched roof moldable  
flashing #790003



# Sample Horizontal Termination Assembly



## Spare Parts List

Included With Kit No.	Part No.	Description	Image
<b>Exhaust Vent Components</b>			
790005	790042	CVent Endpiece	
790005	790048	Condensate Trap (32mm Connection)	
790005	790049	Hose + 2 Clamps	
790007	790040	Exhaust Collector, 1 connection, D8 x L20, D4 connection	
790008	790041	Exhaust Collector, 2 connections, D8 x L20, D4 connection	
790007 790008	790035	CVent Extension, D4 x L18	
790007 790008	790039	CVent Elbow D4 x 87degree with cleanout	
<b>Combustion Air Vent Components</b>			
790005	780046	Intake/Combustion Air Endpiece	
790007	780044	Combustion Air Collector, 1 connection, D8 x L20, D3 connection	
790008	780045	Combustion Air Collector, 2 connection, D8 x L20, D3 connection	
790007 790008	780050	CVent flex Line D3	
<b>Appliance Adapter</b>			
790007, 790008	790038	CVent Appliance and Check Valve & hose (new!)	

## Venting Guidelines



### WARNING

The Ubbink Polypropylene CVent can be used on both the combustion air and exhaust. Field supplied PVC material can only be used on the combustion air side and **MUST NOT** be used for the exhaust.

#### **DO NOT**

- Do not install in separate distribution systems. All water heaters common vented must be in the same hot and cold plumbing manifolds and must not exceed 8 units.
- Do not use PVC, CPVC, ABS or galvanized material for the exhaust vent. CVent must be used on the exhaust.
- Do not combine vent components from different manufacturers.
- Vent diameter must not be reduced.
- Do not connect the venting system with an existing vent or chimney.
- Do not common vent with the vent pipe of any other type of water heater or appliance.
- Do not install the water heater in an area of negative pressure.
- Do not install the water heater, venting, and vent termination(s) in any areas where the air may contain corrosive compounds.

#### **MUST DO**

- The water heater dip switch setting must always be set to long vent (#1 in set of tan switches set to OFF).
- This water heater is a direct vent water heater and therefore is certified and listed with the vent system. You must use vent components that are certified and listed with the water heater model.
- The vent system must vent directly to the outside of the building and use outside air for combustion.
- Avoid dips or sags in horizontal vent runs by installing supports per the vent manufacturer's instructions.

- Support horizontal vent runs a minimum of every four feet and all vertical vent runs a minimum of every six feet.
- Venting should be as direct as possible with a minimum number of pipe fittings.
- Vent connections must be firmly pressed together so that the gaskets form an air tight seal.
- Install an appliance adapter which contains a check valve onto each water heater. Use only the check valve specified in this manual. Do not attempt to build your own system.
- The air intake appliance adapter connected to the water heater must be secured with one self-tapping screw.
- Check and clean the header check valve every 12 months according to the maintenance instructions in this manual.
- Set the temperature setting on all water heaters being common vented to the same temperature.

#### **INFORMATION**

- Unless recovering a tank, Rinnai recommends installing an MSB controller when common venting and where water heaters are in a manifold system.
- For assembly details, refer to the Ubbink Installation and Assembly Instructions located in the appendix of this manual.
- Rinnai recommends replacing the check valve when replacing the water heater.

## Maximum Equivalent Vent Length

In the table below you find the maximum equivalent pipe length of the exhaust and intake venting.

When determining equivalent exhaust and intake vent lengths add:

- 6 feet for each 90° elbow
- 3 feet for each 45° elbow
- Add any vent extension lengths which are added within the header due to increased spacing of the water heaters
- Header kits have already been counted and do not need to be added.

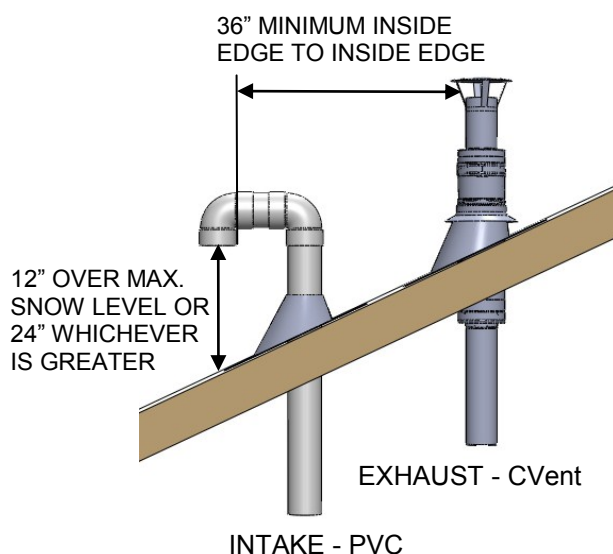
Number of water heaters	Minimum Equivalent Vent Length		Maximum Equivalent Vent Length	
	Exhaust*	Intake*	Exhaust*	Intake*
1 to 7	5 ft	15 ft	100 ft	100 ft
8	5 ft	15 ft	41 ft	41 ft

\*Approved exhaust and intake diameter is 8 inches.

## CVent Termination Clearances

### Vertical Termination

There should be a minimum of 36 inches between exhaust terminations in multiple common vent installations.



### Clearances of Brackets

All supports such as wall brackets on the external façade or spacer blocks in a shaft must be assembled in a maximum distance of 78 in (2 m). Where there is a bend, additional spacer blocks or wall brackets can be planned before and after the bend, depending on the local situation.

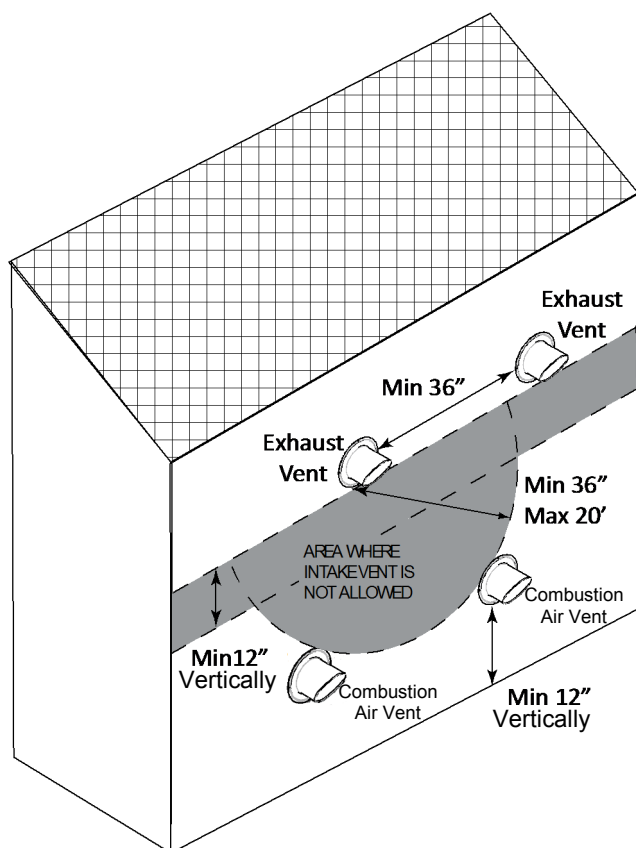
### Freestanding Components

Components, which are assembled freestanding vertical (roof termination) with a length of more than 59 in (1.5 m), must, depending on the amount of wind and snow level expected, be additionally secured to the building with guys or braces.

## CVent Termination Clearances

This appliance along with the CVent Common Vent System is certified with the Cvent 8-in Wall Termination Kit, (790004) mounted in the orientation shown below.

### Horizontal Termination



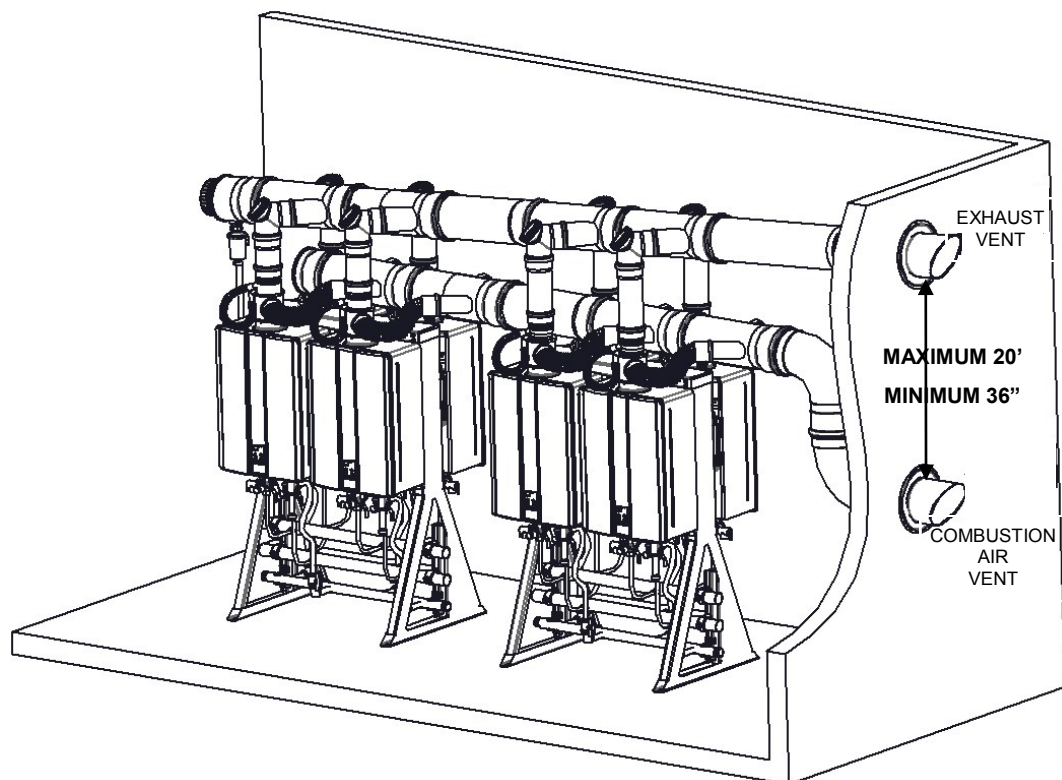
The exhaust and combustion air terminations must follow these clearances:

- [1] 12 inch minimum vertically from bottom of exhaust termination to top of intake termination.
- [2] 12 inch minimum vertically from bottom of combustion air termination to ground or anticipated snow line.
- [3] From edge of exhaust termination to edge of combustion air termination:  
Minimum of 36 inches  
Maximum of 20 feet
- [4] 36 inch minimum from multiple exhaust CVents

There should be a minimum of 36 inches between exhaust terminations in multiple common vent installations.

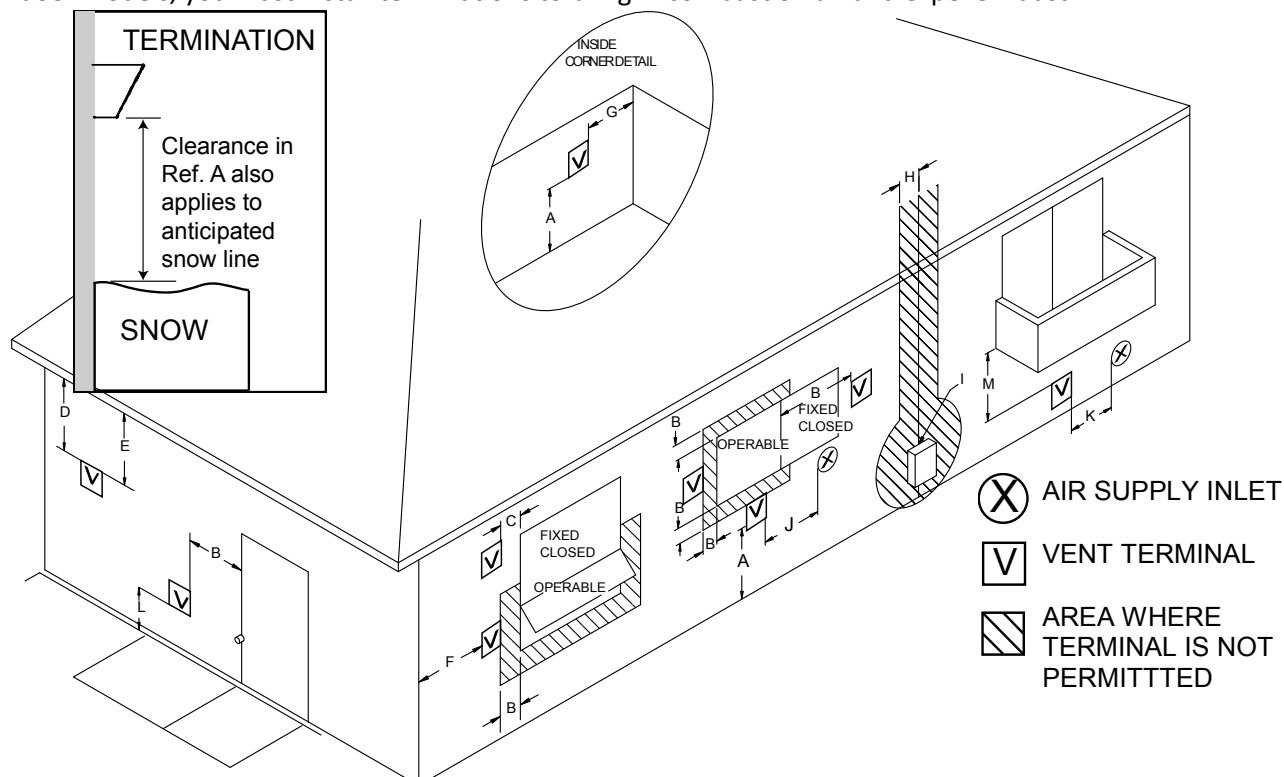
The vent (exhaust & combustion air) terminations must be in the same pressure zone and face the same direction.

**NOTE:** During colder weather when the exhaust temperature is much hotter than the outside air, the exhaust fumes condense producing water vapor. As a result a plume of water vapor may be seen leaving the exhaust.



## Exhaust Vent Termination Clearances

For indoor models, you must install terminations to bring in combustion air and expel exhaust.



Ref	Description	US Installations
A	Clearance above grade, veranda, porch, deck, or balcony	12 inches (30 cm)
B	Clearance to window or door that may be opened	12 inches (30 cm)
C	Clearance to permanently closed window	*
D	Vertical clearance to ventilated soffit, located above the terminal within a horizontal distance of 2 feet (61 cm) from the center line of the terminal	*
E	Clearance to unventilated soffit	*
F	Clearance to outside corner	*
G	Clearance to inside corner	*
H	Clearance to each side of center line extended above meter/regulator assembly	*
I	Clearance to service regulator vent outlet	*
J	Clearance to nonmechanical air supply inlet to building or the combustion air inlet to any other appliance	12 inches (30 cm)
K	Clearance to a mechanical air supply inlet	3 feet (91 cm) above if within 10 feet (3 m) horizontally
L	Clearance above paved sidewalk or paved driveway located on public property	Refer to local code for horizontal termination above a public walkway, driveway, or area where condensate or vapor could create a nuisance or hazard.
M	Clearance under veranda, porch, deck, or balcony	*

[1] A vent shall not terminate directly above a sidewalk or paved driveway that is located between two single family dwellings and serves both dwellings.

[2] Permitted only if veranda, porch, deck, or balcony is fully open on a minimum of two sides beneath the floor.

\* For clearances not specified in *ANSI Z223.1/NFPA 54*, clearances are in accordance with local installation codes and the requirements of the gas supplier.

Clearance to opposite wall is 24 inches (60 cm).

## Additional clearances

Check on whether local codes supersede these clearances.


- Avoid termination locations near a dryer vent.
- Avoid termination locations near commercial cooking exhaust.
- You must install a vent termination at least 12 inches above grade or snow line.

The vent for this appliance shall not terminate

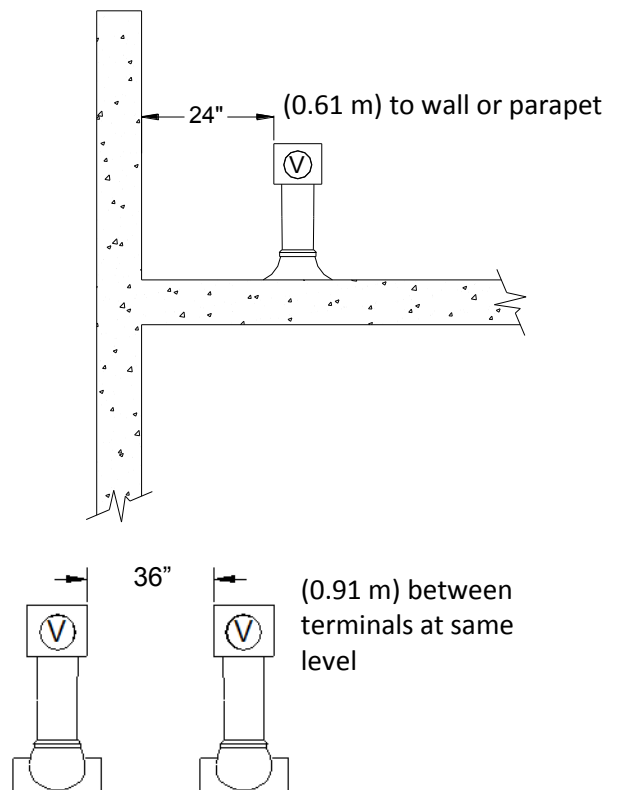
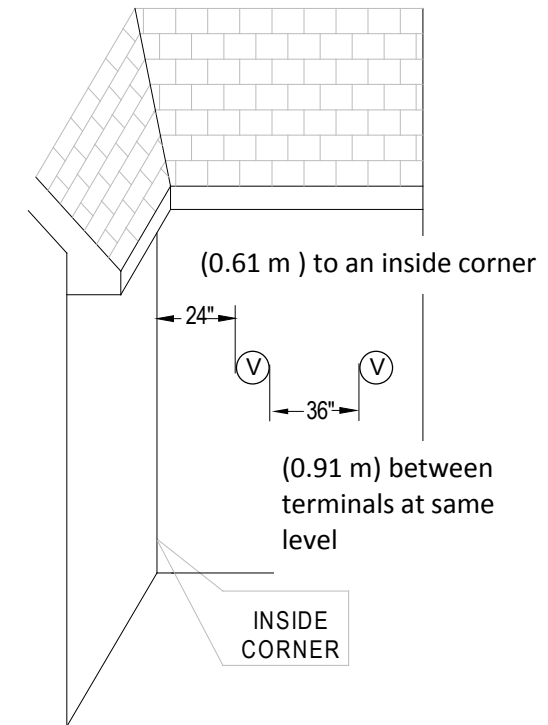
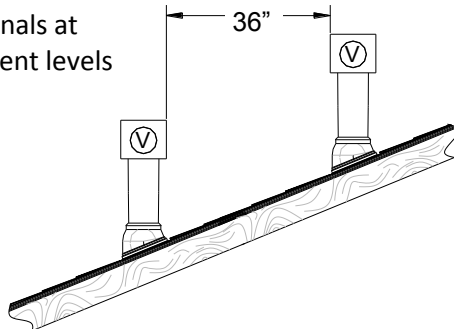
- Over public walkways; or
- Near soffit vents or crawl space vents or other area where condensate or vapor could create a nuisance or hazard or cause property damage; or
- Where condensate or vapor could cause damage or could be detrimental to the operation of regulators, relief valves, or other equipment.

**Important considerations** for locating vent termination under a soffit (ventilated or unventilated or eave vent; or to a deck or porch)

- Do not install vent termination under a soffit vent such that exhaust can enter the soffit vent
- Install vent termination such that exhaust and rising moisture will not collect under eaves. Discoloration to the exterior of the building could occur if installed too close.
- Do not install the vent termination too close under the soffit where it could present recirculation of exhaust gases back into the combustion air intake part of the termination.

 Represents the exhaust vent of CVent common venting.

(0.91 m)  
between  
terminals at  
different levels

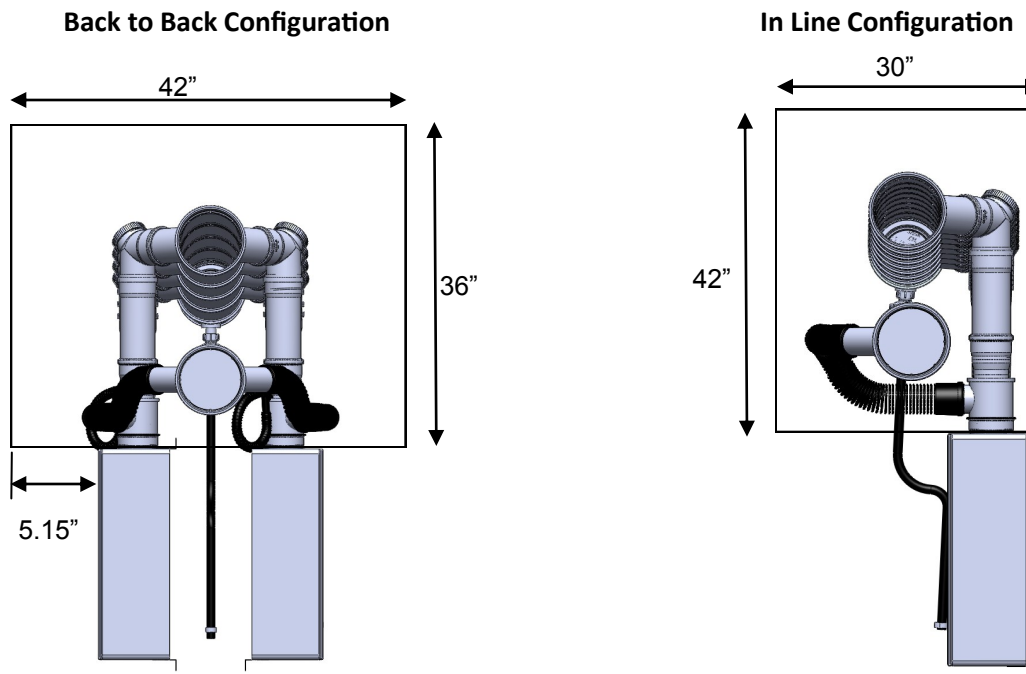




## Maintenance Clearances

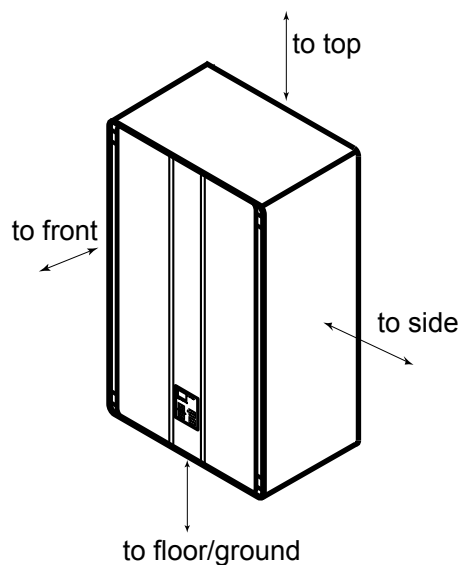
Follow the recommended minimum service clearances below for maintenance access to the header above the water heater.

If the vent system is to be enclosed, it is suggested that the design of the enclosure shall permit inspection of the vent system. The design of such enclosure shall be deemed acceptable by the installer or the local inspector.



## Water Heater Clearances

Follow the minimum clearances from the water heater.



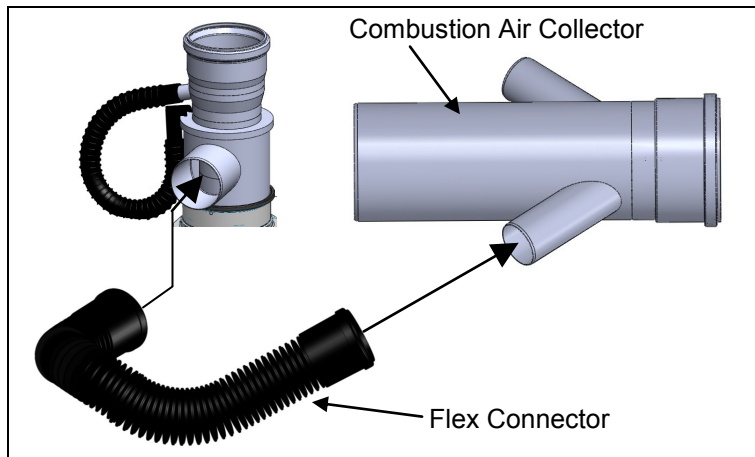
Indoor model RU98i	to Combustibles inches (mm)	to Non-Combustibles inches (mm)
Top of Heater	6 * (152)	2 *(51)
Back of Heater	0 (zero)	0 (zero)
Front of Heater	6 (152)	6 (152)
Sides of Heater	2 (51)	1/2 (13)
Ground/Bottom	12 (305)	12 (305)
Vent	0 (zero)	0 (zero)

\* 0 inches from vent components and condensate drain line.  
The clearance for servicing is 24 inches in front of the water heater.

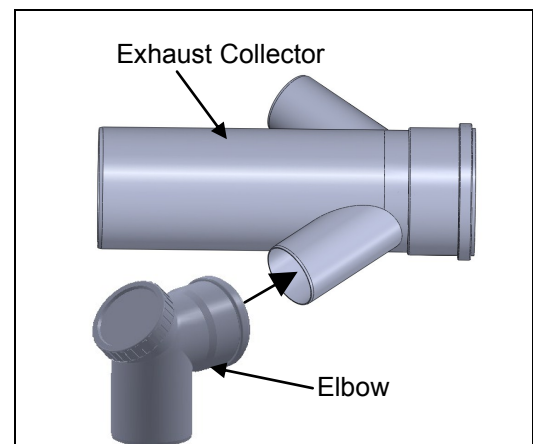
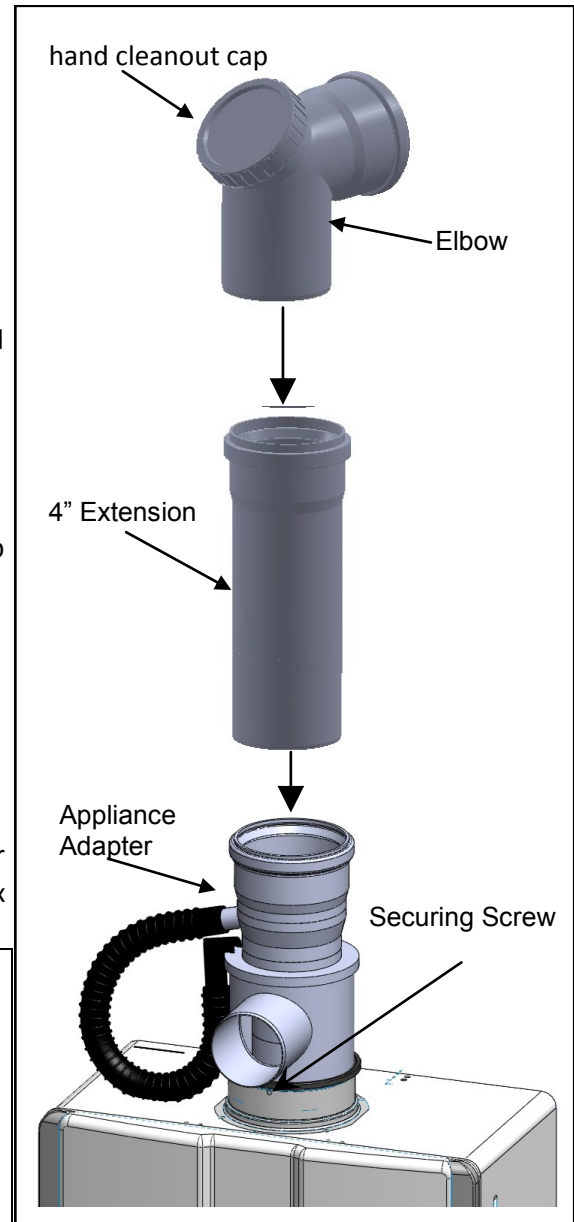
# Installation Instructions

## Exhaust Vent Installation Procedures:

- After ensuring the water heaters are mounted securely and spaced 20.5" apart, install the appliance adapter on top of the water heaters.
- Exhaust Venting is designed for a 3° rise. When the water heaters are mounted at 20.5" spacing, the height increase is 1" per water heater. A 4" diameter extension pipe is included with the kit that must be cut to length to account for the rise from unit to unit. After cutting, always deburr and bevel the end of the vent piece so the sealing gaskets are not damaged and operation of the vent system is not compromised.
- Install the elbows with hand cleanout cap to the 4" diameter extension pipe. Do not cut or modify the elbow. Cleanout cap should remain accessible for periodic inspection and access for service when needed.
- After combustion air and exhaust vent components are appropriately positioned, securely fasten the "CVent Appliance Adapter with Check Valve and Trap" to the top of the water heater with a self tapping screw.
- Connect the combustion air opening of the appliance adapter to one end of the flex connector and the other end of the flex connector to the Combustion Air Collector.




- Connect the open end of the elbow to the exhaust header.



**Options for Combustion Air Vent:**

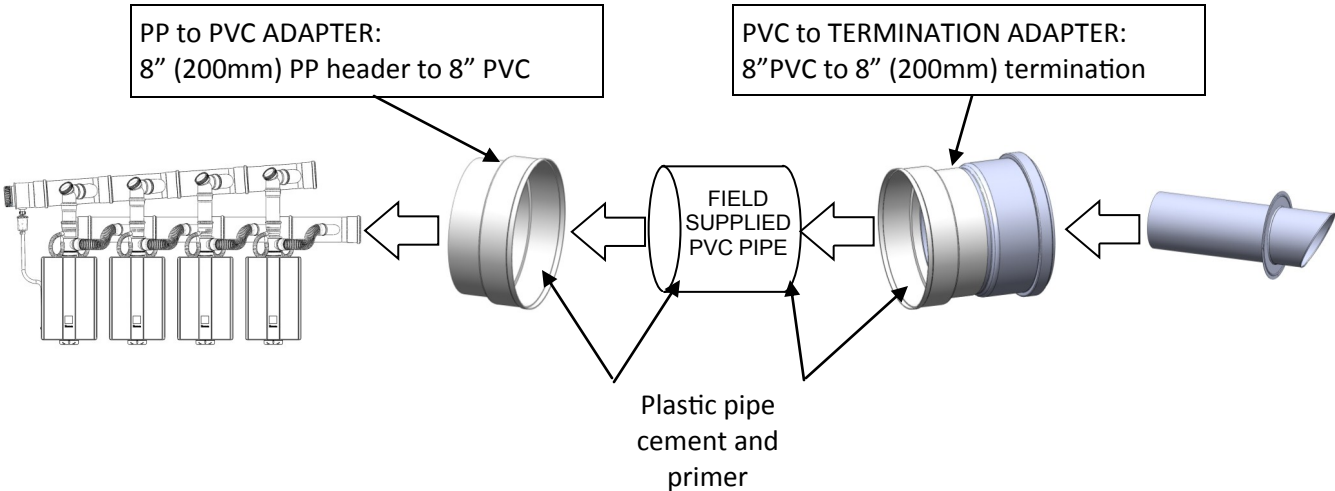
- For extended Intake pipe runs, PVC can be used between the Intake Header and Termination.
- Use the PVC adapter (described below) when transitioning from the PP intake header to the stainless steel Combustion Air Termination.

**WARNING**

The materials described below can only be used on the combustion air vent. The Ubbink Polypropylene CVent can be used on both the combustion air and exhaust. Field supplied PVC material can only be used on the combustion air side and **MUST NOT** be used for the exhaust.

		Approval Codes for Installation
Item Description	Flue Material	United States
Plastic Vent and/or combustion air components	PVC Schedule 40	ANSI/ASTM D1785
	PVC - DWV	ANSI/ASTM D2665
	CPVC Schedule 40	ANSI/ASTM F441
Plastic pipe cement and primer	PVC	ANSI/ASTM D2564
	CPVC	ANSI/ASTM F493

- Combustion Air PVC Adapter Kit (Part #: 780037) includes both a transition from the 8" (200mm) PP header to 8" PVC and an 8"PVC to 8" (200mm) termination



- Fasten, secure, and support all vent materials using manufacturer and industry standards to avoid potential intake air leaks or blockage. Support horizontal vent runs a minimum of every 4 feet and all vertical vent runs a minimum of every 6 feet.

## Installation Instructions

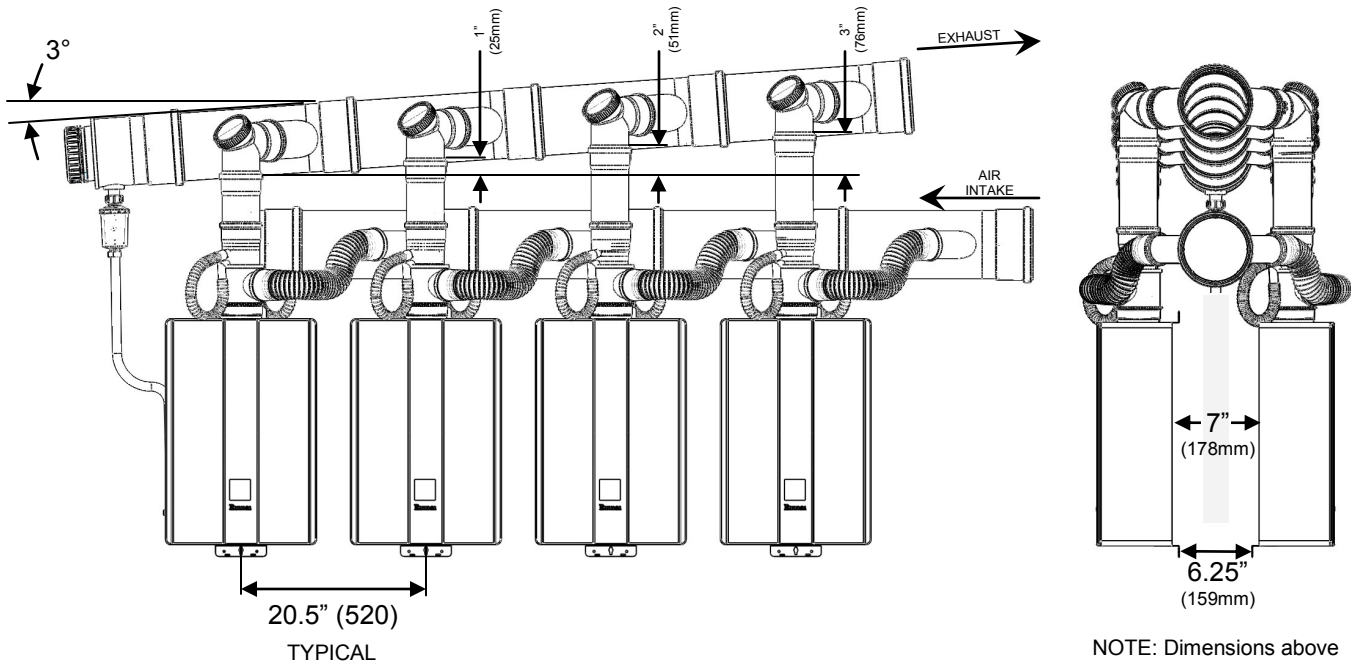
Refer to the Ubbink appendix of this manual for the vent system assembly instructions.

**Follow these Rinnai installation instructions in this manual in addition to the Ubbink vent system assembly instructions.**

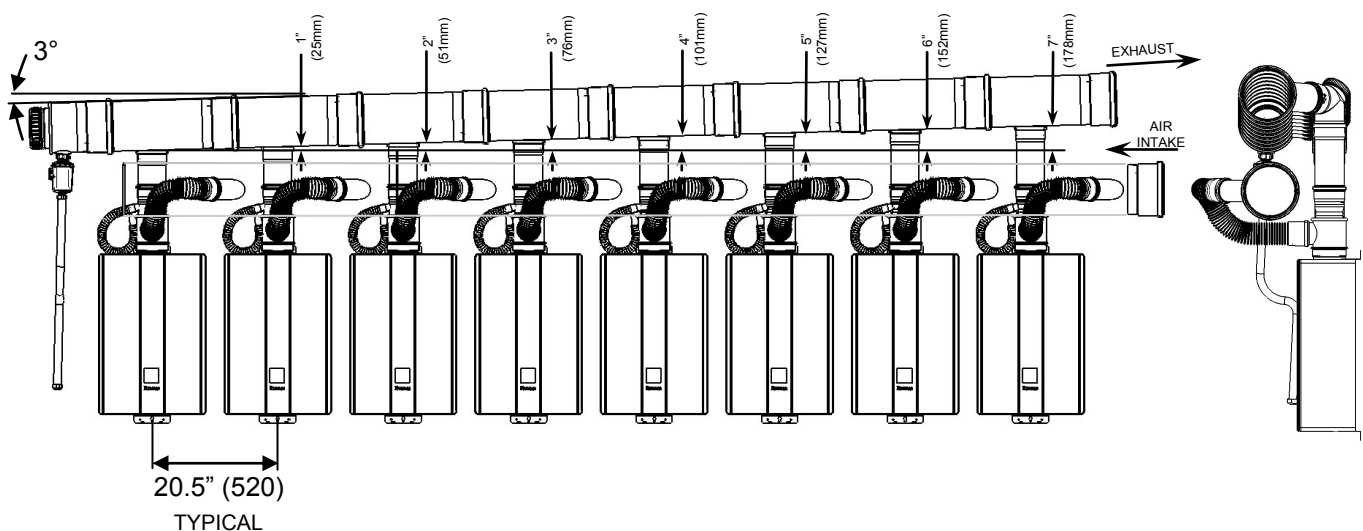
Install the venting according to one of the 2 configurations below. Do not locate the common vent remotely from the water heaters.

The installation area should be measured to make sure that adequate space is available to install the water heaters and venting system.

### Back to back Configuration (2 to 8 water heaters)



### In Line Configuration (2 to 8 water heaters)

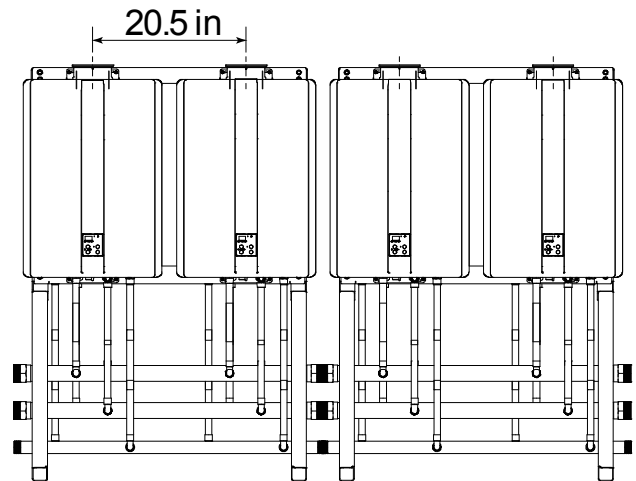


Note: If water heaters are mounted directly on a wall, air intake piping will need to be in front of the appliance adapters. The intake header in the drawing above has been removed for illustration purposes.

# Installation Instructions

## Recommended Spacing of Water Heaters

Spacing of the water heaters is critical for the common vent system to mounting easily and securely. The collectors are made for 20.5" spacing (center line to center line) between water heaters. If a different spacing is needed, please contact Rinnai concerning your application. Rinnai recommends using our Tankless Rack System (TRS) which is designed for 20.5" spacing. Our engineered system is designed to make installation simple which greatly reduces labor time and the chance of miscalculations.



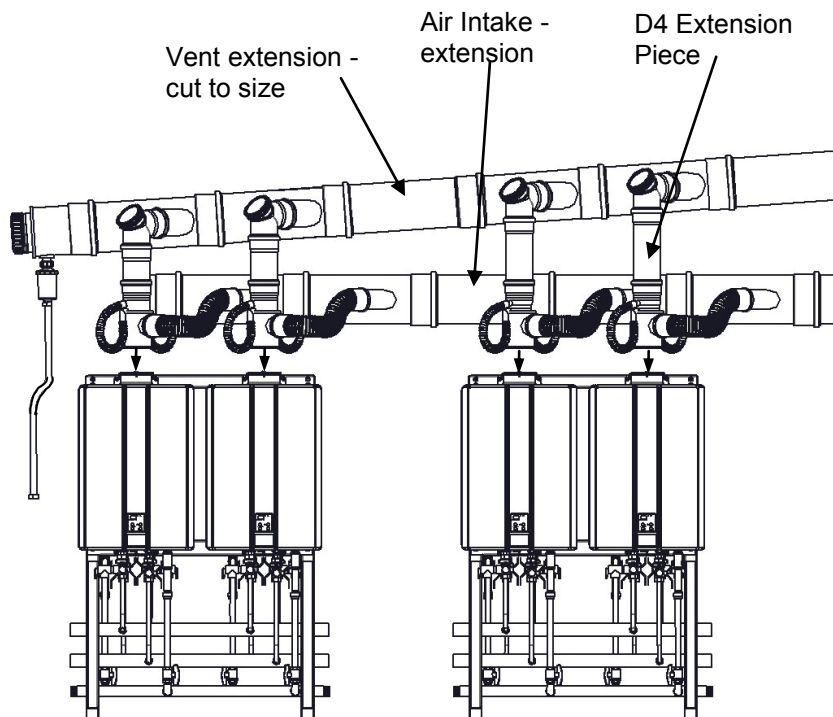
## Custom Water Heater Spacing

If common venting with **LESS** than 20.5" between water heaters:

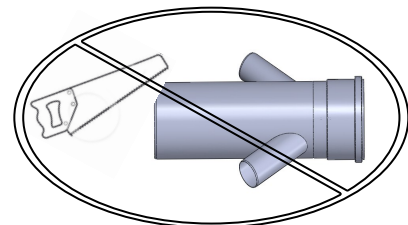
- The installer assumes all responsibility of following local codes. Inspectors can reject the installation if the rating plate cannot be seen for all water heaters.
- D4 Extension Pieces must be cut appropriately to maintain the required 3° slope.

If common venting with **GREATER** than 20.5" between water heaters:

- The installer must purchase a vent extension cut to the appropriate length between the collectors.
- The length of each additional vent extension must be considered in the maximum allowable vent length.
- D4 Extension Pieces must be cut appropriately to maintain the required 3° slope.



NOTE: Never attempt to cut or modify the collectors.



To maintain a 3° slope, use the following formula to calculate D4 Extension Piece length (L):

$$(L) = (\text{water heater spacing}) \times 0.05$$

**Example:** if the adjacent water heater is 20.5" away

$$\text{Length (L)} = 20.5" \times 0.05 = \underline{1.02"}$$

**Example:** if the adjacent water heater is 26" away

$$\text{Length (L)} = 26.0" \times 0.05 = \underline{1.30"}$$

# Installation Instructions

## Install the Condensate Trap and Drain Pipe

The CVent exhaust header collects condensate. A collector and self-priming trap is included with each starter kit.

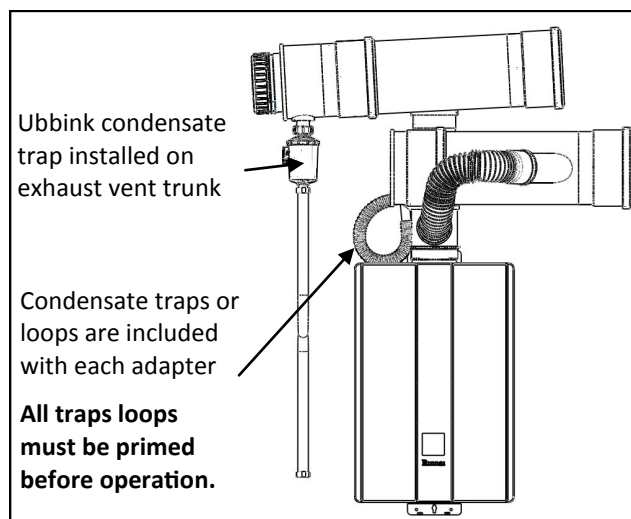
Additional condensate trap loop assemblies are provided with each appliance adapter. Condensate loops must be primed before operation per the instructions provided below.

Condensate must be drained to prevent the malfunction, diagnostic code failures, or property damage. Condensate should be disposed according to local codes. Refer to the *National Fuel Gas Code, ANSI Z223.1/NFPA 54*, or the *Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code, CSA B149.1* condensate disposal.

A condensate pump must be used if the condensate outlet is lower than the public sewage system.

Rinnai recommends installing a condensate neutralizer which allows condensate to flow through neutralizing media to raise the pH of the condensate to a level that will help prevent corrosion of the drain and public sewer system.

Ensure that the condensate drain does not freeze.



## Priming Trap Loops

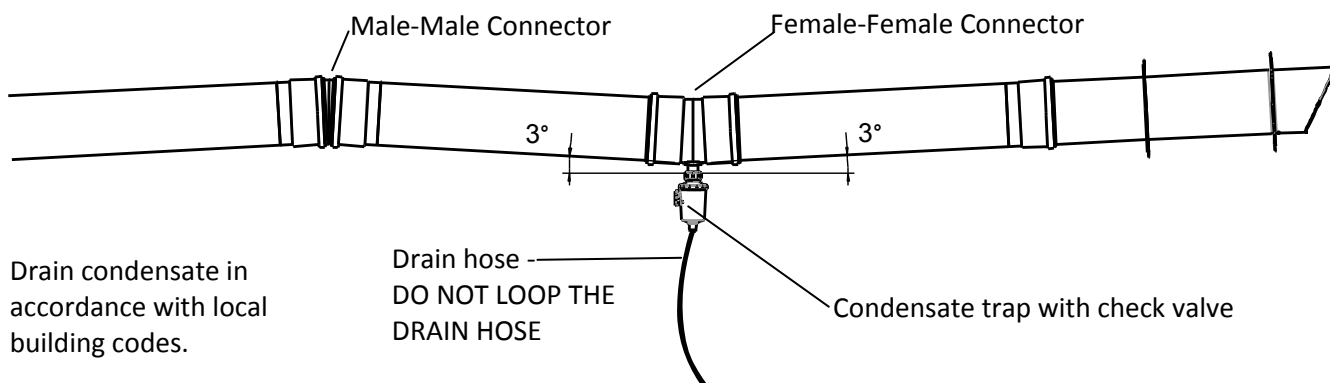
- Unthread and remove the cap located at the top of each Inspection Elbow.
- Pour clean water into the inspection elbow until fluid is visible in the drain tube of the adapter or until fluid exits the condensate outlet on the bottom of the tankless water heater.
- Thread the cap back onto the inspection elbow.



## Long Vent Run or Restricted Rise

An inverter coupling kit with a condensate trap is available to reduce the rise of the exhaust vent. A diagram of its installation is shown below.

The male-male and female-female connectors must be used so that the venting is oriented correctly (condensate runs down vent in the correct direction).





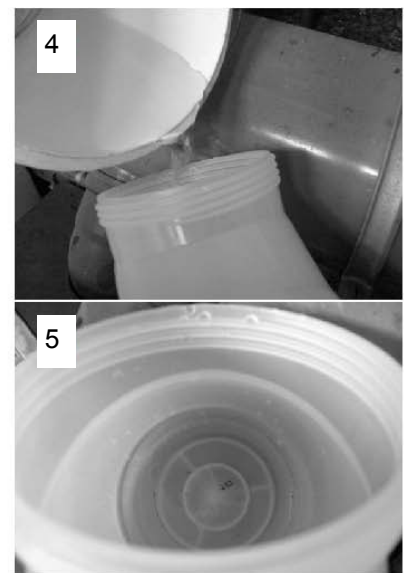
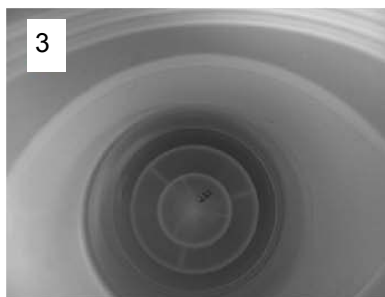
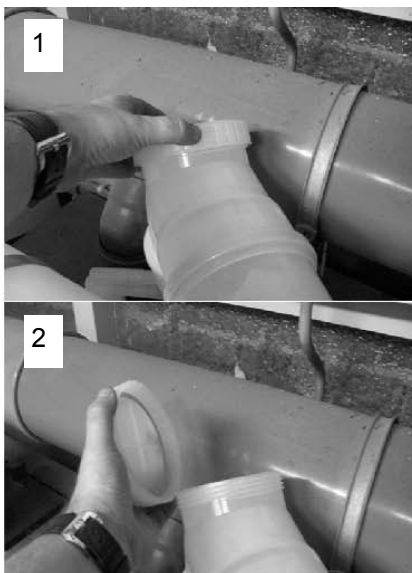
## Common Header Check Valve Maintenance

Visually inspect the check valve annually (or after 4000 operation hours) for obstructions, proper operation, large and small particles of debris, according to the instructions below. Operation hours can be obtained on the controller by pressing and holding the down button for 2 seconds and without releasing the down button, press the ON/OFF button. The third number to cycle through will be the operating hours in units of a hundred hours. For example, “40” means 4000 hours.

1. Shut the electrical power off, for the appliances before inspecting the common header, otherwise flue gasses can emerge uncontrolled into the appliance room.
2. Over the check valves an elbow is installed with an inspection lid, the lid must be twisted off for inspection and maintenance of the check valve.
3. Restore the electric power for the inspected appliance and manually fire the appliance and check if the check valve opens fully and is free of obstructions.
4. In case debris is noticed, for the cleaning of the check valve of large particles (over 1 mm) we advise to use a vacuum cleaner for removal of the large particles. The vacuum cleaner should be used at either low power, and/or with an adapter small enough to clean the check valve out. For smaller particles (under 1mm) we advise to use a sufficient amount of luke-warm water to flush the adapter. **Do not use detergents or solvents for cleaning the check valve!!** When applicable the small check valve can be removed and re-installed for inspection by pulling it out of position. We do not advise to do this frequently. When re-installed, the check valve must be inspected again for proper operation by operating the appliance.

Note: When an in-line condensate trap is installed (optional component) this must be removed and a hose should be connected for the correct disposal of the flushing water. Protect the building structure for the water emerging from this hose and dispose the water with debris in a way acceptable to the local codes. Be aware that condensate is a corrosive substance that could affect metals, brick etc.

5. Re-assemble the components after the cleaning procedure in reverse order. Check the correct installation of the rubber seals. Power the appliances again and let them run for 30 minutes minimum. While running, check the common header system visually for condensate leaks caused by the inspection. In case leaks are sighted these must be solved before the installation is released. When seal rings are damaged by the inspection these must be replaced, they cannot be repaired by using a silicon sealant or other.



Note: Rinnai recommends replacing the check valve when replacing the water heater.



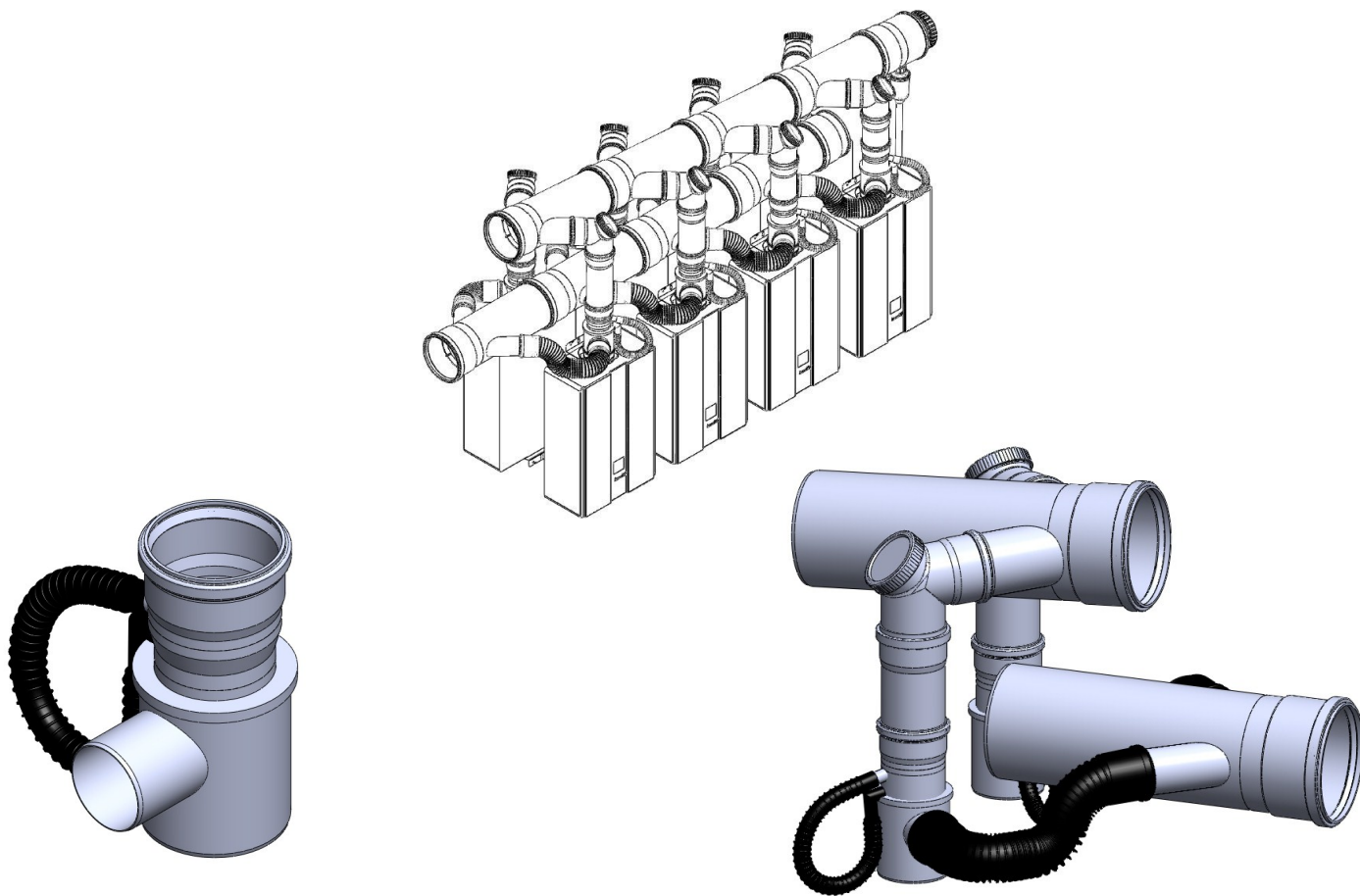
## Final Checklist

- ☐ Reference the Rinnai Water Heater Operation and Installation Manual for proper installation of the Rinnai water heaters.
- ☐ Clearances from the water heater unit are met.
- ☐ Clearances from the exhaust termination(s) and the combustion air termination(s) are met.
- ☐ Ensure you have used the correct venting products and that you have completely followed the venting manufacturer's installation instructions and these installation instructions.
- ☐ Verify that the vent system does not exceed the maximum equivalent length for allowed.
- ☐ Verify that dip switch No. 1 in the SW1 DIP switch (tan switches) has been adjusted moved to OFF in each water heater.
- ☐ Explain to the customer the importance of not blocking the vent termination or air intake.
- ☐ Explain to the customer the operation of the water heater, safety guidelines, maintenance, and warranty.
- ☐ The installation must conform with local codes or, in the absence of local codes, with the *National Fuel Gas Code*, *ANSI Z223.1/NFPA 54*, or the *Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code*, *CSA B149.1*.
- ☐ Inform the consumer if the isolation valves are not installed or if a water softening system is not installed.
- ☐ Verify that only models RU98i (REU-KB3237FFUD-US) are using the common vent system.
- ☐ **Leave this manual taped to one of the water heaters or give the entire manual directly to the consumer.**

# Appendix A

## Ubbink CVent Condensing Common Vent System

### Installation and Assembly Instructions



## Warranty and Liability

Claims for personal and material damages are excluded, if they are due to any or several of the following reasons:

- Use of the CVent system not in accordance with the regulations.
- Improper assembly and incorrect operation.
- Faulty maintenance.
- Non-compliance with the assembly and operating instructions.
- Non-approved structural changes to the unit or to the individual components.
- Installation of components which are not part of the CVent system.
- Subsequent damage, which occurred through further use of the CVent system despite known defects.
- Intentional damage.

**These installation instructions should be kept with the appliances for maintenance**

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## **WARNING**

*Improper installation of vent system and components, or failure to follow all installation instructions, can result in property damage or serious injury.*

### **A1 Preface**

These installation instructions were compiled in accordance with the current state of technology and with the greatest care. They serve as a general guideline for the construction and operation of the CVent Common Vent System as supplied by Rinnai US, manufactured by Ubbink.

If you have any further questions please contact our experts .

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## A2 General and Local standards information

When installing and operating the CVent Common Vent System, the following valid standards and regulations must be complied with and adhered to:

- Local codes or, in the absence of local codes, with the *National Fuel Gas Code*, *ANSI Z223.1/NFPA 54*, or the *Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code*, *CSA B149.1*.
- Appliance Manufacturers Installation Instructions
- Regulations on supervision of construction
- Statutory provisions
- Work must only be carried out by a licensed professional.

**Fill out spec table at the back of this manual and keep this manual with the system after completion of the installation.**

## A3 Risk guidelines

- All components of the CVent Common Vent System are produced and built in accordance with valid standards, regulations and safety engineering rules.
- Risks to life and limb of the user or of the third party or impairments or damages to property can arise in the case of improper assembly or handling.
- To avoid such risks, the CVent Common Vent System must be installed and used only for the designated intent as described in this manual.
- Deficiencies or damage of the CVent Common Vent System must be addressed and repaired immediately.
- For roof or chimneys modifications, we refer you to the valid industrial safety regulations.
- These must especially be complied with, unconditionally and at any time, when working on roofs and façades.

## A4 Transport and storage

When transporting CVent Common Vent System components the following points must be complied with:

- Transport CVent Common Vent System components in a clean dry environment and only in its original packaging.
- If stored or transported at temperatures below 32 F (0°C), the CVent Common Vent System components must be warmed up to 60F (15°C), before the start of assembly.
- Components must be protected from solar emission. The CVent Common Vent System components must be stored in a non UV-charged environment.(i.e. do not store outdoors!)
- The CVent Common Vent System components must be stored in original packaging.

## A5 Tools and workmanship

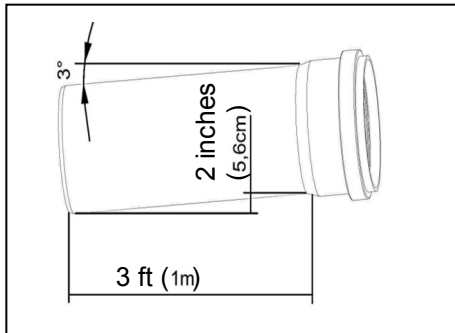
Standard trade tools are sufficient for cutting and assembly of the CVent Common Vent System components.

Following is a list of tools or equipment that may be necessary:

- |                     |                         |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| • Safety Glasses    | • Gloves                |
| • Screw Driver      | • Fine Tooth Saw        |
| • File or Sandpaper | • Weather Proof Sealant |

Workmanship shall include the following:

- When cutting vent components, the cut must be straight. Cut edge shall be chamfered and all burrs removed before installation.
- All vent joints shall fully engage the male / female socket assembly
- Installed vent system shall be clean and free of any foreign debris before operation.
- Vent system shall be rigidly supported as instructed in this manual and include the appropriate 3° slope.

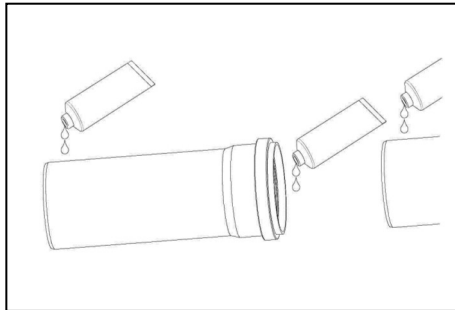


## A6 General Assembly Instructions

### Correct Pitch

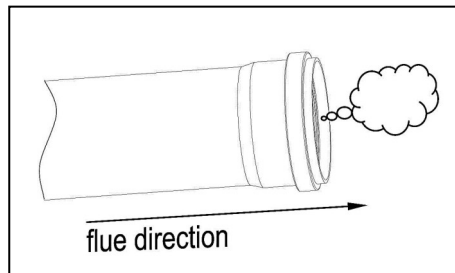
The pipes and formed parts must be installed at an angle of 3° incline towards the heating appliance, to allow the condensate to dispose in accordance with regulations.

*Note: 3° Pitch equals a height difference of 2 inches per 3ft (5.6 cm/meter)*



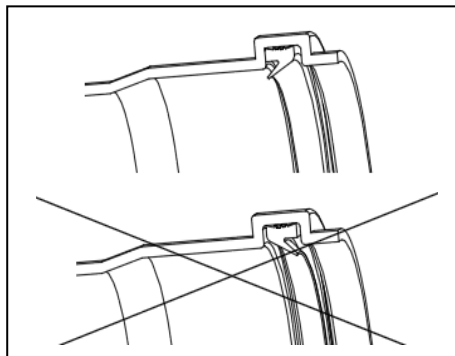
### Lubricant

- The seals and male ends of all CVent common vent components must be lubricated before assembly. Use **ONLY** CENTROCERIN® lubricant or water to aid in the assembly of these vent components.
- Apply a thin layer of CENTROCERIN® lubricant to each seal before assembly.
- A tube CENTROCERIN® lubricant is packed with every kit assembly and available for separate purchase.
- 1 tube of CENTROCERIN® lubricant is sufficient for a 100ft common header installation



### Flow Direction

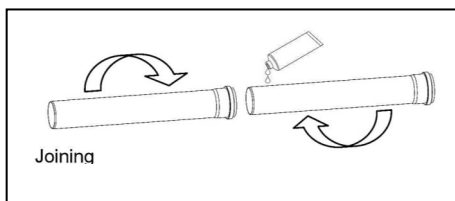
- The female end of the components in contact with the flue gasses must always point in the direction of the termination.
- It is imperative to maintain this flow direction for proper condensate flow and integrity of the seal/gasket.



### Seal Direction and Assembly of Seals

Seals are pre-assembled in the vent components. If a seal is missing or damaged, this component should not be used or an appropriate seal must be installed.

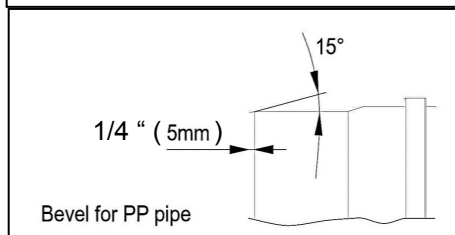
- Use ONLY CVent original seals. NEVER use fabricated or non CVent seals.
- Use only the appropriate nominal width and diameter seals.
- Confirm seal is installed in the appropriate direct (see figure)
- Seal and Seal Chamfer must remain clean and free of foreign debris before assembly.



### Joining, Disconnecting, Shortening and Chamfering

For measuring purposes the seals can be removed from their chamber.

**Note: always reassemble the seals in the right direction, as indicated in the illustration.**

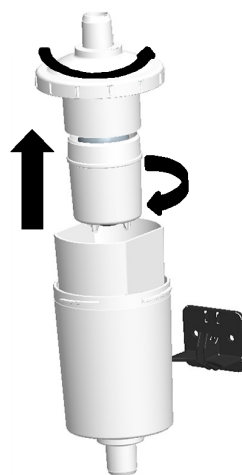
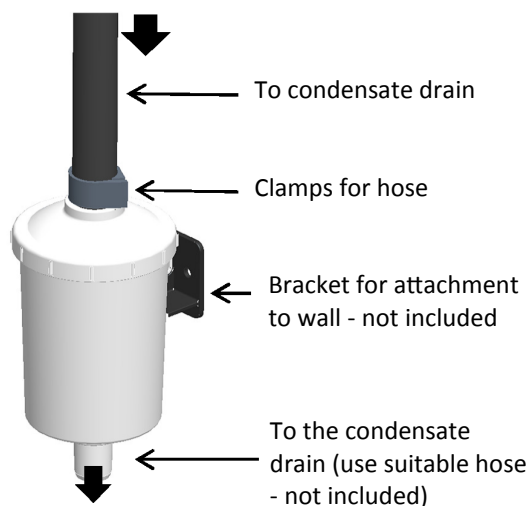


- Lubricate the seals and/or male ends of the components with CENTROCERIN® lubricant or water and assemble the components using light rotational movements. Entirely insert the male end into the female end.
- Inspect immediately the correct position of the seal as the system is produced out of translucent material
- Pipes are always shortened on the male end. Never cut or modify formed vent components such as elbows or collectors.
- Cut straight, perpendicular to the tube and chamfer the edges approximately 15° at 1/4".

## A7 Condensate and condensate drain

- Condensate is produced in the CVent Common Vent System when appliances are operating.
- Condensate must be drained to prevent the malfunction, equipment failure, or property damage. Condensate should be disposed according to local codes. Refer to the *National Fuel Gas Code, ANSI Z223.1/NFPA 54*, or the *Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code, CSA B149.1* condensate disposal.
- The disposal for the condensate can be accommodated via the appliances and / or separate condensate outlets in the CVent Common Vent System.
- A condensate trap must be installed at any drain point to prevent flue gasses from exiting.
- The condensate trap provided with the header (illustrated below) has an integrated valve that temporarily blocks condensate flow if high (wind) pressures cause a pressure rise in the vent system.
- The condensate trap integrated valve will also prevent trap from drying out if the system is off for a long period of time.
- The Ubbink condensate trap illustrated below does NOT require priming.
- 3rd party condensate valves (or a hose loop) DO need priming to be effective. Do not fire the appliances before the condensate traps are inspected and/or primed, otherwise flue gasses can escape from the common vent system.
- All subsequent drains must have a minimum diameter of 1/2" (12mm) and must be protected (if applicable) from freezing.

## A8 Instructions to be complied with



### Annual inspection and cleaning

- 1- Remove top cap (twist left)
- 2- Remove debris container from top cap (gently twist and pull) Carefully take out the valve (ball) **Note: If any component is damaged the entire trap has to be replaced!**
- 3- Remove debris and clean components with water **only** do **not** use detergents or solvents.
- 4- Re-assemble components in reverse order. Assure that the valve (ball) is placed in position

When assembling the CVent Common Vent System, the following points must be complied with:

- Correct fit of the seals
- Complete use of the insertion depth of the pipes and formed parts
- Assembly must be carried out with an incline of at least 3° (3/4inch per foot or 5.6 cm/m), so that the condensate produced can flow away from the appliances in accordance with the regulations.
- Conversions or change to the system components are not permissible without approval by Rinnai.
- After assembly of the CVent Common Vent System a visual inspection of all seals must be completed.
- Fill in the last page of this manual with the required data, and leave this manual for review with the end user and store it with the common header installation.



## WARNING

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## A8 Vertical Termination Assembly

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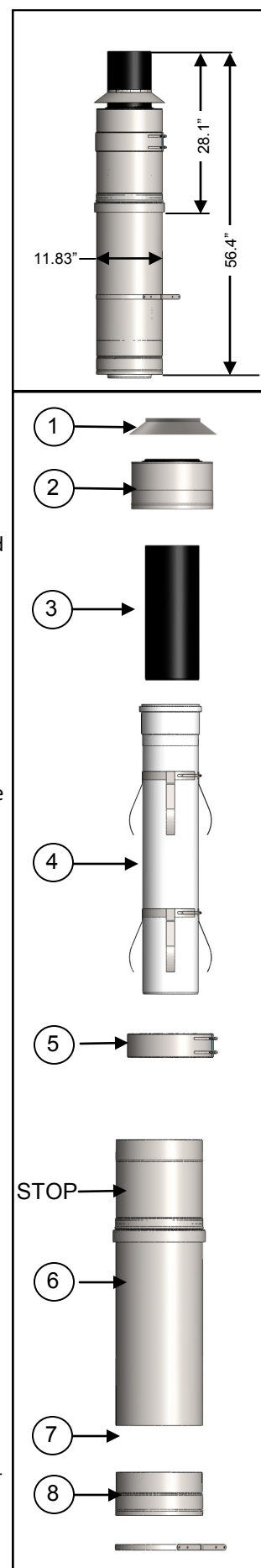
Item	Description	Material	Qty.
1	Storm Collar (8in)	Stainless	1
2	Terminal Cap	Stainless	1
3	8" Exhaust Extension (Black)	Plastic	1
4	8" Inner Exhaust Assembly (With (2) 8" CVent Distancers)	Plastic	1
5	Terminal Clamp Ring	Stainless	1
6	Terminal Outer Shell	Stainless	1
7	Terminal Base	Stainless	1
8	Termination Clamp	Galvanized	1

#### General Requirements ,Remarks and Tools:

- Confirm that the box contents match the above Parts list.
- Use suitable tools, beware components might have sharp edges
- Assure that the roof is suitable to support the load of the terminal, and that the flashing is installed in the roof according to local codes.
- (Flat roof) The flashing is made of galvanized steel and can be fixed to the roof with suitable sealing material, please refer to the installation instructions of the specific roofer material supplier for further instructions.
- (Pitched roof) The moldable flashing can be installed in a 3/12 to 12/12 roof pitch using standard fixing devices, please refer to the installation instructions of the specific roof material supplier for additional info and instructions
- The vertical termination should be last component installed in the CVent common vent system. The remaining components in vent system must be appropriately supported and assembled before installation of the termination
- The termination must be securely fastened/strapped to the building structure with the provided (Termination Clamp) beneath the roof flashing. The roof flashing must be installed per local codes and/or the installation instructions of the roof material manufacturer.
- The termination must be located on the roof per the appliance manufacturers installation instructions and in accordance with local codes.

#### Assembly of terminal

1. Lubricate seal in item 3 (8" Inner Exhaust Assembly) and slide in item 2 (8" Exhaust Extension (Black)) . Confirm full engagement before proceeding.
2. Assemble item 1 (Terminal Cap) to item 5 (Terminal Outer Shell). Confirm full engagement before proceeding.
3. Position item 4 (Terminal Clamp Ring) over the joint between items 1 &5. With the terminal clamp ring in place tighten the clamps with a flathead screwdriver. Do not over-tighten the clamps as this could cause damage of the termination components.
4. Insert the items 2&3 assembled in step 1 into the outer shell assembly (items 1,4 & 5). Widen the stainless steel spacers as needed, to ensure the centering of the vent pipe. The black portion must protrude minimum 4 inch over the Terminal Cap.
5. Assemble the Storm Collar above the Terminal Cap and below the exhaust outlet. Use weather proof sealant between the storm collar and black vent extension.
6. (Pitched Roof Installation) slide storm collar [provided with roof flashing] over the terminal to the stop. With a flathead screwdriver, firmly secure the storm collar to the termination shell. Use of weather proof sealant may be applied at this position.
7. Lubricate the mating seal below the roof. Insert the termination into the roof flashing opening and assemble the termination assembly into the socket end of the vent system below the roof. If needed, the 8"transparent vent pipe can be shortened using a fine tooth saw. Always deburr the edges.
8. Confirm the termination is in the vertical position then install item 7 (Termination Clamp) to the structure beneath the roof flashing.



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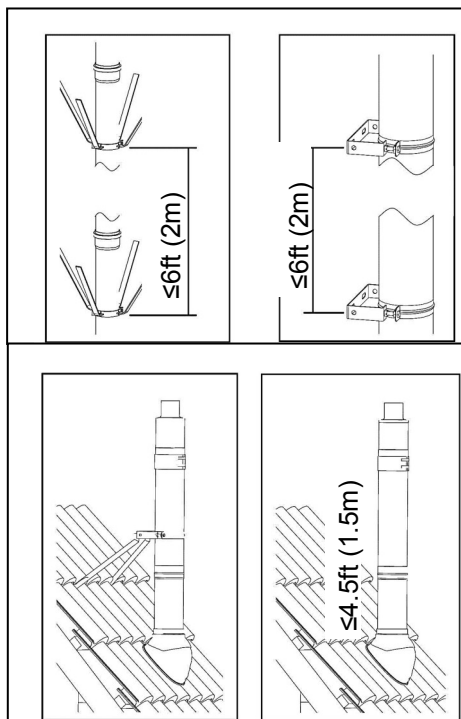
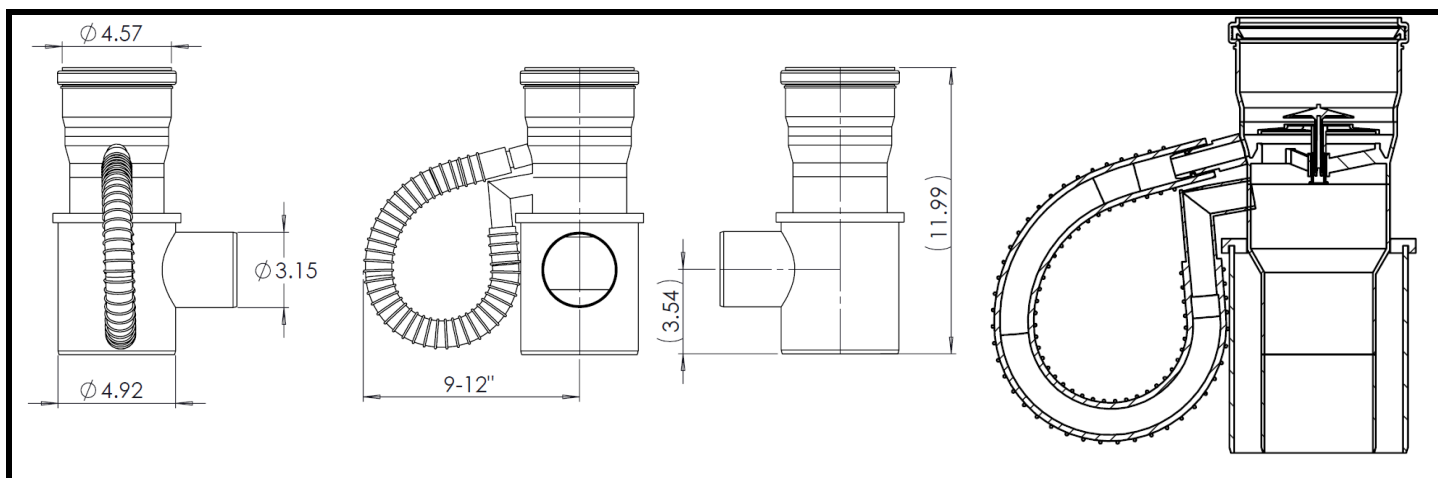
## **A9 Final Installation Check List**

- ☐ All vent components are secure and fully engaged.
- ☐ All seals are correctly positioned and included at every joint.
- ☐ All exhaust vent runs include a minimum of a 3° incline (3/4" per ft or 5.6cm/m)
- ☐ All Condensate drains tubes are connected to a drain and comply with local code.
- ☐ All condensate traps have been primed.
- ☐ There are no obstructions in the combustion air or exhaust vent runs.
- ☐ Both intake and exhaust terminations are appropriately positioned and comply with the manufacturers installation instructions and local codes.
- ☐ The CVent Common Vent System Installation Instructions and the Appliance Installation Instructions have been secured to the system or provided to the end user.

## A14 Installation and maintenance of the check valves

- The Check Valves must be Installed vertically as first component over the appliance, and are part of the installation kit.
- For B-type installations (room air dependent) the air intake spigot can be protected for debris with a grid, for C-type appliances (closed system) the air inlet system can be connected to the spigot.
- The valves must be inspected and checked **annually, or after 4000 operation hours**.
- Rinse the valves with lukewarm water, using the condensate outlet to flush.

**Do not use aggressive or abrasive cleaning agents, as these can affect the functionality of the valves**



### A15 Clearances of brackets

All supports such as e.g. wall brackets on the external façade or spacer blocks in a shaft must be assembled in a maximum distance of 6ft (2m). Where there is a bend, additional spacer blocks or wall brackets can be planned before and after the bend, depending on the local situation.

### A16 Freestanding components

Components, which are assembled freestanding vertical with a length of more than 4,5 ft (1.5 m) (e.g. roof termination), must, depending on the amount of wind and snow level expected, be additionally secured to the building with guys or braces.

### A17 Inspection after assembly

After assembly of a system chimney the following points must be noted inspected

- Carry out a visual seal inspection of the whole flue gas tract.
- The chimney is put into operation together with the heating appliance.
- Regular cleaning and maintenance in accordance with valid country-specific regulations

## Note

**The check valves must be inspected for debris and checked annually, or after 4000 operation hours.**

## A18 Application Manufacturer's Information

The manufacturer's identification information as displayed below must be filled out and kept with the system chimney.

The following points must be filled out below by the installer after release of the system:

Installation date of the system chimney:

(YYYY/MM/DD)

Number of entries (appliances)

Nominal diameter of the selected system chimney:

Constructor of the chimney with full name ((Stamp) legible and with signature):

(Name)

(Street address)

(Signature)

### OEM Manufacturer identification

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