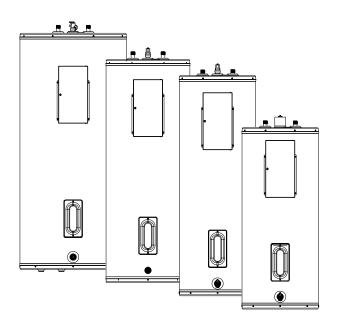


# Electric Water Heaters CONVERSION KIT INSTRUCTIONS

FOR INSTALLATION BY QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL ONLY



ELD Terminal Block Configuration

A CAUTION: TEXT PRINTED OR OUTLINED IN RED CONTAINS INFORMATION RELATIVE TO YOUR SAFETY. PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY BEFORE ATTEMPTING ANY CONVERSION.



# FOREWORD

The purpose of this manual is to explain how to change the voltage and wattage of a Rheem/ Ruud commercial electric water heater when changing the elements. This manual is not intended to explain the reconstruction of commercial electric water heaters in the field.

The addition or subtraction of heating elements to increase or decrease the total number of heating elements in the field is not approved by UL, Inc., and therefore, is not allowed and should not be attempted.

Please note the limitation that both the heater required and the heater to be converted must be found in this manual. Before attempting any conversion read the detailed instructions.

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Be sure to disconnect appliance from electrical supply before working on or near the electrical system of the heater. Never touch electrical components with wet hands or when standing in water.

### **REQUIRED ABILITY**

CONVERSION OF ANY WATER HEATER LISTED IN THIS MANUAL REQUIRES ABILITY EQUIVALENT TO THAT OF A LICENSED ELECTRICAL TRADESMAN.

### NOTICE!!

You <u>MUST</u> use Factory Authorized Replacement Parts when converting electric water heaters per this Procedure.

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### **CONVERSION MATERIALS**

- 1. Element Plug Remover: or 1-1/2" deep well socket and ratchet.
- 2. Screwdrivers: Two required. One #2 Phillips and one slotted screwdriver.
- 3. Conversion kit: Includes conversion instructions. Replacement electrical elements, conversion kit label, and caution label.

Heaters being converted should always be placed in a well lit area. Heater may be completely removed from carton. Alternatively, a 3-sided flap may be cut into front of carton. Cut should be on top, bottom and right side. Leave the left side of the flap for hinge effect. Cuts made approximately 4" from edges of carton will allow proper repackaging when conversion is completed.

# **CONVERSION GUIDELINES**

# Be sure to read and understand the following guidelines before starting any conversion.

- 1. ELD and, ELDS series water heaters factory configured for 208, 240, 277 or 480 volt operation <u>MAY</u> be converted <u>ONLY</u> as follows:
  - a. Element wattages and/or voltage within the limits allowed per table below.
  - b. You <u>CAN NOT</u> convert these models to 120 V operation.
- 2. The following factory configurations <u>MAY NOT</u> be changed during conversion of <u>any</u> water heater under any circumstances:
  - a. Original manufacturer's thermostat <u>MAY NOT</u> be removed or replaced. The internal wiring must stay in the water heater. It cannot be added to, removed or replaced.

Element Wattage	Voltage								
Upper or Lower	208	240	277	480					
3,000	Zone 1 (Non-Fused)	Zone 1 (Non-Fused)	Zone 1 (Non-Fused)	Zone 1 (Non-Fused)					
4,000	Zone 1 (Non-Fused)	Zone 1 (Non-Fused)	Zone 1 (Non-Fused)	Zone 1 (Non-Fused)					
4,500	Zone 1 (Non-Fused)	Zone 1 (Non-Fused)	Zone 1 (Non-Fused)	Zone 1 (Non-Fused)					
5,000	Zone 1 (Fused)	Zone 1 (Non-Fused)	Zone 1 (Non-Fused)	Zone 1 (Non-Fused)					
6,000	Zone 1 (Fused)	Zone 1 (Fused)	Zone 1 (Non-Fused)	Zone 1 (Non-Fused)					
6,050	Zone 2 (Fused)	Zone 2 (Fused)	Zone 2 (Non-Fused)	Zone 2 (Non-Fused)					

### **ELD-TB CONVERSION CHARTS**

\*\* NON FUSED CONFIGURATIONS CAN NOT CONVERT TO FUSED.

\*\* ZONE 2 HEATERS CAN CONVERT DOWN TO ZONE 1, BUT ZONE 1 CANNOT CONVERT UP TO ZONE 2.

\*\* 6050 HEATERS ARE FOR ELD 66, 80, AND 120 MODELS ONLY.

### AVAILABLE KITS FOR THE ELD(S)-TB

	TERMIN	IAL BLOCK WIRIN	IG	
	SINGLE OR TH	REE PHASE OPE	RATION	
MODEL	VOLTAGE		KIT WATTAGE	KIT NUMBER
		3.0	3000 / 3000	SP20943
		4.0	4000 / 4000	SP20944
	208	4.5	4500 / 4500	SP20945
		5.0	5000 / 5000	SP20946
		6.0	6000 / 6000	SP20947
		3.0	3000 / 3000	SP20948
		4.0	4000 / 4000	SP20949
	240	4.5	4500 / 4500	SP20950
		5.0	5000 / 5000	SP20951
ELD(S) MODELS		6.0	6000 / 6000	SP20952
UNDER 55 GALLON		3.0	3000 / 3000	SP20953
		4.0	4000 / 4000	SP20954
	277	4.5	4500 / 4500	SP20955
		5.0	5000 / 5000	SP20956
		6.0	6000 / 6000	SP20957
		3.0	3000 / 3000	SP20958
	480	4.0	4000 / 4000	SP20959
		4.5	4500 / 4500	SP20960
		5.0	5000 / 5000	SP20961
		6.0	6000 / 6000	SP20962
	208	6.05	6050 / 6050	SP20963
	240	6.05	6050 / 6050	SP20964
	277	6.05	6050 / 6050	SP20965
	480	6.05	6050 / 6050	SP20966
		3.0	3000 / 3000	SP20967
		4.0	4000 / 4000	SP20968
	208	4.5	4500 / 4500	SP20969
		5.0	5000 / 5000	SP20970
		6.0	6000 / 6000	SP20971
		3.0	3000 / 3000	SP20972
		4.0	4000 / 4000	SP20973
ELD MODELS OVER 55	240	4.5	4500 / 4500	SP20974
GALLON		5.0	5000 / 5000	SP20975
		6.0	6000 / 6000	SP20976
		3.0	3000 / 3000	SP20977
		4.0	4000 / 4000	SP20978
	277	4.5	4500 / 4500	SP20979
		5.0	5000 / 5000	SP20980
		6.0	6000 / 6000	SP20981
		3.0	3000 / 3000	SP20982
		4.0	4000 / 4000	SP20983
	480	4.5	4500 / 4500	SP20984
		5.0	5000 / 5000	SP20985
		6.0	6000 / 6000	SP20986

## **CONVERSION PROCEDURE**

### NOTICE!!

#### ANY DEVIATION FROM THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE WILL RELEASE THE MANUFACTURER FROM ANY LIABILITY AND WARRANTY.

- Determine new element wattage and voltage (if applicable). Determine KIT NUMBER used for the conversion based on the VOLTAGE and WATTAGE and the model per table on page 5.
- 2. Unpack the water heater and remove the access panels to the upper and lower elements and remove the insulation pad over the thermostat(s).
- 3. Remove the thermostat protective cover if applicable.
- 4. On the upper element **ONLY** Remove the element wires from the retaining screws of the element.
- 5. With an element wrench, unscrew the old element from the heater tank.
- 6. Be sure to place a NEW gasket on the replacement element. Insert the new element into the tank using an element wrench. Snug the element up firmly.
- 7. Wire the element by attaching the water heater red and black leads to the elements.
- 8. Proceed with the conversion of the lower element by following steps 5 through 7.
- 9. PHASE CHANGES can be made at the terminal black. Please refer to the wiring diagram in the U&C manual
- 10. When the conversion is complete, replace the thermostat protective covers over the thermostats and elements. Reposition the insulation and the access panels. Reposition power leads in the field wiring junction box as needed (infront of the water heater). Ensure that the cover plate is reattached to junction box.
- 11. Proceed to "New Rating Label Instructions" (page 7 for ELD models under 55 gallon and page 8 for ELD models over 55 gallon) for details.
- 12. After you install the new rating plate and nameplate overlay, re-package the water heater if necessary. Mark new wattage and voltage information on the carton label.

### **NEW RATING LABEL INSTRUCTIONS**

RATING LABEL MODIFICATION FOR ELECTRIC WATER HEATERS UNDER 55 GALLON

The following is a sample of the standard rating label supplied on the front of the ELD.

SERIAL NO.	A4417999	99		MFD		26OCT2017
MODEL NO.	ELD52-TB			CAP.	50	
TEST PRESSURE		300	PSI	•		
WORKING PRESSURE		150	PSI		1	
VOLTS (50/60 HZ)		277		AC	1	/ II. \
OPERATION	NON	I-SIM	SIM		1	<b>V</b> <sup>®</sup> L/
PHASE	1 PH	3 PH	1 PH	3 PH		
WATT UPPER	4500	4500	4500	4500	]	LISTED Household storage
WATT LOWER	4500	4500	4500	4500	]	TANK WATER HEATER 786H
WATT TOTAL	4500	4500	9000	9000	]	
	16	16	32	28	1	

### **CONVERTED RATING LABEL**

THE VOLTS, WATTS, AND PHASE INFORMATION OF THE RATING LABEL MUST BE MODIFIED BY COVERING THEM WITH CONVERSION LABEL PROVIDED IN THE CONVERSION KIT.

BE SURE THE NEW RATINGS ON THE LABEL MATCH THE CONVERSION YOU HAVE JUST COMPLETED.

VOLTS (50 / 60 HZ)			AC	
OPERATION	NON	-SIM	SI	М
PHASE	1 PH	3 PH	1 PH	3 PH
WATT UPPER	3000	3000	3000	3000
WATT LOWER	3000	3000	3000	3000
WATT TOTAL	3000	3000	6000	6000
AMP	13	13	25	22

PEEL OFF THE BACK OF THE LABEL AND PASTE OVER THE ORIGINAL AS SHOWN ON THE REVISED RATING LABEL BELOW.

SERIAL NO.	A4417999	99		MFD		260CT2017
MODEL NO.	ELD52-TB			CAP.	50	
TEST PRESSURE		300	PSI			
WORKING PRESSURI		150	PSI		1	
VOLTS (50/60 HZ)		240		AC	1	/11. \
OPERATION	NON	I-SIM	s	SIM		
PHASE	1 PH	3 PH	1 PH	3 PH		
WATT UPPER	3000	3000	3000	3000		LISTED
WATT LOWER	3000	3000	3000	3000		HOUSEHOLD STORAGE TANK WATER HEATER 786H
WATT TOTAL	3000	3000	6000	6000	1	7808
AMP	13	13	25	22	1	

USE THE CLEAR OVERLAY TO PROTECT THE CONVERTED RATING PLATE.

### **NEW RATING LABEL INSTRUCTIONS**

RATING LABEL MODIFICATION FOR ELECTRIC WATER HEATERS OVER 55 GALLON

#### The following is a sample of the standard rating label supplied on the front of the ELD.

										U	PC-A BAR CODE	HER
SERIAL NO.	A44	17999	999			MODEL N	ю.			ELD6	6-TB	
MANUFACTURE DATE	200	CT201	17			TEST PRE	SSU	RE		300		PSI
CAPACITY	65			US C	GAL.	WORKING	G PRE	ssu	RE	150		PSI
VOL TS (50/60 HZI) AC		27	77		24	40		20	08			
OPERATION	S	М	NONSIM	SI	М	NONSIM	SI	Μ	NON	ISIM		
UPPER ELEMENT WATT	60	50	6050	45	40	4540	34	10	34	10	(Ui)	
LOWER ELEMENT WATT	60	50	6050	45	40	4540	34	10	34	10		
TOTAL WATTAGE	12	100	6050	90	80	4540	68	20	34	10	LIGTED	
PHASE	1-PH	3-PH	1-&3-PH	1-PH	3-PH	1-&3-PH	1-PH	3-PH	1-&3	B-PH	LISTED	
UPPER ELEMENT AMP	22	NA	22	19	NA	19	16.5	NA	16	i.5	COMMERCIAL Storage tank	
LOWER ELEMENT AMP	22	NA	22	19	NA	19	16.5	NA	16	i.5	WATER HEATER	
	44	38	22	38	33	19	33	29	16	5	1860	

#### **CONVERTED RATING LABEL**

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BE SURE THE NEW RATINGS ON THE LABEL MATCH THE CONVERSION YOU HAVE JUST COMPLETED.

VOL TS (50/60 HZI) AC		48	30			
OPERATION	SI	м	NONSIM			
UPPER ELEMENT WATT	6050		6050			
LOWER ELEMENT WATT	6050		6050			
TOTAL WATTAGE	12100		6050			
PHASE	1-PH	3-PH	1-&3-PH			
UPPER ELEMENT AMP	12.6	NA	12.6			
LOWER ELEMENT AMP	12.6	NA	12.6			
TOTAL AMP	25.2	22	12.6			

PEEL OFF THE BACK OF THE LABEL AND PASTE OVER THE ORIGINAL AS SHOWN ON THE REVISED RATING LABEL BELOW.

							UP	C-A BAR CODE H	HERE	
SERIAL NO.	A4417999999				MODEL N	10.	ELD66	ELD66-TB		
MANUFACTURE DATE	200	CT201	17		TEST PRE	ESSURE	300		PSI.	
CAPACITY	65			US GAL.	WORKING	G PRESSURE	150		PSI.	
VOL TS (50/60 HZI) AC		48	30							
OPERATION	S	м	NONSIM							
UPPER ELEMENT WATT	60	50	6050							
LOWER ELEMENT WATT	60	50	6050							
TOTAL WATTAGE	12	100	6050					$\sim$		
PHASE	1-PH	3-PH	1-&3-PH		İ			LISTED		
UPPER ELEMENT AMP	12.6	NA	12.6					COMMERCIAL Storage tank		
LOWER ELEMENT AMP	12.6	NA	12.6		ĺ			WATER HEATER		
TOTAL AMP	25.2	22	12.6					1860		
RHEEM SALES COMPANY, WATER HEATER DIVSION MONTGOMERY, AL 36117		A	ſ	î l	0		_			

#### USE THE CLEAR OVERLAY TO PROTECT THE CONVERTED RATING PLATE.

Proceed to page 9 "Additional Labeling Instructions".

### ADDITIONAL LABELING INSTRUCTIONS

Verify that this number matches the conver- sion kit that was ordered.	<section-header>CAUTIONCONTROLICE &amp; LOCAL INSPECTION AUTHORITYTHIS WATER HEATER &amp; LOCAL INSPECTION AUTHORITYTHIS WATER HEATER HAS BEEN MODIFIED USING CONVERSION KITSPOWN ON THE REVISED WORTHER.SHOWN ON THE REVISED UNIT NAMEPLATE.CHECK SIZE OF FIELD SUPPLY WIRING FOR SUITABLE SIZE BASEDON NEW CONVERTED RATING OF UNIT.REPLACE ELEMENTS ONLY WITH ELEMENTS OF SAME RATINGS.AX5618 - 00</section-header>
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Peel off the back of the caution label and attach to the upper right hand corner of the control panel door.

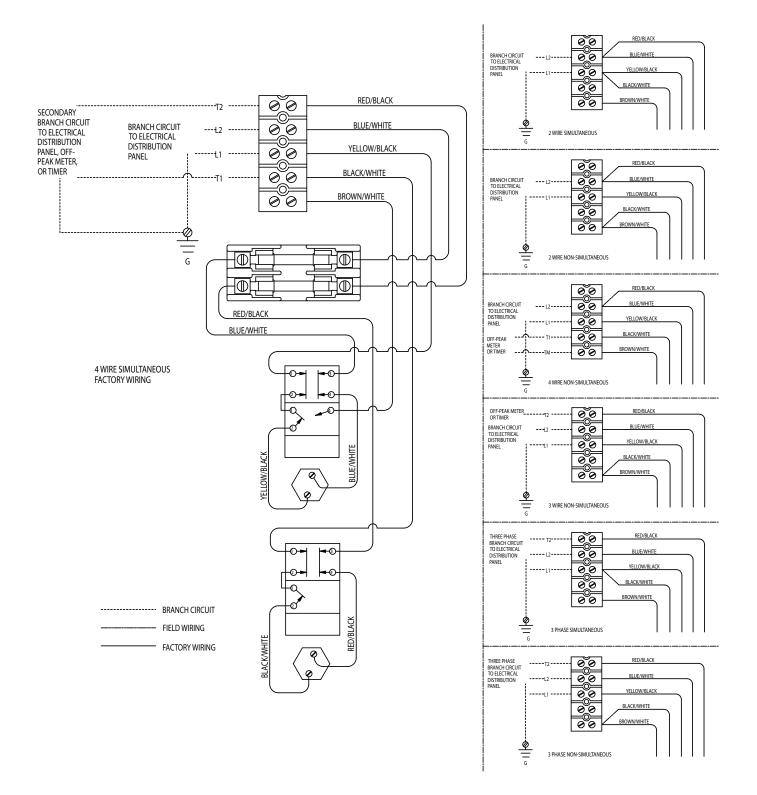
Close and tape cardboard flap on front of carton.

**NOTICE**: NEVER OPERATE THE HEATER WITHOUT FILLING IT WITH WATER PER THE FILLING INSTRUCTIONS. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL DAMAGE INTERNAL PARTS.

Using a black magic marker, cross out the heater identification on the carton as appropriate. In bold letters, write the new electrical specifications on the carton, which matches those on the revised rating label.

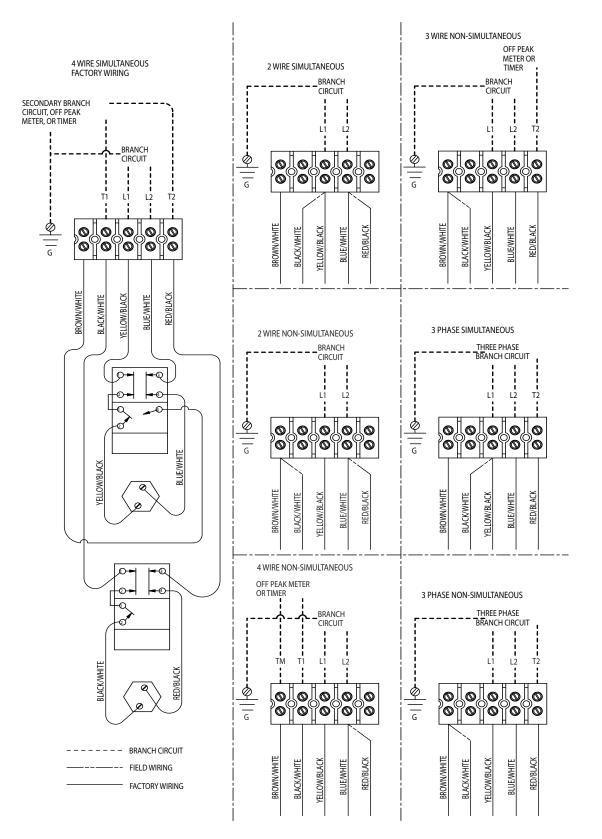
## WIRING DIAGRAMS

### **Fused Model**



## WIRING DIAGRAMS

### **Unfused Model**



## NOTES