



O W N E R G U I D E

MODEL 326
Radiant / Convector
Gas Fire

Sun ~ Fire

*This Owner Guide is intended to help you care for your Valor gas fire.
Please read carefully before using your gas fire and keep for future reference.
This Owner Guide gives sufficient details to enable your gas fire to be operated and
maintained.*

IMPORTANT.
**Please keep your Owner Guide in a safe place together with the
Installer Guide.**

CAUTION

IF YOU SMELL GAS

DON'T SMOKE

EXTINGUISH ALL NAKED FLAMES

DON'T TURN ELECTRICAL SWITCHES ON OR OFF

TURN OFF THE GAS SUPPLY AT THE METER

OPEN DOORS AND WINDOWS TO GET RID OF THE GAS

IMMEDIATELY CALL THE GAS EMERGENCY SERVICE - SEE YOUR LOCAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

1. As with any gas appliance, this fire must be installed by a competent person in accordance with the latest edition of the gas safety (installation & use) regulations.
2. If the fire is intended to be installed to a chimney which was previously used for solid fuel, please note that the chimney must be swept prior to installation.
3. On no account must the fire stand on carpets or other combustible materials. The fire must stand behind a non-combustible hearth surface at least 880 mm wide and 300mm from front to back. The hearth material must be at least 12.5mm thick. The periphery of the hearth (or fender) should be at least 50mm above floor level to discourage placing carpets, rugs or other combustible materials over it.
4. The minimum clearance from the top surface of the fire to the underside of any shelf made from wood or other combustible materials is as follows:-
 - *For a shelf up to 150mm deep*
Minimum height = 203mm
 - *For a shelf deeper than 150mm*
203mm + 12.5mm for every 25mm depth over 150mm.
5. It should be appreciated that although this appliance conforms to all the applicable standards, it is a heating appliance and certain parts of its surface will become hot. A suitable guard which complies with BS 6539 or 6778 should be used for the protection of young children, the elderly and the infirm. Such a guard is also recommended for the protection of pet animals.
6. Always switch the fire off and allow to cool before cleaning or carrying out any maintenance.
7. Never hang clothing, towels or any other fabrics over the fire.
8. This fire is fitted with a device which will automatically shut off the supply of gas to the fire if, for any reason, the pilot goes out. If this device does operate or if the fire is turned off accidentally or intentionally, always wait three minutes before attempting to relight.
9. Soft wall coverings (e.g. embossed vinyl etc.) which have a raised pattern, are easily affected by heat. They may, therefore, scorch or become discoloured when close to a heating appliance. Please bear this in mind when having a heating appliance installed and when redecorating.

Please note

When operating your fire for the first time, some vapours may be given off which may cause a slight odour and could possibly set off any smoke alarms in the immediate vicinity. These vapours are quite normal with new appliances. They are totally harmless and will disappear after a few hours use.

It is quite common for the radiants to take on a brown tint after a period of use. This is normal with all types of ceramic radiant and has no adverse effect whatsoever on the performance or safety of the appliance.

Thank you for choosing this Valor gas appliance. This fire has been designed to give years of trouble-free service. To maintain its optimum performance, advantage should be taken of the regular servicing and inspection services available for gas appliances. Annual servicing is recommended. Valor contact telephone numbers are listed on page 5

OPERATING THE FIRE

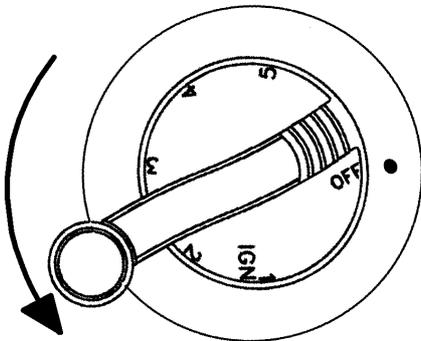
The flame sensing device.

For your safety, this appliance is fitted with a device which will automatically shut off the gas supply to the fire if the pilot flame goes out. It will also shut off the gas supply if the flue is blocked or if there is not enough ventilation. ***If this device starts to frequently shut off the gas, get expert advice.***

This device incorporates a probe which senses that the heat from the pilot flame is correct. If this probe is cool, the device will prevent any gas flow unless the control knob is held down at the ignition position.

If, for any reason, the flames go out when the fire is hot or if the fire is turned off when hot, always ***wait at least three minutes before attempting to relight.***

To light and operate.



Turn to light

Figure 1 Control knob

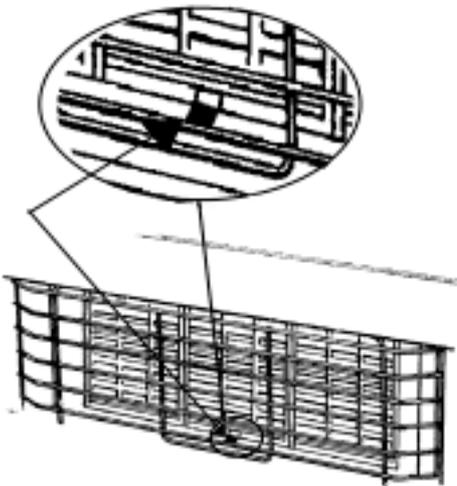


Figure 2 Pilot viewing opening

Depress the control knob and turn anticlockwise towards the 1/IGN position (Figure 1). A spark should be generated at the pilot while turning. The spark should ignite the pilot. The pilot flame can be seen through the opening immediately below the centre radiant (Figure 2).

(If the pilot does not light, turn the control knob to OFF and try again. In the unlikely event of failure of the ignition mechanism, the pilot can be lit with a long match or taper as described below.)

The control knob can then be set at your desired heat level. The settings are:

Knob

Position

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|---|--|
| 2 | Centre radiant on low. Outer radiants off. |
| 3 | Centre radiant on full. Outer radiants off. |
| 4 | Centre radiant on full. Outer radiants on low. |
| 5 | All radiants on full. |

To turn off, partially depress the knob and turn clockwise to OFF.

Match or taper lighting

If the ignition system will not light the pilot, the fire can be lit with a long match or taper.

Depress and turn the control to the 1/IGN position. Keep the knob depressed and insert the lighted match or taper into the pilot viewing opening (figure 2).

When the pilot has been lit, keep the control knob depressed for approximately ten seconds to allow the flame sensing probe to warm up and then release it).

For your own convenience, have the heater serviced as soon as possible.

CLEANING

Turn the fire off and allow it to cool before attempting any cleaning.

Normally the fire will only need dusting. The bright metal trims may be cleaned with a damp cloth and dried with a soft duster. Obstinate marks can be removed

from the guard and trims using soapy water. ***Never use abrasive cleaners.***

The radiants can be cleaned with a soft brush - see further on for how to remove the radiants.

REPLACING THE RADIANTS

Turn the fire off and allow it to cool before attempting to remove the radiants.

See figure 3.

Remove the dress guard by pressing down the two hooks at the top. Tilt the guard forward and lift out.

Lift the radiant upwards to clear the metal retaining tab then pull out bottom first.

Fit the new radiant by inserting its top under the top lip of the radiant box then swing the bottom of the radiant over

and behind the retaining tab. The back of the radiant should rest against the rear support bars and the bottom front edge should be behind the retaining tab.

Replace the dress guard. Locate the bottom of the dress guard in the two holes in the apron. Push the guard back so that the two spring projections at the top of the guard engage in the slots under the canopy.

Always use the correct type of replacement radiant. Ask for Valor part number 544649 (GC No. 125 164).

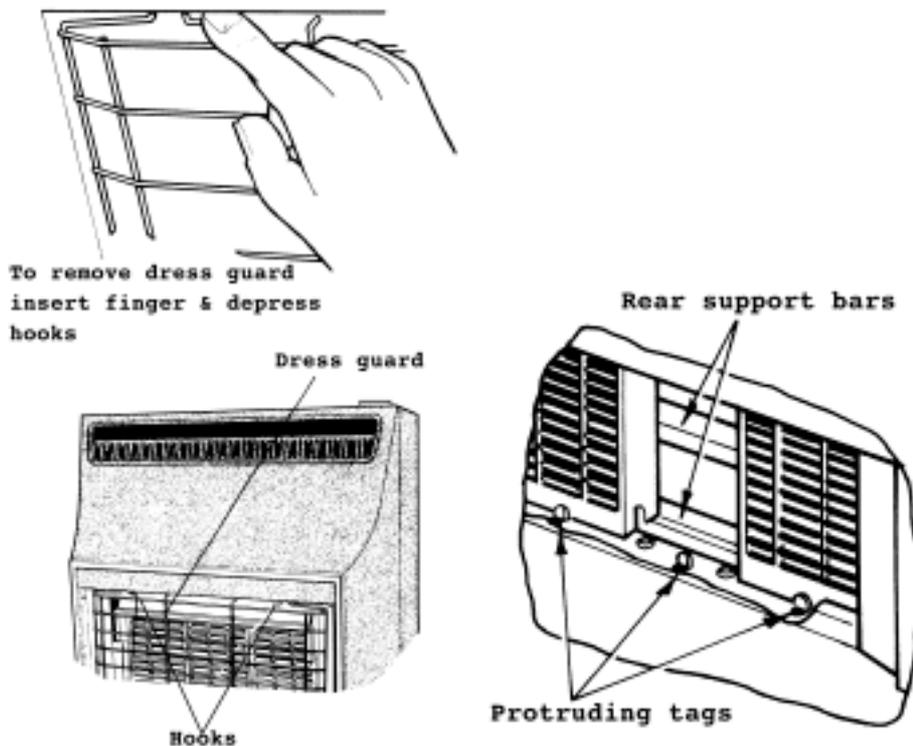


Figure 3 Dress guard & radiant removal

MAINTENANCE

- In order to achieve and maintain high levels of personal safety and performance efficiency it is essential that the opening at the back of the fire and the flue are kept clear of any form of obstruction. It is possible that deposits of mortar or soot could fall and accumulate causing the flue to be blocked or restricted and so preventing proper clearance of dangerous exhaust fumes. In the United Kingdom it is the law that a landlord must have any gas appliance, flue and pipework which is situated in a tenant's premises checked for safety at least every twelve months.

We recommend that all gas appliances and their flues, wherever situated, are checked annually. By a competent person (in the U.K. a CORGI registered installer).

General servicing

If you require any attention to your fire, contact your supplier mentioning the model name and number. It will also be helpful if the appliance serial number is quoted. This will be found on a label on the right hand side of the case near the bottom.

To help us quickly help you, please try to have the following information available before you contact us:

- a) Your Post Code.**
- b) Type of fire.**
- c) Model/Name.**
- d) Serial Number** This will be found on a label on the right hand side of the case near the bottom.
- e) The fault, problem or request.**

For general advice about gas and your gas fire:

VALOR ADVICELINE 0345 626341.

To report faults or arrange for your fire to be serviced:

VALOR SERVICE 0121 386 6203.

To order spares or for sales information:

VALOR SALES 0121 386 6260.

CALLERS IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Call 0044 121 373 8111

Safety First.

Valor fires are CE Approved and designed to meet the appropriate British Standards and Safety Marks.

Quality and Excellence.

At the heart of every Valor fire.

All Valor fires are manufactured to the highest standards of quality and excellence and are manufactured under a BS EN ISO 9001 quality system accepted by the British Standards Institute.

The Highest Standards

Valor is a member of the Society of British Gas Industries which works to ensure high standards of safety, quality and performance.

Careful Installation

Valor is a Corgi registered company. All our gas fires must be installed by a competent Corgi Registered Installer in accordance with our Installer Guide and should not be fitted directly on to a carpet or floor of combustible material.

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