# **Fireboy-Xintex**

# S-1A PROPANE FUME DETECTOR WITH VALVE CONTROL



# **OWNERS MANUAL &**

# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

READ AND COMPLY WITH ALL INSTRUCTIONS, WARNINGS AND LIMITATIONS BEFORE INSTALLING, SERVICING OR REMOVING THIS DEVICE.

# READ WARNING ON PAGE 2

# RETAIN THIS MANUAL FOR REFERENCE.

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Specifications subject to change without notice.

# WARNING!

There are no user or field serviceable parts in this product. The S-1A must be returned to the manufacturer for any repair or performance checks. Installation shall be done by qualified personnel authorized to do so by the authorities having jurisdiction for the particular application in which the product is being used. Electrical wiring shall be in accordance with applicable codes. Improper wiring may render the unit inoperable, damage components, or cause a fire, and will void all warranties. The S-1A is a propane/LPG fume detector. To function as intended, the S-1A must be connected to a correct power source, and for maximum effectiveness, be powered at all times. Do not install outdoors. Before installing in applications which may appear different than those outlined in this manual, consult the engineering department of Fireboy-Xintex. Not for use in aircraft. This propane fume detection device is meant to service as a supplemental warning system. IT IS NOT meant to replace standard safety practices which should be carried out around explosive gases (i.e., inspect compartment, check for loose fuel fittings, smell for propane fumes, etc.)

#### INTRODUCTION

Your S-1A propane fume detector is a state of the art fume monitoring and alarm system, which also allows you to control your propane with a touch of a button. It is a simple yet highly effective detector of propane fumes.

#### INSTALLATION

S-1A is packaged with one (1) 2" diameter display module, one (1) sensor cable 20', one (1) propane sensor (MS-2), and may or may not include a solenoid valve. Check the label markings on the carton that indicate if this unit was sold and packaged with or without the solenoid valve.

#### **DISPLAY MODULE**

The S-1A display module should be mounted in an area so that visual and audible indicators may be easily observed. Next, drill a 2-1/16 "diameter hole into the panel. Slip the instrument through the hole and secure, making sure that you have access to the wires for solenoid valve connections, positive and negative wire connections and sensor connection.

Plug in your sensor to the connector and make positive and negative connections for the module display and solenoid valve. Finish the module installation by fastening to panel with four screws (provided).

# SENSOR INSTALLATION

The sensor supplied with the S-1A includes a standard 20 foot (18.29m) cable. If a longer cable is desired contact your dealer or Fireboy/Xintex. Coil excessive cable in convenient location. Remove the paper covering the adhesive backing on the sensor mounting surface and press the sensor into position on a previously cleaned surface. Install with two (2) screws provided.

Caution: Do not attempt to use any other manufacturer's sensor or previously installed sensors.

#### SENSOR LOCATION

Caution: Propane is heavier than air and will settle. Therefore, it is important that a location be selected that is as low as practical and as near the appliance as possible. Keep sensor dry.

CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) is lighter than air and will rise. Therefore, it is important that location be selected that is within nine (9") inches (22.86cm) of the ceiling height. Do not located sensor directly over cooking or heating appliances. Keep sensor dry.

#### **Solenoid Installation**

Propane (LPG) — Mount the solenoid in-line on the tank side of the LPG regulator if possible if not, solenoid can be mounted on low pressure side of regulator. The tank itself should be mounted outside the cabin or crew quarters to avoid the possibility of gas accumulation due to a leak between the tank and the solenoid valve.

**CNG** — Because of the high tank pressure of CNG, the solenoid valve MUST be installed after the CNG regulator and as close to the regulator as practical. The tank and regulator should be mounted outside the cabin or crew quarters to avoid the possibility of gas accumulation due to a leak between the tank and the solenoid valve,





**CAUTION:** Turn solenoid on when gas is being used and off during standby conditions. The valve will get **HOT** when gas is not flowing through it.

# **ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS**

All wiring connections shall be made using #16 Gauge stranded copper wire conforming to ABYC standards for marine use. The black wire (see figure) on the display module shall be connected to a suitable ground connection on the instrument buss. The red wire (see figure) on the display module must be connected to +12 VDC through a suitable fuse or circuit breaker.

<u>If you are supplying your own solenoid valve</u>: Determine the positive (+) side of your valve. Cut that wire in half and connect one side to yellow wire of the S-1A. Connect the second half of cut (+) positive wire to the other yellow wire of the S-1A.



NOTE: For operation from +24 to +32 VDC, a converter is available from Fireboy-Xintex. Part #CNV-12. For operation from other voltages, contact the engineering department of Fireboy-Xintex.

# **OPERATION**

The display module on the S-1A contains three (3) windows. The left window is a green power on indicator. The right window is red danger indicator. The center window is a valve on/off indicator. When the center green light is on the valve is open and propane will flow. When center green light is off, the valve is closed and propane will not flow. Upon power up, the green power on indicator (far left) will come on and the red danger indicator sensor takes longer than 25 seconds to warm, the alarm will sound. After sound, the alarm will stop when the red danger indicator shuts off. Should a fume build up reach 10 to 20 percent of LEL (Lower explosive Limit), the red danger indicator will come on. If this condition lasts longer than 20 to 25 seconds, the alarm horn will sound. The red danger indicator shuts off, the alarm will stop. If the green valve on indicator is lit and the red danger indicator comes on, the solenoid valve will close and the green valve on indicator will extinguish.

NOTE: THE PROBLEM SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED CORRECTED UNTIL THE RED DANGER INDICATOR GOES OUT.

# **TESTING THE SYSTEM**

The S-1A can be tested for electrical continuity by unplugging the sensor either at the display head or at the sensor. The red danger indicator will come on and within 20 to 25 seconds the alarm horn will sound. Reconnect the sensor, and the red danger indicator will go out, and the alarm horn will silence itself.

To test the sensor, use a butane lighter with the striker wheel removed. Hold the lighter to the sensor and press down on the lever to release the butane. In three to four seconds, the red danger indicator will come on and in 20 to 25 seconds the alarm horn will sound. Remove lighter from the sensor and the red danger indicator will go out and the alarm horn will silence itself.

#### IN THE EVENT OF AN ALARM

Immediately have all passengers and crew exit the passenger compartment. If an explosion or fire should occur, the probability of injury will reduced if no one is in a confided area of the vessel.

Turn off the fuel supply and ventilate the area. Do NOT turn the fuel source on until all fittings, gas lines and appliances have been checked by a qualified personnel.

#### TROUBLESHOOTING

The most likely problem that will be encountered is a nuisance alarm. If this should occur and you are positive that there are no propane fumes present, check for recent use of solvent, paint, paint thinner, polish, etc. If none of these fumes are present, thoroughly check the sensor for loose connections, broken wires, or other damage.

OPTIONS

- MS-2 Replacement Propane/LPG sensor
- Sensor Extension Cable from 25' through 100'
- CNV-12 Voltage Reducer

# SPECIFICATIONS

- Voltage: +12VDC nominal (7VDC to 15VDC)
- Alarm Point: 10% to 20% LEL at 70° F
- Sensor Stability: 0° F to 130° F (-10° C to +40° C)
- Current draw monitoring mode with valve closed: 55 mA max
- Current draw alarm mode with valve closed: 62 mA max.
- Current draw monitoring mode with valve open: 75 mA max.
- Alarm horn: 85 dB
- Sensor fail alarm

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- S-1 Propane/LPG Detector
- S-2A Two channel Propane/LPG Detector with Solenoid Control

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