

## Using Calor Gas Safely In Your Caravan Tourer, Caravan Holiday Home or Park Home.

### USING CYLINDERS

#### What Happens Inside the Cylinder

Calor gas cylinders are specifically manufactured to store Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG for short) in its liquid state. The liquid turns to gas very easily and the gas fills the space above the liquid. As gas is drawn off in use, more liquid turns to gas to replace it. An external regulator connected to the supply line between the cylinder and appliance keeps the pressure of the gas constant to the appliance as the cylinder empties until there is no liquid left to turn to gas.



#### The Regulator

Except for appliances fitted with a flow controller, a suitably rated regulator must be included in the connection between the cylinder and the appliance. The regulator is precisely set to control the pressure of the supply and **Must Not Be Adjusted**. Replace any regulator, which is not working properly, or after 10 years' of life.



#### Flexible Hoses

Use only marked and certified hoses to BS3212 and which bear the year and name of the manufacturer and clips as LPG attacks and erodes natural rubber. Keep hose lengths as short as possible and less than 2 meters in length. All flexible hoses must be secured with proper hose clips. Make sure that the hoses are kept clear of 'hot spots' and inspect them from time to time. Replace any hose that shows signs of wear or damage.

#### Do's and Don'ts

- **Do** treat a cylinder with care to ensure that the valve is not damaged. A damaged valve could result in a leak.
- **Do** use a cylinder upright. Horizontally, liquid gas could get into the supply pipes with serious results.
- **Don't** attempt to disconnect a regulator from a switch-on valve (15kg and 7kg cylinders) if the flame does not go out when the regulator switch is turned off. Leave the appliance alight and call your Gas Supplier or Park Manager.
- **Don't** subject a cylinder to heat, because the pressure inside the cylinder could build up to a point beyond the designed safety limit.
- **Don't** store or use cylinders below ground level, because LPG is heavier than air. If there is a leak, the gas will collect at low level and become dangerous in the presence of flame or a spark.
- **Don't** store or use propane cylinders (red) indoors, because propane is contained under higher pressure and should only be kept outdoors.

### GAS APPLIANCES

There are many central heating boilers, water heaters, fires and cookers as well as leisure appliances that can be used with your Calor gas supply. Many look just like those for use with natural gas. They operate just as efficiently, give the same superb performance, but care must be taken when buying and using them.

When buying a gas appliance it is important to ensure it is suitable for use with Calor propane and/or butane. You should purchase appliances that bear the CE mark and have been designed for use in caravans.

Many accidents caused by faulty gas appliances involve those, which may have been purchased second-hand. Special care is needed if you buy a second-hand gas appliance. Have it checked by a competent installer for safety. **If you have any doubts don't buy.**

## INSTALLATION OF APPLIANCES

It is required by law to use installers which display the CORGI symbol as they are registered with the Council of Registered Gas Installers and undertake to work to the highest standards of safety. Amateurs and DIY 'experts' can put you and your family at risk and face prosecution. Don't take that risk, use the professionals.

A list of recommended installers who can install LPG appliances can be obtained from CORGI **01256 372300**.

There is a saying 'If all else fails, read the instructions'. For your own health and safety you must read the instructions and labels first, and then keep them handy for reference. If there is anything you're not certain about concerning your installation please contact your installer. For advice about any other LPG appliance, please contact your Calor Dealer or appliance manufacturer.



## SERVICING APPLIANCES

Gas appliances should be serviced regularly to keep them in a safe and efficient condition. Properly maintained appliances are safe in use and are no cause for concern.

**Central Heating Boilers/Hot Water Circulators:** Boilers and water heaters should be serviced at least once a year. Your CORGI registered Central Heating Installer will normally undertake this work. Alternatively, contact CORGI, for details of CORGI registered installers in your area.

**Other Appliances:** Cookers and fires etc. should be serviced at least once a year.

## MODIFICATIONS

Never improvise with gas equipment, if you want your installation changed or extended in any way, please contact your Installer.

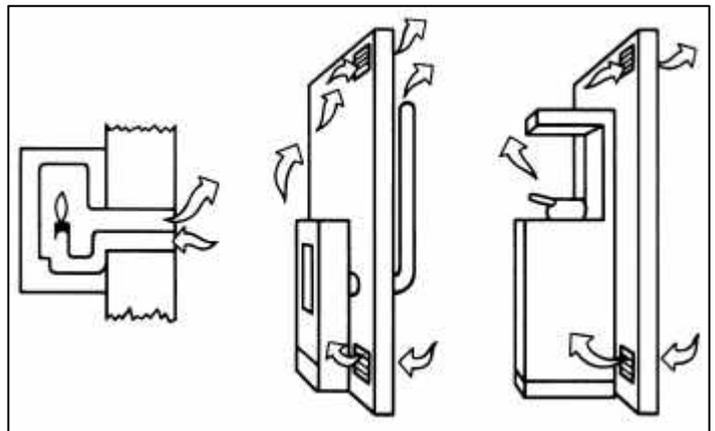
**Do not let unqualified people tamper with your appliances or installation.** Appliances for use with Calor propane are designed and built to very high standards – any adjustments or modifications could impair their safety and nullify manufacturers' guarantees.

## VENTILATION AND FLUES

Occasionally chimneys or flues can become fully or partially blocked due to broken bricks, birds' nests or soot. This will cause the products of combustion to spill into the room polluting the air with toxic fumes. It is important that chimneys and flues are checked regularly and that they are **NEVER BLOCKED**.

Like you appliances need air or rather the oxygen in the air. There must be adequate supply of fresh air for appliances to work properly, and the products of combustion must be removed.

There are three types of appliances for use in caravans: those with a room sealed flue, such as some kinds of fires and central heating boilers; those that need an ordinary flue, such as boilers, water heaters and some types of radiant fires; and those that do not have a flue, such as a cooker or hotplates or refrigerators.



With room sealed flue system, air for combustion and the products of combustion are kept sealed from the room atmosphere. By law, room sealed flued appliances should be used in bathrooms, shower room. It is also advisable to use this type of appliance in bedrooms.

Never use an open flued water heater installed in the bathroom while in the bath. Always turn off the heater before getting into the bath and ensure there is good ventilation at all times while the heater is in use.

When using flued and flueless appliances, it is essential to ensure that ventilation is adequate.

If the room has ventilators or grilles, make sure they are NEVER BLOCKED. Most rooms have fresh air entering around doors and windows – but if a room becomes stuffy, open a door or a window immediately.

## IF IN DOUBT – SEEK ADVICE.

### SERVICING IS NEEDED TO ENSURE:

- Flues and heat exchangers are not blocked.
- Air inlets are clear.
- The gas consumption is correct.
- Safety devices are working correctly.
- The appliance is safe for further use.

## CARBON MONOXIDE – THE FACTS

- When gas does not burn properly, poisonous carbon monoxide fumes may be produced.
- You cannot see or smell carbon monoxide fumes. They are invisible, odourless, colourless and tasteless.
- Fumes from partially burnt gas kill more people than fires and explosions from unburnt gas.
- Faulty gas appliances, poor ventilation and incorrect flues may produce carbon monoxide.
- The danger signs on gas appliances are stains, deposits of soot and excessively yellow or orange flames.
- Carbon monoxide can cause drowsiness, dizziness, headaches, watering eyes, chest pains or palpitations, sickness, stomach pains or diarrhoea. Unfortunately, these are vague symptoms produced by many other causes such as influenza and food poisoning.
- You should seek medical advice if you persistently suffer from any of the symptoms listed above after being in a room where any gas burning appliance is in use, and of course have your gas installation checked by a competent installer.
- **Remember, gas appliances which are designed, installed and used correctly, regularly serviced, and properly ventilated and flued are completely safe.**
- **Consider the installation of a suitably certified carbon monoxide detector.**

## PLEASE REMEMBER

- **Never** block ventilators
- **Always** check regularly that flues are clear
- **Always** read the installation and operating instructions for your appliances carefully.
- **Always** use a CORGI registered installer to install or service your gas appliances.
- **Never** use a cooker as a means of heating. Always ensure there is adequate ventilation while cooking.
- **If** you think your gas appliance is not working properly do not use it. Contact a CORGI registered installer for professional advice.

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