# MTI INDUSTRIES, Inc. RV PROPANE GAS DETECTOR

# Safe-T-Alert<sup>™</sup> MODEL 20-441-P USER'S MANUAL

#### IMPORTANT PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

This manual contains important information. Anyone who installs this unit for use by others must leave this manual with the owner. **Do not throw this out.** 

Manual #204207-10

IMPORTANT: This unit must be replaced within five years of its installation date. Record the installation date in the section, <u>Owner's Replacement Record</u>, in this manual for future use. The replacement date indicates the date beyond which the device may no longer detect propane gas accurately.

**IMPORTANT:** Always follow the operation and safety instructions of the gas appliance manufacturer.

# **A** WARNING CONNECT ONLY TO WIRING <u>THAT CANNOT</u> BE TURNED OFF BY A WALL SWITCH OR GROUND FAULT PROTECTOR.

**IMPORTANT:** Failure to follow the installation instructions may void the warranty.

#### SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE MTI INDUSTRIES TM GAS DETECTORS

This MTI Industries <sup>™</sup> propane gas alarm is APPROVED for use in recreational vehicles. Other explosive gases detected but not tested for include Acetone, Alcohol, Butane, Gasoline all of which you may have in your Trailer, Truck Camper, Van Camper or Motorhome.

When dangerous levels of propane gas (< 25% LEL) are detected the Detector signal will activate. A reset/mute circuit can be activated to temporally silence the Detector while you ventilate.

RECOMMENDED WIRE GA	UGE14 GA.
POWER SUPPLY	
WIRE COLOR CODE:	RED SUPPLY (+)
	BLACK GROUND (-)
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FUSED CIRCUIT MAXIMUM	15 AMP
RECOMENDED IN-LINE FUSE	1 AMP

# **A WARNING** LIMITATIONS OF PROPANE GAS DETECTORS

**THIS UNIT will not work without power**. Examples causing no power are: Cut lead wires, faulty circuit connection, a blown or missing fuse, improper supply (+) or ground (-) connections.

This Detector will only indicate the presence of propane gas at the sensor. Explosive gas may be present in other areas. Do not block or cover the alarm with any object that can prevent a gas leak from getting to the alarm.

**THIS ALARM MAY NOT BE HEARD**. The alarm's loudness is designed to meet or exceed regulatory standards; however, the alarm may not be heard if alarms are located in remote locations or behind closed doors. Persons who are hard-of-hearing, have consumed alcoholic beverages, taken prescription, non-prescription or illegal drugs, may not hear the alarm.

This Detector is not a smoke or fire Alarm. It is also not a carbon monoxide alarm.

# THIS ALARM IS NOT A REPLACEMENT FOR INSURANCE. Always be sure your RV is fully insured.

This Detector is not suitable for installation in hazardous areas as defined in the National Electrical Code.

# HOW TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR DETECTOR

To keep your Detector in good working order, you must;

- Test the Detector weekly. (See "TEST PROCEDURE")
- Observe the color of the indicator light on the front of the unit regularly. (See "Operating Instructions")
- Vacuum the dust off the Detector cover monthly, (more frequently in dusty locations), using the soft brush attachment of your vacuum.
- Clean the Detector cover weekly. Hand wash using a damp cloth, or paper towel. Dry with a soft cloth.
- DO NOT SPRAY CLEANING AGENTS OR WAXES directly onto the front panel. This action may damage the sensor, cause an Alarm or cause a malfunction.

#### WHERE TO INSTALL GAS DETECTORS

This detector is approved for installation in recreational vehicles. Install this detector near sources of a potential gas leak. Some potential sources are a furnace, water heater, stove or oven. **See Figure 1 and 2.** 

**CAUTION: Propane** is heavier than air. For propane gas detection, install this Detector from 4 to 20 inches off the floor.

⚠ WARNING

WHERE NOT TO INSTALL THIS GAS ALARM.

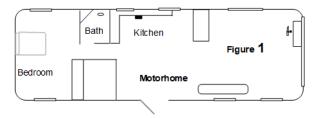
- BEHIND FURNITURE, DRAPES, IN CLOSETS OR AREAS THAT WILL BLOCK AIR FLOW TO THE DETECTOR.
- WITHIN 12 INCHES OF EXTERIOR DOORS, WINDOWS, HEATING OR RETURNS VENTS, OR OTHER DRAFTY AREAS.
- IN OR ON OUTSIDE WALLS
- , TO A WALL SWITCH CONTROLLED POWER LINE, GROUND FAULT CIRCUIT OR CIRCUIT BREAKER.
- **NOTE:** Older homes and RVs may have little or no insulation and therefore are more drafty. Carefully consider mounting locations. **See Figure 3.**

#### INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

**Power Supply 12vDC.** Connect the Detector to a properly fused circuit. All connections must be in accordance with the National Electrical Code.

**CAUTION**: ONLY USE APPROVED CONNECTORS <u>DISCONNECT 12vDC POWER SUPPLY UNTIL THE</u> <u>INSTALLATION IS COMPLETE.</u>

**20-441-P:** REFER TO ("WHERE TO AND NOT TO INSTALL GAS DETECTOR") Install the back plate and drill a ¼" hole for the power leads. Connect the RED (+) power lead to the fused circuit. Connect the BLACK lead to Ground (-). Slide the Detector enclosure onto the mounting plate. Reconnect the power supply.



#### Recommended Alarm Location





Figure 3

Do not install within 12" of a door

Do not install within 12" of a window that can open

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Do Not install behind drapes or furniture

Do not install within 12" of vents

# **OPERATION**

**WARNING:** This Detector cannot detect propane gas or sound the Alarm for two minutes after it has been powered up.

**POWER ON:** When powered the LED color will be GREEN (Operational).

#### **TESTING**

**WARNING:** TEST THE OPERATION OF THIS ALARM AFTER THE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE HAS BEEN IN STORAGE, BEFORE EACH TRIP AND AT LEAST ONCE PER WEEK DURING USE.

WARNING: THE TEST BUTTON ONLY TESTS THE ALARM CIRCUIT, NOT THE SENSOR. YOU MAY USE PROPANE OR BUTANE GAS TO TEST THE SENSOR. Note it may take up to 10 seconds for the alarm to sound.

#### **REPLACE THE ALARM AFTER 5 YEARS.**

Simply press the Test/Mute switch at any time the alarm is powered. The LED should turn RED and the alarm should sound. Release the switch.

**IMPORTANT** - If this alarm does not test properly return it immediately for repair or replacement.

#### ALARM SIGNAL

The Green LED will turn Red and the audible signal will activate whenever the level of propane gas exceeds the Alarm threshold. The unit will continue to Alarm until the gas clears or the Mute switch is pressed. See (Procedures Take During an Alarm and Alarm Signal Mute sections)

# ALARM SIGNAL MUTE

Press the TEST-MUTE button when the detector is in Alarm. **1.** The audible Alarm signal will stop, 2. the RED Alarm LED will remain on until the gas has dropped below the Alarm point at which time the LED will turn Green, 3. If dangerous gas levels remain after the end of the Mute cycle (about 90 seconds) the Alarm will reactivate.

#### **MALFUNCTION ALARM**

A fault in the sensors operation or low battery voltage will activate the malfunction Alarm. The LED will alternate Red / Green and sound one short beep.

# **IMPORTANT:** IN THE EVENT OF A

MALFUNCTION ALARM check the batteries voltage. If the voltage is above 8v DC, call 1-800-383-0269. **Do not Use your RV without a working Gas Detector installed.** 

#### **LOW POWER OPERATION**

This Detector will operate normally down to 8vDC. Low voltage will activate the malfunction alarm.

# <u>End of Life Signal – The Sensor has a 5 Year Service</u> <u>Life</u>

All 20-441-P models include an End of Life (EOL) Signal indicating the sensor has reached the end of its service life and you must replace the alarm. The signal is the LED flashing RED RED GREEN GREEN with a beep every 25-30 seconds. The EOL Signal may be reset by pushing TEST / RESET button on the alarm. This will reset the EOL Signal for a period of 72 hours (3 days) for a total of up to 30 days. After 30 days the signal cannot be reset and the alarm must be replaced. DO NOT DISCONNECT THE ALARM UNTIL YOU HAVE A REPLACEMENT ALARM AVAILABLE TO INSTALL.

#### PROCEDURES TO TAKE DURING AN ALARM

- 1. TURN OFF ALL GAS APPLIANCES, (STOVE, HEATERS, FURNACE), EXTINGUISH ALL FLAMES AND SMOKING MATERIAL. EVACUATE THE UNIT, LEAVE DOORS AND WINDOWS OPEN.
- 2. TURN OFF THE PROPANE TANK VALVE.
- **3. DETERMINE AND REPAIR THE SOURCE OF THE LEAK. SEEK PROFESSIONAL HELP IF NECESSARY.**

#### CAUTION - DO NOT RE-ENTER UNTIL THE PROBLEM IS CORRECTED.

LED and Sounder Signals

<b>OPERATION</b>	AUDIBLE SIGNAL	VISUAL SIGNAL
NORMAL	NONE	STEADY GREEN
PROPANE ALARM	CONSTANT	FLASHING RED
ALARM MALFUNCTION	BEEP" EVERY 30 SECONDS	ALTERNATING RED/GREEN
END OF LIFE	BEEPS EVERY 25-30 SECONDS	FLASHING RED RED GREEN GREEN
WARM UP CYCLE	NO SOUND	FLASHING GREEN

TROUBLE SHOOTING GUIDE			
PROBLEM	CAUSE AND SOLUTION		
LED OFF	2. REVERSE	WIRE CONNECTION POLARITY MISSING FUSE TTERY	
NO SOUND I	N TEST 1. C	all 800-383-0269	
NO RED LED	IN TEST 1. C	all 800-383-0269	
ALARMS AF WARM UP W GAS PRESEN	<b>TTHOUT</b> the T	ntaminated Sensor. Press 'est/mute Switch and 90 seconds	
AUDIBLE ALA WITH RED-GE NO RESET		11 800-383-0269	
SPECIFICATIONS			
POWER SUPPLY		12 vDC	
CURRENT DRAW	EMPERATURE	100 mA @ 12vDC -31º F to 150º F -35º C to 66º C	
RELATIVE HUMID	ITY	15% to 93%	

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CURRENT DRAW	100 mA @ 12vDC
OPERATIONAL TEMPERATURE	-31º F to 150º F -35º C to 66º C
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	15% to 93%
AUDIBLE OUTPUT	85 dB @ 10 feet
VISUAL OPERATIONAL SIGNAL	GREEN
VISUAL ALARM SIGNAL	RED
VISUAL MALFUNCTION SIGNAL	RED/GREEN
VISUAL WARM-UP SIGNAL	FLASHING GREEN
ALARM TRIGGER	< 25% of the LEL of Propane
	100
CASE MATERIAL CASE DIMENSIONS	ABS 3 1/2" W x 2 1/2" H x 1 1/2" D
WARRANTY	1 Year Limited
TESTING LABORATORY	ETL - Intertek
STANDARD	Conforms to UL STD 1484

#### ORIGINAL OWNERS REPLACEMENT RECORD

Replace this SAFE-T-ALERT<sup>TM</sup> propane alarm 5 years after retail purchase.

Purchase Date \_\_\_\_\_

Replacement Date \_\_\_\_\_

Installer

**NOTE:** The replacement date indicates the date beyond which the device may no longer detect accurately. The alarm should be replaced immediately.

# LIMITED PRODUCTS WARRANTY

**MTI INDUSTRIES, INC**. Warrants to the original purchaser that this Detector will be free from defects of material or workmanship for a period of one (1) year. If defective in original materials or workmanship and returned, delivery costs prepaid, MTI INDUSTRIES, INC., will repair or replace this product free of charge.

# LIMITS OF WARRANTY

Repair or replacement is your exclusive remedy under this limited warranty or any other warranty (including any implied warranty of merchantability for a particular purpose). Any and all implied warranties or merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose is limited to the warranty period from the original date of purchase. MTI INDUSTRIES, INC., its dealers and distributors shall in no case be responsible or in any way liable for any incidental or consequential damages for any reason. Some states do not allow the limitation or exclusion of incidental or consequential damages, or allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitations may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific rights, and you may also have other rights that may vary from state to state.

# WARRANTY RETURN POLICY

**Warning-**opening this product for any reason voids the warranty. There are no user serviceable parts in the case. This Detector requires an authorization number (RA) for repair or replacement. Call MTI for a RA number. Pack the Detector carefully in a padded container. Include the RA number, an explanation of the problem, the original dated sales receipt, and your return address. Send, shipping prepaid, to: MTI Industries, Inc. 206C Tequesta Drive, Destin, FL 32541 Customer Service Number: 800-383-0269 e-Mail: sales@mtiindustries.com web page: Safe-T-Alert.com

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