

Restrictor Screen Installation

When a restrictor screen is used on power vent or power direct vent water heater, the standard wire mesh screen shall be removed from the termination elbow and replaced by the plastic restrictor screen. In no case the restrictor screen should be installed over the standard wire mesh screen. Please refer to the installation manual provided with your water heater to find out when restrictor screens must be used.

We understand that some installations were performed using the restrictor screen over the wire mesh screen in the field. Those installations can be left as is if they are located in areas where the elevation is 2,000 feet (610 m) above sea level. However, every new installation shall conform to the requirement specified in the first paragraph on this bulletin.