# INSTRUCTIONS FOR

# MULTIPLE HOT WATER BOILER INSTALLATIONS

**UP TO 8 UNITS** 

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#### SAFETY INFORMATION

#### **WARNING**

Fire, explosion, asphyxiation and electrical shock hazard. Improper installation could result in death or serious injury. Read this instruction and individual boiler's Installation, Operation & Maintenance Manual and understand all requirements, including requirements of authority having jurisdiction, before beginning installation. Installation not complete until appliance operation verified per Installation, Operation & Maintenance Manual provided with each boiler.

#### **A** CAUTION

#### WHAT TO DO IF YOU SMELL GAS

- Do not try to light any appliance.
- Do not touch any electrical switch; do not use any phone in your building.
- Immediately call your gas supplier from a neighbor's phone. Follow gas supplier's instructions.
- If you cannot reach your gas supplier, call the fire department.

Installation shall be performed by a qualifed service agency.

This instruction shall be used in conjunction with each unit's Installation, Operation and Maintanence Manual.

Installation shall conform to requirements of authority having jurisdiction or in absence of such requirements:

- United States
  - National Fuel Gas Code, ANSI Z223.1/NFPA 54.
  - National Electrical Code, NFPA 70.
- Canada
  - Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code, CAN/CSA B149.1.
  - Canadian Electrical Code, Part I, Safety Standard for Electrical Installations, CSA C22.1

Installations for Oil Burning Equipment shall conform to requirements of authority having jurisdiction or in absence of such requirements to ANSI/NFPA 31. In Canada, Current Edition of Canadian Standards Association CSA B139, Installation Code for Oil Burning Equipment" for recommended installation practices.

Where required by authority having jurisdiction, installation shall conform to Standard for Controls and Safety Devices for Automatically Fired Boilers, ANSI/ASME CSD-1.

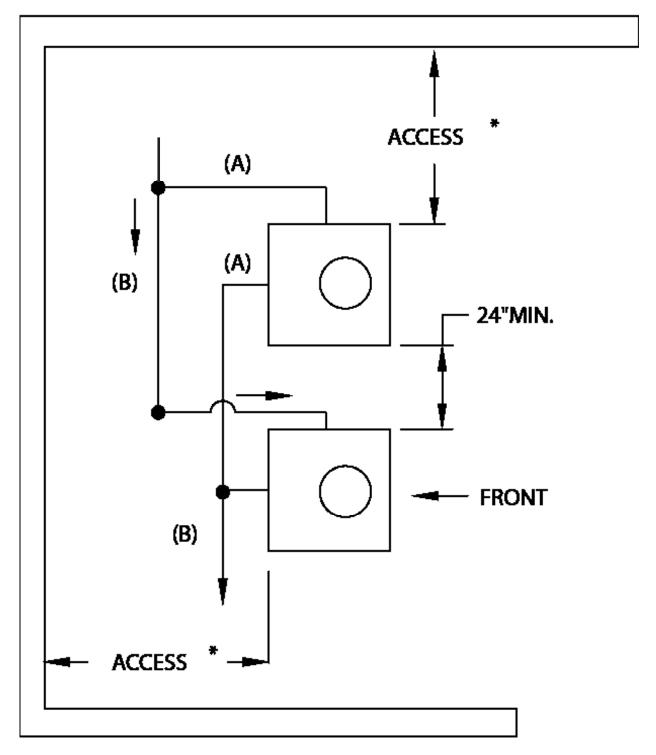
Additional manual reset low water cutoff may be required.

Boiler installation must conform to Commonwealth of Massachusetts code 248 CMR which includes but is not limited to installation by licensed plumber or gas fitter.

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Figure 1 - Two (2) Unit Confirguration

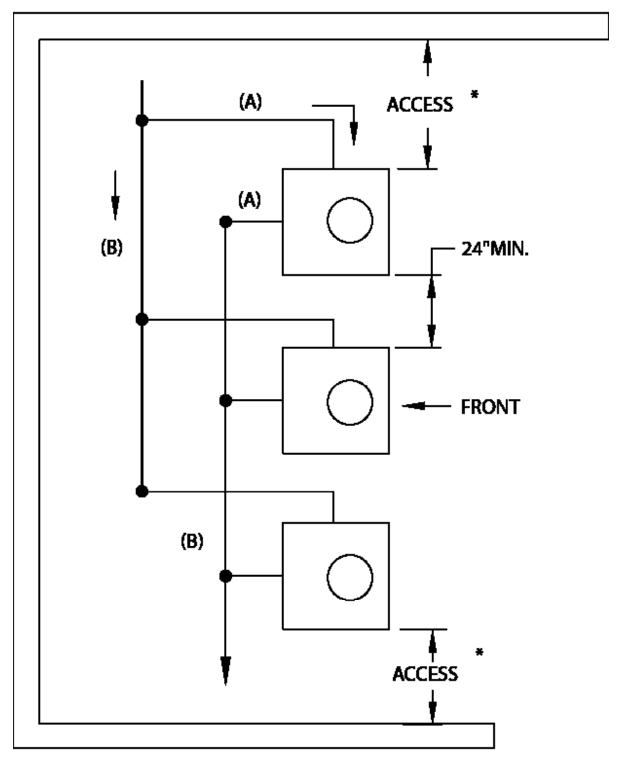


#### **LEGEND - PIPE SIZING**

- (A) 11/4 NPT SUPPLY AND RETURN
- (B) SYSTEM PIPING

- Access \* is minimum 24" service clearance.
- Vent position, relief valve location, supply and return piping will vary depending on type of units.

Figure 2 - Three (3) Unit Confirguration

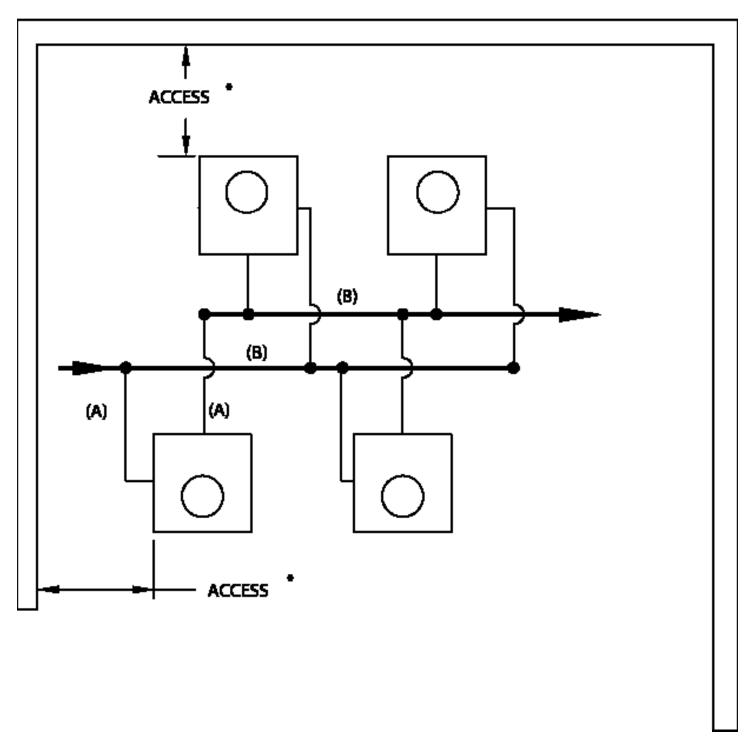


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Figure 3 - Four (4) Unit Configuration

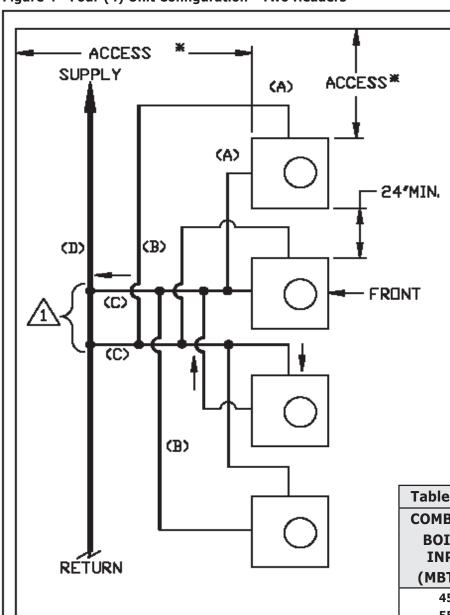


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Figure 4 - Four (4) Unit Configuration - Two Headers



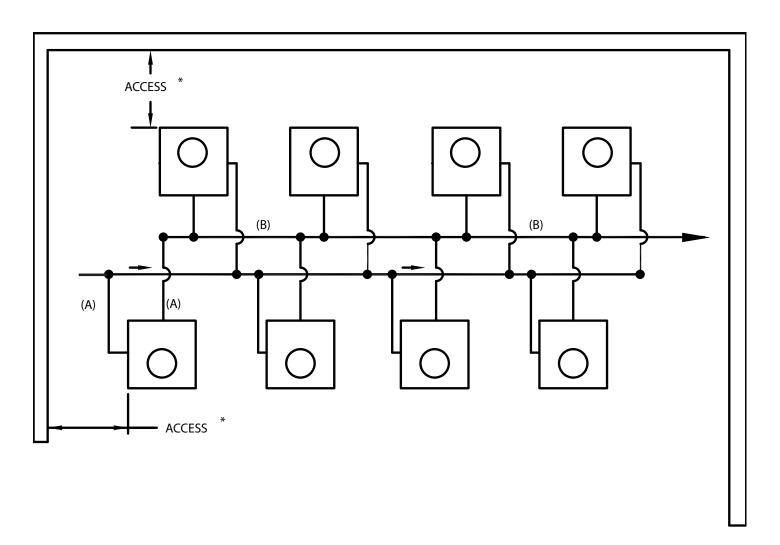
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 $\triangle$  - 12" Maximum between closely spaced tees.

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Table 1 - HYDRONIC PIPE SIZING GUIDE					
COMBINED	(Fig. 4 & Fig. 6 ONLY)				
BOILER INPUT	MINIMUM PIPE SIZE (NPT)				
(MBTUH)	(A)	(B)	HEADER (C)		
450	1-1/4"	1-1/2"	3"		
550	1-1/4"	1-1/2"	3"		
600	1-1/4"	1-1/2"	3"		
750	1-1/4"	1-1/2"	3"		
900	1-1/4"	1-1/2"	3"		
1,000	1-1/4"	2"	3"		
1,200	1-1/4"	2"	3"		
1,500	1-1/4"	2"	3"		
1,800	1-1/4"	2"	3"		
2,000	1-1/4"	2"	3"		
2,400	1-1/4"	2"	3"		
	(D) SYSTEM PIPING - SIZE TO SUIT				

Figure 5 - Eight (8) Unit Confirguration



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Figure 6 - Eight (8) Unit Confirguration - Two Headers

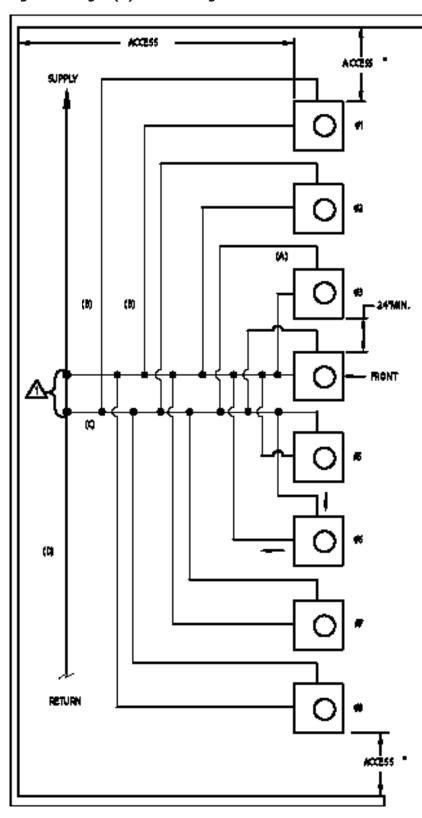


Table 2 - HYDRONIC PIPE SIZING GUIDE					
COMBINED	(4 &	(4 & 6 UNITS ONLY)			
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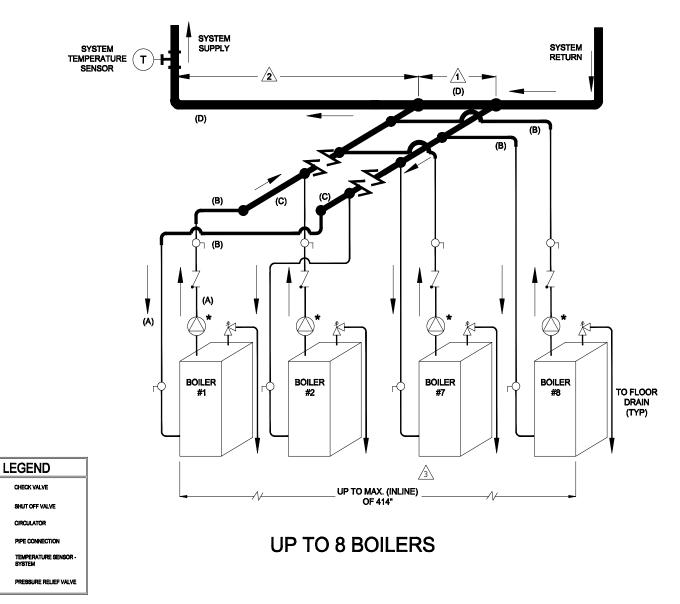
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Figure 7 - Typical Layouts for Modular Gas Fired Systems

#### TYPICAL LAYOUTS FOR MODULAR GAS FIRED SYSTEMS



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 $\triangle$  - 12" Maximum between closely spaced tees.

 $\triangle$  - Locate temperature sensor within 3 to 5 feet after supply header.

△ - Maximum overall length is based on using (8) boilers having largest footprint and 24" minimum service clearance between units.

- Modules may be placed back to back to save space.
- For sizing system or zone circulators, apply 10 GPM per 100,000 BRU (net) output. For sizing individual circulators use minimum Taco-007 or equivalent.

# **Combustion Air Requirements**

Refer to the individual boiler Installation, Operation and Maintanence Manual.

#### **WARNING**

Asphyxiation hazard. Do not obstruct air openings to combustion area. Follow the chart below for adequate combustion air. Failure to comply could result in death or serious injury.

Table 3 - COMBUSTION AIR REQUIREMENTS  (Minimum Opening In Square Inches)						
Total	*UNCONFINED AREA		I OUTSIDE COMBUSTION AIR			When Using Mechanical Air Supply Sytem
BoilerInput (MBH)	Outside Combustion Air 1 Sq. In./4000 Btuh (See Figure 9)	Outside Combustion Air 1 Sq. In./1000 Btuh (See Figure 8)	Vert. Ducts 1 Sq. In. /4000 Btuh	Horz. Ducts 1 Sq. In. /2000 Btuh	Minimum CFM	
500	125	500	125	250	175	
600	150	600	150	300	210	
750	188	750	188	375	263	
900	225	900	225	450	315	
1000	250	1000	250	500	350	
1200	300	1200	300	600	420	
1500	375	1500	375	750	525	
1800	450	1800	450	900	630	
2100	525	2100	525	1050	735	
2400	600	2400	600	1200	840	

<sup>\*</sup> Unconfined Area: A space whose volume is not less than 50 cubic feet per 1000 Btu per hour of all appliances installed in that space (Cubic feet of space = height x width x length).

Figure 8 - Combustion Air Openings

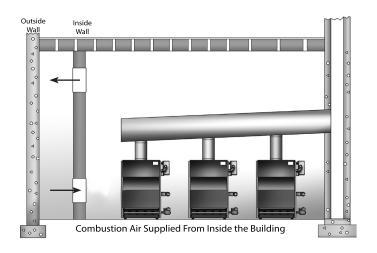
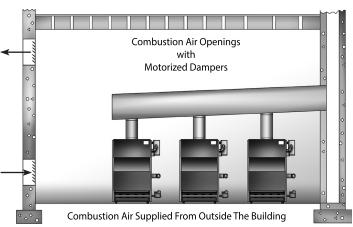


Figure 9 - Combustion Air with Motorized Dampers



<sup>\*\*</sup> Confined Area: A space whose volume is less than 50 cubic feet per 1000 Btu per hour of all appliances installed in that space (Cubic feet of space = height x width x length).

# **Common Venting Requirements**

**Table 4 - Common Vent Sizing Table for Multiple Boilers** 

COMBINED INPUT (BTUH)	COMMON VENT SIZING (INCHES)  Vertical Vent Height (Ft)						
x1000	6′	8′	10′	20′	30′	50′	100′
450	12	10	10	9	8	8	7
550	12	12	12	10	9	9	8
600	14	12	12	12	10	9	9
750	14	14	14	12	12	10	9
900	16	14	14	12	12	12	10
1,000	16	16	16	14	12	12	12
1,200	18	18	16	14	14	12	12
1,500	20	18	18	16	14	14	12
1,800	22	20	20	18	16	14	14
2,000	24	22	20	18	18	16	14
2,400	24	24	22	20	18	16	14

Table 4 based on TYPE-B Double-Wall vent using **un-assisted** Common Vent system. Reference is NFPA-54 / ANSI Z223.1 National Fuel Gas Code.

Consult NFPA-54 / ANSI Z223.1 National Fuel Gas Code. for "Mechanical Vent" Sizing and additional vent information.

Maximum Horizontal Vent Length shall not exceed allowable [Common Header Vent Size x 18"]. See Table 5. If longer Horizontal Vent Lengths are required – percentage reduction in capacity must be made to Table values. Consult NFPA-54 / ANSI Z223.1 National Fuel Gas Code.

**Table 5 - Maximum Horizontal Length of Common Vent** 

COMMON VENT DIAMETER (INCHES)	HOR	XIMUM IZONTAL ENGTH
(TIACHES)	FEET	[INCHES]
7	10.5	[126"]
8	12.0	[144"]
9	13.5	[162"]
10	15.0	[180"]
12	18.0	[216"]
14	21.0	[252"]
16	24.0	[288"]
18	27.0	[324"]
20	30.0	[360"]
22	33.0	[396"]
24	36.0	[432"]

#### **Gas Service**

See individual unit's Installation, Operation & Maintenance Manual for piping requirements.

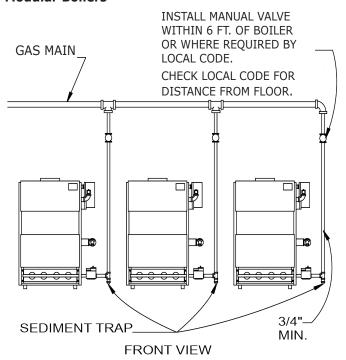
Table 6 - Pipe Sizes In Inches For Natural Gas Main								
Total	Run Length in Feet							
Input	20'	30'	40'	50'	60'	80'	100'	125'
500	1.25"	1.25"	1.50"	1.50"	2.00"	2.00"	2.00"	2.00"
600	1.25"	1.25"	1.50"	1.50"	2.00"	2.00"	2.00"	2.00"
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1800	2.00"	2.50"	2.50"	2.50"	2.50"	3.00"	3.00"	3.00"
2100	2.50"	2.50"	2.50"	3.00"	3.00"	3.00"	3.00"	4.00"
2400	2.50"	2.50"	3.00"	3.00"	3.00"	3.00"	3.00"	4.00"

Table based on pressure drop of 0.3" water column at less then 2 psi inlet gas pressure.

Based on Natural gas and schedule 40 piping.

For other conditions and LP gas piping consult NFPA 54.

Figure 10 - Gas Piping - Modular Boilers



### **Optional Controls and Wiring**

Following descriptions outline control options for modular systems.

#### **Argo AMB4A and AMB8A Multiple Boiler Sequencers**

- AMB4A and AMB8A multiple boiler sequencers are capable of sequentially step firing up to 4 (AMB4A) or 8 (AMB8A) heating boilers. See Figures 11 and 12.
- The number of boilers fired is adjusted by the AMB control depending on system heating load and outdoor temperature.
- AMB control will adjust control point of system water temperature based on the temperature that the outdoor air sensor is reading.
- Number of hours on each boiler in the system is recorded and each day the AMB control will choose the boiler with the fewest hours to be the lead boiler for the day to attempt to run each boiler equally and extend boiler life.
- Setpoint, reset ratio, rotation and many other features are easily programmed in the filed through the four button user interface.

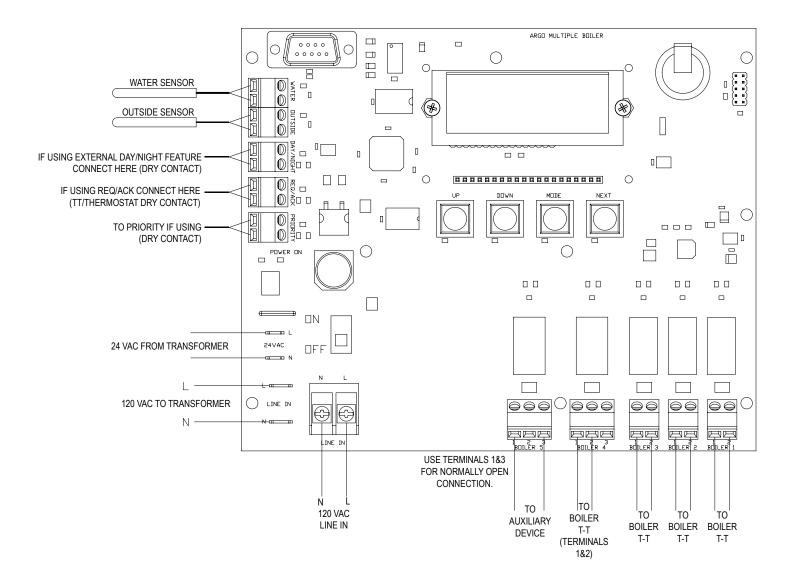
#### Operation

- When used in a continuous application the AMB will regulate the water temperature in the system through the use of the water sensor and it will always keep the water warm.
- AMB will monitor the water temperature until the temperature drops the number of degrees below the control point that the temperature differential feature is set to.
- The control will then bring on the lead boiler. The AMB will monitor the boiler temperature and if it has not reached the control point it will bring on the next boiler.
- Boilers will be phased on or off based on how close the water temperature is to the control point.
- If at any point the water temperature is 10°F above the control point, all boilers will turn off.

# **Argo AMB Controls**

Figure 11 - Wiring ARGO AMB - 4 Control to Multiple Boilers

Model Number	Domestic / International	Transformer Voltage
ARGO AMB-4	Domestic	120V/60Hz/40Va

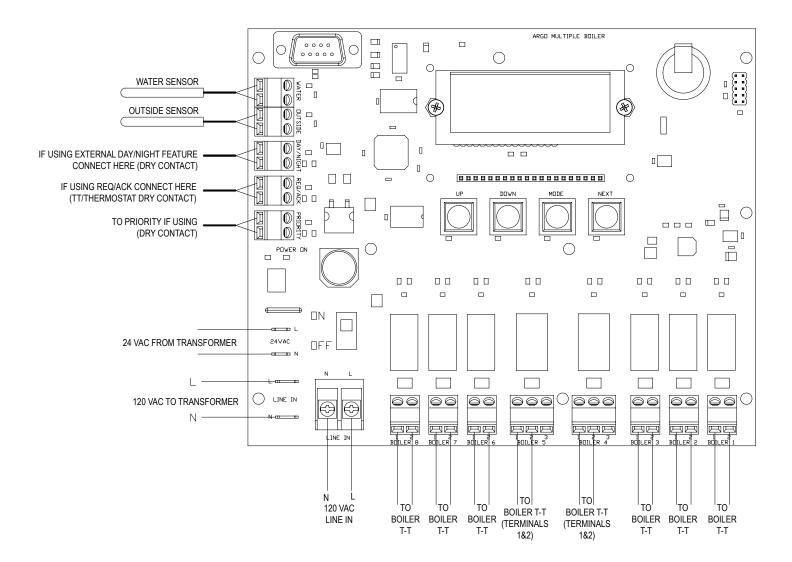


Consult ARGO AMB installation manual for additional information.

## **Argo AMB Controls**

Figure 12 - Wiring ARGO AMB - 8 Control to Multiple Boilers

Model Number	Domestic / International	Transformer Voltage
ARGO AMB-8	Domestic	120V/60Hz/40Va



Consult ARGO AMB installation manual for additional information.