

SERVICE MANUAL PPC90 / TSC90







DIGITAL CONTROL PELLET STOVES

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PELPRO TROUBLESHOOTING MANUAL INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this troubleshooting guide is to provide step by step procedures for diagnosing issues with the PelPRO PPC90 and TSC90. A digital or analog multimeter will be required for many of the troubleshooting steps in this guide.

When troubleshooting with the multimeter, it's important to disconnect the appliance from wall power while locating the electrical connections that need to be checked. Connect the multimeter to the test locations detailed in this guide and then plug the appliance back into wall power. Take care to avoid letting any exposed wires or connectors from contacting the metal chassis of the appliance or from touching exposed skin. The appliance is energized with 115VAC power from the wall and there is a risk of shock or electrocution. If you are not familiar or comfortable working with energized electrical circuits, please contact a certified NFI Installer or certified electrician to complete that portion of troubleshooting.

When instructed to check a appliance for power from the control board, the multimeter will need to be set to check Voltage, often displayed as "V" on the meter. If the meter is not auto-sensing, AC voltage will need to be chosen when specified in the instructions. AC voltage is also sometimes shown as ~ V on a multimeter. If instructed to check VDC, DC voltage will have to be chosen on the multimeter. Voltage checks are typically used when motors and blowers are not running and we are attempting to determine if the component is bad or is the control board is not sending power to the component.

Some components can be verified for functionality by checking the resistance of the part. Igniters and fuses are the most common parts that can be verified by resistance checking with a multimeter. Resistance is measured in ohms (Ω) and most multimeters will have that symbol next to the resistance setting. Unlike voltage, resistance is always measured with the appliance completely de-energized from wall power. There is no risk of shock or electrocution when the appliance is unplugged from wall power and components are being verified for resistance. When resistance is being checked, this manual will provide an expected resistance in Ω , however a number slightly above or below the specified value does not indicate a bad component. If the multimeter shows MAX or Out of Range, this indicates infinite resistance, meaning an open circuit and a bad component. A resistance of 0 ohms for a component indicates an electric short circuit and again a bad component.



PART LOCATIONS

FEED MOTOR



The feed motor is located on the back of the unit towards the bottom. Removing the rear screen and left side panel is the best way to access the motor. Once access is gained, simply pulling the pin on the auger shaft will release the feed motor.

EXHAUST BLOWER



Remove the left side panel to access the blower. A Phillips head screwdriver will be needed to remove the blower from the housing.

IGNITER



The igniter is located at the back of the firebox in the middle. Removing the left access panel will allow you to see it. There is a Phillips head screw holding the igniter in place.

CONVECTION BLOWER



EXHAUST TEMP PROBE





VACUUM SWITCH



Remove the right side panel. Two Phillips screws hold it in place.





Remove the left side panel to access the probe. Two Phillips head screws hold it in place.

Probe

#3 SNAP DISC

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Remove the left side panel to access the snap disc. Two Phillips head screws hold it in place.

HOPPER SWITCH



It is located under the hopper lid on the right side the stove. The right side panel will need to be removed to access the 2 mounting screws for the hopper switch bracket.





ERROR CODE DEFINITIONS



Error codes will look like this on the display



Code #1	Fuel Feed Alarm. Most likely the appliance ran out of fuel or the flames are adjusted too low.
Code #2	Exhaust Temperature is above or below the acceptable range. Exhaust probe has failed or the flames need to be adjusted.
Code #3	Ambient Temperature is above or below the acceptable range. Ambient probe has failed.
Code #4	Missed Ignition Alarm. Appliance has either ran out of fuel or the firepot needs to be cleaned. Also it is possible that the igniter has failed if the appliance is clean.
Code #5	Digital Display Communication Alarm. Appliance lost power while the appliance was running or there was a bad connection from the display to the control board. Board may need replaced.
Code #7	Exhaust temperature over heat alarm. Appliance got too hot. Check the heat exchanger and exhaust system for obstructions. Make sure the flame height is correct.



SEQUENCE OF OPERATION FOR STARTUP



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SEQUENCE OF OPERATION FOR SHUTDOWN





WIRING DIAGRAM





CODE #1: FUEL FEED ALARM



CLICK HERE OR SEE PG. 15 FOR IGNITER TROUBLESHOOTING SECTION



TRIM ADJUSTMENT GUIDE



The **Negative Side** of the Trim Adjustment will decrease the feed rate of the feed motor and increase the RPM of the exhaust blower. This will give your stove less pellets and more air. To adjust the Trim you will need to select the settings button and then select the Trim option. You will then hit the down arrow to decrease the trim to the minus/negative side.



The **Positive Side** of the Trim Adjustment will increase the feed rate of the feed motor and decrease the RPM of the exhaust blower on setting +1. On settings +2 to +4 it will increase both the feed rate and the RPM of the exhaust blower. To adjust the Trim you will need to select the settings button and then select the Trim option. You will then hit the down arrow to decrease the trim to the plus/positive side.

USES FOR ADJUSTING THE TRIM:

- LAZY FLAMES
 - SOOTY FLAME
- EMPTY HOPPER CODE
 - FLAMES LOW
 - FLAMES HIGH
- DROPPING OUT OF TEMPERATURE

NOTE:

THE TRIM SETTING WILL NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL THE STOVE HAS COMPLETED A COMPETE SHUTDOWN SEQUENCE.



CLEARING AN AUGER JAM



position to start. With the stove OFF press the settings button (circled in yellow) then press and hold down the DOWN ARROW (circled in red) until the stove reads FEEDING. The feed motor will run the auger for roughly 2 minutes. If the feed motor/auger does not seem to work refer to the FEED MOTOR TROUBLESHOOTING by clicking <u>HERE</u> or see page 16.

Image: OFF <th>Image: Second second</th>	Image: Second
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CODE #2: EXHAUST PROBE ALARM



NOTE:

If the exhaust probe has been replaced and the problems still exist the control board may need replaced also. For further assistance please contact customer service at info_PelPro@hearthnhome.com



CODE #3: AMBIENT PROBE ALARM





CODE #4: MISSED IGNITION





IGNITER TROUBLESHOOTING

<u>Testing for OHMS (Ω)</u>

This test will require a multimeter.

For correct placement of igniter position see pg 39 or click here.



IS THERE ROUGHLY 48 OHMS?

NO: replace the igniter.

YES: make sure the control board is sending voltage to the igniter. Click <u>HERE</u> or see page 12 for testing the voltage to the igniter.



TESTING VOLTAGE TO THE IGNITER

This test will require a multimeter.





CODE #5: DIGITAL DISPLAY COMMUNICATION ALARM





CODE #7: EXHAUST OVER TEMPERATURE





TESTING THE VOLTAGE TO THE CONVECTION BLOWER

This test will require a multimeter.



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NOT FEEDING PELLETS





TESTING THE HOPPER LID SWITCH WITH A MULTIMETER





TESTING THE VACUUM SWITCH WITH A MULTIMETER

This test will be testing the Continuity shown by the Ohms symbol (Ω).





CONTROL BOARD VOLTAGE TEST FOR FEED MOTOR

This test will require a multimeter.

1. Turn the stove 5. Place the ¢. OFF off and make multimeter leads sure the stove into the red and is completely white wire pins. shut down. After Insert them right the stove is into the pins completely shut where the red down unplug the and white wires stove from the are on the clip. outlet. 2. Remove the right 6. Plug the stove back in and set the stove to the PRIME hand side panel MODE. The stove will say FEEDING once in PRIME. of the stove. This is the right hand side when looking at the stove. Also remove the FEEDING convection blower to gain access to the control board. 3. Locate the red 7. A reading of and white wires roughly 115-120 VAC is required. on the control board. VAC stands for Voltage in Alternating Current. 4. Set the IS THERE VOLTAGE TO THE CONTROL BOARD? multimeter YES: repeat the hopper lid and vacuum switch test to to VAC. VAC make sure nothing was missed. stands for **NO:** test the power circuit up to the point of the control Voltage in board. Click HERE or see pg. 26 for power troubleshooting Alternating Current.

WHEN TESTING ELECTRICITY PLEASE USE CAUTION.

When testing electricity always use caution.



FEED MOTOR VOLTAGE TESTING

This test will require you a multimeter.

WHEN TESTING ELECTRICITY PLEASE USE CAUTION.





NOT LIGHTING THE FUEL





LAZY OR SOOTY FLAMES





NO POWER

This test will require a multimeter.





SNAP DISK LOCATION AND HOW TO RESET THE SNAP DISK



NOTE:

If the button clicked when pressed then the snap disk needed to be reset and power should be restored to the stove. If the button did not click then continue to troubleshoot.



FUSE LOCATION AND HOW TO CHECK THE FUSE





POWER TRACING TROUBLESHOOTING

This test will require a multimeter.





TESTING THE SNAP DISK FOR VOLTAGE

This test will require a multimeter.

WHEN TESTING ELECTRICITY PLEASE USE CAUTION. 1. Turn the stove off and make sure the stove is completely shut down. The stove will need to remain plugged IN. OFF 2. Remove the left

hand side panel of the stove. This is the left side when looking at the stove.



3. Locate the snap disk on the drop auger tube.



4. Set the multimeter to VAC. VAC stands for Voltage in Alternating Current.



5. Select which side of the snap disk to test first. Both sides will need to be tested individually as one side is power in and one side is power out. Back the snap disk wires off the terminals slightly. Create a gap that the meter leads can fit into and still making a connection with the terminals. Place one meter lead on one of the snap disk terminals and ground the other meter lead to a any unpainted part of the stove. A reading of roughly 115-120 VAC is required. Repeat this test for the other side of the snap disk.



NOTE:

If there is power to one side of the snap disk but not to the other side replace the snap disk.

If there is power to both sides of the snap disk then move on to testing the control board. Click HERE or see page 28 for control board testing.



CONTROL BOARD POWER TESTING

This test will require a multimeter.



IS THERE VOLTAGE AT THE BLACK AND WHITE PINS? NO: replace the snap disk. YES: replace the control board.



CONVECTION BLOWER NOT COMING ON





EXHAUST BLOWER NOT COMING ON





EXHAUST BLOWER VOLTAGE TESTING

This test will require a multimeter.





VACUUM SWITCH VOLTAGE TEST

This test will require a multimeter.

WHEN TESTING ELECTRICITY PLEASE USE CAUTION. 1. Turn the stove 4. Set the Ф OFF off and make multimeter sure the stove to VAC. VAC is completely stands for shut down. After Voltage in the stove is Alternating completely shut Current. down unplug the stove from the When testing outlet. electricity always use caution. 2. Remove the right 5. Plug the stove back in to the outlet and set the stove to hand side panel PRIME. The stove will say FEEDING once in PRIME. of the stove. This XXXXXX is the right side when looking at the stove. FEEDING 3. Locate the 6. With the exhaust blower running place one lead of meter leads on one of the switch terminals. Make sure vacuum switch and back the that the meter lead tip is making contact with the metal red wires off the on the switch terminal. Place the other lead on any switch terminals unpainted surface of the stove. A reading of roughly 115-120 VAC is required. Repeat the same steps for slightly. Make room for your the other switch terminal. One terminal is voltage in meter leads but and one is voltage out. still have the wires make a connection. NOTE: If there is voltage on one side of the vacuum switch but not the other side make sure your venting is clean or replace the vacuum switch. If there is voltage on both sides of the vacuum switch the vacuum switch is good.



CLEANING THE EXHAUST BLOWER

1. Turn the stove off and make sure the stove is completely shut down. After the stove is completely shut down unplug the stove from the outlet.



2. Remove the left hand side panel of the stove. This is the side opposite the dial control.



3. Locate the exhaust blower and disconnect the blower connection.



- 4. Loosen the 6 screws holding the blower motor onto the blower housing. You do not need to fully remove the screws. Twist the plate and remove the blower motor.
- Use a paint brush or compressed air to clean the exhaust blower.





6. Make sure the blades can spin freely and are not catching on any debris. Reinstall the blower by lining up the screws with the bigger hole on the slot then twist to catch the screw in the narrow portion of the slot. Re-tighten the screws.

NOTE:

This would also be a good time to check the exhaust venting to the outside for any build up of ash and to do a thorough cleaning of the venting.

Cleaning the blower should be down at least twice a year or whenever the venting is cleaned.



EXHAUST PROBE INFORMATION

1. Turn the stove off and make sure the stove is completely shut down. After the stove is completely shut down unplug the stove from the outlet.



2. Remove the left hand side panel of the stove. This is the left side when looking at the stove. Locate the exhaust blower.



3. Locate the exhaust probe. Make sure it is mounted securely in the bracket. Check the wires for any damage. Make sure there is no ash on the probe.

Probe location

The exhaust prone is located under the exhaust blower. It is mounted on the exhaust chamber pipe.



NOTE:

If the probe is loose from the bracket or dirty it can cause the stove to not operate correctly. Also if there is ash build up in the exhaust chamber it could also effect the way the stove operates.

This should be done when ever you clean the exhaust blower.



CLEANING THE CONVECTION BLOWER

1. Turn the stove off and make sure the stove is completely shut down. After the stove is completely shut down unplug the stove from the outlet.



2. Remove the right hand side panel of the stove. This is the right side when looking at the stove. Locate the convection blower and disconnect the wires.



3. Remove the 2 screws holding the blower in place.



4. Lift up on the blower to remove the bottom tab from the slow in the back of the stove. Carefully remove the blower from the stove.

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brush or compressed air to clean the blower. You can not take the blower apart. Make sure the blower can spin freely.

5. Use a paint



NOTE:

The convection/room blower pulls air from the room. Any dust, debris, and pet hair can be pulled into the blower causing it not to work correctly.

The blower should be cleaned at least twice a year or as needed.



FIRE POT CLEANING AND PROPER INSTALLATION

1. Turn the stove off and make sure the stove is completely shut down. After the stove is completely shut down unplug the stove from the outlet.



2. Once the stove is completely cool. Open the front door to access the fire pot area.



4. With the scraper tool scrap out any ash build up on the fire pot. Also make sure the holes in the fire pot a clean and clear.



5. Reinstall the fire pot. The fire pot is 2 pieces and the removable piece should face the front of the stove. Also make sure the fire pot is seated fully in place.



3. Remove the fire pot. Use an ash vac to remove any ash or debris in the fire pot/box area. This includes the ash over flow areas on the sides of the fire pot.



Correct installation of the fire pot.









CLEANING THE BAFFLES

1. Turn the stove off and make sure the stove is completely shut down. After the stove is completely shut down unplug the stove from the outlet.



2. Once the stove is completely cool. Open the front door to access the fire pot area.



3. Locate the middle panel and the tab at the top of the panel. Lift up and out on the tab.



4. Remove the left and right panels.



5. Use scraper to scrap any ash build up on the back wall and on the panels. Then use a ash vacuum to sweep up any debris.



6. Replace the panels by replacing the left and right panels first and then the middle panel last. Make sure all the panels are correctly aligned or it could cause the stove to not receive proper air flow causing the stove not to work properly.

NOTE:

When replacing the panels make sure they are flush an not crocked as this could cause the stove not to operate correctly.

The left panel has an air chamber behind it which is important to have clean for proper air flow through the stove.

The baffles should be cleaned at least once a week.



AMBIENT PROBE INFORMATION

THE AMBIENT PROBE IS LOCATED ON THE BACK LOWER RIGHT SIDE OF THE STOVE. IT IS A SMALL RUBBER END ON ABOUT A 3' WIRE. IT TELLS THE STOVE WHEN TO KICK ON AND OFF BY SENSING THE TEMPERATURE OF THE ROOM AIR.





2. Remove the right hand side panel of the stove. This is the right side when looking at the stove.



3. Locate the probe on the back panel of the stove. It will be a single black wire leading to a grommet in the back of the stove that holds the end of the probe.



4. Locate the wire/ twist tie securing the ambient probe wire. Remove the tie so you can adjust the probe if needed.



5. Pull the probe carefully through the grommet out of the back of the stove. You will want to place the probe about waist high as far away from the stove as possible.

NOTE:

Avoid laying the probe on the floor, taping to the wall or in a drafty area. If you stove seems to be kicking off sooner or later than it should be the probe may need to be adjusted to another area.



IGNITER PLACEMENT

1. Turn the stove off and make sure the stove is completely shut down. After the stove is completely shut down unplug the stove from the outlet.



2. Make sure the stove is completely cool. Clean the fire box and fire pot area.



3. After cleaning the fire box area. Remove the fire pot and find the igniter chamber under the fire pot.



4. Make sure the igniter is sitting centered in the igniter chamber and back about 1/4 inch.



NOTE:

If the igniter is dirty or the fire pot holes are clogged the stove may have trouble lighting. The igniter itself does not light the pellets but the hot air moving around the igniter. If there is no air flow to travel the hot air the stove may not light.