

PROPANE TANK CHANGING AND HANDLING PROCEDURE

1. Always wear gloves when connecting or disconnecting the gas line to a propane tank.

Note: Liquefied propane is extremely cold and frostbite may occur if it comes in contact with your skin.

2. Before disconnecting the gas line to a propane tank:
 - a) shut off equipment, engine etc., then
 - b) close the service valve. Use slight hand pressure only; **never** over tighten as it may damage the valve.
3. Disconnect the gas line from the tank by turning the fitting counter - clockwise.

Note: Hand pressure is all that you should require when undoing the fitting.

4. Release the tank retaining straps and swing straps away from tank.
5. **Handle the propane tank with care and respect.** Do not let it drop, or allow something to fall on or strike against it. Use a two wheeled hand cart to move tank to the designated storage immediately. Never leave tank sitting in the shop unattended.
6. Place empty propane tank into the designated storage cart upside down.

Note: Full tanks are upright in the cart.

7. Pick up a full tank and use the two wheeled hand cart to move it back to the unit.
8. Place tank in the tank cradle of the unit making sure the mounting dowels in the holder are engaged in the receiving holes of the tank.

Note: Tank must sit in the 12 O'clock position. See drawing on next page.

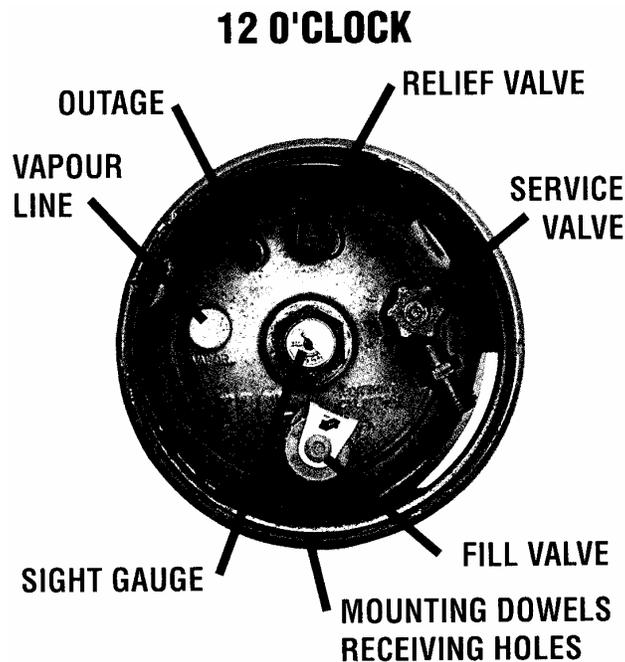


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9. Secure the tank to the unit with the tank retaining straps. Make sure that they are working properly. Adjust as required.
10. Connect the gas line to the tank by lining up the gas line fitting with the service valve outlet and turning clockwise. Hand tighten only. Do not use pliers, wrenches, etc. as this will damage the "O" ring.
11. After having connected the gas line to the tank, slowly turn the service valve to the "fully on" position. Check for a leak by listening for escaping gas or you may notice a "sour smell".
12. If there is a leak, close the service valve immediately and check connection. If connection is O.K then try another tank. Attach a "Repair Tag" to the faulty tank and set it 'right side up' inside the protective railing which is around the bulk propane tank. Security will look after it from there. If the second tank also has a leak, contact "Vehicle Maintenance" for repair to the units', (forklift, etc.), gas line fitting.
13. If equipment will not be used for a certain length of time, (e.g.: over a weekend, over night etc.) close the service valve of the tank.