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# Second Sun™

## Flameless Catalytic Tank Heater



(Model SS-10)

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**Second Sun™** is a flameless catalytic tank heater designed to safely and efficiently augment natural vaporization in propane, LPG and anhydrous ammonia storage tanks.

When our environment is unable to supply the needed energy, **Second Sun™ is an ideal solution!**

### Key Points

→ **Safe**

→ **No flame**

→ **Simple to install**

→ **No AC power**

→ **Self-contained**

→ **Meets hazardous location requirements**



### The Heating Process

Catalytic heating is a flameless process that involves chemical reactions aided by a catalyst. The reaction starts on an electrically heated catalyst surface causing complex molecules to rearrange as simpler molecular structures. The primary byproduct of this catalytic process is heat. **Second Sun** emits this heat against the surface of the tank as infrared waves similar to a radiant heater. This warm, low intensity heat mimics the energy from the sun. Since catalytic heating is flameless, **Second Sun** meets hazardous location requirements.



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Start up: 30-45 minutes  
using "jumper cables" to vehicle

## Operational Overview

**Second Sun**'s typical application involves maintaining tank pressure, or *equilibrium pressure*, as vapor is extracted. Consequently, the unit's 'ON' cycle is activated based on storage tank pressure. As vapor is consumed or the ambient temperature drops, tank pressure is reduced. **Second Sun** is activated 'ON' when tank pressure falls below approximately 50 PSIG (3.45 barg); **Second Sun** returns to standby when pressure is restored to 60 PSIG (4.14 barg).

**Second Sun** requires no AC electricity! Startup power for the catalytic reaction is provided using "jumper cables" integral to the unit to supply 12 VDC from a service vehicle battery. After startup, sufficient voltage to operate the gas security valve is 'self-generated' by employing a physical phenomenon known as thermoelectric effect. This technique provides direct conversion of temperature differentials to electric voltage.

The heater is comprised of an integrated "pilot" and "main" heater. The pilot heater starts the catalyzing process; the main heater provides operational heat. It could not be simpler!

Two temperature safety switches — upper and lower — both integral to the **Second Sun**, monitor the tank surface temperature and control the heater output. When the liquid level in the tank drops below the location of the upper switch on the tank surface, the main heater will switch to stand-by mode. If the liquid level in the tank drops below the location of the lower switch the heater will shut off entirely requiring manual restart. If the pilot heater temperature drops below the temperature necessary to catalyze the fuel, the catalytic reaction ceases and the heater will automatically shut down, again requiring manual restart.

# Second Sun™ Specifications

<b>Vaporization Type</b>	No Flame (Catalytic Heater)
<b><sup>1</sup>Start-up Electrical</b>	12 VDC (Only for Start-up)
<b><sup>2</sup>Operating Electrical</b>	Self-generated
<b>Electrical Class</b>	Hazardous Locations (Zone 1)
<b>Environmental Range</b>	-40° F to 120° F (-40° C to 49° C)
<b>Fuel Type</b>	Propane, Butane or Any LPG Blend
<b>Inlet Fuel Connection</b>	¼" NPT
<b>Max. Inlet Pressure</b>	Regulated: 10 – 11" wc; (254 – 279mm H2O) Unregulated: 10 – 250 PSIG; (0.7 – 17.2 barg)
<b>On/Off Activation</b> <i>Factory Settings</i>	Via Tank Pressure (Adjustable Set Point) ON @ <50 PSIG (3.45 barg) OFF @ >60 PSIG (4.14 barg)

## Safety Monitoring (Per NFPA 58)

<b>Tank Pressure:</b> >160 PSIG (11.03 barg)	OFF — Manual Restart Required
<b>Tank Surface Temperature (2):</b> >125° F (51.7° C)	Upper Sensor: Reverts to Standby Mode Lower Sensor: OFF — Manual Restart Required
<b>Below Minimum Pilot Temperature:</b>	OFF — Manual Restart Required

<sup>1</sup> Use vehicle battery and "jumper cables"

<sup>2</sup> Thermoelectric device creates voltage based on  $\Delta T$

<sup>3</sup> Second Sun **adds** vaporization capability to the ambient vaporization capability of the tank itself. **Total vaporization** becomes the sum of the "natural" + "added" vaporization.

	MODEL SS-30	MODEL SS-10
<b>Heat Input</b>	30,000 BTU/h (7560 kcal/h)	10,000 BTU/h (2520 kcal/h)
<b><sup>3</sup>Added Vaporization to Tank</b>	2.2MMBTU/h @ -20°F (550,000 kcal/h @ -28°C)	0.5MMBTU/h @ -20°F (126,000 kcal/h @ -28°C)
<b>Mounts To</b>	1,000–12,000 US Gal. Tanks (3,785–45,425 liters)	500–3,900 US Gal. Tanks (946–14,742 liters)
<b>Tank Diameters</b>	41" – 84" (1,041 – 2,134mm)	37" – 41" (940 – 1,041mm)
<b>Unit Weight</b>	114 lbs. (52 kg)	42 lbs. (20 kg)
<b>Unit Dimensions</b>	65" L x 18.5" W x 9" H (1,651mm L x 470mm W x 227mm H)	25" L x 18.5" W x 9" H (635mm L x 470mm W x 228mm H)
<b>Shipping Weight</b>	141 lbs. (64 kg)	60 lbs. (27 kg)
<b>Shipping Dimensions</b>	74" L x 24" W x 13" H (1,880mm L x 610mm W x 330mm H)	32" L x 23" W x 20" H (813mm L x 584mm W x 508mm H)

Algas-SDI developed its first vaporizer in 1932. Over eighty years later, we still lead the market in quality, innovation and **commitment to our purpose**. Our products allow businesses located off the gas grid or under curtailment, to operate. We eliminate downtime ensuring **workers can work and goods and services can flow to market**.



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