

What to do if your AGA style cooker breaks down

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Oil-fired AGA style cookers are usually of the vaporising type which means they are on 24 hours per day. This Factsheet relates to this type of cooker. If your cooker incorporates a pressure jet burner see Factsheet 13 What to do if your boiler breaks down.

IMPORTANT Never try to relight a hot burner, you must ensure the cooker is cold before you attempt to relight it.

Before organising a visit if your AGA style cooker has broken down, you should first go through some obvious checks.

First check that you have enough oil, even if your Watchman says you have plenty; if you have plenty of oil check your fire valve is open (see FACTSHEET 36).

If you have run out of Oil, it is very important that you turn the fuel supply to the cooker off immediately.

To relight your AGA style cooker, you must ensure that it is cold. (These instructions relate to natural draught vapourising burners and do not relate to Cookers or room heaters that use natural draught pot burners)

1. Turn on the Oil supply at the Oil Control valve; with BM and CC valves you would press the lever at the front of the Oil Control down (up for off and down for on). Toby Oil control valves are the opposite, although once turned on at the front lever, it cannot be manually turned back off; but it's still worth checking so lift this lever up.
2. Make sure any manual control knob on the top of the oil control is turned fully anti clockwise and any electric supply and thermostat is turned on.
3. Wait 15 – 20 minutes to allow the fuel to fill the burner and then relight the burner by lifting off the internal door, lifting the lighting port cover (some lift up, others rotate) and offering a lighted match into the hole and on to the wick at a downward angle. Once the flame establishes on the wick, close the lighting port and refit the inner door.
4. If you have a manual Oil control knob as the only control of temperature you should now turn this back to its usual position. If you have both a manual control knob and an electric top the usual position for the knob would be its maximum position. There may be a smell for around 30 minutes or so until the burner starts to vaporise better.

If all of the above fail, you better give us a call.