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Steel Boilers - Water Heaters

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Instructions for Changing Anode Rods

- 1.) Shut off power to the water heater (cool down if necessary).
- 2.) Close the water supply line valve to the heater.
- 3.) Drain water 3 to 4 inches below the top side outlet.
- 4.) Remove or disconnect the breeching to allow removal of the dress shell top.
- 5.) Remove the screws in the dress shell top connecting it to the sides. Take off the top.
Note: Mark shell and top before removing to line up screws when reassembling.
- 6.) Remove insulation and smoke dome, exposing the 5 anodes - one in the center of the flue sheet and four around the perimeter.
- 7.) Remove old anodes using a 6 point 1 1/16" socket. Note: An impact wrench or breaker bar may be required to loosen and unscrew the old anodes.
- 8.) Install new anodes. Use caution to not overtighten.
- 9.) Refill heater and check for leaks around the anodes before reassembling.
- 10.) Reverse procedures 1-6 to complete the installation.