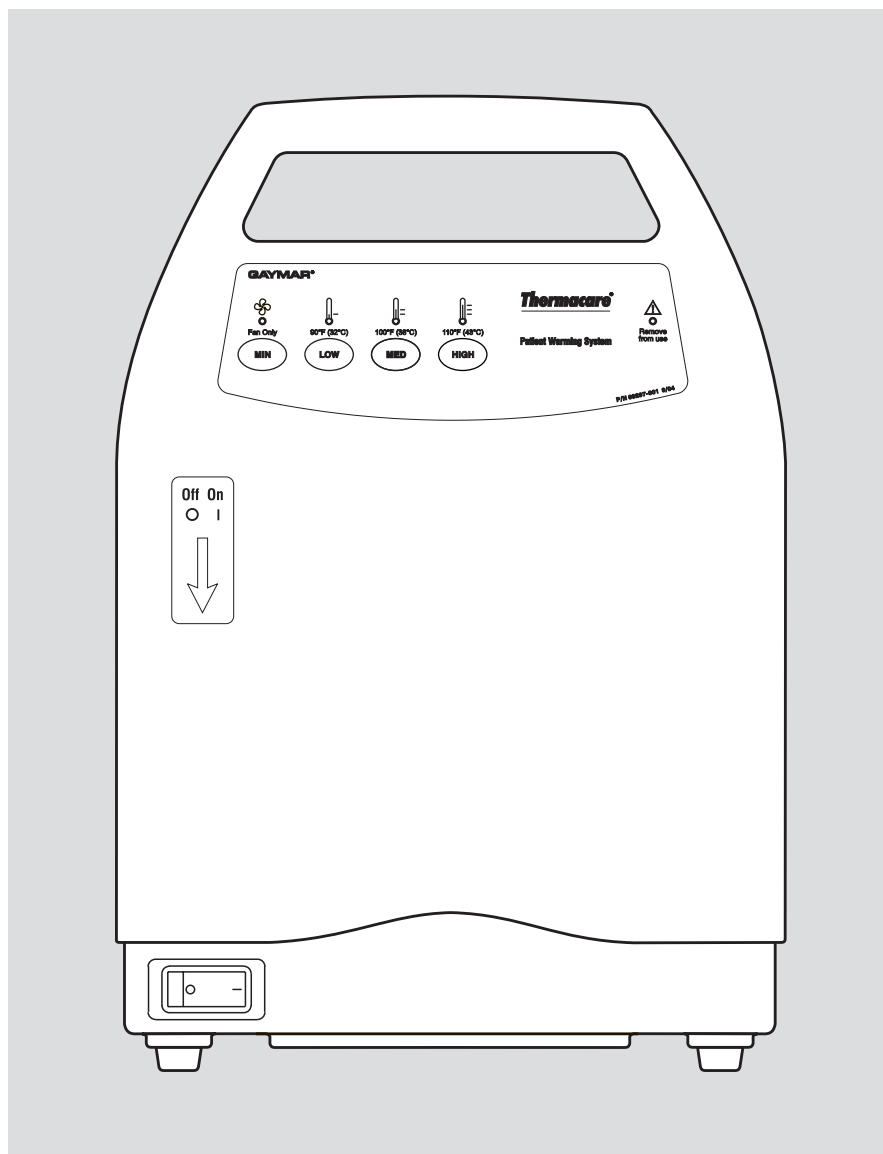


# **Thermacare TC3146**

**Convective Warming System**

**Système de réchauffement par convection**

**Aparato de calentamiento convectivo**



**Operating Manual**

**Manuel d'utilisation**

**Manual del usuario**

## Before you begin . . .

### Important

**The Thermacare TC3146 Convective Warming Unit is compatible with model TC1050, TC1050N, TC2050, TC2050N, TC2052, TC2052N, TC2054, TC2054N, TC2060 and TC2061 Warming Quilts.**

The Thermacare Convective Warming System (figure 1, page 4) provides a continuous means of warming patients to help prevent and/or treat hypothermia. The system consists of a Convective Warming Unit (Power Unit) and a disposable Quilt. A connecting hose conducts heated air from the Power Unit to the Quilt.

Read and understand the *Operator's Manual* and all precautions prior to using the TC3146 Convective Warming System.

We suggest that a biomedical engineer perform the **FUNCTIONAL CHECK AND SAFETY INSPECTION** regularly to assure the TC3146 Power Unit works properly (refer to *TC3146 Service Manual*).

Review the **SAFETY PRECAUTIONS** in section 1.0 (pp. 2-3) prior to each application.

### Receiving Inspection

Upon receipt, unpack the Power Unit. Save all packing material. Perform a visual and mechanical inspection for concealed damage. If any damage is found, notify the carrier at once and ask for a written inspection. Photograph any damage and prepare a written record. Failure to do so within 15 days may result in loss of claim.

Contact your local dealer or contact Gaymar's Technical Service Department (see back cover for phone numbers) for assistance.

**NOTE:** Extremely high storage temperatures (such as those found in rail cars or automobile trunks on hot summer days) can cause the overtemp thermostats within this device to actuate. Should this occur, the **REMOVE FROM USE** indicator will light when the Power Unit is turned on. If this happens, the thermostats must be manually reset by qualified personnel such as certified biomedical electronics technicians or certified clinical engineers according to the *TC3146 Service Manual* instructions.

### Symbols used within this manual:



Attention: consult accompanying documents



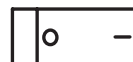
Dangerous voltage



Protective earth (ground)



Type BF applied equipment



Off-on switch



MIN (Fan Only)



LOW (90°F, 32°C)



MED (100°F, 38°C)



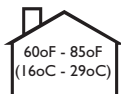
HIGH (110°F, 43°C)



REMOVE FROM USE  
(indicator light, amber color)



Do not use in operating room  
(OR) or Intensive Care Unit (ICU)



Ambient operating temperature

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# Section 1 - Safety Precautions

## 1.0 Safety Precautions

Review the following *SAFETY PRECAUTIONS* prior to using the Power Unit. These *SAFETY PRECAUTIONS* appear within this manual, the Power Unit label, or the *Quilt Instructions for Use*.



### DANGER

- Explosive hazard. Do not use in the presence of flammable anesthetics.
- Risk of electric shock. Disconnect power before servicing the TC3146 Power Unit.



### WARNING

**This device generates heated air flow. Excessive heat could cause thermal stress or skin lesions. Failure to follow these precautions could result in death or serious injury:**

- Use the Convective Warming System only under direction of a physician. A physician's order is required for setting temperature and for continued use of equipment.
- If the patient's temperature is not responding or does not reach the prescribed temperature in the prescribed time, or deviates from the prescribed temperature range, notify the attending physician promptly.
- Monitor core temperature. Neonates and pediatric patients of low weight will have a tendency to overheat more readily than adults. Failure to monitor core temperature could result in abnormal elevation of body temperature resulting in death or serious injury.
- Monitor the patient's temperature, vital signs, and skin condition regularly (every 20 minutes or as prescribed by a physician). Pediatric, temperature-sensitive, and postoperative patients should be checked more frequently. If the patient's temperature is within the prescribed range, select a lower temperature setting or discontinue therapy.

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### WARNING

If vital signs become unstable, notify the attending physician immediately.

- Do not apply heat to lower extremities during aortic cross-clamping. Ischemic injury may occur.
- Do not apply heat to ischemic tissue.
- Do not use the Power Unit unless the hose is connected to a warming quilt. Place your hand under the quilt to verify the air is warm.
- Use this Power Unit only with those quilts recommended by the manufacturer (see inside cover of this manual for list).
- Repairs should be performed only by qualified personnel such as certified biomedical electronics technicians or certified clinical engineers familiar with repair practices for servicing medical devices, and in accordance with the *Service Manual*. **Damage to the Power Unit or malfunction could otherwise result.**



### CAUTION

- **U. S. Federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician.**
- Evaporative cooling may result if the patient's skin is not dry.
- Do not permit air from the quilt to blow onto an open wound. Convective airflow can cause airborne contamination to open wounds. Use tape on quilt to restrict movement of air toward the surgical site.
- For grounding reliability, plug only into a grounded outlet labelled "Hospital Grade."
- When using an I. V. pole, do not mount the Power Unit higher than 3 feet (0.9 meter). Otherwise, the Power Unit could tip over.

## Section 2 - Introduction

### 2.0 Introduction

Please read the precautions found in section 1.0 and all operating instructions before attempting to use the Thermacare TC3146 Convective Warming System. In addition, we recommend you request in-service training from your local dealer.

### 2.1 Convective Warming System

The **Convective Warming System** (fig. 1) provides a continuous means of warming patients to help prevent and/or treat hypothermia. The system consists of a Convective Warming Unit (Power Unit) and a disposable Quilt. A connecting hose conducts heated air from the Power Unit to the Quilt.

### 2.2 TC3146 Power Unit

The **TC3146 Power Unit** provides a continuous source of air to the Quilt. The Power Unit consists of a HEPA filter, blower, heater, and temperature controller. Exiting air temperatures may be set to one of four temperature settings -- *MIN (fan only)*, *LOW (90°F, 32°C)*, *MED (100°F, 38°C)*, and *HIGH (110°F, 43°C)*-- as appropriate for the application. The Power Unit can be operated while hanging on the rails of a bed, stretcher, on an I. V. pole, or on an optional stand (figs. 2A/2B).



#### CAUTION

When using an I. V. pole, do not mount the Power Unit higher than 3 feet (0.9 meter) (see figure 3).

**Otherwise, the Power Unit could tip over.**

### 2.3 Quilt

The **Quilt** distributes air over the covered areas of the patient through openings in the patient side of the Quilt. Quilts consist of layers of plastic and nonwoven material bonded together. On operating room model Quilts, a pressure-sensitive, nonirritating tape provides a seal between the air from the Quilt and the surgical site. **Refer to the instructions enclosed with each Quilt.**

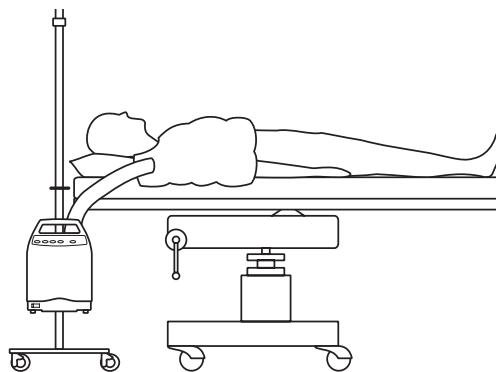


Figure 1 - Convective Warming System

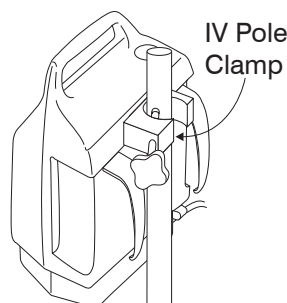


Figure 2A - I. V. Pole or Stand mounted

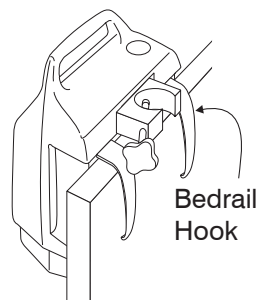


Figure 2B - Bed rail mounted

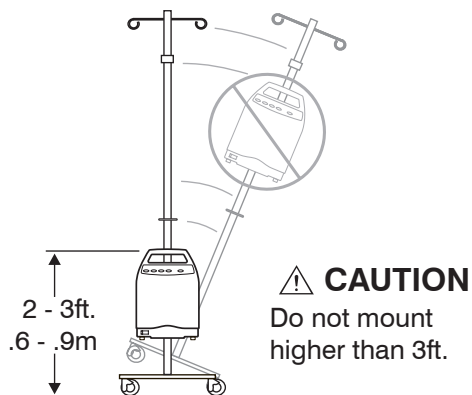


Figure 3 - Pole mounting height limit

## Section 3 - Operator Control Panel

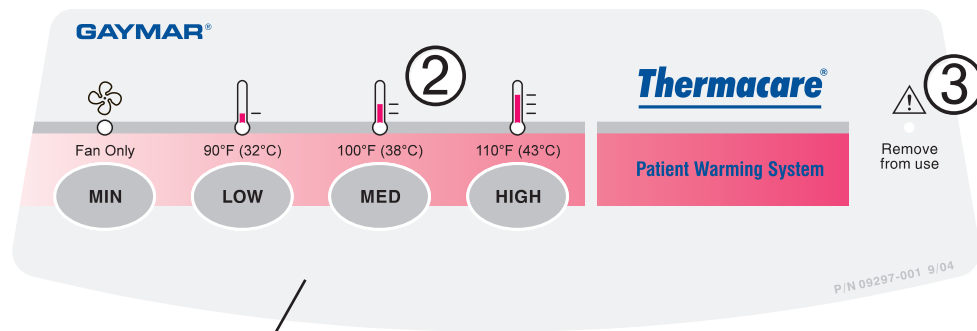
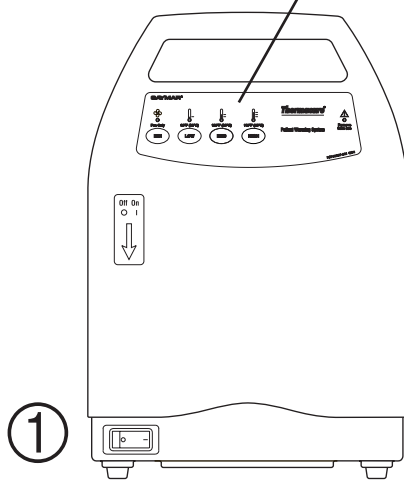


Figure 4 - Operator Control Panel



### 3.0 Operator Control Panel

The operator controls are identified in figure 4.

#### 3.1 POWER Switch ①

The **POWER** switch controls power to the Power Unit. The **POWER INDICATOR** light in the switch will be lit when power is on.

#### 3.2 TEMPERATURE SETTING

##### Push Buttons ②

When the Power Unit is turned on, the system defaults to the **MED** (100°F, 38°C) temperature setting.

Temperature settings are selected by pressing the appropriate push button-- **MIN** (fan only), **LOW** (90°F, 32°C), **MED** (100°F, 38°C) or **HIGH** (110°F, 43°C).

If electrical power is momentarily interrupted, the existing temperature setting will remain. If electrical power remains off, the TC3146 will default to **MED** (100°F, 38°C) when power is restored.

#### 3.3 REMOVE FROM USE Indicator ③

The **REMOVE FROM USE** indicator will light:

- if a patient limit thermostat or heater overtemp thermostat has tripped, or
- if the HEPA filter has been installed incorrectly or is missing.

The heating element and blower will automatically turn off when either of these conditions occur.



#### CAUTION

If the **REMOVE FROM USE** indicator lights, turn the Power Unit off immediately. Discontinue use and refer equipment for servicing.

# Section 4 - Operating Instructions

## IMPORTANT

Read and understand these instructions and the precautions on the inside front cover before using the TC3146 Power Unit.

**Any application of the TC3146 Convective warming System must be under the direction of the attending physician.**

3. Insert the end of the hose into the Quilt opening (fig. 5). Secure the hose tightly.
4. Plug the Power Unit into a "Hospital Grade" outlet.
5. Turn the power on.
6. When the Power Unit is turned on, it defaults to the *MED* (100°F, 38°C) setting. Select the prescribed temperature you desire for the patient (see table 1).

## 4.0 Operating Instructions

Perform the following start-up procedure each time the TC3146 Convective Warming System is placed into operation:

1. Select the location for operation of the TC3146 Power Unit. Mount it using the bed rail hooks, pole clamp, or set it on a flat, hard surface. If mounting unit to an I. V. pole, insure unit is mounted no higher than 3 feet (0.9 meter). Keep the air inlets at the bottom of the unit clear of any obstructions. Do not set unit on a bed surface.

NOTE: If Power Unit is placed on the floor, increased levels of dust could reduce filter life.

2. Remove the Quilt from its packaging. Unfold the Quilt and place it over the patient. Refer to the *Instructions for Use and Safety Precautions* included with each Quilt.





Temperature Setting		Temperature
	MIN	Fan only
	LOW	90°F (32°C)
	MED	100°F (38°C)
	HIGH	110°F (43°C)

Table 1 - Setting the prescribed temperature

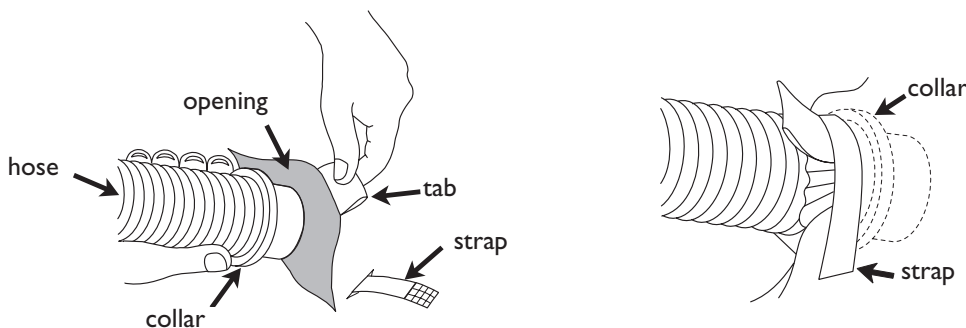


Figure 5 - Attaching hose to Quilt

## Section 4 - Operating Instructions (cont'd)

## Section 5 - Routine Maintenance

### NOTE:

- The air temperature surrounding the patient will vary at each setting, depending upon room air temperature and the quality of the insulating blanket or sheet that is used over the Quilt.
  - Operate the Power Unit only in the specified ambient temperature and voltage ranges (see *Specifications*, page 8).
7. Place your hand under the quilt to verify that the Power Unit is warming when set to the *LOW* (90°F, 32°C), *MED* (100°F, 38°C) or *HIGH* (110°F, 43°C) temperature settings.
  8. Place a sheet or blanket over the inflated Quilt to maximize the efficiency and minimize the heat loss from the system.



### WARNING

Monitor the patient's temperature, vital signs, and skin condition regularly (every 20 minutes or as prescribed by a physician). If patient's temperature reaches the normal range, reduce air temperature or discontinue therapy. If vital signs become unstable, notify the attending physician immediately. **Failure to follow these precautions could result in death or serious injury.**

9. If the *REMOVE FROM USE* indicator lights, discontinue use. Refer servicing to qualified personnel.

### 4.10 Shutdown Procedure

When therapy has been completed, turn the unit off and disconnect the hose from the Quilt. Discard the Quilt.

## 5.0 Routine Maintenance

The following routine maintenance procedures will help insure dependable operation:

### 5.1 Cleaning the Power Unit

Clean the control panel, enclosure exterior, and hose with a soft cloth lightly dampened with a nonstaining hospital disinfectant. Clean accumulated dirt from the air vents with a vacuum cleaner.

### 5.2 Storing the Hose

Slide the hose under the bed rail hooks on the back of the Power Unit when not in use.

### 5.3 Storing the Power Cord

Coil the power cord. Hold it in place with the strap on the side of the Power Unit. Or, hang the power cord from the bracket on the back of the accessory stand.

### 5.4 Quilt Care

Refer to the instructions included with each Quilt for details on correct application and use. Small rips or tears in Quilt material may be repaired with adhesive tape.

**Quilts are not sterile.**

**Quilts are intended for single patient use only.**

**Quilts should be discarded after use.**

### 5.5 Servicing the Equipment



### WARNING

Repairs to the Power Unit should be performed by qualified personnel such as certified biomedical electronics technicians or clinical engineers familiar with repair practices for servicing medical devices, and in accordance with the TC3146 Service Manual. **Damage to the Power Unit or malfunction may otherwise result.**



## Section 6 - Troubleshooting

## Section 7 - Miscellaneous

### 5.6 Changing the Filter

Filters must be changed only by qualified service personnel. Refer to the *TC3146 Service Manual* for instructions on replacing the filter. Under normal use, replace the HEPA filter inside the Power Unit every 1000 operating hours or 12 months, whichever occurs first.

### 6.0 Troubleshooting

Most Power Unit operating problems are minor and can be corrected by the operator. The following are troubleshooting hints. Perform corrective action in the sequence listed.

#### 6.1 Quilt Will Not Inflate

1. Make sure the Power Unit is plugged in and turned on.
2. Check both ends of hose for proper connection.
3. Check hose and quilt inlet for kinks.
4. Check Quilt for damage. If air is flowing from hose, try another Quilt. (Small rips or tears in the Quilt may be temporarily repaired with adhesive tape.)
5. Have qualified service personnel check for a clogged or dirty HEPA filter.

#### 6.2 REMOVE FROM USE Indicator is Lit

This indicates that the heater and blower have shut down due to the air temperature exceeding the high temperature limit, or that the filter has been incorrectly installed or is missing. **Remove the Power Unit from use immediately.** Refer servicing to qualified personnel.



#### WARNING

Repairs to the Power Unit should be performed by qualified personnel such as certified biomedical electronics technicians or clinical engineers familiar with repair practices for servicing medical devices, and in accordance with *TC3146 Service Manual*.

**Damage to the Power Unit or malfunction may otherwise result.**

### 7.0 Miscellaneous

#### 7.1 Quilts

Contact your dealer for information on the model TC1050, TC2050, TC2052, TC2054, TC1050N, TC2050N, TC2052N, TC2054N, TC2060 and TC2061 Quilts available for use with the TC3146 Power Unit.



#### WARNING

Use only quilts recommended by manufacturer. Failure to do so may result in thermal injury.

#### 7.2 Accessory Stand

An optional accessory stand for mounting the TC3146 Power Unit is available from your local dealer.

#### 7.3 Customer Training

In-service training is recommended and can be arranged through your dealer.

#### 7.4 Limited Warranty

The Thermacare TC3146 Power Unit is warranted free of defects in material and workmanship under normal use and operation for a period of two years, under the terms and conditions of the Gaymar warranty in place at time of purchase. Consumable items such as filters are excluded. The full warranty is available from Gaymar upon request.

#### 7.5 Return Authorization

Contact your local dealer or Gaymar's Technical Service Department at:

Phone: 1 800 828-7341  
(716) 662-2551

Fax: (716) 662-8795

## Section 8 - Specifications





### 8.0 Specifications

#### 8.1 Physical

<b>Dimensions</b>	16 1/4"H x 10 3/4"W x 10 1/2"D 42 cm x 28 cm x 27 cm
<b>Weight</b>	15 lbs (6.8 kg)
<b>Enclosure</b>	Thermoplastic
<b>Filter</b>	HEPA filtration down to 0.3 micron particle size

#### 8.2 Electrical

<b>Classification</b>	Type BF, Class 1, grounded equipment suitable for continuous operation. Not classified for protection against harmful ingress of liquid.
<b>Input</b>	120 V nominal (+4%,-10%), 60 Hz, 12 amps max
<b>Motor</b>	1/25 HP, single phase
<b>Heater</b>	1200W heating element
<b>Power Cord</b>	15 ft, 14 AWG cord with hospital grade plug
<b>Circuit Breaker</b>	15 amp
<b>Current Leakage (Earth)</b>	100 microamps max.
<b>Ground Resistance</b>	0.15 ohms nominal; 0.50 ohms maximum
<b>Ambient Operating Temperature</b>	60°F to 85°F (16°C to 29°C)

Temperature Setting		Temperature
	MIN	Fan only
	LOW	90°F (32°C)
	MED	100°F (38°C)
	HIGH	110°C (43°C)

### 8.3 Temperature Settings

The air temperatures are identified on the operator control panel and indicate the average air temperature at the hose end using a Quilt.

**NOTE:** *The air temperature around the patient is affected both by the ambient room temperature and the use of an insulating blanket on top of the Quilt.*

### 8.4 Safety System

#### Dual Patient Safety Temperature Limit Thermostats

Either of two independently operating thermostats will shut off the TC3146 at a preset high limit temperature. The heater element and blower will remain off until the thermostat is manually reset.

#### Heater Overtemp

Heater overtemp thermostat will shut off the TC3146 in the event of a blower failure or lack of air movement. The heater element and blower will remain off until the thermostat is manually reset.

#### High Temp Indicator

The *REMOVE FROM USE* indicator will light on the front panel when a patient safety thermostat or heater overtemp thermostat has tripped. Also, the heating element and blower will turn off.

#### HEPA Filter Interlock Switch

The *REMOVE FROM USE* indicator will light on the front panel when the HEPA filter has been installed incorrectly or is missing. Also, the heating element and blower will turn off.

### 8.5 Quilts

All Quilts are made of a nonwoven layer bonded to a plastic film.

Quilt material meets U. S. flammability standards:

- NFPA 702 "Normal Flammability"
- CPSC Part 1632
- California Title 19, Subchapter 7

Clear drape material meets NFPA 702 "Normal Flammability."



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