Pre-adjustable filling units & backflow preventer

Part # 31070 - 31071

Function
The automatic filling unit is a device consisting of a pressure reducing valve with compensating seat, an inlet filter, a shut-off valve and a check valve. It is installed on the water inlet piping in sealed heating systems, and its main function is to maintain the pressure of the system stable at a set value, automatically filling up with water as required. This product has the characteristic of being pre-adjustable, which means that it can be adjusted at the required pressure value before the system charging phase. After installation, during the filling or topping-off phase, the water feed will stop when the set pressure is reached. A pre-assembled version is also available, complete with upstream backflow preventer.

Product range
Code 31071 Filling unit with pressure gauge and pressure setting indicator Size 1/2"
Code 31070 Charging unit complete with backflow preventer series Size 1/2"

Technical specification

Filling unit
Material: Body: brass
        Cover: PA 66 GF 30
        Seals: NBR
Maximum Working Pressure: 230 psi (16 bar)
Pressure setting range: 3÷60 psi (0.2÷4 bar) Factory setting: 15 psi (1.035 bar)
Indicator accuracy: ±2 psi (±0.15 bar) Maximum
Working Temperature: 150°F (65°C)
Inlet: 1/2" NPT Male with union tailpiece
Outlet: 1/2" NPT Female

Backflow preventer
Material: Body: brass
        Check valve: PSU
        Check valve stem: brass
        Diaphragm: EPDM
        Seals: EPDM
Maximum working pressure: 175 psi (12 bar)
Maximum working temperature: 210°F (99°C)
Medium: water
Certified to: CSA B64.3 and ASSE 1012
Connections: 1/2"-3/4" NPT female with union
**Dimensions**

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**Construction details**

**Pre-calibration**

This model is equipped with a pressure setting indicator for the commissioning operation. The system charge pressure can be input by means of the adjusting screw, before the start of the system charging phase.

**Anti-stick materials**

The central housing containing the moving parts and the internal compensating spindle are made of a low adhesion coefficient plastic. This material minimises the risk of formation of scale deposits, the main cause of malfunctions.

**Diaphragm-seat seal**

The useful working surface of the diaphragm is particularly large, in order to guarantee greater precision and sensitivity when working with minimum pressure differences. This feature is also useful in that it gives greater power to the sliding of the spindle and overcomes friction.

In view of the low flow rates involved, the filling unit seat has been designed with the smallest possible diameter. This factor, combined with the extended surface of the diaphragm, creates an optimum dimensional ratio for a piece of equipment which must maintain its operating characteristics unchanged over time.

**Spindle guide**

In order to reduce the frictional surfaces, the spindle unit guide has been positioned in the upper part of the device. It consists of four spokes formed directly on the plastic central support.

**Removable filter cartridge**

The cartridge containing the operating mechanisms, protected by a large surface area strainer, is removable. This makes it very easy and quick to carry out inspections, internal cleaning and even replacement of the cartridge itself.
Installation

1. Filling unit can be installed in either horizontal or vertical position. It is, however, vital that the unit is not installed upside down.

2. The special method of mechanical pre-adjustment with pressure setting indicator makes it possible to set the unit to the required value in the system before the beginning of the filling phase.

3. The unit is normally set at a pressure not less than that obtained by adding the hydrostatic pressure and 4 psi (0,3 bar).

4. During filling, the internal mechanism will automatically regulate the pressure until it reaches the required value, without the need to oversee the filling operation itself. This prevents the system being charged to a higher pressure than required.

5. Given the pre-calibrating function, the presence of the downstream pressure gauge is not essential.

6. When the system is filled, the shut-off valve can be closed. In order to restore the automatic topping-off condition, merely re-open the valve. The pressure in the system will gradually return to the set pressure.

Maintenance

For cleaning, inspection or replacement of the entire cartridge, proceed as follows:

1. Isolate the unit.

2. Open the lower control knob.

3. Unscrew the adjusting screw until it stops.

4. Remove the upper cover.

5. Extract the cartridge using pliers.

6. The entire unit, after inspection, can be reassembled or replaced using a spare cartridge.

7. Re-adjust the equipment.

Backflow preventer

The backflow preventer with atmospheric vent is designed to protect drinking water systems from the return, caused by back siphonage or backpressure, of contaminated fluids.

The Caleffi 573 series has been specifically certified to standards CSA B64.3 and ASSE 1012.

Flow rate graph

Code 573002A

Charging unit consists of:
- Backflow preventer with intermediate atmospheric vent, 573 series
- Filling unit, 553 series
SPECIFICATION SUMMARIES

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Charging unit complete with backflow preventer 1/2" NPT Female with union threaded connection. Maximum working temperature 150°F. Maximum inlet pressure 175 psi.

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