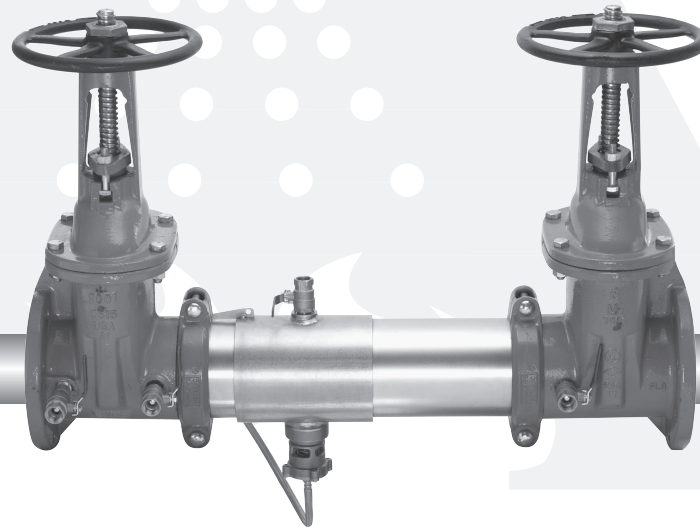


Installation, Maintenance, & Repair

Colt™ Series C400, C500

Reduced Pressure Zone Assemblies
Reduced Pressure Detector Assemblies

Sizes: 2½" – 10" (65 – 250mm)



C400 OSY

⚠ WARNING



Read this Manual **BEFORE** using this equipment.
Failure to read and follow all safety and use information can result in death, serious personal injury, property damage, or damage to the equipment.
Keep this Manual for future reference.



Local building or plumbing codes may require modifications to the information provided. You are required to consult the local building and plumbing codes prior to installation. If this information is not consistent with local building or plumbing codes, the local codes should be followed.

Need for Periodic Inspection/Maintenance: This product must be tested periodically in compliance with local codes, but at least once per year or more as service conditions warrant. Corrosive water conditions, and/or unauthorized adjustments or repair could render the product ineffective for the service intended. Regular checking and cleaning of the product's internal components helps assure maximum life and proper product function.

Testing

For field testing procedure, refer to Ames installation sheets IS-A-ATG-1 found on www.amesfirewater.com.

For other repair kits and service parts, refer to our Backflow Prevention Products Repair Kits & Service Parts price list PL-A-RP-BPD found on www.amesfirewater.com.

For technical assistance, contact your local Ames representative.

NOTICE

Inquire with governing authorities for local installation requirements

NOTICE

For Australia and New Zealand, line strainers should be installed between the upstream shutoff valve and the inlet of the backflow preventer.

It's important that this device be tested periodically in compliance with local codes, but at least once per year or more as service conditions warrant. If installed on a fire sprinkler system, all mechanical checks, such as alarm checks and backflow preventers, should be flow tested and inspected internally in accordance with NFPA 13 and NFPA 25.

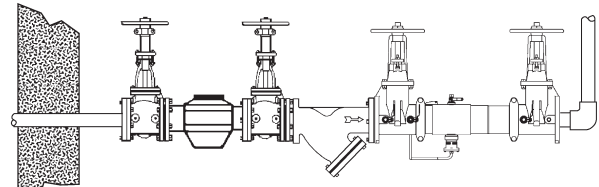
NOTICE

Due to shipping, storage, and general handling, the Victaulic Coupling for the shutoff valves may have loosened and should be retightened during installation.

Basic Installation Instructions

Guidelines

1. Most field problems occur because dirt and debris present in the system at the time of installation becomes trapped in the #1 check. **The system should be flushed before the valve is installed.** If the system is not flushed until after the valve is installed, remove both check modules from the valve and open the inlet shutoff to allow water to flow for a sufficient time to flush debris from the water line. If debris in the water system continues to cause fouling, a strainer can be installed upstream of the backflow assembly.
2. The Series C400 and C500 may be installed in either horizontal, "N" pattern, or "Z" pattern position as long as the backflow assembly is installed in accordance with the direction of the flow arrow on the assembly and the local water authority approves the installation.
3. The assembly should be installed with adequate clearance around the valve to allow for inspection, testing and servicing. 12" (300mm) should be the minimum clearance between the lower portion of the assembly and the floor or grade. The valve should be protected from freezing.
4. Installing a backflow preventer in a pit or vault is not recommended.
5. Normal discharge and nuisance spitting are accommodated by the use of an Ames air gap fitting and a fabricated indirect waste line. Floor drains of the same size must be provided in case of excessive discharge.
6. The C400 and C500 backflow preventer should be tested by a certified tester at the time of installation.



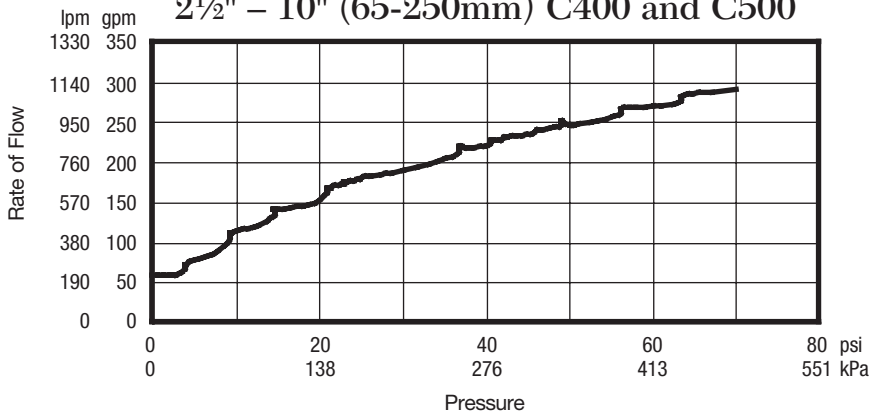
Horizontal Installation

NOTICE

Assembly body should not be painted.

Relief Valve Discharge Rates

2½" – 10" (65-250mm) C400 and C500



Maintenance Instructions 2¹/₂" – 6" (65 – 150mm)

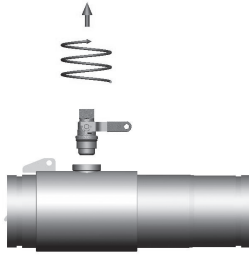


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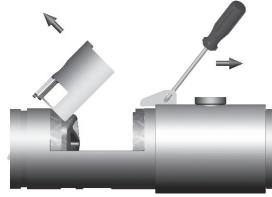


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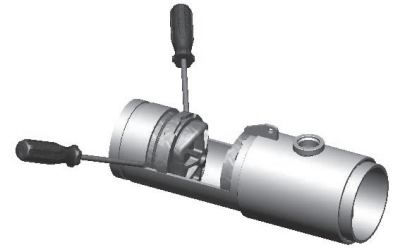


Figure C

#1 Check Diagrams

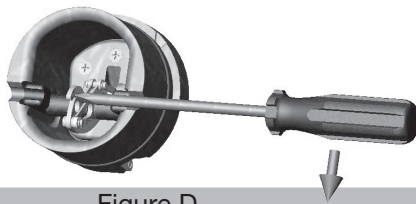


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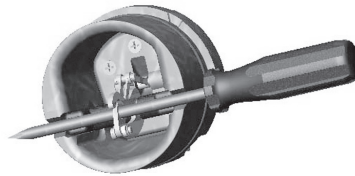


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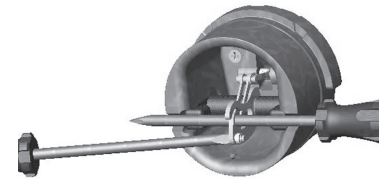


Figure F

#2 Check Diagrams

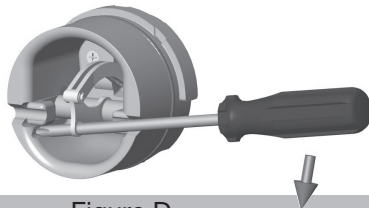


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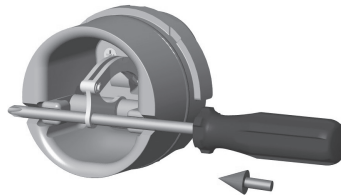


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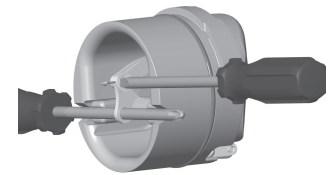


Figure F

Instructions

⚠ WARNING

Prior to servicing any Ames valve, it is mandatory to shut down the water system by closing both the inlet and outlet shutoff valves. After shutoff valves are closed, open test cock #2, #3 and #4 to relieve pressure within the backflow assembly.

1. After #3 test cock has been opened to relieve pressure, remove #3 test cock from housing. (Figure A)
2. Insert a #3 screwdriver through the hole on the top of the cover sleeve and using both hands rotate the cover sleeve approximately 1/4-turn clockwise and 1/4-turn counter-clockwise to break the sleeve O-ring seals. Using the screwdriver, slowly slide the cover sleeve to the downstream side of the housing. (Figure B)
3. Remove the stainless steel check retainer from the housing. (Figure B)
4. Remove the #1 check module (Figure C) by inserting two flat blade screwdrivers into the slots on either side of the check module and gently pry the check module toward the open zone.
5. Remove #2 check module with the same instructions as in #4 above. For servicing 6" (150mm) checks see 8" – 10" (200 – 250mm) instructions on p.4.
6. To clean or inspect either check module, insert a #3 screwdriver through the downstream side of the check module as shown in Figures D and E. When the screwdriver is in place, remove the E-clip (Figure F) and pin connecting the structural members and the check clapper will open with no tension.
7. Thoroughly clean the seating area. The sealing disc may be removed, if necessary, by removing the screws connecting the keeper plate to the clapper. The sealing disc may be reversed and reinstalled if the elastomer is cut or damaged.
8. Wash check module and O-ring and inspect for any damage. If damaged, reinstall new parts.
9. After thorough cleaning, lubricate O-ring w/FDA approved lubricant, replace pin and E-clip in structural members, remove screw driver, reinstall check modules and assemble housing in reverse order of these instructions.

Maintenance Instructions 8” – 10” (200 – 250mm)

Material/Tool Requirements:

- #4 Phillips screwdriver or $\frac{3}{8}$ ” diameter rod, length sufficient to span diameter of check, see Figures A and B.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ – 13 x 5 fully threaded hex bolt (Service bolt).
- $\frac{3}{4}$ ” open end or socket wrench.

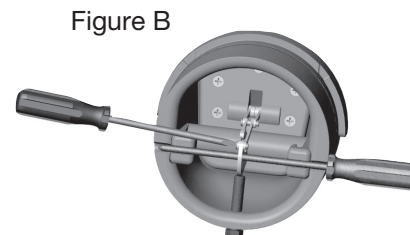
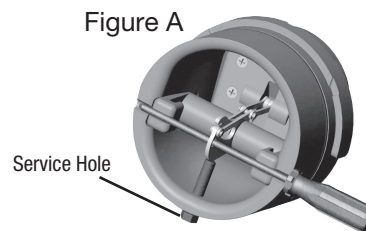
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1. After #3 test cock has been opened to relieve pressure, remove #3 test cock from housing. When repairing an 8” or 10” (200 – 250mm) device, remove both Victaulic couplers from body. Slide the downstream Victaulic coupler gasket to the downstream side of the housing. The upstream Victaulic coupler gasket stays in place.
2. Remove check(s) to be maintained.
3. Locate the service hole and thread in the service bolt by hand until it contacts the linkage. (Figure A)
4. Continue to thread in service bolt with the wrench until the service hole in the linkage is aligned with the service notches on the spring arbors. (Figure A)
5. Insert the Phillips screwdriver through the arbors and service hole of the linkage making sure that the tip of the screwdriver extends past the ends of the arbors by a minimum of $\frac{1}{4}$ ” (6mm). (Figure B)
6. Back out the service bolt until load is transferred to the screwdriver. Continue to back out the service bolt until sufficient clearance is achieved to remove the complete spring mechanism.
7. To disconnect linkage, remove retaining clip and pin (store in a safe location for reinstallation).
8. To remove spring mechanism, grasp the screwdriver at the center, pull complete assembly straight out and store in a safe place.
9. Reinstall in reverse.

⚠ WARNING

While the spring mechanism is removed for check servicing; never pull the screwdriver out or off the support notches on the arbors. Doing so may cause bodily injuries.



Servicing Relief Valve

Prior to servicing the relief valve, it is mandatory to shut down water system by closing both the inlet and outlet shutoff valves and relieving pressure within the assembly by opening the #2, #3 and #4 test cocks.

DO NOT REMOVE SPIDER BUSHING FOR SERVICING.

1. Disconnect the hose from the bottom cover plate to the relief valve.
2. An O-ring seals the relief valve body to the main housing. It is not necessary to tighten the connection beyond firm hand tightening. The relief valve should be able to be removed by hand untightening. Unscrew the relief valve from the housing.
3. Remove the cover plate of the relief valve by removing the four connecting screws.
4. Remove the rubber diaphragm from the relief valve. Be aware of how the diaphragm is configured so that it can be reinstalled in the same manner. The hard rubber tab in the diaphragm fits into a similar socket in the head of the piston. (Figure 1)

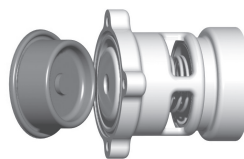


Figure 1



Figure 2

5. Hold the relief valve in both hands with the threaded end up and both thumbs on the head of the piston. Push up on the piston until the piston shaft with the attached E-clip is exposed. Remove the E-clip (Figure 2)
6. Remove the piston and spring from the relief valve housing and thoroughly clean all parts including the diaphragm. Inspect all rubber parts for damage and if damaged, replace them with new parts.
7. Reassemble the relief valve in the reverse order that it was disassembled.

Testing — Reduced Pressure Zone Assemblies

Test No.1

Purpose: To test check valve No. 2 for tightness against reverse flow.

Requirements: Valve must be tight against reverse flow under all pressure differentials. Slowly open the 'high' valve A and the 'vent' valve C, and keep the 'low' valve B closed. Open test cock #4. Indicated pressure differential will decrease slightly. If pressure differential continues to decrease (until the vent opens) check valve #2 is reported as 'leaking'.

Test No. 2

Purpose: To test shutoff #2 for tightness.

Requirements: After passing Test No. 1, continue to Test No. 2 by closing test cock #2. The indicated pressure differential will decrease slightly. If pressure differential continues to decrease (approaching 'zero'), shutoff #2 is reported to be 'leaking'.

Test No. 3

Purpose: To test check Valve No. 1 for tightness.

Requirements: Valve must be tight against reverse flow under all pressure differentials. Close 'high' valve A and open test cock #2. Close test cock #4. Disconnect vent hose at test cock #4. Open valves B and C, bleeding to atmosphere. Then closing valve B restores the system to a normal static condition. Observe the pressure differential gauge. If there is a decrease in the indicated value, check valve No. 1 is reported as 'leaking'.

Test No. 4

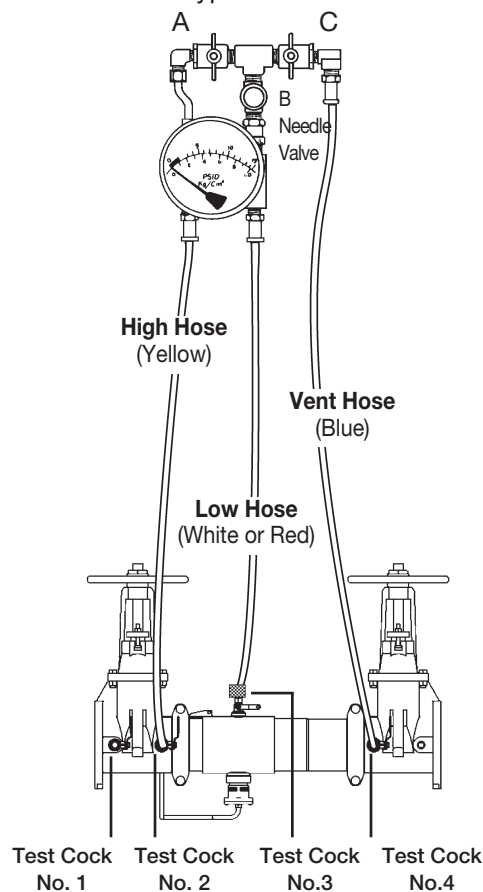
Purpose: To test operation of pressure differential relief valve.

Requirements: The pressure differential relief valve must operate to maintain the 'zone' between the two check valves at least 2psi less than the supply pressure. Close 'vent' valve C. Open 'high' valve A. Open the 'low' valve B very slowly until

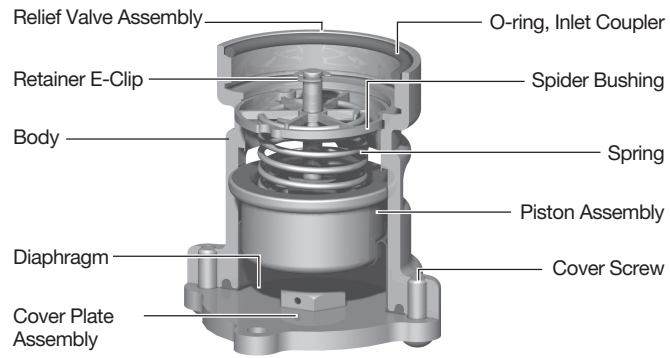
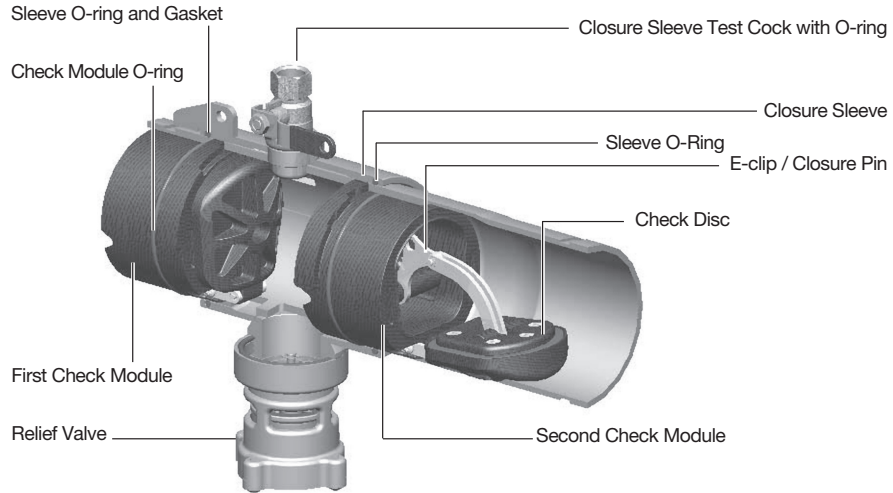
the differential gauge needle starts to drop. Hold the valve at this position and observe the gauge reading at the moment the first discharge is noted from the relief valve. Record this as the opening differential pressure of the relief valve.

Note: It is important that the differential gauge needle drops slowly. Close test cocks #2 and #3. Use 'vent' hose to relieve pressure from test kit by opening valves A, B and C Remove all test equipment and open shutoff #2.

Ball Type Test Valves



Replacement Parts



For repair kits and parts, refer to Backflow Prevention Products Repair Kits & Service Parts price list PL-A-RP-BPD found on www.amesfirewater.com.

Troubleshooting Guide

Difficulty	Possible Cause	Correction
Relief valve discharges water while system is not flowing	#1 check is fouled	Remove and clean #1 check
	Relief valve does not properly close	Service relief valve
	Municipal water pressure is fluctuating	Install check valve upstream of backflow assembly
Relief valve does not shut off properly	Fouled relief valve seat	Service relief valve
	Incorrectly installed diaphragm	Remove diaphragm and correctly install
	Damaged rubber surface on piston	Replace with new piston
	Damaged or plugged pressure hose	Repair or replace hose.

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For more information: www.watts.com/prop65

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