

# Hydro-Pro Installation & Operations Guide





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#### **Operation**

The HYDRO-PRO range of Expansion Vessels is specifically designed for Unvented Potable Systems to deal with increased water volume resulting from heat expansion.

The purpose of these vessels is to accommodate the increased liquid volume which occurs during system heating in an Unvented Circuit. A pressurised membrane allows ingress/egress of the liquid only during periods of heating / cooling.

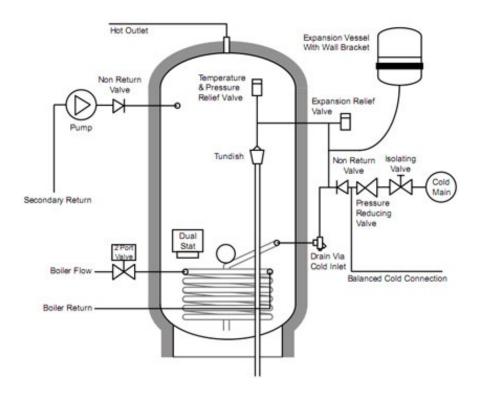
The correct size of vessel must be considered prior to installation and installed by appropriately trained engineers.

#### **Installation Siting**

The Expansion Vessel may be fitted to a very wide range of systems, different sources of heat are applied to Unvented Hot Water Systems, and as long as the temperature is controlled within normal limits, the HYDRO-PRO will be compatible in it's application.

Installations where the heat source is augmented by Solid Fuel, Solar Thermal or other heat sources with potentially uncontrolled input temperatures are not compatible with these vessels and an alternative model should be specified.

The physical siting of the vessel should always be in accordance with the Cylinder manufacturers instructions as a variety of acceptable siting options is available.





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#### **Sizing**

The appropriate sizing of an expansion vessel must be undertaken by qualified or appropriately trained engineers.

$$V = \frac{e \times C}{1 - P_{i}/P_{i}}$$

V = Expansion Vessel Size

e = Expansion Co-efficient corresponding to the difference between the cold water system temperature and the maximum working pressure.

In standard plants:-

e = 0.02244

C = Total Water Capacity of the system in Litres

 $P_i$  = Initial charge pressure (Absolute) - This should equal the value of the static system pressure minus 0.2 Bar.

 $P_f$  = Maximum operating pressure (Absolute) of the Safety Relief Valve, taking into account any differences in height between the vessel and the safety relief valve.

Temp	e Value			
0	0.00013			
10	0.00025			
20	0.00174			
30	0.00426			
40	0.00782			
50	0.01207			
55	0.01450			
60	0.01704			
65	0.01980			
70	0.02269			
75	0.02580			
80	0.02899			
85	0.03240			
90	0.03590			
95	0.03960			
100	0.04343			

#### **Example**

C = 300 Litres

 $P_i = 3.3 \text{ Bar } (4.5 \text{ Bar atmospheric})$ 

 $P_{i} = 6 \text{ Bar } (7 \text{ Bar Atmospheric})$ 

$$V = \frac{0.02244 \times 300}{1 - (4.3 / 7)}$$

$$V = 18.7$$

Nearest vessel size with this capacity = 24 Litres

#### **Maintenance**

The vessel requires inspection at least once a year (or as and when a drop in performance is noted from the system). The vessel must be visibly inspected for pinholes in the metal body of the vessel and the air pressure must be checked against the required pre-charge. Some pressure loss is to be expected and should be rectified to within 20% accuracy but a significant drop in air pressure may signify that the vessel is nearing the end of it's life span and may require membrane replacement. Some provision should be made within a wider piece of equipment for access and inspection.

The air pressure may only be inspected when the vessel is either detached completely from the system or when the system itself is de-pressurised to atmospheric pressure.



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**Materials** 

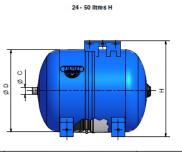
Shell: Carbon Steel

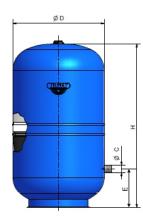
Flange: Galvanised /plastic

Membrane: EPDM Max Pressure: 10 Bar

Colour: Blue/grey (2 Litres) Max Temperature: 70°C

2÷35 litres





Code	Capacity	Diameter	Height	Connection Height "E"	Pmax	Pre charge	Connection
	(Litres)	(mm)	(mm)		(Bar)	(Bar)	(BSP)
11A0000211	2	142	190	-	10	3.5	3/4"G
11A0003500	35	380	360	-	10	2	1"G
11A0005000	50	380	505	153	10	2	1"G
11A0005002	50	380	418	-	10	2	1"G
11A0005017	50	380	497	-	10	2	1"G
11A0008000	80	450	608	150	10	2	1 1/4"G
11A0010500	105	500	665	165	10	2	1 1/4"G
11A0015000	150	500	897	216	10	2	1 1/4"G
11A0020000	200	600	812	225	10	2	1 1/4"G
11A0025000	250	630	957	245	10	2	1 1/4"G
11A0030000	300	630	1105	245	10	2	1 1/4" G
11A0040000	400	630	1450	245	10	2	1 1/4"G
11A0050000	500	750	1340	290	10	2	1 1/4"G
11A0060000	600	750	1555	290	10	2	1 1/4"G



# **Notes**



