

# Cal-Pro Installation & Operations Guide





#### Operation

The CAL-PRO range of Expansion Vessels is specifically designed for domestic and commercial unvented central heating systems.

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.

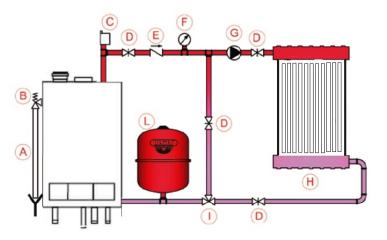
The correct size of vessel must be considered prior to installation and installed by appropriately trained engineers.

#### **Installation Siting**

The Expansion Vessel must be fitted to the Return Side of the Central Heating System and in such a way that there can at no time be an obstruction between the vessel and the system.

The orientation of the expansion vessels Water Connection should be downwards to avoid risk of sediment ingress or other debris from the system. Some provision for the prevention of air ingress into the vessel must also be made as this will degrade the vessel very quickly.

Adequate provision for the mounting of the expansion vessel must be made by the installer and a suitable bracket or other mounting method used. A range of suitable brackets are available as accessories.



- A Draining
- B Safety Valve
- C Air Bleeder
- D Gate Valve (Where Needed)
- E Backflow Preventer (Where Needed)
- F Pressure Gauge
- G Pump
- H Utilities (Radiator / UF Coils Etc)
- I Mixing Valve (where needed)
- L Expansion Vessel
- M Boiler



#### Sizing

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

$$V = \frac{e \times C}{1 - P_i / P_f}$$

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 = 0.04318 (Tmax 99°C - Tmin = 10°C)

C = Total Water Capacity of the system in Litres (as a general approximation, C is between 10 & 20 Litres for every 1000kcal/hour of boiler output). 860kcal/hour = 1 Kilowatt

 $P_i$  = Initial charge pressure (Absolute) - this pressure must not be less than the minimum head pressure required by the system OR the Boiler (Whichever is greater).  $P_f$  = Maximum operating pressure (Absolute) of the Safety Relief Valve, taking into account any differences in height between the vessel and the safety relief valve.

#### Example

C = 500 Litres P<sub>i</sub> = 1.5 Bar (2.5 Bar atmospheric) P<sub>f</sub> = 3 Bar (4 Bar Atmospheric)

 $V = \frac{0.04326 \times 500}{1 - (2.5 / 4)}$ 

V = 57.57

Nearest vessel size with this capacity = 80 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 replacement or more detailed 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.

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			



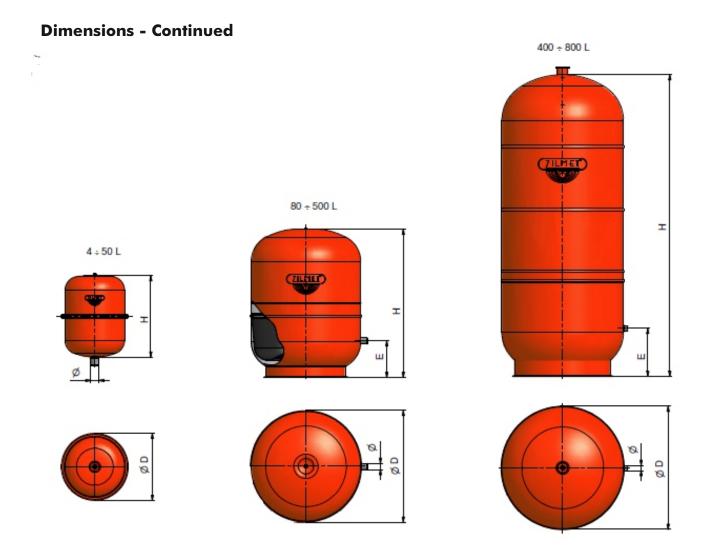
#### **Materials**

Shell: Carbon Steel Water Connections: Carbon Steel Membrane: Synthetic Butyl Rubber (SBR) Colour: Red

#### **D**imensions

Code	Capacity	Diameter	Height	Connection Height "E"	Pmax	Pre charge	Connection
	(Litres)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(Bar)	(Bar)	(BSP)
1300000400B	4	225	195	-	5	1.5	3/4" G
1300000800B	8	220	295	-	5	1.5	3/4" G
1300001200B	12	294	281	-	4	2	3/4" G
1300001800B	18	290	400	-	4	2	3/4" G
1300002400B	24	324	415	-	4	2	3/4" G
1300003500	35	404	408	-	4	2	3/4" G
1300003503	35	404	387	119	4	2	3/4" G
1300005000	50	407	530	-	4	2	3/4" G
1300005003	50	407	507	157	4	2	3/4" G
1300008000	80	450	608	150	6	2.5	3/4" G
1300010500	105	500	665	165	6	2.5	3/4" G
1300015000	150	500	897	216	6	2.5	3/4" G
1300020000	200	600	812	225	6	2.5	3/4" G
1300025000	250	630	957	245	6	2.5	3/4" G
1300030000	300	630	1105	245	6	2.5	3/4" G
1300040000	400	630	1450	245	6	2.5	1" G
1300050000	500	750	1340	290	6	2.5	1" G
1300060000	600	750	1555	290	6	2.5	1" G
1300070000	700	750	1755	290	6	2.5	1" G
1300080000	800	750	1855	290	6	2.5	1" G
1300090000	900	750	2105	290	6	2.5	1" G





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