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Installation & Maintenance
Instructions
MM-413(E)

Replacement Head Mechanism



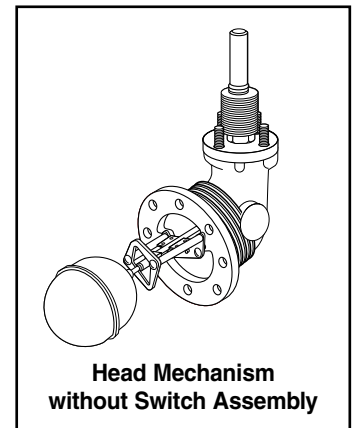
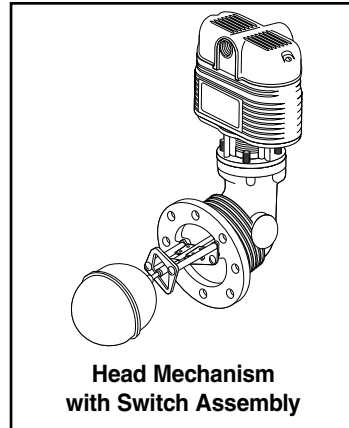
With Switch Assembly:

93-HD,	94-HD
93-M-HD,	94-M-HD
93-7B-HD,	94-7B-HD
93-7B-M-HD,	94-7B-M-HD

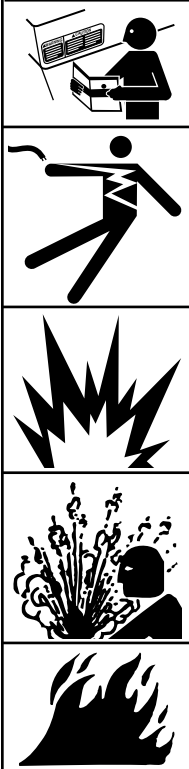
Without Switch Assembly:

93-HDLS	94-HDLS
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Replacement head mechanisms can be installed without disturbing existing equalizing connections or disassembly of components, making repair simple and easy.



WARNING



- Before using this product read and understand instructions.
 - Save these instructions for future reference.
 - All work must be performed by qualified personnel trained in the proper application, installation, and maintenance of plumbing, steam, and electrical equipment and/or systems in accordance with all applicable codes and ordinances.
 - To prevent serious burns, the boiler must be cooled to 80°F (27°C) and the pressure must be 0 psi (0 bar) before servicing.
 - To prevent electrical shock, turn off the electrical power before making electrical connections.
 - This low water cut-off must be installed in series with all other limit and operating controls installed on the boiler. After installation, check for proper operation of all of the limit and operating controls, before leaving the site.
 - We recommend that secondary (redundant) Low Water Cut-Off controls be installed on all steam boilers with heat input greater than 400,000 BTU/hour or operating above 15 psi steam pressure. At least two controls should be connected in series with the burner control circuit to provide safety redundancy protection should the boiler experience a low-water condition. Moreover, at each annual outage, the low water cutoffs should be dismantled, inspected, cleaned, and checked for proper calibration and performance.
 - To prevent serious personal injury from steam blow down, connect a drain pipe to the control opening to avoid exposure to steam discharge.
 - To prevent a fire, do not exceed the switch contact rating.
- Failure to follow this warning could cause property damage, personal injury or death.

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OPERATION

Electrical Ratings

Models with 5 or 5-M Switch

Voltage	Pump and Burner Switch Contact Ratings Pilot Duty Only
120 VAC	345 VA
240 VAC	

Maximum Pressure:

Series 93/193: 150 psi (10.5 kg/cm²)

Series 94/194: 250 psi (17.6kg/cm²)

Models with 7B or 7B-M Switch

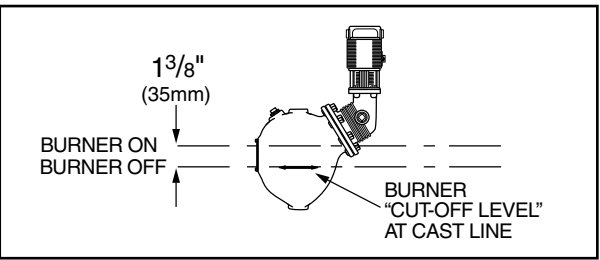
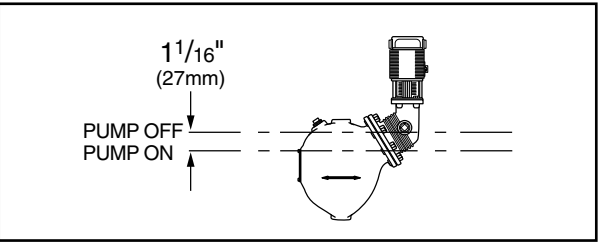
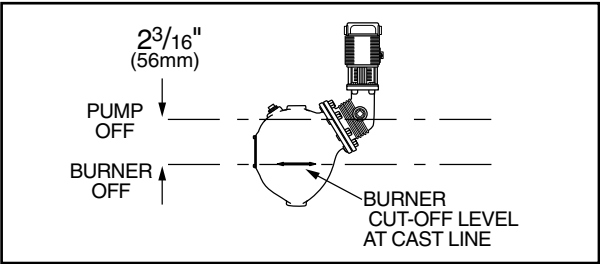
Switch Ratings		
Burner		Valve
120 VAC	345 VA	0 - 135 ohms @ 24 VAC
240 VAC		

Switch Settings

Values are ± 1/8 " (3mm)

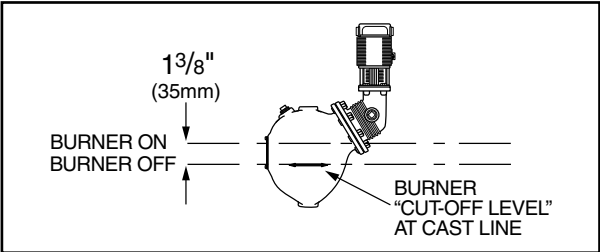
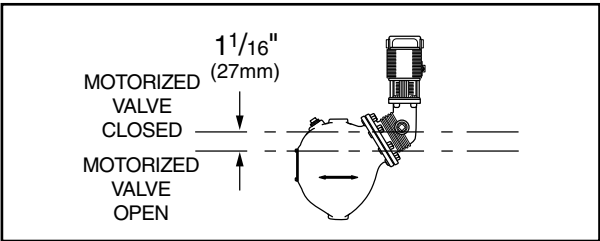
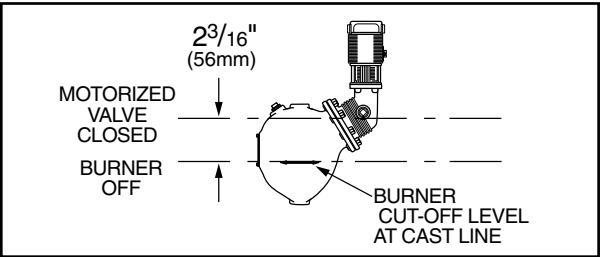
Models with 5 or 5-M Switches

Setting	Approximate Distance Above Cast Line In. (mm)	Differential In. (mm)
Pump Off	2 ³ / ₁₆ (56)	1 ¹ / ₁₆ (27)
Pump On	1 ¹ / ₈ (29)	
Burner On	1 ³ / ₈ (35)	1 ³ / ₈ (35)
Burner Off	0	



Models with 7B or 7B-M Switches

Setting	Approximate Distance Above Cast Line In. (mm)	Differential In. (mm)
Valve Full Closed	2 ³ / ₁₆ (56)	1 ¹ / ₁₆ (27)
Valve Full Open	7/8 (22)	
Burner On	1 ³ / ₈ (35)	1 ³ / ₈ (35)
Burner Off	0	



NOTE: Due to the slower operation of some motorized valves, complete valve opening or closing may occur at slightly different levels than indicated above.

INSTALLATION –

TOOLS NEEDED:

One (1) flathead screw driver, one (1) scraper and one (1) 9/16" socket box or open end wrench.

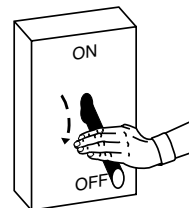
STEP 1 - Preparation

- a. Turn power off to boiler and all controls.

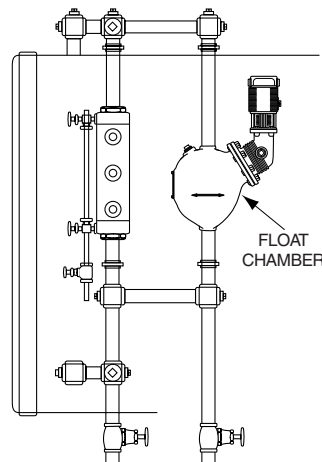


CAUTION

There may be more than one source of power to the boiler.



- b. Allow boiler to cool to 80°F (27°C) and reduce pressure to 0 psi (0 bar).
Drain water in boiler to a level that is below the **float chamber**.



STEP 2 - Head Removal

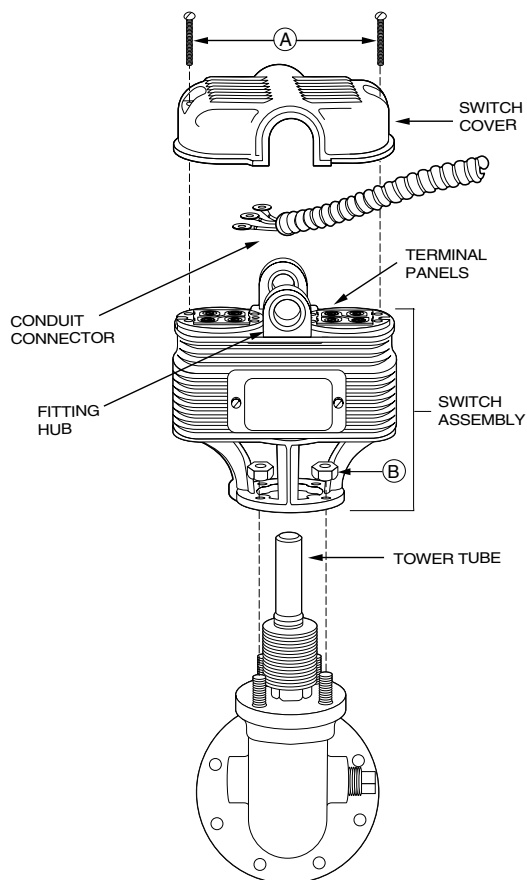
- a. Disconnect and Remove Wires.

For Replacement Heads with Switches (-HD Models)

- Remove two screws (A) and lift off **switch cover**.
- Identify **terminal connections** for rewiring and then disconnect all wires from **terminal panels**.
- Remove **conduit connection** and wires from integral fitting hub.

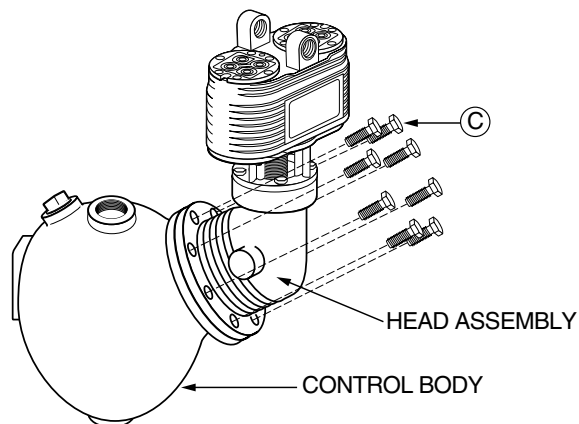
For Replacement Heads without Switches (-HDLS Models)

- Remove four hex nuts (B) and carefully lift **switch assembly** up and off **tower tube**.



b. Remove Head Mechanism

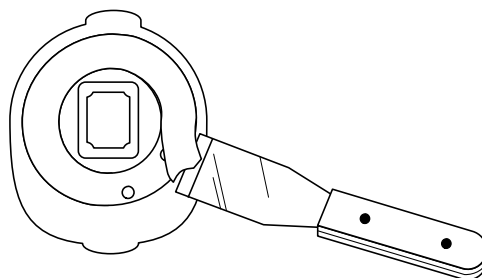
Unscrew and remove head bolts (C). There are eight (8) on Series 93/193 and ten (10) on Series 94/194. Remove **head assembly** from **control body**.



STEP 3 - Installing Replacement Head Mechanism

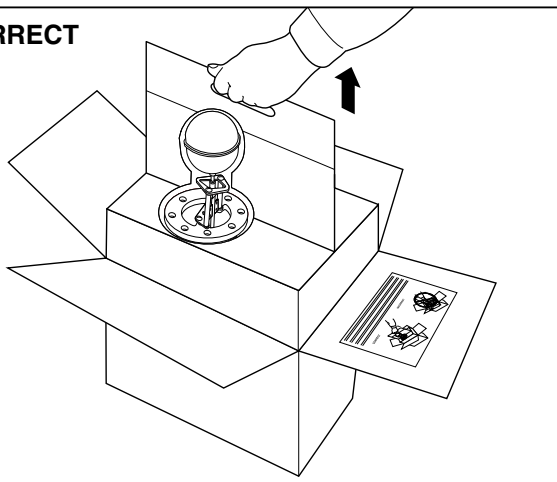
- a. Clean and scrape flange surface on control body.

IMPORTANT: Care must be taken not to damage flange surfaces. Nicks, scrapes or gouges may cause the flange to leak when in service.

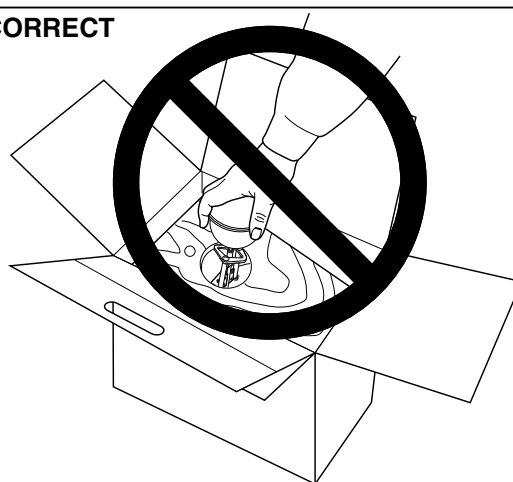


- b. Fold the flaps of the cardboard insert together to form the handle. Remove the Head Mechanism AND the Insert together by lifting from the shipping carton. Undo the insert from around the Head Mechanism. **IMPORTANT:** Do not remove the head mechanism by grabbing float ball.

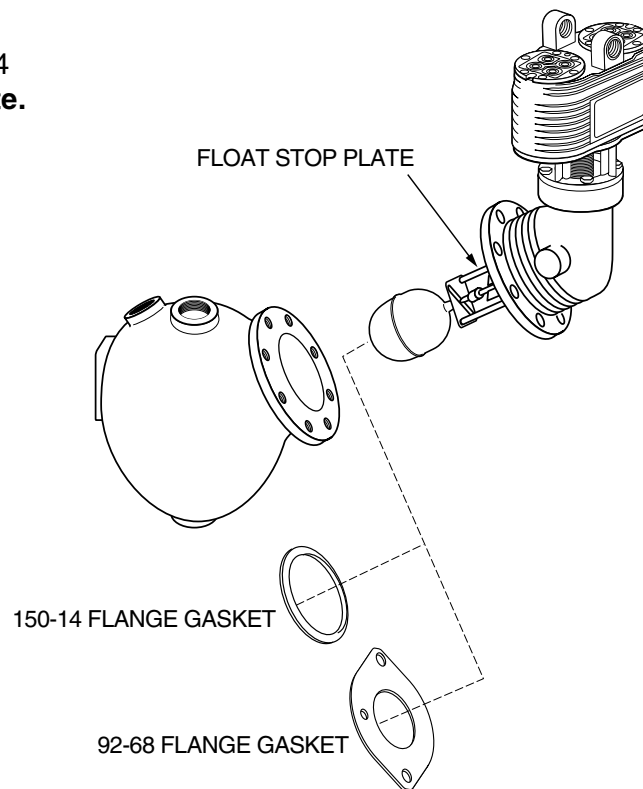
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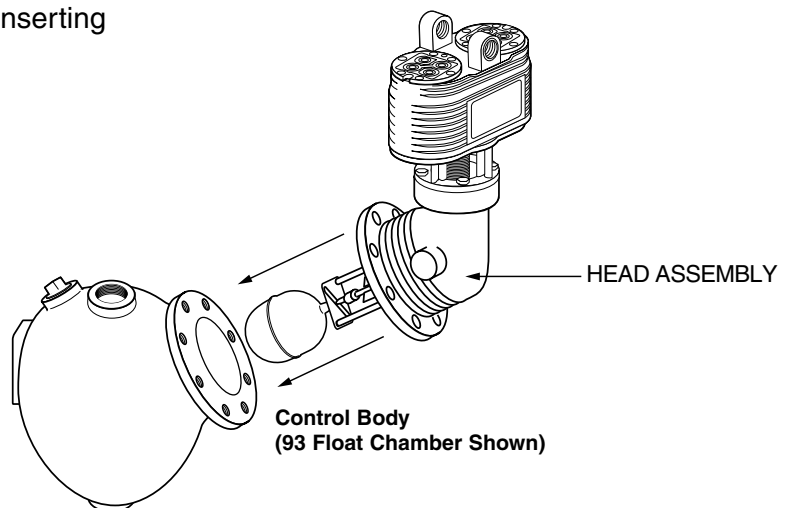
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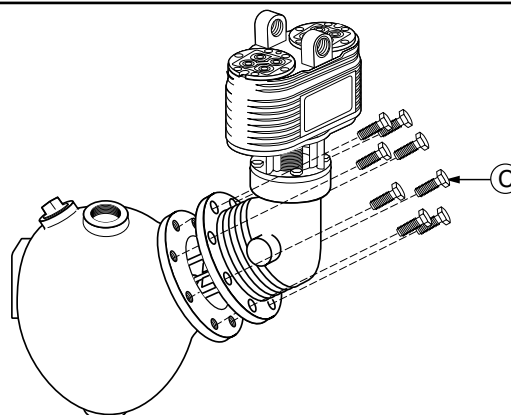
- c. Slide **flange gasket** (**150-14** for Series 93/193 units and **92-68** for Series 94/194 units) over **float ball** and **float stop plate**.



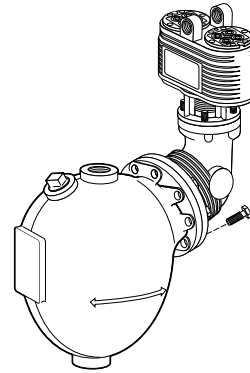
- d. Install head assembly by carefully inserting **float ball** into **control body**.



- e. Align gasket and install head bolts (**C**).



- f. Using a torque wrench, tighten head bolts in an alternating star pattern.
Tighten to 14-20 ft•lbs for Series 93 models.
Tighten to 17-21 ft•lbs for Series 94 models.

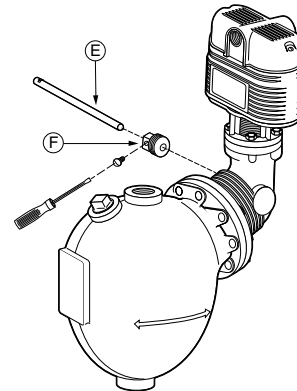


- g. Using a screwdriver and pipe wrench remove float block dowel (E) and plug (F).
Install pipe plug included with unit in opening.

CAUTION

The plug and rod must be reinstalled before control is shipped installed on the boiler, and removed after boiler is placed and installed.

Failure to follow this caution may damage the float and operating mechanism.



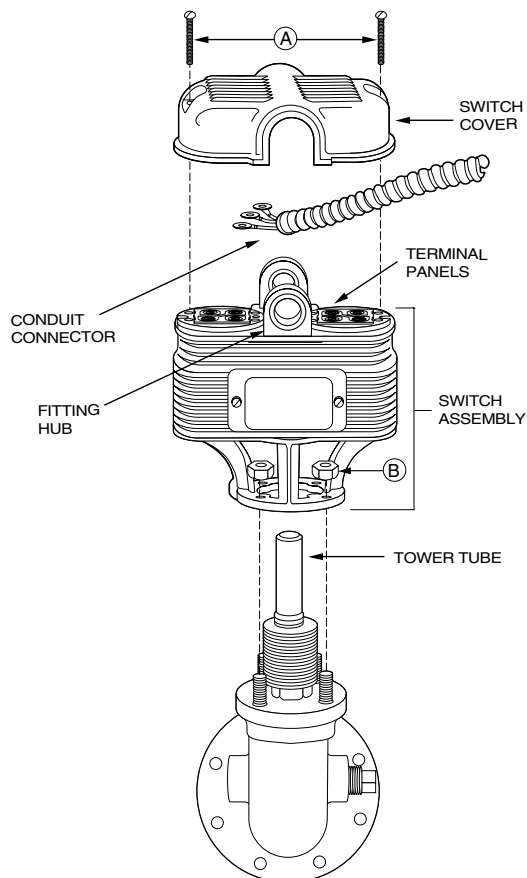
STEP 4 - Reconnect Switch Assembly Wiring

For Replacement Heads with Switches (-HD Models)

- Reattach the **conduit connector and wires** to the integral **fitting hub**.
- Reconnect wiring to **terminal panel** in exactly the same position as removed.
- Replace **switch cover** and fasten with two screws (A).

For Replacement Heads without Switches (-HDLS Models)

- Carefully slide **switch assembly** over **tower tube** and secure with four hex nuts (C).



STEP 6 - Testing

- Dimensions shown are typical.
- The following testing procedure is only meant to serve as a verification of proper operating sequence.

a. Turn on power to boiler and pump circuits.

With the boiler empty, the pump should turn on (5 or 5-M switch models) or the valve open (7B or 7B-M switch models). The burner should remain off and boiler should begin to fill with water.

CAUTION

Immediately turn off all power if the burner turns on with no water in the gauge glass. Investigate further before continuing procedure.

b. For Automatic Reset Models

When water level in the gauge glass is approximately 1 3/8" (35mm) above the horizontal cast line, the burner should turn on.

For Manual Reset Models

When water level in the gauge glass is approximately 1 3/8" (35mm) above the horizontal cast line, press the manual reset button and the burner should turn on.

c. For 5 or 5-M Switch Models

When water level in the gauge glass is approximately 2 3/16" (56mm) above the horizontal cast line, the pump should turn off.

For 7B or 7B-M Switch Models

When water level in the gauge glass is approximately 2 3/16" (56mm) above the horizontal cast line, the valve should be closed.

CAUTION

If pump does not turn off or valve close, turn off water supply to boiler. Investigate further before continuing procedure.

d. With the water in the boiler at its normal level and burner on, SLOWLY open the blow-down valve until it is fully open. As the water level in the gauge glass begins to drop, verify that the following occurs.

For 5 or 5-M Switch Models

When water level drops to approximately 1 1/8" (29mm) above the horizontal cast line, the pump should turn on. When water level drops to the horizontal cast line, the burner should turn off.

For 7B or 7B-M Switch Models

As the water level drops, the valve should begin to open. When the water level drops to approximately 1 1/8" (29mm) above the horizontal cast line, the valve should be full open.

When the water level drops to the horizontal cast line, the burner should turn off.

- e. Close the blow-down valve after burner turns off and restore water level to normal operating level.
- f. Repeat testing procedure several times to ensure proper operation of control.
- g. After testing and verification of control operation, the boiler can be returned to service.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Erratic operation of the control is the most common symptom that occurs. Erratic operation can be defined as pump and/or burner switches not switching at proper levels. Refer to the following list of items to check if the control is not operating properly.

1. Float Ball is Crushed

Crushed floats are typically caused by improper blow-down. Drain piping from blow-down valve to drain should be checked for proper pitch and the blow-down procedure followed when blowing down the control. Purchase and install a new float ball after investigating and correcting the problem.

2. Float Ball is Filled with Water

The seam weld on the float can sometimes deteriorate. This can be caused by the type of chemical treatment used in the boiler. While this is a rare occurrence, the chemical treatment supplier should be consulted to determine if a reaction could occur. Purchase and install a new float ball after investigating and correcting the problem.

3. Float Arm Springs are Bent

The pivot springs located on either side of the float rod should be flat and straight. If they become bent, the usual cause is mishandling of the unit during installation or improper blow-down. The control should never be picked up by the float ball or allowed to hang from the bowl by the float. Drain piping from blow-down valve to drain should be checked for proper pitch and the blow-down procedure followed when blowing down control. Purchase and install new control or head mechanism after investigating and correcting the problem.

4. Switch Contact Springs Broken

The contact springs can break if the electrical rating is exceeded. Purchase and install new switch assembly or head mechanism after investigating and correcting the problem.

5. Switch Contact Springs Misaligned

Misalignment of the contact arms is usually associated with damage to the control during shipment or installation. Purchase and install new switch assembly or head mechanism after investigating and correcting the problem.

6. Internal (Wetted) Parts Dirty

The internal parts can operate improperly if dirt, scale or rust is allowed to build. This condition can be a result of not blowing down the control as recommended and/or improper boiler water chemical treatment. Purchase and install new control or head mechanism after investigating and correcting the problem.

MAINTENANCE

SCHEDULE:

Blow down control as follows when boiler is in operation.

- Daily if operating pressure is above 15 psi.
- Weekly if operating pressure is below 15 psi.

NOTE

More frequent blow-down may be necessary due to dirty boiler water and/or local codes.

- **Remove head assembly and inspect water side components annually.** Replace head assembly if any of the internal components are worn, corroded or damaged or if control no longer operates properly.
- **Inspect the float chamber and equalizing piping annually.** Remove all sediment and debris.

NOTE

The control may need to be inspected and cleaned more frequently on systems where there is the potential of excessive scale or sludge build-up. This includes systems:

- With high raw water make-up
- With no condensate return
- With untreated boiler water
- Where significant changes have been made to the boiler-water chemical treatment process
- With oil in the boiler water

Replace head mechanism every 5 years.

More frequent replacement may be required when severe conditions exist.

Replacement parts are available from your local authorized McDonnell & Miller Distributor.

The use of parts or components other than those manufactured by McDonnell & Miller will void all warranties and may affect the units compliance with listings or regulating agencies.

BLOW DOWN PROCEDURE:

CAUTION



To prevent serious personal injury from steam pipe blow down, connect a drain pipe to the control opening to avoid exposure to steam discharge.

Failure to follow this caution could cause personal injury.

When blowing down a control at pressure, the blow down valves should be opened slowly. The piping needs to be warmed up and stagnant water in the drain piping needs to be pushed out. Suddenly opening a blow down valve causes steam to condense, which can create water hammer. Damage to components can occur when water hammer occurs due to improper blow down piping.

For these reasons, McDonnell & Miller recommends a dual valve blow-down system for each control.

Blow down the control when the water in the boiler is at its normal level and the burner is on.

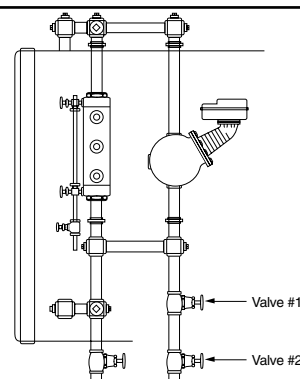
NOTE: Refer to page 2 for switch operating points.

- Open upper valve (#1)
- Slowly open the lower valve (#2)
- Water in the sight glass should lower.
- As the water in the sight glass lowers, the pump should turn on.
- As the water continues to lower in the sight glass, the burner should turn off.
- Slowly close the lower valve (#2).
- Close the upper valve (#1)
- The water level in the sight glass should rise, first turning on the burner and then turning off the pump.

NOTE: On manual reset models, the reset button will need to be pressed after the water level has been restored before the burner will operate.

NOTE

If this sequence of operation does not occur as described, immediately close all the valves, turn off the boiler and correct the problem. Inspection/cleaning of the float mechanism may be required to determine why the control was not working properly. Retest the control after the problem has been identified and corrected.



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