

**INSTALLATION & OPERATING  
INSTRUCTIONS**

***Atmos Low Pressure  
Thermostatic Bar  
Mixer Valve***

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## **INTRODUCTION**

This book contains all the necessary fitting and operating instructions for your thermostatic mixer valve.

Please read these instructions carefully. Read through the whole of this leaflet before beginning your installation.

The valve installation **MUST** be carried out by a suitably competent person after reading these instructions.

Care taken during the installation will provide a long and trouble free life from your valve. For the best performance within the specified running pressure range, a minimum flow of 8 liters per minute should be available on both inlets.

This mixer valve is designed to deliver a higher water flow rate on low pressure water systems with a minimum running pressure of 0.1 bar. This mixer valve is also suitable for thermal storage, unvented systems, pumped gravity systems and high pressure systems up to 5 bar running pressure. The mixer valve must not be subjected to water temperatures above 80°C.

**IMPORTANT: Before installing with a gas instantaneous water heater, make sure it is capable of delivering hot water at a minimum switch-on flow rate of 3 liters per minute. At flow rates between 3 and 8 liters per minute, the appliance must be capable of raising the water temperature to a minimum of 52°C.**

The water temperature at the inlet to the valve must remain relatively constant when flow rate adjustments are made (refer to the water heater operating manual to confirm compatibility with this mixer shower).

## **SAFETY WARNINGS**

Layout and sizing of pipework must be such that when other services are used, pressures at the valve control inlets do not fall below the recommended minimum.

**DO NOT choose a position where the valve could become frozen or connect this mixer valve to any form of tap or fitting not recommended by the manufacturer and do not use Boss White or other joining compounds.**

**Conveniently situated service valves in each inlet supply must be fitted as an independent method of isolating the mixer valve should maintenance or servicing be necessary, these valves should not restrict the flow.**

**DO NOT operate the valve outside the recommended temperatures and pressures stated in this guide.**

**As a competent person installing this valve you should ensure that all users are very conversant in its operation before handover and that they understand the need to always test the water temperature with their hand before entering the shower.**

Metal surfaces on the hot supply may become hot during operation. Arrange to have the mixer valve regularly serviced by a suitably qualified person.

The British Burns Association recommends 37°C to 37.5°C as a comfortable bathing temperature for children. In premises covered by the Care Standards Act 2000, the valve needs to be set so the maximum mixed water outlet temperature is 41°C.

## **SITE REQUIREMENTS**

The installation must be in accordance with Water Regulations Advisory Service ([www.wras.co.uk](http://www.wras.co.uk)).

Minimum running water pressure: 0.1 bar, but will operate better at a minimum of 0.5 bar.  
Maximum running water pressure: 5 bar, (Static water pressure: 10 bar).

For your shower to perform well you should ensure that the pressure is as specified and a minimum flow of 8 liters per minute is available at both hot and cold inlets.

If a water supply is fed by a gravity then the supply pressure should be verified to ensure the conditions of use are appropriate for the valve.

**NOTE: Gravity water system 0.1 bar = 1 meter from the bottom of the cold water tank to the outlet of the shower (i.e the handset). The shower valve will deliver higher water flow through the handset at 0.1 bar.**

**The pressure at both the hot and cold water supplies to the mixer valve should be the same, and the installer should ensure that the flow is not affected by other taps elsewhere in the house. It is very important that for use in any mains pressure systems an expansion tank and a pressure reducing valve has been fitted to ensure the pressure does not exceed 5 Bar. This should be cleared by the installation engineer before installation.**

**NOTE: Water Regulations requires the handset to be 'constrained by a fixed or sliding attachment so that it can only discharge water at a point not less than 25mm above the spill over level of the relevant bath, shower tray or other fixed appliance'. A double check valve, or similar, MUST be fitted in the supply pipework to prevent back-flow.**

## **WATER TEMPERATURE REQUIREMENTS**

Maximum hot water temperature = 80°C, Recommended maximum = 65°C.  
Minimum hot water temperature = 55°C, Maximum cold water temperature = 25°C.

## **TEMPERATURE ADJUSTMENT RANGE**

The mixed water temperature can be adjusted from cold through to hot. There is a safety stop preset at a set temperature of about 38°C. Do not turn the thermostat before installation as this might result in the preset being fitted at the wrong temperature position.

In the event of failure of cold water system, the valve automatically reduces the flow of hot water to prevent scalding. It will only operate again once the flow of cold water has been resumed.

Before proceeding with the installation check all the components in the component list are present.

## **INSTALLATION**

**WARNING!** The mixer valve should be fitted only after all the pipework has been installed and ensure no pipes or wires are behind where the screws will be required.

Do not modify or use jointing compounds on any of the pipe fittings. Do not solder fittings near the mixer valve after it has been connected as heat can damage the valves or seals. Always flush the system prior to installing the valve.

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Before installing, make sure the mixer valve is kept in a clean place to prevent any rubbish etc, getting into the openings while fitting the pipework.

- The mixer valve is suitable for installation on a solid wall, a stud partition wall, dry lined wall or fixing to a cubicle or panel.
- The water pipes should be securely attached within the wall or panel to prevent pipe movement or water noise after installation. The valve should be securely attached to the wall using the fixing points.
- The mixer valve hot water inlet has a hot next to the inlet and the cold has a cold, the valve will not operate if connected the wrong way.
- The mixer valve is designed to work at the same hot and cold water pressures. If this is not the case a flow controller (disc with small holes) can be fitted to the higher pressure supply to the valve. This is best done by testing each one to find out which gives the best results.
- Remember the mixer valve must be installed in such a position that the maintenance of the TMV and the filters can be done after installation and the commissioning and testing of the TMV can be undertaken.

## **SITING OF THE MIXER VALVE**

Position the mixer valve so that all controls can be comfortably reached whilst using the shower.

**NOTE: Easily accessible suitable service valves (complying with Water Regulations Advisory Service [www.wras.co.uk](http://www.wras.co.uk)), MUST be fitted as close as practical to the valve, on the hot and cold water supplies to the shower as an independent means of isolating the water supplies should maintenance or servicing be necessary. These valves should not restrict the flow.**

Before fitting the mixer valve flush out the pipework in accordance with Water Regulations Advisory Service ([www.wras.co.uk](http://www.wras.co.uk)).

### **IMPORTANT**

This valve is factory preset so that the control knobs are fitted in the correct location. Do not turn the shafts until you have fitted the handles after completing installation.

These fitting instructions assume you would wish to have the valve in a configuration such that the temperature control is at the bottom and the diverter is at the top. You can fit it in any other configuration you choose but you must make the appropriate amendments to the instructions yourself. Ensure when changing the configuration of the valve the hot and cold inlets are correctly connected as stated on the valve.

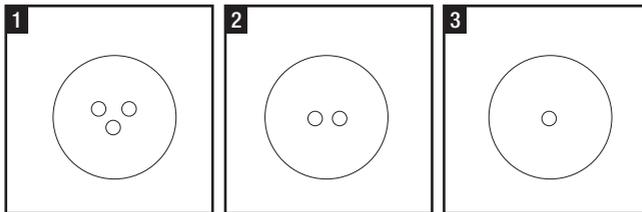
## **PRESSURE BALANCING**

### **Pressure balancing when the feed water pressure is different between hot and cold feeds.**

The thermostatic mixer valve is designed to work best when the feed pressures of both hot and cold water are the same. If there is a difference in pressure it will cause the flow of water through the valve to pulse rather than being a steady flow. This pulsing can be reduced by putting one of the metal disks with holes (Fig1-3) into the higher pressure feed to the valve. This restricts the flow and reduces the pulsing).

To maximise the volume of water through the valve the disk with the most holes should be tried first. If this does not work the others should be tried until a satisfactory result is obtained.

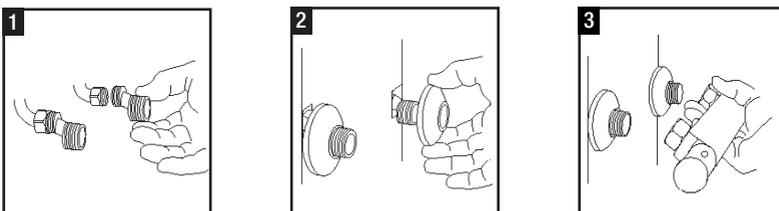
**If the water pressures to hot and cold are the same these disks do not need to be used.**



## **FITTING OF THE MIXER VALVE**

1. The supply pipework can be plumbed from above or below but must finish at the suitable connections, which should be at 150mm centers. A standard Easy Fit Kit can be purchased to make installation easier if required. Connect the 15mm pipework using standard compression fittings (See Fig 1).
2. Screw the supplied domed cover onto the dogleg fittings until tight to the wall. If required put a bead of silicone sealant around the inside of the domed cover to prevent moisture entering the wall. The domed cover can be adjusted depending on the length of exposed thread from the elbow (See Fig 2).
3. Offer the mixer valve to the fittings, making sure the sealing washers are in place, screw the unions onto the fittings. The mixer valve must be positioned horizontally with the hot supply on the left hand side of the outlet (See Fig 3).

**NOTE:** Ensure you have the correct valve with the water outlet on the bottom when the hot water inlet is to the left.



## **COMMISSIONING AND ANNUAL MAINTENANCE TESTING**

On commissioning carry out the following checks and tests:

- All the pipe work has been flushed through before fitting the valve and there are no leaks.
- The supply pressures and temperatures are checked and all are in the range specified in the instructions.
- The isolation valves and strainers are fitted and clean of any unwanted material and do not restrict flow.
- Fit the valve to the pipework.

Ensure both isolation valves are fully open. Turn the temperature control to cold and turn the flow on. Check the temperature is at the required minimum. Rotate the temperature controller gradually until it reaches the preset stop let it flow until the hot water has reached the valve and the temperature has stabilized. Check the temperature is  $38^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ . This is the valves factory preset. If the valve does not operate properly check and confirm that the hot and cold water supplies are fitted to the correct inlets.

Override the temperature stop button by pressing the button and rotate to maximum being careful to avoid scalding. Measure the temperature.

The valve should then be checked to confirm the water isolation performs correctly. Run the valve at the  $38^{\circ}\text{C}$  stop position. Check the water temperature. Turn off the feed of cold water using the isolation valve. The water flow should fall to a very low flow, (possibly only a drip) after a few seconds. Collect the water after 5 seconds and 30 seconds and measure the temperature it should be below  $46^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Turn on the cold water again and it should return after a few seconds to stabilise to  $38^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Ensure that you instruct all users in the safe operation of the shower as outlined in this document.

**Adjustment of the temperature settings is only to be carried out by a competent TMV engineer as it is a technically difficult operation in which the valve can easily be broken. It can be done by removing the handle on the temperature controller, (noting carefully the assembly of the components), rotating the internal stops a few degrees in the required direction and then reassembling. All the commissioning checks should be redone again to ensure it now meets the required specification before using the shower.**

## **FAULT FINDING GUIDE**

Probably the most common faults are when the hot and cold supplies are fitted the wrong way or that there is no flow of water (possibly because a valve is closed or the filters have become blocked during installation). Before starting the following checks, it is recommended you check hot and cold water are flowing to the valve and that the hot water is connected to the side which says hot.

<b><u>PROBLEM</u></b>	<b><u>POSSIBLE CAUSE</u></b>	<b><u>SUGGESTED ACTION</u></b>
<b>1. Water too hot.</b>	<b>A</b> Temperature control is not correctly commissioned.	<b>Adjust the temperature control - this is only a job for a suitably qualified person.</b>
	<b>B</b> Not enough cold water flowing through shower.	<b>Turn temperature control clockwise.</b>
	<b>C</b> Increase in the ambient cold water temperature.	<b>Turn temperature control clockwise.</b>
	<b>D</b> Cold water supply blocked.	<b>Turn off valve and consult a competent plumber.</b>
	<b>E</b> High volume of cold water drawn off elsewhere.	<b>Reduce the simultaneous demand from the supply.</b>
	<b>F</b> Cold water filter blocked.	<b>Remove valve and clean filters.</b>
<b>2. Water too cold.</b>	<b>A</b> Temperature control is not correctly commissioned.	<b>Adjust temperature control.</b>
	<b>B</b> Not enough hot water flowing through shower.	<b>Turn the temperature control anti-clockwise.</b>
	<b>C</b> Decrease in the ambient cold water temperature.	<b>Turn the temperature control anti-clockwise.</b>
	<b>D</b> Hot water filter blocked.	<b>Remove valve and clean filters on the inlet.</b>

<u>PROBLEM</u>	<u>POSSIBLE CAUSE</u>	<u>SUGGESTED ACTION</u>
<b>2. Water too cold. (continued)</b>	<b>E</b> Insufficient hot water supplies from the heating system.	<b>Make sure the hot water is available by trying a hot water tap elsewhere in the house.</b>
	<b>F</b> Hot water supply blocked or restricted.	<b>Turn off valve and consult a suitably competent plumber.</b>
	<b>G</b> Pressure in excess of max recommended.	<b>Fit pressure reducing valve.</b>
<b>3. Water does not flow or shower pattern collapses when another outlet is turned on.</b>	<b>A</b> Water supplies cut off	<b>Check elsewhere in house and if necessary contact local water company.</b>
	<b>B</b> Blockage in pipework.	<b>Turn off valve and consult a suitably competent plumber.</b>
	<b>C</b> Valve filters blocked by debris in water supply.	<b>Remove valve and clean filters.</b>
	<b>D</b> System not capable of supplying multiple outlet at the same time.	<b>Reduce simultaneous demand. Check stop/service valves are fully open. Check if enough water pressure.</b>
<b>4. Valve controls noisy whilst in use.</b>	<b>A</b> Running pressure in excess of maximum recommended.	<b>Fit reducing disc to outlet of valve.</b>
<b>5. Valve will not shut off.</b>	<b>A</b> Flow control cartridge worn.	<b>Renew flow control cartridge see parts list.</b>

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  - Wilful act or neglect
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  - Faulty installation.
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6. Call out charges where no fault has been found with the appliance.

7. The cost of repair or replacement of pressure relief devices, showerheads, hoses, riser rails and/or wall bracket, tiles, cubicles or any other parts installed at the same time.
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1. This guarantee lasts for a single continuous period of 3 years from the date of delivery by MX Group to you the customer.
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3. Original proof of purchase(s) must be shown for any claim under this guarantee.
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5. This guarantee applies to an original installation in accordance to our fitting instructions and does not cover previously installed products (showroom displays etc) or products that have been moved from their original installation position for any reason.
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10. We make no representations, and exclude any and all liability, in respect of any third party products or services supplied by way of extensions to this guarantee.

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1. Except as required or agreed by us, you will not in any circumstances return any of the product to us, and where the property in any of the goods returned to us has passed to you, they will nevertheless remain your property and at your risk unless we have agreed otherwise in writing before their return.
2. Except as stated above, we will not be liable for any direct, consequential or other loss, damage or injury suffered or incurred by you, and you will indemnify us fully against any claims made by third parties, in respect of the goods or otherwise arising from the contract.
3. Nothing contained in the contract will be treated as excluding or restricting any liability on our part for death or personal injury resulting from our negligence.
4. Except as stated above, and to the fullest extent permitted by law, all conditions, warranties and representations, whether express or implied, statutory or otherwise in relation to the product (other than such as relate to title to the product) are excluded.
5. You acknowledge that our prices for the goods reflect these Terms and Conditions, and accordingly that you accept the above limitations on and exclusions of liability in exchange for those prices.
6. When providing information to MX Group you understand that you are doing this subject to our terms and other policies (including data protection) we have in place from time to time, copies of which are available on our website **[www.mx-group.com](http://www.mx-group.com)** or on request as per MX Group contact details given herein.
7. This guarantee does not affect your statutory rights.

## **MX GROUP GUARANTEE SERVICE POLICY**

In the event of you needing to contact the MX Group Customer Care Department, the following procedure should be followed:

- 1.** Before telephoning on **0845 505 2211 the MX Group Customer Care Department** you should ensure you have the model number (printed on the valve), the date and proof of purchase, your contact details and the postcode where the unit is installed.
- 2.** The MX Group Customer Care Department will be able to tell you whether the fault can be simply rectified by the provision of a replacement part or arrange an on site visit by a Qualified Service Engineer.
- 3.** If a service call is required it will be booked and the date of the call confirmed. You or a representative (over the age of 18 years) must be present during the entire engineers visit. The engineer will not be able to repair or replace or advise on parts or products not supplied by MX.
- 4.** In the event of a service call aborted by you or where a call has been booked under our guarantee but failure is not related to the product supplied by MX then a charge will be made.
- 5.** If the product is no longer covered by the guarantee, a charge will be made for the site visit and for any parts supplied.
- 6.** Service charges are based on the account being settled when work is complete, the engineer will then request payment. If this is not made to the service engineer or settled within ten working days, an administration charge will be added.

## **SPARE PARTS**

In the event that parts or maintenance is needed outside the guarantee MX will endeavour to help with this. Spare parts codes are given in the fitting instructions. By calling the **Customer Care Department on 0845 505 2211** with the part number, they will be able to quote you to supply these parts, usually via our spares distributor.

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