Installation, Maintenance, & Repair
Series 709/LF709/709DCDA

Double Check Valve Assemblies
Double Check Detector Assemblies
Sizes: ¾” – 10” (20-250mm)

**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.

**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.

**Testing**


For other repair kits and service parts, reference PL-RP-BPD at www.watts.com

For technical assistance, contact your local Watts representative.

**CAUTION**

Do not install with strainer when backflow preventer is used on seldom-used water lines which are called upon during emergencies, such as fire sprinkler lines, etc.

It is important that Series 709 and LF709 be tested periodically in compliance with local codes, but at least once a year or more often, depending upon system conditions. (Reference IS-TK-7 at www.watts.com).

**Installation Instructions**

Watts Series 709 and LF709 Double Check Valve may be installed in either a vertical or horizontal position.

Install valve inline with arrow on valve body pointing in the direction of flow.

They should always be installed in an accessible location to facilitate testing and servicing.

Pipe lines should be thoroughly flushed to remove foreign material before installing the unit. A strainer should be installed as shown, ahead of backflow preventers to prevent discs from unnecessary fouling.

**Clearance Required for Servicing**

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Indoor Installations
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Northwest

Vertical

Watts 709S/LF709S
2½” – 10” (65-250mm)

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Parallel Installations
Two or more Series 709 and LF709 devices may be piped in parallel (where approved) to serve a large supply pipe main. This type of installation is employed whenever it is vital to maintain a continuous supply of water where interruptions for testing and servicing would be unacceptable. It also has the advantage of providing increased capacity where needed beyond that provided by a single valve.

For two valve installations the total capacity of the devices should equal or exceed that required by the system. Capacity table shows the size of the Series 709 and LF709 devices required to meet a certain capacity. The quantity of devices used in parallel should be determined by the engineers judgement based on the operating conditions of a specific installation.

Capacity Required for System

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Table shows total capacity provided with dual valve installations of various sizes.

Outdoor Installations
In area where freezing conditions do not occur, Series 709 and LF709 can be installed outside of a building. The most satisfactory installation is above ground and should be installed in this manner whenever possible.

It is generally recommended that backflow preventers never be placed in pits unless absolutely necessary and then only when approved by local codes. In such cases, a modified pit installation is preferred or an above ground insulated enclosure.

WattsBox Insulated Enclosure Available in Aluminum or Fiberglass
For more information, reference ES-WB at www.watts.com

Above Ground Insulated Enclosure
**Service, Replacement Parts and Maintenance**  
**Series 709/LF709/709DCDA**

### 3⁄4" – 2" (20-50mm)
1. After removing the cover screws, the check comes out with the cover.

2. Holding the check Valve module in both hands, rotate the assembly 1⁄4 turn. This will disengage the disc and spring assembly into individual components. The disc assembly may be cleaned or replaced. O-rings should be cleaned or replaced as necessary and lightly greased with the FDA approved silicon grease. Reassemble the check valve module in the reverse order.

### NOTICE
The springs of the first and second check valves are interchangeable.  
(Before servicing, be certain water is turned off or shutoff valves are closed)

### 2½" – 10" (65-250mm) and 3" – 10" (80-250mm)
1. Remove hatch cover bolts.

### NOTICE
The 709 and LF709 is designed so that, when the bolts are backed off 1⁄2", all the spring load is released from the cover and retained by the check module.

### CAUTION
Be sure to verify this before removing all the bolts.

2. Lift check valve module straight out, taking care not to hit and damage seat ring.

3. The seat ring may be removed and replaced by pulling out the two wire retainers. The wire retainers are 10" long. One is drawn out clockwise and the other is drawn out counterclockwise.

4. With the retainer wires removed, the seat ring can be lifted straight up and removed.

### CAUTION
The check valve disc and spring assembly are in compression. The spring load is captured by the two spring retainers and the stem. The spring retainers are not to be removed for servicing. If there is a need to replace the spring, spring retainer or stem, replace the disc and spring assembly. If the disc holder has been damaged by freezing or severe water hammer, it can be replaced in the field. Remove the disc holder retaining ring and slide the disc holder off the stem. Remove the o-ring from the stem and replace with a new one. Apply grease to the o-ring and slide the new disc holder into place. Re-install the retaining ring.

### NOTICE
The disc holder should not be removed when servicing only the disc, remove allen head screws holding the disc retaining plate and replace disc.

### WARNING
**Spring assembly is factory assembled. DO NOT DISASSEMBLE.**

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*The wetted surface of this product contacted by consumable water contains less than 0.25% of lead by weight.*
**Symptom** | **Cause** | **Solution**
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1. Check valve fails to hold 1.0 PSID minimum | a. Debris on check disc sealing surface | Disassemble and clean
| b. Leaking gate valve | Disassemble and clean or repair
| c. Damaged seat disc or seat o-ring | Disassemble and replace
| d. Damaged guide holding check open | Disassemble and clean or replace
| e. Weak or broken spring | Disassemble and replace spring
2. Chatter during flow conditions | a. Worn, damaged or defective guide | Disassemble and repair or replace guide
3. Low flows passing through mainline valve | a. Mainline check fouled | Disassemble and clean
| b. Meter strainer plugged | Disassemble and clean
| c. Damaged mainline seat disc or seat | Disassemble and replace
| d. Broken mainline spring | Disassemble and replace

**Troubleshooting Guide — Series 709/LF709/709DCDA**

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