Models: PLT-5, PLT-12, PLT-20

Potable Hot Water Expansion Tank

**Installation Instructions**

**WARNING!** Improper installation, adjustment, alteration, service or maintenance can cause property damage, serious bodily injury or death. Read instructions completely before proceeding with installation. Only qualified personnel may install or service this equipment in accordance with local codes and ordinances.

Do not exceed 80psi (5.5 bar) air charge. Air charge pressure exceeding 80psi (5.5 bar) could become hazardous and will void any and all warranties, either written or implied. Failure to follow these instructions will result in the possibility of property damage, serious bodily injury or death.

This Expansion Tank is designed and intended for water storage at a maximum pressure of 150psi (10.3 bar) and a maximum temperature of 200°F (93°C). Any use other than for potable water or a sustained or instantaneous pressure in excess of 150psi (10.3 bar) or 200°F (93°C) is **UNSAFE** and can cause property damage, serious bodily injury or result in death.

**Disclaimer:** The manufacturer of this tank does not accept any liability or other responsibility for personal injury or property damage resulting from improper use, installation or operation of this tank or the system of which it is a part.

**Notice:** The expansion tank, piping and your connections may in time leak. Select a location to install the expansion tank where a water leak will not damage the surrounding area. The manufacturer is not responsible for any water damage in connection with this expansion tank.

### Acceptance Volume

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<th>Air Side Pre-pressure (psi)</th>
<th>Water Side Volume at 150psi (10.3 bar) (gallons)</th>
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**Description**

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<td>Air Pre-charge - psi</td>
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<td>Connections Size - in.</td>
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<td>Diameter - in.</td>
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<td>Length - in.</td>
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<td>Weight - lbs.</td>
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Acceptance Volume

Support Tank in Optional Horizontal Position

Watts T&P Safety Relief Valve

Floor Drain

To System

Figure 1
Installation

1. Before beginning installation determine the system pressure.
   a. Open a faucet to allow the system pressure to equalize.
   b. Close faucet.
   c. Read the system pressure at the pressure gauge (Figure 1).

2. The expansion tank pre-charge must be set to the system pressure as determined in Step 1. Pre-charge prior to installation in the system.
   Caution: Pre-charge prior to installation in the system. Do not adjust the air pre-charge of the expansion tank with the system under pressure. The air pre-charge should only be adjusted under zero system pressure.
   Note: The normal pre-charge is 20psi (138 kPa). Do not exceed 80psi. If system pressure exceeds 80psi (5.5 bar) it will be necessary to either: A. Add a pressure reducing valve to the system or, B. Locate the expansion tank in a riser where the static pressure is below 80psi (5.5 bar).
   a. Unscrew the protective cap from the air inlet valve.
   b. Using a tire pressure gauge, check the tank pre-charge pressure.
   c. If necessary, pressurize the tank to the proper setting using a manual bicycle tire pump. Caution do not exceed 80psi.
   d. Replace the protective air cap.

3. Shut off the water supply valve.

4. Shut off power source to the water heater, (electricity, gas, oil burner switch) and drain system following water heater manufacturer recommendations.

5. Install the expansion tank in the system (refer to Figure 1).
   a. The weight of the expansion tank filled with water is supported by the system piping. Therefore, it is important that, where appropriate, the piping has suitable bracing (strapping, hanger, brackets).
   b. The expansion tank may be installed vertically (preferred method) or horizontally. Caution: The tank must be properly supported in horizontal applications.
   c. This expansion tank, as all expansion tanks, may eventually leak. Do not install without adequate drainage provisions.

6. Turn on the water supply valve.

7. Open a hot water fixture and allow water flow until air is removed from the system.

8. Reapply power to the water heater.

9. Open a hot water fixture to allow a slight flow until the hot water has reached operating temperature.

10. Recheck system pressure following Step 1.a through c.

Caution: Pre-charge prior to installation in the system. Do not adjust the air pre-charge of the expansion tank with the system under pressure. The air pre-charge should only be adjusted under zero system pressure.

If necessary, adjust the pressure reducing valve to the expansion tank pre-charge as determined in Step 2.

Important!

- A pressure relief valve sized and installed in accordance with local codes must be incorporated in the systems requiring a combined temperature and pressure safety relief valve. The temperature and pressure safety relief valve should be sized and installed in accordance with local codes.
- Never plug a safety Relief Valve.

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