Operation and Maintenance Manual
Pressure Vacuum Breaker
Model 765

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Read and understand this manual prior to installing, operating or servicing this equipment.

Installation

1. The Pressure Vacuum Breaker Assembly must be installed where it is accessible for periodic testing or repair.

2. The device must not be installed in a pipe line until the line has been flushed of foreign material. Failure to flush the lines completely may cause the check members to become fouled and require disassembly and cleaning.

3. The device must be installed so that the Air Inlet operates in the vertical position (see diagrams). Installation in any other manner will cause the device to malfunction.

4. The device should be installed where some spillage is not objectionable, as instantaneous siphon conditions and pressure surges will cause “spitting.”

5. When threading the device in line, place wrench only on ball valve hex ends. Keep pipe dope off interior surfaces of valve.

6. After installation, open inlet ball valve to pressurize device. Slowly open outlet ball valve to fill down-stream line.

NOTE: The downstream pressure must be maintained above 5psi to keep the spring loaded air inlet poppet closed. If check valve fails to hold 10psi minimum, it has become fouled and must be cleaned. Close both ball valves and bleed pressure from device before disassembly. Refer to Maintenance Manual for proper service methods.

NOTE: All devices are factory tested for proper operation. Any damage caused by pipe line debris or improper installation is not included in the product warranty. In case of malfunction, or possible warranty claim, DO NOT REMOVE DEVICE FROM LINE. Contact your local FEBCO Representative.

7. THE DEVICE MUST BE PROTECTED FROM FREEZING. Thermal water expansion and/or water hammer downstream of the backflow preventer can cause excessive pressure increases. Excessive pressure situations should be eliminated to avoid possible damage to the system and device. See recommended freeze protection procedures. (Freeze Protection 765—Technical Sheet FP765)
Typical Installations

765 – Field Testing Procedure

Equipment Required For Test:
Sight Tube Test Kit (1" clear plastic Sight Tube about 40" long with appropriate fittings to attach to Testcocks of Vacuum Breaker.)

Purpose of Test: (see diagram)
To test the Air Inlet and the Check Valves for proper performance.

Test Air Inlet:
The Air Inlet should be tested to verify opening above 1psi.
1. Remove Canopy from top of Vacuum Breaker to expose Air Inlet.
2. Install Sight Tube at Testcock #2.
3. Close Ball Valve B on discharge side of Vacuum Breaker.
4. Open Testcock #2 and fill tube to about 30" above poppet. Close Testcock #2.
5. Close Ball Valve A on Inlet side of Vacuum Breaker.
6. Slowly open Testcock #2 watching poppet in Air Inlet. Poppet must unseat. If the Air Inlet does not open, it is sticking and must be repaired. Close Testcock #2 and remove sight tube.

Test Check Valve:
The Check Valve should be tested to hold against 1psi in the direction of flow.
1. Install Sight Tube at Testcock #1.
2. Open Ball Valve A to allow unit to refill with water.
3. Open Testcock #1 and allow Sight Tube to fill about 30" above top of unit, then close Testcock.
4. Close Ball Valve A. (Ball Valve B should already be closed.)
5. Open Testcock #1.
6. Open Testcock #2. Water may run from Testcock #2 initially, but should not continue. The level of water in the Sight Tube may drop a little, but should not drop below 28" above the Check Valve. (Centerline of the Discharge Ball Valve.) If the level in the Sight Tube continues to drop and water continues to run out of Testcock #2, the Check Valve is leaking and should be repaired.
7. Close Testcocks #1 and #2.

Restore Operation:
1. Restore all Valves and Testcocks to their original positions and replace Canopy.

Service Procedure
General service instructions applicable to all sizes.

a. Rinse all parts with clean water prior to assembly.
b. **DO NOT USE ANY PIPE DOPE, OIL, GREASE OR SOLVENT ON ANY PARTS** unless instructed to do so.
c. Do not force parts. Parts should fit freely together. Excess force may cause damage and render the device inoperable.
d. Carefully inspect seals, seating surfaces, etc. for damage or debris.
e. Test unit after servicing to ensure proper operation.
f. Tighten canopy nut only until canopy cannot turn freely.
g. Rapidly open inlet ball valve to minimize spillage through the air vent. Slowly open outlet ball valve.
h. Test unit to ensure proper operation.
i. Test unit after servicing to ensure proper operation.
j. Refer to applicable parts list and figures for visual aid information.

A. Model 765 - 1/2" through 1 1/4" sizes

1. Disassembly Bonnet/Poppet
   a. Close outlet ball valve then close inlet ball valve. Bleed residual pressure by opening #2 testcock.
   b. Remove canopy nut and canopy.
   c. Unscrew bonnet assembly from valve body by hand. (If necessary, use appropriate size wrench on outside diameter of bonnet. However, this may cause damage and require replacement of the bonnet assembly.)
   d. Remove poppet/seal assembly from body.

2. Check Valve Removal
   a. Evenly depress retaining bracket approximately 1/4", and rotate bracket 90 degrees.
   b. Remove the bracket, spring and check assembly.

3. Check Valve Seal Replacement
   a. Remove screw holding the guide, and lift the seal from its holder. **CAUTION:** Do not damage the guide legs or the guide pin of the holder.
   b. Insert seal disc into holder, position guide in center of seal and thread the retaining screw through the guide into the holder.
   c. Lightly tighten the screw to hold the guide from rotation. **CAUTION:** Over-tightening may cause distortion of the guide legs.

4. Assembly
   To reassemble the device use the reverse procedure described above along with the following special instructions.
   a. Position check assembly into valve body. Position spring into recessed area on top side of check assembly. **NOTE:** In some cases it may be easier to position the spring on the check assembly prior to positioning in the valve body.
b. When installing the retaining bracket, ensure the spring is centered around the base of the bracket.

c. Roll rubber disc into recess on poppet and position the poppet assembly in the valve body.

d. To ease assembly of the bonnet into the valve body, apply a thin coating of Vasoline on the o-ring. **DO NOT USE ANY OTHER LUBRICANT.**

e. Ensure the guide pin of the bonnet correctly enters the hole in the poppet.

f. Thread the bonnet into the valve body by hand until the bonnet flange bottoms on top surface of valve body. **DO NOT OVER-TIGHTEN.**

g. Tighten canopy nut only until canopy cannot turn freely.

h. Rapidly open inlet ball valve to minimize spillage through the air vent. Slowly open outlet ball valve.

**B. Model 765 – 1 1/2" through 2" sizes**

1. Disassembly

a. Close outlet ball valve then close inlet ball valve. Bleed residual pressure by opening #2 testcock.

b. Remove the six bonnet bolts and lift the bonnet from valve body. Remove poppet and remove seat disc.

c. To replace poppet spring: unscrew nut, unscrew guide pin and remove spring. Use caution to avoid damage to guide pin. Install new spring and reassemble.

d. Remove the spring retaining web, spring and check assembly.

2. Check Valve Seal Replacement

a. Remove guide retaining nut and guide, lift seal from holder.

b. Insert new seal, position guide in center of holder/seal and thread nut to retain guide. Lightly tighten nut to hold the guide from rotating.

3. Assembly

a. Position the check valve assembly, spring and retaining web into valve body. Ensure the arms of the retaining web are aligned with the guide and supports in the valve body.

b. Roll rubber disc into recess on poppet and position poppet assembly in the retaining web. Place the bonnet on the valve body. Ensure the retaining web is properly supported by the three case bosses inside the bonnet.

c. Insert the bonnet bolts and tighten.

d. Rapidly open inlet ball valve to minimize spillage in the air vent. Slowly open outlet ball valve.

e. Test unit to ensure proper operation.

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**Part Kits**

- **Rubber Parts Kit (6, 11, 16)**
  - 905-020
  - 905-021
  - 905-022
  - 905-023

- **Bonnet Assembly (5-10)**
  - 905-047
  - 905-048

- **Poppet Assembly (11, 12)**
  - 905-049
  - 905-050

- **Check Assembly (15-18)**
  - 905-051
  - 905-052

- **Check Repair Kit (6, 13, 15-18)**
  - 905-070

(2) Kit includes parts to retrofit older style units
# Troubleshooting Guide

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<td>B. Poppet seal adhering to bonnet</td>
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| | C. Weak spring load | Replace bonnet assembly (1/2 - 1 1/2"
Replace spring (1 1/2 and larger) |
| 3. Minor leakage through air vent | A. Damaged poppet seal | Disassemble and replace seal |
| | B. Cracked or damaged poppet | Disassemble and replace poppet seal |
| | C. Cracked bonnet or damaged sealing edge | Disassemble and replace bonnet assembly |
| | D. Debris on sealing surface | Disassemble and clean |
| 4. Significant discharge through air vent | A. Poppet not properly guided | Disassemble and replace damaged parts |
| | B. Major poppet or seal failure | Disassemble and replace damaged parts |
| | C. Low downstream pressure | Check pressure at #2 testcock; should be higher than 5 psig if low system |
| | D. Insufficient inlet volume to operate device | Pressure needs to be increased or partially closed outlet ball valve to create higher pressure on poppet |
| | E. Poppet and or bonnet broken | Replace broken bonnet/poppet due to thermal expansion (see freeze protection) |
| 5. Chatter during flow conditions | A. Worn, damaged or defective check valve guide | Disassemble and repair or replace guide |