

SENTRY INSTALLATION & OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS CHARGEABLE (C, CT & RC MODELS)

S/N:	MODEL #		DATE OF I	PURCHASE
MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION: BODY		BLADDER		
PUMP AREA & NUMBER				
SUPPLIER:	COMPANY	CONTACT		
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INSTALLATION NOTES

READ BEFORE INSTALLATION

- To prevent pre-charge loss through the fill valve, <u>always</u> replace the cap after charging unit.
- If a system pressure test is to be performed, SENTRY must be charged with 80% of the system test pressure prior to test. This will avoid possible bladder damage.
- Blacoh recommends installing a pressure relief valve in all pump systems to ensure compliance with pressure limits on system equipment.
- Mount SENTRY as close to pump discharge, inlet and/or quick closing valve as possible, but within 10 pipe diameters.
- Temperature and pressure affect the strength and chemical resistance of plastic and rubber. Please consult factory for additional information.
- Remove all pressure from SENTRY unit <u>AND</u> pumping system before attempting maintenance.
- Do not exceed 150 PSI with plastic models; up to 300 PSI with CT units (all metal models excluding units with plastic nonwetted parts). Check pressure rating shown on serial tag.
- Always wear safety glasses when installing, charging or repairing SENTRY units.
- Do not operate a SENTRY that is leaking, damaged, corroded or unable to hold internal fluid, air or gas pressure.
- Pre-charge SENTRY with compressed air or nitrogen only. DO NOT USE OXYGEN
- <u>DANGER OF STATIC SPARK</u>: GROUNDING PRECAUTIONS MUST BE CONSIDERED WHEN USED IN FLAMMABLE OR EXPLOSIVE ENVIRONMENTS.

INSTALLATION FOR PUMP DISCHARGE PULSATION READ BEFORE INSTALLATION

Step 1 – Installation Position

Install the dampener in-line, as close to the pump discharge as possible to absorb the pulse at its source. Install ahead of any downstream equipment such as risers, valves, elbows, meters, or filters. Dampener installation should be <u>no</u> more than ten pipe diameters from pump discharge. If using a flexible connector from pump to system piping, dampener should be installed at the pump discharge manifold. The flexible connector should be attached to the dampener's tee and system piping (see Figure 1). Since pressure is equal in all directions, SENTRY can be installed in a vertical, horizontal, or upside-down position. Blacoh recommends a vertical installation for better draining of the unit. Limitations for horizontal and upside-down mounting include high specific gravity, high viscosity, settling of solid material, or possible air entrapment, which could result in shortened bladder life and/or poor dampening performance.

Step 2 – Air Line Connection

Chargeable models do not require an air line connection. Units must be pre-charged with compressed air or Nitrogen, using a hand pump, tank/bottle or compressor. **DO NOT USE OXYGEN.** Charging hose kits are available – part number 701-00.

Step 3 - Charging and Start Up - see PRE-CHARGE NOTES on next page.

Prior to starting the pump, pre-charge SENTRY with compressed air or Nitrogen to approximately 80% of expected system pressure and replace fill valve cap. **DO NOT USE OXYGEN.** The gas pre-charge must always be lower than pump discharge pressure. Generally, pulsation is most effectively minimized when the gas charge is 80% of system pressure. Start the pump to generate system pressure.

NOTE: Once system pressure is in contact with the bladder, the gas charge will be compressed to the system pressure and the dampener gauge will read the system pressure, not the initial charge pressure. Once working pressure is achieved, adjustment may be necessary. Gradually increase or decrease the gas charge in the dampener by bleeding or filling through the gas valve. Allow the system to respond to each adjustment (this may take a minute or two) before making further adjustments.



INSTALLATION FOR PUMP INLET

READ BEFORE INSTALLATION

Step 1 – Installation Position

Install SENTRY as close to the pump inlet as possible. Install after any upstream equipment such as risers, valves, elbows, meters, or filters. If using a flexible connector from system piping to pump, SENTRY should be installed to the pump inlet manifold. The flexible connector should be attached to the SENTRY tee and system piping (see Figure 1).

Step 2 – Air Line Connection

Chargeable models do not require an air line connection. Units must be pre-charged with compressed air or Nitrogen, using a hand pump, tank/bottle or compressor. **DO NOT USE OXYGEN.** Charging hose kits are available – part number 701-00.

Step 3 - Charging and Start Up - see PRE-CHARGE NOTES.

A. <u>Suctions Lift/Accumulator:</u> No pre-charge is required in a lift/accumulator installation. Start the pump to generate working pressure. As system pressure and vacuum is created, the acceleration head created with each suction stroke will compress the air trapped in the bladder. For better inlet stabilization, a SENTRY "J" Model is recommended.

B. <u>Positive Inlet Pressure:</u> Pre-charge SENTRY with 50% of the static pressure realized at the pump <u>inlet</u>. Start the pump to generate working pressure. Minor pressure adjustments may be required. Allow the system to respond to each adjustment (this may take a minute or two) before making further adjustments.





INSTALLATION FOR WATER HAMMER / SURGE

READ BEFORE INSTALLATION

Step 1 – Installation Position

Install SENTRY up stream from valve, as close as possible but no more than ten pipe diameters from the valve. (See Figure 2)

Step 2 – Air Line Connection

Chargeable models do not require an air line connection. Units must be pre-charged with compressed air or Nitrogen, using a hand pump, tank/bottle or compressor. **DO NOT USE OXYGEN.** Charging hose kits are available – part number 701-00.

Step 3 - Charging and Start Up - see PRE-CHARGE NOTES

Prior to operating system, pre-charge SENTRY to 90% of system pressure and replace fill valve cap. Start the system.

PRE-CHARGE NOTES

READ BEFORE INSTALLATION

Gas molecules will diffuse through elastomer membranes, the speed of which depends on elastomer material, temperature and pressure. As a rule of thumb, the pre-charge pressure should be checked every month. Checks must occur when no system pressure is present or inaccurate readings will be recorded. If temperature is above ambient and/or pressure is over 300 PSI, checks should be performed more frequently. **Also, to prevent pre-charge loss through the fill valve, always replace the cap after charging.** A proper gas charge is the key to dampener effectiveness and bladder life.

IMPORTANT: AFTER MAINTENANCE OR RE-ASSEMBLY, TORQUE FASTENERS ACCORDING TO SPECIFICATION ON THE UNIT TAG.

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