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# Suction Diffuser

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# Introduction and Safety

## Introduction

### Purpose of this manual

The purpose of this manual is to provide necessary information for:

- Installation
- Operation
- Maintenance



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**CAUTION:**

Read this manual carefully before installing and using the product. Improper use of the product can cause personal injury and damage to property, and may void the warranty.

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**NOTICE:**

Save this manual for future reference, and keep it readily available at the location of the unit.

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## Safety



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**WARNING:**

- The operator must be aware of safety precautions to prevent physical injury.
  - Operating, installing, or maintaining the unit in any way that is not covered in this manual could cause death, serious personal injury, or damage to the equipment. This includes any modification to the equipment or use of parts not provided by Xylem. If there is a question regarding the intended use of the equipment, please contact a Xylem representative before proceeding.
  - Do not change the service application without the approval of an authorized Xylem representative.
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**CAUTION:**

You must observe the instructions contained in this manual. Failure to do so could result in physical injury, damage, or delays.

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## Safety terminology and symbols

### About safety messages

It is extremely important that you read, understand, and follow the safety messages and regulations carefully before handling the product. They are published to help prevent these hazards:

- Personal accidents and health problems
- Damage to the product
- Product malfunction

### Hazard levels

Hazard level	Indication
 <b>DANGER:</b>	A hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury

Hazard level	Indication
 <b>WARNING:</b>	A hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury
 <b>CAUTION:</b>	A hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury
<b>NOTICE:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A potential situation which, if not avoided, could result in undesirable conditions</li> <li>• A practice not related to personal injury</li> </ul>

### Hazard categories

Hazard categories can either fall under hazard levels or let specific symbols replace the ordinary hazard level symbols.

Electrical hazards are indicated by the following specific symbol:



**Electrical Hazard:**

These are examples of other categories that can occur. They fall under the ordinary hazard levels and may use complementing symbols:

- Crush hazard
- Cutting hazard
- Arc flash hazard

### User safety

#### General safety rules

These safety rules apply:

- Always keep the work area clean.
- Pay attention to the risks presented by gas and vapors in the work area.
- Avoid all electrical dangers. Pay attention to the risks of electric shock or arc flash hazards.
- Always bear in mind the risk of drowning, electrical accidents, and burn injuries.

#### Safety equipment

Use safety equipment according to the company regulations. Use this safety equipment within the work area:

- Hard hat
- Safety goggles, preferably with side shields
- Protective shoes
- Protective gloves
- Gas mask
- Hearing protection
- First-aid kit
- Safety devices

**NOTICE:**

Never operate a unit unless safety devices are installed. Also see specific information about safety devices in other chapters of this manual.

## Electrical connections

Electrical connections must be made by certified electricians in compliance with all international, national, state, and local regulations. For more information about requirements, see sections dealing specifically with electrical connections.

## Precautions before work

Observe these safety precautions before you work with the product or are in connection with the product:

- Provide a suitable barrier around the work area, for example, a guard rail.
- Make sure that all safety guards are in place and secure.
- Make sure that you have a clear path of retreat.
- Make sure that the product cannot roll or fall over and injure people or damage property.
- Make sure that the lifting equipment is in good condition and is properly sized for the load to be lifted.
- Use a lifting harness and safety line, as required.
- Allow all system components to cool before you handle them.
- Make sure that the product has been thoroughly cleaned.
- Disconnect and lock out power before you install or service the suction diffuser.
- Check the explosion risk before you weld or use electric hand tools.

## Wash the skin and eyes

Follow these procedures for chemicals or hazardous fluids that have come into contact with your eyes or your skin:

Condition	Action
Chemicals or hazardous fluids in eyes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hold your eyelids apart forcibly with your fingers.</li> <li>2. Rinse the eyes with eyewash or running water for at least 15 minutes.</li> <li>3. Seek medical attention.</li> </ol>
Chemicals or hazardous fluids on skin	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Remove contaminated clothing.</li> <li>2. Wash the skin with soap and water for at least 1 minute.</li> <li>3. Seek medical attention, if necessary.</li> </ol>

## Environmental safety

### The work area

Always keep the station clean.

### Waste and emissions regulations

Observe these safety regulations regarding waste and emissions:

- Appropriately dispose of all waste.
- Handle and dispose of the processed liquid in compliance with applicable environmental regulations.
- Clean up all spills in accordance with safety and environmental procedures.
- Report all environmental emissions to the appropriate authorities.



### CAUTION: Radiation Hazard

Do NOT send the product to Xylem if it has been exposed to nuclear radiation, unless Xylem has been informed and appropriate actions have been agreed upon.

### Electrical installation

For electrical installation recycling requirements, consult your local electric utility.

### Recycling guidelines

Always follow local laws and regulations regarding recycling.

# Transportation and Storage

## Inspect the delivery

### Inspect the package

1. Inspect the package for damaged or missing items upon delivery.
2. Note any damaged or missing items on the receipt and freight bill.
3. File a claim with the shipping company if anything is out of order.  
If the product has been picked up at a distributor, make a claim directly to the distributor.

### Inspect the unit

1. Remove packing materials from the product.  
Dispose of all packing materials in accordance with local regulations.
2. Inspect the product to determine if any parts have been damaged or are missing.
3. If applicable, unfasten the product by removing any screws, bolts, or straps.  
For your personal safety, be careful when you handle nails and straps.
4. Contact the local sales representative if there is any issue.

# Product Description

## General description

The Suction Diffuser is an angle pattern flow straightening fitting that combines a diffuser-strainer orifice cylinder and full length straightening vanes to provide ideal flow conditions for the pump suction. It saves space and money by eliminating the need for long or short radius elbows, reducing flanges, and long lengths of pipe leading into the suction side of the pump.

The Suction Diffuser is designed for direct application to the pump suction and provides ideal flow conditions for the pump, providing NPSH requirements are met.

The main features are:

- The orifice cylinder has a free area equal to five times the cross section of the pump suction opening and serves as a coarse strainer to protect the pump from large sediment.
- A disposable fine mesh bronze start-up strainer is provided in conjunction with the orifice cylinder to help protect the pump and clean the system by capturing small particles and other debris during system commissioning.

### Parts included in package

- Suction Diffuser
- Instruction Manual

### Additional parts needed:

- Flange gaskets
- Nuts and bolts
- Foot support
- Support leg



### WARNING:

California Proposition 65 warning! This product contains chemicals known to the state of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

### NOTICE:

This product is not intended for potable water applications.

## Operation specifications

Type	Maximum working pressure	Maximum operating temperature
Pump connection flanged or NPT and system connection flanged, NPT, or grooved	175 psi (1207 kPa)	121°C (250°F)
Pump connection grooved with adapter flange and system connection grooved	300 psi (2069 kPa)	121°C (250°F)

# Installation

## Installation guidelines




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**WARNING:**

All procedures must be performed by qualified personnel.

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- Before selecting a location for the pump Suction Diffuser, make sure that there is enough room to remove the Suction Diffuser orifice cylinder. The length requirements are Shown as Dimension "A" in the following table.
- If the pump pad is resilient mounted (rubber or spring), make sure that the pad is large enough to include an adjustable Suction Diffuser support leg.
- A support leg, not furnished, is required between the Suction Diffuser and the support foot, not furnished, to support the Suction Diffuser and prevent strain on the pump. Bosses are provided on the Suction Diffuser to locate the support leg and facilitate mounting the Suction Diffuser in any of three positions. The length of the support leg varies depending on the pump centerline to mounting surface dimension. The support leg can be made of Schedule 40 pipe. Refer to column "D" in the following table for the required diameter of the support leg. Final height adjustment is made with the adjustable support foot.




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**WARNING:**

Potential structural damage. Adjustable foot must be installed and adjusted to support piping weight to prevent damage to Suction Diffuser and pump.

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- When installing flanged model Suction Diffuser, a criss-cross pattern should be used when tightening the bolts. If PTFE tape is used when installing cast iron NPT Models, be careful not to overtighten the connections. Cracks may develop in the casting.




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**WARNING:**

Potential gasket leakage. A criss-cross pattern must be used when tightening flanged joint bolts.

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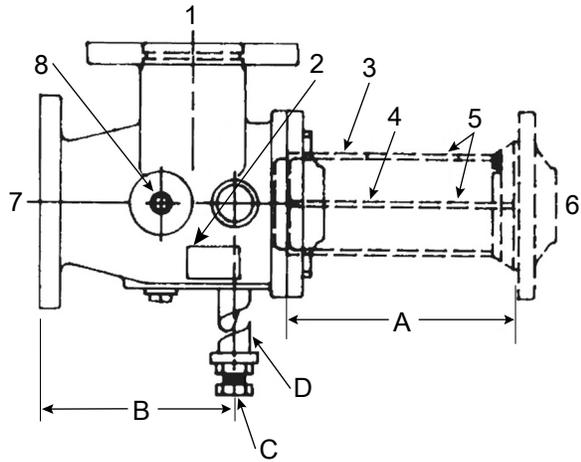

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**CAUTION:**

The use of PTFE tape impregnated pipe compound and PTFE tape on pipe threads provides lubricity which can lead to overtightening and breakage.

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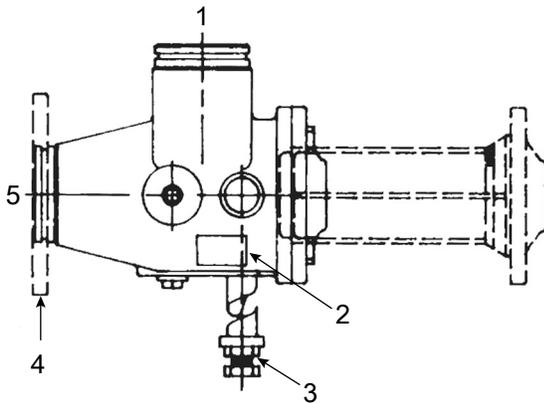
- Suction Diffuser blowdown is best accomplished with the system connection in the 12 o'clock position. Blowdown is less effective with the system connection in the 3 and 9 o'clock positions.
- When insulating the Suction Diffuser after system installation, provisions should be made to permit removal of the start-up strainer, orifice cylinder, and inlet vane assembly.
- It is recommended that a pressure-vacuum gauge be installed in the integral 1/4" NPT tapping to monitor pump inlet pressure.



1. System
2. Warning label #V56871 installed here. If missing it must be replaced.
3. Start-up strainer
4. Orifice cylinder (Strainer)
5. Inlet vanes (Baffle)
6. Cover
7. Pump
8. Gauge port

- A = To remove diffuser
- B = Distance to support leg
- C = Foot support, not furnished
- D = Support leg, not furnished

Figure 1: Working pressure 175 PSI (1207 KPa), 121°C (250°F)



1. System
2. Warning label #V56871 installed here. If missing it must be replaced.
3. Foot support, not furnished
4. Adapter flange
5. Pump

Figure 2: Working pressure 300 PSI (2069 KPa), 121°C (250°F)

Model Number	Dimensions in inches (mm)			
	A*	B	Part Number C	Schedule 40 Diameter D
BA-3	8 (203.2)	3-13/16 (96.8)	A90982	3/4" (19.1)
BB-3	9 (228.6)	3-7/8 (98.4)		
CB-3				
CC-3	11 (279.4)	5-5/8 (142.9)		
SDG-2-1/2				
DA-3	9 (228.6)	3-7/8 (98.4)		
DB-3				
DC-3	11 (279.4)	5-5/8 (142.9)		
EC-3				
DD-3	12 (304.8)	6-6/8 (174.6)	A90883	1-1/4" (31.8)
SDG-3				
ED-3	13 (330.2)			

Model Number	Dimensions in inches (mm)			
	A*	B	Part Number C	Schedule 40 Diameter D
EE-3	14 (355.6)	7-5/8 (193.7)		
SDG-4				
FE-3	15 (381)	9 (228.6)		
FF-3				
SDG-5				
GE-3		7-5/8 (193.7)		
GF-3		9 (228.6)		
GG-3	17 (431.8)	10-1/8 (257.2)		
SDG-6				
HG-3	18 (457.2)	11 (279.4)		
HH-3	21 (533.4)			
SDG-8				
JH-3				
JJ-3	25 (635)	13-1/2 (342.9)		
SDG-10				

\* Dimension includes orifice cylinder plus 2-1/2" (63.5) clearance.

#### FOR PIPE HANGING INSTALLATIONS

Be aware of water weight in the Suction Diffuser and connected piping when installing your system.

#### NOTICE:

Never use the suction diffuser itself as a form of piping support. Support suction diffusers, valves, and piping according to the local building code. Failure to follow these instructions may result in property damage.

# Operation

## Operation guidelines

### Initial operation

The start-up strainer must be removed from the Suction Diffuser within 24 to 48 hours after the initial circulation and cleaning of the system. If left in place, a noticeable increase in pressure drop will be observed as the fine strainer becomes clogged and starts restricting flow through the Suction Diffuser. See [Service the suction diffuser](#) (page 11) in the Maintenance chapter of this manual for instructions for the removal of this strainer.

### Continued operation

Follow the instructions in [Service the suction diffuser](#) (page 11) in the Maintenance chapter of this manual to inspect the orifice cylinder and remove any blockage that may be present.

A pressure gauge installed in the Gauge port of the Suction Diffuser will warn of a blockage.

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#### NOTICE:

Potential pump damage. Blockage in the suction diffuser can cause serious damage due to cavitation within the pump. NPSH requirements for the pump must be met and maintained. Periodically verify the pressure drop across the suction diffuser and inspect the orifice strainer to prevent blockages that can cause cavitation. Failure to follow these instructions could result in property damage.

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# Maintenance

## Inspect the orifice cylinder

Periodic inspection of inlet vanes (baffles) and cleaning of the orifice cylinder (strainer) is required to guard against damage to the pump. If damaged, they must be replaced.




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**CAUTION:**

Potential pump damage. Inspect and replace damaged or corroded Suction Diffuser inlet vanes and orifice cylinder so that parts will not be forced into the system pump.

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## Service the suction diffuser

Periodically inspect the Suction Diffuser for signs of leakage or corrosion.




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**WARNING:**

Risk for property damage, serious personal injury or death. You must replace the suction diffuser if corrosion or leakage is found.

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To service and inspect the Suction Diffuser , complete the following steps:

1. Shut the pump off and isolate the Suction Diffuser and pump from the system.
2. Allow system temperature to cool to below 38°C (100°F) to reach a safe handling temperature.




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**WARNING:**

High temperature and pressure hazard. Make sure that system temperature is below 38°C (100°F) and system pressure is reduced and maintained at zero before servicing the unit.

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3. Open a drain valve in the isolated Suction Diffuser piping and allow system pressure to drop to zero. If fluid continues to flow from the drain valve, repack or replace the isolation valves before proceeding.
4. Loosen the screws that secure the Suction Diffuser cover and break it loose from the body. Make certain all drainage stops before removing the screws and cover.
5. Grasp the inlet vane (baffle) assembly with pliers and pull it out of the Suction Diffuser Body.
6. Remove start up strainer if still in place and inspect the orifice cylinder (strainer) and inlet vane (baffle) assembly for damage. Replace damaged components with new components as required.
7. Inspect the O-ring seal and replace with new component as required.
8. Re-install the orifice cylinder (strainer) into the body, rotating from the original position so that the orifice cylinder (strainer) indentation marks are not aligned with the cast notches on the body. Do NOT align the orifice cylinder (strainer) with weld spots in the notches. See Figure 3.

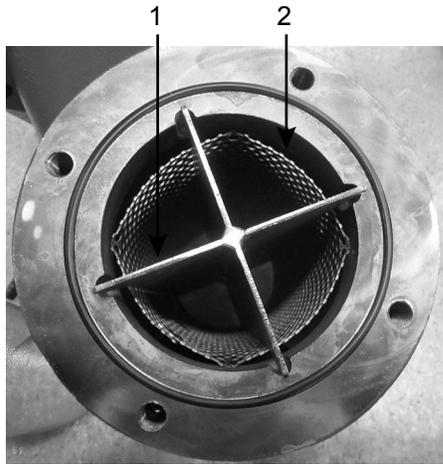


Figure 3: Re-install the strainer

1. Baffle
  2. Strainer
9. Re-install the inlet vanes (baffle) assembly part way. Using a wooden or plastic mallet, gently tap the inlet vanes (baffle) into the notches, pinching the orifice cylinder (strainer) to the body. Make sure that the inlet vanes (baffle) is not tapped in further than the surface of the body. The inlet vanes (baffle) should stick out about 1/8" from the surface of the body. See Figure 4.

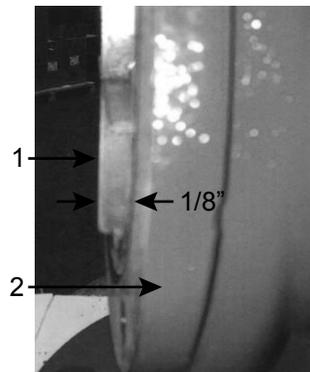


Figure 4: Re-install the baffle

1. Baffle
  2. Body
10. Re-install the cover plate with a criss-cross bolt tightening pattern and push the inlet vanes (baffle) into the body. Make sure all bolts are tightened. See Figure 5.

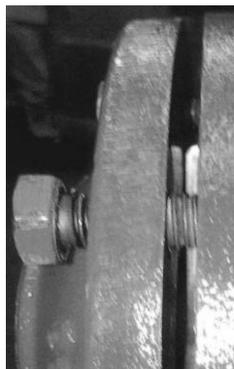


Figure 5: Re-install the cover plate

11. Open isolation valves slowly and inspect the gasket area for leaks.
12. Return system to normal operation.

# Product warranty

## Commercial warranty

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