Series 14-B Ball Type Blow Down Valve

Applications:
For Series 47, 67, and 70 boiler control blow down valve replacement.

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Failure to follow this warning could cause property damage, personal injury or death.

CAUTION:
• A more frequent replacement interval may be necessary based on the condition of the unit at time of inspection. McDonnell & Miller’s warranty is one (1) year from date of installation or two (2) years from the date of manufacture.
INSTALLATION –

TOOLS NEEDED:
One (1) flathead screwdriver, one (1) scraper, one (1) pipe wrench, one (1) hammer, and pipe sealing compound.

STEP 1 - Preparation

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a. Shut off the boiler and disconnect the power to the entire boiler system.

b. Shut off the inlet water supply by closing the make up water feed valve.

c. Open the blow down valve (D). Drain the control (A) to a point where no additional water can enter the control. Let the control (A) and surrounding equipment to cool to 80˚F (27˚C) and allow pressure to release to 0 psi (0 bar).

d. Using a pipe wrench (B), remove the blow down pipe (C) from the existing blow down valve (D).
e. Using a flathead screwdriver (E), loosen the four (4) screws.

f. Remove the blow down valve (D) from the control (A). If necessary, use a hammer to tap it loose.

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- g. Inspect the float chamber (E) for debris. Carefully remove any debris, mud, or other foreign matter which may obstruct the float's full range of motion, without puncturing the float.

- h. Using a scraper, remove the old gasket (F) from the control (A). The gasket sealing surface (G) must be smooth and clean for proper installation.
STEP 2 - Installing the New Blow Down Valve

a. Hold the new replacement blow down valve (H) upright and remove the rubber band around the valve body.

Be careful not to tip the valve as its components might fall out. If this occurs, reassemble as shown (J).

b. Position the blow down valve (H) onto the control’s mating surface (G). So that its handle (K) is accessible and is able to swing through its full range of motion (90°).

c. Insert the four (4) screws provided through the blow down valve and gasket (D) into the threaded holes on the mating surface (G).

d. Using a flathead screwdriver (L), tighten the screws to approximately 15 ft•lb (20 N•m).
e. Verify that the blow down valve (H) is unobstructed by opening and closing the valve over its full range of motion (90°).

f. Apply pipe sealing compound to the threaded end of a 3/4" (20mm) NPT blow down pipe (M) and screw it into the control (N). Tighten the pipe (M) with a pipe wrench (P) to approximately 47 ft•lb (64 N•m).

g. Turn the blow down valve handle (K) to its closed position.

h. Hang the enclosed blow down card (Q) as close to the control as possible, or remove the protective backing and affix the card on the boiler jacket close to the control.
STEP 3 - Testing

a. Make sure that the blow down valve handle (K) is in its closed position.

b. Open the make-up water feed valve.

c. Turn on the power to the boiler system and turn on the boiler.

d. Verify that the burner is off and that the system is filling with water by observing the water level rise in the gauge glass (R)

IMPORTANT: The burner must not turn on until the water level has reached its minimum safe operating level as determined by the boiler manufacturer. If the burner turns on before this point, immediately shut off the boiler and correct the problem. Other equipment may be involved and the system should be inspected by qualified personnel.
e. Allow the system to build to its normal operating pressure and check for leakage around the mating surface (G), the shaft (S), and the pipe opening (T).
1. If leakage occurs around the mating surface (G), retighten the four (4) screws. If leakage continues, follow "Step 1" to remove the blow down valve (H). Closely following the installation instructions, replace it.
2. If leakage occurs around the valve shaft (S), follow "Step 1" to remove the blow down valve (H). Closely following the installation instructions, replace it.
3. If leakage occurs around the pipe outlet (T), follow "Step 1" to remove the blow down valve (H) and verify that it has been properly assembled as shown in "Step 2-a". Inspect the blow down valve (H) for debris which may prevent it from completely closing or sealing. If leakage continues, follow "Step 1" to remove it. Closely following the installation instructions, replace the blow down valve (H).

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f. Open the blow down valve (H) to "blow down" the control (A). The burner should shut-off.

**IMPORTANT:** If the control (A) does not blow down and/or the burner does not shut-off, close the blow down valve (H), immediately shut off the boiler, and correct the problem. Other equipment may be involved and the system should be inspected by qualified personnel.

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g. Close the blow down valve (H) and check for leakage by following the instructions in "Step 3" section e.
MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE:

- Blow down weekly when the boiler is in operation.
- Disassemble and inspect annually. Replace the control if it is worn, corroded, or if components no longer operate properly.
- Inspect the float chamber and equalizing piping annually. Remove all sediment and debris.
- Replace the blow down valve every 10 years. More frequent replacement may be required if it is used in locales where significant water treatment is required, where more frequent cleaning is necessary, or in applications with high make-up water requirements.

PROCEDURE:

CAUTION

To prevent serious personal injury from steam pipe blow down, connect a drain pipe to avoid exposure to steam discharge.

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1. Blow down the low water cut-off when the water level is at its normal level and the burner is on. Slowly open the blow down valve until it is fully open and observe the water level fall in the gauge glass. Close the valve after verifying that the burner shuts off. If this does not happen, immediately shut off the boiler and correct the problem.