

American Standard 909410-0990A

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For Lever-Hampton and Silhouette Lavatory Faucets - Polished Brass

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides instructions for the installation, operation, and maintenance of the American Standard 909410-0990A Handle Base. This genuine American Standard repair part is designed for use with select American Standard Hampton and Silhouette lavatory faucets. It is a durable and reliable component engineered to enhance the usage of your American Standard products.

Please review this manual thoroughly before proceeding with any installation or maintenance to ensure proper function and longevity of the part. Always check your existing faucet's repair part information for compatibility before installation.



Image: The American Standard 909410-0990A Handle Base in Polished Brass finish.

SETUP AND INSTALLATION

This section outlines the general steps for replacing a faucet handle base. Specific faucet models may have slight variations. Refer to your faucet's original manual for detailed diagrams if available.

Required Tools:

- Adjustable Wrench
- Phillips Head Screwdriver
- Flat Head Screwdriver (optional, for prying)
- Cleaning Cloth
- Plumber's Tape (optional, for threaded connections)

Installation Steps:

1. **Turn Off Water Supply:** Locate the hot and cold water supply valves under the sink and turn them clockwise until fully closed. Turn on the faucet to drain any remaining water and confirm the supply is off.
2. **Remove Faucet Handle:** Depending on your faucet model, the handle may be secured by a set screw (often hidden under a decorative cap) or simply pull off. Use a screwdriver to loosen any screws.
3. **Remove Old Handle Base:** Once the handle is off, the handle base will be exposed. It may be threaded onto the faucet body or secured with a nut. Use an adjustable wrench to carefully loosen and remove the old handle base.
4. **Clean the Area:** Thoroughly clean any mineral deposits or debris from the faucet body where the new handle base will be installed. This ensures a proper seal.
5. **Install New Handle Base:** Carefully thread the new American Standard 909410-0990A Handle Base onto the faucet body. Hand-tighten first, then use an adjustable wrench to tighten securely, but do not

overtighten.

- 6. **Reinstall Faucet Handle:** Place the faucet handle back onto the new handle base. Secure it with any set screws previously removed.
- 7. **Restore Water Supply:** Slowly turn the hot and cold water supply valves counter-clockwise to open them.
- 8. **Check for Leaks:** Turn on the faucet and inspect all connections for any signs of leaks. If leaks are present, gently tighten the connections.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The American Standard 909410-0990A Handle Base functions as the foundation for your faucet handle, allowing for smooth operation of water flow and temperature control.

- **Water Flow:** Rotate the faucet handle to turn the water on or off.
- **Temperature Control:** Adjust the handle's position (typically left for hot, right for cold, or a combination depending on your faucet's design) to achieve the desired water temperature.

Ensure the handle moves freely and smoothly. If you experience stiffness or resistance, refer to the Troubleshooting section.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance helps ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your faucet handle base.

- **Cleaning:** Clean the handle base regularly with a soft cloth and mild soap. Avoid abrasive cleaners, harsh chemicals, or scouring pads, as these can damage the polished brass finish. Rinse thoroughly and dry with a soft cloth.
- **Check for Leaks:** Periodically inspect the area around the handle base for any signs of water leaks. Address any leaks promptly to prevent water damage.
- **Tightness:** Occasionally check that the handle base and handle are securely tightened. If they feel loose, gently tighten them with the appropriate tools, being careful not to overtighten.

TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your faucet handle base.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Water leaks from base of handle	Loose connection; Worn O-rings or seals (internal to faucet)	Ensure handle base is securely tightened. If leaks persist, the issue may be with internal faucet components (e.g., cartridge, O-rings) which are not part of this handle base. Consult a plumber or your faucet's specific manual.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Handle feels stiff or difficult to turn	Mineral buildup; Internal faucet issue (e.g., cartridge)	Clean the exterior of the handle base. If stiffness persists, the problem is likely with the faucet's internal cartridge, not the handle base itself.
Handle is loose or wobbly	Set screw loose; Handle base not fully tightened	Tighten the set screw on the handle. Ensure the handle base is securely tightened to the faucet body.

SPECIFICATIONS

Key specifications for the American Standard 909410-0990A Handle Base:

- **Model Number:** 909410-0990A
- **Part Number:** 909410-0990A
- **Material:** Brass
- **Color/Finish:** Polished Brass
- **Product Dimensions:** Approximately 2"L x 2"W (5.08 cm L x 5.08 cm W)
- **Item Weight:** Approximately 1.6 Ounces (45.36 grams)
- **Included Components:** Installation Hardware (as applicable for the handle base)
- **Compatibility:** For use with select American Standard Hampton and Silhouette kitchen/lavatory faucets.



Image: Dimensional view of the handle base, indicating a length of approximately 2.6 inches (6 cm).

WARRANTY INFORMATION

The American Standard 909410-0990A Handle Base comes with a **1-year Limited Warranty** from the date of purchase. This warranty covers manufacturing defects and material flaws under normal use and service.

For full warranty terms and conditions, please refer to the official American Standard warranty documentation provided with your original faucet or visit the American Standard website.

CUSTOMER SUPPORT

If you require further assistance, have questions about installation, or need to report a warranty claim, please

contact American Standard Customer Service.

- **Website:** Visit the official American Standard website for support resources, FAQs, and contact information.
- **Contact:** Refer to the contact section on the American Standard website for phone numbers or email support.

When contacting support, please have your product model number (909410-0990A) and date of purchase readily available.