

# Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Manual

## Series 957, 957RPDA, LF957RPDA

### Reduced Pressure Zone Assemblies Reduced Pressure Detector Assemblies

2½" – 10"

#### ⚠ WARNING



Read this Manual **BEFORE** using this equipment. Failure to read and follow all safety and use information can result in death, serious personal injury, property damage, or damage to the equipment. Keep this Manual for future reference.



#### ⚠ WARNING

Local building or plumbing codes may require modifications to the information provided. You are required to consult the local building and plumbing codes prior to installation. If the information provided here is not consistent with local building or plumbing codes, the local codes should be followed. This product must be installed by a licensed contractor in accordance with local codes and ordinances.

#### ⚠ WARNING

**Need for Periodic Inspection/Maintenance:** This product must be tested periodically in compliance with local codes, but at least once per year or more as service conditions warrant. All products must be retested once maintenance has been performed. Corrosive water conditions and/or unauthorized adjustments or repair could render the product ineffective for the service intended. Regular checking and cleaning of the product's internal and external components helps assure maximum life and proper product function.

#### ⚠ WARNING

This device must be tested periodically in compliance with local codes, but at least once per year or more as service conditions warrant. If installed on a fire sprinkler system, all mechanical checks, such as alarm checks and backflow preventers, should be flow tested and inspected internally in accordance with NFPA 13 and NFPA 25.

#### ⚠ WARNING

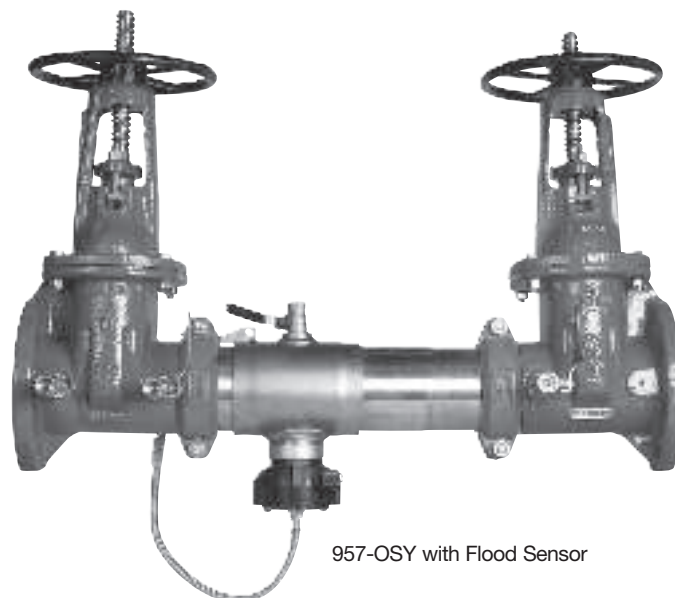
Do not impede or prevent sleeve movement by installing riser cradle clamps or other obstructive elements on or around the sleeve. Sleeve movement is required to service the backflow.

### Testing

For field testing procedure, refer to Watts installation sheets IS-TK-DL, IS-TK-9A, IS-TK-99E and IS-TK-99D at [www.watts.com](http://www.watts.com).

For Australia, refer to Australian standard AS/NZS 2845.3.

For technical assistance, contact your local Watts representative.



957-OSY with Flood Sensor

Series 957, 957RPDA, and LF957RPDA each include a flood sensor on the relief valve to detect excessive discharge and trigger notification of potential flood events.

#### NOTICE

An add-on connection kit is required to activate the flood sensor. Without the connection kit, the sensor is a passive component that has no communication with any other device. (A retrofit connection kit is also available for existing installations. See "Add-on and Retrofit Sensor Connection Kits," for ordering details.)

#### NOTICE

Use of the flood sensor does not replace the need to comply with all required instructions, codes, and regulations related to installation, operation, and maintenance of this product, including the need to provide proper drainage in the event of a discharge.

Watts is not responsible for the failure of alerts due to connectivity issues, power outages, or improper installation.

#### NOTICE

For Australia and New Zealand: Pipeline strainers should be installed between the upstream shutoff valve and the inlet of the backflow preventer.

Fittings such as end connectors intended to join alternative pipe systems made from other materials (such as plastics) shall also conform to the relevant dimensional and performance requirements of the appropriate Australian, New Zealand, or joint Australian–New Zealand Standard for the alternative pipe system.

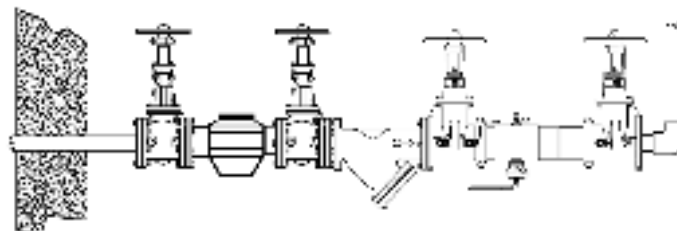
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# Installation Guidelines

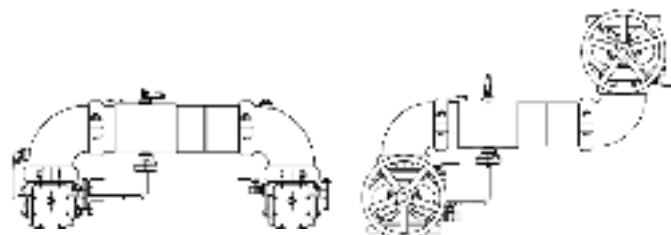
- Most field problems occur because dirt and debris are present in the system at the time of installation and becomes trapped in check No. 1. The system should be flushed before the backflow valve is installed. If the system is not flushed until after the backflow valve is installed, remove both check modules from the valve and open the inlet shutoff to allow water to flow for a sufficient time to flush debris from the water line. If debris in the water system continues to cause fouling, a strainer can be installed upstream of the backflow assembly.
- Series 957, 957RPDA, and LF957RPDA can be installed in either horizontal, "N" pattern, or "Z" pattern position as long as the backflow assembly is installed in accordance with the direction of the flow arrow on the assembly and the local water authority approves the installation.
- The assembly should be installed with adequate clearance around the valve to allow for inspection, testing, and servicing. Ensure a minimum clearance of 12" between the lower portion of the assembly and the floor or grade. The valve should be protected from freezing.
- Installing a backflow preventer in a pit or vault is not recommended.
- Normal discharge and nuisance spitting are accommodated by the use of a Watts air gap fitting and a fabricated indirect waste line. A floor drain appropriately sized for the discharge must be provided in case of excessive discharge. For more information, download ES-RVD for relief valve discharge rates.
- When installing an air gap, attach the air gap brackets directly onto the flood sensor.
- Have a certified technician test the series at the time of installation.

## NOTICE

Assembly body should not be painted.



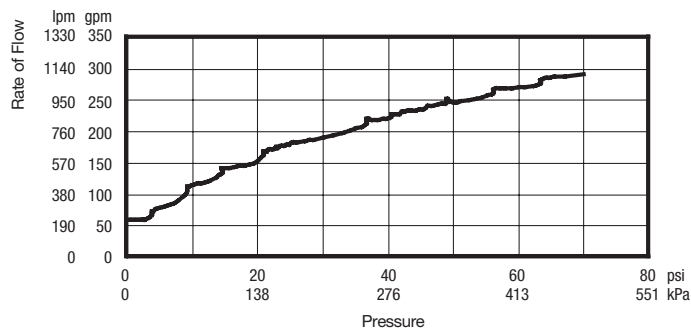
Horizontal Installation



N Pattern

Z Pattern

Relief Valve Discharge Rates 2½" – 10"



# Maintaining the Check Modules

2½" – 6"

Housing



Figure A



Figure B



Figure C

Check No. 1



Figure D



Figure E



Figure F

Check No. 2



Figure D



Figure E



Figure F

## ⚠ WARNING

**Before servicing any Watts valve, it is mandatory to shut down the water system by closing both the inlet and outlet shutoff valves. After the shutoff valves are closed, open test cocks No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4 to relieve pressure within the backflow assembly.**

1. After test cock No. 3 has been opened to relieve pressure, remove the test cock from the housing. (See Figure A.)
2. Insert a #3 screwdriver through the hole on the top of the cover sleeve and using both hands rotate the cover sleeve approximately a quarter turn clockwise and a quarter turn counterclockwise to break the sleeve O-ring seals. Using the screwdriver, slowly slide the cover sleeve to the downstream side of the housing. (See Figure B.)
3. Remove the stainless steel check retainer from the housing. (See Figure B.)
4. Remove the check No. 1 module by inserting two flat blade screwdrivers into the slots on either side of the check module and gently pry the check module toward the open zone. (See Figure C.)
5. Repeat step 4 to remove check No. 2 module. (For servicing 6" checks, see the maintenance instructions for valve sizes 8" to 10".)
6. To clean or inspect either check module, insert a #3 screwdriver through the downstream side of the check module. (See Figures D and E.) When the screwdriver is in place, remove the E-clip and pin connecting the structural members. (See Figure F.) The check clapper opens with no tension.
7. Thoroughly clean the seating area. The sealing disc can be removed, if necessary, by detaching the screws connecting the keeper plate to the clapper. Reverse and reinstall the sealing disc if the elastomer is cut or damaged.
8. Wash the check module and O-ring and inspect for any damage. If damaged, reinstall new parts.
9. After a thorough cleaning, lubricate the O-ring with an FDA Approved lubricant, replace the pin and E-clip in the structural members, remove the screwdriver, and reinstall the check modules. Reverse the order of these steps to reassemble the parts and housing.

# Maintaining the Check Modules

8" – 10"

## Tool Requirements

- #3 Phillips screwdriver or  $\frac{5}{16}$ " diameter rod, length sufficient to span the diameter of the checks (See Figures A and B.)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ " – 13 x 5 fully threaded hex bolt (service bolt)
- $\frac{3}{4}$ " open end or socket wrench

## Instructions

### **⚠ WARNING**

Before servicing any Watts valve, shut down the water system by closing both the inlet and outlet shutoff valves. This is mandatory. After the shutoff valves are closed, open test cocks No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4 to relieve pressure within the backflow assembly.

1. After test cock No. 3 has been opened to relieve pressure, remove the test cock from the housing. (When repairing an 8" or 10" device, remove both Victaulic couplers from the body. Slide the downstream Victaulic coupler gasket to the downstream side of the housing. The upstream Victaulic coupler gasket stays in place.)
2. Remove the check(s) to be serviced.
3. Locate the service hole and thread in the service bolt by hand until it contacts the linkage. (See Figure A.)
4. Continue to thread in service bolt with the wrench until the service hole in the linkage is aligned with the service notches on the spring arbors. (See Figure A.)
5. Insert the Phillips screwdriver through the arbors and service hole of the linkage making sure that the tip of the screwdriver extends past the ends of the arbors by a minimum of  $\frac{1}{4}$ ". (See Figure B.)
6. Loosen the service bolt until the load is transferred to the screwdriver. Continue to loosen the service bolt until there is sufficient clearance to remove the complete spring mechanism.
7. To disconnect the linkage, remove the retaining clip and pin. Store both items in a safe location for reinstallation.
8. To remove the spring mechanism, grasp the screwdriver at the center and pull the complete assembly straight out and store in a safe place.
9. Reverse the order of these steps to reassemble the parts and housing.

### **⚠ WARNING**

While the spring mechanism is being removed, never pull the screwdriver out or off the support notches on the arbors. Doing so may cause bodily injuries.

Figure A



Figure B



# Servicing the Relief Valve

## **⚠ WARNING**

Before to servicing the relief valve, it is mandatory to shut down water system by closing both the inlet and outlet shutoff valves and relieving pressure within the assembly by opening test cocks No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4.

### **DO NOT REMOVE SPIDER BUSHING FOR SERVICING**

1. Detach the activation module, if installed, from the flood sensor.
2. Use a #2 Phillips screwdriver to remove the sensor from the relief valve.
3. Disconnect the hose from the bottom cover plate to the relief valve.
4. An O-ring seals the relief valve body to the main housing. Avoid tightening the connection beyond firm hand tightening. Loosen the relief valve by hand to remove it, then unscrew the relief valve from the housing.
5. Remove the cover plate of the relief valve by detaching the four connecting screws.
6. Remove the rubber diaphragm from the relief valve. Notice how the diaphragm is configured to reinstall it in the same manner. The hard rubber tab in the diaphragm fits into a similar socket in the head of the piston. (See Figure A.)
7. Hold the relief valve in both hands with the threaded end up and both thumbs on the head of the piston. Push up on the piston until the piston shaft with the attached E-clip is exposed. Remove the E-clip. (See Figure B.)
8. Remove the piston and spring from the relief valve housing and thoroughly clean all parts including the diaphragm. Inspect all rubber parts and replace any that are damaged.
9. Reverse the order of these steps to reassemble the parts and housing.

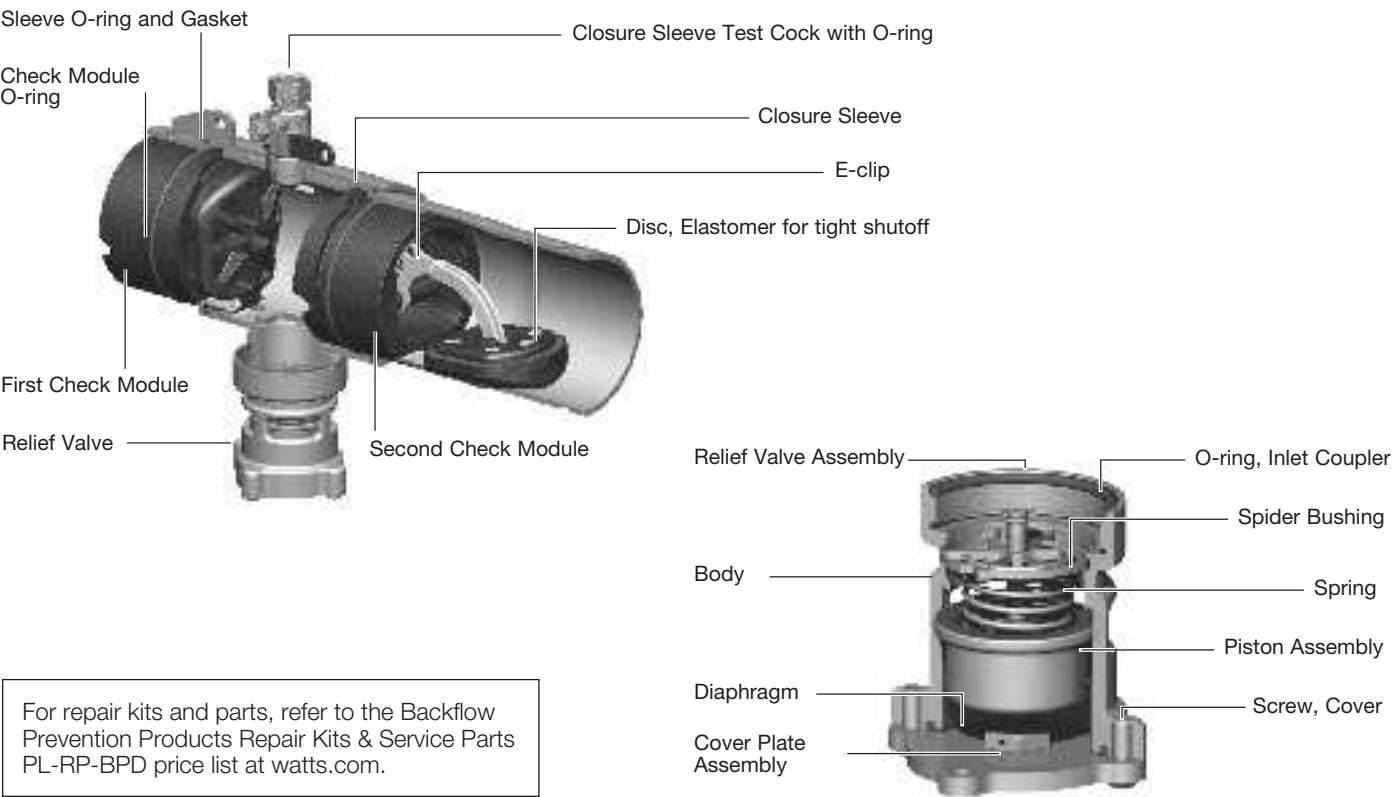
Figure A



Figure B





Parts





Troubleshooting

SYMPTOM	CAUSE	SOLUTION
Relief valve discharges water while system is not flowing	Check No. 1 is fouled	Remove and clean check No. 1
	Relief valve does not properly close	Service relief valve
	Municipal water pressure is fluctuating	Install check valve upstream of backflow assembly
Relief valve does not shut off properly	Fouled relief valve seat	Service relief valve
	Incorrectly Installed diaphragm	Remove diaphragm and correctly install
	Damaged rubber surface on piston	Replace with new piston
	Damaged or plugged pressure hose	Replace or clear pressure hose

## Add-on and Retrofit Sensor Connection Kits for Building Management Systems

PART NUMBER	ADD-ON/RETROFIT KIT	DESCRIPTION
88009418	 FP-BF-BMS BMS Sensor Connection Kit Series 957, 957RPDA, LF957RPDA Series 994, 994RPDA Sizes 2½" to 10"	Includes sensor activation module with cable, ground wire, and power adapter. Use this kit to activate the flood sensor and enable flood detection capabilities on the relief valve of a new installation linked to a BMS controller (not included).
88009419	 FP-RFK-BF-BMS-CFS BMS Sensor Retrofit Connection Kit Series 957, 957RPDA, LF957RPDA Series 994, 994RPDA Sizes 2½" to 10"	Includes flood sensor, sensor activation module with cable, ground wire, and power adapter. Use this kit to install the flood sensor and enable flood detection capabilities on the relief valve of an existing installation linked to a BMS controller (not included).

## Add-on and Retrofit Sensor Connection Kits for Cellular Communication

PART NUMBER	ADD-ON/RETROFIT KIT	DESCRIPTION
88009420	 FP-BF-CFS Cellular Sensor Connection Kit Series 957, 957RPDA, LF957RPDA Series 994, 994RPDA Sizes 2½" to 10"	Includes sensor activation module with cable, Cellular Gateway with mounting kit, ground wire, and power adapter. Use this kit to activate the flood sensor and enable flood detection capabilities on the relief valve of a new installation linked to a cellular network to send alerts by email message, SMS text message, or voice call.
88009421	 FP-RFK-BF-CFS Cellular Sensor Retrofit Connection Kit Series 957, 957RPDA, LF957RPDA Series 994, 994RPDA Sizes 2½" to 10"	Includes flood sensor, sensor activation module with cable, Cellular Gateway with mounting kit, ground wire, and power adapter. Use this kit to install the flood sensor and enable flood detection capabilities on the relief valve of an existing installation linked to a cellular network to send alerts by email message, SMS text message, or voice call.

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