

Reduced Pressure Zone (RPZ) Valves

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Description

Mechanical backflow preventer approved for protection against backpressure and back siphonage for Fluid Categories 4. RPZ Valves (BA devices) are acceptable to all water companies in the U.K. - when installed and used in accordance with the Water Regulations.

Applications

Many applications that are Fluid Category 3 in a house become Category 4 in non-house (commercial) situations. Subjective applications (e.g. hose union taps) are to be "risk assessed" by water supplier. Category 4 examples include -

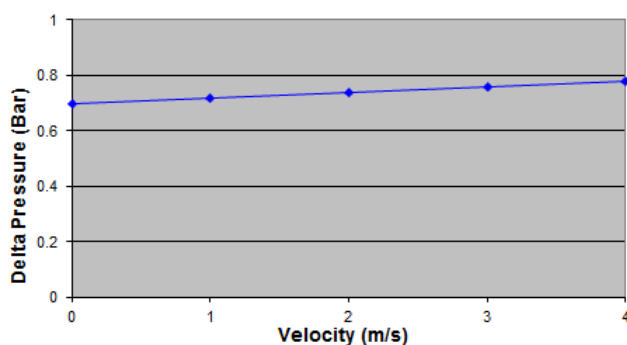
- Quick fill heating systems non-house (see Autofill)
- Hose union taps – commercial, not cat. 5. (see SPBA)
- Clothes washing machines - commercial use
- Dishwashers - commercial use
- Sealed heating systems - non-house (see Autofill)
- Chilled water circuits and run around coils (see Autofill)
- Mini-irrigation systems with porous hoses
- Fire sprinklers with anti-freeze solutions

Connection Pipes & Sizes

Copper – 15, 22, 28 & 35 mm compression as standard
Steel – Female BSPP ½" – 2". PN16 flange from DN65+
Plastic – Fittings available for most systems

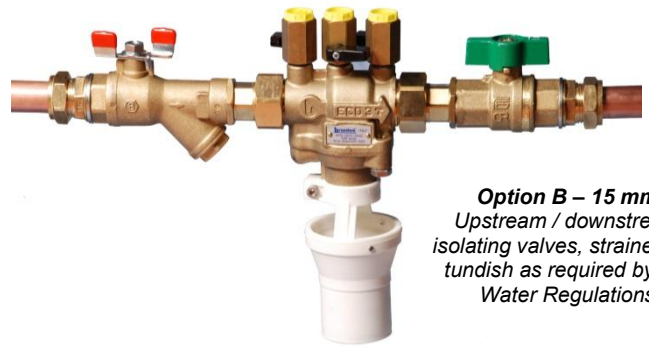
Specification		
Pressure Supply	bar	1 (min.) to 10 (max.)
Max. Working Temperature	°C	65
Strainer		100 µm DN15 – 32
		200 µm DN40 – 50
		800 µm DN65
		1250 µm DN80 – 150
Materials		
Body		DZR Brass or Bronze DN40+
Relief valve seat		316 Stainless Steel
Relief valve shaft		DZR Brass
Seals and O-rings		Nitrile
Isolating Valves		DZR Brass

HeadLoss / Flow Chart



Notes

Velocity based on flow through copper tube, table X. Data for DN25 valve, other sizes have similar characteristics. All BA devices require about 0.7 bar to open - Regulator's specification determines this for all BA devices.



Option B – 15 mm
Upstream / downstream
isolating valves, strainer and
tundish as required by the
Water Regulations

Pre-Installation Guidance

Ensure there is at least 1 bar pressure – this is rarely available from a distributing pipe (down service). Proposed installation of any plumbing that incorporates a RPZ valve must be notified to the local water undertaker.

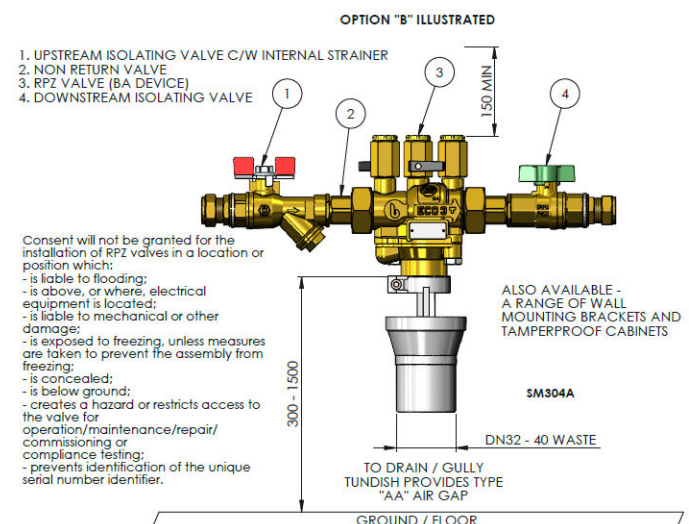
Installation Guidance

RPZ valves must be installed in accordance with the WRAS Water Suppliers' Approved Installation Method AIM (January 2025 Issue 3). Copies (pdf) are available to download from the RPZ Valves page on our website.

RPZ assemblies **must** have upstream & downstream isolating valves with resilient seats, strainer and tundish to waste. All Arrow Valves Options have these fittings as standard.

The installation **must** be –

- Horizontal, with tundish below valve
- 300 – 1500 mm **above** the ground or floor
- 150 mm min. access above assembly
- Tamperproof – see BACAB2 for sizes 15 & 22 mm



Commissioning & Annual Testing

Once installed, the assembly **must** be commissioned by an "Accredited Tester". A test report must be sent to the local water company. The assembly must be at least annually tested. Arrow Valves has Testers throughout mainland U.K. and can offer commissioning and annual testing of BA devices.

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Isolating Valves

DN15 – 25 valves are ¼ turn Ball Valves with tee. The integral fine strainer is cleaned by removing the end cap and internal strainer basket. DN32 – 50 valves have a lever in place of tee and the strainer is not integral. Assemblies DN65+ are supplied with resilient seat gate valves.

Strainers

The strainer, whether integral in the isolating valve or separately should be cleaned annually. DN15, 20 & 25 assemblies are fitted with 100 µm (0.10 mm) strainer, which is suitable for clean water or where the annual water consumption is low. **Excessive debris in the water can either block the strainer or cause the RPZ to drip** (debris becomes lodged in the RPZ check valve). Where the water is likely to contain particles and/or the annual volume of water demand is high, e.g. zone or whole site applications, a **large capacity strainer must be used e.g. Option F**. These strainers have a semi-automatic or electrical fully automatic self-cleaning facility.

Pressure Regulating Valves

An industrial PRV Model 536 DN50 with stainless steel seat is used for Option E (see PRV536 datasheet). This is recommended for quick filling heating / cooling circuits, where the pressure needs to be limited to avoid damage. For quick fill and pressurising see "Autofill" datasheet – model AFS.

Non-Return Valve

To reduce the possibility of "Operational Discharge" when the supply pressure drops more than 0.3 bar with no flow, a non-return valve (NRV) or Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) is recommended upstream of the RPZ. E.g. Options B, E, F.

Options

The table below lists the fittings used in the assemblies. Option B – check valve reduces operational discharge. Option E – features a PRV. Ideal for filling heating and chilled water circuits where mains pressure allows. Note - the RPZ drops the pressure by 0.7 bar (7 m). See "Autofill" datasheet. Option F – large capacity fine strainer ensures reliable operation, strongly recommended.

Option Code	Size Range DN mm	Upstream Isolating Valve	Semi Automatic Strainer 100 µm	Fully Automatic Strainer 100 µm	Non Return Valve	Pressure Regulating Valve	RPZ Valve	Isolating Valve
B	15-200	✓			✓		✓	✓
E	15-150	✓				✓	✓	✓
F	15-100	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓

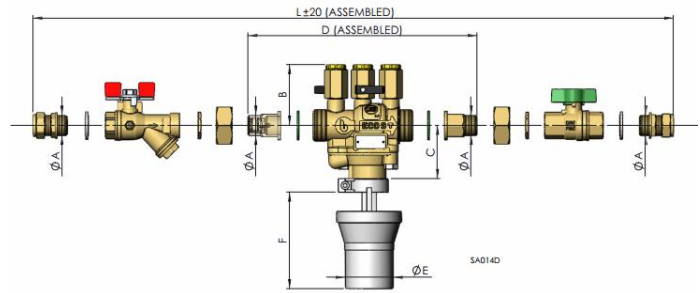
Sizes

15 - 35 mm have compression ends
40 - 50 female BSP (compression optional)
65 – 150 PN16 flange

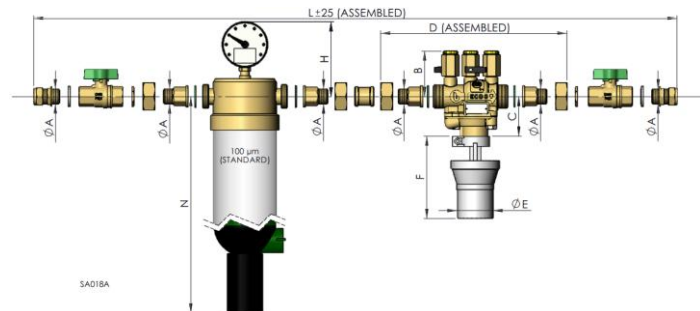
Order Codes of Options

Size	B	E	F
15mm	BA15B3T	BA15E3T	BA15F3T
22mm	BA22B3T	BA22E3T	BA22F3T
28mm	BA28B	BA28E	BA28F
35mm	BA35B	BA35E	BA35F
DN40	BA40B	BA40E	BA40F
DN50	BA50B	BA50E	BA50F

Option B



Option F



Dimensions (RPZ Options B, E and F)

Size (mm)	A	B	C	D	E	F	J	K
15	½"	65	78	159	DN32-40	101	27	27
20	¾"	65	93	159	DN32-40	101	27	27
25	1"	104	112	198	DN40	64	64	47
32	1¼"	100	203	280	DN40	122	76	47
40	1½"	130	203	387	DN50	154	86	86
50	2"	130	261	395	DN50	154	86	86

Dimension L (Length of options)

Size (mm)	Option B	Option E	Option F
15	345	501	504
20	375	577	538
25	565	646	670
32	690	659	815
40	742	874	860
50	801	939	936

Mass (Kg) of options

Size (mm)	Option B	Option E	Option F
15	2.0	4.9	6.2
20	2.3	6.0	6.9
25	6.7	7.8	9.0
32	7.8	9.8	9.9
40	17.5	19.2	19.5
50	20.9	27.8	22.2

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RPZ in grey
square cabinet
300x300x150



Cabinets

Arrow Valves RPZ cabinets provide a tamperproof environment as required by the Regulations. The CAB2 (pictured above) incorporates a 15 or 22 mm Option A or B assembly. All cabinets and assemblies conform to the requirements of the Water Regulations & WRAS (January 2025 Issue 3).

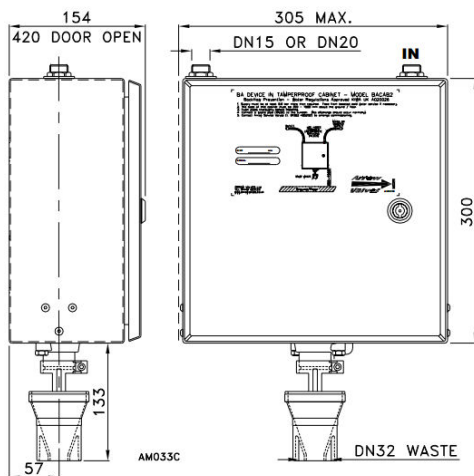
2-hole fixing minimises installation time. A key secures the door. A vinyl instruction label is fitted to the cover. The cabinet base must be 300 – 1500 mm above the ground or floor. Allow 150 mm minimum above the cabinet.

Grey cabinets without a base provide a tamperproof and hygienic environment – particularly suitable for dishwashers and washing machines.

The tundish is extended below the base to provide a conspicuous discharge and to ensure the cabinet cannot become flooded.

Specification

Material	Steel, zinc plated
Colour	Grey – epoxy powder coated
Fasteners	Steel – zinc plated
Base	None – open
Accommodates	Option B, 15 or 22 mm



Codes and Descriptions

Size	Code	Description
15	BA15BCAB2	RPZ Assy c/w Cabinet Grey 300x300x150
22	BA22BCAB2	RPZ Assy c/w Cabinet Grey 300x300x150

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