

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE MANUAL

FLUIDTROL LSS STRAINER - ESW SERIES



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MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION

1. STRAINER HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

FPT utilizes a composite / laminate construction for strainer bodies to provide structural strength. Corrosion resistance is maintained by wetted surfaces of PVC Type 1 and Vinyl Ester Resin. All Strainers are rated for 50 PSI at 73 deg F. Higher operating temperatures are allowable based upon the material selection.

2. BASKETS

Baskets are manufactured in heavy gauge stainless T316. Standard perforation pattern is 1/4" holes on 3/8" staggered centers. Different alloys and perforation patterns are sometimes provided.

DESIGN

1. INFLUENT AND EFFLUENT CONNECTIONS

ALL INLETS AND OUTLETS ARE PVC SCH 80 Flanges. Loose rings may be utilized- ANSI b16.5- 150 # Drill.

2. TOPS

Aquatic strainers are machined from casted acrylic- minimum 1" thickness. Fluidtrol Stainless T-Handles/ Swing latch for lid assemblies are provided for lid attachment.

3. PORT CONFIGURATIONS

AS STANDARD, FPT OFFERS AN "IN-LINE" DESIGN FOR THE ESW. FOR SPECIAL APPLICATIONS "OFF-SET", " ANGLED OFF-SET" AND "BOOT" MAY HAVE BEEN FABRICATED FOR YOUR SYSTEM. ALL UNITS ARE EQUIPPED WITH A SIDE BOTTOM SIDE DRAIN AS STANDARD- LOCATED ON INLET SIDE OF HOUSING.

PRESSURE DROP

FPT STRAINERS ARE ENGINEERED TO OFFER THE LOWEST PRACTICAL dP (PRESSURE DROP). UTILIZING FULL FLOW PORTS, THE BASKET OPEN AREA AVERAGES 4 TIMES (MINIMUM) THE CROSS SECTIONAL AREA OF THE PIPE. THIS, ON AVERAGE, PROVIDES ADEQUATE PERFORMANCE FOR STRAINERS INSTALLED IN LINES THAT OPERATE UP TO 6 FPS FLOW VELOCITY. PRESSURE DROP THROUGH STRAINER IS DETERMINED BY THE LINE SIZE FLOW RATE, SPECIFIC GRAVITY, AND OPEN AREA SURFACE OF THE BASKET. individual dP VS FOULING CHARTS ARE AVAILABLE- REFER TO PAGES 10-11. FOR CUSTOMIZED PERFORMANCE REPORTS, PLEASE CONSULT FACTORY.

OPERATION

The function of a basket strainer is to collect particles, lint and other items. For pool applications, they are typically installed on the suction side of the pump to protect the impeller from damage or vane fouling, both of which will reduce turnover. The degree of filtering is dependent on the maximum size opening of the perforated material the basket is made of. Fluidtrol (FPT) baskets come with standard perforations of 1/8" holes on 3/16" staggered centers and are fabricated entirely Stainless T316. Routinely, baskets are provided with alternative perforation sizes and finer filtration may be utilized with the addition of a mesh liner to the basket. The mesh size number states the number of openings per square inch.

Fouled strainer baskets will reduce water flow, increasing vacuum on pump suction. This is a potential cause for pump cavitation, pump seal failure or air in-leakage.

A pressure drop is induced across the strainer. As the strainer fouls, the pressure drop increases. Clean strainers cause the least amount of pressure drop. Pressure drop profiles for standard sized strainers are provided on the last two pages of this manual.

Basket cleaning is the primary maintenance performed on a basket strainer. Frequency of cleanings is system dependent and usually varies with loading or seasons (for outdoor pools).



INSTALLATION

Prior to connecting this strainer or reducer to your piping system, check the following:

1. Directional flow.
2. Compatibility of connecting piping to the inlet and outlet connections provided on the strainer or reducer
3. Piping supports. Be sure that the

strainer is **NOT SUPPORTING ANY PIPING OR TANKS** as this can cause excessive stresses in the strainer body.

We recommend avoiding suspended strainer applications. Please support strainer bodies at the bottom of the vertical housing.

Flanged end connectors are standard with the Fluidtrol AQUATIC strainers and reducers. The proper installation technique is outlined below.*

FLANGED CONNECTIONS

A. 1/8" thick soft full face gaskets are preferred for use with plastic flanges

B. Make sure that all the bolt holes of the mating flanges match up with the strainer flange bolt holes. The flanges on the strainers and reducers are lined up such that the bolt holes straddle the vertical centerline. Strainer flanges up to 12" are loose ring flanges, so rotating is possible if existing plumbing is not aligned properly.

C. Insert all bolts only after strainer is in its final position-- see "H" to the right for more info.

D. Make sure that the faces of the mating flanges are not separated by more than 1/16" after gasket insertion. If there is a larger gap, it may be necessary to insert a spacer ring between the two flanges.

E. The bolts on the plastic flanges should be tightened by pulling down the nuts diametrically opposite each other using a torque wrench- see FIG 1. Complete tightening should be accomplished in stages and the final torque values in the following table should be followed for the various sizes of flanges. Uniform stress across the flange will help prevent leaky gaskets. Refer to TABLE 1 for recommended torques.

F. Required bolt sizes are given in TABLE 2. These are based on average SCH 80 PVC Flanges.

G. The drain and lid vent should be plumbed for use. Drain fittings are typically hard-piped to a suitable drain. The lid vent is typically plumbed with flexible hose to allow for lid removal. Quick disconnects (i.e. Cam-Lock) are also a good practice for the lid vent line. Valves should be affixed to both positions

H. Strainer positioning is very important when tightening the flange bolts. Fluidtrol strainer and reducer flange flush tolerance is +/- 0.5 degrees. Fitting flanges must be flush with piping flanges prior to tightening. Please do not attempt to pull the strainer housing into an upright, flush-flange position by tightening the flange bolts. This routinely results in flange hub cracking and is considered installation error, which possibly will void the warranty on the strainer repair.

I. All Threaded Fittings (NPT Drains/Pressure Taps) are to be tightened the standard torque- hand tight plus 1 turn. Over tightening can result in broken fittings.

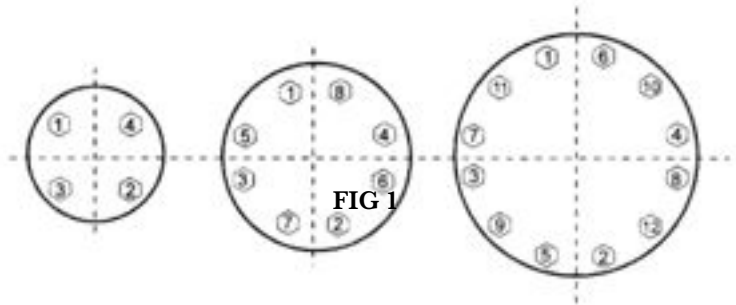


Table 1

Flange Size	Torque Value
3" and 4"	20-30 ft lbs
6" and 8"	30-50 ft lbs
10" and 12"	53-75 ft lbs

Table 2

Flange Size	Bolt Size
3"	5/8-11 x 3 5/8"
4"	5/8-11 x 3 3/4"
6"	3/4-10 x 4 3/8"
8"	3/4-10 x 4 3/8"
10"	7/8-9 x 4 1/2"
12"	7/8-9 x 4 5/8"

Fluidtrol does not recommend the practice of drilling/tapping into our dual laminate housings and reducers for pressure taps. This may result in voided warranty. Please contact factory if pressure tap is required.

MAINTENANCE

When cleaning becomes necessary the guidelines listed below should be followed. NEVER ATTEMPT TO OPEN A STRAINER WHILE UNDER PRESSURE. Attempting to do so can result in a catastrophic failure causing personal injury and voiding warranty. Strainer basket cleaning is completely system dependent and should be performed as any preventative maintenance task once the frequency has been determined. Fluidtrol recommends cleaning the basket prior to the observance of a 3 psid pressure drop across the vessel. This is calculated by the difference between the gauge pressure just upstream and the gauge pressure just downstream of the strainer. After the initial cleaning of the system, begin to monitor the pressure drop every hour to determine the cleaning frequency. Using the pressure drop charts on the pages at the end of this manual can provide some assistance, but generating data on your particular system will be necessary to determine proper cleaning frequency.

1. Stop flow through strainer. For simplex units this requires stopping the process flow. For duplex units, the process flow must be redirected into the secondary housing by means of the valves/ valve mechanism.

2. Remove pressure from housing. The drain plug at the base of the strainer or vent valve on the lid can be used for this purpose if other pressure relief methods are unavailable. NEVER remove the lid prior to depressurizing.

3. Remove lid. SW and RSW Strainers utilize T-Handles/ Swing Latch lid assembly. Loosen the I-bolts of the lid by alternating between diametrically opposite bolts. Once all bolts are loose, swing the T-Handles to the side. If you chose to utilize your swivel lid retaining bracket- swivel the cover to this location of housing and it will be held in place.

4. Remove and clean basket. Various methods of cleaning are utilized, depending on the material in the basket and it's tenacity to the perforated surface. It is common to have 2 baskets to allow for the fouled basket to be quickly replaced with a clean basket. This allows for the minimum flow interruption and for the dirty basket to be cleaned as convenient at some point prior to the next basket change.

5. Refill vessel with process fluid. Reducing the air pocket at the top of the housing is critical for minimizing the potential to air lock the system pump. If possible, fill the vessel with process/pool water to approximately 1" from the lid gasket.

6. Replace lid and secure. Tighten as tight as necessary to avoid water drips through the gasket and to avoid air in leakage due to vacuum. Follow an alternating pattern when tightening- just as tightening lug nuts on a tire or flange bolts.

7. Return to service and vent. SLOWLY OPEN NECESSARY VALVES TO PUT THE STRAINER ON LINE. After the strainer is returned to service- it may be necessary to bleed off any remaining air trapped at the top of the housing. This is done with the ½" vent on the lid that the strainer is supplied with. The strainer housings are common air traps for the system, so routine bleeding at this location may help efforts to minimize air in system.



Fluidtrol Aquatic Strainers

SPARE PARTS AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Your strainers are shipped with a 5-7 digit serial number on the permanent equipment tag. This number should be preserved in the event technical support or parts are required. Many of the parts will be commercially available from a local plumbing distributor, but items such as the basket and special gaskets will require you to contact your Fluidtrol dealer.

You can contact Fluidtrol Process Technologies, Inc. at 888-551-0511 for support at any time during installation, commission or operation of your strainer. Unlimited technical support is part of the product that you have purchased.

IMPORTANT STRAINER/SYSTEM DATA

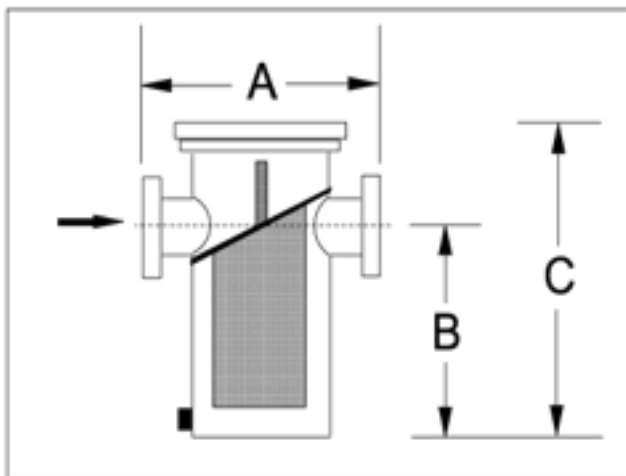
In the event troubleshooting is required- it is optimum to have as much system/ equipment data collected as possible. The below lists represent most of the variables that may be relevant.

FLUID CHARACTERISTICS

- Composition
- Operating Temperature F
- Operating Pressure
- Viscosity centipoise
- Minimum Size To Filter mesh micron inch mm
- Allowable Pressure Drop PSI (clean basket)
- Flow Rate GPM

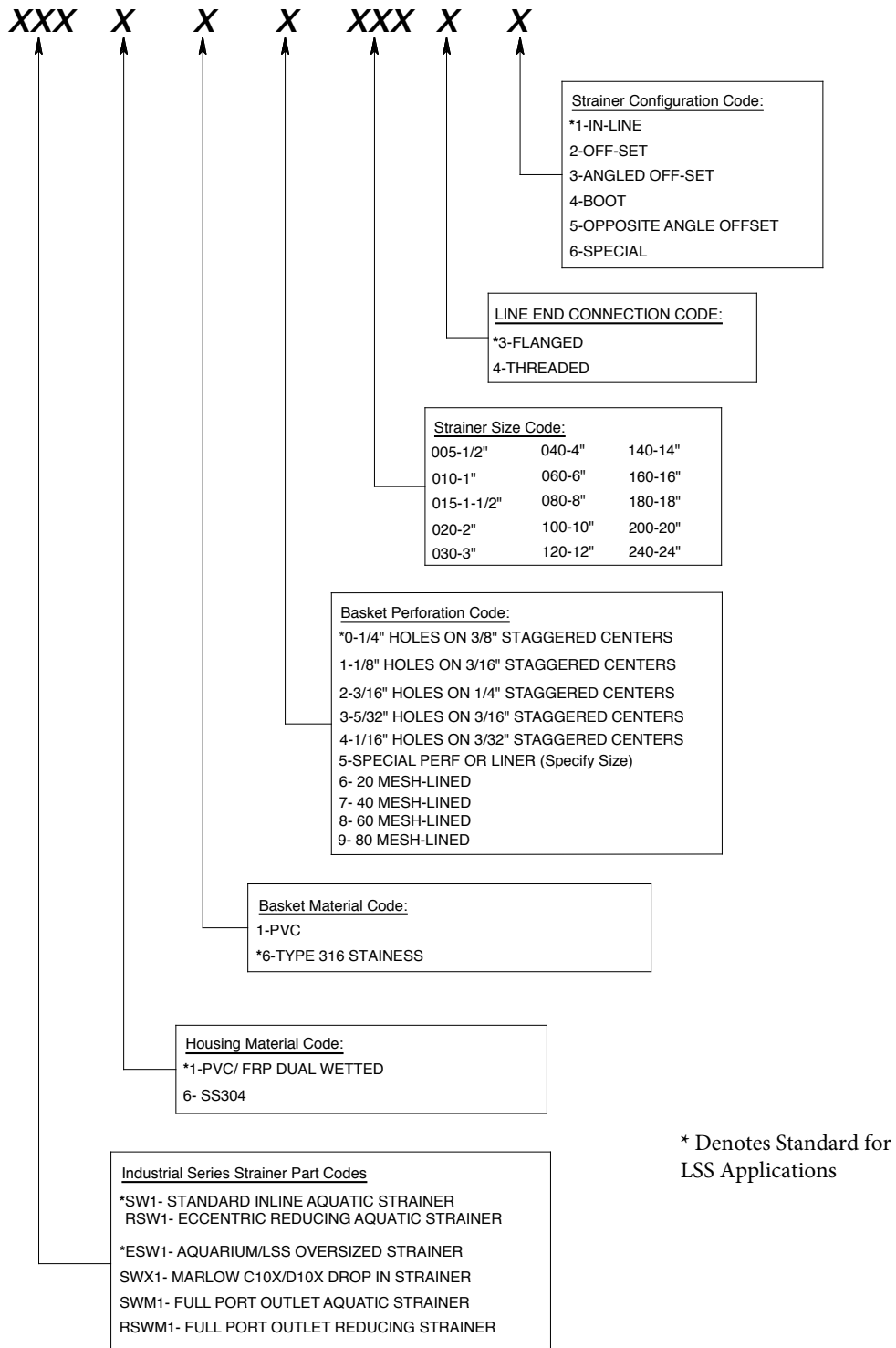
STRAINER CHARACTERISTICS

- Type of Strainer
- Size
- Design Flow Rate GPM
- Design Pressure PSI
- Max Temperature
- Max Pressure
- Housing Material
- Gasket Material
- Basket Perforation
- Basket Material
- Liner Rating
- Liner Material
- Drain Size/Type
- End Connections
- Vent Size/Type
- Pressure Taps
- Model Number
- Date of Manufacture
- Serial Number



ESW Series Strainer			
Strainer Size	A	B	C
3"	13-3/4"	11-5/8"	20"
4"	18"	23-1/2"	32-1/2"
5"	20"	21-1/2"	33"
6"	20"	21-1/2"	33"
8"	23"	25"	39"
10"	27-1/2"	31-5/8"	45-1/2"
12"	30"	29"	42"

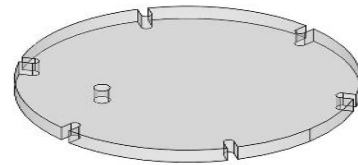
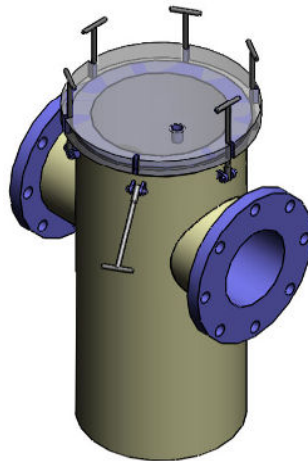
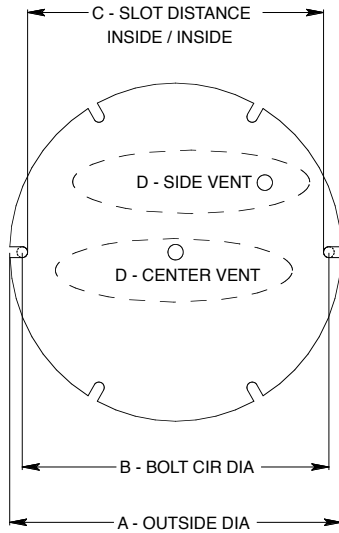
AQUATIC SERIES STRAINER PART NUMBER CODE



TO IDENTIFY YOUR PARTICULAR STRAINER, USE THE ABOVE KEY TO DETERMINE CORRECT STRAINER MODEL. STRAINER MODEL IS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE EQUIPMENT IDENTIFICATION TAG AFFIXED TO THE STRAINER HOUSING.

ESW SERIES - OVERSIZED BASKET STRAINER REPLACEMENT COVER AND GASKETS LSS STRAINERS - ZOOS & AQUARIUMS

STRAINER INLET FLANGE	ACRYLIC COVER OD	ACRYLIC COVER THICKNESS	QTY OF FASTENER SLOTS	FASTENER BOLT CIRCLE DIAMETER	FASTENER SLOT DISTANCE INSIDE	1/2" NPT VENT POSITION	STRAINER MFG DATE	GASKET TYPE	GASKET DIMENSIONS ID / OD (DASH NO)	ACRYLIC COVER PART NUMBER	GASKET PART NUMBER
Image Below	A			B	C	D					
3"	11.5"	1"	6	10.25	9.75	Center	1991 or after	Flat	7.5" /9.25"	1-040-5105A	1-040-5105D
	12.392"	1"	6	10.892	10.392	Side	2015 or after	1/4" O-Ring	-447 (9/9.5")	1-040-5105AN	1-040-5105ON
4"	13.625"	1"	6	12.4375	11.9375	Center	1991 or after	Flat	9.25" /11.75"	1-060-5105A	1-060-5105D
	14.517"	1"	6	13.017	12.517	Side	2015 or after	1/4" O-Ring	-451 (11/11.5")	1-060-5105AN	1-060-5105ON
6"	15.625"	1"	6	14.4375	13.9375	Center	1991 or after	Flat	11" /13.5"	1-080-5105A	1-080-5105D
	16.517"	1"	6	15.017	14.517	Side	2015 or after	1/4" O-Ring	-455 (13/13.5")	1-080-5105AN	1-060-5105ON
8"	16.867"	1"	6	15.6	15.1	Center	1991 or after	Flat	12.25" /15"	1-100-5105A	1-100-5105D
	18.017"	1"	6	16.517	16.017	Side	2015 or after	1/4" O-Ring	-458 (14.5/15")	1-100-5105AN	1-060-5105ON
10"	19"	1.25"	8	17.75	17.25	Center	1991 or after	Flat	14.75" /16.75"	1-120-5105A	1-120-5105D
	20.017"	1.25"	8	18.517	18.017	Side	2015 or after	1/4" O-Ring	-462 (16.5/17")	1-100-5105AN	1-060-5105ON
12"	20.875"	1.5"	12	19.75	19.25	Center	1991 or after	Flat	16.75" /18.75"	1-140-5105A	1-140-5105D
	20.017"	1.25"	12	20.767	20.267	Side	2015 or after	1/4" O-Ring	-466 (18.5-19")	1-100-5105AN	1-060-5105ON



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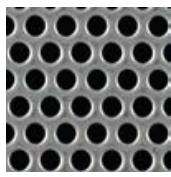

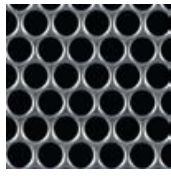

ESW Series Basket GUIDE

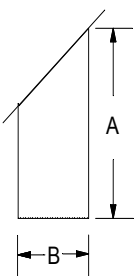
Fluidtrol's standard ESW Series basket is constructed from 1/4" Perf @ 3/8" staggered centers. However, we have the capability to fabricate these strainer baskets with a variety of hole size and open area to meet the particular design requirement. All ESW - LSS Strainer baskets are SS316.



Fluidtrol offers durable baskets that are built to last. We have one basket design - extra heavy duty. Our basket flange is laser cut from 12 gauge stainless, making this potentially weak point super strong. The perforated metal gauge is also a very easy differentiator for Fluidtrol and is summarized below.

2" - 10" Strainers	12" to 16" Strainers	18" to 24" Strainers
18 Gauge	16 Gauge	14 Gauge

	1/8" Perf @ 3/16" centers 33 holes per sq. in. 40% open area
	3/16" Perf @ 1/4" centers 18.5 holes per sq. in. 51% open area
	5/32" Perf @ 3/16" centers 33 holes per sq. in. 63% open area
	1/4" Perf @ 3/8" centers 8.1 holes per sq. in. 40% open area

	ESW Strainer Size (Inlet Flange Size)	Dimension A	Dimension B	Basket Area	Basket: Pipe Area Ratio	Open Area: Pipe Area Ratio (40% Open Perf)
	Inches	Inches	Inches	Square Inches		
	3	12.5	5.5	200	29 : 1	11.6 : 1
	* 4	24.5	7.5	350	28 : 1	11.2 : 1
	6	20.125	9	505	20 : 1	8.0 : 1
	* 8	27.5	10	781	15.5 : 1	6.2 : 1
	* 10	33	11	1045	13.3 : 1	5.3 : 1
	* 12	33	15	1378	12.1 : 1	4.8 : 1
Please inquire for larger sizes				* Denotes Non Stock Basket Dimensions		



Swivel Lid Retaining Bracket Installation/ Operation Guide

Fluidtrol now offers a new feature that allows single hand operation while strainer baskets are being removed and serviced. Newly manufactured aquatic series strainers and some industrial models are being supplied with these machined PVC brackets and associated hardware to serve as resting locations for the cover while strainer housings are open. These kits are universal and will be compatible on all aquatic strainers manufactured after November 2015.

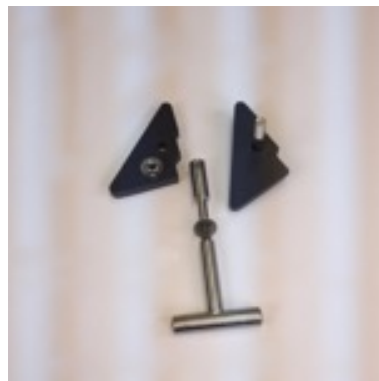
Step One: Identify Location

You will have a minimum of 6 locations to choose from that will be the most convenient location for this retaining bracket. Variables such as which side of strainer you will be servicing from, walkways, other equipment and even right/left handedness will impact your decision. If you decide a different location is better- you will be able to change.



Step Two: Install the Housing O-Ring and Lid Retainer on the Housing SS Bracket of choice.

Your lid and fastener package includes one set of longer hardware for installing the bracket- as shown in picture to the right. Position the wedge-shaped PVC brackets on either side of U-Brackets that hold the I-Bolts to the strainer- along with the I-Bolts. The cover will have slots- except for one single 1/2" dia through-hole. This is the correct lid location for your bracket site.



Step Three: Operation

Swing all I-Bolts open except the one that will be used to swivel. The countersink in the lid will allow you to securely retain the acrylic cover. Loosen this location only to take the tension off the O-Ring.

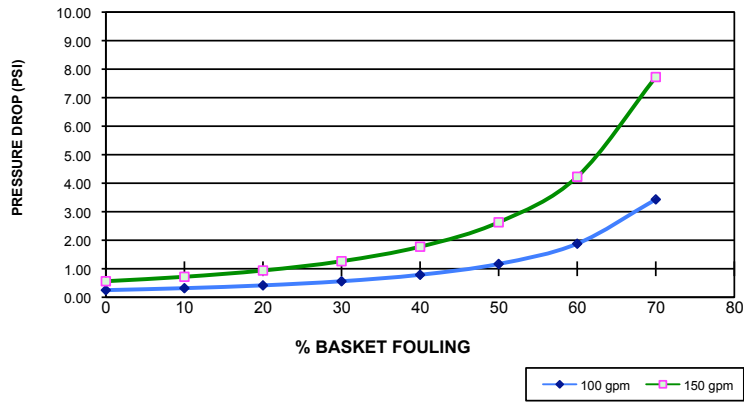


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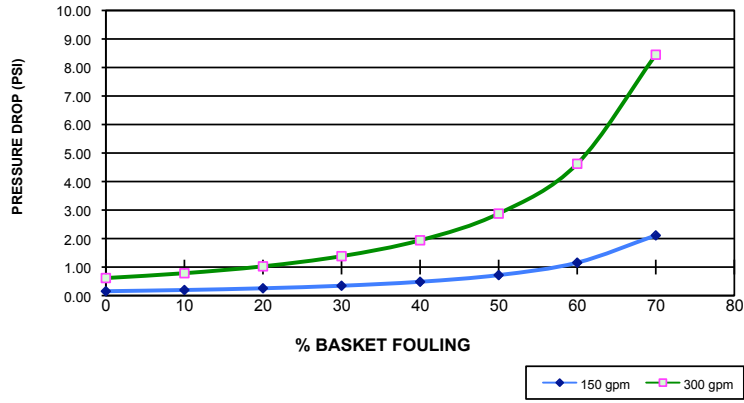
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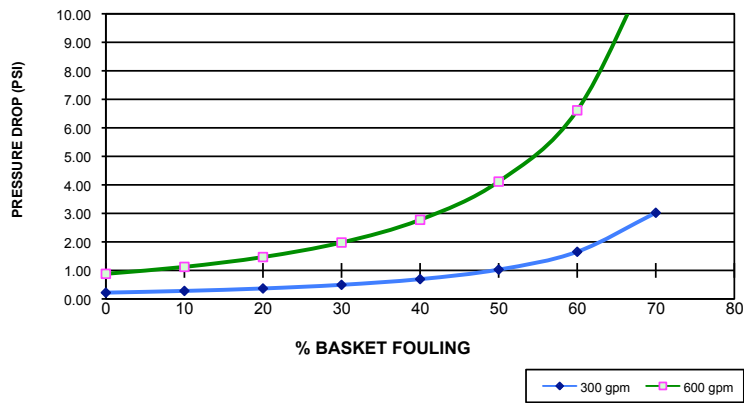
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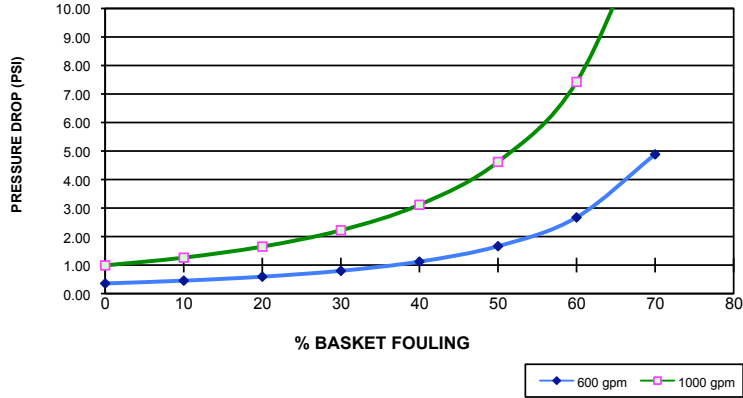
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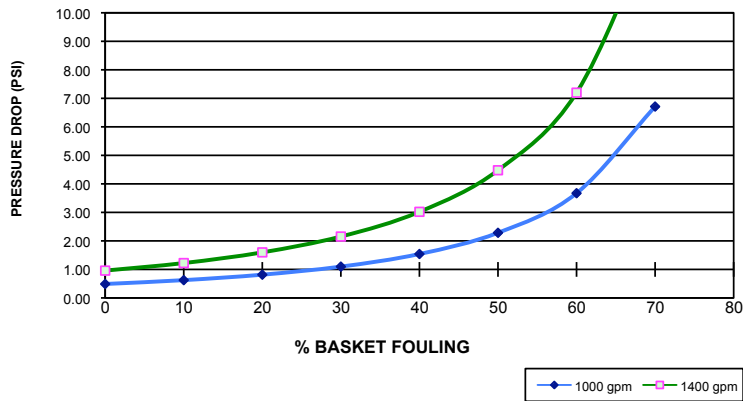
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NOTE: PRESSURE DROP PROFILES DO NOT INCLUDE REDUCERS

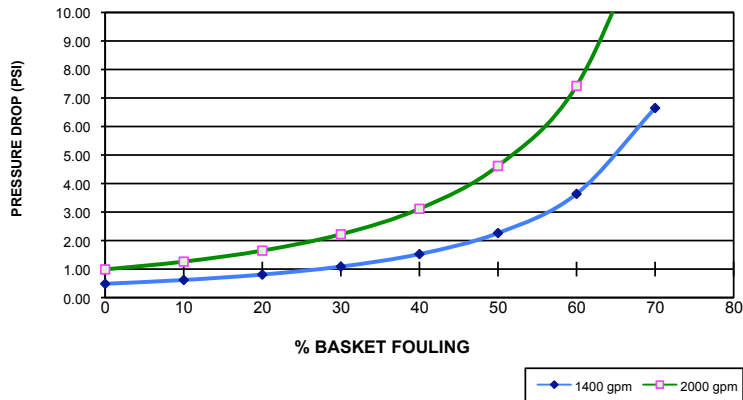
8 " Strainer



10 " Strainer



12 " Strainer



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WARRANTY

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