

INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS



WFDEN Vane-type Waterflow Detector

SPECIFICATIONS

Contact Ratings:	10 A @ 125/250 VAC~; 2.5 A @ 24 VDC	---
Triggering Flow Rate:	Refer to Table 1	
Static Pressure Rating (maximum):	17.25 bar (250 psi) (1725 KPa); 16 bar (VdS)	
Operating Temperature Ranges:	0°C to 68°C (32°F to 155°F)	
Compatible Pipe:	Steel Water Pipe (Refer to Table 1)	
Shipping Weight:	3 to 6 lbs (according to size)	
Enclosure Rating:	Nema4/IP54	

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IMPORTANT

Please Read Carefully And Save

This instruction manual contains important information about the installation and operation of waterflow detectors. Purchasers who install waterflow detectors for use by others must leave this manual or a copy of it with the user.

Read all instructions carefully before beginning. Follow only those instructions that apply to the model you are installing.

CAUTION

The model WFDEN is a vane-type waterflow detector for use in wet-pipe fire sprinkler systems only. Vane-type waterflow detectors shall not be used as the sole initiating device in both deluge and preaction systems; waterflow detectors used in these types of systems may result in an unintended discharge caused by a surge, trapped air or a short retard time.

WARNING

Installation must be performed by qualified personnel and in accordance with all national and local codes and ordinances.

Shock hazard: Disconnect power source before servicing. Serious injury or death could result.

Risk of explosion: Not for use in hazardous locations. Serious injury or death could result.

PRINCIPLES OF OPERATION

Vane-type waterflow detectors mount to water-filled pipes in fire sprinkler systems. Waterflow in the pipe deflects a vane, which produces a switched output, usually after a specified delay. All WFDENs have a pneumatically controlled mechanical delay mechanism. Delays do NOT accumulate; they reset if the flow of water stops or drops below minimum triggering flow rate before the entire delay has elapsed.

All switches actuate on a sustained flow of water greater than the maximum specified in Table 1, but will not activate if the flow rate is less than the minimum specified in Table 1.

This Safe Signal installation manual covers the following waterflow detectors for fire sprinkler/fire alarm applications.

TABLE 1.

Model Number	DN Ref. Pipe Size mm (in)	VdS		Triggering Flow Rate (liters/min)	LPCB	
		Nominal Pipe O.D. (mm)	Wall Thickness (mm)		Nominal Pipe O.D. (mm)	Wall Thickness (mm)
WFD20EN	50 (2)	60.3	2.3/2.9	47	60.3	3.6
WFD25EN	66 (2.5)	76.1	2.6/2.9	49	76.0	3.6
WFD30EN	80 (3)	88.9	2.9/3.2	47	88.8	4.0
WFD40EN	100 (4)	114.3	3.2/3.6	53	114.1	4.5
WFD60EN	150 (6)	168.3	4.0/4.5	55	165.1	5.0
WFD80EN	200 (8)	219.1	4.5/5.9	64	219.1	6.3

STEEL PIPE COMPATIBILITY

CAUTION

Do not use any of the WFDEN models on copper pipe. The clamping forces of the mounting bolts may collapse the pipe sufficiently to prevent the detector from functioning properly.

Do NOT install steel or iron pipe sections in copper piping for mounting a waterflow detector. Incompatibility between the dissimilar metals causes bimetallic corrosion.

INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

Before installing any waterflow alarm device, be thoroughly familiar with national codes of practice and the requirements of the authority having jurisdiction.

NOTE: Installation methods other than those listed in this installation manual may prevent the device from reporting the flow of water in the event the associated fire sprinkler system is activated by a fire. Safe Signal is not responsible for devices that have been improperly installed, tested or maintained.

1. Mount the detector where there is adequate clearance for installation and removal and a clear view of it for inspections. See Figure 1 for mounting dimensions.
2. Locate the unit 1.8 – 2.1 meters above the floor to protect from accidental damage.
3. On horizontal runs, the detector must be positioned on the top of the pipe, not on the side or below. Do not mount it upside down because condensation may collect in the housing and impair the operation of the detector. For vertical flow applications, mount detector on pipe through which water flows upward. Otherwise, the unit may not operate properly.
4. Mount detector at least 15 cm from a fitting that changes the direction of the waterflow, or no closer than 61 cm from a valve or drain.
5. BE SURE DIRECTION-OF-FLOW ARROW AND DIRECTIONAL COVER MATCHES ACTUAL DIRECTION OF FLOW IN THE PIPE. See Figure 6.

MOUNTING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Drain the pipe.
2. Cut a hole in the pipe in the desired location. Center the hole on the pipe as shown in Figure 2, and be sure the hole is perpendicular to the center of the pipe. Before drilling, use a punch or scribe to mark the drill site to prevent the bit from slipping. If the hole is off center, the vane will bind against the inside wall of the pipe. Use a drill or hole saw to cut a hole of the proper diameter. See Table 2 for hole size.

CAUTION

When drilling the hole with a hole saw, make certain that center of hole saw cut does not remain in pipe.

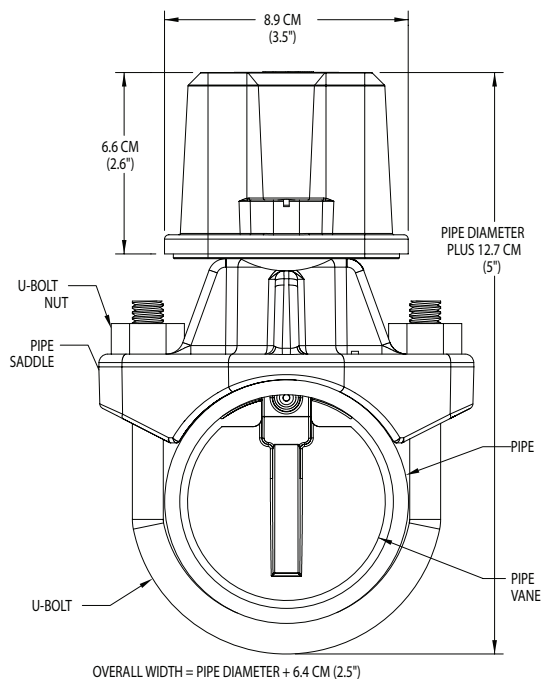
TABLE 2.

MODEL NUMBER	HOLE DIAMETER	TORQUE SETTING
WFD20EN	31.8 mm + 1.6 mm	40.7 - 47.5 NT-M
WFD25EN	1 1/4 in + 1/16 in	30 - 35 FT-LBS
WFD30EN	50.8 mm + 1.6 mm 2 in + 1/16 in	61.6 - 67.8 MT-M 45 - 50 FT-LBS
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WFD60EN		
WFD80EN		

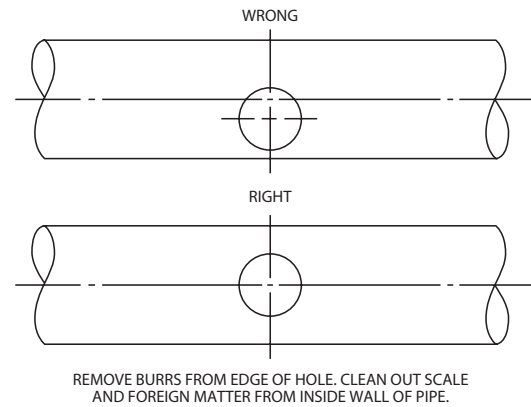
- Remove burrs and sharp edges from the hole. Clean and remove all scale and foreign matter from the inside wall of pipe for a distance equal to the pipe diameter on either side of the hole to ensure free movement of the vane. Clean the outside of the pipe to remove dirt, metal chips, and cutting lubricant.
- Seat the saddle gasket against the saddle and mount detector directly to pipe. Carefully roll the vane opposite the direction of flow and insert it through the hole (see Figure 4). Seat the saddle firmly against the pipe so that the locating boss goes into the hole.
- Install the U-bolt, tightening the nuts alternately to ensure a uniform seal (see Table 2 for torque values).
- Remove the cover with the tamper-proof wrench provided. Move the actuator lever back and forth to check for binding. If the vane binds, remove the detector and correct the cause before proceeding.

CAUTION

Be sure the direction-of-flow arrow and directional cover point in the correct direction, or else waterflow will go unreported. See Figure 4.

FIGURE 1. MOUNTING DIMENSIONS

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FIGURE 2. LOCATION OF MOUNTING HOLE TOP VIEW

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PREOPERATION TESTING

- Fill the fire sprinkler system and check for leaks around the waterflow detector. If it leaks, first check for proper torque on U-bolt nuts. If leak persists, drain the system and remove the detector (refer to Maintenance). Check for dirt or foreign objects under the gasket, and make sure that the pipe surface is not dented. Reinstall the detector and check again for leaks. Do not proceed until all leaks have been stopped.
- Connect an ohmmeter or continuity tester across COM and B-NO switch terminals. The ohmmeter should indicate an open circuit.
- Deflect the actuator lever and hold it until the pneumatic delay shaft releases the switch buttons. The ohmmeter or continuity tester should show a short circuit after the delay has elapsed. If there is no delay, check the setting of the delay adjustment dial.

FIELD WIRING

- All models have two SPDT switches. Switch contacts COM and B-NO are closed when water is flowing and open when water is not. Connect the switches as shown in Figure 7 depending on the application.
- When connected to a listed fire sprinkler/fire alarm control panel, the initiating circuit must be unable to be silenced.
- A ground screw is provided with all waterflow detectors. When grounding is required, clamp wire with screw in hole located between conduit entrance holes, see Figure 5.
- Use proper waterproof conduit fittings where required.

WARNING

High Voltage. Electrocution Hazard. Do not handle live AC wiring or work on a device to which AC power is applied. Doing so may result in severe injury or death.

When utilizing switches at voltages greater than 74VDC $\overline{\overline{\overline{\quad}}}$ or 49VAC \sim means to provide all-pole disconnection must be incorporated in the field wiring, such as a circuit breaker.

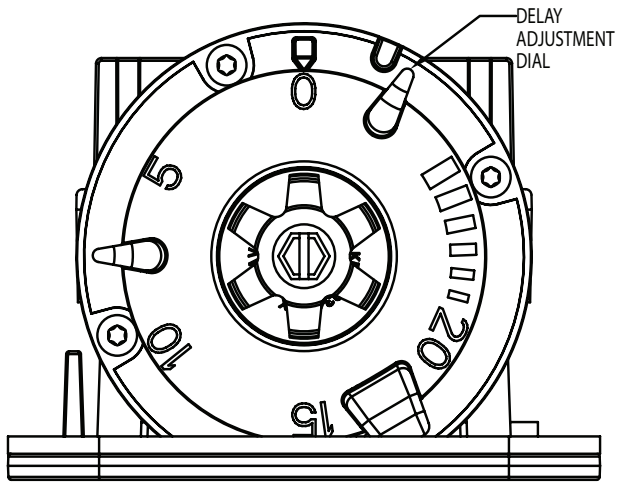
MECHANICAL DELAY ADJUSTMENT

The pneumatic delay is preset at the factory to a dial setting of approximately 25 seconds. To adjust the setting, turn the adjustment dial clockwise to increase the delay, counterclockwise to decrease it. Delay can be adjusted over a range from 0 to 30 seconds maximum, see Figure 3.

NOTE: Set the delay to the minimum required to prevent false alarms due to flow surges.

Periodically test time delay as required by Authority Having Jurisdiction or code authority.

FIGURE 3. DELAY ADJUSTMENT DIAL



NOTE: NUMBER ON DIAL IS APPROXIMATE TIME DELAY IN SECONDS.

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OPERATIONAL TESTING

Always notify the central station monitoring waterflow alarms before repairing, maintaining or testing waterflow alarm devices.

1. Replace the cover and tighten the tamper-proof screws with the tamper-proof wrench. Store the wrench in a secure place.
2. Open the inspector's test valve and time how long it takes for the detector to indicate a flow condition. The detector should remain activated until the inspector's test valve is closed. Air pockets in the sprinkler system may increase the apparent time delay.

MAINTENANCE

To prevent accidental water damage, control valves should be shut tight and the system completely drained before waterflow detectors are removed or replaced.

Inspect detectors in accordance with applicable codes and standards and/or the Authority Having Jurisdiction for leaks and replace if a leak occurs. Test detectors at least quarterly as described under Operational Testing to ensure proper operation. Test more often as required by applicable codes or standards.

Under normal conditions Safe Signal waterflow detectors should provide years of trouble-free service. If any part of the detector does not perform properly, replace the entire detector. Installation methods other than those listed in this installation manual may prevent the device from reporting the flow of water in the event the associated fire sprinkler system is activated by a fire. Safe Signal is not responsible for devices that have been improperly installed, tested, or maintained.

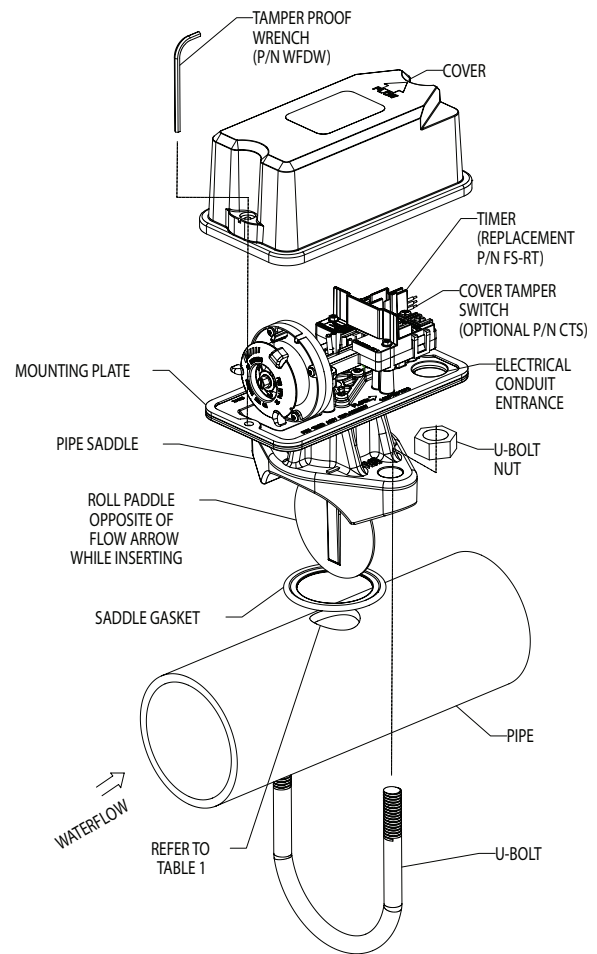
Proceed as follows to remove a detector:

1. Drain the pipe.
2. Turn off electrical power to the detector, and then disconnect wiring.
3. Loosen nuts and remove U-bolts.
4. Gently lift the saddle far enough to get your fingers under it. With your fingers, roll the vane so it will fit through the hole while continuing to lift the waterflow detector saddle.
5. Lift detector clear of pipe.

CAUTION

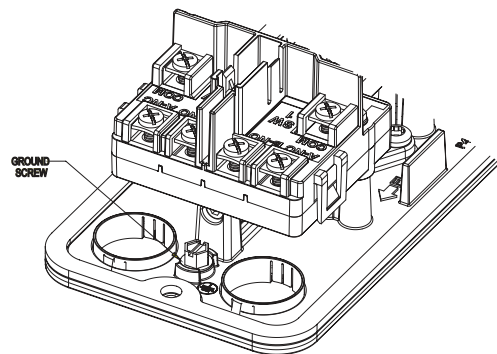
If a vane breaks off in a pipe, find and remove it. If it is not removed, the vane may restrict the proper flow of water to all or part of the fire sprinkler system.

FIGURE 4. ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM



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FIGURE 5. GROUND SCREW LOCATION



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FIGURE 6. DIRECTIONAL COVER

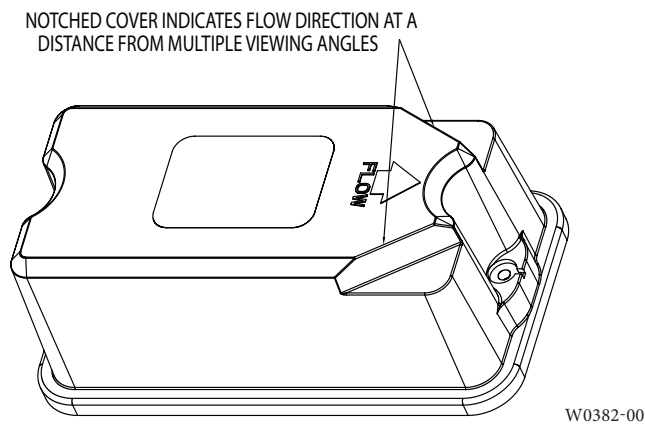
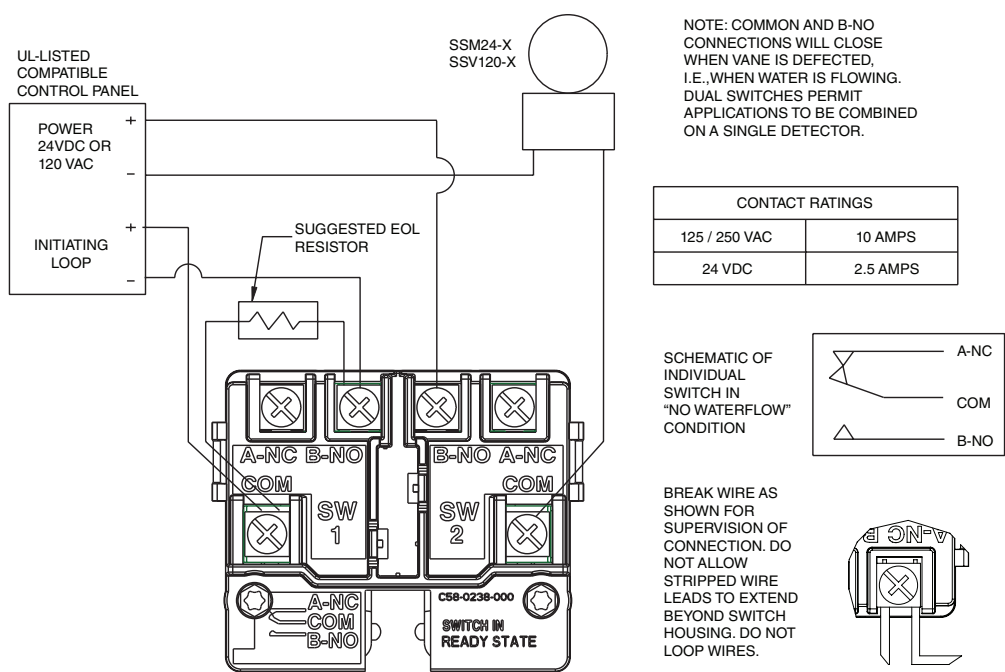
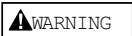


FIGURE 7. FIELD WIRING



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THE LIMITATIONS OF WATERFLOW ALARM DEVICES

1. Waterflow detectors may not work or operate properly if sprinkler piping being monitored is plugged with pipe scale, mud, stones or other foreign material. Sprinkler systems should be checked regularly for such blocking material.
2. Alarms generated by the activation of waterflow detectors may not be received by a central station if telephone or other communication lines to the detector are out of service, disabled, or open.
3. Vane-type waterflow detectors have a normal service life of 10–15 years. Hard water systems, however, may reduce waterflow detector service life significantly.
4. Waterflow detectors are not a substitute for insurance. Building owners should always insure property and lives being protected by sprinkler systems.
5. If valves controlling the water supply to a sprinkler system are closed, vane-type waterflow detectors will not work. All valves controlling a sprinkler water supply should be sealed or locked in the normally open position. The normally open position should be monitored by a sprinkler supervisory switch.

THREE-YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY

SAFE SIGNAL warrants that the equipment herein shall conform to said descriptions as to all affirmation of fact and shall be free from defects of manufacture, labeling, and packaging for a period of three (3) years from the invoice date to the original purchaser, provided that representative samples are returned to SAFE SIGNAL for inspection. Upon a determination by SAFE SIGNAL that a product is not as warranted, SAFE SIGNAL shall, at its exclusive option, replace or repair said defective product or parts thereof at its own expense except that Purchaser shall pay all

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