## BLADDER TANK PROPORTIONING SYSTEM



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## TECHNICAL DATA:

| TANK MOUNTING TYPE | Vertical or Horizontal |
| :---: | :---: |
| CONCENTRATE STORAGE CAPACITY | For Vertical Tank: |
|  | 150 litres to 5000 litres. |
|  | For Horizontal Tank: 150 litres to 9000 litres. |
| RATED PRESSURE | 12 Bar (175 psi) |
| FACTORY TEST | 18 Bar (262 psi) |
| PRESSURE |  |
| VESSEL | Carbon steel to ASME Code |
| CONSTRUCTION | Section VIII for unfired Pressure vessels. |
| BLADDER | Buna - N with nylon Reinforcement |
| CENTRE TUBE | PVC |
| EXTERNAL PIPING | Waterside: Carbon steel Seamless pipe sch 40. Foam concentrate side; SS Sch. 40 |
| VENT AND DRAIN Brass VALVE/ SS | Ball valve with Bronze / |
| OPTIONAL | Sight gauge with shut off and drain valve, ladder and concentrate supply control valve. |
| FINISH | Epoxy red painted. |
| ORDERING | Please specify |
| $\begin{array}{ll}\text { INFORMATION } & \text { 1) Tank } \\ & \text { 2) Storag } \\ & \text { 3) Model } \\ & \text { with flow }\end{array}$ | rtical or horizontal |
|  | city of foam concentrate. , size of ratio controller pressure. |
| 4) Type of foam concentrate to be used and percentage of induction required. |  |
| 5) Field connection flange RF/FF. | ication ANSI class 150\# |

## APPLICATION

The Bladder Tank Foam Proportioning System utilizes the water pressure to inject foam concentrate into a water supply and automatically proportions foam concentrate over wide range of flow and pressure, with very low-pressure drop. This system does not require concentrate supply pump.

## SPECIFICATION

The Bladder Tank Foam Proportioning System is available with vertical and horizontal bladder tanks. The carbon steel tanks are designed and constructed in accordance with ASME Code Section VIII for unfired pressure vessels. The maximum working pressure is 12 Bar (175 psi) and factory tested for 18 Bar (263 psi). A continuous skirt supports the vertical tank assembly with four feet drilled to it for anchoring. Two saddles welded to the tank and drilled for anchoring support the horizontal tanks. Tank is provided with lifting lugs.
The system is supplied with pressure vessel, bladder, fill and drain valve for water and foam concentrate, ratio controller and vent valve. The ladder and sight glass assembly is supplied as optional item on request.

## PRINCIPLE OF OPERATION

The foam concentrate is to be filled into the bladder very carefully to avoid rupture of the bladder. The filling instruction is provided with the equipment. Once the main water flow is established and water inlet and foam outlet valves are opened, the water enters the area between vessel wall and bladder, applying pressure to the bladder. The foam concentrate is forced out of the bladder through the foam outlet pipe and into the ratio controller through metering orifice. The concentrate pressure and water inlet pressure at ratio controller will be same, as the main water supply pressure is utilized to expel the foam from the bladder. The water flowing through the ratio controller jet creates a low-pressure area common both to down stream water and foam concentrate. This injects the concentrate in to the ration controller through an accurate sized orifice proportioned to water venturi. This ensures correct proportioning over a wide range of flow condition.
The bladder tank proportioning system operates on same principle as that of a balance pressure proportioning system. In bladder system, the bladder is used as diaphragm to separate the water and foam concentrate within the tank. The foam concentrate is injected into the ratio controller utilizing water pressure.
A system is also supplied with foam concentrate control valve as an optional item. The valve allows concentrate flow only when minimum of $3.0 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{sq} . \mathrm{cm}$. Water pressure is established in the system. For pressure drop and flow characteristics refer catalogue of Ratio Controller.

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## - VERTICAL BLADDER TANK



MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION

| SR.NO | DESCRIPTION | SPECIFICATION |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | VALVE | SS/BRONZE |
| 2 | FOAM CONCENTRATE <br> SHUT OFF VALVE | SS/BRONZE |
| 3 | WATER SHUT OFF VALVE | SS/BRONZE |
| 4 | LEVEL INDICATOR | GLASS/ACRYLIC |
| 5 | PRESSURE GAUGE | $0-16$ KG/SQ.CM. |
| 6 | CHECK VALVE | SS/BRONZE |
| 7 | SPOOL PIECE | CARBON STEEL |
| 8 | RATIO CONTROLLER | BRONZE |
| 9 | BLADDER | BUNA-N |
| 10 | TANK | CARBON STEEL |
| 11 | NAME PLATE | BRASS |
| 12 | WATER LINE PIPING | CARBON STEEL |
| 13 | FOAM CONCENTRATE <br> PIPING | SS |

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## VERTICAL BLADDER TANK CAPACITY \& DIMENSION

| CAPACITY | TANK DIMENSIONS - INCHES (MM) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GALS (LITRES) | 'A' | 'B' | 'C' | 'D' | 'E' | 'F' | 'G' | 'H' | 'J' | 'K' | 'L' |
| 25 (95) | 20(508) | 46(1168) | 24(610) | 18-1/4(464) | 9/16(14) | 1-1/2(38) | 13-3/4(349) | 4-7/16(112) | 2(51) | 35-5/16(897) |  |
| 50(189) | 20(508) | 67(1701) | 47(1193) | 18-1/4(464) | 9/16(14) | 2(51) | 13-3/4(349) | 4-7/16(112) | 2(51) | 51-1/16(1297) | 55-5/8(1413) |
| 100(379) | 24(610) | 75(1904) | 60(1523) | 22-1/4(565) | 9/16(14) | 2(51) | 17-3/4(451) | 4-7/16(112) | 2(51) | 64-7/8(1648) | 69-5/8(1768) |
| 150(568) | 30(762) | 84(2132) | 61-1/2(1561) | 27-3/4(705) | 9/16(14) | 2(51) | 20-3/4(527) | 4-7/16(112) | 2(51) | 67-1/2(1715) | 72-5/8(1854) |
| 200(757) | 30(762) | 108(2742) | 85-1/2(2170) | 27-3/4(705) | 9/16(14) | 2(51) | 20-3/4(527) | 4-7/16(112) | 2(51) | 91-1/2(2324) | 96-5/8(2459) |
| 300(1136) | 36(914) | 111(2819) | 87(2209) | 32-3/4(832) | 9/16(14) | 2(51) | 23-3/4(603) | 4-7/16(112) | 2(51) | 93-1/2(2375) | 98-3/4(2508) |
| 400(1514) | 42(1067) | 113(2869) | 87-1/2(2221) | 37-1/2(953) | 11/16(17) | 2(51) | 26-3/4(679) | 4-7/16(112) | 2(51) | 96-11/16(2456) | 101-3/4(2584) |
| 500(1892) | 42(1067) | 117(2970) | 91-1/2(2323) | 37-1/4(947) | 11/16(17) | 2(51) | 26-3/4(679) | 4-7/16(112) | 2(51) | 112(2843) | 109-3/4(2788) |
| 600(2271) | 48(1219) | 116(2945) | 89(2261) | 41-1/2(1054) | 11/16(17) | 3(76) | 29-3/4(756) | 4-7/16(112) | 3(76) | 99-1/16(2516) | 125-3/4(3194) |
| 700(2650) | 48(1219) | 124(3148) | 97(2462) | 41-1/4(1057) | 11/16(17) | 3(76) | 29-7/8(759) | 4-7/16(112) | 3(76) | 123(3124) | 118-3/4(3016) |
| 800(3028) | 48(1219) | 140(3554) | 113(2869) | 41-1/4(1057) | 11/16(17) | 3(76) | 29-7/8(759) | 4-7/16(112) | 3(76) | 123-5/8(3140) | 127-3/4(3245) |
| 900(3407) | 48(1219) | 163(4138) | 136(3453) | 41-1/4(1057) | 11/16(17) | 3(76) | 29-7/8(759) | 4-7/16(112) | 3(76) | 146-1/4(3715) | 146-3/4(3727) |
| 1000(3785) | 60(1524) | 124(3148) | 94(2386) | 51-1/2(1308) | 13/16(21) | 3(76) | 35-7/8(911) | 8-7/16(214) | 3(76) | 104-9/16(2656) | 162-3/4(4134) |
| 1100(4164) | 60(1524) | 136(3454) | 121(3072) | 51-1/2(1308) | 13/16(21) | 3(76) | 35-7/8(911) | 8-7/16(214) | 3(76) | 116-1/2(2959) | 174-3/4(4439) |
| 1200(4542) | 60(1524) | 148(3757) | 118(2996) | 51-1/2(1308) | 13/16(21) | 3(76) | 35-7/8(911) | 8-7/16(214) | 3(76) | 129-1/2(3289) | 134-13/16(3424) |
| 1400(5300) | 60(1524) | 159(4037) | 129(3275) | 51-1/2(1308) | 13/16(21) | 3(76) | 35-7/8(911) | 8-7/16(214) | 3(76) | 140-1/2(3569) | 145-13/16(3704) |
| 1500(5678) | 60(1524) | 170(4136) | 141(3579) | 51-1/2(1308) | 13/16(21) | 3(76) | 35-7/8(911) | 8-7/16(214) | 3(76) | 152-1/2(3874) | 157-13/16(4008) |

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## HORIZONTAL BLADDER TANK



MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION

| SR.NO | DESCRIPTION | SPECIFICATION |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | VALVE | SS/BRONZE |
| 2 | FOAM CONCENTRATE <br> SHUT OFF VALVE | SS/BRONZE |
| 3 | WATER SHUT OFF VALVE | SS/BRONZE |
| 4 | LEVEL INDICATOR | GLASS/ACRYLIC |
| 5 | PRESSURE GAUGE | $0-16$ KG/SQ.CM. |
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NOTE:

| VALVE No. | DESCRIPTION | NORMAL |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | CONCENTRATE VALVE | CLOSED |
| 2 | TANK WATER VENT | CLOSED |
| 3 | WATER DRAIN/FILL | CLOSED |
| 4 | CONCENTRATE DRAIN/FILL | CLOSED |
| 5 | SIGHT GLASS | CLOSED |

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 25 (95) | 20(508) | 14(356) | 1-3/4(44) | 20(508) | 3(76) | 9/16(14) | 22(559) | 40-5/16(1024) | 14(356) | 1(25) | 55-5/8(1413) | 2(51) | 12(305) | 4-7/16(113) | 13(330) |
| 50(189) | 20(508) | 14(356) | 1-3/14(44) | 24(610) | 3(76) | 9/16(14) | 22(559) | 40-5/16(1024) | 14(356) | 1(25) | 55-5/8(1413) | 2(51) | 12(305) | 4-7/16(113) | $13(330)$ |
| 100(379) | 24(610) | 18(457) | 1-3/4(44) | 24(610) | 376) | 9/16(14) | $24(610)$ | 44-5/16(1126) | 22(559) | 2(51) | 69-5/8(1768) | 2(51) | 18(457) | 4-7/16(113) | 15(381) |
| 150(568) | 30(762) | 22(559) | 2-1/4(57) | 30(762) | 9/16(14) | 9/16(14) | 27(686) | 50-5/16(1278) | 20(508) | 2(51) | 72-5/8(1845) | 2(51) | 18-1/2(472) | 4-7/16(113) | 18(457) |
| 200(757) | 30(762) | 22(559) | 2-1/4(57) | 30(762) | 9/16(14) | 9/16(14) | 27(686) | 50-5/16(1278) | 44(1118) | 2(51) | 96-5/8(2454) | 2(51) | 30-1/2(775) | 4-7/16(113) | 18(457) |
| 300(1136) | 40(1016) | $26(660)$ | 2-1/4(57) | 36(914) | 9/16(14) | 9/16(14) | 30(762) | 56-5/16(1430) | 45(1143) | 2(51) | 98-3/4(2508) | 2(51) | 30(762) | 4-7/16(113) | 21(533) |
| 400(1514) | 40(1016) | 300762) | 2-3/4(70) | 42(1067) | 11/16(17) | 11/16(17) | 33(838) | 62-5/16(1583) | 46(1168) | 2(51) | 101-314(2584) | 2(51) | 30(762) | 4-7/16(113) | 24(610) |
| 500 (1892) | 40(1016) | 300762) | 2-3/4(70) | 42(1067) | 11/16(17) | 11/16(17) | 33(838) | 62-5/16(1583) | 54(1372) | 2(51) | 109-314(2788) | 3(76) | 34(864) | 8-7/16(214) | 24(610) |
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| 700(2650) | 44(1118) | 34(864) | 2-3/4(70) | 48(1219) | 11/16(17) | 11/16(17) | 40(1016) | 72-5/16(1837) | 52(1321) | 3(76) | 118-3/4(3016) | 3(76) | 34(864) | 8-7116(214) | 27-5/16(694) |
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| 1000(3785) | 44(1118) | 34(864) | 2-3/34(70) | 48(1219) | 13/16(21) | 11/16(17) | 40(1016) | 72-5/16(1837) | 106(2692) | 3(76) | 162-3/44(4134) | 3(76) | 56(1422) | 8-7/16(214) | 27-5/16(694) |
| 1100(4164) | 44(1118) | 344864) | 2-3/4(70) | 48(1219) | 13/16(21) | 11/16(17) | 46(1168) | 72-5/16(1837) | 108(2743) | 3(76) | 174-314(4439) | 3(76) | 65(1575) | 8-7/16(214) | 27-5/16(694) |
| 1200(4542) | 54(1372) | 44(1118) | 3-1/2(89) | 60(1524)) | 13/16(21) | 11/16(17) | 46(1168) | 84-5/16(2142) | 72(1829) | 3(76) | 134-13/16(3424) | 3(76) | 39(991) | 8-7116(214) | 33-5/166(846) |
| 1300(4920) | 54(1372) | 44(1118) | 3-1/2(89) | 60(1524)) | 6(152) | 11/16(17) | 46(1168) | 84-5/16(2142) | 72(1829) | 3(76) | 139-13/16(3551) | 3(76) | 41-1/2(1054) | 8-7/16(214) | 33-5/166(846) |
| 1400(5300) | 54(1372) | 44(1118) | 3-1/2(89) | 60(1524)) | 6(152) | 11/16(17) | 46(1168) | 84-5/16(2142) | 84(2134) | 3(76) | 145-13/16(3704) | 3(76) | 44-1/2(1143) | 8-7116(214) | 33-5/166(846) |
| 1500(5678) | 54(1372) | 44(1118) | 3-1/2(89) | 60(1524)) | 6(152) | 11/16(17) | 52(1321) | 84-5/16(2142) | 94(288) | 3(76) | 157-13/16(4008) | 3(76) | 50-1/2(1283) | 8-7116(214) | 33-5/16(846) |
| 1600(6057) | 64(1626) | 56(1422) | 5-1/2(140) | 72(1829) | 8(203) | 1-1/166(27) | 52(1321) | 96-318(2448) | 51(1295) | 3(76) | 119-5/16(3031) | 3(76) | 28(711) | 8-7116(214) | 39-5/16(999) |
| 1800(6813) | 64(1626) | 56(1422) | 5-1/2(140) | 72(1829) | 8(203) | 1-1/16(27) | 52(1321) | 96-318(2448) | 63(1600) | 3(76) | 131-5/16(3335) | 3(76) | 34(864) | 8-7/16(214) | 39-5/16(999) |
| 2000(7571) | 64(1626) | 56(1422) | 5-1/2(140) | 72(1829) | 8(203) | 1-1/16(27) | 52(1321) | 96-318(2448) | 75(1905) | 3(76) | 143-5/16(3640) | 3(76) | 40(1016) | 8-7/16(214) | 39-5/16(999) |
| 2200(8328) | 64(1626) | 56(1422) | 5-1/2(140) | 72(1829) | 8(203) | 1-1/166(27) | 52(1321) | 96-318(2448) | 87(2210) | 3(76) | 155-5/16(3945) | 3(76) | 46(1168) | 8-7116(214) | 39-5/16(999) |
| 2400(9085) | 64(1626) | 56(1422) | 5-1/2(140) | 72(1829) | 8(203) | 1-1/166(27) | 52(1321) | 96-388(2448) | 100(2540) | 3(76) | 167-5/16(4250) | 3(76) | 52(1321) | 8-7116(214) | 39-5/16(999) |
| 2600(9842) | 64(1626) | 56(1422) | 5-1/2(140) | 72(1829) | 8(203) | 1-1/166(27) | 52(1321) | 96-318(2448) | 113(2870) | 3(76) | 179-5/16(4250) | 3(76) | 58(1473) | 8-7/16(214) | 39-5/16(999) |
| 2800(10599) | 64(1626) | 56(1422) | 5-1/2(140) | 72(1829) | 8(203) | 1-1/166(27) | 52(1321) | 96-318(2448) | 125(3175) | 3(76) | 191-5/16(4555) | 3(76) | 64(1626) | 8-7/16(214) | 39-5/16(999) |
| 3000(11355) | 64(1626) | 56(1422) | 5-1/2(140) | 72(1829) | 8(203) | 1-1/166(27) | 52(1321) | 96-3/8(2448) | 137(3480) | 3(76) | 203-5/16(5164) | 3(76) | 70(1778) | 8-7/16(214) | 39-5/16(999) |
| 3200(12112) | 64(1626) | 56(1422) | 5-1/2(140) | 72(1829) | 8(203) | 1-1/166(27) | 52(1321) | 96-318(2448) | 46(3078) | 3(76) | 215-5/16(5469) | 3(76) | 76(1930) | 8-7/16(214) | 39-5/16(999) |

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## INSTALLATION, INSPECTION <br> AND MAINTENANCE

An installation, inspection and maintenance manual is provided with each unit. The manual provides detail schematic, initial procedure, and inspection and maintenance procedures. The instruction manual must be read carefully and followed during installation and commissioning of the system.
After few initial successful test an authorized person must be trained to perform inspection and testing of the system. It is recommended to carry out physical inspection of the system regularly, the inspection should verify that no damages have taken place to any component and all the valves are in their proper position as per the system requirement. The system should be fully tested at least once a year and in accordance with applicable NFPA code or in accordance to the guidelines of the organization having local jurisdiction.
Do not turn off the system or any valve to repair or test the system, without placing a roving Fire Patrol in the area covered by the system. The Patrol should continue until the system is put back in service. Also inform the local security personnel and the Control Room so that a false alarm is not signaled.

## CAUTION

1. Do not weld on the tank as it may damage the bladder.
2. Release pressure before an inspection and maintenance of the system.
3. Sight glass is not pressure tight, so before taking concentrate level reading, tank pressure must be released.
4. The bladder tank is to be installed under a shade to avoid direct sunlight on the equipment.

## NOTE

The foam concentrate is to be filled in the bladder tank very carefully to avoid rupture of the bladder. The filling guideline provided with the equipment must be adhered to strictly.

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