Installation Manual

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- 1. Before beginning installation determine the system pressure.
 - a. Open a faucet to allow the system pressure to equalize.
 - b. Close faucet.
 - c. Read the system pressure at the pressure gauge (Figure 1).
- 2. The expansion tank pre-charge must be set to the system pressure as determined in Step 1. Pre-charge prior to installation in the system.

Caution: Pre-charge prior to installation in the system. Do not adjust the air pre-charge of the expansion tank with the system under pressure. The air pre-charge should only be adjusted under zero system pressure.

Note: The normal pre-charge is 20psi (138 kPa). **Do not exceed 80psi.** If system pressure exceeds 80psi (5.5 bar) it will be necessary to either: **A.** Add a pressure reducing valve to the system or, **B.** Locate the expansion tank in a riser where the static pressure is below 80psi (5.5 bar).



- a. Unscrew the protective cap from the air inlet valve.
- b. Using a tire pressure gauge, check the tank pre-charge pressure.
- c. If necessary, pressurize the tank to the proper setting using a manual bicycle tire pump. Caution do not exceed 80psi.
- d. Replace the protective air cap.

- 3. Shut off the water supply valve.
- 4. Shut off power source to the water heater, (electricity, gas, oil burner switch) and drain system following water heater manufacturer recommendations.
- **5.** Install the expansion tank in the system (refer to Figure 1).
 - **a.** The weight of the expansion tank filled with water is supported by the system piping. Therefore, it is important that, where appropriate, the piping has suitable bracing (strapping, hanger, brackets).
 - b. The expansion tank may be installed vertically (preferred method) or horizontally. Caution: The tank must be properly supported in horizontal applications.
 - c. This expansion tank, as all expansion tanks, may eventually leak.
 Do not install without adequate drainage provisions.
- 6. Turn on the water supply valve.
- Open a hot water fixture and allow water flow until all air is removed from the system.
- 8. Reapply power to the water heater.
- 9. Open a hot water fixture to allow a slight flow until the hot water has reached operating temperature.
- 10. Recheck system pressure following Step 1.a through c.



