IRC urinal flush control valve

installation guide

1 Introduction

the infrared urinal flush control (IRC) valve automatically manages the supply of water to a urinal cistern.

On detection of movement in the washroom, the IRC activates a 30 minute cycle allowing water to flow into the cistern. During the last five minutes of the 30 minute cycle the sensor ‘looks’ for movement. If no movement is detected during these five minutes the valve will close. If, however, the sensor does detect movement a new 30 minute cycle is activated. If no movement is detected for 12 hours the IRC will activate a hygiene cycle.

3 YEAR warranty

*See page 13 for details
not supplied

• 2-core low voltage cable for remotely installed applications.
• Pattress box for surface / wall mounted applications.

FIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH WATER REGULATIONS

Under the water regulations, urinals should use no more than 7.5 litres per bowl per hour (10 litres for a single bowl)
2 Positioning

**NOTE:**
One IRC is required for every cistern.

**A** pipe mounted, on the solenoid
(Battery powered only)

**B** wall mounted, remote from the solenoid
(Battery and/or mains electricity)

**C** ceiling mounted, remote from solenoid
(Battery and/or mains electricity)

**NOTE:** Where one cistern feeds multiple urinal outlets, ensure the urinal outlets are evenly distributed and balanced so the cistern gives equal flush.

125 Degrees

138 Degrees

8.4 m

11.4 m
3 Valve installation

Install the valve on the 15mm pipe feeding the cistern.

**NOTE:**
The valve should be positioned with the directional arrow pointing in the same direction as the flow of the water with the solenoid on top.

**NOTE:**
There should be no restriction, such as a petcock or bibtap, after the valve.

To change the direction of the valve remove the screws from the black valve body, turn the valve around and screw the valve back in.

**changing the selectable valve seat**

**NOTE:**
3mm orifice should only be fitted when the water supply is from a tank or is at low pressure. (Refer to chart below)

1. To change the valve seat, remove the screws from the solenoid housing; this will give access to the selectable valve seat.
2. Remove the selectable valve seat from the valve body.
3. When refitting, place the selectable valve seat into the solenoid housing and fit the solenoid housing back on to the valve body.

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<th>Valve seat</th>
<th>Dynamic Pressure</th>
<th>Max Flow lpm</th>
<th>Min Flow lpm</th>
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<tr>
<td>1.5mm orifice insert</td>
<td>6 bar</td>
<td>2.7</td>
<td>0.03</td>
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<tr>
<td>1.5mm orifice insert</td>
<td>2 bar</td>
<td>1.6</td>
<td>0.01</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3mm orifice insert</td>
<td>2 bar</td>
<td>3.0</td>
<td>0.05</td>
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<tr>
<td>3mm orifice insert</td>
<td>0.1 bar</td>
<td>0.9</td>
<td>No flow</td>
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4 Sensor installation

A pipe mounted – battery powered only

Insert the batteries into the battery compartment of the sensor unit. Fit the sensor on to the solenoid and secure using screw A. Use the white blanking plugs 9 to fill in the unused holes.

B wall mounted or solid ceiling, remote from solenoid – mains and/or battery powered

Using a subsurface or surface mounted pattress box, wire the sensor unit to the solenoid ensuring that the ‘1’ on the sensor is connected to the ‘1’ on the remote valve plug and likewise the ‘2’ should be connected to ‘2’.

(See on page 7)

For battery powered installations, insert the batteries into the battery compartment. For mains powered installations, wire the sensor unit using the appropriate mains voltage cable.

Fit terminal cover 5 to the sensor unit.

Insert the sensor unit and using two screws A secure it to the pattress box.

NOTE: If the wiring is not connected ‘1’ to ‘1’ and ‘2’ to ‘2’ the polarity will be reversed and the valve will not function as intended.
C flush mounted, ceiling tile installations remote from solenoid – mains and/or battery powered

1. Using the template supplied, cut a hole for the sensor in the ceiling.
2. Wire the valve as indicated in \( \text{E} \).
3. Position the flush mount plate \( \text{4} \) and screw the terminal cover \( \text{5} \) to the back of the sensor unit. (This will secure the flush mount plate).
4. Place the mounting bracket \( \text{6} \) over the back of the sensor unit and secure using screw \( \text{B} \).

D plaster board installation

Install as indicated in section \( \text{B} \).

1. Follow instructions \( \text{C} \) 1-3
2. Fit clip nuts \( \text{8} \) on plaster board
3. Punch holes in the flush plate and secure using screw \( \text{C} \)
4. Fit screw caps \( \text{11} \)
E  wiring the valve for remote sensor installation

Using low voltage 2-core cable, wire the remote valve plug and gasket taking note of the ‘1’ and ‘2’ number markings. You will need to match these numbers when wiring the sensor i.e. ‘1’ to ‘1’ and ‘2’ to ‘2’.

Place the plug on the solenoid and secure in place with screw D.

NOTE: Cable Specification:
CSA =1mm²
Length = 10m (Max.) from sensor to solenoid

5 Commissioning

Once all is installed, the flow rate will need to be adjusted to suit the particular installation.

Using the flow regulator on the bottom of the solenoid you can either increase or decrease the flow of water. Ideally the cistern should flush once every 30 minutes.

Adjust the valve by turning the screw at the base of the brass valve body clockwise to reduce the flow and anti-clockwise to increase the flow.

NOTE: Use the table below to set your cistern to flush once every 30 minutes. Adjust the flow through the valve so it takes the time below to fill a measuring cup to 100ml.

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<tr>
<th>Cistern size</th>
<th>Time to fill 100ml</th>
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<tr>
<td>4.5L</td>
<td>40 sec</td>
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<tr>
<td>9.0L</td>
<td>20 sec</td>
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<tr>
<td>13.5L</td>
<td>13.5 sec</td>
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Clockwise: reduces the flow rate
Anti-clockwise: increases the flow rate
6 Self-test mode

1. Press Test Button (Amber LED will illuminate).

2. Test cycle
   - **Valve Test Mode**
     Valve opens and closes five times - amber LED will blink with every valve movement.
   - **Sensor Test Mode**
     Valve closed for one minute. Body movement causes the amber LED to flash when detected. Check detection range by walking around the room to confirm the light flashing.
     After one minute the sensor test mode will finish and the sensor will revert to normal operation.

**Normal operation**
Valve remains open for a period of 30 minutes (green LED will flash) after which it will shut down. If, however, presence is detected within the last five minutes of the 30 minute cycle, the valve will reactivate a new cycle.

**LED sequence**

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<tr>
<td>Valve open</td>
<td>green LED flash once every 3 seconds (battery)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>green LED flash once every 2 seconds (mains)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Low Power</td>
<td>red LED flash</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fault</td>
<td>double red LED flash</td>
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<tr>
<td>Start up / test cycle</td>
<td>amber LED</td>
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7 Power connection

Cistermiser IRC can be powered by either batteries or mains electricity.

Fitting batteries to a mains connected unit will offer back-up power in case of mains supply failure.

NOTE: When fitted directly onto pipework only use battery power pack.

8 Usage advice and specification

power

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<tr>
<th>Mains Supply:</th>
<th>Nominal 230V 50Hz 20mA.</th>
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<td>Battery Supply:</td>
<td>230V AC +/-10% 20mA nominal, 50mA max.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Batteries (recommended):</td>
<td>Duracell Plus (Gold Top) MN1500 Capacity 2700mAh.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Operating Life:</td>
<td>Up to three years with recommended batteries depending on washroom usage.</td>
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solenoid valve

| 6V Latching Valve:     | UK WRAS approved. One valve per sensor unit. |

pressure range

0.1 - 6.0 bar (Covered by selectable valve seat). Integral slow fill flow regulator. If supply pressure is above 6.0 bar, fit a pressure reducing valve.
## Frequently asked questions

### test mode does not function

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<th>Resolution</th>
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<td>No power</td>
<td>Ensure unit is powered. Change batteries if battery powered; ensure mains electrical power is functioning if mains powered.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Power supply fault</td>
<td>Disconnect one source of power and check by pushing the test button. When the sensor is mounted directly on the valve it should be battery powered ONLY. Also check remote wiring if sensor is remote from valve.</td>
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### no water passing the valve

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<td>Water supply</td>
<td>Ensure water supply is turned on and reaching the valve. The valve comes with a factory fitted 1.5mm insert fitted for water pressures of 2 - 6 bar. If your water pressure is within this range and the optional 3mm insert has been fitted then revert back to the 1.5mm insert. The 3mm insert is for use with water pressures of 0.1 - 2 bar.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Blockage on the outlet pipe</td>
<td>If a petcock or bibtap has been fitted, ensure it is removed or fully open. Instructions state there should be no restriction after the valve.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mesh filter blocked on inlet</td>
<td>Remove valve. Check to ensure filter on the inlet side of the valve is clear.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Flow regulator</td>
<td>Ensure the flow regulator is fully opened; when the valve is letting water run, turn down to the required flow rate.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>High water pressure (above 6 bar)</td>
<td>Fit pressure reducing valve before the IRC valve.</td>
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<tr>
<td>No power</td>
<td>Ensure unit is powered. Change batteries if battery powered; ensure mains electrical power is functioning if mains powered.</td>
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water is continuously flowing through the valve

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<th>User perception</th>
<th>Once activated the valve remains open for a period of 30 minutes and will reactivate if someone comes within the range of the sensor in the last five minutes of the 30 minute period. The valve appears to work continuously as long as someone is in the washroom.</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>No power</td>
<td>The power has failed while the valve is in the ‘open’ position. Ensure the unit is powered. Change batteries if battery powered; ensure mains electrical power is functioning if mains powered.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Valve incorrectly fitted</td>
<td>Ensure the arrow on the brass body is pointing in the direction of water flow.</td>
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the valve remains shut when the room is occupied but opens at other times

| Incorrect remote wiring | If the valve and sensor have been set up remotely, ensure the remote wiring is wired as follows: ‘1’ to ‘1’ and ‘2’ to ‘2’. If you find the wiring is connected ‘1’ to ‘2’ and ‘2’ to ‘1’ then the valve is working in reverse. |

water flow rate through the valve seems to be very slow

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Flow regulation</th>
<th>Increase the flow rate by turning the flow regulator anti-clockwise until you reach your desired flow rate; ideally it should fill the cistern once per activation and then flush. See Step 5 ‘Commissioning’</th>
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<td>Mesh filter blocked</td>
<td>Check to ensure filter on the inlet side of the valve is clear.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Flow restrictor/insert</td>
<td>The valves comes with a factory fitted 1.5mm diameter insert fitted for water pressures of 2 - 6 bar; this should be changed over to the 3mm insert (for water pressures of 0.1 - 2 bar) to allow more water through. See Step 3 ‘Valve Installation’.</td>
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water flow rate through the valve is fast and the cistern is flushing too frequently

| Flow regulator | Decrease the flow rate by turning the flow regulator clockwise until you reach your desired flow rate. Ideally it should fill the cistern once per activation (i.e. every 30 minutes) and then flush. See Step 5 ‘Commissioning’. |
9 Frequently asked questions

there is a leak around the solenoid

If the black bracket/solenoid has been removed from the block and rotated for flow orientation the ‘O’ ring seal at the join may be dislodged or lost

If dislodged, re-position. If lost; call Cistermiser.

I have just changed the batteries and there is no power to the unit

Battery orientation

Check battery orientation; ensure there is not excessive corrosion on battery terminals. Ensure batteries are a reputable brand.

cistermiser product warranty and extended warranty

Cistermiser products are guaranteed for 12 months from the date of manufacture. The guarantee is for faulty products and parts only: there is no labour warranty. If you believe your product is faulty, please either contact Cistermiser directly on 0118 969 1611 or at warranty@cistermiser.co.uk, with a photograph and the serial number, to help diagnose the cause of the problem.

The warranty on Cistermiser products can be extended within one year of date of manufacture, at no cost, to three years from the date of installation by completing the enclosed warranty card or at www.cistermiser.co.uk/warranty. Please make a note of the serial number and take a photograph of the installation before you leave site.
### Commissioning Check-list

**IRC**

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This commissioning checklist is to be completed in full by the competent person who installed the product as a means of demonstrating compliance with the installation instructions and then returned to:

Cistermiser Ltd., Unit 1, Woodley Park Estate, 59-69 Reading Road, Woodley, Berks, RG5 3AN.

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<th>No</th>
<th>Activity</th>
<th>Checked</th>
<th>Date</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Flush pipework prior to installation.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Correct valve seat fitted: 1.5mm 2 – 6 Bar (factory fitted). 3.0mm 0.1 – 2 Bar.</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Ensure the flow direction through the valve is correct.</td>
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<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Ceiling mounted: ensure sensor range will cover urinal area.</td>
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<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Electrical connections: ensure mains or battery power is connected. If mains powered, ensure mains adaptor is wired to 1A fused spur.</td>
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<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Remote solenoid: check connections from sensor to solenoid are correctly wired. i.e. terminal 1 to 1 and terminal 2 to 2 between the sensor box and the solenoid.</td>
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<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Set flow rate: cistern should not fill more than once in a period of 30 minutes. Turn flow restrictor clockwise to reduce flow rate, anti-clockwise to increase flow rate.</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Press Test Button: valve test mode, valve will open and close five times. Sensor test mode for one minute, body movement will cause amber LED to flash. Sensor reverts to normal operation after test program.</td>
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cistermiser range

urinal flushing

**hydraulic valve**
An automatic urinal flush control valve which reduces water consumption and odours. The valve uses a simple patented mechanism which prevents water waste by ensuring that the auto-flush cistern is only filled, and can only flush, when the washroom is used.

**infrared control (IRC) valve**
This valve automatically manages the water supply to the urinal cistern and reduces water consumption by up to 80%. The PIR sensor detects movement and activates the solenoid valve, allowing water into a urinal cistern.

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An infrared sensor controlled urinal valve. It automatically flushes individual urinals after use, ensuring the highest level of hygiene from the minimum volume of water.

wc flushing

**easyflush wave**
An infrared, hands-free and water-conserving WC cistern flush valve suitable for concealed or exposed cisterns. Easy to install in retrofits or new installations, its no-touch dual flush WC cistern valve promotes water economy and hygiene in domestic and commercial washrooms.

**easyflush walkaway**
An infrared controlled automatic wc cistern flush valve that is suitable for concealed cisterns. The valve flushes once the user exits the cubicle. Ideal for use in environments where hygiene and water economy are concerns.

**easyflush direct**
An infrared electronic flushing system that removes the need for a WC cistern by taking its water feed straight from the mains supply. Ideal for high traffic areas as the system allows for a second flush without a delay.
taps

novatap/vectatap
An infrared tap which promotes hygiene and reduces maintenance costs. It is a contemporary deck-mounted chrome basin spout with infrared sensor, control unit and valve (novatap - internal, vectatap - external) in its body, making it extremely simple to install.

vectaspout
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novaspout
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