Installation Instructions

OPOSTA BUILT-IN THERMOSTATIC MIXING VALVES WITH INTEGRAL DIVERTER



A5601AA Oposta 3-Control Built-in Thermostatic Bath Shower Mixer with 2-way diverter



mounted vertically





A5602AA Oposta 3-Control Built-in Thermostatic Bath Shower Mixer with 3-way diverter



The fittings covered by these instructions should be installed in accordance with the Water Regulations published in 1999*. Ideal Standard strongly recommends that these fittings are installed by a professional fitter.

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RANGE

This instruction sheet describes the installation of:

A5601AA Oposta 3-Control Built-in Bath Shower Mixer with Integral 2-way Diverter.

A5595AA Oposta 3-Control Built-in Shower/Shower Mixer with Integral 2-way Diverter.

A5602AA Oposta 3-Control Built-in Bath Shower Mixer with Integral 3-way Diverter.

The three controls allow the user to adjust temperature, flow and divert the mixed water to the selected outlet device. The 2-way valve diverts between shower and bath or second shower and the 3-way diverts between overhead shower, shower handset and bath fill.

The valve body must be fitted before installing the trim kit.

2 PRE-INSTALLATION NOTES

The thermostatic valves described in this instruction are designed primarily for installation into a pre-fabricated "pod" style bathroom. These valves can easily be mounted from the rear of the pod wall during pod construction. This simplifies plumbing. The trim kit can then be fitted from the front (inside the pod) after tiling. These valves can also be installed into timber stud construction walls, method is discussed in section 5B.

The valves can be mounted either horizontally or vertically. For horizontal mounting keep the diverter end to the left, for vertical mounting keep the diverter end to the top. Otherwise the symbols on the escutcheon plate will be orientated incorrectly.

The mounting bracket is designed to bridge over two members of the pods steel framework spaced 260mm apart (vertical or horizontal). It is important to cut the correct size of slot into the plaster board to allow future maintenance of the valve cartridges.



Figure 1 Oposta Thermostatic Mixer Valve body with 2-way diverter complete with mounting bracket for A5601AA and A5595AA



Figure 2 Trim Kit for Oposta Thermostatic Mixer with 2-Way Diverter



Figure 4 Trim Kit for Oposta Thermostatic Mixer with 3-Way Diverter

4 INSTALLATION OVERVIEW



Figure 5 Section through typical pod wall

Two Ø57 holes can be cut into the plaster board at 200 horizontal (or vertical) centres, and then slottedout as shown. A correctly sized slot in the pod wall plaster board will permit access to the valve cartridees for future maintenance. These products are intended to be installed primarily onto a pod wall. Typical pod wall construction is shown here. When using this "bridging" installation method, the pod wall thickness should be in the range 62 to 68mm.

Once mounted onto the steel frame work, the valve will project 27mm out from the back of the pod wall.

The mounting bracket is designed to bridge over two members of the pod's steel framework. The distance between these members should be 260mm.

PREPARATION



Figure 6 Recommended dimensions for slot in pod wall (plasterboard

For product A5602AA which has a 3-way diverter, it will be necessary to make a cut-out in the steel framework for connecting pipe work. This is not required for A5601AA or A5595AA with 2-way diverter.



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MOUNTING VALVE INTO POD WALL



completed, the valve can be mounted. Firmly hold the bracket against the back of the pod framework and spot

through suitable hole positions. The valve should be kept central in the plaster board slot & horizontal. The slots in the mounting bracket are elongated and will allow some adjustment.

The mounting bracket should be securely fixed to the pod framework. using at least 4 suitable bolts or screws.

A spirit level can be used on the top surface of the bracket to achieve an accurate horizontal level.

NOTE: The valve can be mounted either horizontally or vertically.

5b MOUNTING VALVE INTO TIMBER STUD WALL

PRF-INSTALLATION NOTES

These mixing valves can be installed into a timber stud construction wall. Two methods of installation are detailed in this section. The first method shows how the mounting bracket can be secured to the timber studs (verticals) and the second method shows the bracket being fixed to a timber noggin (horizontal).

The mounting bracket is very versatile permitting the multiple fixation options. The bracket can be secured from in-front of the wall or from behind

Installation will be easier if the valve can be fitted before the plaster board is fastened to the timber framework. Pipe runs to and from the valve will also be easier to plumb. However, for retrofit fit applications, an area of plaster board approximately 400x400 should be cut away and then replaced after installation. This is necessary to facilitate pipe connections.

These mixing valves can be mounted vertically or horizontally, see note in sect.2.

As with most appliances installed into a stud wall, the framework will need to be adjusted to provide a means of fastening and supporting the appliance.

TIMBER STUD WALL CONSTRUCTION

Framework is normally constructed using 75x50 (3"x2") rough sawn timbers, for larger walls 100x50 (4"x2") can be used. Stud centres spacing of 400 is used here in discussion. Note that 450 and 600 centres are also commonly used -this usually dependents on the plaster board size being used. Plaster board thickness of 12.5 (1/2") is generally recommended.

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METHOD A: FIXATION TO STUDS

This method is suitable for frameworks constructed with either 75x50 studs or 100x50 studs.

Consider and decide on the desired mounting position of the valve. If this position does not fall between two studs, the framework will need to be adjusted. The bracket requires a gap between the studs of 307.

Assuming the mounting position falls between two studs at 400 centres, then a timber packing block should be fastened to one stud, as shown in fig 10. The packing block should be trimmed to provide a mounting gap of 307.

If installing product with 3-way diverter, one stud should be drilled out (as shown) to allow pipe connection. timber studs 75 x 50 at 400 centres spacing



Figure 11 View from rear of timber stud wall showing dimensions

as detailed in fig.6 in sect.4.

Ensure slot is correctly aligned either horizontally (as shown) or vertically.

Alternatively, the plaster board can be slotted when it is being fastened to the framework (after the valve has been mounted)

The valve can now be fastened to the framework using 4 suitable wood screws.

Use a spirit level along the top edge of the valve to ensure it is correctly aligned.





The exact mounting depth is dependent on the thickness of plaster board and tiles being used. The 42.5 dimension is given here as a guideline only.

Continue with the installation using sect.6 -plumbing.

Figure 13 Section through timber stud wall

METHOD B: FIXATION TO NOGGIN

This method is more suited to a timber stud wall constructed using 100x50 studs. Consider and decide on the

desired mounting position of the valve.

Assuming the mounting position falls between two studs at 400 centres, then a noggin should be fastened across the back of two studs, as shown in fig 14.

If installing product with 3-way diverter, one stud should be drilled out (as shown) to allow pipe connection.



The valve can now be fastened to the noggin using 4 suitable wood screws.

Use the slotted holes in the back face of the bracket; these are elongated to provide adjustment for aligning.

Use a spirit level along the top edge of the valve to ensure it is correctly aligned.



Figure 15 View from front of timber stud wall showing correctly positioned valve (3-way diverter version of valve shown)

The front plaster board can be slotted when it is being fastened to the framework (*after the valve has been mounted*). See details in fig.6 in sect.4.

The exact mounting depth is dependent on the thickness of plaster board and tiles being used. The 42.5 dimension is given here as a guideline only.

Continue with the installation using sect.6 - plumbing.



6 PLUMBING

Fig 16 Section through timber stud wall

Screw suitable connectors into the valve as shown above. Use a WRAS approved thread sealant, for example: Loctite 577 or Permabond A1044. Connectors as shown above are typically used for connecting 15mm and 22mm copper pipes.

For maximum flow performance, run Ø22mm supply pipes to the valve.

DO NOT use solder joints near the valve as this will cause damage.

Easily accessible isolation valves should be fitted to the supply pipes to facilitate future maintenance. Alternatively, if the installer desires, push-fit connectors can be used with plastic pipes.



Figure 17 View from rear of pod wall with connectors fitted

available from all good plumbers merchants (not supplied)



Pipe work connections should be made as shown. Red and blue dots on the bracket indicate hot and cold supply connections respectively. The outlets can be plumbed as shown. There will be either 2 or 3 outlets depending on the product being installed (2 or 3 way diverter). This completes the installation from the rear of the pod wall.

Test all connections for leaks at this stage

7 FLUSHING

The pipe work and valve body must now be flushed out otherwise the thermostatic cartridge filters could become blocked resulting in reduced or erratic performance.

To do this, remove the check valve housing from the hot side using a 17mm a/f socket. Place a suitable empty vessel under the product to collect discharging water. Gently turn on the hot supply until all debris has been purged from the system then replace the check valve. Repeat the procedure for the cold side check valve. After flushing, if in-line strainers have been fitted, check and clean the strainer elements.



Figure 19 Completed built-in valve installation - viewed from inside pod - ready for fitting trim kit (after tiling wall)

This mixer is fitted with integral check valves which are essential to compliance with water regulations. To protect these from water borne debris it is strongly advised that the inlet supply pipes be fitted with in-line strainers. Should it become necessary to clean debris out of the check valve, care must be taken to ensure the delicate mechanism is not damaged during the process. The check valve housings are not interchangeable and must be re-installed in the same position from which they were removed.

It is important to connect the hot and cold supplies the right way round otherwise the valve will not function correctly. However, if the connections have been made the wrong way round the situation may be remidied by transposing the check valve housings.

9 INSTALLATION OF TRIM KIT

Once the valve installation has been completed and flushed, the trim kit can be installed from the front (inside the pod). The pod walls should be in a finished state (lined with ceramic tiles or similar) before fitting the trim kit. The same method is applicable to valves installed into timber stud walls.

The wall tiles should be carefully trimmed to match the slot cut into the plaster board of the pod wall. A correctly sized slot cut into the pod wall plaster board will permit access to the valve cartridges for future maintenance.



Figure 20 View of valve from inside of pod with wall tiled

10 FITTING THE SHROUDS

To install the trim kit, start by sliding the 3 shrouds onto the 3 projecting diameters of the valve body. The o-rings fitted onto the valve will offer some resistance, so push shrouds firmly until they stop. The shrouds are flared at one end to provide a leading chamfer to assist assembly onto the o-rings. Orientate the flared ends of the shrouds towards the valve body. If necessary the o-rings may be lubricated with water containing a little washing up liquid.



Note: Once the handles have been fitted, the shrouds can be slid forwards to meet the handles and close any visible gaps.



(vertical mounting)

Remove the backing tape from the self-adhesive foam gasket. Carefully fit this gasket into the groove at the rear of the escutcheon plate. The gasket is intentionally shorter than the groove perimeter to allow any trapped water to escape. Therefore, the gap in the gasket should always be kept at the bottom edge of the plate.

Where valve is being mounted vertically, the gap will be along the bottom short edge (remember to keep diverter symbols at top).

Slide the escutcheon plate over the 3 shrouds, back to the tiled wall. Taking care not to damage the chromed surfaces, and ensure the plate is orientated correctly.

Hold plate in position, and slide the 3 grip rings over the shrouds. Screw the grip rings onto the valve body as detailed in the next section.



Figure 24 View of valve from inside of pod with escutcheon fitted

12 GRIP RING

Each grip ring should be fitted with an internal o-ring.

The o-ring inside the grip ring will rub on the shroud during assembly (if necessary the o-rings may be lubricated with water containing a little washing up liquid). Once in position, they will prevent water ingress.

The smaller diameter of the grip ring will pass through the escutcheon plate and the larger diameter will shoulder against it.

o-ring should be _____ fitted inside groove

grip ring



Each grip ring should be firmly hand tightened down to the escutcheon plate. The grip rings will push the escutcheon plate against the wall and compress the foam gasket in the process, making a water tight seal.

All three grip rings should be kept level to apply even pressure onto the gasket.



Figure 26 View of valve from inside of pod - grip rings being fitted

13 FITTING THE HANDLES



Figure 27 Temperature handle detail

NOTE: All 3 handles differ slightly, and these should be identified before commencing installation. **Temperature Handle** is shown here on the left. It is identified by looking inside the handle for the drive-locator as shown.

Flow Handle is identified by the IS logo on the face.

Diverter Handle is the same as flow diverter, but without the IS logo.

Next step is to fit the **temperature control handle**. First, remove the loose locking pin from the bottom of the handle.

Position the temperature handle such that the drive-locator slides along the groove in grey plastic moulding attached to the right hand side control on the valve.

The 3 locator pins visible inside the handle (fig.27) MUST fit into the 3 grooves cut into the brass adaptors (fig.26)

When the handle is correctly seated, the loose locking pin can be screwed back into the handle. This pin should enter the hole in the brass adaptor and secure the handle to the valve.

If necessary, the brass adaptor can be rotated to achieve alignment. This is done by backing-off the centre screw in the adaptor, rotating the adaptor & then retightening the screw.



Figure 28 Lose locking pin detail. Shown on diverter handle For both the flow control and diverter handles, remove the loose locking pin from the bottom of the handle. Slide the handle onto the brass adaptor. Maintain the orientation of the handle markings as shown in fig.29. The o-rings on the adaptor will offer some resistance (if necessary lubricate with water containing a little washing-up liquid) push past this until the handle is seated correctly on the adaptor.

As with temperature handle, the 3 locator pins visible inside the handle MUST fit into the 3 grooves cut into the brass adaptors.

When the handle is correctly seated, the loose locking pin can be screwed back into the handle. This pin should enter the hole in the brass adaptor and secure the handle to the valve.

If necessary, the brass adaptor can be rotated to achieve alignment. This is done by unscrewing the centre screw in the adaptor. The adaptor can then be pulled off. Reposition the adaptor on the drive spindle then retightening the screw



Where this product is being mounted vertically, the flow control adaptor should be re-positioned to maintain the logo orientation. (Rotate anti–clockwise by 90°).

To remove the trim kit in future for maintenance and servicing, use the installation information in reverse sequence...



Figure 30 Handle movement range (numbers signify o'clock) for 2-way diverter





Handle movement remains the same, regardless of whether the product is mounted horizontally or vertically. Logo handle position can be adjusted if vertical mounting is preferred

14 CONTROLS AND FUNCTIONS



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Figure 33 Quick reference to control knobs & functions for 3-way diverter

Two handles are marked with a positional indicator to establish the current setting of each control. The centre handle is marked with logo only.

1. Temperature control handle: is situated on the right hand side and is marked with small red & blue rings. This handle controls the temperature of the water flowing from the built-in valve. Rotating the handle clockwise will reduce the temperature of the water. The water is mixed by a thermostatic blending valve. The handle movement will stop just after the hot /cold markers and should not be forced beyond these points.

2. Flow control handle: is the central control. This handle controls the volume of water flowing from the built-in valve. When the logo on the handle is vertical the flow is switched off, indicated by the smallest circle symbol. Moving the handle 90° anti-clockwise, will give maximum flow as indicated by the largest circle symbol. This handle will only move a quarter of a turn and should not be forced beyond this range.

If the product is mounted vertically, this handle can be adjusted so that the logo orientation remains vertical (see section.13. and reposition adaptor on drive spindle).

3. Diverter control handle: is situated on the left hand side and is marked with symbols. These symbols represent the different types of outlets devices to which the water flowing from the built-in valve can be directed. The positional indicator shows which outlet device is currently selected. This knob is free to rotate through about 240° and should not be forced beyond this range. The movement range for the 3way is very similar to the 2-way.

15 MAINTENANCE GENERAL

Both water supplies must be isolated before commencing any servicing work on these products.

Key working parts within the valve are in the form of replaceable cartridges. **To access these remove all trim kit parts**. (*see trim kit installation sect 9*). Handle chrome parts carefully to prevent damage. With the trim kit removed, the 3 cartridges and check valves (*shown in figure 20*) will become exposed.

For servicing the check valves, see sections 7 & 8.

TEMPERATURE CONTROL CARTRIDGE

The temperature control (thermostatic) cartridge which is situated on the right, controls the outlet water temperature. This thermostatic cartridge is protected from water borne debris by mesh filter screens, these should be checked and cleaned before contemplating replacing the cartridge.



Figure 34 Moments thermostatic cartridge

To clean the screens remove the o-rings shown in Figure 35. The screens will then slide off. When clean replace the screens then the o-rings which should be lightly greased with a WRAS approved silicone grease (eg Kluber Unisilkon GBU2).



Figure 34a

FLOW CONTROL CARTRIDGE



The flow control cartridge is the central control. This controls the volume of water flowing from the built-in valve.

Brass adaptor can be removed from the drive spindle if necessary. (*See fig.36*). If the cartridge is replaced, this adaptor should be re-fitted to the new cartridge.

Removal of cartridge: unscrew using a 22mm A/F spanner. remember to turn off water supplies before removing the flow control cartridge.

Figure 36 Flow control cartridge removal

DIVERTER CONTROL



The diverter control is situated on the left hand side. This control diverts the water flowing from the built-in valve to one of the outlets devices connected to the valve.

Brass adaptor can be removed from the drive spindle if necessary. (See fig. 37).

The diverter extension housing can be removed using a 22mm A/F spanner. Unscrew and remove. This will expose the top cap of the diverter. Use a 24mm deep socket to unscrew the cap. Take care as the cap is spring loaded. Most of the internal parts can be replaced (see section 16). Ensure parts are reassembled in the correct sequence. CALIBRATION



Figure 38 Temperature adjustment carrier exploded

The maximum mixed water temperature is factory set at 45°C. To change this

temperature remove the temperature control handle. Remove the temperature limit stop (black H-shaped plastic part located in the

temperature handle carrier) and reinsert it in the appropriate recess on the handle carrier. Four different settings are possible, 40°C, 43°C, 45°C & 50 °C (see Figure 39).

When installing in care homes it must not be possible to deliver water hotter than 41°C so

the limit stop must remain at the 40°C setting.

Refit temperature handle.

Remove handles, and trim kit components. Slide out the red "U" clip (*b Figure 38*) and disconnect the handle carrier to expose the temperature control mechanism. Turn on the shower, position a thermometer in the running water and when the temperature settles, rotate the temperature control mechanism (d) until 45 °C is achieved. Replace the handle carrier (e) ensuring the arrow (c) is at 12 o'clock. Without rotating it, refit the red "U" clip (b). Replace the covers and handles.

NOTE

Details of the recommended code of practice for safe water temperatures can be found on the Thermostatic Mixing Valve Manufacturers Association web site: www.tmva.org.uk



Figure 39 Adjusting the temperature limit stop

CLEANING

When cleaning the shower valve always use soap based cleaners. Never use abrasive or scouring powders and never use cleaners containing alcohol, ammonia, nitric acid, phosphoric acid organic solvents or disinfectants.



Brass Adaptor Flow & Div 9a **Brass Adaptor Temp** A963198NU Diverter parts kit A963470NU 10 Washers Kit A963471NU 11 12 Spring A963472NU 14 O-ring - small A963469NU

15 Diverter extension assy A962320NU



Figure 41 Exploded view of Oposta 3-way trim kit (from A5602AA)

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