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Installation & Service Instructions  
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Brass BB3  
Filter / Regulator Series

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## ⚠ WARNING

To avoid unpredictable system behavior that can cause personal injury and property damage:

- Disconnect electrical supply (when necessary) before installation, servicing, or conversion.
- Disconnect air supply and depressurize all air lines connected to this product before installation, servicing, or conversion.
- Operate within the manufacturer's specified pressure, temperature, and other conditions listed in these instructions.
- Medium must be moisture-free if ambient temperature is below freezing.
- Service according to procedures listed in these instructions.
- Installation, service, and conversion of these products must be performed by knowledgeable personnel who understand how pneumatic products are to be applied.
- After installation, servicing, or conversion, air and electrical supplies (when necessary) should be connected and the product tested for proper function and leakage. If audible leakage is present, or the product does not operate properly, do not put into use.
- Warnings and specifications on the product should not be covered by paint, etc. If masking is not possible, contact your local representative for replacement labels.

## Introduction

Follow these instructions when installing, operating, or servicing the product.

## Application Limits

These products are intended for use in general purpose compressed air systems only.

### Maximum Recommended Pressure Drop:

	kPa	PSIG	bar
Particulate Filter	70	10	0.7

Operating Temperature Range: 4°C to 51,7°C (40°F to 125°F)

### Series with Metal Bowl and Auto Drain

	kPa	PSIG	bar
Operating Pressure Maximum	1000	150	10.3

Operating Temperature Range: 4°C to 51,7°C (40°F to 125°F)

## Symbols



Filter / Regulator

## Installation

1. The Filter / Regulator should be installed with reasonable accessibility for service whenever possible – repair service kits are available. Keep pipe or tubing lengths to a minimum with inside clean and free of dirt and chips. Pipe joint compound should be used sparingly and applied only to the male pipe – never into the female port. Do not use PTFE tape to seal pipe joints – pieces have a tendency to break off and lodge inside the unit, possibly causing malfunction. Also, new pipe or hose should be installed between the Filter / Regulator and equipment being protected.

2. The upstream pipe work must be clear of accumulated dirt and liquids.
3. Select a Filter / Regulator location as close as possible to the equipment being protected.
4. Install Filter / Regulator so that air flows in the direction of arrow on body.
5. Install Filter / Regulator vertically with the bowl drain mechanism at the bottom. Free moisture will thus drain into the sump ("quiet zone") at the bottom of the bowl.
6. Gauge ports are located on both sides of the Filter / Regulator body for your convenience. It is necessary to install a gauge or socket pipe plugs into each port during installation.

## Operation

1. Both free moisture and solids are removed automatically by the filter.
2. Manual drain filters must be drained regularly before the separated moisture and oil reaches the bottom of the baffle or end cap.
3. The filter element should be removed and replaced when pressure differential across the filter is 69 kPa (10 psig).
4. Before turning on the air supply:
  - 4A. On Standard Knob, unlock the adjusting knob by pulling upward. Turn adjusting knob counterclockwise until the compression is released from the pressure control spring.
  - 4B. On tamper resistant model, pressure is preset. Do not attempt to adjust.
5. Then turn knob clockwise and adjust regulator to desired downstream pressure. This permits pressure to build up slowly in the downstream line.
6. To decrease regulated pressure settings, always reset from a pressure lower than the final setting required. Example, lowering the secondary pressure from 550 to 410 kPa (80 to 60 psig) is best accomplished by dropping the secondary pressure to 350 kPa (50 psig), then adjusting upward to 410 kPa (60 psig).
7. When desired secondary pressure settings have been reached, push the knob down to lock this pressure setting on the BB3.

## ⚠ WARNING

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**Service**

**⚠ Caution: Disconnect or shut off air supply and exhaust the primary and secondary pressures before servicing unit. Turning the adjusting knob counterclockwise does not vent downstream pressure on non-relieving regulators. Downstream pressure must be vented before servicing regulator.**

**⚠ Caution: Do not use synthetic oils such as esters. Do not use silicones.**

**Note: After servicing unit, turn on air supply and adjust regulator to the desired downstream pressure. Check unit for leaks. If leakage occurs, do not operate - conduct repairs and retest.**

5. Clean and carefully inspect parts for wear or damage. If replacement is necessary, use parts from service kits. Clean bowl.
6. Lubricate o-rings with grease found in service kits.
7. Install poppet return spring, poppet assembly, and filter holder. **IMPORTANT:** The Filter / Regulator will not operate properly if the deflector is not installed properly. The deflector must be installed between the filter stem and filter body.
8. Install filter element and firmly tighten baffle onto the filter stem.
9. Install diaphragm assembly into body assembly. Assemble bonnet assembly onto body and tighten per Figure 1.
10. Install bowl into body and tighten, hand tight, plus 1/4 turn.

**Servicing Filter Element - (Refer to Figure 1)**

1. Unscrew and remove bowl.
2. Unscrew the filter holder from body and then remove element.
3. Clean all internal parts and bowl before reassembling.
4. Install new element. **IMPORTANT:** The Filter / Regulator will not operate properly if the deflector is not installed properly. The deflector must be installed between the filter stem and the filter body.
5. Attach filter holder and finger tighten firmly.
6. Replace bowl seal. Lightly lubricate new seal to assist with retaining it in position.
7. Install bowl into body and tighten; hand tight, plus 1/4 turn.

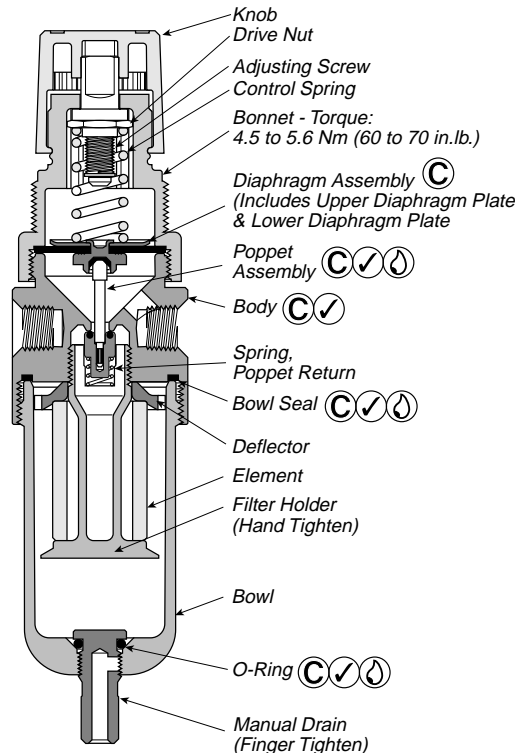
**Servicing Regulator - (Refer to Figure 1)**

- 1A. On BB3, disengage the adjusting knob by pulling upward. Turn adjusting knob counterclockwise until the compression is released from the pressure control spring.
- 1B. On BB3 with tamper resistant control, do not adjust setting.
2. Remove the bonnet and bowl assemblies by unscrewing the bonnet and bowl from the body.
3. Remove diaphragm assembly from bonnet assembly.
4. Remove filter stem, filter element, poppet assembly, poppet return spring.

**Service Kits Available**

Description	w/ Plastic Bowl	w/ Metal Bowl
Automatic Drain	GRP-96-813	GRP-96-813
Manual Drain	GRP-96-812	GRP-96-812
Element (5 Micron)	FRP-96-806	FRP-96-806
Bowl, Manual Drain	GRP-96-808	GRP-96-810
Bowl, Piston Drain	GRP-86-809	GRP-96-811
Gauge 0-160 PSI	GRP-95-227	GRP-95-227
Gauge 0-60 PSI	GRP-95-228	GRP-95-228
Tamper Resistant Kit	RRP-96-822	RRP-96-822
Regulator Repair Kit (Relieving)	RRP-96-819	RRP-96-819
Regulator Repair Kit (Non-Relieving)	RRP-96-820	RRP-96-820
Sight Glass	RRP-96-823	RRP-96-823

- Lightly grease with provided lubricant.
- Inspect for nicks, scratches, and surface imperfections. If present, reduced service life is probable and future replacement should be planned.
- Clean with lint-free cloth.



**Figure 1**  
**BB3 Filter / Regulator**