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Installation and Operation Manual HOT WATER STORAGE TANKS RDC 160, RDC 200, RDC 250 and RDC 300

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1 - Description

RDC Storage water heater (further "tank") with one enameled heating coil (e.g. for connecting a solar system or a gas boiler), enabling installation of an electric heating element.

In order to reach proper working of the tank, it is necessary to design optimum hydraulics of the whole system, i.e. position of circulation pumps for sources and heating circuits, valves, non-return valves etc.

1.1 - Models

Four models of 157, 216, 274 and 302 I capacity enabling installation of an electric heating rod.

1.2 - Tank protection

Enamel on the inner surface and on coils guarantees a long service life. Further qualitative improvement is ensured by a magnesium anode rod installed inside the tank.

1.3 - Thermal insulation

Tanks are supplied with a CFC-free hard polyurethane insulation 42 mm thick. (RDC 300 - 42 mm). The RDC 160, RDC 200 and RDC 250 models have a mantle of sheet metal, white painted. The RDC 300 tank has a surface of white PVC. Tanks are fitted with 3 height-adjustable legs enabling compensation of max. 10 mm height difference.

1.4 - Connection points on the tank

2× lateral with G 3/4" M thread, for the heating coil

2×lateral with G 3/4" M thread, for cold water inlet and hot water outlet

- 1× lateral with G 1/2" F thread for temperature sensor
- 1× lateral with G 3/4" M thread, for circulation
- 1× upper with G 5/4" F thread for a magnesium anode rod (RDC 300) or upper flange for a magnesium anode rod with M8 thread (RDC 160 and RDC 200)
- 1× lateral with G 6/4" F thread, for el. heating rod
- 1× flange for lateral inspection hole (RDC 300 only)

1.5 - Packing

Tanks are delivered standing, each on its pallet. RDC 160, RDC 200 and RDC 250 are packed in a cardboard wrap with polystyrene filling. RDC 300 is screwed to its pallet, wrapped in foil and protected by a cage of wooden laths. The tanks shall not be transported/stored in a horizontal position.

2 - General Information

The appliance shall be installed by a qualified person according to valid rules and Manufacturer's Instructions.

This Owners Manual is an integral and important part of the product and must be handed over to the User. Read carefully the instructions in this Manual as they contain important information concerning safety, installation, operation and maintenance. Keep this Manual for later reference.

Using the tank for other purposes than stated above is forbidden and the manufacturer accepts no responsibility for damage caused by improper or wrong use.

3 - Operation

This tank is designed for operation in sealed pressure circuits. Hot water is heated in the integrated hot-water heat exchangers (heating coils) inside the tank by several possible heat sources like various kinds of hydronic boilers, renewable energy sources (solar collectors). An electric heating rod can be installed into the tank for DHW backup heating.

Hot water temperature should be set to 60-65 °C. This temperature guarantees the best operation and at the same time, it prevents formation of Legionella bacteria.

4 - Technical Data and Dimensions

HOT WATER STORAGE TANK Regulus RDC 160

Dimensions						
pos.	description	connection	height [mm]	Ø584		
DHW	heating			Ø500		
W1	cold water	G 3/4" M	73			
W2	hot water	G 3/4" M	964	8800 88		
W3	recirculation	G 3/4" F	647	A1 W2		
Auxili	iary heat source					
E1	electric heating element	G 6/4" F	547			
Contr	rol and safety			w ₃		
C2	temperature sensor-lower	G 1/2" F	411	X1		
Heat	sources					
X1	supply from solar thermal collectors	G 3/4" M	512	C2		
X2	return to solar thermal collectors	G 3/4" M	204			
Other	rs .			X2		
A1	magnesium anode rod	G 5/4" F	1010	W1		
NOTE: 1) C1 and C2 tappings are supplied incl. adapter G 1/2" M - M12x1.5 and cable gland 2) earthing metal strip is run through the insulation next to the upper flange						

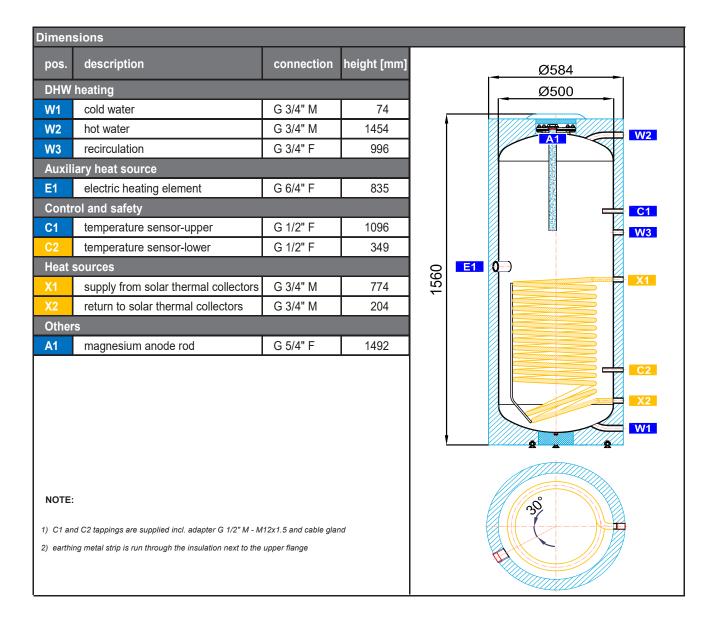
Technical data				
Total tank volume	157 I			
Fluid volume in tank	152 l			
Heat exchanger (HE) volume	51			
Heat exchanger surface area	0,8 m²			
Max. working temperature in tank	95 °C			
Max.working temperature in HE	110 °C			
Max. working pressure in tank	10 bar			
Max. working pressure in HE	10 bar			
Tipping height	1230 mm			
Empty weight	70 kg			
Hot water heating from 10 °C to 45 °C at heating water inlet temp. 60 °C				
Heat exchanger 13 kW (320 l/h)				

HOT WATER STORAGE TANK Regulus RDC 200

Dimensions						
pos.	description	connection	height [mm]	Ø584		
DHW heating				Ø500		
W1	cold water	G 3/4" M	73	2000		
W2	hot water	G 3/4" M	964	ABOTT BE		
W3	recirculation	G 3/4" F	647	A1 W2		
Auxili	ary heat source					
E1	electric heating element	G 6/4" F	547			
Contr	ol and safety			W3		
C2	temperature sensor-lower	G 1/2" F	411	1074 X1		
Heat	sources					
X1	supply from solar thermal collectors	G 3/4" M	512	C2		
Х2	return to solar thermal collectors	G 3/4" M	204			
Other	'S			X2		
A1	magnesium anode rod	G 5/4" F	1010	W1		
NOTE	:					
C1 and C2 tappings are supplied incl. adapter G 1/2" M - M12x1.5 and cable gland						
earthing metal strip is run through the insulation next to the upper flange						

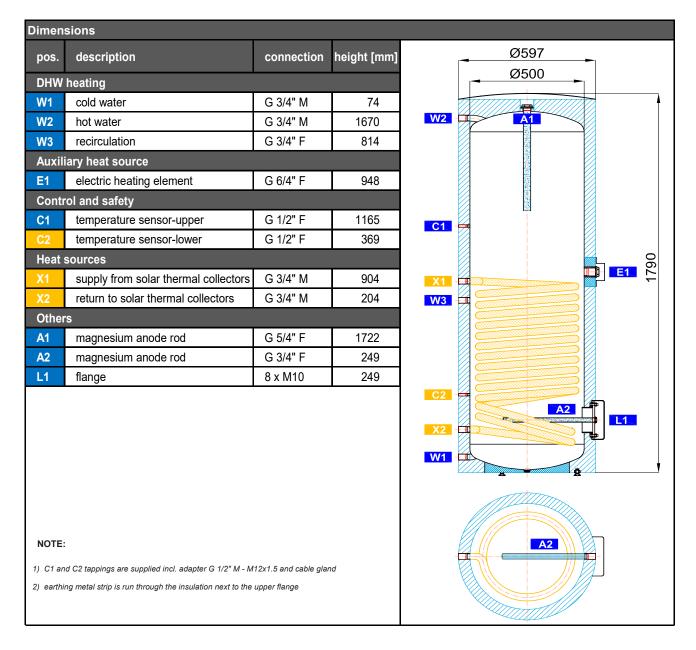
Technical data				
Total tank volume	216			
Fluid volume in tank	208			
Heat exchanger (HE) volume	81			
Heat exchanger surface area	1,0 m²			
Max. working temperature in tank	95 °C			
Max.working temperature in HE	110 °C			
Max. working pressure in tank	10 bar			
Max. working pressure in HE	10 bar			
Tipping height	1500 mm			
Empty weight	97 kg			
Hot water heating from 10 °C to 45 °C at heating water inlet temp. 60 °C				
Heat exchanger 16 kW (400 l/h)				

HOT WATER STORAGE TANK Regulus RDC 250



Technical data				
Total tank volume	274			
Fluid volume in tank	264 I			
Heat exchanger (HE) volume	10			
Heat exchanger surface area	1,2 m²			
Max. working temperature in tank	95 °C			
Max.working temperature in HE	110 °C			
Max. working pressure in tank	10 bar			
Max. working pressure in HE	10 bar			
Tipping height	1670 mm			
Empty weight	97 kg			
Hot water heating from 10 °C to 45 °C at heating water inlet temp. 60 °C				
Heat exchanger	19 kW (470 l/h)			

HOT WATER STORAGE TANK Regulus RDC 300



Technical data				
Total tank volume	302			
Fluid volume in tank	292			
Heat exchanger (HE) volume	10			
Heat exchanger surface area	1,5 m²			
Max. working temperature in tank	95 °C			
Max.working temperature in HE	110 °C			
Max. working pressure in tank	10 bar			
Max. working pressure in HE	10 bar			
Tipping height	1890 mm			
Empty weight	114 kg			
Hot water heating from 10 °C to 45 °C at heating water inlet temp. 60 °C				
Heat exchanger	24 kW (590 l/h)			

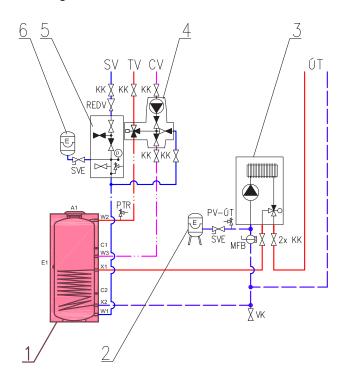
Table of limit values for total dissolved solids in hot water

Description	рН	Total dissolved solids (TDS)	Ca	Chlorides	Mg	Na	Fe
Max. value	6.5 - 9.5	600 mg/l	40 mg/l	100 mg/l	20 mg/l	200 mg/l	0.2 mg/l

5 - Typical Installation Examples

Example I.

With a gas boiler.



RDC hot water storage tank HC expansion vessel boiler (el./gas/...)

pump station for DHW recirculation – CSE TVMIX ZV
 safety kit for HW storage tank
 DHW expansion vessel

SV cold water TV hot water

CV hot water recirculation ÚT central heating (heating system)

KK ball valve ZV check valve

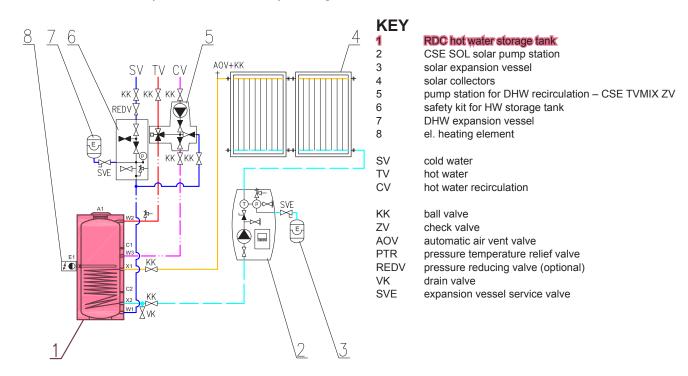
AOV automatic air vent valve
PTR pressure temperature relief valve
REDV pressure reducing valve (optional)

VK drain valve

SVE expansion vessel service valve

PV-ÚT HC safety valve MFB Magnet Filterball

Example II.With a solar thermal system and el. auxiliary heating.



6 - Installation and Commissioning

Installation must meet valid rules and may be done by qualified staff only. The tank shall be placed on the floor, as close to the heat source as possible.

Warning: Defects caused by improper installation, use or handling are not covered by warranty.

6.1 - Connection to heat sources

Connect the heating circuits to the inlet to and outlet from heating coil using G 3/4" nipples.

6.2 - Connection to a solar system

The tank can be used with a solar system. In such a case, the inlet for hot heat-carrying liquid coming from the solar system shall be connected to the G 3/4" upper sleeve of the heating coil and the lower outlet to the return piping to the solar system. Insulate all the piping between the tank and the solar system.

6.3 - Heating rod installation

The G 6/4" side sleeve is designed to accommodate an electric heating rod. Heating rods of output up to 6 kW can be used (depending on the tank diameter and rod length), connected either directly to the mains (thermostat-equipped rods), or to a heating system controller. The installation may be done by qualified staff only.

Warning: All electric heating elements shall be protected by a safety thermostat.

6.4 - Connection to water mains

DHW piping shall be done according to valid rules. G 3/4" threaded couplers are used to connect the tank to a cold water inlet and hot water outlet. A 6bar safety valve shall be installed at the cold water inlet, installation of a reducing valve is recommended. If the pressure from water mains exceeds 6 bar, a reducing valve is necessary. In order to prevent water loss, an expansion tank should be installed at the cold water inlet as well (8l volume for RDC 160, RDC 200 and RDC 250, 12l volume for RDC 300).

Should the water be too hard, install a water softener before the tank. In case the water contains mechanical impurities, install a strainer.

A suitable thermostatic mixing valve should be installed at the hot-water outlet from the tank, preventing too hot water from entering the taps.

Install a drain valve to the lowest point of the tank.

Complete DHW piping shall be properly insulated.

6.5 - Electronic anode rod installation

Instead of the magnesium anode rod, an electronic anode rod can be installed in the hot water tank, which is maintenance-free and does not need to be removed from the tank to check its function. In such a case, just visual check of the electronic anode rod is sufficient.

A space equal to the el. anode length is needed between the tank top and ceiling to install/replace the electronic anode rod, see the table below. In order to protect the tank properly and meet its warranty conditions, select the proper electronic anode rod from the table below.

Kits for RDC storage water heaters.

For tanks	El. Anode Kit code - replacement	Anode rod length	
RDC 160	9173	350 (200/150)	
RDC 200, RDC 250	9174	500 (350/150)	
RDC 300	17378	500 (350/150) + 350 (200/150)	

Should an electronic anode rod or ran electric heating rod be installed, an interconnection shall be done, i.e. the metal mantle of the storage tank shall be wired to the protective neutral.

6.6 - Commissioning

Ground the tank before commissioning.

Fill the heating circuit with the appropriate fluid and air-bleed the entire system.

Fill the tank with cold water following this sequence:

- open the shut-off valve at the tank inlet
- open the hot water tap/outlet point, as soon as hot water starts flowing, filling is complete; close the tap
- check all connections for leaks and the system pressure

Hot water quality must meet the conditions shown in the Table of limit values for total dissolved solids in hot water, page 7 of this Manual.

Set the heating controller in compliance with the documentation and manufacturer's recommendations. Check regularly a proper function of all control and adjusting elements.

7 - Maintenance, Replacement of Magnesium Anode Bar

If the tank is fitted with a heating element, disconnect it from the mains first.

Clean the exterior of the tank with a soft cloth and a mild detergent. Never use abrasive cleaners or solvents. Check all connections for leaks.

The tanks are equipped with an anti-corrosion sacrifice magnesium anode rod. The anode rod shall be checked within 12 months after commissioning and subsequently always not later than 12 months after the last check. In locations where water contains more ferrites or calcites, it is recommended to check the anode every 6 months. If more than 1/3 of its total volume is consumed, the anode shall be replaced with a new one. Disregarded of its state, the anode rod shall be replaced with a new one within 24 months from commissioning.

	RDC 160	RDC 200	RDC 250	RDC 300
Magnesium anode rod (code)	4025	448	448	448
Magnesium anode rod with upper flange and gasket (code)	15846	15847	15847	-
Magnesium anode rod for the lower flange (code)	-	-	-	1998

In case an electronic anode is used, the above described procedures are not necessary. Then only a visual check of the indication lamp is necessary every 3 months. Proper working of the Electronic Anode Rod is described in its Installation Manual.

If damage to a tank occurs due to neglected replacement of a magnesium anode rod or a non-working electronic anode, the warranty cannot be claimed.

8 - Disposal

Packing shall be disposed of in compliance with the valid rules. When the product reaches the end of its life, it shall not be disposed of as household waste. It shall be dropped off at a Local Waste Recycling Center. Insulation shall be recycled as plastic and the steel vessel as scrap iron.

9 - Warranty

This product is covered by warranty according to the conditions described in this Manual and according to the Warranty Certificate. A Warranty Certificate is an integral part of the supply. Tank transport or storing in a horizontal position is considered a warranty violation!