Owner’s Manual / Installation Guide

System Description
The WaterCop® System is designed to detect leaks in your plumbing system at predetermined locations, and automatically shut off the water supply to help effectively reduce the chances of major water damage associated with a leak.

System Components
The WaterCop® System is composed of two basic parts:
- A motorized ball valve that houses a wireless radio receiver which automatically turns off your water supply when any flood sensor detects water or low temperature sensor detects potential freezing.
- Flood sensors, which detect water from a leak or overflow, house a wireless radio transmitter that sends a signal to the WaterCop® to turn off your water supply.

General Safety Information
Warning
Do not apply electrical power to the unit unless the unit is fully assembled (as it shipped). Failure to do so could result in personal injury and/or damage to the unit.

Warning
Disconnect power source before working on or servicing the unit. Failure to do so could result in personal injury.

Caution
It is strongly recommended that eye protection be worn while servicing the system. Failure to do so could result in personal injury.

How the System Works
Flood sensors constantly monitor their selected areas for accumulating moisture. When a leak is detected, a sensor will send a radio frequency signal to the WaterCop® unit instructing it to shut off the water supply to the home. The WaterCop® valve will remain closed until it is manually reset.
The flood sensors are a battery powered device designed to alert you if it is located anywhere a leak is likely to occur, or where water might cause damage. The WaterCop requires household electrical power (commercial 115V AC, grounded outlet) and will not operate during a power outage.

Selection of WaterCop® Installation Sites

The WaterCop® valve should be installed in the main water line just downstream from the main shut-off valve in your home. The front control panel of the WaterCop® should be easily visible in order to see what position the valve is in (open/closed). It should also be easily accessible for resetting after a leak has been detected and the water supply has been shut off. While the WaterCop® is completely supported by the piping in your plumbing system when it is installed, placement of the valve should ensure that the housing is protected from use as a step or from other excessive loads. The WaterCop® requires household electrical power, and the provided power cord must be plugged into a properly grounded power source (115V). Do not bypass the extension cord.

The shut-off valve must be installed indoors.

- In the main water line;
- In place of or just downstream from the main water shut-off valve;
- In a dry location;
- Where it is accessible for checking and resetting the valve and for resetting the rear readout code, if necessary.

Local electrical and plumbing codes should be consulted to ensure that the installation is in complete compliance. (See installation section for details.)

NOTICE

The WaterCop® should be installed downstream of existing shut-off valves and pressure reducers. Install 18” downstream from existing indoor water meters to allow for future meter maintenance.

Placement of Flood Sensors

Each WaterCop® can support an unlimited number of flood sensors. Additional sensors may be added at any time. A sensor consists of a transmitter (a rectangular box with an antenna) and a receiver. Place flood sensors in areas where leaks are most likely to occur.

Suggested Locations

- Washing Machines
- Dishwashers
- Toilets
- Garbage Disposers/Refrigerators
- Kitchen Sinks
- Automatic Humidifiers
- Bathroom Sinks
- Water Heaters
- Pipes that are prone to freezing (freeze sensors are also available)

The transmitter in the flood sensors and the receiver in the WaterCop® communicate by radio frequency. The smaller the distance between the two sensors, the weaker the signal will be. The maximum transmission distance is somewhat dependent upon the building layout and type of construction, but will be in the 150-200’ range. The transmitter (attached to the sensor) must be kept dry. It is NOT splash proof. Sensors should never be placed outdoors. The sensor probe detects the water from a leak and is completely waterproof. Sensor probes should be placed on the floor or in areas where water would tend to accumulate rapidly in common leak or overflow situations. Make sure that any water from a leak will drain toward the sensor probe, not away from it.

Avoid high traffic areas where the cord or sensor could be stepped on or kicked and where children or pets may disturb it. The sensor probe should be placed FLAT on the floor so water can be detected as soon as it begins to accumulate. The sensor probe may be secured to the floor with adhesive tape. To avoid damage to transmitters and to provide for the strongest signal possible, the transmitter portion of the flood sensor should be mounted in a convenient location (on the wall, in a cabinet, closet, etc.) two to three feet above the floor (see illustration on page 4). (See installation section for details on sensor installation.)

Flood Sensor Battery Life

High quality alkaline “AA” batteries are recommended. Under normal conditions (standby mode) the batteries should last about one year. Each transmitter has a low battery signal (audible chirp). Replace batteries at least annually or when low battery signal is detected. Re-test each unit in its regular location (see installation manual). If you are away from your home for an extended period of time, transmitters should be tested upon your return to ensure proper function.

Operating the WaterCop® System

The normal position of the valve is open to allow full flow throughout the plumbing system. WaterCop® is a full port ball valve which does not restrict the flow capacity of your plumbing system. The indicator lights on the face of the WaterCop® will show the position of the valve.

If the valve is in the closed position (the red light will be lit), press “open” and the valve will move to the open position (green indicator will light). When water comes in direct contact with a flood sensor, an RF (radio frequency) signal is transmitted to the WaterCop® and the valve closes, turning off the water source and building protection from further water damage. The red indicator light will signal that the valve is now in the closed position, and that you need to check all areas where you may have a sensor to determine what plumbing product caused the system to activate. The valve will remain closed until the unit is manually reset on the WaterCop® panel. After the plumbing problem is fixed, reset the WaterCop® by pressing “open valve” (green circle) on the face of the WaterCop®. Valve will open and green indicator will be lit. See illustration at left.

Note: If major repairs are needed to correct the plumbing system, it is recommended that the manual shut-off water upstream of the WaterCop® also be closed during the repairs. Close the main water shut-off valve and unplug the WaterCop® before making repairs on the plumbing system.

Note: In case of a power failure, the WaterCop® cannot operate. If the power is out, you will need to use the manual shut-off valve to turn the water off in case of an emergency. When the power is restored, the WaterCop® will remain in its last known position indicated by the red or green lights on the face of the unit.

WaterCop® Specifications

Max. working pressure.....125 PSI
Ambient temperature.........35° to 105°F
Encoding...............DynaQuip Code
Voltage..............115V, 60 Hz
Current..................2.5 Amps
Power Cord........8 ft. Heavy-Duty Grounded Power Cord
Valve Standby...........1375 W
Hold (2.5 sec.)...........75 W
Valve Seals........RFTE

Flow Rates

Valve Size Cw = Gpm flow @ 1 PSI pressure drop
1/2” NPT 19
3/4” NPT 34
1” NPT 52
For cold water applications.

FCC Information

This equipment has been tested and found to comply within limits of a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. Those limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation.

The flood sensors only transmit a radio signal during testing and when contact is made between the probes as water is detected. This signal is a 2-second duration and is repeated approximately every six seconds while activated. This 2-second signal should be the only time potential interference could be detected. If you suspect your unit is interfacing with your radio and/or television reception on a prolonged basis, remove batteries from all transmitters to ensure this is no longer an issue. If so, please consult your dealer.

LIMITED WARRANTY

DynaQuip Controls Corporation warrants the electrical components of the WaterCop® System to be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and if properly installed for a period of two years from the date of purchase. If found to be defective as mentioned above, it will be replaced or repaired if returned prepaid along with date of purchase. This shall constitute the sole remedy of the purchaser and the sole liability of DynaQuip Controls Corporation. To the extent permitted by law, the foregoing is exclusive and in lieu of all other warranties or representations whether expressed or implied, including any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness. In no event shall DynaQuip Controls Corporation be liable for special or consequential damages.

The WaterCop® brass ball valve has a lifetime warranty.

Additional Components Available for Your WaterCop® System

Single and Dual Probe WaterCop® Flood Sensors

- WH100 (single probe) and WH200 (dual probe)
- Battery or AC (optional) powered
- Transmits wireless signal to valve when moisture is detected.
- Unlimited number can be used, placed anywhere
- 6 foot sensor cord, white

Low Temperature Sensor

- FH100
- Monitors temperature of pipes prone to freezing
- Sends wireless signal to turn off water if low temperature detected
- 5 foot cord with clip to attach to pipe

Water Control Wall Switch

- RS100
- Proactively turn water on or off from convenient location
- Displays lighted display to valve position (on or off)
- Requires Category 3 cabling connection to valve (see below)

AC Power Adaptor

- For WH100, WH200, and FH100 sensors
- Eliminates the need for AA batteries

WaterCop® / Wall Switch Interconnect Cable

- CB50 (50 feet) and CB100 (100 feet)
- Requires connected WaterCop® valve with Water Control Wall Switch
- RJ45 molded connections for easy installation and durability
**Installation Guide**

**Important!**
Adherence to all local and municipal building, plumbing and electrical codes as they pertain to the installation of the WaterCop® System is of utmost importance. Codes in some areas may require that a licensed plumber be employed to do the installation, or that the proper permits be obtained prior to any installation. Even if local codes do not require a licensed plumber to do the installation, it is necessary that the installer has a professional level of competence in both plumbing and electrical skills to perform the installation. These instructions assume this level of knowledge and skill. If in doubt, use a licensed professional.

**Pre-installation Testing of WaterCop®**
Although each unit is pre-tested at the factory, it is highly recommended that the unit be tested prior to installation to ensure proper operation in your home. Operating the valve before connecting to the water line will not damage it. Use caution!

![Warning](image)

**WARNING**
- The valve closes with great force.
- It could cut off a finger.
- Many fingers and other items out of the valve when testing.

- The WaterCop® valve is NOT EXPLOSION PROOF. The shutoff valve must NOT be installed where it could ignite flammable vapors or explosive mixtures.

**WARNING**
- The malfunction or electrical shock, fire, or damage to property or WaterCop®.
- Only a 20 amp, 120 VAC circuit. The power cord must be plugged into a properly grounded (3-prong) outlet.
- Do not use extension cords.
- Use of this product is damage to property or WaterCop®.
- Before opening valve, use only the power cord before opening the unit.
- Wear eye protection for plumbing and electrical work.

**NOTICE**
- WaterCop® should be installed downstream of existing shutoff valves and pressure reducers. Install 1/2” downstream from existing indoor water faucets to allow for future meter maintenance.

- The valve closes with enough force to cut off a finger.
- Be extremely careful to keep fingers and other items out of the valve.
- Always use a grounded (3-prong) electrical outlet.

**Manually Test the Valve**
To test your WaterCop® system, gently pull the safety plugs out from each end of the valve. Check the position of the valve by looking in either threaded end.

In the open position, you will be able to see through the valve; in the closed position only the shiny surface of the ball will be visible. Place the base of the housing on a sturdy surface, as close as feasible to the location where it will be permanently installed. Plug the WaterCop® power cord into a nearby grounded 115 VAC outlet. The valve position indicator lights should now correspond to the actual position you noticed: Green = Open, Red = Closed. Grasp both sides of the housing (not the valve) with the valve pointing away from you for safety. Being very careful not to have your fingers or other objects near the valve openings, press the colored circle just below the unit indicator light. You will hear the motor change the valve position. Again, look into the threaded end of the valve to verify that the valve has changed position. If it appears that the valve has not turned from one position to the other, DO NOT try to reposition the valve yourself by inserting any tool or fingers into the valve. Operate the valve several more times from open to close, checking each time for proper positioning. If you are experiencing trouble getting the valve to open and shut, call the installation help line listed on the back cover.

**Manually Test the Flood Sensors**
Each flood sensor is a battery-operated (or AC adaptable) radio transmitter. The units are shipped without batteries. Two fresh “AA” alkaline batteries or optional flood sensor AC adaptors are needed to power each unit. To install batteries, remove the battery cover retaining screws and cover located on the front of the sensor, and install batteries in accordance with the (+) and (−) placement guide. Reinstall cover and screws.

Follow suggestions found in the section titled “Placement of Flood Sensors” for recommendations where WaterHounds should be placed. Locate a wall near the area you choose to monitor. Avoid high traffic areas where cord or sensor could be stepped on or kicked. Mount transmitter at a convenient location on the wall, two to teeth above the floor. This will help avoid damage to the sensor and provide a strong signal. Use hook and loop fastener included with the unit.

1. Following all safety precautions, make sure that the WaterCop® is plugged in and the valve is in the open position. Leave the WaterCop® near your main water line, on a sturdy surface. It is important.
Manually Test the Flood Sensors (Continued)
that anyone who will be near the valve is aware of the safety precautions, and does not insert any object into the valve, or handle the valve during the test.
2. At one of the locations you have chosen to monitor, drop the sensor probe (not the mounted transmitter) into a cup of water. Hold until you hear the sensor transmit a signal to the WaterCop® (about 5 seconds). The signal will be a series of short beeps followed by a long tone. This test simulates a leak, and lets you check for interference between the sensor and the WaterCop®.
3. Take the sensor out of the water and carefully dry off the sensor and prongs. It should stop beeping.
4. Go back to your WaterCop® and verify that the valve has closed (the red indicator light will be lit).
5. Keeping all objects away from the valve, reset the WaterCop® by pushing the green circle below the “Valve Open” text.
6. Repeat steps 2 through 5 until you have tested each sensor directly in the locations you wish to monitor.

Troubleshooting
- If the flood sensor does not close the valve, check that the batteries are good and that they are installed properly. Repeat test.
- If the batteries are good and the flood sensor still does not make the valve close, remove it from its installed location and place it to the valve.
- Repeat test.
- If the sensor operates properly when it is close to the WaterCop® valve, but not when it is installed at its remote location, try moving the sensor to a different position or by a different flood sensor. Some possible causes of signal reduction are steel construction, foil backed insulation or other large metallic barriers.
- If the unit still does not function properly, check the digital code settings (see instructions for changing digital codes).
- If the code matches the code on the WaterCop® valve, and it still does not function properly, replace the sensor.

Installation of Flood Sensor
Once testing is complete, finish installation of the flood sensors by unwinding the cord and placing the sensor probe on the floor at the lowest point (where water would naturally collect) in the area to be monitored. Be sure that the sensor is placed FLAT on the floor so water can be detected as soon as it begins to accumulate. The sensor may be secured to the floor with adhesive tape, taking care that the metal probes are not covered. Verify that the transmitter and wire are clear of doors, drawers, sharp edges, or other hazards that may cause damage.

Unplug the WaterCop® after the testing is complete. The WaterCop® must be installed prior to installation. Read all warnings and precautions carefully.

Installation Procedure
Check the contents of the carton with the products listed on the carton label. The shipping package should contain the following:
1 ea. WaterCop® with 8 ft. electrical power cord
1 ea. Owner’s Manual/Installation Guide

Installation of the WaterCop® will require additional parts. When the main supply line is cut to accommodate the WaterCop®, new fittings will be needed to connect the ends of the piping to the WaterCop® valve.

Compressor fittings:
The unit can be installed with compression fittings using common household tools and basic mechanical ability. You will need:
- 2 fittings (male pipe thread x compression) available at most local hardware or plumbing supply stores
- Teflon tape or other thread sealant
- Tubing cutter
- Ruler
- Pencil or marker
- 2 large adjustable wrenches

Measure the outside diameter of the copper tube and note the valve size to be sure you purchase the proper size valve for your job.
1. Remove nuts and sleeves from compression fittings and install the fittings into each end of the valve using Teflon tape or other thread sealant to ensure a watertight seal. Hold one wrench firmly on flat of valve body and use the other to tighten fittings.
2. Measure the distance from end to end of valve assembly. For 1/2" tube (5/8" outside diameter) subtract 1/2", for 3/4" tube (7/8" outside diameter) subtract 3/4" from your measurement. This is the length of the section of tubing to be cut out of the existing line. The piece of existing tubing to be cut out is shorter than the measured length so that an existing line may be extended into the compression fittings.
3. Select the location for the WaterCop®. Be sure to consider that you will need access to the front panel or control unit after cutting the section of tube out of the line, you will need to shift the tube ends to be able to fit the unit into place. Make sure you will have access and room to adjust before you cut the tube.
4. Mark the tube in the location you have selected. Double check the length and location you marked.
5. Turn water off and drain the system.
6. Use tube cutter to cut copper tube at the locations you marked. Careful, there will probably still be some water in the line.
7. Remove any burrs from the tube ends and clean them.
8. Install compression nuts and sleeves to each tube end.
9. Shift tube ends to install WaterCop® valve in line. Position the unit and tighten compression nuts. Hold the fitting with one wrench while tightening the nut with the other. Tighten both nuts.
10. Plug unit into a proper power source and turn valve to open position (open button / green light).
11. Unplug unit, turn water back on and carefully check for leaks.
12. Tighten fittings if needed to stop any leaks.
13. Plug unit back into power source. Installation is complete.

Electrician Connection
The WaterCop® is supplied with an eight foot (8 ft.) power cord and standard grounded 3 prong connector to be plugged into a properly grounded 115 VAC power source. Consult local electrical codes as to the necessity of ground fault protection. It is recommended that the WaterCop® not be plugged into an extension cord. Review “Specification” current and power requirements as not to overload the circuit supplying power.

Warnings and Precautions
WARNING The motorized drive unit case is not capable of supporting any loads. Do not attempt to use the unit end as a step. This will cause damage to the unit and could cause personal injury. Do not store highly flammable items such as oil rags or other combustibles near your WaterCop®.

CAUTION It is recommended that eye protection be worn while installing or servicing the system. Failure to do so could result in personal injury.

CAUTION Do not use the case as a lever when mounting this unit or tightening fittings. Apply wrench to flats on the valve body to tighten fittings.
Changing Digital Codes

Codes on all control units and transmitters are set at the factory and should not require alteration. If you use other wireless products in your home (garage door openers, etc.), there is a slight chance of interference with the signal. The following instructions will aid in resetting the code.

Important Note: All transmitters and the control unit must have the same code setting!

Changing the receiver code
 Disconnect power to receiver unit by unplugging power cord.
  1. Remove cover using the 4 screws located in the corners of the cover.
  2. Locate code switch block (see illustration at right). Switches are numbered 1 through 8.
  3. Arrange the switches in any combination (on or off position). Write down the code combination you selected. Example: 1-on, 2-off, 3-off, 4-on, 5-off, 6-on, 7-off, and 8-off.
  4. Some WaterCop® receivers may have 6 dip switches. To match codes between 6 and 8 dip switch units, set switches 1-6 exactly the same on both units. Switches 7 and 8 must remain in the “off” position.
  5. Reinstall cover. Carefully tuck wires completely into case and hold cover in position while tightening screws.
  6. Reconnect power by plugging the power cord into power receptacle.

Changing the transmitter code
  1. Remove transmitter cover (loosen two screws).
  2. Locate code switch block. Switches are numbered 1 through 8.
  3. Arrange the switches in the exact combination as the code that you set in the receiver. It is important that the same exact code be set in the receiver and all transmitters. If the codes differ, the unit will not function properly.
  4. Some WaterCop® transmitters may have 6 dip switches. To match codes between 6 and 8 dip switch units, set switches 1-6 exactly the same on both units. Switches 7 and 8 must remain in the “off” position.
  5. Test each transmitter to ensure that the unit is functioning properly.
  6. If not, verify that all codes are set the same. When all transmitters are functioning properly, your WaterCop® system is on duty to help protect your home from damage due to plumbing leaks.

WaterCop® Interface Connections

Contacts 5, 6 and 7 are used to control the valve position from a remote location. The most common is your home security system control panel.

This is done by wiring these contacts to a control switch on the panel. The diagram at right shows typical installation options. This control can be a relay, push buttons or toggle type switch. This control needs to be a momentary switch, which means that the control switch stays made or “on” for a short period of time (1 to 3 seconds) and then returns to a neutral position.

Contacts 2, 3 and 4 are used to signal a remote device as to the position of the valve. This is done by connecting a low voltage circuit with indicator lights to these contacts. The diagram shows a typical installation.

When the valve is in the open position, contacts 2 and 3 will be made completing the circuit and lighting the indicator light, showing that the valve is in the normal open position.

When the valve is in the closed position, contacts 3 and 4 will be made completing the circuit and lighting the indicator light, showing that the valve is closed.

Emergency Procedures

In the unlikely event that the WaterCop® System should shut off the main water supply and then become inoperable due to a power outage or damage, it is possible to manually operate the WaterCop® to return water service. Unplug the WaterCop® from its power source. The valve may be manually opened by removing the four screws holding the housing to the valve, sliding the housing off the valve shaft, and turning the valve shaft a quarter turn with a screwdriver. This procedure should only be necessary in emergencies.

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