

# Solar Heater Freeze Protection

### **Design Features:**

- \* Brass body and thermal element
- \* Narrow temperature band
- \* Compact, low mass Fast response
- \* Ram-type plug for reliable tight shutoff
- \* Sensitive to temperature only
- \* Unaffected by pressure variations
- \* Easy installation with pipe wrench
- \* Discharges the minimum amount of water required to prevent freeze damage

### Operation

The Freeze Protection Valves utilize a reliable self-contained thermo element which is sensitive to temperature and operates without any electrical power or air pressure. When the fluid temperature approaches freezing, and freeze damage is imminent, the thermal actuator modulates the valve open. When the makeup water temperature returns to the safe range, the valve then modulates closed, minimizing water loss. Due to the actuator's placement in the fluid stream, this valve is unaffected by ambient air temperature, and opens only when the water is in danger of freezing, being open at 1°C, and closed at 4°C. This cycle will repeat as often as necessary to help prevent freezing.



FP15-35/FP15-45

- \* Model: FP65-35/FP15-35 opening/closing temp 1~4°C ideal for water tube freeze protection
- \* Model: FP65-45/FP15-45 opening/closing temp 3~6°C ideal for flat pannel collector freeze protection

Winning Thermo Control Equipment Co., Ltd designs and manufactures self-operating temperature actuated freeze protection valve. Winning Thermo Control also offers selfoperating thermostatic "reverse acting" and mixing/diverting valves that are ideal for balancing the flow of heated water from solar collectors. Installed at the outlet of the collector. this valve will automatically regulate the outlet flow within the set point range of the valve. If the outlet water is not fully heated to your desired level, the valve will restrict the water flow to allow more solar heating; as the outlet water heats up to the specified temperature, the valve modulates open to allow more flow. In multi-collector systems, this thermal balancing valve also serves to balance the flow through various collectors which may be producing different outlet water temperatures due to variations in solar exposure, wind, or other factors. This valve will automatically adjust the outlet flow to maintain the desired outlet water temperature.

#### LIMITED WARRANTEE

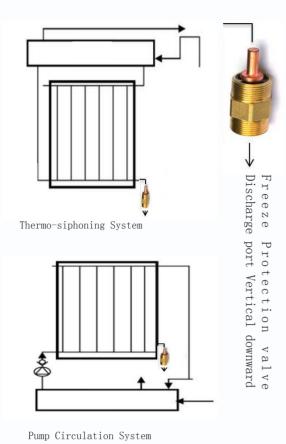
Winning Freeze Protection Valves are warranted by the manufacturer to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of 36 months from the date of purchase, when properly installed and used in accordance with the installation instructions.

Winning Thermo Control, under this warrantee is limited to the repair or the replacement of defective parts and does not include reimbursement for any removing or installing the unit. To make claim on this warrantee the customer must return the freeze protection valve with proof of purchase to Winning Thermo Control.

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# INSTALLATION CONSIDERATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. The Winning "Freeze Protection Valve(s)" functions properly provided the valve is installed in a location, where during operation, the warmer supply water first passes through the collectors and/or pipe to be protected and then through the valve. The valve should be located in a position to allow good water distribution through the solar panel so that when the valve opens, water flows as evenly as possible through all the collector tubes. Location of the valve may vary depending on the system design and piping.
- 2. Select a mounting position where the valve will sense the coldest anticipated ambient temperature. Do not insulate the valve. Do not install valve near an external heat source.
- 3. The "Freeze Protection Valve (s)" should be installed in a vertical downward with discharge port down.
- 4. If the discharge tube is used, make sure it will drain freely and is installed in accordance to local codes. Avoid water traps in the discharge tube that could freeze and prevent drainage.
- 5. Ensure the valve ports are free of debris before proceeding with installation

Apply thread sealing material to valve threads.

- 6. Depressurize solar system to prevent any potential scalding during installation.
- 7. Pressurize solar system, evacuate any air within the system if necessary.

#### Notes:

During cold weather, it is normal for the valve to dispense water from its discharge port even when ambient air temperatures are several degrees above freezing.

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