Composite manifolds specifically designed for radiant panel systems

670 series





Function

Composite manifolds are used to control and distribute the medium in the circuits of underfloor radiant panel systems.

This particular series of manifolds, made of a specific composite material for use in air conditioning systems, is composed of: flow manifold, complete with flow meters and built-in flow rate regulating valves; return manifold, complete with shut-off valves fitted for thermo-electric actuator; end fittings complete with automatic air venting valves and filler/drain cocks; ball shut-off valves; LCD thermometers on the flow and return manifolds.

They are supplied pre-assembled in a special low depth box with adjustable height brackets, to facilitate installation and plumbing connections.

Reference documentation

Tech. Brochure 01042

656, series thermo-electric actuator

Product range

670 series Composite manifolds specifically designed for radiant panel systems, pre-assembled in a box size 1"

Technical specifications

Materials Flow manifold Body: Flow rate regulating valve Obturator: Flow meter body: Spring: Hydraulic seals: Adjustment locking cover: **Return manifold** Body: Shut-off valve Obturator: Obturator stem: Spring: Hydraulic seals: Control knob:

End fittings

Body: Air vent body: Drain/filler cock body: Air vent seal: Hydraulic seals:

brass EN 12164 CW614N PSU stainless steel EPDM ABS

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Ball shut-off valves Valve body: Union seals: Control lever:	brass EN 12165 CW617N EPDM PA66GF
Performance Medium: Max. percentage of glycol	water, glycol solutions : 30%
Max. working pressure: Max. cold hydraulic test p Max. air vent discharge pr	
Working temperature rang	je: 5–60°C
Flow meter scale: Accuracy:	1–4 l/min ±10%
LCD thermometers scale	24–48°C
Main connections: Centre distance:	1" F 255 mm
Outlets: Centre distance:	3/4" x coupling with adapter code 675850 50 mm

Dimensions



Characteristic components



Pre-assembled unit complete with:

- 1) Flow manifold with built-in flow meters and flow-rate balancing valves
- 2) Return manifold with built-in shut-off valves fitted for electro-thermal control
- 3) End fittings with automatic air vent with hygroscopic plug, bleed valve and filler/drain cock
- 4) Pair of ball shut-off valves
- 5) LCD thermometers on the flow and return manifolds
- 6) Adhesive labels indicating the rooms
- 7) Pair of mounting brackets for box
- 8) Box with adjustable height and depth
- 9) Coupling adapter with clip code 675850
- 10) Template for cutting pipe code 675002

Accessories

- 11) 680 series DARCAL self-adjustable diameter fitting for single and multi-layer plastic pipe
- 12) 6561 series electro-thermal actuator
- 13) Quick-fit temperature gauge for panel circuit code 675900

Construction details

Specific composite material

The manifolds are made using a polymer specifically selected for heating and cooling system applications. The basic characteristics required for this purpose are:

- high strain strength while maintaining good ultimate elongation
- good resistance to crack propagation
- very low humidity absorption, for consistent mechanical behaviour
- high resistance to abrasion caused by continuous medium flow
- performance maintained over temperature variations
- compatibility with glycols and additives used in circuits

These basic material characteristics, combined with the appropriate shaping of the most highly stressed areas, enable a comparison with the metals typically used in the construction of distribution manifolds.

Return manifold

The return manifold is equipped with built-in shut-off valves. Using the shut-off valve with manual knob, the flow rate to the individual circuits can be reduced up to completely shutting the circuit off. The valve is equipped with a stainless steel single-piece control stem, with a double O-Ring seal.

The rubber obturator is specially shaped to minimise head losses and the noise produced by the flow of the medium, preventing potential seal seat sticking. The valves are fitted for application of a thermoelectric actuator in order to make them automatic on receiving a signal from a room thermostat.





Flow manifold

The flow manifold is equipped with built-in flow meters and flow rate regulating valves.

Using the regulation valve with the special tapered obturator, the flow rate to the individual circuits can be adjusted accurately as required, with the setting being read directly from the single flow meter with a scale of 1–4 l/min. This simplifies and speeds up the circuit setting process, with no need for reference graphs. After adjustment, the valve can be locked in its open position by means of its tamper-proof cover. The same valve makes it possible to shut off the individual circuit, if necessary.







Manifold modularity

The manifolds and end fittings can be coupled together, thanks to the threaded connections with O-Ring seals and fixing clips which prevent unscrewing. With this connection system, assembly of the various components is simplified and the watertightness is fully assured.



End fitting

The end fitting is equipped with an automatic air vent with hygroscopic safety cap, drain valve and fill/drain ball cock.

The air vent is equipped with a mechanism to remove air using a silicone rubber obturator. The vent mechanism is connected to the valve body by a fixing clip, making any inspection and maintenance work easier.

Nevertheless, the hygroscopic safety cap prevents water from getting out in order to protect the installation. The manual drain valve speeds up circuit filling, which takes place using the drain/fill ball cock.









Digital temperature gauges

An LCD thermometer is fitted on the flow and return manifold body, on both sides, with temperature range of 24–48°C. The liquid crystals automatically light up green to indicate the measured temperature, making it easy to read even in poor lighting conditions.

This temperature gauge is calibrated to display the actual temperature of the medium, which is essential in evaluating the operating conditions and thermal load of the system.





Replaceable components

The headwork of the balancing valve with flow meter and the shut-off valve can be removed and replaced with spare parts.





Panel circuit outlets

The outlet connections of the individual panel circuits are designed for use with a special coupling adapter, with fixing clip, that can be removed. The brass adapter has a double O-Ring seal and a hexagonal control on its surface.

The panel circuit pipe fitting is connected directly onto the threaded side.

With this particular connection system, the fitting with the adapter can be tightened onto the pipe outside the box and then coupled onto the manifold body later, making hydraulic installation simpler and more practical.







Room identification

On the manifold body, at each individual panel circuit outlet, there is a special seat for affixing an adhesive label identifying the corresponding room.





Temperature gauges for panels pipe

A special spirit temperature gauge with a scale of 5–50°C is available as an accessory; it is equipped with a push-fit plastic body for the individual panel pipe, with external diameter of 15 to 18 mm. When installed on the return pipe, this temperature gauge measures the actual temperature of the medium returning from the circuit, making it easy to accurately check the thermal exchange condition of the individual panel.





Bracketing

The manifolds have holes for fixing to brackets, so they can be housed in a box. The manifolds are reversible, so they can be positioned with the inlet on the right or left.

The return manifold, located at the top, is installed at a specific angle to make it easier for the panel circuit pipes to pass through, with diameters up to 20 mm.

The manifolds can thus be bracketed in a box just 80 mm deep, which can even be installed in walls with reduced thickness.





Shut-off valves

The ball shut-off valve on the flow and return of the circuits is the union type with an EPDM flat-seat seal.



Box

The manifolds are supplied bracketed in a recessed sheet steel box with an adjustable depth of 80 to 120 mm. The box, specifically designed for use with radiant panel systems, is equipped with floor brackets adjustable in height from 235 to 325 mm, the height being selected in accordance with the slab thickness. With these floor brackets, the pipes passageway is clear of obstructions; a double curtain wall then allows direct application of plaster and correct fitting of frame and cover. The bottom wall of the box has grooves and holes to secure the manifold brackets; the side and upper walls feature holes for the passage of the main pipes. The cover is opened and closed using a special handle with a push-fit clamp, without using any spanners or tools.









The box is also fitted for connection to the main pipes coming in from the top.





Hydraulic characteristics

In order to determine the hydraulic characteristics of the circuit, it is necessary to calculate the total head loss suffered by the flow rate of medium on passing through the devices forming the manifold assembly and the radiant panel circuits.

From a hydraulic point of view, the system consisting of the manifold assembly and the circuits can be represented as a set of hydraulic elements arranged in series and in parallel.





 $\Delta \mathbf{P}_{\text{Tot.}} = \Delta \mathbf{P}_{\text{VR}} + \Delta \mathbf{P}_{\text{Loop}} + \Delta \mathbf{P}_{\text{VI}} + \Delta \mathbf{P}_{\text{Manif. F}} + \Delta \mathbf{P}_{\text{Manif. R}} + \Delta \mathbf{P}_{\text{VS}} \times \mathbf{2}$ (1.1)

When the hydraulic characteristics of each component and the design flow rates are known, the total loss can be calculated as the sum of the partial head losses for each specific component in the system, as indicated by the formula (1.1).

Hydraulic characteristics



	I.V.	I V 0,01
Flow rate regulating valve fully open (671 series)	1,00	100
Fully open lockshield valve (673 series)	2,68	268
Shut-off valve	2,40	240

Δp (mm w.g.) ∆p (kPa) 1000 -900 800 700 10 6 4,5 4 3,5 3 500°-400 350 300 2,5 2,5 1,8 1,6 1,4 1,2 200 180 160 140 120 100 $\begin{array}{c} & 1 \\ & 0,9 \\ & 0,8 \\ & 0,7 \\ & 0,6 \\ & 0,45 \\ & 0,4 \\ & 0,35 \\ & 0,4 \\ & 0,35 \\ & 0,25 \\ & 0,16 \\ & 0,14 \end{array}$ 50 -45 40 35 30 20 18 16 14 12 0.12 10 0.1 600 700 800 006 1200 1400 1600 1800 2500 3000 3500 000 2000 4000 200 G (l/h) K٧ Kv_{0.01} Flow or return manifold 3-6 starts 16,0* 1600* Flow or return manifold 7-10 starts 12,0* 1200* Flow or return manifold 11-12 starts 10,0* 1000* Ball valve 16,5 1650

- Kv = flow rate in m^3/h for a head loss of 1 bar

- Kv_{0,01} = flow rate in I/h for a head loss of 1 kPa



Example of total head loss calculation

Supposing we need to calculate the head loss of a manifold with three circuits with the following characteristics:

Total manifold flow rate: 350 l/h

The flow rate and head loss of the three loops are as follows:

Circuit 1	Circuit 2	Circuit 3	
ΔP1 = 10 kPa	$\Delta P2 = 15 \text{ kPa}$	$\Delta P3 = 7 \text{ kPa}$	(1.2)
G1= 120 l/h	G2= 150 l/h	G3= 80 l/h	

Each segment of the formula (1.1) is calculated using the following relationship:

ΔP=G²/Kv_{0,01}²

 \cdot G= flow rate in I/h

 $\cdot \Delta P$ = head loss in kPa (1 kPa = 100 mm w.g.)

 \cdot Kv_{0.01} = flow rate in I/h through the device, which corresponds to a head loss of 1 kPa

It should be stressed that the calculation of ΔP_{Tot} must be carried out taking account of the circuit in which there are the greatest head losses distributed along the entire panel pipe loop.

In the case we are examining, the relevant circuit is No. 2.

It follows that:

$$\begin{split} \Delta P_{VR} &= 150^2/100^2 = 2,25 \text{ kPa} \\ \Delta P_{Loop} &= 15 \text{ kPa} \\ \Delta P_{VI} &= 150^2/240^2 = 0,39 \text{ kPa} \\ \Delta P_{Manif. F} &= 350^2/1600^2 = 0,05 \text{ kPa} \\ \Delta P_{Manif. R} &= 350^2/1600^2 = 0,05 \text{ kPa} \\ \Delta P_{VS} &= 350^2/1650^2 = 0,04 \text{ kPa} \end{split}$$
 Values obtained by disregarding the changes due to the flow rate sent to each branch circuit

Using formula (1.1), adding up all the calculated terms, we obtain: $\Delta P_{Tot.} = 2,25 + 15 + 0,39 + 0,05 + 0,05 + 0,04 \approx 17,64 \text{ kPa}$

Note:

We can ignore the three terms for the head losses associated with the ball valves and manifolds because of their low values. In general, the total head loss is fairly close to the branched panel circuit head loss.

Using the balancing valves with flow meter

The balancing valves in the flow manifold make it possible to balance each individual panel circuit to obtain the design flow rates in each loop.

Considering the following data:

- medium flow rate across each circuit
- head loss generated in each circuit by this flow rate:
- $\Delta P_{\text{Circuit}} = \Delta P_{\text{Loop}} + \Delta P_{\text{SV}} \left(\Delta P_{\text{Shut-off valve}} \right)$
- available head on the panel circuit or predefined head: $H_{\text{Predefined}} \geq \Delta P_{\text{Most +}} = \Delta P_{\text{VR}} + \Delta P_{\text{Loop}} + \Delta P_{\text{SV}}$

Referring to the adjacent diagram, for the loop flow rate the regulation valve must provide an additional head loss equal to the difference ΔP_{VR} ($\Delta P_{\text{Regulation valve}}$).



Flow rate balancing and reading

Lift the locking cover with the aid of a screwdriver and turn it over onto the flow meter. Adjust the flow rate of the individual panels by turning the flow meter body acting on the built-in regulating valve.

The flow rate must be read on the graduated scale, expressed in I/min, printed on the flow meter itself. After making all the adjustments, reposition and lock all the knobs in their seats to prevent tampering.



SPECIFICATION SUMMARY

670 series

Composite distribution manifold specifically designed for radiant panel systems with 3 (from 3 to 12) outlets. PA66GF body. EPDM seals. Main connections 1" F. Outlet connections 3/4" M. Water and glycol solutions medium. Max. percentage of glycol 30%. Maximum working pressure 6 bar. Working temperature range 5–60°C. Maximum automatic air vent discharge pressure 6 bar.

Complete with:

- Flow manifold with flow rate regulating valves and flow meter with 1-4 l/min graduated scale. Accuracy ±10%.
- Return manifold complete with shut-off valves fitted for thermo-electric actuator.
- Pair of end fittings complete with automatic air vent with hygroscopic cap, bleed valve and fill/drain cock.
- Pair of shut-off ball valves, brass body. EPDM union seals.
- LCD thermometers on the flow and return manifolds. Scale 24-48°C.
- Adhesive labels indicating the rooms.
- Pair of fixing brackets.
- Painted sheet metal box with closure clamp, depth adjustable from 80 to 120 mm, including floor supports adjustable in height from 235 to 325 mm.
- Coupling adapters with fixing clip code 675850 for manifold outlet and connection of 680 series fitting.
- Pipe cutting template code 675002.

Accessories



675

Coupling adapter with fixing clip code 675850 for 670 series manifold outlet and connection of 680 series fitting.

Size: 3/4" M - Ø 18 for clip coupling.

Technical specifications

Materials

Body Seal: Fixing clips:

Performance

Medmium used Max. percentage of glycol: Maximum working pressure: Working temperature range:

Connection:

brass EN 12164 CW614N double EPDM O-Rings stainless steel

brass EN 12164 CW614N

water, glycol solutions

 $5-75^{\circ}C$ (Multilayer marked 95°C)

EPDM

FPDM

30%

 $3/4^{3}$

10 bar

5-80°C (PE-X)

PA66G50

water, glycolate solutions 30% 10 bar 0–100°C 5–60°C (coupled in the manifold 670) 3/4" M - Ø 18 for clip coupling





680 DARCAL

Self-adjusting diameter fitting for single and multi-layer plastic pipe.

Size: 3/4".

Technical specifications

Materials

Nut and adapter: Seals: Dielectric seal ring: Olive

Performance

Medium: Max. percentage of glycol: Maximum working pressure: Working temperature range:

Connection:

Construction details

Pipe-fitting coupling flexibility

This fitting is specifically designed in order to adjust to several pipe diameters. The great variety of single and multi-layer plastic pipes on the market, and the range of permissible tolerances, have made it necessary to design a specific fitting.

Keeping the nominal dimensions of the fittings currently on the market, the new construction solution makes it possible to use the same fitting for pipes with external diameter differences of up to 2 mm and internal diameter differences of up to 0,5 mm.

Pull-out resistance

This fitting offers high resistance to pipe pull-out. Its special tightening system makes it suitable for all applications, ensuring a perfect hydraulic seal.

Low head losses

The internal profile of the adapter (1) is shaped to obtain a Venturi effect as the medium flows. It allows for a head loss 20% lower than that corresponding to passages of the same diameter.

Dielectric seal ring

The fitting is equipped with a rubber insulating element (2) to prevent contact between the aluminium in the multi-layer pipe and the brass of the fitting. This prevents any galvanic corrosion generated by the two different metals.

Double O-Ring seal

On the adapter there are two EPDM O-Ring seals (3) – (4) in order to avoid potential losses even at high working pressures.



		Pipe (mm)
Code		Ø _{inner}	Øouter
680 507	3/4"	7,5- 8	10,5–12
680 502	3/4"	7,5- 8	12 -14
680 503	3/4"	8,5- 9	12 –14
680 500	3/4"	9 - 9,5	14 –16
680 501	3/4"	9,5–10	12 -14
680 506	3/4"	9,5–10	14 –16
680 515	3/4"	10,5–11	14 –16
680 517	3/4"	10,5–11	16 –18
680 524	3/4"	11,5–12	14 -16
680 526	3/4"	11,5–12	16 -18
680 535	3/4"	12,5–13	16 –18
680 537	3/4"	12,5–13	18 –20
680 544	3/4"	13,5–14	16 –18
680 546	3/4"	13,5–14	18 –20
680 555	3/4"	14,5–15	18 –20
680 556	3/4"	15 –15,5	18 –20
680 564	3/4"	15,5–16	18 –20
680 505	3/4"	17	22,5

Standard thermo-electric actuators



6561	G	tech. broch. 01042
Thermo-electric actuator Normally closed.	for r	nanifolds.

Code	Voltage (V)	
6561 02	230	
6561 04	24	



G tech. broch. 01042

Thermo-electric actuator for manifolds. Normally closed. With auxiliary microswitch.

Code	Voltage (V)	
6561 12	230	
6561 14	24	

Materials	
Protective shell:	self-extinguishing polycarbonate
Colour:	(code 656102/04) white RAL 9010
	(code 656112/14) grey RAL 9002

Performance

Technical specifications

Normally closed	
Electric supply:	230 V (ac) - 24 V (ac) - 24 V (dc)
Starting current:	≤ 1 A
Running current:	230 V (ac) = 13 mA
	24 V (ac) - 24 V (dc) = 140 mA
Running power consumption	n: 3 W
Auxiliary microswitch contact	t rating (code 656112/114): 0,8 A (230 V)
Protection class:	IP 44 (in vertical position)
Double insulation construction	on: CE
Max. ambient temperature:	50°C
Operating time:	opening and closing from 120 s to 180 s
Supply cable length:	80 cm



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675 Push-fit temperature gauge for panel pipe, code 675900.

Technical specifications

Material Body: Temperature gauge medium:

Performance

5–50°C Temperature gauge scale: Max. working temperature: 60°C Working range of external pipe diameter (\emptyset_{e}): from 15 to 18 mm Conducting paste supplied in package



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Material Body Piston: Control lever	bronze brass galvanized steel
Performance Maximum working pressure: Water content: Pressure gauge scale:	50 bar 12 l 0–60 bar
Hose connection: Length of hose:	1/2" 1,5 m

SPECIFICATION SUMMARY

PA6GF

alcohol

680 series

Self-adjusting diameter fitting for single and multi-layer plastic pipes with internal profile offering a Venturi effect to limit head losses. Size 3/4" F Ø 18. Brass nut and adapter, EPDM seals, EPDM dielectric ring, PA66G50 olive. Medium water and glycol solutions. Max. percentage of glycol 30%. Maximum working pressure 10 bar. Working temperature range 5-80°C (PE-X); 5-75°C (Multilayer marked 95°C).

675 series

Push-fit temperature gauge for panel pipe. Working range of external pipe diameter: from 15 to 18 mm. PA6GF body. Temperature gauge medium alcohol. Temperature gauge scale 5-50°C. Maximum working temperature 60°C.

6561 series

Thermo-electric actuator. Normally closed (Normally closed with auxiliary microswitch). Electric supply 230 V (ac); 24 V (ac); 24 V (dc). Starting current ≤ 1 A. Running current 13 mA (230 V (ac)); 140 mA (24 V (ac) - 24 V (dc)). Running power consumption 3 W. Protection class IP 44 (in vertical position). Maximum ambient temperature 50°C. Operating time from 120 to 180 seconds. Supply cable length 80 cm.

695 series

System test pump with 0–60 bar pressure gauge and 1,5 m hose. 1/2" hose connection. Maximum working pressure: 50 bar. Water content 12 l.

695 System test pump code 695000. Complete with pressure gauge and system connection hose. Also suitable for use with glycol solutions for solar thermal systems.

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Application diagram



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