

# EQUIPMENT SAFETY

## CAUTION

### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Since most pool's plumbing is not airtight, and a mixture of air and chlorine is highly corrosive to metals, it is important to protect these items from corrosion in the OFF period when no circulation is taking place. (There is no chance for chlorine corrosion when the circulating system is in operation.)

Of course, corrosion or erosion of metal components can still occur independently of any chlorinator installation for the following reasons:

1. Water velocity too high.
2. Water pH less than 7.2.
3. Total alkalinity less than 100 PPM.

If your pool or spa has any of the following equipment, special plumbing procedures must be followed for safe operation:

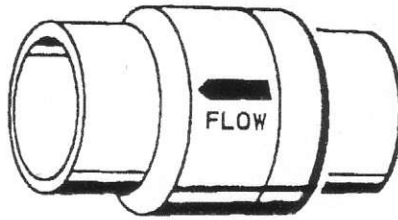
1. Brass or bronze gate, rotary or backwash valves.
2. The preceding valves constructed of PVC or other plastic material with metallic shafts.
3. Filters, heaters, heat exchanges or other items with metallic tanks, shafts, coils or tubes.
4. **NOT FOR USE IN COPPER PLUMBING.**

Installation of the **OPTIONAL** Rainbow #R172288 positive seal, corrosion resistant check valve **SHOWN ON REVERSE SIDE** will prevent the backflow of corrosive liquids and gases that can damage equipment containing metallic components. Examples listed above.

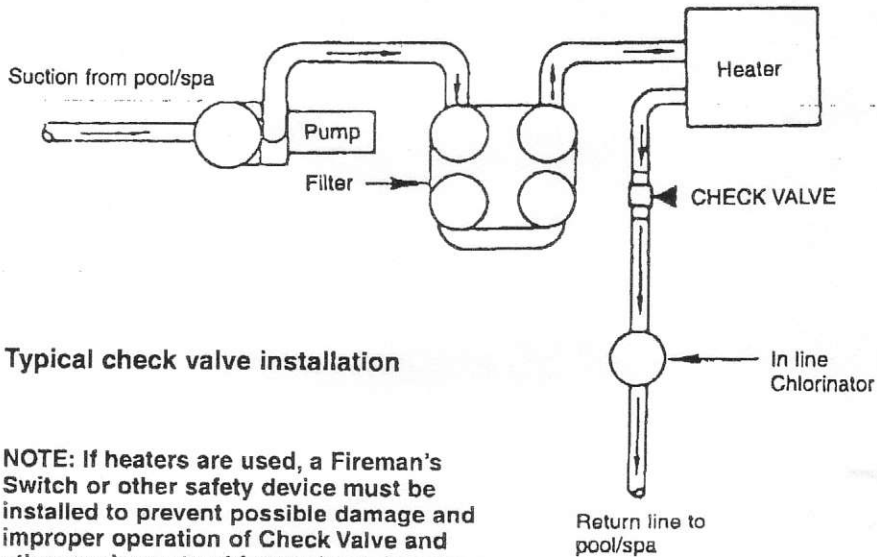
**WARNING: If your pool is equipped with a permanent built in pool-cleaning system, damage could occur to that system if materials are not compatible with low pH Tri-Chloro feeders. Check with manufacturer for compatibility.**



# #R172288 1½" & 2" SLIP SPRING CHECK VALVE



- Special corrosion resistant 1½" & 2" slip spring check valve can be used to check back flow of fluids, air, etc.
- Full free flow design
- Special Spring and Seal for corrosive applications.
- Enclosed spring insuring free operation.
- Very effective when used in conjunction with chlorinator to check back flow of chemicals to pool/spa equipment, preventing corrosion problems and damage.
- Can be mounted in any position.



Typical check valve installation

**NOTE:** If heaters are used, a Fireman's Switch or other safety device must be installed to prevent possible damage and improper operation of Check Valve and other equipment subject to heat damage.



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# #320 CHLORINE/BROMINE FEEDER

## Features:

- No special venting required.
- Completely enclosed-no escaping gases.
- Positive external no-clog control valve.
- When used with timer, feeder is designed to automatically lower the water level so tablets are not soaking during off period of pump. This allows more efficient use of tablets.
- No equipment damage.
- Feeds sanitizer directly to pool or spa.
- All parts replaceable.
- To prevent over chlorination during use, completely close the control valve and the built in check valve will prevent chemical from being fed into pool or spa.

**YOUR LIFEGARD® FEEDER IS THE MOST EFFICIENT AND TROUBLE-FREE AUTOMATIC FEEDER YOU CAN BUY, BUT IT CAN ALSO BE DANGEROUS TO YOU AND YOUR EQUIPMENT. PLEASE FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS EXACTLY AND HEED ALL CAUTIONS. YOUR SAFETY AND THE PROTECTION OF YOUR EQUIPMENT IS OUR FIRST CONCERN.**

It is important to read all information **BEFORE** proceeding with the installation. The information will guide you in installing your feeder properly and to avoid problems due to improper installation.

### IF YOUR POOL OR SPA HAS COPPER PLUMBING . . . STOP!!

Never install the feeder into copper plumbing as pipe damage will occur. (See Equipment Safety CAUTION sheet enclosed). **NOTE:** If heaters are used, a Fireman's Switch or equivalent must be installed to prevent possible damage and improper operation of Check Valve and other equipment subject to heat damage.

### INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS MODEL #320

Note: Make sure all pumps and timer switches are in the OFF position.

#### WHERE TO INSTALL YOUR FEEDER

The #320 feeder is designed for permanent installation in the return line of your new pool or spa and must always be installed after the heater, pool cleaner, valves, etc. If your pool does not have a heater, then it must be installed after the filter or any other piece of equipment.

**DAMAGE TO THE HEATER AND OTHER EQUIPMENT COULD RESULT IF HIGHLY CHLORINATED WATER FLOWS THROUGH IT.**

If your pool is equipped with a solar system it may be necessary to install a HI FLOW KIT. This kit can be installed if your feeder is not getting adequate flow and/or pressure through the system. Refer to information on sheet enclosed. Your feeder may be installed in existing PVC plumbing but will require a union and/or other fittings. The feeder comes complete for installation with 2" or 1½" PVC plumbing. Choose a site in the return line where feeder can be installed in a vertical position. Always install as far from any metal equipment as practical since fumes, etc. can corrode them. If optional corrosion resistant check valve is required refer to installation instructions before next step.

#### BASIC PLUMBING INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

**2" OR 1½" PVC PIPE:** If feeder is being installed on a pool, spa or pool/spa combination, correct plumbing procedures must be followed to insure proper flow through feeder. If pool or spa is plumbed with 2" PVC pipe, be certain the pump, filter and heater all have 2" inlet and outlet fittings. If any part of the equipment has less than 2" fittings or pipe, then a minimum of 6" x 1½" reducer bushings must be installed directly into the inlet side of the feeder using the 2" x 1½" reducer bushings supplied. This will build pressure directly into the feeder insuring proper operation. Continue with 2" PVC pipe on the outlet side of the feeder.

**POOL/SPA COMBINATION:** If plumbing and equipment is a full 2" and the feeder is being installed on the pool return line after the diverter valve, with a portion of the water diverted to the spa, install a minimum section of 6" x 1½" PVC pipe directly into the inlet side of the feeder using the 2" x 1½" reducer bushing supplied. Continue with 2" PVC pipe on the outlet side of the feeder. This will compensate for that portion of water being diverted to the spa.

**90° ELBOWS:** Plumbing a 90° elbow directly into the inlet side of the feeder may cause turbulence inside the elbow. This will prevent water from being scooped into the feeder. A minimum of a 6" length of PVC pipe should be installed between the 90° elbow and the inlet side of the feeder.

**2" PVC:** Simply glue feeder to the return line using PVC SOLVENT CEMENT. Be sure arrows on feeder point in the direction of water flow returning to the pool or spa.

**1½" PVC:** Remove (2) 2" x 1½" slip reducer bushings packed inside the feeder and glue into 2" slip tee on bottom of feeder. Complete installation by gluing into 1½" return line making sure the arrows on feeder point in the direction of water flow returning to the pool or spa. Use only PVC SOLVENT CEMENT. Follow directions on solvent cement label. Allow to dry. Installation is now complete.

#### OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Before start up of feeder, your pool should be properly conditioned and the residual should be 1.0 to 1.5 ppm. The water in a newly-filled pool should be properly conditioned to insure maximum effectiveness of the feeder. Consult your local dealer for water conditioning information for your area.

1. Remove cap of feeder and fill with proper size tablets.
- For Pools: 1" or 3" dia. tablets For Spas: 1" dia. tablets in optional Spa Chamber.
2. Making sure O-ring is clean, lubricated with Lifeguard Silicone and is in place, replace cap. Hand tighten only.
3. Turn on pump and timer switches for a minimum of 6 to 8 hours.
4. Adjust control valve according to your pool/spa size. Use a test kit to determine the

chemical residual. It is recommended that the chemical residual be checked daily for the first 5 days. Remember . . . hot days, higher water temperature or increased pool/spa activity will cause your pool/spa to use more sanitizer. When possible, increase the feed rate a day or two in advance. Because the chlorine demand in your pool/spa varies and is dependent on many factors (sunlight, bather load, water temperature, etc) your valve setting may have to be changed from time to time to adjust to these conditions. For example, the winter setting may be #2 while the summer setting is #3. Check the chlorine residual daily to find the ideal setting. Note: Higher numbers dispense more chemical. Small gradual changes are imperative for control.

#### HOW TO RECHARGE FEEDER

1. Turn control valve to the closed position. **SHUT OFF PUMP.**
2. Wait one minute. This will allow water and fumes to drain from feeder.
3. Leave control valve closed and turn on pump. The check valve will prevent water from entering the feeder.
4. Remove cap and fill with proper size tablets or sticks. (See Operating Instructions #1)
5. Making sure O-ring is clean, lubricated with Lifeguard Silicone and is in place, replace cap. Hand tighten only.
6. Open control valve to original setting. Inspect inlet line below control valve each time feeder is recharged. Replace lines yearly if necessary.

#### SPECIAL FEATURES AND INSTRUCTIONS

If while using 3" diameter tablets the #320 feeder does not provide enough chlorine residual, switch to 1" tablets. The smaller tablet will erode faster producing more chlorine residual. If this does not correct the situation, the #320 has been fitted with an optional opening at the top of the feeder (which is plugged). To accommodate attachment of the valve and tubing assembly for top entry of water into the feeder, an additional length of tubing has been included. The following procedure should only be used if the suggested change has not solved the situation. Top entry in normal situations can cause over chlorination.

1. Turn off pump and timer switches.
2. Remove tubing by unscrewing compression nut at each end of tubing.
3. Remove plug at top of feeder directly above control valve.
4. Remove control valve. If nipple stays in valve, carefully remove by using pliers at the center of nipple. There is no need to remove the 90° tube fittings.
5. Wrap plug with 2 or 3 wraps of teflon tape in opposite direction of tightening. Screw into opening where control valve was attached. Hand tighten plus 2 or 3 turns. Do not overtighten.
6. Wrap threads of nipple with teflon tape. Thread nipple into top opening. Finger tight only. Thread valve onto nipple. After nipple starts to turn from tightening valve, 2 to 3 more turns is enough. The nipple or valve can be broken by overtightening.
7. Slide compression nut over long section of tube. Slide tube over tapered part of 90° tube fitting and tighten. Hand tighten only. Repeat for other end of tubing.
8. Set control valve to #1. Turn on pump and timers. Check residual daily to determine proper setting. Small gradual changes are imperative for control.

#### BELOW WATER LEVEL INSTALLATION

Feeder should be installed above water level whenever practical. If installed below water level, a drain valve must be installed to prevent spillage and dangerous splash back of high chlorinated water during recharging. Drill and tap a ¼" MPT hole at the same level the control valve is located. Make sure there is no water or tablets inside the feeder before drilling. Install optional drain valve, Part R172060, or suitable chemical resistant drain valve.

#### BELOW WATER LEVEL RECHARGING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Shut off pump and timer switches.
2. Shut off control valve.
3. Place a clean container under drain and open drain valve.
4. Exercise extreme caution when opening or servicing feeder. Do not inhale fumes. Wear protective gear. Remove cap. Water will now drain from feeder. Empty container back into pool or spa.
5. Close drain valve. fill with proper size tablets or sticks.
6. Making sure O-ring is clean, lubricated with Lifeguard Silicone and in place, replace cap.
7. Turn on pump and timer switches.
8. Reset control valve to original setting. Inspect inlet and outlet line each time feeder is recharged. Replace lines yearly if necessary.

## **⚠ DANGER**



**READ CAREFULLY**—This feeder is designed to use only Trichloro-s-triazinetriene OR Bromine tablets-slow dissolving type **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** mix Trichlor OR Bromine with Calcium Hypochlorite, with other forms of concentrated chlorine or with other chemicals **FIRE AND EXPLOSION MAY RESULT. NEVER** use oils or grease to lubricate O-ring. Oil in contact with Trichlor OR Bromine may result in fire. Lubricate O-ring with Lifeguard Silicone O-ring Lubricant only, available at your dealer. Caution should be used when removing feeder cap. **Do not inhale fumes.** If shock treatments or Algacides containing chemicals other than sanitizer tablets in feeder must be used, **turn off Feeder OR remove tablets until the shock or Algae treatment is complete and all granules have dissolved.** Failure to do so may result in granules mixing in feeder causing **FIRE AND/OR EXPLOSION.** The shock or algae treatment dissolved in water is safe with tablets.

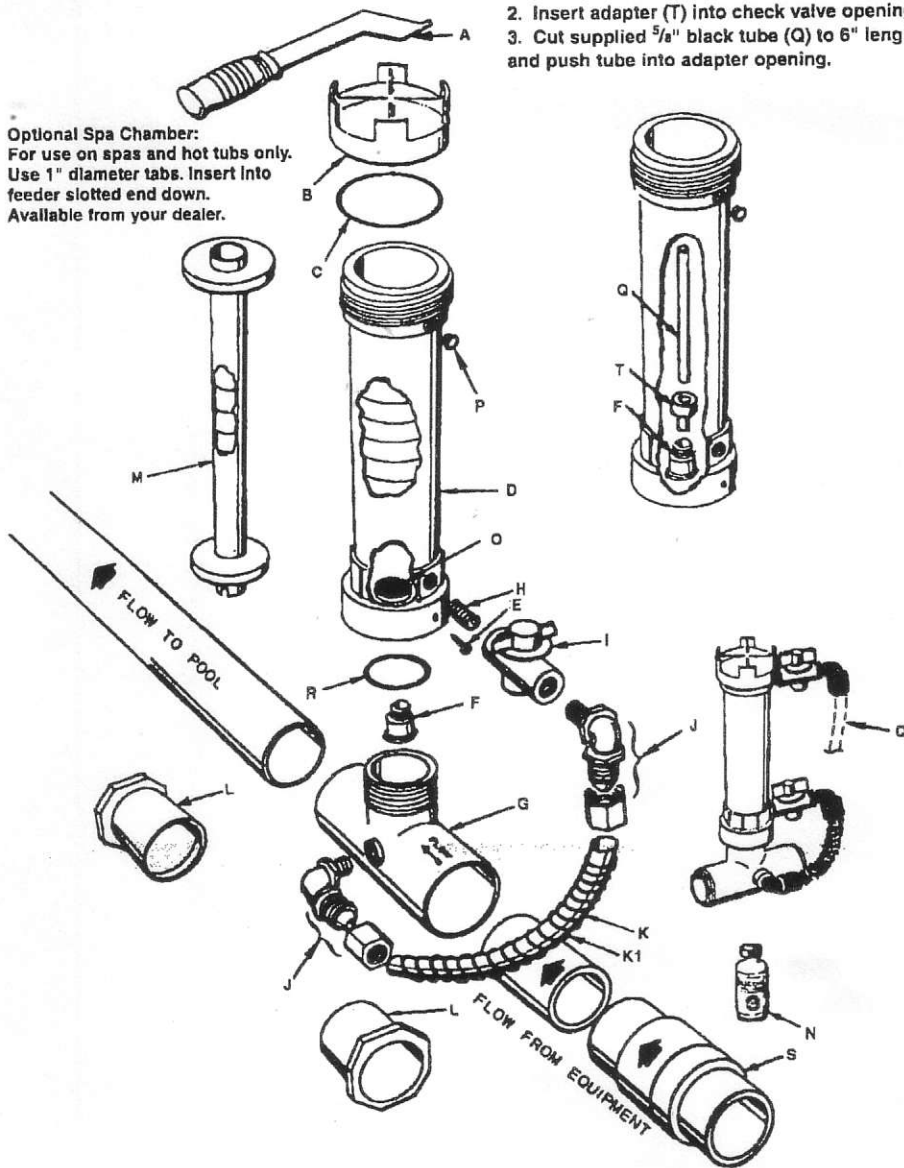
**#320 CHLORINE / BROMINE FEEDER  
PARTS BREAK DOWN DRAWING**

**Bromine Standpipe Installation**

To increase erosion of small bromine tablets, install Bromine Standpipe as follows:

1. Remove screen from bottom of chamber exposing check valve (F)
2. Insert adapter (T) into check valve opening.
3. Cut supplied 5/8" black tube (Q) to 6" length and push tube into adapter opening.

**Optional Spa Chamber:**  
For use on spas and hot tubs only. Use 1" diameter tabs. Insert into feeder slotted end down. Available from your dealer.

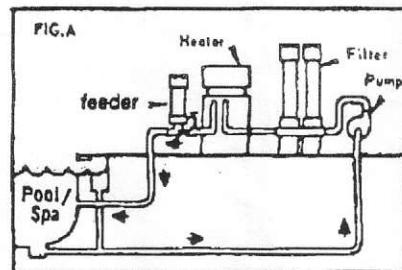


Item	Qty.	Part No.	Description
A	Optional	R172052	Cap wrench
B	1	R172008W	3" Threaded cap
C	1	R172009	3" O-Ring
D	1	R172331	#320 Body only (new)
E	1	R01052	Lock screw
F	1	R172248	Check valve
G	1	R172317	Divertor tee
H	1	R172256	1/2" x Short MPT nipple
I	1	R172086	1/2" Chlorine control valve
J	2	R172272	1/2" NPT x tube fitting w/nut
K	1	R172091	5/8" OD Chlorinator tube
K1	1	R171097	Tube support spring
L	2	R172210	2" x 1 1/2" s x s bushing
M	Optional	R172037	Spa chamber
N	1	R172036	Silicone lubricant
O	1	R172255	Screen
P	1	R172134	1/2" MPT PVC plug
Q	1	R172253	5/8" OD 18" tube (optional top feed)
R	1	R172319	Bottom O-ring
S	Optional	R172288	1 1/2" Corrosion resistant check valve
T	1	R172048B	Standpipe adapter

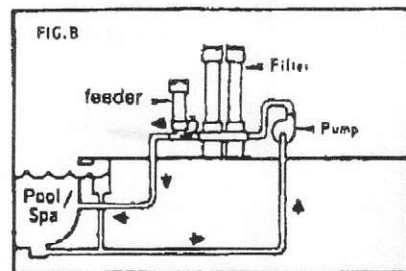
\*Not used with 2" PVC, for 1 1/2" PVC only.

\*\*Be sure screen has not come loose in shipment—if loose. Simply snap over 4 posts in bottom of chlorinator to replace.

NOTE: To service check valve F, Remove lock screw E, and unscrew (counter-clockwise) D chlorinator body from G divertor tee.



Typical Installation #320 with heater.



Typical Installation #320 without heater

YOU MAY SUBSTITUTE BROMINE TABLETS OR STICKS FOR TRICHLOR IN THIS FEEDER. DO NOT MIX.

IMPORTANT OPTION. SEE CORROSION CAUTION SHEET.

**CAUTION**  
Do not install feeder into copper plumbing. Pipe damage could occur. Never install feeder before heater. Heater damage could occur.



NSF listed for public or residential use in Swimming Pools, Spas or Hot Tubs using Trichlor or Bromine and when used with a flow indicating device such as Rainbow Lifeguard Model #R172276.

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