

## 1. BEFORE YOU BEGIN

### **IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS**

## READ AND SAVE FOR THE CONSUMER

#### WARNING: Risk of scalding or other severe injury.

Before completing installation, the installer must set the maximum water temperature setting of this valve to minimize the risks associated with scalding hazards according to ASTM F 444.

The installer is responsible for installing the valve and adjusting the maximum water temperature of this thermostatic valve according to instructions. This valve meets or exceeds ANSI A112.18.1M, ASSE 1016, and CSA B125.

If you do not understand any of the installation or temperature adjustment instructions in this document, in the United States please contact our Customer Service Department at 1-800-4-KOHLER. Outside the U.S. please contact your distributor.

**IMPORTANT:** Please fill in the blanks below and on the valve label. Then insert these instructions into the plastic bag included with the valve package, and attach the plastic bag to the valve handle for the owner's reference.

#### THIS DEVICE HAS BEEN PRESET BY OF TO ENSURE A SAFE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE. ANY CHANGE IN THE SETTING MAY RAISE THE DISCHARGE TEMPERATURE ABOVE THE LIMIT CONSIDERED SAFE, AND LEAD TO SCALDS.

### DATE:

#### AUTION: Risk of scalding hazard.

This device has been calibrated at the factory to ensure a safe maximum water temperature. Any variance in settings or water inlet conditions from those used during factory calibration may raise the discharge temperature above the safe limit, and may present a scalding hazard. Responsibility for installation and adjustment of this device in accordance with these instructions lies with the installer.

#### TOOLS AND MATERIALS REQUIRED

- Thermometer
- 3/4" nominal copper tubing and fittings
- Wrenches
- Thin-bladed knife or screwdriver

#### A CAUTION: Risk of product damage.

This valve contains plastic and rubber components. Do not apply excessive heat to the valve body when you make solder connections.

Do not apply flux or acids directly to the valve, as damage to the seals, plastic components, and trim finish may result.

Do not apply petroleum-based lubricants to the valve components, as damage may result.

- Thread sealant
- Solder and flux
- Hacksaw or tubing cutter

#### **ABOUT THIS VALVE**

- The thermostatic mixing valve cartridge does not contain an integral volume control/shut-off valve. You must install a separate volume control/shut-off valve (K-403) downstream of any valve outlet that does not have an integral shut-off valve. The K-400 thermostatic mixing valve requires separate volume control/shut-off valves downstream of each mixing valve outlet. Refer to Fig. #3.
- The K-401 thermostatic mixing valve contains a single volume control/shut-off valve for controlling the water flow through the shower outlet. When plumbing to the valve's bath outlet, you must install a separate volume control shut-off valve (K-403) downstream from the bath outlet. Refer to Fig. #3.
- K-400 and K-401 thermostatic mixing valves do not have an integral aspirator. For installations that use a bath diverter spout, you must install a twin ell (K-9663) with integral aspirator between the valve and the bath spout. If these thermostatic mixing valves are installed without an aspirator it will cause water to flow from the shower and bath spout at the same time. Refer to Fig. #3.
- Determine the correct drain size and capacity for your installation. If two thermostatic mixing valves are used together, water flow volumes of 24 gpm or more are possible, depending upon the water supply pressure.
- Determine the correct water heater size and capacity for your installation. A typical shower installation uses an approximate mix of 75% hot water and 25% cold. A custom shower application using three 2-1/2 gpm showerheads can use about 45 gal. of hot water in 8 minutes. Choose a water heater large enough for your installation.

#### NOTES

- Shut off the main water supply.
- Observe all local plumbing codes.
- Inspect the waste and supply piping for damage. Replace as necessary.
- The valve is calibrated to 104° F. at the first stop position, and the maximum temperature limit stop is positioned so the outlet water temperature does not exceed 120° F.
- Factory calibrated inlet conditions are: Hot and cold water pressure = 43-1/2 psi Hot water supply temperature = 149° F. Cold water supply temperature = 59° F.
- If inlet conditions differ from those used during factory calibration, it may be necessary to re-calibrate the valve after installation. The installer must check the mixed flow temperature after installation, and adjust the valve as needed according to the instructions.
- This valve complies with ASME A112.181M, ASSE 1016, and CSA B125. The valve is listed with ASSE, CSA, and IAPMO/UPC.





# 3. INSTALLATION

#### CONSTRUCT FRAMING AND INSTALL ROUGH PLUMBING

Determine the desired location for the valve according to the rough-in information on Page 3, and construct suitable stud and support framing.

Use 3/4" nominal copper tubing and fittings throughout this installation. Smaller diameter piping upstream or downstream of the valve will reduce the performance of the valve.

### **INSTALL VALVE**

Flush the hot and cold water supply lines to remove any debris.

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Use thread sealant, and connect the 3/4" hot and cold water supply lines to the valve inlet ports. **Install water hammer arrestors in the supply lines.** The inlet ports are marked "HOT" and "COLD", and must be connected to the correct water supply lines to ensure proper valve function. Make sure the integral volume control/shut-off valve on the K-401 is on top.

Connect the water outlet lines to the valve ports. Use a 3/4" plug for any unused outlet port.



The plaster guard is attached to the face of the mixing valve with two screws. Do not remove the plaster guard until instructed. Use the plaster guard to determine the depth of the valve in the wall, and to trace the cut-out line in the wall material. The finished wall surface must be within the MIN. – MAX. depth shown on the plaster guard. Secure the water supply piping to the support framing.



CAUTION: Risk of scalding hazard. Do not turn the thermostatic mixing valve stem after you adjust the temperature setting until you install the mixing handle trim. This device has been calibrated at the factory to ensure a safe maximum water temperature. Any variance in settings or water inlet conditions from those used during factory calibration may raise the discharge temperature above the safe limit, and may present a scalding hazard.

**K-400:** Turn on the water supply lines to the valve, and check for leaks. Run water through the mixing valve and all showers and the spout, and check the system for leakage. Turn off the water.

**K-401:** Remove the plaster guard. **Do not** turn the thermostatic mixing valve stem until you have installed the handle trim.

Turn on the water supply lines to the valve, and check for leaks. Run water through the mixing valve and all showers and the spout, and check the system for leakage. Use the volume control/shut-off valve (top control) to control the water flow to the shower outlet. Turn off the water. Reinstall the plaster guard.

Complete the finished wall.

#### ADJUST TEMPERATURE SETTINGS

This valve has been calibrated at the factory to provide  $104^{\circ}$  F. water at the mixing valve's first stop position. The maximum temperature limit stop has been adjusted so the maximum water temperature will not exceed  $120^{\circ}$  F.

**NOTE:** The listed water temperature settings are based upon the following factory conditions:

- Hot and cold water pressure = 43.5 psi or 3 bar
- Hot water temperature =  $149^{\circ}$  F. or  $65^{\circ}$  C
- Cold water temperature = 59° F. or 15° C

If the actual water supply conditions differ significantly from those listed, you may need to re-calibrate the valve.



**NOTE:** Do not turn the thermostatic mixing valve stem at this time. Turning the mixing valve stem will change the factory calibration setting.

Turn the water on for several minutes, then position a thermometer in the water stream. If the existing water supply conditions match the factory conditions, the water temperature should be close to  $104^{\circ}$  F. If the water temperature is not close to  $104^{\circ}$  F., remove and discard the plaster guard if it is still attached.

Slowly rotate the thermostatic mixing valve stem until the water temperature is a constant 104° F. The white mark on the limit stop should be in line with the black mark on the mixing valve body. If necessary, carefully pry the limit stop off the valve cartridge with a thin blade, and re-install it so the white mark faces upward as required. The limit stop must be correctly positioned to ensure trim fit.

Do not turn the thermostatic mixing valve stem after you adjust the temperature setting until you have installed the mixing handle trim.

#### Now install the mixing valve trim according to the instructions packed with the trim.

Turn on the water again, and rotate the knob fully clockwise. Then, without depressing the knob button, rotate the knob counterclockwise to the first stop position. Use a thermometer to determine the water temperature. The water temperature at this position must be about 104° F.

Now depress the knob button, and turn the knob counterclockwise to the second position or the maximum temperature limit stop. The water temperature at this position must not exceed 120° F. If the maximum water temperature does exceed 120° F., repeat the mixing valve calibration steps according to the "Adjust Temperature Settings" section starting on Page 6.

