



FD Damper Installation, Operating and Maintenance Instructions

1 Health and Safety

- 1.1 Only competent personnel may carry out the work outlined within this document.
- 1.2 The wearing of appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (gloves, footwear, safety glasses etc.) is required for safe working and as the site dictates.
- 1.3 Dampers may be heavy. Large dampers will require suitable lifting and supporting equipment.
- 1.4 Dampers may close without warning. Do not introduce limbs/fingers in the path of blade travel.
- 1.5 Never pull the side springs off their locking ramp pin. The springs are very strong and sharp and will damage fingers even with gloves being worn!
- 1.6 All work should be carried out in accordance with HSE guidelines and regulations and any specific local site rules.

2 Important

- 2.1 These instructions should be read in its entirety before commencing work. The installer must be Competent with the manufacturer's separating element construction.
- 2.2 All Fire Damper installations must be carried out to the satisfaction of the appropriate Building Control officer and/or specifying authority.
- 2.3 Refer to section 11 for testing. Complete Insp Check List (at end of this document).
- 2.4 For existing dry walls – When cutting the opening for damper, and (partial) removal of stud is unavoidable, ensure the structure is sufficiently supported to conform to design specification
- 2.5 Dry wall openings must be lined.
- 2.6 Ensure that appropriate 'fire-rated' plasterboard is used throughout the construction of drywall partitions that need to act as fire-barriers.
- 2.7 Ductwork to be fitted and connected in accordance with DW 144/145. Aluminium rivets should be used (to act as breakaway joint).
- 2.8 All installations are subject to local Building Control Approval (BCA). Tested Installations are detailed herein. If the proposed installation has minor variations to that shown, acceptance from BCA should be sought before proceeding. Manufacturers are not able to 'approve' specific installation methods.
- 2.9 Refer to main product brochure for full product details and specification.

3 Equipment required

- 3.1 Equipment and tools will vary dependent upon the fire barrier construction that the damper is being installed within. Standard equipment that is normally used for the building of the particular barrier should suffice.
- 3.2 Access-equipment as necessary.
- 3.3 Temporary support equipment (to retain damper in position).

4 Preparation for Installation

- 4.1 For each damper installation type, refer to the relevant installation detail below.
- 4.2 Before installation, the damper should be inspected to ensure that it has not been damaged and is in good condition.
- 4.3 Remove packaging materials.
- 4.4 Check damper (label) reference, damper size, Fusible Link option and temperature to site specification.
- 4.5 Dampers are supplied in open position, with fusible link taped up with orange "remove before installation" tape. Remove this tape and drop test damper (refer to section 10).
- 4.6 Determine required position of damper. Check sufficient space exists to fit the product. Ensure any services (e.g. electrical/plumbing) within the structure or running close to the structure will not be affected.
- 4.7 Consideration should be given beforehand, to the depth of the wall, relative to damper case length and connecting ductwork.

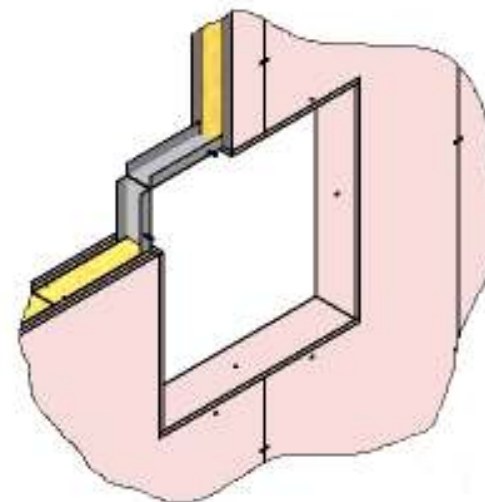


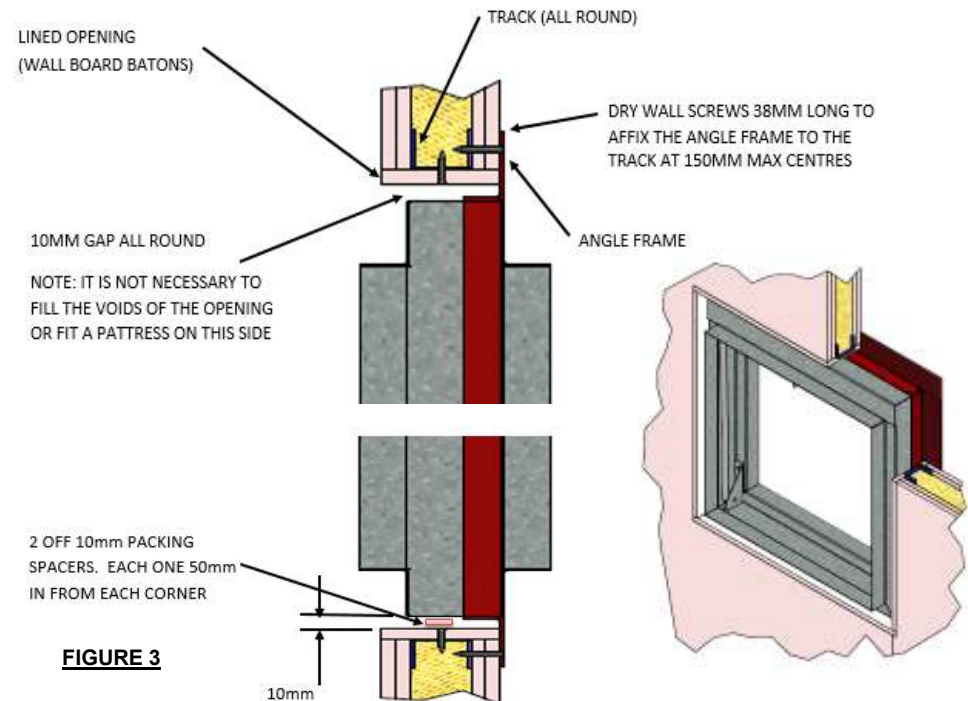
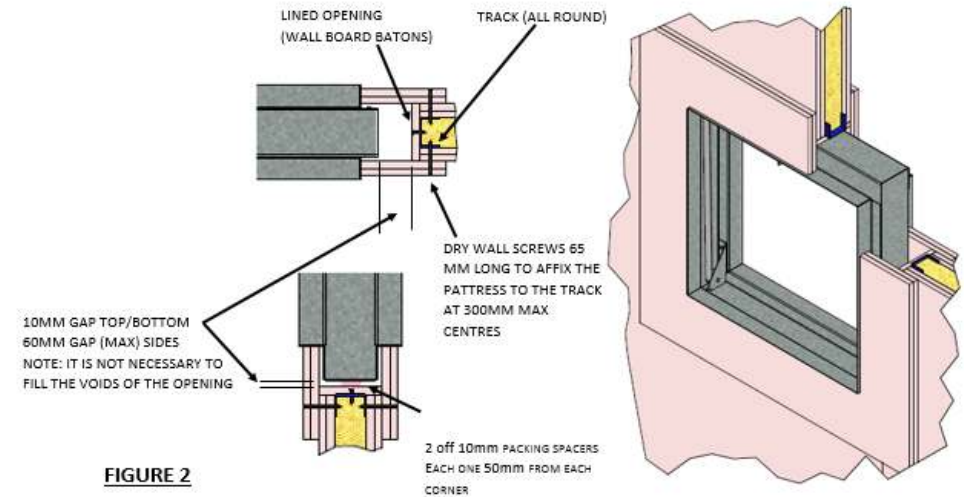
Figure 1
(Lined opening)

5 Dry wall preparation (see figure 1)

- 5.1 Preferably, prepare the opening whilst building wall, or cut opening if wall already exists. However for cleated option, drop rods are required to be fitted prior to building the wall. Drop rods need to be sufficiently affixed to structure and be sized to cope with damper weight (refer to figure 10).
- 5.2 Cleated and Frameless Installations size
- 5.2.1 The opening must be 'lined out' 10mm clearance top and bottom and 60mm maximum per side.
- 5.2.2 The cut size should be 20mm maximum (width), and 20mm (height) plus twice the wall board thickness above the overall damper case size
- 5.2.3 Measure overall damper casing size.
- 5.2.4 E.g. for a 755mm w x 825mm h overall case sized damper with 12.5mm wall board, the cut size should be $900 \times 870\text{mm}$ ($xxx+(2 \times 12.5)+120$)w by ($yyy+(2 \times 12.5)+20$)h.
- 5.3 Angle Frame Installation size
- 5.3.1 The hole must be 'lined out' 10mm clearance all around.
- 5.3.2 The cut size should be 20mm plus twice the wall board thickness above the overall damper case size.
- 5.3.3 Measure overall damper casing size.
- 5.3.4 E.g. for a 755mm w x 825mm h overall case sized damper with 12.5mm wall board, the cut size should be $800 \times 870\text{mm}$ ($xxx+(2 \times 12.5)+20$) by ($yyy+(2 \times 12.5)+20$).
- 5.4 Mark out the position and size of required cut size on the wall.
- 5.5 Using appropriate means (e.g. jig saw), cut the hole in the wall, removing each layer and any infill that is present.
- 5.6 Cut 2 pieces of steel track equal opening width.
- 5.7 Fit track to top and bottom of opening, screwing in position from both sides of wall at each end of track with drywall screws and at maximum 300mm centers.
- 5.8 Cut 2 more pieces of track, equal to the opening height.
- 5.9 Fit track to sides of opening, screwing in position in a similar manner as above.
- 5.10 Cut 4 'batons' of board to suit opening. Screw each baton with 25mm drywall screws @max 300mm pitch to the track that is lining the opening. Ensure batons are flush with the surfaces of the wall.

6 Dry wall – Pattress Fit and Cleated Damper Procedure – Fig. 2

- 6.1 For wall thicknesses above 125mm, fit ductwork to damper prior to positioning damper within wall.
- 6.2 Prepare 16 off pattress pieces from plasterboard of same material as main construction. Plasterboard pattress should be sufficiently wide to butt up to damper spigots/duct and overlap the outer edge of the track lining the opening by at least 10mm. They need to be long enough to form neat corners.



- 6.3 Position the damper centrally in wall opening (width/height), with blade pack at the top. To aid positioning vertically, position a pair of 10mm 'spacers' on the bottom of the opening 50mm from each corner to stand the damper on. Temporarily support damper. Fit ducting to damper. Use aluminium rivets to act as 'breakaway joints'.
- 6.4 Where cleats are fitted to the damper for support purposes (FD-CL), drop rods should be fitted. The table in figure 10 at end of this document, gives reference to sizing requirements of the threaded drop rods. Support nuts should only be fitted below cleats
- 6.5 Two layers of pattress are required each side of wall and the corners should 'overlap' between the first and second layers.
- 6.6 Dry wall screws of sufficient length to 'pick up' with the steel track within the wall, at 300mm max centres should be used to fix each layer of dry wall batons.
- 6.7 Apply intumescent sealant to the pattress parts and fit snugly up against the duct.
- 6.8 It is not a necessity to fill the void between pattresses.
- 6.9 Fit second pattress in similar manner to the first pattress

7 Dry wall - Angle Frame Installation Procedure – Fig. 3

- 7.1 Refer to section 4 for wall preparation instructions.
- 7.2 It is advisable to pre-drill the angle frame of the damper before fitting within opening. Note the position of the internal track in the wall and mark nominal hole fixing positions at 150mm maximum centres. Position the damper centrally in wall opening (width/height), with blade pack at the top. To aid positioning vertically, position a pair of 10mm 'spacers' on the bottom of the opening 50mm from each corner to stand the damper on.
- 7.3 Screw the angle frame to the wall using drywall screws @ 150mm max pitch.
- 7.4 It is not a necessity to fill the void behind the angle frame, or fit a pattress on the non-access side.
- 7.5 Important: Ensure the screws 'pick up' the track lining the hole, so that the proper fire integrity of the installation will not be compromised.

8 HEVAC Frame Installation (wall and floor) Procedure – Figs 4-8

- 8.1 Preferably, prepare opening whilst building the wall/floor (or cut an opening if the wall/floor already exists).
- 8.2 Finished sizes should be 50mm min to 100mm max greater than HEVAC frame assembly extremities.
- 8.3 The damper is not load-bearing and additional support for the top of the wall opening is achieved by means of a lintel or other approved method.
- 8.4 Fit looped steel wall anchors (Ø6mm min) all round the inside of the opening in corresponding positions to the HEVAC frame builder's ties.
- 8.5 Bend the builder's ties out. (See Figs 7 & 8)
- 8.6 (Vertical installation only) Prepare a pair of spacing blocks, (approx. 25mm cubed) from any available material (such as drywall boards). Position spacing blocks within the opening at extremities of damper, and stand the damper on blocks so that damper is central in opening.

- 8.7 While supporting the damper centrally in the cavity, secure the builders ties to the looped wall anchors with 1.5mm galvanized steel wire. (The loops must be tight and a minimum of 3 loops is recommended). (See Fig 7 & 8).
- 8.8 Fill the surrounding cavity with 4:1 builders sand/cement mortar and finish to desired standard.

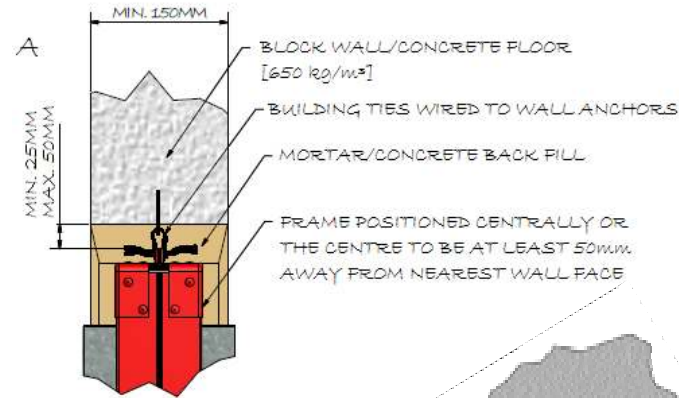


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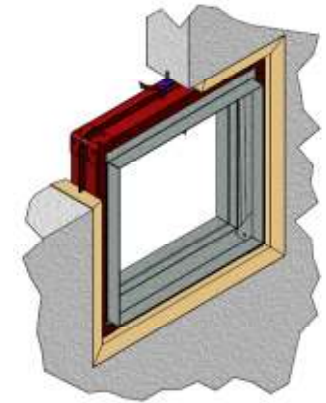


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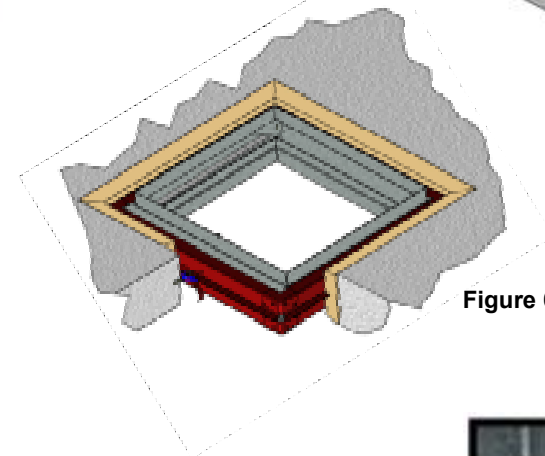


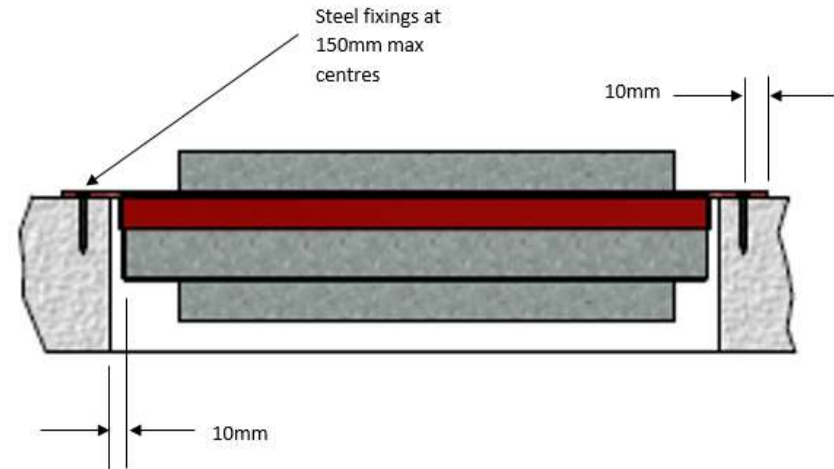
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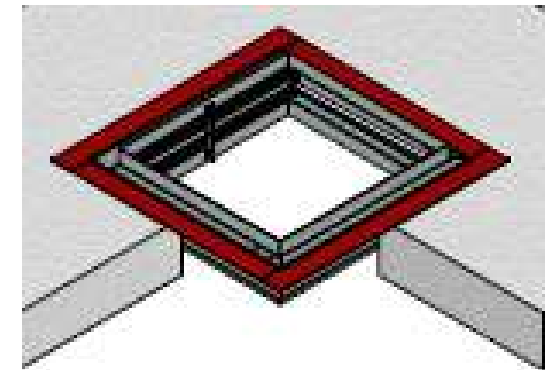
Figures 7 & 8

9 Angle Frame Installation into Concrete Floor Procedure – Figs 7 & 8

- 9.1 Preferably, prepare opening whilst building the floor (or cut an opening if the floor already exists).
- 9.1.1 Determine / Measure overall damper casing size
- 9.1.2 Opening size - 10mm clearance per side all around
- 9.1.3 E.g. for a 750mm w x 800mm h overall case sized damper, the finished size should be 770 x 820mm.
- 9.2 It is advisable to pre-drill the angle frame of the damper before fitting within opening. Mark nominal hole fixing positions at 150mm maximum centres approx. 10mm in from the extremities of the angle frame flange. Drill all (+0.50mm clearance) holes to suit fixings (see 9.4 or 9.5 below).
- 9.3 Position the damper centrally into the opening from above, with blade pack oriented as required.
- 9.4 If the floor substrate is aerated concrete, Loden Anchors 6.5mm dia 60mm can be installed at each of the damper fixing holes.
- 9.5 If the floor construction is solid concrete, mark hole positions on the surface of the floor, then remove damper. Drill all holes to suit fixings.
- 9.6 Fire Rated Steel fixings should be expanding anchor type. Min 5mm dia x Min 30mm long.
- 9.7 Fix the angle frame to the floor.
- 9.8 It is not a necessity to fill the void behind the angle frame, or fit a pattress to the underside.



Figures 8 & 9



10 Instruction for testing Damper

- 10.1 Important – when manually holding open the blade pack, ensure the bottom blade remains parallel with the top of damper at all times; i.e. always hold bottom blade centrally along its length. Failure to do so, may cause the damper side springs to twist/tangle rendering the damper unusable.
- 10.2 Prior to fitting damper for first time, stand/lay damper on solid surface as per its intended installation. Ensure the blade pack is uppermost for vertical installations. Follow 10.3 or 10.4 below as appropriate
- 10.3 Standard Link
- 10.3.1 Relieve the damper blade pressure on the fusible link by pushing bottom blade away from link with one hand, and lifting the fusible link off its pair of retaining pins. Keep the fusible link safe for refitting later.
- 10.3.2 Ensuring the blade pack path is clear, quickly remove hand holding the blade pack taking care to ensure the blades are released centrally and evenly to emulate the operation of the fusible link.
- 10.3.3 Damper blade pack closes under spring/gravity action.
- 10.3.4 Visually check the bottom blade locks into the locking ramp notch at each side of the damper.
- 10.3.5 Reopen the damper by pushing the bottom blade away from the locking ramps, or pulling the “ring pull(s)” depending which way round the damper is. Keeping bottom blade parallel with top of damper case, push blade pack into top of the damper and refit the fusible link over the pair of retaining pins.
- 10.4 Gate Latch Link
- 10.4.1 Ensuring the blade pack path is clear, gently pull the closest gate latch lever toward you. The Fusible link swings away and is retained on the other side of the gate latch bracket. (Note: for dampers above 150mm high or dia, the gate latch function is from either side. Below this damper size, it only functions from the non-ramp side).
- 10.4.2 Damper blade pack closes under spring/gravity action.
- 10.4.3 Visually check the bottom blade locks into the locking ramp notch at each side of the damper.
- 10.4.4 Reopen the damper by pushing the bottom blade away from the locking ramps, or pulling the “ring pull(s)” depending which way round the damper is. Push blade pack into top of the damper and refit the fusible link pin into its retaining slot.

11 Routine Inspection, Testing and Maintenance

- 11.1 In accordance with BS 9999 Annex W.1, inspection should be undertaken annually. Local regulations/conditions may override this with periodic inspection being carried out more frequently where corrosive or dirty conditions prevail. The maintenance log should be reviewed at each inspection and the frequency adjusted as required dependent upon findings. (BSB recommend a maximum of 1 year between inspections and to start more frequently initially, and reduce frequencies only if conditions are proven to allow).
- 11.2 Remove access door to reveal damper's internal elements.
- 11.3 Visually inspect the internal damper elements for signs of corrosion, obstruction or accumulated dirt/dust.
- 11.4 If there are any obstructions or if the damper's blades, side springs, case side seals are dirty, they need to be cleaned.
- 11.5 Use a soft cloth with a light application of light lubricant. (Connect Duck Oil recommended).
- 11.6 There should be no more than a thin film of lubricant applied. Remove all excess lubricant. It is particularly important as excess oil will tend to collect dirt and dust which will actually have a negative effect of the cleaning process.
- 11.7 Replace access doors, and ensure the damper is left open.
- 11.8 Record all work that has been undertaken in the maintenance log.
- 11.9 It is important to log and review maintenance frequency based on inspections and test history.

Figure 10

(The table below, gives guidance on threaded drop rod sizing for damper weight and fire rating)

Drop-rod load bearing specification for Fire Rating:			
Drop-rod size	Max load per pair of studs (kg)		
	E60	E120	E240
M6	55	36	21
M8	100	66	40
M10	159	106	63
M12	233	155	93

12 Fault finding

Symptom	Fault	Action
Damper does not close properly when drop tested	Foreign object impeding blades	Remove item
	Buildup of dirt / dust / corrosion impeding blades	Remove / clean case & blades as required (see section 11)
	Springs twisted / kinked	Springs will require replacement. Refer to BSB technical sales office
Damper closed when open state is expected	Fusible link released Air Temperature of the link has been exceeded.	Replace link
	Fusible link missing or not fitted correctly	Fit link

Installation Check List

DAMPER REFERENCE NO.:		DAMPER LOCATION:	
DAMPER SIZE:			
WIDTH		HEIGHT	
WALL/FLOOR APERTURE SIZE ('OPENING SIZE')			
WIDTH		HEIGHT	
DAMPER INSTALLED BY:			
(Print name)			
Signature:	Company:	Date:	
FINAL INSPECTION BY:			
(Print name)			
Signature:	Company:	Date:	



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