

INSTALLATION AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

AST Series

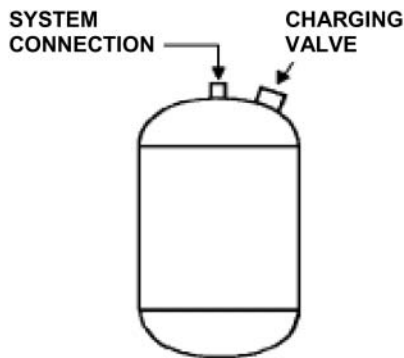
ASME PRE-PRESSURIZED HYDRO-PNEUMATIC and DRAWDOWN TANKS FOR BOOSTERS SYSTEMS

VESSEL DESCRIPTION

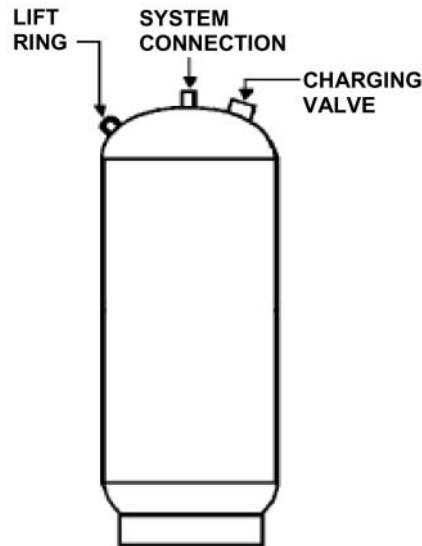
Armstrong Type AST Tanks are ASME constructed, pre-charged expansion tanks. They are designed to absorb the expansion forces and control the pressure in a domestic hot water system or a pressure booster system.

The system's expanded water (typically from the system) is contained behind a heavy duty – FDA approved – fixed diaphragm preventing water contamination, tank corrosion and waterlogging problems.

The factory set pre-charge for these tanks is **40 psig (276 kPa)**.



AST-5 and AST-12



AST-20 to AST-210

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION	
Shell	Steel
Liner	Polypropylene
System Connection	Stainless Steel
Fixed Diaphragm	Heavy duty Butyl – FDA approved

MAXIMUM OPERATING CONDITIONS	
Working Temperature	240°F (115°C)
Working Pressure	125 psi (862 kPa)

STEPS & PROCEDURE

- Visually inspect tank for damage, which may occur during transit.
 - Factory pre-charge pressure may not be correct for the installation. Tank **MUST** be pre-charged to system design fill pressure **BEFORE** placing into operation. Remove pipe plug covering the valve enclosure. Check and adjust the charge pressure by adding or releasing air for each application.
- If the system has been filled, the tank must be isolated from the system and the tank emptied before charging. This ensures all fluid has exited the bladder and proper charging will occur.
- If the pre-charge adjustment is necessary, oil and water free compressed air or nitrogen gas may be used. Check the pre-charge using an accurate pressure gauge at the charging valve and adjust as required. Check air valve for leakage. If evident, replace the Schrader-type tire valve core. Do not depend on the valve cap to seal the leak. After making sure air charge is correct, replace pipe plug over the charging valve for protection.
 - Set tank in place and pipe system connection to system. Be sure to include isolation valve(s) and drain.
 - Purge air from system **BEFORE** placing tank into operation. All models have system water contained inside bladder.
 - When filling the system with water, open valves to tank to ensure that any residual air in the tank is displaced by water.
 - It is recommended that the pre-charge be checked annually to ensure proper system protection and long life for the vessel.

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