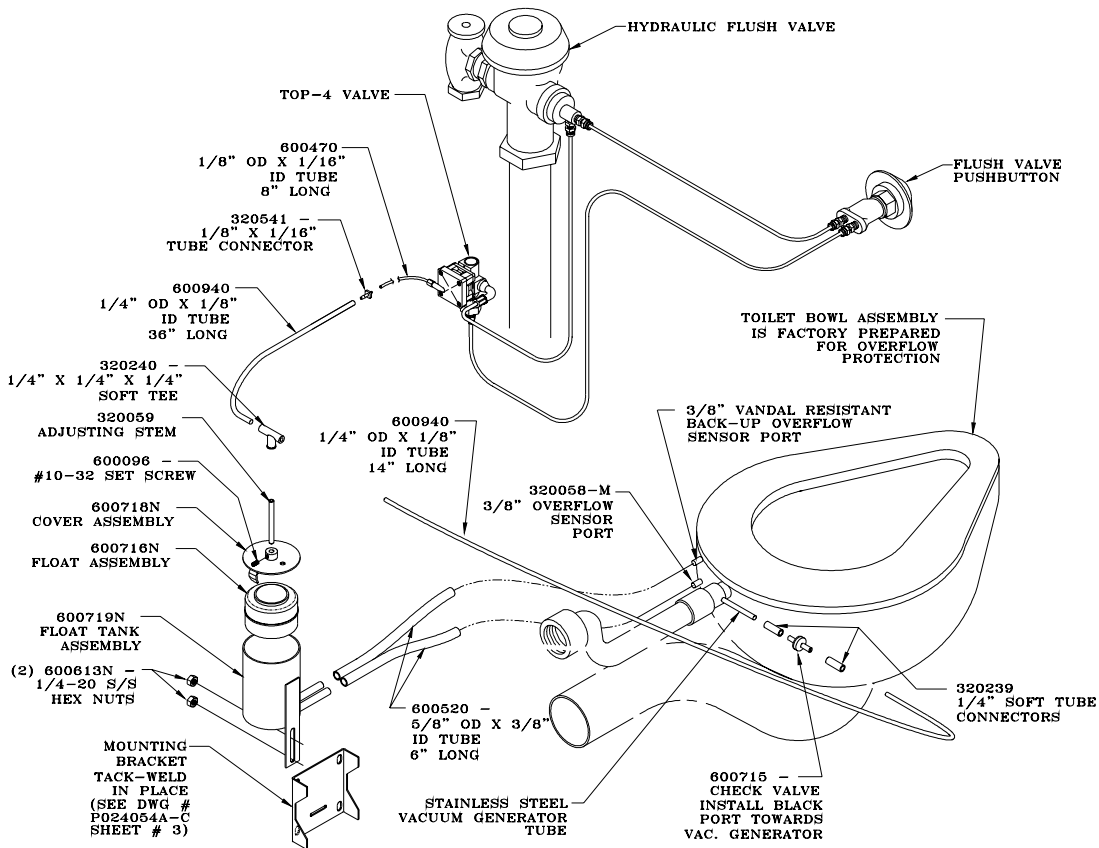


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### Top-4 Overflow Preventer W/ Automatic Re-set feature (General Instructions)

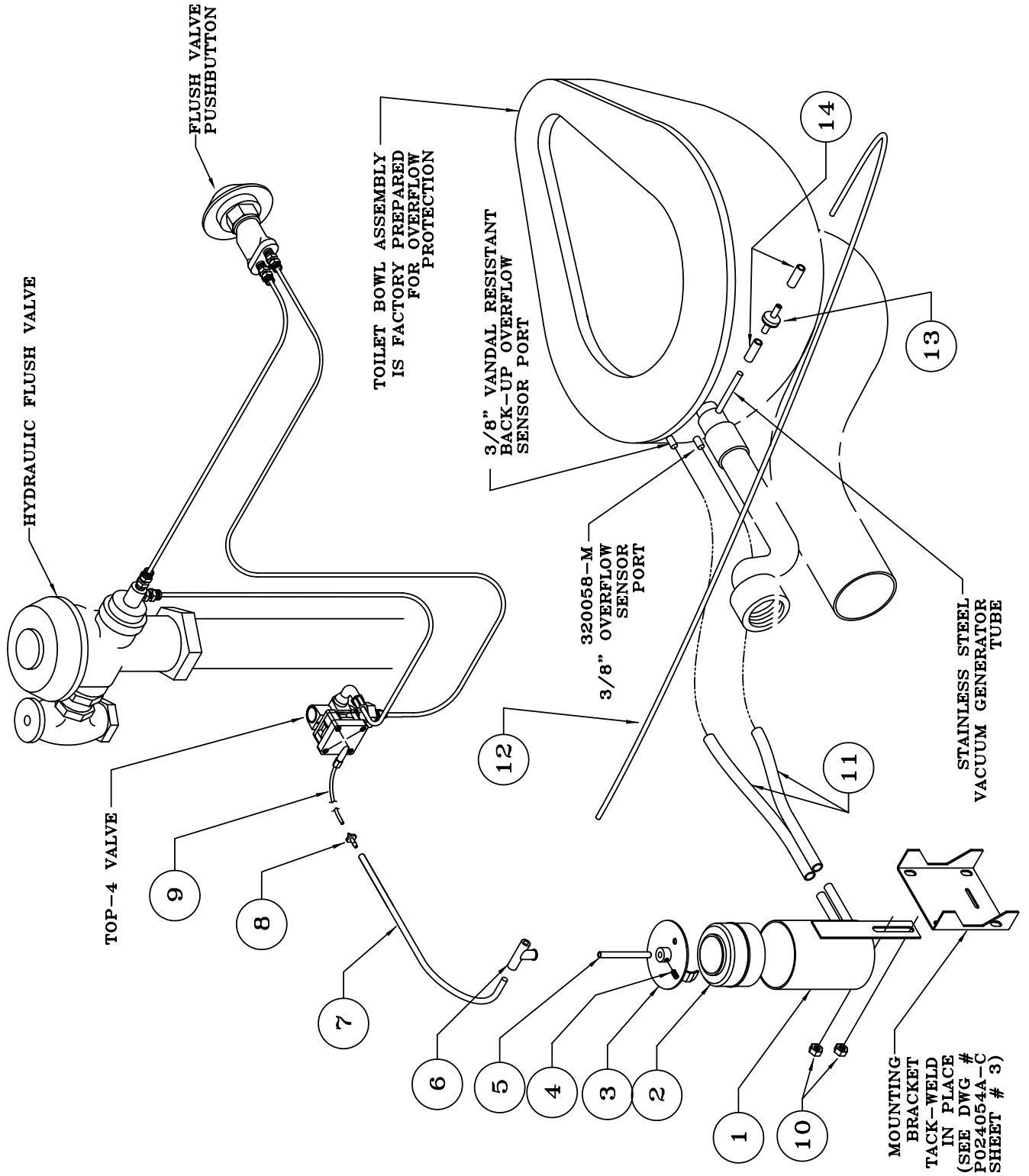
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## Auto Re-set Feature General Description

(INVENTORY # 330256)

*The Top - 4 pneumatic valve is mounted in the usual position on the flush valve discharge pipe with the existing bracket and u-bolt. It is plumbed to the flush valve & pushbutton in the conventional manner. A mounting bracket for an overflow level tank is attached to the toilet waste tube along its axis.*

*A small tank is fastened to the bracket on the waste tube and adjusted for vertical alignment with the lower overflow sensing port on the toilet bowl. Two flexible tubes are then attached, connecting the tank with both the sensing port and vandal resistant port on the toilet.. A float with a compliant sealing seat is then placed inside the tank. A snap-fit tank cover with a stainless steel vacuum tube and 1/4" diameter tube tee is secured to the tank completing the tank assembly.*

*An automotive style vacuum check valve is connected to the vacuum generator port using flexible 1/4" tube connectors. The vacuum check valve is then connected to one side of the 1/4" tee on the tank assembly with 1/4" o.d. x 1/8" i.d. flexible tubing. Flexible tubing of this size is then connected to the other side of the tee and fitted with a 1/8" x 1/16" reducer type connector. This connector joins a length of 1/8" o.d. x 1/16" i.d. flexible tubing that is then routed to the standard Top-4 valve.*

*In normal operation ( toilet bowl un-obstructed) the auto-reset float is at rest inside the float tank assembly permitting air flow thru the vacuum generator and allowing normal flush cycles. When the toilet bowl is intentionally plugged or otherwise obstructed, the water level in the bowl rises to the lower overflow sensing port and begins to fill the float tank. As the water level in the toilet continues to rise, the float inside the tank also rises and seals against the stainless steel tube in the float tank cover. This closes the air flow to the vacuum generator and causes vacuum to build at the Top-4 valve and shuts off the flush valve.*

*This vacuum is held within the system by the action of the automotive type check valve and the float seal, as long as the water level in the toilet bowl is near an overflow condition. Additional flushes are prevented by vacuum retained in the Top-4 valve.*

*Once the obstruction is cleared from the toilet bowl, water then drains back from the float tank thru the flexible tubes connected to the overflow sensing port. This drain-back allows the float to drop to its "at rest position" uncovering the end of the stainless steel tube in the tank cover. This opens the vacuum lines from the Top-4 valve to atmosphere and automatically re-sets the valve for another flush cycle.*

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**MAINTENANCE**

*There is no regularly scheduled maintenance required for the "Auto-Reset" system. The system should be visually checked for cracks in the flexible vacuum lines during normal maintenance inspections of other plumbing systems. If any cracking or damage is found, it is recommended that all flexible vacuum lines and connectors be replaced at that time.*

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## TROUBLESHOOTING

While the "Auto-Reset" feature is designed for a trouble-free service life matching the standard "Top-4" overflow prevention, problems can arise in any system. A few simple checks can be made to diagnose problems that may occur.

### SYMPTOMS:

- A) Unit allows a limited number of overflows prior to stopping them.
- B) Unit continues to flush with an overflow condition.
- C) Unit fails to flush after toilet obstruction is removed.
- D) Unit flushes once but fails to re-flush although no overflow is present.
- E) Too high/low overflow trip level.

- A) Unit allows a limited number of overflows prior to stopping them.

#### CAUSE:

The visible overflow sensor port is blocked. This causes the water level to rise above this port and not allow overflow water to reach the float tank normally. The water level continues to rise with each flush until it reaches the level of the back-up sensor port located inaccessibly under the toilet rim. When the water level is high enough to drain to the float tank through this back-up port, the float inside the tank will rise sufficiently to trigger the system and prevent further flushes.

**REMEDY:** Remove blockage of the main overflow sensor port.

- B) Unit continues to flush with an overflow condition.

#### CAUSE:

**REMEDY:** Varied. Several items will need to be checked at this point:

- 1) Faulty Top-4 pneumatic valve - Consult the O & M manual for this valve and service as needed.
- 2) Low water delivery pressure to the unit - The system is designed to operate above 35 PSI inlet pressure to insure enough vacuum supply to the overflow prevention system. Correct as required.
- 3) Blocked overflow lines to the float tank - Visually inspect the two transparent lines connected to the overflow tank for any obstructions. If these lines are blocked, overflow water won't be sufficient to raise the float inside the tank enough to prevent further flushes. Remove the lines by gently pulling on them and clean as required. Replace the lines in the same position as they were installed and check the system for proper operation.
- 4) Float tank cover ajar or completely off - Replace cover by firmly pressing it into the tank with the spring fingers pointing downward. Continue to press into tank until fully seated.
- 5) Stuck float in tank - Remove tank cover by gently prying off with a small screwdriver. Carefully remove float, clean with water & a mild detergent, and inspect float for any damage. Remove any debris from float tank and clean any sludge or residue. Replace float in the tank with the soft black bubble pointing upward. Replace float tank cover as in Step B-4.

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B) Unit continues to flush with an overflow condition (continued)

- 6) *Damaged float stem - Remove tank cover per Step B-5 and turn cover over to expose the stainless steel tube on the underside. Inspect tube and its beveled end for any nicks, burrs, or dents. Replace as required. The beveled end may be carefully re-shaped with a small grindstone to remove any irregularities. Take care not to let dirt or debris from grinding enter the tube. Remove the soft ¼" tee from the tube by gently pulling from stem. Do not allow stem to be pulled from the tank cover. Using compressed air, thoroughly clean the inside & outside of the stem prior to replacing the soft tee. If the stem has moved from its pre-set position in the cover, it must be re-positioned correctly before the unit will function properly. To re-set the stem, loosen the set screw on the collar welded to the cover. Slide the stem, beveled side down, approximately 1-1/8" thru the cover and install the cover/stem onto the float tank per Step 4. Gently push the stem deeper into the tank until light contact is made with the soft bubble on the float. Note the position of the stem and raise the stem 3/16 ~ 1/4 inch from this and tighten the set screw firmly. Replace the soft tee on the stem. The unit is ready for use. Failure to properly install the stem in the cover will result in false trips of the overflow prevention.*
- 7) *Out of adjustment float stem - Re-adjust per Step B-6.*
- 8) *Damaged or cut vacuum lines – Replace as needed. When replacing these lines, care must be taken to fully seat them into their connections. Failure to properly seat the flexible lines will cause the overflow prevention system to fail until all lines and connectors are properly installed.*
- 9) *Leaking vacuum connectors – Visually inspect each vacuum connector for signs of cracking or damage. Replace as needed. The same caution in Step B-8 applies to this step.*
- 10) *Defective vacuum check valve – Disconnect the check valve from the stainless steel tube on the toilet bowl. Remove vacuum check valve from the ¼ " diameter tubing by carefully holding the tubing and steadily pulling the check valve from its tube connector. Flush the check valve by spraying WD-40 or equivalent, spraying the valve from the white stem of the valve. Using clean compressed air, dry the check valve thoroughly from the same side. Re-assemble the check valve to the ¼" O.D. tube, making sure the white side of the check valve is installed in the tubing leading to the overflow float tank. Re-install the check valve to the stainless steel tube, and check all vacuum tube connections for leaks. The unit should now work properly. If the unit still isn't functioning correctly, re-check all tube connections for proper tightness. If all connections are tight and leak-proof, the vacuum check valve must be replaced*

C) *Unit fails to flush after toilet obstruction is removed*

**CAUSE:**

- 1) *Stuck float in overflow tank – See Step B-5.*
- 2) *Water in vacuum lines – Disconnect the 1/8" O.D. tube from the Top-4 pneumatic valve, insure that the float tank is empty of water and the float is free. Flush unit several times to purge water from the vacuum lines. (NOTE: Disconnecting the vacuum lines from the pneumatic valve re-sets it to operational status.)*
- 3) *Obstructed float stem – Remove obstruction from float stem. See Step B-6 for disassembly and re-installation*

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D) *Unit flushes once but fails to re-flush although no overflow is present, but will flush after 10 to 30 seconds elapse.*

**CAUSE:**

- 1) *Float stem out of adjustment – See Step B-6 for adjustment.*
- 2) *Partially obstructed float stem – Remove obstruction from float stem. See Step B-6 for disassembly and re-installation*

E) *Too high/low overflow trip level.*

**CAUSE:**

- 1) *Float tank misaligned with overflow sensor port on toilet – Inspect float tank mounting to insure that the center tube at the bottom of the float tank is level to 1/8" above the lower steel overflow tube found on the back of the toilet bowl on the left hand side. To adjust, loosen the two 1/4-20 hex nuts on the float tank slotted mounting bracket and raise or lower float tank assembly as required to bring into adjustment. Tighten the two hex nuts securely.*
- 2) *Too low water delivery pressure to the unit - The system is designed to operate above 35 PSI inlet pressure to insure proper vacuum supply to the overflow prevention system. Correct as required*



**Willoughby  
Warranty**

Willoughby Industries, Inc. warrants to commercial and institutional purchasers only that each unit will be free from defects in workmanship and materials under normal use and service for one year from date of shipment.

This warranty does not cover installation or any other labor charges and does not apply to any components damaged by accident, abuse, improper installation or improper maintenance. This warranty does not cover any installation that did not comply with national, state and local building, plumbing, or electrical codes. The warranty is limited to replacing or repairing at Willoughby's option, transportation charges prepaid by the purchaser, component or part which upon our inspection shall be deemed as defective within the limitations of this warranty. The replacement or repair of defective units as stated in this warranty shall constitute the sole remedy of the purchaser and the sole liability of Willoughby Industries, Inc. Willoughby Industries, Inc. shall not otherwise be liable under any indirect damages caused by defects in the repair or replacement thereof.

This warranty only extends to commercial and institutional purchasers and does not extend to any others, including consumer customers of commercial institutional purchasers. This warranty is in lieu of all other warranties, expressed or implied, including implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose or otherwise.

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