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## Pump installation and warranty guide for HomeBoost™



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# HOME BOOST

Giving your mains water the **boost** it needs

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## Pump installation and warranty guide for HomeBoost™

### ! Important – read this first!

The HomeBoost™ has two separate and distinct applications. The first is for use on the incoming domestic cold water mains supply, and the second is directly on the combi-boiler cold water inlet.

HomeBoost™ is designed to boost your existing incoming mains water supply up to 12 litres per min (lpm). The intelligent control ensures that it reacts and responds to give a stable outflow, and is unrestrictive if your natural water flow reaches 12lpm or more naturally.

**Correct installation is essential for safe operation and a trouble free system. It is therefore important to read these instructions thoroughly and ensure that you comply with them. Incorrect fitting will invalidate the warranty.**

If your installation is complicated or you have any questions, please consult the PumpWise Technical Helpline immediately (0191 516 2002).

Additional help can also be found on the HomeBoost™ website  
[www.home-boost.co.uk](http://www.home-boost.co.uk)

We encourage installers to consult the Salamander helpline before installation, where our engineers can give you professional advice regarding installation.

When the job is finished, please hand the included warranty card to the householder to be completed and returned. This page is pre-paid and explains the warranty provisions.

Don't forget that if you have called our helpline, you should also complete the comments section of the card to say how you rate the service you received.

**Please leave this installation guide with the customer for reference to maintenance and safety information.**

*Thank you for choosing  
Salamander Pumps*

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## Pre-installation checklist

HomeBoost™ is suitable for two separate types of water boosting applications

- 1 Boosting the incoming mains water supply to a whole house**
- 2 Boosting the inlet mains water supply solely to a combination (combi) boiler.**

Points applicable to **either installation** type:

### Do's

- ☐ HomeBoost™ must be fitted to rigid fixed pipework preferably with vertical inlet and outlet
- ☐ Pipework above and below the pump must be securely fixed to the wall
- ☐ Only one HomeBoost™ may be fitted per household supply
- ☐ Ensure that installation complies with IET Wiring Regulations
- ☐ Allow 100mm on all sides for ventilation
- ☐ Ensure pump is protected from frost
- ☐ Complete all hot work fitting prior to HomeBoost™ installation
- ☐ We recommend that the pump is activated for at least five minutes every four weeks
- ☐ If the supply is known to be lime/calcium (hard) water, fit extra filtration before the pump

### Don'ts

- ☐ Never fit to hot water piping
- ☐ Never fit the pump to communal risers
- ☐ Never pump directly from or to another pump – only one HomeBoost™ may be installed per household supply
- ☐ Never fit to flexible pipework (e.g. tap connectors)
- ☐ HomeBoost™ cannot be used on outside coldwater storage tanks, bore holes or wells
- ☐ Never use jointing compounds, Boss White, hemp or steel wool
- ☐ Solder fluxes must not come into contact with the pump
- ☐ Never fit to restrictive or collapsed supply (eg lead main)

Points applicable to **whole house** installation:

### Do's

- ☐ Install vertically or horizontally, mounted on cold water mains inlet to the house
- ☐ Locate the pump next to the mains stop tap
- ☐ Pump should be fitted before ANY other water outlets taken after the mains stop tap. If any outlets are between the stop tap and your HomeBoost™, they must be fitted with a non-return valve (NRV)

Points applicable to **combi-boiler** installation:

### Do's

- ☐ Install vertically or horizontally, mounted on cold water mains inlet to the combi boiler
- ☐ Locate the pump next to the combi-boiler OR on it's cold water mains inlet
- ☐ Pump must exclusively feed the combi-boiler

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## Application notes

Please follow these pre-installation instructions carefully. Failure to install your HomeBoost™ in accordance with these instructions will invalidate your warranty.

### 1. Location of HomeBoost™

The best possible location of the HomeBoost™ is on the cold water mains supply to the house, by the mains stop tap or the combi boiler inlet, depending on the installation.

#### 1.1 Cooling and ventilation

The HomeBoost™ should be placed in a position where there is adequate air flow to cool the motor and separated from any other appliances that generate heat.

#### 1.2 Frost protection

HomeBoost™ must be protected from frost damage.

### 2. Cold supply to the HomeBoost™

HomeBoost™ must be fitted directly to the cold water mains house supply, or the mains water inlet to the combi boiler as indicated in the pre-installation checklist.

Never fit to communal risers (e.g. block of flats), restrictive or collapsed supply pipework (eg lead main) or secondary circuits that are pumped.

### 3. General plumbing

**Please note that the HomeBoost™ is designed to boost incoming water flow under low pressure conditions. It cannot overcome restricted incoming pipework and replacement water pipes should be installed in this scenario.**

Installation must comply with the relevant requirements or local byelaws.

It is recommended that HomeBoost™ is installed vertically, and every effort should be made to accommodate this. However, HomeBoost™ will function correctly if installed horizontally. It must be adequately vented, protected from frost, and with access provided for servicing.

Jointing compounds, Boss White, hemp and steel wool MUST NOT BE USED. SOLDER FLUXES MUST NOT COME INTO CONTACT WITH THE PUMP. THIS WILL INVALIDATE YOUR WARRANTY.

Supplied inlet strainer must be fitted to the inlet supply of the HomeBoost™.

All outlets which are located between the mains stop tap and the HomeBoost™ must be protected by non-return valves. This is to prevent backflow of water and air from these outlets to the HomeBoost™, which will cause damage to the pump.

Suitable for maximum inlet pressure of 1MPa (10 bar).

In line with good plumbing practice and water regulations, ensure that a non-return valve has been fitted directly after the mains stop tap to the house.

Earth continuity must be maintained with 4mm<sup>2</sup> earth connection cable.

## Application notes – continued

### 4. Isolation valves

Good plumbing practice is to fit full bore isolating valves into the inlet and outlet pipe work of the pump to facilitate service and removal of the pump. To install immediately after the stop tap, the isolation valve should be fitted to the pump outlet. To install to a combi boiler only, the isolating valve should be fitted to the pump inlet.

### 5. Holding the HomeBoost™ during installation

To hold the HomeBoost™ during installation, spanner flats (24mm) have been provided on the brass neck outlet. See Figure 1. Any tool used to hold the HomeBoost™ while the pipework is connected must be located on the brass portion of the neck to avoid damage to the polymer pump body.

### 6. Electrical requirements

The HomeBoost™ must be connected to the electrical supply using the mains cable with the attached plug. This plug must be connected to an accessible socket that has been installed in compliance with IET Wiring Regulations.

The plug must be accessible at all times.

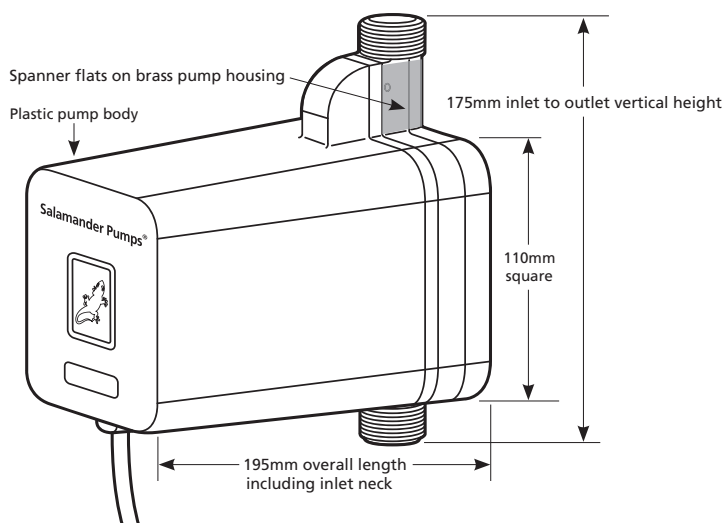
If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer, its service agent, or similarly qualified person in order to avoid a hazard.

All pipe work must be cross-bonded in accordance with the IET Regulations.

HomeBoost™ is supplied with a 3A fuse fitted. Higher rated fuses MUST NOT be used.

If installed by a Part P qualified installer, the pump may be fitted via a 3A fused mains spur without invalidating the warranty.

Figure 1: Spanner flats to hold the HomeBoost™ during installation



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## Typical installations

Figure 2: Inlet and outlet



Figure 3: Ideal location

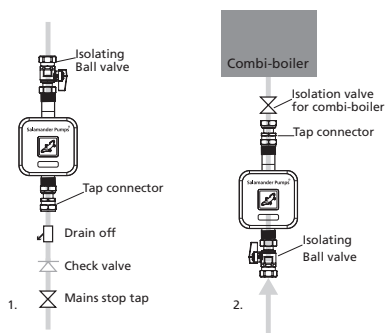


Figure 4: Modified pipe work for clearance

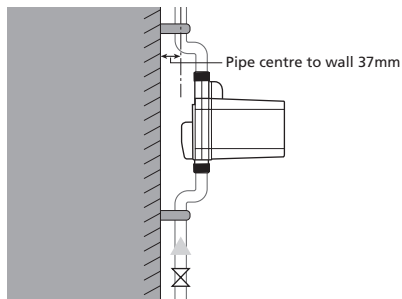


Figure 5: Typical installation locations

NOTE: Refer to pre-installation checklist for suitability

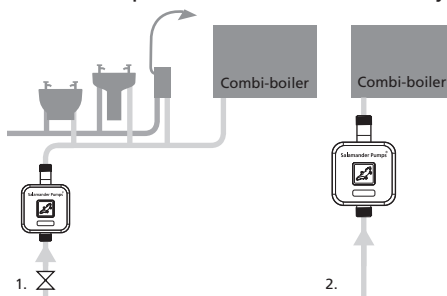


Figure 6: Earth continuity (4mm<sup>2</sup> earth connection cable)

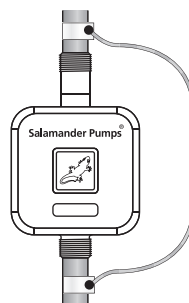
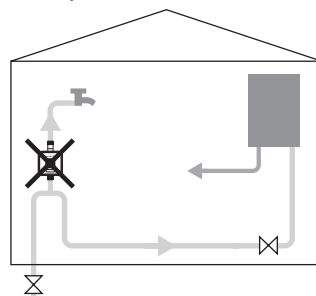


Figure 7: Incorrect installation location

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## Commissioning



### Before you finish

- Check the pump inlet filter is fitted
- With the HomeBoost™ installed, flush the inlet pipe work and carefully fill the pump with water by opening all the water outlets BEFORE electrically switching the pump on.



**It is CRITICAL to discharge water through the pump through;**

**1. all the cold outlets on a whole house application.**

**or**

**2. all the hot outlets for a combi boiler boost application.**

**Using natural flow before switching the pump on electrically. This will ensure that the air has been discharged from the connecting pipe work and pump chamber.**

The best method is:

- 1 Connect pump pipe work
- 2 Check that all isolating valves are open
- 3 Turn mains water on at the stop tap
- 4 Ensure all air is purged from the system
- 5 Check for natural flow on the cold outlets (or hot outlets for a combi boost installation)
- 6 Inspect connecting pipe work for leaks
- 7 Plug in electrical supply to pump
- 8 Turn mains electrical supply on
- 9 Green pump lights in the logo label should be lit and steady. *This indicates that the power is on and that the pump is ready for use*
- 10 Turn a cold outlet on (or hot outlet for a combi boost application)
- 11 HomeBoost™ should activate and the green lights should rotate, indicating that the pump is in operation.

**If the HomeBoost™ does not activate, please refer to the trouble shooting section of these application notes.**



## General specifications

### Applications

The HomeBoost™ pump is designed to boost low mains water pressure into a domestic house to improve low water flow from the mains supply at peak demand times. It can be used in two distinct applications:

1. Boosting the incoming mains water supply to a whole house
2. Boosting the inlet mains water supply solely to a combination (combi) boiler.

HomeBoost™ will increase the low incoming water flow up to 12 l/min which complies with the Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations 1999. As the incoming flow varies, the HomeBoost™ will adapt to maintain 12 l/min, and will move into idle if sufficient flow is received from the water main.

### Power supply

230 volts, 50Hz, 1.8A, continuously rated.

### Pump noise

With the technical advances achieved in the HomeBoost™ pump, Salamander has taken another step forward in supplying all our customers with even quieter centrifugal pumps. However, no pump is completely silent and this type of pump is characterised by a high pitched hum or whine.

### Mechanical seals

Scale deposits in water supplies can cause the mechanical seal to stick if left for long periods without use. We recommend that the pump be run for at least five minutes every four weeks to 'exercise' all the working parts.

### Connections

¾" BSP male.

### Initiation

Fully automatic, water flow operated, requiring 3 litres per minute flow rate to initiate.

### Temperature

Maximum fluid temperature is UK cold water mains temperature (max 20°C).

### Standards and approvals

- WRAS approved product
- Complies with the Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations 1999
- Splash proof rating IPX4
- Complies with European Community Directives (CE)
- Tested for sound power level in accordance with methods set out in BS EN ISO 3744:2010 and BS EN ISO 20361:2009, and results calculated to BS EN ISO 11203: 2009
- EN 55014-1:2006 Electromechanical compatibility (EMC) – Requirements household appliances, electrical goods and similar apparatus (Part 1)
- EN 60335-1:2002 and EN 60335-2-41:2003 Household and similar electrical appliances – safety (Part 1 General requirements and Part 2-41 Particular requirements for pumps).

The company operates a policy of continuous development and reserves the right to change any of the specifications of its products without prior notice. All information data and illustrations given in this leaflet may be subject to variation.

### Safety in operation

These appliances are not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety. Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance.

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## Lighting codes

| Lighting pattern      | Denotes  |
|-----------------------|--|
| On steady and dim     | Power on   |
| Slow clockwise        | Pump in normal running mode  |
| Fast clockwise        | Pump in high speed running mode  |
| Single sideways flash | Overheat (motor speed will be limited until temperature drops, or will cut off completely for safety in extreme cases) |
| Double sideways flash | Encoder or motor fault   |
| Flashing diagonally   | Sufficient mains water flow through pump without pump running  |

## Trouble shooting

| Fault                                   | Probable cause                                    | Recommended solution   |
|---|---|--|
| Pump will not start                     | Electrical  | Check power supply (appliance plugged in and electrical power on)<br>Check fuse<br>Check circuit breaker   |
|   | Inlet/Outlet connections                          | Check that the connections are plumbed in the correct way round and all valves are open  |
|   | Insufficient mains flow                           | Check that the installation complies with the Salamander instructions<br>Check inlet filters are not blocked<br>Check stopcock and all isolating valves are fully open<br>Check natural flow rate minimum of 3litres/min |
|   | Over temperature (single sideways light flashing) | Leave unit turned off for ten minutes to cool down<br>Then re-attempt start up routine   |
|   | Natural flow >12lpm                               | Diagonal flash, Normal Pump Function   |
| Pump starts and lights flash diagonally | Sufficient mains water flow                       | HomeBoost™ not required to run at this time. Pump will only run during periods of low water flow   |
| Reduced/intermittent flow               | Insufficient flow                                 | See above  |
|   | Blocked inlet filter                              | Ensure that inlet filter is free from debris   |
|   | Air in system                                     | Run system on full cold for a whole house install, or full hot in a combi boiler install, with pump switched off (i.e. mains water supply only) for several minutes  |
| Pump starts with all outlets closed     | Leak in system                                    | Check for leaks  |
|   | Outlet open                                       | Ensure all outlets are fully closed or capped – i.e. no dead legs in pipe work   |
| Pump is noisy                           | Air in system                                     | See above  |
|   | Pump vibrating against other pipework             | Move pump away from contact with other pipe work   |
|   | Pump running hard                                 | Check filters and unblock if necessary   |
| Pump is leaking                         | Pump has suffered chemical damage                 | Ensure that pump has not come into contact with chemical substance i.e. solder flux  |
|   | Pump exposed to extreme temperature               | Ensure adequate frost protection   |
|   | Pump appears to have leaked but not sure          | Check leak is not from fitting in pipe work above pump   |
|   |   | Check condensation build up – drain holes in the base of the pump casing should allow excessive water to drain off   |

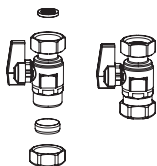
If pump is still inoperable, please contact the Technical Service Team on **0191 516 2002**

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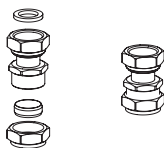
## Fittings Kit (Not Included)

Purchase Separate – ACCHBFIT01 from <https://shop.salamanderpumps.co.uk/>

### Contents



1 x Ball valve  
3/4" Tap connector x  
22mm compression

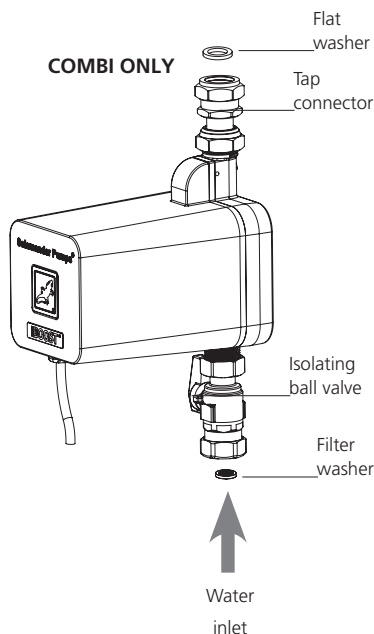
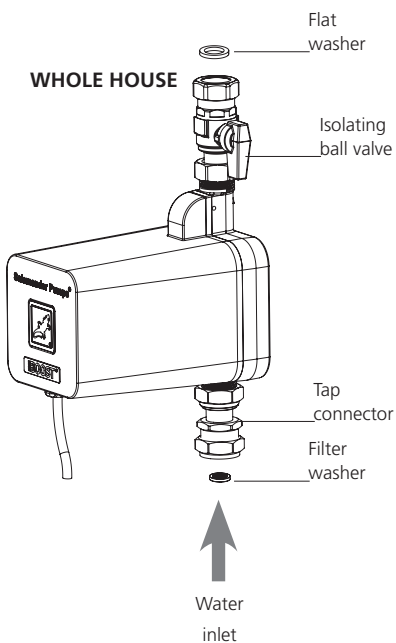


1 x tap connector  
3/4" Tap connector x  
22mm compression



2 x reducer  
22mm x 15mm  
compression reducer

### Fitting Instructions



# PumpWise and warranty

## 0191 516 2002

**Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 5.30pm**  
**Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm.**

PumpWise is the cornerstone of Salamander's support service to our customers and the means by which our customers are guaranteed:

- Selection of the right pump for the job
  - With more than 30 pumps in our range, the PumpWise team can help you to choose the pump that's most suitable to your specific installation.
- The avoidance of installation pitfalls
  - Due to the technical nature of our products, it is essential that they are fitted according to our installation guidelines. The PumpWise team are available to talk through any installation questions and provide technical support and guidance.
- Two year's warranty
  - The HomeBoost™ pump comes with a return to factory two year warranty.

### Our PumpWise commitment

Our PumpWise helpline is here to help you and we aim to provide a support service second to none. Installers and consumers can be sure of a speedy response to requests for technical help, guidance, and advice.

### Your warranty

Salamander customers benefit from a return to factory two year warranty on the HomeBoost™ pump.

This warranty will operate from the date of purchase and is subject to the installation guidelines being followed correctly (please refer to our Pre-Installation checklist and our Commissioning checklist).

Please complete and return the enclosed pre-paid warranty card.

For further details please contact the PumpWise team:

**Telephone: 0191 516 2002**

**Fax: 0191 548 4445**

**Email: [tech@salamanderpumps.co.uk](mailto:tech@salamanderpumps.co.uk)**

PLEASE NOTE: Incorrect installation will invalidate the pump warranty. Please read the full terms and conditions opposite.



## To the installer

Please follow the guidelines for the installation provided in this brochure and call the PumpWise helpline for installation advice. Once installation has been completed and the system has been tested to your satisfaction, please assist the customer in completing the prepaid Warranty Card.

Please note that Salamander are able to provide an onsite service visit which may be chargeable.

### Terms, conditions and warranty

#### 1 The Scope of the Warranty

SALAMANDER PUMPED SHOWER SYSTEMS LTD ("the company") Warrants subject to the terms and conditions below for the Warranty period(s) specified in paragraph 3 that the Company shall:

Repair or replace free of charge the product(s) specified on the Warranty card or any component part thereof (together referred to as "the equipment") which shall in the opinion of the Company have proved defective by reason only of the Company's materials or workmanship providing always that the Company shall be under no obligation whatsoever under this Warranty to repair or replace equipment which shall have been misused modified altered or transformed in any way without the consent in writing of the Company or if any component or accessory shall have been replaced by a type not specified by the Company or if the equipment is incorrectly installed or operated or used other than as described in the instruction manual or if any servicing or repair of the equipment shall have been carried out otherwise than by an authorised Company dealer appointed by the Company ("dealer").

The Company's liability under this Warranty is limited to the said repairs or replacement and shall under no circumstances extend to any financial loss or damage including consequential losses alleged to have been suffered by the claimant.

Subject as provided in this warranty and except where the equipment is sold to a person dealing as a consumer all warranties, conditions or other terms implied by law are excluded to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Nothing in this warranty shall exclude liability for death or personal injury caused by the Company's negligence.

#### 2 Terms and conditions

This Warranty shall only be enforceable by you if the following terms and conditions have been complied with:

- a That the pump has been installed in accordance with the installation instructions, guidance and advice

contained within the installation and warranty guide and/or provided by the Salamander help desk.

- b You are the original purchaser of the equipment from a dealer and not an assignee or subsequent purchaser of the equipment.
- c You must evidence the date of purchase by retaining the original invoice from the dealer. Without such evidence the Company reserves the right to reject any such claims under the terms of this Warranty.
- d Within 15 days of delivery of the equipment to you the Warranty card is accurately completed and returned to the Company.
- e Within thirty days of discovery of a defect giving rise to liability under paragraph 1 above you give notice thereof in writing to the Company.

#### 3 The Warranty periods

The Warranty periods referred to in paragraph 1 above are as follows:

- a Products manufactured by the Company two years from date of purchase provided the warranty card is completed and returned to the Company within 15 days of purchase.
- b Products supplied by the Company, but not of the Company's manufacture – one year from date of purchase.
- c The warranty period in respect of any product repaired or replaced under the warranty shall be part of the above period(s) which remain unexpired.
- d In the event of a claim for repairs or replacement being made under the terms of this Warranty in the circumstances where in the opinion of the Company the defect has not been caused by the Company's materials or workmanship then the Company reserves the right to charge the claimant at its current hourly rates and list prices in respect of any service engineer's time and any replacement of parts.
- e This Warranty is given in addition to and does not affect your statutory rights as a consumer.
- f This Warranty is valid and enforceable for equipment purchased and used exclusively in the UK and The Republic of Ireland only.
- g Where the Company makes a replacement the equipment replaced shall be returned to the Company forthwith and shall become the property of the Company.
- h No authority has been given to any person, firm or company to vary the terms of this Warranty.

## Notes

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