

Yard Hydrant Made Easy™

Instruction Manual

This manual is for kit models only. If you have a telescoping model, see corresponding instructions.

Model #101K+
Model #303K+



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Getting Started

Please note:

- This product is only compatible with 1-inch standard yard hydrants.
- DO NOT back-fill around the YHME without the yard hydrant first being installed. The hydrant needs to be in place in order to maintain correct positioning of all components during the back-fill process.
- DO NOT connect and tighten any water supply fittings to the YHME until your yard hydrant is installed with the top cap in place. Doing so could lead to misalignment of the pitless adapter.
- We recommend using at least 2' of flexible pipe/tube (PEX or soft copper) to connect the Yard Hydrant Made Easy™ to the water supply line. This will prevent strain on the pitless adapter in the event of shifting soil. "Black poly," or "black coil plastic," flexible tubing will serve this purpose, though this is not standard on new water line installations.

Additional Supplies Needed:

- New 1-inch standard frost-free yard hydrant
- 4" sch. 40 PVC pipe (to be cut to length and serve as the YHME casing sleeve)
- Minimum of 2 feet of flexible pipe/tube and fittings to connect to YHME's 1-inch female threaded inlet*
- Pipe thread sealant
- Flathead screwdriver or 5/16" nut driver
- Flashlight
- Shovel
- Gravel for bottom of YHME filtered drainage compartment

*Note: You can use 1" PEX to connect to the YHME, but installers often use a 1"x3/4" bushing to accommodate a 3/4" water line. This line-size reduction reduces fitting cost. One way to do this would be to 1) connect a 1" MIP x 3/4" FIP brass bushing to the YHME, 2) connect a Legend Brass 3/4" T-4300NL No-Lead Bronze Pack Joint (CTS) x MNPT Coupling (or equivalent) to the bushing, 3) connect at least 2 feet of 3/4" PEX (CTS) to the fitting, and 4) connect the PEX to your water line.

Installation Procedure

1. Excavate the ditch to the required water supply depth. To accommodate the filtered drainage section of the YHME, dig a secondary hole roughly 12 inches in diameter and 8 inches deeper than the water line. Place a small amount of gravel in the bottom of this hole such that the 1" FIP inlet fitting on the YHME will line up with the water line.
2. Take measurements to determine the required length of 4" sch. 40 PVC pipe needed to serve as the casing sleeve. This can be done as follows:
 - a. Measure the vertical (plumb) distance from the 1" FIP inlet of the YHME (where it would be in its final, buried state) to grade. (If you plan to make the 1" FIP inlet level with the water line, then you can just measure from the water line.) We'll call this dimension "H."
 - b. Determine how much of the YHME you want to leave above ground. We recommend at least 7 inches. We'll call this dimension "E."
 - c. The length (L) of 4" sch. 40 PVC pipe needed equals $H + E - 4.5"$. For example, if $H = 42"$ and we want 21" of the YHME exposed, then $L = 42" + 21" - 4.5" = 58.5$ inches.
3. Remove the pitless assembly removable portion from the bottom section of the YHME (pull straight up). Protect this assembly as well as the fixed portion of the pitless adapter from damage and debris.
4. Apply thread sealant to the threads of the brass nipple, and screw the nipple, with the removable portion of the pitless adapter, into the bottom of the new hydrant. As you tighten this fitting note what direction you want your hydrant to face.
5. Cut the 4" pipe to length and glue it into the bottom section (downhole assembly) of the YHME using PVC glue and inserting the pipe as far as it will go into the fitting.
6. Insert the new yard hydrant with the removable portion of the pitless adapter assembly down into the YHME casing. The removable portion of the pitless adapter must align with the fixed portion mounted in the bottom of the YHME casing and then slide into place. A flashlight may be needed for this.

7. Place one half of the top cap onto the top of the casing pipe and install the smaller stainless steel hose clamp onto the hydrant's riser pipe such that the clamp screw assembly rests just against the bottom of the top cap. This will ensure that the hydrant does not slide upward when lifting the handle.
8. Install the second half of the top cap and tighten both halves together using the larger stainless steel clamp. This is important to ensure that the hydrant remains centered for the next step.
9. Place the assembly into the hole, and connect the water supply.
10. Remove the top cap so that you can see down into the casing.
11. Verify that the hydrant handle is in the "off" position and turn on the water supply to check for leaks.
12. While holding down on the yard hydrant riser pipe, turn on the hydrant until water flows out, and then shut it off. This will allow you to visually confirm that the hydrant weep hole does not continue to drain while the hydrant handle is in the "off" position. Some hydrants can take 1-2 minutes to drain and may sometimes require handle adjustment (per manufacturer's instructions) if the weep hole continues to discharge water.
13. Re-assemble the top cap.
14. After confirming that there are no leaks at the connections to the YHME, backfill the hole surrounding the YHME. Begin by placing gravel around the drainage area of the YHME, up to the water supply connection. As you backfill, remember to leave the top cap of the YHME above ground.
15. Paint and/or tag the hydrant "non-potable" if/as required by local authorities.

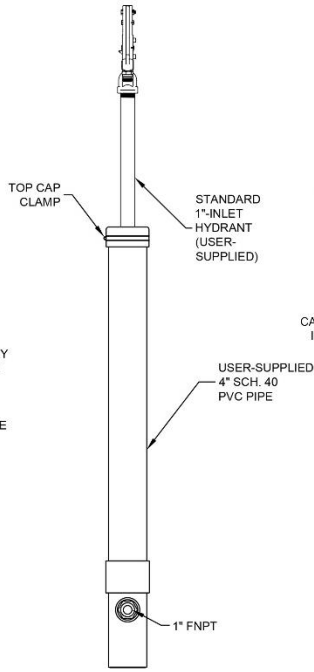
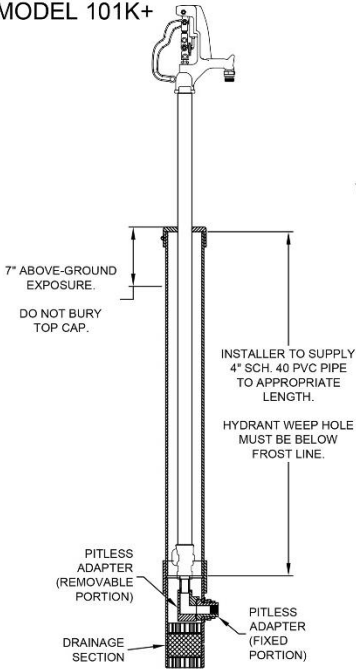
NOTE ABOUT POURING CONCRETE AROUND THE YHME

The YHME can be a lifesaver when you want to bury your hydrant under a concrete slab. If doing so, be sure to place 1" of foam or other soft or removable material around the YHME before pouring concrete. That way, if the slab shifts due to shrinkage, settlement, or soil heaving, it will not affect the alignment or structural integrity of the YHME.

For more information and an installation video, visit mitimfg.com.

Product Diagram

MODEL 101K+

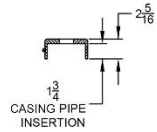


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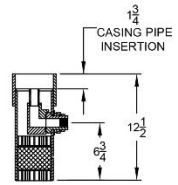


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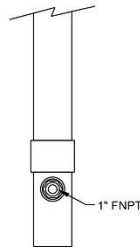
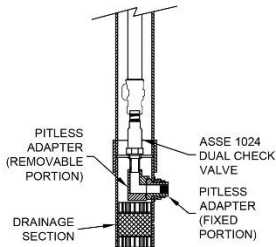
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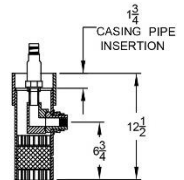
DOWNHOLE ASS'Y



MODEL 303K+



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O-Ring Replacement Instructions

The Yard Hydrant Made Easy™ original o-ring (located in the removable section of the pitless adapter) should give you several years of service but eventually may get damaged while changing a hydrant. No problem; the o-ring is easy to replace if you ever get a leak. Your YHME was shipped with a spare o-ring. If you need more, you can order them at mitimfg.com.

Items Needed:

- Small flathead screw driver
- Pick tool (optional)
- New o-ring
- O-ring lubricant (non-petroleum grease)
- Flashlight (for installing hydrant)

1. Pull the hydrant out of the Yard Hydrant Made Easy™, along with the removable portion of the pitless adapter. You will find the o-ring installed in a groove on this part of the pitless adapter.
2. Remove the old o-ring with a pick tool or a small, flathead screwdriver. Be very cautious to avoid scratching the machined surfaces of the pitless adapter.
3. Clean out the groove to ensure there is no debris or grease.
4. Press the new o-ring firmly into the groove and make sure it is completely seated.
5. Apply non-petroleum grease to the visible side of the o-ring and the surrounding brass face (no grease on back side of o-ring or in groove).
6. Slide the hydrant and the removable portion of the pitless adapter back into the Yard Hydrant Made Easy™, properly mating the pitless adapter halves.

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