

## Operating Guide

# District Heating Substations

suitable for indirect heating / cooling, dhw production and other water based heating systems



Please always keep the instructions close to the device!

Please read the instructions carefully before starting any work.

In case of wrong installation Danfoss could change warranty terms!

**Attention!**

Before starting up the station, please check it for proper function and free of defects!

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### 1.0 General notes

#### 1.1 Information about Operating Instructions

This manual describes the installation, operation and maintenance of the substation. Compliance with all safety and operating instructions is a prerequisite for the safe operation and proper use of the substation. In addition, regulations applicable to the field of application of the substation, local accident prevention regulations and general safety regulations must be followed. The operating manual is part of the product and must be available at all times within the immediate vicinity of the operating area of the substation for the installation, operation, maintenance and cleaning responsible of the substation.

The graphic illustrations in this manual are provided to better represent the issues described, and are not necessarily to scale and may differ slightly from the actual design of the substation. In addition to these operating instructions, operating manuals for all installed components on substation must be followed. The information contained therein - particularly with regard to safety - must be followed!

#### 1.2 Applicable Documents

Individual system components - unless otherwise indicated - are components purchased from other manufacturers. All components used in the substation have been subjected to their manufacturers' risk assessments. Declarations of conformity with current European and national legislation have been made by the manufacturers of the components. Declarations of conformity, and operation, maintenance and repair instructions for the individual components are integral parts of the substation documentation.

The instructions contained in the manufacturer's documents for security, set-up, installation, operation, maintenance, and dismantling and disposal of the components must be followed strictly.

#### 1.3 Explanation of symbols

Important security and device-related information in these operating instructions is marked by warning notices. The instructions must be followed to prevent accidents, personal injury or property damage.



##### **WARNING**

This symbol indicates a danger that may result in damage to health, injury, permanent physical injury or death. Please follow the notes for working safely very carefully and take extreme care in these situations!



##### **ATTENTION**

This symbol indicates a risk that may result in damage to, or malfunction / failure of equipment if ignored.



##### **WARNING**

Electrical hazard! This symbol indicates danger from electricity. Failure to follow safety procedures can result in severe injury or death. This work may only be performed by a trained electrician.



##### **NOTE**

This symbol highlights tips and information that must be followed for the efficient and trouble-free operation of the substation.

#### 1.4 Liability and Warranty

All information and instructions in this manual have been compiled in accordance with applicable regulations and the current status of engineering developments as well as our many years of knowledge and experience. The actual scope of delivery may differ from the explanations and graphic representations of special versions described here, as a result of additional accessories / order options or latest technical changes. For questions, please contact Danfoss directly. We reserve the right to make technical changes to the product in the course of improvement of its functional properties and further development. Items such as tools and equipment that may wear out during use of the device, as well as auxiliary materials and supplies such as oils, greases and detergents, are not covered by warranty.

In addition, the commitments agreed in the contract, such as the general terms and conditions and the manufacturer's terms of delivery, and statutory regulations at the time the contract is concluded shall apply.



##### **NOTE**

These operating instructions should be read carefully before starting work on or with the substation, and in particular before commissioning! The manufacturer will not accept claims for damage or faults arising from non-compliance with these operating instructions.

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### 1.5 Copyright Protection

Operating instructions must be kept confidential. These are intended exclusively for the persons employed on and with the substation. Transfer of the operating instructions to third parties without written approval of the manufacturer is prohibited. If such approval is required, please contact Danfoss directly.

This document and any others delivered with the substation are protected by copyright. Copies (whether whole or in part) are allowed only with the permission of the manufacturer. Violators will be liable to prosecution. All other rights reserved.



#### NOTE

Contents of this instruction – texts, drawings, images or other illustrations are copyrighted and subject to other intellectual property rights. Any improper reuse is forbidden.

### 1.6 Spare parts

Use only original spare parts from the manufacturer.

The use of non-approved spare parts will invalidate any guarantees, or service, compensation and liability claims against the manufacturer or its agents, distributors and representatives.



#### ATTENTION

Using the wrong or faulty spare parts can lead to damage, malfunction or total failure of the substation.

### 1.7 Substation disassembly

Clean and sort the substation parts and components in compliance with applicable health and safety and environmental regulations.

Before starting disassembly:

- Switch the unit OFF and secure against being switched ON again.
- Ensure that the entire energy supply is physically separate from the substation and that stored residual power is properly discharged.
- Remove supplies and materials as well as any remaining processing materials in an environmentally friendly manner.



#### WARNING

Risk of injury! Stored residual power, components with sharp edges, edges and corners on and inside the substation or necessary tools can cause personal injury. Any substation removal work must therefore be carried out only by a specialist.



#### WARNING

Do not drink!

Water in the installation which has not been used for a long period of time may not meet the quality standard for drinking water in certain conditions. Prevent such use and drain or dispose of water used to run the substation.

### 1.8 Disposal

If no withdrawal or waste management agreement has been concluded, disassemble the dismantled components for recycling:

- Metal to scrap material
- Plastics to plastics recycling
- To dispose other components, sort by material properties
- Remove any residual media and dispose of properly media with additives (e.g. glycol) must comply with relevant legislation

Remove operating materials such as lubricants, oils, fats, cleaning agents and inhibitors from the substation in an environmentally friendly manner. In this case, use a suitable, approved container for lubricants. Mark the container with information about the content and level, and date clearly. Secure final disposal of the materials so that improper use is excluded.



#### WARNING

Electrical and electronic components, lubricants and other excipients must be handled by hazardous waste treatment plants and may only be disposed by approved specialist companies!

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### 2.0 Safety

This section gives an overview of all the important security aspects of optimal protection of personnel as well as of safe and trouble-free operation of the substation. In addition, these chapters include specific safety symbols in order to avert immediate safety hazards.

#### 2.1 General information

Substation is built at the time of its development and manufacturing according to existing, accepted engineering standards and is safe to operate. The substation can be dangerous if used by improperly trained personnel or used improperly or by unauthorised persons. Any person authorised to work on or with the substation must read and understand the operating instructions before starting work. We recommend advising the operator to obtain confirmation from staff proven understanding of the instruction manual. Modifications of any kind as well as additions or modifications to the substation are forbidden. All substation security, warning and operating instructions must be maintained in good legible condition. Damaged labels or stickers must be replaced immediately. Specified values or ranges must be strictly adhered to.

#### 2.2 Responsibility of substation operator

- Operating instructions must always be stored within the immediate vicinity of the substation and must be accessible at all times for installation, operation and maintenance and to cleaning staff.
- Operate the substation only if it is in a proper technical and safe operating condition.
- Check that safety devices are always kept freely accessible test them regularly.

Information about industrial safety is based on the European Union regulations valid at the time of manufacture of the substation. The operator is obliged throughout the entire lifetime of the substation to conform to those safety actions designated in the current rules and regulations and to comply with those in new regulations. Outside of the European Union, the safety laws, local rules and regulations applicable to the location where the substation operates must be followed.

#### 2.3 Intended use

Operational safety is guaranteed only where the substation is used properly and in accordance with the instructions / details in this manual. A district heating substation is used to provide heat energy from the district heating utility grid by transferring heat to customer installation systems. Intended use also includes compliance with instructions for installation, operation, maintenance and cleaning.

#### 2.4 Possible misuse



**WARNING. Hazard from improper use!**  
Any use of the substation apart from its intended use may lead to dangerous situations.

#### 2.5 Safety work

Hazards to persons and / or the system can be prevented by following the safety at work instructions.



**NOTE**  
For modification and extension activities, always consult with the substation manufacturer.

In addition to the safety instructions in this manual, and for substation safety in general, accident prevention and environmental protection regulations must be observed and followed. The operator and authorised personnel are responsible for the trouble-free operation of the substation, as well as for the clear definition of responsibilities for installation, operation, maintenance and cleaning of the substation. There must be no deviation from the information in the operating instructions!

The operator shall also ensure that:

- Any further risks are identified in an assessment of risks arising from the special working conditions at the operations site.
- That any additional work and safety instructions resulting from the risk assessment of activities performed on the substation are described in a standard operating procedure (SOP).

Always follow local regulations as well as any existing ordinances on industrial safety and health (e.g. in Germany: BetrSichV, BGR I 2002, 3777).

Any additional and / or other use of the substation is forbidden and considered as improper use! Any claims against the manufacturer and / or its representative for any loss or damage as a result of improper use of the substation are excluded. The operator and / or owner shall be solely liable for any damage arising when the substation is used for any purpose other than.

Therefore:

- Use the district heating transfer station only for its intended purpose and in accordance with the information provided in this document, particularly the limitations given in the technical data.
- Avoid any further or other use of the district heating transfer station.
- It is forbidden to change, upgrade or modify the design or individual components for the purpose of changing the station's range of usability or application.

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### 2.6 Personal protective equipment

While working on and with the substation the following must be worn at all times:



#### Protective clothing

is close-fitting work clothing with low tensile strength and tight sleeves and without protruding parts. Its main purpose is to guard against snagging on moving machine parts. Do not wear rings, chains or other jewelry.



#### Protective gloves

to protect the hands from friction, abrasion, puncture or deeper injury as well as from contact with hot surfaces.



#### Protective goggles

to protect the eyes from flying parts and liquid splashes.



#### Safety shoes

to protect from heavy falling parts and losing traction on slippery surfaces.



#### Helmet

to protect against falling or flying parts and materials.

### 2.7 Risks associated with the substation

The substation has been subjected to a risk analysis based on the design and construction of the substation and in correspondence with the current state of technology. Nevertheless, risks remain! The substation can generate a hot stream of fluid or steam when e.g. a drain or air vent is opened.



#### WARNING! Risk of injury!

Risk from liquids splashing under high pressure. Wear personal protective equipment for all operations carried out on the substation!

The substation operates with high electrical voltages of up to 400 V and currents of up to 25 A.



#### WARNING! Electrical shock hazard!

Electrical energy can cause serious injury. Damaged insulation or components can lead to serious injury or death.

- Switch OFF the main switch and secure against reconnection before performing any maintenance, cleaning or repair.
- Turn off the power switch when performing any work with the electrical system
- Do not remove any safety devices or put out of operation

The substation is supported by pneumatic components.



#### WARNING! Risk of injury!

Risk from liquids splashing under high pressure. Wear personal protective equipment for all operations carried out on the substation!

Therefore:

- Depressurise before starting any work on the substation.
- Do not remove or alter any safety devices or put out of service.
- Do not change the default settings from the values or beyond the tolerance ranges specified in the operating manual

The substation has sharp edges and corners.



#### WARNING! Risk of injury!

Sharp-edged parts and sharp edges may cause abrasion to the skin. Wear protective gloves when working on the substation.



#### WARNING! Risk of burns!

Hot surfaces can cause serious burns. For all operations carried out on the substation always wear protective gloves!

Components inside of the station can contain automatically moving parts (pumps, actuators, etc.). The devices can be very heavy.



#### WARNING! Danger of crushing!

During transport or lifting of the substation, bruising can occur due to heavy weight. The substation may include electrical components (engines, transmissions) which may also cause bruising if contacted while in operation. For all operations carried out on the substation, always switch the main supply OFF and wear protective clothing.

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### 2.8 Emergency stop switch

The operator shall ensure that the emergency stop switch is installed in accordance with applicable accident prevention regulations. The operator must inform operations staff about the location and operation of the emergency stop switch.

### 2.9 Operators

The substation may be operated and maintained only by authorised, trained and instructed personnel. These personnel must receive special training on potential risks. An "instructed person" is a person who has been informed of the tasks assigned to him/her and the potential hazards of improper usage and, if necessary, who has been trained and instructed in protective equipment and actions.

A "professional" is a person who, because of his/her technical training, knowledge, and experience, as well as his/her knowledge of the relevant provisions, can evaluate the work transferred to him/her and recognise possible dangers.

If the staff do not have the knowledge required, then they must be trained. Responsibilities for operation and maintenance must be clearly defined and respected so that there is no unclear division of responsibilities in terms of safety.

The substation may only be operated and maintained by persons who can be expected to reliably run their work. Any operation that affects the safety of persons or the substation environment must be avoided. Persons under the influence of drugs, alcohol or medication that affects responsiveness must not perform any work with or on the substation. When selecting personnel, the relevant country's youth employment protection regulations as well as any occupation-specific regulations that may exist must be followed with respect to minimum age.

The operator must ensure that no unauthorised persons are working on or with the substation. Unauthorised persons such as visitors, guest etc., must not come into contact with the substation. You must maintain a reasonable safety distance. The user is obliged to immediately report any issues which occur in the substation and may affect the safety of the operator.

### 2.10 Steps to follow in the event of danger or accidents

In the event of an emergency or accident, the substation must be switched OFF by immediately pressing the emergency stop switch. This can be done by opening the safety door or protective window equipped with safety switches that trigger the emergency stop function when opened.

Safety devices with an emergency stop function are only to be used in appropriate situations.

Safety equipment must not be used for normal shutdown of the substation. Always be prepared for accidents or fire! Keep first-aid equipment (first-aid kit, eye wash, etc.) and a fire extinguisher within the substation area.

Personnel must be trained in the handling and location of safety devices, accident procedures, first aid and rescue equipment. This results in the prevention of dangerous situations and ensures the best possible assistance in the event of an accident.

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### 2.11 Residual hazards / risk analysis

Risk place	Risk type	Protective aim	Measure
Shut-off valves and fittings in the station	Crushing during manual operation	Manual operation of the shut-off valves and fittings must be safe	Due to construction, provide enough space for ergonomic operation
Piping and components in the station	Burning when touched	Safe contact at the station	Thermal insulation of pipes and components, signs at the station, warnings in the operating instructions
Entire station	Electric shock	Safe contact with the station	Fulfilment of contact protection
Entire station	Splashing of liquids and/or steam at high pressure	Controlled reduction of excess pressure in case of fault	Protection according to local standards or legal regulations (e.g. DIN 4747 T1 or DIN EN 12828)
Entire station	Overheating the station or transmitting heat to a connected system at a temperature above what is permissible	Turning off the heat supply in case of failure	Protection according to local standards or legal regulations (e.g. DIN 4747 T1 or DIN EN 12828)

During operation, residual risk can be limited to the following alphabetic values according to the Suva (Assessment and Reduction of risks from machines) risk assessment: B5/C4/D3/E2. The residual potential for danger arises from failure to comply with the above instructions. The assembly has been manufactured according to the explicit specifications of the customer, who is responsible for compliance with the parameters specified and the selection of qualified operating personnel.

The substation is equipped with the following warning on which the key residual risks are point out again:

Operation of this substation is permitted only by trained personnel after detailed study of the enclosed documentation. The system must be filled and completely vented before commissioning. Do not exceed the maximum allowable working pressure or maximum allowable operating temperature specified on the label. Any use other than the proper use is prohibited.

 **Risk of burns** from touching or from the release of hot media (water/steam). Avoid touching the substation or wear suitable protective clothing!

**Risk of crushing** during assembly and operation.

 **Risk of electric shock.** Check that the substation is disconnected before working with the electrical system.

All flange and threaded connections, fittings, electrical clamps and screw connections must be checked and tightened as necessary before filling or commissioning. Run pumps only when filled with water (no dry run!)

Before starting up the substation properly install the following (unless fully assembled in factory):

- Safety valve, drain and air vent according to EN12828 or EN806, unless local standards are available.
- Strainer in the primary flow and secondary return pipeline
- Equipotential bonding according to IEC60364-4-41:2005 (grounding / protective conductor / potential equalisation), unless local standards are available (e.g. DIN VDE 0100:540:2012-06)

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### 3.0 Technical data

#### 3.1 Technical information

Main substation information can be found on the CE label as well as in documents contained in the appendices (circuit and electrical diagram, data sheet).

##### 3.1.1 CE label

The CE label is attached to the substation. It contains the following information:

- Manufacturer
- Serial no.
- Production date (year / calendar week)
- Substation code / Type (Name)
- Applications
- Category according to PED directive
- Power supply voltage
- PN class
- Minimum and maximum operating temperatures
- Maximum allowed pressure by maximum operating temperature
- Capacity
- Temperature programme
- Heat exchanger type
- Volumetric flow
- Pressure drop inside heat exchanger

SUBSTATION		PRIMARY	SECONDARY HEATING	SECONDARY DHW	SECONDARY	SECONDARY
MANUFACTURER		Danfoss Poland sp. z o.o. Tuchom, ul. Tęczowa 46, 80-209 Chwaszczyno				
ID NO./PRODUCTION DATE		1000071830 / 2014-31				
CODE/TYPE		005G5434 / DSE MAXI IB025-040-D125-PD-PL				
PURPOSE OF USE		Heating / Domestic Hot Water				
PED CATEGORY		2014/68/EU Article 4.3				
POWER SUPPLY VOLTAGE		230 V AC / 50-60 Hz				
PN CLASS		16	6	10		
MIN/MAX TEMPERATURE TS °C		0 - 130	2 - 100	0 - 95		
MAX ALLOWED PRESSURE PS BAR		14,4	3	10		
CAPACITY kW		230	100	130		
TEMPERATURE PROGRAM °C		130-70 / 60-80	70-25 / 5-55			
HEAT EXCHANGER		XB37L-1-30	XB37L-1-26			
FLOW m <sup>3</sup> /h		1,5 / 4,4	2,5 / 2,2			
PRESSURE DROP HEX kPa		2,4 / 18,2	9,0 / 6,8			

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##### 3.1.2 Dimensions and packaging

The range of tailored product dimensions and weights can be found in the manual.

The DSE is manufactured upon customer request; its dimensions and weight may vary depending on accessories selected. Details of dimensions and weight are available before delivery to ensure trouble-free transport and installation of the substation.

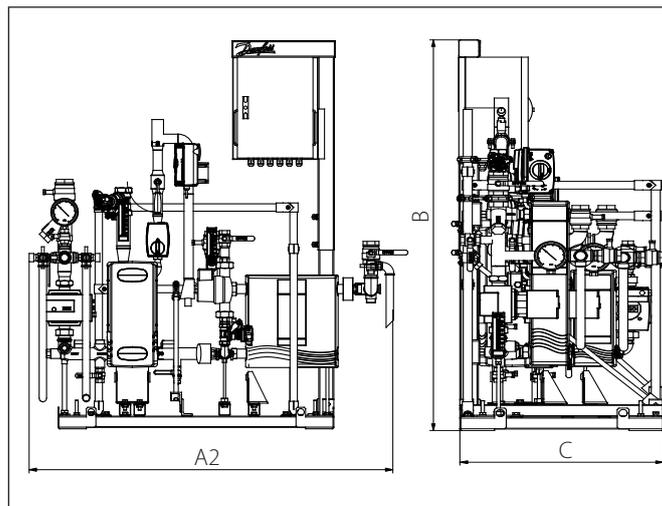


Figure 1: Danfoss Substations external dimensions

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### 3.2 Symbols used in circuit diagrams

	Shut-off valve		Sensor ( in general: direct immersion, immersion)		Pump
	Balancing valve		Surface temperature sensor		Control valve (general)
	Strainers (filters)		Safety thermostat		Combi valve
	Check valve		Safety pressure, maximum		3-way control valve (general)
	Expansion valve		Pressure transmitter		Flow controller
	Electromagnetic valve		Heat meter		Differential pressure controller
	Thermometer		Flow meter		Differential pressure controller / flow control
	Manometer		Safety valve		Differential pressure controller flow limit
	Tube and shell heat exchanger		Plate heat exchanger		Air - vent
					Drain valve
	Domestic Cold Water		Heating Supply		District Heating Supply
	Domestic Hot Water		Heating Return		District Heating Return
	Circulation				

## 4.0 Function and configuration

### 4.1 Function

The substation is an indirect compact substation, where heat transfer from the district heating or cooling network to a secondary installation is realised via heat exchangers. This solution ensures hydraulic system separation.

The basic idea of heat transfer in a compact substation is connecting the primary side of the piping to the district heating company's network, which supplies hot water within the appropriate parameters (such as for pressure and temperature), and the secondary piping to the customer's installation on the other side. Network parameters may vary depending on the season and may be higher during the winter season and lower during the warmer months. Primary medium flow normally through shut-off valve and strainer. In addition for pressure and temperature measurements, usually pressure gauge and thermometer are assembled, if it is needed according to the specification of District Heating Utility on primary flow and/or return pipe. Cooled heating water flows back through the primary return pipeline to the district heating network.

In a District Cooling system the chilled water is (lower temperature for example 7 deg. C) is entering the heat exchanger through the primary flow pipe and warmed water (for example 12 deg. C) it flows back through the primary return pipe to the District Cooling network.

In the secondary circuit circulation pump transfers heated water to the heating surfaces of other installations (e.g. ventilation equipment, drinking water or heating installations, etc.). If a controller with weather compensation is installed at the substation, it has the following essential functions:

- Measures flow temperature on the secondary side and outdoor temperature
- Changes the stroke of the control valve on the primary side so that it conforms to the required secondary temperature
- Limits the return temperature on the primary side to a value preset in the controller
- Switches the secondary side circulating pump(s) on and off as necessary and ensures frost protection

If required, special functions are available according to needs and designs. Refer to the instruction manual of the controller manufacturer. All systems are offered upon request and manufactured in keeping with the customer's special operating conditions.

Due to the many different product variations, the circuit diagram may differ from that presented below.

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### 4.2 Danfoss Substation configuration possibilities

The substation can be used for various applications such as cooling/heating, domestic hot water and / or other water based heating system. Due to its flexibility, we have inserted in this document only an example diagram, for the actual application please refer to the manual. This is based on customer requests and the needed application(s). The construction allows easy access to all components for maintenance and servicing purposes. Heat transfer between the district heating network and the building installation is achieved by way of a heat exchanger, which ensures better heat transfer, higher energy efficiency and reduced pressure loss.

In addition to the standard controller functions, the ECL310 offers easy remote access via an internet page with data logging possibilities and energy optimization functions such as weather compensation and auto-tuning (adaptive settings for domestic hot water parameters). Refer to the manual for the actual controller and application key.

By use of the Danfoss dimensioning program you can find out if the application you need fits the Danfoss substation.

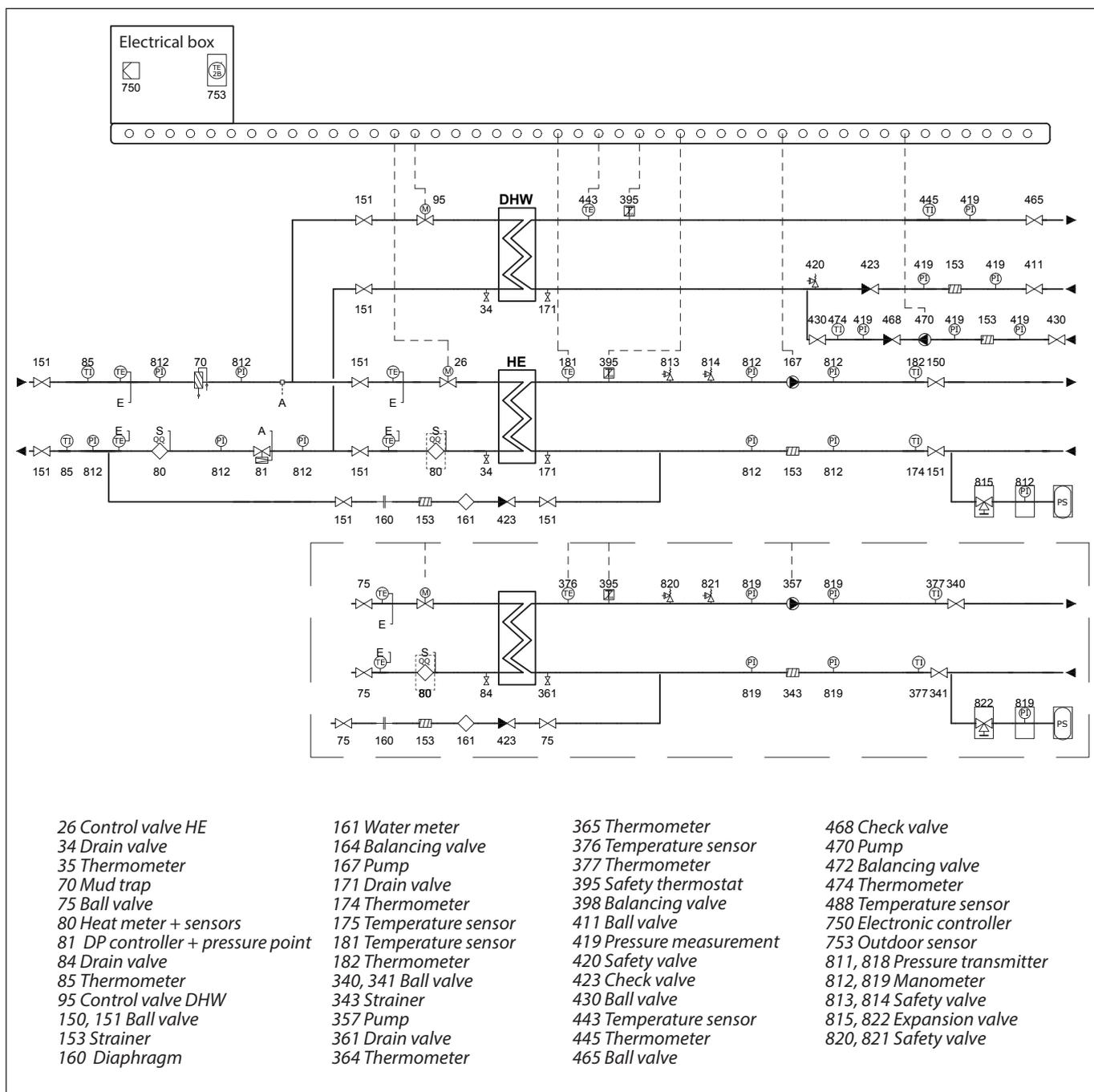


Figure 3: DSE FLEX configuration

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### 5.0 Transport, packaging and storage

Follow general safety rules during transport:

- Adapt transportation to local conditions
- Use only approved lifting gear and lifting equipment with adequate load capacity
- Only attach the substation to suitable anchor points and not to protruding machine parts or any component's eyelet or hole.  
Ensure the secure fit of the slings!
- Ropes and belts must be equipped with a safety hook. Do not use damaged or frayed cables. Do not fasten ropes or straps to sharp edges or corners and do not knot or twist. Always consider the centre of gravity before handling
- Never lift, pan or lower loads over people
- Always transport the substation with the utmost care and caution
- During vessel transport especially bear in mind that: insulation must not be damaged during transport or removed (especially when transporting over longer distances)
- Ensure suitable means of transport so that no deformation arises on connections or vessel
- Avoid direct contact with ferrous materials or surface destruction of stainless steel vessels



**WARNING! Danger to life!**

When lifting, panning and lowering, there is a risk of serious personal injury and damage from falling parts. Never stand under suspended loads!

### 5.1 Transport of pallets by forklift

Packages mounted on pallets can be transported by forklift under the following conditions:

- The forklift must be designated according to the weight of the handling units
- Operator must be authorised (licensed) to operate the forklift

Procedure:

1. Drive the forklift with the forks between or under the tie bars of the pallet
2. Drive the forks far enough to protrude from the opposite side of the pallet
3. Make sure that the centre of gravity is between the forks and cannot tilt
4. Lift the package and start transport

Follow safety rules:

- Use only approved lifting gear and lifting equipment with adequate load capacity
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- Never lift, pan or lower loads over people
- Always transport the substation with the utmost care and caution

### 5.2 Transport inspection

Immediately after delivery check for completeness and any transportation damage. In case of externally visible transport damage, do not accept delivery or accept only conditionally. Note the extent of damage on the transport documents / bill of delivery. Initiate a complaint. Claim defects that are not visible immediately after detecting, as claims for damages can be made only within the applicable complaint periods.



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### 5.3 Packaging

Substations are delivered with different types of packaging. Packaging materials are primarily of wood, cardboard and plastics (foil, foams). Strapping is in addition. Packaging material may also include materials added to packages for moisture or frost protection (e.g. silica gel bags, antifreeze, etc.). If no agreement has been made regarding the return of packaging material, the packaging material remains with the customer.

Our transport packaging can be returned to Danfoss, at the manufacturing site. Please refer to the label.



**WARNING!**

Unpaid delivered transport packaging will not be accepted by Danfoss.



Packaging materials must be utilised in an environmentally friendly way and in accordance with the relevant waste disposal regulations.

### 5.4 Storage

After packages have been unloaded they must be stored until assembly in accordance with the attached shipping marks. Machine parts and accessories packaged in separate boxes must not be unpacked.

For storage, the following rules apply:

- Dry storage. Relative humidity: up to 60%
- Ensure that packages are not stored outdoors. In addition, ensure that the storage room floor is dry during storage
- Keep out of direct sunlight. Optimal storage temperature 15 to 25 C°
- Keep dust-free
- Avoid mechanical vibrations and damage
- For long-term storage of more than three months, conservation activities should be taken. In severe weather conditions, conservation must be renewed as necessary

### 6.0 Installation



**WARNING! Risk of injury!**

Improper installation and assembly can result in serious injury and / or property damage. Installation and assembly work may be performed only by qualified personnel in compliance with safety regulations.

District heating transfer stations are usually completely pre-piped and wired installations on a painted steel frame. All parts and components are mounted or fixed to the frame. External substation connections are marked with easily understandable labels / stickers. Integrated adjustable feet are used to compensate for uneven ground.

Secure durability of ground based on total weight of equipment (including water content). Take care that each connection is stress-free after assembly; the substation cannot be used as a fixed point.



**NOTE!**

The use of pipe wrenches for nuts and bolts is not permitted. Only use a suitable spanner!

If substation parts or components must be removed due to limited space for transport (corridors, elevators, small doors etc.), ensure that they are reassembled exactly as they were in the original place.



**NOTE!**

The mechanical separation of substation components through sawing, cutting, etc. of cabling and / or frame parts and piping is not permitted.

Pipe connections and fitting connections can be prepared as:

- Welding ends
- Flanged connections acc. EN 1092
- Threaded connections acc. DIN 2999 (internal / external)
- Threaded connections acc. DIN 2993/ISO 228 (external)

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### 6.1 Installation preparation

Substation installation should be carried out on a clean, flat surface. Stand-alone substations usually come with integrated adjustable feet, which can compensate for uneven ground. If not pre-assembled, these are supplied as loose components in an accessory pack and can be screwed into the appropriate nuts in the bottom area of the frame. Then adjust the station horizontally.

#### 6.1.1 Primary connection

The primary connection must be made by qualified personnel in consultation with local / district heating supply companies if the installation is connected to such network. The primary supply and return must be connected to the designated devices or the substation shut-off valves.

The commissioning of primary side connections to the district heating network is usually done by the relevant local / district heating company.

- If substation is delivered (ordered) without a strainer on primary inlet site, make sure it is separately mounted before substation is connected to the network to protect all components from potential damage. If this requirement is not respected it may result in loss of warranty.
- After installation of substation to the network it is required to splash pipes between main strainer and substation to remove any potential particles.

#### 6.1.2 Secondary connection

A specialised installation company connects the secondary installation to the substation's designated shut-off valve.

After installation of substation to the network it is required to splash pipes between main strainer and substation to remove any potential particles.

#### 6.1.3 Electrical connection

Only a qualified electrician approved by a responsible electric utilities company may carry out the electrical installation of the substation in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations. The substation is completely wired and tested at the factory by default for the delivered components. If the station is ordered without controller or other electrical components the wiring and test are not performed. If an outdoor sensor for substation control is ordered, this is enclosed in the loose component box and should be installed as far as this is possible on the north side of the building.

The electrical diagrams for electrification are included in technical documentation. Internal electrifications are made in the factory. The electric cables cannot be fastened with the hot pipes. They need their own supporting structures.

The device should be properly installed and grounded by a qualified technician. The appliance should be serviced only by qualified service personnel. Repair interventions by unauthorized persons may cause death, injury or serious malfunction.

Before connecting, check that the rated voltage are indicated on the nameplate corresponds to the voltage of power available. You should also check the rated power of the device and make sure that the wires have a cross section corresponding to the power of connected device. You must tighten the clamping screws.



#### ATTENTION

In case not delivered with the station, it is mandatory to secure the station against the risk of going outside the specified maximum allowed temperature and pressure according to statutory and regulatory requirements with pressure and/or with temperature safety devices.



#### WARNING! Risk of injury!

Improper installation and assembly can result in serious injury and / or property damage. Installation and assembly work may be performed only by qualified personnel in compliance with safety regulations.

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### 6.2 Draining station

Locate the drain valves on the specific circuit which you would like to empty.



**ATTENTION!**

To drain the primary side, always close the shut-off valve on the district heating connection.



**NOTE!**

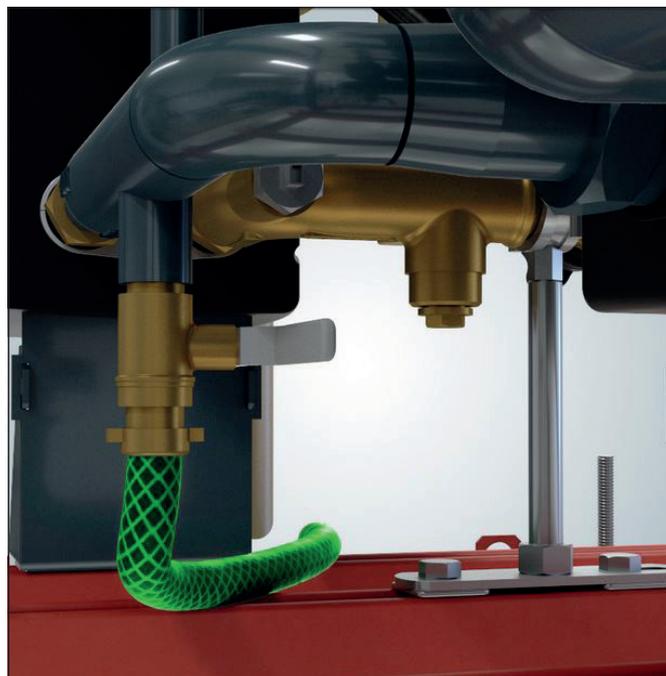
To drain only the substation and not the whole installation, close the shut-off valves on the substation.

If the drain pipe is not connected to the drain valve, connect the appropriate hose or piping in accordance with local legal regulations.



**WARNING! Risk of injury or damage!**

Never operate the drain valve when the outlet is directed towards you or electrical devices. Always secure all equipment so that it is not flooded by accident. Before any operation always ensure that the water has cooled sufficiently.



Open the drain valve and wait until the circuit concerned has emptied. Immediately after draining, close the valve.



**WARNING! Risk of injury!**

Even after draining, there may still be water inside the heat exchanger and piping.

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### 7.0 Commissioning

Commissioning must always be carried out before the following actions:

- Initial start-up of the substation
- Restarting after complex substation maintenance
- Restarting after the implementation of a new device
- Restart following a malfunction of the substation
- Restarting after shutdown or longer downtime

Installation and initial commissioning of the substation is carried out by approved employees of the manufacturer or authorised partner companies. Typically the local utility company must be involved in work relating to heating connections. Typically the district heating utility must be involved in work relating to primary connections. Unauthorised initial start-up is not allowed.

In order to commission the station the following conditions must be met:

- Station is reassembled on site (if is the case)
- Commissioning must be approved by the district heating utilities
- All screws and fasteners must be tightened
- Substation piping must be connected properly. It is prohibited in connection to Domestic hot water system to use black steel – risk corrosion heat exchanger
- Expansion tank is connected to the substation
- All impurities and leftover installation materials must be removed from the piping
- The station must be properly connected to electricity: the supply voltage must be applied to the main switch or circuit breaker according to the electrical diagram
- Other electrical / mechanical on site works are done according to electrical diagram
- The primary connection must be applied to the primary shut-off valves within the necessary parameters
- The secondary installation should be filled (including the substation) and vented (venting the pumps is necessary)
- Pressurisation must be ready with the required static pressure
- Venting / Drain valves are closed
- Desired time programmes and additional data for controller set-up must be available
- The substation may only be put into operation when an authorised specialist from the district heating company or an expert from an installation company or an authorised specialist from the commercial office has approved the correct condition of the whole system.
- Make sure that the system is filled with water
- Make sure that a correct setup of temperature is made for Domestic hot water. To ensure maximum heat exchanger performance and life time Danfoss recommends maximum 60 deg. C.

Before commissioning, check that all safety-related rules and regulations have been taken into account.

- Working parameters for the substation's plate type must match the operating parameters of the local / district heating company and the heating system.
- Begin with secondary side
- Open (slowly) the isolating valves on secondary circuits
- Fill the secondary installation with water according to the water quality rules. To avoid substation damage, ensure that pressure during filling does not exceed the maximum allowable working pressure.
- Vent all the secondary installation (heating and DHW)
- Before first use, the secondary side must be rinsed sufficiently by the installation company. Fill the secondary installation to the required static pressure.
- Check all connections for leaks and tightness, and retighten with the required torque if necessary.
- Vent the pumps
- Move to primary side. All work on the primary side of the system must be carried out in coordination with the local / district heating company by suitably qualified and trained personnel.
- If the medium is water, set the flow / differential pressure controller or pressure controller (if available) to the maximum flow rate according to capacity or preset differential pressure. Then set up the pressure controller, if there is one, to the designated value.
- Fill the substation by slowly opening the shut-off valve on the primary supply. Also slowly open the shut-off valve on the primary return. Manually adjust the electronic controller to the "valve open" position.
- Vent (if is possible) the primary circuit
- Check all connections for leaks and tightness, and retighten with the required torque if necessary.
- Rinse the primary site with the district heating medium and reclose the shut-off valves. Clean the strainers.
- Switch on the main switch of the control panel (check automatic fuses in control panel and pumps switches)
- If available start each pump manually and check the direction of rotation
- Adjust the electronic controller in accordance with the designated values in the enclosed supplier instructions.
- Check the actuators
- Switch all pumps in auto mode
- The electronic controller is preset in the factory in accordance with the data available to us. After commissioning, the controller automatically performs a self-test, displays a default system code and automatically goes into operating mode. Now a precise setting must be made in accordance with the controller manufacturer's manual. The manual is attached to the station.
- Danfoss recommends the activation of all the needed optimization and protective functions like motor pr. (motor protection)
- Refer to technical documentation for detailed instruction for all components (e.g. pumps, controllers, actuators).

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### 7.4 Requirements after commissioning

The following points must be checked after commissioning:

- Check temperatures
- Check pressures
- Check flows
- Thermal expansion
- Leakages
- Operation of pumps
- Control valves / actuators operation
- Flow directions
- Operation of controllers
- Noises

### 7.5 Fault and Shutdown

The heating controller, control valve actuator and heating pump are connected to electric power supply.

Therefore:

- Immediately turn off the main switch or unplug the power cable
- Close the second shut-off valves on the primary and secondary side
- A specialist company must be consulted for troubleshooting



**WARNING! Electric shock hazard!**

Leaking water can subject the entire substation to dangerous voltage. Before starting any work, switch the power OFF and ensure that it cannot be turned back on.



**WARNING! Risk of burns!**

In case of leakage on the primary side, the medium may escape as steam at a temperature of more than 100°C. Danger of burns.

### 7.6 Commissioning after a failure or malfunctioning

After a failure on the primary side, always contact the local or district heating company. Recommissioning is to be carried out by a specialist company.

After a failure on the secondary side contact a specialist company. Recommissioning is to be carried out by the specialist company.

## 8.0 Operation

The substation works in fully automatic mode. During operation, no personnel are required either in the area of the substation or within its immediate vicinity.

### 8.1 Switching on

To turn the substation on, follow the requirements in the "Commissioning" chapter 7. The substation can be turned on at the main switch of the electronic controller and will start to operate automatically.

### 8.2 Switching off

The substation can be turned off at the main switch of the electronic controller and will stop automatically.

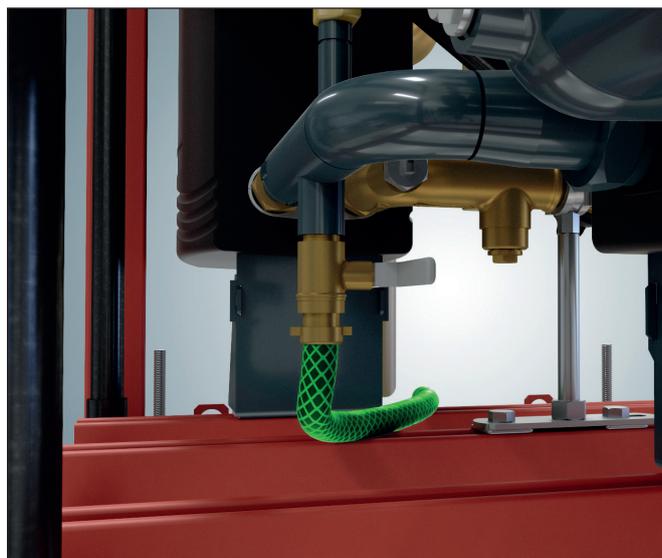
### 8.3 Restarting after substation shutdown

If the substation is to be turned off for a long period of time (i.e. without power) in order to save energy, then proceed with restart as for the first commissioning. Flushing of the system is recommended.

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### 8.4 Service / clean – strainer

Before you begin cleaning, perform the actions described at point 2 (draining the system) and check that no components will collide when removing the mesh.



Use a suitable flat spanner to unscrew (counterclockwise) the cap from the strainer, remove the mesh and clean it. Before closing the strainer check the seal (for tightness and integrity). If necessary, replace it. Do not let the water splash on electrical components.



**WARNING! Risk of injury!**

Even after draining, there may still be water inside the strainer.

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### 8.5 Service / disassembly and replacement – heat exchanger only brazed type

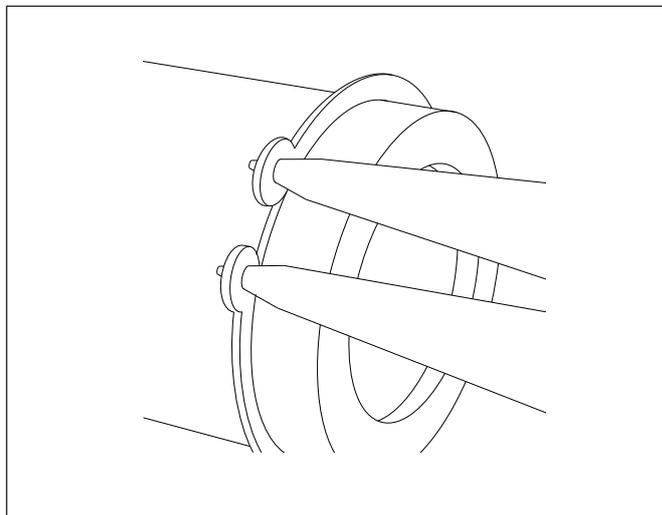
Before you begin any activities with the heat exchanger perform the actions described at point 2 (draining the system).

Use a suitable flat spanner to unscrew the piping from the heat exchanger and Seeger Pliers to remove the heat exchanger from the support frame.



**WARNING! Risk of injury!**

Even after draining, there may still be water inside the heat exchanger and piping.



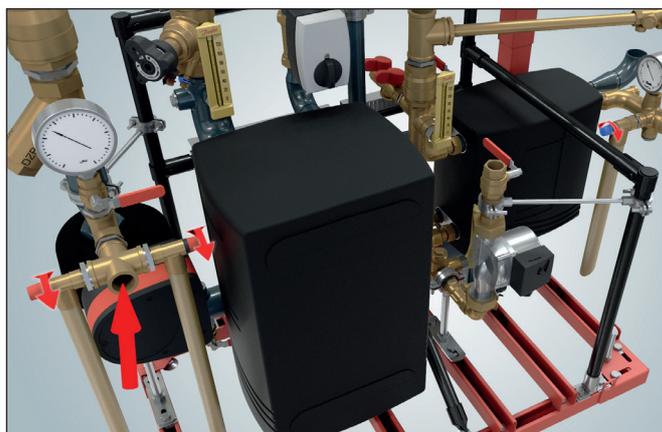
### 8.6 Service / Check – Safety valve and expansion vessel

Locate the safety valves on the secondary side (these are separate on the heating and domestic hot water circuit). If the drain pipe is not connected to the safety valve, connect the appropriate hose or piping in accordance with local legal regulations.



**WARNING! Risk of injury or damage!**

Never operate a safety valve when the outlet is directed towards you or towards electrical devices. Always secure all equipment so that it will not be flooded by accident.



Turn the lifting handle in the direction of the arrow until you hear a click. Then the valve must be closed tight.



**NOTE!**

If a valve drips constantly, it is very likely that impurities have built up in the seat. To clean the valve seat and seal, unscrew the head part.

Locate the connection for the expansion vessel.

Follow the expansion vessel servicing procedure for the relevant vessel type.

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### 9.0 Maintenance

#### 9.1 Safety warning

In the appendix you will find a summary of the most important technical requirements. It is recommended to hire an authorised installer for frequent maintenance.

It is necessary to check and maintain the substation on regular basis in order to keep it in good operating condition. The frequency of maintenance and service inspections should be done according to system manufacturer's recommendations and local legislation.

The most important actions for main components and assemblies are summarised under section 9.2. Other instructions for components not specified in this installation manual can be found separately in the accessory box and must be observed.



#### **WARNING! Risk of injury!**

In principle work may be carried out only by qualified and specially trained personnel. Avoid loosen tight clothing (no loose sleeves, rings, etc.). Always wear the following personal protective equipment in the vicinity of the substation:

- Safety glasses to protect the eyes from flying parts and fluids
- Safety footwear for protection against heavy falling objects and slipping on slippery surfaces



#### **WARNING! Electrical shock hazard!**

Work on electrical equipment may only be carried out by a qualified electrician in accordance with the safety regulations.

Switch OFF the electrical supply before starting work and secure against reconnection.

#### 9.2 Maintenance Plan (recommendations for maximum performance and life time)

Failure to follow a maintenance plan can result in mechanical or equipment failure that poses a danger to persons and goods and the entire workplace. Failure to document a maintenance plan will invalidate any warranty.

Interval	Maintenance	Comments
Every 2 months	Check all connections	If necessary re-tighten and / or replace seals
	Check all parameters to nominal / actual values or admissibility	If excessive, restore proper parameters
	General visual inspection of all components	In case of visible damage, perform a functional test and if necessary replace the component
Every 6 months	Perform a functional test of the safety valve	Open the safety valve for a short period of time. Refer to point 8.6
	Perform a functional test of the electrical and electronic components, switches and so on	Manually switch the pump or open and close the actuator
	Perform an electrical test of the safety devices	Temperature monitor, sensors and / or limiters
	Clean strainers	If necessary, refer to point 8.4
Every 12 months	Perform a functional and usability check of all components	For example, open and close the shut-off valves
	Perform a visual inspection of substation's appearance	Colour (rust), insulation
	Control of the heat exchanger	In case of contamination, clean / descale (refer to point 9.3) as needed
	Perform a visual inspection of the heat meter and water meter	Check legalisation period
	Perform a visual inspection of the measuring devices	Manometer, thermometer
	Perform a visual inspection of the expansion vessels	Shape of vessels, tamper head, tightness of the membrane
	The correct function of the pressure relief valve should be checked by qualified personnel at initial operation and then once a year	Turn the lifting handle in the direction of the arrow until you hear a click

### 9.3 Heat exchanger maintenance

The following is a list of important activities that should be performed during maintenance. Additional information is included in the attached manufacturer's instructions.

This abstract only provides information about the required steps. It is important in any case to comply with all relevant legal and technical regulations and requirements pertaining to local conditions and regulations (e.g. the home owner, district heating utilities, etc.)

#### Fittings:

In general, the fittings used are maintenance free. During maintenance, the functionality of hand wheels or levers should be tested in terms of ease of use by opening and closing. This will protect the ball, plates and valve seats against dirt and limescale deposits. See the manufacturer's instructions for the most common components in Annex I.

#### Heat exchanger:

Heat exchangers are designed for long-term use. Due to relatively high temperatures, in particular cases lime and other deposits may appear on the inner surface.

In case of reduced performance, the heat exchanger should be cleaned. For detailed information, please refer to the heat exchanger instructions.

#### Water quality:

To ensure maximum heat exchanger performance and lifetime, follow the Danfoss "Guideline to Water Quality for Copper Brazed Plate Heat Exchanger" – VJ.KV.D3.02 or a newer version.

### 9.4 Maintenance validation

Following maintenance work but before turning on the substation, please note the following:

- Check the tightness of all previously loosened threaded connections
- Verify that all previously removed components have been reinstalled correctly
- Ensure that all tools, materials and other equipment used during maintenance have been removed from the work area
- Clean up the work area, remove any spilled substances and remove any waste from material processing
- Make sure that the system and all unit safety devices are working properly again

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### 10.0 Troubleshooting

Electrical equipment which has failed and mechanical, pneumatic and hydraulic components must be serviced only by qualified personnel with the relevant specialties.

Information about all failures which cannot be eliminated through the following actions is to be forwarded to the substation manufacturer or to service partners authorised by Danfoss.

Malfunction	Possible	Solution	Comment
Secondary water temperature is too low	Lack of supply voltage	Check if main switch is turn on Check cabling Check fuses	Contact authorised personnel or electric energy supplier
	Lack of heat supply - No primary system pressure - Primary differential pressure is too low - Heating water flow is too flow	Check and secure operating conditions: - Pressure - Flow - Differential pressure	Contact district heating utility Adjust flow limiter settings
	Incorrect controller setting(s)	Check and correct settings	Read controller's user's manual
	Defective controller	Replace controller	Contact customer service
	Closed shut-off valve(s)	Open shut-off valves	
	Defective sensor	Replace the sensor	Check values and if necessary replace sensor
	Circulation pump(s) defective or not switched ON	Switch ON / replace circulation pump(s)	
	Heating pump(s) defective or not switched ON	Switch ON / replace heating pump(s)	
	Balancing valve not set correctly	Adjust balancing valve to correct value	Set designated flow
	Circulation pump is not running at the intended speed	Increase or decrease pump speed / replace pump	Set designated flow
	Defective control valve	Clean or replace valve	
	Defective actuator or thermostat	Replace defective actuator or thermostat	
	Substation is sized incorrectly - usually primary control valve is too big or too small	Check dimensioning Extend / enlarge substation (calculate dimensions for new control valve and replace old one)	Contact our sales staff responsible
	Reduced flow through heat exchanger	Clean / replace heat exchanger	Read heat exchanger user's manual
Outdoor sensor is placed incorrectly	Place outdoor sensor correctly	Read electronic controller user's manual.	
Secondary water temperature is too high	Missing supply voltage -> actuator is in open position	Take the system out of operation and close valve manually. After providing power supply, go back into standard mode	
	Incorrect controller setting(s)	Check and correct setting(s)	Read controller's user manual
	Defective sensor	Replace the sensor	Check values and if necessary replace sensor
	Defective control valve	Clean or replace valve	
	Defective actuator or thermostat	Replace actuator / thermostat	Actuator still open or thermostat / defective capillary
	Circulation pump is not running at the intended speed	Increase or decrease pump speed / replace pump	Set designated flow

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Malfunction	Possible	Solution	Comment
Secondary water temperature oscillating or not constant	Incorrect controller setting(s)	Correct settings e.g.: - Xp (proportional band) - Tn (integration time constant) - M run (running time of the motorised control valve)	Read controller's user manual
	Fluctuating heating water supply - Fluctuating primary differential pressure - Fluctuating primary flow	Check and secure operating conditions: - Pressure - Flow - Differential pressure	
	Primary control valve is too large	Control valve needs to be recalculated, replace if necessary	Contact our sales staff responsible
Leakage* <b>Risk of scalding!</b>	Connection leakages ( flange / fittings, couplings)	Turn off substation: - Check operating parameters and test for admissibility ( see label) - Check connections and tighten as necessary or replace seals	
	Leakage of welds	Turn off substation	Contact customer service
	Leaks from fittings (housing / couplings)	Tighten connection or replace component	Contact customer service
	- Leakage of gasket heat exchangers - Pollution / calcification - Pressure hammers	- Tighten bolts - Open and clean plates - Change seals if necessary	Read heat exchanger user's manual or contact customer service
	- Leakage of brazed or welded heat exchangers - Pollution / calcification - Pressure hammers	Replace heat exchanger	Contact customer service
Unacceptable pressure increase, constant blow up of safety valve	Internal leakage of the heat exchanger	Test heat exchanger and replace if necessary	Contact customer service
	Incorrect adjustment and filling pressure	Check vessel and pressurisation (static pressure)	Check and adjust parameters
	Defective pressure equipment or expansion vessel	Replace component(s)	
	Incorrect opening pressure / dimension or defective safety valve	Replace safety valve	
	Incorrect setting of pressure reducer / pressure relief controller	Check / correct device setting	Read device user's manual
Pressure surges, water hammer	Secondary side - fluctuating supply temperatures	Check control valve settings (characteristics in particular)	
	Secondary side - abruptly changing operating conditions: - Disconnection of system parts - Closing of valves - Pumps switching OFF	Check control valve settings (characteristics in particular) Check system settings / interplay of the entire system	
	Incorrect adjustment and filling pressure	Check vessel and pressurisation (static pressure)	Check and adjust parameters
	Defective pressure equipment or expansion vessel	Replace component(s)	
	Incorrect opening pressure / dimension or defective safety valve	Replace safety valve	

\*May not be applicable for some products or product variants.

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Malfunction	Possible	Solution	Comment
Excessive noise	Incorrect pump setting	Check / correct setting	Read pump manual
	Missing hydraulic set-up	Check and correct settings of balancing components	Read device user's manual
	Flow noise (e.g. in pipes )	Check flow and hydraulic setup Check if extraneous objects are inside piping	Rinse the substation
	Loose parts inside components	Check functionality of non-return valves (spring)	
	System incorrectly dimensioned, e.g. primary control valve is too small	Check dimensioning Extend / enlarge substation (calculate dimensions for new control valve and replace old one)	Contact our sales staff responsible
	Defective control valve	Clean valve	
	Defective pump impeller	Replace pump	
No heat	Strainer clogged on DH or HE side	Clean strainer	
	Filter in district heating meter clogged	Clean the filter (after consulting district heating plant)	
	Defective differential pressure controller	Check functionality of differential pressure controller	Clean valve seat if required
	Defective sensor	Replace the sensor	Check values and if necessary replace sensor
	Defective actuator or thermostat	Replace defective actuator or thermostat	
	Defective control valve or possibly dirt in the valve housing	Check the functions of the control valve - clean valve housing if required	
	Automatic controls incorrectly set or defective - possible power failure.	Check that the controller setting is correct - see separate instructions. Check the power supply. Temporary set the actuator to "manual" control - see the instructions for heating circuit, manual control	
	Pump out of operation	Check that the pump is receiving power and that it runs. Make sure that there is no air in the pump housing - see pump manual	
	The pump rotation speed is set too low	Set the pump at a higher speed of rotation - see instructions for heating circuit	
Air in the system	Vent the installation thoroughly		

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### 10.1 Safety



**WARNING! Risk of injury!**

Improper troubleshooting can lead to serious personal injury and / or property damage. Therefore troubleshooting of malfunctions may be performed only by trained and authorised personnel!

### 10.2 Steps to take in the event of malfunction

In summary:

- Immediately stop the substation using the emergency stop function when there are faults that can cause immediate danger to persons, property and / or operational security.
- Switch OFF the substation when there are faults that do not pose such dangers. Additionally, interrupt the power supply to the unit and secure against reconnection.
- Immediately inform superior about fault.
- Request authorised personnel to determine the nature and extent of the disorder and the cause of the malfunction, and to repair the malfunction.

### 11.0 Spare parts

Use only original spare parts from the manufacturer.



**WARNING!**

Incorrect or faulty spare parts and / or components from other manufacturers may cause serious damage to and/or malfunction or failure of the substation.

Using non-approved spare parts will invalidate all warranty, service, damage and/or liability claims against the manufacturer or its agents, distributors and representatives.

When ordering spare parts, always specify:

- Substation type
- Serial / production number
- Part number / article number (if available)
- Quantity
- Name
- Desired shipping method (post, freight, sea, air, express)
- Shipping address
- If needed, provide a sketch or photo with remarks

Spare part orders without the above specifications may not be fulfilled. In the absence of a desired shipping method, the shipping method will be at the discretion of the supplier.

In the annex, you can find a list of the most important suppliers of purchased components, where spare parts may be requested following the expiry of the warranty. In such a case, provide the manufacturer with comprehensive information about the used parts so that a replacement can be offered.

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