AirPrime™ Priming System

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AirPrime Primers can be used for both New and Retro-Fit installations. In Retro-Fit scenarios, AirPrime may be used to augment the existing primer or as a complete replacement. Automatic AirPrime models provide instant re-priming of the pump when required. An existing rotary vane primer can be upgraded to an Automatic Primer by adding a single location Auto AirPrime.

Available Models

Automatic Control
Automatic Base Model
Automatic Base Model with Lift Gauge
Automatic Multi Location
Automatic Multi Location with Lift Gauge

Manual Control
Manual Base Model
Manual Base Model with Lift Gauge
Manual Multi Location
Manual Multi Location with Lift Gauge

AirPrime™ Overview

Trident has several AirPrime models to meet your specific operational requirements.

Base Models: All models available in 2 or 3 barrel design (depending on your water pump capacity and chassis CFM air compressor size).

Direct Mount: Models bolt directly to the Hale midship pump’s priming port with two bolts.

Remote Mount: This type can be used with any pump, have a 3⁄4” female NPT connection and require a simple bracket to hold the unit to the frame.

Multi-Location: AirPrime allows priming from multiple locations.

Variations and Options:
1. The AirPrime is available in either manual and automatic single location models.
2. Multi-Location AirPrime available in manual or automatic models.
3. 12 and 24 Volt models, for automatic versions.
4. “Lift Gauge” which indicates how much vacuum (in feet-of-water) the primer is creating to prime the pump.
5. Conversion Kits for Manual to Automatic and for adding more locations are available. Refer to Page 16.

For more information on all available models please visit the Trident website: www.tridentdirect.com
AirPrime™ - How Does It Work

How Does It Work?

AirPrime utilizes air supplied from the chassis air brake compressor to operate the pump primer. This is proven to be far more efficient and reliable than the conventional electric motor driven primers.

AirPrime virtually eliminates the impact load on the vehicles electrical system improving the reliability of the vehicle.

AirPrime also improves performance in the elapsed time for establishing water supply resulting in improved fire ground operations and safety.

Off Position

Incoming Air Flow OFF.

Air supply from chassis brake system is OFF.

Primer switch shown in OFF position. LED indicator light is OFF.

Auto Prime Position

Incoming Air Flow OPEN.

Air supply from chassis brake system is ON. Air enters and activates primer.

Primer switch shown in AUTO PRIME position. Green LED indicator light is ON.

2. Press switch UP for AUTO PRIME.

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSN.

NFPA #1901 and #1906 – Fully Compliant to Standards
Pump Panel Noise Level – Lowest dB in the industry
Installer Responsibilities

Air Compressor Size
1. The 2-barrel AirPrime must be used only on fire pumps rated 1000-GPM [3800LPM] and smaller. The chassis shall be equipped with a minimum of 13.2CFM [0.374 Cubic Meters per Minute] displacement air compressor.
2. The 3-barrel AirPrime must be used only on fire pumps rated 1250-GPM [4700LPM] and larger. The chassis shall be equipped with a minimum of 15.6CFM [0.442 Cubic Meters per Minute] displacement air compressor.

NOTE: For operations above 4000 feet [1219 meters] of elevation and lifts greater than 15 feet [4.5 meters], a minimum air compressor size of larger than 18CFM [0.510 Cubic Meters per Minute] shall be required.

Basic Materials Supplied by Installer
1. A 3⁄8" air hose from air tank (primary or auxiliary tank) with 1⁄4" NPT connections (length to be determined by installer).
2. Primer mounting bracket. (Only required for remote mount.) See Figure #2.
3. Non-collapsible ¾" minimum inside diameter air hose from primer to fire pump with 3⁄4" NPT connections.
4. Pressure protection valve (PPV) (Option available from Trident, Part # 30.053.0).
5. A 1¼" [32 mm] inside diameter hose may be connected to the ‘primer outlet’ using a hose clamp to secure it in place. This hose could direct the water that is discharged from the primer to any convenient location under the vehicle. Be sure this hose is properly secured, kept as short as possible, free of any kinks, sharp bends, and pitched to allow drainage.
6. Liquid thread sealant or Teflon tape is required for all threaded pneumatic fittings.

NOTE: Use sparingly while applying sealant to avoid blockage of the air filter. See Page 5, Figure #5.

Remote Primer Mounting
1. An installer supplied primer bracket shall be installed to secure the primer within the pump enclosure. The mounting height for all priming components must be ABOVE the highest priming point on suction side of fire pump (Or above the highest remote priming valve for multiple location systems) to permit air removal and allow for complete drainage. See Figure #2 for mounting bolt hole template.

NOTE: Primer must be mounted vertically.
2. Hose from the ¾" NPT cleanable wye strainer on the primer inlet to the ¾" NPT fire pump priming port shall be non-collapsible ¾" minimum inside diameter.
3. The AirPrime and attached wye strainer shall be installed in an accessible location per Figure #3 on Page 5. The installer may choose from one of the options below as a method of draining the strainer:
   a) Remove threaded plug on wye strainer for draining during annual pump service. Refer to Page 13 for Troubleshooting Guide.
   b) For draining purposes, the strainer may be piped to the Master Drain of the fire pump system by the installer, especially in freezing climates.
   c) Alternatively a separate drain with valve and label may be piped to the bottom of the pump enclosure by the installer.

NOTE: If a front suction inlet is provided, a REMOTE PRIMER mounting is required. Refer to drawings of front suction plumbing on Pages 11 and 12.

Direct Primer Mounting
Figure #1 illustrates the proper mounting of the primer to a Hale cross-frame midship fire pumps. Use the black plastic Hale strainer provided with the fire pump.
Air Schematic, PPV, Air Hose and Connections

Air Supply Schematic

The AirPrime must be connected to the vehicle’s air brake system exactly as shown in Figure 4 below. The schematic below is typical for most trucks built today.

1. Air compressor is shown as (1).
2. Supply reservoir (wet tank) is shown as (2).
3. Primary reservoir (typically for the rear brakes) is shown as (3).
4. Pressure Protection Valve (PPV) is shown as (4) and in photo at right.
5. Secondary reservoir (typically for the front brakes) is shown as (5).

NOTE: For some chassis, the supply reservoir (2) and the secondary reservoirs (3 and 5) are combined into a dual split-tank containing two distinct air chambers. Many other variations are also possible.

Air Supply, Hose, and Connections

The air source used to supply the AirPrime shall be from the primary air reservoir (3) in Figure #4 or a secondary air reservoir (normally used for air horns, air accessories, or fire pump shift system).

The supply line from the Pressure Protection Valve (PPV) (4) in Figure #4 to the primer control should be a minimum size of 3/8" OD air brake tubing and connected at both ends with 1/4" NPT fittings (Connections and tubing must be rated for air brake service). The tubing should be kept as short as possible, secured at regular intervals, free of any kinks or bends, and must not be run near exhaust piping (Stay 6" [150 mm] away from any exhaust or hot components), muffler, or rotating shafts. Use grommets to protect the tubing lines from contacting sharp edges at hole locations.

When the length of tubing required exceeds 20 feet [6.1 m], a minimum size of ¼" OD air brake tubing should be used.

Pressure Protection Valve (PPV)

A PPV (4) is not supplied with the basic primer kit. A Trident PPV Part #30.053.0 may be purchased separately, or a Bendix PPV, Style PR-4, Part #286323 or its equivalent may be used. The PPV valve must be installed per Figure #4 between the primary air supply reservoir (3) and the primer control. The valve protects the air brake system from any leaks that may occur in the primer control or the line from the PPV to the primer control. PPV pressure setting is 80-PSIG maximum.

Air Filter Port

This cleanable porous filter is located inside the top of the primer body, below the threaded area on the air supply connection or solenoid connection. See Figure #5.

A replacement domed filter is available as Part #21.002.0.

Figure 3

Figure 4

Figure 5
## Automatic Single Location AirPrime™ System

### Installation

1. Install the automatic AirPrime unit within pump enclosure. Unit must be mounted **ABOVE** the highest priming point in suction piping.
2. Install ¼" OD air hose piping from the PPV valve protected air tank to the primer solenoid (See Figure #7).
3. Install the rocker switch electric primer control on pump panel (See Figure #8).
4. Install the pump pressure switch in a ¼" NPT “pressure” opening on the top of the fire pump. Install switch in a vertical orientation and in a position that allows for proper draining (See Figure #6).
5. Install the Automatic AirPrime wiring harness as follows: (See Page 7 and Figures 10, 11, 12)
   - Gray 5-prong plug to rocker switch control in pump panel bezel, and connect 6” pigtail to wiring harness (gray plug).
   - White wire to “OK TO PUMP” light circuit or to fire pump shift control circuit (PTO or split shaft) (1½ feet long) [0.5 m].
   - Red (+) and black (-) wires to power supply (1 foot long) (Wiring and 1 amp fuse by installer).
   - Plug-in to AirPrime solenoid connection (5 feet of cable) [1.8 m].
   - Plug in to fire pump discharge pressure switch (5 feet of cable) [1.8 m] (See Figure #6).

### Operation: Automatic Priming Control

**“AUTO” Mode (Top Position)**

1. Normally, leave AirPrime rocker switch in AUTO mode.
2. If drafting, connect all suction hoses, strainer, and tighten accordingly. In cab: Engage parking brake, Engage pump per manufacturers recommendations (**AirPrime** will start priming automatically when pump is engaged). **NOTE:** Never run a fire pump dry for more than 45 seconds.
3. Pump Panel: Check to see if OK TO PUMP green light is ON and then increase RPM. When the discharge pressure increases above 20-PSIG [1.4 Bar] the primer will disengage. When master gauge indicates greater than 20-PSIG [1.4 Bar] pressure, the discharges can be opened and pumping operations established.
4. Automatic Operation: If prime is lost, **AirPrime** will automatically operate and re-prime the fire pump and will disengage again when pressure reaches 20-PSIG [1.4 Bar].

**“OFF” Mode (Center Position)**

1. Disengages the AirPrime pump primer at all times.

**“PRIME” Mode (Lower Position)**

1. Push and Hold the momentary switch used for manual engagement of primer at any time.
2. For Operation: Properly engage the fire pump, note the green OK TO PUMP light, and advance the throttle to 1000 RPM, push and hold the AirPrime momentary switch until pump is primed, open discharges slowly. Rocker switch can be changed to AUTO mode at any time.
3. The manual mode can be used without having the fire pump engaged for vacuum testing or training on the primer system.
Automatic Single Location AirPrime™ System with Optional Vacuum Gauge

Installation

1. Install automatic AirPrime unit within pump enclosure. Unit must be mounted ABOVE the highest priming point in suction piping.
2. Install ¾” OD air hose piping from the PPV valve protected air tank to the primer.
3. Install the rocker switch electric primer control with lift gauge on the pump panel (See Figure #9).
4. Install the pump pressure switch in a ¼” NPT “pressure” opening on the top of the fire pump (See Figure #6 on Page 6).
5. Install the Automatic AirPrime wiring harness as follows (See Figures 10, 11, 12):
   a. Gray 5-prong plug to rocker switch control in pump panel bezel, and connect 6” pigtail to wiring harness (gray plug).
   b. White wire to Hot (+) Side of “OK TO PUMP” light circuit or to fire pump shift control circuit (PTO or split shaft) (1½ feet long) [.5 m].
   c. Red (+) and black (-) wires to power supply (1 foot long) (Wiring and 1 amp fuse by installer).
   d. Plug-in to AirPrime solenoid connection, 5 feet of cable [1.8 m].
   e. Plug-in to fire pump discharge pressure switch, 5 feet of cable [1.8 m] (See Figure #6 on Page 6).
6. Connect a ¼” [6.35 mm] tubing line (Not supplied) from the push-to-connect fitting supplied on the back of the panel lift gauge to the ¼” NPT connection on side of the primer body using the ¼” male NPT x ¼” push-to-connect swivel elbow provided with the AirPrime unit.

The lift gauge provides the following features:

a) Indication of the vertical lift of water during priming operation.

b) Lift gauge will not be damaged by positive water pressure supply line.

c) Lift gauge can be used for positive periodic in-service ramp test without having the fire pump engaged.

d) Operation is the same as Automatic AirPrime without a lift gauge.
Manual Single Location AirPrime™ Systems

Installation

1. Install manual AirPrime unit within the pump enclosure. Unit must be mounted ABOVE the highest point in suction piping.
2. Install the manually operated primer push-to-operate air control on pump panel (see Figure #13).
3. Install 3/8" OD air hose piping with 1/4" NPT fittings from the PPV protected air tank to the primer manually operated push-to-operate control and then to the primer unit. (See Figure #14).
4. If the AirPrime is equipped with an optional lift gauge, connect a 1/4" tubing line from the push-to-connect fitting supplied on the back of the panel 'lift gauge' to the 1/4" NPT connection on side of the primer body using the 1/4" male NPT x 1/4" push-to-connect swivel elbow provided with the AirPrime unit. (See photo bottom right for tubing connection location).

OPERATION: Manual Priming Control

The manual AirPrime pump primer is operated simply by increasing the engine speed to a maximum of 1000 RPM and depressing the push button on the panel. Hold the button down until the discharge pressure gauge begins to rise. The primer will stop running when the push button is released. The push button will operate the primer regardless of whether the fire pump is engaged or not.
1. Depressing the "PUSH TO PRIME" button directs air to the primer inlet.
2. An internal valve to the water pump is "opened" with air pressure from chassis air system.
3. Vacuum for drafting is created by air-flow through multi-stage internal venturi nozzles.
4. Panel control valve has no water, plumbing or electrical lines.
5. Never run a dry pump at engine speeds above 1200 RPM and/or for more than 45 seconds in accordance with fire pump manufacturer's operating instructions.

The lift gauge provides the following features:

a) Indication of the vertical lift of water during priming operation.
b) Lift gauge will not be damaged by positive water pressure supply line.
c) Lift gauge can be used for positive periodic in-service ramp test without pump engagement.
d) Operation is the same as a manual AirPrime without a lift gauge.
Multi Location Installation and Operating Instructions

Key Points for All Installations
1. RPV - Remote Priming Valves MUST be mounted above the highest priming point in the suction plumbing.
2. The AirPrime should be mounted at the same height as the RPV.
3. If the RPV priming valve is mounted below the AirPrime unit, add drain lines from all low points to a drain valve to prevent freezing.
4. It is common to have up to four (4) remote locations with the AirPrime Multi-Location priming system.
5. If front suction pre-priming is required, refer to drawings on the bottom Pages 11 and 12 for installation recommendations.

Installation Notes for Multi-Location Priming Systems
1. Automatic System: Follow the instructions on Page 6 and Page 7 with lift gauge for mounting the first control on the pump panel.
2. Automatic System: Refer to schematics in Figure 17 on Page 11 for air, electric and suction plumbing and wiring.
3. Automatic AirPrime Connections: See Figure 7 on Page 6 and information on Page 5.
4. Manual System: Follow the instructions on Page 8 for mounting the first control on the pump panel.
5. Manual System: Refer to schematics in Figure 16 on Page 10 for air, electric, and suction plumbing and wiring.
6. For additional priming locations mount a push-button control as shown in Photo 5.
7. Gold labels are provided for LEFT, RIGHT, FRONT and REAR remote priming locations as shown in Photo 6.
8. See Photos 3 and 4 to note “arrows” on the RPVs and Check Valves are in the proper flow direction.

Operating Instructions for Multi-Location Automatic Priming System
1. See operating instructions for automatic priming system on Page 6 for the initial fire pump priming procedures.
2. To pre-prime a remote location, push the PRIME button for that location for 45 seconds or until water appears at top of hose.
3. Be sure AirPrime is in the “automatic” position when opening the remote location valve control.

Operating Instructions for Multi-Location Manual Priming System
1. See operating instructions for manual priming system on Page 8 for the initial fire pump priming procedures.
2. To pre-prime a remote location, push the manual button for that location for 45 seconds or until water appears at top of hose.
3. Be prepared to push the fire pump manual AirPrime Push-To-Prime button when remote location valve control is opened to remove any trapped air.

Multi-Location Components
1. Primer solenoid and Multi Location air inlets are shown below in Photos 1 and 2.
2. RPV valve and Air Check Valve noted with ‘directional’ arrows shown below in Photos 3 and 4.
3. Additional pre-priming panel control and choice of appropriate labels shown in Photo 5 and 6.
Multi Location Automatic AirPrime™ System Diagram

Notes:
1. More than two valve sets may be ganged in a similar manner with kit 27.005.1 for each.
2. If priming valve is mounted below AirPrime, add line(s) from low point(s) to drain valve(s).

Figure 16

Front Suction Plumbing
Highest Point Above Front Axle
Figure 17

**Multi Location Manual AirPrime™ System Diagram**

Compressed Air In

3/8" Tubing (Min)

Open

Panel Valve

Fire Pump

1/4" Tubing (Min)

Closed

Remote

Panel Valve

Check Valve

3/8" Tubing (Min)

Use Either Side 1/8" NPT Tap or Top 1/8" NPT Tap. Plug the Unused Port.

RPV Fire Pump

Closed

Leave Vents Open

From Fire Pump

3/4" Tubing (Min)

From Remote Location

1/4" Tubing (Min)

Color Key

- Air Supply Lines
- Vacuum Priming Lines

**Figure 17**

**Contact Trident for Front Suction Kits.**

- Trident Kit Supplied Items
- Installer Supplied Items

Kit Part Numbers

5" NH Kit: #27.011.1

6" NH Kit: #27.011.0

**Color Key**

- 3/4" ID External Flex Tubing**
- 1/2" or 5/8" ID External Flex Line
- 1/2" ID Internal Flexible Tubing**
- 3/4" ID External Flex Line
- 3/4" Weld Coupling**
- Special Strainer*
- 1/2" or 5/8" ID External Flexible Tubing**
- Fittings in Kit from Outside of Pipe To Inside*
- Priming Valve
- Priming Line Drain Valve

**Front Suction Plumbing**

Highest Point At Front Inlet
## Trouble Shooting Guide

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| System Does Not Hold Vacuum. | • Master Drain Valve Open.  
• Discharge or Intake Valves Open.  
• Bleeder or Drain Valves Open.  
• Relief Valve Drain Open.  
Intake Relief Valve Allowing Air Into Pump System. | Double check all drains, discharge and intake valves to make sure all are closed.  
a) Adjust intake valve to closed position (be careful to count the number of turns to close and re-open the same number of turns).  
b) Cap the discharge side of the intake relief valve (NPT or NH).  
Be sure to remove cap after testing. |
| AirPrime™ Exhaust Outlets Drawing Back Vacuum. | The integral priming valve is not closing all the way, air is moving upward into the barrels, into the pump, as the water falls back into the hard suction hose to the water level or as vacuum is lost through the fire pump system. |
| Inadequate air supply. | a) Check CFM of air compressor on engine. See Page 4.  
b) Check air pressure at “supply” side of AirPrime (should be over 70-PSIG/[3.8 Bar]). Install a tee and air gauge in input for test purposes. If the air pressure is not the same as the cab dash air pressure gauge, check for under sized airline, kinks or obstructions in air line, or air line is too long (under 20 ft [6 m] from primary tank. |
| Pressure Protection Valve. | Check Pressure Protection Valve air on/off settings (should shut-off in the 60 to 80-PSIG / [4.2 to 5.5 Bar] range) and OPEN no higher than 80-PSIG / [5.5 Bar] to AirPrime. |
| Air filter on “intake” side of air supply connection to AirPrime body. | a) Manual AirPrime: Remove air supply piping, remove fine mesh filter, clean and replace.  
b) Automatic AirPrime: Remove air supply piping, remove air solenoid assembly, remove fine mesh filter, clean and replace. |
| Slight air leak in discharge or intake valves in fire pump plumbing. | Hydrostatic test the plumbing system to NFPA #1901 standard with wet fire pump and closed valves: 250-PSIG [17.2 Bar] for 10 minutes w/ pressure loss. |
| Check the interior ‘check valves’ inside primer. | Remove and disassemble primer to inspect the (3) small rubber check valves to venturi orifices. |
| Check the interior primer body ‘venturi nozzles’ for foreign material or blockage. | Remove and disassemble primer to inspect venturi nozzle openings or clean with small wire to assure open orifices. |
| Defective Primer. | Replace or rebuild primer with Kit #27.003.3. |
| AirPrime™ Leaks Water. | a) The priming valve is not seating in the shut-off position: Remove primer, disassemble, and check the priming valve spring, seat and operation.  
b) The priming valve is “stuck”, check for damaged O-Ring or check to see if piston is fully threaded on the valve stem. |
| Manual System: Air continues to flow when button is released. | Replace the Push Button with a new valve, Part #27.003.1.  
Refer to air schematic drawing, Figure 4 on Page #5 of this manual. |
| Automatic System: Air continues to flow when button is released. | Refer to parts list on Page 16, order replacement switch, Part #27.003.2.  
Refer to parts list, order replacement solenoid, Part #30.003.0 (12 Volt) or #30.003.1 (24 Volt).  
Reverse orientation of solenoid on top of manifold. Ports on solenoid and manifold should be on the same side. |
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<td>Leaking air into the plumbing system.</td>
<td>Double check all drains, discharge, and intake valves to make sure all are closed.</td>
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<td>Low air pressure.</td>
<td>Check air pressure at “supply” side of AirPrime (Should be over 70-PSIG/ [3.8 Bar]). Install a tee and air gauge in input for test purposes. If the air pressure is not the same as the cab dash air pressure gauge, check for an under sized airline, kinks or obstructions in air line. Or the air line may be too long (Must be under 20 feet [6 m] from primary tank).</td>
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<td>Pressure Protection Valve.</td>
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| Check wye strainer on intake from fire pump, could be “clogged”. | a) Remote primer installation: The line from the fire pump to the AirPrime has a wye type strainer just before connecting into the primer body. Remove the plug, then strainer, and clean the strainer of debris, reinstall strainer and plug.  
   b) Direct mount on Hale pump installation: Remove the primer from the Hale fire pump, check the black plastic strainer (Supplied by Hale). | |
| Check Air line to the AirPrime. | The air supply line from the air tank is either “kinked”, undersized or over length. Replace air line accordingly (NOTE: Found mainly on new installations). | |
| Check discharge and intake valves. | Cap or plug the discharge and intake valves to prove the valves are not leaking air into the plumbing system (Hydro-static pump test is useful for such testing). | |
| Check gated “Master Intake Valves” on suction intakes. | a) Remove the MIV and cap intake.  
   b) Install a cap on the discharge side of the relief valve.  
   c) Cap the Storz or NH intake. | |
| Check the AirPrime integral priming valve. | a) The priming valve is not seating in the shut-off position, remove primer, disassemble, and check the priming valve spring, seat, and operation.  
   b) The priming valve is “stuck”, check for damaged O-Ring or check to see that the piston is still fully threaded on the valve stem. | |
| Suction lift too high. Blocked suction strainer. | Do not attempt lifts exceeding 24 feet.  
   Remove any obstructions or debris from hose strainer, do not allow suction hose or strainer to rest on the bottom of water supply. | |
| Leaking Suction Hose connections. | Clean and tighten all suction hose connections, check hose washers and replace as necessary. | |
| Air Trap in suction line. | Suction hose should be positioned with a constant decline to the water supply. If a trap is unavoidable, repeated priming may be required to eliminate air pocket. | |

## Multi Location Specific

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<td>Not priming from highest suction plumbing point.</td>
<td>Check suction plumbing elevations, shown on bottom of Pages 10 and 11. Check for changes in suction high point when truck is drafting on an incline.</td>
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<td>Remote Priming Valve not opening.</td>
<td>Defective RPV, defective panel push button, check system plumbing using schematics on Page 10 (Automatic) Figure 16 and Page 11 (Manual) Figure 17.</td>
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<td>Water trap in RPV line.</td>
<td>Lines must ascend from highest suction plumbing points to RPV(s) for natural drainage and to avoid water traps.</td>
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Annual Primer Testing

The AirPrime primer is designed to meet the NFPA requirements of: Dry Vacuum (TEST #1) and Priming Time (TEST #2). These tests should be performed on an annual basis, or whenever major repairs or modifications have been made to the fire pump, plumbing or primer.

**TEST #1** Dry Vacuum Test: Checks the primer’s ability to produce 22 inches (Hg) [.745 Bar] of vacuum, and the pump and plumbing’s ability to hold that vacuum. The test may be run with the pump in gear or not engaged. Never run a dry pump at engine speeds above 1200 RPM. There is no time requirement for the vacuum to reach 22 inches. If the compressor has a capacity of 13.2 CFM [374 cu. cm. displacement], it can take several minutes to reach 22 inches [.75 Bar]. This time can be shortened by not engaging the pump and increasing the engine speed to 1200 RPM. The test process is as follows:

1. Drain all water from pump and plumbing.
2. Close all valves and drains. Cap all suction openings and the outlet off the suction side relief valve (if so equipped).
3. Connect a test vacuum gauge to the intake test gauge connection on the pump panel.
4. Operate the AirPrime with the air system at over 100-PSIG [7.0 Bar] pressure, air tanks filled to capacity, and at 1000 RPM engine speed; until the vacuum gauge indicates 22 inches (Hg) [.75 Bar] or more of vacuum. (If the primer is an Automatic AirPrime electrically controlled model, use the “PRIME” mode switch position to engage the primer).
5. Watch the gauge, if the vacuum falls more than 10 inches in 5 minutes the test has failed and is a certain indication of an air leak(s). Vacuum leaks may be detected by ear, with the engine turned off. Correct leaks immediately and re-test the priming system.

**TEST #2** Priming Time Test: This test is to prove that the fire pump and primer has the capability of attain a prime and creating discharge water pressure in a set period of time. This test is also conducted by the apparatus builder prior to delivery. The fire pump shall be engaged and primer actuated. The test is part of an annual pump performance test and is performed as follows:

1. Set up the apparatus in accordance with the pumping test outlined in the NFPA standards.
2. Engage the pump, and increase the throttle to a maximum engine speed of 1000 RPM.
3. Operate the AirPrime with the air system at over 100-PSIG [7.0 Bar] pressure, air tanks filled to capacity, and at 1000 RPM engine speed.
   • For the Manual controlled primer, release the push button when a discharge pressure over 20-PSIG [1.4 Bar] is obtained.
   • For the Automatic AirPrime electrically controlled model, place the switch in the “AUTO” position, it will turn the primer off automatically when priming is attained.
4. The time to prime should not exceed 30 seconds for 1250-GPM [4700 LPM] and smaller pumps. The time to prime should not exceed 45 seconds for 1500-GPM [5600 LPM] and larger pumps. An additional 15 seconds is allowed for pumps with 4” or larger auxiliary suctions.

Higher lifts and operating at higher elevations will slow down time to prime. The air compressor rating should be a minimum of 18 CFM [410 cu. cm. displacement] for elevations over 4000 feet [1200 m] and lifts in excess of 15 feet [4.5 m]. Operation at these extremes may require the primer to be operated at engine speeds in excess of 1000 RPM without engaging the pump, until water reaches the impeller. Never run a dry pump at engine speeds above 1200 RPM.

**IN-SERVICE OPERATIONAL TEST** (Ramp Test)

The AirPrime integrity and operation can be quickly checked (on a daily or weekly basis) as outlined below, without fire pump engagement:

1. Drain all water from pump and plumbing.
2. Close all valves and drains. Cap all suction openings.
3. Operate the AirPrime with the air system at over 100-PSIG [7.0 Bar] pressure, air tanks filled to capacity, and the engine running at 1000 RPM (with an Automatic AirPrime electrically controlled model use the “PRIME” mode switch position).
4. Stop running the primer.

Time to reach 15 inches HG [.50 Bar] or 17 feet [5.0 m] on lift gauge should be within the time allowed in list below for the pump tested.

**Small Body Pump (Thru 1250-GPM): Vacuum Time**

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**Note:** Vacuum Time listed in the table at left are for operations up to 2000 feet [609 m] of elevation. When running this In-Service Operational Ramp Test at higher elevations, the vacuum should be reduced by 1 inch (1.13 feet) for each 1000 feet [304 m] of elevation over 2000 feet [609 m].
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