

# Omega HEC-12 PRO Prohibitor™

## Institutional Automatic Sprinkler

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### Product Description

The Omega Prohibitor™ Model HEC-12 PRO Automatic Sprinklers have been specifically designed for use in institutional occupancies, such as correctional facilities and mental health facilities, where the occupants may attempt to tamper with or otherwise employ the sprinkler to injure themselves or others.

The horizontal sidewall style Prohibitor™ HEC-12 PRO sprinklers are recessed into the mounting surface with only a portion of the heat collecting fin assembly projecting into the protected space. The heat collecting assembly has an average breakaway load of 68 lbs., and a maximum breakaway load of 85 lbs. Unlike other institutional sprinklers, the escutcheon plate and optional closure plates are firmly attached to the recessed sprinkler body with tamper resistant retaining screws.

The Omega Prohibitor™ sprinklers are designed with an aesthetically pleasing, low profile silhouette. They feature a spray pattern that has been shown to be effective in the control or extinguishment of fire.

The Model HEC-12 PRO is a Horizontal Sidewall Sprinkler Listed for standard sidewall applications with the deflector positioned 4" to 12" below the ceiling.

For all models of Prohibitor™ Sprinklers, an optional 3 5/8" diameter light gauge escutcheon closure plate is available, for use where the wall penetration is greater

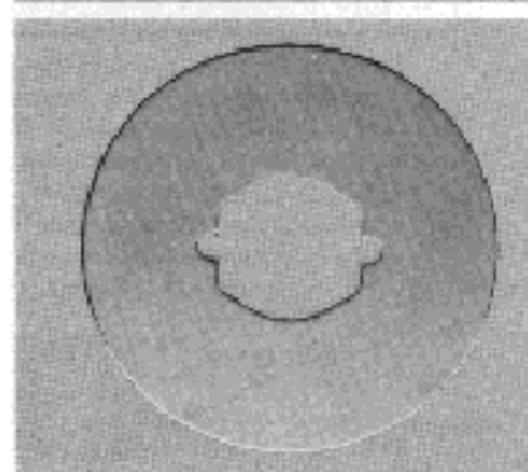
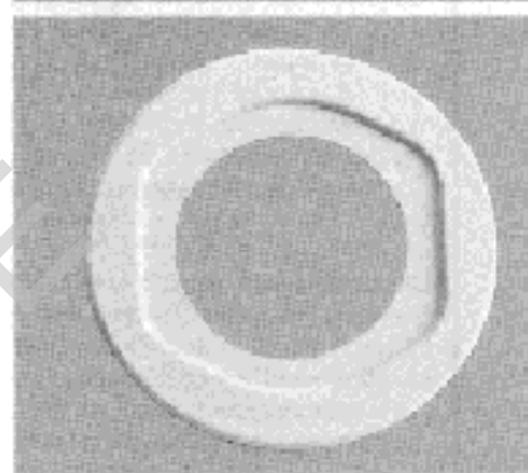
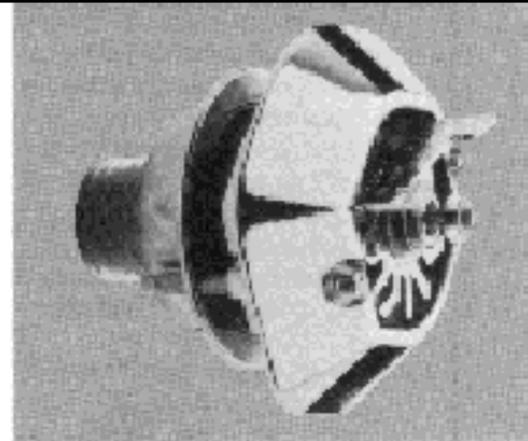
than the recommended 2 1/4" diameter. The escutcheon closure plate fits between the base of the escutcheon and the mounting surface.

For all models of Prohibitor™ sprinklers, an optional 4 1/2" diameter x 1/8" thick security closure plate is available for use where additional security is a consideration. The security closure greatly reduces the possibility of inserting a tool, prybar or other device behind the sprinkler. The security closure plate fits between the base of the escutcheon and the mounting surface.

For all models of Prohibitor™ Sprinklers, the optional Ident-A-Fire™ feature is available to provide an alarm signal upon activation of the sprinkler.

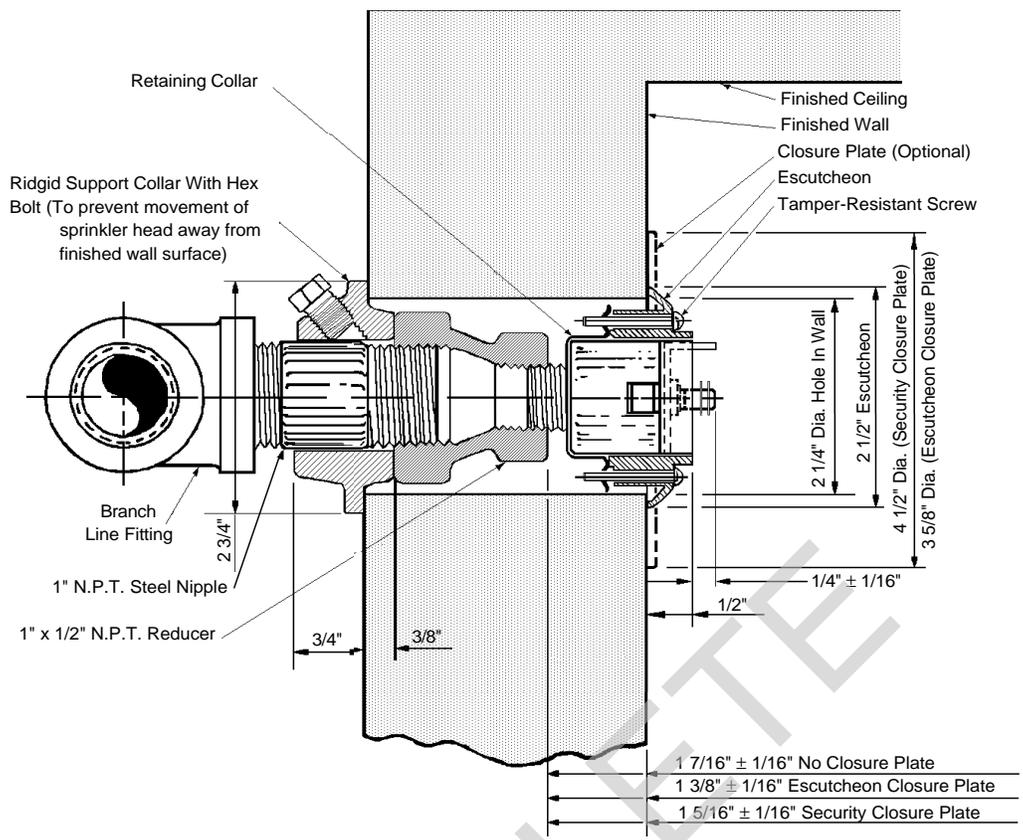
Prohibitor™ Sprinklers are available in two standard finishes, chrome and brass. Their mating escutcheon is available in three standard finishes, chrome plated, brass plated and white painted, with additional special finishes available.

**Operation:** A fusible alloy pellet is compressed with a bearing disc into a copper housing by a ball plunger. Heat is absorbed by the heat collecting fins and conducted to the alloy pellet. At the rated temperature the alloy melts, causing the ball plunger to drop, freeing balls from the retaining groove. This movement allows system water pressure to force the orifice sealing mechanism and deflector assembly open. Water is then discharged in a designed flow pattern.

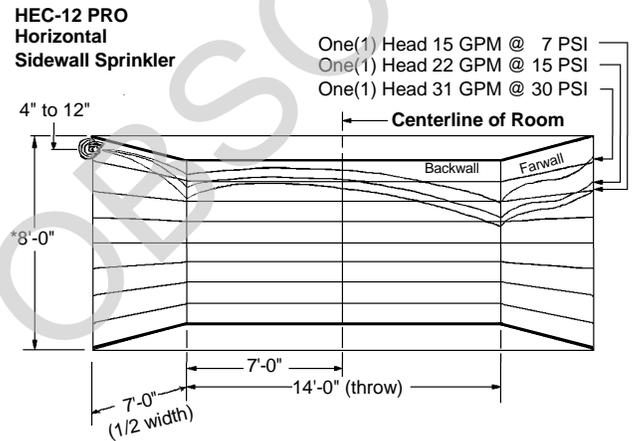


## 1/2" Orifice Horizontal Sidewall Automatic Sprinkler

# Installation Diagram - HEC-12 PRO



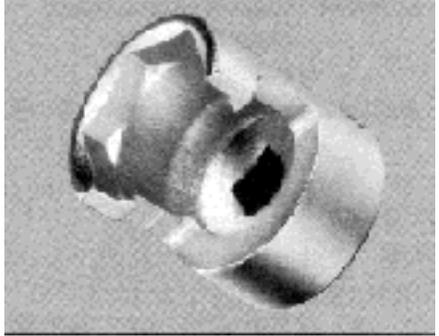
Note: A special tamper-proof socket must be used for installation or removal of the tamper-resistant retaining screws.



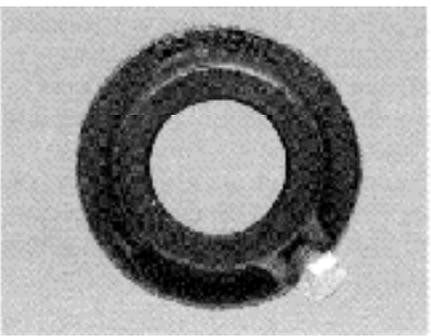
Nominal Wetting Patterns for 14' x 14' Room

\* Shown for reference only, not a height restriction.

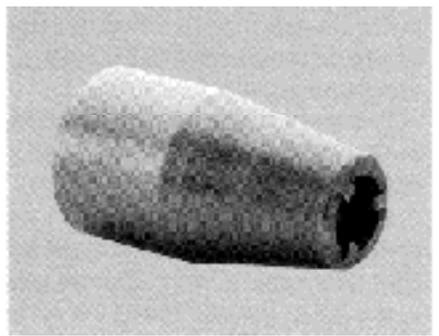
Omega HEC Sprinkler Wrench



Rigid Support Collar



Tamper-proof Socket



## Design Requirements - Standard Coverage Applications

The Model HEC-12 PRO Horizontal Sidewall Sprinklers are intended for standard coverage areas and standard flow and pressure requirements as specified in the current NFPA 13 for light and ordinary hazard occupancies. The sprinklers must be installed in the horizontal sidewall position, with the deflector from 4" to 12" below the ceiling.



## Technical Data

Model: HEC-12 PRO  
Style: Horizontal Sidewall  
Orifice Size: 1/2"  
K Factor: 5.6  
Thread Size: 1/2" N.P.T.  
Temperature Rating: 160°F/71°C  
Approvals: U.L., U.L.C.,  
MEA 46-92-M  
Maximum Working Pressure: 175 psi  
Factory Hydro Test: 100% at 500 psi  
Standard Finishes:  
Sprinkler: chrome, factory brass  
Escutcheon: chrome plated, brass  
plated, white painted  
Escutcheon Closure: chrome plated,  
white painted  
Security Closure: chrome plated,  
Length: 2 3/8"  
Width: 2"  
Weight: 6.8 oz.



## Installation

Prohibitor™ sprinklers must be installed in accordance with current NFPA 13. Deviations from these requirements and standards, or any alteration to the sprinkler itself, will void any warranty made by Central Sprinkler Company. In addition, installation must also meet local government provisions, codes, and standards as applicable.

The system piping must be properly sized to ensure the proper flow rate at the sprinkler.

Prior to installation, check for proper model, style, orifice size, and temperature rating. Install sprinklers after the piping is in place to avoid mechanical damage; replace any damaged unit. Wet pipe systems must be protected from freezing.

Upon completion of the installation, the system must be tested per recognized standards.

In the event of a thread leak, remove the unit, apply new pipe joint compound or tape, and reinstall.

### Installation Sequence

**Step 1.** The sprinkler must be installed in the horizontal position 4" to 12" below ceiling.

**Step 2.** Install the steel nipple into the branch line fitting, then slide the rigid support collar over the nipple prior to installing the 1" x 1/2" reducing coupling. The face of the sprinkler fitting should be installed:

- 1 7/16" ( $\pm 1/16$ ") behind the finished wall if no closure plate is utilized.
- 1 3/8" ( $\pm 1/16$ ") behind the finished wall if the light gauge escutcheon closure plate is utilized.
- 1 5/16" ( $\pm 1/16$ ") behind the finished wall if the security closure plate is utilized.

The sprinkler nipple must be fitted with the rigid support collar to prevent movement of the sprinkler away from the finished wall surface (see installation diagram on page 2).

**Step 3.** Use only a non-hardening pipe joint compound or Teflon\* tape. Apply to the male threads only.

**Step 4.** Hand tighten the sprinkler into the reducing coupling. Use an Omega HEC sprinkler wrench to tighten the unit into the fitting. A leak tight joint requires the application of only 7 to 14 ft.-lbs. of torque. A tangential force of 14 to 28 lbs. delivered through a 6" long handle will deliver adequate torque. Torque levels over 21 ft.-lbs may distort the orifice seal, resulting in leakage.

**Step 5.** To install the escutcheon plate (and closure plate if applicable), align it (them) with and press it (them) over the sprinkler body until the outer edge of the escutcheon (or closure plate) meets the mounting surface. Do not over or under tighten the sprinkler to compensate for inaccurate escutcheon plate adjustment.

**Step 6.** Install the tamper resistant retaining screws through the escutcheon and into the retaining collar, thereby drawing the escutcheon (and closure plate) up tight against the mounting surface. The tamper resistant retaining screws can only be installed or removed using the special tamper-proof socket.

**Caution:** Special care must be taken when installing with a CPVC system. Sprinklers must be installed after the manufacturer's recommended setting time for the primer and cement to ensure that neither accumulate within the sprinkler.

Special care must be taken when installing with a copper system. Sprinklers must be installed only after the inside of the sprinkler nipple and associated fittings have been wire brushed to remove any flux. Residual flux can cause corrosion and in extreme cases can impair proper sprinkler operation.



## Care & Maintenance

Sprinklers must be handled carefully. They must not be transported or stored where ambient temperatures may exceed 100°F/38°C. For best results, store them in a cool, dry location in the original shipping package.

Do not install sprinklers that have been dropped or visibly damaged. Sprinklers must never be painted, coated, plated, or altered in any other way from manufactured condition or they may not function properly. Any sprinklers altered in such a manner must be replaced.

\*Teflon is a trademark of the DuPont Corp.

The owner is responsible for the proper working condition of all fire protection devices and accessories. The NFPA Standard 13A entitled, "Care and Maintenance of Sprinkler Systems", contains guidelines and minimum maintenance requirements. Furthermore, the local *Authority Having Jurisdiction* may have additional regulations and requirements for maintenance, testing, and inspection that must be obeyed.

It is advisable to have sprinkler systems inspected regularly by a qualified inspection service. Length of time between such inspections can vary due to accessibility, ambient atmosphere, water supply, and site activity.

Do not attempt to re-assemble or otherwise reuse a sprinkler that has operated. Replace any sprinkler exhibiting corrosion or damage; always use new sprinklers of the same type and temperature rating as replacements.

Because the discharge pattern is critical to protection of life and property, nothing should be hung or attached to the sprinkler unit that would disrupt the discharge pattern. Such obstructions must be removed. In the event that construction has altered the original configuration, additional sprinklers may need to be installed to maintain the protection level.

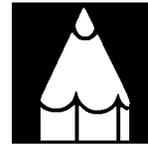
Do not attempt to replace sprinklers without first removing the fire protection system from service. Be certain to secure permission from all *Authorities Having Jurisdiction*, and

notify all personnel who may be affected during system shutdown. A fire watch during maintenance periods is a recommended precaution.

To remove the system from service mode, first refer to the system operating guide and valve instructions. Drain water and relieve pressure in the pipes. Remove the existing unit and install the replacement, using only the special sprinkler wrench. Be certain to match model, style, orifice, and temperature rating.

A fire protection system that has been shut off after activation should be returned to service immediately. Inspect the entire system for damage and replace or repair as necessary. Sprinklers that did not operate but were subjected to corrosive elements of combustion or excessive temperatures should be inspected, and replaced if need be. The *Authority Having Jurisdiction* will detail minimum replacement requirements and regulations.

**Guarantee:** Central Sprinkler Company will repair and/or replace any product found to be defective in material or workmanship within a period of one year from date of shipment. Please refer to the current Price List for further details of the warranty.



## Ordering Information

**Ordering Information:** When placing an order, indicate the full product name. Please specify the quantity, model, style, orifice size, temperature rating, sprinkler finish, escutcheon finish, closure plate(s) and finish, sprinkler wrench and special tamper-proof socket.

For special painted escutcheon finishes, the customer must provide quick-dry paint preferably in a lacquer base to ensure proper color duplication. Without which Central Sprinkler Company cannot be responsible for acceptable color matching.

**Availability and Service:** Central sprinklers, accessories, and other products are available throughout the U.S. and Canada, and internationally, through a network of Central Sprinkler Company distribution centers. You may write directly to Central Sprinkler Company or call (215) 362-0700 for the distributor nearest you.

**Patents:** The Omega Prohibitor™ Automatic Sprinklers are protected under U.S. Patent No. 4,491,182. Additional patents are pending.

**Conversion Table:**

1 inch = 25.400 mm  
1 foot = 0.3048 M  
1 pound = 0.4536 kg  
1 foot pound = 1.36 Nm  
1 psi = 6.895 Kpa  
= 0.0689 bar  
= 0.0703 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>  
1 U.S. gallon = 3.785 dm<sup>3</sup>  
= 3.785 liters

Conversions are approximate.



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