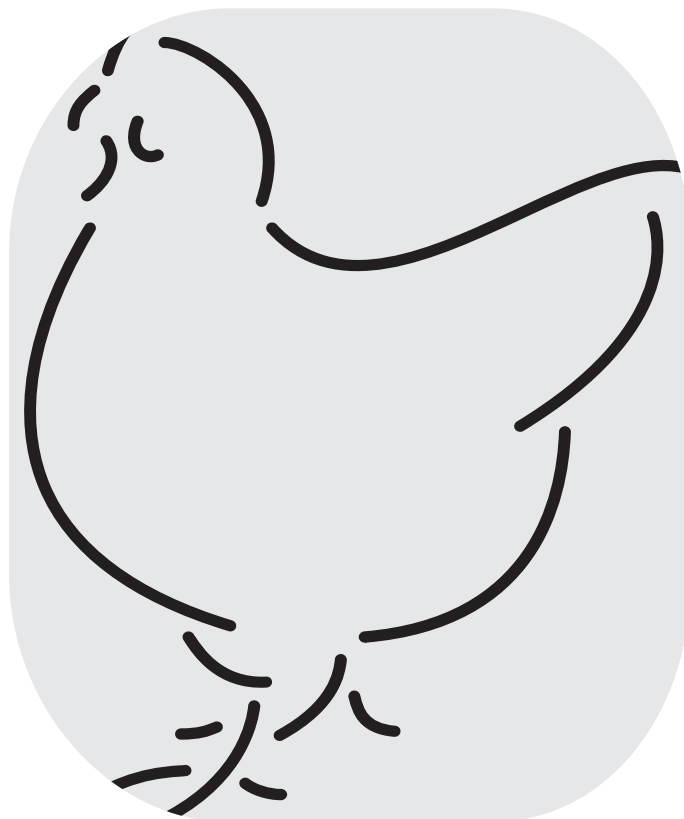




# *Watering Systems*

## Cage Watering

Installation Guide,  
Parts List,  
Operation Guide and  
Maintenance Instructions



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# Planning



Hi, my name is Val. Congratulations.  
You have just purchased the finest watering system  
in the world. The first thing you need to do is  
check the parts you just received to make  
sure you have everything you ordered.

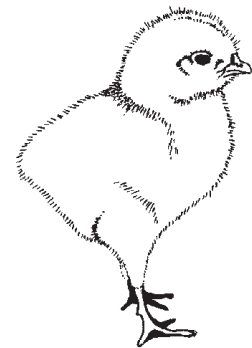
## WARNING!

Do not use any  
oil-based products  
when installing or  
maintaining system.  
See the back of the  
booklet for more details.

## Checklist

### Tools you will need to install your Val system:

- Hammer
- Screwdriver
- Crimping Tool
- Cable Cutters (VC300)
- Saw
- PVC Glue (VG125)
- Teflon Tape
- Pliers
- Measuring Tape
- PVC Pipe Cutter (VC100)



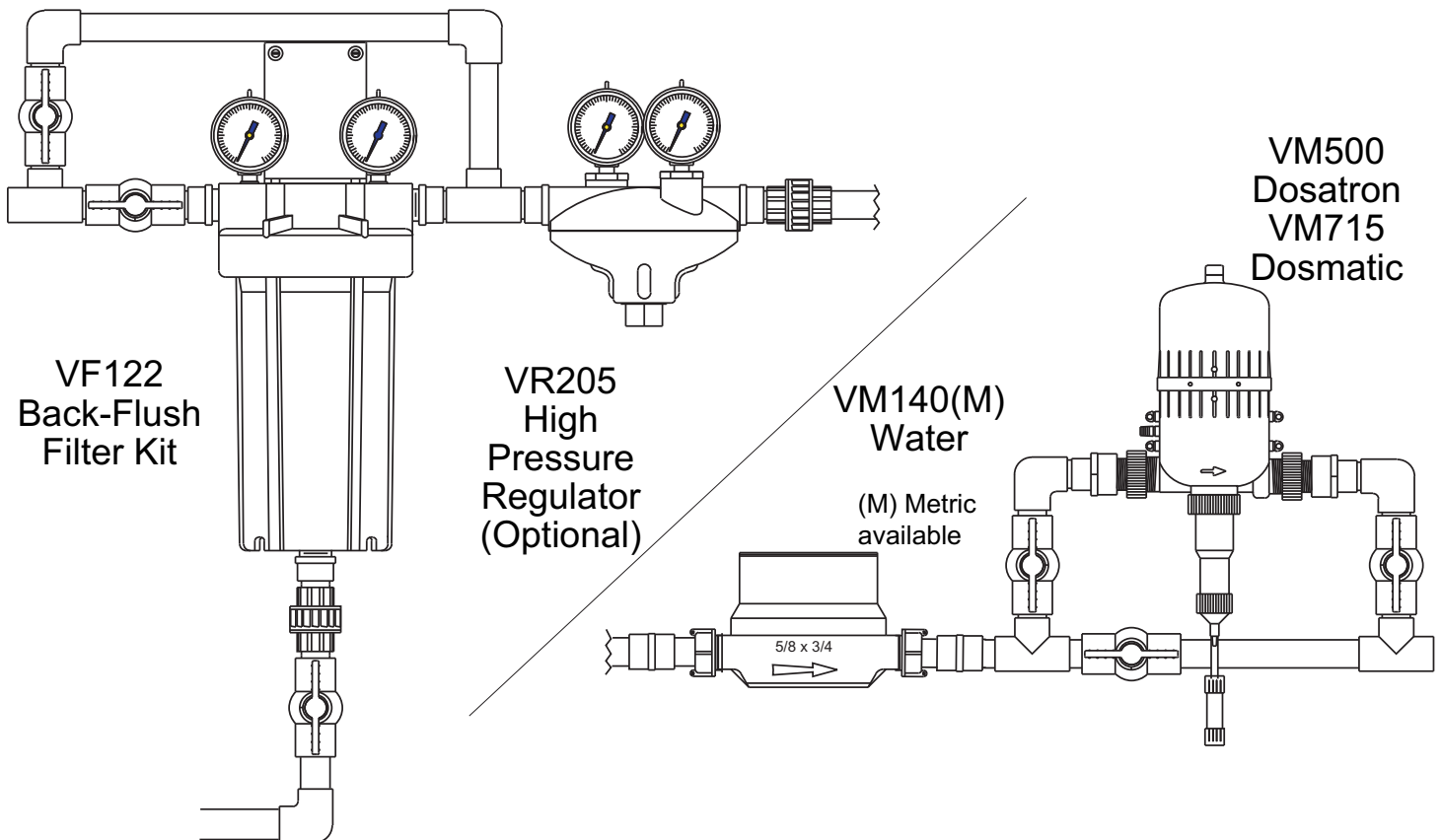
# **Installation Instructions and Part Identification**

# Review all instructions before starting installation procedures and gather all tools required first.

See page 21 for a drawing of the lead-in kit. (VL100 + VL200).

See next page for an alternate setup for filters.

## House Header Kit



### Backflush Filter Installation

1. Attach mounting bracket (VF126) to cap (VF129) with lag screws (VF127).
2. Apply 4 or 5 turns of thread sealing tape to male pipe threads of each fitting.
3. Assemble all fittings as tight as possible by hand to ensure proper fit. Tighten with wrench no more than one turn to snug fit. **DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN.**
4. Cut pipe to length and glue ends into place.
5. Assemble all parts. Check for water leaks. Rewrap any threads that are leaking with more turns of Teflon tape.
6. **CAUTION:** If water pipes are used for grounding electrical systems, be sure to install a jumper wire across filter.

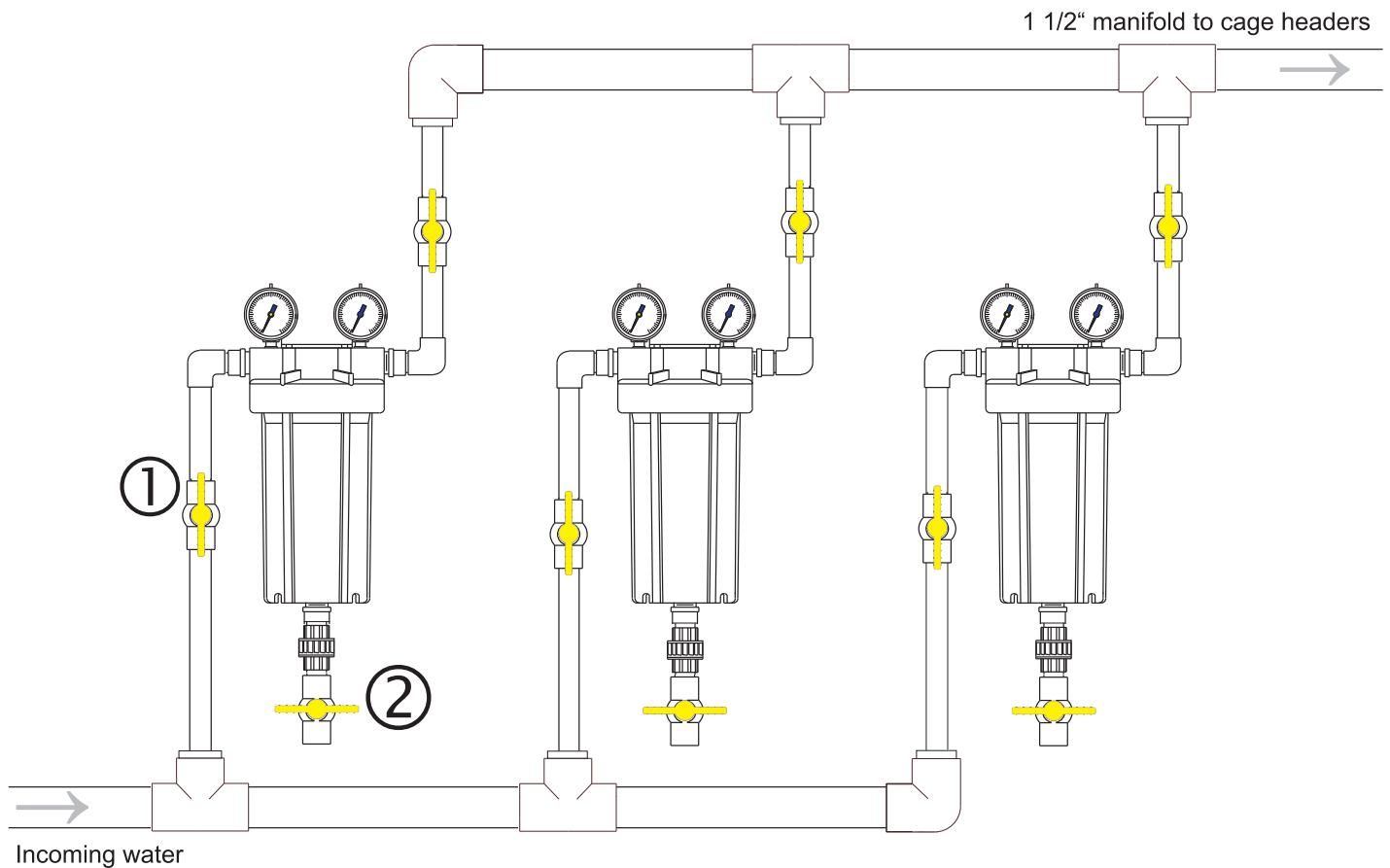
### Regulator Installation

1. Wrap 4 or 5 turns of thread seal tape around each 3/4" male adapter and screw 1 each into INLET and OUTLET of regulator (VR205). **CAUTION:** Do not overtighten as you could crack regulator top housing.
2. When using in regulator kits VR205-1 and VR205 wrap 4 or 5 turns on thread seal tape around 1/4" NPT plugs (VRP59) and tighten with wrench.
3. Wrap 4 or 5 turns of thread seal tape around gauge(s) and hand tighten into top of regulator.
4. Install in line after the filter system and before any medicator or water treatment system.
5. To maintain even pressure in all low pressure lines in poultry house, always set high pressure regulator lower or at least as low as lowest pump pressure setting. Do not set regulator below 25 PSI.

# Alternate Filter Setup

This setup will allow you to flush any filter and still provide water to all cage rows. You will also be flushing with filtered water.

Meters and medicators can be installed for each row.



To flush, close ballvalve ① and open ballvalve ②.

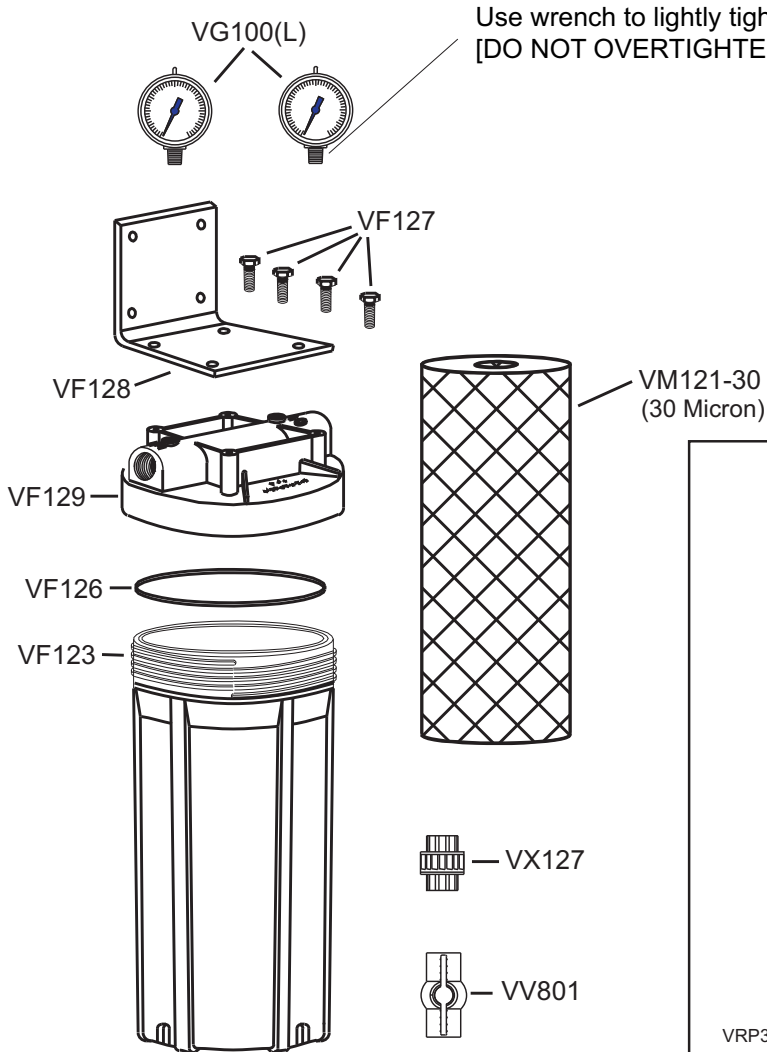
(For maximum effectiveness, flush one filter at a time.)

*One low pressure filter (VF122L) will supply up to 30,000 birds.*

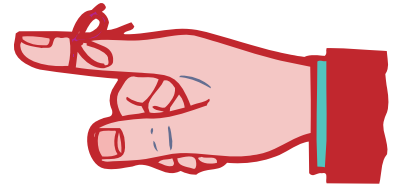
*One filter (VF122) will supply up to 50,000 birds.*

# Back Flush Filter

VF122(L)



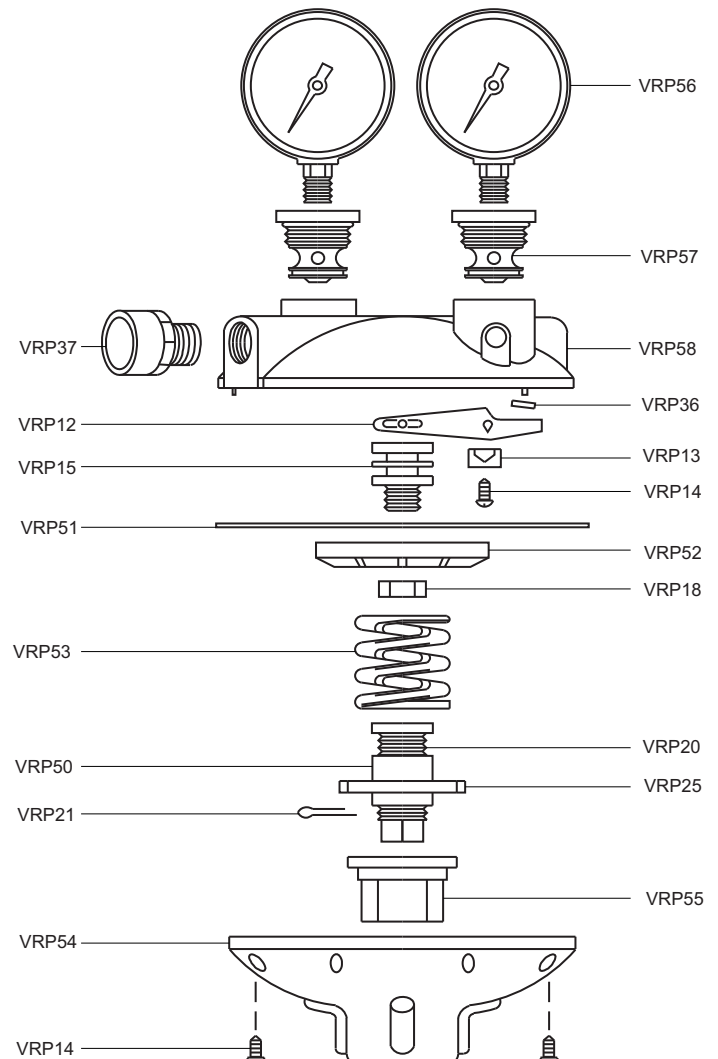
Use wrench to lightly tighten gauge  
[DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN].



Don't forget to flush your filter whenever you read 10 PSI difference between the two gauges or at regular intervals  
(For low pressure systems [below 10 PSI] use a 50 micron filter and flush when there is a 1 PSI difference).

## High Pressure Regulator

VR205



The high pressure regulator should be used when incoming water fluctuates more than 20 PSI (1.7 Bar). Set the outlet pressure at least as low as the lowest pump pressure setting, which will maintain an even outlet pressure. Do not set regulator pressure below 25 PSI.



# Medicator

## Tips

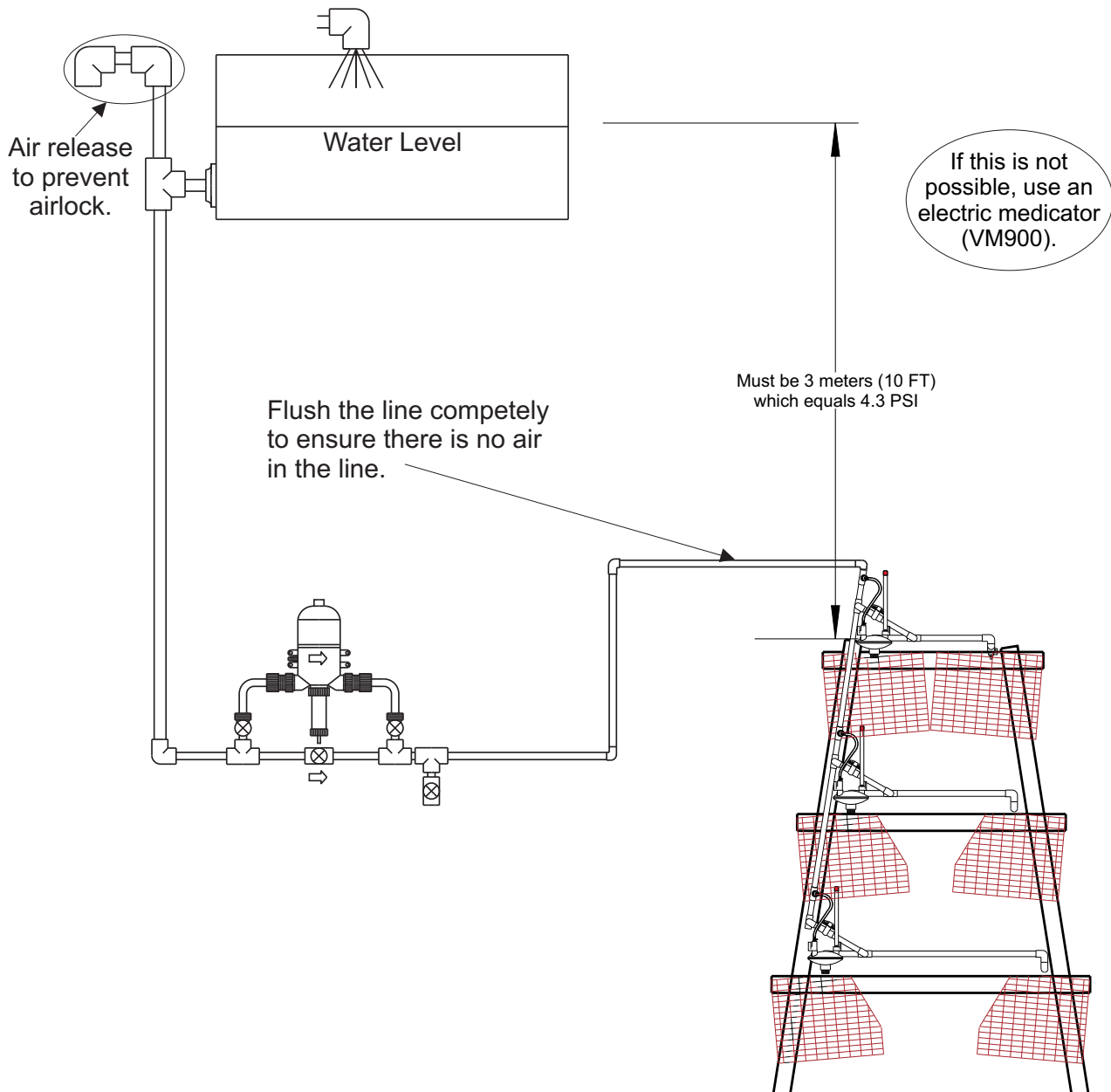
- Hard water will crystallize when coming into contact with chlorine and may cause excessive wear on mechanical parts.

Please refer to your medicator manual for detailed instructions on maintenance, operation and troubleshooting.

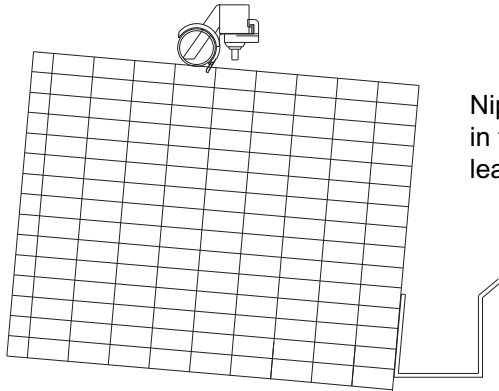
See page 33 for medicating procedures.  
See page 26 for line cleaning procedures.

## Tank or Gravity Feed

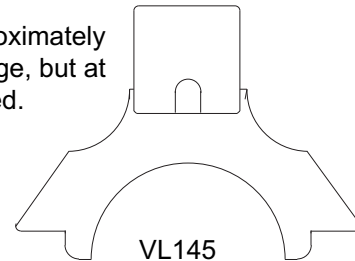
The minimum height requirement is from the water level in the tank down to the middle of the nipple line. **NOTE:** The water line must be full of water for the proper pressure to be created. Any air between the tank and the nipple line will decrease the effectiveness of the medicator.



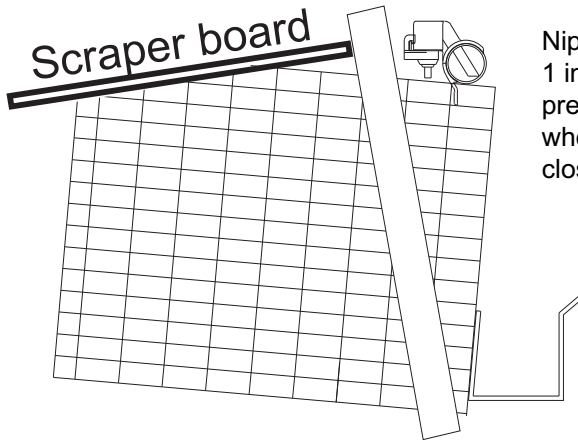
# Saddles



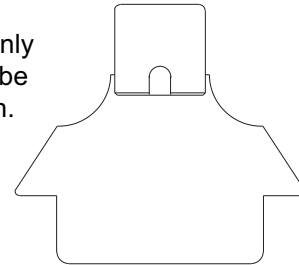
Nipple should be approximately in the middle of the cage, but at least 4 inches from feed.



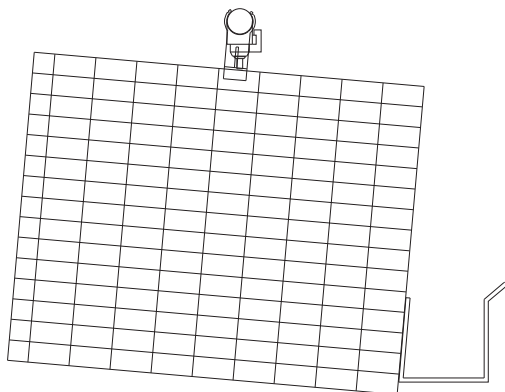
VL145  
45° saddle without shield



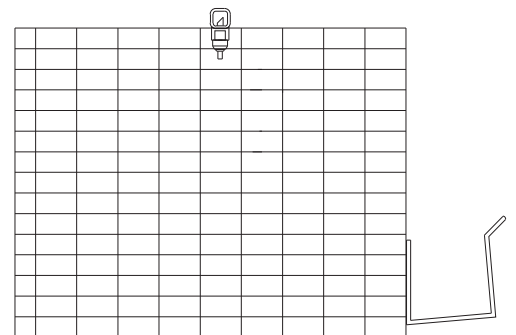
Nipple should be at least 1 inch from feed, but preferably more. Use only when the drinker must be close to the feed trough.



VL155  
45° saddle with shield



Standard cage saddle (VS146) with plastic pipe support bracket (VS143).



Standard cage saddle (VS146) with cage clip (VC147).

See page 12 for more information on installing water pipe.

# Nipples

## Layer Nipple VL150

Plug (VB140)



O-Ring (VO140)



Flow Pin (VB143)



SS Ball (VB100)



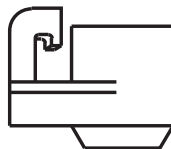
SS Pin (VB160L)



SS Seat (VB165L)



Housing (VB149)



## Roaster Nipple VR150

Plug (VB140)



O-Ring (VO140)



Flow Pin (VB143)



SS Ball (VB100)



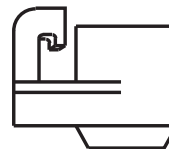
SS Pin (VB160R)



SS Seat (VB165R)



Housing (VB149)



## Threaded Nipple VL150THD

Th. Nipple Saddle  
(VB147)



Flow Pin (VB143)



SS Ball (VB100)



SS Pin (VB160L)



SS Seat (VB165L)



O-Ring (VO140)



Th. Nipple Housing  
(VB148)



## Threaded Nipple VR150THD

Th. Nipple Saddle  
(VB147)



Flow Pin (VB143)



SS Ball (VB100)



SS Pin (VB160R)



SS Seat (VB165R)



O-Ring (VO140)



Th. Nipple Housing  
(VB148)



# Cage Header Kit

## VH100T (TOP DECK ONLY)

- VT134 (3/4" ELL Sx1/2"THD) [1]
- VV801 (3/4" BALL VALVE) [1]
- VT100 (3/4" TEE SxSxS) [3]
- VP001 (3/4" PVC PIPE) [10 FT]
- VT102 (3/4" ELL SxS) [6]

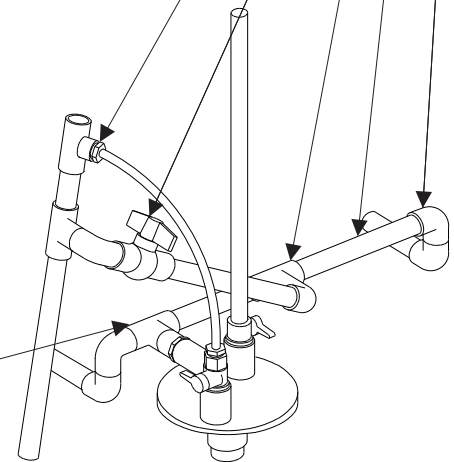
## VH100 (BOTTOM DECKS)

- VT102 (3/4" ELL SxS) [6]
- VP001 (3/4" PVC PIPE) [10 FT]
- VT100 (3/4" TEE SxSxS) [3]
- VV801 (3/4" BALL VALVE) [1]
- VT101 (3/4" TEE SxSx1/2"THD) [1]

When no other way to support pipe,  
move this tee to the middle of the span.

**IMPORTANT:** Regulator should be slightly higher than the line  
to allow for proper air release.

Tilt this tee up to allow even better air release.  
(See page 12, bottom illustration, for more info)



# Stacked Cage Header Kit

## VH100ST (TOP DECK ONLY)

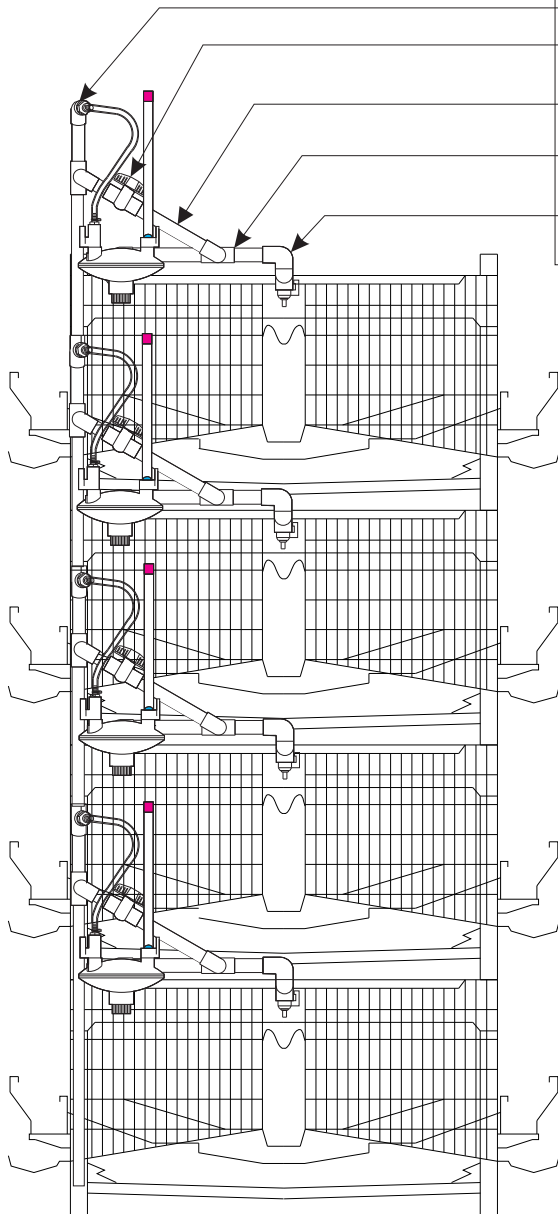
VT134 (3/4" ELL Sx1/2" THD) [1]

VV801 (3/4" BALL VALVE) [1]

VP001 (3/4" PVC PIPE) [10 FT]

VT100 (3/4" TEE SxSxS) [2]

VT102 (3/4" ELL SxS) [5]



## VH100SB (BOTTOM DECKS)

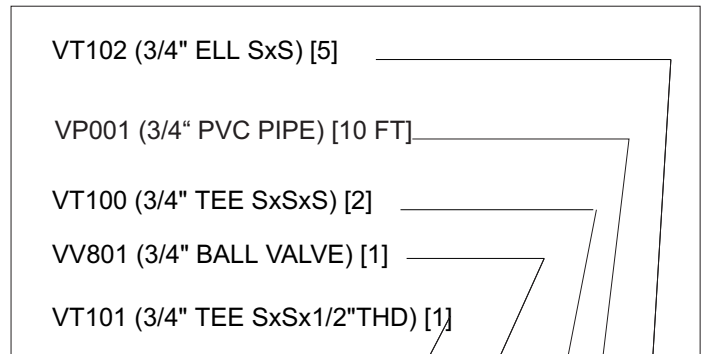
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VP001 (3/4" PVC PIPE) [10 FT]

VT100 (3/4" TEE SxSxS) [2]

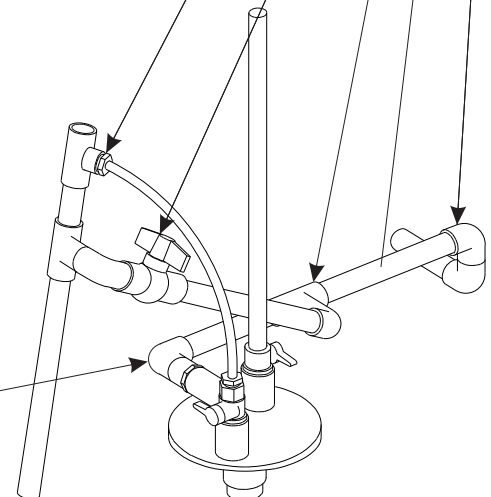
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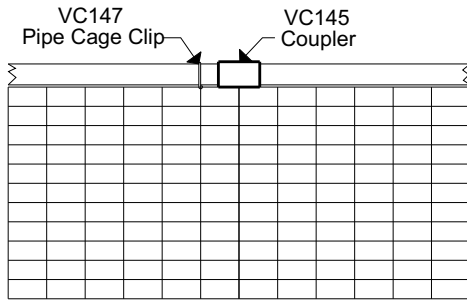


**IMPORTANT:** Regulator should be slightly higher than the line to allow for proper air release.

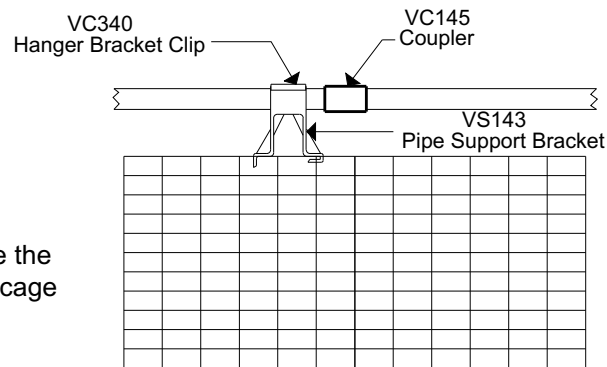
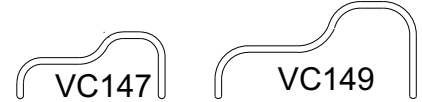
Tilt this elbow up to allow even better air release.



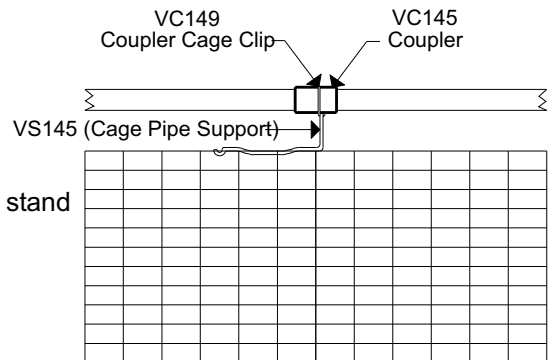
# Cage Pipe Installation



Use this cage clip (VC147), when installing the pipe directly on the top. This method would be used with the two 45° saddles and the standard saddle (when the standard saddle is used inside the cage). Keep clip within 1" of connector (VC145).



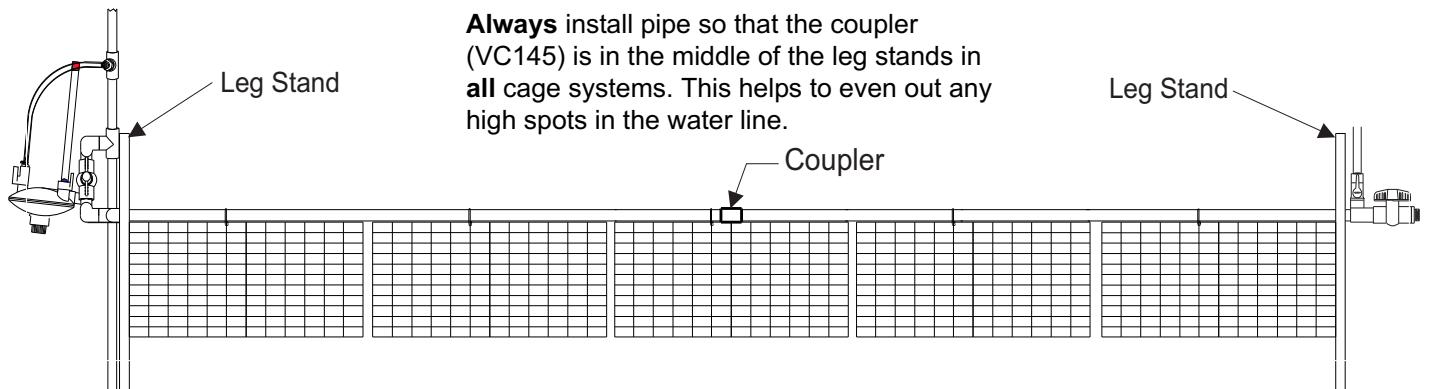
When you want to use standard saddles above the cage, install the plastic cage pipe support.



This is the wire cage stand setup.

## Important!

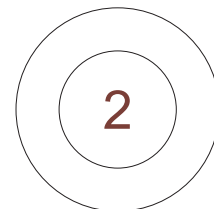
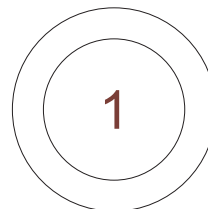
**Always** install pipe so that the coupler (VC145) is in the middle of the leg stands in **all** cage systems. This helps to even out any high spots in the water line.



# Insulated Pipe

1. All insulated pipe has the same outside diameter and is numbered 1 and 2 on the outside diameter; 1 being the large inside diameter and 2 being the smallest inside diameter.
2. The chart below shows which pipes to use for whatever length water line you have in your poultry house.
3. When connecting the last section of pipe 1 to the first section of pipe type 2, bevel the inside diameter of pipe type 2 a minimum of 3/4" (1.9 CM) diameter. Use the beveling tool (VB009).
4. If high pressure well water sources are used, pipes and tanks above ground should be insulated R4 or better to keep water as cool as possible, to drop hose of regulator. NOTE: Drop hose of insulated regulator kit supplied by Val is insulated.
5. If supply water is warmer than 70° F (21° C), whether it is due to roof top tank, etc., the Val chilling unit (VC990) can provide up to 25° F (15° C) cooler water, for up to 30,000 birds. Pipes from chilling unit (VC990) to regulator drop hose should be insulated R4 or better. (See page 21 for installation instructions.)

Shows how many pieces of each pipe are needed for a given length of insulated pipe line.

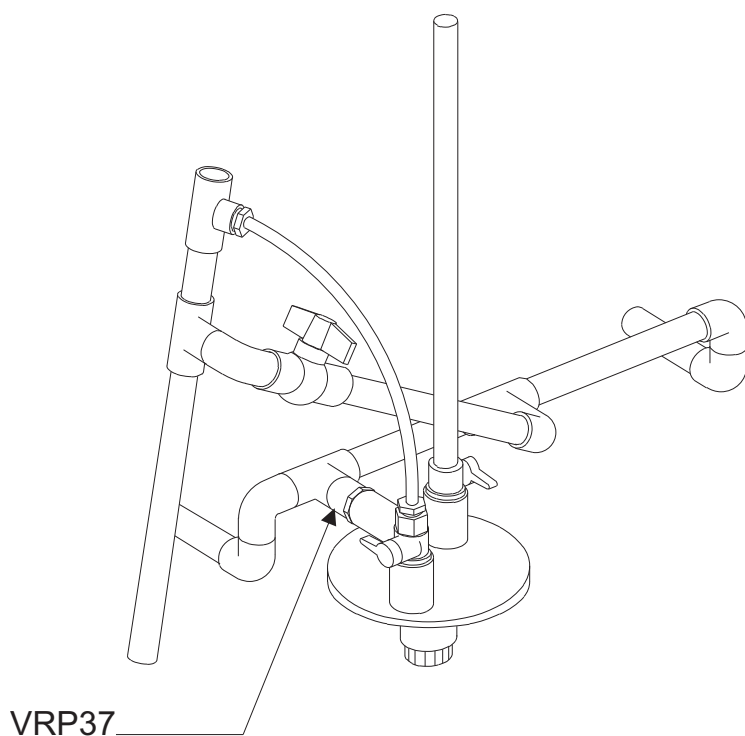


LINE LENGTH IN FT.	PIPE TYPE		LINE LENGTH IN FT.	PIPE TYPE		LINE LENGTH IN FT.	PIPE TYPE		LINE LENGTH IN FT.	PIPE TYPE	
	1	2		1	2		1	2		1	2
10	0	1	190	0	19	370	17	20	550	35	20
20	0	2	200	0	20	380	18	20	560	36	20
30	0	3	210	1	20	390	19	20	570	37	20
40	0	4	220	2	20	400	20	20	580	38	20
50	0	5	230	3	20	410	21	20	590	39	20
60	0	6	240	4	20	420	22	20	600	40	20
70	0	7	250	5	20	430	23	20	610	41	20
80	0	8	260	6	20	440	24	20	620	42	20
90	0	9	270	7	20	450	25	20	630	43	20
100	0	10	280	8	20	460	26	20	640	44	20
110	0	11	290	9	20	470	27	20	650	45	20
120	0	12	300	10	20	480	28	20	660	46	20
130	0	13	310	11	20	490	29	20	670	47	20
140	0	14	320	12	20	500	30	20	680	48	20
150	0	15	330	13	20	510	31	20	690	49	20
160	0	16	340	14	20	520	32	20	700	50	20
170	0	17	350	15	20	530	33	20	710	51	20
180	0	18	360	16	20	540	34	20	720	52	20

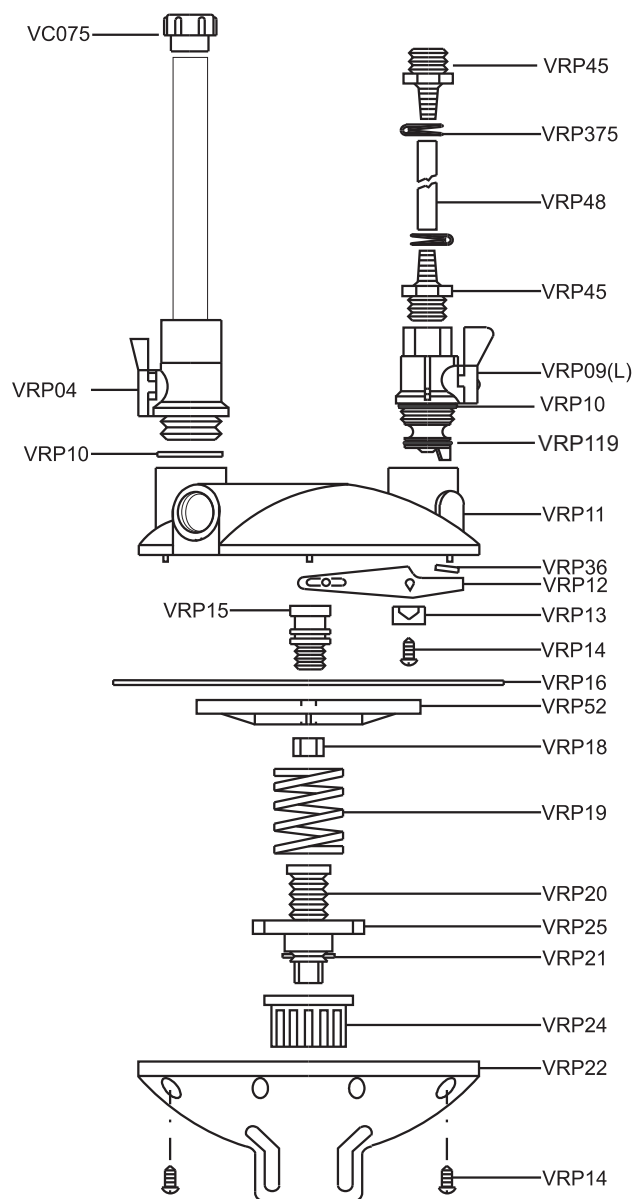
# Regulator

1. Screw standpipe assembly into the OUTLET side of regulator.
2. Screw hose connector into 1/2" NPT pipe fitting in the supply pipe (Do not overtighten). **NOTE:** Wrap with 3-4 turns of Teflon tape first.
3. Push hose onto hose barb at the water source.  
**NOTE:** Don't forget to add the hose clamp (VRP40C) first.
4. Push other end of hose onto the barbed end of drop hose intake with shutoff.
5. Use Teflon tape on the 3/4" adapter (VRP37) and thread into regulator (Do not overtighten). Glue the adapter into the PVC tee.
6. Standpipe plugs (VRP01) should be used when standpipes are removed to keep dirt out of regulator.

Val regulator will supply a maximum length of 700 FT (213 M) of Val Watering Cage System with 2 rows.



VR201





# Replacement Caps Kits

When you're getting too much water out of the nipples with the standpipes at their lowest setting, it is probably time to replace the caps. Send a sample (3-5 nipples) to your distributor or directly to Val with your name, address, date of installation and any other helpful information.

When replacing with green caps, remember that the green cap returns the nipple to nearly the same flow that it had when it was new. That means that you need to raise standpipe pressures back to what they were when they were new.

## Green Replacement Kit VB142

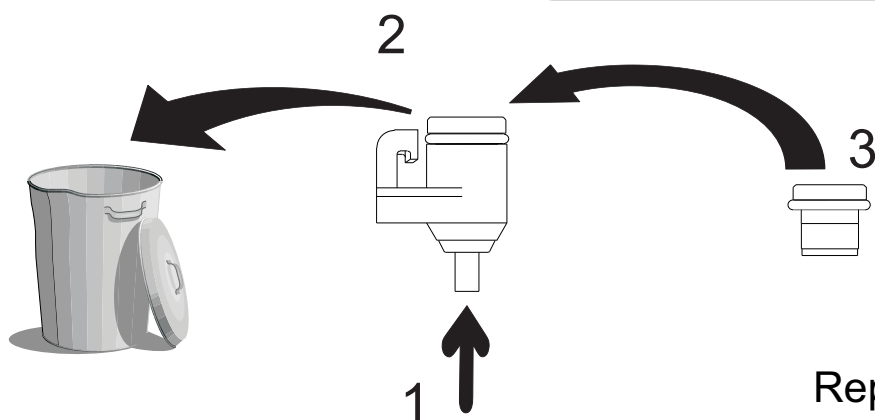
Plug (VB140)



O-Ring (VO140)



Green Flow Pin (VB144)



## Replacing Caps

1. Push up on the stainless steel pin to loosen the old plug.
2. Pull out old plug and throw away. If the inside is dirty, clean.
3. Push in replacement plug. If necessary, tap on plug lightly.

**CAUTION!** Do not mix the SS balls and SS pins from all the nipples together. This may cause nipples to leak.

## Standpipe Caps



**1.** Turn the cap clockwise to lock.

**2.** Turn counterclockwise, while pushing down, to unlock for cleaning.

**VC025**  
FLEX

**VC075**  
RIGID

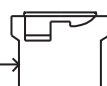
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VSC252



VSC250



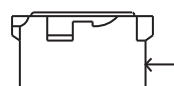
VSC751



VSC752

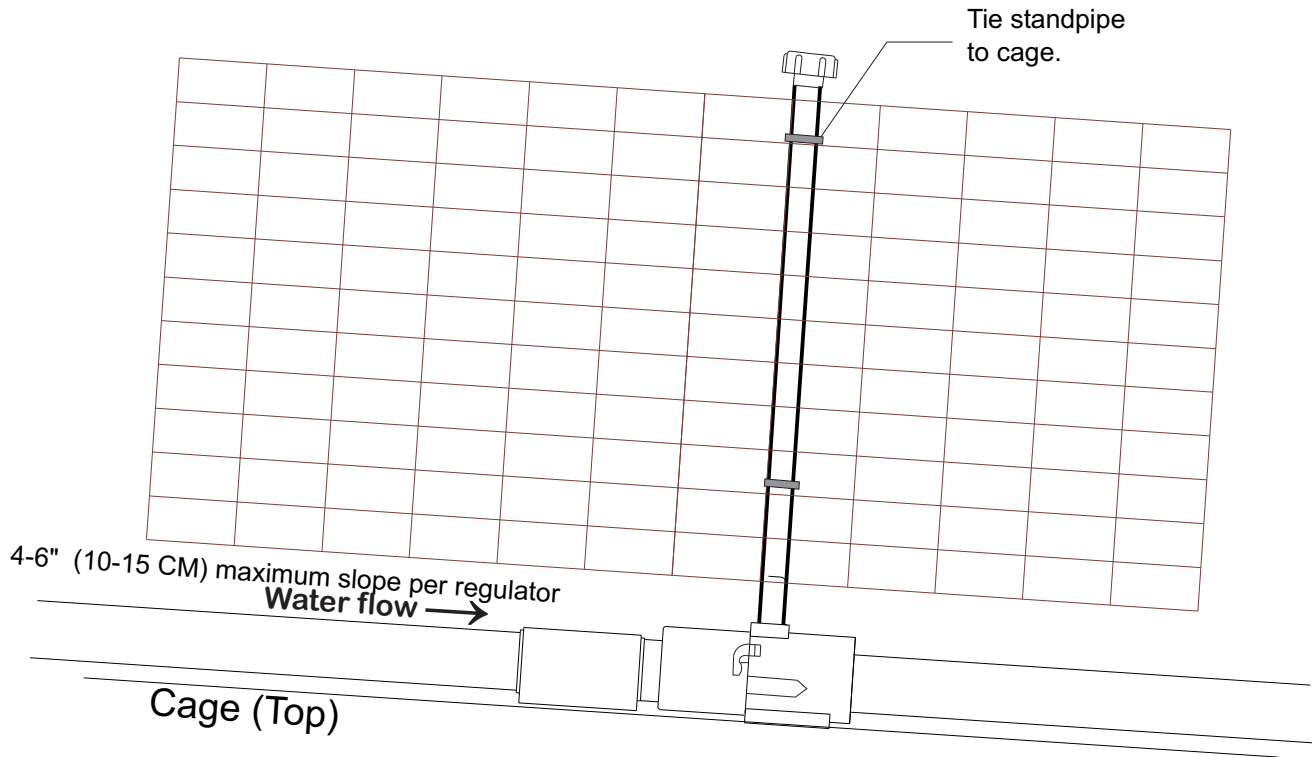


VSC750



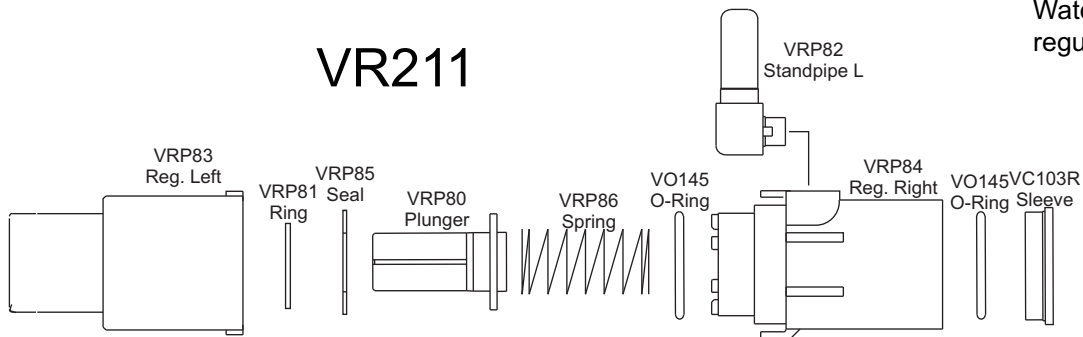
New standpipe caps that won't leak while flushing and are easily removable for cleaning. Just twist off to clean.

# Slope Regulators



## VR211

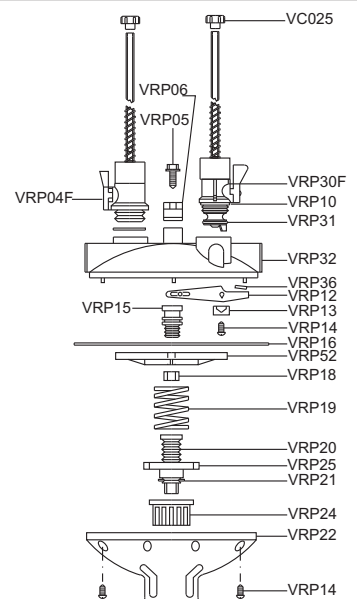
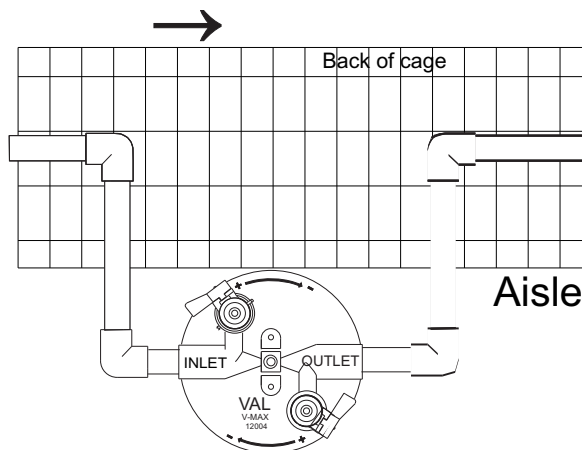
Water must run downhill. Cannot regulate water running uphill.



**For every 3 VR211s add 1 VR204.**

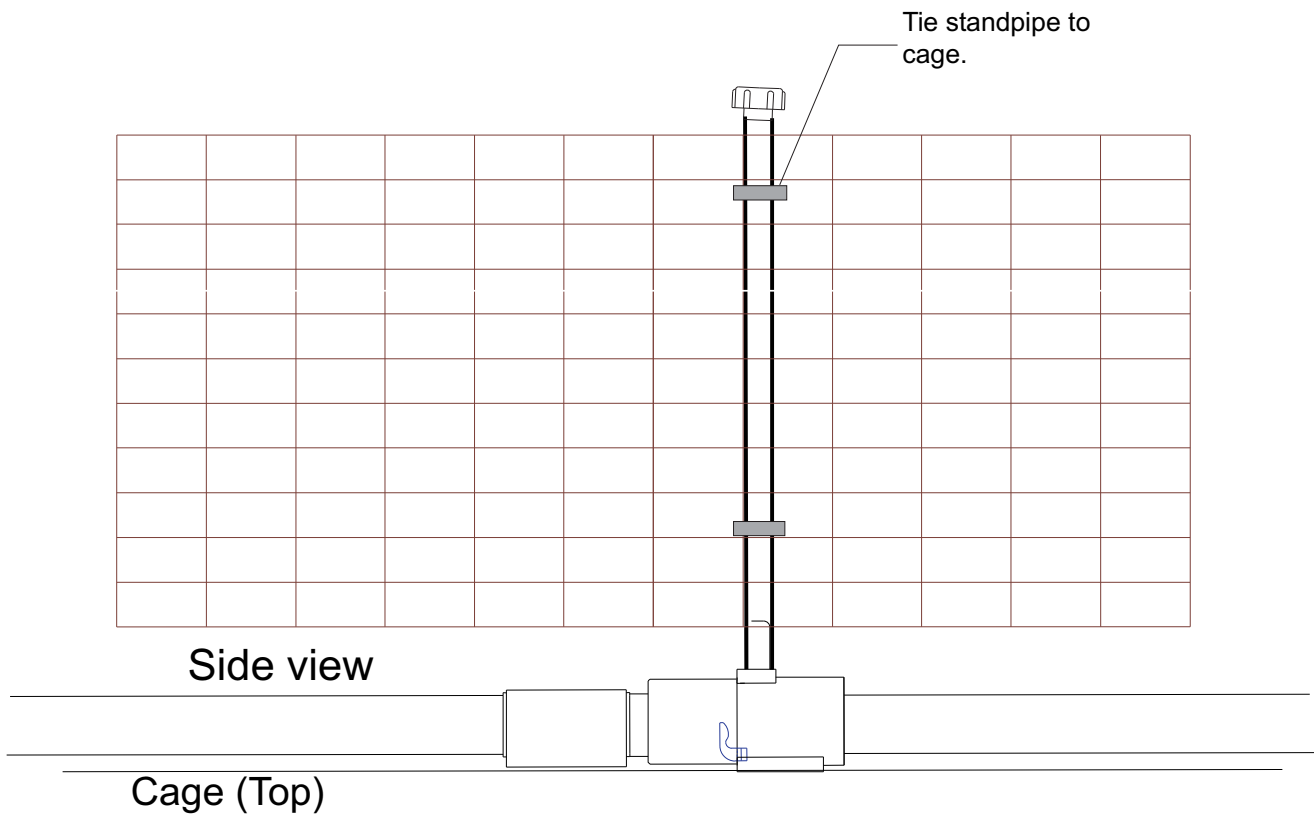
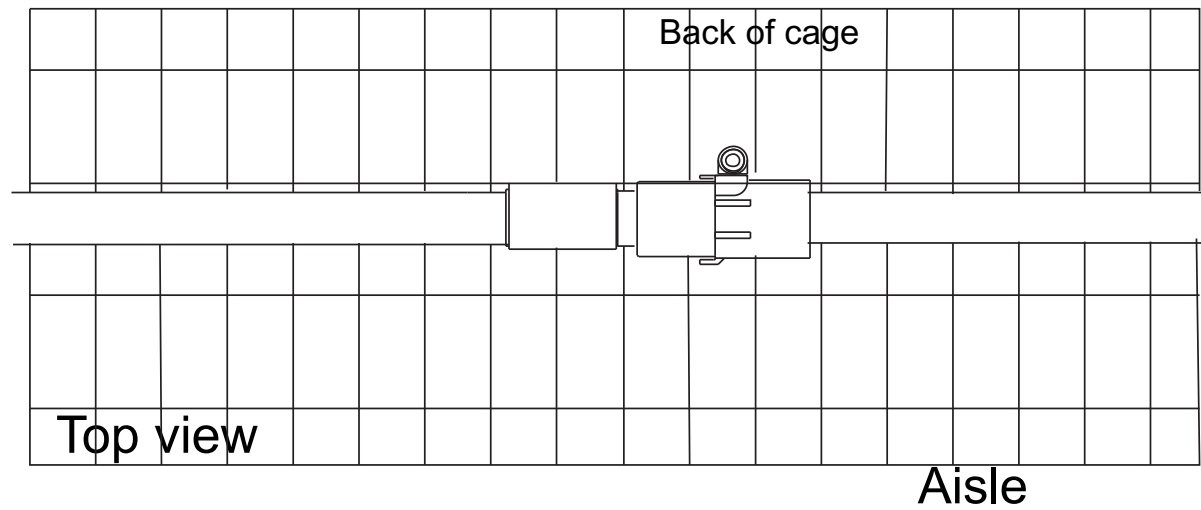
## VR204

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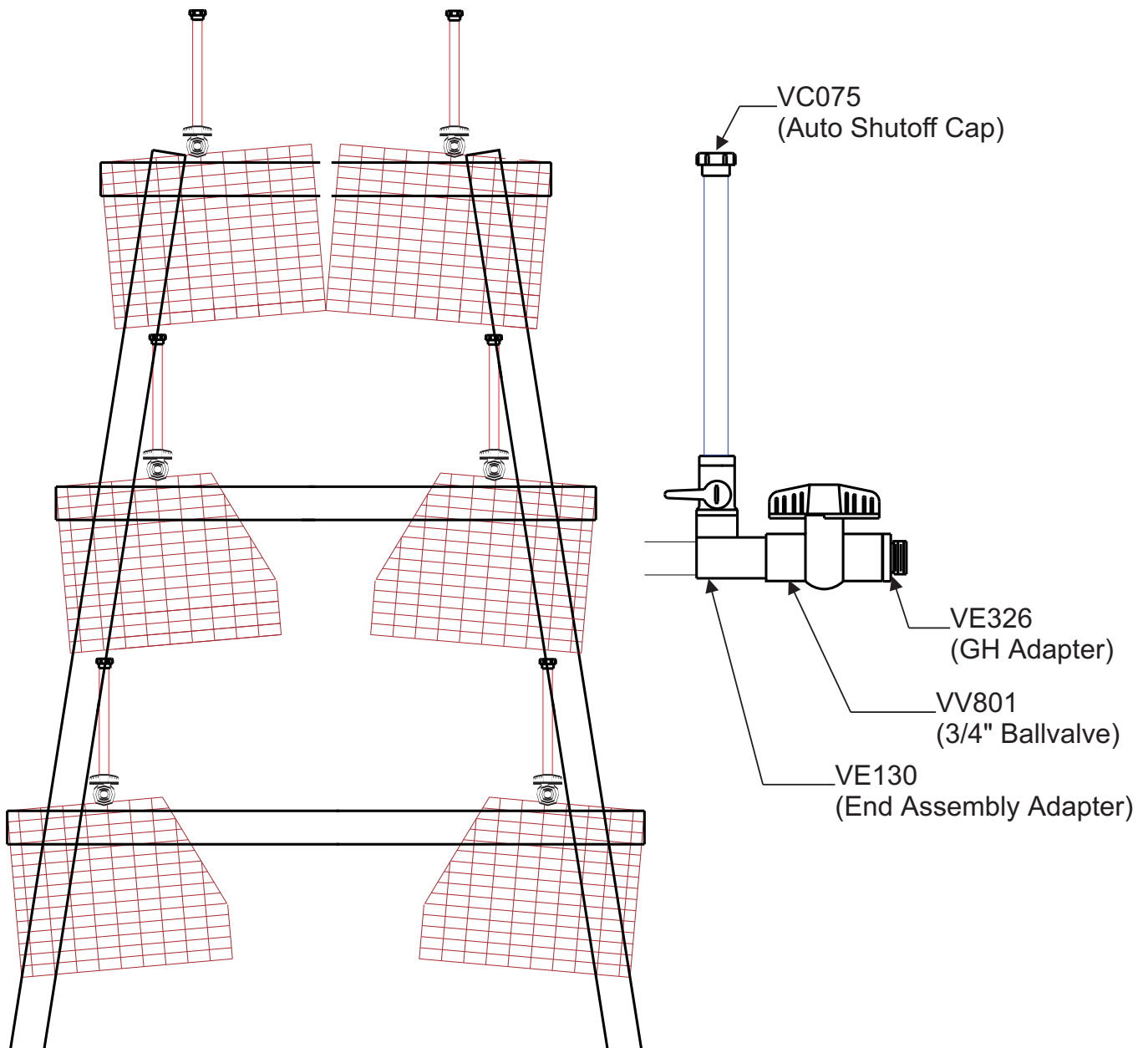


# Air Release

VA805 (-24 or -30)



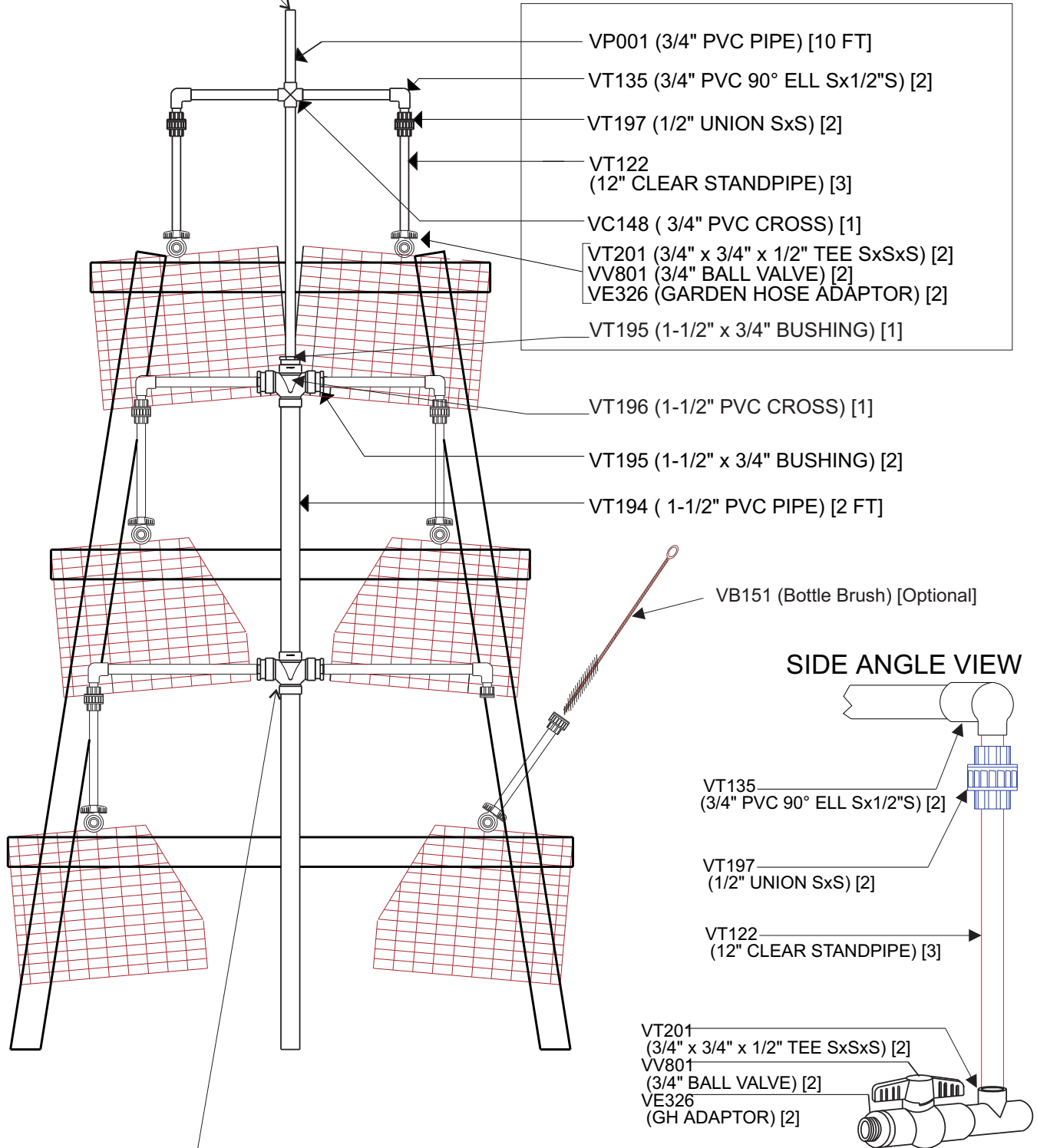
# End Assembly



# Flush Kit

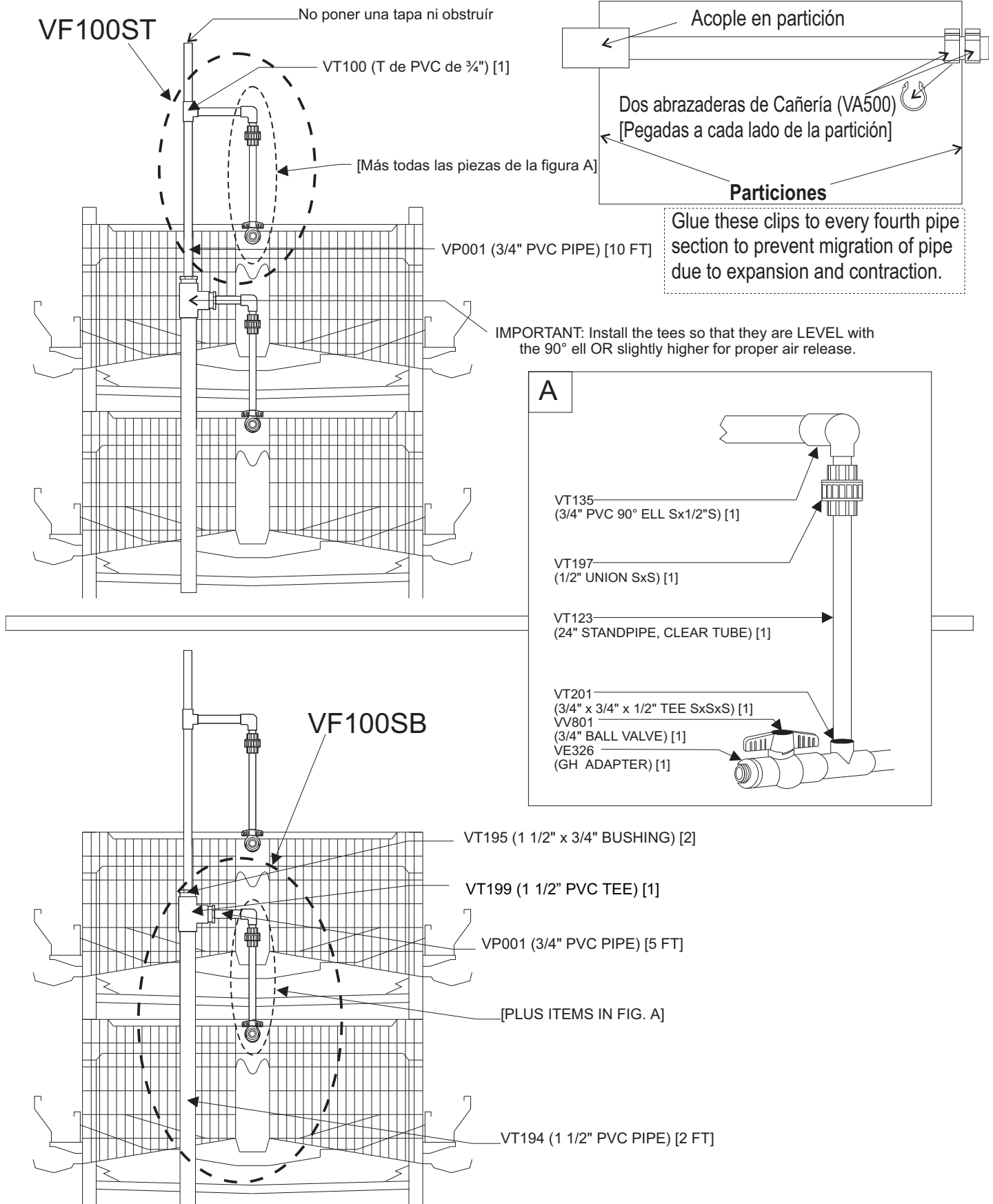
Do not cap or obstruct

## VF100T - Top Flush Kit

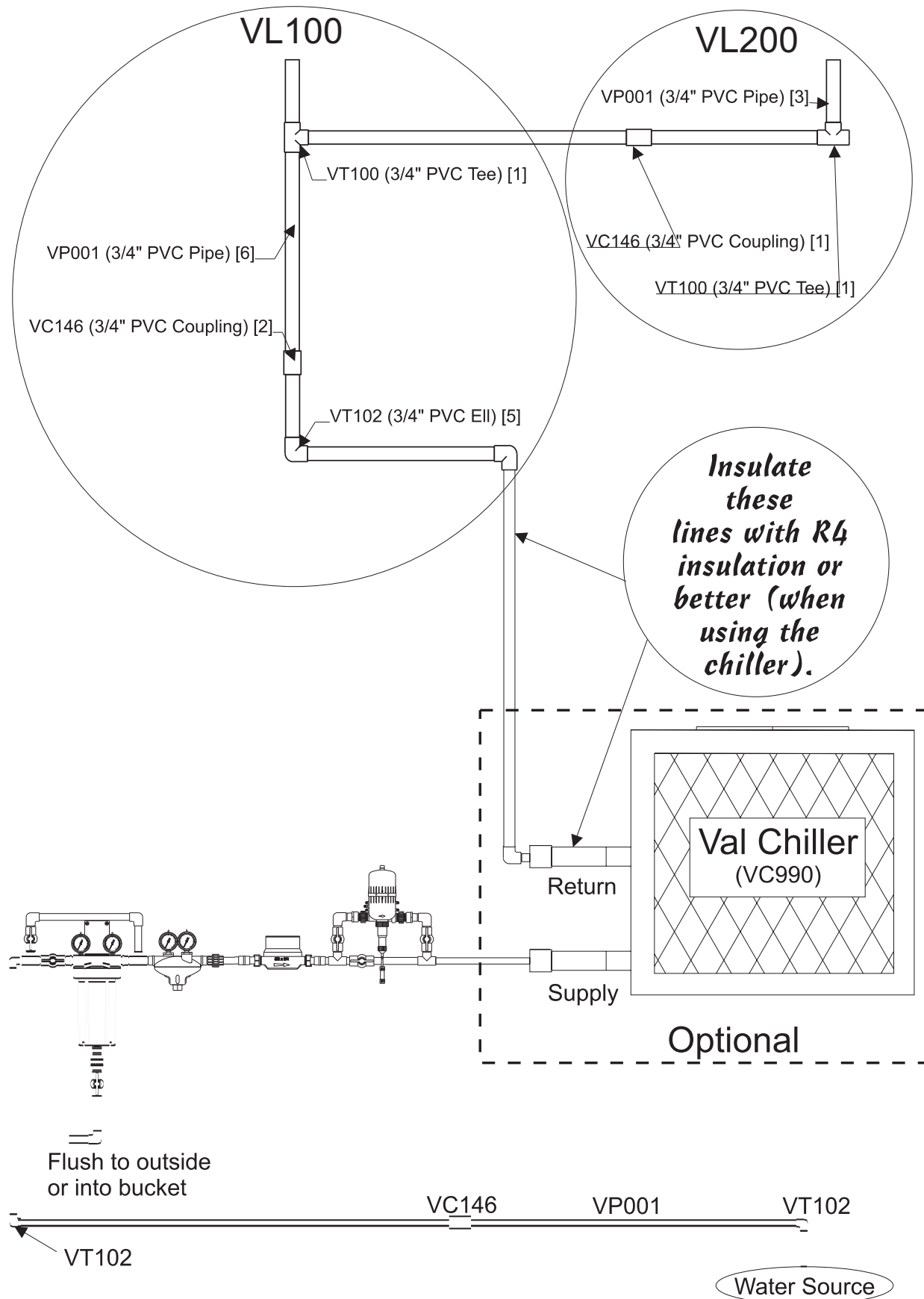


**IMPORTANT:** Install the crosses so that they are **LEVEL** with the 90° ell **OR** slightly higher for proper air release.

# Stacked Cage Flush



# Lead-In Kits and Chiller Hookup

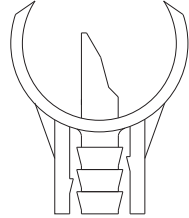






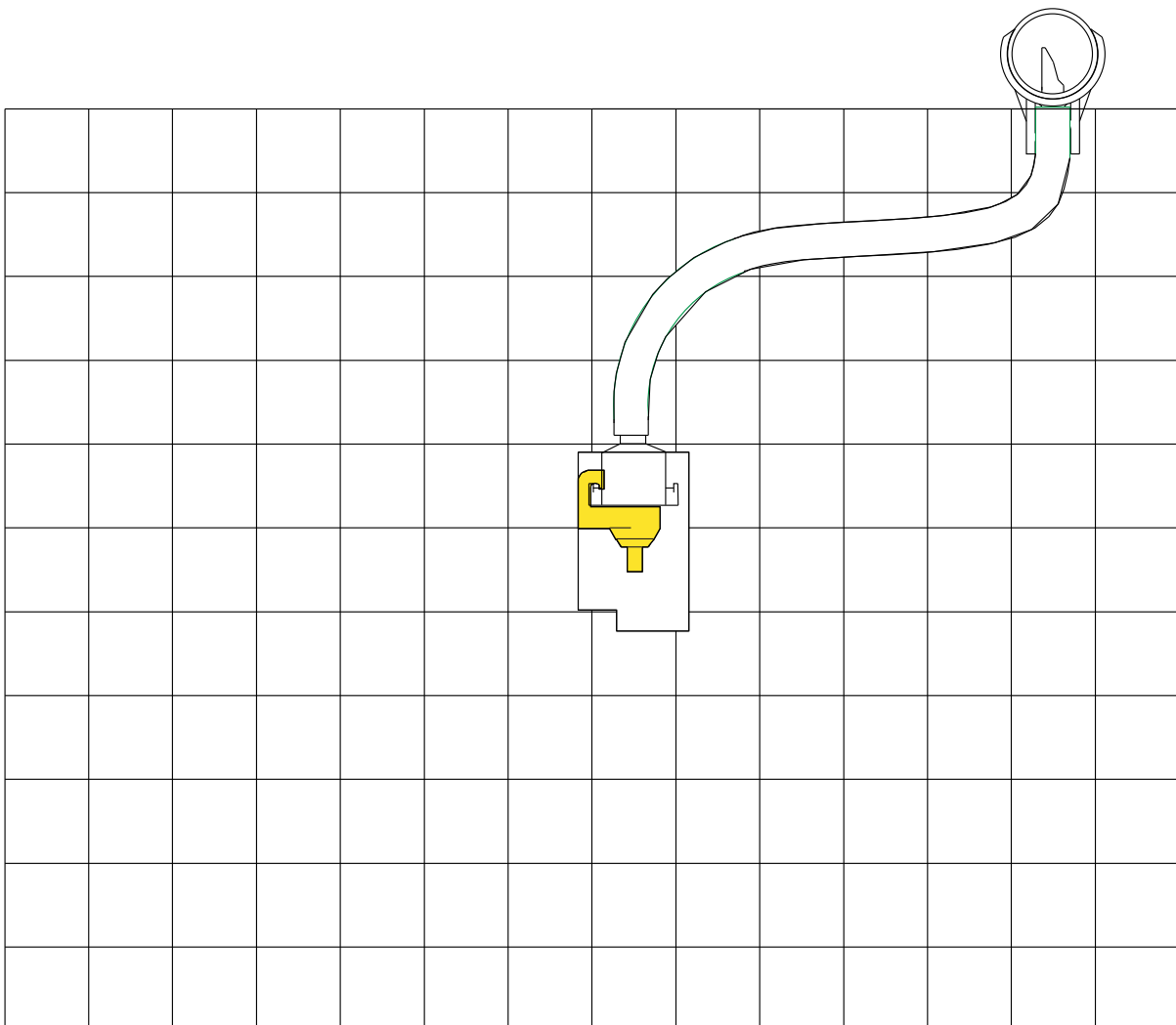
# **Startgrow Installation**

# Cage Bracket



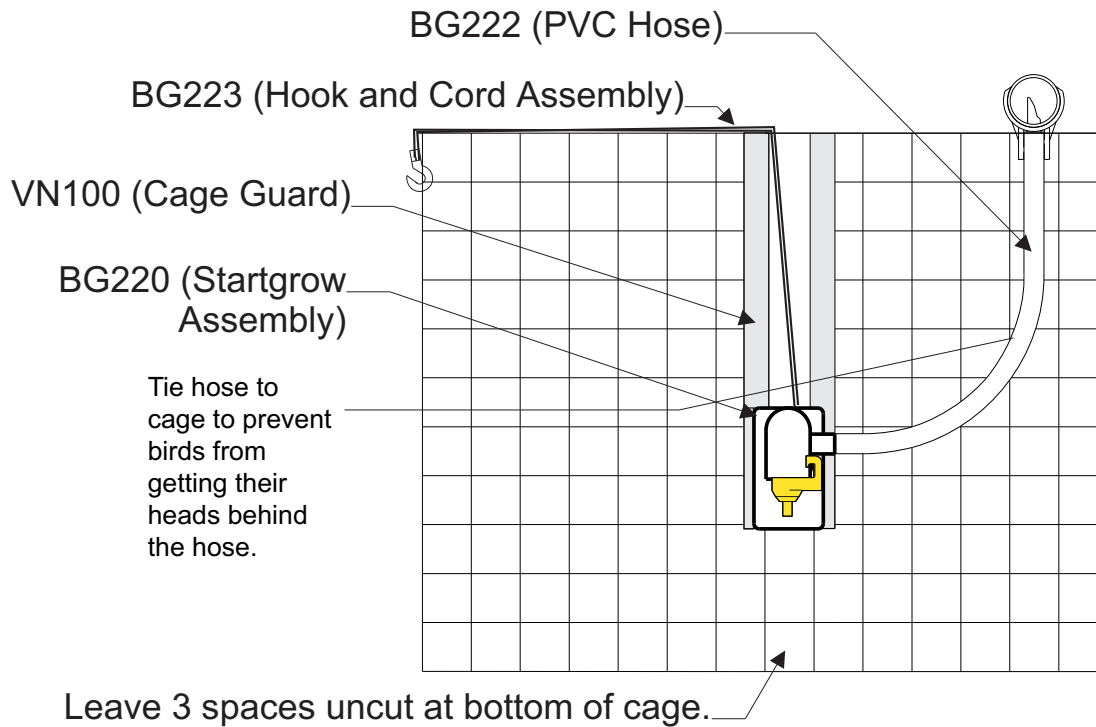
The barbed saddle (VS147) is used on all applications that use green PVC hose (BG222).

The cage bracket (VB130) is one way to move the nipple anywhere in the cage.

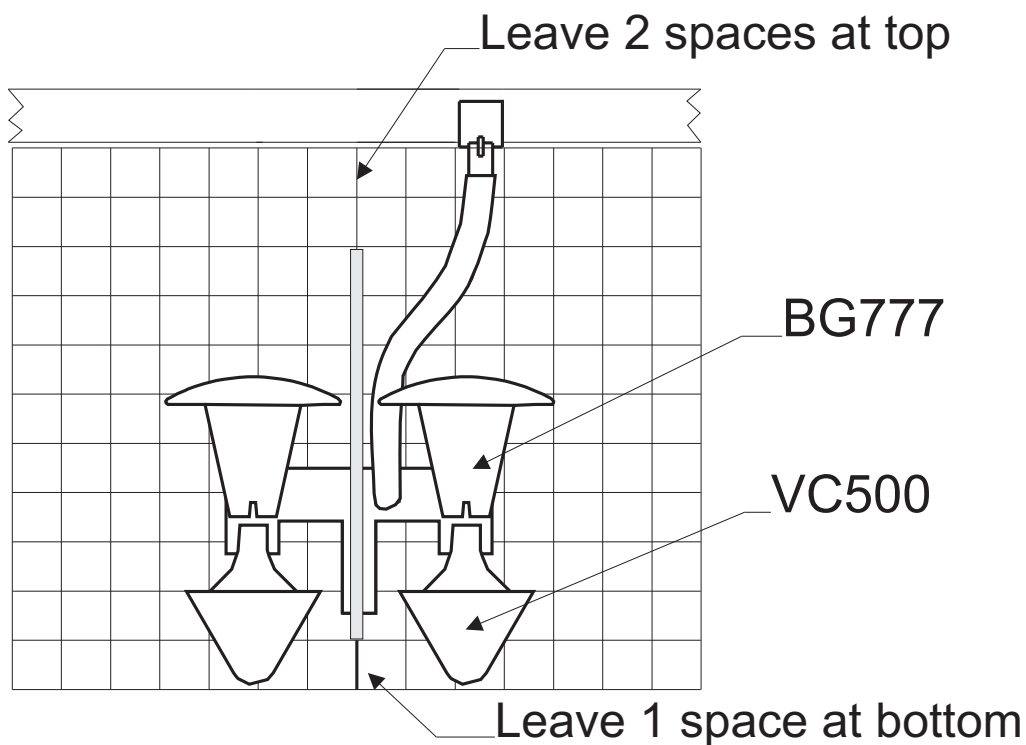


# Startgrow

The startgrow assembly makes changing the height of the nipple easy. You can use a cord and hook (BG223) for individual adjustment or the automatic winching system (see page 27) for easier adjustment.

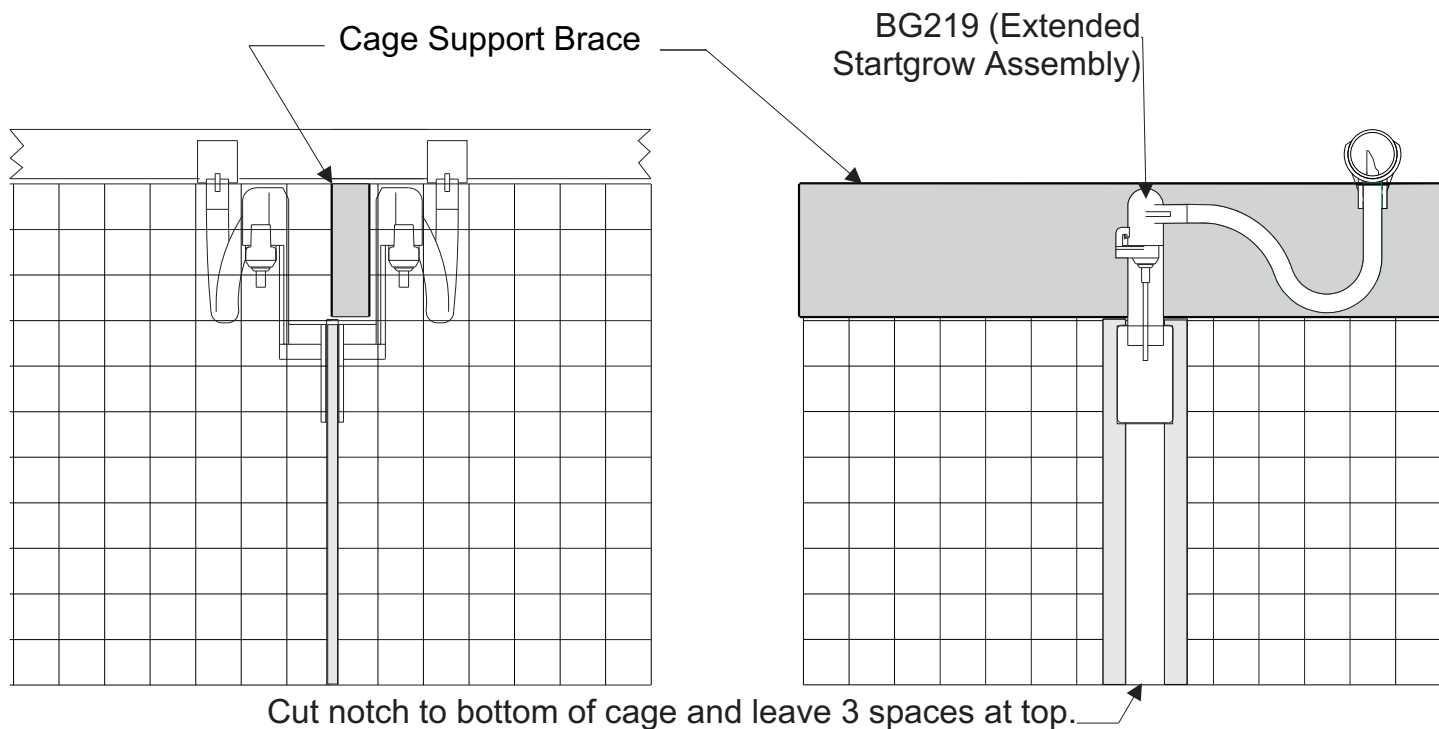


You can alternate with one partition cups and one partition nipples to give pullets exposure to both types of drinker.

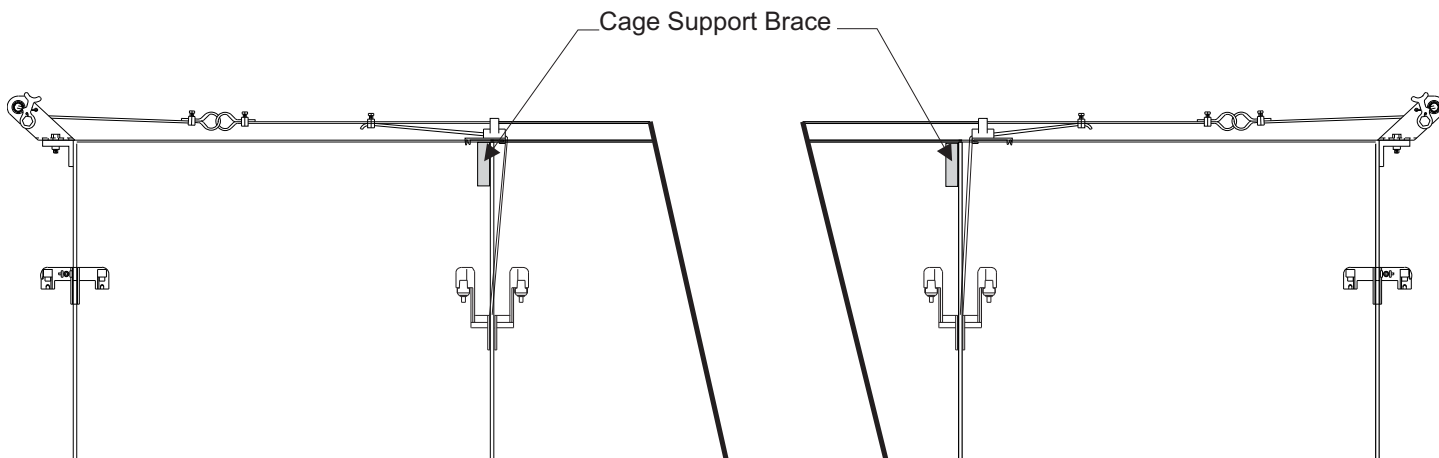


# Extended Startgrow

Use the extended startgrow for partitions with the cage stands.

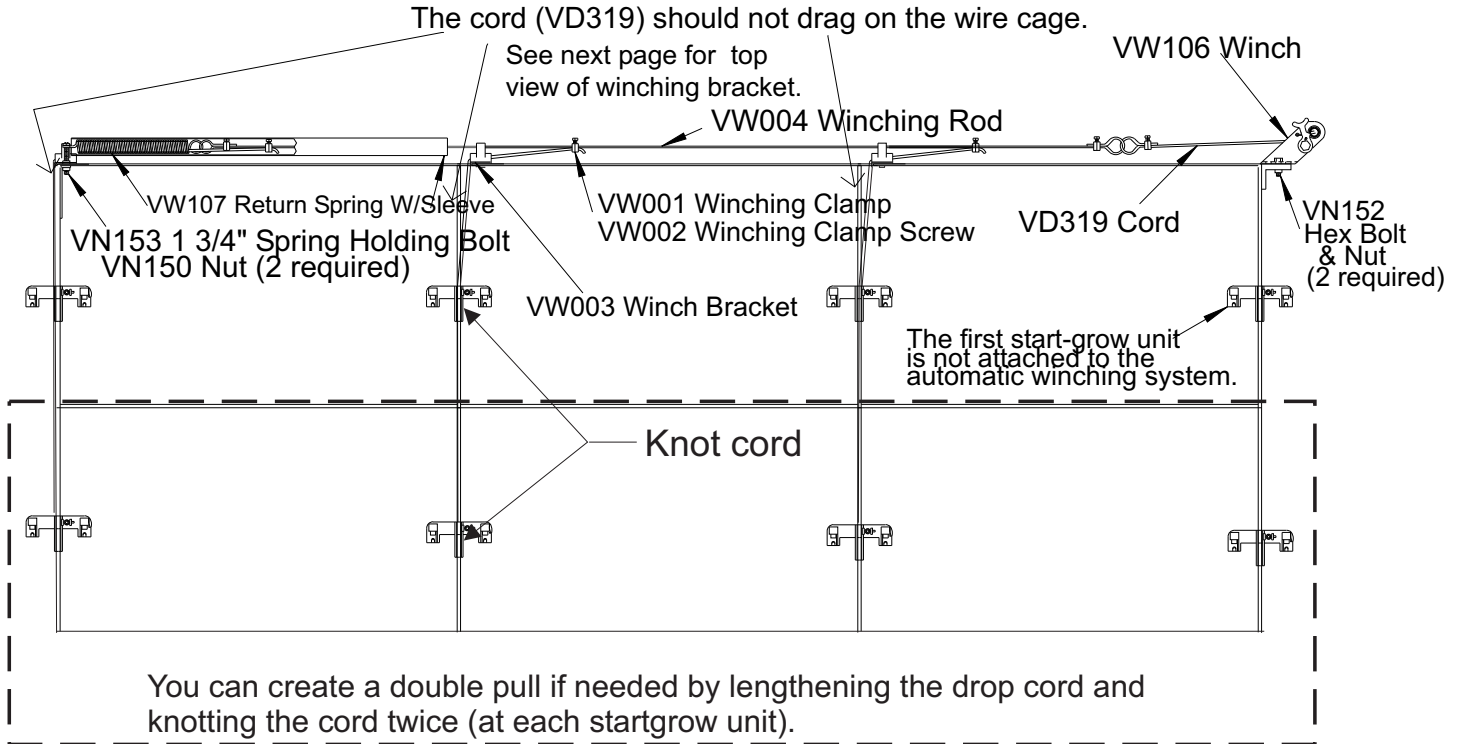


## Autowinching with extended startgrow



# Automatic Winching (Top)

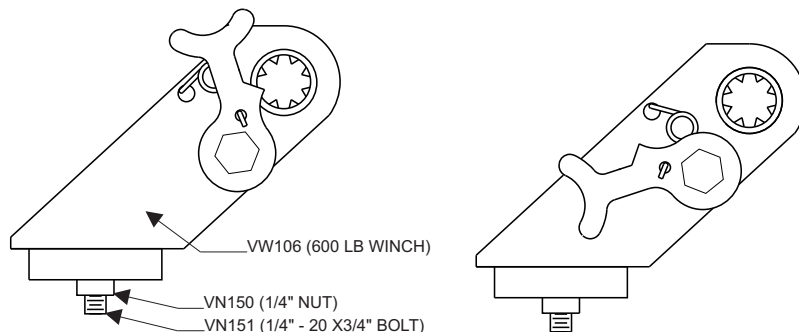
## Cable outside cage



**Each winch can pull 220 startgrow units.**

Example: A 24" cage single pull system would work up to 440 FT (or up to 220 FT for a double pull system).

### VW106 - Winch

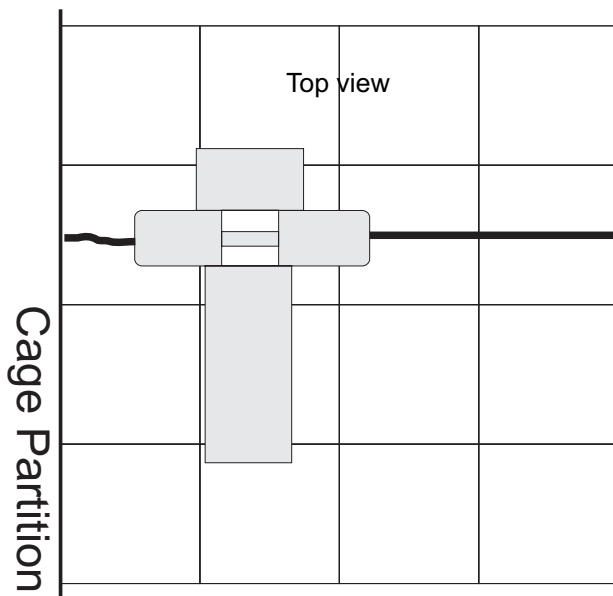
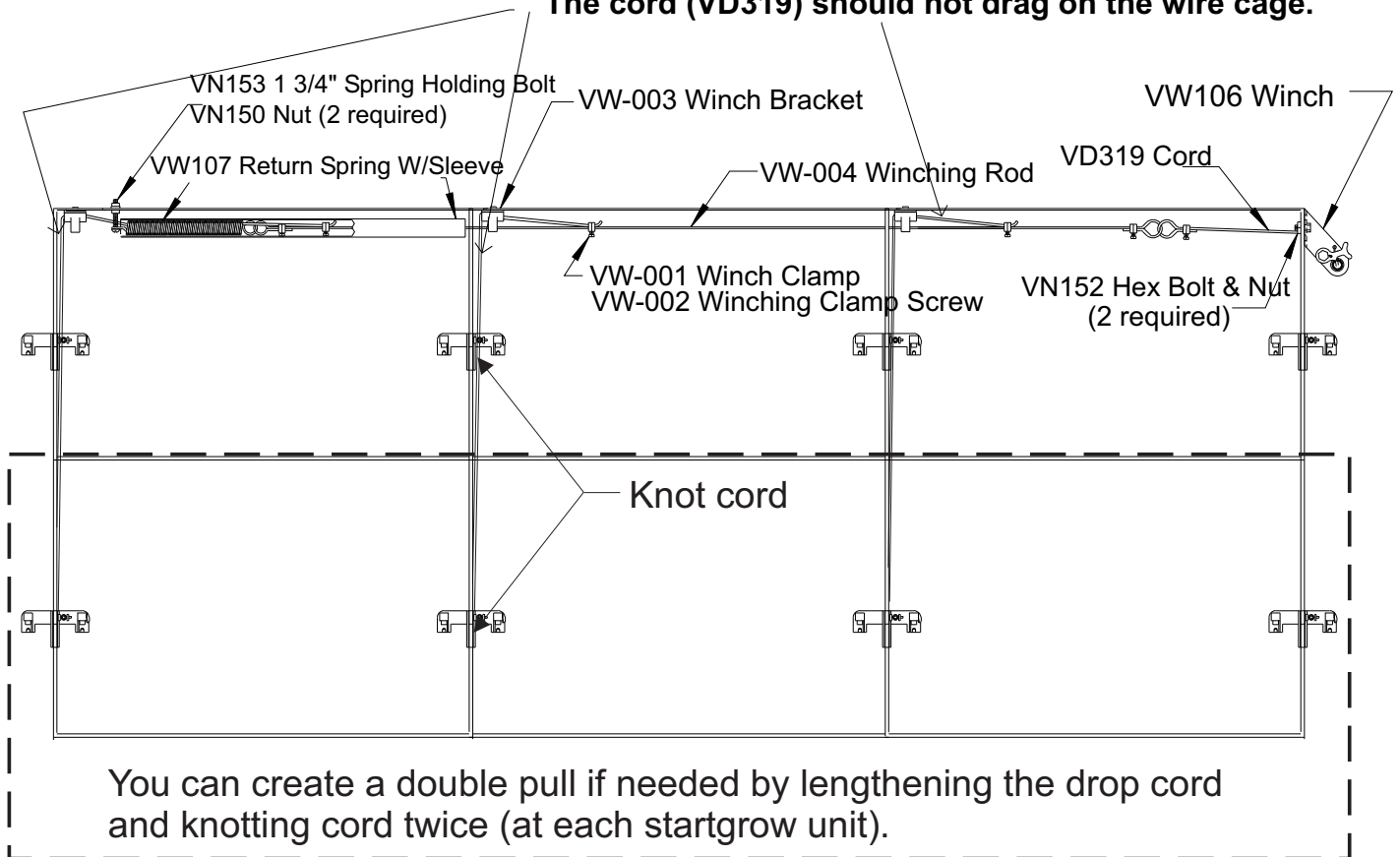


# Automatic Winching (Bottom)

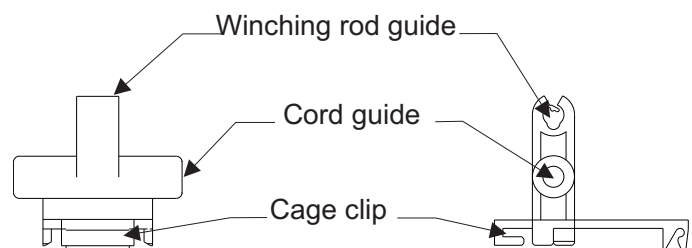
## Cable inside cage

The bottom setup is for when the scraper board is right on top of the cage, leaving no room for brackets and rod.

**The cord (VD319) should not drag on the wire cage.**



### VWB101 - Winch Bracket



# **Operation and Management**

# Layer Management Procedures

Some managers raise standpipe pressure to 12-14" to start until case weight (48 LBS per 30 dozen) is reached before lowering pressure to maintenance level.

Moist or wet droppings *can* be caused by excessive water consumption in hot weather or by too much salt in the diet, by disease or other factors. If the nipples are suspected, send a sample (3-5 nipples) to your distributor or directly to Val Products with your name, address, age of system and any other pertinent data.

## Important

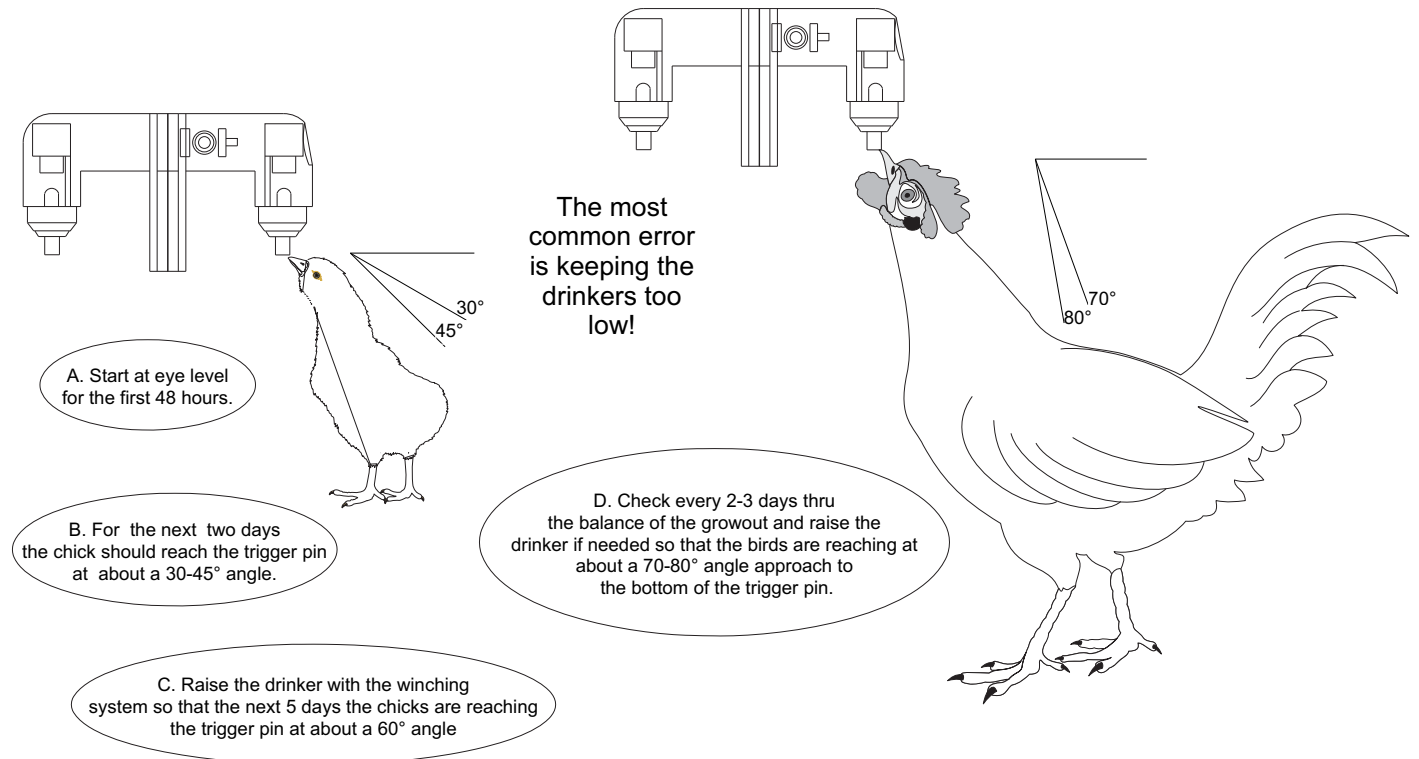
**When starting layers that have been raised as pullets with cups or bell drinkers, turn on bright lights for the first 5 days and hold feed for the first 8 hours in the cages. This will help adjust them to nipple drinkers.**

## Notes



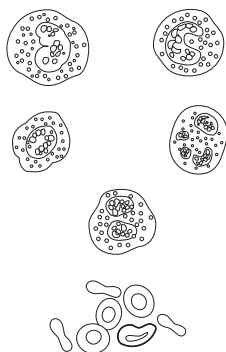
# Layer Nipple and V-Max Regulator Management

The two most important procedures for the Layer Nipple are ① height of drinker from the floor in relation to the bird and ② amount of pressure in the system (water height in the standpipe). Both of these procedures must change during the growout cycle. The following instructions detail the various changes of the cycle.



Triple the life of your V-Max Regulator diaphragm by adjusting your regulator back to about a 2-4 inch water level immediately after birds are taken out of the house (to relieve the spring pressure on the diaphragm). This is also very practical because the regulator must be readjusted to the 2-4 inch water level anyway when chicks are brought into the house for startup.

# Cleaning Water Lines



A regular cleaning program should be used to eliminate water line contaminants; including bacteria, sludge, drug residues and hard water deposits.

## GENERAL CLEANING

1. Mix cleaning solution as indicated below.
2. Fill watering system with solution.
3. Allow solution to sit 1 to 3 hours.
4. Flush system with plain water using high pressure.
5. Check filters.

## REGULAR MAINTENANCE

Watering system should be cleaned every four months (or every month in hot weather) during production with one of the following **at a ratio of 1:128**:

Administration	Vinegar for alkaline water	Citric Acid for alkaline water	Ammonia for acid base water
Medicator	64 fl oz. white household vinegar + 64 fl oz. water = 1 gal. of stock	1 pack 205 gm citric acid + 128 fl oz. water = 1 gal. of stock	4 fl oz. clear household ammonia + 124 fl oz. water = 1 gal. of stock

## BETWEEN FLOCKS

Watering system should be cleaned between flocks. A stronger cleaning solution can be used, since no birds will be drinking the water. It is important to thoroughly flush the system with plain water to prevent storing high concentrations of cleaning solution in the watering system until the next flock is placed in the house.

Administration	ProClean	Vinegar for alkaline water	Citric Acid for alkaline water	Ammonia for acid base water
Medicator	128 fl oz. ProClean = 1 gal. of stock	128 fl oz. white household vinegar = 1 gal. of stock	4 packs 205 gm citric acid + 128 fl oz. water = 1 gal. of stock	16 fl oz. clear household ammonia + 112 fl oz. water = 1 gal. of stock

## CHLORIN

**Chlorine is now considered to be the key salmonella fighter.**

When using chlorine, the following dosages and application methods should be followed:

Administration	Chlorine
Medicator	5 fl oz. bleach + 123 fl oz. water = 1 gallon of stock solution

This solution should run out in the poultry house through the medicator at 128 parts of water to 1 part of stock solution. This cleans the whole system including Val nipples drinkers and sterilizes the entire system.

Do not place chlorine agents in the system when the house is vacant. This places heavy residue in the pipes and nipple drinkers which can clog up various parts of



## Vaccination Procedure

Medicate during peak water demand.

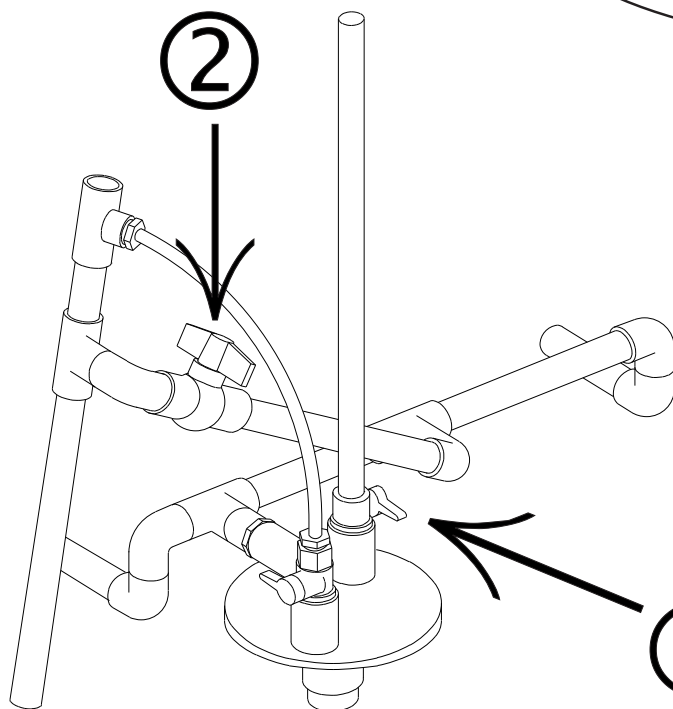
1. Withdraw chlorine 12 hours prior to vaccination or medication.
2. Neutralize with milk replacer for 3 hours prior to start of vaccination.
3. At the end of the withdrawal time, mix the vaccination in the proportion indicated on the packaging (if it is powder, make sure it is completely dissolved). **NOTE:** Add food color dye to mixture if there is no color to the vaccine or see #6 for quantity of water in pipe to drain.
4. Put the medicator tube into the bucket (clip the tube to the side of the bucket to keep the filter off the bottom of the bucket) and lower the water lines to the proper height.
5. Flush the lines until you see the color at the end of the line or flush 1/3 gallons (1.2 L) per 10 FT piece of pipe if there is no color. This will give the birds cooler water and ensure the maximum effectiveness of the medication.
6. When the vaccination bucket is empty, fill it with clean water to flush the medicator. Periodically disassemble and clean your injection assembly. See your medicator manual for more info.



Please keep my  
water clean and  
cool.

## Flushing Procedure

If you don't have the  
Val flush kit (page 19) then  
don't forget to hook up a hose and open  
the ballvalve on the end assembly.



1. If you have red standpipe caps, close the standpipe shutoffs on regulator and end assembly. If you have the new, yellow shutoff caps, go to step 2.

2. Open the ballvalve to flush and then close when done flushing.

3. Open the standpipe shutoffs on regulator and end assembly if you closed them in step 1.

Don't flush more than  
one tier at a time or you  
will pull air into the

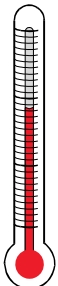


# Important Water Facts

## Water Quality

\* Hard water produces deposits on nipples and water faucets and decreases their life and usefulness.

Contaminant	Recommendation
TDS- Total Dissolved Solids	< 3000 mg/liter
* Hardness (calcium and magnesium salts)	< 20 mg/liter
Salinity	< 1000 PPM
Nitrates (NO <sub>3</sub> )	< 5 PPM
Nitrites (NO <sub>2</sub> )	< 5 PPM
Total bacterial count	< 3000/ml
Total coliform count	< 300/ml
Total E. coli	0
pH	6-9
Iron	< .5 mg/L



Water Temperature	Bird Reaction
50-60°F (10-15°C)	Comfortable drinking
> 86°F (30°C)	Reduction in drinking
> 111°F (44°C)	Refusal to drink

Water temperature is also an important factor in weight maintenance. Water lines outside the poultry house should be buried at least 2 FT (61 CM) underground. Water lines inside the house (especially when the lines run against an uninsulated roof) should be insulated R4 or better. Tanks should be painted white or silver and shaded from the sun when possible. If water is still not cool enough, the Val Chiller unit (VC990) is recommended. See page 21.

I can't drink hot water.



# Chemical Resistance



Do not use these chemicals on or in the Val Watering System.

Acetaldehyde	Dow Corning® Molykote 111	Ortho® Isotex Insect Spray
Acetone	Dow Corning® Silicone Fluid DC 230	Ortho® Home Orchard Spray
Acetophenone	Dowgard® Permanent Anti-Freeze	Petroleum Jelly
alpha-Chloronapthalene	Ethyl Alcohol	Phenol
Amchem Ridoline 322®	Ethyl Acetate	Pine Oil
Amchem Ridoline 421®	Ethylene Dichloride	Porion Ink
Amchem Ridoline 804®	Ethylene Chloride	Propylene Glycol
Amchem Ridoline 53®	Formaldehyde >5%	PVC Upholstery Materials
Andis® Hair Clipper Lube	Gasoline	Pyrethrin
Balkamp® Sil Glyde	Isopropyl Alcohol	Shell Diala AX®
Benzene	Johnson's® No Roach	Shell Tellus 33®
Brake Fluid	Kerosene	Stoddard® Solvent
Bromine	Kiwi® Shoe Polish (Solid)	Sulfur Dioxide
Butyl Ether	meta-Cresol	Sunoco Sunvis 931®
Carbon Tetrachloride	Methanol	Tenneco® L465 Synthetic
Chlordane	Methyl Isobutyl Ketone	Toluene
Chlorobenzene	Methyl Ethyl Ketone	Toothpaste
Chloroform	Molykote 557®	Turpentine
Cyclohexanone	Naptha (VM & P)	Xylene
Diethyl Ketone	Novus® Plastic Polish #1/#2	
Dioctyl Phthalate	Nye Rheolube 745R-2®	
Dishwashing Detergents	Octyl Alcohol	

**This is only a partial list. Remember not to use any oil-based products.**

