

Operation instruction Water Mist Fire Suppression System Accommodation



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# **1** FOREWORD

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# **2 OPERATION INSTRUCTION.**

### 2.1 General

### 2.1.1 Accommodation wet system.

The water mist extinguishing system in the accommodation area is an automatic system capable of immediate operation at all times. The system is a low-pressure system of the wet pipe type, with a nominal working pressure of 9 -16 bar. The nominal stand-by pressure in the system is 8 bar and the jockey pump will start automatically if the pressure drops below 6,5 bar and build up more pressure on the system.

Each protected area can be divided into several sections, and each section is covered with nozzles complete with a heat sensitive element with fast response character at a nominal release temperature of 57  $^{\circ}$ C.

# **3** WATER MIST SYSTEM ACCOMMODATION

Each section of nozzles can be isolated by manually closing the zone valve. The zone stations consist of the following main items.

- > Zone valve (Combined check and shut of valve) to be normally open.
- Flow switch. (For indication of released nozzle)
- > Zone pressure gauge. (For indication of stand-by / operation pressure in the system)
- > Zone test/drain valve with quick coupling. (For testing of system operation)
- Isolation valve monitoring.

Neither of the above items requires any operation upon activation of the system. The items are only for testing and indication purpose. If a zone needs to be sealed of manually the zone valve is closed by shutting of the 1/4" isolation valve on the downstream side of the zone valve.



### 3.1 Nitrogen-Cylinder battery.

The nitrogen cylinders will be activated caused by the following actions.

- System activated and no power to water pump starter cabinets or power distribution cabinets.
- System activated and pressure below 10 Bar for more than 30 seconds.

When activated, the butterfly valve installed after the FlexiFOG tank will open and the nitrogen solenoid valve will be activated.

### 3.1.1 Activation of an accommodation zone:

When the accommodation system is activated caused by a fire the touch screen will change to an accommodation released screen indicating which zone that has been activated and the buzzer will sound. In addition, information will be given with respect to number of pumps in operation and system pressure.

Pushing the "Main Menu" button does return to the main screen.

Pushing the "FlexiFOG Accommodation Release Menu" button does return to the «ACCOMMODATION RELEASED» screen.

To stop the pumps, press the «STOP» button on the bridge panel.

### 3.1.2 Touch screen in normal



### 3.1.3 Touch screen in alamr.

Main Menu       SYSTEM ACTIVATED       Release Menu         Activated By:       System Status         Auto relase pump start       WP(s) Running         System Pressure low       SW-Valve Open         Nitrogen release       Backup Tank Empty	<ul> <li>When activated, the screen will display which fire zone is released.</li> <li>To stop the pumps, press "Buzzer" to silence the buzzer, then "Stop FlexiFOG"</li> <li>For å stoppe systemet trykk "Buzzer" deretter "Stop FlexiFOG"</li> </ul>
Accommodation released Check all accommodation areas.	To set the system back to normal, press "Reset FlexiFOG" NOTE:
BuzzerStop FlexiFOGReset FlexiFOGSystem Pr 13.0BuzzerFlexiFOGSupplementation	Prior to press the <i>"Reset FlexiFOG"</i> zone isolation valve has to be closed.



### 3.1.4 System release sequence.

# 4 TOUCH SCREEN FAULT MENUS.

If a fault should occur the "System Fault" button will turn into yellow. Press the button to verify the fault.

To silence the buzzer, press the button marked "BUZZER"

To verify the fault, press the button marked "SYSTEM FAULT"

When the fault is corrected press the button marked "RESET"



### 4.1.1 Low pressure on water mist system

### FlexiFOG Low Pressure On System

The alarm is set: - Automatic pump start is not able to keep pressure above limit after 45 sec. The pump will start automatical upon detection of low pressure in the system and stop when the system pressure has reached approx. 8 bar. System released and pump not able to keep pressure above limit

after 45 sec. System will open sea water valve. - If the system pressure falls below 4 bar By continius alarm possible cause of abnormal situation:

- Leakage in the pipes of fittings - Valve leakage - Check valve leakage - No water in fresh water tank.

The alarm is set if the water mist system pressure is below 6,5 Bar. The pump will start automatically to re-pressurise the system. The pump will stop automatically when the pressure reaches 8 bar.

#### 4.1.2 Pump fault



### 4.1.3 Zone valve fault.

Fault On FlexiFOG Zo	ine Va	lves	The alarm is set by any of the abnormal situations:	
				Open loop
Zone with fault indicated by yellow light: The alarm is set by:	1	2	3	
<ul> <li>Monitoring open loop on zone valve when system not activated.</li> </ul>	4	5	6	
Possible cause of abnormal situation: - Open loop (Check cable)	7	8	9	
- Zone vavle operated manually at the valve. Press and turn grey button located at the solenoid	10	11	12	

# 4.1.4 Zone pressure fault water mist system

System released Pressure Fault on Zone Valve			alve	The alarm is set by any of the abnormal situations:
				Pressure below 5 Bar at the zone valve.
Zone fault indicated by yellow light: The alarm is set by:	1	2	з	Check pressure switch setting.
- Zone not pressurized when system released.	4	5	6	Check if zone valve and/or zone isolation valve is open. If closed, water will not be discharged
Possible cause of abnormal situation: - Zone valve not open - Zone pressure switch	7	8	9	through the nozzles, and the system will not work
not closed when system is pressurized	10	11	12	
4.1.5 Low level				
Fresh Water Tank Low Level				The alarm is set by any of the abnormal situations:
				Low level in any of the monitored pressure vessels or atmospheric tanks such as:
The alarm is set by a level switch located on the tank. Possible cause of abnormal situation:			ık.	Fresh water tank
- Lack of water in tank, fill the tank - Open cable (contact should be closed)				Check tank level.
- Power supply to the switch				Check for open loop.
If system is activated when Low Level, pumps will start up directly with sea water (If SW valve is installed). If fals alarm, check faults in regards to power supply for Control System. Switch is closed when water present. Press stop and reset to reset alarm when tank is filled.			tart up ly for nt. ed.	

### 4.1.6 Power fault

Internal Power Supply Fault MCC	The alarm is set by any of the abnormal situations:
	Loss of 1 phase, 3 phase and 24 VDC supply
The alays is set buy	Switch mode power supply broken.
-No power input to SMPS within the Main Control Cabinet.	Main control cabinet circuit breaker released.
Possible cause of abnormal situation: -Main and Emg. power loss to the Main Control Cabinet.	Power lost from main or emergency switch board.
Power fault MCC	Open circuit, check wire connections.

### 4.1.7 Communication fault

Communication Fault	Communication fault to the touch screens are activated by:
	No power supply
The alarm is set by:	Open loop, PROFINET
- Touch screen does not communicate with PLC/MCC Bridge Engine Control Room Possible cause of abnormal situation: - Power supply to main control cabinet - Profinet connection between touch screen and PLC	Press "STOP" and "RESET" when the fault is repaired.
Note: Push "STOP" And "RESET" When fault is corrected INFO: Touch screen has battery backup for min. 2 min	

### 4.1.8 System i STOP Mode

Stop Fault	If the "STOP" button is activated for more than 60 seconds, the system will go into STOP mode.
The alarm is set by:	NOTE:
<ul> <li>Stop button aktive for 60 sec.</li> <li>Possible cause of abnormal situation:</li> <li>System in Stop Mode due to maintenance, ignore this fault and "Reset" the system immediatley after work.</li> <li>Set back to normal situation:</li> </ul>	This will put the system out of function. Shall only be used for major maintenance work. Press "RESET" to set the system back into normal operation.
<ul> <li>Push "Reset-button" for return to Normal Operation</li> </ul>	
Note: If system in "STOP", the system is NOT in function in regards to SOLAS regulations.	
4.1.9 Distribution cabinet fault	

Power Supply Fault Distribution Cabinet	If a fault occur on the power distribution cabinets an alarm will be initiated.
Main Distribution Cabinet: Emergency Distribution Cabinet Main Power Main Power	
Info: If power from Main Distribution Cainet is down, system will change over to power from Emgergency Distribution Cabinet.	

### 4.1.10 Nitrogen activated

FlexiFOG Nitrogen Released	If the nitrogen back-up system is activated due to lack of pump pressure, an alarm will be initiated.
The alarm is set: -Low sys pressure for 30 Sec and no water pump(s) running.	The nitrogen is activated if the system is released and the power supply is lost.
Possible cause of abnormal situation: - Black out during release - Water supply failure - Pump faults (Most likely power supply failure)	
Action: no action during release the system will switch back to pump operation when nitrogen empty. Bottles needs to be refiled with nitrogen, 190 bar. Contact Autronica. (See Info Menu)	

### 4.1.11 Check list in case of a fault alarm:

- 1. If a system fault should occur, the buzzer will sound and the «SYSTEM FAULT» will lit.
- 2. Pushing the «BUZZER OFF» will silence the buzzer and acknowledge the alarm.
- 3. Pushing the «SYSTEM FAULT» button will take you to the «FAULT INFORMATION» screen.
- 4. Pushing the button activated (Yellow) will take you to a detailed description of the fault and a possible cause.
- 5. To reset the system, the fault has to be rectified and the «RESET» button has to be pushed.

LED/Alarm Text:	Possible cause of alarm	Actions (help text):
	Pump overload	Check motor starter in the main control cabinet or any of the pump starter cabinets.
		The key switch has been switched into local mode.
Pump fault	Pump In local	If the system shall work as it supposed to do the switch must be in remote.
Listing which pump		The motor starter has been switched off.
starter cabinet that has a fault.	Motor starter switch off	There is no power to the pump in case of an activation of the system.
		Check the on / off switch on the motor starter.
	Main and/or emergency	Main and/or emergency power lost.
	power lost	Check fuses for both emergency and the main supply.
Comm. fault		Check communication cable / plug.
	24 VDC power lost	Check the 220VAC/24DC SMPS in the battery cabinet.
		Check fuses
	1 Ph. Main power lost	Check 1 ph power supply for main power cabinet.
Bower Feilure		Check fuses
Fower Failure	3 Ph. Main power lost	Check 3 ph power supply for main power cabinet.
	3 FII. Main power lost	Check fuses
	3 Ph main or emergency	Check power supply for power distribution cabinets.
	cabinets if installed.	Check fuses within the cabinets.
ATTENTION! SYSTEM IS IN STOP MODE ABNORMAL CONDITION	STOP Button has been	In case of fire the system will not operate. Examine the reason why it has been activated.
	RESET afterwards.	To get the system back into normal operation, press the reset button on the panel.
Sea Water Valve	Fresh water tank empty.	Seawater will be used in case of an activation of the system.
Open	(Only on systems with sea water supply)	Fresh water tank to be re-filled.
Low Level Fresh	Fresh water tank empty or below level for dedicated	Check the level on the fresh water tank. Tank to be refilled if empty or low level.
Water tank	water to the water mist	If the level is OK, level switch to be checked.
	system	Seawater will be used in case of an activation of the system.
		Water pressure is below 6,5 Bar.
System Low Pressure	Leakage in piping system.	The pump is programmed to start if the pressure gets below 6,5 Bar.
	Back pressure into water tank.	Check for leakage on the piping system and/or if the pumps are running.
		Check check/foot valve in fresh water tank.
	Nitrogen has been activated. This means that a flow switch is	
Nitrogen Released	activated and that the Accommodation system is activated	system pressure is below 10 bar for more than 30 seconds.

LED/Alarm Text:	Possible cause of alarm	Actions (help text):
ACCOMMODATION SYSTEM RELEASED (and the specific zone)	Check if there is a fire for the area that has been released.	If the alarms were set by a failure in the system or by an accidental release of a nozzle, push stop button on the bridge operating panel and/or shut off the zone by closing the isolation valve on the zone valve.

# 5 EMERGENCY OPERATION.

The system can be operated manually if the control system is down or the main power is lost.

### 5.1 Emergency operation, nitrogen and freshwater tank.

If the main power is lost the system can be operated using the back-up tank as follows:

The tank has a capacity to supply fresh water to the system for 1 minute of operation at design capacity. In case of a power failure or a malfunction of the system, fresh water can be discharged manually as follows:

### 5.1.1 Nitrogen cylinders

The system can be released remotely manually from the pilot cylinders.



### 5.1.2 Bach-up tank, main valve.

The back-up tank main valve can be operated as follows.



### 5.2 Emergency start of pumps.

1. Go to the pump station and turn the black key switch to local mode.

2. Turn the black selector switch to "START"

3. To be done both for the water pump and the foam pump. Foam is only required for machinery space total flooding.

NOTE: In an emergency situation, all water pumps should be started.

4. AFFF Foam valve is hardwired from the starter cabinet.



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