

SHOWER CONTROL

Installation & User Guide

These instructions are to be left with the user

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## INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing a quality Mira product. To enjoy the full potential of your new product, please take time to read this guide thoroughly, having done so, keep it handy for future reference.

The Mira Excel is a Thermostatic Mixer with independent selection of spray force and temperature. The Thermostatic Mixer incorporates a wax capsule temperature sensing unit. This provides an almost immediate response to changes in pressures or temperature of the incoming water supplies to maintain the selected temperature. An adjustable maximum temperature stop is provided which limits the temperature to the desired level. An override button allows the user to exceed the preset maximum temperature. The flow control utilizes ceramic plate technology operating directly on the hot and cold inlets to provide precise control and isolation of the incoming water supplies. Inlet filters are fitted to protect the thermostatic control mechanism. The Mira Excel (Exposed Version) has adjustable inlets to fit pipework centres between 150 mm and 155 mm.

**Mira Excel**: An exposed shower control for connection to wall mounted or rear entry pipework.

Mira Excel B: A built-in shower control for connection to concealed pipework.

| Design Registration: | 3 003 921, 3 003 922 |              |  |
|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|--|
| Patents:             | GB                   | 2 291 693    |  |
|                      | France               | 0 694 721(E) |  |
|                      | Germany              | 695 13 455.8 |  |

### Patents and Design Registration

### Guarantee

For domestic installations, Mira Showers guarantee the Mira Excel against any defect in materials or workmanship for a period of 5 years from the date of purchase (shower fittings for one year).

For non-domestic installations, Mira Showers guarantee the Mira Excel against any defect in materials or workmanship for a period of one year from the date of purchase.

For terms and conditions refer to the back cover of this guide.

If you experience any difficulty with the installation or operation of your new Thermostatic Mixer, please refer to '**Fault Diagnosis'**, before contacting Kohler Mira Ltd. Our telephone and fax numbers can be found on the back cover of this guide.

### **Recommended Usage**

| Application      | Valve Only   | Valve with Fittings |
|------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Domestic         | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$        |
| Light Commercial | ×            | ×                   |
| Heavy Commercial | ×            | ×                   |
| Healthcare       | x            | x                   |

**Note!** Heavy duty shower fittings are available separately for use in Healthcare and Heavy Commercial applications, for details contact Customer Services.

## **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION**

This Mira Excel is precision engineered and should give continued safe and controlled performance, provided:

- **1.** It is installed, commissioned, operated and maintained in accordance with manufacturers recommendations.
- **2.** Periodic attention is given, when necessary, to maintain the product in good functional order.

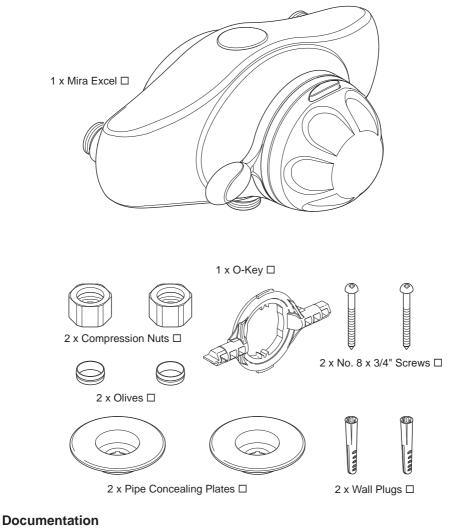
### Caution!

- 1. Read all of these instructions.
- 2. Retain this guide for later use.
- **3.** Pass on this guide in the event of change of ownership of the installation site.
- 4. Follow all warnings, cautions and instructions contained in this guide.
- 5. Anyone who may have difficulty understanding or operating the controls of any shower should be attended whilst showering. Particular consideration should be given to the young, the elderly, the infirm or anyone inexperienced in the correct operation of the controls.
- 6. When this product has reached the end of its serviceable life, it should be disposed of in a safe manner, in accordance with current local authority recycling, or waste disposal policy.

# PACK CONTENTS CHECKLIST

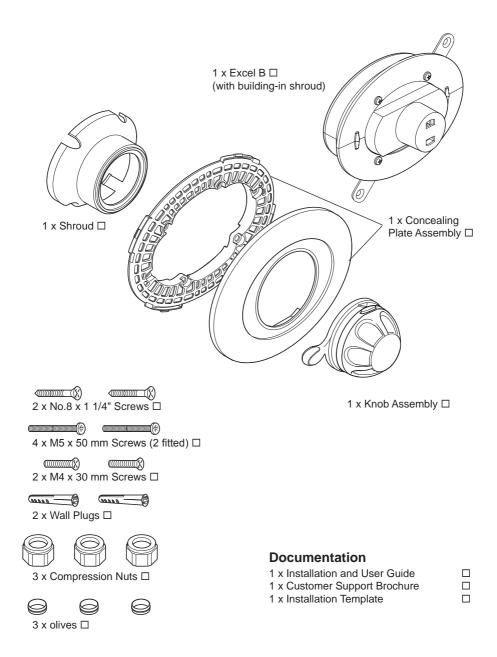
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### **Excel Thermostatic Mixer**



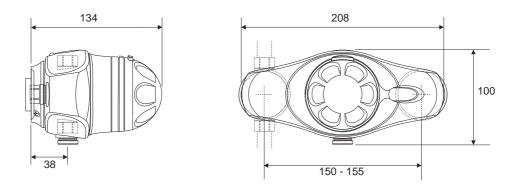
#### 1 x Installation and User Guide 1 x Customer Support Brochure

1 x Installation Template

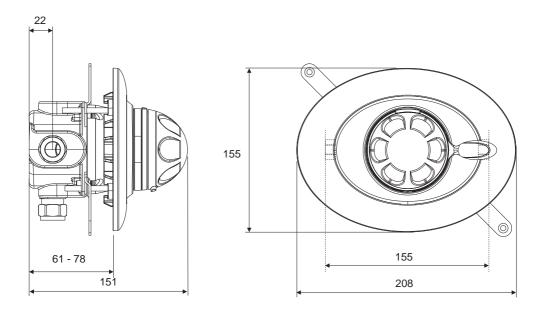


# DIMENSIONS

### Excel



Excel B



All dimensions in mm.

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

### 1. Pressure Ranges

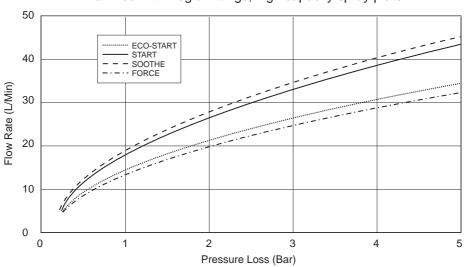
- **1.1.** Minimum maintained pressure: 0.1 Bar (1.0 metre head) when used with Mira shower fittings.
- 1.2. Maximum maintained pressure: 5.0 Bar.
- 1.3. Maximum static pressure: 10 Bar.Note! Nominally equal inlet supply pressures are recommended for optimum performance.

### 2. Temperature Control

- **2.1.** Close temperature control is provided between 35°C and 45°C.
  - **Note!** The temperature control specification, outlined below, is achieved with the blend set between 35°C and 45°C, with supply temperatures of 15°C cold and 65°C hot, **AND**, nominally equal inlet supply pressures.
- **2.2.** The blended temperature is maintained within 2°C with a 10°C change in the hot or cold supply.
- **2.3.** The wax capsule sensor effects a shut down to seepage in approximately 2 seconds if the cold supply fails. Shut down to seepage is only achieved if the hot supply is 12°C above the blend temperature.

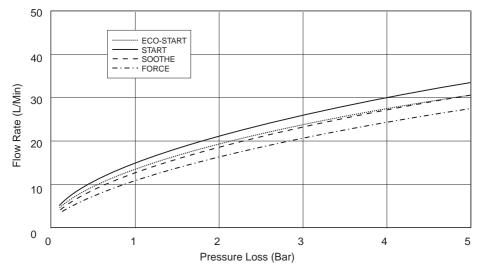
### 3. Standards and Approvals

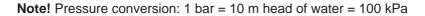
- **3.1.** Designed to comply with BS EN 1111 and 1287 for thermostatic mixing valves, and to be used within systems designed to BS6700.
- **3.2.** BS 6700 recommends that the temperature of stored water should never exceed 65°C. A stored water temperature of 60°C is considered sufficient to meet all normal requirements and will minimise the deposition of scale in hard water areas.



Mira Excel with Logic Fittings, high capacity spray plate

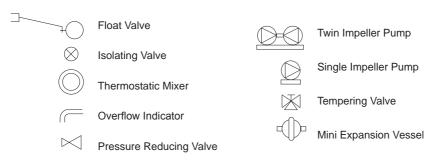
Mira Excel with Logic Fittings, low capacity spray plate





## INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

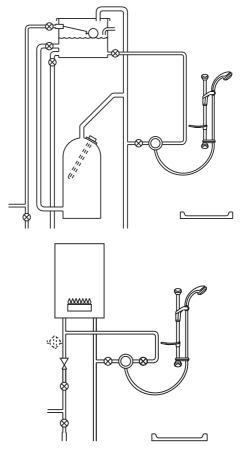
### Key to Symbols



The Mira Excel is compatible with the following systems:

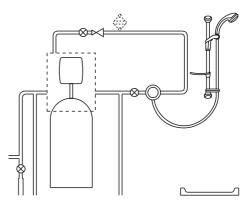
### Gravity fed system

The Thermostatic Mixer **MUST** be fed from a cold water cistern and hot water cylinder providing nominally equal pressure.



### Gas heated system

The Thermostatic Mixer **MUST** be installed with a gas water heater or combination boiler of a fully modulating design.

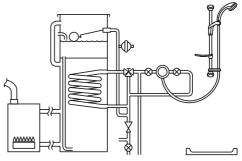


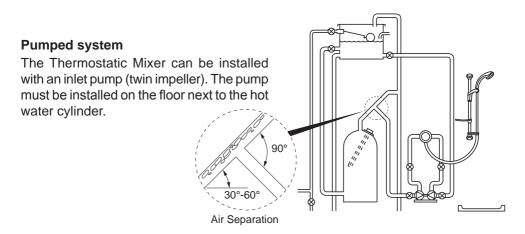
### Unvented mains pressure system

The Thermostatic Mixer can be installed with a unvented, stored hot water cylinder.

# Mains pressurised instantaneous hot water system (thermal store)

The Thermostatic Mixer can be installed with systems of this type with balanced pressures.





### INSTALLATION

### General

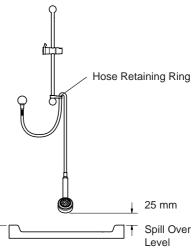
Installation must be carried out in accordance with these instructions, and must be conducted by designated, qualified and competent personnel.

The installation must comply with the "Water Supply Regulations 1999 (Water Fittings)" or any particular regulations and practices, specified by the local water company or water undertakers.

**Note!** Make sure that all site requirements correspond to the information given in section: **'Specifications'**.

- 1. The Mixer must not be installed in an area where it may freeze.
- 2. For stud partitions alternative fixings may be required.
- 3. Isolating valves must be installed close to the Mixer for ease of maintenance.
- 4. Pipework must be rigidly supported and avoid any strain on the connections.
- 5. Pipework dead-legs should be kept to a minimum.
- **6.** Supply pipework layout should be arranged to minimise the effect of other outlet usage upon the dynamic pressures at the Mixer inlets.
- 7. Inlet and outlet threaded joint connections should be made with PTFE tape or liquid sealant. Do not use oil-based, non-setting joint compounds.
- **8.** To eliminate pipe debris it is essential that supply pipes are thoroughly flushed through before final connection.
- 9. Decide on a suitable position for the Mixer. The position of the Mixer and the Shower Fittings must provide a minimum gap of 25 mm between the spill-over level of the shower tray/bath and the handset. This is to prevent back-siphonage. For further information on the installation of your Shower Fittings, refer to the Fittings Installation and User Guide.

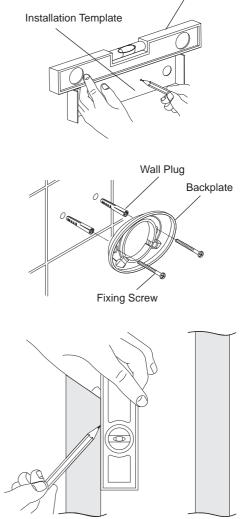
**Note!** Only use Shower Fittings recommended by the manufacturer or supplier.



#### Excel

### 1. Back inlet supplies (rising or falling concealed pipework)

- **1.1** Use the installation template to mark the positions of the holes for the backplate and the pipe centres.
- **1.2** For solid walls drill the backplate holes with a 6 mm diameter drill and insert the wall plugs (supplied). For other types of wall structure alternative fixing may be required.
- **1.3** Use the two No. 8 x 1 3/4" fixing screws (supplied) to fix the backplate to the wall. Make sure that the two angled fixing holes are at the bottom of the backplate.



Spirit Level

**1.4** Use a spirit level and pencil to mark the route of the hot and cold water supply pipes at 150-155 mm centres.

**Note!** The Excel is supplied with inlet connections **hot left**, **cold right** and **bottom outlet** as standard. For installations with reversed hot and cold supplies complete the installation and refer to section: **Reversed Inlet Connections.** 

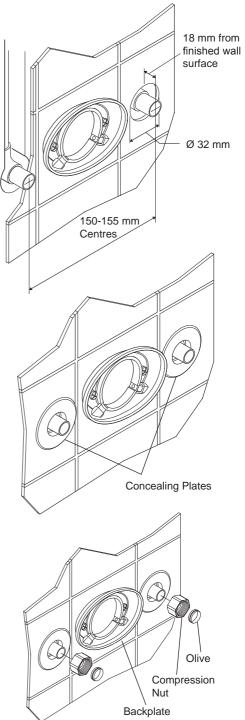
**1.5** Remove the plaster and brick/block to the required depth to conceal the pipework.

**Note!** Depth must be sufficient to prevent pipe concealing plates fouling on the plumbing elbows.

**1.6** Install the supply pipes. The pipes must project 18 mm from the finished surface of the wall at 150-155 mm centres.

**Note!** Use the installation template to ensure pipes are in the right position.

- **1.7** Finish the surface of the wall as required. The recesses from which the pipes emerge must also accommodate the 32 mm diameter x 10 mm deep flanges on the pipe concealing plates.
- **1.8** Fit the pipe concealing plates over the hot and cold supply pipes.
- 1.9 Thoroughly flush the hot and cold water supply pipes. The supplies must be clean and free from debris before connecting the shower control. Failure to do so may result in product malfunction.
- **1.10** Slide the compression nuts and olives over the supply pipes.



**1.11** Locate the Excel shower control on to the backplate and supply pipes and hold it in position.

**Note!** Align the adjustable inlets to aid location onto the pipework.

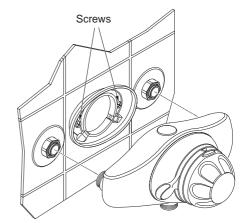
- **1.12** Use a suitable screwdriver to tighten the two screws in the backplate. The screws will hold the shower control in position.
- **1.13** Use a suitable spanner to tighten the compression nuts (anticlockwise rotation when viewed from front). Protect the chromium plated surfaces with a cloth.

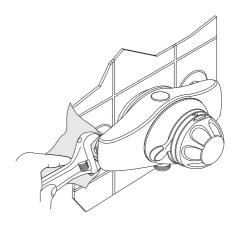
#### Do not overtighten.

**1.14** Turn on the water supplies and check for any leaks.

### **Shower fittings**

**1.15** Install the shower fittings. Refer to the Installation and User Guide for the shower fittings.

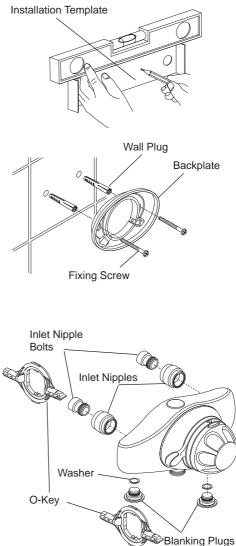




### 2. Exposed supplies (rising or falling surface pipework)

### **Rising Supplies**

- **2.1** Use the installation template to mark the positions of the holes for the backplate and the pipe centres.
- 2.2 For solid walls drill the backplate holes with a 6 mm diameter drill and insert the wall plugs (supplied). For other types of wall structure alternative fixing may be required.
- **2.3** Fix the backplate to the wall with the two fixing screws (supplied). Make sure that the angled fixing holes are at the bottom of the backplate.
- 2.4 Use the O-Key or a suitable screwdriver to remove the blanking glugs from the rising supply inlets.
- **2.5** Use the O-Key to remove the inlet nipple bolts from the rear supply inlets.
- 2.6 Remove the inlet nipples.



2.8 Fit and tighten the inlet nipple bolts with the O-Key.Note! The nipple will still float when the bolt has been tightened.

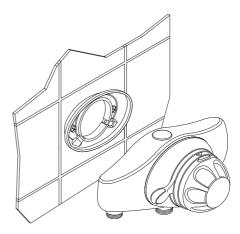
2.7 Align and fit the inlet nipples, complete

inlets.

with 'O' seals, into the rising supply

- 2.9 Screw the blanking plugs, complete with washers into the rear supply inlet nipple holes. Tighten the blanking plugs using the O-Key or suitable screwdriver.
- Blanking Plugs

- **2.10** Locate the Excel shower control on to the backplate.
- 2.11 Use a suitable screwdriver to tighten the two screws in the backplate. The screws will hold the shower control in position. Do not overtighten the screws.



**2.12** Install the hot and cold supply pipes approximately 35 mm from the finished wall at 150-155 mm centres.

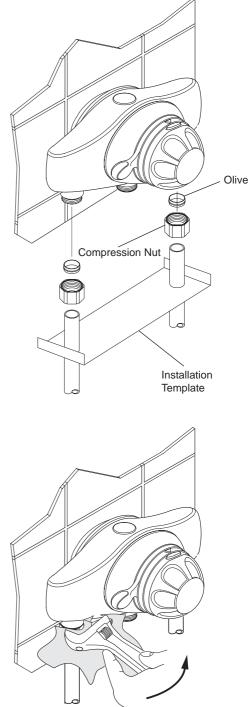
Use the installation template to make sure the pipes are in the right position.

**Note!** The Excel is supplied with inlet connections **hot left**, **cold right** and **bottom outlet** as standard. For installations with reversed hot and cold supplies complete the installation and refer to section: **Reversed Inlet Connections.** 

**Note!** Thoroughly flush the hot and cold water supply pipes. The supplies must be clean and free from debris before connecting the shower control. Failure to do so may result in product malfunction.

- **2.13** Slide the compression nuts and olives over the supply pipes.
- **2.14** Insert the hot and cold supply pipes fully into the inlet nipples and slide the olives and compression nuts into place.

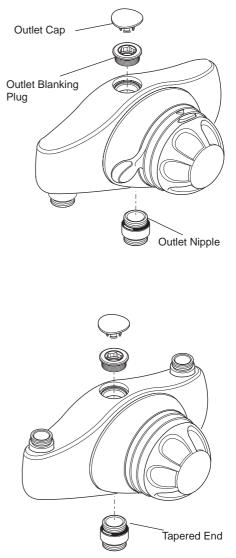
**Note!** Align the adjustable inlets to aid location onto the pipework.



- **2.15** Use a suitable spanner to tighten the compression nuts. Protect the chromium plated surfaces with a cloth.
- **2.16** Turn on the water supplies and check for any leaks.

### **Falling Supplies**

- **2.17** Follow the installation instructions 2.1 to 2.9 inclusive.
- **2.18** Use the O-Key to remove the outlet nipple.
- **2.19** Carefully lever the outlet cap from the outlet blanking plug in the shower control body.
- **2.20** Use the O-Key to remove the outlet blanking plug.
- **2.21** Screw the outlet nipple, complete with 'O' seal into the hole previously blanked. Tighten the outlet nipple with the O-Key.
- 2.22 Screw the outlet blanking plug, complete with 'O' seal, into the outlet hole between the two inlet nipples. Tighten the outlet blanking plug with the O-Key.
- **2.23** Fit the outlet cap correctly. The matching contours of the outlet cap and shower control body must be aligned.
- **2.24** Locate the Excel shower control on to the backplate.



- **2.25** Use a suitable screwdriver to tighten the two screws in the backplate. The screws will hold the shower control in position.
- **2.26** Install the hot and cold supply pipes approximately 35 mm from the finished wall at 150-155 mm centres.

Use the installation template to ensure the pipes are in the right position.

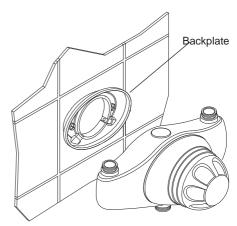
- **2.27** Follow the installation instructions 2.10. to 2.14. inclusive.
- 2.28 Refer to section: Reversed Inlet Connections and follow the installation instructions 1.2. to 1.10. inclusive. This will put the cartridge assembly, the indicator trim and the temperature knob in the correct orientation for hot left and cold right inlet supplies.

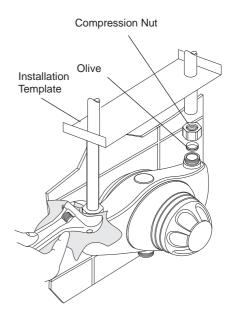
**Note!** For falling supplies where the hot and cold inlet pipes have been reversed, only the indicator trim and the temperature knob need to be removed and reinstalled the correct way up. Refer to section: **Reversed Inlet Connections.** 

**2.29** Turn on the water supplies and check for any leaks.

#### Shower fittings

**2.30** Install the shower fittings. Refer to the Installation and User Guide for the shower fittings.





### Excel B

### 3. Solid and dry-lined walls

Read the section: Installation Requirements first.

The built-in shower control is supplied with a support bracket that can be used to install the shower control into a solid or dry-lined wall structure.

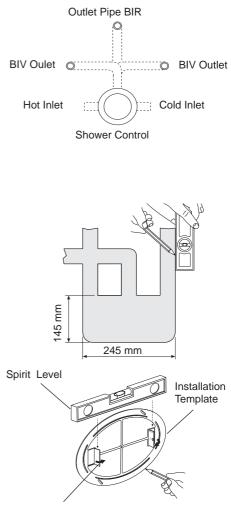
A foam seal is fitted to the concealing plate assembly to seal the bracket to the wall surface (i.e. tiles). This will provide a sufficient seal for most installations to prevent ingress of water into the wall cavity.

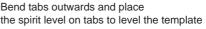
**3.1** Determine the route for the incoming hot and cold supply pipework.

**Note!** For some installations the valve may want to be completely sealed within the wall and a cavity seal is available as an accessory.

- **3.2** Determine the route for the outlet pipework. When connecting to the biv shower fittings it is recommended that the outlet be positioned above and to one side of the shower control. This is to prevent the flexible hose from obstructing the temperature and flow knobs of the shower control. For further information on the installation of the **shower fittings** refer to the Installation and User Guide.
- **3.3** If installing the shower into a solid wall, mark an opening sufficient to accommodate the shower control approximately 245 mm x 145 mm on the surface of the wall.

Alternatively, if installing the shower into a dry-lined wall, use the installation template and mark around the outside edge.





- **3.4** Mark the route of the supply and outlet pipes.
- 3.5 Remove the plaster and brick/block for the shower control to a depth between 64 and 81 mm from the finished surface of the wall. The shower body requires a clearance depth of 58 mm, with a finished wall surface thickness between 6 and 23 mm.

**Note!** The maximum and minimum depth levels are indicated on the outer sections of the building-in shroud.

6 mm Minimum Depth Finished wall surface Support Bracket Finished wall surface 58 mm 23 mm Maximum depth Support Bracket Fixing Holes Fixina

Screws

- **3.6** Remove the plaster and brick/block for the supply and outlet pipes.
- 3.7 Mark the support bracket fixing hole positions. The support brackets should be positioned so that the valve can be fitted level and the compression fittings can be easily tightened.
- **3.8** Drill a 6.0 mm diameter hole at each of the marked positions and insert the wall plugs (supplied).

**Note!** For stud partition installations alternative fixings may be required. Alternatively the shower body can be secured to the rear face of the wall cavity or to a timber noggin.

- **3.9** Align the holes in the support brackets with the holes in the wall and secure the unit with the two fixing screws (supplied).
- **3.10** Remove all three sections of the building-in shroud. Align the hot and cold supply and top outlet pipes with the valve but do not connect to the valve.

**3.11** Remove the support bracket and valve unit from the wall and thoroughly flush the hot and cold water supply pipes.

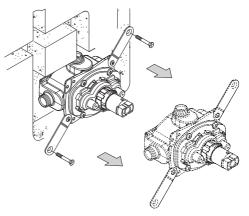
**Note!** The supplies must be clean and free from debris before connecting the shower control. Failure to do so may result in product malfunction.

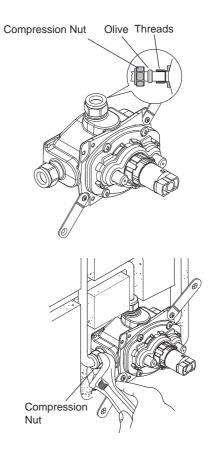
**Note!** The Excel B is supplied with inlet connections **hot left**, **cold right** and **top outlet** as standard. For installations with reversed hot and cold refer to section: **Reversed inlet connections.** 

- **3.12** Loosely attach the compression nuts and olives.
- **3.13** Fit the support bracket and valve unit in to the wall with the two fixing screws.
- **3.14** Insert the hot and cold supply and top outlet pipes through the compression nuts and olives. **Ensure** that each pipe is pushed fully into the valve.

**Note!** For falling inlet supplies the outlet pipe may have to be set deeper into the wall.

- **3.15** Hold each pipe in position and use a suitable spanner to tighten the compression nuts.
- 3.16 Turn on the water supplies and check for any leaks on both the inlet and the outlet connections.





- **3.17** Refit the three building-in shroud sections that you removed earlier. Secure the shroud in position with the screws.
- **3.18** Plaster and tile as necessary up to the sides of the building-in shroud. Make sure that the finished tiled wall surface is within the FINISH arrow on the building-in shroud.
- **3.19** When the plaster/tiles have set, remove the screws and pull the entire building-in shroud away.

Note! Retain the screws for later use.

**3.20** Remove the backplate from the concealing plate. Remove the protective film from foam seal and fit in position with the four fixing screws (supplied).

Do not overtighten the screws.

**Note!** If the finish is particularly uneven (i.e. due to grout lines), apply a small amount of silicone sealant to ensure a seal.

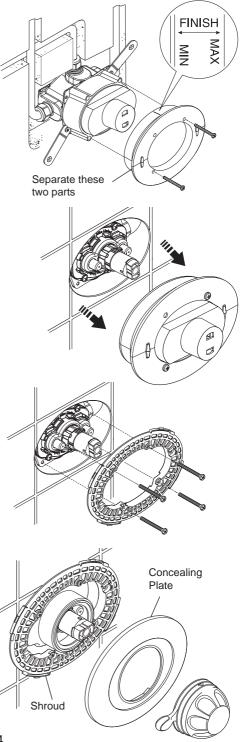
**3.21** Fit the shroud and concealing plate over the backplate.

Firmly push the concealing plate until it clips into position.

**3.22** Fit the control assembly, refer to section: **Control Assembly**.

### Shower fittings

**3.23** Install the shower fittings. Refer to the shower fittings Installation and User Guide.



### 4. Stud Partitions and Shower Enclosures (Front Face)

The built-in shower control is supplied with a support bracket that can be used to install the shower control into the front face of a stud partition wall structure or shower enclosures. The front face installation of the support bracket is only practical where an applied surface finish e.g. plaster or tiles can conceal flanges of the bracket. A foam seal is fitted to the concealing plate assembly to seal the bracket to the wall surface (i.e. tiles). This will provide a sufficient seal for most installations to prevent ingress of water into the wall cavity.

- **4.1** Refer to section: **Installation, 3. Solid and dry-lined walls** and follow steps 3.1. and 3.2.
- **4.2** Use the installation template (supplied) to mark the size of the hole required on the panel. Bend the tabs outwards and use a spirit level to ensure that the hole is marked symmetrically.

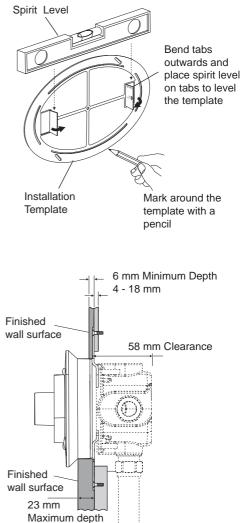
Mark around the **outside edge** of the template.

**4.3** Carefully cut the hole in the panel.

**Note!** The support bracket requires a clearance depth of **58 mm**, with a panel/wall thickness of between **4 and 18 mm**.

The raised portion on the building-in shroud can be used as a depth gauge. Panel/wall thicknesses in excess of 18 mm can be accommodated, but a clearance will be required around the inlet and outlet connections to allow insertion of pipe and tightening of the compression nuts.

**4.4** To complete the installation, refer to section: **Installation**, **3. Solid and dry-lined walls** and follow steps 3.4 to 3.23.



### 5. Laminated Panels and Shower Enclosures (Rear Face)

The built-in shower control is supplied with a support bracket that can be used to install the shower control onto the rear face of a laminated panel or preformed shower cubicle.

A foam seal is fitted to the concealing plate assembly to seal the bracket to the wall surface (i.e. tiles). This will provide a sufficient seal for most installations to prevent ingress of water into the wall cavity.

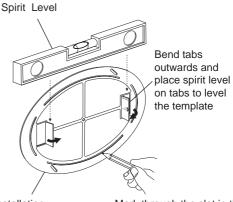
**Note!** This installation is only possible with a finished wall thickness between 6 and 21 mm.

- 5.1. Refer to section: Installation, 3. Solid and dry-lined walls and follow instructions 3.1. and 3.2.
- 5.2. Use the installation template (supplied) to mark the size of the hole required on the panel. Bend the tabs outwards and use a

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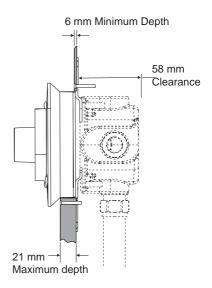
Mark through the inner slots of the template.

- **5.3.** Carefully cut the hole in the panel. Note! The support bracket requires a clearance depth of 58 mm, with a finished wall thickness between 6 and 21 mm.
- 5.4. Fit the valve in position and mark the position of the holes for the support brackets.
- 5.5. Drill a 5.0 mm diameter hole at each of the marked positions.



Template

Mark through the slot in the template with a pencil



**5.6.** Remove the outer sections of the building-in shroud and fix the support bracket and valve in position using the two M4 x 30 mm screws (supplied).

- **5.7.** Align the hot and cold supply and top outlet pipes with the valve but do not secure the pipes.
- **5.8.** To complete the installation, refer to Section: **Installation, 3. Solid and dry-lined walls** and follow steps 3.11 to 3.23.

**Note!** The shower body has two fixing holes in the back face for securing to the rear face of the wall cavity or timber noggin.

M4 x 30 mm Screws

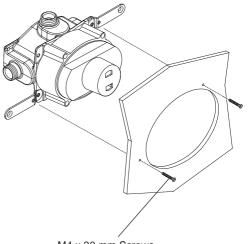
Two holes in the back face to secure to a wooden noggin. This will help to secure the valve behind a partition wall.

### **REVERSED INLET CONNECTIONS**

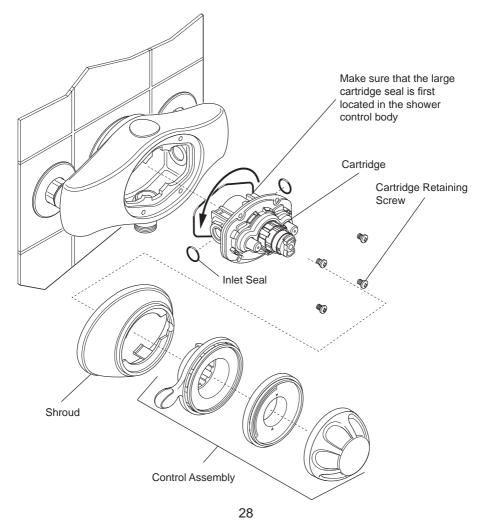
The Excel is supplied with inlet connections **hot left**, **cold right** and **bottom outlet**. The Excel B is supplied with inlet connections **hot left**, **cold right** and **top outlet** as standard. If the hot and cold water supply pipes have been reversed during installation the following procedure must be performed.

- **1.1** Isolate the hot and cold water supplies to the shower control.
- **1.2** Turn the flow knob fully anticlockwise to drain any water.
- **1.3** Carefully pull off the temperature knob, indicator trim and flow lever. Remove the shroud.

**Note!** The red and blue pillars identify the correct hot and cold inlets for the cartridge.



- **1.4** Remove the four cartridge retaining screws.
- 1.5 Pull out the cartridge. Do not remove the metal plate from the cartridge assembly. Any residual water will drain from the body.Caution! Take care not to damage the two inlet seals or the large cartridge seal.
- **1.6** Rotate the cartridge through half a turn (180°) and insert it back into the shower control body. **The blue pillar should now be on the left side of the shower control.** When re-inserting the cartridge, make sure that the large cartridge seal is **first located** in the shower control body.
- **1.7** Fit the four screws that retain the cartridge.
- 1.8 Refit the shroud.
- 1.9 Refit the controls. Refer to section: Control Assembly.
- **1.10** Restore the hot and cold water supplies and check for any leaks.



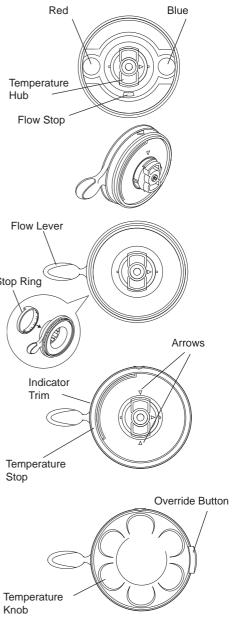
## CONTROL ASSEMBLY

The procedure below details the steps required to fit the control assembly and is applicable to both the exposed and built-in models.

- Make sure that the temperature hub is turned to the position illustrated and that the flow stop is at the bottom.
   Note! If the red and blue pillars are reversed (due to reversed inlet connections) the flow stop will be positioned at the top.
- 2. Make sure that the flow control lever carrier is turned fully clockwise to the off position.
- **3.** Fit the flow lever in the position shown. Make sure that the stop ring is fitted to the flow lever as shown on Stop Ring the inset diagram.

**Note!** If the red and blue pillars are reversed (due to reversed inlet connections) remove the stop ring, rotate 180° and refit. Check the free movement of the flow lever, **DO NOT FORCE** (Refer to the section **Operation** for details)

- 4. Fit the indicator trim making sure that the arrows line up with the hub and the stop is positioned as shown.
- 5. Fit the temperature knob making sure that the override button is opposite the flow lever as shown.



## COMMISSIONING

### 1. Maximum temperature setting

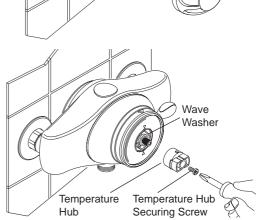
All Mira Excel shower controls are fully performance tested and the maximum temperature has been set under ideal installation conditions at the factory. The temperature stop is set to 41°C and depressing the override will increase the temperature by 5°C to approximately 46°C. Site conditions and personal preference may make it necessary to reset these temperatures.

**Note!** An adequate supply of hot water at least 12°C above the required temperature must be available for correct operation of the shower control.

- 1.1 Turn the temperature knob to the full hot position. Do not depress the override button.
- **1.2** Adjust the flow control to give a typical shower force and allow the temperature to stabilise.
- **1.3** Measure the water temperature. If the temperature is satisfactory then no adjustment is needed. If adjustment is necessary continue with the commissioning procedure.
- **1.4** Turn the shower off and carefully pull off the temperature knob.

Flow Lever Temperature Knob

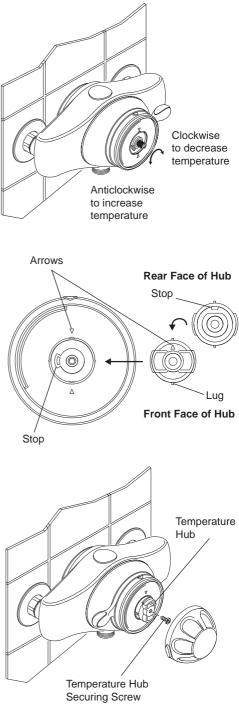
- **1.5** Remove the temperature hub securing screw.
- **1.6** Carefully remove the temperature hub. Make sure that the wave washer remains in position.



1.7 Turn the shower on. Rotate the temperature spindle until the required temperature is obtained. Turn the temperature spindle anticlockwise to increase the temperature or clockwise to decrease the temperature. If resistance is felt DO NOT USE FORCE to rotate the spindle as this is the maximum obtainable temperature from the shower control with the available hot water supply temperature. FORCE will DAMAGE the internal components of the cartridge assembly.

**Note!** It may be easier to put the hub back onto the spindle to enable you to turn it.

- 1.8 Turn off the shower.
- **1.9** Refit the temperature hub so that the two small lugs on its front, align with the arrows on the top and bottom on the temperature indicator trim as shown, ensuring that the stop on the rear of the hub is at the 12 O'clock position.
- **1.10** Rotate the temperature hub clockwise approximately 90 degrees as shown and refit the securing screw and the temperature knob. Check that the temperature knob can be rotated fully in both directions, approximately 3/4 of a full turn (i.e. full cold to hot set temperature).
- **1.11** Turn the shower on. Check the temperature is correct and the override functions correctly. If necessary repeat the procedure until the correct temperature is achieved.



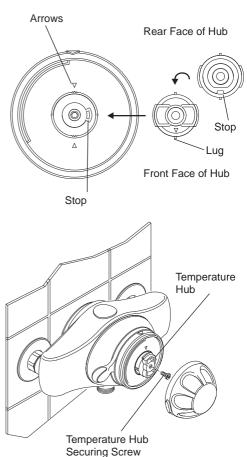
### 2. Maximum Temperature Settings for Reversed Inlet Connections

Refer to section: **Commissioning, 1. Maximum temperature setting**, sections 1.1 to 1.8 for the initial setting.

- **2.1** Refit the temperature hub so that the two small lugs on the front, align with the arrows on the top and bottom on the temperature indicator trim, ensuring that the stop on the rear of the hub is at the 6 O'clock position.
- 2.2 Rotate the temperature hub clockwise approximately 90 degrees as shown and refit the securing screw and the temperature knob. Check that the temperature knob can be rotated fully in both directions, approximately 3/4 of a full turn (i.e. full cold to hot set temperature).

2.3 Turn the shower on. Check the temperature is correct and the override functions correctly. If necessary repeat the procedure until the correct temperature is

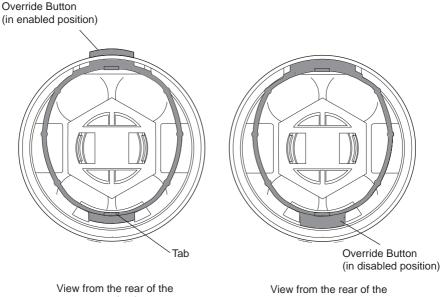
achieved.



### 3. Temperature override button - disable

The Excel incorporates a temperature override button that allows the user to override the preset maximum temperature. The following procedure can be used to disable the override button, limiting the maximum temperature available to the preset value. This setting is recommended for the young, the elderly, the infirm, or anyone inexperienced in the correct operation of the controls.

- **3.1** Carefully pull off the temperature knob.
- **3.2** Unclip the concealed end of the override button from the temperature indicator trim and carefully remove the override button. Note! Using the tab will help with the removal of the override button.
- **3.3** Rotate the override button through half a turn (180°) and refit. Make sure that the override button locates correctly in the temperature knob.
- **3.4** Refit the temperature knob with the scale adjacent to the indicator on the indicator trim.
- **3.5** Reversing the above procedure will enable the override button.



temperature knob

temperature knob

## **OPERATION**

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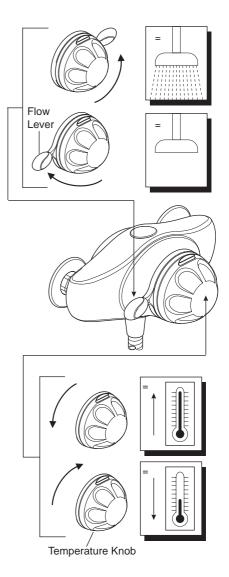
**1.1** Turn the flow lever anticlockwise until the desired force of water is obtained.

**Note!** When the Excel is installed with a fully modulating multipoint or combination type gas water heater, the maintained mains water pressure, and hence the flow, must be sufficient to keep the heater ignited. Therefore, it is important to make sure that the flow knob is fully open to prevent variation in the hot water supply temperature.

1.2 Turn the temperature knob anticlockwise for warmer water or clockwise for cooler water. The preset maximum temperature can be adjusted as required to suit both site conditions and the user's comfort. Refer to section: Commissioning, 1. Maximum temperature setting". Warning! Operation of the override button will allow a shower temperature

button will allow a shower temperature above the preset maximum.

**1.3** To override the preset maximum temperature depress the override button and turn the temperature knob anticlockwise.



## FAULT DIAGNOSIS

Provided that the shower control has been correctly installed and is operated in accordance with the instructions contained in this guide, difficulties should not arise. If any maintenance is required then it must be carried out by a competent tradesperson for whom the fault diagnosis chart and maintenance instructions are provided. Before replacing any parts make sure that the underlying cause of the malfunction has been identified.

### Key

- A. Instantaneous Gas Heated Showers
- B. Unvented Mains Pressure and Thermal Store Systems
- C. Gravity Systems/Pumped Systems

| Malfunction   | Cause  | Remedy   | Α | В | С |
|---|--|--|---|---|---|
| No flow/low<br>flow rate and/or<br>unstable fluctuating<br>temperature. | Spray plate assembly blocked.  | Clean the spray plate.<br>Refer to the <b>shower</b><br><b>fitting</b> maintenance<br>guide. | ~ | ~ | ~ |
|   | Incorrect spray plate fitted.  | Fit high capacity<br>spray plate.  | ~ | ~ |   |
|   | Partially closed stop<br>or servicing valve in<br>supply pipe work to<br>shower control. | Open valve.  | ~ | ~ | ~ |
|   | Instantaneous boiler<br>cycling on and off as<br>flow rate/pressure<br>too low.          | spray plate.   | ~ |   |   |
|   | Head of water below minimum required.  | Raise cistern or fit<br>Mira pump.   |   |   | ~ |
|   | Inlet strainer<br>blocked.   | Clean or renew.<br>Flush pipework<br>before refitting.                                       | ~ | ~ | ~ |

| Malfunction   | Cause   | Remedy  | Α   | В        | С |
|---|---|---|---|----------|---|
|   | Other hot or cold<br>draw off being<br>used causing wide<br>pressure changes<br>or instantaneous<br>boiler temperature<br>changes.                                  | outlets whilst  | ~   |          |   |
|   | Supply pressures<br>unequal.  | Refer to Section:<br>Installation<br>Requirements.  | ~   | ✓        | ~ |
| Drip from handset<br>sprayplate assembly<br>or bir spray plate<br>assembly. | A small amount<br>of water may be<br>retained in the<br>shower fitting after<br>the shower control<br>has been turned off.<br>This may drain over<br>a few minutes. | Changing the angle<br>of the shower fitting<br>may vary the draining  | <ul> <li>Image: A start of the start of</li></ul> | <b>~</b> | ✓ |
|   | Defective ceramic<br>plates within the<br>shower cartridge.   | Renew the cartridge<br>assembly.<br>Check that the<br>pressures are not<br>in excess of the<br>maximum for product<br>(refer to Fault<br>Diagnosis, "Flow<br>control lever stiff to<br>operate"). | ✓   | ✓        | ~ |
| Maximum shower<br>temperature too hot<br>or too cold                        |   | Reset the maximum<br>temperature.<br>Refer to Section:<br>Commissioning:<br>"Maximum<br>Temperature<br>Setting".  | <b>~</b>  | <b>~</b> | ~ |

| Malfunction   | Cause  | Remedy  | Α | В | С |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|
| Shower temperature<br>too cold (maximum<br>temperature correctly<br>set). | Hot water<br>temperature less<br>than 12°C above<br>the required shower<br>blend temperature.                      | Adjust the hot water<br>temperature or<br>wait for the water<br>to reheat if stored<br>system.  | ~ | ~ | ~ |
|   | Instantaneous boiler<br>not igniting because<br>the water flow rate is<br>too low.                                 | Fit high capacity<br>spray plate.<br>Increase flow rate<br>through the system.<br>Check the cartridge<br>inlet filters, clean or<br>replace.<br>Contact boiler<br>manufacturer. | ~ |   |   |
|   | Instantaneous boiler<br>not igniting because<br>the water pressure is<br>too low.                                  | Increase water<br>pressure.<br>Contact boiler<br>manufacturer.  | ~ |   |   |
| Leak from shower control body.  | Cartridge inlet or outlet seals missing or damaged.  | Fit new seals.  | ~ | ~ | ~ |
|   | Pressure build up<br>causing damage<br>to the cartridge.<br>This may be due to<br>domestic hot water<br>expansion. | Fit domestic hot<br>water expansion<br>vessel. If one already<br>fitted, it may be<br>deflated and require<br>repressurization.<br>If necessary, fit new<br>cartridge.          | ~ | ~ |   |
| Flow control lever stiff to operate.                                      | Pressure build up.<br>This may be due to<br>domestic hot water<br>expansion.                                       | Fit domestic hot<br>water expansion<br>vessel. If one already<br>fitted, it may be<br>deflated and require<br>repressurization.   | ~ | ~ |   |

| Malfunction  | Cause                                 | Remedy   | Α        | В | С |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|----------|---|---|
|  | High inlet supply<br>pressures.       | Maximum maintained<br>pressure for shower<br>should not exceed<br>5 bar. If greater fit a<br>drop tight pressure<br>reducing valve<br>(PRV) just after the<br>property incoming<br>mains stopcock,<br>effectively balancing<br>the hot and cold<br>supply pressures.<br>Ideally set the PRV<br>at 3.5 bar. | *        | > |   |
| Excel noisy during operation.                              | Unbalanced inlet<br>supply pressures. | Balance Excel inlet<br>supply pressures. Fit<br>a drop tight PRV just<br>after the incoming<br>mains stopcock,<br>effectively balancing<br>the hot and cold<br>supply pressures.<br>Ideally set the PRV<br>to 3.5 bar.   | <b>~</b> | ~ |   |
|  | High inlet supply<br>pressures.       | Maximum maintained<br>pressure for shower<br>should not exceed<br>5 bar. If greater fit<br>a drop tight (PRV)<br>installed as detailed<br>above.   | *        | * |   |
| Only full hot or full cold available.                      | Reversed inlet supplies.              | Refer to section:<br>Reversed Inlet<br>Connections.  | ~        | ~ | ~ |
|  | Inlet strainer<br>blocked.            | Clean or renew.  | ~        | ✓ | ✓ |
| Unable to turn off<br>flow. Unable to rotate<br>flow knob. |                                       | Refer to section:<br>Control Assembly.   | ~        | ~ | ~ |

## MAINTENANCE

The Mira Excel is designed to be maintenance free, as such there are no serviceable parts in the cartridge, however regular cleaning will keep the shower in pristine condition. Strainers are fitted to the inlets of the mixer to protect the cartridge and will give many years of trouble free showering. Strainers should be checked at yearly intervals and cleaned or replaced to maintain optimum shower performance.

### 1. Cleaning

Many household cleaners contain abrasive and chemical substances, and should not be used for cleaning plated or plastic fittings. These finishes should be cleaned with a mild washing up detergent or soap solution, and then wiped dry using a soft cloth.

### 2. Cartridge assembly - renewal

- **2.1** Refer to section: **Reversed Inlet Connections** and follow the instructions to remove the cartridge assembly. Note the orientation of the red and blue pillars on the cartridge assembly that identify the hot and cold inlets. Normally the red pillar will be on the left unless the cartridge assembly has been rotated for reversed supplies.
- **2.2** Insert the new cartridge assembly into the shower control body.
- **2.3** Refer to sections: **Reversed Inlet Connections** and **Commissioning**. Follow the instructions to complete the installation of the new the cartridge assembly.

### 3. Cartridge assembly 'O' seals/inlet strainers - renewal

- **3.1** Refer to section: **Reversed Inlet Connections**. Follow the instructions to remove the cartridge assembly. Note the orientation of the red and blue pillars on the cartridge assembly that identify the hot and cold inlets. Normally the red pillar will be on the left unless the cartridge assembly has been rotated for reversed supplies.
- **3.2** Renew the 'O' seals as necessary.
- **3.3** Use a suitable tool to remove the inlet strainers and clean or renew as necessary. The inlet strainers must be fitted squarely and flush in the valve body. If necessary, flush the supply pipework to remove any residual debris.
- 3.4 Insert the cartridge assembly into the shower control body.
- **3.5** Refer to section: **Reversed Inlet Connections** and follow the instructions to complete the installation of the cartridge assembly.

## SPARE PARTS

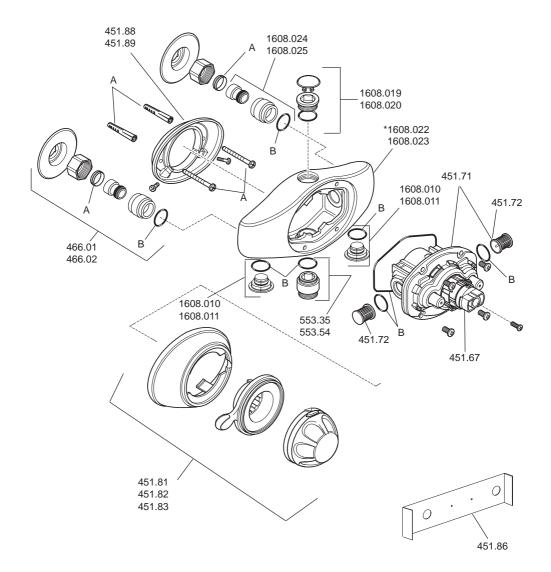
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- 451.67 Hub Pack
- 451.71 Cartridge Assembly/Inlet Filters
- 451.72 Inlet Filters
- 451.74 Component Pack components identified 'A'
- 451.76 Seal Pack components identified 'B'
- 451.77 Screw Pack not illustrated
- 451.81 Temperature Knob/Flow Lever Assembly chrome
- 451.82 Temperature Knob/Flow Lever Assembly satin chrome
- 451.83 Temperature Knob/Flow Lever Assembly white/gold
- 451.86 Installation Template
- 451.88 Backplate chrome
- 451.89 Backplate satin chrome
- 553.35 Outlet Nipple chrome
- 553.54 Outlet Nipple light golden
- 466.01 Compression Fitting Kit chrome
- 466.02 Compression Fitting Kit gold
- 1608.010 Blank Plug Pack chrome
- 1608.011 Blank Plug Pack gold
- 1608.019 Outlet Blank Plug chrome
- 1608.020 Outlet Blank Plug gold
- 1608.022 Body Assembly chrome\* (includes 1608.024)
- 1608.023 Body gold
- 1608.024 Adjustable Nipple Assembly chrome
- 1608.025 Adjustable Nipple Assembly gold

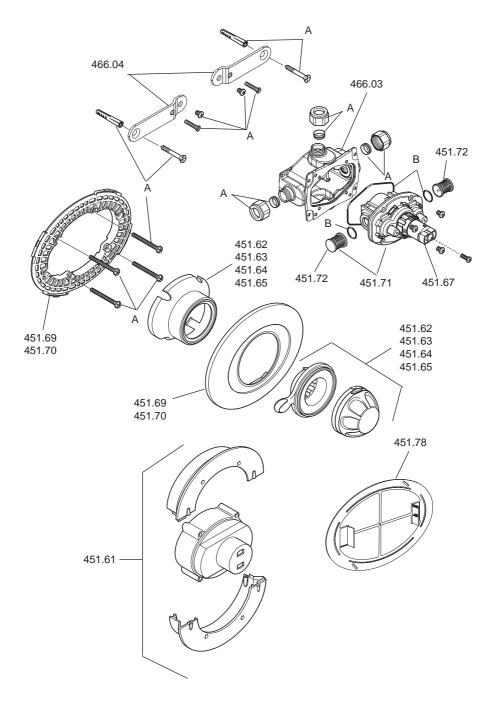
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- 451.61 Building-in Shroud
- 451.62 Temperature Knob/Flow Lever Assembly white
- 451.63 Temperature Knob/Flow Lever Assembly chrome
- 451.64 Temperature Knob/Flow Lever Assembly satin chrome
- 451.65 Temperature Knob/Flow Lever Assembly white/gold
- 451.67 Hub Pack
- 451.69 Concealing Plate chrome
- 451.70 Concealing Plate gold
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- 451.78 Installation Template
- 466.03 Body
- 466.04 Support Bracket

### Excel



Excel B



## ACCESSORIES

Genuine Mira accessories can be purchased direct from Customers Services (our contact details can be found on the back cover of this guide) or from approved stockists or merchants.



Eco Showerhead White - 2.1668.001 Chrome - 2.1668.002

The Eco shower head gives you an invigorating shower, but reduces water consumption and heating costs.



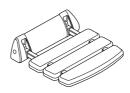
Everclear Showerhead White - 2.1616.030 Chrome - 2.1616.031

Mira's new Everclear range has Wall mounted for use anywhere in, been specially designed for hard or outside the showering area. water areas and reduces the risk of lime scale build up.



Wall Mounted Soap Dish White - 1.1540.278 Chrome - 1.1540.279





Logic Showerhead Holder White - 2.1605.149 White/Chrome - 2.1605.150

An alternative to the traditional slide bar. Often a useful addition members of the family.

Shower Seat White - 2.1536.128 White/Chrome - 2.1536.129

For use in or out of the showering area. Folds up when not in use. when positioned for the smaller Maximum User Weight - 127 kg (20 stone) Note! Must be installed not in use. Maximum User Weight onto a solid wall.



Premium Shower Seat White/Chrome - 2.1731.001 Grey/Chrome - 2.1731.002 Stylish, slim-line and robust shower seat for use in or outside of the shower area. Folds up when - 150 kg (23.5 stone) Note! Must

be installed onto a solid wall.

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#### **Outlet Double Check Valve** (DCV-H)

Chrome - 1.0.110.55.1 An outlet double check valve. 600 mm - 2.1605.072 designed to prevent the back flow Premium grade, highly polished, or back-siphonage of potentially stainless steel grab bars. contaminated water, through Note! Must be installed onto a shower controls which are fitted solid wall. with a flexible shower hose as part of the outlet shower fitting.

Mira Standard Grab Bars 300 mm - 2.1605.070 450 mm - 2.1605.071

### **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

#### Guarantee

Your product has the benefit of our manufacturer's guarantee which starts from the date of purchase. To activate this guarantee, please return your completed registration card, visit our website or free phone 0800 0731248 within 30 days of purchase (UK only).

Within the guarantee period we will resolve defects in materials or workmanship, free of charge, by repairing or replacing parts or product as we may choose.

#### This guarantee is in addition to your statutory rights and is subject to the following conditions:

- The guarantee applies solely to the original installation under normal use and to the original purchaser only. The product must be installed and maintained in accordance with the instructions given in this user auide.
- Servicing must only be undertaken by us or our appointed representative. Note! if a service visit is required the product must be fully installed and connected to services.
- Repair under this guarantee does not extend the original expiry date. The guarantee on any replacement parts or product ends at the original expiry date.
- For shower fittings or consumable items we reserve the right to supply replacement parts only.

#### The guarantee does not cover:

- Call out charges for non product faults (such as damage or performance issues arising from incorrect installation, improper use, inappropriate cleaning, lack of maintenance, build up of limescale, frost damage, corrosion, system debris or blocked filters) or where no fault has been found with the product.
- Water or electrical supply, waste and isolation issues.
- Compensation for loss of use of the product or consequential loss of any kind.
- Damage or defects caused if the product is repaired or modified by persons not authorised by us or our appointed representative.
- Routine maintenance or replacement parts to comply with the requirements of the TMV 2 or TMV 3 healthcare schemes.
- · Accidental or wilful damage.
- · Products purchased ex-showroom display.

#### What to do if something goes wrong

If your product does not work correctly refer to this manual for fault diagnosis and check that it is installed and commissioned in accordance with our instructions. If this does not resolve the issue, contact us for help and advice.

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