1. DESCRIPTION
Viking Freedom® Residential Concealed Pendent Sprinkler VK496 is a small thermosensitive, glass-bulb residential sprinkler designed for installation on concealed pipe systems where the appearance of a smooth ceiling is desired. The orifice design, with a K-Factor of 3.0 (43.2 metric*), allows the sprinkler’s efficient use of available water supplies for the hydraulically designed fire-protection system. The fast response glass bulb operating element and special deflector characteristics meet the challenges of residential sprinkler standards.

The sprinkler is pre-assembled with a threaded adapter for installation with a low-profile small-diameter cover assembly installed flush to the ceiling. The two-piece design allows installation and testing of the sprinkler prior to installation of the cover plate. The "push-on" and "thread-on" designs of the concealed cover plate assemblies allow easy installation of the cover plate after the system has been tested and the ceiling finish has been applied, while also providing up to 1/2" (13 mm) of vertical adjustment. The cover assembly can be removed and reinstalled, allowing temporary removal of ceiling panels without taking the sprinkler system out of service or removing the sprinkler. The Electroless Nickel PTFE (ENT) coating has been investigated for installation in corrosive atmospheres and is C-UL-US-EU Listed as corrosion resistant as indicated in the Approval Charts. The ENT finish is only available for the sprinkler assembly, the cover plate is not plated.

2. LISTINGS AND APPROVALS
UL Listed (C-UL-US-EU): Category VKKW
Refer to the Approval Charts and Design Criteria on for C-UL-US-EU Listing requirements that must be followed.

3. TECHNICAL DATA
Specifications:
Minimum Operating Pressure: Refer to the Approval Chart.
Maximum Working Pressure: 175 psi (12 bar). Factory tested hydrostatically to 500 psi (34.5 bar).
Thread size: 1/2” (15 mm) NPT
Nominal K-Factor: 3.0 U.S. (43.2 metric*)
Glass-bulb fluid temperature rated to -65 °F (-55 °C)
* Metric K-factor measurement shown is in Bar. When pressure is measured in kPa, divide the metric K-factor shown by 10.0.

Material Standards:
Sprinkler Body: Brass UNS-C84400 or QM Brass
Deflector: Phosphor Bronze UNS-C51000
Deflector Pins: Stainless Steel UNS-S30200
Button: Brass UNS-C31600
Pipe Cap and Insert Assembly: Copper UNS-C11000 and SS UNS-S30400
Compression Screw: 18-8 Stainless Steel
Yoke: UNS-S43000 Stainless Steel or Phosphor Bronze UNS-C51000
Belleville Spring Sealing Assembly: Nickel Alloy, coated on both sides with PTFE Tape
Cover Adapter: Cold Rolled Steel UNS-G10080, Finish: Clear Chromate over Zinc Plating
Shipping Cap: Polyethylene

Cover Plate Materials:
Cover Plate Assembly: Copper UNS-C11000 and Brass UNS-C26800
Spring: Beryllium Nickel
Solder: Eutectic

Ordering Information: The sprinkler and cover plate must be ordered separately. Refer to Tables 1 and 2.

4. INSTALLATION
Refer to appropriate NFPA Installation Standards.
5. OPERATION
During fire conditions, when the temperature around the sprinkler approaches its operating temperature, the cover plate detaches, releasing the deflector. Continued heating of the exposed sprinkler causes the heat-sensitive liquid in the glass bulb to expand, causing the glass to shatter, releasing the yoke and pip cap and sealing spring assembly. Water flowing through the sprinkler orifice strikes the deflector, forming a uniform spray pattern over a specific area of coverage determined by the water supply pressure at the sprinkler to extinguish or control the fire.

6. INSPECTIONS, TESTS AND MAINTENANCE
Refer to NFPA 25 for Inspection, Testing and Maintenance requirements.

7. AVAILABILITY
Viking Sprinkler Model VK496 is available through a network of domestic and international distributors. See The Viking Corporation web site for the closest distributor or contact The Viking Corporation.

8. GUARANTEE
For details of warranty, refer to Viking’s current list price schedule or contact Viking directly.

### TABLE 1: SPRINKLER ORDERING INFORMATION

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<tr>
<th>Sprinkler Base Part Number</th>
<th>Size</th>
<th>1: Finishes</th>
<th>2: Temperature Ratings</th>
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<td>1/2</td>
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<td>A</td>
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<td>ENT&lt;sup&gt;5,6&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<td>ENT&lt;sup&gt;5,6&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>JN</td>
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**Corrosion Resistant Sprinkler Finish:** ENT

**Accessories**

- **Sprinkler Wrenches and tools:**
  - A. Heavy Duty Part Number: 14047W/B<sup>1</sup> (available since 2006)
  - B. Head Cabinet Wrench Part Number: 14031<sup>3,4</sup> (available since 2006)
  - C. Optional Concealed Cover Plate Installer Tool Part Number: 14412<sup>8</sup> (available since 2007)
  - D. Optional Large Concealed Cover Plate Installer Tool Part No. 14867<sup>8</sup> (available since 2007)

- **Sprinkler Cabinet:**
  Holds up to 6 sprinklers: Part number 01731A (available since 1971).

**Footnotes**

- <sup>1</sup> Part number shown is the base part number. For complete part number, refer to the current Viking price list schedule.
- <sup>2</sup> Based on NFPA 13, NFPA 13R, and NFPA 13D. Other limits may apply, depending on fire loading, sprinkler location, and other requirements of the Authority Having Jurisdiction. Refer to specific installation standards.
- <sup>3</sup> Requires a ½” ratchet (not available from Viking).
- <sup>4</sup> Also optional for removal of the protective cap. Ideal for sprinkler cabinets.
- <sup>5</sup> cULus Listed as corrosion resistant.
- <sup>6</sup> The corrosion resistant coatings have passed the standard corrosion test required by the approving agencies indicated in the Approval Charts. These tests cannot and do not represent all possible corrosive environments. Prior to installation, verify through the end-user that the coatings are compatible with or suitable for the proposed environment. For automatic sprinklers, the ENT coating is applied to all exposed exterior surfaces, including the waterway. For ENT coated sprinklers, the Belleville spring is exposed.
- <sup>7</sup> The installer tool is for push-on style cover plates only.
- <sup>8</sup> The sprinkler temperature rating is stamped on the deflector.
TABLE 2: COVER PLATE ORDERING INFORMATION

Instructions:
(1) Select a Cover Plate Base Part Number
(2) Add the suffix for the desired Finish
(3) Add the suffix for the required Cover Plate Nominal Rating.

Example:
23190MC/W = 165 °F (74 °C) Temperature Rated, 2-3/4" (70 mm) diameter, Thread-On style, Round Cover Plate with a Painted White finish.

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<th>Base Part Number</th>
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<td>Bright Brass</td>
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<td>23179</td>
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3: Temperature Rating Matrix

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<tr>
<th>Cover Plate Nominal Rating (Required)</th>
<th>Temperature Classification</th>
<th>Sprinkler Nominal Rating</th>
<th>Sprinkler Maximum Ambient Ceiling Temperature</th>
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<tr>
<td>135 °F (57 °C)</td>
<td>Ordinary</td>
<td>155 °F (68 °C)</td>
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<td>165 °F (74 °C)</td>
<td>Intermediate</td>
<td>200 °F (93 °C)</td>
<td>150 °F (65 °C)</td>
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Footnotes

1. The sprinkler temperature rating is stamped on the deflector.
2. Based on NFPA-13, NFPA 13R, and NFPA 13D. Other limits may apply, depending on fire loading, sprinkler location, and other requirements of the Authority Having Jurisdiction. Refer to specific installation standards.
3. Maximum ambient temperature for cover assembly is 100 °F (38 °C).
4. Part number shown is the base part number. For complete part number, refer to current our price list schedule.
5. Where a dash (-) is shown in the Finish suffix designation, insert the desired Temperature Rating suffix. See example above.
## APPROVAL CHART

VK496, 3.0 K-Factor Residential Concealed Pendent Sprinkler

For systems designed to NFPA 13D or NFPA 13R. For systems designed to NFPA 13, refer to the design criteria. For Ceiling types refer to current editions of NFPA 13, 13R or 13D

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<tr>
<th>Sprinkler Base Part Number</th>
<th>SIN</th>
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<td>mm</td>
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<th>Maximum Coverage Area</th>
<th>W X L Ft. X Ft. (m X m)</th>
<th>Flow (gpm (Lpm))</th>
<th>Pressure (PSI (bar))</th>
<th>Deflector to Ceiling</th>
<th>Installation Type</th>
<th>Listings and Approvals</th>
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<td>8 (30.3)</td>
<td>7.1 (0.49)</td>
<td>Refer to Figure 2</td>
<td>Concealed with Cover Plate Assembly. See Footnotes 6 &amp; 7.</td>
<td>See Footnotes 3, 4, and 8</td>
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<td>12 (45.4)</td>
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### Footnotes

1. Part number shown is the base part number. For complete part number, refer to current our price schedule.
2. Metric K-factor measurement shown is when pressure is measured in Bar. When pressure is measured in kPa, divide the metric K-factor shown by 10.0.
3. This chart shows the listings and approvals available at the time of printing. Other approvals may be in process. Check with the manufacturer for any additional approvals. Refer also to Design Criteria.
4. Listed by Underwriter’s Laboratories, Inc. for use in the U.S., Canada, and European Union.
5. For areas of coverage smaller than shown, use the “Flow” and “Pressure” for the next larger area listed. Flows and pressures listed are per sprinkler. The distance from sprinklers to walls shall not exceed one-half the sprinkler spacing indicated for the minimum “Flow” and “Pressure” used.
6. Other paint colors are available on request with the same listings as the standard finish colors. Listings and approvals apply for any paint manufacturer. Contact Viking for additional information. Custom colors are indicated on a label inside the cover assembly. Refer to Figure 3.
7. Accepted Cover Plate Finishes are: Polished Chrome, Brushed Chrome, Bright Brass, Antique Brass, Brushed Brass, Brushed Copper, Painted White, Painted Ivory, or Painted Black.
8. C-UL-US-EU Listed as corrosion resistant - Electroless Nickel PTFE (ENT)
UL Listing Requirements (C-UL-US-EU):
When using Viking Residential Concealed Pendent Sprinkler VK496 for systems designed to NFPA 13D or NFPA 13R, apply the listed areas of coverage and minimum water supply requirements shown in the Approval Chart.

For systems designed to NFPA 13:
The number of design sprinklers is to be the four contiguous most hydraulically demanding sprinklers. The minimum required discharge from each of the four sprinklers is to be the greater of the following:

1. The flow rates given in the Approval Chart for NFPA 13D and NFPA 13R applications for each listed area of coverage, or
2. Calculated based on a minimum discharge of 0.1 gpm/sq. ft. over the "design area" in accordance with sections 8.5.2.1 or 8.6.2.1.2 of NFPA 13.
3. Minimum distance between residential sprinklers: 8 ft. (2.4 m).

NOTE: Concealed sprinklers must be installed in neutral or negative pressure plenums only.

IMPORTANT: Always refer to Bulletin Form No. F_080415 - Best Practices for Residential Sprinkler Handling and Installation. Also refer to Form No. F_080614 for general care, installation, and maintenance information. Viking sprinklers are to be installed in accordance with the latest edition of Viking technical data, the appropriate standards of NFPA and any other similar Authorities Having Jurisdiction, and also with the provisions of governmental codes, ordinances, and standards, whenever applicable. Final approval and acceptance of all residential sprinkler installations must be obtained from the Authorities Having Jurisdiction.

Sprinkler and Adapter Assembly
- Protective cap removed
- Use wrench 14047W/B**

2-1/4" (57 mm) diameter opening required in the ceiling.

Sprinkler Wrench Part No. 14047W/B**

Step 1:
Carefully slide the wrench sideways around the deflector and pins

Sprinkler wrench flat

Sprinkler frame arms

Step 2:
Carefully press the wrench upward and turn slightly to ensure engagement with the sprinkler wrench flats.

NEVER install the sprinkler by applying the installation wrench across the frame arms. DO NOT overtighten. Use only the designated sprinkler wrenches, Viking Part Numbers 14047W/B** or 14031**. A leak tight seal should be achieved by turning the sprinkler clockwise 1 to 1-1/2 turns beyond finger tight.

Figure 1: Sprinkler Installation and Proper Wrench Usage
** A 1/2" ratchet is required (Not available from Viking)
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NOTE: Upon sprinkler activation, the deflector descends to approximately 13/16” (21 mm) below the sprinkler body.

Figure 2: Sprinkler Dimensions and Cover Installation

All custom color painted cover plates will have an identifying label affixed to the inside of the cover that indicates the custom color and will have a representative sample (a paint dot) of the paint on the label.

Figure 3: Identification of Custom Paint for Concealed Covers

Figure 4: Square Cover Assembly

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(Added cover plate options.)