1. DESCRIPTION
Viking Mirage® EC/QREC ELO Concealed Pendent Sprinkler VK538 is a thermosensitive solder link spray sprinkler designed for installation on concealed pipe systems where the appearance of a smooth ceiling is desired. With a K-factor of 11.2, the sprinkler produces flows required to meet Ordinary Hazard density requirements at lower pressures than 5.6K or 8.0K sprinklers. The fusible operating element and special deflector characteristics meet the challenges of quick response extended coverage standards. Sprinkler VK538 has cULus Listings as both standard and quick response.

The sprinkler is pre-assembled with a threaded adapter for installation with a low-profile cover assembly that provides up to ½" (12.7 mm) of vertical adjustment. The two-piece design allows installation and testing of the sprinkler prior to installation of the cover plate. The “push-on”, “thread-off” design of the concealed cover plate assembly allows easy installation of the cover plate after the system has been tested and the ceiling finish has been applied. 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 cULus 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

cULus Listed: Category VNIV

Refer to the Approval Chart and Design Criteria for cULus Listing requirements that must be followed.

3. TECHNICAL DATA
Specifications:
- Available since 2011.
- Minimum Operating Pressure: 7 psi (0.5 bar).
- Factory tested hydrostatically to 500 psi (34.5 bar).
- Thread size: 3/4" (20 mm) NPT
- Nominal K-Factor: 11.2 U.S. (161.3 metric*)

* Metric K-factor measurement is shown in bar. When pressure is measured in kPa, divide the metric K-factor shown by 10.0.

Material Standards:
- Sprinkler Body: Brass UNS-C84400
- Deflector: Bronze UNS-C51000
- Deflector Pins: Stainless Steel
- Fusible Element Assembly: Nickel Alloy and Eutectic Solder
- Lever and Lever Bar: Stainless Steel
- Seat: Bronze UNS-C31400 / UNS-C31600
- Deflector Carrier: Brass UNS-C84400 or QM Brass
- Retaining Bolt: Brass UNS-C36000
- Screw: Brass UNS-C36000
- 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

Cover Assembly Materials:
- Cover: Brass UNS-C26800 or Stainless Steel UNS-S30400
- Base: Cold Rolled Steel UNS-G10080 / G10080, Finish: Copper Flash
- Springs: Nickel Alloy
- Solder: Non-eutectic

Ordering Information: (Also refer to the current Viking price list.)
Viking Mirage® EC/QREC OH-ELO Concealed Pendent Sprinkler VK538 and Cover Plate Assembly must be ordered separately:
Sprinkler: Base Part No. 17115A for Brass finish and 17115JN for ENT finish.
Specify sprinkler temperature rating by adding the appropriate suffix for the temperature rating to the base part number:
Temperature Suffix: 165 °F (74 °C) = C, 205 °F (96 °C) = E
For example, sprinkler VK538 with a 165 °F (74 °C) temperature rating = 17115AC.

Cover Plate Assembly (both are 3-5/16" diameter): Base Part No. 15765 or Stainless Steel Base Part No. 21878 (Stainless Steel cover plates are not available with any finishes or paint).

Specify finish and temperature rating of the cover plate assembly by adding the appropriate suffixes for the finish and the cover temperature rating to the base part number:

Finish Suffix: Polished Chrome = F, Painted White = M-/W, Painted Ivory = M-/I, Painted Black = M-/B

Temperature Suffix: 135 °F (57 °C) = A or 165 °F (74 °C) = C

For example, cover 15765 with a Polished Chrome finish and a 165 °F (74 °C) temperature rating = 15765FC.

Available Finishes And Temperature Ratings:

Refer to Table 1.

Sprinkler Wrenches**:
A. Heavy Duty Wrench Part No. 15467W/B (available since 2009), or
B. Head Cabinet Wrench Part No. 15466*** (available since 2009)
C. Optional Concealed Cover Plate Installer Tool Part No. 14867 (available since 2007)

**Requires a ½" ratchet (not available from Viking). ***Also optional for removal of the protective cap. Ideal for sprinkler cabinets.

Sprinkler Cabinet: Part No. 01731A (available since 1971)

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. Continued heating of the exposed sprinkler causes the heat-sensitive fusible element assembly to disengage, releasing seat and sealing spring assembly. Water flowing through the sprinkler orifice strikes the sprinkler deflector, forming a uniform spray pattern to extinguish or control the fire.

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

7. AVAILABILITY
The Viking Model VK538 Sprinkler 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: AVAILABLE SPRINKLER TEMPERATURE RATINGS AND FINISHES

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Sprinkler Finishes: Brass and ENT
Cover Plate Finishes²: Polished Chrome, Painted White, Painted Ivory, or Painted Black
Corrosion Resistant Coatings⁴: ENT

Footnotes

1 The sprinkler temperature rating is stamped on the deflector.
2 Based on NFPA-13. Other limits may apply, depending on fire loading, sprinkler location, and other requirements of the Authority Having Jurisdiction. Refer to specific installation standards.
3 Base part number is shown. For complete part number, refer to Viking’s current price list schedule.
4 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, but the Belleville spring is exposed.
5 Stainless Steel version is not available with any finishes or paint.
## TECHNICAL DATA

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4. cULus Listed for use in the U.S. and Canada.  
5. Meets New York City requirements, effective July 1, 2008.  
6. To determine “Minimum Water Supply Requirement” for areas of coverage where length and width of actual sprinkler spacing are not equal, select the “Maximum Sprinkler Spacing” from the chart that is equal to or greater than the larger of the actual spacing (length or width) dimensions used. Example: When using 10'-6" x 13'-0" sprinkler spacing, provide the “Minimum Water Supply Requirement” listed in the chart for 14'-0" x 14'-0" spacing. For areas of coverage smaller than shown, use the “Minimum Water Supply Requirement” in the appropriate hazard group for the next larger area listed. The distance from sprinklers to walls shall not exceed one-half the “Maximum Sprinkler Spacing” listed for the “Minimum Water Supply Requirement” used.  
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17115JN⁷ | VK538 | 3/4 | 20 | 11.2 | 161.3 | 175 psi (12 bar) | 2-5/8 | 66.6

## Approval Chart

**EC/QREC Ordinary Hazard ELO Sprinklers**

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### Standard Response

- **20 ft. x 20 ft. (6.1 m x 6.1 m)**
  - 400 ft² (37.2 m²)
  - 60 gpm @ 28.7 psi (227.1 L/min @ 1.98 Bar)
  - 80 gpm @ 51.0 psi (302.8 L/min @ 3.52 Bar)
  - Listed as corrosion resistant  
  - Listed on a label inside the cover assembly, refer to Figure 1.
  - Listed as approved for use with UL cULus Listed

### Quick Response

- **14 ft. x 14 ft. (4.3 m x 4.3 m)**
  - 196 ft² (18.2 m²)
  - 30 gpm @ 7.2 psi (113.6 L/min @ .50 Bar)
  - 39 gpm @ 12.1 psi (147.7 L/min @ .84 Bar)
  - Listed as corrosion resistant  
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- **16 ft. x 16 ft. (4.9 m x 4.9 m)**
  - 256 ft² (23.8 m²)
  - 38 gpm @ 11.5 psi (143.9 L/min @ .79 Bar)
  - 51 gpm @ 20.7 psi (193.1 L/min @ 1.43 Bar)
  - Listed as corrosion resistant  
  - Listed on a label inside the cover assembly, refer to Figure 1.
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- **18 ft. x 18 ft. (5.5 m x 5.5 m)**
  - 324 ft² (30.1 m²)
  - 49 gpm @ 19.1 psi (185.5 L/min @ 1.32 Bar)
  - 65 gpm @ 33.7 psi (246.1 L/min @ 2.32 Bar)
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## DESIGN CRITERIA - UL
(Also refer to the UL Approval Chart.)

**cULus Listing Requirements:**
EC/QREC OH-ELO Pendent Sprinkler VK538 is cULus Listed as indicated in the Approval Chart for installation in accordance with the latest edition of NFPA 13 for extended coverage pendent spray sprinklers as indicated below:

- The minimum water supplies and maximum areas of coverage shown in Approval Chart 1 are designed to provide the following design densities:
  - 0.15 gpm/ft² (6.1 mm/min) for Ordinary-Hazard Group I densities;
  - 0.2 gpm/ft² (8.1 mm/min) for Ordinary-Hazard Group II densities.
- Minimum spacing allowed is 8 ft. (2.4 m) unless baffles are installed in accordance with NFPA 13.
- Minimum distance from walls is 4 in. (102 mm).
- Maximum distance from walls shall be no more than one-half of the allowable distance between sprinklers. The distance shall be measured perpendicular to the wall.
- The sprinkler installation rules contained in NFPA 13 for extended coverage pendent spray sprinklers must be followed.
- Limited to use with smooth, flat, horizontal ceilings only.

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

**IMPORTANT:** Always refer to Bulletin Form No. F_091699 - Care and Handling of Sprinklers. Also refer to pages EC1-3 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, LPCB, APSAD, VdS or other similar organizations, and also with the provisions of governmental codes, ordinances, and standards, whenever applicable.
Figure 2: Sprinkler Installation and Correct Use of Wrenches

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

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

Sprinkler Wrench
(Part No. 15467W/B is shown)

Never install the sprinkler by applying the installation wrench across the frame arms.

Do not overtighten.
Use only the designated sprinkler wrench, Viking Part Number 15467W/B or 15466.

Do not apply more than 25 ft. lbs. of torque. A leak tight seal should be achieved by turning the sprinkler clockwise 1 to 1-1/2 turns beyond finger tight.

Note: Upon sprinkler activation, the deflector descends to approximately 1" (25.4 mm) below the sprinkler body.

Figure 3: Sprinkler Dimensions and Cover Installation