1. DESCRIPTION

Viking QREC Fusible Element Pendent Sprinkler VK601 is a thermosensitive solder link spray sprinkler available in several different finishes and temperature ratings to meet varying design requirements. The fusible operating element and special deflector characteristics meet the challenges of quick response extended coverage standards. The special Polyester coatings can be used in decorative applications where colors are desired.

2. LISTINGS AND APPROVALS

- **cULus Listed:** Category VNIV
- **FM Approved:** Class 2020

Refer to Approval Chart 1 and UL Design Criteria for cULus Listing requirements, and refer to Approval Chart 2 and FM Design Criteria for FM Approval requirements that must be followed.

3. TECHNICAL DATA

**Specifications:**
- Minimum Operating Pressure: Refer to the Approval Charts.
- Maximum Working Pressure: 175 psi (12 bar). Factory tested hydrostatically to 500 psi (34.5 bar).
- Thread sizes: 1/2" (15 mm) NPT
- Nominal K-Factors: 5.6 U.S. (80.6 metric†)
  † Metric K-factor measurement shown is in Bar. When pressure is measured in kPa, divide the metric K-factor shown by 10.0.
  Overall Length: 2-5/16 (59 mm)

**Material Standards:**
- Sprinkler Frame: Brass UNS-C84400
- Deflector: Brass UNS-C26000
- Fusible Element Assembly: Nickel Alloy
- Trigger and Support: Stainless Steel UNS-S31600
- Belleville Spring Sealing Assembly: Nickel Alloy, coated on both sides with PTFE Tape
- Seat and Insert Assembly: Copper UNS-C11000 and Stainless Steel UNS-S30400
- Screw: Brass UNS-C36000

For Polyester Coated Sprinklers: Belleville Spring-Exposed

**Ordering Information:** (Also refer to the current Viking price list.)
Order QREC Fusible Element Pendent Sprinkler VK601 by first adding the appropriate suffix for the sprinkler finish and then the appropriate suffix for the temperature rating to the sprinkler base part number.
- Finish Suffix: Brass = A, Chrome = F, White Polyester = M-/W, and Black Polyester = M-/B
- Temperature Suffix: 165 °F (74 °C) = C and 205 °F (96 °C) = E
For example, sprinkler VK601 with a Brass finish and a 165 °F (74 °C) temperature rating = Part No. 13969AC

**Available Finishes And Temperature Ratings:** Refer to Table 1.

**Accessories:** (Also refer to the Viking website.)
- Sprinkler Wrenches:
  - A. Standard Wrench: Part No. 21475M/B (available since 2017)
  - B. Wrench for coated and/or recessed sprinklers: Part No. 13655W/B †† (available since 2006)
  †† A ½" ratchet is required (not available from Viking).
- Sprinkler Cabinets:
  - A. Six-head capacity: Part No. 01724A (available since 1971)
  - B. Twelve-head capacity: Part No. 01725A (available since 1971)

4. INSTALLATION

Refer to appropriate NFPA Installation Standards.
5. OPERATION
During fire conditions, the heat-sensitive fusible element assembly disengages, releasing the seat and spring assemblies to open the waterway. 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 VK601 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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<tr>
<th>Sprinkler Temperature Classification</th>
<th>Sprinkler Nominal Temperature Rating</th>
<th>Maximum Ambient Ceiling Temperature</th>
<th>Frame Paint Color</th>
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<tr>
<td>Ordinary</td>
<td>165 °F (74 °C)</td>
<td>100 °F (38 °C)</td>
<td>None</td>
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<tr>
<td>Intermediate</td>
<td>205 °F (96 °C)</td>
<td>150 °F (65 °C)</td>
<td>White</td>
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Sprinkler Finishes: Brass, Chrome, White Polyester³, and Black Polyester³

Footnotes

1 Decorative sprinklers may not be color coded. The 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 For automatic sprinklers, the coatings indicated are applied to the exposed exterior surfaces only. Note that the spring is exposed on sprinklers with Polyester coatings.

Figure 1: Standard Sprinkler Wrench 21475M/B
Approval Chart 1 (UL)
Quick Response Extended Coverage Pendent Fusible Element Sprinkler VK601
For Light Hazard Occupancies Only. Maximum 175 PSI (12 Bar) WWP

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<tr>
<th>Sprinkler Base Part Number¹</th>
<th>SIN</th>
<th>NPT Thread Size</th>
<th>Nominal K-Factor</th>
<th>Maximum Areas of Coverage⁴ (Length x Width)</th>
<th>Minimum Water Supply Requirements¹ Flow/Pressure</th>
<th>Listings and Approvals³ (Refer also to Design Criteria below.)</th>
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<td>13969 VK601</td>
<td>1/2</td>
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Sprinkler Temperature Ratings
A - 205 °F (96 °C)
B - 165 °F (74 °C)

Approved Finishes
1 - Brass, Chrome, White Poly-ester,
and Black Polyester

Approved Escutcheons
Y - Standard surface-mounted escutcheons
Z - Standard surface-mounted escutcheons or recessed with the Micromatic® Model E-1 or E-2 Recessed Escutcheon

Footnotes
¹ Part number shown is the base part number. For complete part number, refer to current Viking price list 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.
⁴ For areas of coverage smaller than shown, use the “Minimum Water Supply Requirement” for the next larger area listed with sprinklers of similar K-factor. Flows and pressures listed are per sprinkler.
⁵ Listed by Underwriter’s Laboratories, Inc. for use in the U.S. and Canada for Light Hazard occupancies with smooth, flat, horizontal ceilings only.
⁶ Meets New York City requirements, effective July 1, 2008.

DESIGN CRITERIA - UL
(Also refer to Approval Chart 1 above.)
cULus Listing Requirements:
QREC Pendent Sprinkler VK601 is cULus Listed as indicated in Approval Chart 1 for installation in accordance with the latest edition of NFPA 13 for extended coverage pendent spray sprinklers:
- Limited to Light Hazard occupancies with smooth, flat, horizontal ceilings only.
- 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 and obstruction rules contained in NFPA 13 for extended coverage pendent spray sprinklers must be followed.

IMPORTANT: Always refer to Bulletin Form No. F_091699 - Care and Handling of Sprinklers. 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, LPCB, APSAD, VdS or other similar organizations, and also with the provisions of governmental codes, ordinances, and standards, whenever applicable.

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## Approval Chart 2 (FM)

Quick Response Extended Coverage Pendent Fusible Element Sprinkler VK601

**Sprinkler Base Part Number**

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**Sprinkler Temperature Rating**

A - 165 °F (74 °C)

**Approved Finishes**

1 - Brass, Chrome, White Polyester, and Black Polyester

**Approved Escutcheons**

Z - Standard surface-mounted escutcheons or recessed with the Micromatic® Model E-1 or E-2 Recessed Escutcheon

### Footnotes

1 Part number shown is the base part number. For complete part number, refer to current Viking price list 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 FM Approvals available at the time of printing. Other approvals may be in process. Check with the manufacturer for any additional approvals.

4 For areas of coverage smaller than shown, use the "Minimum Water Supply Requirement" for the next larger area listed with sprinklers of similar K-factor. Flows and pressures listed are per sprinkler.

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**DESIGN CRITERIA - FM**

(Also refer to Approval Chart 2 above.)

QREC Sprinkler VK601 is FM Approved as a quick response **Non-Storage** extended coverage pendent sprinkler as indicated in the FM Approval Guide. For specific application and installation requirements, reference the latest applicable FM Loss Prevention Data Sheets (including Data Sheet 2-0). FM Global Loss Prevention Data Sheets contain guidelines relating to, but not limited to: minimum water supply requirements, hydraulic design, ceiling slope and obstructions, minimum and maximum allowable spacing, and deflector distance below the ceiling.

**NOTE:** The FM installation guidelines may differ from cULus and/or NFPA criteria.

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Step 1: Carefully slide the wrench sideways around the deflector, ensuring engagement with the sprinkler wrench flats.

Sprinkler wrench 12144W/B** must be used for installing recessed Sprinkler VK601.

** A 1/2” ratchet is required (not available from Viking)

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

Figure 2: Wrench 12144W/B for Recessed Pendent Sprinklers

Ceiling Opening Size:
2-5/16” (59 mm) minimum
2-1/2” (64 mm) maximum

Installed with a standard 1/8” surface-mounted escutcheon

Figure 3: Sprinkler Dimensions with a Standard Escutcheon
QUICK RESPONSE EXTENDED COVERAGE FUSIBLE ELEMENT PENDENT SPRINKLER VK601 (K5.6)

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Figure 4: Sprinkler Dimensions with the Model E-1 and E-2 Recessed Escutcheons

- Ceiling Opening Size:
  - 2-5/16" (59 mm) minimum
  - 2-1/2" (64 mm) maximum

- Installed with a Model E-1 Recessed Escutcheon
- Installed with a Model E-2 Thread-on Recessed Escutcheon

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