

# Reliance<sup>®</sup>

Prismatic Water Gages

Cast and Steel Body Type



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## PRECISE, EASY-TO-READ LEVEL GAGES MEET A WIDE VARIETY OF INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

Reliance Prismatic (reflex) Gages provide a well-defined, distinct image of water level, eliminating reading errors or distortions possible with less effective gage types. Highly versatile, Prismatic Gages are easily installed in vertical or Tiltview™ Assemblies. In addition, Reliance Prismatic Gages offer the flexibility of combining multiple gage sections to achieve coverage of extended viewing areas.

Available in two designs, “C” Types are specified for boiler design pressures to 250 PSI and “S” Types for pressures to 350 PSI.

Typical Prismatic Gage applications include installation on boiler drums, feedwater heaters, deaerators, and other tanks.

**Quality Materials** Reliance Prismatic Gages feature quality materials and reliable design. The gage glass is of the highest quality borosilicate glass, tempered for improved toughness.

The unique Reliance clamping design produces a uniform, firm, compressive load on the glass –adding to gage reliability and prolonged service life.

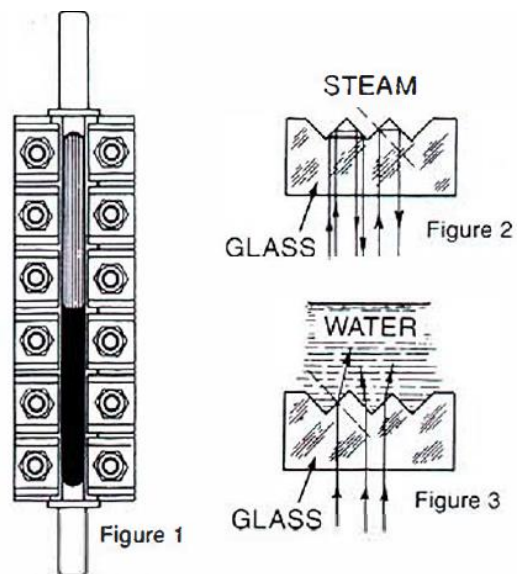
### THE PRISMATIC PRINCIPLE

Prismatic glass is flat on the outside. The inside, in contact with either water or steam, is shaped with multiple 90° angle prisms.

Rays of light normal to glass strike the prisms at a 45° angle.

The critical angle of a ray passing from glass to steam is 42°. Therefore, the 45° ray is totally reflected and causes the steam space to appear white (Figure 2).

The critical angle of a ray passing from glass to water is 62°. Therefore, with the 45° angle being less, the ray penetrates the water and reveals the gage housing in black (Figure 3).



STEAM APPEARS WHITE  
WATER APPEARS BLACK

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## MULTIPLE SECTIONS ALLOW LONGER LEVEL VIEWING AREAS

Large storage tanks, heater tanks and similar applications call for Prismatic Gage assemblies employing multiple gage sections. Double, triple and quadruple assemblies are available, and even longer assemblies can be provided.

In multiple assemblies, the space between gage windows is approximately 1 ½ inches. This gap is generally considered insignificant where multiple assemblies are normally installed.

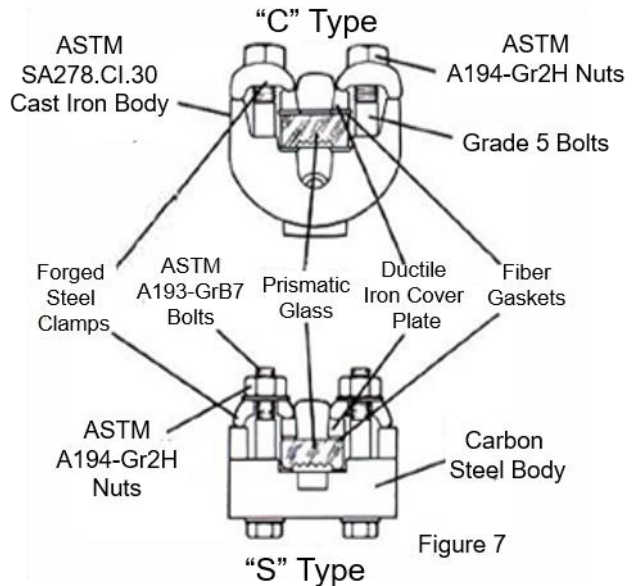
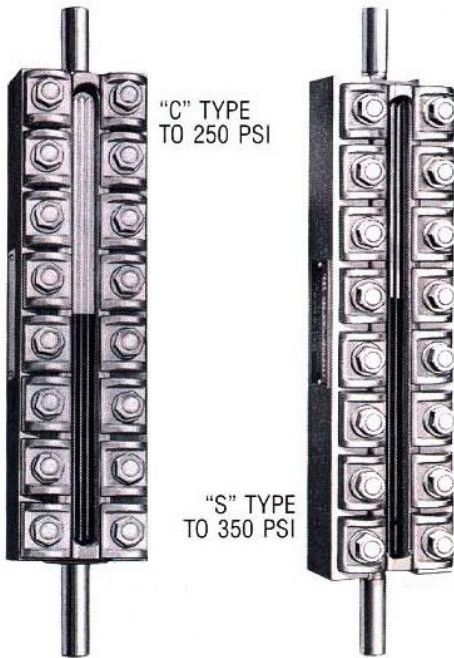
Note the various dimensions and specifications for multiple gage assemblies listed in tables presented on page 5.



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## GAGE SELECTION DATA



Specific combinations of boiler water pressure and boiler water pH levels suggest the installation of mica-protected gages to resist gage glass deterioration and possible gage leakage.

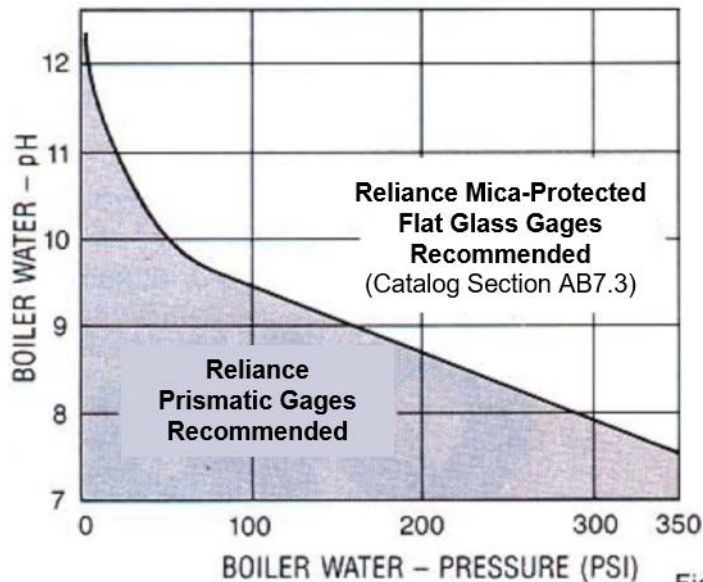


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## PRISMATIC GAGE ASSEMBLIES

### PRISMATIC GAGES VERTICAL ASSEMBLIES



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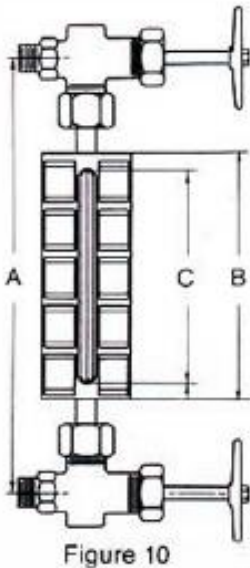


Figure 10

Gages with greater than 3 sections will be offered in "S" type with flanged connections. Consult factory for assistance. See our bulletin #AB5.1D for more details on our companion Bronze Water Gage Valves.

Vertical Centers with Reliance Bronze Type Valves – in (mm) A	Prismatic Number		Vertical Water Visibility – in (mm) C	Overall Body Length – in (mm) B
	"C" Type	"S" Type		
14 (355.6)	C4	S4	6 ¼ (171.5)	7 1/8 (181)
16 (406.4)	C5	S5	7 7/8 (200)	9 (228.6)
17 (431.8)	C6	S6	9 1/8 (231.8)	10 ¼ (260.4)
18 (457.2)	C7	S7	10 1/8 (257.2)	11 3/8 (288.9)
19 (482.6)	C7	S7	10 1/8 (257.2)	11 3/8 (288.9)
19 ½ (495.3)	C8	S8	11 ¼ (298.5)	13 (330.2)
20 (508)	C9	S9	12 ½ (317.5)	13 ¼ (349.3)
21 (533.4)	C9	S9	12 ½ (317.5)	13 ¼ (349.3)
22 (558.8)	C9	S9	12 ½ (317.5)	13 ¼ (349.3)
23 (584.2)	C44	S44	14 7/8 (377.8)	16 (406.4)
24 (609.6)	C44	S44	14 7/8 (377.8)	16 (406.4)
25 (635)	C55	S55	17 1/8 (435)	18 ¼ (463.6)
26 (660.4)	C55	S55	17 1/8 (435)	18 ¼ (463.6)
27 (685.8)	C66	S66	19 5/8 (498.5)	20 ¼ (527.1)
28 (711.2)	C66	S66	19 5/8 (498.5)	20 ¼ (527.1)
29 (736.6)	C66	S66	19 5/8 (498.5)	20 ¼ (527.1)
30 (762)	C77	S77	21 ¼ (552.5)	23 (584.2)
31 (787.4)	C77	S77	21 ¼ (552.5)	23 (584.2)
32 (812.8)	C77	S77	21 ¼ (552.5)	23 (584.2)
33 (838.2)	C88	S88	25 (635)	26 ¼ (666.8)
34 (863.6)	C99	S99	26 ½ (673.1)	27 ¼ (704.9)
30 ¼ (768.4)	C444	S444	23 (584.2)	24 1/8 (612.8)
33 5/8 (854.1)	C555	S555	26 3/8 (670)	27 ¼ (698.5)
37 3/8 (949.3)	C666	S666	30 1/8 (765.2)	31 ¼ (793.8)
40 ¼ (1035.1)	C777	S777	33 3/8 (841.4)	34 5/8 (879.5)
45 5/8 (1158.9)	C888	S888	38 ¼ (971.6)	39 ¼ (1003.3)
47 7/8 (1216.1)	C999	S999	40 ¼ (1028.7)	41 ¼ (1060.5)

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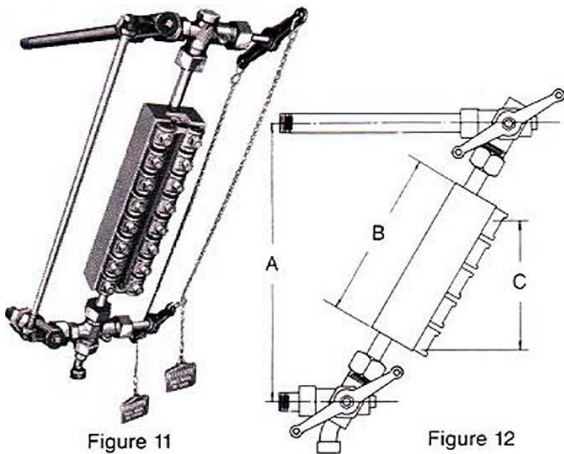


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Vertical Centers with Reliance Bronze Type Valves – in (mm) A	Prismatic Number		Vertical Water Visibility – in (mm) C	Overall Body Length – in (mm) B
	“C” Type	“S” Type		
15 (381)	C6	S6	7 7/8 (200)	10 1/4 (260.4)
16 (406.4)	C7	S7	8 3/4 (222.3)	11 3/8 (289)
17 (431.8)	C8	S8	10 1/4 (260.4)	13 (330.2)
18 (457.2)	C9	S9	10 7/8 (276.2)	13 3/4 (349.3)
19 (482.6)	C9	S9	10 7/8 (276.2)	13 3/4 (349.3)
20 (508)	C44	S44	12 7/8 (327)	16 (406.4)
21 (533.4)	C44	S44	12 7/8 (327)	16 (406.4)
22 (558.8)	C55	S55	14 7/8 (377.8)	18 1/4 (463.6)
23 (584.2)	C55	S55	14 7/8 (377.8)	18 1/4 (463.6)
24 (609.6)	C66	S66	17 (431.8)	20 3/4 (527.1)
25 (635)	C66	S66	17 (431.8)	20 3/4 (527.1)
26 (660.4)	C77	S77	18 7/8 (479.4)	23 (584.2)
27 (685.8)	C77	S77	18 7/8 (479.4)	23 (584.2)
28 (711.2)	C77	S77	18 7/8 (479.4)	23 (584.2)
29 (736.6)	C88	S88	21 5/8 (549.3)	26 1/4 (666.8)
30 (762)	C99	S99	23 (584.2)	27 3/4 (704.9)

### NOTES ON SPECIFYING RELIANCE PRISMATIC WATER GAGES

- When specifying Prismatic Gages, refer to the Vertical Valve Center dimension “A” in the tables provided. Locate the “A” dimension that corresponds to your own gage valve centers.
- The overall length of the Prismatic Gage, including nipples, is equal to a Tubular Glass gage length.
- A change to Prismatic Gages reduces the length of visible water range 3” to 6” depending upon gage and valve combinations.
- Gage-to-valve nipples are 3/4” diameter. Minimum length of top nipple is 1 3/4”. Minimum length of bottom nipple is 1 3/8” when Reliance bronze valves are used.

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## REPLACING TUBULAR GLASS & GAGE ILLUMINATION

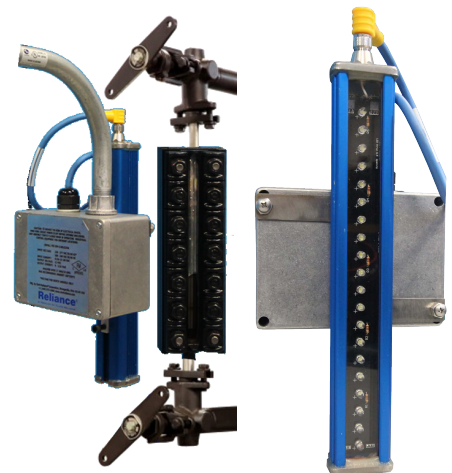
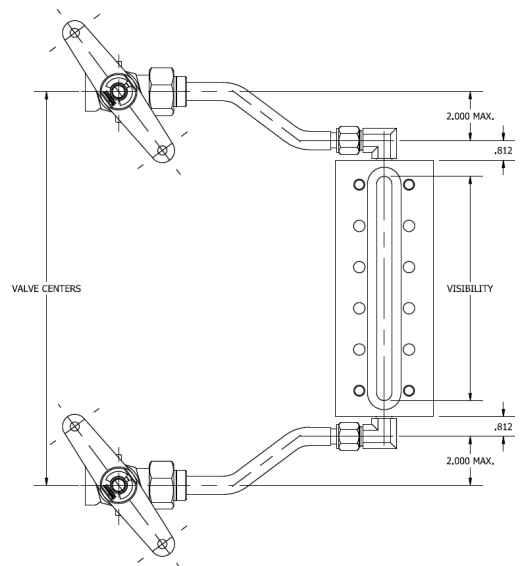
### PRISMATIC GAGES REPLACING TUBULAR GLASS

NOTE: When installing a Prismatic Gage to replace an existing tubular glass gage, a reduction in gage visibility can be avoided by installing an offset assembly. The offset assembly accepts a Prismatic Gage long enough to provide the necessary visibility, using valves rotated 90°. When ordering, please specify gage valve centers and Reliance Water Column and Valve part numbers.

Gage No.	C	A – Valve Centers			
		Prismatic		Flat Glass	
		Min. – in (mm)	Max. – in (mm)	Min. – in (mm)	Max. – in (mm)
4	6 ¾ (171.5)	9 3/8 (238.1)	13 3/8 (339.7)	9 ¾ (247.7)	13 ¾ (349.3)
5	7 7/8 (200)	10 ½ (266.7)	14 ½ (368.3)	10 7/8 (276.2)	14 7/8 (377.8)
6	9 1/8 (231.8)	11 ¾ (298.5)	15 ¾ (400)	12 1/8 (308)	16 1/8 (409.6)
7	10 1/8 (257.2)	12 7/8 (327)	16 7/8 (728.6)	13 1/8 (333.3)	17 1/8 (435)
8	11 ¾ (298.5)	14 ½ (368.3)	18 ½ (469.9)	14 ¾ (374.7)	18 ¾ (476.3)
9	12 ½ (317.5)	15 ¾ (387.4)	19 ¾ (489)	15 ¾ (393.7)	19 ½ (495.3)

### GAGE ILLUMINATION

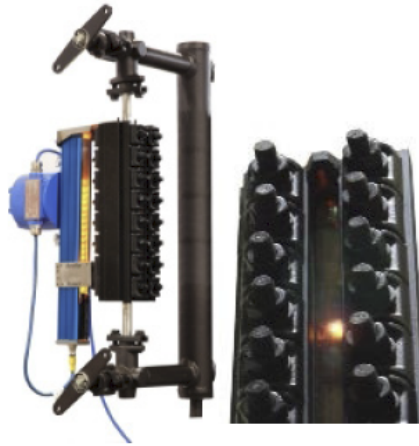
Upgrade your prismatic gage glasses with a modern LED illuminator and see the difference instantly. High-intensity, uniform LED lighting dramatically improves visibility and contrast, making water levels easier to read at a glance—even in low-light or harsh operating environments. LEDs run cooler, consume less power, and last far longer than traditional lamps, reducing maintenance, downtime, and replacement costs. Built to withstand vibration and temperature extremes, this upgrade boosts reliability and safety while delivering consistent, crisp illumination you can count on shift after shift.



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