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RADIANT HEAT SYSTEMS

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Water Heater Prefab

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Install Guide

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## 1. Tools Required

- Adjustable Crescent Wrench
- Phillips Head Screwdriver
- Channel Locks
- 5mm Allen Key (included)
- 6mm Allen Key (included)
- Teflon Tape
- Pipe Dope (thread sealant)
- PEX Cutter
- Drill and Fasteners (e.g., screws)
- 18-Gauge 5-Conductor Solid Wire
- 14-Gauge 2-Conductor Solid Wire

### Mr. Post Frame video series:

**for a full installation example of our in-floor heating system:**

[Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), [Part 3: Coming Soon!](#)

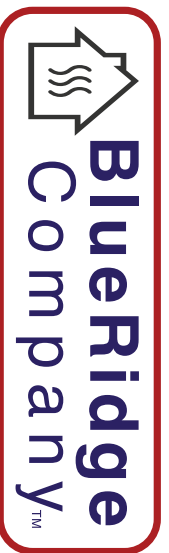
## 2. Layout and PEX Installation

Begin by reviewing your loop layout and installing the PEX tubing. Start from the furthest circuit away from the mechanical location and work your way to the closest circuit.

- A link of how to install your pex in a slab on grade system: [PEX In Concrete Slab Install Guide](#)
- A link of how to install your pex in a staple up system: [Staple Up Installation](#)
- A link of how to install your pex in a floor panel system: [RHT Floor Panel System](#)
- A link of how to install your pex in a staple down with topping pour: [PEX Staple Down With Topping Pour](#)

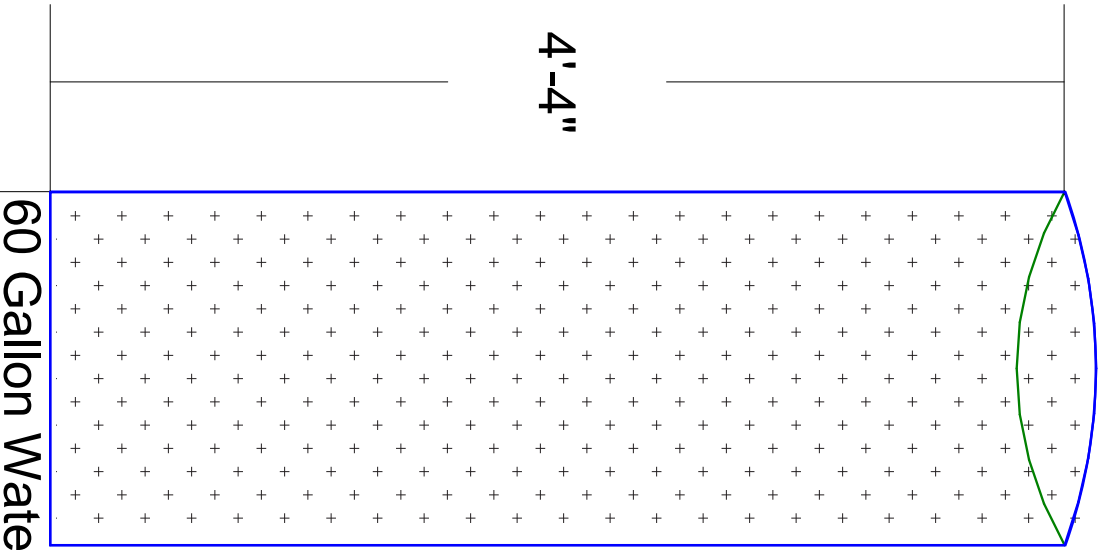
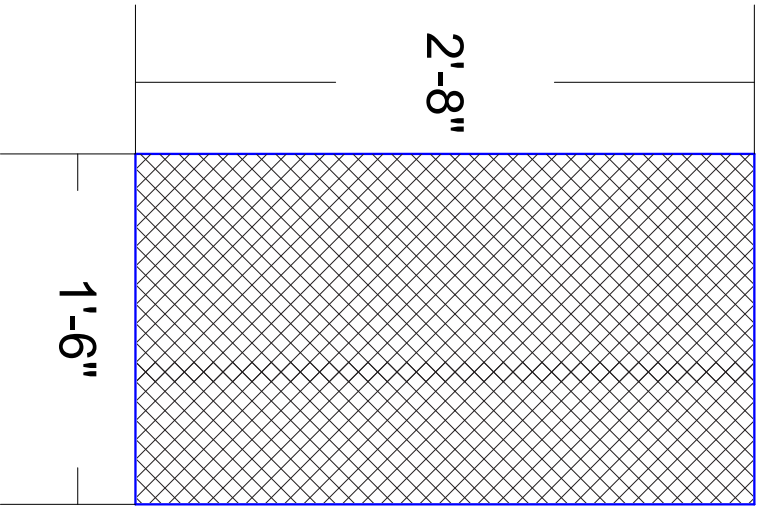
## 3. Pump Panel Installation

Hang your prefabricated pump panel on the wall using the predrilled holes in the panel. It is best to have at least two people for this part of the installation. We recommend adding additional fasteners if your panel width is longer than three feet. Additional framing materials should be added to provide support as needed.



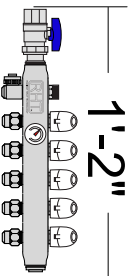
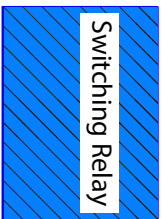
Example of Mechanical Room Layout with a 1 Zone Distribution Panel, Water Heater, and a RHT 4 Port Manifold

### Prefabricated Pump Panel

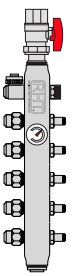


60 Gallon Water Heater

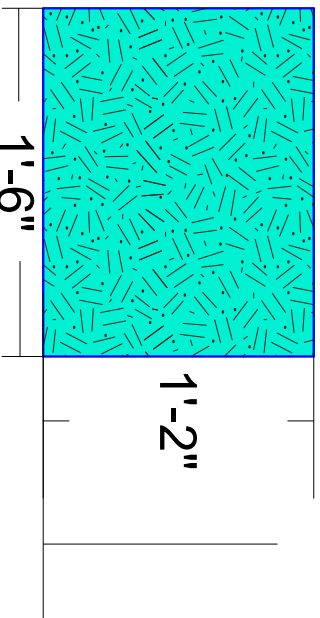
5'-10"



Manifold 1'-3"



3'



Glycol Fill System

#### 4. Connect Manifold to Pump Panel

Connect your manifold to the pump distribution panel using copper or PEX piping. The threaded fittings below will attach to the supply/return ball valves on your manifold, while the straight couplers will connect to the supply/return lines on the pump distribution panel.



#### 5. Water Heater Connection

Connect the supply and return lines from your water heater to the prefabricated pump panel using the provided Stainless Steel Flex Boiler Connector.

#### 6. Hydronic Fill & Purge System

Connect your glycol fill system to the water makeup of the prefabricated pump panel using the provided fittings.



This is how you will receive your connection kit.



The 3/4" FNPT will screw onto the pump. On the pipe thread connection use a layer of thread sealer then a wrap of teflon tape, followed by another layer of thread sealer. You can Attach PEX or copper to the push fit side of the fitting.



This 1/2" to 1/2" push fit elbow will allow you to make a 90° turn into the 1/2" ball valve.

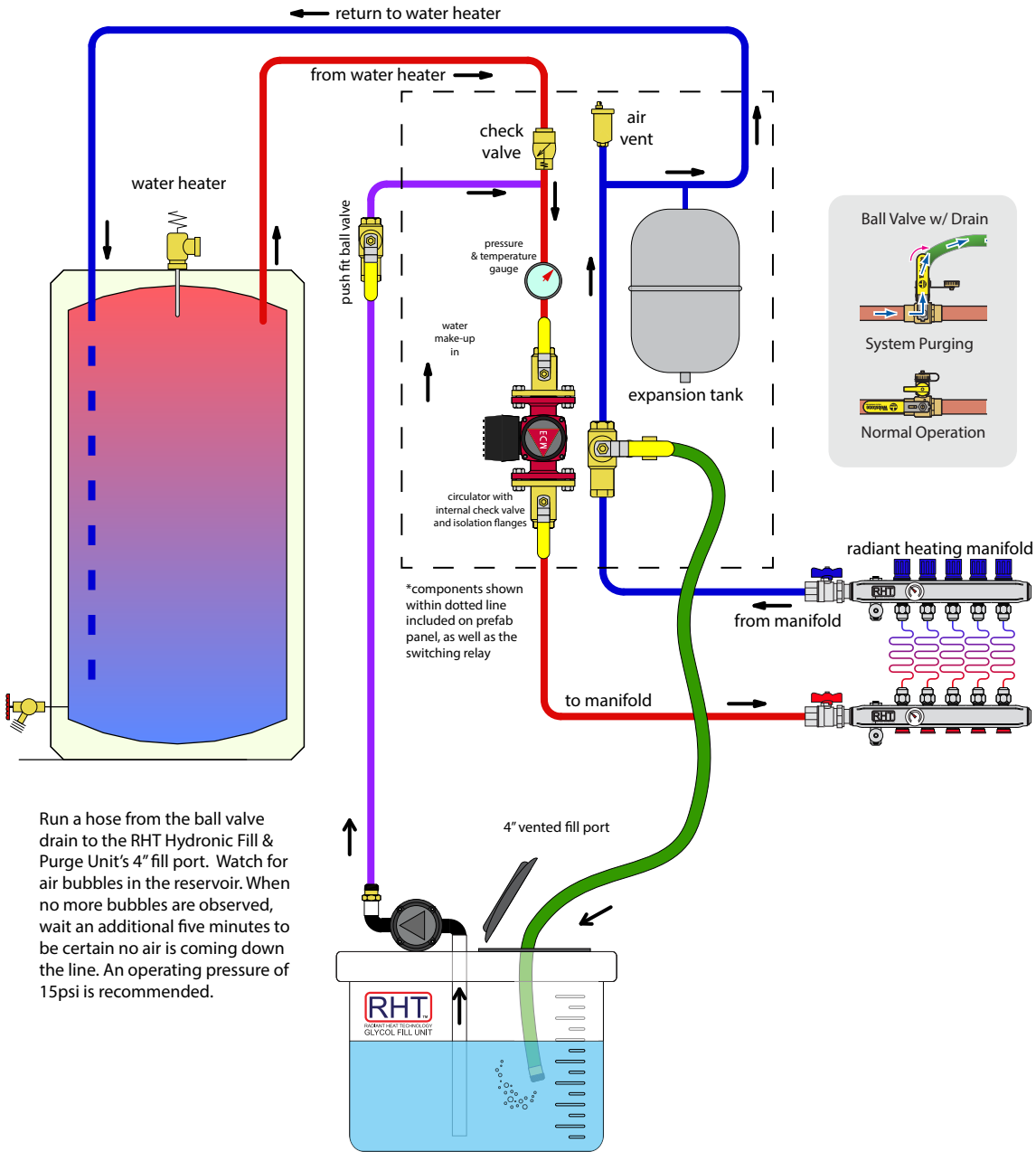
This 1/2" to 1/2" push fit ball valve will attach to your water make up on your pump distribution panel.

## 7. Filling

Fill the reservoir with plain water or a glycol mix as appropriate. We recommend sourcing 95% Propylene glycol and for residential systems, a recommended mixture is 20-25% Propylene glycol and 75%-80% water.

## 8. Air Purging Procedure

Connect a hose from the return ball valve drain of a specific zone to your fill tank. Orient the valves for air purging as depicted in the illustration below and plug in the fill pump. Make sure that the reservoir remains adequately filled throughout the process. Refer back to page one of this document for guidance: [Pump Panel Diagram](#)



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## 9. Zone Purging

When no more air bubbles are observed, wait an additional five minutes to be certain no air is coming down the line. Once there is no more air in a zone, close the corresponding return ball valve and move onto purging the next zone until all zones are purged. The fill pump will turn off automatically when you close the hose valve. It's crucial to keep the fill pump plugged in and connected, as it is responsible for maintaining static pressure within your system.

## 10. Valve Adjustment

Set all valves to their operating positions as shown on page two of the Column Pump Distribution Panel diagram.

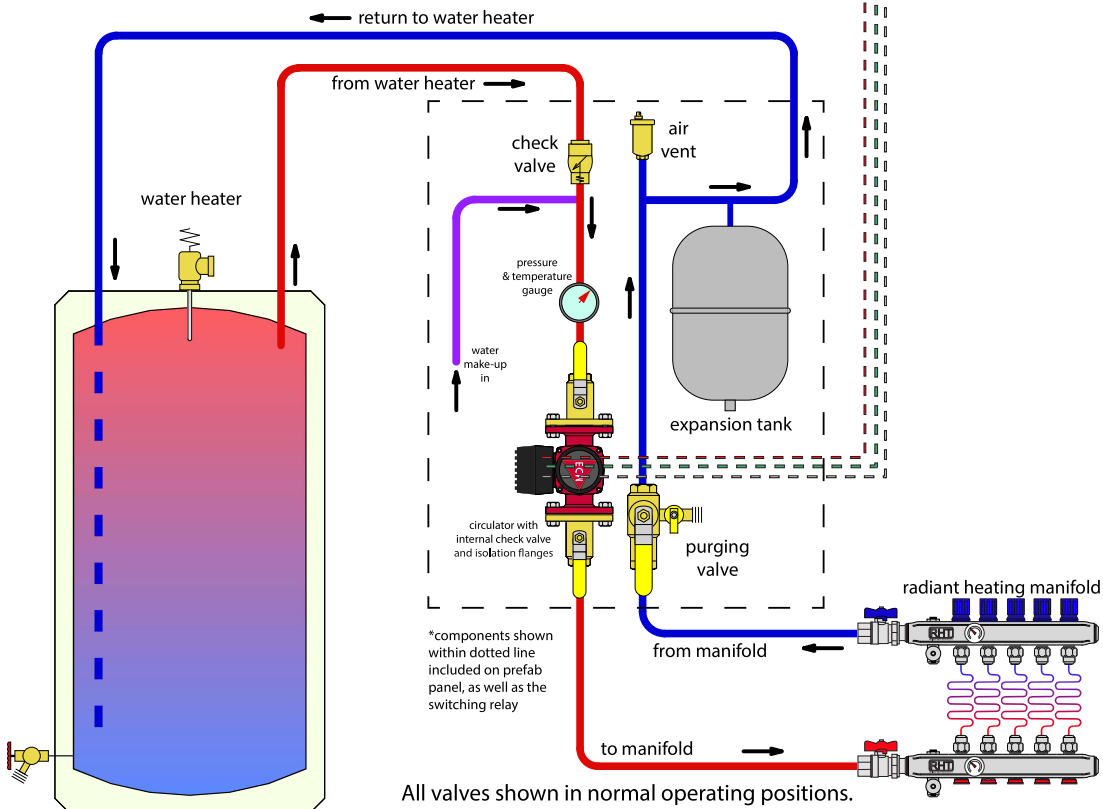
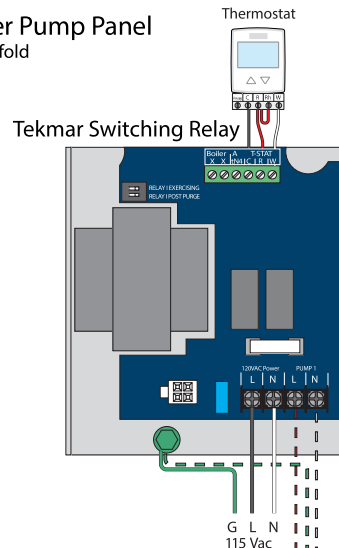
## 11. Wiring

Wire the system following the recommended wiring diagram. It's advisable to have a licensed electrician handle all high voltage wiring. The recommended wiring diagram can be found here on page two: [Pump Panel Diagram](#)



Prefabricated Water Heater Pump Panel  
\*shown with water heater and manifold

\*Wiring diagram provided for educational purposes only, please follow all manufacturer's wiring schematics when installing products. BlueRidge Company will not be responsible for improperly wired devices.



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## 12. Slab Sensor Minimum Temperature

If you installed a slab sensor remember to set the floor minimum temperature. Available when an auxiliary floor sensor is connected, and the built-in room sensor is on.

- Tekmar 519 Thermostat:

Setting	Display
User settings. Press the $\Delta$ and $\nabla$ buttons together for 3 seconds to enter and advance to the next setting.	
<b>MODE</b> Select heat or off.	MODE HEAT
Range: HEAT, OFF	Default: HEAT
<b>UNITS</b> Select the temperature units.	UNITS F
Range: °F or °C	Default: °F
<b>LIGHT</b> Select when the display back light should operate. Auto operates the backlight for 30 seconds after a keystroke.	LIGHT AUTO
Range: OFF, AUTO, ON	Default: AUTO
<b>SET FLOOR</b> Set the floor minimum temperature. Available when an auxiliary floor sensor is connected and the built-in room sensor is on.	SET FLOOR 72
Range: OFF, 40 to 122°F (4.5 to 50.0°C)	Default: 72°F (22.0°C)
<b>TYPE</b> Device Type number. Hold the $\Delta$ button to view the software version.	TYPE 519
<b>ESCAPE</b> Release the $\Delta$ and $\nabla$ buttons to return to the home screen.	ESCAPE

- Tekmar 561 Thermostat:

Setup - Temp		
Setting	Range	Default
Screen Page 1		
<b>FLOOR MIN - WAKE</b> Select the floor temperature while in the wake schedule. Applies when there is both a floor and an air sensor.	Off, 40 to 95°F Off, 4.5 to 35.0°C	Off
<b>FLOOR MIN - LEAVE</b> Select the floor temperature while in the leave schedule. Applies when there is both a floor and an air sensor.	Off, 40 to 95°F Off, 4.5 to 35.0°C	Off
<b>FLOOR MIN - RETURN</b> Select the floor temperature while in the return schedule. Applies when there is both a floor and an air sensor.	Off, 40 to 95°F Off, 4.5 to 35.0°C	Off
<b>FLOOR MIN - SLEEP</b> Select the floor temperature while in the sleep schedule. Applies when there is both a floor and an air sensor.	Off, 40 to 95°F Off, 4.5 to 35.0°C	Off
<b>FLOOR MIN - AWAY</b> Select the floor temperature while in away. Applies when there is both a floor and an air sensor.	Off, 40 to 95°F Off, 4.5 to 35.0°C	Off

## 13. Set Thermostats Target Air Temperature

On the home screen of your thermostat, set the desired temperature for that zone.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out at 866-361-4782 and dial 3 for technical support.