ARG Series Raw Water Strainers
Installation and Maintenance

**Installation:** Install ARG series strainers vertically oriented above the outside waterline if possible.

For sizes 500, 750, 1000 and 1250, fasten the bronze upper bracket to a stringer or bulkhead. Hang the strainer in the bracket and then mark the location for the lower bracket (with the open side facing up). Locate the lower bracket so the strap engages the sight glass about 1” above the drain wingnut. Remove the strainer from the upper bracket, fasten the lower bracket to the bulkhead, and hang the strainer once again in the upper bracket. The sight glass should now rest squarely against the lower bracket. Run the strap around the sight glass and lower bracket and pull it tight. The strap is releasable and reusable.

For sizes 1500, 2000, 2500 and 3000, fasten the strainer head loosely to a bulkhead or stringer. Slide the lower bracket (open side facing up) between the bulkhead and the sight glass until it fits snugly without play. Mark the location of the lower bracket; it should be 1” – 2” above the drain wingnut. Remove the strainer, and securely fasten the lower bracket. Fasten the strainer loosely once again by its upper bracket and verify that the sight glass rest squarely against the lower bracket. Run the strap around the sight glass and lower bracket and pull it tight. Tighten the upper mount bolts. The strap is releasable and reusable.

**Bonding:** GROCO strainers are provided with two (2) bonding fasteners on the head casting, located between the mount bracket and the body. Use either of these fasteners to connect the strainer to the vessel bonding system using 14-gauge (or larger) stranded copper wire and a ring terminal. The bonding connection may also be made at any of the bolts that secure the sight glass to the head casting.

**Warning:** Motorized equipment is to have a separate connection to the vessel AC grounding bus in accordance with ABYC, E-11, Figure-18. DO NOT make the strainer bonding connection in series with motorized equipment. It is permissible to make the bonding connection in series with non-motorized equipment such as seacocks or thru-hull fittings.

**Non-metallic Filter Baskets:** GROCO® offers ARG-P series strainers with non-metallic filter. The corrosion-proof non-metallic baskets are an advantage in continuous running or high usage installations such as air conditioning, generators, or refrigeration systems where the continuous flow of sea water shortens filter basket life.

Non-metallic baskets are inter-changeable with metallic baskets. Monel filter baskets are available on special order. Refer to the replacement parts section for more information.

**Maintenance:** Inspect and clean the filter basket frequently. A seasonal application of water-proof grease that is Silicon or Teflon® based (do not use Petroleum based grease) to the cap threads and o-ring will assure easy cap loosening for inspections and cleaning. Use only mild soapy water to clean the sight glass.

Hand-tight is sufficient for a safe and leak-proof seal following cap removal and replacement, but if you wish to “snug” the cap use GROCO® SW-2531 Spanner Wrench.

**Multiple Consumers from a single strainer:** Connecting multiple consumers of filtered water to a single strainer is not recommended, but we realize that some installers will do this to reduce cost and save space. To prevent dangerous flow restrictions to one or more of the connected consumers use a GROCO® RWM series Raw Water Manifold.

**Self-Cleaning Strainers:** If the frequency of filter basket cleanings becomes difficult because of debris-laden water or water filled with sea grass or jelly fish, consider a GROCO® Hydromatic self-cleaning strainer.

**SVC NOTES:** Plastic Strainer Cap fits all Older Models.

A design improvement necessitates changes to the cap (Item-13) and Cap O-Ring (Items 4 and 5). Improvement changes begin w/ SN 010910.

For service assistance/information call 410.712.4242 and ask for Strainers Service Department. After hours, go to www.groco.net.