

“How to Remove Red Clips from Fleck 7000 Control Valves Without Breaking Them”

The Fleck 7000 is a great programmable control valve that lasts many years. While it is easy to install and program, reading this guide prior to installation can save you some time when removing the red clips.

What happens is, when the water is first turned on and the control valve comes up to line pressure, the bypass valve and pipe connectors push out or push apart slightly and lock in the red clips. When the water is turned off, and even if there is no water pressure, it's impossible to remove the jammed in clips, without great difficulty, and eventually most customers end up breaking them to get them out.

Step 1: After depressurizing the Fleck 7000, one pushes the bypass and pipe connectors against the body of the control valve ever so slightly, and the clips are instantly no longer locked in.

1. Push the bypass and pipe connectors against the body of the control valve.



Step 2: At that point they can practically be removed with your fingertips, although a small flat head screw driver or needle nose pliers works best to pull out the red clips.



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