

SAFELY INSTALL WATER SAVING PRODUCTS

Before installing a shower or tap flow restrictor it's important to confirm that you have a mains pressure hot water system. Do not use flow restrictors if you have a low or unequal pressure hot water cylinder. Back flow of restricted water may damage your cylinder, and hot water flow rate may become insufficient.

Most hot water cylinders will have a label stating whether it provides low or mains pressure (see picture). If you can't see a label, below are some common features of each system that you can look for.



LOW PRESSURE	MAINS PRESSURE
The shower temperature and/or pressure changes when someone uses hot water elsewhere in the house.	No change in shower temperature or pressure when someone uses hot water elsewhere in the house.
The hot tap has less water pressure than the cold tap.	The hot and the cold taps have the same water pressure.
You can completely stop the flow from the hot water tap with your thumb.	You cannot stop the flow from the hot water tap with your thumb.
A metal overflow pipe sticks up from your roof, and sometimes water comes out of it.	Instantaneous hot water with no storage, or gas heated water system.