Replacement of Honeywell ML & MS motors to Belimo FS series actuators

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WARNING!
Installer must be trained and experienced with repair of fire and smoke dampers and actuators.

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WARNING!
Before replacing actuator, damper must be inspected and determined to be fully functional. See NFPA 80 & NFPA 105 below for recommendations.
**Code and Standard Issues**

In general, the administrative section of codes state that all mechanical and electrical systems must be kept in working order and an individual section may state that all life safety devices and systems must be operable. NFPA 80 (Fire) & NFPA 105 (Smoke) require periodic testing and repair of dampers as soon as possible after any deficiency is uncovered.

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Fire & smoke dampers are appliances and field replacement of components is required when failure of any component occurs.

The Authority Having Jurisdiction (local Fire Marshal and/or Building Official) must be consulted if any blade or auxiliary switches are employed and are connected to the fire alarm system or to a Fire Fighters Smoke Control System (FSCS) panel. Retesting is required. A permit and inspection may be required since connections to an alarm system have been touched.
NFPA 80 (Fire) & NFPA 105 (Smoke)


See NFPA 80 & NFPA 105 for details. The damper cleaning and examination check list here is based on them.

Damper installation shall meet code requirements. Fire stopping and drywall integrity shall be confirmed. Damper blades shall be in plane of wall. Duct shall be fall away with no fasteners connected to damper sleeve.

a. Dampers and ducts shall be cleaned of all foreign debris and dust build-up.
b. All exposed moving parts of the damper shall be dry lubricated as required by the manufacturer.
c. Damper shall be examined without defective old motor or new actuator to determine:
   i. The damper shall fully close from the open position.
   ii. Damper shall fully open from the closed position.
   iii. There are no obstructions to the operation of the damper. The damper shall not be blocked from closure in any way due to rusted, bent, misaligned, or damaged frame or blades. The damper shall not have defective hinges, side &/or blade seals, or other moving parts. The damper frame shall not be penetrated by any foreign objects that would affect operation.
d. If the damper is equipped with a fusible link, the link shall be removed for testing to ensure full closure and lock-in-place if so equipped. If the link is damaged or painted, it shall be replaced with a link of the same size, temperature, and load rating.
e. The fusible link shall be reinstalled after testing is complete.

After installation and wiring of new actuator it shall be tested.
a. The checklist may be customized using material here and in NFPA Standards. Multiple geometric configurations of springs, fusible link, thermal sensor(s), and actuation are possible. Confirm with AHJ if any additional requirements exist.
b. Electric thermal sensors, if present, must be tested and replaced if defective.
c. The test shall be conducted with normal HVAC airflow.
d. When equipped with smoke detection activation, the smoke detector shall be activated and damper operation observed.

Note that NFPA 80 and NFPA 105 require that repairs must start as soon as possible.

A record of all repairs must be kept and made available to AHJ.

For the Air Movement and Control Association damper maintenance manual go to: http://www.amca.org/publications/damper_maintenance.aspx
Technical Requirements

While it is not detailed in codes, the following rules should be followed for selecting Belimo actuators for replacement:

Check the technical specifications to ensure an “equal or better” actuator is used.

- **Temperature** – the replacement actuator shall have been UL555S tested at the same or better temperature as the original actuator. 250˚F or 350˚F are standard.
- **Time** – the replacement actuator shall drive open and spring closed at a speed equal or faster than presently required by codes. (The AHJ may grant an exception and “grandfather” slower actuators where the original actuator was slower.)
- **Torque** – replacement actuator shall have equal or greater torque than the failed actuator.
- **Voltage** – replacement actuator shall have the same voltage rating as the original.
- **Amperage** – the replacement actuator(s) shall not draw more amperage than the original(s) and cause the total connected amp draw on a circuit breaker to be greater than allowed by electrical code.
- **Final Testing** – actuated damper and associated devices shall be tested for proper operation. See Acceptance testing details below in Fire Marshal Notification Form.

(Mnemonic device: TTT-VAT)

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**WARNING!**

In all cases, installation must comply with any and all local electrical and life safety codes. Operation of the system after installation must be performed to verify proper damper cycling. Final checkout requires verifying correct function.

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**WARNING!**

Note that where any fire alarm wiring is touched, the fire department must be informed.
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* Use FSNF series if damper is > 4 sq.ft.

** Use -S model of proper voltage.

Nominal sq.ft. per UL555S testing. | Temp  | Actuator         |
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<4                                 | 350°F | FSLF             |
<12                                | 350°F | FSNF             |
<16                                | 250°F | FSNF             |
<18                                | 350°F | FSAF*A           |

The FSTF series actuators were introduced in 2013. They are 18 in-lb and designed for under 1.5 sq.ft. of fire and smoke damper. Use on larger dampers only when replacing an existing FSTF on a fire and smoke damper.

The FSLF is recommended for small dampers.

Belimo actuators pass UL555S at the same damper sizes as the Honeywell.

NOTE. Although an actuator may operate a larger sized damper use the UL listed sizing. Call for assistance.
Thermal Sensor(s)

The picture below shows a Honeywell that was removed along with part of the damper.

The sensor is not part of the actuator and should not be removed. The motor should be unbolted without removing the junction box, conduit, and thermal sensor. The conduit connection to the motor must be connected to the Belimo FSxx and in some cases a new flex will be needed to reach the distance.

FSTF
Best solution for small dampers where the HW bracket has been hung out into the air is to use an FSTF actuator
Basic Replacement and Installation of Belimo

Obsolete Honeywell motor mounted on a damper manufacturer base.

The damper manufacturer base after the old motor is removed.

Bare shaft after mounting plate is removed.
(Note holes should be sealed.)

For short shaft mounting, the ZG-LMSA-1/2-5 can be used. Alternately, the clamp can be installed between the actuator and sheet metal.
Note that actuator floats freely. Clamp cold-welds when teeth dig into the damper shaft and the anti-rotation strap stud allows the actuator to move if shaft is not perfectly concentric. Rigid mounting by jamming the stud into the U-slot of actuator is NOT usually best.

**WARNING!**

Anti-rotation strap may not be attached to the duct. It is attached to the damper sleeve or to a flat plate secured to the damper or sleeve.

The duct must be free to fall away leaving the damper in the wall.
Distance at top must be the same as at bottom

Actuator should be parallel to the plane of the damper frame and sleeve.

Allow any non-concentric shaft motion to be taken up by mounting stud in middle of U-slot

Actuator must be perpendicular to the damper shaft.

Note how the pin of the anti-rotation strap is mounted in middle of actuator U-slot.

This is acceptable as long as mechanically solid.

As long as it is mechanically solid, the anti-rotation strap may be bent to fit height.
Special Mounting

Depending on the geometry, any number of mounting arrangements are correct. The most common are shown above. 

Alternately, the anti-rotation strap can be attached to any Belimo linkage, an electrical J-box cover plate, or to a piece of U-channel. The mechanical integrity is the most important factor.


It is important to remember that the ducts are fall-away. The actuator mounting cannot interfere with the ability of the duct to fall from the damper. The damper must continue to protect the wall.

Mounting

The Belimo Anti-rotation strap may be attached to the HW bracket or to the sleeve. A 4" x 4" or larger electrical plate will serve as an anti-rotation mounting plate if old actuator is hung over free air.

When actuator bracket is hung out in air, the Belimo anti-rotation strap can be attached to bracket, 4 x 4 plate, or sheet metal bracket.

Anti-rotation strap

11695 LF-P

Bend strap at perforations to adjust for necessary height

The heavier duty 11414 AF-P may be ordered when needed
Best to mount the Belimo anti-rotation strap stud half-way within the U-slot of the actuator to allow for some movement with non-concentric shafts.

1) Reuse old bracket

2) Support with a 4" x 4" cover plate and use bolts or anti-rotation strap provided with actuator.

For small dampers where the actuator must hang out in the air.

AF-P anti-rotation strap

Score and break off excess.

Old bracket

Bolts and
lock nuts.

Bearing

Mounting Bracket

Actuator

Mounting holes for different actuators anti-rotation

Bracket can be attached to other brackets, damper sleeve, or frame

Damper Axel shaft or Jackshaft

Actuator mounted to plate by damper manufacturer.
Linkage mounting

**WARNING!**

Read Data Sheet provided in box with each actuator for specific wiring details.

Possible alternate arrangements for damper clip. (FSNF, FSAF actuators shown.)

Belimo linkage kits:

Mounting Methods Guide:
**Miscellaneous parts**

Should they be needed, Belimo carries a range of parts. Ball joints and 5/16” rods are available from most distributors.

Where the crank arm on the jackshaft is broken or not of the type needed, the KH12 fits over the shaft without removing it. Zinc plated steel. Slot is for the KG10A ball joint. V-bolt fits ¾” to 1” (20 to 25mm) shafts.

KH-6. Zinc plated steel. For shafts 3/8” to 11/16”
Uses KG6 ball joint. Slot width 1/4”

KH-8. Zinc plated steel. For shafts 3/8” to 11/16”
Uses KG8 (90 degree) or KG10A ball joint. Slot width 21/64”

**SH8** (not shown – see picture page 9). Push-rod for KG6 & KG8 ball joints. 5/16” 36” long
Use SH10 3/8” rods for GMB and dual FSAF or FSNF linkages. 5/16” can bend under heavy loads.

Damper blade clip and ball joints for blades typically 3.5” in width. Typically the actuator or rod to shaft is in front of blade.

Damper blade clip and ball joints – typically used for 6” wide blade control dampers. Typically the actuator or rod to shaft is above or below the damper.

**Thermal sensor replacements – BAE165 US**

Belimo BAE165 US

Where existing sensor is defective or one must be added, the 165°F primary sensor may be used. Original equipment is recommended although not strictly required by code. UL does not regulate replacement or repair. See NFPA 80 or NFPA 105.
**Auxiliary Switches**

**Honeywell external switches**

Over many operations the Honeywell switch slips and exact position indication is lost. The Belimo S2A-F switch will not slip.

**Damper blade switch assembly**  

Where the original switches for signaling position to a Fire Fighters’ Smoke Control Panel or to local indicator lights must be replaced or are inoperative the Belimo –S model actuators may be used or a S2A-F may be installed.

**Belimo S2A-F**

FSLF (mid 2014ff), FSNF, and FSAF actuators can use the add on switch package.

**Externally mounted auxiliary switches**

-S models

165°F

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Some models are SPDT. Check data sheets.

Switch cable

Internal switches

S1 Contact closed if damper closed

S2 Contact closes if damper open

Closed Hot Open
Wiring

There are three wiring schemes that describe all applications. While the geometry of the wire runs may vary, the connections are straightforward.

**WARNING!**

Read Data Sheet provided in box with each actuator for specific wiring details.

**WARNING!**

Disconnect and lock out power before starting to disconnect old motor.

**Important**

*Check voltage at breaker and at devices. One cause of failed actuators is low voltage due to old breaker or high resistance in wire connections to actuators.*

There are three wiring schemes that describe all applications. While the geometry of the wire runs may vary, the connections are straightforward.

**TYPICAL FIRE - SMOKE COMBINATION**

Electric thermal disc

Smoke Detector or Relay from area smoke detection system

**TYPICAL SENSOR TEMPERATURES**

165°F

BELIMO FSxx ACTUATOR

**DAMPER WIRING**

N or COM

BAE 165 US

Regardless of the wiring routes used, this drawing shows the wiring necessary for a UL555S damper and actuator. Use it as a basis for any of the other wiring schematics. Note that the alarm connections are not touched when replacing an actuator. This is a major concern for Fire Marshals.
Honeywell with actuator wiring compartment used for junctions.

**Honeywell Wiring**

165°F Thermodisc

Green Ground

Internal to motor

Com Hot

**Belimo Mechanical**

165°F Thermodisc

Anti-rotation strap

½" threaded connector

Chase nipple

2x4 box and blank cover

Existing flex connector and incoming power wires

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Note that where any fire alarm wiring is touched, the fire department must be informed. A permit and inspection may be required.

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The wiring below is commonly connected to alarm or smoke control electronic modules in modern systems. The functional sequence is the same.

**TYPICAL REOPENABLE DAMPER with FSCS**

**FIRE FIGHTERS CONTROL PANEL**

HOT
120 or 24 VAC

**TYPICAL SENSOR TEMPERATURES**

165°F
350°F

**BELIMO FSLF or FSNF ACTUATOR**

FSAF actuators are 250°F only.

To alarm system

**N or COM**

Smoke detector or relay contacts

**Honeywell ML & MS to Belimo FS series**

March 2018
Shaft or external spring and fusible link applications

**Important**
There are cases where the Honeywell actuator was installed as a replacement for an older motor and the installation was incorrectly performed. Contact Belimo in such cases for help investigating the correct method of applying the Belimo actuator.

In rare cases the Honeywell motor was installed as a retrofit on dampers with fusible links. There is no electric sensor in the damper in that case as there is typically a shaft spring performing the fire function. Wiring is shown to right.

**Fusible link damper actuator wiring**

**McCabe™ link damper actuator wiring**

Smoke Detector or Relay from area smoke detection system

![Diagram of fusible link damper actuator wiring](image)

**WARNING!**

**USE CAUTION!**

Spring is under high torsion and may cause serious injury! If any external springs are present, exercise caution – wear face and hand protection.

Examples of fusible links and external springs that need special instructions and installation of thermal sensors. Call for information.
Building Official / Fire Marshal Notification Form

Retain this portion of checklist at premises for Fire Marshal inspection. See local AHJ or Fire Marshal for other information and requirements regarding conformance with NFPA 80 & NFPA 105.

☐ Test Checklist (Smoke dampers do not have sensors. Only steps a & b apply.)

1. Single Sensor Combination Damper
   a. ☐ Open smoke detector or relay wire or contact to cut power. Damper springs closed.
   b. ☐ Reconnect power. Damper drives open.

Repeat 3 times to ensure operation. This imitates UL555S test.

2. Reopenable Two Sensor Fire-Smoke Combination Damper
   (Since this system involves the Firefighters’ Smoke Control System, inform fire department.)

With FSCS switch in Auto position:
   a. ☐ Disconnect power from smoke detector or relay contacts. Actuator springs damper closed.
   b. ☐ Reconnect power. Actuator drives damper open.
   c. ☐ Trip thermal sensor. Actuator springs damper fully closed.

Test FSCS switch functions
   a. ☐ Move FSCS switch to Off position. Actuator springs damper fully closed.
   c. ☐ Trip secondary (higher temperature) thermal sensor. Actuator springs damper fully closed.

Move FSCS switch back to Auto position:
   ☐ Actuator springs damper closed if Primary sensor is still open.
   ☐ Actuator stays open if Primary sensor has re-closed.

☐ When completed, ensure sensors are reset and smoke detector is in normal state and FSCS switch is in Auto. Damper is normally Open; check sequence of operation.

Damper Numbers or Location Identifying Numbers ..........................................................
Date........................................
Contractor ..................................................................................................................
Service Technician (Print)..........................................................................................
Service Technician (Signed) ....................................................................................
Phone number (……..) ...........................
Notes.........................................................................................................................
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