

User Manual

Transportation – Delivery – Installation Maintenance – Servicing – Warranty

STARDUCT El Fire Damper

Potential Issues During Delivery, Transportation, Receipt, and Lifting

1. Issues During Transportation and Delivery

Damage due to impact and vibration

- **Cause:** Insufficient packaging protection, lack of shock absorption in transport vehicles, rough road conditions.
- **Effect:** The damper may be dented, deformed, or damaged in its frame or shaft structure.
- Recommended Solutions (If necessary according to the supplier's requirements):
- ✓ Use protective foam, wooden padding, or rubber cushioning to minimize impact.
- Choose a transport vehicle with good shock absorption to reduce vibration.
- Ensure the damper is securely positioned in the container or on the truck.

mpact of weather and environment

- Cause: Transporting with uncovered vehicles, exposure to rain, sun, and high humidity.
- Effect: Corrosion on the surface, degradation of the insulation layer, and rusting of metal components.
- Solution:
- ✓ Use shrink wrap, waterproof plastic, or tarpaulin covers.
- ✓ Apply anti-oxidation coatings on metal surfaces before transportation.

Errors in inventory check

- Cause: Incorrect quantity recorded, model mismatch, missing accessories.
- Effect: Delays in installation, requiring extra time to correct mistakes.
- Solution:
- Confirm the quantity, product code, and accessories with the manufacturer before shipment.
- ✓ Use a clear inventory checklist and cross-check each shipment package.

2. Issues During Receipt of Goods

Lack of delivery inspection report

- Cause: No record of goods receipt or no actual inspection before signing the receipt.
- Effect: If the goods are defective or missing, it will be difficult to assign responsibility.
- Solution:
- Prepare a goods receipt inspection report with signatures and photographic evidence
- ✓ Carefully check the condition of the goods before signing the receipt.



3. Issues During Lifting and Handling of Goods

Using inappropriate lifting equipment

- Cause: Using an overloaded forklift or unsuitable lifting devices.
- Effect: The damper may tilt, fall, causing damage or deformation of its structure, posing a danger to operators.
- Solution:
- ✓ Use safety straps and lifting equipment appropriate to the damper's size and weight.
- ✓ Assign skilled personnel for lifting and handling.

Incorrect lifting approach

- Cause: Lifting at the wrong center of gravity, causing tilting or collision with surrounding objects.
- **Effect:** Deformation of the damper frame, bending, and damage to the transmission structure.
- Solution:
- ✓ Identify a safe lifting point and mark the center of gravity before moving.
- ✓ Ensure the surrounding space is clear of obstacles and potential hazards.

Failure to check safety before operation

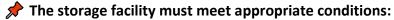
- Cause: Lifting equipment, cables, and hooks are not inspected before use.
- Effect: The cable may break, causing the damper to fall, resulting in damage or work accidents.
- Solution:
- Check forklift load capacity, hoisting cables, and hook conditions before operation.
- ✓ Use safety measures such as protective straps throughout the lifting process.
- Summary: To ensure safe delivery, transportation, receipt, and lifting, it is necessary to:
- Ensure proper packaging protection and thorough inspection before and after transport.
- Use transport and lifting equipment that meet safety standards.
- Conduct careful inventory checks to avoid errors.
- Maintain workplace safety procedures during handling operations.



Safety Regulations for Storing Fire Dampers Before Installation

To ensure **quality, durability, and safety** of EI fire dampers before installation, the following storage regulations must be observed:

1. Storage Location Requirements



- The storage area must be **dry, clean, and free from mold** to prevent material degradation.
- Dampers must not be stored in direct sunlight or areas without a roof.

***** The storage surface must be stable and secure:

- Do not place dampers directly on the ground or concrete floor with high humidity. Instead, use wooden pallets or shelves to keep them at least 10 cm above the ground.
- Avoid placing dampers on **uneven surfaces** that may **cause frame warping or blade deformation**.

2. Stacking and Storage Regulations

Proper stacking principles:

- When stacking multiple dampers, ensure that **weight is evenly distributed** to avoid pressure on the frame or blades.
- **Do not stack more than three layers**, especially for large dampers, to prevent the risk of tipping over.

Secure dampers to prevent movement:

- During storage, secure the dampers with racks or soft straps to prevent shifting due to external vibrations.
- Do not use hard materials such as steel wires or screws to secure the dampers, as they can damage the surface.

Avoid placing heavy objects on the dampers:

- Do not place heavy items such as metal boxes or machinery on top of the dampers.
- If multiple layers must be stacked, use protective padding between the dampers.



3. Environmental Control

Control temperature and humidity:

- The storage area's humidity **must not exceed 75%** to prevent oxidation and corrosion of metal components.
- If stored in high-humidity areas, use dehumidifiers or ventilation fans.

* Avoid dust and corrosive chemicals:

- Do not store dampers near areas containing corrosive chemicals, solvents, acids, or industrial gases, as they can damage protective coatings.
- Cover dampers with dust-proof plastic or soft fabric to prevent dust buildup on moving parts.

Protect actuators and electronic components (if applicable):

- If the damper has a motorized actuator, ensure it is wrapped with moisture-proof and dust-proof protection.
- Ensure electrical cables and connectors are not bent, twisted, or compressed by heavy objects.

4. Periodic Inspection Regulations

Inspect stored goods at least once a month:

- Check **external conditions** to ensure there are **no signs of rust, warping, or deformation**.
- Examine rubber seals and protective coatings to detect early signs of deterioration.

***** Create a report when damage is detected:

- If a damper is found to be **defective**, **damaged**, **or dented**, report it **immediately to the technical department or manufacturer** for prompt handling.
- **Do not attempt unauthorized repairs** or structural modifications unless explicitly instructed by the manufacturer.
- Summary: Proper storage preserves damper quality, prevents damage, and maintains operational performance before installation. Periodic inspection, protection from humidity, and secure placement will ensure that the dampers meet operational standards when deployed.



Important Notes for Pre-Installation Inspection of El Fire Dampers

Before installing an **EI fire damper**, thoroughly inspect the following factors to ensure **safety**, **performance**, **and durability** of the equipment:

1. Visual Inspection of the Damper

***** Exterior condition:

- Check the surface of the damper for cracks, scratches, or deformations.
- Ensure **no corrosion or rust** on the frame or mechanical components.

***** Frame and blade structure:

- Ensure the damper frame is not bent, warped, or deformed from external impacts.
- Check that blades open and close smoothly, without jamming or obstruction.

Fire-resistant gaskets and sealing components:

- Verify that rubber seals or fire-resistant materials are not torn, compressed, or losing elasticity.
- Ensure sealing components are intact, with no damage from transport or storage.

2. Inspection of the Installation Environment

Proper installation space:

- Ensure the installation size matches the technical drawing to prevent misalignment or obstruction of airflow.
- The installation area must have **sufficient space for maintenance and inspection** after installation.

Check environmental conditions:

- Temperature and humidity at the installation site **must comply with the damper's technical specifications**.
- Avoid installation in areas with corrosive chemicals or excessive dust buildup.

Inspection of mounting system and suspension brackets:

- If the damper is installed **on a wall, ceiling, or suspended system**, the **support structure must be secure and free of excessive vibration**.
- Do not use screws or bolts that penetrate the damper body, as this may affect the opening/closing mechanism.



3. Inspection of Electrical System and Actuator (If Applicable)

***** Check the power supply:

- Verify that the voltage and current match the actuator's technical specifications (typically 24V AC/DC or 220V AC).
- Ensure that the **power supply is stable**, with no **fluctuations**, **surges**, **or noise** that could affect the actuator.

Check control signal wiring:

- Ensure wiring is correctly connected according to the technical diagram, avoiding reversed polarity or loose connections.
- If the damper is integrated with a **Building Management System (BMS)**, verify input/output signals are functioning correctly.

Test actuator operation:

- Manually test opening/closing using the actuator or an external power source to verify smooth operation.
- Check that the actuator's torque is sufficient to fully close the damper without issues.

4. Inspection of the Opening/Closing Mechanism

Manual opening/closing test:

- Verify that the damper blades move freely when manually operated.
- If the damper has a spring return mechanism, check the elasticity and self-closing capability.

★ Control signal opening/closing test:

- If using an automated control system, test the response time and reliability of the actuator signal.
- Ensure that the **damper responds quickly**, with no delays or failures when receiving commands.

5. Inspection of Ductwork Connection

Check installation dimensions:

- Ensure that the air duct matches the damper size to prevent misalignment or air leakage.
- If the damper connects to a **flexible duct**, inspect the **connection points for tightness**.

Minimize vibration from the duct system:

• If the fan or duct system generates strong vibrations, install expansion joints or



vibration dampeners to protect the damper.

• Ensure that the air duct does not obstruct the damper's movement range.

6. Safety Checks Before Installation

- * Assign trained personnel for installation:
- The installation process must be carried out by experienced technicians to ensure compliance with technical standards.
- If working at elevated positions, use scaffolding, safety harnesses, and protective equipment.
- Check tools and support equipment:
- Prepare all necessary tools, including bolts, wrenches, pressure gauges, and multimeters for testing.
- Ensure the installation area is free of hazards or obstructions.
- Create a pre-installation inspection report:
- If any defects or technical issues are found, document them in a report before proceeding with installation.
- If issues arise from transportation damage, contact the supplier for guidance on resolution before using the damper.

Summary: Before installing an El fire damper, it is crucial to inspect the exterior, electrical system, environmental conditions, opening/closing mechanism, mounting supports, and safety requirements. Thorough pre-installation checks ensure the damper operates accurately, safely, and efficiently once in use.



Important Safety Notes for Transporting El Fire Dampers

1. Packaging and Protection During Transport

Use protective packaging materials

- Dampers must be **fully wrapped** using **foam, rubber padding, or shock-absorbing materials** to prevent impacts.
- If multiple dampers are transported, use separators between them to prevent friction and surface damage.
- ***** Ensure stable positioning during transport
- Do **not allow dampers to shift or tilt** during transit—**secure them with straps inside the truck or container**.
- Avoid placing heavy objects on top of dampers during transportation.
- Moisture and water protection for dampers
- Wrap dampers using **shrink film or moisture-resistant covers** to protect them from the weather.
- In high-humidity conditions, use moisture absorbers inside packaging to prevent rust.

2. Safety Checks Before Lifting and Handling Dampers

- Use appropriate lifting equipment
- Do not drag the damper across the ground, as this can damage the surface and frame.
- When lifting, use **soft straps or specialized hoisting devices** rather than **direct metal cables**.
- Avoid excessive force on the damper
- Do not strike or impact damper edges or corners, as this may damage fire seals.
- Inspect joints and bolts before moving to ensure no loose connections.



Important Notes on Power Supply Inspection Before Connecting the Damper

1. Ensuring Power Quality

Verify the damper's rated voltage

- Confirm whether the damper requires **24V AC/DC or 220V AC** to prevent incorrect wiring.
- Use a multimeter to check voltage stability before connecting the damper.

***** Ensure a stable power supply

- Voltage must **not exceed or fall below the rated value**, as this could damage the actuator.
- If voltage fluctuations are detected, use a **voltage stabilizer** to protect the damper's motor.

Inspect wiring and control system

- Ensure there are **no loose or faulty connections** in the wiring.
- If the damper is connected to a BMS (Building Management System), verify that the control signals and network connections are functioning correctly.

2. Checking Power Supply Performance

Verify power supply capacity

- Ensure that the **power source has adequate capacity** to support the damper's energy needs.
- If multiple dampers share the same power source, verify that the **load does not** exceed allowable limits.

Check for electrical noise and interference

• If harmonics or electrical noise are present in the power system, use an EMI filter (Electromagnetic Interference Filter) to prevent performance issues.

✓ Summary:

- Securely position dampers during transport to **prevent impact**, **moisture exposure**, **or shifting**.
- Verify power quality, ensure correct voltage, and inspect control wiring before



connecting the damper.

• Check system wiring to prevent incorrect polarity or signal failures.

Common Mechanical Issues When Installing El Fire Dampers

During the installation of an **EI fire damper**, several **mechanical issues** may arise due to **improper installation, technical errors, or unsuitable environmental conditions**. Below are common issues and solutions:

1. Damper Frame Warping or Deformation During Installation

A Causes:

- Incorrect transport, impact damage, or improper lifting techniques.
- Excessive tightening of mounting bolts, causing deformation.
- Improper leveling during installation, leading to damper misalignment.

✓ Solutions:

- Before installation, inspect the damper frame for any signs of deformation.
- Adjust alignment to ensure even mounting pressure.
- Do not overtighten bolts, ensuring proper sealing without distorting the frame.

2. Damper Blades Do Not Fully Open or Close

A Causes:

- Misalignment of the damper during installation, causing blade movement obstruction.
- Faulty spring mechanism or hinges, reducing blade movement.
- Foreign objects obstructing blade travel, such as dust, wiring, or support brackets.

✓ Solutions:

- Ensure **precise damper positioning** according to installation drawings.
- Inspect spring and hinge mechanisms, lubricating them if necessary.
- Remove any obstructions in the damper's path.



3. Expanding Fire Seals Are Deformed or Damaged

A Causes:

- Overcompression during installation, reducing seal effectiveness.
- Seal tearing or deterioration due to transport impacts.
- Exposure to corrosive chemicals at the installation site, accelerating degradation.

✓ Solutions:

- Before installation, check seals for elasticity and damage.
- If seals are damaged, replace them to maintain airtight performance.
- Avoid installing dampers in chemically corrosive environments.

4. Damper Vibrates Excessively When System is Operational

Causes:

- Loose mounting or inadequate support on installation brackets.
- Vibration transmission from the air duct system, causing damper movement.
- Loosening of bolts over time, resulting in movement when closing/opening.

✓ Solutions:

- Reinforce mounting brackets and supports to ensure a stable installation.
- If excessive vibration is present, install expansion joints or vibration dampeners.
- Periodically tighten bolts and inspect for looseness.

5. Poor Sealing Between Damper and Duct System

Causes:

- Improper installation, leaving gaps between the damper and air duct.
- **Damaged or missing sealing tape**, allowing air leakage.
- **Duct system vibrations**, causing the connection between the damper and duct to loosen.

✓ Solutions:

- Inspect and secure the duct connection, ensuring there are no air gaps.
- Use **specialized sealing tape** to improve airtightness.
- If high vibrations occur, reinforce the mounting brackets or use flexible duct connectors.



6. Misalignment During Installation of Motorized Dampers

A Causes:

- **Incorrect mounting direction**, preventing proper motor operation.
- **Incorrect wiring**, causing actuator failure or damage.
- Unstable power supply, leading to insufficient torque for operation.

✓ Solutions:

- Ensure proper actuator alignment based on manufacturer specifications.
- Before applying power, verify correct polarity to prevent motor damage.
- Maintain a stable and interference-free power supply.

7. Failure to Perform Functional Tests After Installation

causes:

- No post-installation testing before system activation.
- Failure to simulate real operating conditions, leading to undetected faults.

✓ Solutions:

- After installation, inspect all joints and actuation mechanisms.
- Manually test the damper's movement and confirm control signal responsiveness.
- If using remote control systems, verify damper response to commands.

Summary: When installing an EI fire damper, ensure proper alignment, functional blade movement, correct actuator installation, secure duct connections, and periodic testing. Conducting preliminary functional tests before system activation will prevent operational failures.



Negative Effects of Poor Power Quality on Fire Damper Actuators and Solutions

1. Negative Impacts of Poor Power Supply on Fire Damper Actuators



1.1. Undervoltage (Under Voltage) or Overvoltage (Over Voltage)

Causes:

- Unstable electrical system, with power supply not matching rated voltage.
- Shared power supply with multiple high-power devices, leading to overload.
- Long power cable runs or undersized wiring, causing voltage drop.

Effects:

- Reduced actuator torque, resulting in weak movement or failure to reach desired
- If voltage exceeds rated limits, the actuator may overheat, burn motor windings, or damage electronic circuits.
- Shortened lifespan and increased risk of burnout or failure.

Solutions:

- ✓ Measure input voltage and install a voltage stabilizer if necessary.
- ✓ Use wiring with appropriate cross-section to minimize voltage loss.
- If multiple dampers share the same power supply, separate the power source or balance the load.



📌 1.2. Harmonic Distortion and Electromagnetic Interference (EMI)

Causes:

- The electrical system includes VFDs (Variable Frequency Drives), UPS systems, and large electronic devices, which distort voltage waveforms.
- Actuators operate in an environment with high electromagnetic interference from welding machines, transformers, or industrial motors.

Effects:

- Reduced actuator efficiency, causing unusual noise and vibrations.
- Interference with control circuits, leading to command failures or erratic actuator behavior.
- Excessive heating, leading to insulation breakdown and damage to actuator components.

Solutions:

✓ Install harmonic filters (Harmonic Filters) or EMI filters in the power system.



- Choose VFDs with built-in output filters to minimize electrical noise.
- Use shielded cables when connecting actuators to the control panel.

1.3. Phase Loss or Phase Imbalance (For Three-Phase Systems)

- Causes:
- One phase in the power system is disconnected, has poor contact, or is unloaded.
- Voltage imbalance across phases, leading to unequal current draw in the actuator.
- **Incorrect wiring configuration** for VFD or soft starters.

Effects:

- Reduced actuator torque, causing jerky or weak operation.
- Excessive current draw in one phase, leading to motor overheating and insulation failure.
- If phase loss continues, the actuator may completely stop or burn out.
- Solutions:
- ✓ Measure phase voltages using a multimeter to detect imbalance.
- If using a VFD, ensure correct voltage input settings.
- ✓ Install a phase loss protection relay to disconnect power during faults.

1.4. Sudden Voltage Spikes and Fluctuations

- Causes:
- Large electrical loads such as welding machines or high-power transformers cause voltage surges.
- Nearby lightning strikes, leading to instantaneous overvoltage.
- Grid power supply issues or transmission line fluctuations.

Effects:

- The actuator may experience temporary shutdown or erratic movement.
- Sensitive electronic components inside the actuator control board may be damaged.
- Degraded motor windings and capacitor failures over time.
- **Solutions:**
- ✓ Install a surge protector (SPD) or voltage suppression device in the actuator circuit.
- Use lightning protection systems and proper grounding in high-risk areas.
- Check electrical contacts to minimize power interruptions from large loads switching on/off.



2. Common Issues and Solutions

- Issue 1: Actuator Fails to Start or Starts Weakly
- ◆ **Causes:** Insufficient input voltage, weak starting capacitor, or damaged motor winding.
- **Solutions:**
- ✓ **Measure input voltage**, replace starting capacitor if needed.
- ✓ **Test motor windings** using an insulation resistance tester.
- ★ Issue 2: Actuator Runs but Fails to Generate Sufficient Torque
- ♦ Causes: Voltage drop, electrical noise, or incorrect VFD settings.
- Solutions:
- ✓ Adjust voltage supply to match specifications.
- ✓ Check and fine-tune frequency settings on VFD (if applicable).
- ✓ Install harmonic filters if necessary.
- ★ Issue 3: Actuator Overheats or Stops Suddenly During Operation
- ◆ Causes: Overload, phase loss, electrical interference, or cooling fan failure.
- Solutions:
- Ensure proper heat dissipation, and check actuator shaft for movement restrictions.
- ✓ Verify system load, reduce excess torque if needed.
- Measure power supply stability and install a thermal overload relay.
- ★ Issue 4: Actuator Makes Unusual Noise or Vibrates Strongly
- ◆ Causes: Unbalanced voltage, excessive voltage, or damaged bearings.
- Solutions:
- ✓ Balance input voltage levels and check supply voltage.
- ✓ Inspect actuator shaft and bearings, apply lubrication if needed.

✓ Summary:

Poor power quality can reduce actuator torque, cause overheating, damage electronic components, and shorten lifespan. To ensure reliable operation, conduct power quality checks, install protection against overvoltage, phase loss, and electrical noise, and maintain proper grounding and surge protection.



What Contractors Must Do Before Contacting the Manufacturer's Warranty Team

Before contacting the manufacturer's warranty team, contractors must conduct inspections and prepare relevant information to ensure a fast and effective warranty process while avoiding delays.

1. Inspect the Issue and Identify the Root Cause

Thoroughly examine the reported issue

- Clearly identify the fault (e.g., damper not opening/closing, actuator malfunction, control failure).
- Determine whether the issue occurred immediately after installation or developed over time.
- If the issue is **power-related**, check the **power supply and control system** before requesting a warranty.

Perform basic troubleshooting

- For EI fire dampers: Check seal tightness, installation system, and duct connections.
- For actuator issues: Verify power supply, wiring connections, and control signals.
- If possible, **test the equipment manually or with an alternate power source** to see if it can be restored.

Document all troubleshooting steps

- Record all tests performed and their results to assist the warranty team.
- If minor repairs or component replacements have been made, document the changes.

2. Prepare Necessary Product Information

Identify product details

- Model number, product code, and serial number from the equipment label.
- Purchase date and supplier details to determine warranty eligibility.

Gather technical documentation and installation records

- Installation drawings, wiring schematics, and user manuals.
- If connected to a BMS, ensure system diagrams and configurations are available.



- Record real-world operating conditions
- Temperature, pressure, and frequency of use at the time of failure.
- If power issues are suspected, measure and record voltage and current levels.
- Capture photos and videos of the fault
- Take clear images/videos to provide visual evidence of the issue.
- If error codes appear on the actuator **control panel**, take a screenshot or write them down.

3. Verify Product Warranty Eligibility

- Check warranty validity
- Compare the purchase date with the manufacturer's warranty policy.
- If the warranty period has expired, inquire about **post-warranty service options**.
- **#** Ensure no unauthorized modifications have been made
- If the product has been disassembled or modified outside manufacturer guidelines, the warranty may be void.
- If the failure results from **incorrect operation**, free warranty service may not be provided.
- Prepare a warranty claim report if the issue is manufacturer-related
- If the issue occurred immediately after installation, ensure a delivery and acceptance report documents the fault.
- If the issue stems from transportation damage, provide photos of the product upon delivery.

✓ Summary:

Before contacting the manufacturer's warranty team, contractors should thoroughly inspect the issue, document troubleshooting steps, gather product details, and verify warranty eligibility. If possible, they should contact the supplier first for remote troubleshooting before initiating an official warranty request.

Manufacturer's Warranty Methods

The manufacturer provides warranty services through two primary methods, depending on the specific case and cost-effectiveness.

1. On-Site Technical Support

Manufacturer's direct on-site warranty service

- The manufacturer will dispatch a specialized technician directly to the project site to inspect, repair, or replace defective products.
- This method applies when:
- The project is located within a reasonable distance from the manufacturer or authorized service centers.
- The cost of sending a technician is **lower than or comparable to replacing the product**.
- The issue is **complex and requires on-site troubleshooting**, rather than being resolved remotely.

***** Coordination with the contractor

- The technical team will work alongside the contractor's personnel to assist in troubleshooting and ensure proper reinstallation after repair or replacement.
- If necessary, the contractor must provide access to the installation site, support personnel, and the necessary tools, equipment, and means for basic inspection.

2. Remote Replacement Warranty

Shipping new products or components for replacement

- If the cost of sending a technician **exceeds the value of the replacement product**, the manufacturer may **send new products or components** directly to the project site for the contractor to carry out the replacement.
- This method applies when:
- ✓ The project is located in a remote area, making on-site warranty service impractical.
- The product or component is severely damaged, beyond repair, or would take longer to fix than to replace.
- The logistics and labor costs for on-site repairs exceed the cost of replacing the product or component.

Handling defective products

- Depending on the case, the manufacturer may:
- Request the **contractor to return the defective product** for further inspection and analysis.



- ✓ Instruct the **contractor to dispose of the defective product** if it cannot be repaired.
- The manufacturer will coordinate with **logistics partners or the contractor** to facilitate the product exchange.

3. Criteria for Selecting the Warranty Method

* Warranty method selection is based on:

- Geographical distance between the manufacturer and the project site.
- Cost comparison between on-site repair and product replacement.
- **Severity of the issue**—whether a technician's on-site inspection is necessary or if replacement alone is sufficient.

Manufacturer's role in the warranty decision-making process

- The manufacturer will evaluate each case individually and determine the most optimal warranty approach based on:
- Cost-effectiveness and logistics feasibility.
- ✓ The extent of damage and ability to resolve the issue.
- Availability of replacement products.

✓ Summary:

The manufacturer provides warranty services either through direct on-site repairs or by shipping replacement products, depending on geographical location, cost comparison, and issue severity. The contractor and manufacturer will coordinate to ensure an efficient and cost-effective warranty solution.

Note: The selection of the warranty method is based on the principle of optimizing costs and service time, regardless of which party is responsible for the costs or whether the warranty service is free or paid. This applies whether the product is within the warranty period or has already expired.