

### **IN-LINE BALANCED** PRESSURE PROPORTIONER **MODEL VLF**

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### 1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The In-Line Balanced Pressure (ILBP) proportioner is a foam proportioning device, which is used to balance the higher foam concentrate pressure to the lower system water pressure on Pilot pressure regulating systems or foam pump proportioning systems. The ILBP is particularly useful in providing accurate proportioning at multiple riser locations that are situated remotely from the central foam concentrate storage tank.

Different sizes of ILBP can be installed on the same foam concentrate supply system to ensure the most appropriate size and demand combination is used. The ILBP is tested and approved to work at different pressure and flow rates and will automatically adjust to give accurate proportioning across its working range.

This Technical Data is intended for trained experts. For more information, contact the appropriate sales office in Section 5 Availability or refer to the technical documentation.

The contents of this publication are subject to modifications without notice.



The ILBP is FM Approved and UL Listed as part of a fire extinguishing system combining designated foam concentrates, bladder tanks, and discharge devices. It is also required for use with Viking low-flow foam systems.

FM Approved and UL Listed system components can be found at www.approvalguide.com and https://ig.ulprospector.com



FM Approved – Low-Expansion Foam Systems (FM5130)



UL Listed - GFGV.EX27255, GHXV.EX5002,

GLKX.EX27844 (UL162)

"SFFF compatible" refers to this product as being part of a SFFF Foam system that has been tested to recognized standards. Not all configurations are available. Consult technical data and/or the Approval/Listing for usage requirements.

NOTE: Other international approval certificates may be available upon request.

### 3. TECHNICAL DATA

### 3.1 Construction Features

- Available in 3" (DN80), 4" (DN100), 6" (DN150), 8" (DN200)
- Brass construction or nickel aluminium bronze construction for superior corrosion protection
- Suitable for horizontal or vertical Installation
- Direction of flow indicator on body
- For use with fresh or salt water
- Identification tag plate







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### 3.2 Standard Materials

Table 3.2.1 - Standard Materials								
Nickel Aluminum Bronze Version								
Body and Nozzle	Nickel Aluminum Bronze UNS C95800 — ASTM B148							
Orifice	UNS-C36000 or C46400 or C95800							
Fittings	Stainless steel							
Spool Assembly	See Table 6.2.2							
Brass Version								
Body and Nozzle	Cast Brass UNS C84400 — ASTM B584							
Orifice	UNS-C36000							
Fittings	Stainless steel							
Spool Assembly	See Table 6.2.2							
See notes in <b>Table 3.4.1</b> for ordering information								

### 3.3 Standard Design Specifications

Table 3.3.1 - Standard Design Specifications										
All Versions										
Foam concentrate inlet pressure must be minimum 15 PSI higher than water inlet pressure and maximum 50 PSI higher at concentrate controller.										
Design pressure	250 PSI / 17.2 bar (1.7MPa)									
Design temperature range	14 °F to 120 °F (-10 °C to 49 °C)*									
Operating temperature range	35 °F to 120 °F (1.7 °C to 49 °C)									
Minimum operating inlet pressure	30 PSI / 2.1 bar (0.2MPa)									
Maximum operating Inlet pressure	150 PSI / 10.3 bar (1.03MPa)									
Proportioning range	Refer to Table 3.4.1									
Foam inlet pressure	Minimum 15 PSI above system water supply pressure									
Maximum static pressure	250 PSI / 17.2 bar (1.7MPa)									
*Riser must be installed in an area maintained at or above 40 °F (4.4 °C)										



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### 3.4 Ordering Information

Fomtec AFFF   1% Ultra LT   VLF089JAA     0.205   5.21   50   189   750   2839   50   189   750	Maximum           Flow Rate           GPM L/min           750 2839           750 2839
Foam Type <sup>5</sup>   Nickel Aluminium Bronze <sup>2,4</sup>   Brass <sup>3</sup>   Inches (mm)   Minimum Flow Rate <sup>1</sup>   Maximum Flow Rate <sup>1</sup>   Flow R	Flow Rate GPM L/min 750 2839 750 2839
Grooved   Groo	GPM         L/min           750         2839           750         2839
Fomtec AFFF 1% Ultra LT VLF089JAA 0.205 5.21 50 189 750 2839 50 189	750 2839 750 2839
Formton AFFE 3%S VI F080 IAB 0.362 0.10 100 378 750 2930 100 279	
3" 1.5" Fomtec AFFF 3%M VLF089JAM 0.362 9.19 100 378 750 2839 100 378	750 2839
(88.9mm) (48.3 mm) Fomtec ARC 3X3S VLF089JAJ 0.392 9.96 200 757 750 2839 200 757	750 2839
	750 2839
Fomtec Enviro USP 3% VLF089JAL F20316L 0.370 9.40 180 681 760 2877	
	768 2907
Former AFFF	1250 4731
Fomtec AFFF 3%S VLF114JAB 0.485 12.32 400 1514 1250 4731 400 1514 1	1250 4731
	1250 4731
(114.3mm) (60.3 mm) Fomtec ARC 3X3S VLF114JAJ 0.472 11.99 450 1703 1250 4731 400 1514 1	1250 4731
Fomtec LS xMax 3% VLF114JAN F20317N 0.485 12.32 287 1507 1	1244 4709
	1515 5735
	1340 5072
Fomtec AFFF 1% Ultra LT VLF165JAA 0.358 9.09 500 1893 2300 8706 500 1893 2	2300 8706
Fomtec AFFF 3%S VLF165JAB 0.700 17.78 600 2271 2300 8706 500 1893 2	2280 8629
	2280 8629
(165.1mm) (60.3 mm) Fomtec ARC 3X3S VLF165JAJ 0.657 16.69 850 3218 2300 8706 850 3218 2	2300 8706
Fomtec LS xMax 3% VLF165JAN 0.700 17.78 742 2809 2	2428 9191
Fomtec Enviro USP 3% VLF165JAL 0.737 18.72 1240 4694 2640 9993 1512 5724 2	2740 10372
Fomtec Enviro ARK 3% VLF165JP 0.700 17.78 1050 3975 2315 8763	
Fomtec AFFF 1% Ultra LT VLF168JAA 0.358 9.09 500 1893 2300 8706 500 1893 2	2300 8706
Fomtec AFFF 3%S   VLF168JAB     0.700   17.78   600   2271   2300   8706   500   1893   2	2280 8629
6" 2" Fomtec AFFF 3%M VLF168JAM 0.700 17.78 600 2271 2300 8706 500 1893 2	2280 8629
(168.3mm) (60.3 mm) Fomtec ARC 3X3S VLF168JAJ 0.657 16.69 850 3218 2300 8706 850 3218 2	2300 8706
Fomtec LS xMax 3% VLF168JAN F20184N 0.700 17.78 742 2809 2	2428 9191
Fomtec Enviro USP 3% VLF168JAL F20184L 0.737 18.72 1240 4694 2640 9993 1512 5724 2	2740 10372
Fomtec Enviro ARK 3% VLF168JP F20184P 0.737 18.72 1050 3975 2315 8763	
Fomtec AFFF 1% Ultra LT VLF2196JAA 0.525 13.34 1550 5867 4500 17033 1300 4920 4	4500 17033
Fomtec AFFF 3%S VLF2196JAB 0.975 24.77 1300 4921 4400 16656 1300 4921 4	4400 16656
	4400 16656
	4500 17033
	4459 16879
Fomtec Enviro USP 3% VLF2196JAL 0.952 24.18 1650 6246 4250 16088 2330 8820 4	4130 15634

INFORMATION

Some of the available options may be not covered by the FM Approval and UL Listing. Always make reference to the appropriate approval directory or guides or contact Viking for more assistance.



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	Table 3.4.1 - Ordering information <sup>6</sup>														
Conn	ection		Part Number		Orifice Inches (mm)			FM Ap	proved		UL Listed				
Body Grooved	Foam Inlet	Foam Type⁵	Nickel Aluminium Brass <sup>3</sup>				Minimum Flow Rate <sup>1</sup>		Maximum Flow Rate <sup>1</sup>		Minimum Flow Rate		-	imum / Rate	
Grooved	Grooved		Bronze <sup>2,4</sup>		In	mm	GPM	L/min	GPM	L/min	GPM	L/min	GPM	L/min	
	2" (60.3 mm)	Fomtec AFFF 1% Ultra LT	VLF2193JAA	-	0.525	13.34	1550	5867	4500	17033	1300	4920	4500	17033	
0"		Fomtec AFFF 3%S	VLF2193JAB		0.975	24.77	1300	4921	4400	16656	1300	4921	4400	16656	
8" (219 1mm)		Fomtec AFFF 3%M	VLF2193JAM		0.975	24.77	1300	4921	4400	16656	1300	4921	4400	16656	
(210:11111)		Fomtec ARC 3X3S	VLF2193JAJ	-	0.952	24.18	1553	5879	4460	16883	1634	6185	4500	17033	
		Fomtec LS xMax 3%	VLF2193JAN	F20185N	0.975	24.77			ı		1953	7393	4459	16879	
		Fomtec Enviro USP 3%	VLF2193JAL	F20185L	0.952	24.18	1650	6246	4250	16088	2330	8820	4130	15634	

### NOTES:

- <sup>1</sup> Refer to graphs in section 7.2 for specific flow rate parameters.
- <sup>2</sup> Nickel Aluminium Bronze (NAB) standard offering in Viking EMEA & APAC territories. Brass available on request with longer delivery.
- <sup>3</sup> Brass Standard offering in Viking Americas territories. NAB available on request with longer delivery.
- 4 NAB 219 mm with 73 mm foam inlet are non-standard and could be subject to additional lead time and price.
- <sup>5</sup> All foam types comply with the requirements of the EPA 2010/2015 PFOA stewardship program.
- <sup>6</sup> A seal kit for the spool valve is available to purchase separately. See section 13.

#### 4. SCOPE OF DELIVERY

Ensure that all components are complete and in good condition.

The ILBP is supplied in a box with a data plate and an integral-sized orifice disc specific to its approved/listed concentrate. The ILBP comes part assembled in the EMEA and APAC ordering territories, as detailed in Section 8 and Figure 8.1. In the Americas ordering territory, the ILBP is supplied totally pre-assembled, as detailed in Section 6.2. The ILBP is supplied with these main components:

- Balanced spool type balancing valve
- Brass swing check valve
- Duplex gauge which indicates both water pressure (black needle) and foam pressure (red needle)
- Flexible braided sensing lines
- · Inter-connecting brass nipples, as indicated on the detailed drawings

### 5. AVAILABILITY

Contact your local Viking sales office for more information. The product is available directly from Viking and official distributors only.

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### 6. PRODUCT VARIANTS

### 6.1 Options

- Suitable for foam concentrates: Fomtec AFFF 1% Ultra LT, Fomtec AFFF 3%S, Fomtec ARC 3X3S, Fomtec AFFF 3%M, Fomtec LS xMax 3%, Fomtec Enviro ARK 3%, and Fomtec Enviro USP 3%
- Nickel Aluminum Bronze UNS C95800 or Brass UNS C84400 (see table 3.4.1)
- · Pre-assembled with bladder tank and water/foam pipe work

### 6.2 Dimensions and Equivalent Length

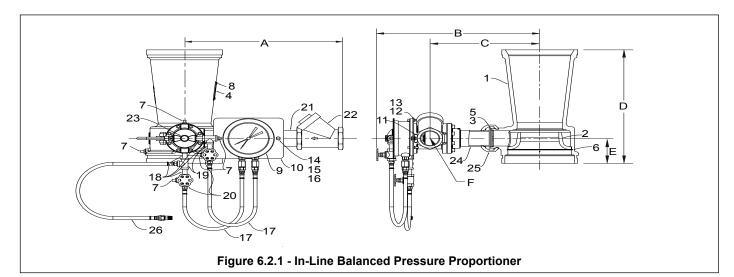


Table 6.2.2 - ILBP Assembly Components												
Item	Description	Qty	Replacement Part	Item	Description	Qty	Replacement Part					
1	Ratio controller	1		14	Bolt	2						
2	Nozzle	1		15	Lock washer	2						
3	Orifice plate	1		16	Nut	2						
4	Data plate	1		17	Sensing line assembly	2	F09565					
5	Retaining ring	1		18	Nipple	4						
6	Retaining ring	1		19	Tee	2						
7	1/4" Plug	5	14BRPLUG	20	Side outlet valve	2	03952A					
8	Rivet	2		21	Nipple	1						
9	Gauge	1	F09646	22	Swing check valve (NPT)	1	F09664 (1-1/2") F09665 (2")					
10	Mounting plate	1		23	Spool valve	1						
11	Pipe clamp	1		24	Nipple	1						
12	Screw	3		25	Grooved coupling	1						
13	Nut	3		26	Sensing line assembly	1	F09615					

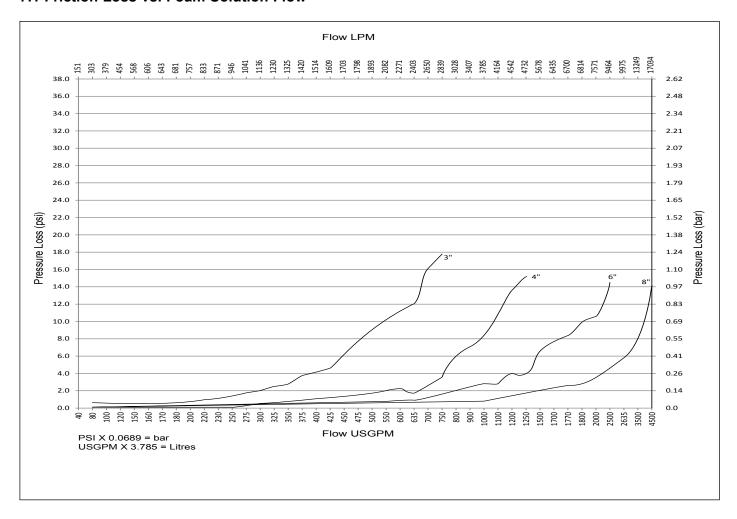
Table 6.2.3 - Equivalent Length, Weight and Dimension Data																		
	Equivalent		App	roxim	ate We	eight	Approximate Dimensions											
Nominal Size (Grooved)	Size (friction loss)*		NA Vers			Brass Version A			В		С		D		E		Foam Inlet (F)	
(0.00100)	Feet	Metre	LBS	KGs	LBS	KGs	Inch	mm	Inch	mm	Inch	mm	Inch	mm	Inch	mm	Inch	mm
3" (DN80)	31	9.45	41.1	18.6	43.5	19.7	17-5/16	440	16	406	9-15/16	252	9-1/4	235	2-15/16	75	1-1/2	40
4" (DN100)	37	11.28	47.5	21.5	58.5	26.5	18	458	16-3/8	415	10-2/8	261	11	279	3-5/16	84	2	50
6" (DN150)	88	26.82	64.2	29.1	70.5	32.0	18	458	17-7/16	442	11-3/8	289	15	381	3-5/16	84	2	50
8" (DN200)	114	34.75	85.7	38.8	96.5	43.8	18	458	18-7/16	468	12-3/8	314	16-3/4	425	3-11/16	94	2	50
*Expressed	*Expressed in equivalent length of schedule 40 pipe based on Hazen & Williams C=120																	

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### 7. PERFORMANCE DATA

### 7.1 Friction Loss vs. Foam Solution Flow



Graph 7.1.1 - Friction Loss vs. Foam Solution Flow

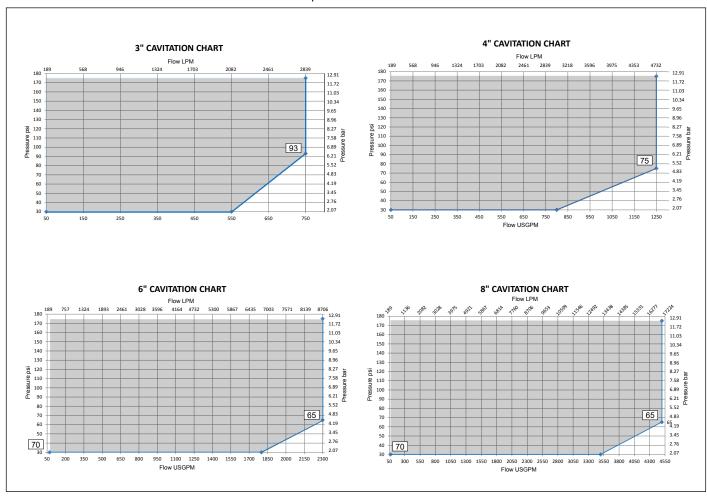


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### 7.2 Inlet Pressure vs. Foam Solution Flow

The ILBP must be used within the shaded flow and pressure conditions.



**Graph 7.2.1 - Inlet Pressure vs Foam Solution Flow** 



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### 8. INSTALLATION

Refer to appropriate installation standards (i.e., NFPA, VdS, LPCB, etc.) and/or applicable FM Global Property Loss Prevention Datasheets, such as 4-12, Foam-Water Sprinkler Systems. Do not alter the piping without consulting a system design representative. Before installing a ratio controller, check the system design drawing to ensure the controller location does not create excessive head pressure or frictional losses. (Refer to Section 6.2 for identification of ILBP components.)

NOTE: On a Viking Low Flow Bladder Tank System, the water supply flowing pressure at the inlet of the ratio controller and the discharge outlet of the Viking pressure regulating valve must be set at a minimum of 15 PSI lower than the system flowing pressure at the inlet to the Viking pressure regulating valve. (Refer to the website for instructions on how to adjust the outlet pressure on the Viking Pilot Operated Pressure Control Valve, Model A-2 or B-1, under a flowing condition.)

For Foam pump systems, the foam concentrate pressure must be a minimum of 15 PSI higher than the system water pressure at the inlet of the ratio controller. The Viking ILBP is a partially pre-assembled proportioning device, complete with a duplex water and foam pressure gauge, spool valve, concentrate controller, check valve, sensing lines and associated brass piping. It is an integral part of the Viking Low Flow Foam System, and must be installed in accordance with the following instructions.

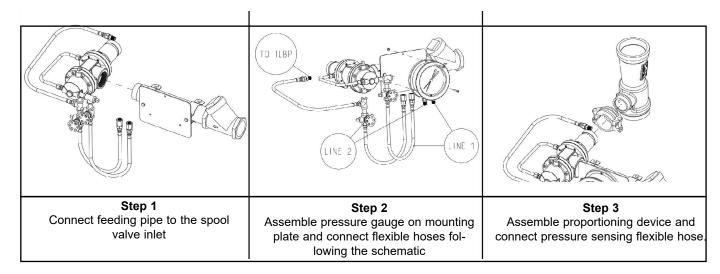


Figure 8.1 - Assembling the Viking ILBP (EMEA and APAC ordering territories only. Viking Americas product is shipped fully assembled)

The ratio controller section of the ILBP is installed in the riser, on the system side of the Viking pressure regulating valve assembly (on Viking low-flow foam bladder tank systems).

The ILBP unit is shipped with the foam pressure sensing line already installed at the end of the spool valve. The water sensing line must be field installed following the schematics above. The foam concentrate supply line from the Viking Halar®-coated concentrate valve is then connected to the inlet of the swing check valve. Refer to the appropriate Viking technical data pages for instructions as to completing the system installation and testing of the low-flow foam system or foam pump system.

- The ILBP (ratio controller) must be installed with the arrow pointing in the direction of the water flow.
- The ILBP (ratio controller) can be installed in the vertical or horizontal position.
- The balancing spool valve must always lie horizontally (Fig 8.2).
- The foam concentrate supply line diameter may need to be increased above the foam inlet size ("F" Fig 6.2.1) due to friction loss in piping from the riser back to the foam source.
- In deluge and preaction systems a removable section of pipe should be installed between the concentrate control valve and ILBP foam inlet to allow the flushing of foam concentrate after system activation or testing.
- A foam concentrate supply pressure gauge is recommended adjacent to foam inlet of the CCV.
- If installed in a horizontal header, the check valve ("22" Fig 6.2.1) must be oriented so that the clapper is perpendicular to the floor and access hole is facing up (as shown below).
- Straight piping equal to a minimum of five pipe diameters should be installed before and after the ILBP (ratio controller) to help ensure proportioning accuracy.



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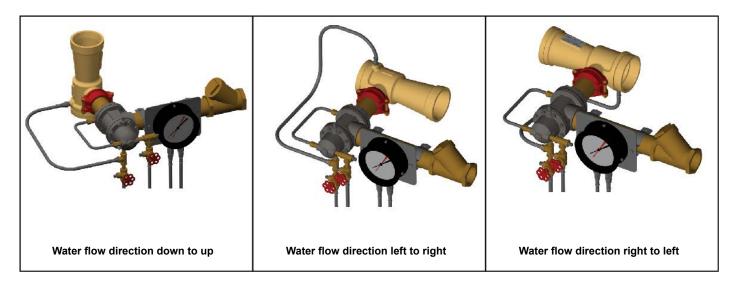


Figure 8.2 - Typical Proportioning Device Orientations

### 9. OPERATION

The system water pressure, under a water flow condition, must be at least 15 PSI lower than the foam concentrate pressure at the ratio controller (1).

- The reduction in system water pressure for a Viking low-flow bladder tank system is accomplished by the use of the Viking pilot
  pressure regulating valve, which is also a component of the Viking low-flow foam system.
- For foam pump systems, the foam pressure at the ILBP must be at least 15 PSI higher than the water pressure.

Upon system actuation, water begins to flow through the piping network, including the ILBP.

The ILBP water sensing line (connected upstream of the ratio controller by installer) and foam sensing line are connected to upper and lower side of internal hydraulic piston. The piston is integrally attached to the balanced spool of the pressure balancing valve. As the foam concentrate discharge pressure from the spool valve increases above the inlet water pressure, the spool valve closes over the discharge ports of the balancing valve until the foam pressure equals water pressure. This allows the correct balanced pressure foam concentrate to flow through the metering orifice of the ratio controller.

As the discharge foam concentrate pressure is lowered below the water supply pressure due to increase in flow and metering pressure drop caused by the venturi of the ratio controller, the piston and spool valve open to allow more flow as required. When the foam concentrate inlet pressure is equal to the water inlet pressure of the ratio controller, the proper mixture of foam solution is developed at the minimum and maximum flow rates shown for each size ILBP and foam concentrate being applied.

Due to the foam concentrate pressure being supplied at a higher pressure than the water supply, a positive injection of foam concentrate occurs. This will cause rich foam solution below the minimum flow rates shown or at the initial fire condition where a small discharge flow rate occurs where only a few sprinklers have opened. As additional sprinklers operate and flow increases, the metering pressure drop across the ratio controller's venturi matches the sized foam concentrate metering orifice thus producing the desired solution of water and foam mixture, as indicated in *Table 3.4.1*.

### 10. GUARANTEE

For details of warranty, refer to Viking's current list price schedule or contact Viking directly.



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### 11. INSPECTION, TESTS AND MAINTENANCE

Refer to respective requirements, according to the relevant standards for Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance. If applicable, refer to FM Global Property Loss Prevention datasheet 4-12 for specific test and commissioning criteria. In addition, the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) may have additional maintenance, testing, and inspection requirements that must be followed.

#### NOTICE

The owner is responsible for maintaining the fire protection system and devices in proper operating condition. The pilot-operated pressure control valve must be kept from freezing conditions and physical damage that could impair its operation.

### **MARNING**

Any system maintenance or testing that involves placing a control valve or detection system out of service may eliminate the fire protection of that system. Prior to proceeding, notify all Authorities Having Jurisdiction. Consideration should be given to employment of a fire patrol in the affected area.

### 12. DISPOSAL



At end of use the product described here should be disposed of via the national recycling system.

### 13. ACCESSORIES AND SPARE PARTS

Seal kit for spool valve: Part No. F22821 See Table 6.2.2 for additional spare parts.

### 14. DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

If required, contact the appropriate sales office in Section 5 Availability for further assistance.