

Three-Pass Solid Fuel Hot Water Boiler TKU3-W PRO 20-50 KW  
INSTRUCTIONS for usage and maintenance

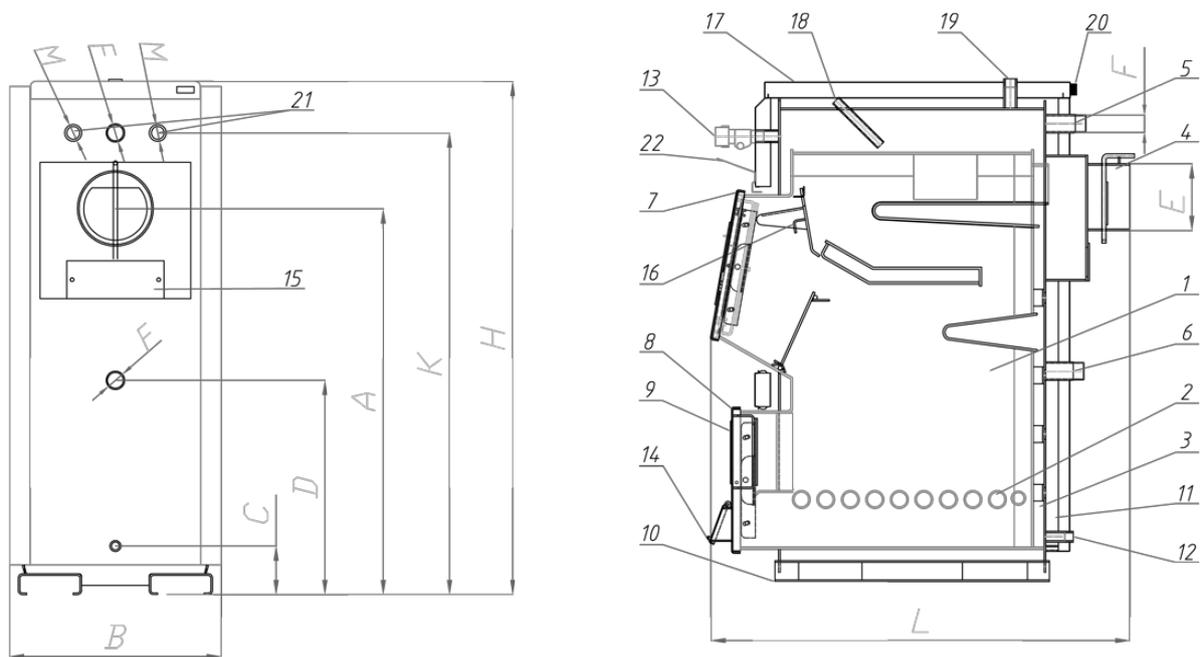


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# 1 Boiler design



Parts of the boiler: 1. Combustion chamber 2. Grid 3. Boiler 4. Flue gas 5. Flow 6. Return 7. Upper door 8. Lower door 9. Burner mounting flange 10. Base 11. Insulation 12. Drain tap ( $\frac{1}{2}$ " ) 13. Draught regulator mounting place 14. Primary air flap 15. Opening for cleaning 16. Two/three pass flap 17. Housing 18. Thermostat against condensation 19. Safety pipe 20. Circulation pump connector 21. Thermal safety valve connection 22. Thermo-regulator protection

## 1.1 Dimensions TKU3-W PRO

Type TKU3-W	Masa (kg)	B (mm)	L (mm)	H (mm)	A (mm)	E (mm)	F (Φ)	G (mm)	J (mm)	K (mm)
PRO 20	242	505	990	1185	915	160	5/4	105	500	1090
PRO 25	251	505	1025	1185	915	160	5/4	105	500	1090
PRO 30	270	550	1025	1185	915	160	5/4	105	500	1090
PRO 35	296	600	1025	1185	915	160	5/4	105	500	1090
PRO 40	322	650	1025	1185	900	180	5/4	105	500	1090
PRO 50	344	650	1100	1185	900	180	5/4	105	500	1090

## 1.2 Technical data chart according to EN 303-5

Nominal power TKU3-W (KW)	19.95	25.78	29.78	34.85	39.22	50.39
Power range (KW)	15-20	20-25	25-30	30-35	35-40	40-50
Necessary draught (mbar)	0.17	0.18	0.2	0.21	0.23	0.25
Max working pressure (bar)	3	3	3	3	3	3
Water content (l)	95	97	102	112	117	122
Output gas temperature at nominal power (°C)	200	200	200	200	200	200
Chamber Volume (dm <sup>3</sup> )	69	74	87	99	111	128
Max wood log length (mm)	500	530	530	530	530	590
Temp. regulation range (solid fuel) (°C)	60-90	60-90	60-90	60-90	60-90	60-90
Minimum temp. return line (solid fuel) (°C)	60	60	60	60	60	60

### 1.3 On Product

- Prescribed fuel declaration for this boiler is firewood or coal only with caloric value  $> 15$  MJ/kg;
- Three-pass solid fuel boiler TKU3-W PRO is fully compatible with BIOTERMEC wood pellet burner for wood pellet combustion and it fulfills the requirements of the European norm EN 303/5.
- Following the norm demands, wall thickness of boiler plates in contact with water is 5 mm.
- Boiler is equipped with a thermometer, removable ash-tray and cleaning kit and also with a thermostat to prevent condensation (caused by low temperature of the return pipe).
- Upper door of the boiler is covered by fire-proof glass with a small opening for secondary air.
- Pressure test is done at 6 bar pressure. Maximum working pressure is 3 bar.
- The burner warranty is 2 years, while the warranty against leakage is 5 years (if following the guidelines given in the operation manual).

## 2 Recommendations for boiler shipment and storage

### 2.1 Delivery form

The boiler comes in three parts, boiler chamber, pellet storage and the boiler housing packed separately. Chamber is wrapped with plastic sheet, and upper door containing fireproof glass should have a small styrofoam protection sheet. The whole set is transported on wood pallet.

The boiler must always stand in its vertical position. The rotation of the boiler during the shipment or installation represents a serious risk and can lead to damaging the boiler. It is forbidden to stack boilers vertically one onto other.

The boiler can be stored only in closed rooms with no atmospheric influence. The humidity in the storing room also must not exceed the critical value of 80%, so as not to create any condensate. The temperature of the storing room must be in the range of  $\pm 40$  °C.

### 2.2 What's in the box

The following parts are supplied together with the boiler:

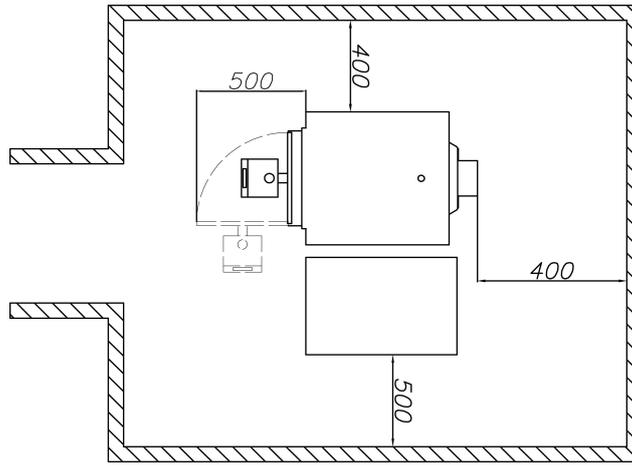
- Boiler thermometer
- Boiler ash-tray
- Cleaning kit
- Warranty note

Draught regulator and mixing valves are obligatory parts yet don't come delivered with the boiler.

## 3 Boiler installation

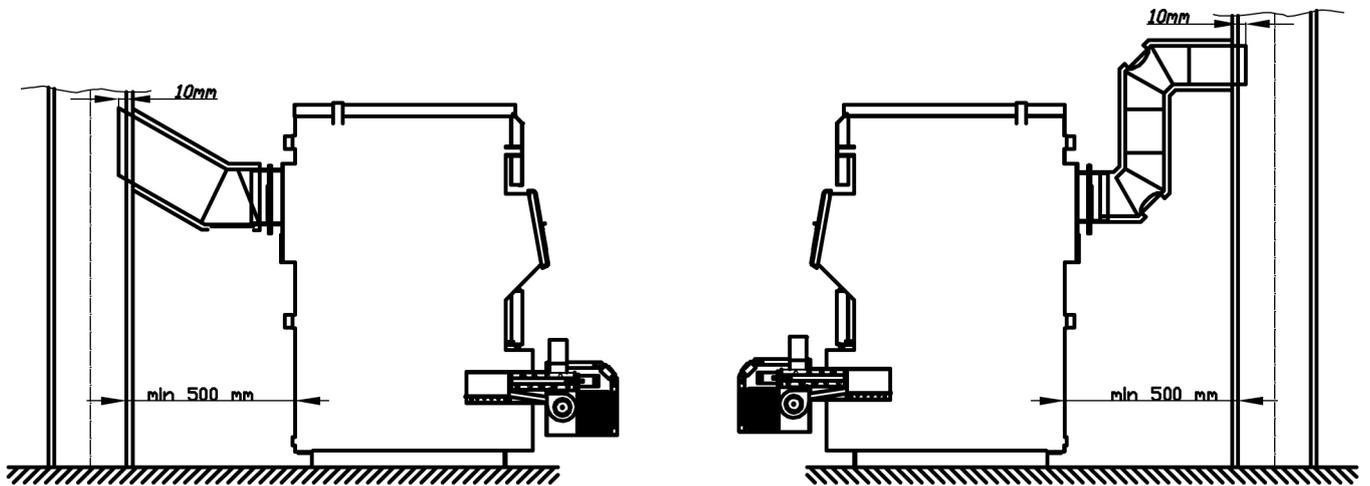
### 3.1 Boiler placement

The boiler room should have air-conditioning. The boiler should be mounted in the boiler room permitting access to all its parts as shown below:



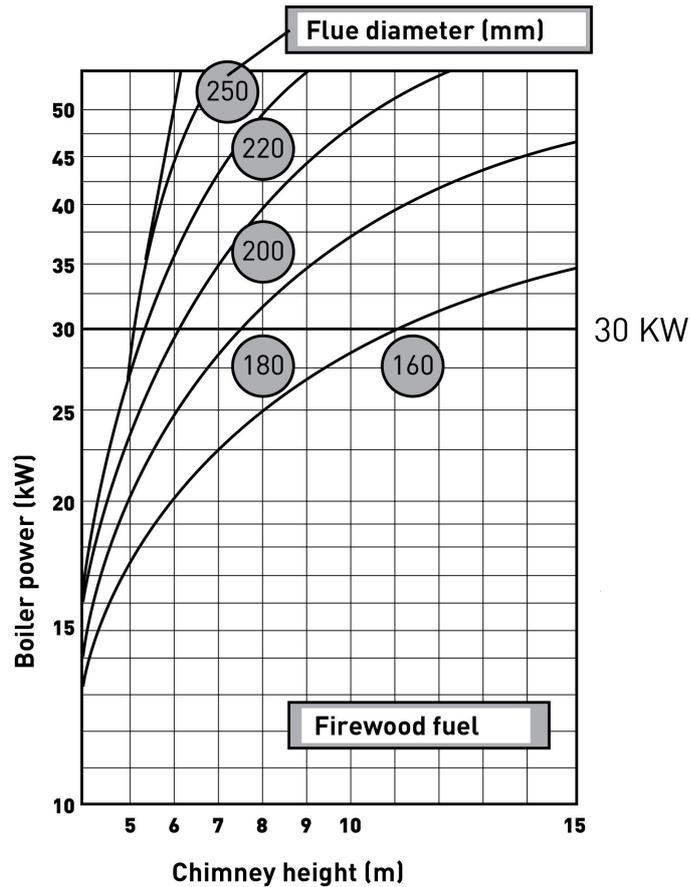
### 3.2 Chimney

Boiler connection to the chimney is shown in the figure:



Proper dimensioning of the chimney is a very important premise for optimum boiler performance. The purpose of the chimney is to take out the products of combustion but also to secure necessary air draught in the boiler. The graph shows how to chose the necessary height for the chimney as a function of chimney opening. Proper chimney insulation is very important and should be at least 50 mm thick.

Depending on the necessary draught of the boiler, the cross section and the height of the chimney are determined. Please advise technical material given by chimney producer. Minimum chimney height for wood boilers is 6 m. Round chimney made of stainless steel modules is recommended in order to keep the condensation influence low.



## 4 Boiler installation

### 4.1 Fitting the boiler to a closed central heating system

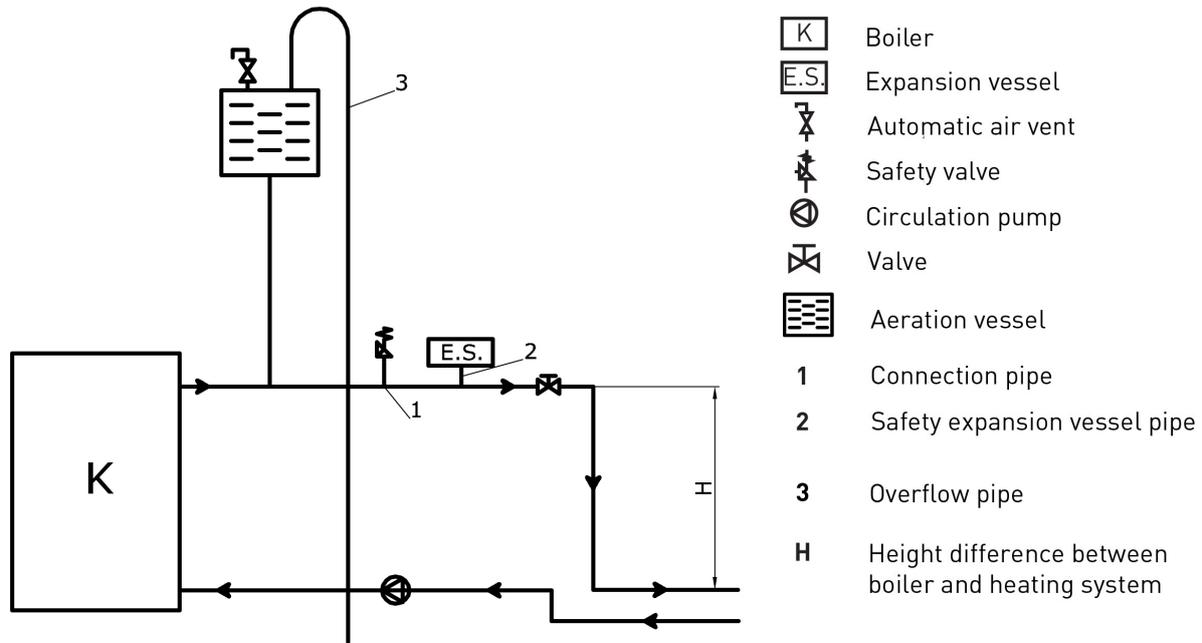
Depending on the position of the boiler in relation to the pipe-work and the radiators – the installation can be carried out using one of two methods.

#### 4.1.1 Installation method 1

If the boiler is positioned on the same level or higher than the pipe-work and radiators.

Each of the following items of equipment shall be fitted along the flow line:

1. Aeration vessel.
2. Safety valve (spring valve is recommended).
3. Expansion vessel.
4. Boiler valve.



Aeration vessel to be fitted at highest point of the system at top of boiler outlet. This should include an overflow system with valve to discharge air from the boiler to prevent overheating.

A float operated valve allows water into a cistern fitted with an overflow pipe. When the system is filling, the valve remains open. When the system is full the valve closes.

**Temperature of hot water within a storage system.** Irrespective of the type of fuel used for heating, the temperature of the water at any point within a hot water storage system should not exceed 100 °C and appropriate vent pipes, temperature control devices and other safety devices should be provided to prevent this occurring.

**Safety Pressure Valve (PSV).** The safety pressure valve must always be positioned and mounted close to the boiler. It must be easily identifiable and allow for easy access. The safety pressure valve must be set to a nominal pressure of 2.5 bar. The valve must open and operate smoothly at 2.5 bar. Diameter for the aperture at the seat of the valve must be at least 15mm. Connecting pipe-work to the boiler must be as short as possible. Welds, joints or any possible blockage to this pipe-work must be prevented.

Bends in the pipe-work should be avoided if possible. Unavoidable bends should be at diameter  $r > 3D$  ( $D$  = radius of curvature) and less than  $\alpha > 90$  ° C.

**Closed expansion vessel.** The closed expansion vessel shall be fitted close to the boiler. Connecting pipe-work should be as short as possible. Fit the expansion vessel in horizontal alignment to the pipe to ensure equal distribution of pressure. The volume of the expansion vessel is determined by the output/capacity of the boiler. A ratio of 1 kW:1 litre should be used.

The safety pressure valve and the expansion vessel should be fitted in close proximity to each other, in the following order: expansion vessel closest to the boiler, followed by the safety pressure valve.

It is also recommended to mount a dirt remover on the RETURN line.

In the event of power failure and the boiler fails to operate correctly – any sudden increase of pressure will be controlled first by the expansion vessel, on any further increase in pressure the safety pressure valve will open.

Great care must be taken to ensure air does not enter the boiler.

#### 4.1.2 Installation method 2

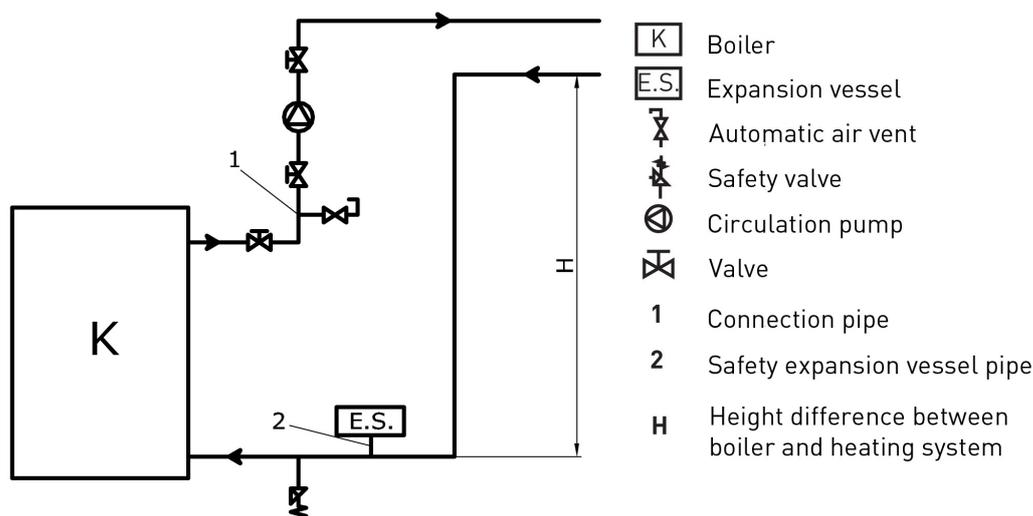
To be used in the case of the boiler being positioned and installed at a lower level than the installed pipe-work and radiators.

As shown on Figure, following elements are connected along the FLOW:

1. Automatic air vent
2. Safety valve
3. Circulation pump (separated with ball valves on each side so that it can be easily replaced if necessary).

For safe operation info on additional equipment such as expansion vessel and safety valve please refer to manuals to be delivered with such products.

This air vent valve must be open when first filling the boiler on installation completion.



#### 4.2 Fitting the boiler to an open central heating system.

The connecting scheme of an open central heating system is depicted on the figure.

Open expansion vessel is connected to the hot-water distribution pipes (FLOW and RETURN) as shown on Figure – with an additional OVERFLOW pipe output plus CIRCULATION pipe (to prevent freeze during winter months).

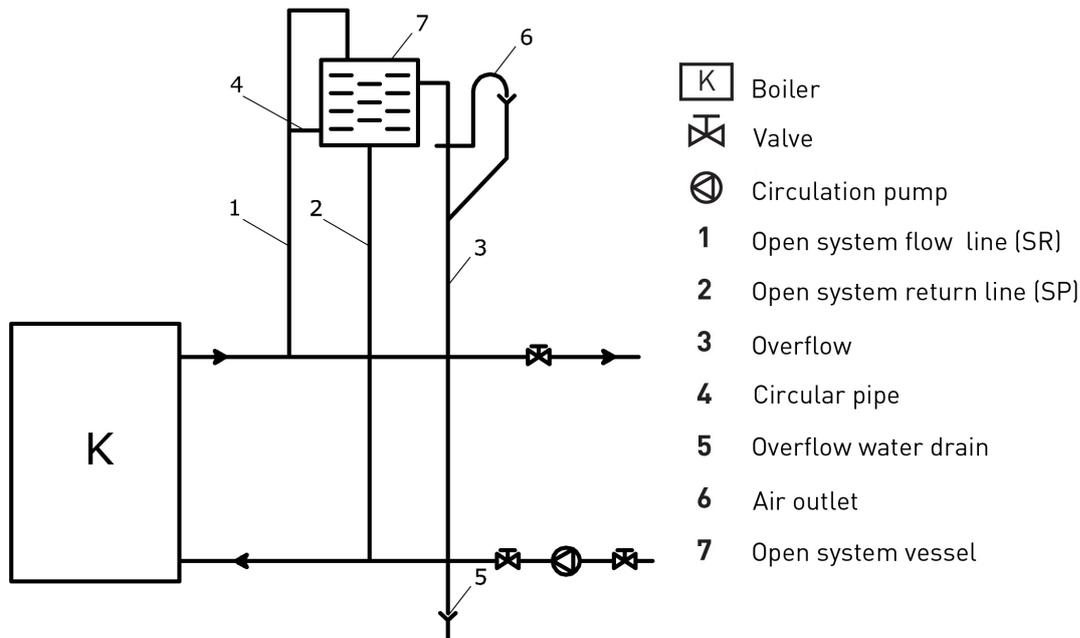
Please note that no additional items shall be connected to the open expansion vessel – especially not valves.

The size of expansion vessel is deducted from the following equation:

$$V = 0,07V_{water}(l)$$

$V_{water}(l)$  is the water volume in the entire installation.

Open expansion vessel is to be positioned vertically above the highest heating element.



### 4.3 Filling up the boiler and installation with water

Filling is done using the drain tap valve (to be found on the return line close to boiler). The filling process is done when no air is coming out. Working pressure depends on the overall height of the system and the open expansion vessel (1 bar for each 10 m is an estimate).

After the filling process is done, it is obligatory to close the drain tap valve, close the water supply to the water-filling pipe and detach the water-filling pipe.

Pay attention to quality of water which is used to fill the heating system.

An expert should be entrusted with the mounting of the heating and the initial operation. This must be a person who will take over the responsibility and guarantee the correct operation of the boiler and of the complete central heating system. In the case of an incorrectly planned system with manifesting deficiencies caused by the respective person's incorrect installation of the system, which can again lead to an incorrect operation of the boiler, the complete liability for the material damage and potential new costs arising in relation to it is borne exclusively by the person who was entrusted with the mounting of the central heating system, and not by the boiler manufacturer, sales representative or seller.

## 5 Boiler operation

### 5.1 Firing with solid fuel

First putting into operation is performed exclusively by a skilled person. Before putting in operation please make sure that:

- boiler is connected on central heating installation properly
- boiler is connected on electric installation properly (when using pellet or oil burner)
- there is no air in the central heating installation and pressure is within range
- proper working cycle for circulation pump is chosen.

Heating by solid fuel (manual operation) can be performed in two ways:

1. Heating from above – put coal (or wood) over the fireplace pipes (“grid”) (no ash should be present). The draught regulator is at the maximum position. Using a tiny piece of wood or coal, light a fire on the top. When the fire begins to burn, draught regulator is set on desired temperature / position.

2. Heating from below – put small amount of solid fuel over the fireplace pipes (“grid”) (no ash should be present) and set up a fire. The draught regulator is at the maximum position. When the fire begins to burn, add larger amount of fuel and set draught regulator on desired temperature / position.

Make sure that lower boiler doors are closed during boiler use.

In case of an uncontrolled increase of pressure and temperature of the water in the boiler, due to various reasons (such as power failure causing interruption of the circulation pump operation, circulation pump defect, uncontrolled entry of air into system) close all air supply to the boiler or eventually take the fire out if the safety conditions allow that (there are no inflammable materials in the area). In case of power failure put the draught regulator in the zero position and the flap on the boiler chimney take-up in the closed position.

It is obligatory to pay special attention that the pressure inside the installation is within range. If the pressure is below the critical value, stop the boiler operation and refill the system when the boiler is cold.

The water hardness may not exceed the recommended value. If you heat the boiler using coal, depending on the kind of coal and quality of combustion, boiler is to be cleaned in detail at least every 30 days. Dirtier the boiler, the efficiency of the system is smaller.

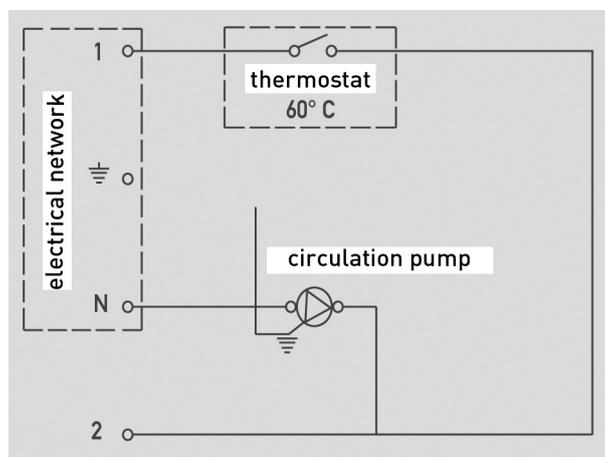
It is not allowed to extinguish the fire in the boiler artificially, it is forbidden to sprinkle the water inside the heating chamber. After the heating season boiler should be cleaned from ash and soot and the chamber should be treated with some protection agent against corrosion.

In case of any mechanical problem (the draught regulator is blocked, or the circulation pump is defect) stop the boiler operation first – only when the boiler is cold, reparation action can be undertaken.

## 5.2 Boiler cleaning and maintenance

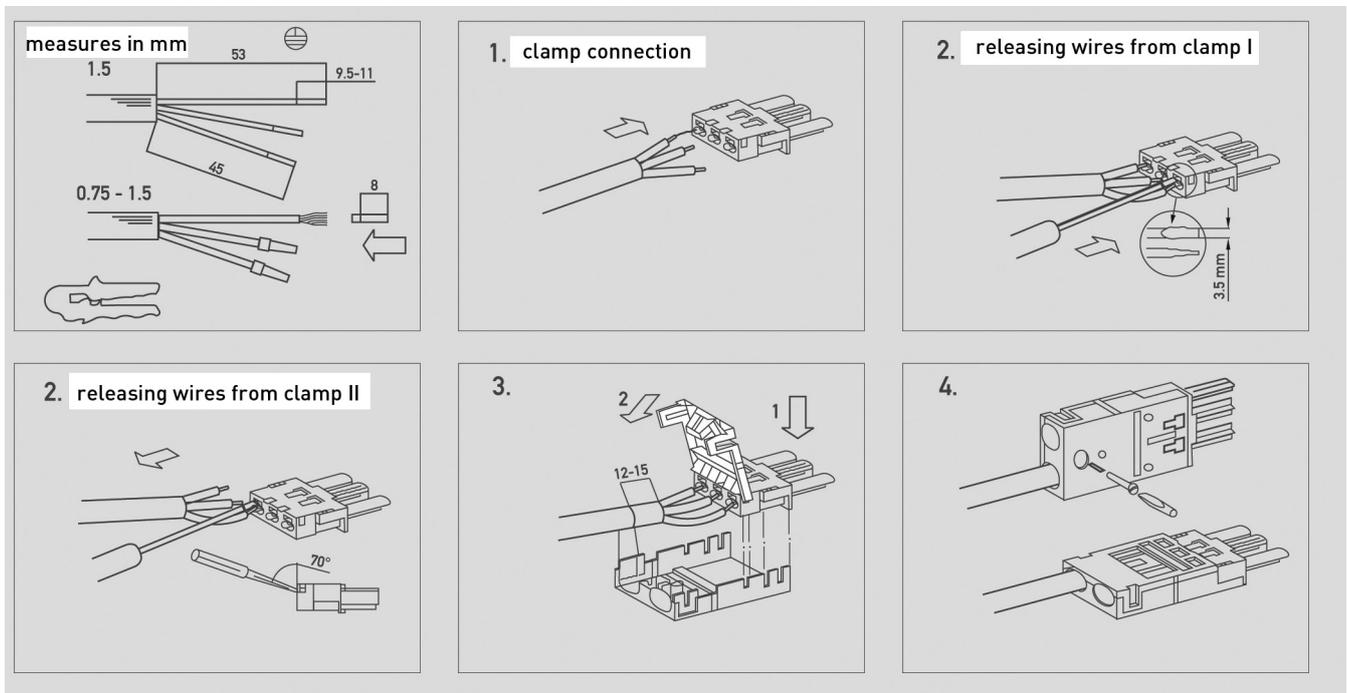
It is recommended that the boiler is cleansed from ash once to two times weekly. A detailed cleansing of the boiler should be done once a month and also when the heating season ends. Regular maintenance extends the service life of the boiler. Cleaning is to be done through upper and lower door of the boiler but also using the opening on the back side (chapter 1, position 10).

## 5.3 Circulation pump thermostat



Boiler is equipped with a thermostat for the system circulation pump. The thermostat threshold can be set on certain value and only when the temperature is higher than that, the circulation pump will be turned on.

This thermostat is primarily used when firing with solid fuel, in order to prevent the low temperature of the return line which can lead to condensation as a consequence. As the heating up process with wood pellets is usually much faster compared to conventional wood, the effect of condensation should not take place at all when burning pellets. The default value for temperature threshold is set at 60 °C. When firing pellets the threshold should be at lower value, some 20 °C below the desired water temperature.



## 6 Additonal set-up of the wood pellet burner BIOTERMEC

### 6.1 Attaching to the boiler

TKU3 boiler has a prepared opening fitting to the dimensions of the BIOTERMEC burner. If you chose to buy a wood pellet burner later, all parts necessary to mount the burner onto boiler are provided with the burner.

Burner is attached to boiler in the following way:

1. It is first necessary to take off the M8 screws from the existing cover plate on the boiler lower door and to demount the cover plate (as shown in the image)
2. Instead of the cover plate mount the burner flange (provided with burner) and fix with the very same M8 screws the cover plate was fixed before
3. Now take the burner body and place through the flange so that the distance between the flange and the back plate of the burner is 100-120mm.
4. Now fix the burner tube with Inbus 6 M8 (4 times) through the flange - M8 threads are already prepared.



## 6.2 Start-Up of the burner

To turn the burner on perform the following steps:

1. Turn the main switch for power supply.
2. By pressing the manual feed button, it is necessary to fill the feeding auger with pellets and the burner itself. Before that make sure that there are enough pellets in the pellet storage and if not please refill it.
3. The burner is tuned on/off by pressing the corresponding button. When all the parameters are set at the time of the initial burner operation, this is all the end-user has to do.

Burner operation can be divided into several zones:

1. **Start-up / Ignition.** Burner is put into operation by pressing the corresponding button. Ignition process is controlled automatically by the preprogrammed parameters. When the burner is turned on, the electrical heater starts to heat up pellets (for 4 minutes by default setting) and after that the fan starts to blow. Ignition process lasts until the flue gas temperature reaches 70 C. The burner goes into another phase ("stabilization"). If for some reason, after 15 minutes the 70°C temperature is not reached, the burner will be turned off and the message on the display will tell that the burner ignition did not succeed.
2. **Flue gas stabilization.** After the ignition process is successfully completed, it is necessary to allow burner some time to stabilize the flame. This period is according to default setting one minute long. After that, the burner is ready to start the feeding process according to adjusted power range and start increasing the water temperature toward the desired one.
3. **(Main) working cycle.** The burner remains in this state until one of the following conditions is completed:
  - water temperature inside the boiler has reached the set value
  - flue gas temperature has reached 250°C;

if one of the conditions is fulfilled the burner will enter the "modulation" cycle.

4. **Modulation.** Modulation means the burner operates with minimum power necessary only to retain not to increase the (reached) water temperature. According to factory presets modulation range is set between 2°C below the desired temperature (the lower threshold) and 5°C above the desired temperature (the upper threshold). For instance, if the desired temperature is set at 50°C, between

48°C and 55°C burner will feed minimum amount of pellets. If the temperature exceeds the upper threshold burner will turn off. If it goes below the lower threshold, burner will be in main working cycle (again).

5. **Turning off.** When the burner is turned off by pressing the button, no pellets are fed to the burner and the fan starts to blow out the remaining pellets through the flame tube until the flue gas temperature is below 60°C.

Burner display should indicate the current working zone of the burner.

For the cleaning purpose, fan blows out the particles in the flame tube every 60 minutes (by default) and this operation takes 30 seconds. If there is an electricity black-out, and there is no alternative power supply, the burner will be extinguished and after the black-out is over, it will continue its operation automatically.

The power consumption of the burner is in the range of a light bulb, except when ignition takes place - then it can reach up to 300W. The ignition itself cannot take longer than 15 minutes. All technical parameters and values mentioned above are preset by the factory, but the authorized person can change them on the spot.

Important notes:

1. To turn on/off hold the corresponding button for 3 seconds.
2. Main switch should be always turned on - during the heating season.
3. Manual feed button is situated on the side of the burner and it is important that burner is filled with pellets before start.

## 7 Safety features

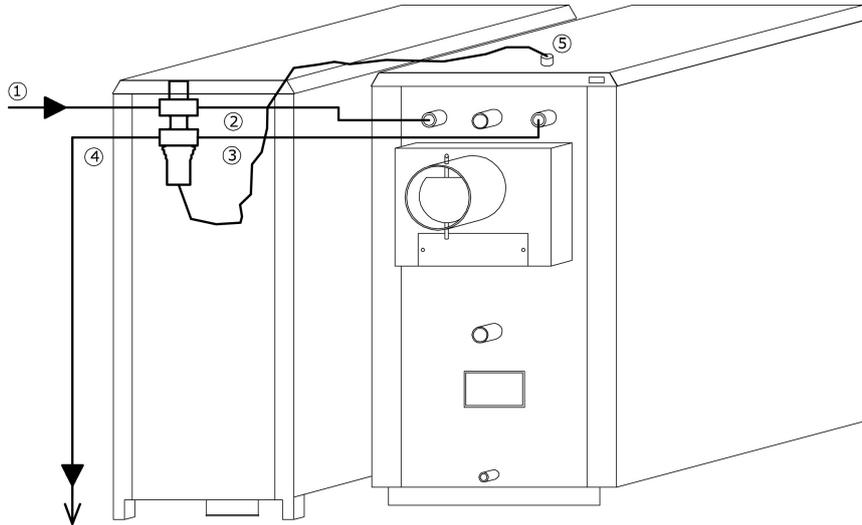
### 7.1 Thermal safety in case of overheat (closed systems)

Burner has two main safety features: The internal feeding auger prevents fire passing from the boiler to the burner body. The other feature is that if the temperature of the flue gases does not drop below 250 °C the burner will be forced to work with minimum power (which means minimum quantity of pellets added every time).

For additional hydraulic protection in the closed systems it is necessary to install to safety thermal valve shown on image (to be bought separately, not an integral part of the boiler).

If for some reason the temperature of the water inside the boiler should exceed 95°C this valve would release the water from the water supply system to cool down the water temperature inside the boiler.





Connection scheme for the thermal safety valve: 1. Cold water entering from the water supply system 2. Cold water entry into boiler 3. Hot water going outside the boiler 4. hot water ending in the sewage water system 5. Thermo-valve sensor

To connect the safety valve:

- Connect the sensor of the valve (outer thread 1/2") at depicted place on the boiler, position 5 (inner thread 1/2")
- Connect the cold water entry (on valve's input is marked with C) than connect the exit line (valve marked with: →) with the corresponding exit line on the boiler (position 21)
- Connect position 21 (on the boiler) with the input line on the valve (valve is marked with: ←)
- Connect the valve (marked with S) to the sewage system.

# A Mounting The Housing of the TKU3 Boiler

## Housing plate mounting procedure for TKU3 boiler

1. Lateral sides of the housing plates 1/ should be placed onto hooks which are to be found on top of the boiler chamber lateral side. Take care that scrapper bar passes exactly through the opening hole on the housing. Make sure that housing sits nicely on the boiler
2. Now comes the back side of the housing, which fits on lateral sides as depicted in DETAIL 'A'
3. The top of the boiler 3/ is mounted in the following way: The back side 2/ should be taken up so that these plates can fit onto each other as depicted in DETAIL 'B'. When placing back down the top housing, top part 3/ should fit onto lateral plates' 1/ hooks
4. Lower front side 4/ should be placed on lateral sides 1/ by pressing it forward until it sits in.
5. Upper front side 5/ should be placed onto top parts 3/ DETAIL 'C'
6. At the end, place the ball on scrapper bar 7/ as well as the the plastic cap on draught regulator opening 6/

