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A new and compact solution for gas systems: space-saving, safe and straightforward

With Caramatic SafeDrive, GOK is launching an innovative gas pressure system onto the market: for campers, the new system simplifies the use of the LPG system in leisure vehicles to a considerable extent

***Marktbreit, December 2023* – The Caramatic SafeDrive is a compact pressure regulation system with a crash sensor for leisure vehicles. Its special feature: it is screwed directly onto the gas cylinder. Vehicle users can carry out the installation or conversion easily themselves. Caramatic SafeDrive also makes gas filters and excess flow devices superfluous, as the system is situated directly on the cylinder. Thanks to the crash sensor, it can also remain open at all times, even while driving. It is available for single- and two-cylinder systems. GOK is presenting its new system for the first time in January, at the CMT 2024 in Stuttgart.**

The basic functioning of the new Caramatic SafeDrive corresponds to comparable models with a crash sensor. Specifically: it ensures the correct gas pressure on the consumer equipment in the leisure vehicle. Its integrated crash sensor enables connected LPG systems to be supplied while driving – and the gas cylinder can remain open at all times.

Thanks to its compact design and installation directly on the cylinder, however, the new system technology also has a number of other advantages:

Straightforward installation and retrofitting

Although Caramatic SafeDrive has a new design, its basic configuration is based on the tried-and-tested principle of the pressure regulation system directly on the gas cylinder. This makes the retrofitting and installation very straightforward – and it can be carried out by the user. Every standard system on the market can be converted to SafeDrive both easily and on a cost-effective basis.

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Gas system can remain open at all times

Thanks to the patented crash sensor, the cylinder does not need to be closed before the journey begins. In this way, gas equipment such as the heater or refrigerator can also be operated while driving.

Gas filter and excess flow device not necessary

As the system is situated directly on the gas cylinder, the previously obligatory gas filters and excess flow devices are no longer necessary. This not only saves costs, but also weight and space in the gas cylinder case and makes the installation much more flexible. The position of the crash sensor directly on the cylinder protects the entire pipe system.

Space-saving and straightforward

Due to its compact design, Caramatic SafeDrive fits into various types of cylinder cases, also when space is at a premium. It is mounted directly on the cylinder, which makes it a lot easier to install in various motor caravans, caravans (self-configured) camper vans and motor homes.

Volker Lang, Head of Marketing at GOK, explains: "With the SafeDrive, we have rethought the topic of gas use in leisure vehicles from the bottom up. Without compromising on function and safety, the SafeDrive makes the entire handling of gas both less complicated and less time-consuming. Thanks to its compact design, it also saves space and is easy to install – regardless of whether the vehicle is a motor caravan, a caravan or a motor home."

Solutions for single- and two-cylinder systems

Depending on the requirements, Caramatic SafeDrive is available for single-cylinder systems and Caramatic SafeDrive PLUS for two-cylinder systems. If only one cylinder is used, it is necessary to screw the Caramatic SafeDrive directly onto the gas cylinder valve and to connect the gas hose to the piping system in the vehicle. With the Caramatic SafeDrive PLUS two-cylinder system, a central and changeover regulator is screwed onto the reserve and

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operating cylinders. These two regulators are connected to each other via a hose line; there is another hose connection between the central regulator and the piping system in the leisure vehicle. This means it is possible to switch automatically between two gas cylinders and to change the empty cylinder without having to interrupt the ongoing operations.

The system is completed with a remote display for two-cylinder systems, Caramatic SafeControl. This enables campers to keep an eye on which gas cylinder is being used at all times, and means they can conveniently determine when the gas cylinder needs to be replaced at the latest, from inside their vehicle.

Caramatic SafeDrive and Caramatic SafeDrive PLUS systems will be available at retailers from April 2024 onwards. The systems will also be on show to visitors to the CMT tourism and leisure trade fair from 13th to 21st January 2024 in Stuttgart, where GOK will be presenting them to experts and interested end users for the first time.

About the company

GOK Regler- und Armaturen-Gesellschaft mbH & Co. KG is one of the leading addresses when it comes to regulator technology for LPG and fuel oil. The range of products and services offered by the medium-sized company extends far beyond just regulators and fittings, however. GOK also offers a full range of components, solutions and systems for each of the areas of LPG systems, LPG for leisure time use, oil firing installations and tank management. The company also supports its customers with specialist services and the provision of know-how. Established in Ochsenfurt, Germany in the year 1968, the family-owned company is now based in Marktbreit near Würzburg in Lower Franconia and is managed by Dieter Kleine and Gerald Unger.

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