



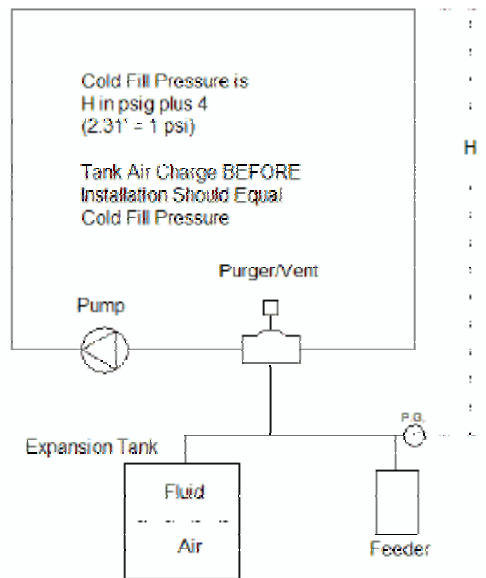
**COLD STATIC FILL PRESSURE**

The cold static fill pressure (CSFP) in a closed hydronic system has to be high enough to accomplish three things.

- 1) Overcome the static head (height) between the fill point and the highest point in the system.
- 2) Provide adequate pressure (minimum 4 psig) at the top of the system for proper air venting.
- 3) Maintain adequate pressure at the inlet of the system pumps to prevent cavitation.

The formula for calculating the required CSFP to satisfy points 1 & 2 is:

$$(\text{Static height in feet}/2.31) + 4 = \text{CSFP in psig.}$$



As an example, the CSFP for a system with a static height above the fill point of 40 feet would be:

$$(40/2.31) + 4 = 21.3 \text{ psig.}$$

For most closed hydronic systems operating below about 210 F, maintaining the minimum top-of-system pressure at 4 psig will be adequate to prevent pump cavitation even if the pumps are at or near the top of the system as well.

**IMPORTANT NOTE** – For air-charged diaphragm or bladder tanks, the air charge in the tank must be adjusted to equal the cold static fill pressure before it is connected to the system.