

# Globe Style Silent Check Valve

INSTALLATION,

**O**PERATION

**AND** 

Maintenance manual



## INTRODUCTION

This manual will provide you with the information to properly install and maintain the valve to ensure long service life. The Silent Check Valve is ruggedly constructed with bronze or stainless steel trim to give years of trouble-free operation. The valve should be installed in horizontal or vertical pipes carrying clean water. 14" and larger valves should be equipped with special springs for operation in vertical flow down applications.

The Silent Check Valve is designed to open fully to provide flow in the forward direction and close rapidly upon flow reversal. The valves are used to prevent reverse flow through pumps or in piping systems. The size, cold working pressure, and model number are stamped on the nameplate for reference.

This valve is not intended for fluids containing suspended solids such as waste water.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF OPERATION**

The silent check valve is designed to prevent reverse flow automatically. On pump start-up, the flow of water enters the valve from the seat end (as Figure 1) and forces the disc open, allowing the passage of fluid through the valve.

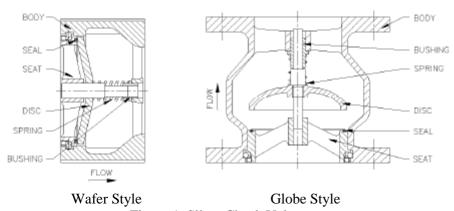


Figure 1. Silent Check Valve

On pump shut-down, the spring closes the disc before a flow reversal takes place. This type of closure, which prevents flow reversal, is the factor that allows "silent" operation and prevents water hammer associated with the check valve slam.

The only moving parts in the valve are the disc and spring. The body bushing controls the movement of the disc and assures that the disc contacts the seat evenly. The valve may have an optional resilient seal for tight drop service.



## INSTALLATION

The installation of the valve is essential for its proper operation. The flow arrow on the valve body or nameplate must point in the direction of flow when the system is in process. The valve can be stalled in horizontal or vertical lines with the flow up or down. 14" and larger valves may require extra heavy springs for flow down applications. Please consult the factory for further information.

Three diameters of straight pipe upstream of the valve are recommended to prevent turbulent flow streams through the valve, causing vibration and wear.

When installed in horizontal lines, the check valve does not have a specific upward orientation. The valve is usually installed so that the nameplate is visible on the valve's side for future reference.

The valve should be installed between standard flat-face flanges per ANSI B16.5 or AWWA C207. For globe style silent check valves, the installation requirements are illustrated in Annex 1. The mating flange inside diameter must overlap the valve seat to provide proper seat retention. Flanges or pipes having an expanded inside diameter (ductile iron or mortar-lined pipe) can't be used on the valve's inlet side. A ring flange having the maximum inside diameter shown on the drawing must be inserted between the valve and mortar-lined pipe. The threaded seat wafer style silent check valves do not require the mating flange to overlap the seat.

The ring-type flange gasket can be rubber or compressed fiber but should be a maximum of "1/16" thick with the diameters shown in Annex 1. The gasket must overlap the bronze or stainless steel seats to provide a seal between the seat and the body.

## ADJACENT VALVES

When mating the check valve with butterfly isolation valves, the clearance between the butterfly disc and the fully open check valve stem must be checked. The location of the stem is also shown on the check valve submittal drawings. Ten inches and smaller flanged end check valves have sufficient clearance for most butterfly valves. However, on 12 inches and larger valves, the shaft extends beyond the flange face and may interfere with adjacent valves' operation. A short run of pipe or spacer may be needed between the check valve and the isolation valve.

Lower valve over the mating flange can use slings or chains around the valve body. Lubricate the flange bolts or studs and insert them around the flange. Lightly turn bolts until gaps are eliminated. The tightening of the bolts should be done in graduated steps



using the crossover tightening method. Recommended lubricated torques for use with resilient gaskets (75 durometers) are given in Table 1.

If leakage occurs, allow gaskets to absorb fluid and check torque and leakage after 24 hours. Do not exceed bolt rating or crush gasket more than 50 percent of its thickness.

125# Flange Data				
Valve Size (in)	Bolt Dia. (in)	Bolt Torque (Ft-lbs)		
2	5/8	25-75		
2.5	5/8	25-75		
3	5/8	25-75		
4	5/8	25-75		
5	3/4	30-90		
6	3/4	30-90		
8	3/4	30-90		
10	7/8	45-150		
12	7/8	65-200		
14	1	80-250		
16	1	90-300		
18	1 1/8	100-350		
20	1 1/8	120-450		
24	1 1/4	150-500		

## **MAINTANCE**

Silent Check Valves require no scheduled lubrication or maintenance. In particular, periodic inspection for leakage can be performed by listening for leakage noise from the valve while the pump is shut down. If leakage is heard, drain the pipeline, remove the valve, and inspect the seating surfaces for wear or mineral deposits—clean, lap, or



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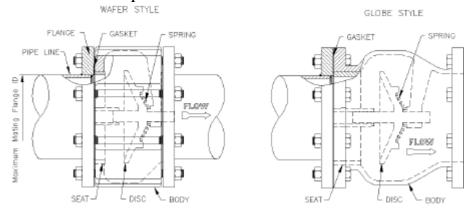
repair trim as needed.

## **TROUBLESHOOTING**

Several problems and solutions are presented below to help you in troubleshooting the valve assembly efficiently.

- 1. Valve Chatters or Vibrates: Verify that velocity is at least 4 feet per second. Noise sounding like rocks in the line can be cavitated due to high speeds, low downstream pressure, or an upstream expanded. Verify that there are three diameters of straight pipe upstream.
- 2. Valve Leakage: Check upstream gasket and flange to verify that inside diameter meets the required dimension given in Annex 1. Drain line, remove the valve, and inspect seating surfaces. If the seat is lifted above the flange face, then the mating flange and gasket are not securing the seat correctly.
- 3. Valve Does Not Pass Flow: Check flow arrow direction on the valve body. Verify that the downstream isolation valve is open, and there is no line blockage downstream.
- 4. Valve Slams: Remove valve and inspect spring. Heavier springs can be furnished for severe high-head applications. Consult factory if the valve is installed in a vertical pipe with the flow downward.

ANNEX 1
Installation Requirements for Wafer and Globe Silent Check Valve



#### PARTS AND SERVICE

Parts and service are available from the factory. Make a note of the Valve Size and Model number located on the valve nameplate and contact:

#### NOTE NO. 1

Flat flanges and ring gaskets (Rubber or Compressed Riber) are required.

#### NOTE NO. 2

The mating companion flange I.D. must overlap the valve seat. This is required to provide proper seat retention.



# NOTE NO. 3

The flange gasket must be properly centered and of the size indicated. This is required to achieve a seal between the seat O.D. and body I.D. interface area.

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		Standard Ring Gasket Dimensions		
Valve M	MAX. Allowable	Gasket I.D. (mm)	O.D. For 125LB	O.D. For 125 LB
	Size (in) I.D. of Flange (mm)		Wafer Type	Globe Type
Size (III)			(mm)	(mm)
2	70	65	104	104
2.5	70	73	123	123
3	85	89	136	136
4	120	115	164	164
5	140	142	194	194
6	165	163	220	220
8	210	215	271	271
10	260	258	331	331
12	315	310	377	377
14	365	355		440
16	415	415		490
18	450	450		540
20	505	505		595
24	616	610		715