

Engineering Data Sheet

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Cast Iron wedge gate valves Outside Screw Type
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CE MARKING AND THE PRESSURE EQUIPMENT DIRECTIVE 97/23/EC

This has been implemented in United Kingdom law by the Pressure Equipment Regulations.

The regulations apply to all valves with a maximum allowable pressure greater than 0.5 bar. Valves with a maximum allowable pressure not exceeding 0.5 bar are outside the scope of the Directive. Valves are categorised in accordance with the maximum working pressure, size and ascending level of hazard, which is dependent on the fluid being transported. Fluids are classified as Group 1, dangerous fluids or Group 2, all other fluids including steam. Categories are SEP (sound engineering practice) and for ascending levels of hazard, I, II, III or IV. All valves designated as SEP do not bear the CE mark nor require a Declaration of Conformity. Categories I, II, III or IV carry the CE mark and require a Declaration of Conformity (Note- all valves up to and including 25mm (1") having a maximum allowable pressure greater than 0.5 bar are designated SEP regardless of fluid group.)

PRODUCT LIFE CYCLE

The life of the valve is dependent on its application, frequency of use and freedom from misuse. Compatibility with the system into which it is installed must be considered. The properties of the fluid being transported such as pressure, temperature and the nature of the fluid must be taken into account to minimise or avoid premature failure or non-operability. A well-designed system will take into consideration all the factors considered in the valve design, but additionally electrolytic interaction between dissimilar metals in the valve and the system must be examined. Before commissioning a system, it should be flushed to eliminate debris and chemically cleaned as appropriate to eliminate contamination, all of which will prolong the life of the valve.

LIMITS OF USE

The valves to which these installation, operation and maintenance instructions apply have been categorised in accordance with the Pressure Equipment Directive.

These products are categorised for Group 2 Liquids only. Refer to Hattersley Technical Department for advice if in any doubt regarding service suitability.

Fluid	Group 2 Liquid		
Fig No.	PN	DN	Category
M544	16	50 - 300	SEP
M552	6	50 - 300	SEP
544E 552E	Class 100	2" - 12"	SEP
504 ANSI	Class 125	2" - 12" 14" - 24"	SEP I *

* Category I requires CE mark

Operating pressures and temperatures

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PN rated valves

PN	Non-shock pressure at temperature range	Non-shock pressure at max. temperature
6	6 bar from -10°C to 120°C	5.4 bar at 150 °C
16	16 bar from -10°C to 120°C	11.8 bar at 230 °C

Class rated valves

	Non-shock pressure at temperature range	Non-shock pressure at max. temperature
Class 100	13.8 bar from -10°C to 40°C	6.9 bar at 170 °C
Class 125•	13.8 bar from -10°C to 66°C	8.6 bar at 232°C

•Pressure temperature rating to MSS SP 70 Class 125

Not suitable for fatigue loading, creep conditions, fire testing, fire hazard environment, corrosive or erosive service, transporting fluids with abrasive solids, high velocity gases that can cause shock waves.

PRESSURE/TEMPERATURE RATING

Valves rated at PN6, PN16, Class 100 and Class 125 must be installed in a piping system whose normal pressure and temperature do not exceed the above ratings.

If system testing will subject the valve to pressures in excess of the working pressure rating, this should be within the test pressure for the body with the valve open.

The maximum allowable pressure in valves as specified in the standards is for non-shock conditions. Water hammer and impact for example, should be avoided.

If the limits of use specified in these instructions are exceeded or if the valve is used on applications for which it was not designed, a potential hazard could result.

LAYOUT AND SITING

It should be considered at the design stage where valves will be located to give access for operation, adjustment, maintenance and repair. Outside screw valves (rising stem) require space above the valve to accommodate the rising stem.

Valves must be provided with adequate support. Adjoining pipework must be supported to avoid the imposition of pipeline strains on the valve body, which would impair its performance.

Heavy valves may need independent support or anchorage.

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Gate valves may be installed in:

- a) Horizontal pipework with stem vertical.
- b) Vertical pipework with stem horizontal.

The valve should not be installed in horizontal pipework with the stem horizontal because shut off performance may be impaired.

In the interests of safety, valves installed on end-of-line service in the closed position with infrequent opening should be fitted with a locking device on the operating mechanism. Alternatively, it should be fitted with a blanking flange on the downstream flange of the valve.

INSTALLATION

Prior to installation, a check of the identification plate and body marking must be made to ensure that the correct valve is being installed.

Valves are precision manufactured items and as such, should not be subjected to misuse such as careless handling, allowing dirt to enter the valve through the end ports, lack of cleaning both valve and system before operation and excessive force during bolting and handwheel operation.

All special packaging material must be removed.

Valves must be provided with adequate support. Adjoining pipework must be supported to avoid the imposition of pipeline strains on the valve body, which would impair its performance.

When large valves are provided with lifting lugs or eye nuts, these should be used to lift the valve.

Valves should not be lifted using the handwheel or stem.

Immediately prior to valve installation, the pipework to which the valve is to be fastened should be checked for cleanliness and freedom from debris.

Valve end protectors should only be permanently removed immediately before installation. The valve interior should be inspected through the end ports to determine whether it is clean and free from foreign matter.

The mating flange (both valve and pipework flanges) should be checked for correct gasket contact face, surface finish and condition. If a condition is found which might cause leakage, no attempt to assemble should be made until the condition has been corrected.

The gasket should be suitable for operation conditions or maximum pressure/temperature ratings.

The gaskets should be checked to ensure freedom from defects or damage.

Care should be taken to provide correct alignment of the flanges being assembled. Suitable lubricant on bolt threads should be used. In assembly, bolts are tightened sequentially to make the initial contact of flanges and gaskets flat and parallel, followed by gradual and uniform tightening in an opposite bolting sequence to avoid bending one flange relative to the other, particularly on flanges with raised faces.

Parallel alignment of flanges is especially important in the case of the assembly of a valve into an existing system.

Flanged joints depend on compressive deformation of the gasket material between the flange surfaces.

The bolting must be checked for correct size, length, material and that all connection flange bolt holes are utilized.

At the conclusion of installation and before operating, all dust deposits shall be removed from the equipment

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OPERATING

The valve is opened by anti-clockwise rotation of the handwheel to a positive stop. Further effort is not necessary. When fully open it is advantageous to rotate the handwheel clockwise 1/2 turn.

To close the valve, the handwheel is rotated clockwise to a positive stop.

Wheelkeys or other similar devices should not be used.

Note: When the valve is closed at extreme high temperature and then cooled, the wedge may become tight in the valve and prove difficult to open.
Conversely, a valve closed at room temperature can be difficult to open if there is an increase in fluid temperature causing a linear expansion of the stem, which tightens the wedge further into the body seats.

The operator should use suitable hand protection at extreme temperature conditions.
The valve should only be used in the open or closed position.

Regulating or throttling service should be avoided.

MAINTENANCE

Gate valves are maintenance free, with the exception of adjustment to gland packing.

Gland Adjustment

The gland may need adjustment during installation and then periodically thereafter to maintain a stem gland seal. The following procedure is recommended:-

Each gland nut should be tightened evenly in a clockwise direction until increased resistance to operate the valve is obtained, or if leakage is present until the leakage stops.

Note: It is recommended that within the 1st year the gland be inspected at 3 monthly intervals to check for gland leakage.

Under normal working conditions Hattersley Gate Valves should not need further attention but when required the following procedures are recommended.

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