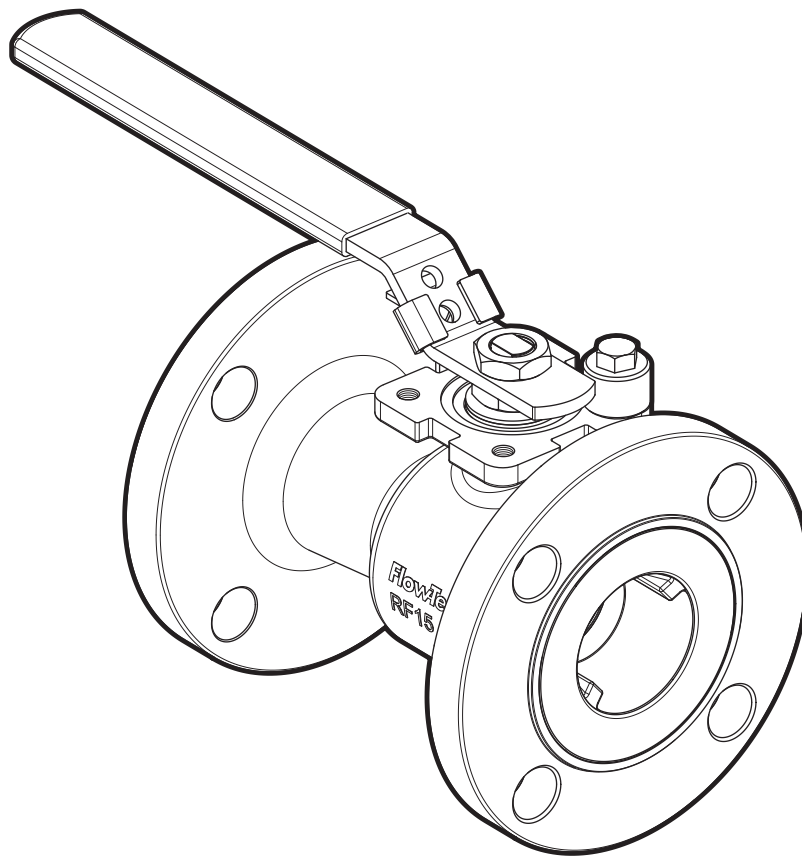

FLOW-TEK SERIES RF15/RF30
ONE PIECE FLANGED BALL VALVES

Installation, Operation, and Maintenance Manual



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**READ AND FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.
SAVE THIS MANUAL FOR FUTURE USE.**

1.0 DEFINITION OF TERMS

All information within this manual is relevant to the safe operation and proper care of your Bray valve. Please understand the following examples of information used throughout this manual.



DANGER

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.



WARNING

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.



CAUTION

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.



NOTICE

Used without the safety alert symbol, indicates a potential situation which, if not avoided, may result in an undesirable result or state, including property damage.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

The design features of this valve include a one piece construction body which results in simplified maintenance and trouble free operation. These valves feature a “free floating” ball. The ball is not fixed, but is free to move with the line pressure. As a result of this feature, these valves are capable of tight shut-off with flow in either direction or dead-ended, regardless of the position of the valve in the line.

The downstream seat, opposite the pressurized side of a closed valve, must carry the load exerted by the line pressure on the ball, while the upstream seat is subject to little load or wear. For this reason, it is sometimes possible to increase useful seat life by turning the valve end-for-end in the pipeline.

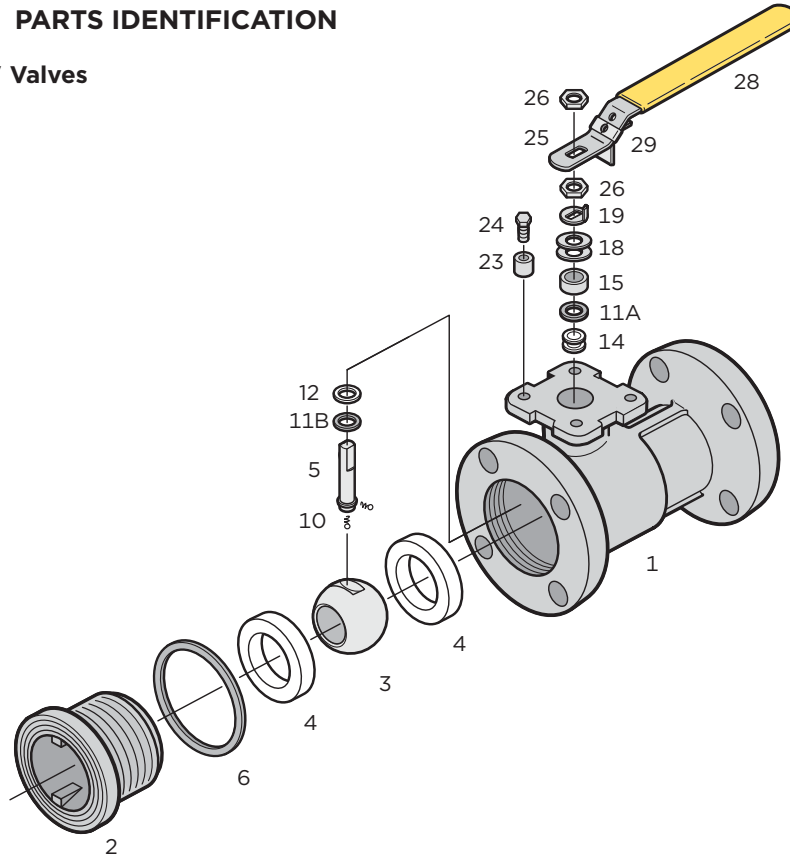
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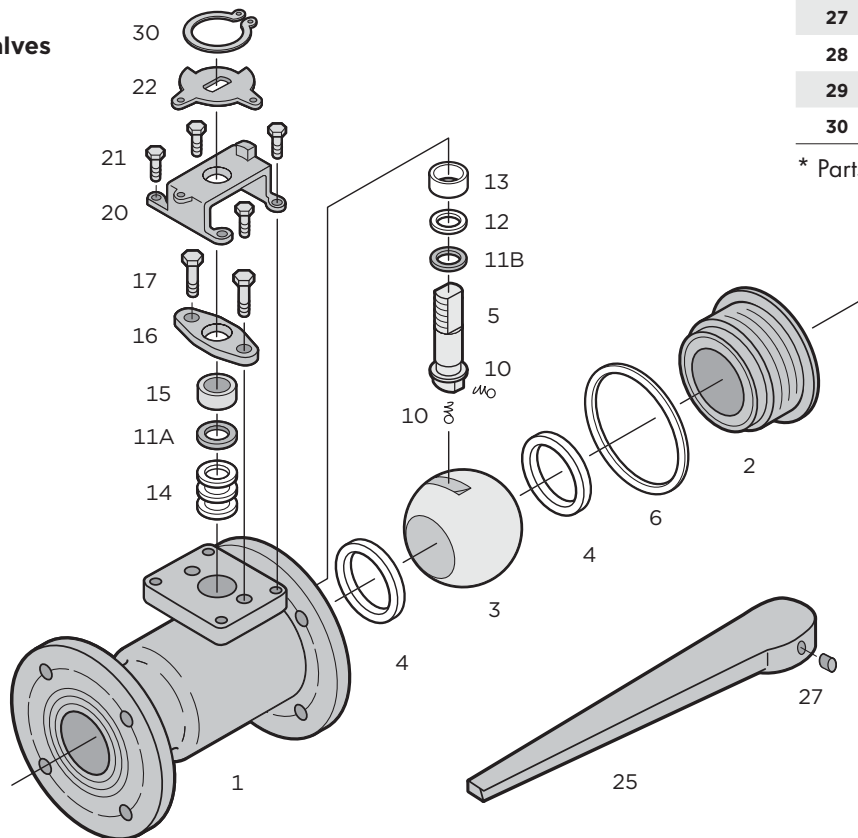
1" - 2" Valves



ITEM	NAME
1	Body
2	End Cap
3	Ball
4	Seat
5	Seat Support
6	Body Seal*
10	Anti-Static Device
11A	Packing Protector*
11B	Washer Protector*
12	Thrust Washer*
13	Stem Bearing*
14	Stem Packing*
15	Packing Gland Sleeve
16	Packing Gland Plate
17	Gland Bolt
18	Belleville Washer
19	Tab Washer
20	Travel Stop Housing
21	Housing Bolt
22	Travel Stop
23	Travel Stop Set Sleeve
24	Travel Stop Bolt
25	Handle
26	Lock Nut
27	Handle Bolt
28	Handle Sleeve
29	Locking Device
30	Snap Ring

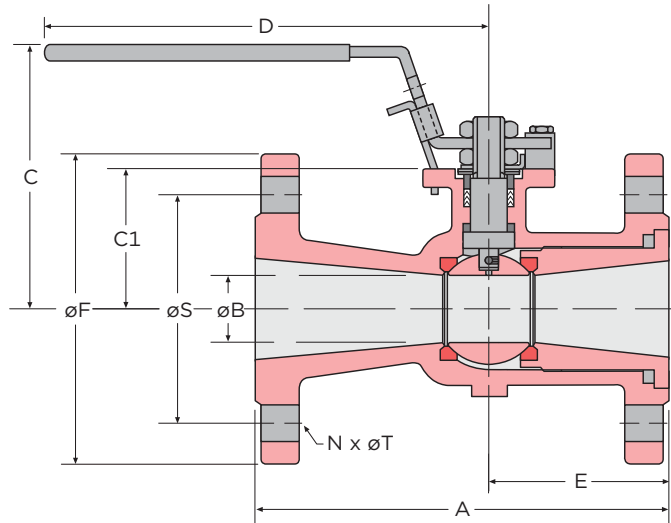
* Parts included in repair kit

3" - 12" Valves



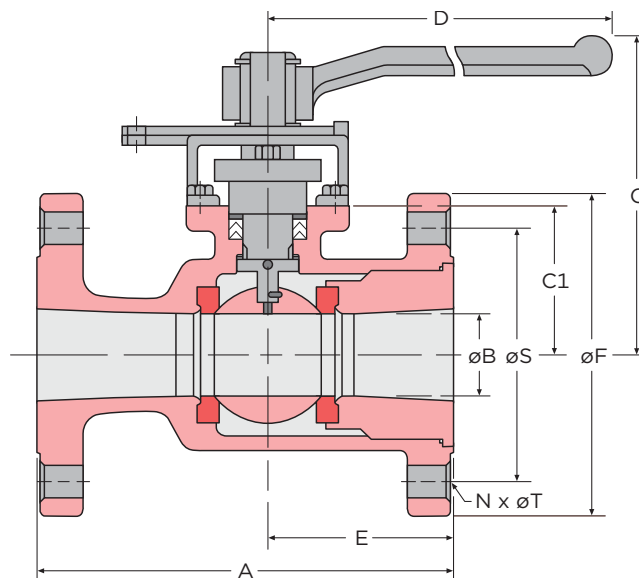
4.0 SECTION VIEWS

1" - 2" Valves



Dimensions may be found in product literature

3"-12" Valves



5.0 GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ON-SITE INSTALLATION

The valve may be installed in any orientation on the pipeline and should be installed in the full open position

Before installing the valves, the pipes must be flushed clean of dirt, burrs, and welding residues, or the seats and ball surface will be damaged. If for any reason the valve is installed prior to flushing of the piping system, the valve must remain in the full open position until the piping system has been fully flushed clean of debris.

For hydrostatic testing of the piping system, the valves must be placed in the half open position prior to pressurizing the system. If the valve is installed in a dead-end position on the piping, the valve must be placed in the half open position and equipped with a blind flange prior to pressurizing the system.



NOTICE

Hydrostatic system testing with the valve in the closed position may result in damage to the valve seats, affecting their ability to create a proper seal. Failure to implement the installation and testing instructions as outlined, resulting in a valve failure, will void the warranty coverage of the product.

5.1 Use

The valve should be maintained as part of a preventative maintenance program and in accordance with manufacturer's recommended pressure, temperature and corrosion limits to insure a long service life. During shipment, storage, and in operation, the valve should be fully open or fully closed ("open" is preferred for shipping and storage). Do not use in throttling service without investigating flow and pressure conditions.



WARNING

Before installing this equipment, confirm that it is suitable for the intended service.

The identifications tags describe the maximum allowable service conditions for this product.

Be sure that the installation is protected by appropriate pressure control and safety devices to insure that acceptable limits are not exceeded.

6.0 SAFETY TIPS AND WARNINGS

1. Before installation confirm that valve is suitable for the intended service.
2. Make sure that line is depressurized and drains are open/monitored during installation.
3. Before working on valve being in service make sure that service media has been flushed and line is safe. Make sure that all applicable MSDS sheets are available. Follow all safety related procedures.
4. Before disassembly valve shall be cycled several times to assure there is no pressure trapped in body cavity.
5. During assembly make sure that all threaded connections are safe and have proper engagement.
6. During the pressure test of reassembled valve follow all safety precautions to avoid possible injury. (Use of proper test equipment, correct parts assemblies, follow test procedures.)
7. While line is under pressure DO NOT remove packing gland or any other valve parts.

7.0 SHORT AND LONG-TERM STORAGE

7.1 Short-Term Storage

Short-term storage is defined as storage of products and equipment to be used in the construction of a project for periods of one to three months. Short-term storage must be carried out in a controlled manner as follows:

1. Valves must be stored in a closed, clean, and dry environment.
2. Ball valves should be stored in the fully open position to protect the ball and seats.
3. Ball valves should remain in the original shipping container and be placed on pallets of wood or other suitable materials. End protectors should remain on the valve ends to prevent the entrance of dirt, and removed only at time of installation.

7.2 Long-Term Storage

Long-term storage is defined as storage of products and/or equipment for periods longer than 3 months. Long-term storage must be carried out in a controlled manner as follows:

1. Valves must be stored in a closed, clean, and dry environment.
2. Ball valves should be stored in the fully open position to protect the ball and seats.
3. Ball valves should remain in the original shipping container and be placed on pallets of wood or other suitable materials. End protectors should remain on the valve ends to prevent the entrance of dirt, and removed only at time of installation.
4. Periodically, the valves should be checked to ensure the above conditions are maintained.

These are general guidelines for valve storage. Please consult the factory for information regarding specific requirements.

8.0 OPERATION

Operation of the valve is done by turning the handle a 1/4 turn (90 degree turn). Clockwise to close, counter clockwise to open.

8.1 Valve Open Position

The handle is parallel with the pipeline.

8.2 Valve in closed Position

The handle is perpendicular to the pipeline.

Valves with actuators should be checked for actuator-valve alignment. Misalignment will result in high operational torque and damage to valve stem and seals.

9.0 STEM SEAL ADJUSTMENT

For 1" - 2", if slight leakage is noted at stem, straighten lock washer tab, tighten stem nut to flatten Belleville Washers, back stem nut off 1/4 turn, secure lock washer tab.

For sizes larger than 2", simply tighten gland bolts evenly until leak stops. Do not over tighten. See **Table 1** for Recommended Gland Nut Torque.



WARNING

DO NOT remove packing gland or any other valve parts while line is under pressure!

Stem seal leakage may be corrected without disassembly by tightening the packing gland nut until such leakage stops. If the leakage continues or valve operating torque becomes excessive, the seals are worn and replacement will be necessary.

Table 1 - Recommended Gland Nut Torque

Valve Size NPS	Recommended Torque lbs-in	Valve Size DN	Recommended Torque N m
1	53	25	6
1-1/2	53	40	6
2	132	50	15
3	89	80	10
4	89	100	10
6	89	150	10
8	106	200	12
10	106	250	12
12	124	300	14

10.0 DISASSEMBLY AND CLEANING PROCEDURE



CAUTION

Line must be depressurized before disassembly. Valve should be cycled to assure there is no pressure trapped in valve cavity. Ball valves can trap pressurized media when closed. Flush line with valve in the half open position to remove hazardous media.



WARNING

DO NOT remove packing gland or any other valve parts while line is under pressure!

If the valve has been used to control hazardous media, it must be decontaminated before disassembly. It is recommended that the following steps be taken for safe removal and re-assembly.

As shipped from the factory, valves contain silicone based lubricant. This is for break-in and may be removed, if it is objectionable for a particular application, by disassembly and solvent washing,

11.0 DISASSEMBLY



WARNING

DO NOT remove packing gland or any other valve parts while line is under pressure! Under no circumstance! Line must be depressurized before disassembly.

Remove valve from line and clamp in vise with handle and removable body insert in an accessible position.

Put ball in the OPEN position. Insert spanner wrench into slot in the retainer and rotate the counter-clockwise.

Remove body seal from body. Use caution to prevent damage to metal parts; discard seal.

Turn handle to CLOSED position so that the stem tang and ball slot are in line with the port opening. Lift or roll ball out of insert end. **NOTE: Extreme caution should be taken to avoid damage to the ball.**

If stem seals are to be replaced, remove handle retainer nut, stop plate and packing gland. Push stem into valve cavity and remove from retainer end.

Remove seats from insert and body cavity, remove stem seals.

12.0 VISUAL INSPECTION

Clean and inspect metal parts. It is not necessary to replace the ball and stem unless the seating surfaces have been damaged by abrasion or corrosion. Replacement of all soft parts whenever the valve is disassembled for reconditioning is strongly recommended for protection against subsequent leakage after valve assembly. The replacement parts can be ordered in kit form.

NOTE: The valve may be assembled and operated dry where no lubricants are allowed in the system; however, a light lubrication of mating parts will aid in assembly and reduce initial operating torque. Lubricant used must be compatible with the intended line fluid.

13.0 ASSEMBLY

Install one seat in the body seat cavity with the spherical curvature facing the ball.

Install thrust washer on stem and slide the stem up through the body. Install packing and packing gland with packing gland bolt.

Torque the packing gland nut with recommended values from **Table 1** (page 11).

Install stop plate, handle and handle retainer nut.

Turn the handle clockwise to the CLOSED position. Line up the ball slot with the stem tang and slide the ball into position.

Open the valve to hold the ball in place.

Install the remaining seat in the insert with the spherical curvature facing the ball. Install body gasket.

Carefully center the insert and press down until the threads are engaged. Start the threads clockwise by hand tightening with the tool used for removal. The end cap should be tightened until the end cap is flush with the flange face. The insert bottoms out in a metal to metal fit.

Cycle the valve slowly, with a gentle back and forth motion, to build gradually to the full quarter turn. By cycling slowly, the seat lips will assure a permanent seal shape against the ball. A fast turning motion, at this point, may cut the seats before they have a chance to form the proper seal.

If a tester is available, pressure test valve prior to re-installation.

13.1 Test as follows

Test valve, if possible, prior to placing valve back into line position.



WARNING

If not properly secured, the valve can become separated from the pressure source, resulting in possible injury. Always join the valve to flanges of the same pressure rating and secure with a full set of flange bolts.

Apply test flange to the valve with full set of flange bolts and a suitable gasket. Orient the valve with the bore in the vertical position and the seat being tested facing up.

Introduce 50 to 100 psig air. Partially cycle the valve, under pressure, and then slowly close to make sure the cavity is pressurized (use hearing protection). Pour water into the upper port to cover the ball and visually check for bubbles. If bubbles appear, pour the water out, cycle the valve several times and recheck. To check for leakage in the other port, reverse the valve and introduce air pressure to the port just checked.

Check the stem seal at this time by coating the gland area with a soapy water solution. If leakage occurs, tighten stem seal just until leakage stops.

15.0 RETURN MERCHANDISE AUTHORIZATION

All products that are returned require a Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA). Contact a Bray representative for instructions and RMA forms to be completed prior to return of any product.

The following information must be provided when submitting RMA.

- > Serial number
- > Part number
- > Month and year of manufacture
- > Actuator specifics
- > Application
- > Media
- > Operating temperature
- > Operating pressure
- > Total estimated cycles (since last installation or repair)

NOTE: Product information is provided on identification tag attached to device.



NOTICE

Materials must be cleaned and sanitized prior to return. MSDS sheets and Declaration of Decontamination are required.

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