

SECTION 15100**VALVES, GENERAL****PART 1 - GENERAL**

1.01 SCOPE

- A. The Contractor shall provide all tools, supplies, materials, equipment, and labor necessary for furnishing, installing, adjusting, and testing of all valves and appurtenant work, complete and operable. For buried valves, the Contractor shall furnish and install valve boxes to grade, with covers, extensions, and position indicators.
- B. The provisions of this Section shall apply to all valves and valve operators called out in the various Sections of these Specifications except where otherwise specified. Valves and operators in particular locations may require a combination of units, sensors, limit switches, and controls specified in other sections of these Specifications.
- C. All valves specified herein shall be furnished with an affidavit from the manufacturer(s) certifying that the valves furnished comply with the applicable provisions of the AWWA specifications, as modified herein. That they were factory tested in accordance with the AWWA Standard Leakage and Hydrostatic Tests as modified herein, with a certified test report furnished to the Department for each valve.

1.02 RELATED WORK SPECIFIED ELSEWHERE

- A. Piping, General
- B. Painting
- C. Equipment General Provisions
- D. Electrical
- E. Valve (by type) Specification Sections

1.03 REFERENCE SPECIFICATIONS, CODES, AND STANDARDS

- A. Codes: All codes, as referenced herein, are specified in Section entitled "Reference Standards." As used herein, "ANSI" denotes the American National Standards Institute; "AWWA", the American Water Works Association; and "ASTM", the American Society for Testing and Materials.
- B. Commercial Standards:

ANSI B16.1

Cast Iron Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings, Class 25, 125, 250, and 800.

ANSI B16.5	Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings, Steel Nickel Alloy and Other Special Alloys.
ANSI/ASME B1.20.1	General Purpose Pipe Threads (Inch).
ANSI/ASME B31.1	Power Piping.
ASTM A 36	Specification for Structural Steel.
ASTM A 48	Specification for Gray Iron Castings.
ASTM A 126	Specification for Gray Iron Castings for Valves, Flanges, and Pipe Fittings.
ASTM A 536	Specification for Ductile Iron Castings.
ASTM B 61	Specification for Steam or Valve Bronze Castings.
ASTM B 62	Specification for Composition Bronze or Ounce Metal Castings.
ASTM B 148	Specification for Aluminum-Bronze Castings.
ASTM B 584	Specification for Copper Alloy Sand Castings for General Applications.
ANSI/AWWA C500	Gate Valves for Water and Sewerage Systems.
AWWA C550	Protective Interior Coatings for Valves and Hydrants.

1.04 MANUFACTURER

All valves shall be the product of domestic manufacturing firms which have been engaged in the production of valves for not less than five (5) years.

1.05 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Valve Testing: The Contractor is advised that he is required to furnish all labor, materials and equipment necessary to pressure test each valve furnished by himself or the Department, bi-directionally, prior to installation, to the satisfaction of the Engineer of Record. If the valves are available, the tests shall be performed prior to the start of construction. Otherwise, the tests shall be performed as soon as the valves are available to afford the maximum time for any corrective work required. The Contractor shall include all costs for this requirement under the appropriate Proposal Item(s), no other compensation will be provided.
- B. Bronze Parts: Unless otherwise specified, all interior bronze parts of valves shall conform to the requirements of ASTM B 62.
- C. Provide valves that have the manufacturer's name and valve rating cast in body.

1.06 SUBMITTALS

- A. Shop Drawing: Shop drawings of all valves and operators including associated wiring diagrams and electrical data.
- B. Approved Drawings: The Engineer of Record's drawings, which constitute an integral part of this Contract, indicate the general layout of the complete system. Field verification of scale dimensions on plans is directed since actual locations, distances and levels will be governed by actual field conditions. The Contractor shall also review architectural, structural, and mechanical plans and shall adjust his work to conform to all conditions indicated thereon. Discrepancies shown on different plans, or between plans and actual field conditions, or between plans and specifications, shall promptly be brought to the attention of the Engineer of Record, for a decision. All items not specifically mentioned in the specifications or noted on the drawings, but which can be reasonably assumed as necessary to make a complete working installation shall be included.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.01 VALVES

- A. General: The Contractor shall furnish all valves, gates, valve operating units, stem extensions, operators and other accessories as shown or specified. All valves and gates shall be new and of current manufacture. All non-buried valves, 6-inch and larger, shall have operators with position indicators. Where buried, these valves shall be provided with valve boxes, covers and valve extensions. Valves mounted higher than 6-feet above working level shall be provided with chain operators. All valves shall have a minimum design pressure rating of 150 psi unless otherwise specified elsewhere herein.
- B. Cast iron parts of valves shall meet the requirements of ASTM A126, "Standard Specifications for Gray Iron Castings for Valves, Flanges and Pipe Fittings, Class 'B'." Flanged ends shall be flat-faced and have bolt circle and bolt patterns conforming to ANSI B16.1 Class 125.
- C. All castings shall be clean and sound, without defects of any kind and no plugging, welding or repairing of defects will be permitted. All bolt heads and nuts shall be hexagonal conforming to ANSI B18.2. Gaskets shall be full-face and made of synthetic elastomers in conformance with ANSI B16.21 suitable for the service characteristics, especially chemical compatibility and temperature. Non-ferrous alloys of various types shall be used for parts of valves as specified. Where no definite specification is given, the material shall be the recognized acceptable standard for that particular application.
- D. All buried valves shall be provided with cast-iron valve boxes unless otherwise indicated. The boxes shall conform with Department Standards and be installed perpendicularly, centered around and covering the upper portions of the valve operator. The top of each valve box shall be placed flush with finish grade unless otherwise indicated on the Drawings. Valve boxes shall be as specified elsewhere in this Section.

- E. All buried valves and other valves located below a concrete operating deck or level, specified or noted to be key operated, shall have an operator to finish grade or deck level, non-rising stem, a 2-inch square AWWA nut with skirt, and cover or box and cover, as may be required.
- F. Valve Flanges: The flanges of valves shall be in accordance with Section 15060, "Piping and Fittings."
- G. Gate Valve Stems: Gate valve stems shall be of bronze in accordance with AWWA C515, containing not more than 5 percent of zinc nor more than 2 percent of aluminum.
- H. Protective Coating: Except where otherwise specified, ferrous surfaces, exclusive of stainless steel surfaces, in the fluid passages of all valves 4-inch and larger shall receive an epoxy coating in accordance with AWWA C550. Flange faces of valves shall not be epoxy coated. The valve manufacturer, shall certify in writing that such coating has been applied and tested in the manufacturing plant prior to shipment, in accordance with these Specifications. Exterior coating shall be asphalt varnish conforming to Federal Specification TT-C-494A.
- I. Valve Labeling: A label shall be provided on all shut-off valves exclusive of hose bibs and chlorine cylinder valves. The label shall be of 1/16-inch brass or stainless steel, minimum 2 inches by 4 inches in size, and shall be permanently attached to the valve or on the wall adjacent to the valve or as indicated by the Department.

2.02 VALVE OPERATORS

A. General

- 1. All butterfly valves, plug valves over 8-inch size and gate valves installed horizontally shall be furnished with geared operators, provided by the manufacturer. All valves of a particular size and pressure rating by a given manufacturer shall be supplied with the same operator. No variation will be permitted during the contract. All valve operators, regardless of type, shall be installed, adjusted, and tested by the valve manufacturer at the manufacturing plant. Operator orientation shall be verified with the Department prior to fabrication. If this requirement is not met, changes to orientation shall be made at no cost the Department.
- 2. All operators shall turn counter-clockwise to open. Operators shall have the open direction clearly and permanently marked. Field adjustment and testing of the operators and valves to ensure proper installation and operation shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

B. Manual Operators

- 1. All manual operators shall be equipped with AWWA square nuts, handwheels or chain drives as appropriate. Some small (6-inch or less) valves may be lever operated if so specified elsewhere herein. Where buried, the valves shall have extensions with square nuts or floor stands as indicated on the Drawings. Valves mounted higher than 6 feet above floor or operating level shall have chain operators with chain terminating 4 feet above operating level.

2. Operation of valves and gates shall be designed so that the effort required to operate the handwheel, lever or chain shall not exceed 40 pounds applied at the extremity of the wheel or lever. The handwheels on valves 14 inches and smaller shall not be less than 8 inches in diameter, and on valves larger than 14 inches the handwheel shall not be less than 12 inches in diameter.
3. Chainwheel operator shall be fabricated of malleable iron with pocketed type chainwheels with chain guards and guides. Chainwheel operators shall be marked with an arrow and the word "open" indicating direction to open. The operators shall have galvanized smooth welded link type chain. Chain that is crimped or has links with exposed ends is not acceptable.

2.03 TORQUE LIMITING DEVICE

Each butterfly valve shall be provided with a torque limiting device designed to protect the actuator and valve parts. The device shall consist of an overtorque protection mechanism enclosed in a hermetically sealed cast iron housing. The mechanism shall be permanently lubricated and factory set to trip between 200 and 220 ft. lbs. of applied torque. The housing shall have integrally cast, 2-inch AWWA operating nut and matching socket to operate and to fit over the actuator or extension shaft nuts, respectively. The socket shall be provided with a set screw to fit the device. The direction of rotation shall be permanently shown with word and arrow next to the operating nut. The entire device shall be coated inside and out with a 2-part epoxy. The torque limiting device shall be as manufactured by Annspace Controls Company of St. Louis, Missouri, or approved equal.

2.04 FLOOR STANDS

Floor stands shall be cast iron, non-rising stem type with lockable hand wheel operator, valve position indicator and stainless steel or bronze extension stem. Hand wheel shall be lockable in the full open and full closed positions. The floor stand shall be furnished with an armored padlock and six keys. Lock shall be as manufactured by Master, Schlage or equal. Floor stand shall be standard pattern type as manufactured by Clow Corporation, or equal.

2.05 VALVE BOXES

Cast iron valve boxes shall be provided for all valves installed underground. All valves boxes shall be No. 2 or 3 (for water) and No. 52 or 53 (for sewer) in accordance with Department Standards.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.01 INSTALLATION

- A. General: All work shall be performed by skilled workmen experienced in similar installations. All valves shall be adequately supported by clamps, brackets, straps, concrete supports or other devices as shown or specified. All supports shall be secured to structures by approved inserts or expansion shields and bolts.

- B. All valves shall be thoroughly cleaned internally before being installed. Installation of valves shall be done in accordance with construction methods specified in "Pipes and Fittings" Section of these Specifications.
- C. Install valves as recommended by manufacturer.
- D. Install valves so that they are easily accessible for operation, visual inspection and preventive maintenance.
- E. Location of valves and chain operators: Install valves so as to be accessible for operation and free from interferences when operated. Position so that leakage will not contact any electrical equipment that may be located below.
- F. The installation of all underground valves shall include a valve box and riser in accordance with the Details shown on the Plans or in the Standard Details for the various sizes and types of valves to be installed. Riser pipes and valve boxes shall be carefully centered and set flush with the finished grade if in paving, or with the top of the ground if out of paved areas. All valve boxes shall be held in position with concrete as shown on the Plans or in the Standard Details.
- G. Upon completion of the Project, but prior to final acceptance, the Contractor in the presence of the Engineer, shall fully open each valve installed by him, except at connections to existing Department mains. For valves 16-inch and larger, the Contractor, shall count the number of turns required to operate each valve from a completely closed to a fully opened position, and shall paint the number on the bottom of the valve box lid or manhole cover. Valves at connections to existing Department mains shall only be operated by Department forces.

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