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DOUBLE-DISC GATE VALVES

1. GENERAL
Double-disc gate valves shall be designed and manufactured in accordance with AWWA C500 with the following additional requirements or exceptions.

2. SERVICE
Valves shall be suitable for frequent operation and for long periods of inactivity. Valves shall operate with flows in either direction and shall not exceed the leakage rate published in AWWA C500. The minimum design working pressure for valve sizes 3-inch through 12-inch shall be 250 psi. The minimum design working pressure for valve sizes 14-inch through 20-inch shall be 200 psi. Components shall be suitable for exposure to chloraminated water.

3. SIZES
This Specification covers 150 pound class double-disc gate valves in 3-inch through 20-inch nominal diameters.

4. VALVE DESCRIPTION
Valves shall be iron body, double-disc gate valves, fully bronze-mounted with non-rising stem and parallel seats.
Valves shall be supplied with 2-inch square wrench nuts. Valves shall open clockwise.

5. INSTALLATION
Valves, 3-inch through 12-inch, shall be installed with the stem positioned vertically in buried horizontal water lines without gearing, bypasses, rollers, or tracks. Valves, 14-inch through 20-inch, shall be installed horizontally in buried horizontal water lines without bypasses, rollers, or tracks. Horizontal installations shall include a bevel gear to rotate the input shaft vertical and provide a mechanical advantage. Valve bonnet shall be installed below frost line.

6. GEARING
Bevel gear shall be duty rated, grease filled for life, totally enclosed gearing and fully sealed with nitrile rubber O-rings. Bevel gear housing shall be DI and bevel gears shall be AISI/SAE 4340 steel with the input shaft supported by a ball bearing. Gear reduction sized to limit maximum input torque required to operate valve in all conditions to 80 lb-ft.

7. VALVE STEMS
Valve stems shall be made of bronze in accordance with ASTM B 763, Copper Alloy No. C99500; stainless steel in accordance with ASTM A 276, Type 304, Type 316, or AISI 420; or copper alloy in accordance with ASTM B 98, Copper Alloy No. C66100/HO2.
The stem seal shall consist of two O-rings.

8. BOLTING MATERIAL
The bonnet, gland bolts, and nuts shall be in accordance with ASTM F 593, Type 304 stainless steel or electro-plated with zinc or cadmium. The hot-dip galvanizing process is not acceptable.
9. **End Connections**
   
   A. Flanges shall be sized and drilled in accordance with ANSI B16.1, Class 125. Flanges shall be machined to a flat surface with a serrated finish in accordance with AWWA C207.

   B. Mechanical joint components shall be in accordance with AWWA C111 with tee-head bolts and hexagon nuts fabricated from a high-strength, low alloy steel known in the industry as Cor-Ten, Usalloy, or Durabolt.

   Accessories for the mechanical joint shall consist of the gasket, gland, and fasteners and shall be furnished and packaged separately from valves. Each package shall be labeled in a manner that provides for proper identification, and the number of units listed per package or bundle.

10. **Testing**
    
    Each valve, after shop assembly, shall be operated and hydrostatic and leak tested in accordance with AWWA C500.

11. **Coatings**
    
    Ferrous surfaces, except machined or bearing surfaces, shall be prepared in accordance with SSPC SP10. These surfaces shall then be coated with liquid epoxy in two or more uniform coats or with fusion-bonded epoxy to a minimum DFT of 10-mils in accordance with AWWA C550. Machined flange faces shall be shop-coated with a rust preventive compound; they shall not be painted or coated with the same coating as the body.

12. **Quality Control**
    
    The Manufacturer shall submit a written statement that the inspection and all specified tests have been completed and that results comply with the requirements of these Standards. Components in contact with potable water shall be certified to comply with NSF/ANSI 61, and a copy of the NSF/ANSI 61 certification shall be provided to Denver Water, if requested.

13. **Approved Manufacturers**
    
    | Manufacturers    | Size (Inch) |
    |------------------|-------------|
    | Clow             | 3 to 12     |
    | Mueller Company  | 14 to 20    |

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