

## 3 PIECES BALL VALVES

### INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE

#### BEFORE INSTALLATION :

Pipe-line must be cleaned and free from residual of weldings, rubbish, shaving and every kind of extraneous materials.  
Pipe-line must be perfectly aligned and their support properly dimensioned so that there's no external constraint.

Check to use a produce compatible to the services conditions for the sealing of the threaded types.  
To tighten the ends, use the appropriate tool.  
Use the right bolt tightening so that the ends won't be damaged.

The welding of the ends for the SW and the BW types, must be done with the central part removed.  
A gauge can be used to have the good length and alignment between the ends.

#### INSTALLATION OF THE CENTRAL PART

During the installation of the central part, tighten bolts according to the table below. Tighten bolts in cross.

#### CLEANING AND TESTS

Keep opened the valves during the cleaning operation so that there are no impurities between the ball and the body.

Tests under pressure must be done with a cleaned pipe-line.

Open partially the valve for tests. Pressure test do not exceed the valve specifications according to EN 12266-1.

#### MAINTENANCE

It's recommended to operate the valve twice ( open and close ) 1 to 2 times per year.

When intervention on the valve, be sure there's no pressure in the pipe-line, there's no fluid in it, and that it is isolated.  
The temperature must be low enough to operate without risks.  
If there's a corrosive fluid, inert installation before intervention.

When the valve is under pressure :  
If there's a leakage between the body and the ends, tighten bolts according to the above table

If there's a leakage at the packing, tighten it slightly so that the leakage disappears.

#### MAINTENANCE OPERATION IN WORKSHOP

##### REPLACEMENT OF SEAT GASKETS AND PACKING.

The central part must be removed.

Turn the ball at 45° and removed the seat gaskets.

Operate the valve in closed position to removed the ball. Verify the surface of the ball has no impacts and no scores.

If there are important scores or impacts, replace the ball.

Clean inside the body valve and remove the impurities.

To replace the packing, remove the handle, unscrew the gland nut, extract the stem by the inside of the valve.

Clean the packing seat.

Reassemble thrust washer on stem, introduce stem by the inside of the valve, reassemble packing with packing nut, reassemble hand washer, hand nut and the handle.

Turn stem in closed position and insert the ball.

Then turn the ball in opened position and reassemble the seat.

Place the valve on the installation, tighten bolts according to the above table.

Then proceed to the tests in the same way that the first installation.



**For an installation in ATEX area, check the conductivity between the valve, the upstream pipe and the downstream pipe and make sure the pipe is connected to the earth.**