



# TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

## 96 Series Ball Valves

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### DESCRIPTION

96 Series, two-piece bar stock body style valve, full port, offering broad applicability. Easily adaptable to pneumatic or electric automation

### MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION

**BODY:** Brass - ASTM B-16, Carbon Steel - ASTM A108, 316 Stainless Steel - ASTM A276

**BALL AND STEM:** 316 Stainless Steel

**SEATS AND STEM SEAL:** Glass Reinforced P.T.F.E. (Teflon®)

### CONNECTION / STYLE SIZES

Pipe / N.P.T.F. 1/2" - 1-1/2"  
(Dryseal National Pipe Taper)

Pipe / B.S.P.T. 1/2" - 1-1/2"  
(British Standard Pipe Taper)

Pipe / J.I.S. 1/2" - 1-1/2"  
(Japanese Imperial Standard)

### RATINGS

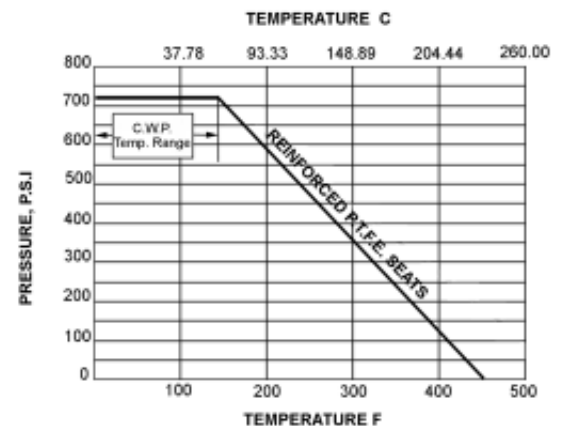
**TEMPERATURE:** -50°F to 450°F  
(also see Pressure Temperature Chart)

**PRESSURE:** 720 p.s.i. C.W.P. (Cold Working Pressure to 150 F)  
(also see Pressure Temperature Chart)

**VACUUM:** 20 Micron

**SATURATED STEAM:** 150 p.s.i.

### Pressure Temperature Chart



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## RATINGS (continued)

### FLOW CHARACTERISTICS

The approximate flow rate through a valve can be calculated as follows:

$$Q = C_v \sqrt{\frac{\Delta P}{G}}$$

where;      Q = flow rate in gallons (U.S. Std.) per minute  
              Cv = valve constant  
              P = pressure drop across the valve in pounds per square inch  
              G = specific gravity of the media of relative to water

Note: The values derived from the flow equation are for estimating purposes only. Product variances or systemic factors may alter actual performance.

Size	1/2	3/4	1	1-1/4	1-1/2
Cv	12	32	46	82	120

### INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

The following serves as a guideline for those experienced in pipe joint makeup. Otherwise, services of a certified pipe fitter should be utilized for installation.

1. Ensure that both the male pipe and female valve threads are free from dirt, debris and corrosion. Wire brushing of the male pipe threads is recommended to ensure a good metal-to-metal joint.
  2. Apply a good quality thread lubricant (pipe dope) on the male threads. Lubricant reduces friction when pulling up the pipe joint. Note, thread lubricant is not intended to seal the joint and will not compensate for poor quality male pipe or fitting threads.
  3. Turn the female valve threads onto the male pipe threads by hand. Upon free engagement of the threads, continue to turn the valve as far up as it will go (by hand). With the use of a wrench continue to tighten the valve onto the pipe. The pipe joint seal should occur within 1 to 3 turns after wrenching begins. Care should be taken not to exceed 3 turns in which damage to the threads can occur.
  4. The pipe joint should be tested for leakage to ensure the pipe joint has been achieved.
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## MAINTENANCE

Like all Gemini Valves, the 96 Series utilizes our self compensating stem seal design. This design automatically compensates for wear as well as thermal expansion and contraction resulting in a leak tight, maintenance free, service life.

Once the stem seal has worn beyond the compensation afforded by the Belleville springs adjustment of the stem nut may enable valve to be returned to service. Holding the 'flats' of the stem, tighten the stem nut until Belleville springs become fully compressed (flattened); the torque required to tighten the nut further increases sharply when this point is reached. Do not tighten the stem nut beyond this point to avoid damage of the stem seal.

The Gemini Series 96 valves are of two piece body design, which permits disassembly for inspection and repair. Care in cleaning and handling of valve components is particularly important when overhauling ball valves, as a small nick or scratch, causing by mishandling, can be the source of leakage in service. These instructions deal with valve equipped with lever handles. If your valve has another type handle or is equipped with an actuator, the steps required to complete the stem assembly will differ somewhat from those referred to in the instruction sheet.

1. Place valve body in vise with end plug facing upward. The use of smooth vice jaws will prevent marring of the valve. Break end plug loose with wrench; remove end plug.

2. Remove valve from vise, turn handle to "closed" position. Remove ball. Remove seat from valve body. Remove stem nut, handle, grounding spring, Belleville springs, follower and thrustwasher. Remove stem by pushing into valve. Make sure stem seal is removed when stem is withdrawn from body. Remove seat from valve body and from end plug. Discard used seats, stem seal and thrustwasher.

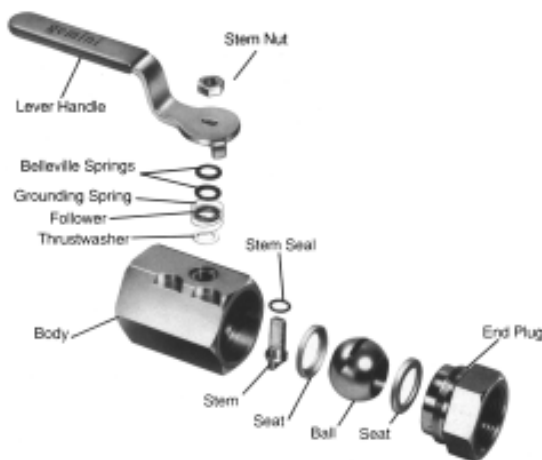
3. Clean all parts. Inspect area of end plug and body, which forms metal to metal seal, for scratches and / or burrs. Lubricate all parts with a lubricant giving special attention to the end plug / body seal area and the end plug threads.

4. Place new stem seal on stem, position stem in body, place new thrustwasher over stem, install follower (small flat metal washer) over stem. Position two Belleville springs (cupped) on stem with concave surfaces facing one another, place grounding spring in position over stem. Complete stem assembly by placing handle on stem and securing with stem nut. Tighten stem nut until

Belleville springs become fully compressed (flatten); the torque required to tighten the nut further increases sharply when this point is reached. Do not tighten the stem nut beyond this point.

5. Place new seat in body. Turn handle to closed position, insert ball, making sure that lower end of stem engages slot in ball. Turn handle to "open" position. Place valve body in vise as in step 1. Install new seat in end plug. Tighten end plug into body to torque given in chart.

6. Test valve. Reinstall.



Assembly Torque Specifications				
Valve Size		Foot - Pounds Values for End Plugs		
86 Series	96 Series	Brass	Carbon	Stainless
1/4	-	40	50	70
3/8	-	40	50	70
1/2	-	40	50	70
3/4	1/2	50	70	120
1	3/4	60	120	150
1-1/4	1	100	150	225
1-1/2	1-1/4	180	250	295
2	1-1/2	180	250	295

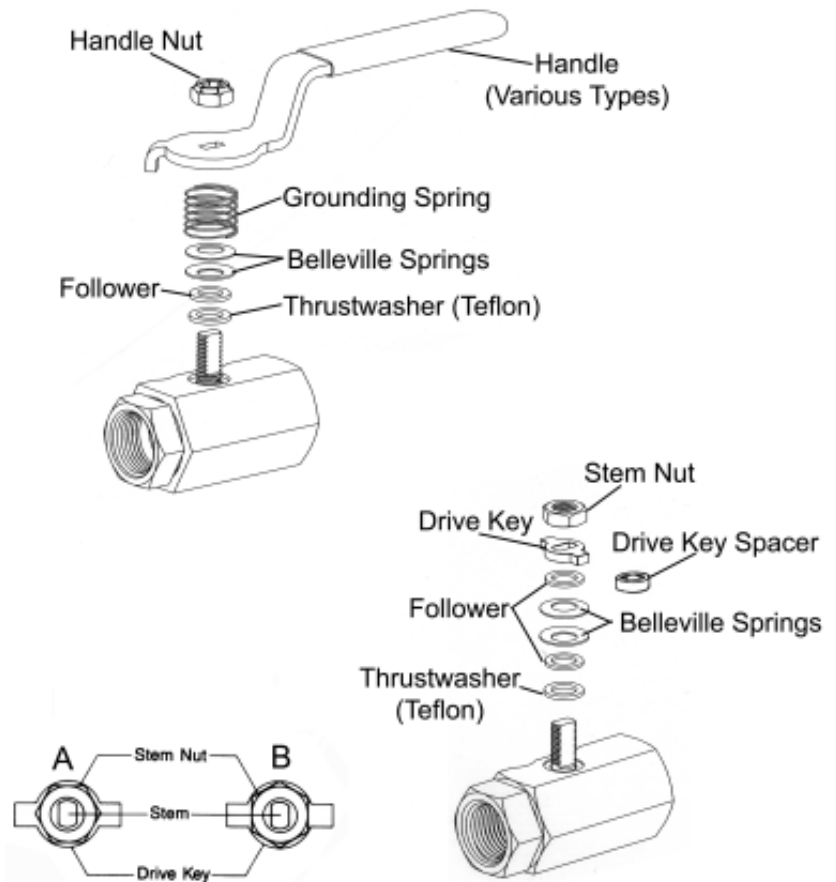
## CONVERSION INSTRUCTIONS; MANUAL TO AUTOMATED

These instructions cover the conversion of manual (handle-operated) valves for actuated operation. In addition to the valve and actuator, a mounting kit is also necessary to complete the installation.

1. With the valve in the 'open' position remove, and put aside, the handle nut, handle and grounding spring from the valve on which the actuator will be mounted. Leave the thrustwasher, follower and Belleville springs on the valve stem.

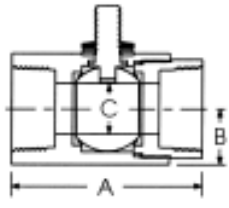
2. Assemble the drive key follower or spacer (if required, see the chart below), drive key, and stem nut from the kit. Do not reuse the handle nut from the manual valve assembly. Prevent the stem from turning as the nut is tightened by inserting a wooden or plastic dowel through the valve, then tighten the stem nut until the Belleville springs have just become fully compressed (flattened). Although the nut spins freely when first run onto the stem, the torque needed to continue tightening will increase progressively after the stem nut contacts the drive key and the Belleville springs begin to deflect. The torque required to tighten further will increase sharply once the Belleville springs have become fully flattened. Tightening beyond this point should not be attempted as damage to the stem seal may result.

3. The correct orientation of the stem nut to the drive key is shown in Figure 3; this orientation is necessary to permit engagement with the twelve-point socket in the actuator pinion driver. In order to achieve the desired orientation, loosen the stem nut until the nut / drive key relationship corresponds to either 'A' or 'B' in Figure 3. This adjustment should require less than one-twelfth (1/12) turn of the nut.

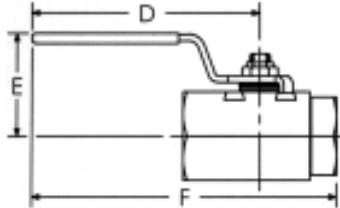


For Mounting To						
B410 & A420 Series				A500 Series		
Size	76 Series	86 Series	96 Series	76 Series	86 Series	96 Series
1/4	N/A	Follower	N/A	N/A	Follower	N/A
3/8	N/A	Follower	N/A	N/A	Follower	N/A
1/2	Follower	Follower	None	Follower	Follower	None
3/4	Follower	None	Spacer	Follower	None	None
1	None	Spacer	Spacer	None	None	Spacer
1-1/4	Spacer	Spacer	Spacer	None	Spacer	Spacer
1-1/2	Spacer	Spacer	Spacer	Spacer	Spacer	Spacer
2	Spacer	Spacer	N/A	Spacer	Spacer	N/A

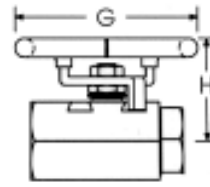
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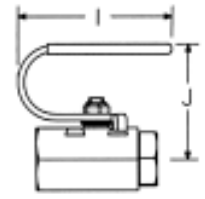
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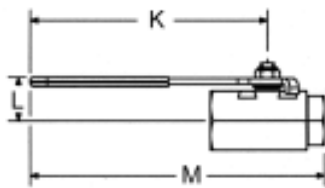
Valve with Lever Handle



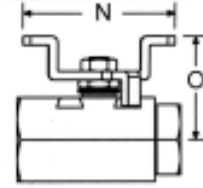
Valve with Oval Handle



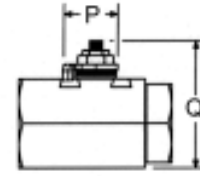
Valve with 'C' Handle



Valve with Flat Handle



Valve with Wing Handle



Valve with Handle Stop

Size	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q
1/2	2.94	0.75	0.62	5.38	2.00	6.85	3.41	1.91	3.50	2.96	5.95	1.08	7.42	2.73	1.89	1.18	2.22
3/4	3.32	1.00	0.80	5.38	2.28	7.04	3.41	2.13	3.50	3.18	5.95	1.30	7.61	2.73	2.10	1.18	2.62
1	3.70	1.06	0.97	6.75	2.93	8.60	3.41	2.42	4.24	3.88	7.65	1.44	9.50	3.16	2.14	1.33	3.04
1-1/4	4.25	1.31	1.25	6.75	3.19	8.87	3.41	2.67	4.24	4.13	7.65	1.69	9.77	3.16	2.39	1.33	3.54
1-1/2	4.57	1.50	1.50	6.75	3.37	9.41	3.41	2.88	4.24	4.32	7.65	1.88	9.93	3.16	2.60	1.33	3.93