



# Ball Valves

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2. Protect valve from freezing, which may distort ball. In the event the valve does freeze, do not forcibly try to open or close the valve while the valve is frozen. This may destroy the valve.
3. Use a snug fitting smooth jaw wrench on the wrenching flat nearest the tightened end. Do not wrench the body/endpiece joint.
4. Always use an approved sealant or teflon tape on tapered pipe threads.
5. If valve has compression style connection, read connection instruction sheet prior to installation.
6. If the valve cap or stop box handle is perpendicular to the water line, the valve is closed. If the valve cap or stop box handle is inline with the water line, the valve is open. For standard valves with turning restraints (checks), turn the cap counter-clockwise to open and clockwise to close (unless ordered otherwise). Valves without turning restraints (checks) may be turned either direction to open or close.
7. Ball valves generally require low operating torques. If valve turns hard, check turning direction before applying excess force. Excess force can damage or destroy the turning restraints (checks) in the ball valve cap and body assembly.
8. All valves must be operated in the fully opened or fully closed position. Attempts to throttle flow by operating the valve in a partially open position may destroy the valve.
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