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## True Union Ball Valve 050N Series INSTALLATION, OPERATION & MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PRIOR TO INSTALLING AND USING COLONIAL VALVE VALVES, STRAINERS, FILTERS, AND OTHER ASSOCIATED PRODUCTS. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY.

1. Colonial Valve guarantees its products against defects in material and workmanship only. Colonial Valve assumes no responsibility for damage or injury resulting from improper installation, misapplication, or misuse of any product.
2. Colonial Valve assumes no responsibility for damage or injury resulting from chemical incompatibility between its products and the process fluids to which they are subjected. Compatibility charts provided in Colonial Valve literature are based on ambient temperatures of 70°F and are for reference only. Customer should always test to determine application suitability.
3. Consult Colonial Valve literature to determine operating pressure and temperature limitations before installing any Colonial Valve product. Note that the maximum recommended fluid velocity through any Colonial Valve product is FIVE feet per second. Higher flow rates can result in possible damage due to water hammer effect. Also note that maximum operating pressure is dependent upon material selection as well as operating temperature.
4. Colonial Ball valves are to be operated in the Open or Closed position. Do not attempt to meter or throttle in a partially open/closed position.
5. Colonial Valve products are designed primarily for use with non-compressible liquids. They should NEVER be used or tested with compressible fluids such as compressed air or gas.
6. Systems should always be depressurized and drained prior to installing or maintaining 050 Series Valves.
7. Temperature effect on piping systems should always be considered when the systems are initially designed. Piping systems must be designed and supported to prevent excess mechanical loading on Colonial Valve equipment due to system misalignment, vibration, weight, shock, and the effects of thermal expansion and contraction.
8. Because PVC and CPVC plastic products become brittle below 40°F, Colonial Valve recommends caution in their installation and use below this temperature.
9. Due to differential thermal expansion rates between metal and plastic, transmittal of pipe vibration, and pipe loading forces **DIRECT INSTALLATION OF METAL PIPE INTO PLASTIC CONNECTIONS IS NOT RECOMMENDED.** Wherever installation of plastic valves into metal piping systems is necessary, it is recommended that at least 10 pipe diameter in length of plastic pipe be installed upstream and downstream of the plastic valve to compensate for the factors mentioned above.

### **SOCKET CONNECTION:**

Socket end connections are manufactured to ASTM D2467 (PVC) and F-439 (CPVC). Solvent cementing of socket end connections to pipe should be performed per ASTM specifications D2855-87. Cut pipe square. Chamfer and deburr pipe. Surfaces must be cleaned and free of moisture, oil, dirt and other foreign material. Remove Union-nuts and end connectors from valve body. Slide Union-nuts, with threads facing valve, onto pipe to which the end connector is to be cemented. Apply primer to inside socket surface of end connector. Never allow primer or cement to contact valve ball or end connector o-ring sealing surfaces, as leaking may result. Use a scrubbing motion. Repeat applications may be necessary to soften the surface of the socket. Next, liberally apply primer to the male end of the pipe to the length of the socket depth. Again apply to the socket, and without delay apply cement to the pipe while the surface is still wet with primer. Next apply cement lightly, but uniformly to the inside of the socket. Apply a second coat of cement to the pipe, and assemble the end connector to the pipe, rotating the end connector 1/4 turn in one direction as it is slipped to full depth on to the pipe. The end connector should be held in position for approx. 30 seconds to allow the connection to "set". After assembly wipe off excess cement. Follow cement manufacturers guidelines for proper "cure-time", based on the pipe size that you are joining.

### **THREADED CONNECTION:**

Threaded end connections are manufactured to ASTM specifications D2464, F437 and ANSI B1.20.1. Due to the variable quality and tolerances of plastic male threaded nipples, Colonial no longer recommends the use of PTFE (Teflon®) tape. **We recommend using the following thread sealant: IPS WELD-ON All Seal™.** To provide a leak proof joint, the pipe should be threaded into the end connection "hand tight". A strap wrench may be used to tighten the joint an additional 1/2 turn past hand tight. Tightening beyond this point may induce excessive stress that could cause failure.

### **ADJUSTMENT FOR SEAT WEAR:**

**EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE TAKEN WHEN WORKING ON THIS VALVE. THE PIPING SYSTEM MUST BE DEPRESSURIZED AND DRAINED. PROPER CARE MUST BE TAKEN. CONSULT M.S.D.S. (MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS) INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR SPECIFIC APPLICATION.**

Remove the assembly nut and end connector from the end of the body that is opposite of the flow direction arrow, or remove the complete valve body from the piping system. Remove the handle and use the tabs on the top of the handle to align with the slots on the carrier. Tighten carrier by turning clockwise. Loosen by turning counter clockwise. Replace handle. Replace valve in system by tightening union nuts.

**UNION NUT CONNECTIONS:** Tighten union nuts with the valve in the OPEN position. It is mandatory to avoid the misalignment of the mating pipes, as this can cause excess stress on the valve, and can create a false "hand-tight" condition. With proper alignment, all union nut connections for ½-2" plastic valves should be "hand-tight". For valves 2" and larger, a strap wrench or approved union-nut wrench may be used to tighten the nut 1/10<sup>th</sup> turn maximum past hand-tight.

**Climate conditions:** PVC valves (and pipe & fittings) are pressure rated at 73 deg F, and must be de-rated as operating temperatures increase. Normally, we are referring to the fluid passing through the system, but in this case, we are also talking about the exterior environment. Once plastic pipe, valves and fittings are in a box and / or down hole, away from direct sunlight, they will be closer to ambient, so they can function at their rated pressure.

PVC & CPVC Valves and piping components exposed to direct sunlight can reach temperatures of up to 140 deg F. PVC is fully de-rated for pressure at 140 deg, and can start to mal-form when pressurized. So these components may be damaged and unusable after reaching this rate of heat.

**Avoid storing valves in direct sunlight or very hot areas.**

**Avoid leaving valves exposed to sunlight in open trenches**

**Allow valves, pipe and fittings to cool and settle before pressurizing them with water.**

**Re-check the tightness of the union nuts prior to pressurizing the system.**

These recommendations apply to any thermoplastic pipe, valves & fittings (PVC, or HDPE).

**FOR BURIED APPLICATIONS:** Valves should be installed such that the center-line of the pipe is a minimum of 18" below grade. We recommend a double valve box, allowing access to the union nuts to facilitate simple future maintenance or repair.