Unique Valve Seat Design

Metal Seat



The Flowseal metal-to-metal seat high performance butterfly valve incorporates an Inconel seat for higher tensile strength, a 300 series stainless steel back-up ring in the seat cavity for axial seat support, and a disc that is case hardened by nitriding.

The Inconel seat, by its dynamic and flexible design, applies enough force per linear inch against the disc edge

(Rockwell Hardness of C66 to C70) to obtain an optimum sealing characteristic while controlling the loads between the metal surfaces.

The Flowseal metal-to-metal seat valve is utilized for temperatures up to 900°F, in compliance with ASME B16.34 pressure/temperature specifications. Leakage is rated at Class IV per ASME FCI 70-2.



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Principle of Seat Sealing

PRINCIPLE OF METAL SEATING

Metal-to-metal sealing is accomplished by the "line contact" between a spherical surface and conical surface. Figure 1 illustrates a typical globe control valve seat and plug. The plug seating surface is the segment of a sphere; when engaged against the seat ring, a line contact seal is achieved.

In a metal seat design, it is necessary to apply enough force per linear inch to maintain a tight metal-to-metal contact between the sealing members; however, high linear thrust can cause a collapse of the seating members ("bearing failure").

Figure 1

DISC CLOSED, Self-Energized Seal

In Figure 2, the Flowseal disc and seat are engaged, and the process fluid is under low pressure. The spherical edge of the disc, with a larger diameter than the conical seat tongue, imparts a thrust of approximately 600 pounds per linear inch against the seat. The mechanical properties and shape of the Inconel seat allow it to both flex and maintain a constant thrust against the disc.

This controlled loading prevents the occurrence of bearing failure and reduces the leakage and wear between the components.

DISC CLOSED, Pressure-Energized Seal (Seat Upstream)

As line pressure increases, the process fluid enters the sidewall area and applies a load against the parallel-spaced sidewall and convergent sidewall of the metal seat. The seat moves towards the downstream sidewall while being supported axially by the support ring, as shown in Figure 3. The cavity shape confines the seat movement and directs the movement radially inward towards the disc; the higher the line pressure, the tighter the line contact between the disc and seat. The Inconel seat, shaped by a special hydroforming process, is able to flex under these loads and return to its original shape after removal of the loads.

This dynamic seal, patented by Flowseal, is totally unique among high performance butterfly valves.

DISC CLOSED, Pressure-Energized Seal (Seat Downstream)

The Flowseal valve is bi-directional (in some instances, modifications may be required to operate this arrangement for dead end service). The cavity and seat sidewalls are symmetrically designed to permit, confine and direct movement of the seat to the disc to dynamically seal with line pressure in the seat downstream direction, as in Figure 4. Recommended installation direction is "SUS" (seat upstream), as in Figure 3.

The stainless steel back-up ring interacts dynamically with the metal seat for axial support in seat sealing. Additionally, this ring effectively restricts corrosion and particulate build-up in the cavity.





Valve Components

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PRESSURE/TEMPERATURE RATINGS

As temperature increases, the pressure retaining capability of materials decreases. The graph below illustrates the pressure/temperature ratings of the Flowseal ASME Class 150, Class 300 and Class 600.

The heavy lines define the ratings of the carbon steel and stainless steel valve body (or "shell") in conformance to ASME B16.34. The shaded areas define the ratings of the metal seat.

Seat ratings are based on differential pressure with the disc in the fully closed position.



ASME B16.34 Body and Flowseal Metal Seat Pressure - Temperature Ratings



Dimensions

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VALVE	WAFER	LUG																WEIGHT	(LBS.)
SIZE	A *	A**	В	с	D	E	F	G	н	J	K*	L*	M**	N**	Р	R	S	WAFER	LUG
2"	10.59	10.59	7.59	1.75	1.06	1.72	3.34	.88	.500	3/16	_	_	5⁄8–11	4	4.750	2.25	3⁄8–16	8	11
2.5"	10.30	10.30	7.59	1.88	1.09	2.09	3.34	.88	.500	3/16	_	_	5⁄8–11	4	5.500	2.25	3⁄8–16	8	11
3"	11.60	11.98	8.60	1.92	1.20	2.75	3.60	1.19	.625	3/16	-	_	5⁄8–11	4	6.000	2.25	3⁄8–16	11	13
3.5"	11.97	11.97	8.72	2.05	1.30	3.19	3.60	1.19	.625	3/16	-	_	5⁄8–11	8	7.000	2.25	3⁄8–16	14	17
4"	12.92	13.55	9.42	2.13	1.26	3.62	3.67	1.19	.625	3/16	-	_	5⁄8–11	8	7.500	2.25	3⁄8–16	17	25
5"	14.53	15.16	10.28	2.25	1.34	4.55	3.81	1.25	.750	1/4	-	_	3⁄4–10	8	8.500	2.25	3⁄8–16	20	30
6"	15.69	15.93	10.81	2.29	1.38	5.55	3.81	1.25	.750	1/4	_	_	3⁄4–10	8	9.500	2.25	3⁄8–16	30	35
8"	17.81	17.94	11.93	2.50	1.49	7.28	3.80	1.25	1.000	3/8	_	_	3⁄4–10	8	11.750	2.25	3⁄8–16	44	48
10"	19.85	20.85	12.97	2.81	1.70	9.20	4.09	1.50	1.250	3/8	_	2	7/8–9	12	14.250	3.25	3⁄8–16	71	91
12"	24.96	24.96	15.46	3.23	1.86	11.15	4.83	2.25	1.500	3/8	_	2	7/8–9	12	17.000	3.25	3⁄8–16	110	127
14"	27.14	27.14	16.07	3.62	2.19	12.76	4.82	2.25	1.500	3/8	_	4	1–8	12	18.750	3.25	3⁄8–16	135	183
16"	31.66	31.66	19.61	4.00	2.31	14.58	6.92	2.50	1.750	1/2	_	4	1–8	16	21.250	4.25	1⁄2–13	182	250
18"	34.53	34.53	21.35	4.50	2.45	16.38	7.35	3.25	2.000	1/2	_	4	1-1/8-8	16	22.750	4.25	1⁄2–13	234	305
20"	36.70	36.70	22.76	5.00	2.94	18.38	7.63	3.00	2.250	3/4	1-1/8-8	4	1-1/8-8	20	25.000	5.00	3⁄4–10	320	414
24"	41.57	41.57	25.13	6.06	3.12	21.88	7.88	3.25	2.500	3/4	1-1/4-8	4	1-1/4-8	20	29.500	5.00	3⁄4–10	505	702
30"	52.08	52.08	29.35	6.75	3.53	28.00	8.73	4.50	3.000	3/4	1-1/4-8	4	1-1/4-8	28	36.000	5.00	3⁄4–10	925	1130
36"	64.75	64.75	32.64	8.38	4.34	33.66	8.14	3.50	3.750	1	1-1/2-8	4	1-1/2-8	32	42.750	7.00	1–8	1630	1890



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Dimensions

ASME Class 300

VALVE	WAFER	LUG																WEIGHT	(LBS.)
SIZE	A *	A**	В	с	D	Е	F	G	н	J	К*	L*	M**	N**	Р	R	s	WAFER	LUG
2"	10.59	10.59	7.59	1.75	1.06	1.72	3.34	.88	.500	3/16	-	-	5/8-11	8	5.000	2.25	3/8-16	8	11
2.5"	10.30	10.30	7.59	1.88	1.09	2.09	3.34	.88	.500	3/16	-	_	3/4-10	8	5.880	2.25	3/8-16	8	11
3"	11.60	11.98	8.60	1.92	1.20	2.75	3.60	1.19	.625	3/16	-	-	3⁄4–10	8	6.625	2.25	3⁄8–16	12	17
3.5"	11.97	11.97	8.72	2.05	1.30	3.19	3.60	1.19	.625	3/16	-	-	3/4-10	8	7.250	2.25	3/8-16	14	19
4"	12.92	13.54	9.42	2.13	1.25	3.62	3.67	1.19	.625	3/16	-	_	3⁄4–10	8	7.875	2.25	3⁄8–16	17	24
5"	14.53	15.16	10.28	2.25	1.34	4.55	3.81	1.25	.750	1/4	-	-	3/4-10	8	9.250	2.25	3/8-16	20	30
6"	15.93	16.31	10.81	2.29	1.38	5.55	3.81	1.25	1.000	3/8	-	-	3⁄4–10	12	10.625	2.25	3⁄8–16	30	49
8"	18.10	19.50	12.22	2.88	1.54	7.06	4.08	1.50	1.250	3/8	-	-	7/8–9	12	13.000	3.25	3⁄8–16	52	80
10"	21.60	22.10	14.22	3.25	1.70	9.00	4.84	2.25	1.500	3/8	1–8	2	1–8	16	15.250	3.25	3⁄8–16	88	115
12"	28.40	28.40	17.90	3.62	1.86	10.72	6.90	2.50	1.750	1/2	1-1/8-8	4	1-1/8-8	16	17.750	4.25	1/2-13	153	199
14"	34.31	34.31	19.74	4.62	2.48	12.08	7.36	3.25	2.000	1/2	1-1/8-8	4	1-1/8-8	20	20.250	4.25	1⁄2–13	285	324
16"	38.14	38.14	21.82	5.25	2.59	13.72	7.82	3.00	2.250	3/4	1-1/4-8	4	1-1/4-8	20	22.500	5.00	3⁄4–10	336	401
18"	40.26	40.26	23.00	5.88	3.03	15.56	7.87	3.25	2.500	3/4	1-1/4-8	4	1-1/4-8	24	24.750	5.00	3⁄4–10	393	517
20"	43.62	43.62	25.13	6.31	3.24	17.22	8.74	4.50	3.000	3/4	1-1/4-8	4	1-1/4-8	24	27.000	5.00	3⁄4–10	510	735
24"	49.94	49.94	28.27	7.19	3.62	20.61	8.89	4.00	3.500	1	1-1/2-8	4	1-1/2-8	24	32.000	7.00	1–8	733	1020
30"	62.40	62.40	31.90	8.88	4.39	27.25	9.02	5.00	4.500	1	1-3⁄4–8	4	1-3⁄4–8	28	39.250	7.00	1–8	1745	2145

ASME Class 600

Contact Factory for availability and dimensions.

NOTES:

1. General

- a. Standard valves tested to MSS SP-61 and ASME/FCI 70-2, Class IV. API 598 testing available on request.
- b. Dimensions shown are for reference only. Certified drawings available on application.

2. For 2" through 24" sizes:

- a. Face-to-face dimensions (C) meet, within specified tolerance, MSS SP-68 and API 609 requirements.
- b. Valves are designed for installation between ASME B16.5 flanges.

3. For 30" through 48" sizes:

a. Valves are designed for installation between MSS SP-44 flanges.



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STANDARD MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION

Carbon Steel Construction

COMPONENTS	–20 °F to 500 °F	501 °F to 750 °F	751 °F to 800 °F
	171MTG CONSTRUCTION	171MGB CONSTRUCTION	172MGS CONSTRUCTION
BODY	Carbon Steel	Carbon Steel	Carbon Steel
	A216 Gr WCB, or A105	A216 Gr WCB, or A105	A216 Gr WCB, or A105
DISC	316 Stainless Steel	316 Stainless Steel	316 Stainless Steel
	A351 CF8M, or A182 F316	A351 CF8M, or A182 F316	A351 CF8M, or A182 F316
	Nitrided	Nitrided	Nitrided
SHAFT & PINS	17-4 PH Stainless Steel	17-4 PH Stainless Steel	316 Stainless Steel*
	A564 Gr 630	A564 Gr 630	A479 Gr 316
SEAT	Inconel	Inconel	Inconel
PACKING	PTFE	Graphite	Graphite
BEARINGS	Glass-Backed PTFE	Bronze	316 Stainless Steel Nitrided

Stainless Steel Construction

COMPONENTS	–100 °F to 500 °F	501 °F to 750 °F	751 °F to 900 °F
	271MTG CONSTRUCTION	271MGB CONSTRUCTION	272MGS CONSTRUCTION
BODY	316 Stainless Steel	316 Stainless Steel	316 Stainless Steel
	A351 CF8M. or A182 F316	A351 CF8M, or A182 F316	A351 CF8M. or A182 F316
DISC	316 Stainless Steel	316 Stainless Steel	316 Stainless Steel
	A351 CF8M, or A182 F316	A351 CF8M, or A182 F316	A351 CF8M, or A182 F316
	Nitrided	Nitrided	Nitrided
SHAFT & PINS	17-4 PH Stainless Steel	17-4 PH Stainless Steel	316 Stainless Steel*
	A564 Gr 630	A564 Gr 630	A479 Gr 316
SEAT	Inconel	Inconel	Inconel
PACKING	PTFE	Graphite	Graphite
BEARINGS	Glass-Backed PTFE	Bronze	316 Stainless Steel Nitrided

* Shaft materials other than 17-4 PH or Monel will affect working pressure ratings. Please consult factory.



Ordering Information

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