THREADED VACUUM BREAKER VALVE Val-Matic® Specification

1 Scope

- 1.1 This specification covers the design, manufacture, and testing of 1/2 in. (13 mm) through 3 in. (80 mm) Vacuum Breakers suitable for pressures up to 300 psig (2070 kPa) water service.
- **1.2** The Vacuum Breaker shall be of the threaded style high flow type with rapid opening to automatically admit large quantities of air to enter a system on negative pressure. An optional Air Release Valve can be directly piped to relieve air under positive pressures.

2 Standards, Approvals and Verification

- **2.1** The valves used in potable water service shall be certified to NSF/ANSI 61 Drinking Water System Components Health Effects, and certified to be Lead-Free in accordance with NSF/ANSI 61, Annex G.
- 2.2 Manufacturer shall have a quality management system that is certified to ISO 9001 by an accredited, certifying body.

3 Connections

- **3.1** The valves shall have full size NPT inlets and outlets equal to the nominal valve size. The body inlet connection shall be hexagonal for a wrench connection.
- 3.2 The valve shall have two additional NPT connections for the addition of Air Release Valves, gauges, testing, and draining.

4 Design

- **4.1** The valve body shall provide a through flow area equal to the nominal valve size. A bolted cover with alloy screws and flat gasket shall be provided to allow for maintenance and repair.
- **4.2** The floats shall be unconditionally guaranteed against failure including pressure surges. The float shall have a hexagonal guide shaft supported in the body by circular bushings to prevent binding from debris. The float shall be protected against direct water impact by an internal baffle.
- **4.3** The resilient seat shall provide drop tight shut off to the full valve pressure rating. The seat shall be a minimum of .5 in. (12 mm) thick on 2 in. (50 mm) and larger valves and secured in such a manner as to prevent distortion.

5 Materials

- **5.1** The valve body, cover, and baffle shall be constructed of ASTM A126 Class B cast iron.
- **5.2** The float, guide shafts, and bushings shall be constructed of Type 316 stainless steel. Non-metallic guides and bushings are not acceptable. Resilient seats shall be Buna-N.

6 Options

- **6.1** A stainless steel screened hood shall be provided when specified for outdoor installations.
- 6.2 Optional body materials include ASTM A536 Grade 65-45-12 ductile iron and ASTM A351 Grade CF8M stainless steel.
- **6.3** An optional threaded hood with screen shall be furnished when specified.
- 6.4 An optional isolation valve shall be furnished when specified. The isolation valve shall be a fully-ported brass ball valve.

7 Manufacture

- **7.1** Manufacturer shall demonstrate a minimum of five (5) years experience in the manufacture of air valves. When requested, the manufacturer shall provide test certificates, dimensional drawings, parts list drawings, and operation and maintenance manuals.
- **7.2** The exterior of the valve shall be coated with a universal alkyd primer.
- **7.3** The Vacuum Breakers shall be Series #100VB as manufactured by Val-Matic[®] Valve & Mfg. Corporation, Elmhurst, IL, USA or approved equal.

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