# Colt<sup>™</sup> Series C200a/C300a



# Double Check Valve Assemblies

# Double Check Detector Assemblies

Sizes: 21/2" - 6" (65-150mm)

- Installation
- Service
- Repair Kits
- Maintenance

**Installation Note:** Due to shipping, storage, and general handling, the Victaulic Coupling for the shutoff valves may have loosened and should be retightened during installation. For other repair kits and service parts, send for Ames Repair Parts Price List, PL-A-RP-BPD.

For technical assistance, contact your local Ames representative.

IMPORTANT: Inquire with governing authorities for local installation requirements.

NOTE: For Australia and New Zealand, line strainers should be installed between the upstream shutoff valve and the inlet of the backflow preventer.

Its important that this device be tested periodically in compliance with local codes, but at least once per year or more as service conditions warrant. If installed on a fire sprinkler system, all mechanical checks, such as alarm checks and backflow preventers, should be flow tested and inspected internally in accordance with NFPA 13 and NFPA 25.

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# **Basic Installation Instructions**

# Guidelines

Most field problems occur because dirt and debris present in the system at the time of installation becomes trapped in the check valves. **The system should be flushed before the valve is installed.** If the system is not flushed until after the valve is installed, remove both check modules from the valve and open the inlet shutoff to allow water to flow for a sufficient time to flush debris from the water line. If debris in the water system continues to cause fouling, a strainer can be installed upstream of the backflow assembly.

The Series C200a/C300a may be installed in either horizontal or vertical position as long as the backflow assembly is installed in accordance with the direction of the flow arrow on the assembly and the local water authority approves the installation. The assembly should be installed with adequate clearance around the valve to allow for inspection, testing and servicing. 12" (305mm) should be the minimum clearance between the lower portion of the assembly and the floor or grade.



Horizontal Installation



# **Maintenance Instructions**



## Instructions

Prior to servicing any Ames valve, it is mandatory to shut down the water system by closing both the inlet and outlet shutoff valves. After shutoff valves are closed, open test cock #2, #3 & #4 to relieve pressure within the backflow assembly.

- 1. After #3 test cock has been opened to relieve pressure, remove #3 test cock from housing. (Figure A)
- 2. Slowly slide the cover sleeve to the downstream side of the housing. (Figure B)
- 3. Remove the stainless steel check retainer from the housing. (Figure B)
- 4. Remove the #1 check module (Figure C) by inserting two flat blade screwdrivers into the slots on either side of the check module and gently pry to check module toward the open zone.
- 5. Remove #2 check module with the same instructions as in #4 above.

- To clean or inspect either check module, insert a #3 screwdriver through the downstream side of the check module as shown in Figure D & E. When the screwdriver is in place, remove the "E"-clip (Figure F) and pin connecting the structural members and the check clapper will open with no tension.
- 7. Thoroughly clean the seating area. The sealing disc may be removed, if necessary, by removing the screws connecting the keeper plate to the clapper. The sealing disc may be reversed and reinstalled if the elastomer is cut or damaged.
- 8. Wash check module and O-ring and inspect for any damage. If damaged, reinstall new parts.
- After thorough cleaning, lubricate O-ring w/FDA approved lubricant, replace pin and "E"-clip in structural members, remove screw driver and reinstall check modules and assemble housing in reverse order of these instructions.

## Test Check Valve No. 1

- Step 1: Ensure shutoff #1 is open, shutoff #2 is closed.
- Step 2: Connect high side hose to test cock #3, low side to test cock #2 and open both test cock #2 and test cock #3.
- Step 3: Open valve C, then open A to bleed air from the high side. Close valve A, then open B to bleed low side. Close valve B.
- Step 4: Connect vent hose loosely to test cock# 1. Open valve A to vent air from vent hose, Tighten vent hose at test cock #1, open test cock #1.
- Step 5: Close shutoff #1. Slowly loosen hose at test cock #2 until differential gauge rises to 2 pre-tighten hose. If the differential reading does not decrease, record check valves as "tight".

## Test Check Valve No. 2

- Step 1: Move the high side hose to test cock #4, low side to test cock #3 and open both test cock #3 and test cock #4. Remove vent hose from test cock #1, open shutoff #1.
- Step 2: Open valve C, then open valve A to bleed air from the high side. Close valve A, then open valve B to bleed low side. Close valve B.
- Step 3: Connect vent hose loosely to test cock #1. Open valve A to vent air from the vent hose, Tighten vent hose at test cock #1, open test cock #1.
- Step 4: Close shutoff #1, and then slowly loosen hose at test cock #3 until differential gauge rises to 2psi and retighten hose. If the differential reading does not decrease, record check as tight. Remove all hoses and restore valve to original working condition.

Note: The assembly will fail both the first and second check valve tests above, if shutoff #2 leaks excessively. To test for a leaky #2 shutoff, use the following procedure.

## Test for Leaky No. 2 shutoff

- Step 1: Connect the high side to test cock #1, low side to test cock #4. Open test cock #1 and test cock #4. Close shutoffs #1 and #2.
- Step 2: Close valve C. Open valve A, then open valve B 1.2 turn, loosen hose at test cock #4 to remove air. Retighten hose.
- Step 3: If the differential gauge rises above 0, there is excessive leakage at shutoff #2 and it must be replaced to test the assembly.





2. Second Check Module

ITEM NO.	PART DESCRIPTION	<b>2</b> <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	3"	4"	6"	
1	FIRST CHECK MODULE (a)	7018387	7018387	7018387	7018389	
2	SECOND CHECK MODULE (a)	7018388	7018388	7018388	7018390	
3	CHECK MODULE O-RING	7017861	7017861	7017861	7017910	
4	ELASTOMER SHUTOFF DISC	7018329	7018329	7018329	7018330	
5	grooved Clevis Pin Kit (Contains: "E" Clip & Clevis Pin) 5 Per Pack	7018126	7018126	7018126	7018127	
6	CLOSURE SLEEVE TEST-COCK WITH O-RING	7018152	7018152	7018152	7018153	
7	CLOSURE SLEEVE	7017880	7017880	7017880	7017882	
8	SLEEVE O-RING (2 REQ'D)	7017896	7017896	7017896	7017921	
NS	CHECK REPAIR KIT (CONTAINS: O-RING, SHUTOFF DISC & "E" CLIP)	7018391	7018391	7018391	7018392	
NS	TEST COCK, .50 FPT X FPT WITH NIPPLE	7018394	7018394	7018394	N/A	
NS	TEST COCK, .75 FPT X FPT WITH NIPPLE	N/A	N/A	N/A	7018395	
NS	"E" CLIP	7017870	7017870	7017870	7017821	
NS	GROOVE COUPLER	7017994	7017995	7018147	7018148	
NS	O-RING, #3 TEST COCK	7017897	7017897	7017897	7017897	
NS	STAINLESS STEEL CHECK RETAINER	7018408	7018408	7018408	7018409	





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