

Section 02521

GATE VALVES

PART 1 GENERAL

1.01 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Gate valves.

1.02 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

- A. Unit Prices.

1. No separate payment will be made for gate valves 20 inches in diameter and smaller under this Section. Include payment in unit price for water lines.
2. Payment for gate valves 24 inches to 36 inches in diameter is on a unit price basis. Unit price includes cost of required box for gate valves.
3. Payment for 2-inch blow-off valve with box is on a unit price basis for each installation.
4. Refer to Section 01270 - Measurement and Payment for unit price procedures.

- B. Stipulated Price (Lump Sum). If Contract is Stipulated Price Contract, payment for work in this Section is included in total Stipulated Price.

1.03 REFERENCES

- A. ASTM A 307 - Standard Specification for Carbon Steel Bolts and Studs, 60,000 psi Tensile.
- B. ASTM B 62 - Standard Specification for Composition Bronze or Ounce Metal Casting.
- C. ASTM D 429 - Standard Test Methods for Rubber Property-Adhesion to Rigid Substrates.
- D. ASTM B 763 - Standard Specification for Copper Alloy Sand Casting for Valve Application.
- E. AWWA C 500 - Standard for Metal-Seated Gate Valves for Water Supply Service.
- F. AWWA C 509 - Standard for Resilient-Seated Gate Valves for Water Supply Service.
- G. AWWA C 515- Standard for Reduced Wall, Resilient- Seated Gate Valves for Water Supply Service.

- H. AWWA C 550 - Standard for Protective Epoxy Interior Coatings for Valves and Hydrants.

1.04 SUBMITTALS

- A. Conform to requirements of Section 01330 - Submittal Procedures.
- B. Submit manufacturer's product data for proposed valves for approval.
- 4. Provide detailed drawings of gearing mechanism for 20-inch and larger gate valves.

1.05 QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Submit manufacturer's affidavit that gate valves are manufactured in the United States and conform to stated requirements of AWWA C 500, AWWA C 509, AWWA C 515, and this Section, and that they have been satisfactorily tested in the United States in accordance with AWWA C 500, AWWA C 509, and AWWA C 515.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.01 MATERIALS

- A. Gate Valves: AWWA C 500, AWWA C 509, AWWA C 515 and additional requirements of this Section. Direct bury valves and those in subsurface vaults open clockwise; aboveground and plant valves open counterclockwise.
- B. If type of valve is not indicated on Drawings, use gate valves as line valves for sizes 20-inches and smaller. When type of valve is indicated, no substitute is allowed.
- C. Gate Valves 1-1/2 Inches in Diameter and Smaller: 125 psig; bronze; rising-stem; single-wedge; disc type; screwed ends; such as Crane No. 428, or approved equal.
- D. Coatings for Gate Valves 2 Inches and Larger: AWWA C 550; Indurall 3300 or approved equal, non-toxic, imparts no taste to water, functions as physical, chemical, and electrical barrier between base metal and surroundings, minimum 8-mil-thick, fusion-bonded epoxy. Prior to assembly of valve, apply protective coating to interior and exterior surfaces of body.
- E. Gate Valves 2 Inches in Diameter: Iron body, double gate, non-rising stem, 150-pound test, 2-inch square nut operating clockwise to open.
- F. Gate Valves 4 Inches to 12 Inches in Diameter: Non-directional, standard-wall resilient seated (AWWA C 509), parallel seat double disc (AWWA C 500), or reduced-wall resilient seated gate valves (AWWA C 515), 200 psig pressure rating, bronze mounting, push-on bell ends with rubber joint rings, and nut-operated unless otherwise specified. Provide standard-wall resilient seated valves manufactured by American Darling AFC-500, US Pipe Metroseal 200, or approved equal. Provide reduced-wall resilient seated valves manufactured by American Flow Control Series 2500, or approved equal. Provide double disc valves manufactured by

manufactured by American Darling 52, Clow F-6102, or approved equal. Comply with following requirements unless otherwise specified in Drawings:

1. Design: Fully encapsulated rubber wedge or rubber seat ring mechanically attached with minimum 304 stainless-steel fasteners or screws; threaded connection isolated from water by compressed rubber around opening.
 2. Body: Cast or ductile iron, flange bonnet and stuffing box together with ASTM A 307 Grade B bolts. Manufacturer's initials, pressure rating, and year manufactured shall be cast in body.
 3. Bronze: Valve components in waterway to contain not more than 15 percent zinc and not more than 2 percent aluminum.
 4. Stems: ASTM B 763 bronze, alloy number 995 minimum yield strength of 40,000 psi; minimum elongation in 2-inches of 12 percent, non-rising.
 5. O-rings: For AWWA C 500, Section 3.12.2. For AWWA C 509, Sections 2.2.6 and 4.8.2. For AWWA C 515, Section 4.2.2.5.
 6. Stem Seals Consist of three O-rings, two above and one below thrust collar with anti-friction washer located above thrust collar for operating torque.
 1. Stem Nut: Independent or integrally cast of ASTM B 62 bronze.
 2. Resilient Wedge: Molded, synthetic rubber, vulcanized and bonded to cast or ductile iron wedge or attached with 304 stainless steel screws tested to meet or exceed ASTM D 429 Method B; seat against epoxy-coated surface in valve body.
 3. Bolts: AWWA C 500 Section 3.4, AWWA C 509 Section 4.4 or AWWA C 515 Section 4.4.4; stainless steel; cadmium plated, or zinc coated.
- G. Gate Valves 14 to 24 inches in Diameter: AWWA C 500; parallel seat double disc, or AWWA C 515; reduced-wall, resilient seated gate valves; push-on bell ends with rubber rings and nut-operated unless otherwise specified. Provide reduced-wall resilient seated valves with 250 psig pressure rating and manufactured by American Flow Control Series 2500, or approved equal. Provide double disc valves with 150 psig pressure rating and manufactured by American Darling 52, Clow F-6102, or approved equal. Comply with following requirements unless otherwise specified on Drawings:
1. Body: Cast iron or ductile iron; flange together bonnet and stuffing box with ASTM A 307 Grade B bolts. Cast following into valve body manufacturers initials, pressure rating, and year manufactured. When horizontally mounted, equip valves greater in diameter than 12 inches with rollers, tracks, and scrapers.
 2. O-rings: For AWWA C 500, Section 3.12.2. For AWWA C 515, Section 4.2.2.5.

3. Stems: ASTM B 763 bronze, alloy number 995 minimum yield strength of 40,000 psi; minimum elongation in 2-inches of 12 percent, non-rising.
 4. Stem Nut: Machined from ASTM B 62 bronze rod with integral forged thrust collar machined to size; non-rising.
 5. Stem Seals: Consist of three O-rings, two above and one below thrust collar with anti-friction washer located above thrust collar for operating torque.
 6. Bolts: AWWA C 500 Section 3.4 or AWWA C 515 Section 4.4.4; stainless steel; cadmium plated, or zinc coated.
 7. Discs: Cast iron with bronze disc rings securely peened into machined dovetailed grooves.
 8. Wedging Device: Solid bronze or cast-iron, bronze-mounted wedges. Thin plates or shapes integrally cast into cast-iron surfaces are acceptable. Other moving surfaces integral to wedging action shall be bronze monel or nickel alloy-to-iron.
 9. Bronze Mounting: Built as integral unit mounted over, or supported on, cast-iron base and of sufficient dimensions to be structurally sound and adequate for imposed forces.
 10. Gear Cases: Cast iron; furnished on 18-inch and larger valves and of extended type with steel side plates, lubricated, gear case enclosed with oil seal or O-rings at shaft openings.
 11. Stuffing Boxes: Located on top of bonnet and outside gear case.
- H. Gate Valves 20 Inches and Larger: Provide AWWA C 515; reduced-wall, resilient seated gate valves. Furnish with spur or bevel gearing.
1. Mount valves horizontally if proper ground clearance cannot be achieved by normal vertical installation. For horizontally mounted gate valves, provide bevel operation gear mounted vertically for above ground operation.
 2. Provide resilient wedge type valves rated for 250 p.s.i.g.
 3. Use valve body, bonnet, wedge, and operator nut constructed of ductile iron. Fully encapsulate exterior of ductile iron wedge with rubber.
 4. Ensure wedge is symmetrical and seals equally well with flow in either direction.
 5. Provide ductile iron operator nut with four flats at stem connection to apply even input torque to the stem.

6. Provide high strength bronze stem and nut.
7. Provide pressure O-rings as gaskets.
8. Provide stem sealed by three O-rings. Top two O-rings are to be replaceable with valve fully open at full rated working pressure.
9. Provide thrust washers to the thrust collar for easy valve operation.
- I. Valves 4 Inches through 12 Inches for Installation in Vertical Pipe Lines: Double disc, square bottom.
- J. Valves 14 Inches and Larger for Installation in Horizontal Pipe Lines: Equipped with bronze shoes and slides.
- K. Gate Valves Installed at Greater than 4-foot Depth: Provide non-rising, extension stem having coupling sufficient to attach securely to operating nut of valve. Upper end of extension stem shall terminate in square wrench nut no deeper than 4 feet from finished grade. Support extension stem with an arm attached to wall of manhole or structure that loosely holds extension stem and allows rotation in the axial direction only.
- L. Gate Valves in Factory Mutual (Fire Service) Type Meter Installations: Conform to provisions of this specification; outside screw and yoke valves; carry label of Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.; flanged, Class 125; clockwise to close.
13. Gate Valves for Tapping Steel Pipe: Provide double disc gate valve. Resilient wedge gate valve not permitted unless otherwise approved by City Engineer.
14. Provide flanged joints when valve is connected to steel or PCCP.

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.01 INSTALLATION

- A. Earthwork. Conform to applicable provisions of Section 02317 - Excavation and Backfilling for Utilities.
- B. Operation. Do not use valves for throttling without prior approval of manufacturer.

3.02 SETTING VALVES AND VALVE BOXES

- A. Remove foreign matter from within valves prior to installation. Inspect valves in open and closed positions to verify that parts are in satisfactory working condition.
- B. Install valves and valve boxes where shown on Drawings. Set valves plumb and as detailed. Center valve boxes on valves. Carefully tamp earth around each valve box for minimum radius of 4 feet, or to undisturbed trench face when less than 4 feet. Install valves completely closed when placed in water line.
- C. For pipe section of each riser, use only 6- inch, ductile iron Class 51, or DR18 PVC pipe cut to proper length. Riser must be installed to allow complete access for operation of valve. Assemble and brace box in vertical position as indicated on Drawings.

3.03 DISINFECTION AND TESTING

- A. Assist City Engineer with disinfection of valves and appurtenances as required by Section 02514 - Disinfection of Water Lines and test as required by Section 02515 - Hydrostatic Testing of Pipelines.
- B. Double-Disc Gate Valves: Apply hydrostatic test pressure equal to twice rated working pressure of valve between discs. Valve shall show no leakage through metal, flanged joints, or stem seals. Test at rated working pressure, applied between discs. Valve shall show no leakage through metal, flanged joints, or stem seals. Do not exceed leakage rate of 1 oz/hr/inch of nominal valve size.
- C. Solid-Wedge Gate Valves: Apply hydrostatic pressure equal to twice rated working pressure of valve with both ends bulkheaded and gate open. Valve shall show no leakage through metal, flanged joints, or stem seals. Test at rated working pressure, applied through bulkheads alternately to each side of closed gate with opposite side open for inspection. Valve shall show no leakage through metal, flanged joints, or stem-seals. Do not exceed leakage rate of 1 oz/hr/inch of nominal valve size.
- D. Repair or replace valves which exceed leakage rate.

3.04 PAINTING OF VALVES

- A. Paint valves in vaults, stations, and above ground using ACRO Paint No. 2215, or approved equal.

END OF SECTION