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# **ISOLATED METER INSTALLATIONS**

Isolated meter installations (where meter is located away from the structure) require the construction of a special stabilizing pipe. Place a minimum 3" diameter pipe into a concrete footing measuring no less than 12"x12"x12". Then secure the Little Firefighter® GV-12 Stabilizer bracket to the 3" pipe and the shut-off valve to the GV-12. Shut-off valves must be accessible for reset.



# IN GROUND VAULT INSTALLATIONS



Do not install Little Firefighter<sup>®</sup> Earthquake Valves in Gas Company vault without approval from the utility. Install and brace Earthquake Valve in a separate vault as shown. Make sure to leave clearance on one side of the valve to allow reset. Level Normally.



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# Instructions for Little Firefighter® AGV-Series

Earthquake Actuated Automatic Gas Shut-Off Valves 20060124-AGV

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Important Warranty Information Do not hold valve with pipe wrenches, channel locks, vise grips or pliers. Damage or scaring of the valve body will result. Use only smooth surface wrenches like crescent wrench or an open ended wrench to install valve. All warranty rights are null and void if the valve body is damaged by improper installation. Version Versio

"For Little Firefighter's Limited Warranty and Remedies see enclosed page."

**Warning:** The Manually Reset Earthquake Shut-off, AGV Series, Valve, must be installed by a qualified installer in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. Properly installed seismic gas shut-off valves will not be activated accidentally by equipment, vehicles or industrial vibrations. If improperly installed, failure to function as intended or unwarranted interruption of gas service could result. The AGV Series Valve has been tested and approved in accordance with State of California Standard 12-23-1 and ASCE 25-97 Requirements.

## INSTALLATION CLEARANCES

Screwdriver access shall be provided to the front and top of the valve. Allow enough clearance on the top of the valve to view status of the valve.

## **INSTALLATION: GAS SHUT-OFF**

Qualified personal should install the valve. Some cities require submitting a plan to obtain a plumbing permit. Work must be in compliance with local codes, and/or Uniform Plumbing Code.

## After an Earthquake or Resetting the valve

#### AFTER AN EARTHQUAKE

Wear shoes; expect broken glass. Check for safety of family members. Inspect for: Smell of gas in house. Overturned gas water heaters and appliances and damaged exhaust vents. If any of the above have occurred, or if gas was shut off automatically, shut off the main meter valve. Have a qualified person re-light gas after inspection.

## **RESET INFORMATION FOR QUALIFIED PERSONS**

BEFORE RESETTING TURN OFF GAS FLOW AT INLET VALVE AND WAIT 5 MIN TO ALLOW GAS PRESSURE ON THE VALVE TO REDUCE. IF INSTALLED ON A HIGH PRESSURE LINE, BLEED OFF EXCESS PRESSURE BEFORE ATTEMPTING RESET. AFTER PRESSURE HAS BEEN REDUCED, TURN RESET SHAFT IN THE DIRECTION INDICATED. IF IT IS HARD TO TURN WAIT LONGER FOR THE PRESSURE TO REDUCE BEFORE RESETTING. FORCING THE RESET SHAFT COULD DAMAGE THE VALVE AND VOID YOUR WARRANTY.



APPROVED GASES Natural Gas or Propane.

## TEMPERATURE

This device operates properly from -20°F to 150°F.

## AGV Series Valve OPERATIONAL TEST

Qualified personnel should perform a functional test every five (5) years as follows: Remove the screws and the sensor cover off of the top of the valve cover. Tip the sensor inside, this triggers the valve. To make sure that the valve closed, look in the sight glass: Red = Closed. Replace the sensor, cover, and screws. Check that pilot lights go out. To reset valve: Close wrench-operated meter inlet valve. After waiting five minutes, reset the valve by turning the "reset" shaft with a screwdriver 1/8 turn (45°) in the direction indicated. The slot on the reset shaft should spring back to its original, vertical, position when the screwdriver is removed. Look in the sight glass: Green = Open. Turn the wrench-operated meter inlet valve back on. Re-light pilot lights according to manufacturers instructions.

FLOW CAPACITY				
AND PRESSURE DROP				

	Flow at 0.5"	Flow at 1.0"
Valve Model	w. c. Pressure	w. c. Pressure
	Drop (btu/hr)	Drop (btu/hr)
AGV-75	692,000	977,000
AGV-100	1,153,000	1,628,000
AGV-125	1,889,000	2,677,000
AGV-150	4,079,000	5,759,000
AGV-200	4,079,000	5,759,000

# AGV-SERIES VALVE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR QUALIFIED INSTALLERS



1. Before Starting, check to insure the 2. After notifying all occupants of affected 3. Remove the union from the house meter is functioning properly by wetting structure that the gas will be shut off side of the meter with a pipe wrench and of the gas meter. Turn on a gas the gas in the house is off with the wet appliance and observe the motion of the paper method from step #1, and then turn hand after five (5) minutes. Notify the the wrench operated meter inlet valve off. Gas Company if the meter is bypassed Do not tamper with the meter, or the pipe or defective.

a piece of paper and pasting it over the during the installation, shutoff all detach the union & tee from the pipe centerline of the hand of the 1/2-foot dial appliances and pilot light valves. Verify nipple. leading to the meter.



length of the pipe nipple.

leading to the house. Measure the on each end of the valve so that the compound to the nipples before ending length will be equal to the pipe permanently attaching to the Little nipple removed in step 4.

Firefighter Gas Shut-Off Valve. Do not use plumber's tape, as pieces of the tape may break off and clog or damage the valve. MAKE SURE THAT NO JOINT COMPOUND GETS INSIDE OF THE VALVE BODY.



pipe leading to the house. MAKE SURE Tighten all fittings securely with the valve VALVE INSTALLATION IS ESSENTIAL TO INSTALL THE VALVE WITH THE remaining level to the eve. SIGHT GLASS VISIBLE AND FLOW ARROW POINTS IN THE CORRECT DIRECTION. Flow arrows are printed on the valve for your convenience. After installation the arrow must point in the direction of gas flow. Use a crescent or open ended wrench. DO NOT USE A PIPE WRENCH ON THE VALVE. IT WILL RESULT IN DAMAGE

THAT WILL VOID YOUR WARRANTY.

TO AVOID NUISANCE TRIPPING. TO STOP EXCESSIVE VIBRATION AND TO COMPLY WITH CODES, BRACE THE VALVE WITH THE LITTLE FIREFIGHTER GV-12 STABILIZER BRACKET.



10. To achieve proper stabilization the 11. To use the 3/8" lag screws, drill two 12. To use the ALLIGATOR anchors: as close to the valve as possible.

valve must be secured rigidly to the 1/4" holes into the wall where the GV- Drill two 3/8" holes at least 3-1/2" deep building structure with the Little 12 will be mounted. THE HOLES MUST into the wall. Insert the ALLIGATOR Firefighter GV-12 Stabilizer Bracket. BE INTO A STUD TO USE THE 3/8" anchors into the holes. The anchors Placement of the GV-12 should be LAGS ALONE. If studs are not available can be used in brick, thick stucco, between the gas meter and valve, and - use the included A10 Alligator Anchors. cinder block, etc.

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13. Position GV-12 over holes or 14. Install the "U" bolt around the pipe 15. To level the valve: Place a level anchors. Screw in the 3/8" lag screws. A close to the valve. Place the washers on the top of the valve. The Valve must combination of lag screw and wall anchor between the nuts and bracket and at be level to within two (2) degrees (1/2" may be used.

this point hand tighten the nuts on the to either side of plumb per 14" down). "U" bolt.

While positioning the valve level, tighten the GV-12 Stabilizer Bracket. Repeat the process until all sides are level within 2 degrees.



valve is closed by looking through sight place it on the centerline of the 1/2 foot the wrench operated meter inlet valve glass window. If you see red, it is closed, flash light where needed.

lb. Dial. Open the wrench operated so that gas pressure on the valve can if you can see green it is open. Use a meter inlet valve on the gas line. If the be reduced. Wait approximately 5 dial does not change within 5 minutes, minutes. Slowly turn the "reset" shaft your installation is air tight up to the on the valve 1/8 turn in the direction valve. Check the valve and all fittings indicated. Remove screwdriver from for leaks by brushing with soapy water slot, the slot in the shaft will and then watch for bubbles.

automatically rotate back to it's original position. Look in the sight glass window. If you see green the valve is reset and in the open position.

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19. Once again open the wrench operated meter inlet valve on the gas line. Check for gas leaks on the other side of the valve with soapy water and the wet paper method. Bleed air out of gas line and light pilot lights according to the manufacturer's instructions. Bleeding air from lines sometimes takes up to 15 minutes.

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