

Installation Instructions

662 & 663 Tapping Sleeve

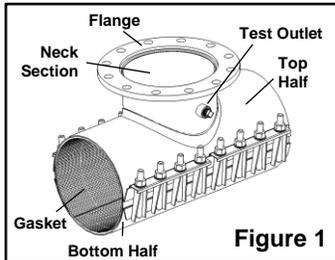


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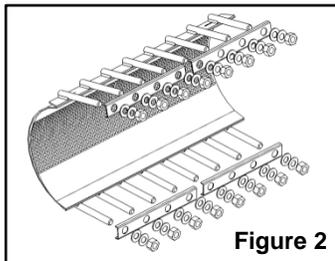


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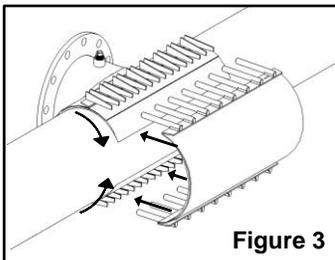


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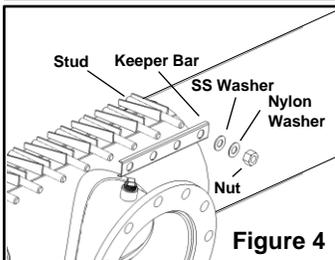


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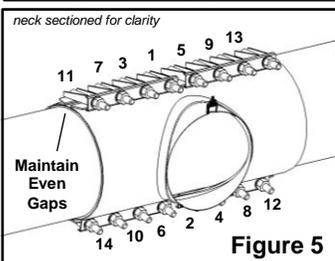


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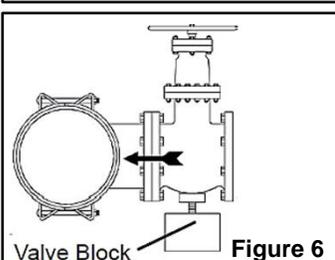


Figure 6

STEP 1

Inspect the shipment to ensure no damage has occurred during transit or storage and no hardware is missing. Ensure the tapping sleeve is the proper type, tap size, and correct pipe size range for the installation prior to beginning.

STEP 2

Clean the pipe surface thoroughly, particularly in the area where the gasket will seat. Remove any scale, dirt, or debris that could affect the gasket seal.

STEP 3

Check the pipe outside diameter where the tapping sleeve will be installed to ensure that the appropriate tapping sleeve is being used.

NOTE: Pipe must be round in the area where the tapping sleeve will be installed (See Roundness Table).

ROUNDNESS	
Pipe Size	Tolerance
4" thru 24"	± .06"
30" thru 48"	± .12"
above 48"	± .19"

STEP 4

Remove the nuts, washers, and keeper bars, then the bottom half of the tapping sleeve (See Figure 2).

STEP 5

Lubricate the pipe and gasket with a non-detergent soap solution. Ensure the lubricant does not freeze.

STEP 6

Mount the sleeve halves on the pipe with the test outlet accessible and the flanged portion of the sleeve facing the connecting pipe. Do not slide or rotate the tapping sleeve. Ensure the gasket flaps are tucked in, to form a uniform gasket profile around the pipe (See Figure 3). For three-piece tapping sleeves, assemble the two bottom segments with a 1½" gap between the lug bars. Treat the bottom assembly as one piece, and install similar to the two-piece design.

STEP 7

Install the keeper bars, stainless steel washers, and nylon washers, then hand tighten the nuts while maintaining equal gaps between the sleeve halves (See Figure 4).

STEP 8

Tighten the nuts starting from the center outward, alternating from side to side, to create uniform spacing between the sleeve halves (See Figure 5). Continue to tighten the nuts until the sleeve halves form to the contour of the pipe, and all nuts are tightened to the required torque of **90 ft-lbs**. For three-piece tapping sleeves, alternate between all three sets of nuts equally. Use of a calibrated torque wrench is recommended.

STEP 9

Proper blocking of the valve and/or tapping equipment is required. Improper blocking will cause the sleeve to pull away from the pipe, and proper torque will not be achieved (See Figure 6). On some installations, the valve and/or tapping machine may be installed on the sleeve prior to hoisting into the trench.

STEP 10

Following the manufacturer's instructions, install the tapping valve while providing thrust blocking and a permanent support beneath the valve.

NOTE: Smith-Blair recommends using 1/8" thick, ring style elastomeric valve flange gaskets. For mechanical joint (MJ) outlets use only gaskets, hardware, and installation procedures per AWWA C111.

STEP 11

Hydrostatic pressure test the tapping sleeve, flange gasket, and tapping valve to ensure all joints are tight and that gaskets are properly seated.

Do Not Air Test! Use Hydrostatic Test Only! Pressure test should not exceed 1.5 times actual line pressure.

For pipe diameters larger than 36": pressure test to 50 - 75 psi; release pressure; re-torque all nuts; pressure test to full pressure.

STEP 12

Using the tapping machine's manufacturer instructions, install the tapping machine to the valve and perform the tap.

NOTE: A 1/2" under size cutter is required for size-on-size applications. Confirm proper clearance between the cutter and neck/outlet inside diameter.

STEP 13

Re-torque all nuts to **90 ft-lbs**. If possible, nuts should be checked 12-24 hours after installation.

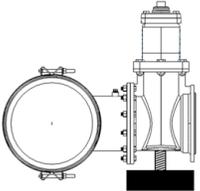


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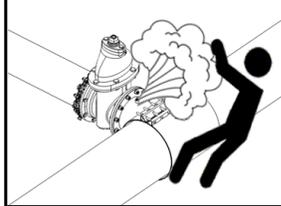
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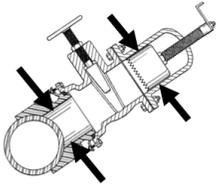
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WARNING



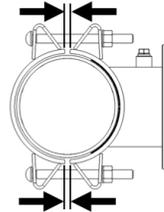
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NOTICE



SLEEVE NECK/OUTLET INNER DIAMETER AND TAPPING MACHINE'S CUTTING DIAMETER MAY DIFFER. Ensure proper clearance between cutter outside diameter and neck/outlet inside diameter by measuring. A 1/2" undersized cutter may be required for size-on-size tapping applications. Failure to do so may cause damage to the pipe, sleeve, and/or tapping machine resulting in product failure

NOTICE



THIS PRODUCT REQUIRES UNIFORM TORQUE TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE SEAL AGAINST THE PIPE SURFACE. Gap distances between product halves must remain equal while product is installed. The product must be evenly tightened across the sleeve to the required torque. The product will not function properly if the nuts on only the topside of the tapping sleeve are tightened. Failure to uniformly torque the product may cause damage to the pipe, sleeve, or result in product failure

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