

# USER MANUAL

## Ball valve AL 37 / AL 38

Manufacturer: Starline, Italy

### 1.0 SCOPE

This manual is intended as a guide to assist customers or end-users for storage, installation, and maintenance of Starline ball valves in the standard arrangements. For this reason subsequent additions and special instruction to the present manual will be provided in case of special ball valve, critical services or customer requirements.

### 2.0 APPLICABILITY

This manual is applicable to Starline ball valves.

### 3.0 STORAGE

#### 3.1 INFORMATION ON SURFACE PROTECTION (EXTERNAL/INTERNAL) AND PACKING DETAILS.

- a- before shipment from Starline factory all c.s. valves (A105-LF2) are protected against corrosion by phosphated treatment.
- b- all S.S. valves (304-316-F51-F44-F321 etc.) are pickled and passivated
- c- a pure vaseline oil is used as lubricant on all internal surfaces, this may be removed with a solvent if found objectionable. All valves are adequately packed into a strong cardboard case in such a way to avoid any possible damage during transport and storage period before use.

#### 3.2 CAUTION AND MAINTENANCE PERIOD

#### 3.3 IF BALL VALVES ARE NOT DESTINATED FOR IMMEDIATE USE FOLLOWING CAUTIONS MUST BE TAKEN:

- a- if possible it would be advisable to leave the ball valves in their own packing cases during the entire period of storage.
- b- ball valve must remain in open position during all this time
- c- in order to prevent any damage, the protective plastic cover on the ends of the valves shall not be removed.

#### 3.4 ATMOSPHERIC PROTECTION

- a- it is advisable to store the valve in waterproof conditions in a building with an adequate roof. Ball valves shall be protected to safeguard against all the environments: humidity, moisture, rain, dust, dirt, sand, mud, salt air, salt spray and seawater.
- b- all valves complete with actuators are to be stored in closed and dry conditions.

#### 3.5 LONG STORAGE PERIOD

Valves to be stored for a long time shall be checked by the quality control personnel every 6 months; every 3 months when valves are actuated.

#### 3.6 MAINTENANCE DURING STORAGE PERIOD

- a- internal surface must be inspected to check complete dust or other foreign parts absence
- b- old rust or any dust must be removed by wiping with proper solvent
- c- after cleaning, ball valves must be lubricated by using an adequate lubricant
- d- ball valves must be operated for a least 2 complete cycles

### 4.0 INSTALLATION

#### 4.1 THE BALL VALVES MAY BE INSTALLED IN ANY POSITION USING A STANDARD PIPE FITTING PRACTICES

#### 4.2 INFORMATION AND CAUTION BEFORE INSTALLATION OF THE VALVE

- a- pipe must be free of tension
- b- pipe must be flushed to clean the dirt, burrs, calamines, welding residues etc. which would damage ball and seats
- c- the valve must be kept in OPEN POSITION during installation and protective plastic cover must be removed only at the moment of installation
- d- at the moment of the shipment the ball is lubricated with a pure vaseline oil, which can be easily removed with a solvent if required
- e- ball valves normally have a space between ball and inside cavity of the body which could trap the product, care should be taken to drain the cavity.
- f- care should always be taken to install the automated ball valves. Check for a correct actuator rotation and well done electrical connection

#### 4.3 INSTALLATION OF THREADED ENDS

Use conventional sealant such as hemp core, pte etc

#### 4.4 INSTALLATION OF WELDED ENDS BALL VALVES

A

SW - BW with short ends  
instructions for welding the valve on the line:  
1- tack weld in four points on both end-cap  
2- lift-out the center piece and complete the welding  
3- insert the center piece and control for easy operation

B

WELDED NIPPLES - or integral nipple  
instructions for welding the valves on the line:  
with valve in open position tack weld in four points on both ends and then complete the welding without dismantling the valve and control for easy operation

#### 4.6 INSTALLATION OF FLANGED ENDS

Easy fitting on the adequate bolts, nuts and gaskets.

### 5.0 OPERATION

CAUTION! During the operation the ball valves must be in either complete OPEN or CLOSED position in order to ensure their smooth and efficient working and long duration of seats. Leaving the ball in half open position could eventually cause damage to the soft seats.

#### 5.1 MANUAL OPERATION

The opening and closing of the valve is done by turning the handle a quarter turn (90°)

- a- valve is in open position when the handle is in line with the valve and pipe line
- b- valve is in closed position when the handle is across the pipe line

#### 5.2 AUTOMATED OPERATION

Valve can be automatically operated by: A pneumatic actuators (DA or SR), B hydraulic actuators, C electrical actuators, D gear box (manually operated). In this case no stop is fitted on the valve since it is normally a part of the actuators.

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### 6.0 MAINTENANCE

**CAUTION!** Before starting the maintenance be sure that all pressure on the pipe is relieved.

- open and close the ball valve at least once to release the pressure completely also from the valve body.
- the ball valves if correctly used, normally do not need any internal lubrication and maintenance. However, when necessary, ball , or seats can be replaced only by relatively qualified personnel following the instruction of the manual without needs to use any machinery.
- for further information about the recommended SPARE PARTS LIST please check drawing, catalogue or contact the factory.

#### 6.1 STEAM LEAKAGE

If leakage is evident on stem packing area, it can be eliminated by increasing the tightness of the lock nut 2B. In case leakage is still persisting the replacement of the stem packing 3 is recommended. For handle nut and lock nut (2A-2B) tightness see table.

#### 6.2 BODY SEALS LEAKAGE

Check for the tightness of the body bolts 16 according to table in case it is still leaking, it is necessary to replace the body seals 11-18.

#### 6.3 IN LINE OR SEATS LEAKAGE

Check that valve is in fully closed position if so and the leakage is persisting the valve must be disassembled to replace damaged parts.

#### 6.4 SAFETY PRECAUTION BEFORE REMOVING THE BALL VALVE FROM THE LINE FOR DISASSEMBLE

- a- check that all pressure is exhausted from the line (upstream and downstream) and half open the ball to ensure that no pressure is trapped in the body cavity. In other words it must be drained of all fluid/gas and pressure.
- b- remove the valve from the line and cycle valve at minimum 1 full cycle to ensure that any pressure trapped is released
- c- **CAUTION!** If the fluid in the line and into the valve is toxic, inflammable, corrosive or damaging for any other reason, it is advisable to take following precaution during the valve repairing:
  - use protective eye mask or glasses
  - use gloves, overalls and suitable footwear
  - ensure that running water and fire extinguisher is easily available at any moment

### 7.0 VALVE DISASSEMBLY TO INSPECT AND/OR REPLACE BODY SEALS, SEATS, PACKING AND BALL

- a- set the valve in open position and take out all body bolts 16 and complete body from end connections
- b- close the ball and remove seats 10, ball 9 and body seals 11-18, be careful not to damage the ball
- c- remove handle nut A2, name plate, handle 1, stop washer 17, lock nut 2B, spring washer 4, gland packing 6
- d- push the stem 5 into the body 12. Remove packing rings 7 from body and O-ring 8 plus thrustwasher 7 from stem.

### 8.0 INSPECTION AND REPLACEMENT

With the valve completely disassembled, clean and examine all the following components:

- a- surface of the ball: any surface defect, particularly in the seating area will be extremely detrimental to the performance of the valve and therefore the ball should be replaced if found defective
- b- seats: replacement of seats is recommended
- c- stem seals and body seals: also to be discarded and replaced by a

new one

d- remaining components of the valve: after cleaning it is required a careful examination for wear, corrosion and mechanical, damages particularly on threaded components. If components are found defective they should be replaced.

### 9.0 RE-ASSEMBLY

Clean inside of body and stem housing. A light oil/grease compatible with line fluid can be used on ball, seats and stem surfaces.

#### 9.1 STEM RE-ASSEMBLY

- a- replace thrust washer and O-ring 7-8 and then insert the stem from inside body
- b- install the packing ring 3, gland packing 6, spring washer 4 and lock nut 2B and tighten. To avoid rotation of stem, apply temporarily the handle
- c- install stop washer 17, handle 1, name plate, handle nut 2A and tighten (see values given in the table)

#### 9.2 BALL, SEATS AND SEALS RE-ASSEMBLY

- a- insert the fourth seat into the body and then insert the ball
- b- insert the seat-retainer 23 together with the seat 10 and retainer-seal 18 and then repeat the operations on the opposite way. **ONLY NOW** you can assemble the no. 2 end-caps and tighten.
- c- repeat the operations on the third way (third and fourth in case of 4 ways).

### 10.0 TESTING

- a- after having completed the re-assembly check for the maneuverability of the valve and make sure that ball rotates freely
- b- if facilities are available, test the ball valve to the appropriate specification

### 11.0 AUTOMATED BALL VALVES

- a- if the valve is automated, reinstall the actuators and please note that the handle is not used. If necessary, reset the stops. First set- the valve in open position and check that ball is fully open. Second set- the valve in closed position and check, adjusting if necessary, for the best closure.
- b- **CAUTION!** Valves with electrical actuators should be tested starting from valve in: HALF OPEN - HALF CLOSED POSITION. This is to ensure that electrical connection is all right and rotation is correct. In case of wrong position switch off electrical actuators immediately and change the direction. Limit and torque switches are ineffective if rotation is wrong.

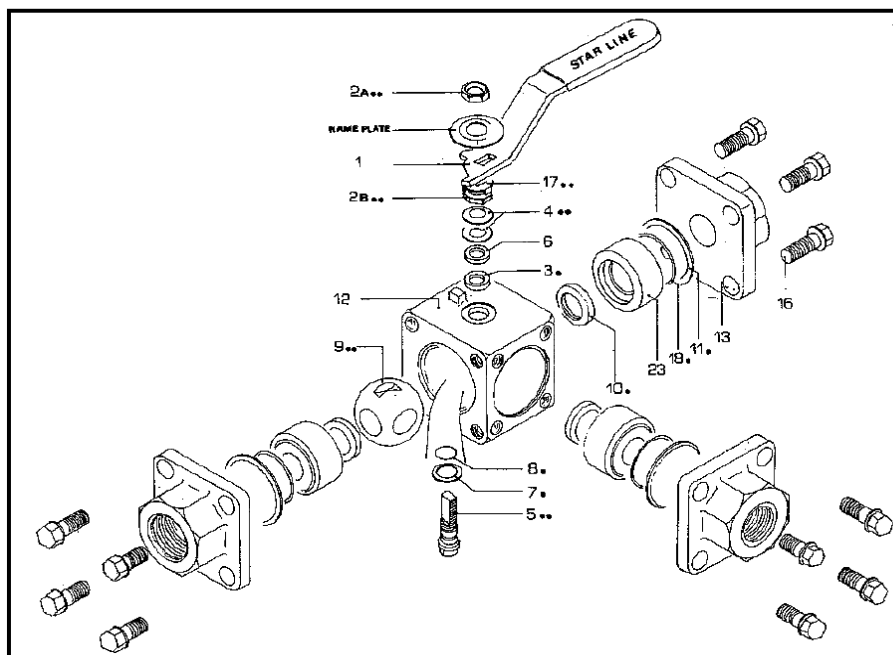
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**TABLE WITH TIGHTNESS VALUES FOR HANDLE NUT 2A-2B AND BODY BOLTS 16**

Valve DN		Handle nut 2A Lock nut 2B			Body bolts part no 16		
Full bore	Reduced bore	Dimensions	Nm	Inch LBS	Dimensions	Nm	Inch LBS
8	-	M10x1	8	70	M8x17	35	310
10	15	M10x1	8	70	M8x17	35	310
15	20	M10x1	8	70	M8x17	35	310
20	25	M12x1,25	15	130	M10x22	50	440
25	32	M12x1,25	15	130	M10x22	50	440
32	40	M15x1,5	25	220	M12x30	70	620
40	50	M15x1,5	25	220	M12x30	70	620
50	65	M15x1,5	25	220	M12x30	70	620
65	80	M22x1,5	40	355	M12x35	70	620
80	100	M24x2	50	440	M12x35	70	620



ITEM NO	Q.TY	PART NAME
1	1	Handle
** 2 <sup>A</sup>	1	Handle nut
** 2 <sup>B</sup>	1	Lock nut
* 3	1	Packing ring
** 4	2	Spring washer
** 5	1	Antistatic stem
* 6	1	Gland packing
* 7	1	Thurst washer
* 8	1	O-Ring stem
** 9	1	Ball
* 10	4	Seats
* 11	3-4	Body seal
12	1	Body
13	3-4	End connections
14	1	Stop-pin
16	16-20	Bolts
** 17	1	Stop washer
* 18	3-4	Retainer seal
23	3-4	Seat retainer

- Start -up: 5% of ordered quantity
- Suggested materials after 2 years service
- Suggested materials after 5 years service

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