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## **Excess Flow Check Valves**

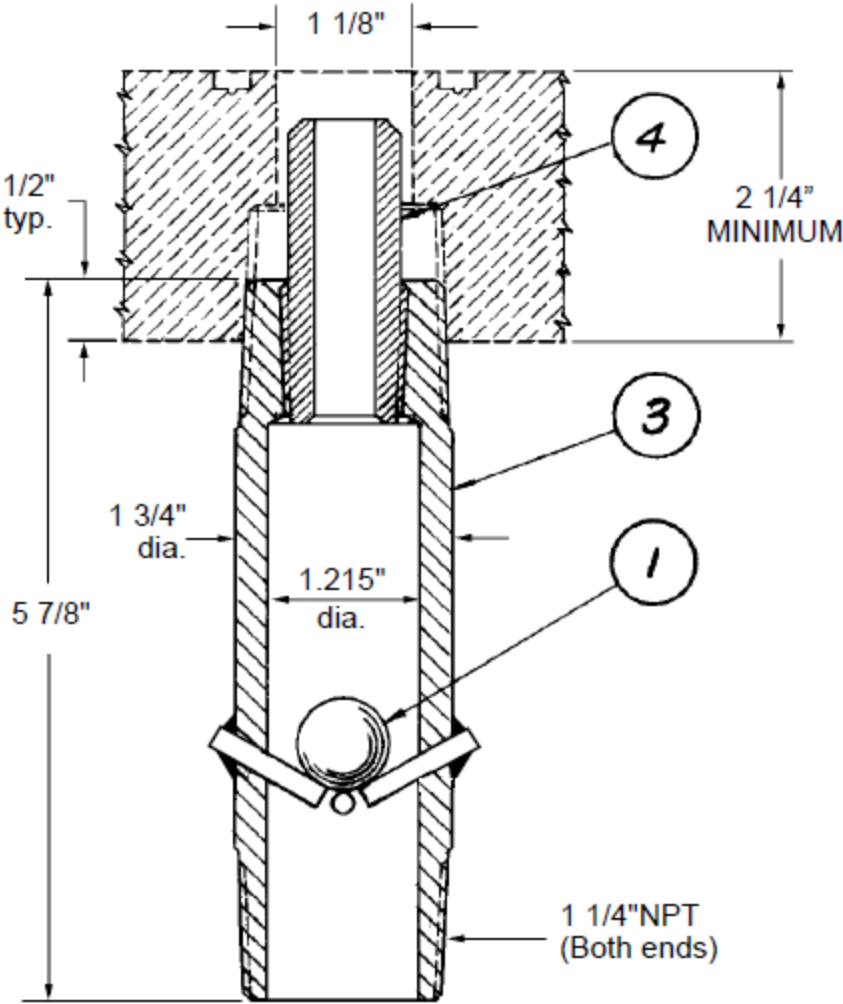
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### **A-129 Installation, Operation, and Maintenance Instructions**

#### **CAUTION: IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS**

Midland valves are used in connection with a variety of products, many of which are hazardous materials and could cause serious injury or damage. Always use extreme caution and proper equipment when involved with hazardous materials. The valve should only be handled by qualified personnel. Read the instructions carefully before proceeding.

**SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS!**



ITEM NO.	QTY.	PART NAME	A-129	
			MATERIAL	PART NO.
1	1	BALL	K-MONEL	129-1-ML
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3	1	BODY	MONEL	129-3-ML
4	1	SEAT	K-MONEL	129-4-ML

## Function

It should be fully understood by all users of the restricted usefulness and purpose of excess flow check valves (abbreviated as EFCV). They can be relied upon to close only when the outward flow through the valve exceeds a predetermined amount of product.

**WARNING:** Valve Misuse EFCV valves are not to be used to protect against product loss during loading or unloading in the event of a line rupture.

Valves designed for line rupture protection are available. These valves provide manual, remote, and thermally activated shut off capability. All operating personnel should be alerted to this limitation of EFCV. In railroad tank car operation, EFCV serve only to protect the tank in the event the exterior valves are compromised.

## Operation

1. As stated in the preceding paragraph, the EFCV has a flow rated capacity (subject to a variation or tolerance due to many factors). Most EFCV are equipped with a bypass, so that product will still flow through the valve when it has checked. The bypass is designed into the valve to permit pressure to equalize above and below the float when the valve downstream is closed off, thus enabling the float of the EFCV to unseat. Therefore, it is never safe to remove a valve directly above an EFCV, unless some flow of discharging product can be safely handled.

2. In a derailment accident, where tank cars are rolled over, the gravity actuated float in the EFVC will probably close below the rated capacity of the EFCV because the flow rate capacity is established when the valve is vertical and flow is upward.

## Installation

**NOTE:** Conform to all regulations and your company's installation instructions. It is not the intention of this pamphlet to conflict with or supersede these requirements.

1. Be sure the float will slide freely up and down in the valve body. If the float had been taken out of the valve, inspect it to see that there are no burrs, nicks or gouges on the exterior guiding surfaces that could restrict the free movement of the float.
2. If the valve has a removable seat, the valve seat should be tightened down so that it does not become disengaged in transit. Tighten the seat down securely.

## Maintenance

1. Disassemble the seat from the valve body and remove the ball.
2. Body inspection
  - a. Clean the threads.
  - b. Check the 1 ¼" NPT body threads.
    - i. Ensure the threads are full and not worn or damaged.
    - ii. Check with a 1 ¼" NPT ring gage
  - c. Check the Internal threads.
    - i. Ensure the threads are full and not worn or damaged.
  - d. Perform a visual inspection of the four pins welded to the body. Ensure all are intact.

If the body fails any of the above inspections replace the valve.

3. Seat
  - a. Clean the threads
  - b. Inspect the threads visually to ensure they are full and not worn or corroded.
  - c. Inspect the seat (beveled edge that engages with the ball) and ensure the surface is smooth and without chatter marks.

If the seat does not meet either of the above criteria, replace with new.

4. Ball
  - a. Weigh the ball. The ball weight should be 29 to 31 grams.

If the ball fails the weight inspection, replace it with new.

5. Assembly of the valve
  - a. Lubricate the internal threads with PFPE (perfluoropolyether) grease (examples include but are not limited to: Krytox GLP204, Fluorolube GR-290)
  - b. Place the ball in the body above the four pins.
  - c. Put Teflon tape on the threads of the plug (two wraps minimum)

- d. Screw the plug into the body. Tool tight.
- e. Assembly is complete.

## **NOTICES AND WARRANTY**

Midland Excess Flow Check Valves are used in a variety of products, many of which are hazardous materials. The acceptance and transportation of the products are regulated by the DOT and AAR in the U.S.A., and in Canada by the CTC and Transport Canada, as well as other governmental bodies, particularly when used in stationary applications. All personnel should be familiar with and follow these regulations. Nothing in this pamphlet is intended to conflict with or supersede these regulations.

### **Obtaining Product Drawings**

Assembly drawings of Midland Excess Flow Check Valves are available at no charge and will be mailed upon request. Address any questions concerning valve maintenance or usage to the Engineering Dept., Midland Manufacturing Corp.

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