



OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS for Styles 285, 2285 & 2286

PRODUCT RATINGS

250 PSI maximum operating pressure.

PRODUCT WARNINGS

- △ **WARNING:** Charge all lines slowly to facilitate a controlled water pressure build-up during start-up. Open and close all gates slowly. Rapid opening will produce a sudden surge and may cause hose lines to move violently. Rapid opening and closing can cause water hammer.
- △ **WARNING:** Do not use a valve for other than its designed purpose of water flow control in standard firefighting operations.
- △ **WARNING:** Ensure the threads on the pumper, hydrant and hose match the threads on the fittings. Mismatched threads may allow the threaded connections to suddenly come apart under pressure, possibly causing property damage and/or serious bodily injury.
- △ **WARNING:** Periodically check the threaded connections for excessive wear. Excessively worn fittings may separate during operation.
- △ **WARNING:** Ensure all gates are closed prior to water flow.
- △ **WARNING:** Do not use this as a “step” to climb onto the truck
- △ **WARNING:** Do not connect the hose coupling to a valve mounted on a hydrant until the pumper laying out the hose has reached its destination and has been positioned. If the hose is connected while it is being “played out”, a coupling could catch on the rear of the pumper, creating a hard pull on the hose, which can damage the fitting.

PRODUCT CAUTIONS

- △ **CAUTION:** DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN THE GATE VALVE. This valve is a position type valve and over tightening will damage internal parts and cause failure. When opening and closing use hand pressure only.
- △ **CAUTION:** If any tags or bands on the fittings are worn or damaged and cannot be easily read, they should be replaced.
- △ **CAUTION:** For use with fresh water or standard fire fighting foams only. Pyrolite® units are not recommended for use with salt water. After use with foam or salt water, flush with fresh water.
- △ **CAUTION:** For firefighting use only.
- △ **CAUTION:** Do not over tighten the threaded connection. In the event of a leak, replace the swivel gaskets. Gaskets should be replaced annually.
- △ **CAUTION:** This product is configured for optimum performance. Do not alter in any manner.
- △ **CAUTION:** Do not expose the fittings to harsh chemicals. If exposed, rinse off with fresh water as soon as possible. These chemicals can weaken the parts and make the product inoperable over time.

⚠ CAUTION: A valve should be inspected prior to and after each use, to ensure that it is in good operating condition. Periodically, an unanticipated incident may occur where the fitting is used in a manner that is inconsistent with standard operating practices and those listed in IFSTA.

A partial list of potential misuses follows:

- Operating above maximum rated pressure.
- Not draining, and allowing water to freeze inside the product.
- Dropping the fitting from a height where damage is incurred.
- Prolonged exposure to temperatures above +130° F, or below -25° F,
- Operating in a corrosive environment.
- Other misuse that might be unique to your specific fire fighting environment.

There are many “tell tale” signs indicating a Hydrant Valve is in need of repairs, such as:

- Controls that are either inoperable or difficult to operate.
- Excessive wear.
- Poor performance.
- Swivels that are difficult to turn.
- Damaged male threads.
- Water leaks.

If any of the above situations are encountered, the product should be taken out of service and repaired, and then tested by a qualified technician prior to placing it back in service.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Connect the valve to a hose, hydrant or pumper.
2. Connect mating fittings, or hose.
3. Close the gates.
4. Charge slowly.
5. Open Gate - slowly.

MAINTENANCE

- Under normal conditions, periodically flush the product with clean water plus clean the grit and dirt from around exterior moving parts, to allow the fitting to operate as designed.
- Over time, parts may need to be replaced. This can be accomplished by purchasing repair parts from Akron Brass. Also, use qualified maintenance mechanics or return the fitting to Akron Brass for repair. Call 1-800-228-1161 to order parts or to arrange for return to Akron Brass.



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