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**1. ERIKS operating companies**

ECON ball valves are being delivered by several ERIKS operating companies on a worldwide basis. In this manual these will be referred to as 'ERIKS', the individual terms of delivery of the ERIKS operating company having executed the order are applicable.

**2. Product description**

The ECON ball valves are designed according the information in our latest catalogue or see our website [www.eriks.com](http://www.eriks.com) and should be used in accordance with the applicable pressure-temperature rating as stated on this website. Ball valves are provided with marking, according to EN 19. The marking makes the identification of the valve easier and contains:

- size (inch)
- pressure rating class
- body material marking
- ECON logo
- heat numbers

**3. Requirements for maintenance staff**

The staff assigned to assembly, operating and maintenance tasks should be qualified to carry out such jobs and in any circumstance, ensure personal safety

**4. Transport and storage**

During transport and storage the valves should be protected against external forces, influence and destruction of the painting layer as well. The purpose of the painting layer is to protect the valve against rust, during transport and storage. The valves should be stored in an unpolluted space and should also be protected against all atmospheric circumstances. There should be taken care of the temperature and humidity in the room, in order to prevent condensate formation.

**5. Function**

ECON ball valves are designed to stop the flow of a medium. The valve is closed by turning the lever counter clockwise; please don't use tools to increase the torque on the lever.

**6. Application**

The ECON ball valves are used for industrial systems gasses and liquids. The valves are designed for standard operating conditions. For the use of extreme conditions e.g. aggressive or abrasive media, it is recommended to mention this at the ordering stage, to verify whether the valve is suitable. The installation designer is responsible for the valve selection, suitable for the working conditions. The valves are unsuitable, without written permission of an ERIKS company, to apply for hazardous media as referred into Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008.

## 7. Installation

- a. Remove the protective plastic cap on 2-threaded, BW and SW ends, and clean or flush the valves.
- b. Prior to mounting, flush and/or clean the pipeline to remove all accumulated extraneous matters, which may damage the seats and ball surface and check if the valve has a preferred flow direction and take this direction into account during installation.
- c. Installation of threaded ends:
  - Use conventional sealant (e.g. Teflon) on the threads.
  - Apply a pipe wrench on the end cap of the valve only while tightening. Tightening by using the valve body or handle can seriously damage the valve. Please check catalogue or the Econosto website for installation diameter.
- d. Installation of BW and SW end valves
  - Tack-weld the valve on the pipe on four points on both caps, with the ball valve in open position. Extended butt-weld end ball valves allow direct welding. For short butt-weld or socket-weld end connections process the next steps.
  - Removed all body bolts except one and after losing the remaining one, the valve body can be swung out. Secure seats from falling with tape.
  - Finish welding both end caps on the pipe.
  - When cooled down, clean both end caps and body surface.
- e. Swing the body back to the original position and replace the bolts (if necessary). Put the valve in the open position. Tighten all nuts slightly. This operation is very important to keep body and end caps perfectly parallel, thus, preventing distortion of the end caps.
- f. Tighten body bolts evenly. Make sure that maximum tightening torque is observed per bolting torque data. See table B
- g. Check proper operation of the valve.
- h. The pipeline shall be free of tension after installation.
- i. For any further information please contact the ERIKS company that has supplied the valves. Contact information can be found on [www.eriks.com](http://www.eriks.com)
- j. Make sure the pipeline will be flushed clean prior to operation.
- k. The operation of the valve consist of turning the stem (by manual or automated means) ¼ turn (90°) clockwise to close, and ¼ turn counter-clockwise to open.
- l. When the handle (if used) and/or stem flats or groove are in line with the pipeline, the valve is open.
- m. Besides operating by handle, fig. 7444, 7544 and 7644 can also be operated with an actuator, mounted on the ISO 5211 "Direct Mount" top-flange. (Please see our catalogue to check top-flanges sizes)
- n. Operating torque requirements will vary depending on the length of time between cycle, media in the system line pressure and type of valve seat.

## 8. Maintenance

Long life and maintenance-free of valves can be maintained under normal working conditions and in accordance with pressure/temperature and corrosion data chart

### **Warning:**

- Ball valves can trap pressurized fluid in ball cavity when closed position.
- Prior to maintenance, relieve the line pressure.

### **a. Re-tighten Packing**

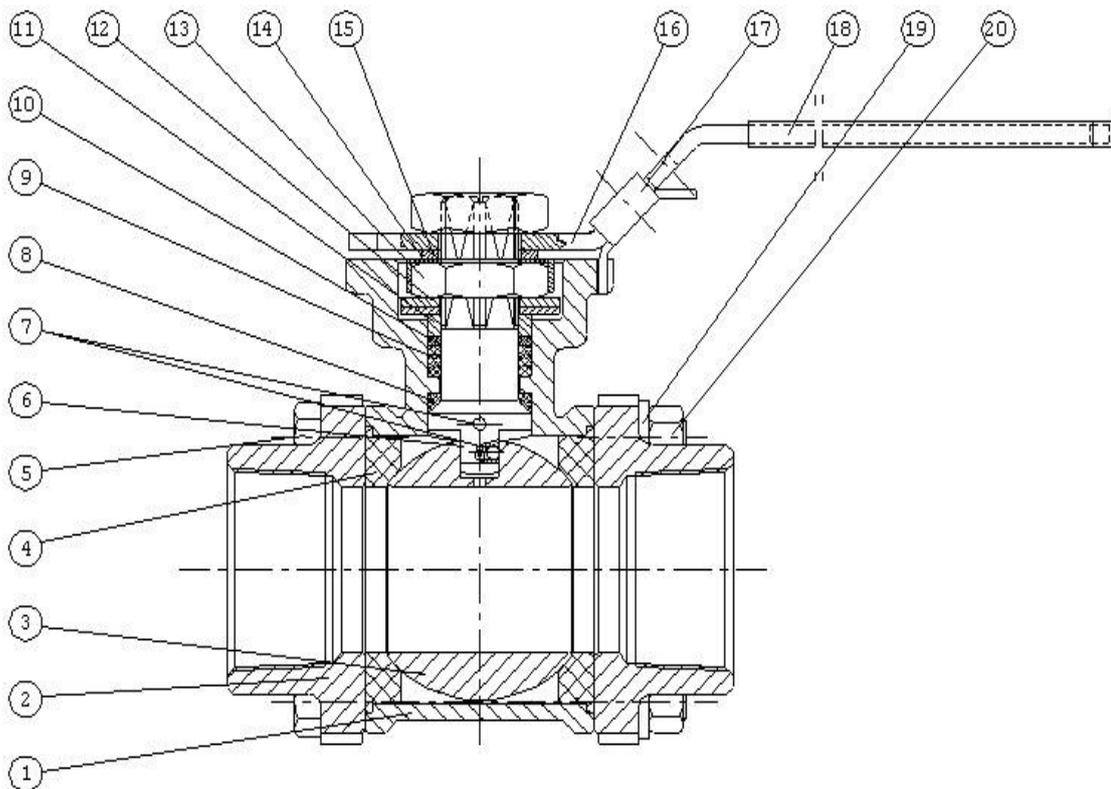
For maximum stem packing life, proper packing adjustment procedure must be followed:

- Should a leakage occur at the gland packing, retighten the stem nut (13) for "Direct Mount" model or gland (11) for hand operated model.
- Take care that the stem nut (13) or gland (11) is not tighten too much. Normally the leakage can be stopped by simply turning the stem nut (12) or gland (11) by 30° to 60°.

**b. Replacement of seats and seals**

- 1) Disassembly of parts is easy, even if the valve is installed in the pipeline:
  - Before disassembly, make sure to discharge any hazardous media from the valve inside body cavity.
  - Remove all body bolts except one and after losing the remaining one, the valve body can be swung out, and place valve in close position.
  - Remove body gasket and ball seat (4), and Ball (3). Inspect the ball closely scratches, if any, the ball should be replaced.
  - When stem seal need to be replaced. Remove parts of upper parts as following order: Handle nut (21), Handle (16), Washer (15), Stop-lock-cap (14), Stem nut (13), Belleville washer (12), Gland (11), Bushing (10).
  - Push stem (6) down into body cavity and remove, then remove stem seal ring (7), V-ring packing (8) from the body (1).

**Caution:** Use care to avoid scratching the surface of stem and packing chamber.



- 2) Reassembly:
  - Clean and inspect all parts, Reassembly by processes are reverse sequence of disassembly.
  - Reassemble the Ball Valve by using new Seats, Gaskets and Packing Seals are strongly recommended.
  - Follows (4-5) procedures and swings the Body back to original position. Put the ball in open position. Tighten body bolts evenly per Torque Data Table B.
  - Tighten the stem nut (12), using Table A stipulated torque figure.
  - If possible, test the valve, then cycle valve several times before resuming services.

Table A: Torque figure for Stem Nut tighten    Table B: Torque figure for Body-Cap Bolt tighten

Valve Size		Stem Nut tighten	
NPS	DN	In-lb	Nm
¼-3/8	6-10	80~106	9~12
1/2	15	80~106	9~12
3/4	20	80~106	9~12
1	25	106~142	12~16
1.1/4	32	106~142	12~16
1.1/2	40	151~195	17~22
2	50	151~195	17~22
2.1/2	65	221~283	25~32
3	80	221~283	25~32
4	100	373~443	42~50

Body-Cap Bolt tighten		
Bolt Size	In-lb	Nm
1/4-20UNC/M6x1.0	62~89	7~10
1/4-20UNC/M6x1.0	62~89	7~10
5/16-18UNC/ M8x1.25	142~186	16~21
5/16-18UNC/ M8x1.25	142~186	16~21
3/8-16UNC-2A/M10x1.5	248~310	28~35
3/8-16UNC-2A/M10x1.5	248~310	28~35
3/8-16UNC-2A/M10x1.5	248~310	28~35
9/16-12UNC-2A/M14x2	443~665	50~75
9/16-12UNC-2A/M14x2	443~665	50~75
8/8-11UNC-2A/M16x2	709~1019	80~115

**9. Service and repair**

All service and repair jobs should be carried out by authorized staff, using suitable tools and user shall use genuine valve parts.

- Welding repair and drilling of the valve is forbidden.
- It is forbidden to replace seats or seals when the valve is under pressure.
- Before you replace seats or seals you have to clean the areas where you have to place the seats or seals.
- After replacement of seats or seals it is necessary to check the valve operation and tightness of all connections. Tightness test should be carried out.
- After installation, the valve should be checked and maintained periodically at least every 3 months, depending on the medium.

## 10. Troubleshooting

It is essential that the safety regulations are observed when identifying the fault.

Problem	Possible cause	Corrective measures
No flow	The ball valve is closed	Open the ball valve
	Dust caps were not removed	Remove dust caps
Little flow	Valve not completely open	Open valve completely
	Piping system clogged	Check piping system
Valve difficult to open	Stuffing box seal too tight	Slacken nut
	Wrong direction of rotation	Turn counter clockwise to open
	Ball seat damaged by foreign particles.	Replace the ball valve
	Expanded medium behind the ball	Cool down the ball valve.
Leakage across the stem	Stuffing box gland slack	Tighten stuffing box gland, if necessary replace the ball valve
Leakage across valve seat	Valve not properly closed	Pull lever tight without tools
	Seat damaged by foreign particles	Replace the ball valve
	Medium contaminated	Clean valve and install dirt screen
Operating failure	Packing too tight	Loosen gland nut

## 11. Removal

Dismantled and rejected valves cannot be disposed with household waste. The valves are made of materials which can be re-used and should be delivered to designated recycling centers.

### General warning:

#### General note for products which may be used for seawater:

Although our products can be used in seawater systems it should always be noted that, in case of installation in a piping system made of materials which are frequently used because of their excellent seawater resistance (e.g. Cunifer), large potential differences may occur possibly causing corrosion which could permanently damage the proper functioning and integrity of our product.

A combination of different materials should always be mentioned prior to the purchase of our products in order for us to give the best possible advise on a safe functioning.