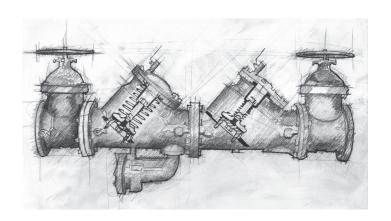
Backflow Assembly Field Test Procedures

Using Three-Valve & Five-Valve Test Kits





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5-Valve Test Procedure for a Reduced Pressure Principal Backflow Preventer (RP)(Pres. Differential test)

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nd place it on TC # 4 nd Place it on TC # 3 sir, Then Close Air, Then Close
and Drain Dening # 2 Shut

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RPDA Type II: 1) Test mainline RP as normal using approved RP procedures. Remember to isolate bypass before testing main assembly. 2) Test bypass single check valve using normal approved check #2 test procedures.



5-Valve Test Procedure / Double Check Valve Assembly (Pressure Differential test)

PREPARING TO TEST THE ASSEMBLY	Test #1 TIGHTNESS OF # 2 SHUT OF VALVE
 □ 1. Notify the customer □ 2. Inspect the area for safety □ 3. Determine if the assembly is Approved & Appropriate □ 4. Record Make, Model #, Serial # and Static Working Pressure on test report form 	 □ 1. Turn Off Shut Off Valve # 2 □ 2. Open TC # 4 □ 3. Close TC # 2 – Pause to Allow Gauge to Readjust □ 4. Read the Gauge & Record (Example: Tight) *If the Pressure Differential Gauge Remains Steady, Record the #2 Shut Off Valve as Tight.
FLUSHING OF TEST COCKS	Test #2 TIGHTNESS OF #1 CHECK
 □ 1. Place Test Adapters on Test Cocks (TC) 2, 3, and 4 □ 2. Open TC # 1, Bleed, then Close □ 3. Open TC # 2, Bleed, then Close □ 4. Open TC # 3, Bleed, then Close □ 5. Open TC # 4, Bleed, then Close □ 6. Make sure all 5 valves on Gauge are closed 	 □ 1. Close TC # 4 □ 2. Close High Valve □ 3. Remove By-Pass Hose from TC #4 □ 4. Open TC # 2 □ 5. S-L-O-W-L-Y Open Low Side Bleed Valve to Cause Differential Reading to Rise – Then Close □ 6. Read the Gauge & Record Value The Pressure Differential Gauge Reading should be 1 PSID or Above.
ATTACHING THE TEST KIT	Test #3 TIGHTNESS OF # 2 CHECK
 □ 1. Attach High Side Hose to TC # 2 □ 2. Attach Low Side Hose to TC # 3 □ 3. Open TC # 2 □ 4. Open TC # 3 □ 5. Open High Side Bleed Valve, Bleed Air, Then Close □ 6. Open Low Side Bleed Valve, Bleed Air, Then Close □ 7. Attach By-Pass Hose to TC # 4 □ 8. Open High Side Valve (1/4 Turn) □ 9. Open By-Pass Valve □ 10. Loosen By-Pass Hose at TC # 4 to Bleed Air, Then Tighten □ 11. S-L-O-W-L-Y Open Low Side Bleed Valve to Cause Differential Reading to Rise — Then Close 	 □ 1. Close TC # 2 □ 2. Close TC # 3 □ 3. Remove Low Side Hose from TC # 3 and place it on TC # 4 □ 4. Remove High Side Hose from TC # 2 and Place it on TC # 3 □ 5. Open TC # 3 □ 6. Open High Side Bleed Valve – Bleed Air, Then Close □ 7. Open TC # 4 □ 8. Open Low Side Bleed Valve – Bleed Air, Then Close □ 9. Read the Gauge & Record Value
	RESTORE SYSTEM
	 1. Close All Test Cocks 2. Remove Hoses 3. Open All Valves on the Test Kit and Drain Water 4. Restore Water to building by Opening # 2 Shut Off Valve on Assembly

<u>Detector Assemblies</u>: To verify flow through the bypass, open test cock #4 and the meter should move.

DCDA Type I: 1) Test main assembly as normal using approved DCVA procedures. Remember to isolate the bypass before testing main assembly. 2) Then test bypass assembly separately using approved DCVA procedures.

DCDA Type II: 1) Test mainline DCVA as normal using approved DCVA procedures, Remember to isolate bypass before testing main assembly. 2) Test bypass single check valve using normal approved check #2 test procedures.



5-Valve Test Procedure for a Double Check Valve Assembly (DCVA) (Direction of Flow test)

Check Valve #2
 □ 1. Move vertical tube from TC #3 to TC #4* □ 2. Move high hose to TC #3 □ 3. Open high bleed valve □ 4. Open TC #3 slowly □ 5. close high bleed valve when air stops □ 6. Open TC #4 to fill vertical tube □ 7. Close TC #4 □ 8. Close shut-off valve #1 □ 9. Center gauge with top of vertical tube □ 10. Open TC #4 □ 11. Record status of check valve #2 (closed tight @ 1psid> or leaking)
Final Close TC #3 & #4 Remove all hoses Open shut-off valve #1 Open shut-off valve slowly #2

<u>Detector Assemblies:</u> To verify that there is flow through the bypass, open test cock #4 and meter should move.

DCDA Type I: 1) Test main assembly as normal using approved DCVA procedures. Remember to isolate the bypass before testing main assembly. 2) Then test bypass assembly separately using approved DCVA procedures.

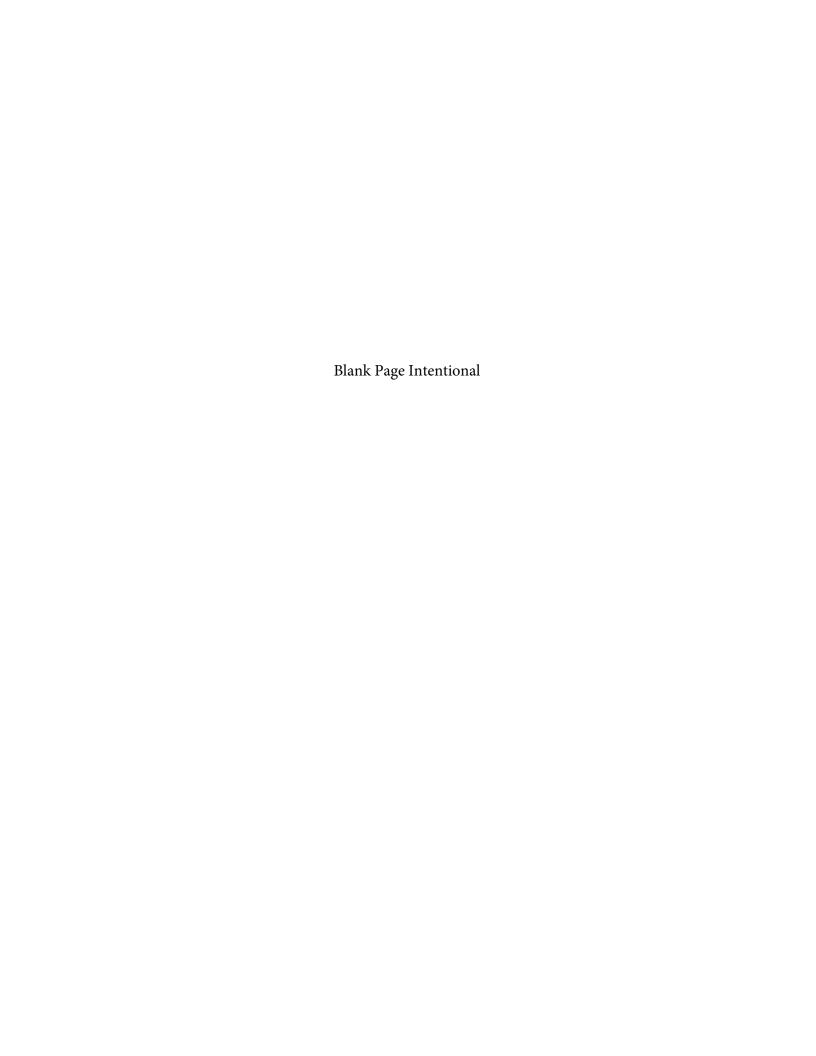
DCDA Type II: 1) Test mainline DCVA as normal using approved DCVA procedures, Remember to isolate bypass before testing main assembly. 2) Test bypass single check valve using normal approved check #2 test procedures.



5 - Valve Test Procedure Pressure Vacuum Breaker(PVB) (Direction of Flow)

PREPERATION	STEP # 2 - Check Valve Value
 □ 1. Notify the customer □ 2. Inspect the area for safety □ 3. Determine if the assembly is Approved & Appropriate □ 4. Record Make, Model #, Serial # and Static Working Pressure on test report form □ 5. Close All Valves on Test Gauge □ 6. Remove Low Side Hose from Gauge (if on gauge) □ 7. Remove Canopy and Clean Debris Around Air Inlet □ 8. Flush TC#1 □ 9. Flush TC#2 □ 10. Turn Off The # 2 Shut off Valve □ 11. Open High Side Bleed Valve 	 □ 1. Attach High Side Hose to TC #1 □ 2. SLOWLY Open TC # 1 □ 3. Close High Side Bleed Valve □ 4. Turn Off The # 1 Shut off Valve □ 5. Center Gauge with PVB □ 6. SLOWLY Open TC # 2 and Record PSID Value When Water Stops Flowing from TC #2 □ 7. Close TC #2 & TC #1 □ 8. Remove Hose from TC#1
TEST # 1: Air Inlet Opening	Restore system by:
 □ 1. Attach high hose to TC #2 □ 2. SLOWLY - Open TC #2 □ 3. Close High Side Bleed Valve (when air stops) □ 4. Turn Off The # 1 Shut off Valve □ 5. Center Gauge with PVB □ 6. SLOWLY Open High Side Bleed Valve and Observe PSID Recording when Air Inlet Pops □ 7. Close TC # 2 □ 8. Turn on the # 1 Shut off Valve 	 □ 1. Open the # 1 Shut off Valve First □ 2. Open the # 2 Shut off Valve





3-Valve Reduced Pressure Backflow Preventer (RPBP) (Pressure Differential)

PREPARING TO TEST THE ASSEMBLY	Test #2: BACKPRESSURE TEST FOR # 2 CHECK
 □ 1. Notify the customer □ 2. Inspect the area for safety □ 3. Determine if the assembly is Approved & Appropriate □ 4. Record Make, Model #, Serial # & Assembly Type 	1. If gauge Remains Steady during Test #1 & No Water is Dripping from the Relief Valve, the # 2 Check Valve is Considered to be Tight.
FLUSHING OF TEST COCKS	Test #3: CHECK VALVE #1 DIFFERENTIAL VALUE (5psid>)
 □ 1. Place Test Adapters on Test Cocks (If Applicable) □ 2. Open TC # 4 – Let flow □ 3. Open TC # 1, then close □ 4. Open TC # 2, then close □ 5. Open TC # 3, then close □ 6. Close TC # 4 □ 7. Make sure High & Low Valves on the Gauge are CLOSED!! □ Open Vent/Bypass Valve on gauge □ 8. Close Shutoff valve #2 	 □ 1. Close TC#4 □ 2. Close High Control Valve □ 3. Remove Vent/Bypass hose from TC#4 □ 4. Open TC # 2 □ 5. Open Low Side Control Valve, to Cause Reading to Rise, Then Close (Basically a Reset) □ Read the Gauge and Record Value
ATTACHING THE TEST KIT	Test #4: RELIEF VALVE OPENING VALUE
 □ 1. Attach High Side Hose to TC # 2 □ 2. Attach Low Side Hose to TC # 3 □ 3. Slowly open TC#3 □ 4. Open Low Side Control Valve (Leave Open) □ 5. Open TC #2 □ 6. Open High Side Control Valve, Bleed Air, Then Close □ 7. Close Low Side Control Valve □ 8. Close Vent/Bypass Valve on gauge 	 □ 1. Close Vent/Bypass Valve on gauge □ 2. Open High Control Valve □ 3. S-L-O-W-L-Y Open Low Valve □ 4. Place the Top of Your Hand Under the Relief (2psid>) □ 5. As Soon as You Feel the First Drop of Water on Your Hand. Read the Gauge and Record Value □ 6. Close High & Low Control Valves on the Gauge
Test #1: TIGHTNESS OF # 2 SHUT OF VALVE	Test #5: TIGHTNESS OF # 2 CHECK (1psid>) (SC Unique)
 □ 1. Attach Vent/Bypass Hose to TC # 4 □ 2. Open High Side Control Valve □ 3. Open Vent/Bypass Valve on gauge □ 4. Loosen Vent/Bypass Hose at TC # 4 to Bleed Air, Then Tighten □ 5. Open TC # 4 □ 6. Close TC # 2 - Pause to Allow Gauge to Readjust □ 7. Read the Gauge & Record (ex: Closed Tight) ○ If the Pressure Differential Gauge Remains Steady, Record the #2 Shut Off Valve as Tight. 	 □ 1. Close TC # 2 □ 2. Close TC # 3 □ 3. Remove Low Side Hose from TC # 3 and place it on TC # 4 □ 4. Remove High Side Hose from TC # 2 and Place it on TC # 3 □ 5. Open TC # 3 □ 6. Open Vent/Bypass Valve on gauge □ 7. Open High Side Control Valve – Bleed Air, Then Close □ 8. Open TC # 4 □ 9. Open Low Side Control Valve – Bleed Air, Then Close □ 10. Close Vent/Bypass Valve on gauge □ 11. Read the Gauge & Record Value
	RESTORE SYSTEM
	 □ 1. Close All Test Cocks □ 2. Remove Hoses □ 3. Open All Valves on the Test Kit and Drain Water □ 4. Restore Water by Opening # 2 Shut Off Valve

<u>Detector Assemblies:</u> To verify flow through the bypass, open test cock #4 and the meter should move.

RPDA Type I: 1) Test main assembly as normal using approved RP procedures. Remember to isolate the bypass before testing main assembly. 2) Then test bypass assembly separately using approved RP procedures.

RPDA Type II: 1) Test mainline RP per normal approved procedures, Remember to isolate bypass before testing main assembly.

2) Test bypass single check valve using normal approved check #2 test procedures.



3 Valve Test Procedure for Double Check Valve Assembly (DCVA) (Pressure Differential)

PREPERATION	Test #1: TIGHTNESS OF # 2 SHUT OF VALVE
 □ 1. Notify the customer □ 2. Inspect the area for safety □ 3. Determine if the assembly is Approved & Appropriate □ 4. Record Make, Model #, Serial # and on test report form 	 □ 1. Open TC # 4 □ 2. Close TC # 2 - Pause to Allow Gauge to Readjust □ 3. Read the Gauge & Record(Example: Tight) *If the Pressure Differential Gauge Remains Steady, Record the #2 Shut Off Valve as Tight.
FLUSHING OF TEST COCKS	Test #2 TIGHTNESS OF #1 CHECK
 □ 1. Place Test Adapters on Test Cocks (If Applicable) □ 2. Open TC # 1, Bleed, then Close □ 3. Open TC # 2, Bleed, then Close □ 4. Open TC # 3, Bleed, then Close □ 5. Open TC # 4, Bleed, then Close □ 6. Close High & Low control valves □ 7. Leave Open Vent/Bypass valve □ 8. Turn off Shut Off Valve # 2 on assembly 	 □ 1. Close TC # 4 □ 2. Close High Valve □ 3. Remove Vent/Bypass Hose from TC #4 □ 4. Open TC # 2 □ 5. (Reset) Open Low Side Control Valve to Cause Differential Reading to Rise – Then Close □ 6. Read the Gauge & Record Value ○ Pressure Differential Gauge Reading should be 1 PSID or Above.
ATTACHING THE TEST KIT	Test #3 TIGHTNESS OF # 2 CHECK
 □ 1. Attach High Side Hose to TC # 2 □ 2. Attach Low Side Hose to TC # 3 □ 3. Open TC # 2 □ 4. Open High Side Control Valve, Bleed Air, Then Close □ 5. Open TC # 3 □ 6. Open Low Side Control Valve, Bleed Air, Then Close □ 7. Attach Vent/Bypass Hose to TC # 4 □ 8. Open Low Control Side Valve □ 9. Loosen By-Pass Hose at TC # 4 to Bleed Air, Then Tighten □ 10. Close Low Control Valve □ 11. Open High Control Valve □ 12. Record Static Working Pressure (If Required) 	 □ 1. Close TC # 2 □ 2. Close TC # 3 □ 3. Remove Low Side Hose from TC # 3 and place it on TC # 4 □ 4. Remove High Side Hose from TC # 2 and Place it on TC # 3 □ 5. Open TC # 3 □ 6. Open High Side Bleed Valve – Bleed Air, Then Close □ 7. Open TC # 4 □ 8. Open Low Side Bleed Valve – Bleed Air, Then Close □ 9. Read the Gauge & Record Value A) If the Pressure Differential Gauge Reading Should be 1 PSID or Above.
	RESTORE SYSTEM 1. Close All Test Cocks 2. Remove Hoses 3. Open All Valves on the Test Kit and Drain Water 4. Restore Water to building by Opening # 2 Shut Off Valve

<u>Detector Assemblies:</u> To verify flow through the bypass, open test cock #4 and the meter should move.

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DCDA Type II: 1) Test mainline DCVA as normal using approved DCVA procedures, remember to isolate bypass before testing main assembly. 2) Test bypass single check valve using normal approved check #2 test procedures.



3-Valve Test Procedure for a Double Check Valve Assembly (DCVA) (Direction of Flow)

PREPARATION	TEST #2: CHECK VALVE #2
 □ Notify customer □ Inspect the area for safety □ Determine if the assembly is Approved & Appropriate □ Record Make, Model, Serial #, Size & Type □ Install test adaptor fittings (if required) □ Flush TC # 1, 2, 3, 4 □ Open High & Low control valves and Bypass valve on gauge *Attach High Hose Only on Gauge* 	 Move vertical tube from TC #3 to TC #4* Move high hose from TC #2 to TC #3 Open TC #3 slowly Open high control valve then close high control valve Open TC #4 to fill vertical tube Close TC #4 Close #1 shut-off valve Open TC #4 Record value of check valve #2 (1.0 psid or > to pass)
TEST #1: CHECK VALVE #1	RECORD SHUT-OFF VALVES
 □ Install vertical tube on TC #3 * □ Install High hose on TC #2 □ Close Low control valve □ Open TC #2 slowly □ Close High control valve when air stops □ Open TC #3 to fill vertical tube, then close □ Close shut-off valve #2 □ Record supply pressure (if required) □ Close #1 shut-off valve □ Center gauge with top of vertical tube □ Open TC #3 □ Record value of check valve #1 (1.0 psid. or > to pass) □ Close TC #2 and TC #3 □ Open #1 shut-off valve 	□ Record shut-off valve #1 & #2 ○ (closed tight or leaking) RESTORE SYSTEM □ Close TC #3 & #4 □ remove all hoses □ Open shut-off valve #1 □ Open shut-off valve #2

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^{*} OK to use test cocks as long as gauge can be centered on Test Cocks

3-Valve Test Procedure for a Pressure Vacuum Breaker Assembly (PVB)

(Direction of Flow)

PREPERATION	TEST #2 - CHECK VALVE VALUE
 □ 1. Notify the customer □ 2. Inspect the area for safety □ 3. Determine if the assembly is Approved & Appropriate □ 4. Record Make, Model #, Serial # and Static Working Pressure on test report form □ 5. Close All Valves on Test Gauge □ 6. Remove Canopy and Clean Debris Around Air Inlet □ 7. Flush TC#1 □ 8. Flush TC#2 □ 19. Turn Off The # 2 Shut off Valve 	 □ Attach High Side Hose to TC #1 □ <u>SLOWLY</u> Open TC # 1 □ Bleed Air, Then Close Vent/Bypass Valve □ Turn Off The # 1 Shut off Valve □ With the Gauge Centerline at Elevation of PVB □ <u>SLOWLY</u> Open TC # 2 Fully and Record PSID Value When Water Stops Flowing from TC #2 □ Close Both Test Cocks and Remove hose
Attach High Hose Only on Gauge TEST #1: AIR INLET OPENING	RESTORE SYSTEM
 □ 1. Attach high hose to TC #2 □ 2. SLOWLY - Open TC #2 □ 3. Open High Side Control Valve □ 4. Open Vent/Bypass Valve, Bleed Air □ 5. Close Vent/Bypass valve □ 6. Turn Off The # 1 Shut off Valve □ 7. Center Gauge to PVB 	☐ 1. Open Shut off Valve #1 First☐ 2. Open Shut off Valve #2

