

Flange

Top Half

Nut

Rol

Bottom Half

Equal Gap Both Sides

Valve Block

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Maintain Even Gap

Bolt Torque

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Installation Instructions **Type 622 Tapping Sleeve**

Step 1

Washer*

Neck Section

Figure 1

Figure 2

Figure 4

Figure 5

Test

Plug

Visually inspect your Smith-Blair Tapping Sleeve prior to installation to ensure no damage has occured during shipment or storage.

Make certain gasket is secure in gasket groove. (See Gasket Detail Inset)

Step 2

Check pipe outside diameter where sleeve will be installed to ensure the correct Tapping Sleeve is being installed. Detail Inset

Note: Pipe must be round in the area where sleeve will fit:

4" thru 24"	± .06"
30" thru 48"	± .12"
Above 48"	± .19"

Step 3

Thoroughly clean pipe surface so it is smooth and free of dirt, corrosion and/or other debris that may impair gasket seal.

Lubricate pipe and gasket with soap solution. Antifreeze should be added in freezing weather.

Step 4

Disassemble nut & bolts and remove top half of Tapping Sleeve (See Figure 2).

Step 5

Mount body halves on pipe with test connection accessible. Tapping Sleeve must be installed in the direction shown in Figure 3. Extra precaution should be made at this stage of installation to ensure the flanged portion of the sleeve is mounted on the pipe in a direct "head-on" direction. This will ensure the gasket will not be damaged, pulled or rolled out of the groove in the sleeve. Damage will occur if these instructions are not followed.

Step 6

Insert bolts and hand tighten nuts, keeping equal gaps between body halves.

*Stainless bolts and nuts will be supplied with a plastic washer which is used between the nut and metal washer. Figure 3

Step 7

Proper and sufficient blocking of the valve and/or tapping equipment will be necessary. Improper blocking will cause the sleeve to pull away from the pipe and proper torquing of the bolts will not be achieved. On some installations the valve and/or tapping machine may be installed on the sleeve prior to hoisting in trench (See Figure 4).

Step 8

Tighten bolts starting from the center outward, alternating from one side to the other, to equalize the gap between the halves. Continue to tighten bolts until sleeve halves conform to the contour of the pipe and all bolts are to a uniform tightness. (See "Bolt Torque" table).

Step 9

A pressure test is recommended prior to tapping to test the seal. Do Not Air Test! Use Hydrostatic Test only! For pipe diameters larger than 36": Pressure test to 50 - 75 psi; release pressure; check bolt torque again to proper torque; Pressure test to full pressure. Pressure test should not exceed 1.5 times actual line pressure.

Step 10

Proceed with the tapping operation

NOTE: A 1/2" under size cutter is required for size-on-size applications.

Step 11

Check nuts for tightness and re-torgue if required. If possible, nuts should be checked for tightness 12-24 hours after initial tightening.

CAUTION

50-60 ft-lbs 5/8 Bolts Failure to evenly tighten all nuts to the required torque may result in failure of the tapping sleeve. The tapping sleeve will not function properly if the nuts on only the top side of the tapping sleeve are tightened! Make sure the nuts on the bottom 90-100 ft-lbs 3/4 Bolts of the sleeve are tightened to the proper torque! Be sure to permanently block and support the valve and pipe prior to the tapping operation. Failure to do so may cause 100-120 ft-lbs 1" Bolts damage to the pipe or sleeve. WARNING: Ensure proper clearance between cutter and neck/outlet inside diameter.

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Gasket

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