

# Fideflex SERIES 37G INLINE CHECK VALVE

# **Installation, Operation, and Maintenance Manual**



The revolutionary design of the Series 37G Inline Check Valve provides superior backflow protection. This unique "duckbill" design eliminates costly backflow from oceans, rivers, and other waterbodies and piping systems.

The Series 37G is available in a wide variety of elastomers and is designed to meet your exact flow specifications.

The cuff of the Series 37G Valve is constructed to have the same outside diameter as the inside diameter of the mating pipe. This allows the valve to be inserted into the pipe and held in place by means of an internal expansion clamp. Tideflex<sup>®</sup> Technologies recommends pinning all Series 37G valves for added security and stability.

The 37G effectively has a zero face-to-face dimension because they fit completely inside of the pipe. No modification of piping is required provided adequate pipe length exists.

- Simple Design
- Cost Effective
- · No Hinges, Levers or Springs
- Minimal Routine Maintenance

#### IMPORTANT

Please take a moment to review this manual. Before performing any maintenance on the valve be sure the pipeline has been depressurized. The improper installation or use of this product may result in personal injury, product failure, or reduced product life. Tideflex® Technologies can accept NO liability resulting from the improper use or installation of this product. If you have any questions or problems, please call the customer service department at (412) 279-0044. We appreciate your comments. Thank you for choosing Tideflex® Technologies.

### INSTALLATION

### 1. Inspection of Valve

Check inside diameter of pipe section for rough or damaged areas. Surface should be uniform and relatively smooth. Long gouges or cracks may allow water to pass and should be filled prior to installation. The exterior of the Series 37G should have a rough texture resembling a cloth pattern. This will help the valve grip the walls of the pipe.

### 2. Valve Orientation

The valve shall be installed with the bill in the vertical position. Valves to 18" (nominal) are supplied with a single clamp. The clamp turnbuckle should be oriented at top dead center.

Valves 24"-48" (nominal) are supplied with two clamps. The turnbuckles should be oriented  $180^{\circ}$  apart. Valves 60"-72" (nominal) are supplied with three clamps. Turnbuckles should be oriented  $120^{\circ}$  apart.

### 3. Pipe Dimensions

Every Series 37G is designed and built to fit into a specific pipe inside diameter. Different pipe materials such as concrete, HDPE, steel, and PVC have different. I.D. dimensions for the same nominal pipe size. Do not attempt to install a Series 37G into a pipeline for which it was not intended.

### 4. Preparation

The Series 37G uses expanding clamp(s) to exert pressure outwards on the walls of the valve to "wedge" it in place within the pipe. The walls of the pipe should be clean and free of debris prior to installation.

### 5. Securing

The valve should be inserted fully into the pipe so that no part of the cuff or bill extends outside the pipe. Ensure that the valve is not "slanted" at an angle, with the bill pointing upwards or downwards. The valve centerline should be parallel to the pipe centerline.

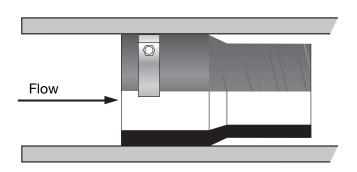
## Tideflex<sup>®</sup> Technologies recommends pinning the Series 37G on all installations. See below.

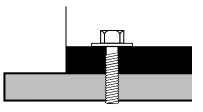
Four pre-drilled holes are provided in each expansion clamp. At least one clamp should be pinned. On exposed pipe, holes can be drilled through the valve and pipe, and a bolt run through secured with a nut. For buried pipe, silicon or similar sealant should be used to seal bolts.

**NEVER...** Install the Valve at An Angle

NEVER... Use Sharp Tools on Rubber NEVER... Exceed Design Back Pressure

**NEVER...** Install the Valve Backwards





### INSTALLATION NOTES FOR SERIES 37G

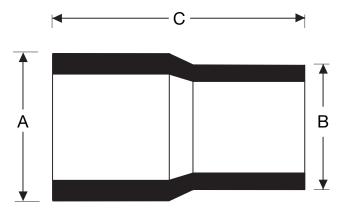
**A.** It is important that the Series 37G are installed level within the pipe. An equal amount of space must exist above and below the end of the bill. The Series 37G may "gap open" it installed improperly.

**B.** The bill of the Series 37G must have room to expand outwards, while bottom of the bill area rises. The area around the bill must be kept free of debris to allow the bill to close in order for the valve to seal properly.

**C.** The Series 37G effectively reduces the inside diameter of the pipe in which it is installed, creating a restriction. It may also create a "ledge" inside the pipe, causing standing water.

**D.** Back pressure in excess of the maximum line pressure may invert the sleeve and cause valve failure.

**E.** Should the conditions that the Series 37G was designed for change, (line pressure, back pressure, chemical compatibility) the performance of the valve may suffer.



Nominal Pipe I.D./Valve Size* (A)	Maximum Bill Height (B)	Maximum Length (C)	Maximum Back Pressure (psi)
6"	5-7/8"	11"	75
8"	7-3⁄4"	12-1/4"	75
10"	9-3⁄4"	15-1/4"	65
12"	11-3⁄4"	18-1/4"	65
14"	13-1/2"	21-1/4"	50
16"	15-1/2"	22-3/4"	50
18"	17-1/2"	23-3/4"	25
20"	19-1/2"	31-3/4"	25
24"	22"	37"	25
30"	27"	40-1/2"	15
36"	34"	46-3/4"	15
42"	40"	49"	10
48"	45"	51-1/2"	10
60"	57"	63-7/8"	10
72"	69"	72-1/2"	10

\*For pipe I.D.'s other than the nominal pipe I.D.'s shown, consult factory to verify 37G dimensions.

### MAINTENANCE

#### 1. Inspection

Valves should occasionally be inspected for damage, wear, and buildup of debris. The frequency of the inspections should be determined by the severity of the service and the environment in which it operates.

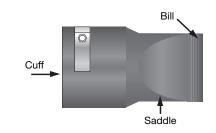
The clamp should be checked for proper tension, and be sure that the inside of the valve is free of debris. Soft marine growth is normal on valves in submerged applications, and because hard marine growth such as barnacles will not bond well to the Tideflex<sup>®</sup> they can be easily removed. Also insert pins to ensure they are tight.

### STORAGE

If your Series 37G is to be stored for a period of time prior to installation, the following storage guidelines will help to preserve the valve and assure a trouble-free installation.

- 1. Store in a clean, cool, dry location. Avoid exposure to light, electric motors, dirt, or chemicals.
- 2. Store valve vertically on floor or pallet.
- 3. Store valve to prevent other items from contacting check sleeve to prevent possible damage.

4. Store this manual with the valve, so that is readily available at time of installation.



### TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE SLEEVE INVERTED

· Excessive back pressure, water surge, or water hammer.

#### LEAKING AROUND PERIMETER OF VALVE

- Tighten Clamp
- Check for cracks and holes in surface of pipe

#### BACKFLOW

- Debris lodged inside bill
- Debris built up beneath bill

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