

Model 350AST & 350ASTDA

Double Check Valve Assembly (2-1/2", 3", 4" & 6")

Double Check Detector Assembly (2-1/2", 3", 4" & 6")

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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

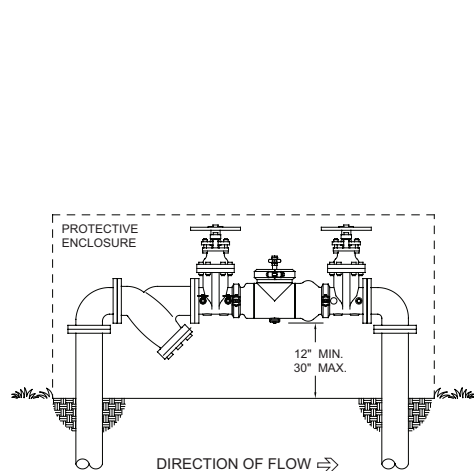
CAUTION: Installation of Backflow Preventers must be performed by qualified, licensed personnel. The installer should be sure the proper device has been selected for the particular installation. Faulty installation could result in an improperly functioning device.

WILKINS Model 350AST Series Assemblies are for use on potable water lines where a health hazard does not exist in the event of a backflow situation.

Damage to the device could result wherever water hammer and/or water thermal expansion could create excessive line pressure. Where this could occur, shock arrestors, check valves and/or pressure relief valves should be installed downstream of the device.

If installation is in a pit or vault, the Backflow Preventer must never be submerged in water because this could cause a cross-connection. Make sure that the pit or vault always remains dry by providing ample drainage.

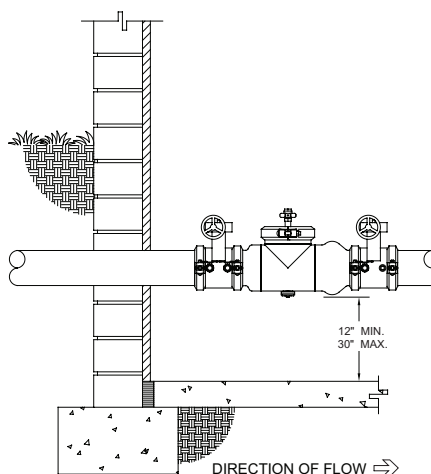
1. Before installing a Model 350AST Series Backflow Preventer, flush the line thoroughly to remove all debris, chips and other foreign matter. If required, a strainer should be placed upstream of the Backflow Preventer. **CAUTION:** Do not use a strainer in seldom used emergency waterlines such as fire lines.
2. Provide adequate space around the installed unit so that the test cocks will be accessible for testing and servicing.
3. Install valve at least 12 inches above surrounding flood level.
4. Always consult local codes for installation methods, approvals and guidance.



OUTDOOR INSTALLATION
Model 350AST

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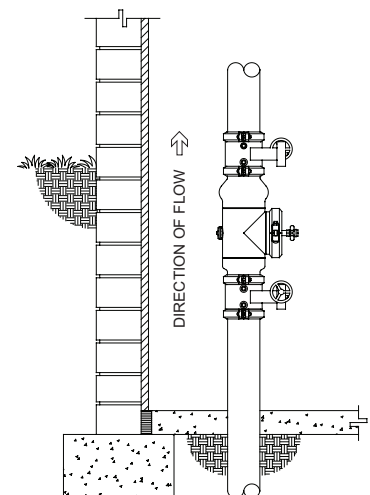
The Model 350AST Series Backflow Preventer may be installed outdoors only if the device is protected against freezing conditions. Exposure to freezing conditions will result in improper function or damage to the device. The installation location must be kept above 32°F. All the basic installation instructions apply.



INDOOR INSTALLATION
Model 350ASTBGVIC

INDOOR INSTALLATION

Indoor installation is preferred in areas that are subject to freezing conditions. All the basic installation instructions apply to such installations.



INDOOR INSTALLATION
Model 350ASTBGVIC

VERTICAL INSTALLATION

Vertical installation is acceptable in applications where inlet and outlet piping are flowing vertically upwards. All the basic installation instructions apply to such installations. Consult factory for approval status.

PLACING THE DEVICE IN SERVICE

1. Start with both shut-off valves closed. Slowly open the inlet shut-off valve until the backflow preventer is completely pressurized.
2. When the unit has been pressurized, vent any trapped air by slightly opening each of the four test cocks.
3. Slowly open the downstream shut-off valve. The Model 350AST Series Assembly is now in service.
4. After the Model 350AST Series has been properly installed, test the device (see "TEST PROCEDURES"). If the device fails the test, remove the first and second check valves and thoroughly flush the device. Clean rubber and seats of all debris and place unit back in service.

Proposition 65 Warning This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

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Testing Procedures

MODEL 350AST SERIES ASSEMBLY

Equipment Required: Differential pressure gauge test kit.

TEST NO. 1 - TIGHTNESS OF #1 CHECK VALVE

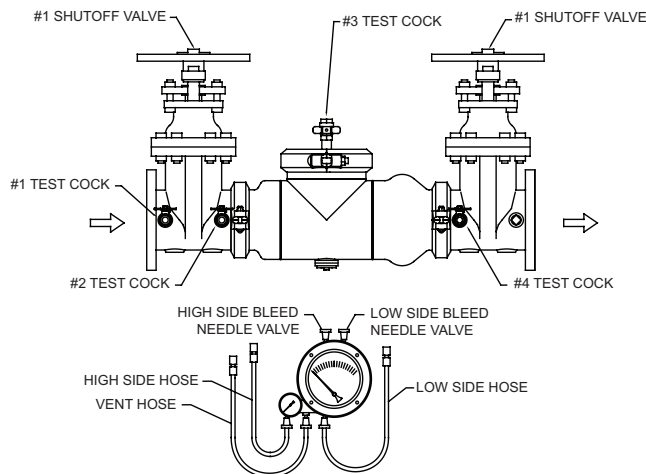
REQUIREMENT:

The static pressure drop across check valve #1 shall be at least 1.0 psid. If test cock #3 is not at the highest point of the check valve body, then a vertical tube must be installed on test cock #3 so that it rises to the top of the check valve body.

PROCEDURE:

1. Slowly open all 4 test cocks to remove any foreign material and attach fittings.
2. Attach hose from the high side of the test kit to the #2 test cock.
3. Open test cock #2 and bleed all air from the hose and gauge by opening the high side bleed needle valve. Close high side bleed needle valve. If a tube is attached to test cock #3, open test cock #3 to fill the tube. Close test cock #3. Close #2 shut-off valve then close the #1 shut-off valve.
4. Hold gauge at same level as test cock #3 or water level in tube. Slowly open test cock #3. Record the static pressure drop across check valve #1 after gauge reading stabilizes and water stops running out of test cock #3.
5. Close all test cocks, open shut-off valve #1 and remove test equipment.

Note: If you are using the duplex gauge method to test the valve, you may see both needles drop simultaneously during test due to disc compression. The high side needle should eventually hold 2 psi below low side needle if check in not fouled.



Capacity thru Schedule 40 Pipe (GPM)				
Pipe size	5 ft/sec	7.5 ft/sec	10 ft/sec	15 ft/sec
2-1/2"	75	112	149	224
3"	115	173	230	346
4"	198	298	397	595
6"	450	675	900	1351
8"	780	1169	1559	2339
10"	1129	1843	2458	3687

TEST NO. 2 - TIGHTNESS OF #2 CHECK VALVE

REQUIREMENT:

The static pressure drop across check valve #2 shall be at least 1.0 psid. If test cock #4 is not at the highest point of the check valve body, then a vertical tube must be installed on test cock #4 so that it rises to the top of the check valve body.

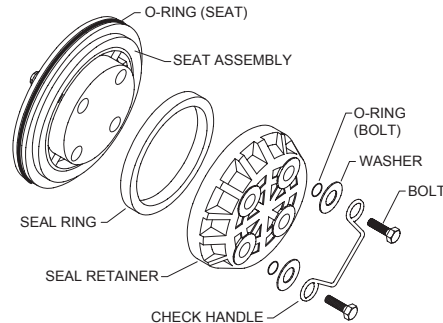
PROCEDURE:

1. Attach hose from the high side of the test kit to the #3 test cock.
2. Open test cock #3 and bleed all air from the hose and gauge by opening the high side bleed needle valve. Close high side bleed needle valve. If a tube is attached to test cock #4, open test cock #4 to fill the tube. Close test cock #4. Close #1 shut-off valve.
3. Hold gauge at same level as test cock #4 or water level in tube. Slowly open test cock #4. Record the static pressure drop across check valve #2 after gauge reading stabilizes and water stops running out of test cock #4.
4. Close all test cocks, slowly open shut-off valve #1 & #2 and remove test equipment.

SPECIFICATIONS

Maximum working water pressure:	175 PSI
Maximum working water temperature:	140°F
Hydrostatic test pressure:	350 PSI
End connections:	Flanged ANSI B16.1 Class 125 Grooved AWWA C606

CHECK ASSEMBLY



2-1/2" - 6"

Proper performance is dependent upon licensed, qualified personnel performing regular, periodic testing according to WILKINS' specifications and prevailing governmental & industry standards and codes and upon following these installation instructions. Failure to do so releases WILKINS of any liability that it might otherwise have with respect to that device. Such failure could also result in an improperly functioning device.

Repair Kits

SIZE	MODEL 350AST RUBBER ONLY	MODEL 350ASTDA RUBBER ONLY (includes by-pass parts)
2-1/2" - 3"	RK4-350ST	RK4-350STDA
4"	RK4-350ST	RK4-350STDA
6"	RK6-350ST	RK6-350STDA

Maintenance Instructions

All Model 350AST Series Backflow Preventers must be inspected and maintained by licensed personnel at least once a year or more frequently as specified by local codes. Replacement of worn or damaged parts must only be made with genuine "WILKINS" parts.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

1. Clean all parts thoroughly with water after disassembly.
2. Carefully inspect rubber seal rings and o-rings for damage.
3. Test unit after reassembly for proper operation (refer to "TESTING PROCEDURES").

NOTE: If any portion of the seat assembly is damaged or missing or if the seating surface is damaged in any way, do not attempt to field repair it. Contact your local WILKINS representative for assistance.

SERVICING CHECK VALVES

1. Close the outlet and then the inlet shut-off valves.
2. Open No. 2, 3 and 4 test cocks to release internal pressure. Leave them open during check removal and reinstallation.
3. Loosen and remove the two nuts, bolts and gasket from the grooved coupling around the access cover.
4. If the valve has a plastic retainer on the #1 check, grasp one of the exposed ends, push down and then pull toward the #2 check. The retainer should "spiral" out of the groove around the check.

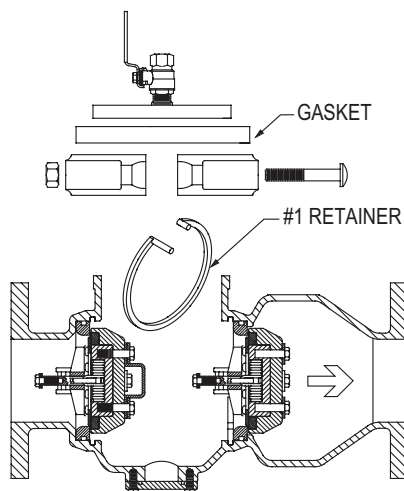


FIGURE 1

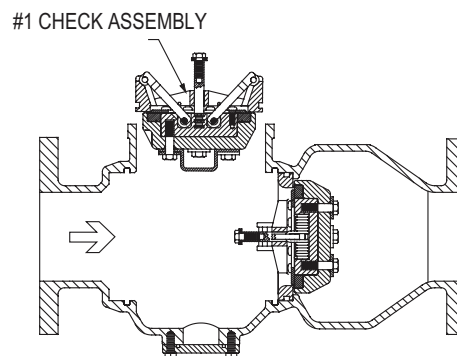


FIGURE 2

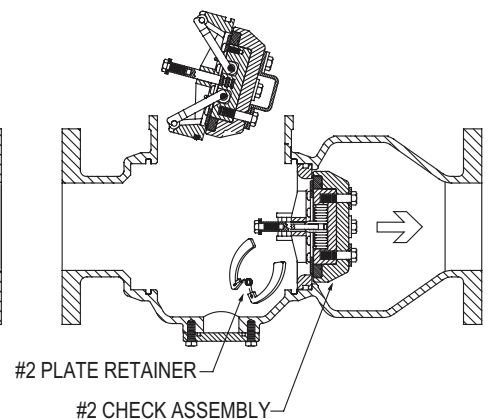


FIGURE 3

5. Remove the #2 check by locating one of the two spring-loaded plate retainers around the face of the check. Pinch the sides of the spring together and rotate the plates out of the body groove one at a time. Remove the 2nd retainer the same way.
6. **Always service the checks one at a time to avoid mixing parts.** Start by removing the hardware and o-rings from the back of the check assembly (See "Check Assembly" illustration). Separate the seal retainer from the assembly to expose the seal ring.
7. Inspect the seal ring for cuts or embedded debris. If the reverse side of the seal is unused, the seal ring can be inverted and used temporarily until a new seal is obtained. Inspect seat o-ring and replace if cut or damaged in any way.
8. Inspect valve cavity and seating areas. Flush with water to remove any debris.
9. Reassembly, Lubricate the #2 check o-ring, install in the body and close the #4 test cock. Install the #2 check retainers into the body groove one plate at a time, squeezing the spring ends together to clear the stops on the face of the seat.
10. Lubricate and install the #1 check. Close the #2 test cock. Install the plastic retainer by inserting one end into the body groove and then sliding your hand around the face of the retainer, pushing it into the groove as you go. The retainer will "snap" into place when fully seated.
11. Lubricate the outside surface of the grooved coupling gasket. Reassemble access cover and grooved coupling, making sure the ends of the coupling touch each other. Close any remaining open test cocks and place valve back in service.

Troubleshooting

PROBLEM

1. LEAKING CHECK VALVES

POSSIBLE CAUSES

1. Debris on seat or seal ring
2. Damaged seat area
3. Damaged seat o-ring
4. Damaged bolt o-ring (s) on check retainer

2. LOW OR NO FLOW

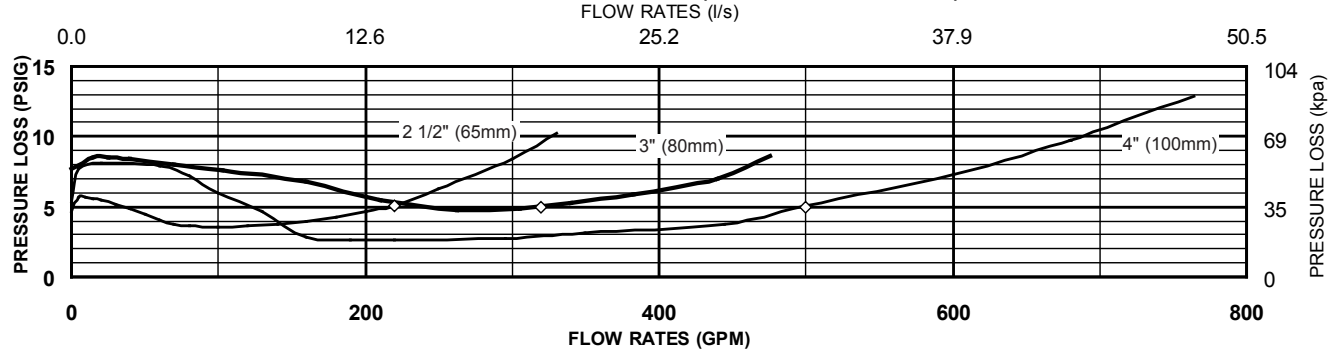
1. Device installed backwards
2. Gate valves not fully open
3. Low supply pressure

CORRECTIVE ACTION

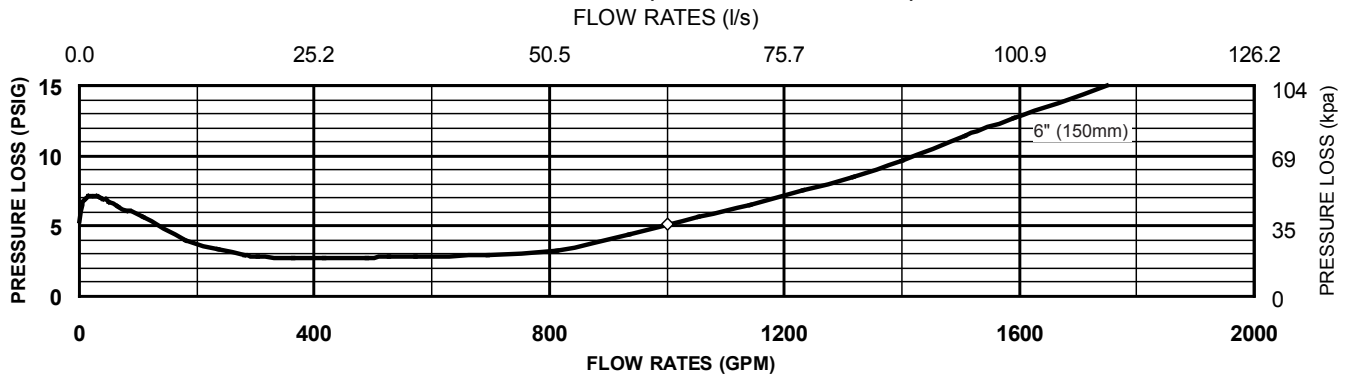
1. Clean seat area
2. Replace check assembly
2. Replace seat o-ring
4. Replace o-ring (s)
1. Verify flow direction arrow
2. Turn handles counterclockwise
3. Attach pressure gauge to test cock #1 and verify pressure

Performance Characteristics

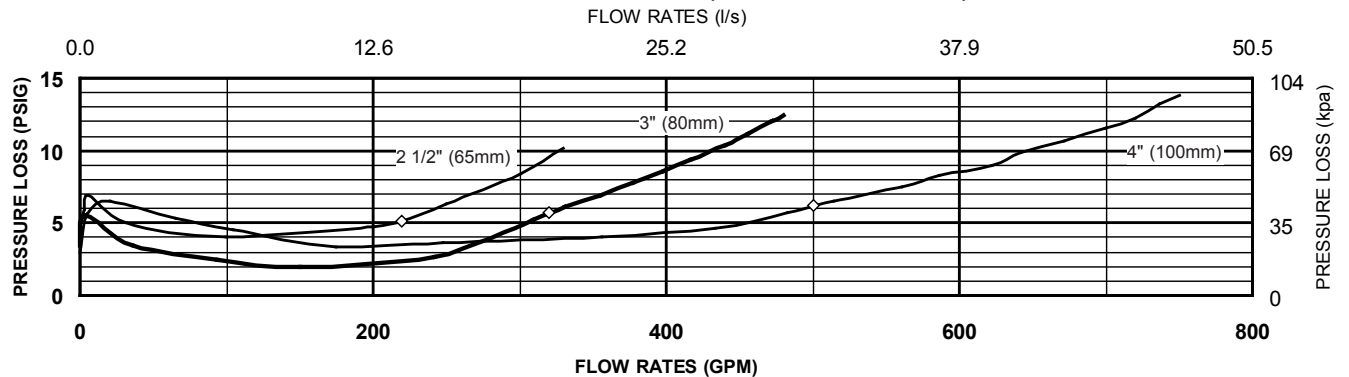
MODEL 350AST 2 1/2", 3" & 4" (STANDARD & METRIC)



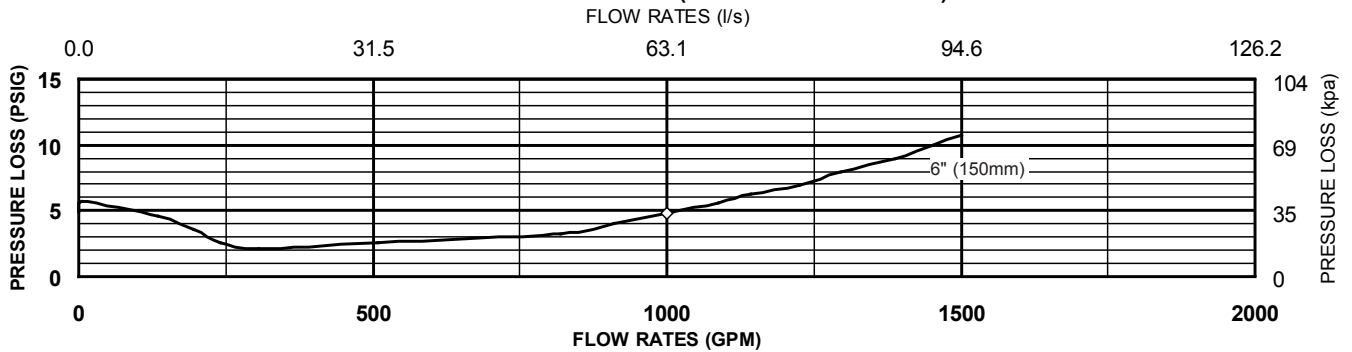
MODEL 350AST 6" (STANDARD & METRIC)



MODEL 350ASTDA 2 1/2", 3" & 4" (STANDARD & METRIC)



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◇ Rated Flow (Established by approval agencies)

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