

The More You Know



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Stop The Hammer.

Sudden changes in water flow give pipes a pounding. To avoid water hammer damage, use newly improved Slo-Close Butterball® Valves. A more efficient, more reliable design in a lower profile gearbox gives you better performance and easier installation and access. These one-piece full port valves provide triple-seal protection using a unique



seal-welded disc and stainless steel stem.

Slo-Close Butterball valves can be ordered with a built-in supervisory switch. Lead-free UltraPure® options are also available for fire protection systems charged off of **potable** water lines.

- Available in 1" – 2½" (threaded end) and 2" - 2½" (grooved end) sizes.
- The lead-free UltraPure Butterball is available in 1"-2" (threaded end).
- Internal tamper switch (indoor/outdoor use) signals disc movement.
- UL and FM approved for up to 175 PSI.
- Approved by NYC Board of Standards & Appeals for

350 PSI in hi-rise buildings.

For powerful shock control, use Slo-Close Butterball Valves. Download a BB-SC spec sheet [HERE](#) to help hammer out your next fire protection system.

As was mentioned last week, Milwaukee Valve will be exhibiting at the [AFSN43](#) Exhibit and Apprentice Competition in Denver, CO. The American Fire Sprinkler Association (AFSA) is the voice of the merit shop fire sprinkler contractor through education and training, while promoting fire protection systems to save lives and property. AFSN43 is the largest fire sprinkler exhibition in the country consisting of designers,



2023 AFSA Apprentice Competition

contractors, manufacturers, suppliers and Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJ).

Milwaukee Valve has sponsored the Apprentice Competition for many years. Over the past several months, seven apprentices have earned the distinction of being the best candidates. The final competition consists of a written exam and building out a sprinkler system consisting of cutting, threading and installing piping and components. A final pressure test is performed and participants are judged on accuracy, craftsmanship and safety.

While the Slo-Close line of supervisory valves tends to be a somewhat ancillary product for Milwaukee Valve, it

maintains an enthusiastic following. Contractors using the Slo-Close appreciate a quality product they can count on for many years of dependable service. The Slo-Close valve remains the only domestically-produced valve of its kind utilizing the Butterball-style closure.



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