

The More You Know



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The Handle Changes the Ball Valve Certifications?

So you need a ball valve for a gas installation. Milwaukee Valve's BA-475B carries a variety of UL, FM and CSA certifications. These certifications are for gas installations like natural gas, LP and other flammable media, for which the BA-475B is fully approved.

But (and this is an important exception!) the requirements for these certifications state that the valve be **fully assembled at the factory** as approved. Therefore, if a handle is lost or damaged on a pedigree valve and a replacement handle is supplied, the valve **no longer meets these requirements**. It seems a bit excessive, but you can see the obvious need for accuracy. To maintain the valve's pedigree, the valve needs to be installed in its factory assembled form, which includes the original handle.

Should a customer request a replacement handle, that valve in all likelihood will then not meet the certification for which it was intended. Below are two photos. The first is a pedigree BA-475B. The second is a spare handle. Note that there are no certification markings on the spare.



Replacing a handle in the field is a common installation or maintenance occurrence. Make sure that you don't violate UL, FM and CSA certifications by employing a replacement handle. For assistance with a specific problem, contact your [**Milwaukee Valve regional manager or sales representative**](#). Their experience and industry knowledge will simplify finding a solution to your product and application requirements. Visit [**www.MilwaukeeValve.com**](http://www.MilwaukeeValve.com), where you can see our entire product line.



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