#### **OVERVIEW**

Both Akron and Elkhart valve series are designed to swing out of the waterway by removing three of the bolts retaining each adapter (end cap), loosening the fourth then rotating the valve body out. Alternately all four bolts may be removed to slide the body completely out.

The primary difference in servicing the Akron and Elkhart valve will be that when servicing an Elkhart Unibody series the actuator shaft is always removed with the entire actuator subassembly off the top of the valve. The Akron actuator shaft, depending on the valve type, may need to be removed through the inside of the valve body. Due to the added complexity of removing the Akron valve actuator shaft, this o-ring should only be replaced if a leak has been detected in this area.



#### I. DISASSEMBLY – BALL AND SEATS – AKRON AND ELKHART

Note: This kit includes extra O-rings for the different variations of valve. Identify the correct replacement O-rings when removing the old ones.

- 1. Turn the valve to the open position.
- 2. If the valve can be rotated out of line, remove three pairs of adapter bolts (18) and loosen the fourth pair. Swing the valve out of the line. If the valve cannot be rotated out of line, remove all eight adapter bolts and take the valve out completely.

NOTE: If it is necessary to remove the handle, mark the position of the handle in relation to the ball position, and the orientation of the stop plate (4) if so equipped.

- Remove the two seats (20) from the valve body (21). It may be necessary to partially close the ball and grasp the inside lip of the seat. 3.
- 4 Remove the threaded trunnion (16).
- 5. With the valve in the open position, remove the ball (19) and actuator bushing (26), if equipped (EB30/EB35 only).

II. DISASSEMBLY - HANDLE TRUNNION AND/OR ACTUATOR SHAFT - AKRON ONLY (refer to back page for exploded view of different Akron actuator types)

Note: If servicing an Akron valve equipped with an electric actuator, do not disassemble this portion of the valve. The water tight seal will be broken and water may leak into the electronic controls chamber.

Note: If servicing an Akron valve equipped with a standard type handle, it is not normally necessary to replace the O-ring under the handle or on the actuator shaft. Do not disassemble this portion of the valve unless there is a leak.

- 1. Remove the handle bolt (1) and washer (2).
- 2. Note the position of the handle relative to the groove in the top of the actuator shaft for reassembly purposes. Remove the handle (3) and the stop plate (4), handle O-ring (6) and handle spacer (14) if so equipped.
- The actuator shaft (12) of a 7600 (without actuator retaining plate), 8600 or 8800 series valve may now be removed by pushing it down into the valve. Pay careful attention to retain the thrust washer (22) as used on the 8600 and 8800 series valves.
- 4. For 7600 (with actuator retaining plate) and 7800 series valves, note the position of the actuator retaining plate (7) for reassembly purposes.
  - a. Remove the actuator retaining plate screws (5). Remove the actuator retaining plate (7).
  - b. Remove the handle trunnion (8).
  - c. Remove the lock sleeve (13) and spring (9) subassembly if applicable.

#### Caution: Do not remove the spring from inside the sleeve.

d. Remove the actuator shaft (10) by pushing it out from the inside of the valve.

#### III. REASSEMBLY – HANDLE TRUNNION AND/OR ACTUATOR SHAFT – AKRON ONLY

Note: Lubricate all O-rings with Parker O-Ring Lube or equivalent petroleum-based lubricant.

- Replace the O-ring (12) on the actuator shaft (10) and reinstall the shaft in the valve body. 1
- 2. Replace the lock sleeve (13) and spring (9) sub-assembly and handle trunnion (8) if so equipped.

trunnion must fit into the hole in the center of the actuator shaft.

3. Reposition the actuator retaining plate (7), if so equipped, and install the screws (5).

screw. Tighten them in a criss-cross pattern. There should be a small gap between the plate and the valve body.

- 4. Install the handle O-ring (6), style 7600 handle spacer (14), and stop plate (4) as required.
- 5. bolt with the handle washer (2).

### IV. DISASSEMBLY – ACTUATOR SUB-ASSEMBLY – ELKHART ONLY

Note: While easy, replacement of the actuator shaft o-ring is not normally necessary unless leakage is detected.

and detailed instructions of this process.

- Note and mark the relative position of the actuator sub-assembly and any linkages
- Remove the four socket head bolts (5) retaining the actuator sub-assembly. 2
- Pull the entire actuator sub-assembly off the valve body. 3.

## V. REASSEMBLY – ACTUATOR SUB-ASSEMBLY – ELKHART ONLY

#### Note: Lubricate o-rings with Parker O-Ring Lube or equivalent petroleum-based lubricant.

- 1. Replace the O-ring (12) on the actuator shaft (10).
- 2. Push the entire actuator sub-assembly down onto the valve body.
- 3. Replace the four actuator sub-assembly retaining bolts (5).

back in position in the waterway.

### VI. REASSEMBLY – BALL AND SEATS – AKRON AND ELKHART

- 1. Install the new O-ring (15) on the threaded trunnion (16).
- corrosion or raised lip around the bolt holes.

#### Caution: Always file diagonally and keep the file touching both sides of the valve body. The surfaces must remain flat.

- Rotate the actuator so that the flats on the sides of the actuator shaft (10) are parallel to the waterway. 3.
- 4.
- 5. Install the threaded trunnion (16) so that it fits into the hole in the ball. If necessary, use fine emery paper to clean up the smooth portion that fits into the ball. The ball should fit loosely on the trunnion.
- 6 Tighten the trunnion to 16-20 foot pounds of torgue on 1.5" through 2.5" valves and to 19-25 foot pounds of torgue on 3" through 4" valves. DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN.
- Place the new seats (20) into the recesses on either side of the valve body (21).
- 8 Swing the valve body back into line or install the assembly. Loosely install the adapter bolts (18).
- 9. Turn the ball to the closed position.

#### Caution: The ball must be in the closed position before the adapter bolts are tightened.

- ft-lbs on 3" through 4" valves. DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN
- 11. Operate the valve and test for leakage.

#### **MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS**

Do not lubricate the ball or seats. Lubricants can collect dirt and grit which may cause excessive wear. Occasionally, flow water through all valves to clear dirt and debris.

#### **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

Always open and close valves slowly. Do not exceed 500 psi.

# Note: The ears of the lock spring must be aligned with the corresponding recess of the actuator shaft. The pilot of the handle

# Note: For valves with flat head screws, tighten all six screws until they just touch the plate before fully tightening any one

Position the handle in the proper position, apply a small amount of Locktite 222 or equivalent to the handle bolt (1) and install the

6. Immediately test the operation of the handle. If it appears to be hard to turn, loosen the handle bolt approximately 1/4 turn.

#### Note: If servicing an Elkhart valve equipped with an electric or gear actuator, access to the actuator sub-assembly retaining bolts is gained by removing the gearbox cover. The Unibody Valve Operating and Maintenance Manual includes more complete

#### Note: The Elkhart actuator sub-assembly may also be assembled to the valve body after the ball is replaced and the body is

2. Use a 10" or larger flat file to clean up the flat surface of the adapters and mating surfaces of the valve body. Remove any paint,

Install the ball (19) and actuator bushing (26), EB30/EB35 only, over the actuator shaft and hold it in position.

10. Tighten the adapter bolts (18) evenly in an X pattern using 25-30 foot pounds of torque on 1.5" through 2.5" valves and 38-40

# **Akron Brass Detailed Valve Component View**



**Replacement Kit** 

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Universal

For Elkhart Brass and Akron Brass Apparatus Valves



This service kit includes the parts required to replace both valve seats, the trunnion O-ring and the actuator shaft O-ring of either an Elkhart Brass Unibody series valve or an Akron Brass 7600, 7800, 8600 or 8800 series valve. A kit containing a stainless steel valve ball may be ordered seperately to replace a damaged unit or to upgrade an Akron valve originally supplied with a plastic ball.



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