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Thermoplastics valves — Torque — Test method

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a test method for the determination of the opening and closing torque of thermoplastics valves.

2 Field of application

This International Standard applies to all types of thermoplastics valves intended to be used for the transport of fluids.

3 References

ISO 161-1, *Thermoplastics pipes for the transport of fluids — Nominal outside diameters and nominal pressures — Part 1: Metric series*.

ISO 6708, *Pipe components — Definition of nominal size*.

ISO 7349, *Thermoplastics valves — Connection references*.

4 Definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the definition of the nominal diameter (DN) given in ISO 6708 and the following definitions apply.

4.1 closing torque: Torque exerted over the full closing operation to achieve full tightness of the valve at nominal pressure.

4.2 opening torque: Torque exerted initially to open the valve from fully closed or over the full opening operation.

4.3 nominal pressure (PN): Alphanumeric designation, used for reference purposes, related to the mechanical strength of a valve. Usually it corresponds to the service pressure, in bar¹⁾, with water at 20 °C, for which the valve is designed (see ISO 161-1).

5 Test specimen

The test specimen shall be an unused valve, unless otherwise specified in the specific product standard.

6 Test conditions

6.1 Water or air at the nominal pressure of the valve (0,6 MPa max. when using air), connected in accordance with ISO 7349, at 23 ± 2 °C shall be applied to the test specimen as indicated in clause 8.

6.2 Other test conditions, including the use of other fluids and/or other temperatures, may also be prescribed by specifications for valves for particular applications, such as those for the transport of gaseous fuels.

7 Apparatus

NOTE — If air is used as the test medium, it is necessary to take appropriate safety precautions for the use of compressed gases.

7.1 Pump, capable of delivering a pressure at least equivalent to the nominal pressure of the valve under test.

7.2 Device, capable of supplying the required torque with an accuracy of ± 2 %.

7.3 Measuring instrument, between the torque device and the valve, which shall permit the continuous reading of the torque with the required accuracy of ± 2 %, and the recording of its maximum value.

8 Procedure

8.1 Torque test before conditioning

At least 12 h before carrying out this test, open and close the valve ten times to ensure smooth operation.

8.1.1 With the valve closed, raise the pressure gradually over 60 s to the nominal pressure of the valve and maintain it for 5 min.

8.1.2 Connect the valve handle to the torque device and measuring instrument and apply a torque, increasing it gradually until the opening torque is reached. Complete the opening of the valve in accordance with the requirements specified in the table.

1) 1 bar = 10^5 Pa