Ball Valve Assemblies with SmartX Actuators
Installation Guide

Ball Valve Assemblies
The Schneider Electric VA, VF, and VS-2xx3-xxx-9-xx series Ball Valve Assemblies are complete actuator/valve assemblies that accept two-position, floating, or proportional control signals from a DDC system or a thermostat, for control of hot or chilled water, or solutions of up to 50% glycol. They consist of direct-coupled, SmartX, spring return or non-spring return actuators mounted on 2-way (1/2" to 3") and 3-way (1/2" to 2") ball valve bodies.

Typical applications include reheat on VAV boxes, fan coil units, hot and chilled water coils in air handling units, and unit ventilators.

Ball Valve Assemblies with SmartX Actuators
Vx-2xx3-xxx-9-xx series ball valve assemblies are available with either spring return or non-spring return SmartX™ Actuators.

Vx-2213-50x-9-xx
2-Way Assembly with Non-Spring Return Actuator

Vx-2313-50x-9-xx
3-Way Assembly with Non-Spring Return Actuator

Ball valve body/linkage assemblies allow field mounting of SmartX Actuators.

Vx-22x3-8xx-9-xx
2-Way Assembly with Mx4D Series Actuator

Vx-2313-8xx-9-xx
3-Way Assembly with Mx4D Series Actuator

Vx-22x3-5xx-9-xx
2-Way Assembly with Spring Return Actuator

Vx-2313-5xx-9-xx
3-Way Assembly with Spring Return Actuator

Applicable Literature
MA40-704x, MA4x-707x, MA4x-715x General Instructions ............ F-26642
MF4x-7xx3, MF4x-7xx3-50x General Instructions ................. F-26644
MS4x-7xx3, MS4x-7xx3-50x General Instructions ............... F-26645
MF41-6043, MF41-6083 General Instructions ................. F-27213
MA4D-xxxx, MF4D-xxxx, MS4D-xxxx General Instructions ......... F-27170
MS41-6043, MS41-6083 General Instructions ............... F-27214
Mx40-704x Mounting and Wiring Instructions .............. F-27003
Mx4x-6xxx, Mx4x-7xxx, SmartX Actuators Selection Guide .... F-26646
VA, VF, and VS-2xx3-xxx-9-xx Series Ball Valve Selection Guide .... F-27086
EN205 Water and Steam Systems ....................... F-26080
Schneider Electric Valves Catalog ....................... F-27414
Installation

INSPECTION
Inspect the package for damage. If damaged, notify the appropriate carrier immediately. If undamaged, open the package and inspect the device for obvious damage. Return any damaged products.

Requirements

- Tools:
  - #2 Phillips screwdriver
  - 3 mm hex wrench (for setscrew on Mx41-6043 and Mx41-6083 non-spring return actuators)
  - 10 mm socket wrench (for shaft clamp nuts on Mx40-704x spring-return actuators)
  - 10 mm open-end wrench or adjustable wrench such as a Crescent® wrench
  - Torque wrench, range to include 55 to 120 lb-in. (6.2 to 14 N·m)
  - Pipe wrenches, two
  - Additional installation tools as specified in the actuator’s installation document
- Training: Installer must be a qualified, experienced technician

Caution:

- Avoid locations where excessive moisture, vibration, or corrosive fumes are present.
- Observe the minimum and maximum temperature limits in Table-2.

GENERAL INSTALLATION

Applicable Actuators

Table-1. Applicable Actuators for Ball Valves.

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<th>Valve Size</th>
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<td>1/2 to 1-1/4</td>
<td>Mx41-6043 (35 lb-in., 24 Vac)</td>
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<td>1-1/2 to 3 inch (2-Way)</td>
<td>Mx41-6083 (70 lb-in., 24 Vac)</td>
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<td>1-1/2 to 2 inch (3-Way)</td>
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<td>Mx4D-7033/8033 (30 lb-in., 24 Vac/20-30 Vdc)</td>
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Installation of Mx40-704x Spring Return Actuators

Install the spring return actuator onto the ball valve according to Figure 1.

**Note:** Only the 35 lb-in. actuator listed in Table-1 are compatible with Vx-2x13-5xx-9-xx Ball Valve Assemblies.

1. **For Normally Open 2-Way and Normally Open A to AB 3-Way**
   - Verify that the valve is in the open position (A to AB open on 3-way valves).

2. **For Normally Closed 2-Way and Normally Closed A to AB 3-Way**
   - Verify that the valve is in the closed position (A to AB closed on 3-way valves).

3. **Align the actuator with the mounting plate, then slide the anti-rotation clip half way into the slot on the bottom of the actuator.**

4. **Tighten the wing nut to secure the anti-rotation clip in place. Be careful not to over-tighten the wing nut.**

5. **Using a 10 mm wrench or socket, evenly tighten the two nuts on the shaft clamp, applying 8 to 10 lb-ft (11 to 14 N-m) of torque.**

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| MX40-704X | Clip NYBA-200 |

Figure 1. MX40-704x Spring Return Actuator Installation
Installation of Mx41-6043 and Mx41-6083 Non-Spring Return Actuators

Install the non-spring return actuator onto the ball valve according to Figure 2.

**Note:** Only the 35 lb-in. and 70 lb-in. actuators listed in Table-1 are compatible with Vx-2x13-5xx-9-xx Ball Valve Assemblies.

1. **Verify that the valve is open.**
2. **Slide the actuator straight down over the valve shaft and onto the mounting plate.**
3. **Align the actuator with the mounting plate, then slide the anti-rotation clip half way into the slot on the bottom of the actuator.**
4. **Tighten the wing nut to secure the anti-rotation clip in place. Be careful not to over-tighten the wing nut.**
5. **Secure the actuator to the valve shaft:**
   a. Verify that the actuator’s position indicator is pointing to the 0° position. If it is not, slide and hold the manual release slider on the actuator housing to disengage the gears, and then use the positioning lever to turn the actuator’s output shaft to the 0° position. When finished, release the slider or button to re-engage the gears.
   b. Using a 3 mm hex wrench, tighten the setscrew, applying 55 to 60 lb-in. (6.2 to 6.8 N-m) of torque.

**Caution:** Only use the manual override when the actuator drive motor is not powered. Engaging the manual override when the actuator is powered will cause damage to the gears.

The flats on the sides of the shaft indicate the position of the ball port.

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**Figure 2.** Installation of Non-Spring Return Actuators on Ball Valve.
Installation of Mx4D-x0x3 Spring and Non-Spring Return Actuators

Install the actuator onto the ball valve according to Figure 3.

**Note:** Only the 35 lb-in. and 70 lb-in. actuators listed in Table-1 are compatible with Vx-2x13-8xx-9-xx Ball Valve Assemblies.

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1. **Spring return and non-spring return models**
   - For normally open 2-Way and normally open A to AB 3-way valves, verify that the valve is open.

2. Spring return models
   - For normally closed 2-Way and normally closed A to AB 3-way valves, verify that the valve is closed.

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   - For normally open 2-Way and normally open A to AB 3-way valves, verify that the valve is open.

2. **Spring return models**
   - For normally closed 2-Way and normally closed A to AB 3-way valves, verify that the valve is closed.

3. Align the actuator with the mounting plate, then slide the anti-rotation clip half way into the slot on the bottom of the actuator.

4. Secure the actuator to the valve shaft:
   - a. Verify that the actuator’s position indicator is pointing to the 0° position.
   - b. Using a 1/8 inch hex wrench, tighten the setscrews, applying 50 to 60 lb-in. (5.7 to 6.8 N-m) of torque.

5. Insert the crank in the actuator. Without pushing in on the crank, rotate the manual override crank in the direction shown by the arrow on the actuator label until the actuator rotates to the desired position. Push in until the mechanism locks in position.

   **Note:** Non-spring return models do not have the locking feature.

   **Power must be removed before using the manual override.**

Figure 3. Installation of Mx4D-xxxx-xxx Actuators on Ball Valve.
Changing Control Function for MS4D-xxxx (proportional units only)
These actuators are equipped with a jumper to control the function of the signal as received. See Figure 4. The factory setting is for direct acting (actuator moves away from normal position as signal increases). Remove the cover to change jumper settings.

![Jumper Setting for Proportional Models](image)

Note: Cover screws are #8 Torx.

Changing Control Function for MS40-704x (proportional units only)
The MS40-7043 actuator is equipped with a switch to control the direction of rotation. The switch can be set to “L” (left) or “R” (right) rotation. See Figure 5. An actuator set to “L” will have a clockwise rotation when viewed from the left side. When viewed from the right side the rotation will be counterclockwise.

Caution: These are spring return actuators. It is possible to switch to a direction that moves the actuator against the -5° positive stop. Example: Viewing the actuator from the left side with the switch set to “R” and an increasing signal. The actuator will attempt to rotate beyond the -5° stop and will stall.

![Switch Settings for Proportional MS40-704x Models](image)

Changing Control Function for MS41-6083 (proportional units only)
The MS41-6083 actuator uses a dual in-line package (DIP) switch to control the direction of rotation. The DIP is located on a lower corner of the face of the actuator and is covered with a protective cover. Raise the cover to set the DIP. The factory setting is clockwise, as shown in Figure 6. The middle switch controls the rotation. The direction of the rotation switch should match the damper rotation movement.

![DIP Switch Set for Clockwise Rotation](image)
## Valve Mounting

### General Piping Practices

Figure 7 and Figure 8 illustrate how 2-way and 3-way proportional ball valve assemblies are to be piped. 2-way ball valves with spring return actuators are shipped normally open with a voltage rise to close.

![2-Way Diagram](image1.png)

**2-Way**

1. Characterized 2-way ball valves should be piped in the direction of water flow (labeled with an arrow on one side of the valve body). While it is possible to pipe these ball valves in the opposite direction, doing so will adversely affect the equal percentage flow curves.
2. The flats on the sides of the shaft indicate the position of the ball port.

![3-Way Mixing Diagram](image2.png)

**3-Way Mixing**

1. Fluid enters through two inlets (ports A and B) and exits through one outlet (port AB).
2. Not recommended for diverting applications (one inlet, port AB, and two outlets, ports A and B). Using these valves for diverting applications will adversely affect the equal percentage flow curves and Cv's.
3. The flats on the sides of the shaft indicate the position of the ball port.
4. Always pipe the A port to the outlet of the coil.

### Insulation of Ball Valve Assembly

The ball valve should be completely insulated to minimize the effect of heat transfer and condensation at the actuator.

The actuator itself must not be insulated. Doing so can result in excess heat or condensation within the actuator.

### Temperature Limits for Ball Valve Assembly

When installing the ball valve assembly, observe the minimum and maximum temperature limits, given below.
Table-2. Ambient Temperature Limits for Ball Valves Assemblies and Actuators.

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Installation of Ball Valve Assembly
Mount the valve assembly in the piping according to Figure-5.

Notes:

- 2-way ball valves containing characterized inserts must be piped in the direction of the arrow on the side of the valve body.
- 2-way proportional spring return ball valve assemblies are shipped either normally open, voltage rise to close (actuator code 53x), or normally closed, voltage rise to open (actuator code 52x).
- 3-way proportional spring return ball valve assemblies are shipped either A to AB closed, voltage rise to open (actuator code 52x), or A to AB open, voltage rise to close (actuator code 53x).
- All 2-way proportional non-spring return ball valve assemblies are shipped open, voltage rise to close.
- All 3-way proportional spring return ball valve assemblies are shipped A to AB open, voltage rise to close.
- Mount the valve in a weather-protected area, in a location that is within the ambient temperature limits of the actuator.
- When selecting a location, allow sufficient clearance on all sides to allow for any maintenance that may be needed. Refer to Ball Valve Assemblies and Ball Valve Body /Linkage Assemblies Selection Guide, F-27086, for dimensions.
- Mount the valve assembly so that the actuator is above the horizontal, relative to the valve. This ensures that any condensate that forms on the valve body will not travel into the actuator, where it may cause corrosion or electrical malfunction.
1. Apply pipe sealant sparingly to all but the end two threads of a properly threaded, reamed, and cleaned pipe. 2-way valves must be piped with an inlet and an outlet. 3-way mixing valves must be piped with two inlets and one outlet.

   **Caution:** Make sure the pipe chips, scale, etc. do not get into the pipe since this material may lodge in the valve seat and prevent proper closing and opening of the valve.

2. Start the joint by hand-threading the pipe into the valve. If the thread engagement feels normal, continue to turn the pipe by hand as far as it will go.

3. Use two wrenches. Secure one wrench on the hex pads nearest the joint being tightened while using the second wrench to screw in the threaded end of the pipe, thereby preventing the retainer–to–body seal from being broken.

   **Caution:** Do not over-tighten the pipe, which may cause stripped threads.

4. Repeat steps 1, 2, and 3 for the remaining connection(s).

5. Insulate both the valve and the linkage.

   **Caution:** Do not insulate the actuator. Doing so may result in excess heat buildup or condensation within the actuator.

6. In chilled or cold water systems where the environment is humid, use a drip pan under the valve to catch condensate.

7. Wire the actuator, referring to the appropriate actuator General Instructions sheet.

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**Figure 9.** Mounting Ball Valve Assembly in Piping.
Manual Valve Positioning of Mx40-704x Spring Return Actuators

Before applying power to a ball valve assembly on a new installation, it may be desired to manually open the valve for system filling at startup. Manually open the ball valve assembly according to Figure 10, which shows the valve in the open position.

To restore normal operation:

1. Rotate the valve shaft back to its original spring return position.
2. Using a 10 mm wrench or socket, evenly tighten the two nuts on the shaft clamp, applying 8 to 10 lb-ft (11 to 14 N-m) of torque.
3. Restore power to the actuator.

Alternate Method
If the actuator is not yet wired:

1. Loosen the wing nut on the underside of the mounting plate, then slide the anti-rotation clip out of the slot on the bottom of the actuator.
2. Turn the actuator to the desired position.
3. To restore normal operation, rotate the actuator back into alignment with the mounting plate, then slide the anti-rotation clip half way into the slot on the bottom of the actuator. Tighten the wing nut to secure the anti-rotation clip, being careful not to over-tighten it.

The flats on the sides of the shaft indicate the position of the ball port.

Figure 10. Manually Opening Valve Assemblies Equipped with Mx40-704x Series Actuators.
Manual Valve Positioning of Mx41-6043 and Mx41-6083 Non-Spring Return Actuators

Before applying power to a ball valve assembly on a new installation, it may be desired to manually open the valve for system filling at startup. Manually open the ball valve assembly according to Figure 11, which shows the valve in the open position.

Note: The Mx41-6043 and Mx41-6083 series actuators feature a manual override that allows them to be manually positioned for system startup (or emergencies).

1. Disconnect power from the actuator.
2. Press and hold the manual release slider to disengage the gears.
3. It may be necessary to reset a /f_loating controller driving an MF41-6043 actuator or manually reposition to full open.
4. Release the manual release slider or button, allowing the gears to re-engage.
5. The actuator returns to normal operation when power is applied.

Caution: Only use the manual override when the actuator drive motor is not powered. Engaging the manual override when the actuator is powered will cause damage to the gears.

The flats on the sides of the shaft indicate the position of the ball port.

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3-Way Mixing

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<td>B Full Open to AB (Fully CW)</td>
<td>A Full Open to AB (Fully CCW)</td>
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Figure 11. Manually Opening Valve Assemblies Having Mx41-6043 Series Actuators.
Checkout
Checkout the valve and actuator assembly operations:

1. Power the actuator and run the valve full stroke. The valve stem should operate smoothly. At the closed position, the valve should shut off tightly.

2. For spring return actuators, allow the actuator to spring return to the normal position. Again, the valve stem should operate smoothly.

3. With the piping under pressure, check the valve body and the connections for leaks.

Maintenance
The ball valve assembly itself requires no maintenance. The stem and packing design eliminates the need for packing adjustment for the life of the valve. However, regular maintenance of the total heating and cooling system is recommended to assure sustained optimum performance.

Water System Maintenance
All heating and cooling systems are susceptible to valve and system problems caused by improper water treatment and system storage procedures.

The following guidelines are to help avoid valve and water system problems resulting from improperly treated water or storage procedures, and to obtain maximum life from Schneider Electric valves.

To maintain non-damaging conditions, clean the system prior to start up. Use a nitrite or molybdate based treatment program. Use filtration equipment where needed. Properly store off-line systems and monitor water treatment results using corrosion test coupons.

Durability of valve stems, balls, seats, and packing is dependent on maintaining non-damaging water conditions. Inadequate water treatment or filtration, not in accordance with chemical supplier/ASHRAE handbook recommendations, can result in corrosion, scale, and abrasive particle formation. Scale and particulates can result in stem and packing scratches, and can adversely affect packing life and other parts of the hydronic system.

Follow the advice of a water treatment professional. Consult EN-205 Water and Steam System Guidelines, Engineering Information, F-26080, for further details.