



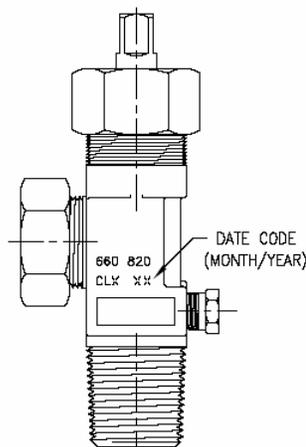
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Sherwood Chlorine Valve Safety Notice

In November 2004, the Chlorine Institute issued an alert advising that it had received some reports of cracks occurring in chlorine valves. Sherwood released a Product Bulletin in early 2005 that emphasized the need to visually inspect for cracks in the body packing nut area as recommended in Chlorine Institute Pamphlet 17, Section 4.7. Additional alerts have been released by the Chlorine Institute that also emphasized the need for inspection. Sherwood has been tracking reports of cracks in its valves and the associated manufacturing dates of the cracked valves. It appears that the cracked valves are part of a population of valves manufactured between May, 2004 and November, 2004.

As a precautionary measure, Sherwood recommends valves of the 1209, 1210, 1211, 1214, and 1214F series with date codes EK, FK, GK, HK, KK, and LK be removed from service and returned. The date code designations appear on the lower right corner of the valve marking.



Only these series and date code valves are to be returned for replacement. Request for returns must be submitted within 90 days of this notice.

Cracked valves have been reported in the industry from time to time over the years since 1927 when these valves were introduced. Typically, few valves with cracks leak. Still, the packager and user should regularly inspect for cracked valves. If a crack is identified in the field, the valve should be shut off, tagged and isolated, and the packager contacted for disposition.

The packing nut application torque should be controlled to 30 ft-lb. Ammonia based solutions should not be used as a leak detection media. The presence of ammonia with a copper alloy material can cause the material to be susceptible to cracking.

Report the valves which you require replacement at www.sherwoodvalve.com/chlorine_valve_reporting.htm. For return authorization and replacement information please contact our customer service department at 888-508-2583 or for faxes 800-416-0678.