Metal Seated McCannaSeal® Ball Valves

McCannaSeal metal seated ball valves can successfully handle applications with highly abrasive media, 1000°F temperatures and pressure/temperature combinations outside the limitations of soft seating materials. Known for their long, dependable life in many critical services, the McCannaSeal offers positive shut-off with its wedge seat design, and the advantage of top entry configuration allows accessible service to all working parts by simply removing the bonnet.

Seat Design
The McCannaSeal design, unlike most ball valves, does not depend on seat flexure under line pressure to ensure positive shut-off. Rather, the wedge seat design of the McCannaSeal fully supports the seat components against the seat faces in the valve body so that no seat flexure must occur to seal.

Metal Set Materials
Waukesha 88* and Stellite** are the two most commonly used seat materials for metal seated ball valves. Inherent differences in composition and characteristics make each type of seat suitable for different, but equally difficult applications.

Waukesha 88
Waukesha 88 alloy was developed to solve special equipment problems involving galling, seizing, and wear of metals used in contact with stainless steel. This non-galling alloy is recommended for severe corrosive applications. It has a high nickel base and contains no copper.

Used in conjunction with a hardened stainless steel 410 ball, Waukesha 88 seats are used in valves constructed of stainless steel and carbon steel. Waukesha 88 seats have been used successfully in services that are both corrosive and abrasive at temperatures to 1000°F.

Waukesha 88 seats should be considered for oxidizing services over 70°F (the limit for carbon graphite seats in those services).

Carbon and Stainless Steel Body Ratings with Metal Seats

![Graph showing pressure vs. temperature for carbon and stainless steel body ratings with metal seats.](image)
Waukesha 88 is also recommended for highly abrasive services where entry of black particulate matter into the product stream is not allowable.

**Stellite**

Stellite balls and seats will normally be specified for the most highly abrasive services.

Stellite retains its hardness to temperatures of 1500°F. It resists erosion and galling, as well as, corrosion from a wide range of acids, alkalis, and molten metals. In addition, Stellite exhibits excellent impact strength and resistance to thermal shock.

Typical applications for Stellite balls and seats in McCannaSeal’s are: a limestone slurry at 1000°F in a coal gasification plant; Catalyst Regeneration Systems with the valves handling highly abrasive alumina oxide pellets and fines at 1000°F; and Iron Ore reduction plants where application temperatures can reach 1500°F.

Stellite has an excellent resistance to wire drawing and erosion and can be used in saturated steam applications considerably above the limits of carbon graphite seats. The suggested limit for Stellite seats in steam applications is 700 psig at 502°F.

In valves 3” and under, the ball and seats are constructed of solid Stellite components. In sizes 4” through 14”, hard Stellite facing over SS316 substrates is used.

**Special Preparation**

For maximum effectiveness and sealing capabilities, the ball and seats are lapped together as a matched set ensuring full contact of seating surfaces. Back faces of the metal seats and seat surface faces of the valve body are lapped flat and smooth resulting in maximum sealing effectiveness while reducing valve torque to a minimum.

Because metal seats are utilized in severe services with cyclic temperatures, highly abrasive materials, and other similar situations, these conditions can cause the ball and seat assembly to drop further than desired into the wedge. This “dropping” occurs especially in high temperature services where the valve body expands and then contracts during cool down. Therefore, all metal-seated ball valves are equipped with a ball stop.

The ball stop prevents the ball and seats from dropping too far into the wedge. Sealing ability is not impaired as the line pressure creates the seal by driving the ball into the downstream seat.

The ball stop sub assembly is inserted through a hole at the bottom of the body cavity and seal welded. Adjustment is not made until the stop just touches the ball when the valve is at room temperature. The ball stop can be readjusted to compensate for wear.

**Extended Bonnets**

Extended bonnets are recommended for temperatures above 500°F and are required for applications in the 650°F to 1000°F range. Graphite stem seals and bonnet gaskets are standard on all metal-seated ball valves.

**How to Specify Order**

Metal seated McCannaSeal ball valves are available in the full range of sizes (½” through 14” regular port and 1” through 12” full port) and may be specified using the standard figure number system. Waukesha 88 is the standard metal seat. Optional Stellite seats should be specified in writing on the order. Ball stops, extended bonnets, optional stem seal and bonnet gasket materials should also be specified if required.

Details of the application-pressures, temperatures, and media should be spelled out in order for Flowserve to supply the correct valve configuration (specifically the correct stem seals, bonnet gaskets, etc.) so that accurate pricing may be quoted.

**Examples of Figure Number Code System**

3” S301-S6-M-SO with ball stop, extended bonnet, carbon graphite stem seals and bonnet gaskets (this indicates Waukesha 88 seats).

3” S301-S6-M-S6 with Stellite ball and seats, ball stop, extended bonnet, carbon graphite stem seals and bonnet gasket.
Ball stop installation with tamper resistant cover

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