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PIPING SUPPORTS
These must be carefully aligned and at the correct distance between centres for the size and type of pipe. The following publications provide details of correct spans and installation details: BS3974, Specification for Pipe Supports (Available from BSI)
DOI Directorate of M & E Engineering Services, M & E No. 3 (Available from HMSO)
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THREADED END VALVES
• The valves are supplied with taper threads and, with the use of a thread sealant, will give a pressure tight seal. To avoid distortion of the valve when fitting and tightening pipe, the valve must be held securely using the flats provided at the end of the valve to which the pipe is being fitted.
• Care should be taken to avoid ‘pipe ending’. This is a condition that occurs when the pipe is screwed in too far resulting in distortion to the valve seat.
• The male thread on the pipe must have fully formed, undamaged threads.
• Screw the pipe into valve and hand tighten, then tighten by the number of turns shown below (up to one additional turn is permitted for alignment).

COMPRESSION END VALVES
When using compression type connections, make sure the pipe ends are cut square and free from burrs. The pipe must pass through the olive (compression ring) until it seats firmly in the bottom of the valve housing. The compression nut should be tightened sufficiently to firmly grip and slightly indent the pipe. This will occur at between $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ turns from hand tight. A light oil may be used on threads to ease tightening but no lubricant should be used on the pipe or olive.

FURTHER TIGHTENING

PRESS-FIT VALVES
For Press-Fit, please refer to the Geberit website www.geberit.co.uk where installation instructions for Press-Fit can be found.

OPERATION
• Crane ball valves are designed to be operated using the operating mechanism provided with the valve, additional aids should not be necessary.
• Valves, which normally remain inoperative for long periods in service, should, if possible, be periodically operated through the full 90° of travel. Operation monthly or more frequently, will help to ensure that valves remain in good working order. It should be noted that soft seated PTFE ball valves may suffer a reduction in the seating performance if left in the part open or part closed position.

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE
• Check for leaks at gland. If gland is leaking tighten the gland nut(s). The gland nut(s) should be tightened only enough to prevent gland leakage. Over-tightening can cause excessive wear on the stem and packing and make the valve difficult to operate. If leakage persists the packing should be replaced.
Note: Ensure valve and pipeline have been depressurised, drained and the valve isolated before attempting to replace gland packing.
• Occasionally operate valves that remain open or closed for long periods to ensure they are in good working order, thus avoiding the possibility of being inoperable in a time of emergency.

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Rotate pipe using wrench

Compression nut tightened using spanner

Pipe head secure using spanner

Compression nut tightened using spanner

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