

Product Alert

September 9th, 2016

Type of Notification: Counterfeit

FM Approvals has been notified by AGF Manufacturing Inc of the discovery of suspect counterfeit Model 1000 ball valves manufactured in China.

Authentic Company Identity: AGF Manufacturing Inc **Address:** 1000 Quaker Lane, Malvern, PA 19355, USA

Product Identity: Model 1000

Description: TESTanDRAIN, Drain Fitting – Special Type

FM Approval Status: Not FM Approved.

Hazard Involved: The suspect counterfeit products described in this product alert have never been tested or certified as FM Approved. There is no evidence these suspect counterfeit products have ever been tested to the rigorous requirements of FM Approvals. Use of these products may present a serious property risk for the user.

These Model 1000 ball valves were not produced by AGF Manufacturing.

If you suspect you are in possession of any of the affected equipment listed above bearing the FM Approvals certification marking, please bring that to the attention of:

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Figure 1 – Counterfeit Model 1000 Valves

Figure 1 shows the visible signs of counterfeit as identified by the yellow arrows. Arrow 1 identifies the cast marking of the "300" directly on the valve body. Arrow 2 shows the layout of the valve size and model identification. Arrow 3 shows the date code applied to handle. Arrow 4 shows the orifice size marking in relation to the word "TEST".



Figure 2 – FM Approved Model 1000 Valve

Figure 2 shows the authentic Model 1000 valve handle. The date code is not present on the handle.

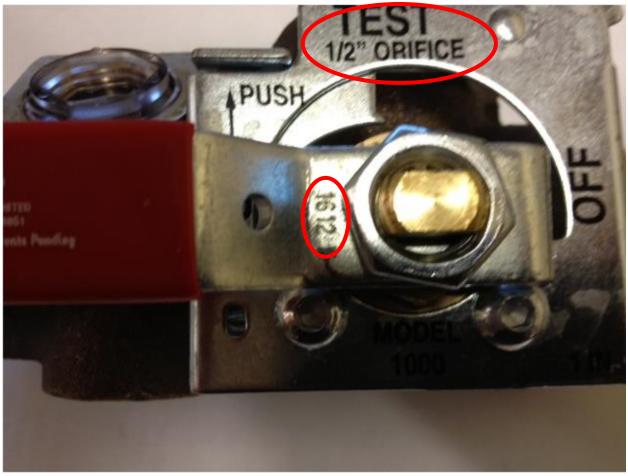


Figure 3 – FM Approved Model 1000 Valve

Figure 3 illustrates the application of the date code to the handle and the alignment of the "1/2" Orifice" to the "TEST" text.

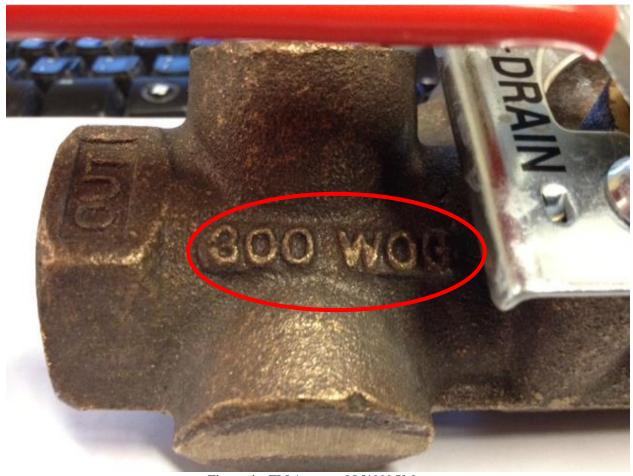


Figure 4 – FM Approved M1000 Valve

Figure 4 shows the casting of the "300 WOG" as intended on a pad, contrary to the counterfeit valve which has the "300 WOG" applied directly from the surface of the valve body.