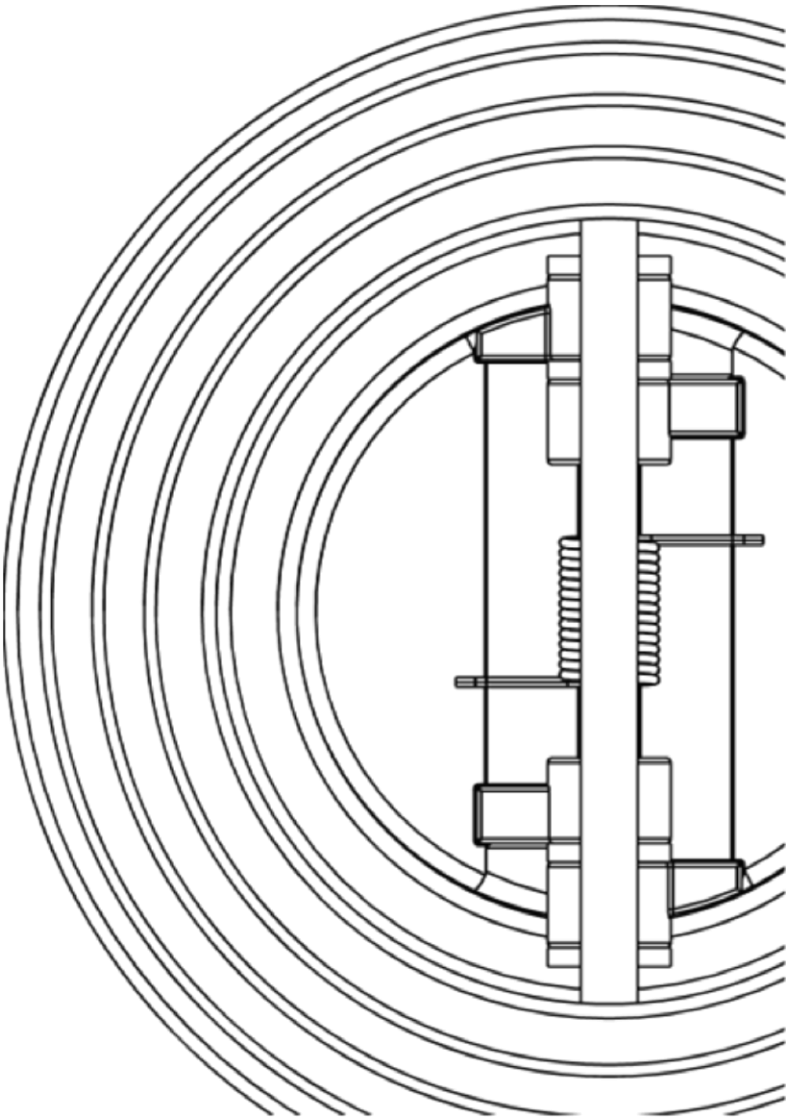
Operating instruction

Dual check valve

Product line

915 / 916



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DUAL CHECK VALVE

1 PREFACE

This operating instruction supports the user in the appropriate, safe and economical use of the following valves:

- Dual check valve of the product line 915 and 916.

1.1 General

These operating instructions apply to all the above-mentioned valves. To guarantee safe and smooth use, the entire manual must be read and understood before installation and commissioning. These instructions are intended to assist the user during installation, operation, maintenance and removal. In addition to the instructions in this manual, all applicable accident prevention regulations, safety rules, country-specific or system-specific regulations and instructions must be observed. These operating instructions are an essential part of the valve and must be kept available by the operator at the place of use, also for a later use.

1.2 Target group

This instruction is intended for any person who is involved in work of any kind on the valve. In particular, the operating instructions are intended for trained and qualified personnel.

1.2.1 Personnel qualification

All work on the valve must be carried out by qualified personnel only. If the personnel do not have the required qualifications, they have to be trained. This must be ensured by the operator. Persons without the required knowledge and skills are not permitted to work on the valve.

1.3 Applicable documents

This includes the corresponding data sheet and the declaration of conformity of the above mentioned valves. If necessary, these are to be requested from the manufacturer or downloaded from the website.

1.4 Warranty

AWS Apparatebau Arnold GmbH does not assume any warranty in case the operator or third parties:

- disregard this document.
- do not use the valve properly.
- should carry out interventions of any kind (conversions, modifications, etc.) on the valve.

Malfunctions due to pollution or wear of the valve as well as wearing parts (e.g. seals) are not covered by the warranty.

2 SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Warnings

The following warnings are used in this manual. In order to protect you from accidents, injuries and damage to property, it is important to read and observe these warnings.

	**DANGER**
	High risk Indicates an immediate danger. If not avoided, death or serious injury will result.

	**WARNING**
	Medium risk Indicates a potentially dangerous situation. If not avoided, death or serious injury may result.

	**CAUTION**
	Low risk Indicates a potentially dangerous situation. If it is not avoided, minor or slight injuries may result.

	**NOTICE**
	Commandment Indicates a potentially harmful situation. If not avoided, property damage may result.

2.2 Intended use

AWS valves may only be used within the approved pressure and temperature limits, considering chemical and corrosive influences. The valves are not suitable for fluids containing solids. Intended use includes observing and following the instructions in this manual. Modifications, conversions or any use of the valve other than the intended use are considered to be improper use.

2.3 Requirements for the user

It is the responsibility of the planner/installer and operator to ensure that:

- the valve is used as described in chapter *2.2 Intended use*.
- the piping system is properly installed and its proper functioning is regularly checked.
- only qualified personnel are used for installation, removal and maintenance.
- the valve is only professionally installed if it is in perfect condition.
- the operating instruction are taken into account by the personnel.
- personnel receive regular instruction in industrial safety and environmental protection (especially for pressurized pipes).

2.4 General safety instructions

The same regulations apply to all valves as to pipeline systems in which they are installed. The national and international regulations with regard to accident prevention as well as safety regulations must be observed by the operator.

DANGER

When working on the system

- System must be switched off and secured against unauthorized switch-on.
- Pipeline must be pressureless to prevent uncontrolled leakage of the medium.
- Pipeline must have cooled down to approx. 20°C.
- Medium must be completely removed from the valve and pipeline.
- Contaminated valve must be completely decontaminated before work is performed.
- Valves may only be installed, removed and maintained by qualified personnel.

DANGER

When operating the system and the valve

- In applications with explosion hazard, hot surfaces of the system and valve parts can be a potential source of ignition. This danger must be taken into account by the operator.

WARNING

When working on the system

- Any remaining liquid that may leak out during removal must be collected and disposed of.

WARNING

When operating the system and the valve

- Only media may be used which do not damage the valve and its seals (suitable material pairing). Otherwise, this can lead to leakage and leaking of the medium.
- When using media with a very low or very high temperature, burns can occur when touching the system parts or the valve housing. In this case, these may only be touched with suitable protective equipment. This must be done under the responsibility of the operator of the system.
- Pressure surges in the system can cause severe damage and must be avoided. This is the responsibility of the operator of the system.

CAUTION

Risk of minor injuries

- Wear protective gloves during installation, removal and maintenance to avoid injuries from cuts on sharp-edged components.
- Always secure the valve adequately during transport, installation and removal.

NOTICE

Notice of property damage

- The valve and the system can be damaged if the valve is not installed correctly.
- Do not subject the valve to pressure surges; otherwise the valve may be damaged.

3 VALVE DESCRIPTION

The following illustration describes the structure of the 915 and 916 product lines:

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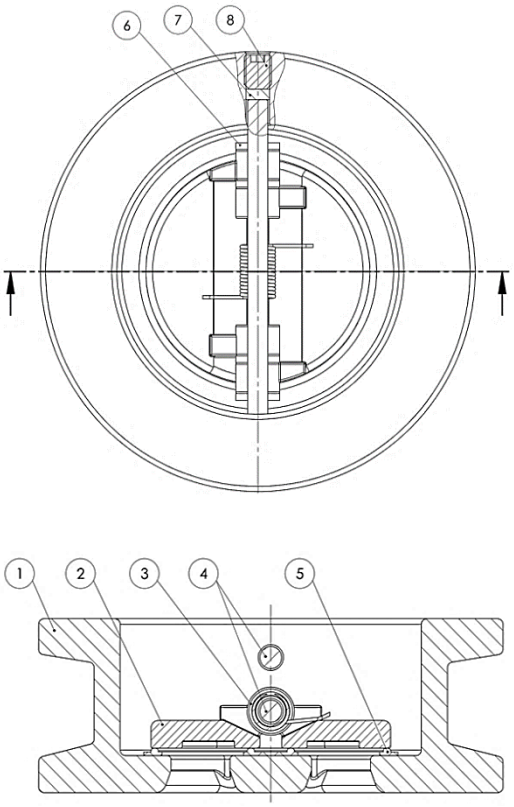
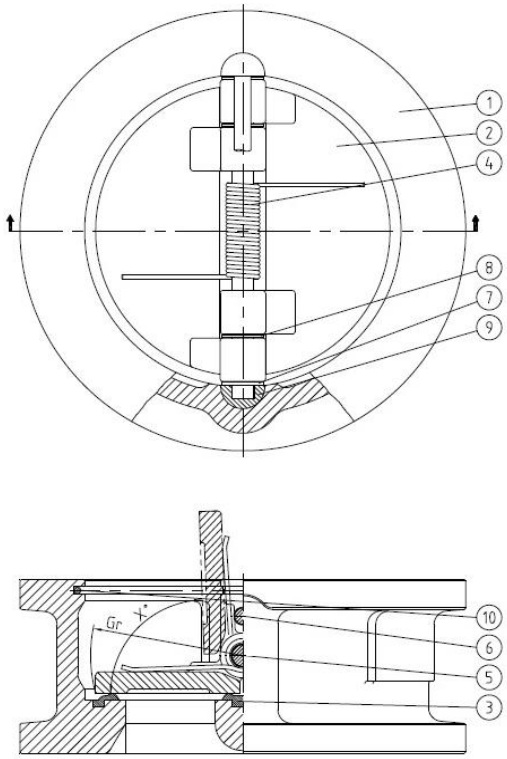


Pos.	Name
1	Body
2	Disc
3	Spring
4	Stem
5	Seat sealing
6	Spacer
7	Stem sealing
8	Screw

916 glandless



Pos.	Name
1	Body
2	Disc
3	Seat sealing
4	Spring
5+6	Stems
7+8	Spacer
9	Retaining plate
10	Fixing ring

3.1 Product lines

Product line	Characteristics
915 	▪ From DN 50 to DN 900. ▪ With gland. ▪ Centring via the outer diameter of the body.
916 glandless 	▪ From DN 50 to DN 600. ▪ Glandless. ▪ Centering via the outer diameter of the body.

3.2 Intended use

Dual check valves are valves used for backflow prevention in piping systems. AWS check valves are characterized by their simple design as well as their short installation lengths (according to DIN EN 558, series 16 or API 594). They are designed for direct installation between two connecting flanges. The mentioned valves are suitable for industrial use in pipeline systems for the transport of liquid and gaseous fluids. The valves are not suitable for solids. According to guideline 2014/68/EU (Pressure Equipment Guideline) they are suitable for all fluids of group 1 and 2.

3.3 Description of function

Dual check valves are medium-controlled backflow preventers and open when the opening force of the medium is greater than the closing force of the discs. In case of absence (e.g. pump failure) or backflow of the medium, the valve closes automatically.

3.4 Pressure test of the valve

The valve is leak-tested at the factory with air or water. Therefore the following warnings must be observed:

	**CAUTION**
	Residues on the valve ▪ Residues of the test medium may still be left on the contact surfaces of the valve. ▪ Be aware of possible reactions with the operating medium.

During a system pressure test of the system, the following warning must be observed:

	**WARNING**
	Excess pressure of the valve ▪ In a system pressure test of the system, the pressure must not exceed 1.5 times the max. permissible pressure PS of the valve.

3.5 Scope of delivery

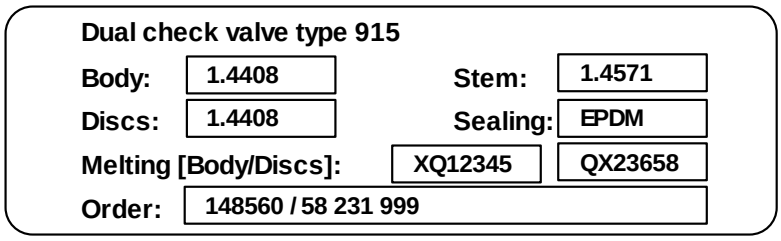
The valve is supplied ready for installation.

For valves with the add-on option S79, an additional grounding cable is included in the scope of delivery.

4 TYPE PLATES

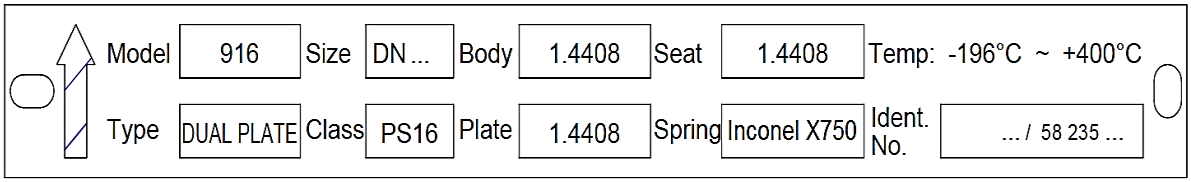
A type plate is attached to each valve. The features of the valve are listed on this type plate. The following two illustrations show the structure of the different type plates of the 915 and 916 product lines.

Structure of a dual check valve type plate of the product line 915:



The flow direction of the valve is marked by an arrow on the body.

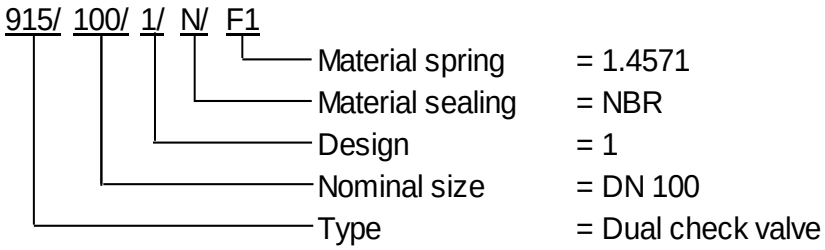
Structure of a dual check valve type plate of the product line 916:



The flow direction of the valve is indicated by the arrow on the left side of the type plate.

4.1 Article description breakdown

The following breakdown is an example of a standard valve for illustrative purposes.



4.2 Type code

The type code of the valves is structured as follows:

	DN		Material				
Type	**Nominal size**	**Design**	**Body**	**Disc**	**Stem**	**Spring**	**Sealing**
915	50 – 900	1	EN-GJS-400-15*[1]	EN-GJS-400-15*[2]	1.4401	F1 = 1.4571	N = NBR E = EPDM F = FKM
		2	EN-GJS-400-15*[1]	Aluminium bronze	1.4401	F1 = 1.4571	
		3	EN-GJS-400-15*[1]	1.4408	1.4401	F1 = 1.4571	
		4	1.4408	1.4408	1.4401	F1 = 1.4571	
		5	Aluminium bronze	Aluminium bronze	Aluminium bronze	F4 = Inconel 600	
		6	1.4469	1.4469	Inconel 600	F4 = Inconel 600	

	DN		Material				
Type	**Nominal size**	**Design**	**Body**	**Disc**	**Stem**	**Spring**	**Sealing**
916	50 – 600	4	1.4408	1.4408	1.4401	F1= 1.4401*[3]	M = Metal seated N = NBR E = EPDM F = FKM
		5.1	1.0619*[1]	1.4308	1.4301	F1 = 1.4401*[3]	
		7	1.4469	1.4469	1.4410	F9 = Inconel X-750	

*[1] Epoxy coated

*[2] Nickel-plated

*[3] For metal seated valves, Inconel X-750 is used as the spring material

5 STORAGE AND TRANSPORT

The valve is delivered in a ready-to-use condition. In the course of storing and transporting the valve, there are some guidelines that the user must follow in order to guarantee proper function of the valve.

Storage:

- The valve must be stored in the original packaging in closed rooms.
- During storage, the valve must be protected from harmful influences (e.g. moisture or dirt).
- Valves with sealing elements made of organic materials (e.g. EPDM) must be stored away from sunlight and UV light to prevent faster aging.
- During storage the valve must be protected against mechanical damage. Special attention must be paid to the protection of the connection and sealing surfaces.
- To achieve short storage times, existing stocks should be used first (first in - first out).
- In the case of long storage periods, the seals may have aged considerably, which can lead to malfunctions.

Transport:

- During transport, the same guidelines apply as for storage.
- When transporting over long distances, the valve must be transported in a suitable packaging to protect it from mechanical damage and corrosion.
- For valves with a large nominal size, which cannot be moved manually, the appropriate sling must be used.
- Only use slings on the body or on the eyebolt of the valve, not on the internal parts.

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6 INSTALLATION

The operator of the system is generally responsible for the dimensioning of the piping and the installation of the valve. The function can be affected by planning and installation errors.

6.1 Prepare installation

- Remove the valve from the packaging.
- Check complete valve for transport damage.
- Check the mobility of the discs.
- In case of damage contact the manufacturer.
- Damaged valves / components must not be installed.

	**DANGER** **Accident prevention measures before installation** ▪ Pipelines of the system must be pressureless. ▪ Ensure that pipelines and valve have cooled down to lukewarm. ▪ System must be free of hazardous media. ▪ System must be switched off and secured against switching on again. ▪ If necessary, use the suitable protective equipment.

	**DANGER** **Incorrectly connected valve** ▪ Installation of the valve may only be carried out by qualified personnel. ▪ Flow direction arrow of the valve must match the flow direction of the pipeline. ▪ Only valves whose pressure class, chemical resistance, connection and dimensions correspond to the operating conditions may be installed. ▪ Valve may only be used within the intended operating limits. ▪ Pipelines must be emptied and cleaned if necessary.

	**WARNING** **Valve handling** ▪ Special attention must be paid to the risk of crushing or pinching fingers when checking the mobility of the discs.

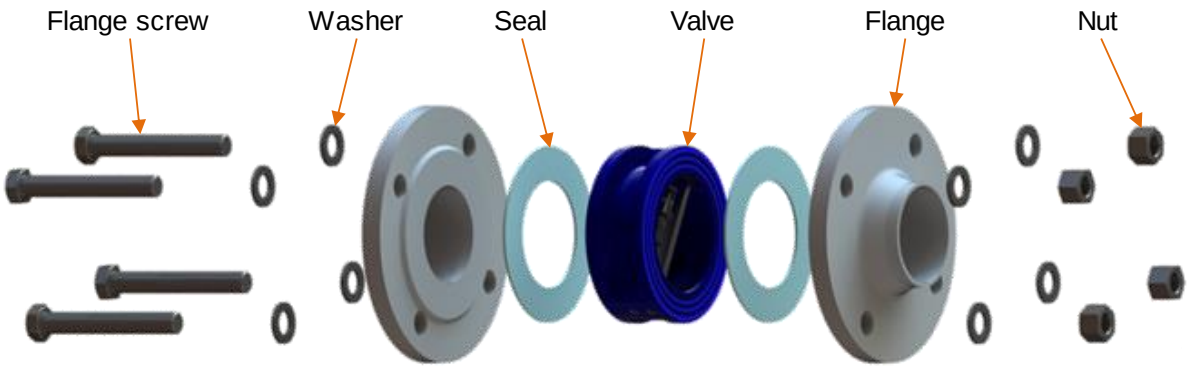
	WARNING
	**Hoist for moving large valves** ▪ Lifting equipment may only be used by the personnel instructed in it. ▪ The appropriate sling must be used for the valve. ▪ The lifting capacity of the hoist and sling must be designed for at least the total weight of the valve. ▪ Ensure that there are no persons under suspended load.

	NOTICE
	**Instructions for installing the valve** ▪ The system must be clean and free of contaminants at the point of installation (flanges). Special attention must be paid to the sealing surfaces. ▪ It must be ensured that a calming distance of 5 x DN (see 6.3 *Installation instructions; calming distance*) is available before and after the valve. ▪ Do not install directly on the pump flange.

6.2 Installation instruction

When installing the valve, the following steps must be followed:

- Place one washer on each of the flange screws.
- Insert two flange screws through the lower flange holes; these can serve as a support in the installation position with horizontal flow. From the other side, place one washer on each of the flange screws and fasten one nut on each of them.
- Insert the valve between the flanges. Follow the installation instruction according to the direction of flow, see following pages.
- When installing in a horizontal pipeline, the valve can be placed on the two flange screws first to ensure easier installation.
- For large valves that cannot be moved manually, use a hoist to insert the valve.
- Insert a suitable flange connection sealing between the flange and the valve in each case; these are to be centered with the valve between the flanges.
- Insert remaining flange screws through the flange bores.
- Put remaining washers on the flange screws from the other side.
- Place the remaining nuts on the flange screws and tighten them lightly.
- Center the valve between the flanges using the eyebolt. When installing in horizontal pipelines, lift the valve slightly if necessary.
- Tighten flange screws crosswise with the appropriate tightening torque (for guide values, see table: *Tightening torques of the flange connection*).



Tightening torques of the flange connection

The tightening torques given below are to be understood as guide values, as they depend on various factors, such as the material and strength class of the screws or the flange gasket used

Screw	Tightening torque [Nm]	Screw	Tightening torque [Nm]
M10	30	M27	600
M12	50	M30	850
M16	130	M33	1100
M20	250	M36	1500
M24	420		

The valve can be installed for flow directions in horizontal as well as vertical direction. Observe the following instruction, which apply to horizontal and vertical flow directions, to guarantee an optimal function.

Installation instruction for horizontal flow direction

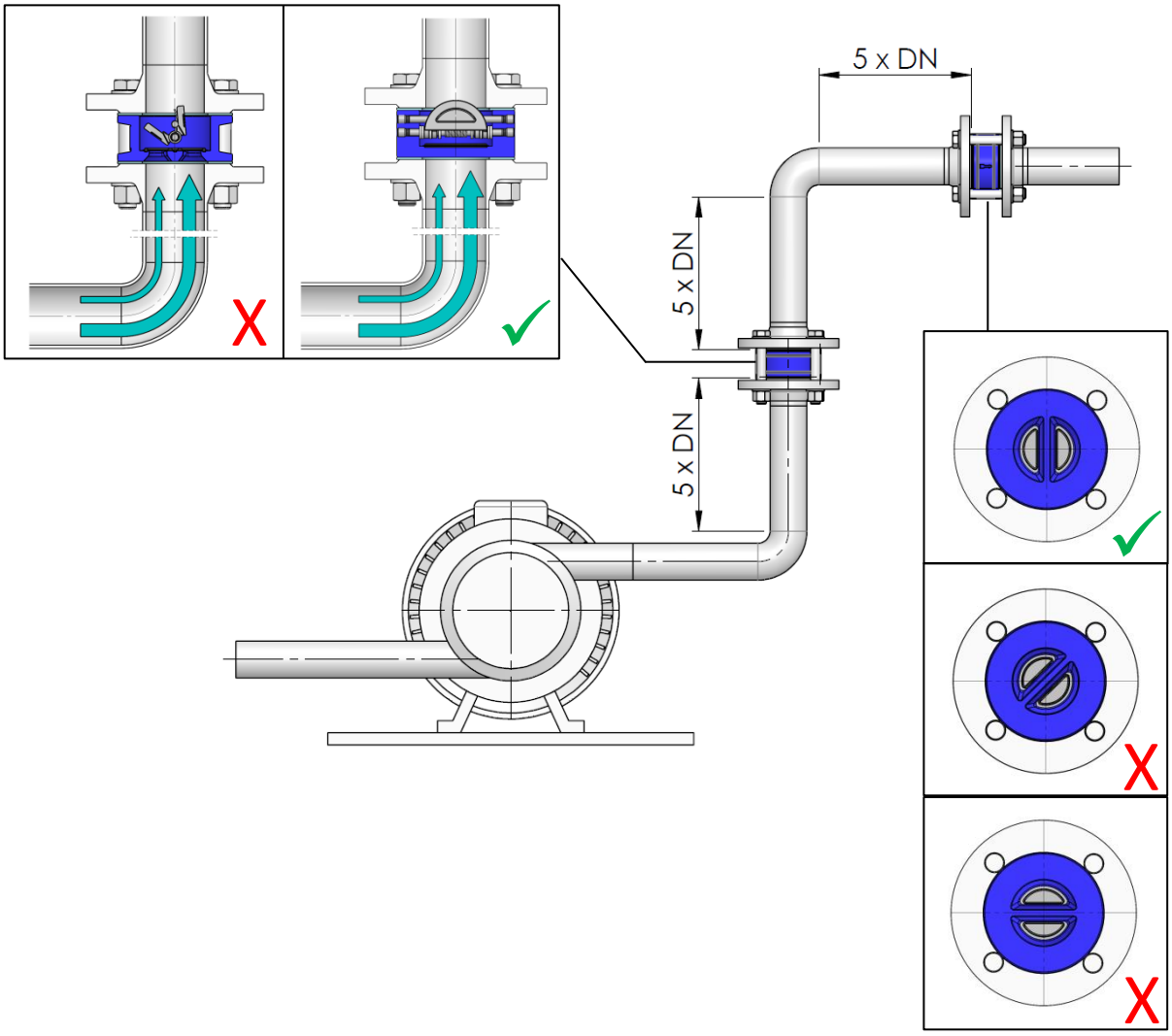
	NOTICE
	**Malfunctions/damage due to incorrect installation position** ▪ The valve must be installed in the correct installation position and properly centered between the two pipelines. ▪ The correct installation position can be seen from the position of the eyebolt as well as the flow direction arrow on the type plate. ▪ The valve should be installed with the stems in a vertical position (*see following illustration*). If the valve has an eyebolt, it should point upwards.

Installation instruction for vertical flow direction

	NOTICE
	Malfunctions/damage due to incorrect installation position ▪ The valve must be installed in the correct installation position and properly centered between the two pipelines. ▪ The correct installation position can be seen from the flow direction arrow on the type plate. ▪ If there is a pipe bend in front of the valve, the valve must be installed in such a way that the stems of the valve are parallel to the horizontal pipeline in front of the pipe bend (*see illustration*). ▪ For flow direction from top to bottom, first check the suitability of the valve.

Calming distance

The illustration shows options of how the valve should be installed in the piping system. The calming distance of 5 x DN is shown as well as the correct positioning. This is necessary to guarantee correct functioning of the valve.



7 COMMISSIONING, DECOMMISSIONING, MAINTENANCE

7.1 Commissioning

Before commissioning, compare the operating data and materials of the valve with those of the piping system. This allows the durability of the system to be checked. In the case of new systems or repairs, the entire piping system must be rinsed to remove foreign substances from the system. Before commissioning, ensure that the valve is properly installed and all connections are properly connected. No work may be carried out on the valve during its operation.

7.2 Decommissioning

During decommissioning and long downtimes, media that change their aggregate state must be drained or removed from the system. If necessary, the system must be flushed out.

7.3 Maintenance

AWS dual check valves are maintenance-free. However, they can be checked for function and safety to avoid unforeseen downtimes. The interval time is to be determined by the operator.

	**DANGER** **Danger due to work on the system** ▪ During operation, no work (e.g. maintenance work) may be carried out on the valve.

7.4 Remove pollutants

When working on the valve, there is a risk of coming into contact with hazardous substances.

The following warnings must be observed:

	**DANGER** **Danger from contaminants on the valve due to use in contaminated areas** ▪ Work on contaminated valves is only permitted for qualified personnel. ▪ The valve must be completely decontaminated before any work is performed on it. ▪ The required protective equipment must always be worn in the contaminated area. In addition, all safety measures must be followed when handling the respective hazardous substances. ▪ Plastic parts may be so heavily contaminated that cleaning is no longer sufficient.

7.5 Correct malfunctions and defects

Malfunctions or defects may occur during operation. The following table shows possible causes and the appropriate solution. If malfunctions/defects are not listed, please contact the manufacturer.

Malfunction/Defect	Cause	Solution
High noise emission	Discs hits against pipeline	Realign valve
		Use suitable valve for the pipeline
	Calming distance too low/not respected	Install valve in suitable position with sufficient calming distance
	Wings oscillate due to unstable volume flow	Increase the volume flow by increasing the pump capacity
No flow rate present	Valve installed the wrong way round	Align flow direction arrow with flow direction
	Flow rate too low; Closing force greater than opening force	Increase pressure or flow rate
	Closing spring too strong , valve cannot open	Use a weaker closing spring
Leakage rate too high	Seat sealing damaged	Replace the body or the complete valve
	Disc deformed	Replace the disc
	Sealing surface damaged	Rework sealing surface, replace affected component if necessary
	Sealing surface dirty	Clean the sealing surface
	Wear	Replace affected components
	Closing spring worn/defective	Replace closing spring
Flange leakage	Flanges not sufficiently braced	Check fastening elements and retighten with appropriate torque if necessary
	Sealing surface/seal damaged	Rework sealing surface, replace body if necessary, Replace seal
	Sealing surface/seal dirty	Clean sealing surface/seal

8 REMOVAL

When removing the valve from the pipeline, all previously mentioned warnings and instructions apply. Pay special attention to chapter *6 Installation* and chapter *7 Commissioning, decommissioning, maintenance*.

8.1 Prepare removal

Before removal, the following steps must be observed:

- Pipelines must be emptied and cleaned if necessary.
- Provide collection container if there is a residue of the medium in the pipeline.
- Observe applicable warnings and instructions to ensure safe and successful work.

8.2 Removal instructions

The following aspects must be observed during removal:

- Loosen nuts of all flange screws.
- Completely remove all nuts and washers from the flange screws.
- Pull the flange screws out of the flange holes.
- For horizontal flow, the lower flange screws can remain inserted to facilitate removal.
- Secure valve against falling down.
- Remove the valve from the flange using the eyebolt. For large valves, use a hoist and suitable sling.
- Remove the remaining flange screws from the flange holes.
- Place the valve on a suitable surface.

9 STORE / REUSE VALVE

After the removal, the valve can be stored or used in another system.

The following guidelines must be observed:

- There must be no residues of the medium in the valve.
- Make sure that the valve is in perfect condition before reusing it.
- Valve must be designed for the given operating conditions when reused.
- In case of storage, the information in chapter *5 Storage and transport* must be taken into account.

	**NOTICE**
	Environmental pollution due to residues ▪ Ensure that the valve is free of residues of the medium before storage. ▪ All materials are to be disposed of properly in accordance with applicable regulations.

10 DISPOSAL

The following regulations must be observed when disposing the valve:

	NOTICE
	**Disposal of the valve** ▪ All valve parts must be disposed of in accordance with the disposal regulations / environmental protection regulations. ▪ Pay attention to any residual buildup and outgassing of the flow media.

11 DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

The valves are compliant with Directive 2014/68/EU (Pressure Equipment Directive). The declaration of conformity can be accessed and downloaded from the website www.aws-apparatebau.de.