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Ready, Willing and Able!

The Latest News



Roy Richison joins A.Y. McDonald as Territory Manager for Northern California and Northern Nevada. Roy comes with extensive experience in our industry on both

the manufacturing and wholesale sides of the business and a strong record of service to his customers. We welcome Roy to our company!

Did you know...

Rita Mohr, Customer Service Representative, celebrated 50 YEARS with A.Y. McDonald in November. To commemorate this unique accomplishment, a special advertisement



was placed in the local newspaper and an employee snack day was held along with a ceremony and cake. Rita and her family were also treated to a special luncheon with members of the McDonald family. She will receive special recognition at the 2010 Service Recognition Dinner in March. Congratulations Rita!

As of January 1, 2010, the states of California and Vermont have legislation in force requiring the use of no-lead waterworks brass in all new installations and repairs, with the only exception being bronze service saddles. This is one of the most dramatic changes in our industry in the last couple of generations. And A.Y. McDonald is ready!

As a distributor, end user, or municipality, just think of the challenges involved in changing out inventories from leaded brass to no-lead brass. There may be specifications to rewrite, new part numbers to learn and input, and bins to re-label, among other things. And then there is that issue of whether your current supplier is geared up to make the change seamless.

As a manufacturer, we are faced with many challenges of our own. We are still charged with producing leaded brass for the other 48 states that have not changed their laws. And now we must produce no-lead brass in the same foundry where leaded brass flows the majority of the time. And in the case of A.Y. McDonald, we are charged with producing enough inventory to meet the stringent service levels we set for ourselves every year. In effect, what ever product we made from leaded brass in the past, we must be willing and able to make it out of no-lead brass.

A.Y. McDonald made a commitment to the industry when we started pouring no-lead brass over 10 years ago, fully knowing the day would come when laws and specifications would require it. That day came January 1st and A.Y. McDonald was ready with product on the shelf ready to ship to meet the needs of our customers!

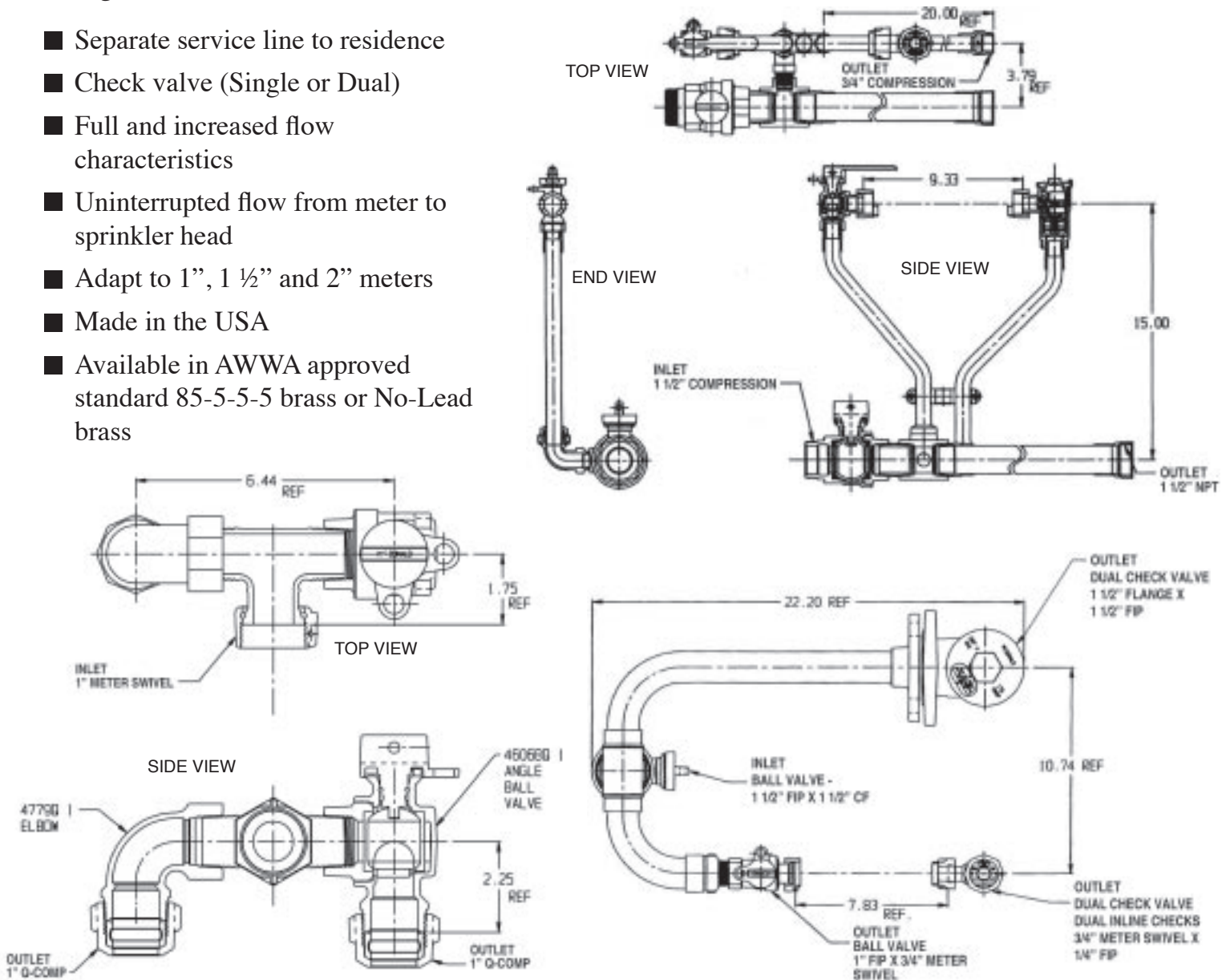
Ready, willing, and able. That is what you have come to expect everyday from A.Y. McDonald Mfg. Co.

We hope you enjoy the Brass Banner!
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FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATIONS

A.Y. McDonald Mfg. Co. offers many options for service installations of residential fire service settings. Features include but are not limited to:

- Separate service line to residence
- Check valve (Single or Dual)
- Full and increased flow characteristics
- Uninterrupted flow from meter to sprinkler head
- Adapt to 1", 1 1/2" and 2" meters
- Made in the USA
- Available in AWWA approved standard 85-5-5-5 brass or No-Lead brass



Contact A.Y. McDonald Mfg Co. or your local A.Y. McDonald Distributor for additional information concerning available designs of these assemblies.

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Meet Our Employees... Ken Lenz – Waterworks Product Coordinator



Ken Lenz

If you have ever called the Customer Service Department with an odd question on product applications or something else out of the ordinary, you probably talked to Ken Lenz. Ken began his career at A.Y. McDonald in 2003 and is the go-to person for special product requests and extraordinary applications. Ken enjoys living in rural Wisconsin (just across the Mississippi River from Dubuque) and has recently started raising a few chickens. He has been known to share a few farm fresh eggs with his co-workers. Ken has 4 grown children ages 18 to 32 and 6 grandchildren, including 8 year old twin boys.