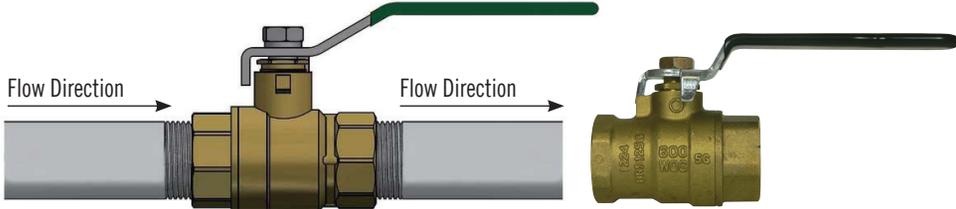




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5. To prevent cross-threading, make sure that the valve and piping are in alignment. Do not overtighten, as it is possible to seriously damage the valve.
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CAUTION: Not using two wrenches may result in the leaking at the body joint.

7. Test after installation.

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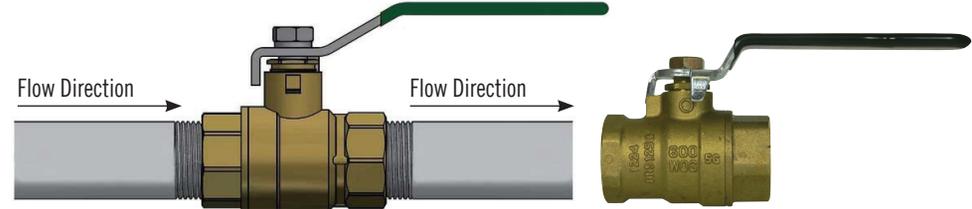
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