

## 2.5" by 1.5" "WATER THIEF"

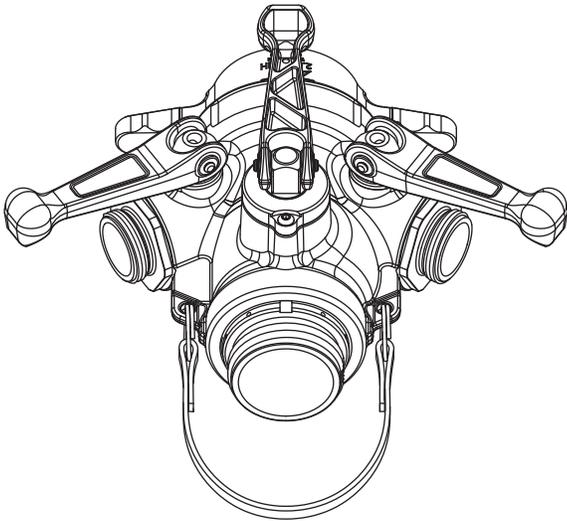
### INSTRUCTION FOR INSTALLATION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE

#### **⚠ DANGER**

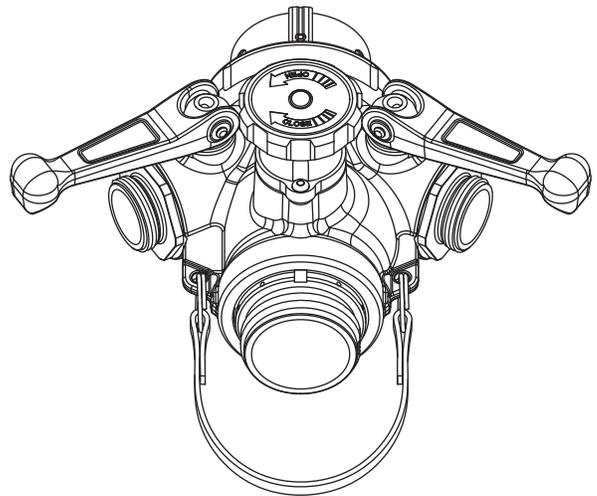
Understand manual before use. Operation of this device without understanding the manual and receiving proper training is a misuse of this equipment. Obtain safety information at [tft.com/serial-number](http://tft.com/serial-number).

This equipment is intended for use by trained and qualified emergency services personnel for firefighting. All personnel using this equipment shall have completed a course of education approved by the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ).

This instruction manual is intended to familiarize firefighters and maintenance personnel with the operation, servicing, and safety procedures associated with this product. This manual should be kept available to all operating and maintenance personnel.



**FOLDING HANDLES  
ON ALL PORTS**



**SLOW CLOSE  
CENTER PORT**

# DANGER

## PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY CODE

The member companies of FEMSA that provide emergency response equipment and services want responders to know and understand the following:

1. Firefighting and Emergency Response are inherently dangerous activities requiring proper training in their hazards and the use of extreme caution at all times.
2. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to read and understand any user's instructions, including purpose and limitations, provided with any piece of equipment you may be called on to use.
3. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to know that you have been properly trained in Firefighting and/or Emergency Response and in the use, precautions, and care of any equipment you may be called upon to use.
4. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to be in proper physical condition and to maintain the personal skill level required to operate any equipment you may be called upon to use.
5. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to know that your equipment is in operable condition and has been maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
6. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in death, burns or other severe injury.

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## 1.0 MEANING OF SAFETY SIGNAL WORDS

A safety related message is identified by a safety alert symbol and a signal word to indicate the level of risk involved with a particular hazard. Per ANSI Z535.6, the definitions of the four signal words are as follows:

	<b>DANGER</b> indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
	<b>WARNING</b> indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
	<b>CAUTION</b> indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.
	<b>NOTICE</b> is used to address practices not related to physical injury.

## 2.0 SAFETY

	An inadequate supply of pressure and/or flow will cause an ineffective stream and can result in injury or death. Choose operating conditions to deliver adequate fire suppression.
	This equipment is intended for use by trained personnel for firefighting. Use of this equipment for other purposes may involve hazards not addressed by this manual. Seek appropriate guidance and training to reduce risk of injury.
	Equipment may be damaged if frozen while containing significant amounts of water. Such damage may be difficult to detect visually. Subsequent pressurization can lead to injury or death. Any time the equipment is subject to possible damage due to freezing, it must be tested and approved for use by qualified personnel before being considered safe for use.
	Sudden changes in valve position can cause pressure spikes (water hammer) and could lead to hose or pipe failure or an out of control monitor. Open and close the valve slowly to avoid water hammer.
	Interrupting flow to the device could cause injury or death. Avoid situations that may interrupt flow to the device such as: hose line kinks, traffic running over hose, and automatic doors or devices that can pinch the hose.
	To prevent mechanical damage, do not drop or throw equipment.

## 3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

The 2 ½ by 1 ½ inch Water Thief is a lightweight valve with full 2 ½ and 1 ½ inch waterways. All valves work easily at maximum pressure of 300 psi (20 bar) from either side of the valve.

### 3.1 SPECIFICATIONS

MODEL	STANDARD	METRIC
Center Waterway Size (at valve seat)	2.5"	65 mm
Valve with Hand Wheel Meets NFPA Slow Close Requirement		
Maximum Operating Pressure	300 psi	21 bar
Hydrostatic Proof Test Pressure	900 psi	62 bar
Operating Temperature Range of Fluid	33° to 120°F	0° to 50°C
Storage Temperature Range*	-40° to 150°F	-40° to 65°C
Materials Used	Aluminum 6000 series hard anodized MIL8625 class 3 type 2, stainless steel 300 series	

\* For temperatures below 32° (0°C), valves must be drained after use to avoid damage.

Table 3.1

### 3.2 VARIOUS MODELS AND TERMS

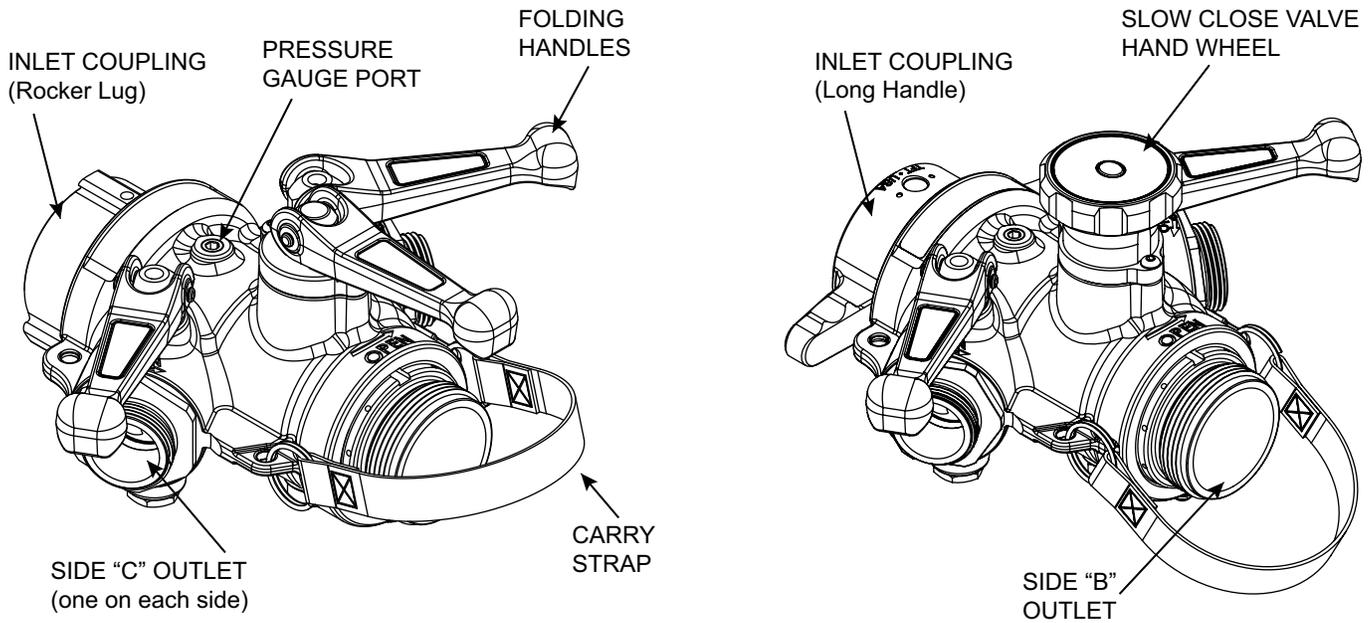


Figure 3.2

### 3.3 CORROSION

Aluminum parts are hard anodized. All castings are then powder coated inside and out to help prevent corrosion. Most hose couplings are attached using polymer bearing rings which provide electrical insulation to help prevent galvanic corrosion. The effects of corrosion can be minimized by good maintenance practice.

### 3.4 USE WITH SALT WATER

Use with salt water is permissible provided the equipment is thoroughly cleaned with fresh water after each use. The service life of the equipment may be shortened due to the effects of corrosion, and is not covered under warranty.

### 4.0 INSTALLATION

Make connections to fire hose or fittings on each side of the valved appliance.

**CAUTION** Mismatched or damaged waterway connections may cause equipment to leak or uncouple under pressure. Failure could result in injury. Equipment must be mated to matched connections.

**CAUTION** Dissimilar metals coupled together can cause galvanic corrosion that can result in the inability to uncouple the connection, or complete loss of engagement over time. Failure could cause injury. Per NFPA 1930, if dissimilar metals are left coupled together, an anti-corrosive lubricant should be applied to the connection and the coupling should be disconnected and inspected at least quarterly.

### 5.0 VALVE OPERATION

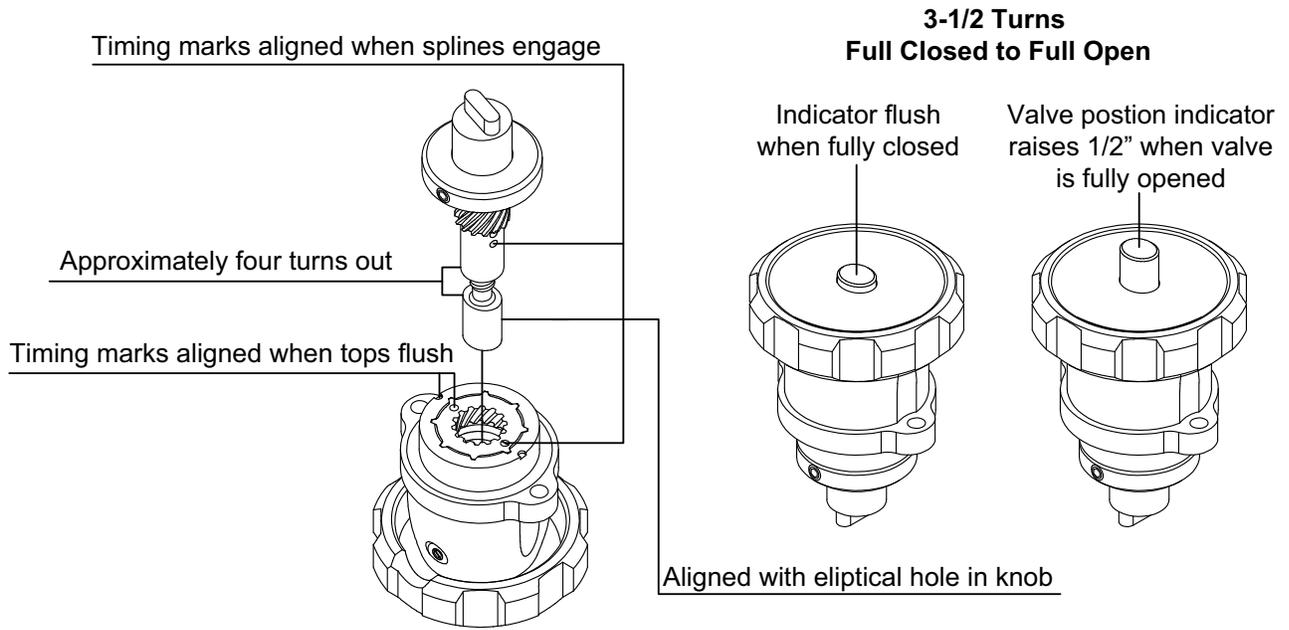
#### 5.1 FOLDING HANDLES

Folding handles are available on all ports. The valve is fully open when the folding handle is in-line with the outlet. The valve is closed when the handle is perpendicular to the outlet. An automatic valve lock on folding handle operated models holds valve position while flowing at partial openings. The lock is released by moving the handle, and resets itself. Valve handles can be folded back over the unit for compact storage.

#### 5.2 SLOW CLOSE HANDWHEEL

The center 2 ½ inch port is available with quarter-turn folding lever handles or an easy grip hand wheel. Models with the easy grip hand wheel meet NFPA 1960 slow close requirements and include a valve position indicator that rises up as the valve is opened. Turning the handwheel clockwise opens the valve. Turning the hand wheel counter-clockwise closes the valve. The indicator is flush with the hand wheel when the valve is closed, allowing valve position to be verified even in zero visibility.

## 5.2.1 SLOW CLOSE TIMING ADJUSTMENT



LEFT SHOWN

Right parts similar with only one timing mark instead of two.

Figure 5.2.1

## 6.0 WARRANTY

Go to [tft.com](http://tft.com) for all warranty information.

## 7.0 MAINTENANCE

TFT products are designed and manufactured to be damage resistant and require minimal maintenance. However, as the primary firefighting tool upon which your life depends, it should be treated accordingly. The unit should be kept clean and free of dirt by rinsing with water after each use. Any inoperable or damaged parts should be repaired or replaced before placing the unit in service. To help prevent mechanical damage, do not drop or throw equipment.

In applications where appliances are left continuously connected to the apparatus or other devices or are used where water is trapped inside the appliance, the appliance must be flushed with fresh water following each use and inspected for damage.

This appliance should be disconnected, cleaned and visually inspected inside and out at least quarterly, or as water quality and use may require. Moving parts such as handles, valve ball and couplings should be checked for smooth and free operation. Seals shall be greased as needed with Silicone based grease such as Molykote 112. Any scrapes that expose bare aluminum should be cleaned and touched up with enamel paint such as Rust-Oleum. Replace any missing or damaged parts before returning to service.

Any equipment taken out of service due to failure should be returned to the factory for repair or replacement. If you have any questions regarding the testing or maintenance of your valve, please call Task Force Tips at 800-348-2686.

### 7.0.1 TROUBLESHOOTING

SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	REMEDY
Leaks	Debris or damage in seal area	Clean out debris and/or replace damaged parts

Table 7.0.1

### 7.1 SERVICE TESTING

In accordance with NFPA 1930, equipment must be tested a minimum of annually. Units failing any part of this test must be removed from service, repaired and retested upon completion of the repair.

### 7.2 REPAIR

Factory service is available. Factory serviced equipment is repaired by experienced technicians, wet tested to original specifications, and promptly returned. Call TFT service department at 1-800-348-2686 to troubleshoot and, if needed, directions for return. A return for service form can also be obtained at [tft.com/Support/Returning-an-Item-for-Service](http://tft.com/Support/Returning-an-Item-for-Service).

Repair parts and service procedures are available for those wishing to perform their own repairs. Task Force Tips assumes no liability for damage to equipment or injury to personnel that is a result of user service. Contact the factory or visit the web site at [tft.com](http://tft.com) for parts lists, exploded views, test procedures and troubleshooting guides.

Performance tests shall be conducted on the equipment after a repair, or anytime a problem is reported to verify operation in accordance with TFT test procedures. Consult factory for the procedure that corresponds to the model and serial number of the equipment. Any equipment which fails the related test criteria should be removed from service immediately. Troubleshooting guides are available with each test procedure or equipment can be returned to the factory for service and testing.



**It is the responsibility of service technicians to ensure the use of appropriate protective clothing and equipment. The chosen protective clothing and equipment must provide protection from potential hazards users may encounter while servicing equipment. Requirements for protective clothing and equipment are determined by the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ).**



**Any alterations to the product or its markings could diminish safety and constitutes a misuse of this product.**



**All replacement parts must be obtained from the manufacturer to assure proper performance and operation of the device.**

## 8.0 EXPLODED VIEW AND PARTS LISTS

Exploded views and part lists are available at [tft.com/serial-number](http://tft.com/serial-number).

## 9.0 OPERATION AND INSPECTION CHECKLIST

**BEFORE EACH USE**, equipment must be inspected to this checklist:

1. All valves open and close fully and smoothly.
2. Waterway is clear of obstructions.
3. There is no damage to any thread or other connection.
4. All locks and hold-down devices work properly.
5. The pressure setting on the relief valve (if so equipped) is set correctly.
6. Gaskets are in good condition.
7. There is no obvious damage such as missing, broken or loose parts.
8. There is no damage to the appliance (e.g. dents, cracks, corrosion, or other defects that could impair operation).
9. All swiveling elements rotate freely.
10. There is no corrosion on any surface.
11. There are no missing, worn out or broken lugs on couplings.
12. Hose is securely attached.

**BEFORE BEING PLACED BACK IN SERVICE**, equipment must be inspected to this list:

1. All valves open and close smoothly and fully.
2. The waterway is clear of obstructions.
3. There is no damage to any thread or other type connection.
4. The pressure setting on the relief valve (if so equipped) is set correctly.
5. All locks and hold-down devices work properly.
6. Internal gaskets are in good condition
7. There is no damage to the appliance (e.g., dents, cracks, corrosion, or other defects that could impair operation).
8. All swiveling connections rotate freely.
9. There are no missing parts or components.
10. The marking for maximum operating pressure is visible.
11. There are no missing, broken, or worn lugs on couplings.



**Equipment failing any part of the checklist is unsafe for use and must have the problem corrected before use or being placed back into service. Operating equipment that has failed the checklist is a misuse of this equipment.**