

# ***DRAIN MASTER PRO-SERIES BALLAST VALVE UPGRADE OR REPLACEMENT - MARINE APPLICATION***

The latest innovation from Drain Master, Smart Valve Technology (SVT) Ballast Valves feature a custom designed on-board controller which feeds 12VDC directly to the valve motor eliminating power loss regardless of the distance from the operator switch. The dedicated controller maintains control of motor timing and direction and drives the valve to a 'safe' closed position at power up. Operator switch features 2 LED lights - green when the valve is closed, red when the valve is open! Two Solid State position sensors give totally accurate gate position. The controller has 2 ports, so an additional operator switch is a breeze to add and running the small RJ-11 interface cable is easier than ever.

PLEASE, KEEP THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

## **WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO DO THIS INSTALLATION:**

- Basic Mechanical / Electrical knowledge
- 7/16" wrench/socket, Torque Driver
- Drain Master Pro-Series Ballast Valve kit, includes:  
Valve with SVT controller with 2 pin male connector for 12VDC power, matching 2 pin female connector with pigtail for 12 VDC power source connection, operator switch, 20 Ft of RJ 11 cable, seals, nuts, bolts, Dow 111 lubricant & instructions.

## **OTHER ITEMS YOU MAY NEED (Not Included in the kit)**

- P-Clips, Tie wraps, Sheathing, wires for 12 V DC supply



## **SPECIAL NOTES:**

- Make sure you have good access to the manual override.
- Installation is simple and can be accomplished in a short time.
- The valve must be installed vertically (see how to install figure in step 8)
- PLEASE DO NOT OPERATE the Pro-Series ballast valve prior to installation on the boat. The gate has a sharp edge and the motor is powerful and very fast. YOU COULD GET HURT. You assume liability for your actions.
- Valve comes supplied with 1/8" Allen wrench to operate manual override – located on back of valve
- Do not use any other lubricant than the DOW 111 provided in the kit.
- Please follow installation instructions carefully.
- Do not place fingers in running area of valve.

## **DM PRO-SERIES BALLAST VALVE INSTALL INSTRUCTIONS**

**BOAT OWNERS/OEMS:** Follow these steps for upgrading or replacing existing/pre-installed valve/s to the DM PRO-SERIES Ballast Valve system.

**OEMS:** These steps provide a basis for 1st time designing-in DM Pro-Series ballast valve system – Drain Master will support OEM specific requirements or customization to help you attain the most optimum design configuration.

**Step 1:** Important- the boat must be out of the water with all ballast tanks empty.

These steps assume the following optimal pre-conditions – please perform a confirmatory visual check

- a) Existing plumbing and fittings have been installed with the valve oriented vertically and the motor on top.
- b) A rubber coupling should be present between valve male spigot/ flange and the plumbing.  
(Note: A male spigot has the same OD as the plumbing it is connecting to)

**Step 2:** Remove the four bolts holding the valve.

Loosen the clamp on the rubber coupling on the plumbing side ONLY. Leave the clamp tight on the valve spigot / flange - there is no need to loosen it, unless the rubber coupling or the spigot/ flange require replacement.

**Step 3:** Slide the rubber coupling back on to the plumbing. The spigot/flange will move with the coupling and separate from the valve. Create enough space and then remove the valve.

**Step 4:** Carefully remove the 2 seals from the flange inner surface – one from each side of the valve – taking care not to nick or damage the flange lips / seal surfaces.  
**New seals are provided with the Pro-Series ballast valve and are the only ones to be used with it.**

**Step 5:** Clean both flange lips, in and around the seal seating surface and inspect for any damage. Replace if required.

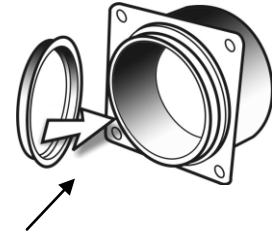
**Step 6:** Make sure Pro-Series Ballast valve is in the closed position before proceeding to next steps.  
(Valve is shipped with the gate closed – if required use the manual override to bring it to closed position)  
**Remove caution card from gate area on new valve.**

**Step 7:** You are now ready to install the Pro-Series Ballast valve.

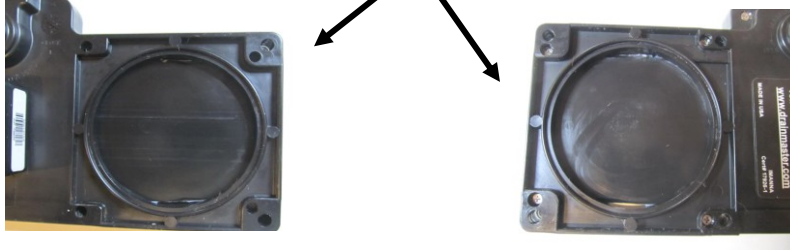
**IMPORTANT! Use only the seals provided in the Pro-Series Ballast valve kit**

Place the seals over the flange lips, one on each side of the valve.

DO NOT KEEP SEALS ON VALVE \*\*\*\*\* **VERY IMPORTANT STEP**\*\*\*\*\*

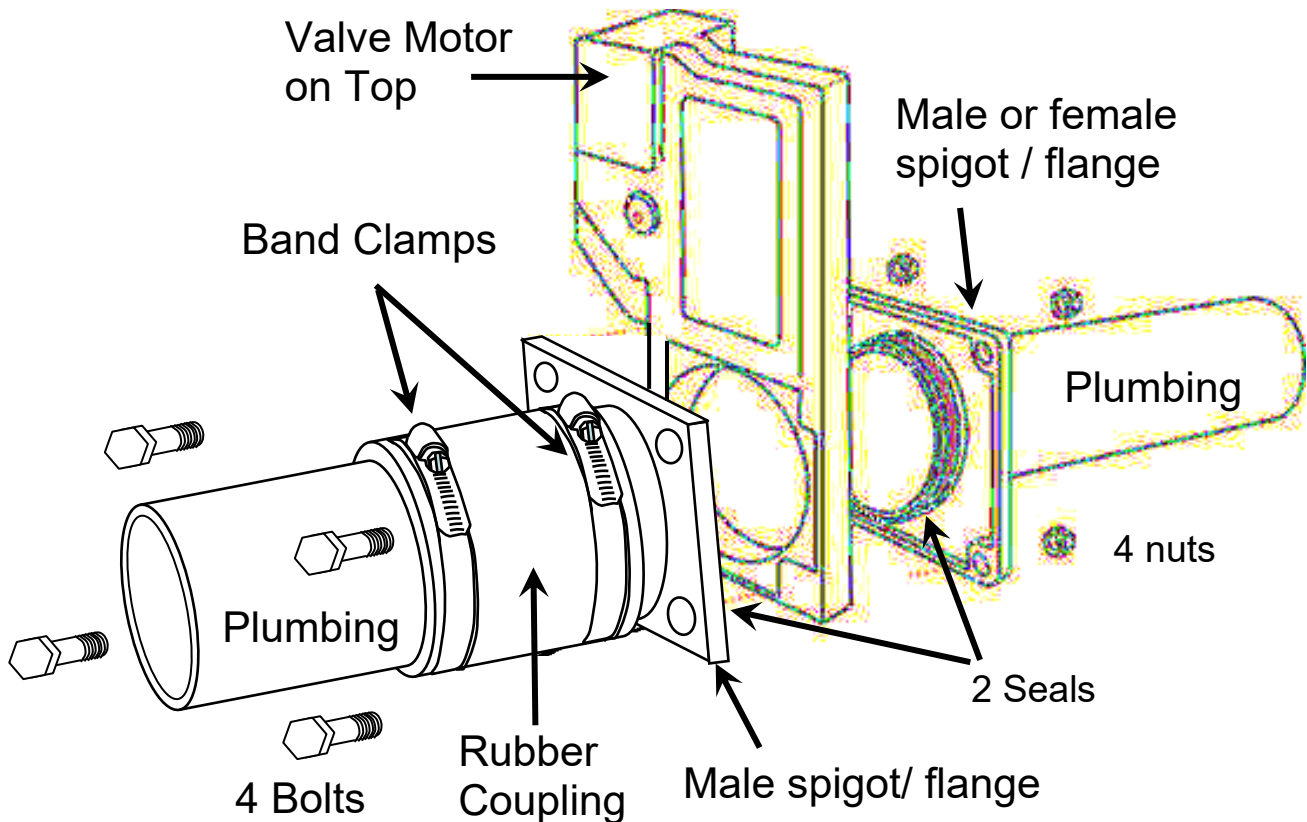


Apply supplied lubricant (Dow 111) to both sides of gate.  
Do this with gate closed and apply to entire surface on both sides.



**Step 8:** With the spigot / flange separated as in step 3, insert Drain Master Pro-Series Ballast valve **with gate closed** making sure the seals stay in their correct position **on the flanges** as emphasized in step 7. Rotate the valve to align the four bolt holes with the flange holes. Slide the rubber coupling with the spigot /flange back into position, rotating if necessary, so all the bolt holes line up. The valve should now be sandwiched vertically and snug between the flanges.

**INSTALL ORIENTATION: Maintain the vertical position with the motor up as shown**



**Step 9:** Install the four bolts and hand tighten the nuts. Use a 7/16" socket and a torque wrench to tighten the nuts down evenly. **Torque from nuts side only**, ¼ turn at a time, in a crisscross pattern. Progressively increase Torque to **10 Inch Lbs. Max. Permissible is 15 Inch Lbs**, if required, to prevent leaks. Do not exceed - components are plastic and may stress and/or crack. As a generic guideline 1 turn beyond finger tight equates to approx 10 inch. Lbs and 1 ½ turns approx. 15 Inch Lbs – tightening beyond that risks stressing and /or cracking.

**Finally tighten the band clamp/s on the rubber coupling to the torque specified by the coupling manufacturer. (Example: 60 inch lbs. for Fernco 3 inch x 3 inch coupling PN P1056-33)**

**Step 10 OPERATOR SWITCH INSTALLATION – Refer to the attached companion document MDM 85-Operator Switch Mounting and Wiring Instructions**

- 10.1. Remove your existing switch – a special tool may be required. The 4 pin connector / wiring used with the previous switch/valve will NOT be used with the Pro-Series Ballast valve system and may be removed completely where feasible. Alternatively tape off the connector and /or tie wrap it to the wiring harness and label it 'DO NOT USE'.
- 10.2. The operator switch is IP 66 / 67 compliant for marine applications and comes with 20 feet of RJ-11 controller interface cable. The cable simply plugs into the operator switch and into the valve controller located on the valve body.
- 10.3. Single Operator switch panel cutout opening conforms to industry standard and the operator switch will normally be a drop-in fit with no panel modifications needed. If a new cutout or revised switch layout is needed, or when installing Multi-Switch Housings, refer to [SVT Switch and Wiring Instructions MDM 85](#) for cutout dimensions, maximum allowable panel thickness and layout guidelines.
- 10.4. Pro-Series Ballast valve system makes daisy chain operation feasible and convenient – multiple valves may be operated from one switch. Refer to: [SVT Switch and Wiring Instructions MDM 85](#)
- 10.5. **IMPORTANT: CONNECTING to 12 V Source.**

- Run a set of fresh wires for the 12 V DC power to the valve. Previous wires / connectors are not compatible with the Pro-Series and will not be used.
- The System is supplied with a 2 pin pigtail to interface with the valve to make the system “plug and play”. The pigtail should be connected according to the color code below to a good 12 VDC source such as a marine lead acid battery.

**Black lead on valve / connector pigtail – connect to positive (+) 12VDC only**  
**Green lead on valve / connector pigtail – connect to negative (ground).**

**CAUTION: It is very important to observe correct polarity when connecting the included pigtail.**  
*Reverse polarity connection can cause damage that will NOT be covered by warranty.  
The 12 V connectors are polarized, once connected correctly they will maintain polarity.*

- Direct battery connection is fine or optionally you can connect to a spare / unused 30 Amp fused 12 V output on the Boat DC distribution panel if available. Label it 'Pro-Series Ballast Valves'. The latter approach has the advantage of disabling the system when the 12 V DC master switch is turned off.

**Step 11:** Perform a mechanical and electrical visual inspection in readiness for testing the Pro-Series Ballast valve.

**Step 12: System Testing**

**Dry test:** Perform this test with the boat still out of the water.

Power up the system – the valve detects power-up and attempts homing to the closed position – some noise may be heard from the valve – this is normal at power up. The green LED will light up confirming 'safe' closed position.

Push the operator switch - the valve should open in less than 1 second (typically 0.6 – 0.7 second) and the red LED lights.

Push again and the valve will close. Each press of the operator switch alternates the valve between the two positions. During power-up and during valve movement operator switch inputs are ignored.

The position detection uses solid state, contact less technology and provides very reliable status of the valve position.

Test it a few times to ensure proper operation.

**Active (wet) test: Perform this test ONLY upon satisfactory completion of the Dry test.**

Ensure the Pro-Series ballast valve is **closed; green LED is lighted**, then lower the boat into the water. Check for any leaks. Next press the operator switch, open the valve/s and commence tank filling. As the tank fills recheck for leaks around the installed Pro-series valve and related plumbing and fittings. When the desired tank fill has been attained, press the operator switch to close the valve and ensure there are no leaks.

**Operation:**

Congratulations on your purchase of a quality product from Drain Master! Your new Drain Master Pro-Series Ballast valve is extremely easy to use. After installation and testing has been completed according to the instructions you are ready to enjoy your boat out on the water.

If you have questions or need help with an install, please call us toll free.

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#### NEW FEATURES

- Pinions and worm are now made in Switzerland from 303 Stainless Steel.
- Double Sided manual override with hex head. **Allen Wrench is provided with the valve – secured on the back of the valve.** Make sure you install your valve with easy access to the manual override.
- Should you ever lose power, you can open/close the valve manually. Just locate the provided 1/8" Allen wrench on the back of the valve, insert wrench in the hex head opening, the words open/close with directional arrows will show you which way is open and which way is closed. **There will be resistance when turning as you are overriding a safety clutch.** Turn until shaft stops. When convenient, check and correct electrical problems. (A stripped override caused by excessive use is not covered under warranty.)

We are always here to answer questions,  
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