

Maintenance instruction

This maintenance instruction is a step-by-step instruction for service and maintenance on Stafsjö's knife gate valves RKO and JTV. The instruction shall be available for persons responsible for service and maintenance on Stafsjö's knife gate valves. The following procedures are described:

- A – Change of seat**
- B – Change of box packing**
- C – Change of box packing when the valve is installed in a system**
- D – Torque on gland nuts**
- E – Change of guide strips when the valve is installed in a system**
- F – Torque for valve body screw joint reinforcement**
- G – Change from hand wheel (HW) to pneumatic cylinder**
- H – Change of gate and guide strips**
- J – ATEX, change of spring**



For more detailed information on technical data of valves, actuators or accessories, please see data sheets on www.stafsjo.com, or contact Stafsjö or your local representative.

Each knife gate valve is identified with a label containing the article number and serial number. When in contact with Stafsjö or your local representative, please have these numbers available.

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Spare parts

Recommended spare parts are described in spare part data sheets for each knife gate valve type on www.stafsjo.com. Stafsjö recommends the customer to keep one set of spare parts for each valve type and size in store.

Spare parts can be ordered from Stafsjö or your local representative. Spare part data sheets and addresses are available on www.stafsjo.com.

Safety information



No work is allowed on the knife gate valve when the system is pressurised or the actuator is connected. The system must be free from pressure and empty. Actuator and accessories must be disconnected before any work is commenced.

All gate guards must be installed after finished maintenance on the knife gate valve.

All specifications subject to change without notice.

Main components in the Stafsjö knife gate valve RKO/JTV

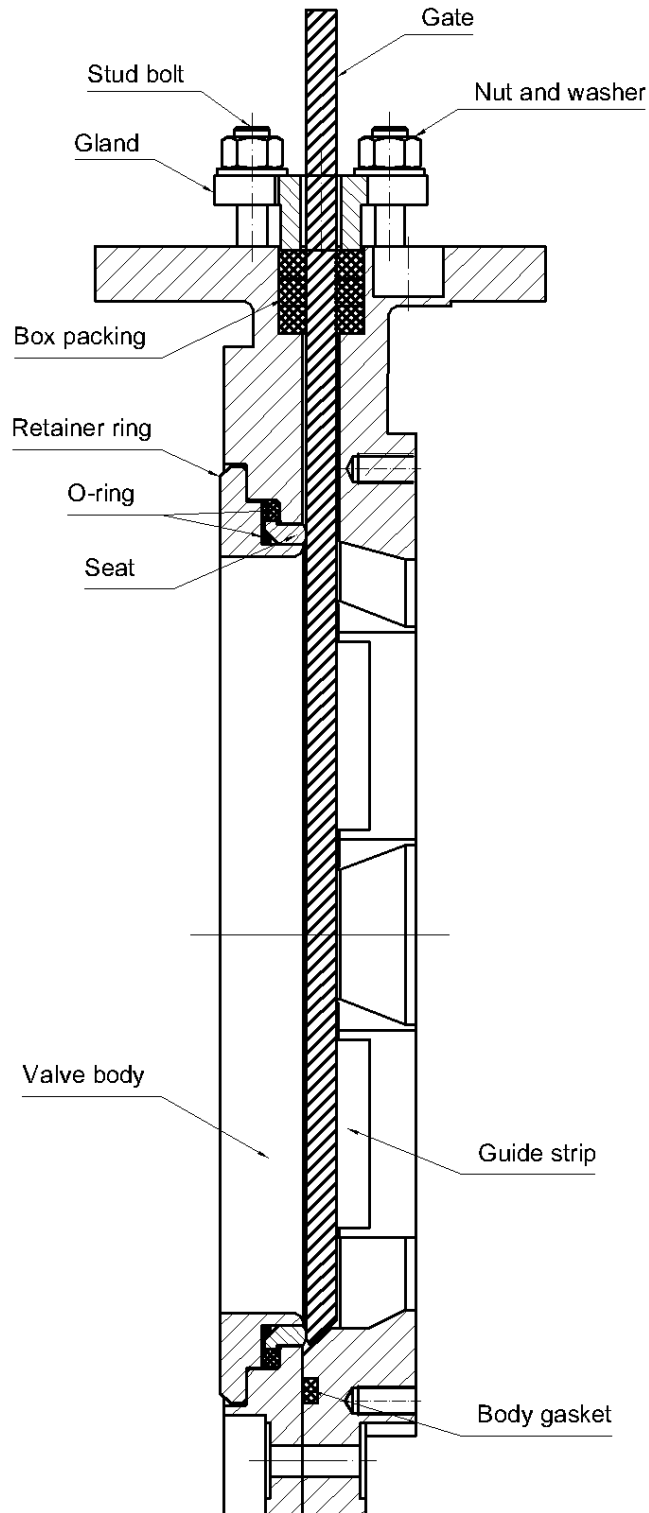


Figure 1 Main components

Part list of the Staffsjö knife gate RKO

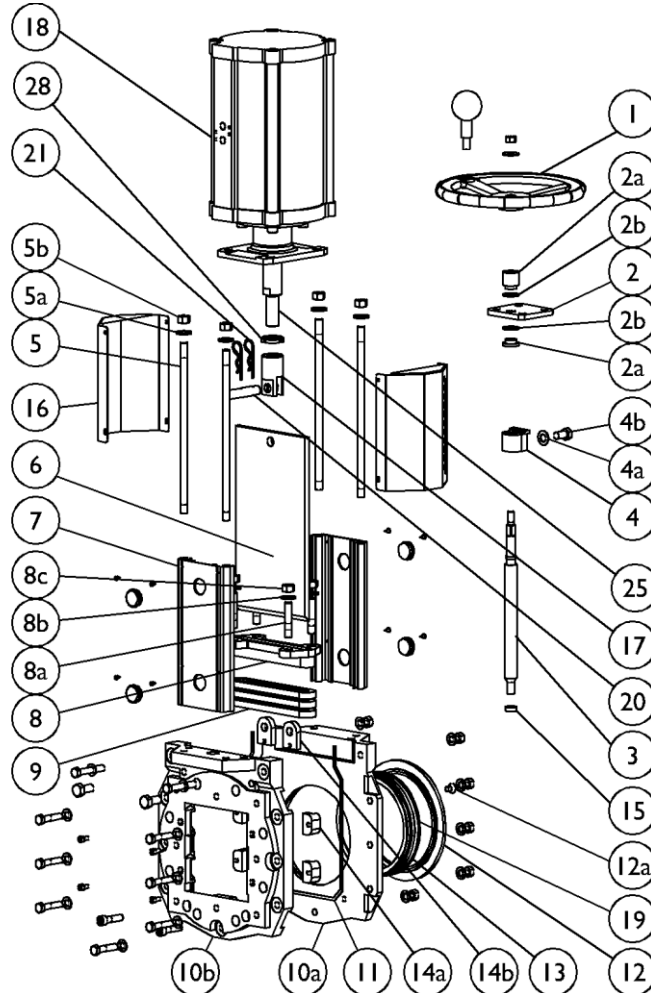


Figure 2 Part list of RKO, numbering also applies to JTV valves in similar manner

Part list

Pos	Part	Pos	Part	Pos	Part	Pos	Part
1	Hand wheel	5a	Washer	10 a/b	Valve body	17	Gate clevis
2	Yoke	5b	Nut	11	Body gasket	18	Cylinder
2a	Bearing	6	Gate	12	Retainer ring	19	O-ring
2b	Slide washer	7	Beam	12a	Screw	20	Clevis pin
3	Stem	8	Gland	13	Seat	21	Split pin
4	Stem nut	8a	Stud bolt	14a	Guide strip	25	Piston rod
4a	Washer	8b	Washer	14b	Top guide strip	28	Locking nut
4b	Screw	8c	Nut	15	Bushing		
5	Tie rod	9	Box packing	16	Gate guard		

Service and maintenance

See figure 1-2 for identification of parts on the RKO and JTV valve. Parts differ depending on the valve size. Please contact Stafsjö Valves AB or your local representative if you have any questions.

For more information on installation and operation of the knife gate valve and pneumatic cylinder, please see Operating instruction for knife gate valves and pneumatic cylinders on www.stafsjo.com or contact Stafsjö Valves AB or your local representative.

Stafsjö Valves AB offers the customer service and maintenance of Stafsjö knife gate valves, either in the customer's plant or at the Stafsjö workshop. Please contact Stafsjö Valves AB or your local representative for more information.

For procedures A, B, F, G and H the knife gate valve must not be installed in a system.

A – Change of seat

Place the valve horizontally on a work bench for an easier change of seats.

1. Disassemble the valve from the pipe system.
2. Open the valve with the mounted actuator.
3. Disconnect the supply for actuator.
4. Remove the retainer ring (12) by unscrewing the screws (12a) it is fastened with.
5. Lift of the Retainer ring (12). If the retainer ring is stuck, use a screw driver or similar tool and bend carefully between the retainer ring and the valve body in several places around the bore until the ring is loose.
6. Check the gate (6) for damages such as dents and scratches. If the gate is damaged it can wear out the box packing (9) and the seat (13), causing leakage. Stafsjö recommends changing the gate if it is damaged to ensure the function of the valve.
7. Clean the area of the seat and the valve body.
8. Install a new seat (13) on the retainer ring (12) and place the retainer ring in the valve body (10). For PTFE, O-rings (19) must also be installed, see figure 3. Lubricate the seat and the O-rings with a synthetic lubricator to make the installation easier.
9. Lock the retainer ring (12) in place with the screws (12a). The screws function is only to hold the retainer ring in place. The function of the retainer ring will take effect when the valve is mounted between pipe flanges.
10. Install the valve in closed position in to the system according to the operating instruction.
11. Operate the valve a few times before the system is pressurised.

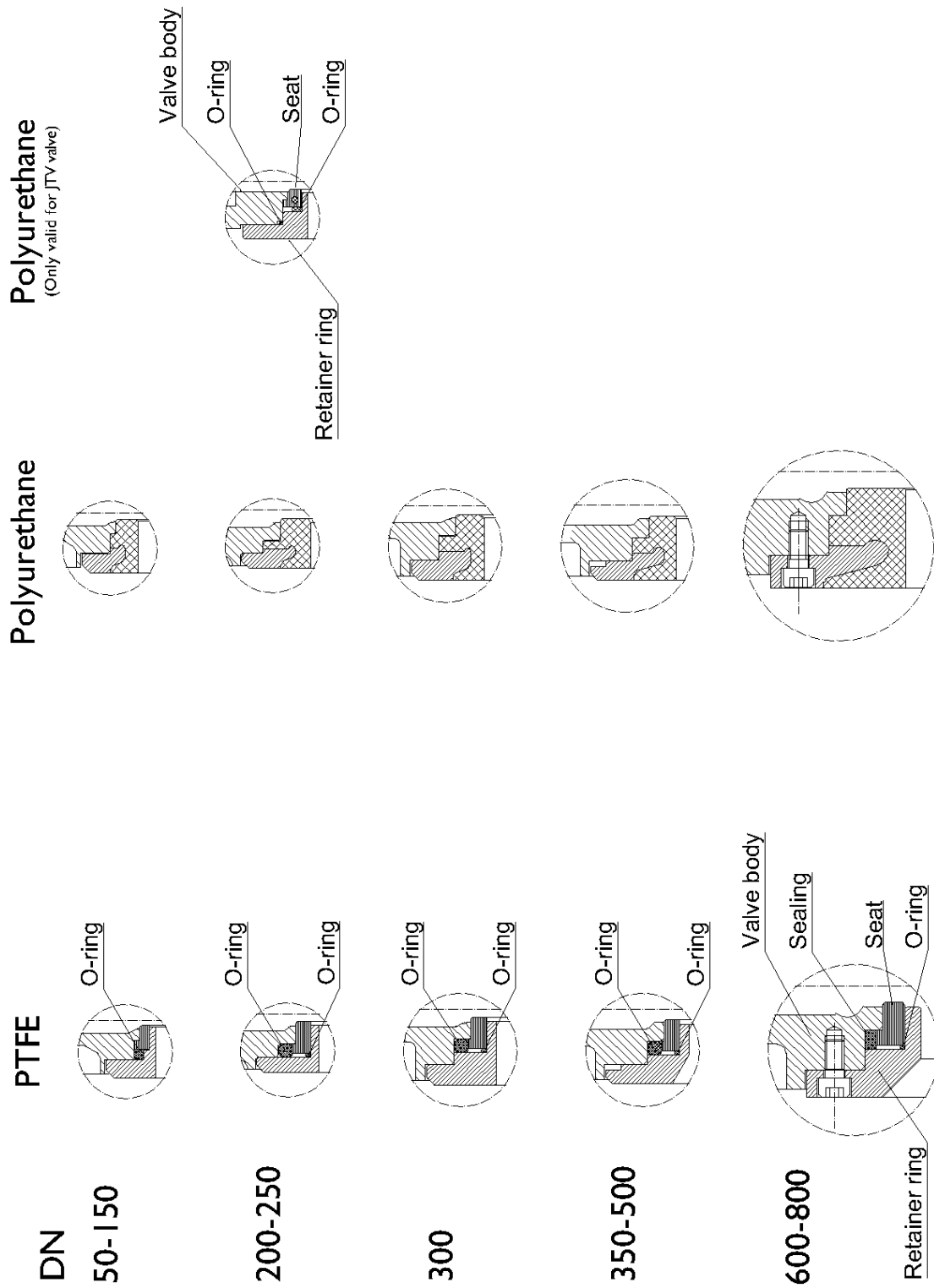


Figure 3 Seat and O-rings

B – Change of box packing

Place the valve upright in for example a screw vice to simplify changing the gate and box packing. Large valves shall be placed on a horizontal work bench.

1. Close the valve.
2. Demount the actuator and top by:

Pneumatic cylinder (18)

1. Disconnect the air connections so that the cylinder (18) is depressurised.
2. Remove the gate guards (16).
3. Demount the split pins (21) and clevis pin (20).
4. Loosen the nuts (5b) keeping the cylinder in place.
5. Lift off the cylinder (18).
6. Demount the beam (7) and tie rods (5) from the valve

Hand wheel (1)

1. Demount the hand wheel (1).
2. Loosen the nuts (5b).
3. Lift off the bearing (2c), bearing washer (2b), yoke (2), bearing washer (2b) and bearing (2a) from the stem (3).
4. Demount the beams (7) and tie rods (5).
5. Loosen the screw (4b) from the stem nut (4) and gate (6).
6. Lift off the stem (3) and stem nut (4).

3. Loosen the nuts (8c) on the gland (8).
4. Lift of the gland (8) from the stud bolts (8a).
5. Remove the box packing braid (9).
6. Clean the box from residues.
7. Remove the gate (6) and check it for damages such as dents and scrapes. If the gate is damaged it can wear out the box packing (9) and the seat (13), causing leakage. Stafsjö recommends changing the gate if it is damaged to ensure the function of the valve.
8. Place the gate (6) in the valve body (10). Check that the gate is placed correctly with the gate chamfer on the cams in the bottom of the valve body, see figure 1.
9. Begin assembling the first braid (9) on one of the long sides of the gate (6). Use a blunt tool in plastic or wood and a hammer to push the braid into the box. Where the braid ends meet, check that the short ends are opposite each other, not on top of each other. It is important to push the first braid evenly into the bottom of the box. The joint of next braid must be placed on the opposite long side of the joint of the previous braid.
10. Place the gland (8) on the stud bolts (8a).
11. Add the washers (8b) and nuts (8c).
12. Put force on the gland (8) by tightening the nuts (8c) gradually and crosswise. The box packing must be equally compressed all around. Recommended torque for gland nuts, see chapter D.
13. The gland (8) must put uniform force on the box packing (9) and be in level with the top of the valve body (10).
14. The gland (8) must also be in line with the gate (6) with the same distance between the gland and the gate all around. Check that there is no metal contact between the gland (8) and the gate (6).
15. Assemble the other components in reversed order, step 2.

16. Function test the knife gate valve.
17. Reinstall the valve in the system according to the operating instruction.
18. Operate the valve a few times before the system is pressurised.

Note:

The box packing may start to leak when the system is pressurised and the temperature increases. This is caused by the box packing material which is a soft material that moves depending on pressure and temperature and when the valve is operated. If the box packing is leaking, tighten the gland nuts (**8c**) gradually and crosswise according to chapter D.

C – Change of box packing when the valve is installed in a system



No work is allowed on the Stafsjö knife gate valve when the system is pressurized or the automatic actuator is connected. The system must be empty and free from pressure before work begins. The actuator and accessories must be disconnected before work begins.

Work on the knife gate valve when the system is under pressure can cause damages on persons and equipment.

Check that the system is free from pressure by:

- **Observing the pressure measurement on the system**
- **Opening the drain on the pipe**

When the system is free from pressure and empty:

1. Open the valve making a distance between the gland (**8**) and the gate clevis (**17**) or stem nut (**4**).
2. Disconnect the supply for actuator.
3. Loosen the nuts (**8c**) on the gland (**8**).
4. Lift the gland (**8**) and connect it to the gate clevis (**17**) or stem nut (**4**) with a wire to be able to reach into the box packing (**9**).
5. Remove the box packing braids (**9**).
6. Clean the box from residues.
7. Check the gate (**6**) visually for damages such as dents and scrapes. If the gate is damaged it can wear out the box packing (**9**) and the seat (**13**), causing leakage. Stafsjö recommends changing the gate if it is damaged to ensure the function of the valve.
8. Begin assembling the first braid (**9**) on one of the long sides of the gate (**6**). Use a blunt tool in plastic or wood and a hammer to push the braid into the box. Where the braid ends meet, check that the short ends are opposite each other, not on top of each other. It is important to push the first braid evenly into the bottom of the box. The joint of next braid must be placed on the opposite long side of the joint of the previous braid.
9. Let down the gland (**8**) on the stud bolts (**8a**).
10. Add the washers (**8b**) and nuts (**8c**).
11. Put force on the gland (**8**) by tightening the nuts (**8c**) gradually and crosswise. The box packing must be equally compressed all around. Recommended torque for gland nuts, see chapter D.
12. The gland (**8**) must put uniform force on the box packing (**9**) and be in level with the top of the valve body (**10**).

13. The gland (8) must also be in line with the gate (6) with the same distance between the gland and the gate all around. Check that there is no metal contact between the gland (8) and the gate (6).
14. Operate the valve a few times before the system is pressurised.

Note:

The box packing may start to leak when the system is pressurised and the temperature increases. This is caused by the box packing which is a soft material that moves depending on pressure and temperature and when the valve is operated. If the box packing is leaking, tighten the gland nuts (8c) gradually and crosswise according to chapter D.

D – Torque for gland nuts

The torque T_G in the table below is a recommended value for tightening the gland nuts (8c) when a new box packing has been installed and during operation if the box packing is leaking.

RKO DN	T_G	
	Nm	lbf x ft
50-80	20	15
100-150	25	18
200-300	30	22
350-	35	26

If the gland nuts are pulled to hard, it shortens the lifetime of the box packing and the force needed to operate the valve will increase and the valve function will be affected.

The box packing may leak because it is made of a soft material that moves depending on pressure and temperature and when the valve is operated. If the box packing is leaking, tighten the gland nuts (8c). Each nut shall be tightened gradually and crosswise until the leakage stops. See figure 4.

Check that the gland (8) is level to the top of the valve body (10). Check that there is no metal contact between the gland (8) and the gate (6).

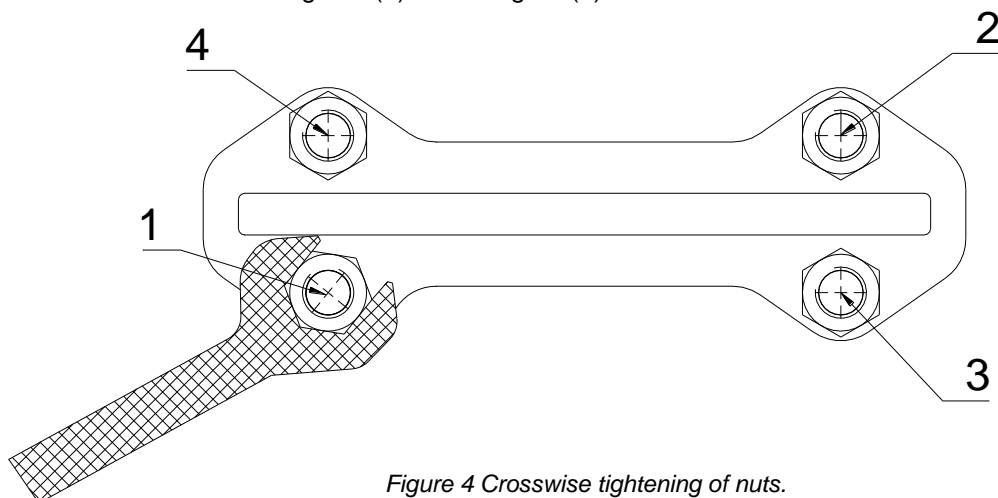


Figure 4 Crosswise tightening of nuts.

E – Change of guide strips when the valve is installed in a system



No work is allowed on the Stafsjö knife gate valve when the system is pressurized or the automatic actuator is connected. The system must be empty and free from pressure before work begins. The actuator and accessories must be disconnected before work begins.

Work on the knife gate valve when the system is under pressure can cause damages on persons and equipment.

Check that the system is free from pressure by:

- Observing the pressure measurement on the system
- Opening the drain on the pipe

The RKO and JTV valve is equipped with guide strips (**14a**). RKO DN300 and larger also have top guide strips (**14b**). All guide strips can be removed and changed when the valve is still installed in the system. The system must be free from pressure and empty. The square valve body side (**10b**) must be open and available for maintenance.

When the system is free from pressure and empty:

1. Open the valve.
2. Disconnect the supply for actuator.
3. Loosen the socket head cap screws that keep the guide strips (**14a/b**) in place from the square valve body side (**10b**).
4. Take out the guide strips (**14a/b**).
5. Mount the new guide strips (**14a/b**) and attach them with socket head cap screws.
6. Operate the valve a few times before the system is pressurised.

F – Torque for RKO and JTV valve body screw joint reinforcement

The torque T_s in the table below is a recommended value for tightening the screw joint reinforcement between the two RKO and JTV valve body sides.

RKO/JTV knife gate DN	Screw joint reinforcement Sd mm	Torque T_s Nm	Torque T_s lbf x ft
100	M10	43	32
150	M10	43	32
200	M12	75	55
250	M12	75	55
300	M12	75	55
350	M16	190	140
400	M16	190	140
500	M16	190	140
600	M16	190	140

G – Change from hand wheel (HW) to pneumatic cylinder

To be able to adjust the cylinder stroke, the pneumatic cylinder must be installed on the knife gate valve when the valve is not installed in a system.

Large pneumatic cylinders installed horizontally must be supported to not cause tensions in the valve which might affect the valve tightness and ability to maneuver.

1. Close the valve completely.
2. Demount the hand wheel actuator.

Hand wheel

1. Demount the hand wheel (1).
 2. Loosen the nuts (5b) on the tie rods (5).
 3. Lift off the bearing washer (2b), yoke (2) and bearing (2a) from the stem (3).
 4. Lift off the beams (7).
 5. Loosen the screw (4b) from the stem nut (4) and gate (6).
 6. Lift off the stem (3) and stem nut (4).
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3. Screw the locking nut (28) and the gate clevis (17) halfway on to the cylinder piston rod (25).
 4. Assemble new beams (7) with holes on the tie rods (5). The holes on the beam are placed on different distances from the short side of the beam. The side of the beam with the longest distance between the hole and the short side shall be placed against the top of the valve body (10).
 5. Mount the cylinder (18) on top of the beams and fixate with washers (5a) and nuts (5b).
 6. Attach the gate clevis (17) to the gate with the clevis pin (20) and the split pins (21), by gently operating the cylinder in position.
 7. Open the valve completely by gently operating the pneumatic cylinder (18). In this position, the bottom edge of the gate (6) should be in line with the retainer ring edge (12). If it is not, close the valve, demount the split pins (21) and clevis pin (20) and adjust the gate clevis (17) on the piston rod (25) until the gate edge and retainer ring edge are in line with each other when the valve is open.
 8. Lock the gate clevis (17) with the locking nut (28).
 9. Function test the knife gate valve.
 10. Assemble the gate guards (16).
 11. Install the valve in the system according to the operating instruction.
 12. Operate the valve a few times before the system is pressurised.

H - Change of gate and guide strips

To be able to change gate in the RKO/JTV knife gate valve, the valve must not be installed in the system. Place the valve horizontally on a work bench.

The body gasket in the knife gate valve RKO and JTV differs depending on the valve size and date of manufacture. Please contact Stafsjö Valves AB or your local representative if you have any questions.

Previously has the body gasket been a traditional gasket between the RKO valve body sides. New sealing principles have gradually been introduced.

The traditional gasket has been replaced by graphite tape for smaller RKO knife gate valves and for larger sizes a round bar of PTFE is used. The following instructions describe change of gate and guide strips.

Traditional body gasket (old solution)

1. Remove the actuator (**1/18**) and box packing (**9**), see chapter B.
2. Remove the retainer ring (**12**) and seat (**13**), see chapter A.
3. Remove the gate (**6**) and check it for damages such as dents and scrapes. If the gate is damaged it can wear out the box packing (**9**) and the seat (**13**), causing leakage. Stafsjö recommends changing the gate if it is damaged to ensure the function of the valve.
4. Clean the valve body (**10**) and gate (**6**) from residues.
5. Check and if necessary replace the guide strips (**14a/b**) in the valve body sides (**10**) by dividing the valve body (**10**) into two valve body sides. Otherwise skip to step 12.
6. Attach the new gasket (**11**) with gasket glue on the square valve body side (**10b**). If the gasket is cut from a large sheet, cut out a strip as wide as the gasket surface.
7. If the gasket does not have holes for the screw joint reinforcement, press a hole in one corner and use a screw in each corner to fix the gasket strip while pressing out the rest of the holes.
8. Put gasket glue on the gasket (**11**).
9. Mount the valve body seat side (**10a**) and guide the gasket and valve body sides with screws in the corners of the valve body.
10. Assemble greased screws, washers and nuts in the screw joint reinforcement.
11. Tighten the screws crosswise and gradually until they are fully tightened. Recommended torque values are described in chapter F.
12. Place the gate (**6**) in the valve body (**10**). Check that the gate is placed correctly with the gate chamfer on the cam in the bottom of the valve body, see fig. 1.
13. Assemble the other components in reversed order, see step 1-2.
14. Install the valve in the system according to the operating instruction.
15. Operate the valve a few times before the system is pressurised.

Graphite tape body gasket or PTFE bar body gasket

1. Remove the actuator (**1/18**) and box packing (**9**), see chapter B. Only needed if change of gate.
2. Remove the retainer ring (**12**) and seat (**13**), see chapter A.
3. Remove the gate (**6**) and check it for damages such as dents and scrapes. If the gate is damaged it can wear out the box packing (**9**) and the seat (**13**), causing leakage.

Stafsjö recommends changing the gate if it is damaged to ensure the function of the valve.

4. Clean the valve body (**10**) and gate (**6**) from residues.
5. Check and if necessary replace the guide strips (**14a/b**) in the square valve body side (**10b**).
6. Place the gate (**6**) in the valve body (**10**). Check that the gate is placed correctly with the gate chamfer on the cam in the bottom of the valve body, see fig. 1.
7. Assemble the other components in reversed order, see step 1-2.
8. Install the valve in the system according to the operating instruction.
9. Operate the valve a few times before the system is pressurised.

J – ATEX, change of spring

Valves with ATEX classification have the gate (**6**) connected to the rest of the valve by a spring (**66**) attached to a gland stud bolt (**8a**). An earth cable (**69**) is connected to a stud bolt (**8a**) to make sure the valve is grounded in all situations. For procedures B, C and H where the gland (**8**) or the gate (**6**) need to be removed in an ATEX valve, must also the spring (**66**) and earth cable (**69**) be removed. See figure 5 for ATEX parts list. Note: The appearance of the spring holders (**67/68**) in the knife gate valve differs depending on the valve size. There are different categories of ATEX, the number of springs and earth cables differ between categories.

1. Close the gate (**6**).
2. Disconnect the supply for actuator.
3. Before disassembling, document how the parts are installed to ensure proper assembling.
4. Remove the earth cable (**69**) by unscrewing the top nut (**8c**) on the stud bolt (**8a**).
5. Unscrew the spring holders (**67, 68**) from the gate (**6**) and stud bolt (**8a**).
6. Remove the spring (**66**) and check for any defects. For security reasons Stafsjö recommends changing the spring every 10 000 strokes to ensure the function of the valve.
7. Assemble the spring holders (**67, 68**) with the spring (**66**).
8. Assemble the spring holder (**67**) on the longer stud bolt (**8a**). Make sure to use low profile nuts (**8c**) to fasten the spring holder (**67**). Screw a low profile nut (**8c**) on the stud bolt, place the spring holder (**67**) and use another low profile nut (**8c**) to fix the spring holder in place.
9. Assemble the other spring holder (**68**) on the gate (**6**) with screws, washers and nuts (**68a, b, c**).
10. Assemble the earth cable (**69**) by fixing it between two low profile nuts (**8c**) on the stud bolt (**8a**) opposite of the spring.
11. Function test the knife gate valve by full open/close stroke. Check that the spring (**66**) can operate freely.

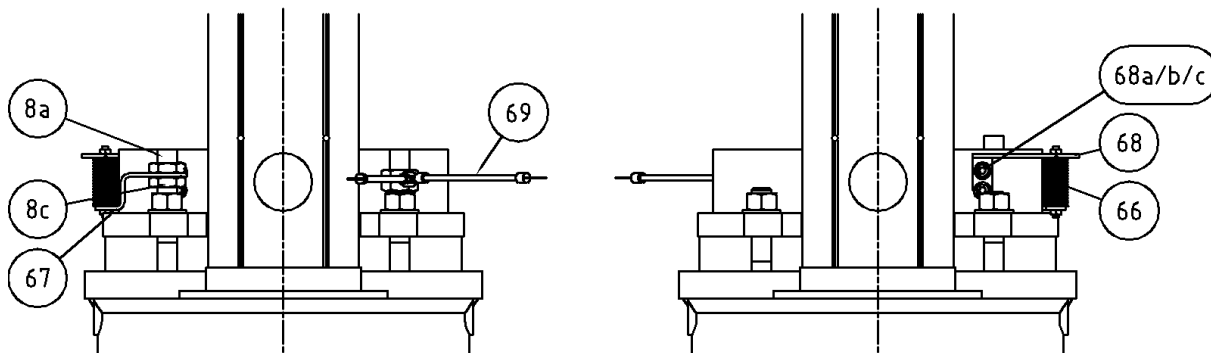


Figure 5 Parts list for an ATEX valve

Parts list

Pos	Part
8a	Stud bolt
8c	Nut
66	Spring
67	Spring holder
68	Spring holder

Pos	Part
68a	Screw
68b	Washer
68c	Nut
69	Earth cable