

FACTORY MUTUAL



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APPROVAL AGREEMENT

The Agreement is made by and between **Factory Mutual Research Corporation**, (herein called FMRC),
and **Ames Company, Woodland CA 95695**

(herein called the Client). The Client is making a product or providing a service known and described as:

BACKFLOW PREVENTERS

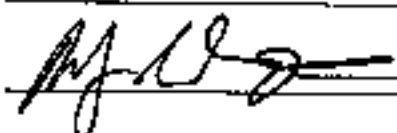
**DOUBLE CHECK VALVE TYPE
MODEL NO. 2000SSF
DOUBLE CHECK DETECTOR TYPE
MODEL NO. 3000SSF
SIZES 2-1/2, 3 AND 4 INCH NPS**


This product or service has been examined by FMRC as described in the report bearing
Job Identification **3001678** , dated **November 10, 1998**

In consideration of FMRC Approval of the product or service the Client is authorized to indicate such approval, as stated by the above report, and agrees to the following and terms stated on the reverse side of this Agreement:

1. The Client shall place a unique identification mark (i.e. model or type number) on the product as stated in the above report and shall not place this mark on any other product unless covered by separate agreement with FMRC.
2. The Client shall use the FMRC Approval mark on the product, but shall not use this mark on any other product unless such other product is covered by separate agreement with FMRC.
3. The client shall not use, reproduce or distribute the above referenced report by FMRC except in its entirety without any change, deletion or addition thereto. The Client agrees that FMRC may distribute the referenced report and related information within the Factory Mutual System.

(See Over)

Ames Company, Inc. _____ Client
 _____ Signature
 Randy Schuster _____ Name
 Product Development Manager _____ Title
 1485 Tanforan Ave. Woodland, CA 95776 _____ Address
 November 7, 1998 _____ Date

FACTORY MUTUAL RESEARCH CORPORATION
 _____ Signature
 R.L. Martell _____ Name
 Asst. V.P. - Approvals Division _____ Title
 November 20, 1998 _____ Date