At home in global LNG and cryogenic applications

QUADAX® LNG Butterfly Valves are in use worldwide for Transporting, Storing, Processing and Fuelling
LNG is exactly what it says: the liquid form of natural gas. The process of liquefying is performed to reduce the volume for purposes of transporting the fuel: LNG reduces volume by 600 times, making it much more economical to transport. VALVES are a critical component at each stage of the liquefication process. Valve performance and reliability are important to the whole process.

Thanks to four offset construction and state of the art manufacturing technology, QUADAX® valves offer 100% compliance even with the highest tightness or temperature requirements. With this design the QUADAX® is the perfect solution for demanding LNG applications.

When it comes to temperatures below -162° C the industry talks about cryogenic applications. We find these temperatures in different applications like air separation plants, chemical plants or LNG plants. With our QUADAX® Butterfly Valve Series, produced on modern 5 axis machining centres in Germany, we can handle cryogenic applications.

Thanks to our four offset construction the QUADAX® valve acts with a totally round seat and sealing geometry. This construction allows to handle these extreme temperatures. Even if material is shrinking and expanding due to extreme temperatures, the QUADAX® keeps its promises of 100% tightness.
QUADAX®
MADE FOR THE EXTREME = MADE FOR LNG

Our butterfly valves are the perfect solution for handling LNG applications. The special buttweld version TOP ENTRY is the ideal valve for LNG pipelines. The valve is 100% tight when it comes to low temperatures or high temperature differences. Moreover you can do the maintenance and repair work easily in the installed position and you have a reduced risk of unnoticed leakage.

QUADAX®
Top Entry

Butterfly valve: Bare shaft
Pressure range: PN 0-160 bar (cl. 150 - 900)
Nom. diameter: DN150-1000 (6”-40”)
Connection: Welding ends
OUR TEMPERATURE RESISTANT VERSIONS

01 QUADAX®
Double flange

Butterfly valve: Bare shaft
Pressure range: PN 0-160 bar / (cl. 150-900)
Nominal Size: DN 50-1800 (2" - 72")
Connection: Flange

02 QUADAX®
Lug type

Butterfly valve: Bare shaft
Pressure range: PN 0-63 bar / (cl. 150 - 600)
Nominal Size: DN50 - 1800 (2"-72")
Connection: Flange

03 QUADAX®
Gate valve replacement

Butterfly valve: Bare shaft
Pressure range: PN 0-160 bar / (cl. 150-900)
Nominal Size: DN 50-1800 (2" - 72")
Connection: Flange

04 QUADAX®
Buttweld type

Butterfly valve: Bare shaft
Pressure range: PN 0-160 bar / (cl. 150-900)
Nominal Size: DN 50 -1000 (2" - 40")
Connection: Welding ends
HIGHLIGHTS

-270 °C up to +800 °C

100% tight also in cryogenic applications

160 bar and higher

Fire Safe in both directions

Floating disc design

Tight in both directions up to the full pressure

Round seat seal

Friction free design

Higher CV-value

BAM approved material for oxygen applications
In contrast to the elliptical seal geometry of conventional triple offset valves, the QUADAX® features a totally circular seal geometry. Thanks to this unique four offset construction the QUADAX® valves offer 100% tightness even under most extreme pressure and temperature requirements. For that reason the QUADAX® range is the perfect fit for LNG applications.

**Conventional triple Offset Butterfly Valves**

- Wear due to friction
- Few leaks
- Maintenance prone

A conventional triple offset valve acts with an elliptical seat and sealing geometry.

**Four Offset QUADAX® Butterfly Valves**

- Friction free
- Higher KV/CV values
- Highest tightness/No Leaks (even in the most extreme conditions)

The 4 offset butterfly valve offers a totally round seat and sealing geometry.
TEST RESULT ACCORDING TO BS6364

Due to our design principle, QUADAX® can offer the perfect sealing solutions for cryogenic applications. We are able to deliver sealing solutions for applications from -270°C - +800°C.

The two main sealing solutions in cryogenic appl. are the following:

- Stainless Steel Lamella
- Inconel-O-Ring

CRYOGENIC SEAL SOLUTIONS

QUADAX® Zero Leakage in cryogenic applications

leakage of other competitors products

2000 ml/min
1500 ml/min
1000 ml/min
500 ml/min
0 ml/min

DN 300

0,0
THE APPLICATION

The increased storage and reprocessing of LNG (liquefied natural gas) has led to a sharp rise in demand for systems for the cryogenic sector in recent years. To enable the gas to be transported economically, it is cooled down to –165°C and thus liquefied. These systems frequently require shut-off valves that have to achieve a high level of tightness in this application (~162°C LNG to ~196°C nitrogen/oxygen). Many manufacturers of triple offset butterfly valves have problems complying with the required leak rate set out in BS 6364. This issue is due to the geometry of the sealing area on the triple offset butterfly valves.

SOLUTION/COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

In contrast to the elliptical seal geometry of conventional triple offset valves, QUADAX® features a completely circular seal geometry. This means that the wall and material thickness is the same all the way around. This design enables bubble tight to be guaranteed even with extreme temperature fluctuations or in cryogenic applications (down to ~196°C). Triple offset valves, on the other hand, have different wall and material thicknesses because of the elliptical seal geometry. In cryogenic applications or with extreme temperature differences, this leads to different shrinkage and expansion of the material at the seat, which can result in leaks.

PRACTICAL EXAMPLE – LINDE AG

One of the müller quadax gmbh’s key customers for applications in the cryogenic sector is Linde AG, who were very interested in finding a tight shut-off valve for their air fractionation systems.

AIR FRACTIONATION SYSTEMS

The air fractionation system project involves the following applications: “In cryogenic air fractionation systems, low temperature rectification can be used to produce oxygen, nitrogen and argon. Cryogenic air fractionation can also be used to obtain other noble gases such as krypton, xenon, helium and neon. The systems can create products in a gaseous state for pipelines or cryogenically liquefied for storage and transportation by truck. (...)”*

“CRYO TEST”

With the four offset butterfly valve, müller quadax gmbh was not only able to comply with the leak rate stipulated in the well-known BS 6364 standard, they actually managed to exceed it. Example using nominal size DN300:

BS 6343 allows:

100 mm³/s x 300 = 30,000 mm³/s = 1,800 ml/min
QUADAX® achieves no visible leakages

* Source: www.linde-engineering.com/de/process_plants/air_separation_plants/
THE APPLICATION

Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) is a clear, colorless liquid created when natural gas is cooled to -162°C. In liquid form, LNG occupies approximately 600 times less volume than standard natural gas, which enables it to be stored and transported very efficiently. LNG is a good alternative to gas transport via pipelines, particularly for transportation over long distances.

SOLUTION/COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

Thanks to the four offset design principle, QUADAX® acts with a totally round seat and sealing geometry and the same wall thicknesses all around. With this construction features, QUADAX® can handle extreme temperature ranges and differences. Moreover QUADAX® can offer cryogenic sealing solutions like full metal lamella or the patented Inconel O-ring system. With the valve product features, QUADAX® is the ideal solution for any LNG creating, LNG transporting or regasification process, where extreme low temperatures occur.

PRACTICAL EXAMPLE – GATE TERMINAL

Gate Terminal receives LNG for its customers, stores it, regasifies it and then supplies it to the gas transport network for distribution to households and industry. LNG is also used as fuel for vessels and lorries, as a replacement for diesel and heavy fuel oil. At gate terminal, LNG is loaded into bunkering vessels or trucks that supply other vessels with fuel.

At Gate Terminal QUADAX® is used for the filling of tanks and trucks. The customer’s requirement is to keep the LNG pipe at a cryogenic status in the stationary case of not having a filling process. Once the filling process starts, QUADAX® opens and controls the LNG filling process of the trucks. The customer’s challenge was to have a low flow rate to keep the pipe cold while having no filling process and to have an economical higher flow rate once the filling of the trucks starts. QUADAX® solved this requirement with a special engineering solution by using a combination of QUADAX® Butterfly Valves and CO-AX® LT (Low Temperature) Valves.

STATEMENT OF THE PROJECT ENGINEER AT GATE TERMINAL (MARCO G.)

“The QUADAX® Solution is the beating heart of the LNG truck filling station. It controls the flow while the trucks are being filled and the pipeline is kept in a cryogenic state. For this special requirement of the LNG filling process QUADAX® was the perfect high-quality solution.”
Our headquarters are located in South Germany. But our products are used all over the world - wherever extreme pressure or temperature ranges are required. For our customers we combine the values and flexibility of a family-owned company with a long-term perspective and the professionalism of a global player.
CERTIFIED TO:
AD 2000, AD W10, ANSI B 16.34, DIN EN 12516 (DIN 3840),
MR0175, NACE MR0103, ISO 15848, 2014/34/EU-ATEX

FIRE SAFE IN BOTH DIRECTIONS:
ISO 10497, ISO 15848, API 607, BS 6755

LEAKAGE RATE:
DIN EN 12266 A / ANSI CLASS VI
ZERO LEAKAGE (TESTED ACCORDING BS6364)