# **Thermostatic Mixing Valves**

Reliable, ASSE-listed valves from a recognized leader in flow-control products



# The Trusted Choice for Thermostatic Mixing Valves

Watts provides a complete thermostatic mixing valve (TMV) line.

- Reliable products for safe, accurate control of water temperature from point-of source to point-of-use
- Products tested and listed to relevant ASSE standards (1017, 1069 & 1070)
- One-of-a kind products include LavSafe and USG-B under-sink guardian, which reduce installation time by up to 50%
- Extensive distribution network ensures product availability
- Provided by a stable, industry leader with more than 140 years in the business

## Common Applications for Thermostatic Mixing Valves

#### Residential

Homes, apartments, and dormitories

#### **Commercial** Businesses, hotels, and office buildings

#### Institutional

Healthcare facilities, military facilities, universities, schools and correctional institutions





# Mixing Valve Overview

# Addressing The Dangers of Hot Water

Every year, thousands of people suffer injury or become ill as the result of water stored or used at inappropriate temperatures, leading to the potential for:

- Serious thermal shock and scalding injuries suffered in bathtubs, sinks, and showers
- Illness caused by water-borne bacteria such as Legionella

### **Thermal Shock**

- One source of injuries in the shower is slips and falls in reaction to a sudden increase or decrease in water temperature, known as thermal shock.
- If the supply of cold or hot water is lost, the water flow should be shut down immediately.
- Termination of the flow reduces the risk of instinctive reaction to quickly move away from a too-hot or too-cold water stream.

## Scalding

- Scalding incidents can occur in the home and in commercial or institutional facilities.
- The tender skin of very young children and the slow reaction time of the elderly and the handicapped make them particularly vulnerable to serious hot water burns.<sup>1</sup>
- Other causes include faulty water heater thermostats and water temperatures set too high.
- Also, temperature valves at the domestic hot water source can malfunction or be missing altogether.
- Water heaters are typically set to temperatures above 131°F (55°C) to prevent development of harmful bacteria in the water supply, however, at that temperature scalding can occur.

### Legionella Bacteria

- Legionella bacteria are responsible for Legionnaires' Disease and Pontiac Fever, a less severe, non-pneumonia, flu-like disease associated with and likely caused by Legionella.
- In a domestic water system Legionella can find an ideal host environment of warm water temperatures (95 -115°F) and rapidly colonize, forming dangerous concentrations.
- A widely accepted and preferred method of maintaining Legionella is to maintain the hot water system storage temperature continually at or above 140°F.<sup>2</sup>



## 131°F

The temperature that is required to kill Legionella bacteria in a water heater



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Understanding Potential Water Heater Scald Hazards," American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSE) Scald Awareness Task Group, http://www.asse-plumbing.org/ WaterHeaterScaldHazards.pdf, March 2012.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> David Kahane "Legionnaires' Disease in Hospitality, A New Face on a Familiar Problem," Forensic Analytical, 2013.

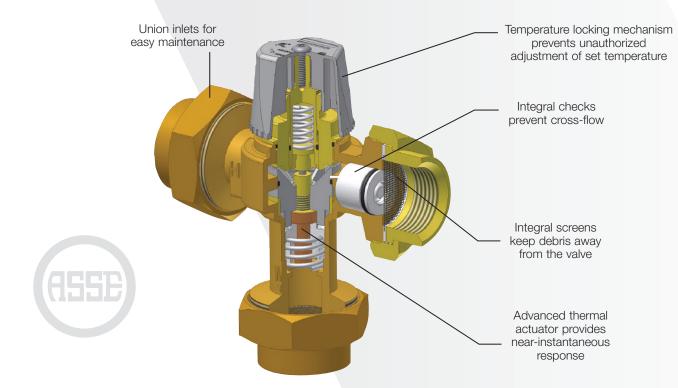
## Mixing Valve Overview



#### Advantages of Watts Thermostatic Mixing Valves

Since 1874 Watts has set the standard for valve technology. Watts thermostatic mixing valves:

- Maintain and limit mixed hot water to a desired, selectable temperature
- Provide a way to control outlet temperatures to help mitigate the risk posed by unmonitored, untempered water
- Enable safe, accurate control of hot water from its source through to its final use, regardless of how the supply temperatures or pressures vary over time
- Provide more precise control than pressure balancing mixing valves, which do not automatically control outlet temperatures or limit them should supply temperatures dramatically increase or decrease



#### American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSE) Standards 1016, 1017, 1069, and 1070

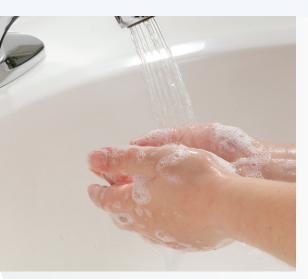
**ASSE 1016** covers the delivery of water at the individual fixtures that are adjusted and controlled by the user, addressing very precise and immediate temperature regulation requirements. It pertains to three types of valves: pressure balancing, thermostatic, and combined pressure balancing/thermostatic.

**ASSE 1017** is concerned with valves used at the source of hot water for distribution to the supply system. ASSE 1017 listed devices should never be used to deliver water directly to the user. These valves should be used in combination with an ASSE 1016, ASSE 1069, and/or ASSE 1070 listed device.

**ASSE 1069** was developed for applications such as gang showers and sitz baths, that supply water at a preset temperature through a single pipe supply. Mixing water downstream of an ASSE 1069 listed device is not allowed.

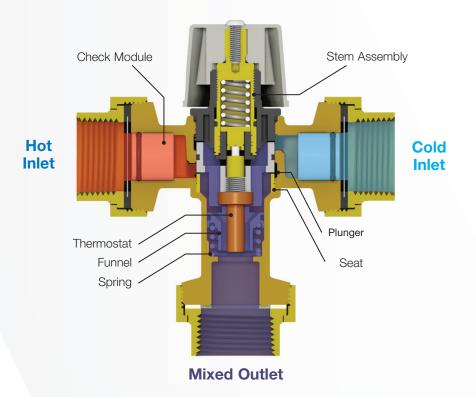
**ASSE 1070** addresses control of maximum water temperature delivered to a fixture or group of fixtures, such as sinks, lavatories or bathtubs. An ASSE 1070 device may perform the final temperature regulation or water may be further tempered downstream with the addition of cold water.

For more information, visit ASSE-plumbing.org.



## How Watts Mixing Valves Work

- Once tempered water is in use, a thermostat in the mixing chamber of the valve senses the outlet temperature and automatically positions a seat assembly, which controls the flow of hot and cold water supplied to the mixing chamber.
- If the mixed outlet temperature increases, the thermostat will expand, moving the seat assembly to allow the cold water inlet port to open more fully and at the same time restrict the hot water inlet port.
- Conversely, if the mixed outlet temperature decreases, the thermostat will contract, moving the seat assembly to allow the hot water inlet port to open more fully and at the same time restrict the cold water inlet port.
- In both cases the mixed outlet water temperature is automatically and continually maintained at the preset temperature within the tolerances of the valve.
- In the event of a cold or hot water supply failure, the seat assembly moves to an extreme position, shutting off the hot or cold inlet water port.
- A mechanical adjustment permits selection of the desired outlet water temperature within range of the valve.



### **End Connections**

To facilitate installation and servicing of a Thermostatic Mixing Valve, Watts offers a variety of end fitting configurations, including union fittings (female threaded, solder, CPVC, PEX, and Quick-Connect end connections). Please refer to valve models for specific availability of end connection options.











CPVC



Press

Threaded



#### At the Fixture

• Heat loss in the system piping can result in varying temperatures of the hot and cold water supplied to fixtures. The use of thermostatic mixing valves helps ensure the selected mixed-water temperature at the point of delivery to the fixture.

## In Supply Systems

- The water temperature discharged directly from a water heater can vary by  $\pm 10^{\circ}$ F or more. This can be attributed to tolerance of control devices, inlet water temperature changes, and/or stacking (higher water temperatures at the top of the water heater).
- Using a thermostatic mixing valve helps ensure constant outlet water temperature even with variations in hot or cold water supply temperature.<sup>3</sup>
- If a water heater is used at lower temperatures, high-flow demand situations can cause the hot water temperature to drop if the recovery time of the water heater is not sufficient for the flow demand. Using a hot water extender or mixing valve allows the water heater to operate at higher temperatures, extending the effective system flow rate and helping prevent the growth of Legionella bacteria.
- Supplying peak demands for domestic hot water often requires high capacity water heaters with high recovery rates. Using a hot water extender can reduce the size/BTU requirements needed to provide capacity for peak system demands.



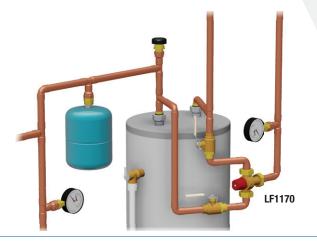


<sup>3</sup> Please refer to specification for the selected model to determine the allowable inlet temperature range to maintain a desired outlet temperature.

# Solutions

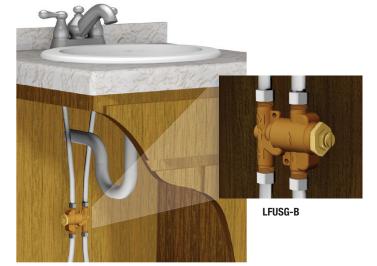
### Point-of-Source Solutions

For use at the source of hot water in commercial and institutional settings, Watts mixing valves provide reliable temperature control of domestic and hydronic hot water distribution systems. In this way, they extend the capacity of water heater storage tanks and tankless water heaters.



## Point-of-Use Solutions

Watts mixing valves are used to provide tempered water in sinks, showers, and lavatories in commercial, educational, and institutional environments such as restaurants, schools and universities, hospitals, nursing homes, and public restrooms.



## Innovation

#### LavSafe<sup>™</sup> Thermostatic Faucets

With integrated thermostatic control, these faucets meet the temperature protection requirements of ASSE 1070 to safely deliver hot water. All key components are above the sink level, providing easy access that streamlines installation and maintenance of these stylish faucets.



#### NOTICE

The information contained herein is not intended to replace the full product installation and safety information available or the experience of a trained product installer. You are required to thoroughly read all installation instructions and product safety information before beginning the installation of this product.

# Point-of-Use

#### Series 1070, P1070, G1070 and GP1070

LavSafe® Thermostatic Faucets

- Sizes: 3/8" (10mm)
- Eliminates installation of under-the-counter thermostatic valve
- Watts' Advanced Thermal Actuator quickly compensates for pressure and temperature fluctuations
- Mixes hot and cold water to deliver tempered water within specified range
- Heavy duty Lead Free<sup>4</sup> brass body for durability and to comply with Lead Free<sup>4</sup> installation requirements
- Copper supplies feature integrated check valves
- Self-contained cartridge installs in a minute to simplify repairs
- Virtually shuts off hot water flow in the event of cold water failure
- ASSE 1070, IAPMO cUPC, NSF-ANSI 61 Section 9 Annex G, WaterSense RT, and Handicapped Accessible approved



#### **Series LFUSG**

#### Under Sink Guardian<sup>®</sup> Thermostatic Mixing Valves

- Sizes: 3/8" (10mm)
- Lead Free<sup>4</sup> brass body construction
- Installs easily between the stop valves and faucet
- Includes tamper-resistant locking nut to prevent accidental mis-adjustment
- Built-in check valves prevent migration of hot water to cold and cold water to hot water piping
- Provided with cap for three-port application
- Integral strainer with 40 mesh stainless steel screens to filter out debris
- ASSE 1070, cUPC approved



LFUSG-B-M2

#### **Series LFMMV**

#### Thermostatic Mixing Valves

- Sizes: 1/2" 1" (15 25mm)
- Solid wax hydraulic principle thermostat ensures dependable mixing of hot and cold water
- Thermostat controls both hot and cold water
- Solder, threaded, PEX or CPVC, Quick-Connect end connection models
   available
- Adjustment cap with locking feature
- ASSE 1017, 1069, 1070 listed
- IAPMO cUPC listed
- Integral filter washers and check valves



# Point-of-Source

#### Series LF1170 and LFL1170

Thermostatic Mixing Valves

- Sizes: 1/2" 1" (15 25mm)
- Solid wax hydraulic principle thermostat ensures dependable mixing of hot and cold water
- Thermostat controls both hot and cold water
- Models available with solder, thread, PEX, Quick-Connect or CPVC end connections
- Integral filter washers and check valves
- Adjustment cap with locking feature
- CSA B125 Certified
- ASSE 1017 listed<sup>5</sup> and IAPMO UPC



LF1170-M2

#### Series LFN170

Hot Water Master Mixing Valves

- Sizes: 3/4" 2" (20 50mm)
- Lead Free<sup>6</sup> cast copper silicon alloy
- Paraffin-based thermostat to sense and adjust outlet temperature
- Dirt and lime resistant poppet and seat design
- Virtual shutoff if supply pressure fails
- Vandal-resistant locking mechanism to secure temperature setting
- Available with or without checkstops
- ASSE 1017 listed<sup>5</sup>, cUPC approved



LFN170-M3-CSUT

#### Series LF70A and LFL70A

Hot Water Extender Mixing Valves

- Sizes: 1/2" 3/4" (15 20mm)
- Hydraulically operated thermostat that opens a spring-loaded check in cold water inlet
- Simple maintenance thermostat assembly is easily removed and replaceable as a unit
- "Finger Tip" Dial adjustment cap
- Sweat or threaded connections
- Stainless steel springs



LF70A

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> ASSE 1017 listing is for valves used in hot water source applications.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The wetted surface of this product contacted by consumable water contains less than 0.25% of lead by weight.

# ASSE Standards



#### A Comparison of ASSE 1069, 1070 and 1071 with revised 1016 and 1017 standards

| Standard                                     | ASSE 1017 - 2009   | ASSE 1069 - 2005  | ASSE 1070 - 2004  |  |
|--|--|---|---|--|
| Wette Applicable                             |  |   |   |  |
| Watts Applicable<br>Products                 | LFL1170, LF1170, LFMMV, LFN170   | LFMMV   | LFMMV, LFUSG-B, LavSafe faucets   |  |
| Title  | Temperature Activated Mixing Valves for<br>hot water distribution systems    | Automatic Temperature Control Mixing Valves   | Water Temperature Limiting Devices  |  |
| Category                                     | Tempered water distribution  | Point-of-use distribution adjustment by installer   | Point-of-use or distribution  |  |
| Application                                  | Hot water source/boiler  | Gang showers, sitz baths, spas, gang<br>lavatories  | Sinks, lavatories, baths  |  |
| Types  | Thermostatic only  | Thermostatic only   | Thermostatic only   |  |
| Valve Temp<br>Range - Outlet                 | Minimum adjustable range 105°F - 120°F                                       | 100°F - 115°F   | 105°F - 110°F   |  |
| Temperature<br>Tolerance                     | $\pm 3^{\circ}$ F to $\pm 7^{\circ}$ F<br>(depending on valve size/capacity) | <ul> <li>+ 5°F lasting more than 1.5</li> <li>seconds within first 5 seconds</li> <li>- 9°F lasting more than 1 second within first five seconds</li> </ul> | Maximum actuation temperature<br>120°F or less                                  |  |
| Pressure Change<br>Test (Hot & Cold)         | No pressure change test  | 20% up and down for cold & hot supply   | 20% up and down for cold & hot supply   |  |
| Temperature<br>Change Test (Hot)             | 25°F hot water increase  | 25°F hot water increase   | 25°F hot water increase   |  |
| Flow Test                                    | Not applicable   | Must be 90% of manufacturer's published flow  | Must be 90% of manufacturer's published flow                                    |  |
| Minimum Tested<br>Flow to Provide<br>Control | 50% of flow @ 10psid   | 2.5 gpm or less   | Manufacturer's minimum stated flow  |  |
| Cold Water<br>Failure Allowance              | Not applicable   | 0.5 gpm for $\frac{1}{2}$ " and $\frac{3}{4}$ " devices 1.0 gpm for 1" and larger devices   | 0.2 gpm or 20% of minimum flow, whichever is greater before $120^\circ\text{F}$ |  |
| Life Cycle                                   | Not applicable   | 100,000 cycles  | 100,000 cycles  |  |

| ASSE 1016 - 2011   | ASSE 1062 - 2006  | ASSE 1071 - 2012   |  |  |
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|  |   |  |  |  |
| For applicable products, see Powers, A Watts Water Technologies Company at PowersControls.com    |   |  |  |  |
|  |   |  |  |  |
| Automatic Compensating valves for<br>individual showers and tub-shower<br>combinations           | Temperature Actuated, Flow Reduction valves for individual fixture fittings (TAFR)                                  | Temperature Activated Mixing valves<br>for plumbed emergency equipment                                       |  |  |
| Point-of use, bather or bather attendant interface   | In-line high temperature limit devices  | Point-of-use or distribution   |  |  |
| Shower or tub/shower combination only  | Faucets, shower heads, tub spouts<br>dramatically reduce flow when temperature<br>exceeds actuation point           | Eye washers, eye/face washes, drench showers and combination units   |  |  |
| Type P - Pressure Balancing<br>Type T - Thermostatic<br>Type T/P - Combination                   | Thermostatic only   | Thermostatic only  |  |  |
| Full cold to 105°F minimum,<br>120°F maximum   | Not applicable  | 65°F - 95°F  |  |  |
| T/P and P = $\pm 3.6^{\circ}$ F<br>T = $+5.4^{\circ}$ F, $-9.0^{\circ}$ F                        | Maximum actuation<br>temperature 120°F or less  | Varies depending on capacity. Also, hot<br>water control has a tighter tolerance than<br>cold water control. |  |  |
| P = 50%  up/down<br>T = 20% up/down<br>T/P = 50% up/down   | Not applicable  | Not applicable   |  |  |
| P = Does not test for temperature changeT = 25°F hot water increaseT/P = 25°F hot water increase | Not applicable  | 25°F hot water increase  |  |  |
| Minimum 2.25 gpm   | 0.25 gpm within five seconds when temperature exceeds 120°F and one second once actuation temperature exceeds 129°F | HW Failure, CW flow = manufacturer's rated by-pass flow @ 30 psid  |  |  |
| 2.5 gpm  | Not applicable  | 3.0 gpm or manufacturer's stated minimum   |  |  |
| P, T, T/P $< 0.5$ gpm within 5 seconds before 120°F  | Not applicable  | CW failure, HW flow gpm not to exceed 0.5  |  |  |
| 100,000 cycles – all   | 125,000 cycles  | Not applicable   |  |  |

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#### Watts Family of Brands

Watts designs, manufactures, and sells an extensive line of flow control, water safety, water filtration & treatment, drainage, and PEX plumbing products.

The Watts family of companies provides a single source for solutions used to safely convey, conserve, and manage water.

Making Watts your single source for plumbing-related solutions will streamline your operations, save you money, and reduce the variety of repair parts needed for maintenance.



