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Foreword

This document (EN 16051-1:2012) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 136 “Sports, playground and other recreational facilities and equipment”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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- *Part 1: Compatibility of valves and valve adapters*
- *Part 2: Safety requirements, durability, performance, compatibility and test methods of inflators*

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Introduction

The process of inflating a floating leisure article should be considered in two ways:

- a) the device for inflating the product, a pump;
- b) the compatibility between the pump and the valve or valves on the product itself.

This standard, EN 16051, is in two parts and addresses the performance, safety requirements, durability and test methods that should be applied to the pump and the compatibility between a pump and the device to be inflated to ensure that the inflation process can be conducted efficiently and safely.

Unless a device is supplied and sold with a pump, by the manufacturer, where it is reasonable to expect the pump to be compatible with the product, there is generally a requirement to have an adaptor between a pump and the device valves to ensure that the air hose or other connector fits into or onto the valves on the device.

This part of the standard, Part 1, addresses the requirements for valves and where necessary, adaptors to ensure good fit and mechanical efficiency when inflating the device.

1 Scope

This document specifies the valve side interface geometry between valves and pump adapters as well as strength requirements of valves and valve adapters for inflatable consumer articles (see definition in 3.1).

This document does not apply for

- valves of personal flotation devices according to EN ISO 12402;
- diving accessories and buoyancy compensators according to EN 1809.

This document excludes the following valve types:

- valves used for bicycles and vehicles;
- needle valves (e. g. valves used for team sport balls).

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 16051-2, *Inflation devices and accessories for inflatable consumer products — Part 2: Safety requirements, durability, performance, compatibility and test methods of inflators*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

inflatable consumer articles

group of articles and related accessories which are used for leisure purposes on land and water or in households or children's play

NOTE Typically these articles are floating leisure devices for use on or in the water, small inflatable boats, air beds, air furniture, air mattresses, swimming aids, inflatable toys, aquatic toys etc.

3.2

valve

device intended to inflate air chambers, to close the inflated air chambers and to deflate them after use

3.3

screw valve

valve in which the connection of valve body to valve base and the connection between valve body and valve closure (cap, plug) is designed as a threaded connection

3.4

plug valve

valve in which valve base and valve body form a unit and the closed condition is created by a plug inserted into the valve body

3.5

valve with twist lock closure

connection with inflation device is sealed by a twist lock closure

3.6

non-return device

valve component preventing air discharge even with the valve closure opened

3.7

valve without non-return device

valve in which the escape of air is unimpeded after removal of the closure (cap, plug)

3.8

valve adapter

device which provide compatibility between a pump and a valve

3.9

valve closure

element which provides the main and/or final sealing function of the valve

3.10

interface

those dimensional locations where the pump adapter and the valve connect

3.11

nominal pressure

working pressure defined by the manufacturer

4 Valves

4.1 Dimensions, designation

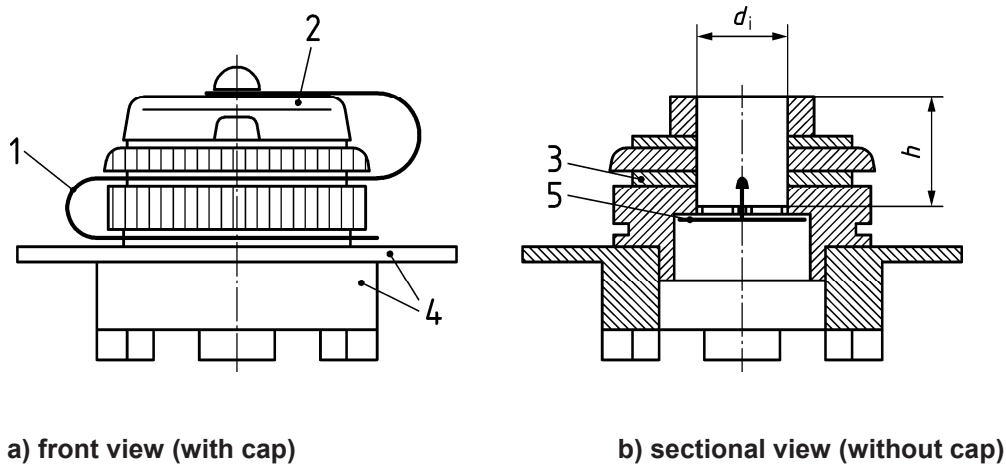
4.1.1 General

Dimensions are given in millimetres.

The valves need not correspond to the pictorial representations, only the interface dimensions specified have to be complied with.

4.1.2 Screw valve with non-return device

Closure: Cap (see Figure 1)



Key

- 1 tethering strap or anchors
- 2 valve closure (cap)
- 3 valve body
- 4 valve base with weld flange
- 5 back pressure seal

d_i inner diameter of connection opening

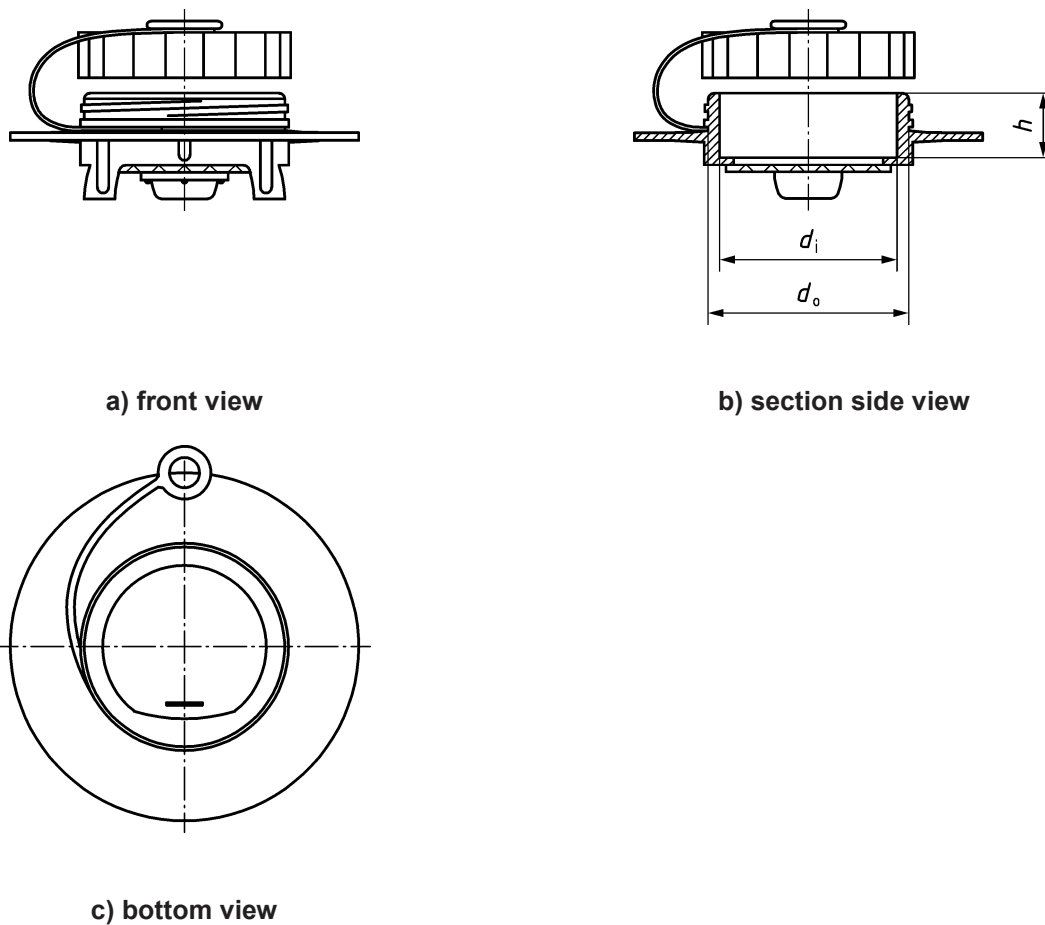
h minimum inner depth of connection opening

Figure 1 — Example of a screw valve with non-return device and cap without twist lock closure

Design types:

- 1) Valve base screwed with air chamber sheeting;
- 2) Valve base welded with air chamber sheeting;
- 3) Valve body integrated into valve base;
- 4) Valve body screwed into valve base.

Closure: Cap with twist lock closure (see Figure 4)

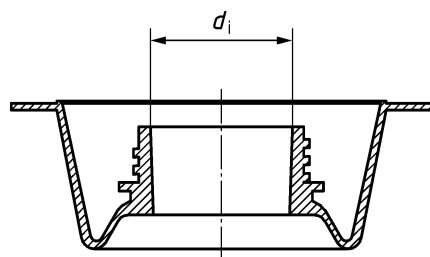


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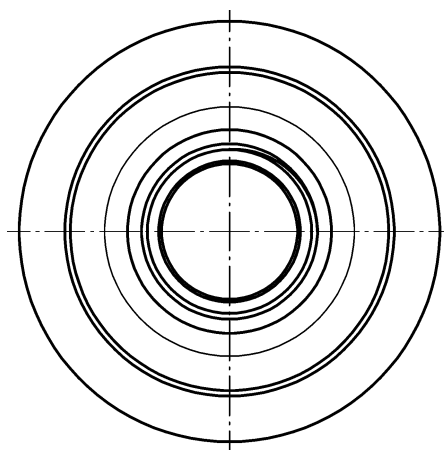
- d_i inner diameter of connection opening
- d_o outer diameter of connection opening
- h minimum inner depth of connection opening

Figure 2 — Example of a X-large screw valve with non-return device

Valve adapters regarding the bayonet closure valve and the X-large screw valve have to be provided together with the product by the manufacturer. These adapters shall provide complete compatibility with the valve and the pump hose intermediate adapter as shown in Figure 3. This is not applicable if product and pump provide an independent system.



a) sectional view without cap



b) top view

Key

d_i inner diameter of connection opening

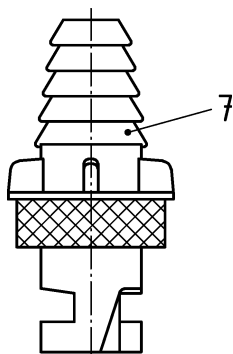
Figure 3 — Intermediate adapter

For typical connecting interface dimensions of screw valves with non-return device see Table 1.

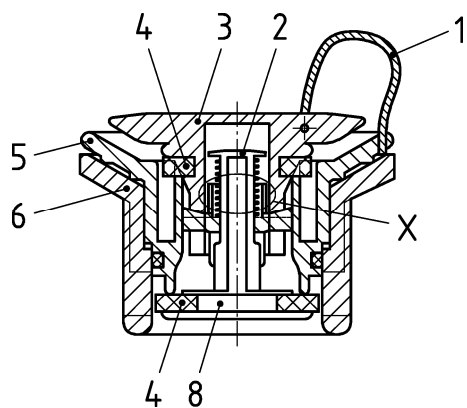
Table 1 — Typical connecting interface dimensions of screw valves with non-return device

Valve size	Symbol	Inner diameter of connection opening d_i	Minimum inner depth of connection opening ^a h
X-Large	4	46,8	17
Large	3	31,0	13
Medium	2	24,0	13
Small	1	17,5	13
^a Measured from upper edge of valve body to the first constriction which is less than the nominal dimension or its lower tolerance.			
bold = preferred size and preferred dimensions			

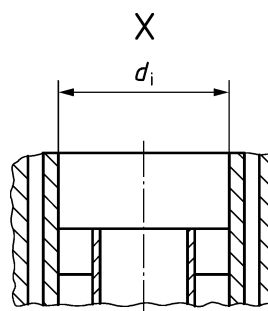
4.1.3 Valve with non-return device and a twist lock closure



a) pump adapter to twist lock closure valve



b) sectional view



c) interface details

Key

- 1 tethering strap or anchors
- 2 non-return device
- 3 valve closure (cap) with twist lock closure
- 4 gasket
- 5 valve body
- 6 valve base
- 7 valve adapter with twist lock closure
- 8 base of non-return device
- d_i inner diameter

For other details see Figure 1.

Figure 4 — Example of the valve with non-return device and cap with twist lock closure (typical dimensions)

4.1.4 Plug valve

The shape of the valve describes the following characteristics of the plug valve (see Figures 2 and 3):

Valve body can be sunk into the outer skin "s"/"ns" (sinkable/not sinkable).

Non-return device: "w n-r"/"wo n-r" (with/without non-return device).

Assembly condition non-return device

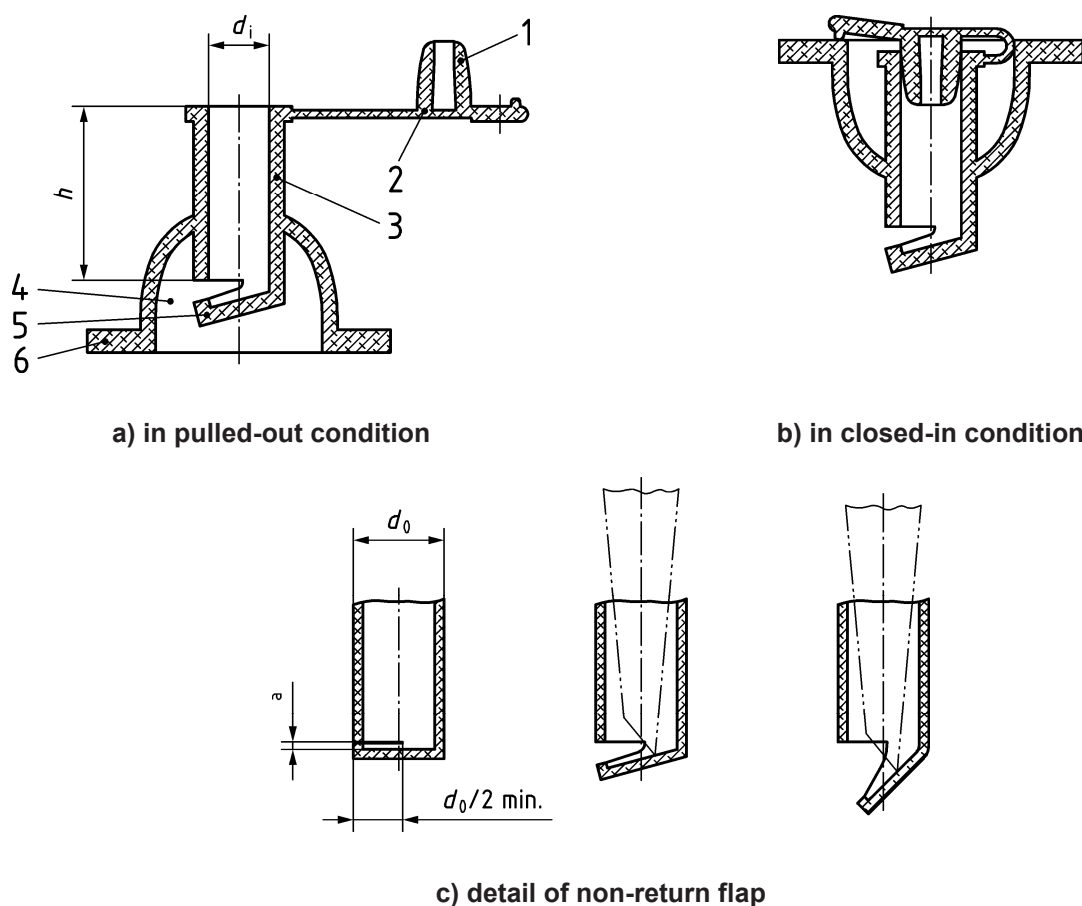
s/w n-r sinkable, with non-return device (for an example see Figure 5)

s/wo n-r sinkable, without non-return device (for an example see Figure 6)

ns/w n-r not sinkable, with non-return device

ns/wo n-r not sinkable, without non-return device

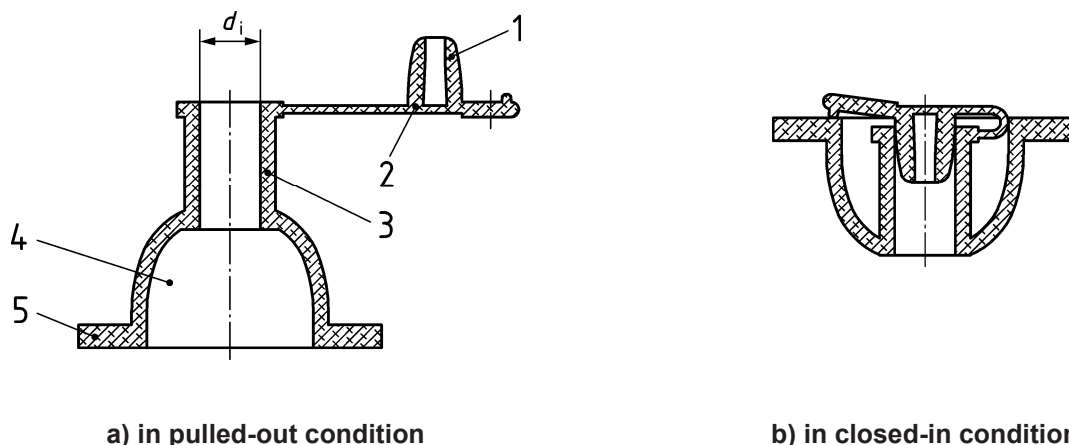
For typical connecting interface dimensions of plug valves with or without non-return device see Table 2.



Key

1	plug	4	valve base
2	securing device	5	back pressure flap
3	valve body	6	weld flange
d_i	inner diameter of connection opening	$2 \text{ mm} \leq a \leq 3 \text{ mm}$	
d_o	outer diameter of connection opening	h	variable height

Figure 5 — Example of a plug valve, sinkable, with non-return device (s/w n-r)



Key

- 1 plug
- 2 securing device
- 3 valve body
- 4 valve base
- 5 weld flange
- d_i inner diameter of connection opening

Figure 6 — Example of a plug valve, sinkable, without non-return device (s/wo n-r)

Table 2 — Typical connecting interface dimensions of plug valves with or without non-return device

Valve size	Symbol	Inner diameter of valve body d_i	Minimum inner length of connection nozzle ^a h
XX large (XXL)	5	24	-
X large ^b (XL)	4	18	36
Large (l)	3	8,5	21
Medium (m)	2	7,5	21
Small (s)	1	6,5	21
^a Measured from the upper edge of the valve body to the first constriction which is less than the nominal dimension or its lower tolerance. ^b Special size, not covered by the pump/valve adapter.			
bold = preferred size and preferred dimensions			

4.2 Pressure classes

Depending on the permissible operating pressure (= nominal pressure) for which the article has been designed, valves are classified according to the following pressure classes:

- 0,3 bar < pressure class A ≤ 0,8 bar
- 0,06 bar ≤ pressure class B ≤ 0,3 bar
- pressure class C < 0,06 bar

4.3 Requirements and testing

4.3.1 Test conditions

Unless otherwise specified, tests shall be carried out at room temperature.

4.3.2 Requirements for valves with non-return device

4.3.2.1 Cap/plug

Valves with a non-return device shall be equipped with a cap/plug including a securing device.

4.3.2.2 Securing device for all component parts of valves

4.3.2.2.1 Requirement

The individual components shall be connected with the valve in such manner which prevents that they can be lost even when opened unintentionally. The individual parts of the valve with non-return device shall remain securely connected to the air chamber even after the cap or plug has been removed and/or the insert has been taken out (for quick deflating).

4.3.2.2.2 Testing

Testing of the securing device is carried out using a force of 10 N at 40 °C for a period of 10 min. With the cap/plug of the valve with non-return device opened, the test force is applied onto the securing device at 90° to the closure axis.

4.3.2.3 Retaining force between valve and adapter of inflation device

4.3.2.3.1 Requirement

The connection between the valve and the adapter of the inflation device shall not become disengaged at 1,2 times the value of the nominal pressure.

4.3.2.3.2 Testing

Testing is carried out using the adapter defined in EN 16051-2.

The adapter is firmly attached by hand.

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