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## Foreword

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## Introduction

The manual forces which a person can apply to an operating element (handwheel or lever) are basically independent of the type of the valve and depend on the person operating the valve, his position to the operating element, etc.

This European Standard specifies the manual forces and the calculation method to be used in sizing the operating element for all industrial valve types.

## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the requirements for establishing the minimum size of the operating element supplied with an industrial valve having regard for the force applied by one person to operate the valve under specified working conditions.

This standard applies to manual operating elements of sizes from 100 mm to 1 000 mm:

- directly mounted on valves;
- mounted on valve reduction gearboxes;
- used for manual operation of power actuated valves.

This standard does not apply to:

- impactor handwheels;
- T-keys;
- chainwheels.

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EN 736-1, *Valves - Terminology - Part 1: Definition of types of valves.*

EN 736-2, *Valves - Terminology - Part 2: Definition of components of valves.*

EN 736-3, *Valves - Terminology - Part 3: Definition of terms.*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this European Standard the terms and definitions given in EN 736-1, EN 736-2 and EN 736-3 apply.

## 4 Symbols

The symbols used in this standard are as follows:

- $D$  is the diameter of the handwheel, expressed in millimetres (mm);
- $L$  is the length of the lever or radius of the crank circle, expressed in millimetres (mm);
- $T$  is the torque, under specified conditions, to operate the valve, expressed in Newton metres (Nm);
- $T_s$  is the maximum torque, under specified conditions, to seat or unseat the obturator or to overcome temporary intermediate dynamic conditions, expressed in Newton metres (Nm);

$F$  is the operating manual force to size the manual operating element, expressed in Newtons (N);

$F_s$  is the maximum manual force to size the manual operating element, expressed in Newtons (N).

## 5 Requirements

### 5.1 Manual force

The value of the operating manual force  $F$  and the maximum manual force  $F_s$  used to calculate the size of the operating element according to 5.2 shall be as given in Table 1.

**Table 1 - Manual force**

Force	$D$ and $L$ mm											
	100	125	160	200	250	315	400	500	630	720	800	1 000
$F$ N	250	300	300	350	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400
$F_s$ N	500	600	600	700	800	800	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000

For intermediate values of  $D$  and  $L$  the applicable values of  $F$  and  $F_s$  shall be calculated by linear interpolation of the tabulated values.

The force  $F$  is the assumed manual force which one person is capable of applying to the operating element under the following conditions:

- operator in standing position;
- operating element at approximately waist level;
- no space restrictions;
- firm footing;
- operating time no longer than 5 min.

The force  $F_s$  is the assumed manual force which one person is capable of applying to the operating element under the same conditions as force  $F$  except that the time period is short.

If other conditions apply the values of  $F$  and  $F_s$  to be used shall be subject to an agreement between the manufacturer and the customer.

### 5.2 Sizing of the operating element

The size of the operating element (see Figures 1 and 2) shall be calculated to comply with the following conditions:

- a) handwheel

$D$  shall be equal to or greater than  $\frac{2\,000 \times T}{F}$  and  $\frac{2\,000 \times T_s}{F_s}$ ;



b) lever or crank

$L$  shall be equal to or greater than  $\frac{1000 \times T}{F}$  and  $\frac{1000 \times T_s}{F_s}$ .

The maximum torque  $T_s$  is a greater torque than  $T$  and is applied during a short time. When specified by the customer the manufacturer shall quantify this short time in terms of a percentage of the valve travel.

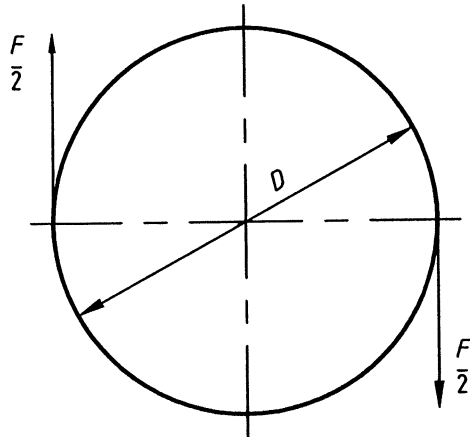


Figure 1 - Handwheel

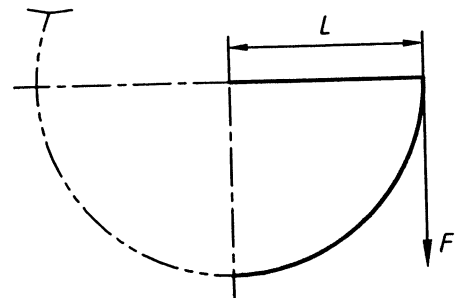


Figure 2 - Lever or handwheel with crank

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