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Subject: Packing adjustment recommendations for all Betts Rear Head Valves and Hot Product Valves w/rope and adjustable gland packing systems

Many of the Betts Rear Head Valves And Hot Products Valves are used in high temperature situations. The “rope” style packing used in these valves is packed tight at the factory and all final valve assemblies are pressure tested. Heating and cooling of these valves to extremes may have substantial cold flow affects on the packing. This condition is more evident on new valves or newly packed valves. The result is loosening of the packing and possible premature leakage.

Betts recommends tightening the packing after each heating and cooling of the valve for the first 1 or 2 loads. After this “break in period” packing should be checked and tightened if necessary at regular intervals depending on individual service conditions.