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ProPEX[®] EP Valves Use Innovative Ceramic Disc Technology for Greater Durability, Performance

The ProPEX[®] EP In-line and Stop Valves from Uponor combine the proven performance of their engineered plastic (EP) with the precision and durability of ceramics to provide a product that resists corrosion, pitting and scaling, as well as chemical and mineral buildup.



The ProPEX[®] EP In-line and Stop Valves (the latter shown here): Combining the proven performance of engineered plastics with the durability of ceramics for residential and commercial applications.

“These valves are an industry-first,” says Steve Lockridge, senior product manager, Plumbing, at Uponor. “By offering this new innovation that combines our advanced EP technology with ceramics, we are providing our customers with a highly durable product that will deliver consistent, long-lasting performance.”

Designed for use with Wirsbo AQUAPEX[®] tubing and the unique ProPEX fitting system for both residential and commercial applications, these new valves offer the following additional benefits:

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- More stable material costs: EP and ceramic materials do not have the extreme price fluctuations as brass valves, which use copper.
- Highly durable: Immune to corrosion, pitting and scaling from aggressive water, these valves will provide long-lasting performance, even in harsh environments.
- All ProPEX connections: The valves feature Uponor's unique ProPEX fitting system, as opposed to crimp-style connections.
- Conformance with ANSI/NSF 14 and 61: All the valves are compliant with industry standards and address ANSI/NSF and state lead-content initiatives.



The new Uponor EP Valves offering includes two in-line valves for PEX-to-PEX connections and two stop valves for point-of-use shutoff at the fixture.

The new Uponor EP Valve offering includes four models — two in-line valves and two stop valves. The in-line valves feature ½" x ½" and ¾" x ¾" configurations for PEX-to-PEX (crosslinked polyethylene) connections. The stop valves include a ½" PEX Angle Stop Valve and a ½" PEX Straight Stop Valve for point-of-use shutoff at the fixture.

Uponor is a leading supplier of PEX-a plumbing, fire safety and radiant heating and cooling systems for the residential and commercial building markets across North America and Europe. Uponor employs 4,700 people globally. Uponor OYJ is listed on the Nordic Exchange in Helsinki, Finland. Uponor, Inc. is headquartered in Apple Valley, Minn. For more information, visit www.uponor-usa.com or call Uponor toll-free at (800) 321-4739.

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