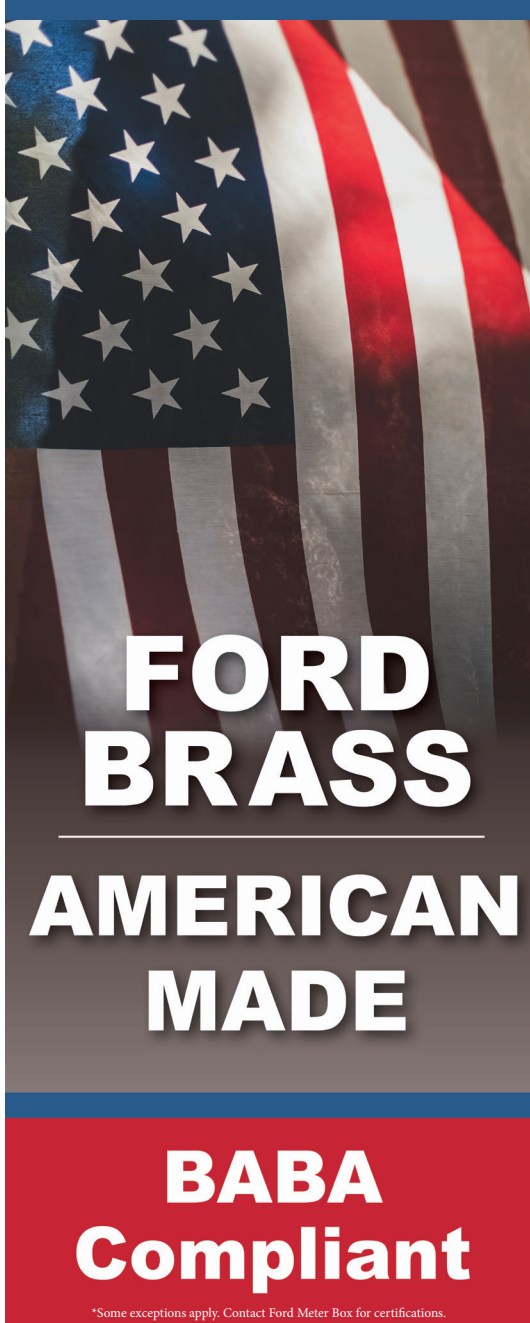


The Meter Setter

Navigating the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA)



The *Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA)* enacted in 2021, is part of a broader initiative to strengthen U.S. manufacturing and infrastructure by requiring many federally funded projects to utilize domestically sourced materials. This initiative bears on such sectors as public water infrastructure and directly affects the sourcing of materials used in waterworks systems.

In years past, domestic requirements for similar programs, such as American Iron & Steel (AIS), primarily applied to iron and steel products. But under BABAA, these standards have been expanded to include manufactured products. Brass saddles, couplings, and valves are among the components that must now meet domestic content standards to comply with BABAA regulations.

It is essential that waterworks professionals remain informed about BABAA's requirements to ensure project compliance and access to federal funding opportunities. Our team at Ford Meter Box is here to help navigate these requirements. We offer guidance on product specifications and program compliance so you can continue to deliver safe, sustainable water systems.

As a long-standing American manufacturer, Ford Meter Box offers reliable solutions that help municipalities and waterworks contractors comply with federal regulations. We are committed to supporting the principles of BABAA through our "Buy American" compliant product offerings. However, we also offer several imported product lines to meet the diverse needs of our customers at home and abroad. Regardless of origin, all Ford Meter Box products are held to the same rigorous standards of quality and reliability.