

Fifty Years of the Ford Corporation Stop

During the 1950s Ford Meter Box started the move from a "speciality house" to a company offering a broad line of water works valves and fittings. Although Ford started making water works products in 1898, it was not until 1956 that Ford started manufacturing a water works staple - the Corporation Stop.

Design work was started during the summer of 1956. By December the first run of Corporation Stops were making their way through the factory. These first corps found their way to various utilities as experimental products during the summer of 1957 and very quickly became a popular item.

By 1971 the demand for larger service lines created a need to make more 1-1/2" and 2" taps. Ford improved the Corporation Stop by introducing the BallCorp Corporation Stop.

The increasingly popular BallCorp



Ford's redesigned BallCorp is due for release in mid-2007.

was a welcomed innovation because it withstood higher working pressures and was easier to cycle than the key style Corporation Stop.

After fifty years of Corporation Stop experience, Ford BallCorp style Corporation Stops will see additional improvements. The new, optional design will be available in just a few months.

Ford's optional BallCorp design includes many improvements.

1. Chloramine resistant Teflon seats provide uniform turning torque.
2. Extended wrench flats provide a larger area for solid wrench placement.
3. A chrome-plated brass ball provides an improved, durable seal.
4. Double O-rings on the operating stem assure a watertight seal.
5. Solid water works brass throughout.

For more information about Ford Meter Box Corporation Stops, contact your local Ford distributor or The Ford Meter Box Company.

