**WARNING:** Before working on, or disassembling the Hydrant (including removing any bolt(s) holding the Hydrant together), shut off gate valve to isolate Hydrant from main water source. Loosen (do not remove) one nozzle cap two turns and check for water under pressure inside Hydrant - bleed off any pressure, then remove nozzle cap completely. Open Hydrant main valve completely. A continuous flow of water, no matter how slight, indicates Hydrant is not properly isolated from the main water supply, and that problem must be corrected before any Hydrant disassembly can proceed. Disassembly of Hydrant with pressurized water acting against the main valve could result in unexpected ejection of Hydrant parts, debris or high-pressure water stream, which could cause serious bodily injury.
WARNING: Before removing any bolt(s) holding the Hydrant together, shut off gate valve to isolate Hydrant from main water source. Loosen (do not remove) one nozzle cap two turns and check for water under pressure inside Hydrant – bleed off any pressure, then remove nozzle cap completely. Open Hydrant main valve completely. A continuous flow of water, no matter how slight, indicates Hydrant is not properly isolated from the main water supply, and that problem must be corrected before any Hydrant disassembly can proceed. Disassembly of Hydrant with pressurized water acting against the main valve could result in unexpected ejection of Hydrant parts, debris or high-pressure water stream, which could cause serious bodily injury.


1. Remove Hold-Down Nut, Anti-Friction Washer and Operating Nut from Bonnet. Lubricate outside of Brass Sleeve and slide over threaded stem end to prevent O-ring damage. Unbolt Bonnet from Upper Barrel and remove. Remove Brass Sleeve.


3. Place Extension Stem and Extension Coupling on Lower Stem and retain it with stainless steel Clevis Pin and stainless steel Cotter Pin.

4. Attach Extension Barrel to Lower Barrel with solid Flange halves (without groove) and Bolts, being sure O-ring is in place.

5. Assemble Upper Stem and Stem Coupling onto Extension Stem and retain it with stainless steel Clevis Pin and stainless steel Cotter Pin.

NOTE: Make sure Stem Coupling is installed with “This End Up” towards the Upper Stem.
CAUTION: Always fill the oil reservoir with the Bonnet installed, the Hydrant in its normal upright position, and the main valve fully closed. If the Hydrant is filled with lubricant under any other circumstances, excess lubricant can overfill the Bonnet and create a pressure lock. This could result in damage to the seals or Bonnet or prevent proper Hydrant operation.


6. Attach Upper Barrel with Traffic Flange Halves (with bevel on outer edge downward) and Bolts; being sure Traffic Flange O-ring* is in groove in Upper Barrel. Tighten Bolts to 60 ft-lbs.

7. Check Bonnet O-ring* for proper position and condition. Attach Brass Sleeve to Upper Stem and lubricate outside to protect O-ring Seals from thread damage. Place Bonnet onto Upper Barrel and assemble Bonnet Bolts only hand-tight. Remove Brass Sleeve. Reassemble Operating Nut, Anti-Friction Washer, and Hold-Down Nut (snug-tighten). Be sure O-ring Seals are in good condition at thread shoulder on outside of Hold-Down Nut and on inside where contact is made with Operating Nut.

8. Remove Oil Filler Plug in side of Bonnet. Pour MUELLER Hydrant Lubricant into Oil Reservoir until it is level with Oil Filler Plug Hole. Replace Oil Filler Plug (see Lubrication section on page 8).

9. Torque Bonnet Bolts to 40-80 ft-lbs. Torque Hold-Down Nut to 200-300 ft-lbs. after Bonnet Bolts are tight. Open Gate Valve. Unscrew one Hose Nozzle Cap slightly to bleed air. Open Hydrant fully. Tighten Hose Nozzle Cap when water starts flowing and check all flange connections for leaks. Turn Operating Nut to fully closed position and remove Hose Nozzle Cap to allow Barrel to drain. Replace Hose Nozzle Cap.

10. Turn Operating Nut in closing direction to make sure Main Valve is closed tightly, then turn in opening direction approximately 1/4 turn to relieve tension on operating mechanism.

*To determine correct O-rings for Bonnet and Ground Line flanges, which are similar in appearance: smaller diameter O-ring is used at Bonnet flange; larger at Ground line flange.
Remove four Bonnet Bolts and turn operating nut in the opening direction until free of stem. Remove Bonnet.


Unbolt Traffic Flange and remove Upper Barrel.

Unscrew set screw in Sleeve. Screw Stem Coupling down against shoulder. Slide Sleeve up and unscrew Upper Stem from Stem Coupling. Unscrew Stem Coupling from Lower Stem. Screw Extension Stem Coupling down on Lower Stem against shoulder.

Screw Extension Stem into Extension Coupling until it contacts Lower Stem. Align tongue and groove of stems with hole in Extension Stem Coupling. Screw Extension Stem Coupling upward until tongue and groove of stems firmly lock together. Tighten with wrench, then, screw in Set Screw in Extension Stem Coupling.

Place new Stem Coupling Sleeve part onto Upper Stem. Screw new Stem Coupling part onto Lower Stem as far as threads permit.

Screw Upper Stem into Stem Coupling until it contacts the Lower Stem. Turn Stem Coupling and Upper Stem so that slot in Thimble aligns with the tongue and groove of stems. Hold Upper Stem in alignment and screw Stem Coupling upward until tongue and groove of stems firmly lock together. Tighten with wrench. With Stem Coupling in place, slide Sleeve downward so that lower end of sleeve surrounds upper end of Stem Coupling. Be sure Sleeve projections fit into Stem Coupling slots. With Sleeve in place, tighten set screw in Sleeve.

Attach Extension Barrel to Lower Barrel with solid Flange Halves (without groove) and bolts, being sure Flange Gasket is in place.

Attach Upper Barrel to Extension Barrel with Traffic Flange Halves (with groove) and bolts, being sure Flange Gasket is in place.

Check Stuffing Box Gasket. Lubricate A-366 Brass Sleeve. Slide Sleeve over threaded area of stem to protect O-rings from damage by threads. Place Stuffing Box in position and bolt to barrel. Remove Brass Sleeve. Pour Mueller Hydrant Lubricant into Oil Reservoir until 3/4" from top.

Replace bonnet. Turn Operating Nut in the closing direction to make sure Main Valve is closed, then turn in the opening direction approximately 1/4 turn to relieve tension on the operating mechanism.
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   Screw Stem Coupling down against shoulder. Slide Sleeve up and unscrew Upper Stem from Stem Coupling.
   Unscrew Stem Coupling from Lower Stem. Screw Extension Stem Coupling down on Lower Stem against shoulder.

3. Screw Extension Stem into Extension Coupling until it contacts Lower Stem. Align tongue and groove of stems with hole in Extension Stem Coupling. Screw Extension Stem Coupling upward until tongue and groove of stems firmly lock together. Tighten with wrench, then screw in set screw in Extension Stem Coupling.

4. Place new Stem Coupling Sleeve part onto Upper Stem. Screw new Stem Coupling part onto Lower Stem as far as threads permit. Screw Upper Stem into Stem Coupling until it contacts the Lower Stem. Turn Stem Coupling and Upper Stem so that slot in Thimble aligns with the tongue and groove of stems. Hold Upper Stem in alignment and screw Stem Coupling upward until tongue and groove of stems firmly lock together. Tighten with wrench. With Stem Coupling in place, slide Sleeve downward so lower end of sleeve surrounds upper end of Stem Coupling. Be sure Sleeve projections fit into Stem Coupling slots. With Sleeve in place, tighten set screw in Sleeve.

5. Attach Extension Barrel to Lower Barrel with solid Flange Halves (without groove) and bolts, being sure Flange Gasket is in place.

6. Attach Upper Barrel to Extension Barrel with Traffic Flange Halves (with groove) and bolts, being sure Flange Gasket is in place.

**EQUIPMENT & TOOLS NEEDED – PPE:** Hard hat, safety shoes, safety vest, safety glasses, work gloves.
**Tools:** Wrench, A-316 nozzle wrench, brass hammer.
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**EQUIPMENT & TOOLS NEEDED — PPE:** Hard hat, safety shoes, safety vest, safety glasses, work gloves.

1. Check Bonnet Gasket. Attach the A-24099 Brass Sleeve, if it had been removed, to Upper Stem and lubricate outside to protect O-ring seals from thread damage. Place Bonnet onto Upper Barrel and assemble Bonnet Bolts only hand tight. Remove Brass Sleeve. Reassemble Operating Nut and remove Oil Plug in side of Bonnet. Pour Mueller Hydrant Lubricant into Oil Reservoir until it is filled to the level of the Oil Plug. Replace Oil Plug.

2. Replace Hold Down Nut* being sure O-ring seals are in good condition at thread shoulder on outside of Hold Down Nut and on inside where contact is made with Operating Nut. Replace Weather Cap. Tighten Bonnet Bolts. Check gasket tightness by opening one hose cap slightly before opening Hydrant to bleed air. Open Hydrant until barrel fills with water, tighten Hose Cap, open Hydrant fully. Check gaskets, and then turn Operating Nut to fully closed position.

*Tighten hold down nut to 200-300 ft-lbs of torque. If torque wrench is not available, use a 3 lb hammer to strike the end of the A-311 wrench firmly two times to assure the nut is properly tightened.

3. Turn Operating Nut in the **closing direction** to make sure Main Valve is closed, then turn in the **opening direction** approximately 1/4 turn to relieve tension on the operating mechanism.

2. Unbolt Traffic Flange and remove Upper Barrel. Remove Upper Stem and Stem Coupling by removing the lower stainless steel Cotter Pin and stainless steel Clevis Pin.

3. Place Extension Stem and Extension Coupling on Lower Stem and retain it with stainless steel Clevis Pin and stainless steel Cotter Pin.

4. Assemble Upper Stem and Stem Coupling onto Extension Stem and retain it with stainless steel Clevis Pin and stainless steel Cotter Pin. Make sure Stem Coupling is installed with notches towards the Lower Stem, words “THIS END UP” towards the Upper Stem.

5. Attach Extension Barrel to Lower Barrel with solid Flange Halves (without groove) and bolts, being sure Flange Gasket is in place.

6. Attach Upper Barrel to Extension Barrel with Traffic Flange Halves (with groove) and bolts, being sure Flange Gasket is in place.

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7. Check Bonnet Gasket. Attach the A-366 Brass Sleeve, if it had been removed, to Upper Stem and lubricate outside to protect O-ring seals from thread damage. Place Bonnet onto Upper Barrel and assemble Bonnet Bolts only hand tight. Remove Brass Sleeve. Reassemble Operating Nut and remove Oil Plug in side of Bonnet. Pour Mueller Hydrant Lubricant into Oil Reservoir until it is filled to the level of the Oil Plug. Replace Oil Plug.

8. Replace Hold Down Nut* being sure O-ring seals are in good condition at thread shoulder on outside of Hold Down Nut and on inside where contact is made with Operating Nut. Replace Weather Cap. Tighten Bonnet Bolts. Check gasket tightness by opening one hose cap slightly before opening Hydrant to bleed air. Open Hydrant until barrel fills with water, tighten Hose Cap, open Hydrant fully. Check gaskets, and then turn Operating Nut to full closed position.

9. Turn Operating Nut in the **closing direction** to make sure Main Valve is closed, then turn in the **opening direction** approximately 1/4 turn to relieve tension on the operating mechanism.

* Tighten hold down nut to 200-300 ft-lbs of torque. If torque wrench is not available, use a 3 lb hammer to strike the end of the A-311 wrench firmly two times to assure the nut is properly tightened.
Inserting Extension Section


1. Remove Weather Cap, Hold Down Nut, Lock Washer and Operating Nut. Put on Brass Sleeve and lubricate to protect O-rings in operating housing.

2. Unbolt Traffic Flange Clips and lift hydrant over stem.

3. Remove Upper Stem and Stem Coupling by removing the lower stainless steel Cotter Pin and stainless steel Clevis Pin.

4. Place Extension Stem and Extension Coupling on Lower Stem and retain it with stainless steel Clevis Pin and stainless steel Cotter Pin.

5. Assemble Upper Stem and Stem Coupling onto Extension Stem and retain it with stainless steel Clevis Pin and stainless steel Cotter Pin. Make sure Stem Coupling is installed with notches towards the Lower Stem. NOTE: “THIS END UP” stamped on coupling.

6. Attach Extension Barrel to Lower Barrel with solid flange halves and bolts, being sure Flange Gasket is in place (tighten bolts to 1,000 in-lbs).
With lubricated Brass Sleeve on threads of Upper Stem and Upper Barrel Seal in position, lift Upper Barrel over Upper Stem and onto extension section. Attach Traffic Flange Clips and Traffic Flange Clip Bolts loosely, face nozzles in desired position and tighten Traffic Flange Clip Bolts uniformly to 1,000 in-lbs.

With extension section and Hydrant securely bolted in place, remove Brass Sleeve, replace Operating Nut, Lock Washer, and Hold Down Nut.

Tighten Hold Down Nut to 100 ft-lbs and bend Lock Washer Ears over Hold Down Nut flats in two places and over Operating Housing in two places.

Open Hydrant fully and loosen one Hose Nozzle Cap, to bleed air. When barrel is filled with water, tighten Nozzle Cap and check gaskets. Turn Operating Nut to fully closed position, loosen one nozzle cap to allow barrel to drain.

Turn Operating Nut in the closing direction to make sure Main Valve is closed, then turn in the opening direction approximately 1/4 turn to relieve tension on the operating mechanism.

Remove Oil Filler Plug and add Mueller® Hydrant Lubricant until level with Filler Plug hole. Replace Oil Filler Plug and replace Weather Cap.
1. Remove Bonnet Bolts and Nuts. Rotate Operating Nut in opening direction to fully opened position. This lifts Bonnet off the Upper Barrel. Rotate bonnet assembly counter-clockwise to detach Bonnet from Upper Stem threads. Lift off Bonnet, remove Bonnet Gasket.

2. Unbolt Traffic Flange and remove Upper Barrel. Remove Upper Stem and Stem Coupling by removing the lower stainless steel Cotter Pin and stainless steel Clevis Pin.

3. Place Extension Stem and Extension Coupling on lower stem and retain it with stainless steel Clevis Pin and stainless steel Cotter Pin.

4. Assemble Upper Stem and Stem Coupling onto Extension Stem and retain it with stainless steel Clevis Pin and stainless steel Cotter Pin. Make sure Stem Coupling is installed with notches towards the Lower Stem, words “THIS END UP” towards the Upper Stem.

5. Attach Extension Barrel to Lower Barrel with solid flange halves (without groove) and bolts, being sure flange gasket is in place.

6. Attach Upper Barrel to Extension Barrel with Traffic Flange halves (with groove) and bolts, being sure Traffic Flange Gasket is in place.

**EQUIPMENT & TOOLS NEEDED – PPE:** Hard hat, safety shoes, safety vest, safety glasses, work gloves.

**Tools:** Wrench, A-316 nozzle wrench, brass hammer.
Check Bonnet Gasket on top of Upper Barrel, replace if damaged. Check to see that Upper Stem threads are lubricated and Upper Stem Seal (O-ring) is not damaged. Check to be sure that the Operating Nut is in the fully open position, which is with the Stem Nut fully extended. Reassemble Bonnet Assembly to Upper Stem by rotating clockwise as far as possible, then back up only enough to align bolt holes, if needed. Rotate Operating Nut in closing direction, which lowers Bonnet Assembly onto Upper Barrel and allows bolts to be replaced. With all bolts in Bonnet, rotate Operating Nut using the same torque as normally used to close the Hydrant. Tighten all Bonnet Bolts and Nuts.

Turn Operating Nut in the closing direction to make sure Main Valve is closed, then turn in the opening direction approximately 1/4 turn to relieve tension on the operating mechanism.