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**SUBJECT:** DV/ASVF/JTV Solenoid Handles – Quantity in Carton

**MODELS AFFECTED**:

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| Valve Model | Product ID |
| I100DV | B70211 |
| I100DVTBOS | B70240 |
| I100DVF | B70311 |
| I100DVMM | B70500 |
| I100DVM9V | B70540 |
| 100DVMB | B70840 |
| 100DVFMB | B70850 |
| 75DV | B72110 |
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| Valve Model | Product ID |
| 100DV | B72231 |
| 100DVSS | B72311 |
| 100DVFSS | B72421 |
| 100DVA | B72500 |
| 100DVFSS | B72611 |
| 075ASVF | B73000 |
| 100ASVF | B73100 |
| 100JTVBSP | W01000 |
| 100JTV9V | W01040 |

**IMPLEMENTATHION DATE CODE:** March 2017

**Introduction:**

Beginning in March 2017, DV/DVF, ASVF, and JTV valves will have fewer solenoid handles included in each carton of valves.

* DV/DVF/JTV valves will have 5 with handles per carton of 20.
* ASVF valves will have 3 with handles per carton of 10.

**Reasons for the change:**

               The DV/DVF valve has had a handle installed on the solenoid since a few years after its introduction in 1989.  There were 2 reasons the handle was added to the valve.

1. The concept of twisting a solenoid to internally bleed a valve was new at that time (1989).  It was not obvious.  The handle made it obvious that the solenoid was meant to be twisted.
2. The DV/DVF/ASVF solenoid has a large thread diameter which is exposed to water pressure.  This large surface area can make it hard to turn under very high water pressure. Also, the larger diameter meant more lineal inches of threads and therefore more friction to overcome especially when solenoids are over-tightened.  The handle was added for leverage when manually operated.

Rain Bird is reducing the number of handles because it is now common knowledge that solenoids can be twisted to activate the internal bleed. Also, many contractors remove these handles because they can cause inquisitive homeowners to turn them. The handle also encourages overtightening of the solenoid. Finally, the ideal method for manually activating these Rain Bird valves is the bleed screw which allows the diaphragm to rise higher and more thoroughly flush the valve.

**Interchangeability:**

This has no interchangeability issues. Handles can be removed and re-installed if desired.

**Service Part Information:**

There is no service part associated with this informational bulletin.

**Special Instructions:**

There are no special instructions associated with this informational bulletin.