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## **Technical Information**

APEKS Cylinder Valve Spares Discontinued T009
Guidance on availability of APEKS - AP1 158 HP Black Plastic Valve

It has come to our attention that spares for some APEKS spigot and cross-flow cylinder valves are no longer available from the manufacturer.

The cylinder valve was designed for 'A' clamp fitting with a blue hand-wheel and some early 1980s cross flow valves with a DIN outlet were also fitted with this black plastic HP valve.

AQUALUNG has assured us that they have no service kits available.

It may be advisable to explain the situation to your customers, if they come with cylinders fitted with these valve types and recommend that the valve is replaced with a more up-to-date version.

## AQUALUNG responded by telling us that:

'These cylinder valves are no longer supported. The shaft had the screwdriver end design, not the current hexagon end and the HP valve was the black slotted plastic type. This cylinder valve type cannot be converted with current parts as the thread size is different". The pre 1982 AP1158 was originally 26 tpi 0.5" dia. (Fine thread) and post 1982 was 19 tpi 0.518" dia. (Coarse thread). The only option for Test Centres servicing these cylinder valves is to replace them, unless they still have some spares left in their own workshop.'

## SPARES STILL AVAILABLE THOUGH



The APEKS cross-flow valve with a DIN fitting facility but with a black hand-wheel is still supported by AQUALUNG using the AP4008 HP valve with the hexagon driven fitting.

It is their basic valve AP0129M, which takes the service kit part number AP0148

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