

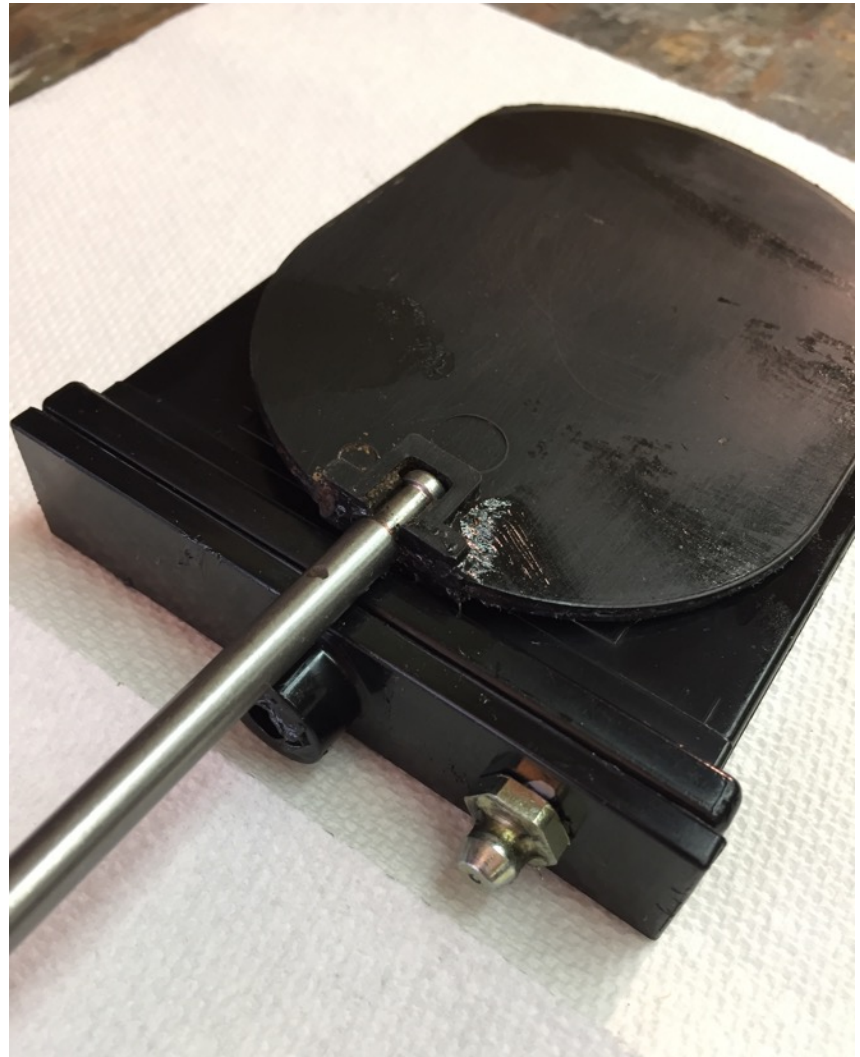
Lubricating Gate Valves



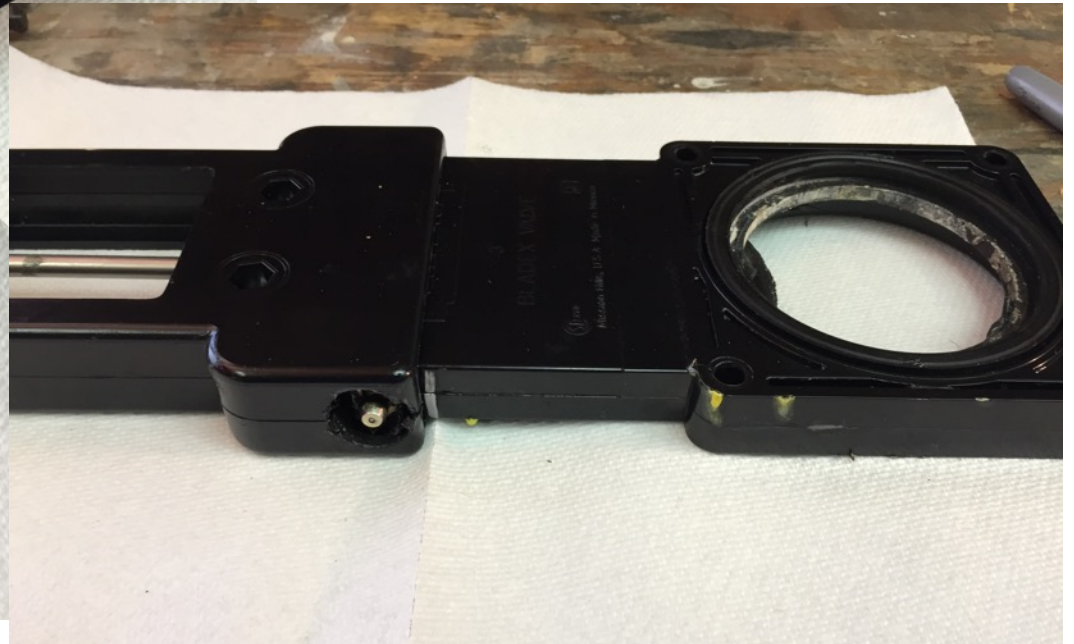
The waste tank gate valves pulls back into a sealed cavity

It seemed to me that if grease could be injected into this cavity . . . this would lubricate the gate

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I cut apart a removed gate valve to better understand the space in the back corners with the gate fully retracted



After the first prototype, I discovered that I had to move the grease fitting “around the corner” to clear the cable attaching bracket



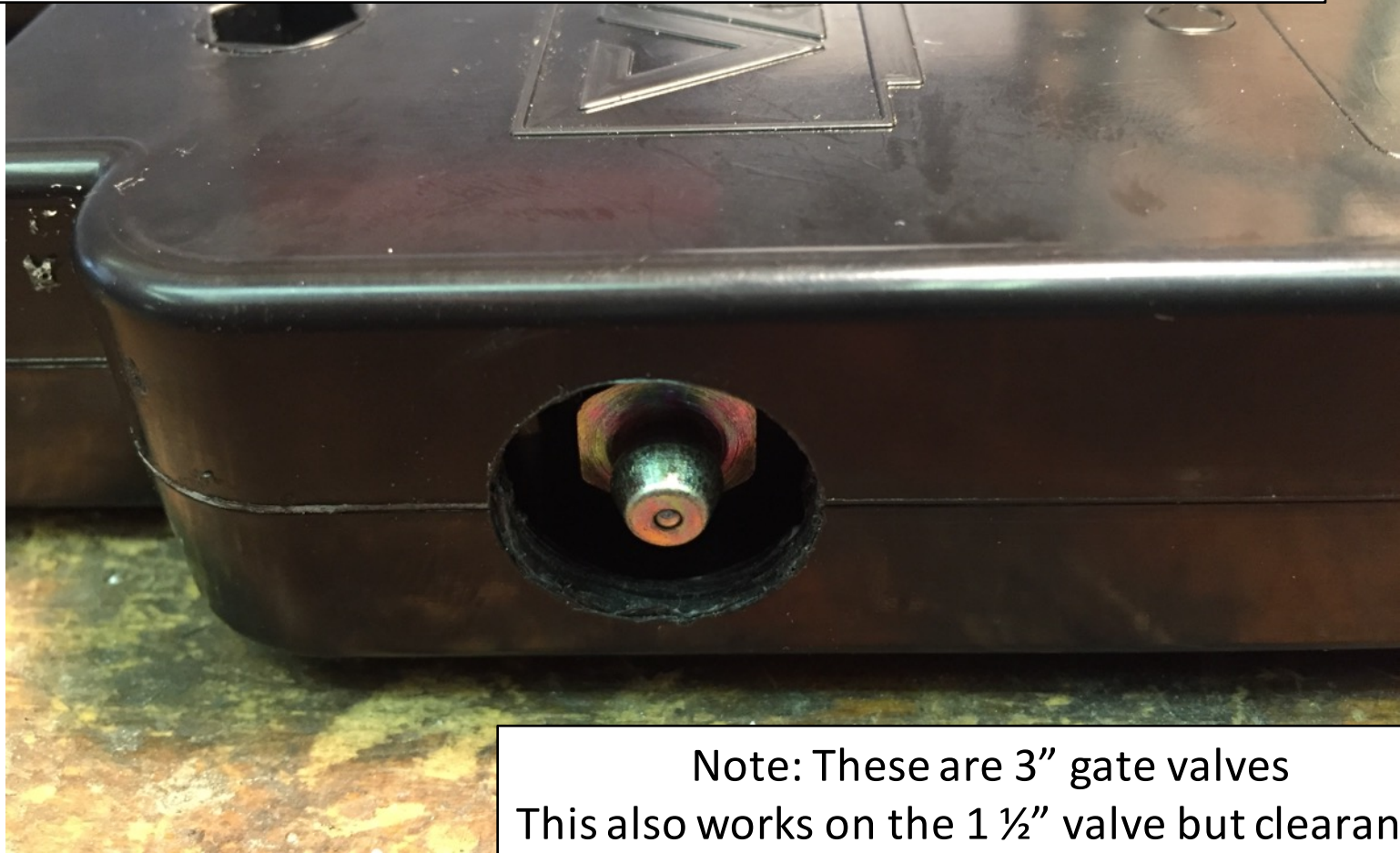
The first “real test”
I installed a grease fitting on a fully assembled
(and difficult to open) gate valve

After injecting several pumps of grease and working the valve
it became as easy to move as a new valve.

Now on to installation of zerk fittings on all my new gate valves



A 3/4" clearance opening is drilled in the removable outer shell and a 1/8" PT hole is drilled and tapped into the body of the gate valve for the zerk grease fitting.



Note: These are 3" gate valves
This also works on the 1 1/2" valve but clearances are much tighter and the the corner of the gate needs to be removed