Not Just Another Butterfly Valve.

The Wafer-Sphere is not just another butterfly valve. It is a high-performance valve that offers significant performance, weight, size, and cost of ownership advantages.

The Jamesbury Wafer-Sphere provides a cost-effective solution for a wide range of applications where bubble-tight shut-off is required in manual, automated, and proportional services with temperatures from -320°F to 500°F (-196°C to 260°C) and pressures to 1480 psi (102.1 bar).

The Wafer-Sphere high-performance butterfly valve’s unique design is an extension of sealing technology. Utilizing an eccentric disc and offset shaft, the design incorporates the flexible-lip sealing system into a lightweight, compact body. The result is tight-sealing, long-lasting, yet lower-cost alternative to gate valves and other rotary valves.
**Wafer-Sphere High-Performance Butterfly Valves**

The Gate Crasher.

The **Wafer-Sphere** eliminates all the reasons for using gate valves except one: **Habit**

Here are just some of the benefits offered by **Wafer-Sphere** when compared to a gate valve:
- Significantly less weight
- Higher pressure ratings
- Compact design requiring less space
- Leaktight shut-off over long cycle life
- Ease of automation
- Multitude of applications
- Ease of maintenance
- Lower overall installed cost

**Compact Design**

The compact design of **Wafer-Sphere** is a major benefit when space is at a premium. As an example, the face-to-face dimension of a 10” (DN 250) ANSI Class 150 single-flange lugged pattern **Wafer-Sphere** is a mere 2-13/16” (71 mm), whereas the face-to-face dimension of a comparable Outside Screw & Yoke (OS&Y) gate valve is 13” (330 mm).

The table shown compares face-to-face and height dimensions for ANSI Class 150 OS&Y gate valves and **Wafer-Sphere** valves.

### Valve Size Comparison

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Automated **Wafer-Sphere** has low profile compared to competing gate valve.
**Leak-tight Shut-Off**

Sealing in a gate valve is done by jamming a metal solid or split wedge into a metal seat or cavity. The effectiveness of the seal therefore is subject to the condition of the mating metal surfaces and the cleanliness of the gate. In practice, tight sealing of a gate valve is uncertain. Typically, the gate valve experiences leakage from minor erosion of the wedge or seal area, from wire drawing caused by steam leakage, accumulated slurry particles and coking and scaling of the seat surfaces. The Wafer-Sphere valve flexible lip polymeric and eccentric disc sealing system experiences none of these problems. The polymeric seat is flexible and forgiving and protected from erosion. The eccentric design eliminates wear points during cycling and its camming action effects sealing with consistent torque. The result is leak-tight shut-off for thousands of cycles before simple seat replacement is required.

**The Unique Seal**

Unlike most butterfly valves, the Wafer-Sphere one-piece all-polymer seat does not rely on a squeegee seal and liner, seal backup spring or O-rings for a bubble tight shut-off. The Wafer-Sphere seal uses a flexible lip (A) which is pressure energized to move against the outer edge of the disc (B) — which is spherical segment — to create a bi-directional seal. The body (C) and insert (D) hold the seat in position and shield it from flow, protecting it from abrasion and erosion. Simply stated, the seat flexes rather than deforms unlike type BFV liners that experience scuffing, beading and eventual tearing, providing long life shut-off.

**Double Offset Design**

The unique sealing system also incorporates a double eccentric disc and shaft design to further extend the effectiveness of the seat. This unique offset design transmits a camming action to the disc and swings the disc completely away from the seat, no jamming or squeegeeing. This design eliminates wear points around the disc at the top and bottom of the seat. When closed, the disc cams tightly into its seat to create a double-tight seal. The combination of the double-off-set disc and the flexible-lip seat are especially effective in a full range of applications from high vacuum ($1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ Torr}$) to 1480 psi (102.1 bar).
**Lower Weight**

Because the Wafer-Sphere valve has a significantly narrower face-to-face dimension and a shorter centerline to top of valve profile, it uses less metal than a gate valve. The result is significant weight reduction for the same or higher rating. The bar graph shown compares Wafer-Sphere and typical Outside Screen and Yoke gate valves by weight.

**Ease of Automation**

*Wafer-Sphere* valves are easily automated. Every valve is drilled and tapped to accept linkages for a full line of *Jamesbury* brand actuators. Unlike the gate valve, there is no need to purchase a special yoke or other device to modify the gate valve body to accept actuation. Because the *Wafer-Sphere* valve is quarter-turn, the actuated valve profile is much smaller than a gate valve.

In addition, all *Jamesbury* brand pneumatic actuators are designed with mounting pads to accept solenoids, limit switches and positioners, many with direct and NAMUR mounting patterns. Reliable *Jamesbury* brand actuators, accessories, and dedicated linkages provide the customer with a single-source automated package.
Ease of Maintenance

Improving productivity and lowering cost of ownership are a necessity in today’s competitive environment. Both are highly dependent on process up-time, and the frequency of maintenance and time required to maintain equipment is most critical in all industries. For gate valves, reseating is a tremendous undertaking. A gate valve must be almost completely disassembled to allow access to the seat. Then, both the wedge and seating area must be resurfaced by one or all of the following operations: welding, machining, grinding, and lapping. The valve is reassembled, tested, and the process is repeated until the desired sealing is achieved. This process requires many hours and in some cases, days. Often it is so time consuming and complex, repair of a gate valve is outsourced or requires a spare valve if the process line is critical.

In contrast, the Wafer-Sphere valve shaft rotates only 90° within the stem packing. This minimizes the potential for leakage. Should leakage occur, it can be eliminated by simply tightening the packing gland. The gland compresses the V-Ring packing, spreading the wings of the rings and creating a tighter seal. Because the packing is not jammed, the torque remains constant. For those applications where strict emission control is required Wafer-Sphere valves are available with Emission-Pak®, a spring-loaded packing arrangement.

Less Installation Time

The benefits derived from using a lighter valve are difficult to measure in terms of handling ease, the impact on plant design and the resultant savings. Analysis of comparative installation times, however, can relate to the potential savings. The table shown compares 4-10” (DN 100-250) valve installation times based on data developed through field survey. The difference is particularly significant in the smaller sizes.

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<td>Wafer-type butterfly with handle</td>
<td>0.29</td>
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Lower Total Cost

The price differential between Wafer-Sphere and gate valves becomes increasingly significant as size increases. Adding this to the lower installation costs, lower maintenance costs, more up-time and the lower costs of automation, Wafer-Sphere is indeed the best economic selection.
Wafer-Sphere valves have proven their ruggedness and dependability in a wide range of industries and applications. They are used in isolation and control services, in slurries, steam, gases and liquids. Some of the notable applications include: pulp stock, corn processing slurries, tertiary petroleum recovery, high pressure water for pad cooling in NASA rocket launching, ambient & cryogenic high cycle air separation services, LNG and commercial HVAC.

**Fire-Tite® Wafer-Sphere Butterfly Valves**

*Fire-Tite Wafer-Sphere valves offer outstanding advantages in providing reliable operation in normal service and when fire strikes. They are specifically developed for use in such industries as petroleum refining and distribution, chemical, marine, and others. The metal-seat ring effectively stops flow through the valve if the PTFE seat is destroyed in a fire. Fire-Tite valves meet the requirements of NACE and are qualified to API-607 and BS6755. Available in Series 815 or 830 for manual or automatic operation.*

**Series 815/830 Wafer-Sphere Butterfly Valves**

*Wafer-Sphere high-performance butterfly valves are available in wafer and single-flanged lugged designs for dead-end service and for ANSI Class 150, 300, and 600 pressure class applications. The 815L and 830L series are best suited for applications where exposed bolts are undesirable. All available to meet NACE MR-01-75.*

**Series 835 Wafer-Sphere Butterfly Valves**

*Series 835 process-rated ANSI Class 150 high-performance Wafer-Sphere butterfly valves are an excellent cost-effective alternative for shutoff pressures up to 100 psi (6.9 bar). The Series 835 provides the same long-lasting tight shut-off capability, excellent flow characteristics, and long service life as the fully ANSI-rated Series 815. They are available in 30”-60” (DN750-1500) designs.*

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