

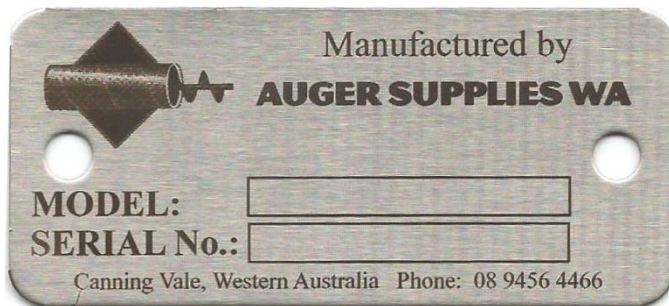
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ORDERING VALVE TAGS



Laser etched aluminium or laser etched stainless steel?

If laser etched aluminium, what colour? **Blue?** **Red?** **Green?** **Black?** High contrast colours are far more suitable than pastels.

If laser etched stainless steel is to be chosen, what grade of stainless steel will suit best – 1mm thick #316 grade (marine grade for areas of high moisture or high humidity) or 1mm thick #304 grade (where moisture is not an issue);



What dimensions are best for legible laser etching;



Off the shelf is always cheapest - standard laser etched sizes are usually 90mm x 40mm or 65mm x 35mm;

How many holes are required for each laser etched tag;

What diameter (5mm is a good size) and what position (top left hand corner or on a horizontal centre line) so the laser etched data is not compromised;

What should be the thickness of each laser etched tag (1mm is thick enough to be rigid, 0.6mm is fine if rigidity is not an issue);

Maximise font heights by simplifying data to be laser etched;

Size of laser etched fonts effects price because the bigger the font the more time it takes to laser etch;



As quantity of valve tags to be laser etched effects price it is always best to order in bulk;

Laser etched aluminium labels are far easier to hand engrave in the field than laser etched stainless steel labels which are so hard they can break hand engraving burrs;

Data should be sent in MS Excel spreadsheets so that each line of each label to be laser etched is in a separate cell in each column;

If sequencing of valves is continuous, then save time by planning ahead.