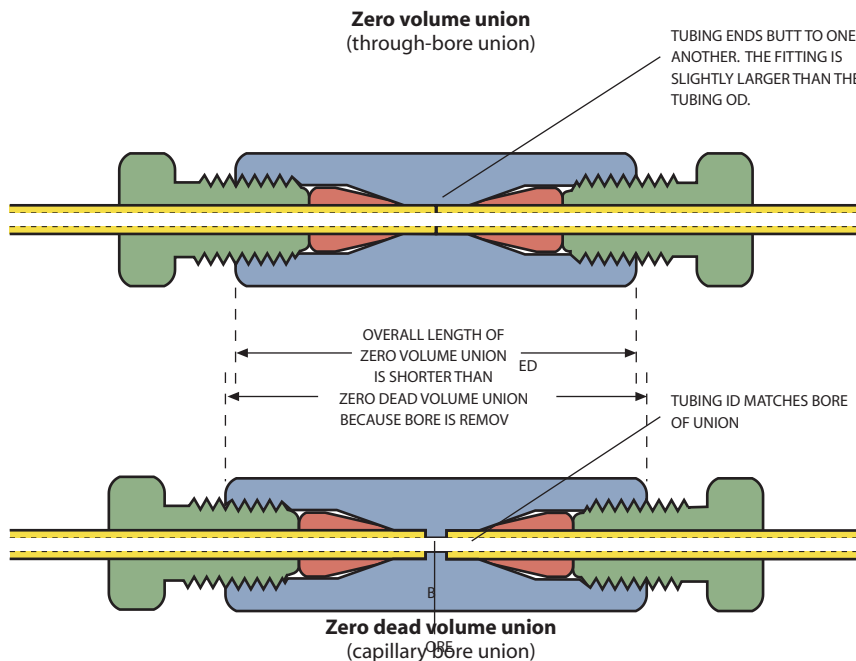


Zero Volume vs. Zero Dead Volume

A true zero volume fitting is one in which no part of the fitting actually becomes a part of the flow path. The only Valco fittings which fit this description are our through-bore unions, which allow tubing to butt end-to-end. (So these are only zero volume if the tube ends are perfectly square.)

All other fittings are designed with zero *dead* volume: that is, there is no volume introduced by the fitting which is not cleanly swept.



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TECH TIP

Through-bore Union Installation

Because the tubing will pass all the way through a through-bore union, we suggest making up the first tube in a standard Valco fitting to establish the proper length of tubing extending beyond the ferrule. Install this made-up connection in the through-bore union; then the second tube can be butted against it for a zero volume connection.