



Process Gas Equipment Common Precautions 1

Be sure to read before handling.

Design

⚠ Warning

1. Confirm the specifications.

The compatibility of the product with specific equipment must be decided by the person who designs the equipment or decided its specifications based on necessary analysis and test results. The expected performance and safety assurance of the equipment will be the responsibility of the person who has determined its compatibility with the product.

Selection

⚠ Warning

1. Confirm the specifications.

When selecting the product, confirm the operating conditions, such as type of gas, operating pressure (inlet and outlet), flow rate, operating temperature etc., and use within the operating range specified in the catalog. The product may not be suitable for use with specific gases and applications/environments. Check the compatibility of the product materials with the process gas.
Design the equipment and select the product by understanding the characteristics of gas.

2. Follow the regulations and laws, defined by the country or local government, or organization standards.

Reference: High Pressure Gas Safety Act, Labor Safety and Sanitation Law etc.

Mounting

⚠ Warning

1. Operation Manual

Mount and operate the product after reading the manual carefully and understanding its contents. Also keep the manual where it can be referred to as necessary.

⚠ Caution

1. Flush the piping thoroughly with inert gas before installing the products.

Remove any dust or scales thoroughly as they could cause malfunction or failure of the product. Do not flush with gas other than inert gas, as this could cause dangerous situations.

2. Do not touch the fitting or the wetted parts of the products by hand. Do not apply grease or oil to the products.

3. Unpack the hermetically-sealed package under clean environment (other than AK series).

The products intended for high purity processes are double packed inside the clean room. Make sure to unpack the sealed inner bag inside the clean room or clean environment.

4. Ensure sufficient space for maintenance activities.

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Mounting

⚠ Caution

5. Connect face seal fittings.

Follow the procedures, recommended from the fitting manufacturer, to connect properly.
Typically 1/8 turn past finger tight of the nut.

6. Connect tube welds.

Follow the industry standards (refer to SEMI F78) to weld the piping.

7. Connect compression fittings.

Follow the procedures, recommended from the fitting manufacturer, to connect properly.
Typically 1-1/4 turn past finger tight of the nut after inserting the tube into the fitting.

8. Connect NPT thread fittings.

Thread fitting or piping into body and tighten it at recommended torque. When holding the product, hold its body section.
Apply PTFE tape or sealant on the thread of the piping, fitting, etc. When using the sealant, other than the PTFE, it will be difficult to fully remove the sealant and this could cause malfunction or failure of the product.

9. After installation, perform a leak test.

Perform a leak test, such as helium leak test, pressure decay test, bubble leak test, etc., depending on the application. It is recommended to perform a helium leak test on all face seal connections and tube welds per the industry standards (refer to SEMI F1).

Storage and Operating Environment

⚠ Warning

1. Do not use in an area having chemicals, sea water or water, or where there is direct contact with any of these.

2. Do not use in a place subject to heavy vibration and/or shock.

3. Keep ambient temperature and use gas within the specified operating temperature. Remove any sources of excessive heat.

4. Do not keep the products in stock in an area, where any dust or water coming in, and keep in dry conditions, where there is no contact with humidity.

Recommendations

Regulators

AP

SL

AZ

AK

KT

BP

Diaphragm Valves

Check Valves

Vacuum Generators

Flow Switches

Technical Data/
Glossary of Terms

Precautions



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Maintenance

Warning

1. Perform a routine maintenance.

Perform a routine maintenance at customer's responsibility by taking into consideration the operating conditions of the equipment. It is recommended to perform a routine maintenance for the following:
External leakage, Internal leakage (Across the seat leak), Performance etc.

2. Shut down system before removing the product from system for repair or replacement.

Follow the proper procedures to shut off the process gas supply and vent the system.

3. Purge hazardous gases from system before removing the product from system.

4. Do not disassemble products under warranty.

The warranty may be voided if product is disassembled.

Operation

Warning

1. Do not put the heavy objects on the products. Do not use the products as scaffold.

2. Do not use the products in conditions that do not meet the product specifications.

Product Returns

When returning the product to SMC, make sure to properly purge to remove all hazardous materials and return the product complying with SMC specified procedures.
For details, please contact SMC.

Export

Warning

The products fall within the United States Export Administration Regulations (EAR) regarding sale, export and re-exports. It is the exporter's responsibility to assure that these regulations are followed when the products are exported. Export Control Classification Number (ECCN) related to the products is as follows.

Regulations (including ECCN) are subject to change with amendment of law.

Latest information regarding these regulations should be checked by customer.

Reference: Bureau of Industry and Security (USA)

<http://www.bis.doc.gov/>

1) 2B350.g.2 <Applicable conditions>

(1) Product name : Regulator, Diaphragm valve

(2) Body material : Hastelloy®

(3) Connection size : 1/2 inch or more

2) 2B999.g <Applicable conditions>

(1) Product name : Regulator, Back pressure regulator, Diaphragm valve, Check valve, Vacuum generator module (integrated with valve and check valve)

(2) Body material : 316 SS, 316L SS, 316L SS secondary remelt, Hastelloy* regardless of connection size.

* 2B350.g.2 supersedes for regulator and diaphragm valve of Hastelloy body with 1/2 or more connection size.

3) EAR99 <Applicable conditions>

(1) Regulator and Back pressure regulator with brass bodies

(2) Vacuum generator, Flow switch, Other options (Pressure gauge, LOTO)

Safety Instructions

These safety instructions are intended to prevent hazardous situations and/or equipment damage. These instructions indicate the level of potential hazard with the labels of “Caution”, “Warning” or “Danger”. They are all important notes for safety and must be followed in addition to International Standards (ISO)*1, Japan Industrial Standards (JIS)*2 and other safety regulations*3).

-  **Caution:** Operator error could result in injury or equipment damage.
-  **Warning:** Operator error could result in serious injury or loss of life.
-  **Danger :** In extreme conditions, there is a possibility of serious injury or loss of life.

- *1) ISO 4414: Pneumatic fluid power -- General rules relating to systems.
- *2) JIS B 8370: General rules for pneumatic equipment.
- *3) High Pressure Gas Safety Act, Labor Safety and Sanitation Law etc.

Warning

1. The compatibility of the product is the responsibility of the person who designs the equipment or decides its specifications.

Since the product specified here is used under various operating conditions, its compatibility with fluid and specific equipment must be decided by the person who designs the equipment or decided its specifications based on necessary analysis and test results.

The expected performance and safety assurance of the equipment will be the responsibility of the person who has determined its compatibility with the product. This person should also thoroughly review all specifications of the product referring to its latest catalog information, with a view to giving due consideration to any possibility of equipment failure when configuring the equipment.

2. Only personnel with appropriate training should install and operate machinery and equipment.

The product specified here may become unsafe if handled incorrectly.

The assembly, installation operation maintenance of the given equipment including our products must be performed by an operator who is appropriately trained and experienced.

3. Do not service or attempt to remove product and machinery/equipment until safety is confirmed.

1. The inspection and maintenance of machinery/equipment should only be performed after measures to prevent falling or runaway of the driven objects have been confirmed.

2. When the product is to be removed, confirm that the safety measures as mentioned above are implemented and the power from any appropriate source is cut, and read and understand the specific product precautions of all relevant products carefully.

3. Before machinery/equipment is restarted, take measures to prevent unexpected operation and malfunction.

4. Contact SMC beforehand and take special consideration of safety measures if the product is to be used in any of the following conditions.

1. Conditions and environments outside of the given specifications, or outdoors (use in a place protected from adverse environmental).

2. Installation on equipment in conjunction with atomic energy, railways, air navigation, space, shipping, vehicles, military, medical treatment, combustion, or recreation, or equipment in contact with food and beverages, emergency stop circuits, clutch and brake circuits in press applications, safety equipment or other applications unsuitable for the standard specifications described in the product catalog.

3. An application which could have negative effects on people, property, or animals requiring special safety analysis.

Caution

1. The product is provided for use in manufacturing industries.

The product herein described is basically provided for peaceful use in manufacturing industries.

If considering using the product in other industries, consult SMC beforehand and exchange specifications or a contract if necessary.

If anything is unclear, contact your nearest sales branch.

Limited Warranty and Disclaimer/ Compliance Requirements

The product used is subject to the following “Limited Warranty and Disclaimer” and “Compliance Requirements”.

Read and accept them before using the product.

Limited Warranty and Disclaimer

1. The warranty period of the product is 1 year after the product is delivered to customer from SMC.
2. For any failure or damage reported within the warranty period which is clearly our responsibility, a replacement product or necessary parts will be provided.
This limited warranty applies only to our product independently, and not to any other damage incurred due to the failure of the product.
3. Prior to using the products, please read and understand the warranty terms and disclaimers noted in the specified catalog for the particular products.

Compliance Requirements

1. When the product is exported, strictly follow the laws required by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Control Law).
2. The products printed in the catalog are USA manufactured products of AP Tech. As such, they fall within the United States Export Administration Regulations (EAR) regarding re-exports.
It is the exporter's responsibility to assure that these regulations are followed when the products are exported.

Safety Instructions

Be sure to read “Operation Manual” before using.

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