

Installation, Operation, Maintenance Instructions

Valtek Electro-pneumatic Transducers

GENERAL INFORMATION

The following instructions are designed to assist in installing, operating, calibrating and performing maintenance as required on the Valtek Electro-pneumatic Transducer. Product users and maintenance personnel should thoroughly review this bulletin prior to working on the transducer in conjunction with the Valtek Installation, Operation, Maintenance Instructions for the appropriate control valve and control valve positioner being used.

To avoid possible injury to personnel or damage to valve parts, WARNING and CAUTION notes must be strictly adhered to. Modifying this product, substituting nonfactory parts, or using maintenance procedures other than outlined could drastically affect performance, be hazardous to personnel and equipment, and may void existing warranties.

The Valtek Electro-pneumatic (I/P) Transducer may be mounted directly to the control valve, or mounted remotely from the valve in any position. A two-inch pipe mounting bracket is available from the factory.

The (I/P) transducer is Factory Mutual approved and intrinsically safe for Class I, II, III, Division 1, Groups C, D, E, F and G, when installed with the appropriate energy limiting safety barriers. The unit is also explosion-proof for Class I, Division 1, Groups B, C and D; dust-ignition proof for Class II, Division 1, Groups E, F and G; and suitable for Class III, Division 1, hazardous locations, indoors.

I/P TRANSDUCER OPERATION

The input current flows through a fixed coil where a magnetic force is created. The flux lines of the coil are exposed at a gap, creating a magnetic force proportional to the input current. This force is applied against the force of a small magnet mounted on the end of a balance beam. The magnet is positioned in the electromagnetic field, it interacts with the small magnet on the balance beam, thus repositioning a flapper at the opposite end of balance beam. When energized, this flapper/balance beam is the only moving part in the system.

The flapper is in close proximity to a nozzle. The nozzle is supplied with air through a throttle from the output of a power amplifier that is controlled by the pressure change in front of the nozzle. The air flowing from the nozzle forms a restoring force to the force applied to the magnet. Hence, a linear correspondence of electric input and pneumatic output signal is achieved.

The zero adjustment is made by twisting the tension bad to which the balance beam / flapper is mounted.

Range adjustment is performed at the potentiometer connected with a resistor in parallel to the coil.

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

The following instructions are designed to assist in the field installation of Electro-pneumatic Transducers.

The I/P transducer may be mounted directly to the control valve with a bracket supplied by the customer, or remotely from the control valve with a two-inch pipe mounting bracket available from the factory.

NOTE: The air supply should conform to ISA standard S7.3 (a dew point at least 18 F below ambient temperature, particle size below 5 microns, oil content not to exceel 1 part per million).

Control Valve Mounting

To mount the transducer directly to the control valve, a bracket must be fabricated by the user.

- 1. Securely attach the bracket to the control valve in a position that will not interfere with the movements of either the valve stem, the positioner linkage, or accessories.
- 2. Mount the transducer to the bracket using the two quarter-inch holes that are drilled through the transducer housing. Be certain the ¹/₈-inch NPT holes are accessible.

Two-inch Pipe Mounting

To mount the transducer remotely from the control valve, use the two-inch pipe mounting kit available from the factory (part number 70691.999).

- 1. Attach the mounting kit in any position as required by the user to a two-inch pipe.
- 2. Mount the transducer to the mounting kit. Be certain the 1/8-inch NPT holes are accessible.

Air Connections

1. Screw the pipe or tube fittings into the ¹/₈-inch NPT holes on either side of the housing.

CAUTION: The supply air pressure must not exceed 20 psi (\pm 1.5 psi).

2. Be certain there are no air leaks in fittings.

Control Signal (Milliamp) Connections

1. Remove the housing cover.

WARNING: Make sure the area is clear of combustible gasses before removing the cover, unless the unit has been installed with the appropriate intrinsically safe barriers.

2. Attach signal wiring to the transmitter terminal block, using caution to attach the positive and negative wires tot he appropriate terminal.

CALIBRATION

When an electro-pneumatic transducer installed in the field requires output signal adjustment, refer to Figure 1 and proceed as follows:

CAUTION: If the valve cannot be stroked without disturbing the process fluid, it may be necessary to bypass or remove the valve from the line before calibrating the transducer.

WARNING: Prior to removing the valve from the

line, depressurize the line to atmospheric pressure. Drain all process fluids and (if caustic of hazardous material are present) decontaminate the valve. Failure to do so can cause serious injury.

Zero and Range Adjustments

1. Remove the housing cover.

WARNING: Make sure area is clear of combustible gases before removing the cover, unless the unit has been installed with the appropriate instrinsically safe barriers.

- 2. Check zero with an air supply of 20 psi connected and an input signal of 4 mA. Any deviation in the output signal from 3 psi can be corrected with the zero adjustment screw.
- 3. Increase the input signal to 20 mA. Any deviation in the output from the value of 15 psi can be corrected with the range potentiometer.

REVERSING SIGNAL

If the signal to the I/P transducer must be reversed, consult factory for instructions.

CLEANING FLAPPER AND NOZZLE

If the flapper and nozzle become sticky and need to be cleaned of dirt build-up, refer to Figure 1 and proceed as follows:

1. Remove the housing cover.

WARNING: Make sure are is clear of combustible gases before removing the cover, unless the unit has been installed with the appropriate intrinsically safe barriers.

- 2. Remove the rectangular cover by loosening center screw.
- Using a heavy piece of lint-free-paper soaked in denatured alcohol, gently lift the flapper and nozzle. Work paper back and forth until dirt build-up is removed.

CAUTION: Do not lift the flapper more than 1/16inch or it may be damaged.

4. Replace the rectangular and housing covers.

DISASSEMBLING AND REASSEMBLING BOOSTER SECTION

Disassembling Booster Section

To disassemble the booster section, refer to Figure 2 and proceed as follows:

- 1. Remove I/P transducer from line.
- 2. Using a three millimeter hex wrench, remove the two housing bolts (119).
- 3. Carefully remove the lower three sections of the booster assembly.



and Electronic Module Covers Removed

CAUTION: There are numerous springs and parts under compression within this section. Care must be used not to lose these parts.

At this point, the orifices in the booster section may be cleaned, or a ruptured diaphragm may be replaced.

The orifices may be cleaned by using an air nozzle, or by inserting an instrument (which is less than .009-inch in diameter) into the orifices.

Replace a ruptured diaphragm with the same part. (See Figure 2 for item numbers.)

Reassembling the Booster Section

To reassemble the booster section, refer to Figure 2 and proceed as follows: (Numbers in parenthesis refer to item numbers; see Figure 2.)

- 1. Invert the I/P transducer so that is rests on the round housing cover.
- 2. Place the first stage feedback spring (110) in the housing hole.
- 3. Place the spring button (111) on the first stage feedback spring (110) with the spring guide in the spring.
- 4. Place the upper diaphragm (112, with three holes) on the spring button (111) with the convolution facing down and with the small hole in the diaphragm over the orifice.

Parts List 101 Cover

- 102 Cover O-ring
- 103 Electronic module cover
- 104 Electronic module
- 105 Nozzle O-ring
- 106 Flame arrestor cover
- 107 Terminal block
- 108 Arrestor O-ring
- 109 Transducer base
- 110 Feedback spring
- 111 Spring button
- 112 Upper diaphragm
- 113 Nozzle block
- 114 Lower diaphragm

Figure 2: Electro-pneumatic (i/P) Transducer – Exploded View

- 115 Vent block
- 116 Booster diaphragm
- 117 Booster spring
 - 118 Connecting block
 - 119 Housing bolt / washer
 - 120 Electronic module cover screw
 - 121 Electronic module mounting screw
 - 122 Terminal block mounting screw
 - 123 Booster poppet
 - 124 Poppet spring
 - 125 Poppet retainer
 - 126 Ground screw 127 Ground clamp
 - 128 Washer

- 5. Place the nozzle block (113) on the upper diaphragm (112) with the nozzle down, aligning the hole in the corner with the orifice in the I/P base (109).
- 6. Place the lower diaphragm (114, with four holes) onto the assembly with the convolution facing up, aligning the four holes appropriately.
- Place the vent block (115) on the assembly with the vent hole on the side aligned with the NPT opening. Be certain the mounting holes and pneumatic passages are aligned.
- 8. Place the booster diaphragm and vent assembly (116) on the assembly with the brass vent assembly facing up. Be certain the large holes in the small pneumatic passages are aligned.
- 9. Place the large booster spring (117) on the diaphragm and over the brass vent assembly.
- 10. Place the connection block (118) on the assembly with the plugged hole facing opposite the electrical NPT connection.
- 11. Tighten the entire booster section together with the two housing bolts (119).

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Failure	Probable Cause	Corrective Action
Operation erratic and inconsistent	 Loose signal wire connection Dirt build-up on flapper and nozzle 	 Tighten signal wire connection Remove dirt build-up; see "Cleaning Flapper and Nozzle " section
Won't calibrate to full span with normal air pressure	 Dirt build-up on nozzle and flapper Air supply pressure too high or low 	 Remove dirt build-up; see "Cleaning Flapper and Nozzle" section Adjust air supply to 20 psi
Excessive air consumption	 Ruptured diaphragm Housing bolts loose 	 Replace diaphragm; see "Disassembling and Reassembling Booster" section Tighten housing bolts
Transducer does not respond to singnal	 Plugged orifices Shorted or open circuit coil 	 Clean orifices; see Disassembling and Reassembling Booster" secton Replace transducer

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