

# APCO AVV-140/150 AIR/VACUUM VALVES



AVV-140 .5-3" (15-80mm)



AVV-140 AVRT Option



AVV-150 4-18" (100-450mm)

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#### Instructions

These instructions are for use by personnel who are responsible for the installation, operation and maintenance of DeZURIK valves, actuators or accessories.

## Safety Messages

All safety messages in the instructions are identified by a general warning sign and the signal word CAUTION, WARNING or DANGER. These messages indicate procedures to avoid injury or death.

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Personnel involved in the installation or maintenance of valves should be constantly alert to potential emission of pipeline material and take appropriate safety precautions. Always wear suitable protection when dealing with hazardous pipeline materials. Handle valves which have been removed from service with suitable protection for any potential pipeline material in the valve.

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Your DeZURIK product has been packaged to provide protection during shipment; however, items can be damaged in transport. Carefully inspect the unit for damage upon arrival and file a claim with the carrier if damage is apparent.

#### **Parts**

Replaceable wear parts are listed on the assembly drawing. These parts can be stocked to minimize downtime. Order parts from your local DeZURIK sales representative or directly from DeZURIK. When ordering parts please provide the following information:

If the valve has a data plate: please include the 7-digit part number with either 4-digit revision number (example: 9999999R000) or 8-digit serial number (example: S1900001) whichever is applicable. The data plate will be attached to the valve assembly. Also, include the part name, the assembly drawing number, the balloon number and the quantity stated on the assembly drawing.

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#### APCO AVV-140/140H/150 Air/Vacuum Valves

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## **Description**

The APCO AVV-140, AVV-140H, and AVV-150 Air/Vacuum Valves consist of a body, cover, float and seat. They have a large venting orifice and are used to exhaust large quantities of air from a pipeline while the pipeline is being filled. Once the line is filled, the float of the Air/Vacuum Valve rises and seals against the seat. The AVV-140/140H/150 remains closed until the pipeline empties and the float is allowed to unseat. In a rapid drain event the Air/Vacuum Valve will open to allow air to re-enter the line and prevent a major vacuum from developing.

The AVV-140 with AVRT Option is equipped with a spring that makes it a normally closed valve. The AVV-140 AVRT remains closed until the pressure differential becomes negative in relation to the atmosphere around the valve. In the event of vacuum in the pipeline, the AVV-140 AVRT opens and allows air into the pipeline and equalizes the pressure. Once pressure equalizes, the AVV-140 AVRT automatically closes.

## **Handling and Storage**

#### NOTICE

Lifting the valve improperly may damage it. Do not fasten lifting devices to piping, or attached components. Lift the valve with slings, chains, or cables fastened around the valve body, or fastened to bolts or rods through bolt holes in the flanges.

If installation will be delayed, refer to Form 1454 – Recommended Long & Short-Term Storage Procedures

#### Installation

The Air/Vacuum Valve should always be installed in a vertical position. An isolation valve between this unit and the transmission (pipeline) system is recommended.

- Before installation, remove foreign material such as weld spatter, oil, grease, and dirt from the pipeline.
- Prepare pipe ends and install valves in accordance with the pipe manufacture's instructions for the joint used.

#### NOTICE

Do not deflect the pipe-valve joint. Minimize bending stresses in the valve end connection with pipe loading.

Tighten the flange bolts or stude in a crisecrose pattern and minimum of four stages.

## **Fusion Bonded Epoxy Coated Valves**

#### NOTICE

Valves with fusion bonded epoxy coated exterior paint require flat washers to be installed under the flange nuts when installing the valve to the pipeline flange to prevent the coating from cracking or chipping.

#### **Maintenance**

The AVV-140/140H/150 Air/Vacuum Valves and AVV-140 AVRT Air Inlet Valve are automatic in operation and require little to no maintenance. As a precaution, performing a semi-annual visual inspection for leakage and cleaning of any environmental debris accumulated around the valve is recommended. A malfunction of the valve is evident by seepage of the media through the exhaust port. Should any malfunction occur, the following steps should be taken to repair the valve:

#### Disassembly Procedure (AVV- 140 and 140H)

See Figure 1 and Figure 2 for part identification.

#### **▲**WARNING

Servicing the Air Valve while the pipeline is under pressure can cause personal injury or equipment damage. Relieve pipeline pressure or shut off isolation valve before servicing the Air Valve.

1. Relieve pipeline pressure or shut off isolation valve on inlet pipe.

#### **▲**WARNING

Do not completely remove pipe plug or cover screws while the valve is under pressure.

- 2. Loosen pipe plug in cover (A02) to relieve internal pressure. Do not completely remove pipe plug (A02) while the valve is under pressure.
  - For ½" Valves: Loosen the cover screws (A04) to allow internal pressure to escape. Do not completely remove cover screws (A04) while the valve is under pressure.
- 3. Inspect exhaust port on top. If any foreign matter or dirt is preventing float (A14) from seating properly against the seat (A06), clean or replace as necessary.
- 4. Perform a seat test: Replace pipe plug or tighten cover screws (A04) diagonally on size ½" and slowly fill valve chamber by cracking open isolation valve on inlet pipe. If seepage persists, repeat steps 1 and 2 and proceed as follows:
- 5. Remove cover screws (A04) and cover (A02) with all the internal components together from the valve body (A01).

#### Disassembly Procedure (AVV-140 & 140H) (Continued)

- 6. Remove seat retaining screws (A34) and baffle (A24) and lift out seat (A06) from the recess in the cover (A02) or baffle. For valves with water diffuser, it is necessary to remove the water diffuser by removing baffle plug (A41) or float bushing (A26) for size 3".
- 7. Remove cover gasket (A03).
- 8. Clean all surfaces.
- 9. If water diffuser is used, replacement is recommended.
- 10. Inspect all components. Replace if necessary.

## Assembly Procedure (AVV-140 and 140H)

1. Install float (A14) and baffle plug (A41) if included with float guide (A33) to baffle (A24).

For 3" valve size: Secure float (A14) together with float guide (A33) to the baffle (A24) with float bushing (A26).

- 2. Install seat (A06) to cover (A02).
- 3. With cover (A02) lying upside down on a level work bench, set the baffle assembly created in steps 1 & 2 in cover (A02). Align and match screw holes through the baffle (A24), seat (A06), and cover (A02), by inserting and turning baffle screw (A34) with fingers.
- 4. Before tightening baffle screws (A34) with an open (box) wrench, position baffle (A24) by allowing float (A14) to center perfectly in the seat (A06), then tighten baffle screws (A34) alternating in a crisscross pattern.
- 5. If water diffuser is required, remove baffle plug (A41) with the float guide (A33) and slip the water diffuser around the baffle (A24). Then secure float (A14) and water diffuser to baffle (A24) with baffle plug (A41) and float guide (A33).
  - For 3" valve size: Remove float guide (A33) and slip water diffuser around the baffle (A24). Then secure float (A14) and water diffuser in place with the float guide (A33).
- 6. Install new cover gasket (A03) and set cover (A02) assembly to the body (A01), then tighten cover screws (A04) alternating in a crisscross pattern.
- 7. Install and secure pipe plug (A25) and perform a seat test per Step 4 of Disassembly Procedure.
- 8. If there is no more leakage, fully open isolation valve on the inlet pipe.

#### Disassembly Procedure (AVV-140 with AVRT Option)

See Figures 1 & 1-2 for part identification.

#### **▲**WARNING

Servicing the Air/Vacuum Valve while the pipeline is under pressure can cause personal injury or equipment damage. Relieve pipeline pressure or shut off isolation valve before servicing the Air/Vacuum Valve.

1. Relieve pipeline pressure or shut off isolation valve on inlet pipe.

#### **▲**WARNING

Do not completely remove pipe plug or cover screws while the valve is under pressure

- 2. Loosen pipe plug (A25) in cover (A02) to relieve internal pressure. Do not completely remove pipe plug (A25) while the valve is under pressure.
  - For ½" Valves: Loosen the cover screws (A04) to allow internal pressure to escape. Do not completely remove cover screws (A04) while the valve is under pressure.
- 3. Inspect exhaust port and mushroom cap assembly (A28, A29, & A30). If any foreign matter or dirt is preventing float (A14) from seating properly against the seat (A06), clean or replace as necessary.
- 4. Perform a seat test: Replace pipe plug (A25) or tighten cover screws (A04) diagonally on size ½" and slowly fill valve chamber by cracking open isolation valve on inlet pipe. If seepage persists, repeat steps 1 and 2 and proceed as follows:
- 5. Remove cover screws (A04) and cover (A02) with all the internal components together from the valve body (A01).
- 6. Remove baffle screws (A34) and baffle (A24) and lift out seat (A06) from the recess in the cover (A02).
- 7. Remove float (A14), spring (A42), float guide (A33) and baffle plug (A41) from baffle (A24).
- 8. Clean all surfaces before re-assembly. Replace all defective parts.

#### Assembly Procedure (AVV-140 with AVRT Option)

1. Install baffle plug (A41), float guide (A33), spring (A42), and float (A14) to baffle (A24). Replace any damaged parts.

For 3" valve size: Secure float (A14), spring (A42), and float guide (A33) to the baffle (A24) with float bushing (A26).

- 2. Install seat (A06) to cover (A02).
- 3. With cover (A02) lying upside down on a level work bench, set the baffle assembly on cover (A02). Align and match screw holes through the baffle (A24), seat (A06), and cover (A02), by inserting and turning baffle screw (A34) with fingers.
- 4. Before tightening baffle screws (A34) with an open (box) wrench, position baffle (A24) by allowing float (A14) to center perfectly in the seat (A06), then tighten baffle screws alternating in a crisscross pattern.
- 5. If water diffuser is required, remove baffle plug (A41) with the float guide (A33) and slip the water diffuser around the baffle (A24). Then secure float (A14), spring (A42), and float guide (A33) to the baffle (A24) with float bushing (A26).
  - **For 3" valve size:** Remove float guide (A33) and slip water diffuser around the baffle (A24). Then secure float (A14) and water diffuser in place with the float guide.
- 6. Install new cover gasket (A03) and set cover (A02) assembly to the body (A01), then tighten cover screws (A04) alternating in a crisscross pattern.
- 7. Install and secure pipe plug (A25) and perform a seat test per Step 4 of Disassembly Procedure.
- 8. If there is no more leakage, fully open isolation valve on the inlet pipe.

#### Disassembly Procedure (AVV-150)

See Figure 3 for part identification.

#### **▲**WARNING

Servicing the Air Valve while the pipeline is under pressure can cause personal injury or equipment damage. Relieve pipeline pressure or shut off isolation valve before servicing the Air Valve.

1. Relieve pipeline pressure or shut off isolation valve on inlet pipe.

#### **▲**WARNING

Do not completely remove pipe plug while the valve is under pressure.

- 2. Slowly remove pipe plug near inlet of valve body (A01) to relieve internal pressure and to drain the unit.
- 3. Check to see if foreign matter or dirt is preventing float (A14) from seating properly against seat (A06). Clean as necessary.
- 4. Perform a seat test: Replace pipe plug (A44) and slowly fill valve chamber by cracking open isolation valve on inlet pipe. If seepage persists, repeat Steps 1 and 2 and proceed as follows:
- 5. Remove cover screws (A04) and cover (A02).
- 6. Remove seat screws (A16) and lift out seat (A06) from recess in cover (A02).
- 7. Inspect seat (A06) and float (A14) seating surfaces for damage. Replace if necessary.
- 8. Inspect all other parts of valve such as guide bushings (A26 & A43) and bumper (A40).

#### Assembly Procedure (AVV-150)

- 1. Clean surface of recess in cover (A02) and install seat (A06) with seat screws (A16).
- 2. Install bumper (A40) and float (A14) in place.
- 3. Assemble cover (A02) and gasket (A03) to body (A01). Tighten cover screws (A04) alternating in a crisscross pattern.
- 4. Install and secure pipe plug (A44) and perform a seat test per Step 4 of Disassembly Procedure.
- 5. If there is no more leakage, fully open isolation valve on the inlet pipe.

## **Operation**

The AVV 140, 140H, or 150 Air/Vacuum Valve is automatic in operation. It has a large venting orifice and will exhaust large quantities of air from a pipeline when being filled or a deep well column when the pump is started. Once the line is filled, the Air/Vacuum Valve closes and remains closed until the liquid is drained and pressure returns to atmospheric. The Air/Vacuum Valve will then immediately open and admit large volumes of air into the line and prevent vacuum from developing.

The AVV-140 with the AVRT Air Inlet Valve option is also automatic in operation. The addition of the AVRT option creates a normally closed valve that protects the pipeline by inhibiting the formation of vacuum. When vacuum forms, the AVRT automatically opens and allows air into the pipeline. When the pipeline pressure normalizes with the atmospheric pressure, the AVV-140 AVRT closes.

## **Drawings**

A24

A25

Baffle

Pipe Plug

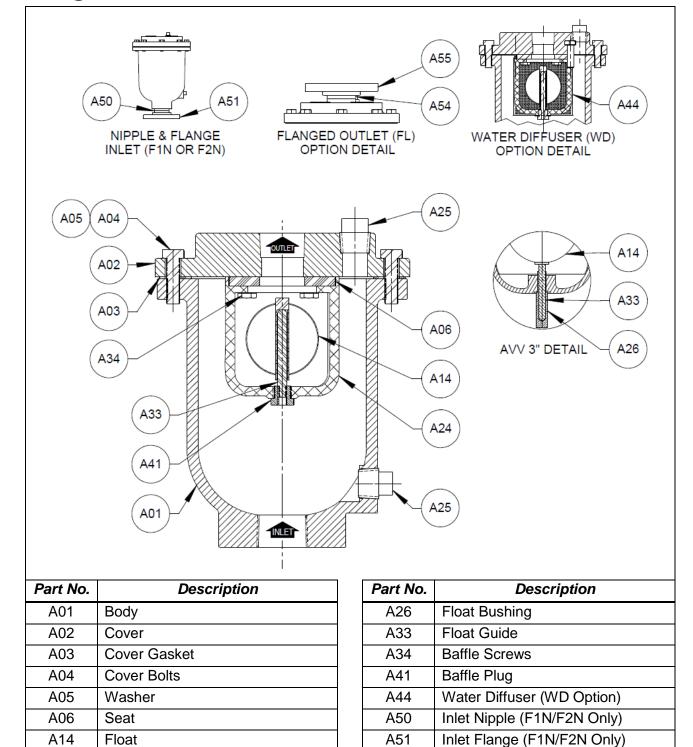


Figure 1: AVV-140 Air/Vacuum Valve Sizes 0.5-3" (15-80mm)

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Outlet Nipple (FL Only)

Outlet Flange (FL Only)

## **Drawings** (Continued)

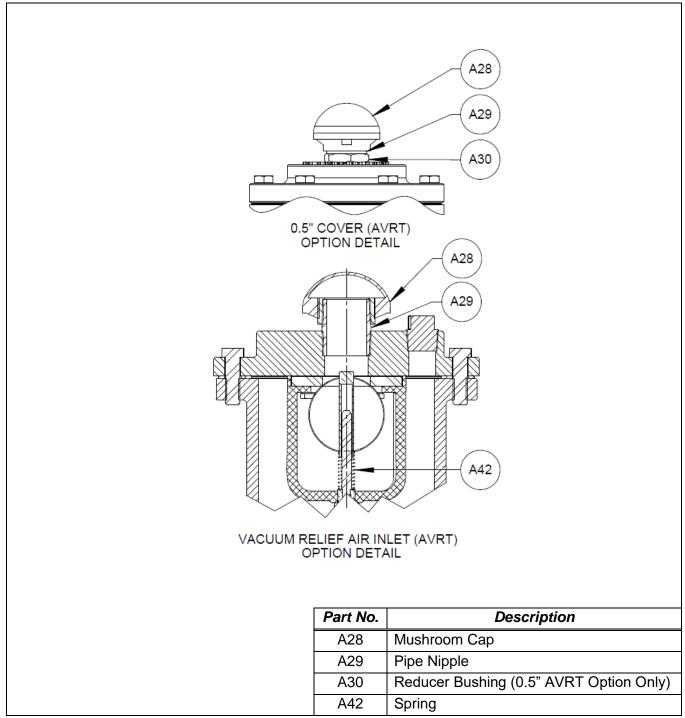
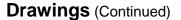


Figure 1-2: AVV-140 AVRT Option



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**Bushing Guide** 

Float Guide

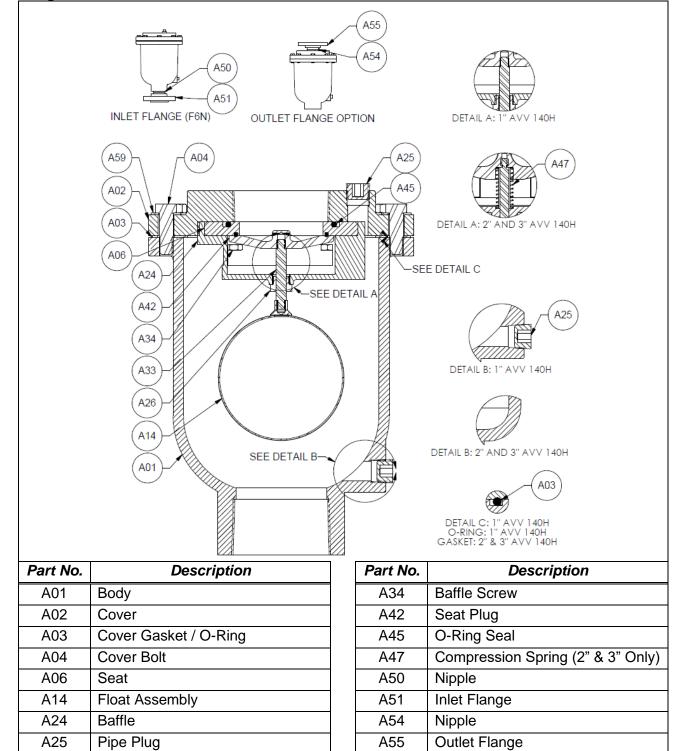
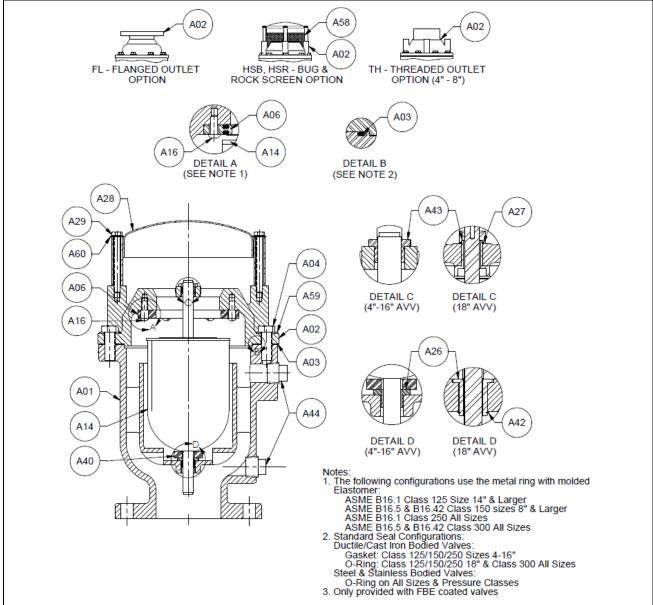


Figure 2: AVV-140H Air/Vacuum Valve for High Pressure Pipeline Service Valve Sizes 1-3" (25-80mm)

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Washer

**Drawings** (Continued)



Part No.	Description	
A01	Body	
A02	Cover	
A03	Cover Gasket / O-Ring	
A04	Cover Bolts	
A06	Seat	
A14	Float	
A16	Seat Screws	
A26	Lower Float Guide Bushing	
A27	Upper Retaining Ring (18" Only)	

Part No.	Description		
A28	Hood		
A29	Hood Screws		
A40	Bumper		
A42	Lower Retaining Ring (18" Only)		
A43	Upper Float Guide Bushing		
A44	1" Pipe Plug		
A58	Bug/Rock Screen (Optional)		
A59	Cover Bolt Washer (Note 3)		
A60	Hood Washers (Note 3)		

Figure 3: AVV-150 Air/Vacuum Valve Sizes 4-18" (100-450mm)

## **Troubleshooting**

Condition	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
Valve leaks at flange joint.	Loose flange bolting.	Tighten flange bolting.
	Blown flange gasket.	Replace flange gasket.
	Misalignment or damage to field piping and supports.	Adjust misalignment or repair piping or supports.
	Damaged flange face/s or improper flange connections.	Repair flange, replace valve body or adjust flange connections.
Valve leaks out of Outlet port.	Dirty seat and/or float (seat plug in 140H).	Clean seat and/or float (seat plug in 140H).
	Worn seat and/or float (seat plug in 140H).	Replace seat and/or float (seat plug in 140H).
	Line pressure is under 10 psi.	Contact factory for recommendation for low pressure applications.
	Float linkage is dirty.	Clean float linkage.
	Float has liquid in it.	Replace float.

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