

# APCO ASC SINGLE BODY SEWAGE COMBINATION AIR VALVES



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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**

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#### **▲**WARNING

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# Inspection

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#### **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.

If there isn't any data plate visible on the valve: please include valve model number, part name, and item number from the assembly drawing. You may contact your local DeZURIK Representative to help you identify your valve.

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# **Description**

The APCO ASC Single Body Sewage Combination Air Valves are specially designed for use with sewage and waste media. The small orifice in the valve allow air/gas built up in the pipeline to escape during normal operating conditions. The large orifice allows large volumes of air to escape or enter when the sewage line is filled or drained, preventing a vacuum or column separation from occurring.

# **Handling and Storage**

Lifting the valve improperly may damage it. Do not fasten lifting devices to piping or attached components. Lift the valve with a sling around the flanged end of the body.

If installation will be delayed, place valve indoors in secure, weather tight storage. If temporary outside storage is unavoidable, make sure a vermin proof rain cover (water shedding tarp, etc.) is secured around/over the valve to keep off rain and mud. Skid and set the valve on a flat, solid, and well drained surface for protection from ground moisture, runoff and pooled rain water.

#### Installation

Combination Sewage Air Valves are installed on all high points of a system where it has been determined Combination Sewage Air Valves are needed to vent and protect a pipeline. These valves should always be installed in a vertical position. An isolation valve between this unit and the transmission (pipeline) system is recommended for inspection and backflushing.

- 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 manufacturer'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 studs in a crisscross pattern and minimum of four stages.
- The sewage air valve and valve vault should have adequate drainage and be sufficiently protected from possible freezing conditions.
- It is recommended that the sewage air valve discharge ports be ordered threaded and piped to a drain, particularly when installed within a pumping station, to prevent the danger of flooding due to malfunction or clogging.

# **Fusion Bonded Epoxy Coated Valves**

#### NOTICE

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

# Maintenance/Backflushing

The valve should be backflushed to prevent grease and scum buildup inside the valve which can prevent the valve from operating properly. Valves can be ordered with the optional Backflush attachments, or they can be ordered seperately.

The valve should be backflushed 6 months after the initial operating date. If the initial backflushing process only takes a few minutes to clean the valve, the next backflushing can be scheduled in 12 months. If the initial backflushing process takes 15 minutes or longer to clean the valve, the next backflushing should be scheduled in 3 months.

With the exception of back flushing, Single Body Sewage Combination Air Valves are automatic in operation and require very little or no maintenance. It is recommended that they be checked visually semi-annually for leakage. A malfunction of the valve will be evident by leakage of the media out of the seating area of the large exhaust port or through the valve's small orifice. Should a malfunction occur, the steps starting with the **Disassembly Procedure** section should be taken to repair the valve.

### Backflushing to Force Main

If a clean water service is available, it must be at least 15 psi higher than the main pressure to prevent sewage from back flowing into the water line. Backflush Kit hose pressure is not to exceed 200 psi.

Valves (with optional Backflush Attachment) may be flushed back into the force main by:

See Figures 1-2 for part identification

- 1. Leave the isolation valve between the ASC Single Body Sewage Combination Air Valve and the pipeline open.
- 2. Connect the backflush hose (H15) to ball valve (H11) using the quick disconnect (H12).
- 3. Backflush for 2-3 minutes (or as long as it takes to flush out all sediment).
- 4. Close ball valve (H11).
- 5. After backflushing, close the isolation valve between the ASC Single Body Sewage Combination Air Valve and the pipeline.
- 6. Remove backflush hose (H15) and vent pressure in the valve through ball valve (H11).

#### **▲**WARNING

Servicing the Sewage Combination 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 Sewage Combination Air Valve.

- 7. Remove cover bolts (A4) and remove the cover (A2).
- 8. Visually inspect the valve interior. If grease deposits interfere with the valve operation, scrape out grease deposits.
- 9. If the valve was leaking through the outlet port during backflushing, replace the seat (A6) and needle (A7) before reassembling the cover (A2).
- Reassemble cover (A2) and cover bolts (A4).
   Note: If cover gasket (A3) is damaged, replace cover gasket (A3).
- 11. Slowly open isolation valve between the ASC Single Body Sewage Combination Air Valve and the pipeline to place valve back in service.

# Maintenance/Backflushing (Continued)

### Backflushing to Atmospheric or Vacuum Tank

If a clean water service with 15 psi higher than the main pressure is not available, backflush through ball valve (H14) into an atmospheric or vacuum collection tank. Backflush Kit hose pressure is not to exceed 200psi.

Valves (with optional Backflush Attachment) may be flushed back into tank by:

See Figures 1-2 for part identification

- 1. Close isolation valve between ASC Single Body Combination Sewage Air Valve and pipeline.
- Connect ball valve (H14) to an atmospheric or vacuum collection tank.
   Note: If a vacuum collection tank is used, a pipe plug with a ¼" hole in it may be inserted into the outlet port of the ASC Sewage Combination Air Valve to limit the amount of air drawn back into the vacuum tank.
- Open ball valve (H14).
- 4. Connect the backflush hose (H15) to ball valve (H11).
- 5. Backflush for 2-3 minutes (or as long as it takes to flush out all sediment).
- 6. Close ball valve (H11).
- 7. After backflushing, keep isolation valve between ASC Single Body Sewage Combination Air Valve and pipeline closed.
- 8. Remove backflush hose (H15) and vent pressure in the valve through ball valve (H11).

#### **▲**WARNING

Servicing the Sewage Combination 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 Combination Air Valve.

- 9. Remove cover bolts (A4) and remove the cover (A2).
- 10. Visually inspect the valve interior. If grease deposits interfere with the valve operation, scrap out grease deposits.
- 11. If the valve was leaking through the outlet port during backflushing, replace the seat (A6) and needle (A7) before reassembling the cover (A2).
- 12. Reassemble cover (A2) and cover bolts (A4). Tighten cover bolts (A4) in a crisscross pattern. *Note:* If cover gasket (A3) is damaged, replace cover gasket (A3).
- 13. Close ball valve (H14).
- 14. Slowly open isolation valve between ASC Single Body Sewage Combination Air Valve and pipeline to place valve back in service.

# Maintenance/Backflushing (Continued)

## Disassembly Procedure

See Figure 1 for part identification.

#### **▲**WARNING

Servicing the Sewage Combination 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 Sewage Combination Air Valve.

1. Relieve pipeline pressure or shut off isolation valve at inlet to Single Body Sewage Combination Air Valve before servicing.

#### **▲**WARNING

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

- 2. Slowly loosen pipe plug (A44) in body (A1) to relieve internal pressure. **Do not completely remove** pipe plug while the valve is under pressure.
- 3. Check to see if foreign matter or dirt is preventing plug (A42) from seating properly against seat (A6). 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 bolts (A4) and cover (A2) from valve body (A1). *Note:* All internals are attached to the cover.
- 6. If cover gasket (A3) is torn or damaged, clean flange surfaces of cover (A2) and body (A1).
- 7. Remove frame screws (A16) and remove assembly from cover (A2).
- 8. Inspect large seating surface of plug (A42) and seat (A6) for nicks, wear or sediment coating from chemicals in the media.
- 9. Inspect seating surface of needle (A7) and orifice seat end of plug (A42) for same conditions.
- 10. Inspect surface conditions between seat (A6) and cover (A2) for possible rust build-up.
- 11. Inspect all connections of linkage for excessive wear or damage. Replace if necessary.
- 12. Inspect float (A14) to ensure that it is not damaged or that it does not have liquid in it.
- 13. Clean all surfaces before re-assembly.

# Maintenance/Backflushing (Continued) Assembly Procedure

See Figure 1 for part identification.

- 1. Install new needle (A7) in float lever (A13), if necessary.
- 2. Install new seat (A6), if necessary.
- Reassemble linkage assembly, replacing lever pins (A10) and retaining rings (A11), as necessary.
   Note: Only factory approved and/or factory supplied stainless steel parts should be used.
- 4. Assemble leverage frame (A5) assembly to cover (A2). Be sure that plug (A42) moves freely from its open to closed position and the plug sits square and flat on seat (A6). Improper positioning of leverage frame (A5) to cover (A2) before tightening frame screws (A16) can result in binding of plug (A42).
- 5. Assemble cover (A2) to body (A1), installing new gasket (A3) if necessary. Tighten cover bolts (A4) opposite each other in rotation.
- 6. Tighten pipe plug (A44).
- 7. Open isolation valve on inlet to Single Body Sewage Combination Air Valve.

#### Testing

See Figure 1 for part identification.

1. Perform a seat test. Restore pipeline pressure and slowly fill the Single Body Sewage Combination Air Valve chamber by cracking open the isolation valve below the Sewage Combination Air Valve. If seepage occurs once the plug (A42) or needle (A7) is in contact with the seat (A6), refer to the "Disassembly Procedure" and replace seat, needle, plug and/or float.

# **Operation**

Single Body Sewage Combination Air Valves incorporate a large orifice for pipeline filling and draining (Air/Vacuum function) and a small orifice (Air release function) for releasing gas pockets to increase pipeline efficiency. Single Body Sewage Combination Air Valves prevent accumulation of air at high points within a system by exhausting small volumes of air accumulated as pockets of air while the system is operational and under pressure. They also prevent potentially destructive vacuums from forming by admitting large quantities of air into the system. This can occur during power outage, water column separation or sudden rupture of the pipeline. Additionally, these valves allow the system to be easily drained because air will re-enter as needed.

# **Drawings**

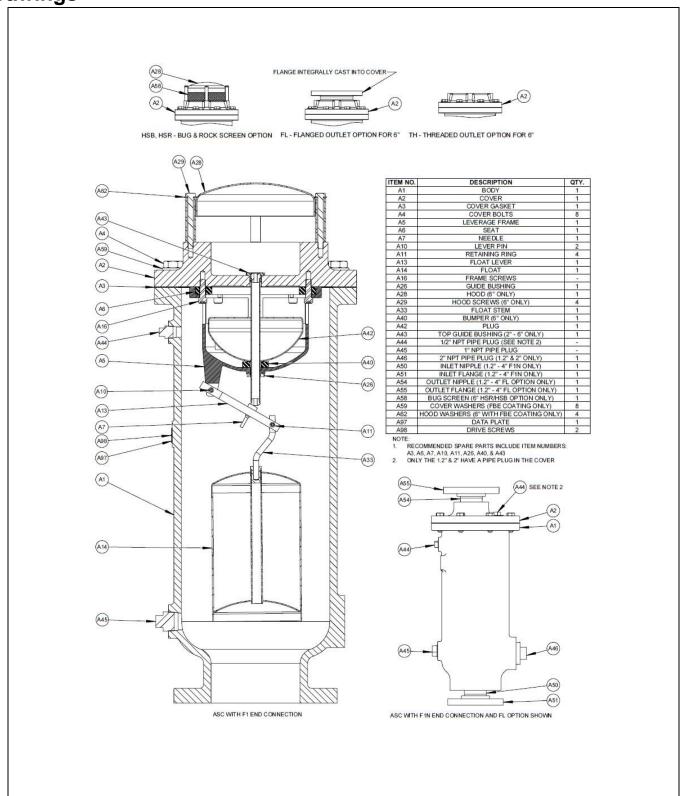


Figure 1: ASC Single Body Sewage Combination Valve

**Drawings** (continued)

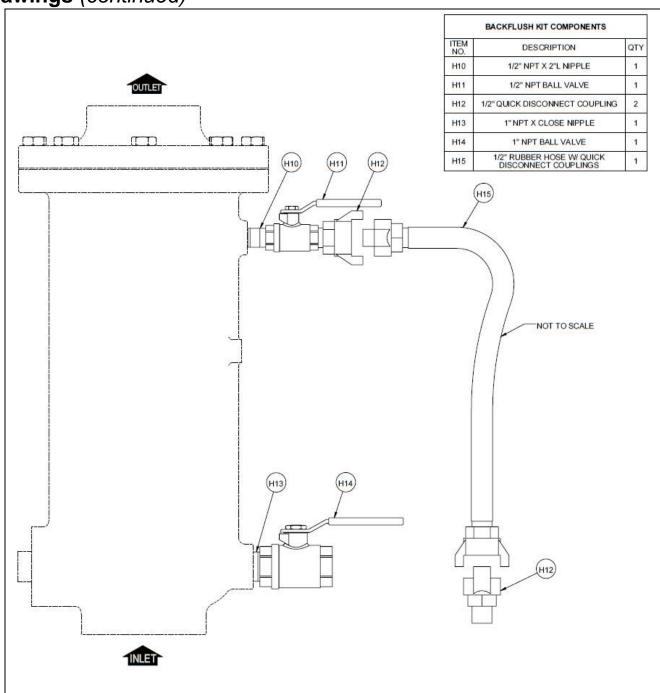


Figure 2: ASC Single Body Sewage Combination Valve BFK Backflush Kit

# **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.	Worn needle and/or plug orifice.	Replace needle and/or plug.	
	Float does not move freely.	Readjust position of leverage frame to cover.	
	Float has liquid in it.	Replace float.	
	Dirty seat and/or plug.	Clean seat and/or plug.	
	Worn seat and/or plug.	Replace seat and/or plug.	
	Dirty needle and/or plug orifice.	Clean needle and/or plug orifice.	
	Float linkage is dirty.	Clean float linkage.	
	Line pressure is under valve working pressure.	Replace needle and/or seat with softer needle and/or seat.	

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