Instructions

These instructions provide installation, operation and maintenance information for APCO AVV-140/150 Air/Vacuum Valve with Optional CSV Surge Check Valve. They are for use by personnel who are responsible for installation, operation and maintenance of APCO AVV-140/150 Air/Vacuum Valve with Optional CSV Surge Check Valve.

Safety Messages

All safety messages in the instructions are flagged with an exclamation symbol and the word Caution, Warning or Danger. These messages indicate procedures that must be followed exactly to avoid equipment damage, personal injury or death. Safety label(s) on the product indicate hazards that can cause equipment damage, personal injury or death.

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![WARNING!]

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.

Inspection

Your APCO AVV-140/150 Air/Vacuum Valve with Optional CSV Surge Check Valve has been packaged to provide protection during shipment; however, it 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

Recommended spare parts are listed on the assembly drawing. These parts should 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 DeZURIK/APCO nameplate please include the 7-digit part number and either the 8-digit serial number or 4-digit revision number (whichever is applicable) located on the data plate 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 a nameplate visible on the valve, please include valve model number, the part name, and item number from the assembly drawing. You may contact your local DeZURIK/APCO representative to help you identify your valve.

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APCO AVV-140/150 with CSV-1600 Option Slow Closing Air/Vacuum Valves

Description
The APCO Air/Vacuum Valve mounted on top of a Surge Check Valve is designed to eliminate critical shock conditions occurring in those installations where the operating conditions cause a regular air valve to slam closed. This slow closing feature protects the Air/Vacuum valve and also prevents the Air/Vacuum valve from creating a surge in the pipeline by slamming shut.

This type Air/Vacuum Valve with Surge Check Valve should not be considered as relief for shock conditions which develop elsewhere in the system. However, actual field tests prove the Surge Check Valve may protect the Air/Vacuum Valve from damage by severe shut-off shock.

Handling and Storage
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, 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 assembly on a flat, solid, and well drained surface for protection from ground moisture, runoff and pooled rain water.

Installation
The Air/Vacuum Valve with Surge Check Valve should always be installed in a vertical position. An isolation valve between this unit and the transmission (pipeline) system is recommended. Where to use:

- High points in pipelines where the hydraulic gradient and flow conditions are such that a negative pressure can possibly occur.
- High points on sections of pipeline having water velocities in excess of 10 F.P.S.
- Adjacent to any quick closing valve in a pipeline such as a check or gate valve where vacuum can occur upon closure.
- On the discharge of larger deep well turbine pumps between the pump and the check valve.
- If an Air/Vacuum Valve is to be installed inside a pump house, use threaded or flanged connections and pipe back into the well or to outside. This will greatly muffle the high noise level caused by the air being discharged and provide for drainage of any small amount of water or water vapor that may accumulate.
- 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.
- Tighten the flange bolts or studs in a crisscross pattern and minimum of four stages.
Fusion/Powder Coated Valves

**CAUTION!**

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

**Maintenance**

The APCO AVV-140/150 Air/Vacuum Valve with Optional CSV Surge Check Valve is automatic in operation and requires very little maintenance. It should always be installed in a vertical position.

A semi-annual visual inspection for leakage is recommended. A malfunction of the Air/Vacuum Valve can be identified by the seepage of water through the exhaust port, while malfunction of the Surge Check Valve would be a substantial amount of spillage through the Air/Vacuum exhaust port during pump start-up. Should a malfunction occur, the following steps should be taken to repair the valve:

**Disassembly Procedure**

**Air/Vacuum Valve 1-20” (25-500mm) Only**

See Figures 1-2 for part identification.

For information regarding 24” (600mm) Air/Vacuum Valves, contact your local DeZURIK sales representative.

**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 at inlet to Surge Check Valve before servicing the Air Valve.

**WARNING!**

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

2. Slowly remove pipe plug near inlet of valve body (A1) 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 (A6). Clean as necessary.
4. Perform a seat test. Replace pipe plug 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).
6. Remove seat screws (A16/A34) and lift out seat (A6) from cover (A2).
7. Inspect seat (A6) and float (A14) seating surfaces for damage. Replace if necessary.

8. Inspect all other parts of the valve such as guide bushings (A26 & A43), bumper (A40), and float guide (A33) if applicable. Replace if necessary.

**Surge Check Valve 3-24” (80-600mm) Only**

See Figures 1-4 for part identification.
Replacement parts are not available for the 1-2” (25-50mm) Surge Check Valves. It is recommended to replace the complete valve.

9. Remove studs (P2) and nuts (P3) and remove Air/Vacuum Valve body (A1) from Surge Check Valve body (S1).

10. Loosen seat retaining screw (S7), located on the face of seat (S2). Push down plug (S3), to compress spring (S4), then release plug to knock out seat.

11. Remove plug (S3), spring (S4), retaining ring (S6) and bushing (S5) from body (S1).

12. Clean all surfaces before re-assembly. Replace all defective parts.

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1. Install the parts inside the body (S1) in the following order:
   a. Bushing (S5) at the center of the hub.
   b. Spring (S4) centering on the bushing (S5).
      **Note:** If conical spring, smaller diameter of spring should fit the outside diameter of bushing.
   c. Plug (S3) with the concave side facing upward.
   d. Seat (S2). Tighten seat retaining screw (S7) when flush with flange face.

2. If gasket (P1) is damaged, install new gasket making sure gasket fully covers the seat (S2) face.

3. Assemble Air/Vacuum Valve body (A1) to Surge Check Valve body (S1).

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4. Clean surface of recess in cover (A2) and install seat (A6) with seat screws (A16/A34).

5. Install bumper (A40) and float (A14) in body (A1).

6. Assemble cover (A2) and gasket/O-ring (A3) to body (A1). Tighten cover bolts (A4) opposite each other in rotation.

7. Install and secure pipe plug and perform a seat test per Step 4 of Disassembly Procedure.

8. If valve was removed from pipeline, place valve in pipeline, and open isolation valve on inlet to Air Valve. Valve is now back in service.
Operation

The Air/Vacuum Valve operates normally allowing air to escape freely at any velocity (maximum discharge velocity is approximately 300 feet per second (102 meters per second) at 6.7 psi (50KPa); however, good pipeline design restricts velocity flows of air to 100 feet per second (34 meters per second) which occurs at approximately 1 psi (7KPa)).

The Surge Check Valve operates on the interphase between the kinetic energy in the relative velocity flows of air and water. The Surge Check is a normally open valve, spring loaded, so that air passes through unrestricted. When water rushes into the Surge Check Valve, the disc begins to close against the spring tension and reduces the rate of flow of water into the air valve by means of throttling holes in the disc. This ensures normal gentle closing of the Air/Vacuum Valve regardless of the initial velocity flows involved and minimizes pressure surges when the valve closes.

As soon as the Air/Vacuum Valve is closed, the pressure on both sides of the Surge Check Valve disc equalizes and the disc automatically returns to the open position. This means the Air/Vacuum Valve does not need an incipient vacuum to open, but can open at any time the water level drops and line pressure approaches atmospheric. This allows immediate full re-entry flow of air into the pipeline before a vacuum can form.
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Drawings

Figure 1: AVV-140 1-3" (25-80mm) Air/Vacuum Valve

NOTES:
1. 3/8" VALVE DOES NOT HAVE A DRAIN PLUG OR COVER PIPE PLUG (A6).
2. RECOMMENDED SPARE PARTS INCLUDE ITEM NUMBERS A3, A6, AND A65.
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Surge Check Valve

Drawings (Continued)

![Diagram of AVV-150 4-20" (100-500mm) Air/Vacuum Valve]

**Figure 2:** AVV-150 4-20" (100-500mm) Air/Vacuum Valve
Figure 3: CSV 3-24" (80-600mm) Surge Check Valve
## Drawings (Continued)

### CONNECTING PARTS

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![Diagram of Connecting Parts]

Figure 4: Connecting Parts
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