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Series RBX OPERATION

PRE NOTES:

1. VENTING OF A FILLING PIPELINE:

The operation of a conventional air release valve is such that fast approaching water is almost instantaneously halted by the valve's closure without the shock cushioning benefit of any retained air in the pipeline. Consequently a transient pressure rise or shock of potentially damaging proportions can be generated in a pipeline system, even at normal filling rates.

In addition to venting through the Large Orifice (1) when water approach velocities are sub critical, the Vent-O-Mat series RBX air release valves feature an automatic "Anti-Shock" Orifice (8) device that serves to decelerate water approaching at excessive speed, thereby limiting pressure rise to a maximum of 1.5 x rated working pressure of the valve.

2. SURGE ALLEVIATION - PIPELINE PRESSURIZED:

In instances where a pipeline experiences water column separation due to pump stoppage, high shock pressures can be generated when the separated water column rejoins.

The Vent-O-Mat series RBX takes in air through the unobstructed large orifice when water column separation occurs, but controls the discharge of air through the "Anti-Shock" Orifice as the separated column commences to rejoin. The rejoining impact velocity is thereby sufficiently reduced to prevent an unacceptably high surge pressure in the system. In the same way the series RBX valve prevents high surge pressures resulting from liquid oscillation in a pipeline.

3. PRESSURIZED AIR RELEASE FROM A FULL PIPELINE:

Effective discharge by the valve of pressurized air depends on the existence of a 'CRITICAL RELATIONSHIP' between the area of the Small Orifice (7) and the mass of Control Float (4), i.e., the mass of the float must be greater than the force created by the working pressure acting on the orifice area. If the float is relatively too light or the orifice area relatively too great, the float will be held against the orifice, even when not buoyed, and air discharge will not be effected.

To ensure that the correct 'CRITICAL RELATIONSHIP' exists the requisite 'DROP TEST' described under TEST SPECIFICATION on page 17 must be applied to any air release valve which is intended for discharge of pressurized air.

VENTING OF A FILLING PIPELINE (SUB CRITICAL WATER APPROACH VELOCITY)



Air enters Orifice (3), travels through the annular space between the cylindrical floats (4), (5), and (6) and the valve Chamber Barrel (2) and discharges from the Large Orifice (1) into atmosphere.

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VENTING OF A FILLING PIPELINE (EXCESSIVE WATER APPROACH VELOCITY)



In reaction to increased air flow, Float (6) closes Large Orifice (1) and air is forced through the "Anti-Shock" Orifice (8) resulting in deceleration of the approaching water due to the resistance of rising air pressure in the valve.

Attention is drawn to Pre Note 1 and 2 on page 1. PRESSURIZED AIR RELEASE FROM A FULL PIPELINE



Subsequent to the filling of a pipeline, liquid enters the valve Barrel Chamber (2) and the Floats (4), (5) and (6) are buoyed so that the Large Orifice (1) is closed by Float (6), the valve will then become internally pressurized. A minimal working pressure of < 0. 5 bar (7. 3 psi) acting on the relatively large area of the Orifice (1) will lock Float (6) into the closed position across the Large Orifice (1).

Disentrained air rises through the liquid and accumulates in the valve chamber, when the volume of air is sufficient to displace the liquid, Float (4) will no longer be buoyant and will gravitate downwards thereby opening the Small Orifice (7) and allowing accumulated air to be discharged into atmosphere, as air is discharged the liquid raises Float (4) and re - seals the Small Orifice (7) and prevents escape of liquid

Specific attention is drawn to pre note 3 on page 1.

VACUUM RELIEF (AIR INTAKE) OF A DRAINING PIPELINE



Simultaneous drainage of liquid from Valve Chamber (2) causes Floats (4), (5) and (6) to gravitate downwards onto the Baffle Plate (9), thereby allowing atmospheric air through the valve to rapidly displace draining liquid in the pipeline and prevent potentially damaging internal negative pressure.





Series RBX - Double Orifice (Small & Large Orifice)

Type:

Series RBX

End Connection:

Screwed BSP (ISO R7)/ NPT Male

Pressure

COMPONENT DESCRIPTION & MATERIAL SPECIFICATION SCREWED - DN25(1") & DN50(2")

with Anti Shock Orifice Mechanism. Nominal Sizes: Model No's: Ratings: DN25 (1") **RBX 25Y1** PN25 (363 psi) ANSI #250 PN25 (363 psi) ANSI #250 DN50 (2") RBX 25Y1 Top Flange Fusion Bonded **Epoxy Powder Coated** Ductile Cast Iron **Top Cover** BS2789 Grade 420/12 ABS Polylac PA737 Assembly Screws Cheesehead **Barrel Seal** Stainless Steel AISI 304 Klingersil C4430 /Treadit Naloor Nuts Gasket Stainless Steel AISI 304 O - Ring Seal **EPDM Rubber** Washer (NSF61) Stainless Steel AISI 304 Anti Shock Orifice **Top Float** High Density Polyethylene High Density Polyethylene O - Ring Seat Nozzle Stainless Steel AISI 316 EPDM Rubber (NSF61) **Optional Test Cock** 1/4" Female BSP Nozzle Seat **EPDM Rubber** Lower Float **Tie Rods** High Density Polyethylene Stainless Steel AISI 304 Barrel Float Guide Stainless Steel AISI 316L Stainless Steel AISI 316 Support Screw **Baffle Plate** Cheesehead Stainless Steel AISI 316 Stainless Steel AISI 316 **Baffle Plate Spacer** Support Screw Lower Flange Cheesehead ABS Polylac PA737 Fusion Bonded Stainless Steel AISI 316 Epoxy Powder Coated Stainless Steel AISI 304

Valves are available in AISI 316L on request.

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COMPONENT DESCRIPTION & MATERIAL SPECIFICATION FLANGED - DN80(3") & DN100(4")

Type:

End Connection:

Series RBX - Double Orifice (Small & Large Orifice) Flange with screwed studs. with Anti Shock Orifice Mechanism.

Model No's: **Nominal Sizes: Pressure Ratings:** PN16 (232 psi) ANSI #125 DN 80(3") **RBX 16Y1** DN100 (4") PN25 (363 psi) ANSI #250 **RBX 25Y1 RBX 40Y1** PN40 (580 psi) ANSI #300 6 **Top Cover** ABS Polylac PA737 **Top Flange Assembly Screws** Fusion Bonded Cheesehead Epoxy Powder Coated Ductile Cast Iron Stainless Steel AISI 304 BS2789 Grade 420/12 Alternatively Mild Steel **Barrel Seal** BS4360 Grade 43A (PN40) Klingersil C4430/Treadit Naloor Gasket Nuts Stainless Steel AISI 304 Barrel Stainless Steel AISI 316L Washer O - Ring Seal Stainless Steel AISI 304 EPDM Rubber (NSF61) Anti Shock Orifice **Top Float** High Density Polyethylene High Density Polyethylene O - Ring Seat EPDM Rubber (NSF61) Nozzle Connecting Screws Stainless Steel AISI 316 Cheesehead Stainless Steel AISI 316 Nozzle Seat Retaining Plate **Optional Test Cock** Stainless Steel AISI 316 1/4" Female BSP Lower Float Nozzle Seat High Density Polyethylene **EPDM Rubber Baffle Plate Spacer** ABS Polylac PA737 Tie Rods Stainless Steel AISI 304 Support Screw Cheesehead **Baffle Plate** Stainless Steel AISI 316 Stainless Steel AISI 316 Lower Flange Fusion Bonded Studs Epoxy Powder Coated Stainless Steel AISI 304L Ductile Cast Iron BS2789 Grade 420/12 Alternatively Mild Steel BS4360 Grade 43A (PN40) page: 5 revision date: Aug '10 information subject to change without prior notice



COMPONENT DESCRIPTION & MATERIAL SPECIFICATION FLANGED - DN150(6") & DN200(8")



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GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS SCREWED - DN25(1") & DN50(2")



Type:

Double Orifice (Small & Large Orifice) with Anti-Shock Orifice Mechanism.

End Connection: Screwed BSP/ NPT Male

Nominal Sizes: DN25 (1") & DN50 (2")

Model No's:	Pressure Ratings bar (psi):
RBX 25Y1*	PN25 (363 psi) ANSI #250
RBX 40Y1*	Pn40 (580 psi) ANSI #300

Operating Pressure Range - bar (psi):

	Min.	Max.
PN25 (363 psi)	0.5 (7.25)	25 (363)
PN40 (580 psi)	0.5 (7.25)	40 (580)

Operating Temperature Range:

4°C (40°F) to 80°C (176°F)

Acceptable Media:

Potable or strained raw water.

Function:

- i) High volume air discharge pipeline filling.
- ii) High volume air intake pipeline draining
- iii) Pressurized air discharge pipeline filled.
- iv) Surge dampening high velocity air discharge, water column separation & liquid oscillation.

Materials of Construction: - see page 4

Installation:- see page 3

Standard Factory Tests:

- i) Hydrostatic 1.5 x max. rated working pressure
- ii) Low head leak 0.5 bar (7.25 psi)
- iii) Small orifice function at max. rated working pressure (minimum 1 valve in 10).

OVERALL DIMENSIONS & WEIGHTS

DN	MODEL No.	PRESSURE RATING	А	В	С	WEIGHT
mm in.			mm .	mm		kg.
25 1"	025 RBX 25Y1	PN25	120	265	1"BSP	5
25 1"	025 RBX 40Y1	PN40	120	317	1"BSP	5.5
50 2"	050 RBX 25Y1	PN25	165	325	2" BSP	9.5
50 2"	050 RBX 40Y1	PN40	165	340	2" BSP	10

*Y:1 = Screwed BSP



GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS FLANGED - DN80(3") & DN100(4")







Type:

Double Orifice (Small & Large Orifice) with Anti-Shock Orifice Mechanism.

End Connection:

Flange with Screwed Studs for Alignment to; BS 4504 PN10, PN16, PN25 & PN40 ANSI B16.5 Class 150 & 300 AS 4087 FIG. B5-B6 (Ductile Iron) AS 4087 FIG. B7-B9 (Mild Steel) AS 2129 Table D/E/F Nominal Sizes: DN80 (3") & DN100 (4")

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Pressure Ratings bar (psi):

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RBX 16Y1	PN16 (232 psi) ANSI #125
RBX 25Y1	PN25 (363 psi) ANSI #250
RBX 40Y1	PN40 (580 psi) ANSI #300

Operating Pressure Range - bar (psi):

	Min.	Max.
PN16 (232 psi)	— 0.5 (7.25) —	- 16 (232)
PN25 (363 psi)	— 0.5 (7.25) —	- 25 (363)
PN40 (580 psi)	— 0.5 (7.25) —	- 40 (580)

Operating Temperature Range:

4°C (40°F) to 80°C (176°F)

Acceptable Media:

Potable or strained raw water.

Function:

- High volume air discharge pipeline filling. i)
- High volume air intake pipeline draining ii)
- iii) Pressurized air discharge pipeline filled.
- iv) Surge dampening high velocity air discharge, water column separation & liquid oscillation.

Materials of Construction: - see page 5

Installation: - see page 3

Standard Factory Tests:

- i) Hydrostatic 1.5 x max. rated working pressure
- ii) Low head leak 0.5 bar (7.25 psi)
- iii) Small orifice function at max. rated working pressure (minimum 1 valve in 10).

OVERALL DIMENSIONS & WEIGHTS

	DN	MODEL No.	PRESSURE RATING	A	В	С	WEIGHT
m	n in			mm	mm	mm	ka.
8) 3	080 RBX 16Y1	PN16	235	354	50	23
8) 3	080 RBX 25Y1	PN25	235	354	50	23
8) 3	080 RBX 40Y1	PN40	235	369	50	24.5
10	0 4	100 RBX 16Y1	PN16	235	369	50	22.5
10	0 4	100 RBX 25Y1	PN25	235	374	60	22.5
10	0 4	100 RBX 40Y1	PN40	235	407	60	24

Y; 4 = AS4087 Fig B7-B9, 5 = AS4087 Fig B6/B9, 6 = AS2129 Table E

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GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS FLANGED - DN150(6") & DN200(8")







Туре:

Double Orifice (Small & Large Orifice) with Anti-Shock Orifice Mechanism.

End Connection:

Flange for Alignment to; BS 4504 PN10, PN16, PN25 & PN40 ANSI B16.5 Class 150 & 300 AS 4087 FIG. B5-B6 (Ductile Iron) AS 4087 FIG. B7-B9 (Mild Steel) AS 2129 Table D/E/F **Nominal Sizes:** DN150 (6") & DN200 (8")

Model No's: Pressure Ratings bar (psi):

	0 (1)
RBX 16Y1 ———	PN16 (232 psi) ANSI #125
RBX 25Y1	PN25 (363 psi) ANSI #250
RBX 40Y1	Pn40 (580 psi) ANSI #300

Operating Pressure Range - bar (psi):

	Min.	мах.
PN16 (232 psi)	0.5 (7.25)	16 (232)
PN25 (363 psi)	0.5 (7.25)	25 (363)
PN40 (580 psi)	0.5 (7.25)	40 (580)

Operating Temperature Range:

4°C (40°F) to 80°C (176°F)

Acceptable Media:

Potable or strained raw water.

Function:

- i) High volume air discharge pipeline filling.
- ii) High volume air intake pipeline draining
- iii) Pressurized air discharge pipeline filled.
- iv) Surge dampening high velocity air discharge, water column separation & liquid oscillation.

Materials of Construction: - see page 6

Installation: - see page 3

Standard Factory Tests:

- i) Hydrostatic 1.5 x max. rated working pressure
- ii) Low head leak 0.5 bar (7.25 psi)
- iii) Small orifice function at max. rated working pressure (minimum 1 valve in 10).

OVERALL DIMENSIONS & WEIGHTS

DN			A	В	С	D	E	F	WEIGHT
mm in	MODEL NO.	PRESSURE RATING	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	kg
150 6	150 RBX16Y1	PN16 (232 psi) ANSI #125	355	457	133	22	285	612	69
150 6	150 RBX25Y1	PN25 (363 psi) ANSI #250	355	457	127	28	300	612	69
150 6	150 RBX40Y1	PN40 (580 psi) ANSI #300	355	457	127	28	300	612	75
200 8	200 RBX16Y1	PN16 (232 psi) ANSI #125	405	497	151	24	340	672	97
200 8	200 RBX25Y1	PN25 (363 psi) ANSI #250	405	497	145	30	360	672	97
200 8	200 RBX40Y1	PN40 (580 psi) ANSI #300	405	497	141	34	370	672	108

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SELECTION & POSITIONING

PRE-NOTES

The functional limits of an air valve are governed by three physical laws namely: Joukowski's Equation Boyle's Law and Pascal's Law. Air valve operation however is also dependent on design and internal configuration, and can vary dramatically from manufacturer's product to manufacturer's product, within the parameters of what is physically possible. The basis of the Vent -O- Mat design is in the understanding of these laws, which have been used to design an air release and vacuum break valve that provides the optimum usable safe performance relative to all functions. The following summary is a general guideline of factors to consider when sizing air valves.

Sizing for Vacuum

Calculate necessary valve orifice sizes independently for each apex point.

Determine the smallest air release and vacuum break valve capable of admitting air into the pipeline equal to the potential water flow out of the pipeline whilst not exceeding a differential pressure that would put the pipeline and gasket joints at risk due to negative internal pressure. We recommend 0.35 bar (5 psi) Dp or lower. This exercise is simplified on pages 11 and 12 of this catalogue. Be cautious of air valve designs with spherical floats as a low pressure zone is created above the float which causes it to partially close off the large orifice during air intake.

Note that vacuum protection is dependent on valve size selection and orifice size relative to the nominal size of the valve. *In sizing air valves be cautious of designs with restricted orifice diameters, i.e., orifice diameters that are smaller than the nominal size of the valve, as this could lead to insufficient vacuum protection and pipe collapse if not accommodated for.* Vent-O-Mat large orifice diameters and flow path through the valve is equal to the nominal size of the valve e.g. a DN100 (4") valve has a 100mm (4") orifice. This ensures the least possible resistance to the intake of air and consequently the least possible negative pressure within a draining pipeline.

Sizing for Discharge

If a Vent-O-Mat air valve is sized correctly for air intake, discharge should not be a factor in sizing as all air will be discharged through the large orifice or "Anti-Shock" orifice (refer to RBX operation on pages 1 and 2 of this catalogue). *If this* information is used for the sizing of air valves other than Vent-O-Mat, we recommend that a valve be selected that is capable of discharging air equal to the filling rate, whilst not exceeding a differential of 0.05 bar (0.725 psi) across the large orifice in order to prevent pressure surge and water hammer.

Pressurized Air Discharge

Effective discharge by an air release and vacuum break valve of pressurised air depends on the existence of a "Critical Relationship" between the area of the small orifice and the mass of the control float, i.e., the mass of the float must be greater than the force created by the working pressure acting on the orifice area. If the float is relatively too light or the orifice area relatively too great, the float will be held against the orifice even when not buoyed, and air discharge will not take place.

Surge Alleviation

It is imperative, due to the unpredictable nature of pipeline operation, that every air release and vacuum break valve should as standard, incorporate a surge and water hammer alleviation mechanism. This mechanism should only be activated in the instance of high velocity air discharge or pump trip (where the separated liquid columns rejoin at excessive velocities). The alleviation of surge and/or water hammer must be achieved by deceleration of the approaching liquid prior to valve closure (see operation of RBX on pages 1 and 2 of this catalogue). Relief mechanisms that act subsequent to valve closure cannot react in the low millisecond time span required and are therefore unacceptable.

Kindly contact the manufacturer for free copies of the Vent-O-Mat publications; "Points to Consider when Sizing and Position Air Release and Vacuum Break Valves" and "Air Valve Technology Reviewed", should you require more information on the phenomena of surge and water hammer as a result of air release, as well as the functional limits of all available air valve designs and configurations.

Vent-O-Mat has an interactive sizing programme available on the Internet. The website address is: http://www.ventomat.com. You can, should you experience any problems, or need additional assistance, contact us at our E Mail address: ventomat@dfc.co.za





VALVE SELECTION FROM GRAPH

Series RBX

SELECTION & POSITIONING





SURGE & WATERHAMMER PROTECTION

Introduction

The Vent-O-Mat Series RBX "Anti-Shock" air release and vacuum break valve, is the product of extensive research into the development of an efficient, but cost effective solution to surge problems (both mass liquid oscillation and elastic transient phenomena) associated with any operating pipeline. Automatic dampening, relevant to the pipeline's needs is provided by either one of three design features. These special features are unique in a pipeline component of such compact and economic design.

Surge Protection - Initial Filling

The RBX incorporates the additional floating "Anti-Shock" Orifice which is aerodynamically engineered to throttle air discharge when water approach velocity would otherwise become too great and induce an unacceptable pressure rise. The air throttling action increases resistance to the flow of the approaching water which consequently decelerates to a velocity which reduces the pressure rise when the valve closes (see operation of valve on pages 1 & 2). Vent-O-Mat series RBX is an essential precaution for pipeline priming.

Surge Protection - Pump Trip Conditions

In instances where a pipeline experiences water column separation due to pump stoppage, high shock pressures can be generated when the separated water column rejoins.

The Vent-O-Mat series RBX takes in air through the unobstructed large orifice when water column separation occurs, but controls the discharge of air through the "Anti-Shock" Orifice as the separated column commences to rejoin. The rejoining impact velocity is thereby considerably reduced to alleviate high surge pressures in the system (see operation of valve on pages 1 & 2).

Other surge control measures may, dependant on pipeline profile, diameter and operating conditions, be needed to provide the primary surge alleviation function with the Vent-O-Mat airvalves forming an integral and valuable addition in a combined strategy for further reducing surge pressures. The benefit of the "Anti-Shock" Orifice can be readily demonstrated by suitable surge modelling software.

Surge Protection - Pipeline Operating

The operation of valves and similar flow control devices can cause high-pressure transients in an operating pipeline.

The unique, single chamber design of the Vent-O-Mat series RBX valve enables a pocket of air to be trapped in the valve chamber. Automatic operation of the small orifice control float regulates the volume of air entrapped.

The volume maintained in the valve will provide a cushioning benefit to the pipeline for short duration transient pressure "spikes". This effect can be modelled by the design engineer using suitable surge software.

Surge Protection - Primary Pipeline Surge Protection Failure

In instances where air vessels or other alleviation measures are utilised as primary surge protection and these devices fail, excessively high surge pressures will be generated. The same is true if pipeline demands are increased with time without the upgrading of initial surge protection equipment.



SURGE & WATERHAMMER PROTECTION

Protection by Vent-O-Mat Series RBX will provide the benefits already described. The valve in addition, has a pipeline over pressure safety feature which acts as a "rupture-disc". Operation of this feature will be without an explosive effect and without damage to valve. This feature consists of easily replaceable components such as gaskets and seals.

This feature will thus provide surge alleviation in instances where surge pressures are abnormally high. The net alleviation effect can be taken into account by the design engineer using surge modelling software.

Computer Modelling

The effectiveness of Vent-O-Mat series RBX has been substantiated by independent third party testing and by thousands of applications globally. Effective computer modeling, based on practical tests, has been ensured in the well-known and respected commercially available SURGE 2000 surge analysis software programme. Accurate results are also obtained by other commercially available surge analysis software programmes such as FLOWMASTER, TRANSAM, WATHAM and AFT Impulse.

Holistic Surge & Water Hammer Protection

Vent-O-Mat forms an integral part of a well planned, holistic surge protection strategy that should, according to application needs and financial constraints, include surge vessels, check valves, control valves and/or any other equipment needed to alleviate unacceptable surge behaviour.

Technical and Financial Benefits

The Vent-O-Mat series RBX valve offers definite financial and technical advantages when incorporated as part of a holistic surge protection strategy. This includes:

- 1. Improved alleviation of surge behaviour including reduction of:
 - Surge pressure magnitudes by slowing surge velocities
 - Duration of oscillation following a pump trip, as the air-valve continuously absorbs and dissipates the energies of the surge.
- 2. Potential for reduction in size and/or quantity of conventional surge protection devices such as surge vessels etc.
- 3. Automatic protection during initial filling when most surge protection devices are not operational.
- 4. Holistic protection as each air valve installed has design features to automatically damp surges.
- 5. The valve is virtually maintenance free.

Service

Vent-O-Mat is committed to finding the most cost effective and efficient solution to pipeline complexities. Services include air valve sizing and positioning and assistance to consulting engineers on defining appropriate surge and water hammer protection strategies. Vent-O-Mat has built a sound relationship with many international consulting firms and has gained global recognition for selling solutions!



SMALL ORIFICE DISCHARGE PERFORMANCE







PURCHASE SPECIFICATION

VENT -O- MAT MODEL NO.

Page 7 - Series RBX - DN25 (1") or DN50 (2") with BSP (ISO R7) or NPT, Screwed Male Connection. Page 8 - Series RBX - DN80 (3") or DN100 (4") Flanged Connection. Page 9 - Series RBX - DN150 (6") or DN200 (8") Flanged Connection.

CONSTRUCTION & DESIGN

The air release & vacuum break valve shall be of the compact single chamber design with solid cylindrical H.D.P.E. control Floats housed in a tubular Stainless Steel Body with epoxy powder coated Mild Steel or Stainless Steel ends secured by means of Stainless Steel Tie Rods.

The valve shall have an integral 'Anti-Shock' Orifice mechanism which shall operate automatically to limit transient pressure rise or shock induced by closure to 1.5 x valve rated working pressure.

The intake orifice area shall be equal to the nominal size of the valve i.e., a 150mm (6") valve shall have a 150mm (6") intake orifice.

Large orifice sealing shall be effected by the flat face of the control float seating against a EPDM rubber 'O' ring housed in a dovetail groove circumferentially surrounding the orifice.

Discharge of pressurized air shall be controlled by the seating & unseating of a Small Orifice Nozzle on a EPDM rubber seal affixed into the control float. The Nozzle shall have a flat seating land surrounding the orifice so that the damage to the rubber seal is prevented.

The valve construction shall be proportioned with regard to material strength characteristics, so that deformation, leaking or damage of any kind does not occur by submission to one and half times the designed working pressure.

The valve design shall incorporate an over pressure safety feature that will fail without an explosive effect, such as is normally the case when highly compressed air is released suddenly. The feature shall consist of easily replaceable components such as Gaskets, Seals or the like.

Connection to the valve inlet shall be facilitated by a screwed BSP (ISO R7) or NPT male end (DN25 (1") & DN50 (2") only) or a flanged end conforming to PN10, 16, 25 or 40 ratings of BS4504 or SABS 1123 Standards and ANSI B16.5 Class 150 or Class 300 Standards.

Flanged ends for DN80 and DN100 shall be supplied with the requisite number of Stainless Steel screwed studs inserted for alignment to the specified standard. **Nuts, washers, or jointing gaskets shall be excluded.**

Optional: Provision of a ¼" BSP/ NPT Test/ Bleed Cock.

OPERATION

1. Prior to the ingress of liquid into the valve chamber, as when the pipeline is being filled, valves shall vent through the large orifice when water approach velocities are relative to a transient pressure rise, on valve closure, of < 1.5 x valve rated pressure.

At higher water approach velocities, which have a potential to induce transient pressure rises > 1.5 x valve rated pressure on valve closure, the valve shall automatically discharge air through the Anti Shock Orifice and reduce water approach velocity, so that on closure a maximum transient pressure rise of < 1.5 x valve rated pressure is realised.

- 2. Valves shall not exhibit leaks or weeping of liquid past the large orifice seal at operating pressures of 0.5 bar (7.25 psi) to one and a half times the rated working pressure.
- 3. Valves shall respond to the presence of air by discharging it through the small orifice at pressures within a specified design range, i.e. 0.5 bar (7.25 psi) to 16 bar (232 psi), 25 bar (363 psi) or 40 bar (580 psi), and shall

Remain leak tight in the absence of air.

4. Valves shall react immediately to pipeline drainage or water column separation by the full opening of the



Series RBXb OPERATION

PRE NOTES:

It is good engineering practice, for vertical turbine pumps and deepwell, submersible pump applications, to install air valves prior to the pump discharge check valve. The purpose of these valves is to prevent air entry into the pipeline and to break vacuum in the vertical riser upon pump shutoff.

Operation of conventional air valves in this application is such that the air in the vertical riser is released very rapidly upon pump startup, resulting in very high pressure transients when the water column slams the air valve shut and/or slams into the closed discharge check valve.

The Vent-O-Mat Series RBXb valve has specifically been developed for use on deep well submersible pump and vertical turbine pump applications where they are installed prior to the pump discharge check valve to fulfill the following functions:

- ! Provide effective and controlled release of air in the vertical riser upon pump startup.
- ! Dampen surge pressures upon pump startup.
- Provide vacuum protection when the pump stops and the vertical column drains.



VACUUM RELIEF (AIR INTAKE)

Upon pump stop, the pump discharge check valve closes. Liquid drains from the air valve and the pump's vertical column. The negative differential created by the draining liquid causes atmospheric air to push the "Anti-Shock" Float (6) down, opening the Large Orifice (3) and rapidly displaces the draining liquid to prevent potentially damaging internal negative pressure *.

*Note: A differential pressure of less than 0.05 bar (0.725 psi) across the Large Orifice (3) is required to open the valve fully under vacuum conditions.



Series RBXb OPERATION

VENTING (PUMP START UP)



Air is forced through the "Anti-Shock" Orifice (8) resulting in the deceleration of the approaching water column due to the resistance of rising air pressure in the valve. This dampens transients when the air valve closes and the water column opens the pump, discharge check valve.

PRESSURIZED AIR RELEASE (PUMP OPERATING)



Liquid enters the valve Barrel Chamber (2) and the Floats (4), (5) are buoyed so that the "Anti-Shock" Orifice (8) is closed by the Floats (4), (5) the valve will then become internally pressurized.

Disentrained air rises through the liquid and accumulates in the valve chamber when the volume of air is sufficient to displace the liquid, Float (4) will no longer be buoyant and will gravitate downwards thereby opening the Small Orifice (7) and allowing accumulated air to be discharged into atmosphere, as the air is discharged the liquid raises the Float (4) and reseals the Small Orifice (7) and prevents escape of liquid.





COMPONENT DESCRIPTION & MATERIAL SPECIFICATION SCREWED - DN25(1") & DN50(2") End Connection: Series RBXb - Double Orifice (Small & Large Orifice) Screwed BSP (ISO R7)/ NPT Male

with Bias Mechanism.

Nominal Sizes: Model No's: Pressure Ratings: PN25 (363 psi)ANSI #250 DN25 (1") RBXb 25Y1 — RBXb 40Y1 -PN40 (580 psi)ANSI #300 DN50 (2") Locating Lugs Grey PVC Locking Nuts Stainless Steel AISI 316 **Bias Spring Top Cover** Stainless Steel AISI 316 ABS Polylac PA737 **Upper Flange** Fusion Bonded Epoxy Powder Coated Assembly Screws Ductile Cast Iron Cheesehead BS2789 Grade 420/12 Stainless Steel AISI 316 **Barrel Seal** Klingersil C4430 /Treadit Naloor Nuts Stainless Steel AISI 304 Gasket O - Ring Seal EPDM Rubber (NSF61) Washer Stainless Steel AISI 304 Anti Shock Orifice High Density Polyethylene **Top Float** O - Ring Seat High Density Polyethylene EPDM Rubber (NSF61) Barrel Stainless Steel AISI 316 Nozzle Lower Float Stainless Steel AISI 316 High Density Polyethylene **Optional Test Cock** ¹/₄" Female BSP Nozzle Seat EPDM Rubber Float Guide Stainless Steel AISI 316 **Tie Rods Baffle Plate Spacer** Stainless Steel AISI 304 ABS Polylac PA737 Support Screw **Baffle Plate** Lower Flange Cheesehead **Baffle Plate Spacer** Stainless Steel AISI 316 **Fusion Bonded** Stainless Steel AISI 316 ABS Polylac PA737 Epoxy Powder Coated Stainless Steel AISI 304 page: 22

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COMPONENT DESCRIPTION & MATERIAL SPECIFICATION FLANGED - DN80(3") & DN100(4") End Connection:



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COMPONENT DESCRIPTION & MATERIAL SPECIFICATION FLANGED - DN150(6") & DN200(8") Type:

Type: Series RBXb - Double Orifice (Small & Large Orifice) Flanged. with Bias Mechanism. Nominal Sizes: Model No's: Pressure Ratings: RBXb 16Y1 PN16 (232 psi) ANSI #125 DN150 (6") Dn200 (8") RBXb 25Y1 PN25 (363 psi) ANSI #250 RBXb 40Y1 PN40 (580 psi) ANSI #300 Locating Lugs Locking Nuts Stainless Steel AISI 316 Stainless Steel AISI 316 **Top Cover Bias Spring** ABS Polylac PA737 Stainless Steel AISI 316 **Top Flange Assembly Screws** τ Fusion Bonded Cheesehead Epoxy Powder Coated Stainless Steel AISI 316 Ductile Cast Iron BS2789 Grade 420/12 **Barrel Seal** Alternatively Mild Steel Klingersil C4430 BS4360 Grade 43A Gasket Barrel Nuts Stainless Steel AISI 316 Stainless Steel AISI 304 O - Ring Seal EPDM Rubber (NSF61) Washer Stainless Steel AISI 304 Anti Shock Orifice High Density Polyethylene **Top Float** O - Ring Seat High Density Polyethylene EPDM Rubber (NSF61) **Optional Test Cock** Nozzle 1/4" Female BSP Stainless Steel AISI 316 **Connecting Screws Nozzle Seat Retaining Plate** Cheesehead Stainless Steel AISI 316 Stainless Steel AISI 316 Lower Float Nozzle Seat High Density Polyethylene EPDM Rubber **Baffle Plate Spacer Tie Rods** ABS Polylac PA737 Stainless Steel AISI 304 Support Screw **Baffle Plate** Cheesehead Mild Steel BS 4360 Gr. 43A Stainless Steel AISI 316 Fusion Bonded Epoxy Powder Coated. Lower Flange Assembly **Fusion Bonded** Epoxy Powder Coated Ductile Cast Iron BS2789 Grade 420/12 Alternatively Mild Steel Valves are available in AISI 316L on request. Bs4360 Grade 43A

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Series RBXb GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS SCREWED - DN25(1") & DN50(2")







Type:

Double Orifice (Small & Large Orifice) with *Bias* mechanism for large volume air intake and controlled air discharge.

End Connection:

Screwed BSP/ NPT male

Nominal Sizes:

DN25 (1") & DN50 (2")

Model No's:	Pressure Ratings bar (psi)
RBXb 25Y1	——— PN25 (363 psi) ANSI #250
RBXb 40Y1	——————————————————————————————————————

Operating Pressure Range - bar (psi):

	Min.	Max.
PN25 (363 psi)ANSI #250	0.5 (7.25)	- 25 (363)
PN40 (580 psi)ANSI #300	0.5 (7.25)	- 40 (580)

Operating Temperature Range:

4°C (40°F) to 80°C (176°F)

Acceptable Media:

Potable or strained raw water.

Function:

- i) Controlled air discharge pipeline filling
- ii) Pressurized air discharge pipeline filled.
- Surge dampening high velocity air discharge, water column separation & liquid oscillation.
- iv) High volume air intake pipeline draining.

Materials of Construction: - see page 22

Installation:- see page 21

Standard Factory Tests:

- i) Hydrostatic 1.5 x max. rated working pressure
- ii) Low head leak 0.5 bar (7.25 psi)
- iii) Small orifice function at max. rated working pressure (minimum 1 valve in 10).

OVERALL DIMENSIONS & WEIGHTS

DN	MODEL No	PRESSURE RATING	A	В	С	WEIGHT
mm			mm	mm		
25	025 RBXb25Y1	PN25 (363 psi) ANSI #250	120	335	1" BSP/NPT	5
25	025 RBXb40Y1	PN40 (580 psi) ANSI #300	120	387	1" BSP/NPT	5.5
50	050 RBXb25Y1	PN25 (363 psi) ANSI #250	165	395	2" BSP/NPT	9.5
50	050 RBXb40Y1	PN40 (580 psi) ANSI #300	165	410	2" BSP/NPT	10

*Y:1 = Screwed

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Series RBXb GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS FLANGED - DN80(3") & DN100(4")



Type:

Double Orifice (Small & Large Orifice) with *Bias* mechanism for large volume air intake and controlled air discharge.

End Connection:

Flange with Screwed Studs for Alignment to; BS 4504 PN10, PN16, PN25 & PN40 ANSI B16.5 Class 150 & 300 AS 4087 FIG. B5-B6 (Ductile Iron) AS 4087 FIG. B7-B9 (Mild Steel) AS 2129 Table D/E/F

Nominal Sizes:

DN80 (3") & DN100 (4")

Model No's: Pressure Ratings bar (psi): RBX 16Y1 PN16 (232 psi) ANSI #125 RBX 25Y1 PN25 (363 psi) ANSI #250 RBX 40Y1 Pn40 (580 psi) ANSI #300

Operating Pressure Range - bar (psi):

	Min.	Max.
PN16 (232 psi)	— 0.5 (7.25) ——	16 (232)
PN25 (363 psi)	— 0.5 (7.25) ——	25 (363)
PN40 (580 psi)	— 0.5 (7.25) ——	40 (580)

Operating Temperature Range:

4°C (40°F) to 80°C (176°F)

Acceptable Media:

Potable or strained raw water.

Function:

- i) Controlled air discharge pipeline filling.
- ii) Pressurized air discharge pipeline filled.
- iii) Surge dampening high velocity air discharge, water column separation & liquid oscillation.
- iv) High volume air intake pipeline draining.

Materials of Construction: - see page 23

Installation: - see page 21

Standard Factory Tests:

- i) Hydrostatic 1.5 x max. rated working pressure
- ii) Low head leak 0.5 bar (7.25 psi)

OVERALL DIMENSIONS & WEIGHTS

DN	MODEL No.	MODEL No.	A	В	С	WEIGHT
mm			mm	mm	mm	kg.
80	080 RBXb 16Y1	PN16 (232 psi) ANSI #125	235	460	50	23
80	080 RBXb 25Y1	PN25 (363 psi) ANSI #250	235	460	50	23
80	080 RBXb 40Y1	PN40 (580 psi) ANSI #300	235	475	50	24.5
100	100 RBXb 16Y1	PN16 (232 psi) ANSI #125	235	475	50	22.5
100	100 RBXb 25Y1	PN25 (363 psi) ANSI #250	235	480	60	22.5
100	100 RBXb 40Y1	PN40 (580 psi) ANSI #300	235	513	60	24

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Series RBXb **GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS** FLANGED - DN150(6") & DN200(8")







Type:

Double Orifice (Small & Large Orifice) with Bias mechanism for large volume air intake and controlled air discharge.

End Connection:

Flange for Alignment to; BS 4504 PN10, PN16, PN25 & PN40 ANSI B16.5 Class 150 & 300 AS 4087 FIG. B5-B6 (Ductile Iron) AS 4087 FIG. B7-B9 (Mild Steel) AS 2129 Table D/E/F Nominal Sizes: DN150 (6") & DN200 (8")

Pressure Ratings bar (psi):

Model No's:	Pressure Ratings bar (p
RBX 16Y1	— PN16 (232 psi) ANSI #125
RBX 25Y1	— PN25 (363 psi) ANSI #250
RBX 40Y1	— Pn40 (580 psi) ANSI #300

Operating Pressure Range - bar (psi):

	Min.	Max.
PN16 (232 psi)	0.5 (7.25)—	16 (232)
PN25 (363 psi)	0.5 (7.25)	25 (363)
PN40 (580 psi)	0.5 (7.25)	— 40 (580)

Operating Temperature Range:

4°C (40°F) to 80°C (176°F)

Acceptable Media:

Potable or strained raw water.

Function:

- i) Controlled air discharge pipeline filling.
- ii) Pressurized air discharge pipeline filled.
- iii) Surge dampening high velocity air discharge, water column separation & liquid oscillation.
- iv) High volume air intake pipeline draining.

Materials of Construction: - see page 24

Installation: - see page 21

Standard Factory Tests:

- i) Hydrostatic 1.5 x max. rated working pressure
- ii) Low head leak 0.5 bar (7.25 psi)
- iii) Small orifice function at max. rated working pressure (minimum 1 valve in 10).

OVERALL DIMENSIONS & WEIGHTS

DN			A	В	С	D	E	F	WEIGHT
mm	MODEL NO.	PRESSURE RATING	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	kg
150	150 RBXb 16Y1	PN16 (232 psi) ANSI #125	355	630	133	22	285	785	69.5
150	150 RBXb 25Y1	PN25 (363 psi) ANSI #250	355	630	127	28	300	785	69.5
150	150 RBXb 40Y1	PN40 (580 psi) ANSI #300	355	630	127	28	300	785	75.5
200	200 RBXb 16Y1	PN16 (232 psi) ANSI #125	405	670	151	24	340	845	97.5
200	200 RBXb 25Y1	PN25 (363 psi) ANSI #250	405	670	145	30	360	845	97.5
200	200 RBXb 40Y1	PN40 (580 psi) ANSI #300	405	670	141	34	370	845	108.5

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PURCHASE SPECIFICATION

VENT -O- MAT MODEL NO.

Page 25 - Series RBXb - DN25 (1") or DN50 (2") with BSP (ISO R7) or NPT, Screwed Male Connection. Page 26 - Series RBXb - DN80 (3") or DN100 (4") Flanged Connection.

Page 27 - Series RBXb - DN150 (6") or DN200 (8") Flanged Connection.

CONSTRUCTION & DESIGN

The air release & vacuum break valve shall be of the compact single chamber design with solid cylindrical H.D.P.E. control floats housed in a tubular Stainless Steel body with epoxy powder coated Mild Steel or Stainless Steel ends secured by means of Stainless Steel Tie Rods.

The valve shall have an integral 'Anti-Shock' Orifice mechanism which shall operate automatically to limit transient pressure rise or shock induced by closure to 1.5 x valve rated working pressure.

The intake orifice area shall be equal to the nominal size of the valve i.e., a 150mm (6") valve shall have a 150mm (6") intake orifice.

Large orifice sealing shall be effected by the flat face of the control float seating against a EPDM rubber 'O' ring housed in a dovetail groove circumferentially surrounding the orifice.

Discharge of pressurized air shall be controlled by the seating & unseating of a Small Orifice Nozzle on a EPDM rubber seal affixed into the control float. The Nozzle shall have a flat seating land surrounding the orifice so that the damage to the rubber seal is prevented.

The valve construction shall be proportioned with regard to material strength characteristics, so that deformation, leaking or damage of any kind does not occur by submission to one and a half times the designed working pressure.

The valve design shall incorporate an over pressure safety feature that will fail without an explosive effect, such as is normally the case when highly compressed air is released suddenly. The feature shall consist of easily replaceable components such as gaskets, seals or the like.

Connection to the valve inlet shall be facilitated by a screwed BSP (ISO R7) or NPT male end (DN25 (1") & DN50 (2") only) or a flanged end conforming to PN10, 16, 25 or 40 ratings of BS4504 or SABS 1123 Standards or, ANSI B16.5 Class 150 & Class 300 Standards.

Flanged ends for DN80 and DN100 shall be supplied with the requisite number of Stainless Steel screwed studs inserted for alignment to the specified standard. **Nuts, washers, or jointing gaskets shall be excluded.**

Optional: Provision of a 1/4" BSP/NPT Test/Bleed Cock.

OPERATION

- 1. Prior to the ingress of liquid into the valve chamber, as when the pipeline is being filled, valves shall vent through the "Anti-Shock" Orifice and reduce water approach velocity, so that on closure a maximum transient pressure rise of < 1.5 x valve rated pressure is realised.
- 2. Valves shall not exhibit leaks or weeping of liquid past the large orifice seal at operating pressures of 0.5 bar (7.25 psi) to one and half times the rated working pressure.
- 3. Valves shall respond to the presence of air by discharging it through the small orifice at any pressures within a specified design range, i.e. 0.5 bar (7.25 psi) to 16 bar (232 psi), 25 bar (363psi) or 40 bar (580 psi), and shall remain leak tight in the absence of air.
- 4. Valves shall react immediately to pipeline drainage or water column separation by the full opening of the large orifice so as to allow unobstructed air intake at the lowest possible negative internal pipeline pressure.



Series RBXv OPERATION

PRE NOTES:

There are instances where the hydraulic gradeline falls below a peak point during normal operation and where air inflow would adversely affect the normal operation and surge characteristic of the pipeline. Air intake may also be undesirable under pump trip conditions for pipelines running through a marsh (surge protection in these instances would be in the form of surge vessels and/or the pipeline will be designed for full vacuum).

Vent-O-Mat offers the Series RBXv valve which has specifically been developed to ensure effective air release under all pipeline conditions but will not allow air entry under any operating condition.

VENTING OF A FILLING PIPELINE (SUB CRITICAL WATER APPROACH VELOCITY)



Air enters Orifice (1), travels through the annular space between the cylindrical floats (4), (5), (6) and discharges through the Large Orifice (3) into atmosphere.*

*Note: A relatively low flow discharge rate is required to lift float and ensure air release.Float will seat on the Middle Flange (9) under vacuum conditions, effectively preventing air Entry.

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Series RBXv OPERATION

VENTING OF A FILLING PIPELINE (EXCESSIVE WATER APPROACH VELOCITY)



In reaction to increased air flow, Float (6) closes Large Orifice and air is forced through the "Anti-Shock" Orifice resulting in deceleration of the approaching water due to the resistance of rising air pressure in the valve.

PRESSURIZED AIR RELEASE FROM A FULL PIPELINE



Subsequent to the filling of a pipeline, liquid enters the valve Barrel Chamber (2) and the Floats (4), (5) and (6) are buoyed so that the "Anti-Shock" Orifice (8) is closed by the Float (5) and the valve will then become pressurized. A minimal working pressure of <0.5 bar (7.3 psi) acting on a relatively large area of the Orifice (1) will lock Floats (5) and (6) into the closed position across the Large Orifice (3).

Disentrained air rises through the liquid and accumulates in the valve chamber, when the volume of air is sufficient to displace the liquid, Float (4) will no longer be buoyant and will gravitate downwards thereby opening the Small Orifice (7) and allowing accumulated air to be discharged into atmosphere, as air is discharged the liquid raises Float (4) and reseals the Small Orifice (7) and prevents escape of liquid.



PURCHASE SPECIFICATION

VENT-O-MAT MODEL NO.

Series RBXv - DN25 (1") or DN50 (2") with BSP (ISO R7) or NPT, Screwed Male Connection. Series RBXv - DN80 (3") or DN100 (4") Flanged Connection. Series RBXv - DN150 (6") or DN200 (8") Flanged Connection.

CONSTRUCTION & DESIGN

The air vent valve shall be of the compact single chamber design with solid cylindrical H.D.P.E. control floats housed in a tubular Stainless Steel Body with epoxy powder coated Mild Steel ends or Stainless Steel ends secured by means of Stainless Steel Tie Rods.

The valve shall have an integral 'Anti-Shock' Orifice mechanism which shall operate automatically to limit transient pressure rise or shock induced by closure to 1.5 x valve rated working pressure.

The discharge orifice area shall be equal to the nominal size of the valve i.e., a 150mm (6") valve shall have a 150mm (6") intake orifice.

Large orifice sealing shall be effected by the flat face of the control float seating against a EPDM rubber 'O' ring housed in a dovetail groove circumferentially surrounding the orifice.

Discharge of pressurized air shall be controlled by the seating & unseating of a Small Orifice Nozzle on a EPDM rubber seal affixed into the control float. The Nozzle shall have a flat seating land surrounding the orifice so that the damage to the rubber seal is prevented.

The valve construction shall be proportioned with regard to material strength characteristics, so that deformation, leaking or damage of any kind does not occur by submission to twice the designed working pressure.

The valve design shall incorporate an over pressure safety feature that will fail without an explosive effect, such as is normally the case when highly compressed air is released suddenly. The feature shall consist of easily replaceable components such as gaskets, seals or the like.

Connection to the valve inlet shall be facilitated by a screwed BSP (ISO R7) or NPT Male end (DN25 (1") & DN50 (2") only) or a flanged end conforming to PN10, 16, 25 or 40 ratings of BS 4504 or SABS 1123 Standards or, ANSI B16.5 Class 150 & Class 300 Standards.

Flanged ends for DN80 and DN100 valves shall be supplied with the requisite number of Stainless Steel screwed studs inserted for alignment to the specified standard. **Nuts, washers, or jointing gaskets shall be excluded.**

Optional: Provision of a 1/4" BSP/ NPT Test/ Bleed Cock.

OPERATION

1. Prior to the ingress of liquid into the valve chamber, as when the pipeline is being filled, valves shall vent through the large orifice when water approach velocities are relative to a transient pressure rise on valve closure of 1.5 x valve rated pressure

At higher water approach velocities, which have a potential to induce transient pressure rises >1.5 times valve rated pressure on closure, the valve shall automatically discharge through the "Anti-Shock" Orifice and reduce water approach velocity, so that on closure a maximum transient pressure rise of <1.5 x valve rated pressure is realised.

- 2. Valves shall not exhibit leaks or weeping of liquid past the large orifice seal at operating pressures of 0.5 bar (7.25 psi) to 1.5 times rated working pressure.
- 3. Valves shall respond to the presence of air by discharging it through the small orifice at any pressures within a specified design range, i.e. 0.5 bar (7.25 psi) to 16 bar (232 psi), 25 bar (363 psi) or 40 bar (580 psi), and shall remain leak tight in the absence of air.



- (B) A low head leak test whereby the valve is filled with water and pressurized to a maximum of 0.5 bar (7.25 psi) using a visible water column connected to the test rig. The valve shall be rejected if leak tightness is not maintained for 2 minutes
- (C) Every tenth air release valve of the same size and pressure rating must be subjected to a small orifice function test - "DROP TEST" - whereby the valve is filled with water, pressurized to above rated working pressure and isolated from the test rig by closure of an isolating valve. A chamber in the test rig immediately prior to the isolating valve must be filled with compressed air at a pressure equal to that being maintained in the air release valve. The isolating valve is then opened so as to allow the air to rise in the air release valve without the pressure dropping lower than 2 -3 bar (29 - 44 psi) above rated working pressure of the air release valve. The "DROP TEST" is then carried out by slowly bleeding off the pressure through a suitable cock until rated working pressure is reached and the float drops away from the orifice to allow discharge. Failure of the air release valve to function in the manner described will be reason for rejection.

On request the manufacturer shall provide batch certificates of test compliance which shall be cross referenced to serial numbers indelibly marked onto the identity label of each valve.

IMPORTANT NOTE: It is impossible to inject air into an incompressible liquid, air injection can only be achieved if the liquid can be displaced which implies that the pressure in the test rig must be reduced to atmospheric, and absolutely nothing is proven by discharge through the small orifice of the air release valve at atmospheric pressure. "DROP TESTING" in this manner is not acceptable.



COMPONENT DESCRIPTION & MATERIAL SPECIFICATION FLANGED - DN250 (10") & DN300 (12")





GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS FLANGED - DN250 (10") & DN300 (12")





Type:

Double Orifice (Small & Large Orifice) with Anti Shock Orifice mechanism.

End Connection:

Flange for Alignment to; BS 4504 PN10, PN16, PN25 & PN40 ANSI B16.5 Class 150 & 300 AS 4087 FIG. B5-B6 AS 2129 Table D/E/F

Nominal Sizes:

DN250 (10") & DN300 (12")

Model No's:	Pressure Ratings bar (psi):				
RBXc 16Y1	— 16 bar (232 psi)				
RBXc 25Y1	— 25 bar (363 psi)				
Dperating Pressure Range - bar (psi):					

	Min	Max.
16 bar (232 psi)	 0.5 (7.2) ——	- 16 (232)
25 bar (363 psi)	 0.5 (7.2) ——	- 25 (363)

Operating Temperature Range:

0 °C (35 °F) to 85 °C (185 °F)

Acceptable Media:

Potable or strained raw water.

Function:

- i) High volume air discharge pipeline filling.
- ii) High volume air intake pipeline draining
- iii) Pressurized air discharge pipeline filled.
- iv) Surge dampening high velocity air discharge, water column separation & liquid oscillation.

Materials of Construction: - see page 6 Installation: - see page 3

Standard Factory Tests:

- i) Hydrostatic 1.5 x max. rated working pressure
- ii) Low head leak 0.5 bar (7.2 psi)
- iii) Small orifice function at max. rated working pressure (minimum 1 valve in 10).

OVERALL DIMENSIONS & WEIGHTS

DN	MODEL No.	PRESSURE RATING	А	В	С	WEIGHT
mm in.			mm	. mm		kg.
250 10"	250 RBXc 16Y1	PN16	586	816	OPTIONAL 15MM	231
250 10"	250 RBXc 25Y1	PN25	586	834	(1/4") BSP/NPT	245
300 12"	300 RBXc 16Y1	PN16	685	890	BLEED PORT	331
300 12"	300 RBXc 25Y1	PN25	685	909		354

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PURCHASE SPECIFICATION

VENT-O-MAT MODEL NO.

Series RBXc - DN250 (10") to DN300 (12") Flanged Connection.

CONSTRUCTION & DESIGN

The air release & vacuum break valve shall be of the compact single chamber design with solid cylindrical H.D.P.E. control floats housed in a tubular ductile cast iron body, epoxy powder coated to 300 microns, secured by means of stainless steel 304/316 fasteners.

The valve shall have an integral 'Anti - Shock' Orifice mechanism which shall operate automatically to limit transient pressure rise or shock induced by closure to 1.5 x valve rated working pressure.

The intake orifice area shall be equal to the nominal size of the valve i.e., a 150mm (6") valve shall have a 150mm (6") intake orifice.

Large orifice sealing shall be effected by the flat face of the control float seating against a nitrile/EPDM rubber 'O' ring housed in a dovetail groove circumferentially surrounding the orifice.

Discharge of pressurized air shall be controlled by the seating & unseating of a small orifice nozzle on a natural rubber seal affixed into the control float. The nozzle shall have a flat seating land surrounding the orifice so that the damage to the rubber seal is prevented.

The valve construction shall be proportioned with regard to material strength characteristics, so that deformation, leaking or damage of any kind does not occur by submission to twice the designed working pressure.

Connection to the valve inlet shall be facilitated by a flanged end conforming to PN10, 16 & 25 ratings of BS 4504 Standards or, ANSI B16. 1 Class 150 and Class 300. **Nuts, bolts, washers, or jointing gaskets shall be excluded.**

Optional: Provision of a 1/4" BSP/ NPT Test/ Bleed Cock.

OPERATION

1. Prior to the ingress of liquid into the valve chamber, as when the pipeline is being filled, valves shall vent through the large orifice when water approach velocities are relative to a transient pressure rise, on valve closure, of < 1.5 x valve rated pressure.

At higher water approach velocities, which have a potential to induce transient pressure rises > 1.5 x valve rated pressure on valve closure, the valve shall automatically discharge air through the Anti Shock Orifice and reduce water approach velocity, so that on closure a maximum transient pressure rise of < 1.5 x valve rated pressure is realised.

- 2. Valves shall not exhibit leaks or weeping of liquid past the large orifice seal at operating pressures of 0.5 bar (7.3 psi) to 1.5 times rated working pressure.
- 3. Valves shall respond to the presence of air by discharging it through the small orifice at any pressures within a specified design range, i.e. 0.5 bar (7.3 psi) to 16 bar (232 psi) or 25 bar (363 psi), and shall remain leak tight in the absence of air.
- 4. Valves shall react immediately to pipeline drainage or water column separation by the full opening of the large orifice so as to allow unobstructed air intake at the lowest possible negative internal pipeline pressure.



- 1. DN250 (10") and DN300 (12") valves are available on request.
- 2. Valves for pressure ratings of PN64 (928 psi) and PN100 (1450 psi) are available on request.
- 3. Valves are available with AISI 304 or AISI 316 Stainless Steel Flanged ends, please specify when ordering.

TEST SPECIFICATION

All air release valves supplied shall be subjected to the following testing procedures in the order laid down:

- (A) A high pressure strength and leak test whereby the valve is filled with water and pressurized to 1.5 times the rated working pressure which shall be held for a period of 2 minutes. Any leaking, weeping or sweating shall be reason for rejection.
- (B) A low head leak test whereby the valve is filled with water and pressurized to a maximum of 0.5 bar (7.25 psi) using a visible water column connected to the test rig. The valve shall be rejected if leak tightness is not maintained for 2 minutes
- (C) Every tenth air release valve of the same size and pressure rating must be subjected to a small orifice function test - "DROP TEST" - whereby the valve is filled with water, pressurized to above rated working pressure and isolated from the test rig by closure of an isolating valve. A chamber in the test rig immediately prior to the isolating valve must be filled with compressed air at a pressure equal to that being maintained in the air release valve. The isolating valve is then opened so as to allow the air to rise in the air release valve without the pressure dropping lower than 2 -3 bar (29 - 44 psi) above rated working pressure of the air release valve. The "DROP TEST" is then carried out by slowly bleeding off the pressure through a suitable cock until rated working pressure is reached and the float drops away from the orifice to allow discharge. Failure of the air release valve to function in the manner described will be reason for rejection.

On request the manufacturer shall provide batch certificates of test compliance which shall be cross referenced to serial numbers indelibly marked onto the identity label of each valve.

IMPORTANT NOTE: It is impossible to inject air into an incompressible liquid, air injection can only be achieved if the liquid can be displaced which implies that the pressure in the test rig must be reduced to atmospheric, and absolutely nothing is proven by discharge through the small orifice of the air release valve at atmospheric pressure. "DROP TESTING" in this manner is not acceptable.



Caution

The VENTOMAT valve is specifically designed to limit the large discharges associated with the large orifice.

When evaluating the large orifice performance of another valve *manufacturer* ask specifically if the large orifice discharge data quoted is in the presence of water . In other words if the discharge performance is quoted as say 400 meters cubed / Hr @ 0.8 Bar the valve must be able to close instantaneously with water and still not exceed its max test pressure rating of 24 Bar (1.5 times working pressure)



Benefits

Simple efficient action Reduces water hammer Multifunction versatile product Ensures maximum protection Unique self cleaning operation UV stabilised Robust lightweight and compact Replaces any existing valves

Parts

ltem	Description	Material
1	Outlet	Polypropylene
2	Upper Body	Polypropylene reinforced
3	Cartridge Assembly	Polypropylene and other
4	O - Rings	Nitrile Rubber
5	Control Float	Polyethylene
6	Lower Body	Polypropylene reinforced

Specifications

Operating pressure	0.2 to 16 Bar
Media	Drinkable water 4 - 85 Deg C
Inlet	2 Inch BSP Male (taper)
Outlet	Rotatable 360 deg for 43 ID pipe
Mass	0.94 kg
Areas (mm ²)	Large orifice 800 , small orifice 12

Ordering information

050RPS1611	Standard - 2 inch BSP 16 bar
050RPSb1611	Pump start- Large orifice in small orifice out
050RPSv1611	For syphon- both orifices out only



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