

GEA VARIVENT® Hygienic Valves for the U.S. Dairy Market

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GEA VARIVENT®
Hygienic seat valves



GEA VARIVENT®
Hygienic valves
for the U.S. dairy market



GEA Hygienic
butterfly valves



GEA VARICOMP®
Hygienic expansion
compensators

Efficiency delivering perfect results

Hygienic valves from GEA form the core component of matrix-piped process plants. Thanks to a pioneering valve concept that sets standards for its flexibility, as well as the latest control and automation functions, our valves offer manufacturers maximum product safety and process reliability.

All GEA hygienic valves are designed to be efficient and cost-effective for their particular applications, leading to sustainable operation and considerable savings potential.

GEA valve technology controls flow processes

Our hygienic valve technology ensures safe, efficient processes wherever sensitive liquid products are manufactured. In food production, the classic application areas range from milk processing (milk, yogurt, cheese ...) to liquid foods (sauces and pastes, instant products, baby food ...) and on to the brewing of beer and production of beverages. Further significant areas are biotechnology and pharmaceuticals, as well as care products and cleaning agents/detergents.

Regardless of the sector, the application or production specifications: Our hygienic valve technology is sure to meet the demands of our users.



Hygienic solutions for every task

Additional components in our portfolio are available to optimize the design of any process plant – from pigging systems for the recovery of valuable products, process connections, and expansion compensators for offsetting thermal stress, to tank safety systems for securing and cleaning tanks and containers.

Supported by our Research and Development Department we regularly launch new, technologically mature products on the markets. Our customers have high standards, which we continuously and systematically meet.



GEA VARIVENT®
Hygienic special
application valves



GEA VARICOVER®
Hygienic product recovery systems



GEA VARINLINE®
Hygienic process
connections



GEA VARITOP®
Hygienic tank safety systems



Valves for the U.S. Dairy Industry – highest demands encounter our best products

High productivity, cost-effective operation and consistently high product quality are the characteristics of our process components. The US dairy industry, however, requires strict hygienic and sterile manufacturing conditions for its products as standard. Thus, our basic configuration needs to be shifted to an even higher level.

For use in the U.S dairy industry our VARIVENT® 24/7 PMO Valve 2.0, our VARIVENT® 24/7 PMO Tank Valve and our mixproof divert valve combination (Flow Diversion Device – FDD) all meet the requirements of the 3-A standard and the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO). Additionally, GEA offers state-of-the-art process systems and technologies as well as constant quality monitoring from a highly qualified and committed team.

Time for a revolution: VARIVENT® 24/7 PMO Valve 2.0

For decades, Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO) regulations did not allow the cleaning of the seat(s) and the vent cavity of mixproof valves while product was present at the same time. Due to this, US dairy plants had been forced to shut down for several hours every day to clean the seats and vent cavities of these valves, significantly reducing dairy processors' flexibility and productivity.

With the introduction of GEA's innovative 24/7 PMO Valve Non-Stop Production in 2007, this was changed. For the first time ever, PMO regulation item 15p was lifted (by FDA Memorandum M-b-353), thus giving our customers the opportunity of true 24/7 productivity ever since. All this is based on our unique, patented valve seat design, generating a natural vacuum in the vent cavity to ensure product integrity while doing CIP at the same time.



The VARIVENT® 24/7 PMO Valve 2.0 with smaller leakage outlet reduces weight and space demand, for even more economical retrofitting of systems.

The latest improvement of our 24/7 technology came in 2011 with the introduction of GEA's VARIVENT® 24/7 PMO Valve 2.0. Being the direct successor of our original 24/7 PMO Valve®, the altered design of the VARIVENT® 24/7 PMO Valve 2.0 provides proven technology in a much smaller shape.

Special features

Faster ROI

Hygienic and safe production:
completely uncluttered cavity and easy to clean

Proven design and performance with all valve seats detectable

Easy maintenance: fewer gaskets and no complex spare parts

VARIVENT® 24/7 PMO Cheese Curd Valve 2.0 – The specialist for cheese curd



VARIVENT® 24/7 PMO Cheese Curd Valve 2.0 –
protects cheese curd against stress during conveying

The VARIVENT® 24/7 PMO Cheese Curd Valve 2.0 completes the portfolio for the US dairy market. The valve was developed specifically to gently handle the flow of cheese curd and in turn to minimize the amount of fines created and it complies with the requirements of the PMO directives as well as being 3A-certified.

The valve allows non-stop production for all dairy applications and is based upon the well-proven technology of the VARIVENT® 24/7 PMO Valves 2.0. Thanks to a larger seat opening it is suitable for product particle sizes of 45 mm without damage.

The VARIVENT® 24/7 PMO Cheese Curd Valve 2.0 is available in sizes 4" OD and 6" OD. The upper valve housing is equipped with a reduced CIP return connection which is available in OD 2 ½", OD 3" and OD 4" sizes so that it meets all system requirements.

Special features

Gentle conveying of cheese curd with a maximum particle size of up to 45 mm

Based on the well-proven VARIVENT® 24/7 PMO Valves 2.0 technology

CIP return port connection on the upper housing available in different sizes

VARIVENT® 24/7 PMO Tank Valve – Everything you asked for

The VARIVENT® 24/7 PMO Tank Valve is the first tank valve to be authorized by the FDA (under Memorandum M-b-359) to implement seat lifting cleaning while product is present in one housing of the valve – saving even more time, money and production downtime for US dairy plants.

Like the VARIVENT® 24/7 PMO Valve 2.0 from GEA, using simple geometry and the laws of science, the mixproof VARIVENT® 24/7 PMO Tank Valve generates a natural vacuum and ensures no CIP impingement on the opposite seat during seat lift cleaning. These two design features ensure that there can never be any cross-leakage of CIP liquid into the opposite valve housing during seat lifting.



VARIVENT® 24/7 PMO Tank Valve

Special features

Compact design: Completely drainable in horizontal or upside-down positions, saving floor space

Greatly simplified vessel pipework: Can be connected to the silo or vat

Increased process flexibility and reduced production downtime: Allows the vessel inlet/outlet header to be cleaned while product is present in the vessel

Superior process cleanability: Allows velocity cleaning of vessel inlet/outlet header independent of the vessel/CIP circuit

Flow Diversion Device

The GEA Flow Diversion Device (FDD) consists of two divert valves welded together to form an assembly. The assembly is used to enable the divert flow, leak detect or forward flow positions after a pasteurizer.

Special features
Speedy activation
Mixproof separation
Certified hygienic configuration

ECOVENT® Angle valve

The Angle Valve is used to open and close segments of a pipe system. Due to its special design, a flow-through over the pipes' complete nominal width can be achieved.

3-A Sanitary Standard

3-A Sanitary Standards, Inc. (3-A SSI) is an independent, non-profit corporation dedicated to advancing hygienic equipment design for the food, beverage, and pharmaceutical industries.

The 3-A certification symbol identifies equipment that meets 3-A Sanitary Standards for design and fabrication. The Symbol is integral to the inspection of dairy processing equipment used or sold in the United States, and signifies that the company of any origin or manufacturing location meets all the licensing requirements.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

The Food and Drug Administration is an US supervisory authority for foodstuffs and pharmaceuticals. This authority issues approvals and certificates for products and materials that are used in the foodstuffs and pharmaceuticals industries.

In 1924 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services developed a model regulation known as the Standard Milk Ordinance for voluntary adoption by State and Local Milk Control Agencies. This model milk regulation is now titled the Grade "A" Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (Grade "A" PMO). The 2013 revision comprises the provisions governing the processing, packaging, and sale of Grade "A" milk and milk products and incorporates new knowledge into public health practice. The Grade "A" PMO is incorporated by reference in Federal specifications for procurement of milk and milk products and is used as the sanitary regulation for milk and milk products.

Hygienic Classes for Process Valves

Increasing variety of products, longer production cycles and changing market conditions are all factors that make the conception of new installations more complex for producers.

Additionally, there are higher expectations from the consumers as well as stricter regulations for producers and products. Therefore, engineers have many things to consider when creating suitable solutions for their customers. Our goal is to equip your installation with components that fit your product and your market. To better assist you, we have set up a guideline for choosing the right hygienic component technology according to the Association of German Food Processing Machinery and Packaging Machinery (VDMA).

The hygienic classes can be described by microbiological, physicochemical as well as the resulting organoleptic properties of the product. An important indicator for the classification is its desired shelf-life. The classification is based on the desired characteristics of the final product. Contamination risks and the ability to detect them are important factors for corresponding component designs.



Soft drink (still)
MSL: several months
pH-value: > 4.5



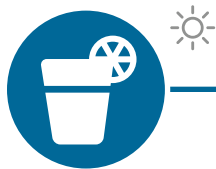
Ice tea (still)
MSL: > 12 months
pH-value: > 4.5



Babyfood / Nutrition
MSL: several months
pH-value: > 4.5



**UHT milk /
UHT cream**
MSL: > 3 months
pH-value: > 4.5



Fruite juice
MSL: several months
pH-value: ≤ 4.5



Ice tea (still)
MSL: > 6 months
pH-value: ≤ 4.5



**Fruit yogurt,
heat-treated**
MSL: > 5 weeks
pH-value: ≤ 4.5



ESL milk
MSL: 21–45 days
pH-value: > 4.5



Wine
MSL: > 1 year
pH-value: ≤ 4.5



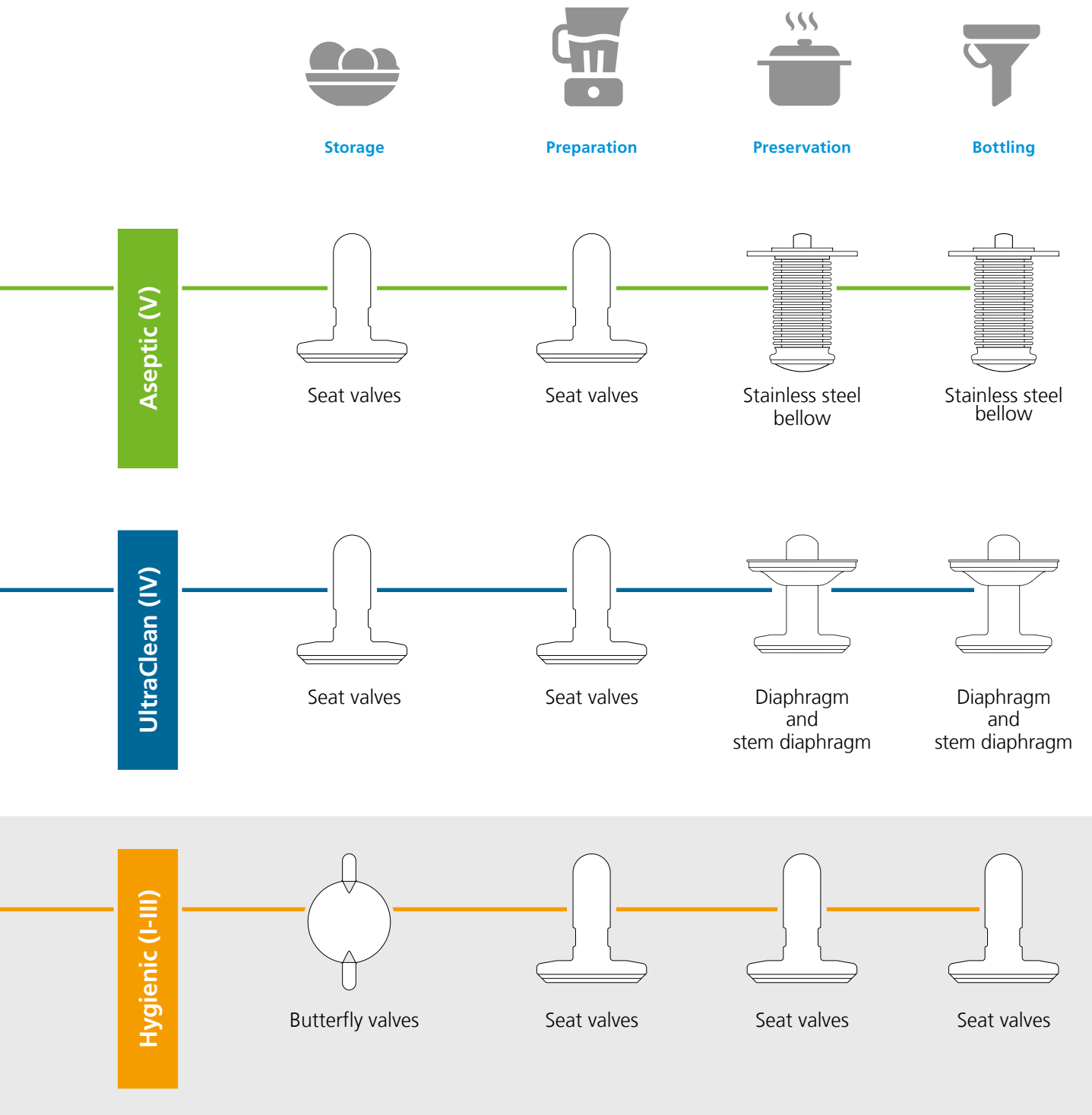
Beer
MSL: > 6 months
pH-value: ≤ 4.5



**Fruit yogurt /
Natural yogurt**
MSL: 2–4 weeks
pH-value: ≤ 4.5



Fresh milk
MSL: 7–10 days
pH-value: > 4.5





The Benchmark.

GEA VARIVENT® Valve Unit

The standard for hygienic valve technology

Wherever future-proof product and process security is essential in liquid processes, the modular GEA VARIVENT® valve system is first choice for systems operators and engineers. Uncompromisingly hygienic valve technology, adaptable to any requirement, permits sustainably economic system and process solutions for a wide variety of the most demanding production tasks.

Safely to safe products

As a pioneering standard for premium quality valve technology, the GEA VARIVENT® modular system offers an unrivalled range of ever-reliable, pocket-free valves – from classic single-seat and mixproof double-seat valves to valves with special process functions. A nearly limitless choice and variety of customization, combination and materials options meet all hygiene, performance and stress requirements of individual customers. Systematically standardized modules with low parts diversity help cut the operating costs for maintenance and spare parts logistics.

Perfectly in tune: The GEA VARIVENT® valve unit

Pioneering mechanical valve technology and equally advanced options for electronic valve control and system communication combine to form a finely tuned valve unit, increasing valve functionality and safety as well as its cost-efficiency in operation.

- **for every product** – including complex, sensitive products in the brewing, beverage, food or pharmaceutical industry.
- **for every process** – including highly advanced, hygienically critical procedures and process stages.
- **for digital strength** – with the latest control top ready for intelligent valve control and Industry 4.0 operating and automation concepts.

Made in Germany – renowned worldwide

The invention of the mixproof valve by Otto Tuchenhausen in Büchen in 1967 set in motion the triumphant march of the modular VARIVENT® valve series shortly thereafter. To this day, GEA develops and manufactures every GEA VARIVENT® valve unit at the original Büchen location. The experience of GEA's engineers along with the huge installed base of valve units around the world offer the best guarantee of safety and total reliability. Users benefit continuously from international project developments and ground-breaking innovations which are incorporated into the valve design.

Every GEA VARIVENT® valve unit keeps the promise of “The Benchmark” – the bar for hygienic valve technology.

The GEA VARIVENT® product range

GEA VARIVENT® seat valves: The choice of single-seat and mix-proof double-seat valves comprises shut-off valves, divert valves and tank bottom valves, configurable with exactly matching mechanical properties, dimensions and flow paths for all conceivable pressure and temperature conditions.

Standardized GEA ECOVENT® designs: Standardized seat valves in GEA ECOVENT® designs have been developed on the basis of GEA VARIVENT® construction principles, and they guarantee users the highest level of performance and reliability – with a limited selection and adaptation options.

GEA VARIVENT® Hygienic valves with special functions: Numerous valves with special functions such as control valves, overflow valves and sample valves are available in the GEA VARIVENT® portfolio along with the hygienic seat valves.

Valve designs for the U.S. dairy market: Specially developed for the American dairy industry, these valve designs are available to meet 3-A design requirements.

The unique GEA VARIVENT® modular system

The VARIVENT® system is the first – and, to date, the only – valve module to feature a flexible design. Its modular concept offers numerous advantages, such as the standardized forms and connections across all valve types, thereby ensuring that all components can be removed, replaced, combined and expanded without any issues. The result? Cost-efficient system operation, optimized warehousing, economical spare parts and low parts diversity.

Existing valve systems in process plants can be modified or adjusted without the need to alter the overall system concept. The VARIVENT® system remains the benchmark others seek to emulate.

GEA VARIVENT® mixproof valve



1 Control and feedback system

Each control top enables intelligent valve control for easy commissioning and increased safety in the process sequence. Detectable valve positions make a decisive contribution to optimal system operation. All common connection types and control systems are available for technical communication in the plant.

2 Actuator

A process-specific selection of the actuator size according to the installation situation results in low air and energy consumption. Depending on the tasks of the valve, various actuator options are available and can be adapted optimally to customer requirements. All actuators can be used in Ex zones as standard, although the Ex-conformity of the electrical add-on components must be taken into account. Furthermore, the actuator contains an integrated interface for mounting a control and feedback system. The internal air supply reduces the risk of failure with external hoses.

3 Lifting actuator

Mixproof valves are equipped with a lifting actuator, which enables individual lifting of a single valve disc when cleaning the respective pipe. This allows cleaning of the sealing surfaces in the seat area.

4 Lantern

The open lantern separates the actuator and product parts from one another. It permits visual inspection of the stem seal, and is also used for indicating any leakages. Furthermore, heat transfer from the valve housing to the actuator is prevented. A proximity switch is integrated in the lantern to detect the seatlift of the upper valve disk.

5 Valve disc

The VARIVENT® system offers an extensive number of different valve types for particular applications in process systems. These are mainly characterized by the different configurations of the valve disc. This concerns in different ways the double disc (upper disc) and the valve disc (lower disc).

6 Valve housing

The height of the dead-zone-free housing exactly corresponds to the diameter of the connection pipeline. This avoids domes and sumps with their negative effects such as oxidization damage or cleaning problems. The special ball shape of the housing offers the best flow profiles without flow separation. Optionally, numerous housing combinations are available.

Hygienic valves

VARIVENT® and ECOVENT® hygienic valves offer reliable function, are suitable for CIP / SIP, easy to maintain and represent a significant factor in consistent product quality. Low operating, maintenance and servicing costs ensure economical system productivity.

The VARIVENT® system has a modular structure, which means it offers a high level of flexibility. The result is economic efficiency for the system operator, optimized stock keeping and low-cost spare parts production due to the reduced diversity of parts.

Modular system

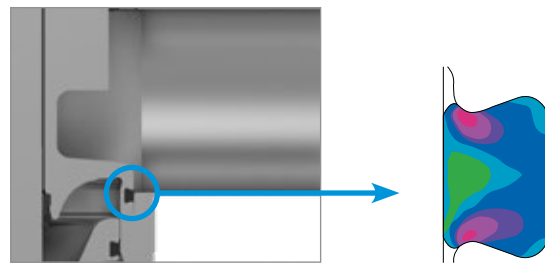
Greater flexibility because of the ability to adapt rapidly to process changes
High economic efficiency
Low spare part stocks

Hygienic design

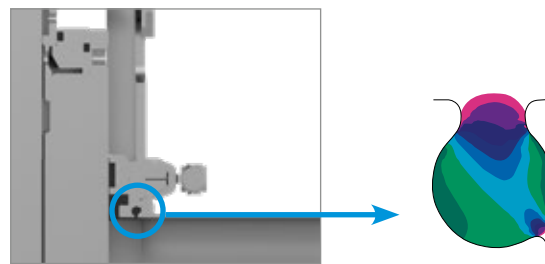
Lower risk of contaminating the end product
Maximum efficiency in cleaning
Lower CIP costs

Sealing according to the VARIVENT® principle

The hygienic valves are characterized by special seal technology. A metallic stop results in defined seal deformation, ensuring long seal life. This allows for more time to pass between required maintenance services with the process system, thereby allowing for continuous production and shorter downtimes. The special groove shape in the valve disc makes sure the seal has a secure hold at all times up to a pressure differential of 10 bar during switching. The seal geometry was optimized using FEM calculations.



Representation of the stress load on the V-ring



Representation of the stress load with a metallic stop

Seals

Long operating time
Vacuum-proof
Selection of FDA-compliant seal materials
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPDM • FKM • HNBR

Available nominal widths for valve series

Nominal width	OD	1"	1 ½"	2"	2 ½"	3"	4"	6"
Valve type								
Angle valve type NI					•	•	•	
Flow diversion device type X_R		•	•	•	•	•	•	
24/7 PMO valve type M/2.0			•	•	•	•	•	•
24/7 PMO cheese curd valve type M_C/2.0							•	•
24/7 PMO tank valve type MT/T_R 08				•	•	•	•	

Surfaces

The standard for surfaces in contact with the product depends on the particular nominal width standard:

- Inch OD: $R_a \leq 0.8 \mu\text{m}$

Higher-quality surfaces are an available option (see section 2).

Surfaces not in contact with the product (housing) are matte blasted as standard. Alternatively, a ground outer surface is available.

Materials

Components in contact with the product are produced from 1.4404 (AISI 316L), while those not in contact with the product are made from 1.4301 (AISI 304). Other materials, e.g. for use when handling aggressive fluids, are available on request.

For detailed information about the properties of the materials, refer to the material properties table.

Pipe classes

Standard VARIVENT® valve housings are supplied with welding ends, although the valves can be delivered with various connection fittings as an option (see section 2).

The dimensions of the welding ends comply with the following standards:

Inch	
OD	Outside diameter based on ASME-BPE-a-2004, DIN 11866, series C
1"	25.4 × 1.65
1 ½"	38.1 × 1.65
2"	50.8 × 1.65
2 ½"	63.5 × 1.65
3"	76.2 × 1.65
4"	101.6 × 2.11
6"	152.4 × 2.77

Test report and inspection certificate

Optionally, the valve housings and internal components can be supplied with a test report 2.2 or an inspection certificate 3.1 acc. to EN 10204.

If 3.1 inspection certificates are required, please notify us of this when you place the order.

Seal materials

Seals in contact with the product are EPDM (standard), FKM as well as HNBR. NBR material is used for seals not in contact with the product. Other materials for seals in contact with the product are available on request. EPDM will be supplied if no seal material is specified in the orders.

The mixing constituents of our seal materials confirm to the USP class VI and are contained in the FDA White List. In this the sealings are in accordance with FOOD and DRUG (FDA) guidelines 21 CFR Part 177.2600 or 21 CFR 177.1550: "Rubber articles intended for repeated use".

The resistance of the seal material depends on the nature and temperature of the product being transported. The contact time with certain products can negatively affect the service life of seals.

For detailed information about the properties of the seal materials, refer to the seal material properties table.

Housing combination

The valves are equipped with a welded housing combination. The advantage of the welded housing combination is that no seals at the seat ring are needed. As a result, the service work during maintenance of the valves is reduced. Also mix-matched housing combinations (see section 2) are available on request.



Welded housing combination:
Housing and seat ring welded

Ambient conditions

Ambient temperatures	
VARIVENT®/ECOVENT® (with connection 0)	0 °C to 45 °C
	32 °F to 113 °F

The valves can also be used in outside sections. However, in these application areas they must be protected against icing, or else de-iced before switching or lifting. In addition, the particular requirements on the control and feedback system must be taken into account in this case.

The product or operating temperature depends on the seal material and can be seen in the seal material properties table.

Installation

VARIVENT® and ECOVENT® valves must be installed without stresses. Lateral forces such as expansion of the pipelines due to heat cannot be compensated in the valve, as a result valve damages are possible. In such cases, we recommend taking measures to compensate for the expansion, such as by using the VARICOMP® expansion compensator.

The required clearance for installing and removing a VARIVENT® or ECOVENT® valve is specified in the particular technical data and dimensional sheet.

Air supply

The valve actuators are configured for operation with min. 4 bar and max. 8 bar air pressure. The standard actuator sizes are configured for an air supply pressure of min. 6 bar (with a product pressure of 5 bar). The quality of the air supply must meet the requirements of ISO 8573-1:2010.

ISO 8573-1:2010	
Solid content	Quality class 6
	Particle size max. 5 µm
	Particle density max. 5 mg/m³
Water content	Quality class 4
	Max. dew point 3 °C
	A correspondingly different dew point is required for applications at high altitude or with low ambient temperatures.
Oil content	Quality class 3
	Max. 1 mg oil per 1 m³ air, preferably oil-free

Operating pressure

The valves can be operated down to a negative pressure of –0.95 bar. As standard, the valves are configured for a product pressure up to max. 5 bar (all-round). The maximum product pressure for which the standard valves can be configured is 10 bar.

Actuator types

By default, the valves are supplied with a pneumatic actuator with spring return.

The pneumatic actuators are configured for long-term operation, and are maintenance-free.

Feedback

In the control top

See catalog GEA Valve Automation

In the lantern (LAT)

Proximity switches of size M12×1 can detect the positions “open” and/or “closed”. In double-seat valves with lift actuator, it is also possible to detect the upper valve disc stroke in the lantern by means of a proximity switch (see catalog GEA Valve Automation).

For detecting the end positions by proximity switches in these valves, it is recommended to use the proximity switch holder (INA) on the actuator (see catalog GEA Valve Automation).

Recommended flow direction

If possible, the valves should close against the flow direction in order to avoid water hammer.

Material properties

Material number	Short name	Similar materials			PREN***	Main alloy elements in % by mass			
						Cr (Chrome)	Ni (Nickel)	Mo (Molybdenum)	C max. (Carbon)
1.4301*	X5CrNi18-10	AISI 304	BS 304S15	SS2332	18	17.5–19.5	8.0–10.5	–	0.07
1.4404**	X2 CrNiMo 17-12-2	AISI 316L	BS 316S11	SS2348	25	16.5–18.5	10.0–13.0	2.0–2.5	0.03
1.4435	X2 CrNiMo 18-14-3	AISI 316L	BS 316S11	SS2353	27	17.0–19.0	12.5–15.0	2.5–3.0	0.03
1.4462	X2 CrNiMoN 22-5-3	2205	BS 318S13	SS2377	37	21.0–23.0	4.5–6.5	2.5–3.5	0.03
1.4410	X2 CrNiMoN 25-7-4	SAF 2507®	–	SS2328	39	24.0–26.0	6.0–8.0	3.0–4.5	0.03
1.4529	X1 NiCrMoCuN 25-20-7	AISI 926	–	–	42	19.0–21.0	24.0–26.0	6.0–7.0	0.02
AL-6XN®	–	–	–	–	43	20.0–22.0	23.5–25.5	6.0–7.0	0.03
1.4539	X1 NiCrMoCu 25-20-5	AISI 904L	BS 904S13	SS2562	35	19.0–21.0	24.0–26.0	4.0–5.0	0.02
2.4602	NiCr21Mo14W HASTELLOY C-22	–	–	–	69	20.0–22.5	Rest	12.5–14.5	0.01
2.4819	NiMo16Cr15W HASTELLOY C-276	N 10276	–	–	75	14.5–16.5	Rest	15.0–17.0	0.01

* Standard material for components not in contact with the product

** Standard material for components in contact with the product (other materials available on request)

*** Pitting Resistance Equivalent Number = % Cr + 3.3 × (% Mo + 0.5 W) + 20 N

Seal material properties

Seal material			EPDM	FKM	HNBR
General application temperature*			–40 to 135 °C –40 to 275 °F	–10 to 200 °C 14 to 392 °F	–25 to 140 °C –13 to 284 °F
Medium	Concentration	At permitted operating temperature			
Alkali	≤ 3 %	up to 80 °C	+	○	+
	≤ 5 %	up to 40 °C	+	○	○
	≤ 5 %	up to 80 °C	+	–	–
	> 5 %		○	–	–
Inorganic acid**	≤ 3 %	up to 80 °C	+	+	+
	≤ 5 %	up to 80 °C	○	+	○
	> 5 %	up to 100 °C	–	+	–
Water		up to 100 °C	+	+	+
Steam		up to 135 °C	+	○	○
Steam, approx. 30 min		up to 150 °C	+	○	–
Hydrocarbons / fuels			–	+	○
Products containing grease	≤ 35 %		+	+	+
	> 35 %		–	+	+
Oils			–	+	+

+ = Good resistance

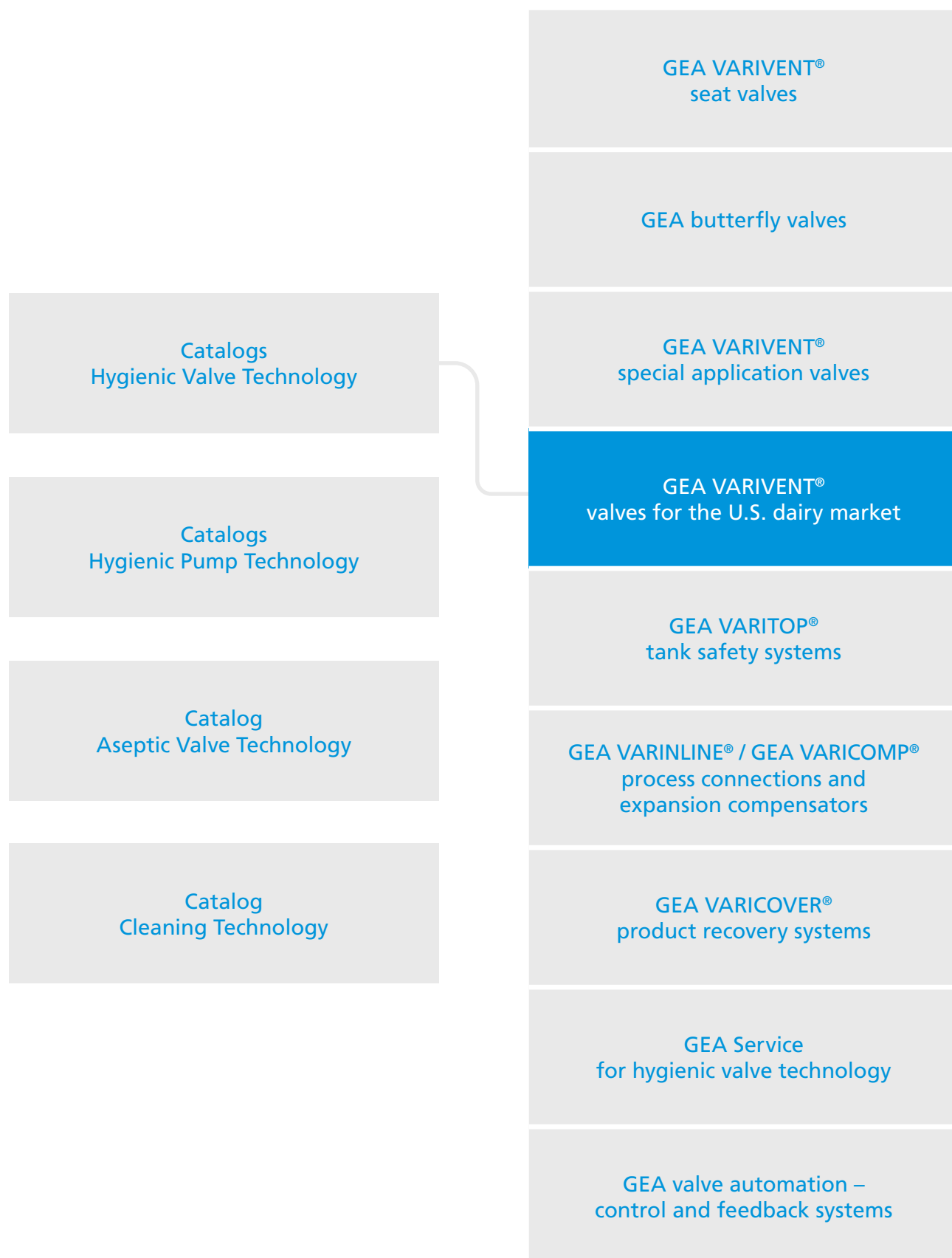
○ = Reduced service life


– = Not resistant

Other applications on request

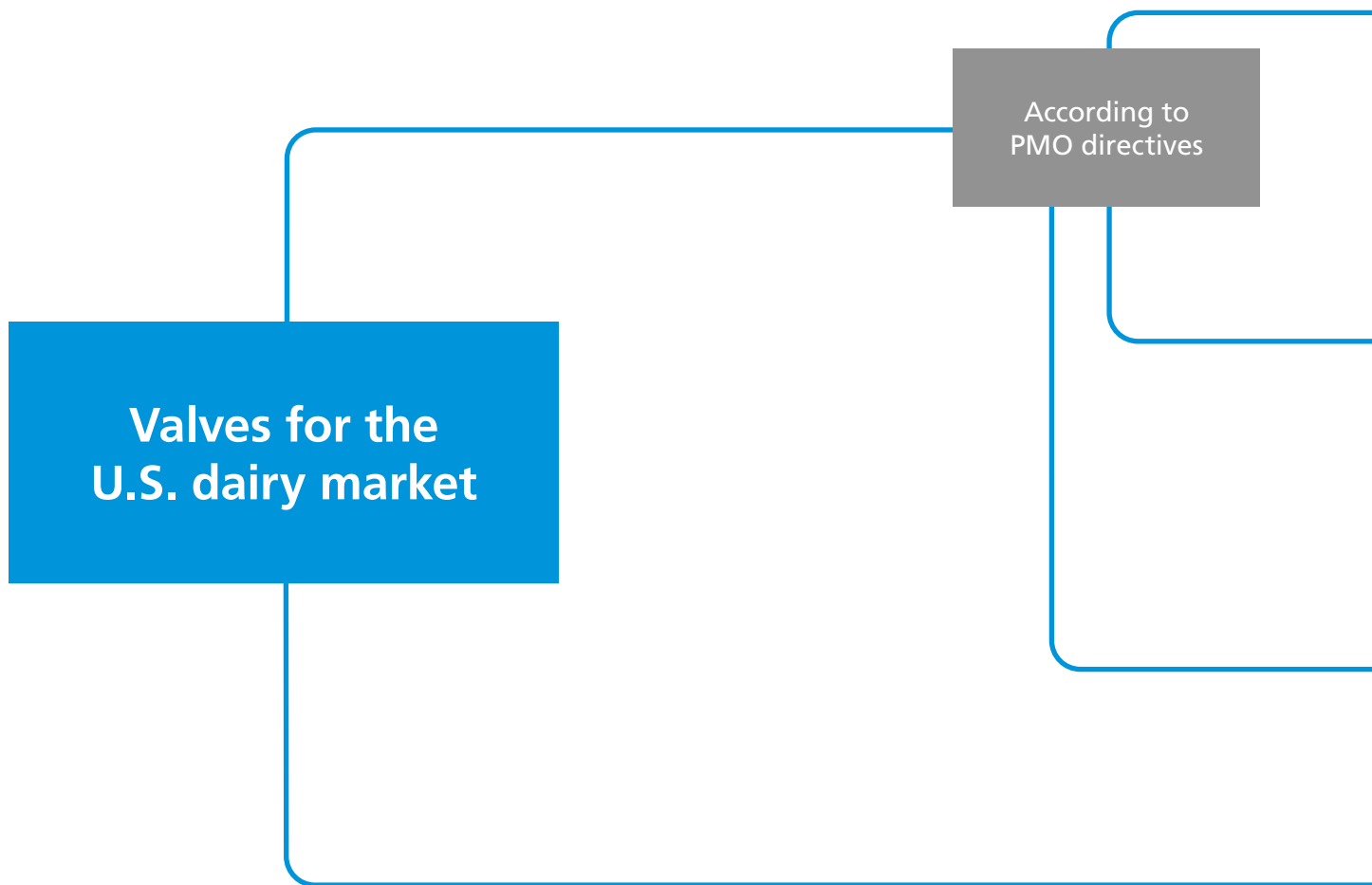
* Depending on the installation situation

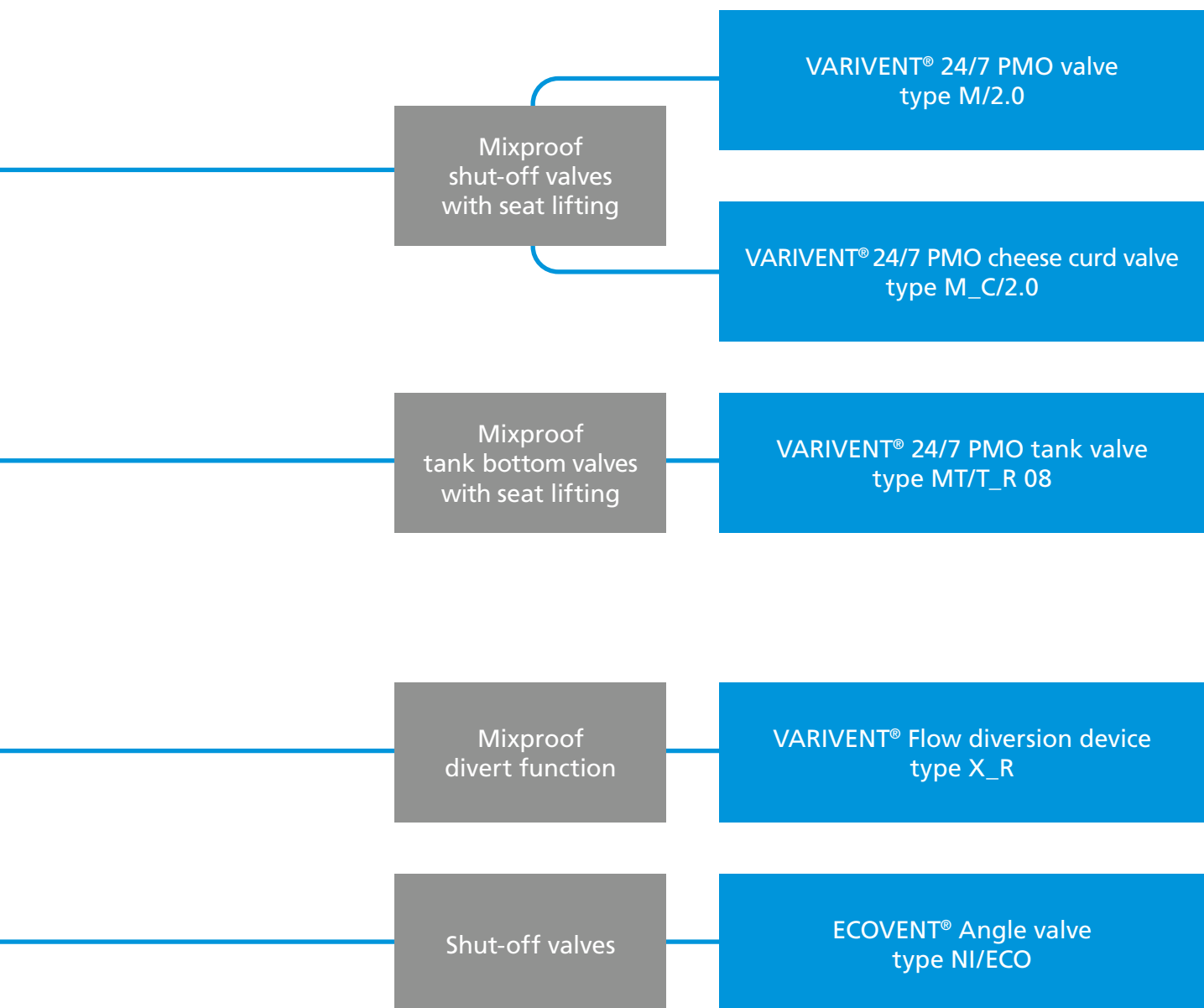
** Inorganic acids are, for example, hydrochloric acid, nitric acid, sulphuric acid





Single-seat and mixproof shut-off valves	1
Options	2







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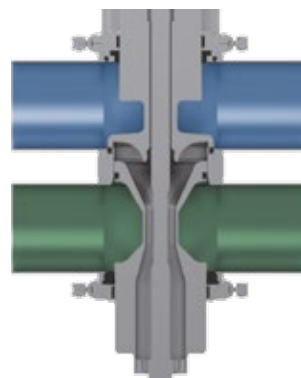
The VARIVENT® 24/7 PMO Valve 2.0, the VARIVENT® 24/7 Cheese Curd Valve 2.0 and the VARIVENT® 24/7 PMO Tank Valve are subject to the regulations of the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO) and are used in all non-aseptic process areas, e.g. milk reception, raw milk storage tanks and distribution systems, pasteurizer supply and return as well as bottling lines.

Sizes		
VARIVENT® 24/7 PMO Valve 2.0	VARIVENT® 24/7 Cheese Curd Valve 2.0	VARIVENT® 24/7 PMO Tank Valve
OD 1 ½" – OD 6"	OD 2" – OD 4"	OD 2" – OD 4"

This ensures that there is no mixing between a product line and a cleaning-media line.

Mixproof separation

The VARIVENT® 24/7 PMO Valve 2.0, the VARIVENT® 24/7 Cheese Curd Valve 2.0 and the VARIVENT® 24/7 PMO Tank Valve ensure mixproof shut-off of incompatible products at pipeline junctions.



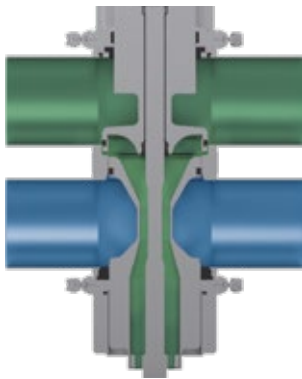
Mixproof separation by two seals

When the valve is closed (non-actuated position), there are always two seals between the separated pipelines. If one seal is defective, the resulting leakage will be directed through the leakage outlet into the periphery, without mixing with the product in the second pipeline.

Cleaning the leakage chamber

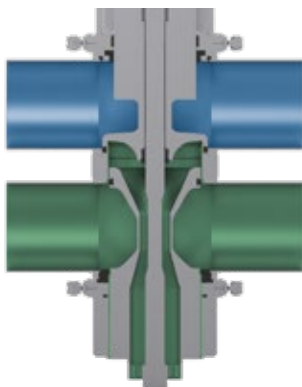
Lifting actuator

The valves are always equipped with a lifting actuator which permits individual lifting of an individual valve disc during the particular pipe cleaning. The VARIVENT® 24/7 PMO Valve 2.0 satisfies the strict requirements of the PMO (Pasteurized Milk Ordinance) and is certified acc. to 3-A Standard 85-02 for performing the lift function while milk or milk products are being transported in the other pipeline.



If there is cleaning media in the upper pipeline, the upper valve disc can be lifted up to allow the surface of the seal and the leakage chamber to be cleaned.

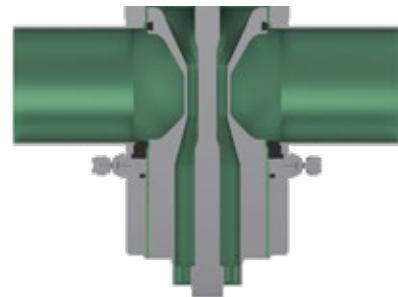
In this case, the cleaning media passes the seal of the lifted valve disc, cleans the leakage chamber and then flows out through the leakage outlet into the periphery. Therefore, it is possible to clean all surfaces that come into contact with the product, including the seal surfaces of the valve disc seals.



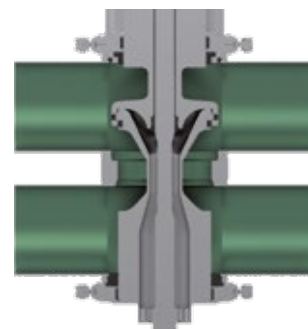
If there is cleaning media in the lower pipeline, the lower valve disc can be lowered downward to allow the surface of the seal and the leakage chamber to be cleaned.

Cleaning of the balancer surface

Article "Item 12p. Cleaning and sanitizing of containers and equipment" of the PMO stipulates that each surface that comes into contact with the product must be cleaned at least once a day. For this reason, the VARIVENT® 24/7 PMO Valve 2.0 and the VARIVENT® 24/7 Cheese Curd Valve 2.0 are equipped with a balancer cleaning device as standard. During lifting of the lower valve disc, a gap is automatically left open between the lower balancer seal and the valve disc. Cleaning media can thus get into the balancer cleaning device and clean the surface of the balancer. In this way, the valve meets the requirements of Item 12p. of the PMO without requiring further measures to be taken. Optionally, however, the valves can also be delivered without a balancer cleaning device if the surface will be cleaned in another way, e.g. by a full stroke during cleaning.



Cleaning of the balancer surface by the balancer cleaning device



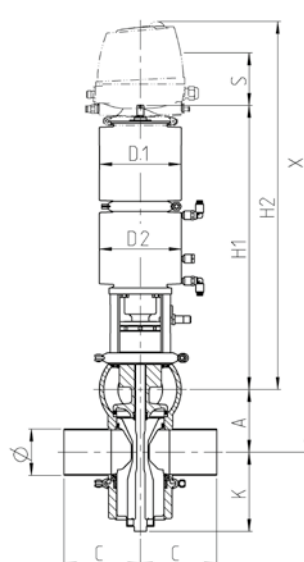
Cleaning of the balancer surface by a full stroke













Technical data of the standard version

Material in contact with the product	1.4404 (AISI 316L)
Material not in contact with the product	1.4301 (AISI 304)
Seal material in contact with the product	EPDM, FKM, HNBR
Ambient temperature	0 to 45 °C
Air supply pressure	6 bar (87 psi)
Product pressure	10 bar (145 psi)
Surface in contact with the product	$R_a \leq 0.8 \mu\text{m}$
External housing surface	Matte blasted
Control and feedback system	Selectable; the feedback of all valve positions is required acc. to PMO
Actuator type	Pneumatic actuator air/spring
Connection fittings	Welding end
Identification	Adhesive ID tag
Valve seat version	Welded seat ring

Certificates



	Pipe	Housing			Actuator		Dimensions		Valve	
Nominal width	Ø [mm]	A [mm]	C [mm]	K [mm]	D1 [mm]	D2 [mm]	H2 [mm]	Extension X [mm]	Stroke S [mm]	Weight [kg]
OD 1 ½"	38.1 × 1.65	59.0	90	94.5	110	110	564	789	27.5	17
OD 2"	50.8 × 1.65	71.5	90	108.5	110	110	570	795	35.0	20
OD 2 ½"	63.5 × 1.65	90.0	125	124.0	135	135	598	948	45.0	27
OD 3"	76.2 × 1.65	103.0	125	130.5	135	135	605	955	45.0	27
OD 4"	101.6 × 2.11	127.5	125	142.5	135	135	617	967	45.0	39
OD 6"	152.4 × 2.77	177.0	150	190.0	210	210	809	1,299	65.0	90

Position	Description of the order code for the standard version					
1	Valve type					
	M	VARIVENT® 24/7 PMO Valve 2.0				
2	Housing combinations					
	A	B	C	E		
						
3	Supplement to the valve type					
	O	With lifting actuator without spray cleaning				
4/5	Nominal width (upper housing / lower housing)					
	OD 1 ½"					
	OD 2"					
	OD 2 ½"					
	OD 3"					
	OD 4"					
	OD 6"					
6	Actuator type					
	S	Air/Spring				
7	Non-actuated position					
	Z	Spring-to-close (NC)				
8	Standard configuration with 6 bar air supply pressure for 10 bar product pressure					
	Actuator (spring-to-close)		/ Lifting actuator	For nominal widths		
	BD		/BLM	OD 1 ½", OD 2"		
	CF5		/CLM	OD 2 ½", OD 3", OD 4"		
	EH6		/ELM	OD 6"		
9	Valve seat version		Housing combination			
			A	B	C	E
	V1	Welded seat ring/ Port orientation 90°				
	V2	Welded seat ring/ Port orientation 180°				
	V3	Welded seat ring/ Port orientation 270°				
10	Seal material in contact with the product					
	1	EPDM (FDA)				
	2	FKM (FDA)				
	3	HNBR (FDA); (up to OD 4")				
11	Surface quality of the housing					
	5	Inside R _a ≤ 0.8 μm, valve completely ground				
12	Connection fittings					
	N	Welding end				
13	Accessories					
	/3A/52	Valve after 3-A, adhesive ID tag, with outer balancer flushing (balancer cleaning device)				
	/B/2.0					
	/3A/52	Valve after 3-A, adhesive ID tag, without outer balancer flushing (balancer cleaning device)				
	/2.0					
+						
14–19	Air connection/Control and feedback system					
	XXXXX	Order code for control and feedback systems see catalog GEA Valve Automation				

The code is composed as following, depending on the chosen configuration:

Position	1	2	3	4/5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 to 19				
Code	M		O	/	S	Z				5	N						

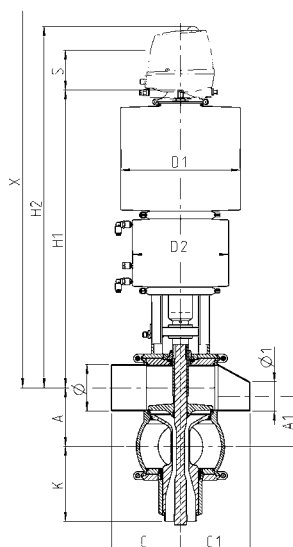
For order codes differing from the standard version, please refer to section 2.



Technical data of the standard version



Material in contact with the product	1.4404 (AISI 316L)
Material not in contact with the product	1.4301 (AISI 304)
Seal material in contact with the product	EPDM, FKM
Ambient temperature	0 to 45 °C
Air supply pressure	6 bar (87 psi)
Product pressure	10 bar (145 psi)
Surface in contact with the product	$R_a \leq 0.8 \mu\text{m}$
External housing surface	Matte blasted
Control and feedback system	Selectable; the feedback of all valve positions is required acc. to PMO
Actuator type	Pneumatic actuator air/spring
Connection fittings	Welding end
Identification	Adhesive ID tag
Valve seat version	Welded seat ring

Certificates



	Pipe		Housing					Actuator		Dimensions		Valve		
Nominal width Valve-/CIP-Connection	\emptyset [mm]	$\emptyset 1$ [mm]	A [mm]	A1 [mm]	C [mm]	C1 [mm]	K [mm]	D1 [mm]	D2 [mm]	H2 [mm]	Extension X [mm]	Stroke S [mm]	Particle size [mm]	Weight [kg]
OD 4"/2.5"	101.6 × 2.11	63.5 × 1.6	127.5	108.5	150	150.5	171	261	210	786.0	1,150	65	45	80
OD 4"/3"	101.6 × 2.11	76.2 × 1.6	127.5	115.0	150	150.0	171	261	210	786.0	1,150	65	45	80
OD 4"/4"	101.6 × 2.11	101.6 × 2.11	127.5	127.5	150	150.0	171	261	210	786.0	1,150	65	45	80
OD 6"/2.5"*	101.6 × 2.11	63.5 × 1.6	177.0	158.0	150	303.0	190	210	210	808.5	1,217	65	45	90
OD 6"/3"*	101.6 × 2.11	76.2 × 1.6	177.0	164.5	234	282.0	190	210	210	808.5	1,217	65	45	90
OD 6"/4"*	101.6 × 2.11	101.6 × 2.11	177.0	177.0	234	234.0	190	210	210	808.5	1,217	65	45	90
OD 6"/2.5"	152.4 × 2.77	63.5 × 1.6	177.0	132.5	150	303.0	190	210	644.5	808.5	1,217	65	45	90
OD 6"/3"	152.4 × 2.77	76.2 × 1.6	177.0	139.0	150	282.0	190	210	644.5	808.5	1,217	65	45	90
OD 6"/4"	152.4 × 2.77	101.6 × 2.11	177.0	151.5	150	234.0	190	210	644.5	808.5	1,217	65	45	90
OD 6"/6"	152.4 × 2.77	152.4 × 2.77	177.0	177.0	150	150.0	190	210	210	808.5	1,217	65	45	90

* Valve with 6" seat diameter, but 4" ports

Position	Description of the order code for the standard version				
1	Valve type				
	M VARIVENT® 24/7 PMO Valve 2.0				
2	Housing combinations				
	E 				
3	Supplement to the valve type			For nominal widths	
	C/CC With lifting actuator without spray cleaning, only lower balancer			OD 4"	
	O/CC With lifting actuator without spray cleaning, double balanced			OD 6"	
4/5	Nominal width upper /lower housing				
	Seat diameter	Port 1 (CIP port)	Port 2	Port 3	Port 4
	OD 4"	OD 2.5" OD 3" OD 4"	OD 4"	OD 4"	OD 4"
	OD 6"	OD 2.5" OD 3" OD 4"	OD 4"	OD 4"	OD 4"
	OD 6"	OD 2.5" OD 3" OD 4" OD 6"	OD 6"	OD 6"	OD 6"
6	Actuator type				
	S Air/Spring				
7	Non-actuated position				
	Z Spring-to-close (NC)				
8	Standard configuration with 6 bar air supply pressure for 10 bar product pressure				
	Actuator (spring-to-close)	/ Lifting actuator	For nominal widths		
	SN6	/ELMN6	OD 4"		
	EH6	/ELMN6	OD 6"		
9	Valve seat version		Housing combination		
	V1 Welded seat ring/ Port orientation 90°		E 		
10	Seal material in contact with the product				
	1 EPDM (FDA)				
	2 FKM (FDA)				
11	Surface quality of the housing				
	5 Inside R _a ≤ 0.8 µm, valve completely ground				
12	Connection fittings				
	N Welding end				
13	Accessories				
	/3A/52/B Valve after 3-A, adhesive ID tag, with outer balancer flushing (balancer cleaning device)				
	/3A/52 Valve after 3-A, adhesive ID tag, without outer balancer flushing (balancer cleaning device)				
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14–19	Air connection / Control and feedback system				
	XXXXX Order code for control and feedback systems see catalog GEA Valve Automation				

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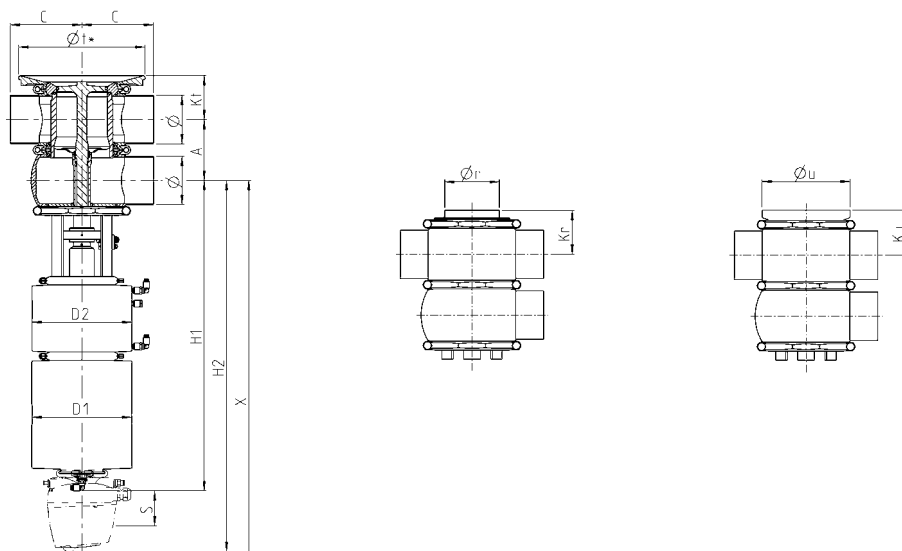
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Code	M	E		-		S	Z	-		V1	-		5	N				

For order codes differing from the standard version, please refer to section 2.









Technical data of the standard version

Material in contact with the product	1.4404 (AISI 316L)
Material not in contact with the product	1.4301 (AISI 304)
Seal material in contact with the product	EPDM, FKM
Ambient temperature	0 to 45 °C
Air supply pressure	Min. 4.8 bar (70 psi)
Product pressure	Max. 6 bar (87 psi)
Surface in contact with the product	OD $R_a \leq 0.8 \mu\text{m}$
External housing surface	Matte blasted
Control and feedback system	T.VIS® M-15
Actuator type	Pneumatic actuator air/spring
Connection fittings	Welding end
Identification	Adhesive ID tag
Valve seat version	Welded or loose seat ring
Certificates	



	Pipe	Housing		Actuator		Dimensions			Housing connection U		Housing connection T	Housing connection R		Valve		
Nominal width	Ø [mm]	A [mm]	C [mm]	D1 [mm]	D2 [mm]	H1 [mm]	H2 [mm]	Extension X [mm]	Ku [mm]	Øu [mm]	Kt [mm]	Øt* [mm]	Kr [mm]	Ør [mm]	Stroke S [mm]	Weight [kg]
OD 2"	50.8 × 1.65	77.5	125.0	110	110	426	555	805	68.5	114	66.5	200	67.0	60.3	35	31.5
OD 2 ½"	63.5 × 1.65	90.0	125.0	170	135	492	621	871	75.0	154	73.0	225	73.0	88.9	45	32.5
OD 3"	76.2 × 1.65	103.0	125.0	210	210	637	766	1,016	81.5	154	79.5	225	79.5	88.9	65	57.5
OD 4"	101.6 × 2.11	127.5	150.0	210	210	649	778	1,028	93.0	184	—	—	92.0	114.3	65	65.5

* The maximum wall thickness of the tank can be 8 mm.

Position	Description of the order code for the standard version	
1	Valve type	
	MT/T	VARIVENT® 24/7 PMO Tank Valve
2	Housing combinations	
		
		
		
3	Supplement to the valve type	
	RC	Radial
4/5	Nominal width (upper housing / lower housing)	
	OD 2"	
	OD 2 ½"	
	OD 3"	
	OD 4"	
6	Actuator type	
	S	Air/Spring
7	Non-actuated position	
	Z	Closed
8	Standard configuration with 4.8 bar air supply pressure for 6 bar product pressure	
	Actuator (spring-to-close)	/ Lifting actuator
	BD	/ BLT
	DF5	/ CLR
	EK6	/ ELMT
		For nominal widths
		OD 2"
		OD 2 ½"
		OD 3", OD 4"
9	Valve seat version	
	L0	Loose seat ring
	V0	Welded seat ring (only for housing combinations H and R)
10	Seal material in contact with the product	
	1	EPDM (FDA)
	2	FKM (FDA)
11	Surface quality of the housing	
	5	Inside R _a ≤ 0.8 μm, Valve cpl. ground blasted
12	Connection fittings	
	J	With connection fittings
	N	Welding end
13	Accessories	
	/52	Identification label sticker
	/3A	Valve design acc. to 3-A
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14–19	Air connection / Control and feedback system	
	XXXXX	Order code for control and feedback systems see catalog GEA Valve Automation

* only OD 2", 2 ½" and 3"

The code is composed as following, depending on the chosen configuration:

Position	1	2	3	4/5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 to 19							
Code	MT/T		RC	-	/	-	S	Z	-		-		5			+				

For order codes differing from the standard version, please refer to section 2.



VARIVENT® Flow Diversion Device

The GEA Flow Diversion Device consists of two radial sealing divert valves of type XKR or XWR that form a module with fixed connection. The mixproof valve combination is used to permit the properties “flow division”, “leakage detection” or “forward flow” downstream of every pasteurizer. It is ensured that there are always two seals between pasteurized and non-pasteurized milk.

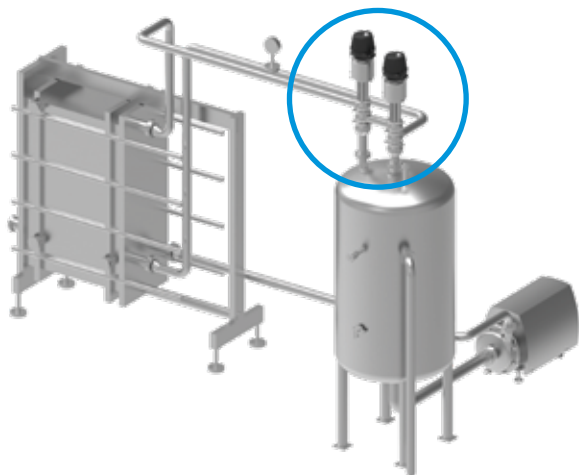
Sizes
VARIVENT® Flow Diversion Device
OD 1"–OD 6"



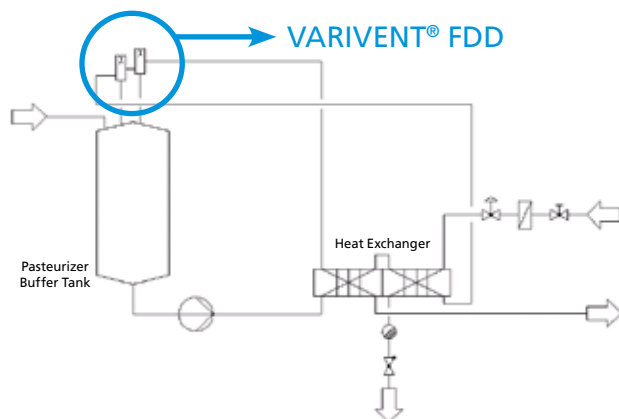
VARIVENT® Flow Diversion Device

Application examples

The VARIVENT® Flow Diversion Device is designed to meet US PMO requirements. Due to the adaption of two divert valves, leak detection is ensured with a cavity in the same nominal size as the pipes diameter. The typical application is the divert function after a pasteurizer.



Mixproof divert function downstream of a pasteurizer



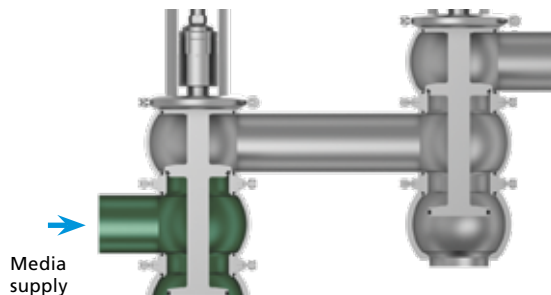
R & I diagram

Special features

- Certified hygienic design
- Metallic stop
- Proven seal geometry
- Mixproof separation

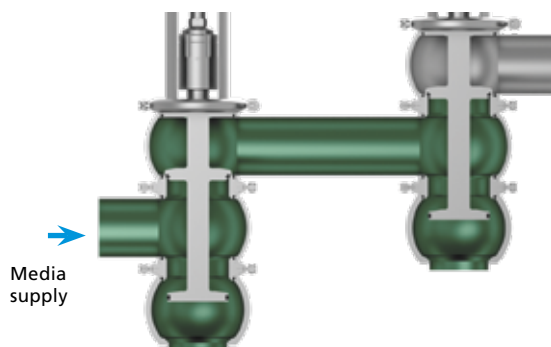
Flow Diversion

In the warm-up phase of the pasteurizer, the VARIVENT® Flow Diversion Device will reliably switch the product flow to the buffer tank, shown in green here.



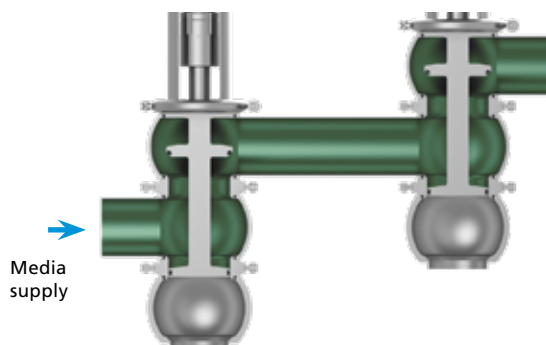
Leakage detection

In case of a seal defect, the product is still routed to the buffer tank through the leakage outlet of the second divert valve. The design without reduction of the nominal width does not permit pressure build-up in this area.



Forward flow rate

When the pasteurizer has reached the required temperature, the two divert valves of the VARIVENT® Flow Diversion Device will switch the product through to the filler. However, if the temperature drops below the required value, the FDD switches within one second. Thus, unpasteurized milk is always returned to the buffer tank.

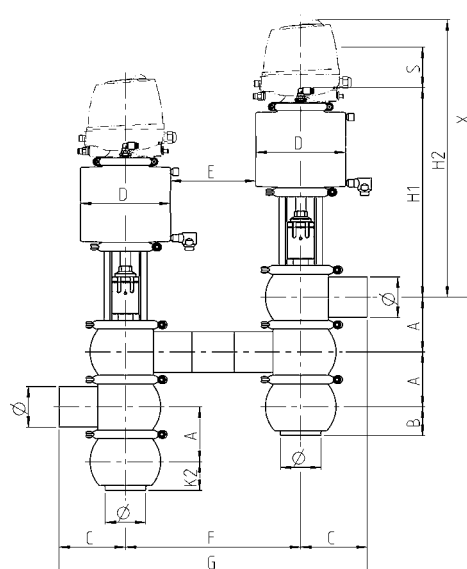






Technical data of standard version

Recommended flow direction	Against the closing direction
Material in contact with the product	1.4404 (AISI 316L)
Material not in contact with the product	1.4301 (AISI 304)
Seal material in contact with the product	EPDM, FKM, HNBR
Ambient temperature	0 to 45 °C
Air supply pressure	6 bar (87 psi)
Product pressure	5 bar (73 psi)
Surface in contact with the product	$R_a \leq 0,8 \mu m$
External housing surface	Matte blasted
Control and feedback system	Connection 0 (without control top)
Actuator type	Pneumatic actuator air/spring
Connection fittings	Welding end
Identification	Adhesive ID tag
Valve seat version	Welded seat ring

Certificates



	Pipe	Housing				Actuator	Dimensions						Valve	
Nominal width	Ø [mm]	A [mm]	C [mm]	K1 [mm]	K2 [mm]	D1 [mm]	E [mm]	F [mm]	G [mm]	H1 [mm]	P [mm]	Extension X [mm]	Stroke S [mm]	Weight [kg]
OD 1"	25.4 x 1.60	46.0	90	30.0	29	110	70	180	360	456.0	50	570	15	–
OD 1 ½"	38.1 x 1.60	59.0	90	36.5	39	135	45	180	360	465.5	60	615	23	–
OD 2"	50.8 x 1.60	71.5	90	43.0	42	135	45	180	360	472.0	65	650	30	–
OD 2 ½"	63.5 x 1.65	90.0	125	52.0	54	170	80	250	500	515.0	75	740	30	17.5
OD 3"	76.2 x 1.65	103.0	125	58.5	54	170	80	250	500	521.5	80	780	30	18.5
OD 4"	101.6 x 2.00	127.5	125	71.0	69	210	40	250	500	530.0	95	850	30	40.0
OD 6"	152.4 x 2.77	177.0	150	95.5	94	260	40	300	600	707.0	120	1,150	60	–

Position	Description of the order code for the standard version	
1	Valve type	
	X	VARIVENT® divert valve
2	Housing combinations	
	W	K
		
3	Supplement to the valve type	
	R	Lower radial seal
4/5	Nominal width (upper housing / lower housing)	
	OD 1"	
	OD 1 ½"	
	OD 2"	
	OD 2 ½"	
	OD 3"	
	OD 4"	
	OD 6"	
6	Actuator type	
	Z	VARIVENT® Actuator Air/Spring, Air-assisted
7	Non-actuated position	
	Z	Spring-to-close (NC)
8	Standard configuration with 6 bar air supply pressure for 5 bar product pressure (higher pressures on request)	
	Actuator (spring-to-close)	For nominal widths
	Z/FDD CB	OD 1", OD 1 ½", OD 2"
	Z/FDD DD	OD 2 ½", OD 3"
	Z/FDD EF	OD 4"
	Z/FDD EH	OD 6"
9	Valve seat version	
	L0	Loose seat ring
10	Seal material in contact with the product	
	1	EPDM (FDA)
	2	FKM (FDA)
	3	HNBR (FDA); (up to OD 4")
11	Surface quality of the housing	
	3	Inside $R_a \leq 0,8 \mu\text{m}$, outside ground blasted
12	Connection fittings	
	N	Welding end
13	Accessories	
	/52	Adhesive ID tag
+		
14–19	Air connection / Control and feedback systems	
	XXXXX	Order code for control and feedback systems see catalog GEA Valve Automation

The code is composed as following, depending on the chosen configuration:

Position	1	2	3	4/5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 to 19			
Code	X		R	/	Z	Z		L0		3	N	/52				

For order codes differing from the standard version, please refer to section 2.



ECOVENT® Angle valve

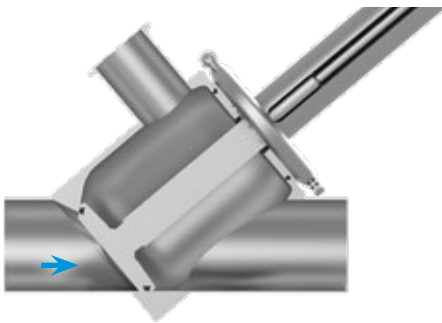


ECOVENT® Angle valve with CIP connection

ECOVENT® Angle Valve type NI/ECO

The angle valve implements a flow through the entire nominal width of the pipe. Due to its special design, a horizontal installation orientation of the housing and an upright valve position is absolutely required.

Sizes
ECOVENT® Angle valve type NI/ECO
OD 2½" –OD 4"



ECOVENT® Angle valve
in the closed switching position

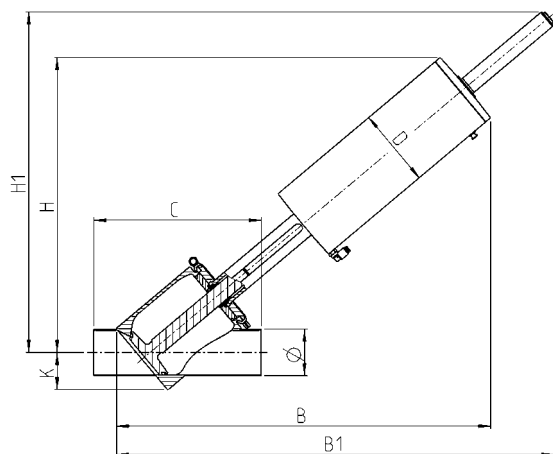
Recommended flow direction

To avoid water hammers when closing the valve while the product is flowing, ECOVENT® angele valves should be switched against the flow direction of the product.

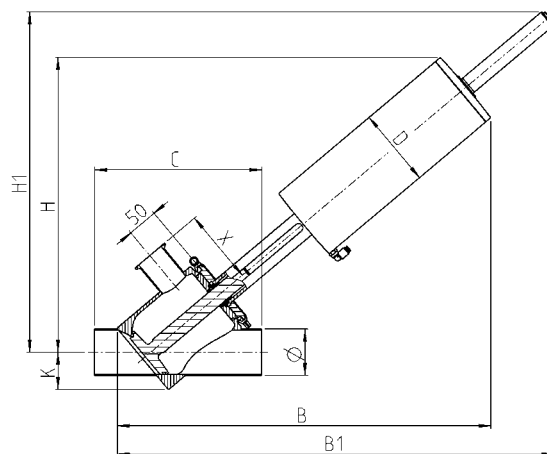


Technical data of standard version

Material in contact with the product	1.4404 (AISI 316L)
Material not in contact with the product	1.4301 (AISI 304)
Seal material in contact with the product	EPDM, FKM, HNBR
Ambient temperature	0 to 45 °C
Air supply pressure	6 bar (87 psi)
Surface in contact with the product	$R_a \leq 0,8 \mu\text{m}$
External housing surface	Matte blasted
Control and feedback system	Connection 0 (without control top)
Actuator type	Pneumatic actuator air/spring
Connection fittings	Welding end
Identification	Adhesive ID tag
Valve seat version	Welded seat ring
Certificates	





Angle Valve



Angle Valve with CIP Connection

	Pipe	Housing			Actuator	Dimensions				Valve	
Nominal width	Ø [mm]	B [mm]	B1 [mm]	C [mm]	D1 [mm]	H [mm]	H1 [mm]	K [mm]	X* [mm]	Stroke S [mm]	Weight [kg]
OD 2 ½"	63.5 × 1.65	491	586	250	129	454	549	50.3	123	67	18.5
OD 3"	76.2 × 1.65	618	727	275	129	489	568	61.5	123	120	19.5
OD 4"	101.6 × 2.11	733	829	360	170	576	641	79.5	143	155	40.0

* Dimension is valid for Angle Valve with CIP Connection

Position	Description of the oder code for the standard version		
1	Valve type		
	N ECOVENT® Angle valve		
2	Housing combination		
	<div>I</div> 		
3	Supplement to the valve type		
	/ECO		
4/5	Nominal width (upper housing / lower housing)		
	OD 2 ½"		
	OD 3"		
	OD 4"		
6	Actuator type		
	E Air/Spring		
7	Non-actuated position		
	Z Spring-to-close (NC)		
	A Spring-to-open (NO)		
8	Standard configuration with 6 bar air supply pressure for 5 bar product pressure (higher pressures on request)		
	Actuator (spring-to-close)	Actuator (spring-to-open)	For nominal widths
	ECD/12	ECD/12	OD 2 ½"
	ECD/12	ECD/12	OD 3"
	EDF/16	EDF/16	OD 4"
9	Valve seat version		
	V0 Fixed port		
10	Seal material in contact with the product		
	1 EPDM (FDA)		
	2 FKM (FDA)		
	3 HNBR (FDA)		
11	Surface quality of the housing		
	2 Inside R _a ≤ 0,8 µm, outside matte blasted		
12	Connection fittings		
	N Welding end		
13	Accessories		Housing combination
	/33 With CIP Housing		
	/52 Adhesive ID tag		
+			
14–19	Air connection		
	0 0M Metric for air hose Ø 6/4 mm		
	00000Z Inch for air hose Ø OD ¼" (6.35/4.35 mm)		

The code is composed as following, depending on the chosen configuration:

Position	1	2	3	4/5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 to 19				
Code	N	I	/ECO	/	E			V0		2	N		0	0	0	0	0

For order codes differing from the standard version, please refer to section 2.

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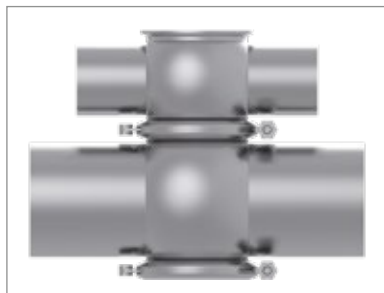
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Typical application and description

Many mix-matched housings are already available.

For technical reasons, however, a mix-matched combination is not possible for all valve types! If required, please contact GEA Tuchenhausen to ask about the feasibility.

The first mentioned nominal width indicates the upper valve housing, the second one is the nominal width of the lower valve housing. The larger housing in the mismatched combination must always be configured as a housing with two vertical ports.

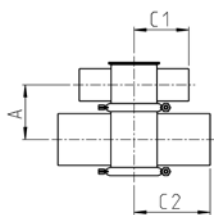
Available nominal widths

Inch OD	OD	1"–6"
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Available valve types

Mixproof valves with shut-off function and seat lifting	M
Mixproof tank bottom valves with seat lifting	–
Mixproof divert function	–
Shut-off valves	–

[illegible]



Technical data	
Material	1.4404 (AISI 316L)
Product pressure	10 bar
Valve seat version	Clamped or welded housing connection

OD 4"			OD 6"			upper housing / lower housing
A	C1	C2	A	C1	C2	
90.25	125	90	–	–	–	OD 1 ½"
on request	on request	on request	–	–	–	OD 2"
on request	on request	on request	–	–	–	OD 2 ½"
on request	on request	on request	–	–	–	OD 3"
127.5	125	125	–	–	–	OD 4"
–	–	–	177	150	150	OD 6"

Incorporation of the option in the order code and example

Position	Description of the order code for options
4/5	Nominal width (upper housing/lower housing)

Position	1	2	3	4/5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 to 19
Code	M	E	O	- OD 2"/OD 3"	S	Z	- BD/BLM	- V!	1	5	N	/3A /52 /B 2.0	+ 0 0 0 0 0 Z



Typical application and description

Deviating from the quality of the standard surface quality, different surface qualities are available up to a medium roughness for surfaces in contact with the product of $R_a \leq 0.4 \mu\text{m}$. The outer surface of the housings is matte blasted as standard. Optionally, it can also be supplied ground.

Housings that should comply with the 3-A standard are produced as standard with an inner surface of $R_a \leq 0.8 \mu\text{m}$ with ground welds and a blasted outer surface. If a configuration with a ground outer surface is required, it is necessary to select not only option /3-A (position 13) but also the corresponding surface quality 3 (position 11).



Incorporation of the option in the order code and example

Position	Description of the order code for options									
11	Surface quality of the housing									
	2	Inside $R_a \leq 0.8 \mu\text{m}$, outside matte blasted								
	3	Inside $R_a \leq 0.8 \mu\text{m}$, outside ground								
	4	Inside $R_a \leq 0.4 \mu\text{m}$, outside matte blasted								
	5	Inside $R_a \leq 0.8 \mu\text{m}$, outside valve completely ground								
	8	Inside $R_a \leq 0.4 \mu\text{m}$, outside ground								

Position	1	2	3	4/5		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13			14 to 19										
Code	X	W	R	-	OD 4" / OD 4"	-	Z	Z	-	Z/FDD EF	-	L0	-	1	5	N	/21	/52	/3A	+	0	0	0	0	0	Z



Typical application and description

One process for improving the surface quality is electrochemical polishing, in which peaks on the surfaces of material are abraded by a galvanic process, resulting in an evened-out elevation profile.

This surface treatment makes it much less likely for contaminating substances and micro-organisms to stick to the surface. In addition, the smooth surface improves corrosion resistance by formation of an inert oxide layer.

Electropolishing of the housings is only available for housings that are outside grounded (order-code position 11).

Incorporation of the option in the order code and example

Position	Description of the order code for options									
13	Accessories									
	/E	Surface finish electrolytically polished								

Position	1	2	3	4/5		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13			14 to 19											
Code	X	W	R	-	OD 4" /OD 4"	-	Z	Z	-	Z/FDD EF	-	L0	-	1	5	N	/21	/52	/3A	/E	+	0	0	0	0	0	Z

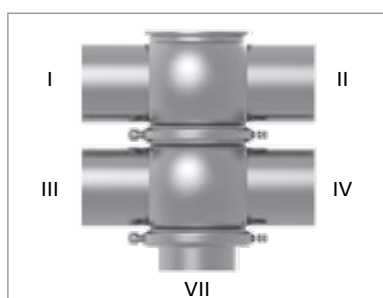
Typical application and description

The valve housings can be specified with a welded-on connection fitting. To find which connection fittings are available, please refer to the list on the following pages.

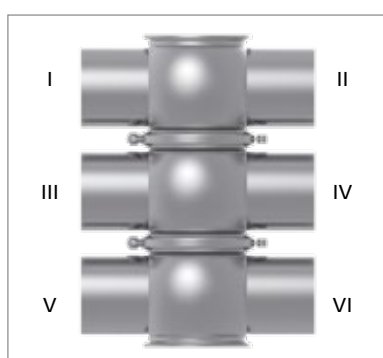
If the vertical ports within a valve do have different configurations, please inform us of the designation for the particular housing port including the required connection fitting (as in the example below). The seal which may be included corresponds to the sealing material of the valve.



Valves with two housings



Valves with two housings and vertical port



Valves with three housings

Connection fittings	
TK	VARIVENT® flange connection, groove flange on housing
TN	VARIVENT® groove flange incl. O-ring and connecting parts
TF	VARIVENT® flange
GK	Pipe fitting, DIN 11851, male end on housing
GO	Male end SC, DIN 11851, incl. seal ring G
KO	Liner SD, DIN 11851, incl. groove nut
ASK	Hygienic flange connection, DIN 11853-2
NFK	Hygienic groove flange, DIN 11853-2
BFK	Hygienic flange, DIN 11853-2
CO	Clamp connection/TRI-Clamp, ISO 2852 (OD; length: 28.5 mm)

Example

Housing port	Connection fitting
I	TN
II	TF
III	TK
IV	
V	
VI	
VII	

Incorporation of the option in the order code and example

Position	Description of the order code for options
12	Connection fittings
	J Valve with connection fittings (required connection fitting acc. to list above, please specify separately)

Position	1	2	3	4/5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 to 19
Code	M	E	O	- OD 2" / OD 3"	S	Z	- BD/BLM	- V!	- 1	4	J	/3A /52 /B 2.0	+ 0 0 0 0 0 Z

Typical application and description

An O-ring is used for sealing the VARIVENT® flange connection, and is given a defined compression by a metal stop. The O-ring is also protected by the special geometry of the recess from being pulled out at high flow rates.

The VARIVENT® flange connection (TK) can be ordered either as a complete connection including bolts and nuts (TK) or a groove flange (TN)/ flange (TF) as a connection fitting on a vertical port. If a complete connection is ordered as the connection fitting, the groove flange is welded onto the housing. The groove flange (TN) contains not only the O-Ring but also the required connecting elements.



Complete connection including bolts and nuts (TK)



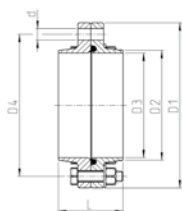
Groove flange (TN), including connecting elements and seal ring



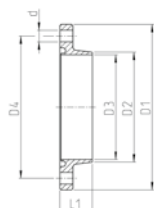
Plain Flange (TF)

Available nominal widths		
Inch OD	OD	1" – 6"

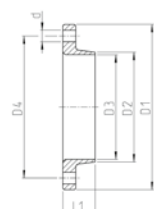
Technical data	
Material	1.4404 (AISI 304)
Surface in contact with the product	$R_a \leq 0.8 \mu\text{m}$
Certificates	3.1/AD2000W2
Seal materials	EPDM (FDA), FKM (FDA), HNBR (FDA)



TK =
VARIVENT®
flange
connection



TN =
VARIVENT®
groove flange



TF =
VARIVENT®
flange

Nominal width	Dimensions							O-ring	PS
	D1 [mm]	D2 [mm]	D3 [mm]	D4 [mm]	d [mm]	L [mm]	L1 [mm]	[mm]	
OD 1"	66	25.5	22.0	49	4 × Ø 9	50	25	22.0 × 5.0	16
OD 1 ½"	79	38.5	35.0	62	4 × Ø 9	50	25	33.5 × 5.0	16
OD 2"	91	51.0	47.5	74	4 × Ø 9	50	25	45.0 × 5.0	16
OD 2 ½"	106	63.5	60.0	88	8 × Ø 9	50	25	56.0 × 5.0	16
OD 3"	119	76.5	73.0	101	8 × Ø 9	50	25	68.0 × 5.0	10
OD 4"	156	102.0	97.5	134	8 × Ø 11	50	25	90.0 × 5.0	10
OD 6"	211	152.4	146.5	186	8 × Ø 11	50	25	134.0 × 5.7	10

Incorporation of the option in the order code and example

Position	Description of the order code for options
12	Connection fittings
J	Valve with connection fittings (please specify option TK, TN or TF separately with reference to the connection)

Position	1	2	3	4/5		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13			14 to 19													
Code	M	E	O	-	OD 2" / OD 3"		-	S	Z	-	BD/BLM		-	V!	-	1	4	J	/3A	/52	/B	2.0	+	0	0	0	0	0	Z

Typical application and description

A seal ring G is used for sealing the pipe fitting acc. to DIN 11851.

The pipe fitting acc. to DIN 11851 can be ordered either as a complete connection (GK) or male end SC (GO)/liner SD (KO)

as a connection fitting on a vertical port. If a complete connection is ordered on a housing port, the male end is welded onto the housing. The groove flange contains the seal ring G. The liner (KO) contains the groove nut.



Complete connection (GK)



Male end SC (GO),
including seal ring G



Liner SD (KO),
including groove nut

GK – Complete connection, male end on housing

Available nominal widths		
Inch OD	OD	1" – 4"

Technical data	
Material	1.4404 (AISI 316L)
Standard	DIN 11851

GO – Male end SC, including seal ring G

Available nominal widths		
Inch OD	OD	1" – 4"

Technical data	
Material	1.4404 (AISI 316L)
Standard	DIN 11851

KO – Liner SD, including groove nut

Available nominal widths		
Inch OD	OD	1" – 4"

Technical data	
Material	1.4404 (AISI 316L)
Standard	DIN 11851

Incorporation of the option in the order code and example

Position	Description of the order code for options														
12	Connection fittings														
	J Valve with connection fittings (required connection fitting, please specify separately)														

Position	1	2	3	4/5		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13				14 to 19										
Code	M	E	O	-	OD 2" / OD 3"	-	S	Z	-	BD/BLM	-	V!	-	1	4	J	/3A	/52	/B	2.0	+	0	0	0	0	0	Z

Typical application and description

An O-ring is used for sealing the hygienic flange connection acc. to DIN 11853-2, and is given a defined compression by a metal stop. The O-ring is also protected by the special geometry of the recess from being pulled out at high flow rates. Furthermore, the flange connection is centered by the design shape. The sealing geometry of the hygienic flange connection corresponds to the aseptic flange connection acc. to DIN 11864-2.

The hygienic flange connection (ASK) can be ordered either as a complete connection including bolts and nuts (ASK) or a hygienic groove flange (NFK)/hygienic flange (BFK) as a connection fitting on a vertical port. If a complete connection is ordered on a housing port, the groove flange is welded onto the housing. The groove flange (NFK) contains not only the O-Ring but also the required connecting elements.



Complete hygienic flange connection (ASK)



Hygienic-groove flange (NFK), including connecting elements and seal ring



Hygienic flange (BFK)

ASK – Complete hygienic flange connection

Available nominal widths		
Inch OD	OD	1" – 4"

Technical data	
Material	1.4404 (AISI 316L)
Seal material	EPDM (FDA), FKM (FDA), HNBR (FDA)
Standard	DIN 11853-2

NFK – Hygienic groove flange, including connecting elements and seal

Available nominal widths		
Inch OD	OD	1" – 4"

Technical data	
Material	1.4404 (AISI 316L)
Seal material	EPDM (FDA), FKM (FDA), HNBR (FDA)
Standard	DIN 11853-2

BFK – Hygienic flange

Available nominal widths		
Inch OD	OD	1" – 4"

Technical data	
Material	1.4404 (AISI 316L)
Standard	DIN 11853-2

Incorporation of the option in the order code and example

Position	Description of the order code for options
12	Connection fittings
J	Valve with connection fittings (required connection fitting, please specify separately)

Position	1	2	3	4/5		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13			14 to 19													
Code	M	E	O	-	OD 2" / OD 3"		-	S	Z	-	BD/BLM		-	V!	-	1	4	J	/3A	/52	/B	2.0	+	0	0	0	0	0	Z

Typical application and description

The clamp connection acc. to DIN 32676 is a widely used connection fitting in the food, chemical and pharmaceutical industry, especially in North America. The connection uses a symmetrically structured clamp connection with a seal located in between it, and is secured by a clamp. The second clamp connection, the seal and the clamp are not supplied. Clamps with nominal width OD series are compatible to ASME BPE clamps.



Clamp connection (CO)

CO – Clamp connection

Available nominal widths		
Inch OD	OD	1" – 6"

Technical data		
Material	OD	AISI 316L
Standard	OD	DIN 32676*; Length 28.5 mm**
Inner diameter	OD	DIN 11866 row C
Certificates	3.1	

*similar to ASME BPE B

** OD 6" referred to DIN 32676

Incorporation of the option in the order code and example

Position	Description of the order code for options									
12	Connection fittings									
	J Valve with connection fittings (required connection fitting, please specify separately)									

Position	1	2	3	4/5		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13			14 to 19											
Code	M	E	O	-	OD 2" / OD 3"	-	S	Z	-	BD/BLM	-	V!	-	1	4	J	/3A	/52	/B	2.0	+	0	0	0	0	0	Z



Typical application and description

3-A Sanitary Standards, Inc. is an independent, non-profit corporation dedicated to advancing hygienic equipment design for the food, beverage, and pharmaceutical industries. In particular, it represents the interests of three stakeholder groups in the US dairy industry with a common commitment to promoting food safety and the public health – regulatory sanitarians, equipment fabricators and processors. To achieve this purpose, it has produced guidelines which define various design requirements on components. In the area of seat valves, it is above all the standards 53-06 (compression type valves) and 85-02 (double-seat mixproof valves) that are relevant. Compliance with these design specifications is examined by an independent expert and confirmed by issuing a certificate. Almost the entire VARIVENT® and ECOVENT® valve series complies with these design specification in the standard design acc. to section 1.

If the 3-A option is selected, compliance of the valve with the requirements of the standard is confirmed by means of a sticker on the component. Consequently, if this option is selected, it is necessary to comply with the standard in terms of identification as well.

Furthermore, when this option is selected, the welds of the port connections are ground smooth. The standard does not specify that this is mandatory, but it is in line with customers' preferences in this market.

IMPORTANT: The standard surface when this option is selected is “inside surface $R_a \leq 0.8 \mu\text{m}$, outside matte”. Many customers in this market ask for the alternative surface quality “inside surface $R_a \leq 0.8 \mu\text{m}$, outside ground”. If this is required, it must be selected separately at position 11 in the order code as a non-standard surface.

Incorporation of the option in the order code and example

Position	Description of the order code for options														
13	Accessories														
	/3A	Adhesive ID tag, configuration of the valve acc. to 3-A standard													

Position	1	2	3	4/5		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13			14 to 19											
Code	M	E	O	-	OD 2" /OD 3"	-	S	Z	-	BD/BLM	-	V!	-	1	4	N	/3A	/52	/B	2.0	+	0	0	0	0	0	Z



Valve automation for increased process reliability, efficiency and flexibility

GEA's hygienic valve technology sets the standards for reliable, safe and permanently efficient liquid processes. Leading-edge control and automation options enable operators to achieve optimum control and monitoring of the valve – thereby realizing state-of-the-art, highly flexible operating and automation concepts.

The key component is the latest generation of GEA control tops with reliable, ground-breaking control and feedback technology. Mechanical valve components and a control top specified for the particular application together to form a finely tuned valve unit capable of realizing advanced system concepts and enhancing process options.

The control top – integral part of the valve unit

The control top facilitates optimized production and cleaning processes with less expenditure on staff, energy and time. Valve functions can be automatically and continuously monitored, recorded, evaluated and if necessary, corrected. Detectable valve positions make a crucial contribution towards the achievement of optimum system operation. This ensures adherence to a smooth process flow, while also achieving the utmost in product safety.

Special priority is given to sustainability in intelligent valve control: Thanks to the selectable LEFF® function integrated in the TVIS A-15, up to 90 percent of cleaning agents can be saved by an optimized and PLC-independent pulsing of the valve discs during the cleaning process. The economical air guidance in the control top and the integrated solenoid valves with low power intake minimize energy consumption as well as the demand for compressed air and the number of hose connections.

In addition, the control top offers the best protection to components against adverse ambient conditions such as moisture, dust, liquids of any kind, vibrations and other mechanical impact.



Modern plant communication at the threshold to industry 4.0

The control tops in the current GEA range can be configured for all common types of connection and control systems to make future-oriented, pioneering automation functions possible. For example, users can ensure early digital integration of their system control setup in Industry 4.0 environments by way of the modern IO-Link technology. Digital exchange of data enables central setting of component parameters and lossless information transfer.

Diagnostic data from the valve can be processed and displayed in central control unit of the plant. The options even extend to networking the system controller with the company's ERP system for optimized resource utilization.

Easy start-up

Thanks to pre-configurable system parameters and a fully automatic SETUP, the installation for digital valve control is easy even also without extensive technical knowledge. Regional requirements, application-specific certificates (UL/CSA/PMO/ATEX) and other individual specifications can be provided as needed.













As a true pioneer with decades of experience in the development of valves and control tops for all processes, GEA offers the perfect symbiosis of mechanical and electronic engineering, largely with standardized components. Extensive tests and countless valve units installed around the world have continuously proved the reliability and cost-effectiveness for the user, always ensuring maximum safety of operation.

Recommended control and feedback systems for GEA VARIVENT® hygienic valves for the U.S. dairy market

For GEA VARIVENT® valves for the U.S. dairy market the TVIS® A-15 is recommended for its extended functional scope and greater ease of operation. Besides the established types of communication, such as 24VDC, AS-i und DeviceNet, this control top also features the groundbreaking IO-Link technology, which allows users to set the parameters for components centrally in the system via digital data exchange and transfer all process data loss-free. Thanks to a fully automatic setup, commissioning can be quickly and easily carried out by means of the push buttons fitted on the hood. Additional functions such as the selection of different tolerance bands, signal attenuation and the resource-saving LEFF® function round off the TVIS® A-15.

The TVIS® M-15 offers for GEA VARIVENT® valves for the U.S. dairy market an attractively priced basic version of control and feedback technology. The TVIS® M-15 is fitted with manually adjustable sensors and is available for all established types of communication such as 24VDC, AS-i and DeviceNet.

Attention must be paid to regional requirements for use in explosive areas. The SES meets the requirements of the European ATEX Directive and can be used in Zones 1 and 20. The TVIS® A-15 is certified in accordance with the Directive Class 1 / Div. 2 in compliance with the regulations in place for the North American market.

3-A		3-A Sanitary Standards, Inc. (3-A SSI) is an independent, non-profit corporation dedicated to advancing hygienic equipment design for the food, beverage, and pharmaceutical industries.
24/7 PMO VALVE 2.0® NON-STOP PRODUCTION		24/7 PMO VALVE® is a registered trade mark of GEA Tuchenhausen GmbH. It describes double-seat valves that have been authorized for use in PMO-regulated systems for carrying out the seat lift in order to clean the leakage chamber while the other pipeline is carrying product. This grants system operators the possibility of cleaning all valve components in contact with the product in parallel with the production process. In this way, the valves permit uninterrupted production on a 24/7 basis.
AS-i		Actuator Sensor interface. BUS system for the lowest field level.
ATEX		<i>Atmosphères Explosibles</i> . ATEX comprises the directives of the European Union in the area of explosion protection. For one thing, this is the ATEX equipment directive 2014/34/EU, for another, the ATEX workplace directive 1999/92/EC.
cCSAus		Test of a product by CSA according to applicable safety standards in Canada and the USA.
CE		<i>Conformité Européenne</i> . By affixing the CE mark, the manufacturer confirms that the product complies with the European directives 765/2008 applicable to the specific product.
CSA		Canadian Standards Association. A non-governmental Canadian organization which issues standards as well as checking and certifying the safety of products. It is now globally active.
cULus		Test of a product by UL according to applicable safety standards in Canada and the USA.
DeviceNet		BUS system of the ODVA organization for complex communication on various field levels.
EG 1935/2004*		Materials in contact with the product used in valves from GEA Tuchenhausen GmbH are in accordance with EC regulation 1935/2004. This defines a general framework for materials and objects intended to come into contact with foodstuffs.
EHEDG		European Hygienic Engineering & Design Group. European supervisory authority for foodstuffs and pharmaceuticals. This authority issues approvals and certificates for products and materials that are used in the foodstuffs and pharmaceuticals industries.
FDA		Food and Drug Administration. US supervisory authority for foodstuffs and pharmaceuticals. This authority issues approvals and certificates for products and materials that are used in the foodstuffs and pharmaceuticals industries.
ODVA		ODVA is a worldwide association comprising leading automation companies. It develops network protocols and standards in the joint interests of its members, which are used for the international interoperability of production systems.
TÜV		Technischer Überwachungs-Verein. The German TÜV is a private company which carries out technical safety checks as prescribed in national legislation or regulations.
UL		Underwriters Laboratories. An organization founded in the USA for checking and certifying products and their safety.

* not possible for HNBR

Abbreviation	Explanation
°C	Degrees Celsius, unit of measurement for temperature
°F	Degrees Fahrenheit, unit of measurement for temperature
3-A	Standard of 3-A Sanitary Standards, Incorporated (3-A SSI)
3D	Three-dimensional
A	Ampere, unit of measurement of current intensity or Output, term used in automation
AC	Alternating Current
ADI free	All elastomer compounds are free of animal-derived ingredients
AISI	American Iron and Steel Institute, association of the American steel industry
ANSI	American National Standards Institute, American body for standardizing industrial processes
approx.	approximately
AS-i	Actuator Sensor interface, standard for fieldbus communication
ASME	American Society of Mechanical Engineers, professional association of mechanical engineers in the USA
ASME-BPE	Standard of the ASME's – bioprocessing equipment association
ATEX	<i>Atmosphères Explosibles</i> , synonymous with the directives of the European Union for potentially explosive areas
bar	Unit of measurement for pressure. All pressure values [bar/psi] refer to positive pressure [bar _g /psi _g], unless specifically stated otherwise.
bar _g	Unit of measurement for pressure relative to atmospheric pressure
CAN	Controller Area Network; asynchronous serial bus system
CE	<i>Conformité Européenne</i> , administrative symbol for the free movement of industrial products
CIP	Cleaning In Place, designates a process for cleaning technical process systems.
CRN	The Canadian Registration Number is issued by a Canadian Jurisdiction and covers pressurized components. The authorization is needed to operate these components in Canada.
CSA	Canadian Standards Association, a non-governmental Canadian Standardization organization
Cv	The Cv value corresponds to the water flow rate through a valve (in US gal / min) at a pressure differential of 1 PSI and a water temperature of 5 °C to 30 °C. kv = 14,28 Cv (USA).
Cvs	The Cv values of a valve at nominal stroke (100 % opening) is designated the Cvs value.
dB	Decibel, one tenth of a bel, named after Alexander Graham Bell and used for identifying levels and dimensions
DC	Direct Current
DIN	Deutsches Institut für Normung e. V. Standardization organization in the Federal Republic of Germany, DIN = synonym for standards issued by the organization

Abbreviation	Explanation
DIP	Dual Inline Package, design of a switch
DN	Diameter Nominal, DIN nominal width
Device Net	Network system used in the automation industry to interconnect control devices for data exchange
E	Input, term used in automation
EAC	Certification of technical conformity from the customs union of Russia/Balarus/Kazakhstan
Pressure Equipment Directive 2014/68/EU	Directive of the European Parliament and the Council Directive for layout and conformity evaluation for pressure equipment and assemblies with a maximim pressure (PS) of more than 0.5 bars.
EG No. 1935/2004	Regulation of the European Parliament which lays down common rules for materials which come, or may come, into contact with food, either directly or indirectly.
EHEDG	European Hygienic Engineering and Design Group. Consortium of equipment manufacturers, food industries, research institutes as well as public health authorities
EN	European standard, rules of the European Committee for Standardization
EPDM	Ethylene propylene diene rubber, acronym acc. to DIN/ISO 1629
Ex	Synonym for ATEX
FDA	Food and Drug Administration, official foodstuffs monitoring in the United States
FEM calculation	Finite Element Method; calculation process for simulating solids
FKM	Fluorinated rubber, acronym acc. to DIN/ISO 1629
H	Henry, unit of measurement for inductance
HNBR	Hydrated acrylonitrile butadiene rubber, acronym acc. to DIN/ISO 1629
Hz	Hertz, unit of frequency named after Heinrich Hertz
I	Formula symbol for electrical current
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission, international standardization organization for electrical and electronic engineering
IP	Ingress Protection/International Protection, index of protection class acc. to IEC 60529
IPS	Iron Pipe Size, American pipe dimension
ISA	International Society of Automation, international US organization of the automation industry
ISO	International Organization for Standardization, international organization that produced international standards, ISO = synonym for standards from the organization
kg	Kilogram, unit of measurement for weight
Kv	The Kv value corresponds to the water flow rate through a valve (in m ³ /h) at a pressure differential of 0.98 bar and a water temperature of 5 °C to 30 °C.
Kvs	The Kv values of a valve at nominal stroke (100 % opening) is designated the Kvs value

Abbreviation	Explanation
L	Conductive
LED	Light-Emitting Diode
LEFF®	Function of the T.VIS® valve informations system for cyclical pulsing during the lifting process; Low-Emission Flip Flop
mm	Millimeter, unit of measurement for length
M	Metric, system of units based on the meter or Mega, one million times a unit
m³/h	Cubic meters per hour, unit of measurement for volumetric flow
max.	Maximum
NAMUR	Standardization working association for measuring and control technology in the chemical industry, synonym for the interface type of the organization, especially for potentially explosive atmospheres
NC	Normally Closed; valve or solenoid valve control which is closed in idle status
NO	Normally Open; valve or solenoid valve control which is open in idle status
NOT-element	Logic element, NOT gate
NPN	Signal transmission against reference potential, current-consuming
NPT	National Pipe Thread, US thread standard for self-sealing pipe fittings
OD	Outside Diameter, pipe dimension
ODVA	Open DeviceNet Vendor Association, global association for network standards
PA 12/L	Polyamide
Pg	Armoured thread
PLC	Programmable Logic Controller, device for controlling a machine or system on a digital basis
PMO	Pasteurized Milk Ordinance
PN	Nominal pressure for pipeline systems according to EN 1333, rated pressure in bar at room temperature (20 °C)
PNP	Signal transmission against reference potential, current-supplying
PPO	Polyphenylene oxide, thermoplastic material
PS	Maximum permitted operating pressure at which the components can operate safely at maximum allowable temperature (TS)
psi	Unit of measurement for pressure, pound-force per square inch, 1 psi = 6894.75 Pa. All pressure values [bar/psi] refer to positive pressure [bar _g /psi _g], unless specifically stated otherwise.
psi _g	Unit of measurement for pressure relative to atmospheric pressure
PV	Solenoid valve

Abbreviation	Explanation
R _a in µm	Average roughness value, describes the roughness of a technical surface
RM	Feedback
International Protection-Code IP67, IP66, IP69K	Classifies and rates the degree of protection provided against intrusion dust, accidental contact, and water
SES	GEA Tuchenhausen control head for Ex areas, control top system of GEA Tuchenhausen
SET-UP	Self-learning installation, the SET-UP procedure carries out all necessary settings for generating messages during commissioning and maintenance.
SIP	Sterilization in Place, refers to a process for cleaning technical process systems
SMS	Svensk Mjöl Standard, Scandinavian pipe dimension
SW	Indicates the size of a tool spanner, "Schlüsselweite"
TA-Luft VDI 2440	If a product is certified according to TA Luft it meets the requirements for proof of high grade performance according to TA Luft of 1.0x 10 ⁻⁴ mbar x l / (s x m) at service conditions under the VDI guideline 2440. The product will hence be tested for tightness.
TEFASEP® gold	Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) material
T.VIS®	GEA Tuchenhausen valve information system, control top system from GEA Tuchenhausen
TS	Maximum permitted operating temperature
UL	Underwriters Laboratories, a certification organization established in the USA
USP Class VI	The United States Pharmacopeial Convention (USP) is a scientific nonprofit organization that sets standards to help protecting public health. Class VI administer tests and impacts of material and their substances on animal and human tissues.
UV	Ultraviolet, ultraviolet radiation is a wavelength of light
V	Volt, unit of measurement for voltage
VARICOMP®	Pipe expansion compensator from GEA Tuchenhausen
VMQ	High-polymer vinyl methyl polysiloxane, silicone rubber, MVQ = synonym
W	Watt, unit of measurement for power
Y	Control air connection for the working cylinder, designation from pneumatic systems
µ	Micro, one millionth of a unit
Ω	Ohm, the unit of electrical resistance named after Georg Simon Ohm

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