PRESSURE INDEPENDENT FLOW CONTROL VALVES ASHRAE GROUP 8th November 2006

What are Pressure Independent Flow Control valves





42mm dia PI valve

15mm dia PI Valve

What do they do

- They control water flow by volume control very accurately.
- They are unaffected by pressure changes in Heating or Cooling systems.
- Heating or Cooling systems become self balancing under any load condition.
- Fundamental change to the HEVAC industry.
- Reduce Designers risk.
- Minimize Energy use.

New or Old Technology





Invented 1994 Control by adjusting the

CV rating

Invented 1800's for LP Steam

Control by Plunger in a hole

System Pressure Distribution Theory



System Pressure Actual



it takes time for a typical valve to stroke to respond to unavoidable changes in system pressure

Pressure at control valves



Flow through control valves



Timo eoconde

48% Gas Reduction at British Library



	Isolation	Manual flow regulation	Automatic flow regulation	Pressure regulation	Flow measurement	System Self Balancing
Isolating valve	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Regulating valve	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Double regulating	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Venturi - nozzle	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Fixed orifice valve	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Fixed - orifice fitting either integral or close - coupled to a double regulating valve	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Variable - orifice valve	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Constant - flow controller	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Differential - pressure control valve	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Automatic flow - controller	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Delta P valve	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

CONTROL VALVE SELECTION

- How do Engineers select control valves
- Ask someone else
- One pipe size smaller
- CIBSE & ASHRAE
- Must have a pressure loss

THE PIFC VALVE

- Q = Cv $\sqrt{\Delta p/Sg}$
- ∆p = 37 kPa (5psi)
- Change Cv



PIVALVE SELECTOR

VALVE SELECTOR L/s with min 35kPa to 414kPa Differential pressure	SIZE mm dia	SERIES
0.0 to 0.06	15	FDP/DASH1
0.06 to 0.13	15	FDP/DASH2
0.13 to 0.19	15	FDP/DASH3
0.19 to 0.25	15	FDP/DASH4
0.25 to 0.32	15	FDP/DASH5
0.32 to 0.38	20	DDP/DASH6
0.38 to 0.51	20	DDP/DASH8
0.51 to 0.69	20	DDP/DASH11
0.69 to 1.11	32	DDP/DASH18
1.11 to 1.5	32	DDP/DASH24
1.5 to 2.0	32	DDP/DASH32
2.0 to 3.5	50	EDP/DASH1.10
3.5 to 4.7	50	EDP/DASH1.25
4.7 to 5.4	50	EDP/DASH1.4

Individual Valve Calibration Certificate

SERIAL No 1.25 – 1348	MODEL 1.25 DDP – 18 - T	
DEGREES OPEN	DESIGN FLOW 0.82 l/s	
0	0.00	
10	0.03	
20	0.12	
30	0.19	
40	0.35	
50	0.45	
60	0.76	
70	1.01	
80	1.20	
90	1.33	
Valve Location	AHU No L7 Cooling Coil	

P I Valve Cv Cover Plate



COMMISSIONING & MAINTENANCE

- Flush system
- Set Valve calibration
- Pressure test ports
- Calibration tags
- Major refurbishments
- Change seals & diaphragms

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Commissioning for Flow Rate

Installed DeltaP Valve

SYSTEM DESIGN

- Base on normal pipeline pressure losses
- Pump selection
- No Balancing Valves
- Larger temperature drops, less water circulating
- Simple pipework circuits
- Valve selection
- Differential Pressure

Constant volume variable temperature circuit (typical under floor heating)

Variable flow constant temperature circuit

Combined heating circuit with single flow & return

PI Valves what to look for

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